Date: 2/17/2026 11:59:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Lagueux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up near Washington, D.C. I visited the White House many times as a child. I wept when I saw the rubble where once stood the beautiful East Wing that welcomed visitors from around the world to the nation's capital, to the Peoples' House, The White House. Trump has no legal authority to make alterations

to the White House without proper authorization. He has not sought approval or permission for the destruction of the East Wing. Stop him now before he destroys more of our historic buildings. Require him to restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:51 PM
Subject: [External] “Big beautiful ballroom”

First, I am upset and appalled that the historic East Wing of the White House was demolished almost overnight with no apparent oversight by Congress or any organization with regulatory powers. That said, the “ballroom” needs to be curtailed and contained in any way possible, in size, in artistic and architectural design and financially. The whole project is a debacle and a national (an internal) embarrassment. Please do everything in your power to keep it small and simple. Thank you!
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 7:53:05 PM
Subject: [External] Ballroom

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The size and design of the proposed White House Ballroom are hideous. I object to the decision to ruin the American public’s historical legacy.
Sent from my iPhone

Date: 2/14/2026 1:30:55 PM
Subject: [External] Ballroom

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Please, do the responsible and reasonable thing and just rebuild the east wing. Nobody asked for a giant overpriced bunker/ballroom that we, the people will never see. It’s a disgusting display of ego. This administration has gone way too far.
Julie Bagby

Date: 2/14/2026 8:22:16 PM
Subject: [External] ballroom

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I’m an architect, trained in historic preservation and have worked on projects like the remodel of Carnegie Hall.
The current proposal for the ballroom addition is still too massive compared to the central part of the Whitehouse and the detailing is a fascist take on classism. Start again! Wait till You have the right people to do the job and funding that has less strings attached.
Donna Wax
Sent from my iPhone

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:36 AM
Subject: [External] Ballroom / East Wing

[redacted]

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:56 PM
Subject: [External] Ballroom

DO NOT BUILD THIS god AWFUL MONSTERS RIDICULOUS BALLROOM!

[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 3:28:12 PM
Subject: [External] Construction under Trump

Hello:

[redacted]

My name is Penny Jarrett. I was born and grew up on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. I personally think that Washington, D.C. is one of the most beautiful cities in the United States. The buildings are of simple but beautiful architecture and have sooo much meaning to them. What Donald Trump is doing to the White House and proposing for other construction, is appalling. How could he just "do that" without consent from you or Congress? PLEASE don't let him get away with him building this addition, gold plated monstrosity as it will be a replica of his "gold plated lifestyle" which is disgusting. Also, all the name changes and the horrible Arch that he wants to build. Enough! It will ruin D.C. D.C. is a city of monuments that have meaning for different wars, museums, and monuments to our country's legacy. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE don't let him do any of these constructions!!!!!

Best Regards,
Penny Jarrett
Reply

Date: 2/17/2026 6:20:21 AM
Subject: [External] East wing issue

I
oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the
East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, this is and was part of our history. It needed approval and the government failed us.

[redacted]

Practice random acts of kindness
joey blue (she/her/them/they)

“Be the change you want to see in the world“ – Gandhi

Primary email [redacted]

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Sent from my iPad

Date: 2/17/2026 10:08:36 PM
Subject: [External] East wing moderaziation

STOP THIS!!!!!

[redacted]

I
oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the
East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Gerald
Bauer
Abingdon,
Illinois

Date: 2/16/2026 8:30:04 PM
Subject: [External] East Wing Modernization

Dear Review Committee,

[redacted]

The preservation of US History is vitally the preservation of buildings and monuments. The US White House is iconic throughout the world. It is regrettable that the East Wing of the building was destroyed without proper authorization. Any parallel destruction would make the violation of the destruction clear. Imagine tearing down a wing of the Elysee Palace (France), Kremlin (Russia) or The Presidential Complex (Turkey) without any input, review or approvals. The US White House is "the people's house", It does not belong to any of its temporary occupants (US Presidents and their families) to do with as they wish. The East Wing should be reinstated to its previous design. Short of that the Commission, Congress and other entities should exercise their rights to review and approve OR NOT any redesign of the iconic historic US WHite House. Modernization may be warranted, but not for such an out of scale addition and not for such a self-aggrandizing and unnecessary purpose. Please restore the People's House to its rightful place of dignity, history and purpose.

Sincerely,
KM O'Neill, Ed.D.
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 4:56:34 PM
Subject: [External] East Wing Modernization
Attachments: East Wing Modernization hearing.pdf

PDF attached

[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 10:02:58 PM
Subject: [External] East Wing Modernization Project

It is not “modernizing”, it is a serious destruction of U.S. Govt. property and should be punished the same as if done by any other persons ! The contractor should also have known how any such historic property can only be destroyed, by set rules and regulations and also be charged for this very serious violation!
Perhaps the “Trump friends” donations for the gilded ballroom, should be used to rebuild the East Wing!!
It is shocking and disgusting for a president to unilaterally undertake such a demolition. “Lock him up, lock him up, lock him up!”. It is unbelievable to watch the many laws he and his band of criminals violate with little responsibility to our democratic society built by our ancestors, our military who gave their lives and the many costs borne to build this country. I expect our Park Service and historic preservationists to prosecute to the full extent of the law , not join Trump in lawlessness.

[redacted]

Louise Lynn, 81 yr. old grandmother who lost family in preserving our democracy.

[redacted]

On Feb 16, 2026, at 9:02\u8239 PM, Dale Brown <dalefromwashingtondc@gmail.com> wrote:

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Here is what I got back- followed by Elizabeth Elson's e-mail encouraging us to comment. Remember, it's a numbers game- feel free to add a short comment to the record.

From: NCPC System [mailto:info@ncpc.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 8:59 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Comments Submitted

Dear Dale Brown,

This automated response confirms your comments were submitted and received for the project: East Wing Modernization Project (File number: 8733). The National Capital Planning Commission is scheduled to review this project at the March 5, 2026 Commission meeting.

Your comments will be added to the public record and shared with the staff and Commissioners. You can review submission and project materials on the
Agenda Page

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If you have questions, please feel free to respond to this message (preferred) or call us during regular business hours (8:30 am-5:00 pm) at 202-482-7200.

Thank you.

NCPC Office of the Secretariat

From: westchester-democracy-advocates@googlegroups.com [mailto:westchester-democracy-advocates@googlegroups.com]
On Behalf Of Elizabeth Elson

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 7:48 PM

To: Westchester Democracy Advocates <westchester-democracy-advocates@googlegroups.com>

Subject: feedback on wrecking the people's house

Hello neighbors -

I saw this online this afternoon and thought it might resonate with some of you:

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.
Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

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Here is a sample comment from a woman named Anara Guard if anyone wants to use her language:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

All the best,

Elizabeth Elson

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:52:59 PM
Subject: [External] East Wing Modernization

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[redacted]

Thank you,
Marcia Westphal
Nashville, TN

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:05 AM
Subject: [External] East Wing project

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The desecration of the East wing was horrifying to witness. It is a symbol of our country, its simplicity shows that we are not ruled by a king. We do not need a ballroom. And just for the record we do not need a Panera bread style concrete eating area either. It's tacky.

Lynn Dugan
[redacted]
Sent from my iPhone

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:53 PM

Subject: [External] East Wing Project

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This project was in no way approved by proper channels and the destruction was heartbreaking to witness. History has been erased and a tacky eyesore planned. This project show be bulldozed and the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. All those responsible for this damage should be held accountable and the taxpayers should not have to pay for the rebuilding.
Thank you.
Jane Conner
Sent from my iPad

Date: 2/17/2026 2:26:56 AM
Subject: [External] East wing rebuilding

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I want to express my dismay and anger at the destruction of the east wing of the White House. This country never wanted or needed a great ballroom, or any arch for that matter to be built.

The east wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former glory. I would also like to see something done about putting a rose garden in place to restore Jackie
Kennedy's destroyed garden in some manner. Trump needs to pay the bill out of his own pocket. He has certainly grifted enough money while in the White House .

Trump is making the inside of the White House look gaudy and cheap with all of his gold. The line up of photos of ALL of the presidents is a nice touch providing each president is shown in a respectful and tasteful manner.

Thank you for your consideration in the East wing rebuilding project.

Sincerely,
Anita Babcock

Sent from my iPad

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:22 PM
Subject: [External] East Wing So-called Modernization Project

[redacted]

I
oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a

modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled. and
the East Wing rebuilt and restored after proper design review. No
one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:22 AM
Subject: [External] East Wing

To Whom It May Concern,
[redacted]

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing “Modernization”. The arrogance and flagrant destruction of our nation’s
history is appalling. I am a US citizen and a taxpayer and I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be fully restored at the cost of Donald Trump, and not at the cost of even one single dime of taxpaper money. As someone who works in real estate,
alongside of investors and developers, the fact that Trump doesn’t have to follow the rules and regulations of obtaining proper permits and permissions like the rest of us do, is absurd and unethical. So many other fires to put out in this world right now,
and all he can talk about is his golden ballroom. Just so enfuriating.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Carol Anne Raffa

Carol Anne Raffa
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:36 PM
Subject: [External] Hearing on the White House Ballroom Project

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Hello Commissioners,

We are writing to emphatically oppose the proposed Ballroom Project at the White House. It is appalling that the Trump Administration demolished the East Wing without regard to the history, without permission or oversight.. On that basis only, the building of the Ballroom should be tabled.

If the Ballroom is not tabled, the size, architecture and building plans should be agreed upon by groups such as The National Trust for Historic Preservation, other regulatory agencies and of course the Congress.

The financing of the Ballroom Project should also be carefully reviewed for conflicts of interest.

Thank you for stopping the Ballroom Project until the appropriate groups form a committee and make joint decisions regarding the scope of this project.

We also think that the Planning Commission should address the East Wing Demolition which was done without permits or approvals. We think that the Wing should be re-built prior to any funding going to the Ballroom.

Sincerely,

Richard and Kristen Winn
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:23 PM
Subject: [External] I OPPOSE the East Wing Modernization project!!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Patricia Oser
[redacted]
Indiana Resident

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:29 AM
Subject: [External] project 8733, East Wing Modernization

I would like to submit a comment on project 8733, the East Wing Modernization project. Thank You,
[redacted]

No one should OK this project. The tenant does not control what happens to the rental property, the landlord does, and the landlord in this instance is We The People of the United States of America. To destroy OUR property without prior permission and consent is theft and destruction of property. Such brazen disrespect should be punished, not rewarded. I demand restitution and restoration of OUR HOUSE.

The tenant should be evicted and forced to find accommodation elsewhere, as his conduct is criminal. I contend that it is a scheme to elicit bribes, and is wholly illegal. And as the tenant does not honor his tenancy, we should not honor the precedent of having him occupy the building during his term.

However, as this action is beyond the purview of the commission, I only stress, once again, that the White House must be rebuilt as was and his outlandish addition cancelled. We have already irreparably lost a 120 year old tree on the property as well as historic rose beds. No flagpoles should be added, no more concrete poured, no more structural damage allowed.

Dorlinda Chong

resident and citizen of
Lucerne Valley, California
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 7:11:57 PM
Subject: [External] Project name East Wing Modernization Project NCPC File Number 8733

Muriel Clark, [redacted]

Project name East Wing Modernization Project NCPC File Number 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million—or any amount of taxpayer dollars—on a project that moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort; it amounts to the erasure of an important piece of American history. I believe the project should be halted immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law. Allowing this to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine the rule of law and disrespect every American who follows it.

Sincerely,

Muriel Clark
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Muriel Clark (She, Her, Hers)
[redacted]

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:28 PM
Subject: [External] Public comment re: East Wing Modernization Project
Attachments: East Wing comments 021726.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam:

All work on building a structure on the site of the demolished East Wing should be stopped. The current administration did not follow the established process required to substantially change or redo national monuments, historical buildings, or the like. Therefore, the current administration cannot be trusted to repair the damage it senselessly caused and to do so in the legal/correct manner. Any funds collected for the rebuild should be frozen in place and unlocked only when the next administration comes into office and is committed to following the traditional processes that have been used for decades to make such changes.

Sincerely,

Debra Vogler

P.S.: I also attached the comments in a pdf file as the instructions indicated this was the preferred format.

Date: 11/20/2025 10:13:40 AM
Subject: [External] Re: Written Comments

[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 6:35:56 PM
Subject: [External] The East Wing fiasco

I'd like to say the destruction of the East Wing is a good thing, but I can't... What are the plans for the new wing and will it be put back in the same space as the old East Wing? And, who is paying for this? And when will it be done and again, Why do we need a new East Wing?

[redacted]

Thanks...joanne klein, seattle Washington, 98118

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:29 PM
Subject: [External] The East Wing

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Greetings,
I would like to know where the employees and board of this commission were when the wrecking ball and bulldozers arrived to tear down the East Wing of our White House. Did you have no warning at all? How could they sneak all that equipment in without anyone noticing? I am really sick about this unlawful and unnecessary destruction of a part of our history. A portion of the White House that held the heart of the people close is totally gone. The replacement of the beautiful East Wing with a tacky giant ballroom with no other relevant purpose but to stroke the ego of a narcissistic man is not viable. I oppose it. He will not pay for it. He never pays construction workers and contractors. You need to make him pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing as it was.
Cordially yours,
Carole Geier
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

Date: 2/15/2026 10:00:16 PM
Subject: [External] The White House

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I would hope that the east wing would be rebuild as it was, only up to current code. Donald trump, himself, should pat for the construction and all related costs, as well as pay back the government for the destruction of the east wing
Sent from my iPad

Date: 2/15/2026 7:49:22 PM
Subject: [External] White House destruction

Please stop Trump from altering the White House. It belongs to the American people and we do not approve!
[redacted]

Nicollet Markovetz

Date: 2/14/2026 4:39:56 PM
Subject: [External] White House

Dear [Recipient Name],

[redacted]

I am writing to express how distraught I am regarding the proposed destruction of the East Wing of the "People's House." While I understand that a larger space may be required, the President's current proposal is deeply problematic. This plan would render the most historic and significant parts of the White House inconspicuous and tiny.

Furthermore, the projected costs have already doubled. Even if private supporters were to cover the initial construction, the taxpayers would still be left to shoulder the ongoing burden of decorating, maintaining,

and staffing such an expansive space. At a time when our nation struggles to feed the hungry or provide medical care for millions, we should not be prioritizing the construction of an enormous ballroom for entertaining.

I firmly believe we should not be building a ballroom or an arch that would detract from the beauty of our existing monuments dedicated to great Americans.

Thank you for your time and for considering my concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cauley

Date: 2/17/2026 9:13:58 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email
Attachments: attachment_1771380723.pdf

From: Debra Vogler
Email: [redacted]

All work on building a structure on the site of the demolished East Wing should be stopped. The current administration did not follow the established process required to substantially change or redo national monuments, historical buildings, or the like. Therefore, the current administration cannot be trusted to repair the damage it senselessly caused and to do so in the legal/correct manner. Any funds collected for the rebuild should be frozen in place and unlocked only when the next administration comes into office and is committed to following the traditional processes that have been used for decades to make such changes. (NOTE: I also attached the comments in a pdf file as that was the preferred format per the instructions.)

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:31 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Mary Abbott
Email: [redacted]

I'm writing to let you know that I oppose the spending of $300 million on this construction project. The destruction of this beautiful wing of the White House was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It proposes to be a modernization project. However, it is nothing of the kind. Instead it is another attempt to falsely rewrite American history in the image of Donald Trump. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, including Donald Trump. I want to see this permit denied.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:29 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Catherine Clauder
Email: [redacted]

Trump tearing down the East wing of the White House was wrong and most likely illegal. To not following the established process for renovation was an affront to this historic building that is considered The People's House. Whether the East wing is restored to its previous design or a new design chosen the guidelines from the established process must be followed.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:51 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Paul Tomlinson
Email: [redacted]

Stop President Trump from trampling on our history. Rebuild the East Wing to its original historic design.
Paul Tomlinson

Date: 2/17/2026 12:23:17 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email
Attachments: attachment_1771348988.pdf

From: Kendra Caudill
Email: [redacted]

To Whom It May Concern,
I am writing to formally object to the proposed destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Such an action represents a clear violation of the law, an abuse of power, and a profound disregard for the historic significance of this national landmark.
The White House is not merely a residence—it is a symbol of our nation's continuity, democratic values, and shared history. Altering it for the purpose of creating a gaudy, personalized palace for a would-be oligarch or dictator undermines the integrity of the office and disrespects the generations of Americans who look to this building as a representation of our republic.
I urge all responsible authorities to halt this effort immediately and uphold the legal and historical protections that safeguard the White House from misuse.
Respectfully,
Kendra Caudill

Date: 2/17/2026 11:58:50 AM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Paul McManus
Email: [redacted]

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:16:26 AM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Linda Calcamuggio
Email: [redacted]

I am 77 years old and have had a deeply held admiration of everything historical in D.C. since childhood. My grandparents took me my first time when I was in 5th grade, and I toured the Whitehouse. I feel this building, like most the landmarks are sacrosanct historical treasures. The wanton way the East Wing has been destroyed is an unconscionable affront to our history, our tax dollars and our sense of continuity. Please do what you can to restore this building to its previous beauty and stop any future desecration without oversight.
Thank you,
Linda Calcamuggio, Rossford, OH

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:14 AM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: MK Zuravleff
Email: [redacted]

Re: East Wing Modernization

I'm writing to register my belated complain to the tearing down of the White House East Wing without permission and my objections to the plans for a giant out-of-scale ballroom. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
MK Zuravleff

Date: 2/17/2026 7:12:01 AM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Janice Pryhoda
Email: [redacted]

Please don't allow the president to build a ballroom without regard to proper authorization, permits, design review, or monetary oversight. I think the East Room of the White House should be restored to the way it originally was. No one is above the law. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:34 AM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Elizabeth M Wilkes
Email: [redacted]

Reference NCPC File #8733, East Wing Modernization

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:15:28 AM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Mary Goff
Email: [redacted]

Hello, I oppose monies going to the east wing demolition & new buildings being built! I am 81 & believe our history should stand & any changes need to get proper approvals. After anll, these buildings are our history & all these belong to the people!!'
Thank you, Mary Goff

Date: 2/16/2026 9:49:00 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Debra Koman

Email: [redacted]

The tearing down of “the people’s house” was done without input by the people let alone the legal proper authorities. The historic significance aside, there is no need for a ballroom that is not even to scale of the Whitehouse building. (not to mention this persons tacky taste) . The tearing down of the east wing further confirms Trumps disdain for women as this was the wing used by many first ladies. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN 😵

Date: 2/16/2026 5:57:56 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Tui Lindsey
Email: [redacted]

Thanks to the National Trust, I can submit citizens feedback on the damaged property That belongs to the people, and was called the East wing of the White House.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. You may be one of the only guardrails left to help us redirect this ridiculous demonstration of power. If it turns out that we have to allow the president to continue the demolition and rebuild this huge project, the least we can do is make sure that the bunker underneath the ballroom does not contain nuclear codes or things that could put us in danger since we know that there’s now a risk that presidents will not be put out of office without a fight or without threats to the society. We need to have dual control somewhere else so that he could be overridden if anything that happens from down there.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:38 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Jill Bowden
Email: [redacted]

Please work to restore the East Wing to its historic appearance.
If possible, aren't there prohibitions around destroying historic landmarks that can be invoked to support the cost of restoration?

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:14 PM
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Kathy Fisher
Email: [redacted]

The East Wing Modernization project is an out of scale waste of resources. By demolishing the East Wing, history was destroyed. The proposed Ballroom is out of scale to the White House, lacking taste or design. A total waste of money and an eyesore at our capitol.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:05:53 PM
Subject: Website comment from Chrisitne Stafford

It is my understanding that you have opened an investigation into the destruction of the East Wing of the White House .First of all, I am glad you stepped in. The demolition should never have happened and is a disgrace. The fact that Trump wants to build a gignantic ballroom when that money could be used to

house the homeless or any number of positive endeavors is sickening. I hope the law will be on the side of preservation and not on his further destruction and changes in the people's house. Thank you for all you are doing.

(About NCPC page)

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:04 PM
Subject: Website comment from Douglas Martin

I am totally disgusted with the administration plan to build a ballroom to replace the Eastwing of the White House. We don't need another ugly display of tone deaf actions by this president.

(About NCPC page)

Date: 2/14/2026 7:08:20 AM
Subject: Website comment from Shelley Nickerson

Please restore the White House to the way it was before the terrible elimination of the east wing. This is the people's house and we should have been consulted before the destruction started. If a ballroom is needed go through the process that should have happened. Thank you

(About NCPC page)

Date: 2/17/2026 11:58:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Mcnamara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be approved. From its inception, it has been in violation of all regulations, laws, approval processes, reviews.
Its funding through private "donations" should be enough to ensure its denial.
The current administration should be required to foot the bill for the East Wing's destruction and for its rebuilding in the same design as the original.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:58:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Cowley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:58:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Hankins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:56:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The disgraceful demolition of the East Wing of the White House or People's House should be investigated. All construction of a hideous ball room halted. All the people responsible should be fined, held responsible and severely punished.
I feel like I live in a third world country where the new leaders destroy all history and replace it with their personal monuments. This was an evil deed committed by an evil administration intent on profaning some of America's most revered institutions and buildings. STOP the madness and the trauma.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:55:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Maul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:55:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Blackwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:54:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Arenschield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Best regards.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:54:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

REstore the East Wing to the original footprint, nix the ballroom. IT would overwhelm the WH and the it's historic significance. THat ballroom should go on private property. AS taxpayers who have a vested interest in our historic and important sites, we should not be responsible for the upkeep of that eyesore. THis was done by a man who is a temporary tenant. HE did not ask for permission. THis is a slap in our collective faces. Please deny this.
thank you.
Brenda Verle Marshall

Date: 2/17/2026 11:53:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trina H.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and personal vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who

broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:51:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Woodsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:50:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Parreco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:49:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY HATCH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:49:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:48:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
Jodi Thomas

Date: 2/17/2026 11:48:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Putterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can such a major renovation at the most important structure in our democracy be designed and built without public comments, without architectural review, and without any committee oversight. This is a disgrace. The construction should be halted immediately and go through the normal process. It is being built and designed by one person. What a shame.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:48:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Skeen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ballroom at the White House. We do not want money spent on unnecessary renovations. I agree with Anara Guard and use her comments here:
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Conley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Even more appalled to see the plans as presented on the media - a monstrous, tacky, gigantic edifice that dwarfs the White House. The East Wing must be rebuilt to its former state, with the only changes being those approved by the appropriate governmental departments.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Preble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:09 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Bodner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing was demolished outside of the procedures required by our government protocols and laws. As such, it was done by the person Donald Trump, not the presidency. In order to be done by the president it needed to go through government channels and designated protocols in order to preserve historic sites as well as meet with the approval of the people, who, as citizens, have the right to inform decisions about our property. This, since the decision was made outside of governmental channels, Donald Trump should restore the damaged building at his expense. If proper channels for THAT must be followed, he can pat the costs of the civil suit against him as well as any costs associated with restoring the east wing to its previous condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which destroyed a historic building without proper permits and authorization. The White House belongs not to one man or one administration but to the people of America. The destruction of our East Wing is an affront to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:44:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Mcgrath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:43:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ana gambelin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:42:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of over $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be restored to its former design. To permit this project to proceed would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:41:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Winkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much in favor of the East Wing be built back up to the way it was since it is such an important part of history. Also, there was no permission to do this and is completely against the law. Why is there no accountability for this?

Date: 2/17/2026 11:41:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed design of the event space. I do appreciate that there may be a need for an event space, but this proposed design completely dwarfs the existing structure and is not appropriate for the site. I am saddened by the demolition of the East Wing, but it is gone. Whatever is put there needs to structurally defer to the existing building, not overwhelm it, and needs to be done with proper approvals.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:41:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellis Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current President's plan for tearing down the East Wing (and the destruction that has already been wrought) are both horrifying and illegal.

Although the White House has served as a temporary home for incumbent US Presidents since 1800, this National Historic Landmark and National Park is owned by the American people. No US President is the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight was clearly illegal. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing back to its former size and design. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:40:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: nettie hendricks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:40:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Krista Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Krista Pope

Date: 2/17/2026 11:40:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Putterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing. the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. If i built an addition without the proper permits i would be required to stop and take it down. Why is the White House being treated differently?

Date: 2/17/2026 11:39:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a pre-teen, back in the 20th century, I was taken by my Aunt & Uncle to visit the White House. I was told it was the People's House, as I'm sure we all were back then. It's how I always thought of it, until last summer, when the East Wing was suddenly demolished by President Trump, without any permission or input, with total disregard of what the White House means to the American people.

And after, of course, President Trump had promised that nothing would be destroyed for him to build his ballroom.

I am among the many who would like to see the East Wing rebuilt, restored to what it was. If a covered passageway needs to be built from the East Wing to a new ballroom, why then of course - after the proper review and pre-planning - build the necessary passageway or extension from the restored East Wing. And any new ballroom must be approved by the NCPC, and be an appropriate size to compliment the White House.

In addition, the new ballroom is being funded by private donors. It will not be part of the People's House, but a private corporate structure. This feels wrong, it is wrong. There should be transparency to all of the

planning and funding.

The White House is a shared civic symbol of the United States of America. It is not the private property of any one administration and should be, needs to be, treated as such. With oversight and standards expected for any other federally significant project. I was so used to seeing the White House that I did not realize how much it meant to me, until I saw pictures of the East Wing demolished. It broke my heart.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:39:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:39:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marne Oyen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:38:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of this suggested ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, in order to satisfy the whims of one man. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke said law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:38:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Bischoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:37:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juvenilda Zappel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go on without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:37:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: john higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear sirs and madams of the National Capital Planning Commission,

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Thank you for your good work there and consideration of my comments.

Please do the right thing.

All best to you.

John Higgins
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 11:36:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Aeschliman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support an enforceable stop work order on any changes to publicly owned properties that have not obtained permits in advance from the proper jurisdictions. Permitting procedures should utilize the accepted guidelines for changes and additions to historic buildings seeking approvals as traditionally apply to public and private property and particularly to the White House compound and all public and private historic buildings in Washington DC.

Because the current president's project proceeded with disregard of all the above safeguards and because the current situation of the White House and immediate surrounding grounds is untenable, I support an addition to the White House that does not overwhelm the historic structure and is built to complimentary scale. In addition, I do not support gold gilding of any sort as part of the finish material unless specifically suggested by a committee of known, respected, architectural historians skilled in such matters of design and who are acceptable to the National Trust of Historic Places.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:35:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Woo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:34:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy O'Lena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 11:33:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elyse Eisner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the east wing of the White House was illegal, and the proposed “modernization” is an abominable slap in the face of American citizens who respect our nation’s history. The White House is a symbol of our democratic system and should be maintained according to the law. Do not allow this absurd ballroom to be built - it will be of no benefit to the people of the US

Date: 2/17/2026 11:33:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the so called Ballroom Donald Trump is planning to build to move forward.
Thank you,
Mary Parker
Concerned American

Date: 2/17/2026 11:32:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Jack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I emphatically oppose the destruction of the east wing of the White House and any effort by the current administration to replace it with a “big beautiful ballroom “! The bulldozing of a historic building without any oversight, proper planning and permitting, shows the lack of respect for America, its history, and its people! What a travesty this is and will always be remembered as a sad day in history.
This vanity project must be stopped immediately and the East wing must be rebuilt in its entirety! Like a phoenix rising from the ashes!
Thank you,
Chris Jack

Date: 2/17/2026 11:32:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. . I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored in consistency with its former design

Date: 2/17/2026 11:32:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Blackwell Blackwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Thayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:32:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Coppernoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this project. It was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project, but rather a complete razing of American history and destruction of "The People's House." I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its original design. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:32:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a complete degradation of our national history. All construction must stop until the project is properly reviewed and then it will be clear that the project needs to be cancelled and the original, proper West Wing rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:31:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jolene Onorati
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please request/demand that the big beautiful ballroom is stopped.

Make the current administration rebuild the East Wing as it was. Preserve history for our nation!

I have taken students through the White House and they always learn and appreciate the history within and outside of the building.

Jolene Onorati

Date: 2/17/2026 11:31:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Kwiecien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:31:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Carmichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With Respect:

I am commenting on the East Wing Modernization Project. It is difficult to discuss the Project without recalling President Trump's attempts to interject himself (or even just his name) into national cultural heritage as an authority on interior decoration, architectural design, construction, renovation, as well as the Arts and battleship production.

Affairs of state (leadership and oversight of party politics, legislation, budget issues, foreign policy formulation and frequently hosting and/or visiting foreign dignitaries, etc.) burden President Trump greatly. To underline his impressive skills, he needs some guidance to avoid tasks in fields that require skills he simply does not possess. Architecture is one of those fields. A review board should provide that direction.

Certainly, he must acknowledge that the White House was not his private architecture/property due to his election; the U.S. government owns and/or supplies housing or offices for officials around the country and world. The bulldozer attack on the White House shot in the media at the public which he serves did not project a sober understanding of his responsibility to our citizens. An outsized, supremely grandiose project will not allow U.S. citizens to forget that slight.

The White House through the years has projected a symbolic message of sobriety and responsibility to World Leaders. Those of lasting reputation certainly valued thoughtful conversation and power far above display of wealth and conceits that have been laid before them in other countries. A White House host shows wisdom when he/she displays with pride a pedigree of conscience and human concern. U.S. quiet power and dignity does not need displays of opulence. The use of a classical style in a building of immense proportions will evoke laugh and ridicule - but that is an opulence he has chosen. It is out of place both next to the White House and in Washington, DC — itself a national capital modest in size.

I believe that fulfilling your responsibilities as a Commission Member is to help President Trump understand the bizarre size of his proposed ballroom and glaring reference to classical culture simply does not project a relevant cultural portrait of the United States. He would have been wise to seek and listen to neutral judgement of its merits, and hold off on leveling an existing building long embraced by the Public.

I sincerely thank you for your service on the Commission.

Thomas Carmichael

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:30:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to all Americans. It should not be subjected to the whims of one individual, with questionable motives, no foresight, no sense of decorum, no interest in our shared history. I am troubled by what has been demolished--not just the structure, but the contents of historical value. I oppose spending $300 billion on this project, which should not have been allowed to start in the first place. The project should be stopped and not allowed to move forward.Rather, the East Wing should be rebuilt to its former specifications without use of taxpayer dollars!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:30:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Booth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to construction of a new massive, gaudy ballroom. This project should be stopped immediately. The east wing should be rebuilt as it was, full of grace and history not replaced by an ostentatious monument to one man’s hubris.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:30:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Proper channels were not followed. I oppose the building of a ballroom on White House grounds. The building will dwarf the White House and destroy the beauty of the grounds. The President does not own the White House; it is the People's house. This ill-conceived plan should be rejected, and the East Wing should be reconstructed. It never should have gone as far as it did.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:30:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kordsmeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hate what Trump is doing to our beautiful historical White House. He is desicrating it's beauty and history. Please stop this insanity.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:30:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexander Kwiecien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:29:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Kwiecien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:29:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money, even donations, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. Donald Trump should be prosecuted for

this travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:29:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, to be paid for by those that called for its destruction. I don't feel that it's reconstruction should come out of other taxpayers pockets. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:29:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Fecio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:29:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henry Perrin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely ridiculous that Mr Trump is trying to remake a historic building to massage his own ego. The White House is a symbol of democracy, something he clearly knows nothing about. If he has his way it will end up like Vegas casino, complete with slot machines and private rooms for pedophiles such as himself.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:29:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Self
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:28:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Bruen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:28:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely outrageous that the East Wing of the White House….the People's House has been demolished. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:28:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Clay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We need to preserve our history. Demolishing this building without proper paperwork and public comments is horrid. I cannot just go to any federal building and authorize it to be torn down. Do do build a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:28:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any further amount of money being spent on this vanity project which was initiated without regard for the laws or history of this country. Demolition is not "modernization" and it is an affront to the American legacy and American people to so boldly lie in such a manner while thwarting laws for personal convenience.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:27:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Tanabe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:27:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linnea Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:27:03 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Crosby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a travesty. The Presidents occupying "our country's home" away from their personal home have normally followed guidance from the National Park Service, the White House Historical Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for any changes. This was not done. Please do not fund or approve changes to this historical American landmark. The East Wing should be restored to the prior scale, with those involved in it's destruction paying for its completion to its former historical size and purpose. Please stop the current administration's plan of ruining the White House forever.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:27:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Pena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally torn down. Build it back.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:26:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Goolsby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:26:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R. L. Reff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:26:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the USA. Donald Trump destroyed a part of that house. Allowing a ballroom of his wishes to be built on the site would be rewarding him for the destruction. Replace the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:25:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ritenour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project moving forward. It was started under false pretense. There was no public comment or announcement… our historic East Wing of the White House was destroyed without any discussion or consultation. One man's decision should not be allowed to desecrate our country's historic buildings. I want the East Wing restored to its original design. Stop this madness!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:25:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: christy bear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It disgusts me that this has happened - our house has been desecrated...why?

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. All past presidents understood this, but DT is the one that chooses to tear down what is not his.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:23:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Vogt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This belongs to the American people who had no say in the destruction and desecration of historical landmark.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:23:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Edgerton-Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing - and Rose Garden - rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:23:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Oppenheim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on a project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The president should also follow the law and established procedures.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:23:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie McIntyre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Willi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Donald Trump did to our public property is nothing less than vandalism and like any other hoodlum he should be made to personally pay to restore the East Wing of the White House and all the land around it to the way it was before he conducted his own personal riot. A president is allowed to live in the White House not to destroy it as if it's his own personal property! I am vehemently opposed to the monstrosity he calls a ballroom and feel it should never be built.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pete Gentile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $400 million to build the outsized monstrosity currently planned on the site of the illegally razed White House east wing. The project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is not a modernization project, or a sensitively designed addition but rather a complete destruction of American history for personal aggrandizement. This project must be immediately canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, and specifically Donald Trump, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every law-abiding American.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Nydeen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sirs:
I object to the destruction of our most important Public Building: the White House! The unplanned "ballroom" must be stopped and the East Wing restored as it was. This is THE PEOPLES HOUSE not some party place!
Terry Nydeen
Former US History teacher, retired

Date: 2/17/2026 11:17:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Satava
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop all construction on the White House East Wing until properly reviewed by National Planning Commission. This is the People's House we expect due diligence in keeping with size, scale, purpose for this historical building. Stop the outrageous tackiness. Review asbestos testing. Be historically accurate. Decrease the size. We the people do not need a ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlynn Worden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I WANT this project cancelled!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Farrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa VanWyngarden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't want this project to go forward. It was not approved, not budgeted, and is ruining the history of the building. It should be repaired to the same design as before.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McCleary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a U.S. citizen and as a resident of northern Virginia, I am appalled and completely opposed to the East wing "modernization" project. The ballroom is completely out of scale, and actually will block the view of what IS "the people's house" at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Why do we the people have no say in this? Why are we concerned with a giant ballroom for lavish parties when the wealth gap in this country is enormous? This project should be STOPPED .

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Allyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Allyn

Date: 2/17/2026 11:21:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt
project is generous more like a hijacking of a public. building, cancel and. edit modernization. and ballroom as title and concept, I know make America great wants to return to the 1800s but this bad idea needs canceling

Date: 2/17/2026 11:21:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brittany Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project started without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without the required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization. The $400 million in costs is being fronted by corporations, creating a conflict of interest. This is not how projects in the United States of America are supposed to be run.

The White House is the people's house. It belongs to the American people, and our representatives have enacted laws governing how restoration and modernization projects are to be approved. No president should be able to make this decision single-handedly.

I urge the commission to reject his proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:21:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Stephen R Walter

Date: 2/17/2026 11:21:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trevor Coffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have proceeded without public input or preservation oversight. Starting the process with a bulldozer instead of an approved plan to preserve the history of the East Wing is inexcusable. Donald Trump does not own the White House; it belongs to the people of the United States. It should not have been demolished by the President seeking to build his pet project through "donations" from billionaires seeking favors for their benefit. It should be rebuilt to original condition at Donald Trump's personal expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was done without permission and should be put back to original appearance.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Goldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans are way too fancy for the White House. It stands for the USA as it was and is. Simple and plain. Not like a Middle East colossal palace. It's a House. Trump asks. No one. He does as he wants. He alone. Let's continue the charm that the White House has.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Wittenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new ballroom, primarily because of process. The US is built on integrity and following the laws. We all have to through a permitting process to build a house, and even an addition to a house. The President seemed to follow only a whim before the bulldozers came. It is The Commission's job to address and control this for the Good of the People you serve. That is all the US citizens.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody BURT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build a ballroom! Rebuild the East Wing as closely as possible. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Fries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not what Americans want for the White House, the house of the people. The White House is a place to conduct business and is steeped in historical importance as a landmark of American ideals not a party venue. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Swenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am adamantly against the Mr Trump east wing modernization! I do not want a gold monstrosity. I liked the former east wing. The tearing down is a national tragedy. Do NOT do any further action! Leave it alone; leave the debris even! I do not trust this administration. The people of the United States are owed the opportunity to mourn and see this tragedy. Please leave the destruction as it is.
Thank you.
Respectfully,
Ms Carolyn Swenson
Bozeman Montana

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Overman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm not at all in favor of the East Wing complete demolition and rebuild. This should never have been undertaken without consultation with appropriate preservation entities. Furious with the One Man Show administration now in place.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:25 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Vogtner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Wasserson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My husband and I, our children and our friends, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. We want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Torpey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which should never have been started. I want the project stopped and the East Wing restored to its previous condition. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Humstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to comment on the “East Wing Modernization Project.” First of all, the name of this project is misleading. The East Wing is gone, and what is being proposed (and built) has nothing to do with the

original East Wing of the White House.

The proposed ballroom, which would replace the East Wing of the White House, defies the government's own standards for additions to historic buildings. It is the same height as the White House and its sheer size, totally out of scale for the property, makes the White House look like a quaint addition. It mimics the architectural design of the White House instead of representing its own time period. It is obvious that this project was designed with only one thing in mind – the personal taste and desires of the president. The design ignores the context – The White House Complex, which is a National Historic Landmark (the highest designation for historic buildings in the U.S.) and a National Park.

I worked in historic preservation my entire career and worked with hundreds of Americans who strove to do their best to preserve our heritage, sometimes at significant cost to themselves. Now we have the president of the United States tearing down the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, without bothering to even get a permit. It is an insult to all Americans that the president has wantonly destroyed one of our most cherished historic landmarks and is building a hideous, 90,000-square-foot, $400 million monument to himself. One person should not be allowed to impose their personal taste on a property that belongs to all Americans. This project should have been offered to the public and experts in historic preservation for ideas and review long before the East Wing was demolished.

If allowed to be built as planned, the White House, a symbol of our democracy, will be overpowered by a monument to the super-wealthy leisure class. This is especially inappropriate when a majority of Americans are suffering from lack of adequate food, shelter, education and healthcare. I adamantly oppose this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy McGourty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not continue!!! History was destroyed without any consent ! The new structure does not fit and takes away from "the people's house"

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Name: Tauna Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sara Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project because it did not adhere to proper permits and design reviews by the Historical Preservation society that protects our National treasures. The White House is the temporary residence of the US President, who is hired by the People to execute the executive branch of the government. The occupant does not have the right to unilaterally destroy any part of the building. The funding for repair and restoration of the building and for all expenses already undertaken in the destruction should be charged to Donald J Trump. (Imagine if I moved into Trump tower & started tearing down walls j. Cease and desist on absurd plans for a glass ballroom that would be a snipers dream. The White House represents more than a residency for the President and his family, the White House represents an American Dream of equality. Anyone can grow up and aspire to live in the White House. All funding for this ballroom project should be used to restore balance to the people's house.
Thank you for seriously attending to this matter. The destruction of National Monuments must be taken seriously and should be punished by lawful execution of said laws.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Dvoretzky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has no merit historically, architecturally, or fiscally. The project is on the site of the illegally demolished East Wing and like that demolition, has been carried out in defiance of proper channels. Its enormous scale is utterly wrong given its siting adjacent to the White House proper. Its cost is outrageous. The entire "modernization" is a gross insult to the history and decorum of the People's House and to the American taxpayers who *will* be paying for it, should it come to completion.

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Name: Felicia Henkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Matthew Schuss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diane Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for listening.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Ledbetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. The White House belongs to the American people, not the current administration.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The new East Wing should not be larger than the White House itself. The tech billionaires who have agreed to fund the new East Wing are participating in an ethically bankrupt pay to play scheme that is inappropriate for the People's House. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Abel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

(Anara Guard's has given permission to use the language in her comment to post here.)

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I could not agree more.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Cobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing ballroom is unnecessary beyond the pale. This President's insecurity and insatiable narcissism is nakedly apparent in this project, to say nothing of his absurd Arch de Trump. I could not disagree more with this boondoggle.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Royal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Reynoldson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project from the initial demolition which was done without proper authorization. Projects with this significant historical impact should only be done with input from the public and strict adherence to established protocols. I also believe that funding should be predominately public to avoid the opportunities for large corporations to bribe the administration to gain favor. This project should be halted and the East Wing restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Vallejo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the destruction of the East Wing of Our House was done as an ego project for 1 person. I feel it should be restored to the original form & the people who ordered the demolition should be held responsible & pay for rebuilding the structure. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Curley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the original wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Tuitupou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hagigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose plans to put a 90,000 sq ft ballroom on the site of the East Wing. The entire process has been subverted- with destruction of historic landmark without permits, approvals. I would love for the former east wing to be returned to its glory, tho that hardly seems possible. If this must go forward, the architecture and design should be in keeping with the rest of the White House- the PEOPLE'S house, not the house of any president occupying temporary residence.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catharina VanderWaal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Beasley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Joshi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I and my husband are completely opposed to the size and scale of the proposed ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. Donald Trump should never have been allowed to demolish a portion of The People"s House. How dare he?!?!

We urge you to require that he replace the East Wing in its entirety.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He's a totally appalling human. How much longer do we have to put up with him destroying our country and its history. Impeach and put him away

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon McMichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. All reviews that are standard should take place so all voices can be heard and all issues addressed prior to construction. Signoffs by required organizations should be obtained before construction begins.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca McKee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I join many Americans in being outraged that President Trump didn't go through proper channels and so severely altered the people's house without the necessary approvals. He must be stopped. It won't bring the structure back, sadly, but what is rebuilt should be done thoughtfully, not just hastily erected to stroke one man's ego.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. At a minimum I want this project canceled, and hopefully the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any work should have proper

authorization, permits, design review to coordinate with the current design of the abutting architecture.

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Name: Jane Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Two words come to mind when reviewing this ill-advised design: SCALE and BALANCE. This design fails miserably with both concepts. The historic revered Whitehouse should not be diminished by a party venue. Bigger is not better and size matters. Every administration before this one has understood the importance of the Whitehouse as icon and resisted the urge to have a giant ballroom. This is a vanity project pure and simple and a pay to play event. The east wing should be reconstructed to balance and complement the existing historic home, not overwhelm it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roy Odom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Molloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should NOT have been demolished without approval. The ballroom is much too large. It should not be more than half as high or large as the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Epps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the east wing of the white house was torn down. This is the people's house, it does not belong to the current president or any president. The demolition was not approved ahead of time. Not knowing what became of all the historic furniture and fixtures is awful. Building a huge ballroom should not be approved. It is not necessary and is a vanity project for the current president. The East wing should be rebuilt how it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Washam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO!!!!!!

No ballroom!!!! Reconstruct the East Wing exactly as it was!!!!

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Name: Tracy Donaldson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am offended by the demolition of the East Wing of the White House - the fact that it happened without authorization or notice to the public is a travesty.
I wholeheartedly object to it's replacement with a proposed massive Trump ballroom which would entirely ruin the character and proportions of the White House as a whole.
The American People deserve better than the tasteless aggrandizement and tarnishing of the People's House as a hideous monument to the ego of the most self-absorbed and worst President in our nation's history.
Regardless of the source of funding for the project, please reject the massive ballroom project proposed by the Trump Administration. Instead, design a renovation of the East Wing that honors the history, character and proportions of the White House to serve the American people and future Presidents and

administrations which will use it for the benefit of the country (not for their own corrupt and greedy purposes).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing exactly as it was

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mangieri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the People's House, not Trump's Washington Mar-a-lago vanity project!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Brian Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ewing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American historical site. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Donald Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation and completion of this unauthorized project. Instead, I would support the restoration of the East Wing as it previously existed. That is was improperly razed is a selfish affront to the maintenance of the White House as belonging to the United States citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Schuster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Atlas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tangerine in charge, thin skinned and orangr, had no right, legally or morally, to destroy the East Wing. It will cost the American public , for his ego project.
He's planning a project that won't be completed during his term. It's an unnecessary expense, when his employers, the public, are losing ability to pay for health insurance and/or food. His duty is to care for Americans, not garishly redecorate!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Cumbee Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Kauffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Respectfully,
Audrey

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sallie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a proud 71 year old American who believes in the importance of history. Therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one , male or female, white or black or brown that is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DonnaLee Newsome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. It was not planned, there was no collaboration with appropriate agencies, and this country does not need a huge ballroom. The demolition erased an important part of our history. I would like the historical East Wing rebuilt, preferably without using public tax dollars. Perhaps the donations could fun the rebuilding.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanette Pigaga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with slight modifications, as needed by National Trust for Historic Preservation selected architects. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dan Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gabriela Zepeda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McKinnon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored. The project did not followed lawful procedures for permits or a design review. It is NOT a remodel, it is tearing down the existing building and all the related history! Those who pushed this through wiithout lawful procedures should be held accountable.

I urge you to stop this madness!

Kate McKinnon

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Julian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Foreman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to register my objection to destroying a national landmark without proper consideration, permitting and generally the input more than one man's whim. I want the East Wing of the White House (the people's house) to restored to its original state forthwith.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Kunka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't allow the proposed ballroom to be built. It was devastating when the east wing was torn down. They did so without any approval and now this egregiously designed "ballroom" that they want to build in its place is an absolute slap in the face of democracy. The building should be restored to its original design. No private donations should be allowed to fund our public buildings. I understand Trump doesn't understand a democratic government but that's too bad. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolann Skopak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to any alteration to the historic East Wing of the White House. The demolition was done without proper authorization. The East Wing needs to be restored to its original condition. The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States & is under the jurisdiction of historical guidelines. No one office holder alone has any right to destroy any part of this historical building.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Schwalm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The idiots responsible for allowing this to happen need to be held fully accountable.

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Name: Julie Tjaden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kat Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history all to serve the whim of one person. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Yingling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to express my dismay at the roughshod (illegal?) manner in which this project got started, the overpowering, obnoxious size of the proposed rebuild, and the gaudiness of the design which is not at all in keeping with the style of the White House - the people's house. Please have the project leaders follow the rules as to how such things are done. The photos of the destruction tear at my heart…

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Name: Andrea Palm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the planned "ballroom" being added to the White House. It would be an architectural eyesore, destroying the symmetry and balance that gives The White House its classic style and beauty. The East Wing should not have been destroyed before we had a say in the atrocious plans for its replacement. Trump should be forced to spend the funds he raised for the ballroom to rebuild the East Wing, restoring it in both form and function just as it was before he illegally subjected it to a wrecking ball.

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Name: Bette Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a $300 million ballroom at the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was done without approval of Congress or any approval authority. The construction of this monstrous ballroom was done without necessary approvals. There had been no proper oversight of funds that were alleged donated by wealthy individuals. Please stop this degradation of the White House.

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Name: Cathy Slider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom on the east wing grounds. The east wing is an historical preservation property, and its demolition did not follow a proper review and approval process. Thank you.

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Name: Cindy Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I reject the destruction already done without due process.

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Name: Christopher Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American I am appalled at the attempt of our president to remake, rename, and rebrand our shared landmarks that ,like the grandeur of our natural parks, are meant to be preserved for all future generations. From renaming the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, to wanting to add his image to Mt. Rushmore, renaming Airports, Train Stations and on and on we are witnessing an attempt of an Authoritarian self aggrandizement.

The way he has bulldozed the East Wing, paved over the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden, plastered tacky gold plated tchotchkes all over the interior of the White House prove that in addition to seeing himself above any restraints he has no respect for the American People.I urge you to take control of the design of the new East Wing. A new event space isn't totally irrational, given the destruction of the existing structure of the East Wing. Allowing a narcissistic man-child with the design sense of a used car salesman to control the design process absurd.

The world looked on with horror and a broken heart as the Notre Dame Cathedral burned in Paris. To my mind that day was as devastating as 9/11 or the Challenger disaster in 1986. My faith in Humanity was restored when I saw the resurrection of that historic treasure. It is a gift to all the world. What must the world think when it sees the sad low our institutions, our history, our cultural identity have sunk to.

I implore you to not be a willing participant in the desecration of the People's House.

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Name: Peter Toscani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House Eastwing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and partisan razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this hideous project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jenny Simcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Fajardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann-Marie Rutkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Malinda Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Malinda Pierce

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda McBride
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want the lawless man in the White House to pay for it, personally. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy McManus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project that did not follow proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete destruction of American history I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its original glory. No one is above the law and to allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Magda Hitzroth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and its grounds belong to all Americans, not to whoever happens to he ditting in the Oval Office. The occupant ofvthe Oval Office is supposed to *caretake* our property, not raze it. He has *no more say* regarding the construction or destruction of a national historic treasure than any other American.

However, with this precedent set it warms my heart to think that in four years wrecking balls and bulldozers can erase the abominable stain on our property just as easily as the historic East Wing was erased by the current president. Jackhammers and bulldozers aren't partisan. \u-10179 ?\u-8638 ?

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Name: Mary Fairchok
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that the proposed design for the reconstructed East Wing is a complete travesty. It is both garish and vulgar and does not mesh well with the beautiful, elegant and historical structure of the White House. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in the same way that it looked before it was wantonly destroyed and only updated to be in accordance with modern standards and materials. I especially deplore the immense size proposed for this travesty of a ballroom. I do not agree to having my taxpayer dollars pay for such a vanity project.

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Name: Glenn Montigny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even $1 on this project, never mind the $300 million estimated, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of this great nation!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Lambdin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Kunz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trumps proposed plan for the East Wing of the White House should not be allowed to move forward. The scale of the project is ridiculous and not appropriate for the space. Trump has thumbed his nose at the legal requirements and review processes that are in place to protect the PEOPLE'S HOUSE from destruction by those who seek to impose their ideas when they are only temporary occupants.
Not only should Trumps ludicrous plans not be allowed to move forward, but he should also be held financially responsible for returning the East Wing to it's previous condition and should face legal charges for his actions.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sissy Wong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Whitaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of the ballroom. Anything built should be smaller than the existing White House and reflect the same purpose and aesthetics as the original that was torn down.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Spear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “modernization” project needs to be stopped and reversed. There was no approval, committee review, no plans approved. This is an ego project. It breaks the heart of our country to see our history destroyed. Please stop it and use his “collected funds” to repair this gross demolishment.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joellen Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was not legally permitted and should not be completed. The size and scale will dwarf the main White House, the historical home of the US President. The east wing should be restored to its original form. The President is a tenant not the owner of the White House. He should not be allowed to undertake any project without proper oversight.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Sovinee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I along with millions of other US Citizens were completely appalled by the desecration and demolition of the White House East Wing. This was done without proper procedures....no proper authorization, permits, or

design review. The destruction of the East Wing is an affront to our National History. Furthermore we have no knowledge of the condition or storage or destruction of the art, furniture and memorabilia that was in the East Wing. This travesty must be corrected. The East Wing must be restored to its former glory and if a few modifications are needed...fine...but this total teardown in unacceptable. Cancel the "grand ballroom" which is unnecessary and unwanted except by a temporary tenant. This East Wing is part of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE and should be RESTORED as it was. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberley Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rozmarie Strauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing of the West wing of our White House. This was done without any authorization or reguarding to this historical portion of the people’s house. This was not a modernization project but a complete erasure of our history. Build it back!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maxwell Kashiwa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the supposed "Modernization" of the East Wing. This building belongs to "We the People" and was razed without the consultation of any professional organization, historical or otherwise This project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design, if that is even possible after such destruction. This was an egregious, selfish act that shows total disrespect for the history of our country.
Thank you for allowing me to express these thoughts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily McIvor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Mikkelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens!
Thank you for considering this statement,
Judith MIkkelson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Obarski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
The destruction of the iconic White House is not a modernization project but an erasure of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law; no person should change the site on a personal whim, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Hubbard Debra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Linde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an obscene vanity project and a massive waste of money that never should have happened in the first place. It should be canceled for the good of the country.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Farquhar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any effort to modernize the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing is not merely auxiliary office space; it is part of a nationally significant landmark whose character should be stewarded, not discarded, for future generations.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,

When I first became aware of the bulldozing of the East Wing of the White House I was horrified to the point of feeling sick in my stomach. All I could think of was the lost history of this important part of the White House -the People's House.

For a time I lived in Washington DC when people could arrange a tour of the inside including this public space. It was awe inspiring and made me proud of my country. What has transpired is a desecration of the People's House.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Ullerich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing in opposition to the destruction of the East Wing without proper authorization and to the costs that will be incurred to build an immense ballroom. The White House is the people's house and should remain so.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Delzotti Stanton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I vehemently oppose the destruction of the East Wing, that commenced unlawfully and was an ethically despicable act committed against our history. There were no legal documents acquired or commission to vote and approve this construction.
Furthermore, it is an insult to the people of this country who pay taxes and each and everyone of us are apart of this historic house. It does not belong to this egocentric dictator. We want it fully restored to its original glory at Trumps expense.
Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion and exercise my rights.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Weaver Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked and appalled when heavy machinery demolished a portion of the White House with no warning, no oversight, and no input from the NCPC and the CFA; I do not support the construction of any addition in the place of the East Wing that justifies overstepping those boundaries. The current president ought to be held accountable for such a bad decision, and made to pay for damages to the East Wing. The most important part of the project to me is that it continues to reflect the historic significance of the White House as not just the home of our Executive, but as a symbol of our country. Since Washington stepped down, a hallmark of our presidents has been the peaceful transfer of power from one administration to the next, and, regardless of personal politics, each president before now has respected the guardrails of the office. Therefore, I do not support any changes to the White House that overtly promote or aggrandize the current president in any way. Modernization is acceptable, as long as it maintains the same look as the rest of the building and does not stand out as an eyesore.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled. It's the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans! This erasing of our history and heritage cannot continue. Or current president is not fit for office and cannot be allowed to continue this distruction!!!!

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Name: Leslie Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Comfort Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Maahs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing using the original plans with modernization as needed. Perhaps a larger room for dinners and such could be added. However, please keep the same classic and timeless elements that are necessary for the dignity that the space requires. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you-

Lauren

ps. And I think the money Trump "collected" from donors for this project should be used to rebuild it to it's former design. Tax payers should not have to pay for the administration's reckless actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Orcutt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the wanton destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House. This is the people's house, occupied temporarily by each president in turn, and does not belong to any individual president. This project should be stopped immediately and subjected to review by all relevant historic preservation commissions. Also, whatever is built now should NOT overshadow the rest of the building. It must remain in proportion to the architectural environment, and should be appropriately American, not a monarchical gilt encrusted showpiece. Also, the gold flourished recently added to the White House are tasteless and are an embarrassment to our democratic ideals. They must be removed.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Standig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing of the White House to be restored. It was never properly authorized. It is/was a valuable section of the White House and held a piece of our American history. Furthermore, I believe the cost to build the obscene ballroom, will run way over the projected 300 million pricetag. And nevertheless, the last thing we need to add to the White House is an obscenely oversized ballroom. It is an affront to the citizens of America. It is not for the citizens of America. It will not enhance, nor appear as a piece of pride.
I would liken this ballroom to something of the Golden Cow...
idol worship, and without purpose.
The Trump improvements to the White House, are not improvements. The are pure gaudy tasteless and not representative of our heritage or people.
Short version--it is an abhorrent insult.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryBeth Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carolyn wisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Statement from Anara Guard:

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ashley wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cease work on west wing modernization. It is not needed. It cancels history. Let us keep our heritage. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Uebersax
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please return the East Wing to its original state, with modern updates to infrastructure.

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Name: Diane Hartjes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just another example of this Presidents screwed up priorities. AGAINST!

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Name: Catherine Stadelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It was wrong to demolish the East Wing without going through the required procedure. The new construction should match the appearance of the building that was there previously, with very little change. For example, while I would not support an extra floor, it could be a much as 5' taller, if that would not impact the White House. In building the new structure there, it is the visual relationship of the new building to the White House that is of paramount importance to me, and I believe, to most of the American public.

Whatever is not visible, like basement(s), could be larger if necessary.

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Name: Mary Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The destruction of the East Wing was conducted without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of our American history. I request that this project be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I would like the person that had this destruction done to pay for the restoration out of his wallet. This should not be done at taxpayer expense.

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Name: Glenn Hammerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Glenn Hammerson

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Name: Suzanne Fong
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Name: Candace Pavia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I cannot support allocating $300 million to a project that began without the required authorization, permits, or design review. A decision of this scale deserves transparency and public accountability. What is being presented as a modernization effort is, in reality, the removal of a significant piece of American history. Preserving our heritage matters, and once it is gone, it cannot be replaced.

For these reasons, I believe the project should be halted and the East Wing restored to its original design. Upholding the law is essential to maintaining public trust, and allowing this project to proceed without addressing the violations involved would send the wrong message to every American who plays by the rules. Responsible stewardship of public resources and respect for our shared history should guide the path forward.

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Name: Susan Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe this project is against the wishes of the people. When the east wing was demolished without any plans or authorization it was an illegal act.

The size of the planned ballroom is out of line with the existing structures and should not proceed.

The secrecy regarding the monies that are to be used make these donations appear to be given for political favor.

This project should be cancelled and any monies collected need to be used to restore the East wing back to its design before this illegal demolition occurred.

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Name: Barbara Flanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cynthia Donaldson
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Name: Jennifer Scappettone
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Name: Rachel Kresse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Rebuild the east wing as it was. The destruction was done illegally. Preserve history. No one asked for this. The White House belongs to the American people - not Donald Trump.

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Name: PAMELA Chichester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tammy Frech
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Snith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing was illegally torn down by the President it, he should pay to rebuild it. The ballroom as currently depicted is way to big. The White House is the main building and should never be overshadowed. This building will do just that. Why would any event need to accommodate 999 people. Asking for donations to build it is just inviting corruption and is nothing more than a pay to play endeavor. I strongly appose this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Swaffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose approval of the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed. The rendering provided at this time appears to be inconsistent with the current structure and architecture of the White House. (Actually previous structure and architecture, since the East Wing has already been demolished without public comment or approval of the NPS). Since the White House belongs to the American people not the temporary resident, it is inappropriate for any president to demolish or significantly change the structure and architecture without approval of the NPS and input from the American people.

The plan should be carefully reviewed and altered if determined that the proposed structure does not complement the remaining structure. Since the president claims that private donors are funding this addition, perhaps it could be constructed at Mara Largo as the proposed design appears more consistent with the architecture of this venue.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns and your consideration of my comments.

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Name: Cindy Waller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Danielle Bachant-Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an American citizen with roots on this continent that go back to before this country was founded. The preservation of our nation's history, historic places, and natural areas is of utmost importance to me. The historic sites of Washington, DC, are at the heart of our historic preservation movement, and the White House, as a symbol of our nation, is one of the most important historic buildings in our country. It holds the highest honor possible of being a National Historic Landmark while also serving as a National Park. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without any oversight, without any public comment, was a completely illegal action. The concept that a ballroom is wanted or needed is completely false, and all proposals for what will be constructed in place of the East Wing are fully out of appropriate scale and design. The White House is owned by the people of the United States, and this citizen is opposed to the unchecked destruction of the East Wing of the White House, and I am opposed to any reconstruction that doesn't involve rebuilding the White House back to exactly what it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Bolster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this will be great. Improved use. Public private partnership. Things that make America a wonderful place

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Name: Mindy Farnsworth
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Name: Nina Hibler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White East Wing Modernization

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Name: Therese Eminian Schoen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jean Polly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination and must be stopped. The brazen destruction of the East Wing without any permits or permissions, without any consultation of appropriate historical preservation organizations, let alone the People of the United States, was reprehensible.
There is no need for a ballroom. Our government has no need for lavish parties, especially when it can't even fund health care and one of its goals is decommissioning the Department of Education.
It does need office space, and safety facilities, but a ballroom, that's a hard no.

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Name: Erin Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kami Kotas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was part of our nation's history. It's the heart and soul of the White House. The decision to tear it down without any input from the public or preservation groups was disrespectful to the entire country. This is the people's house, not the current president's pet project.

There are many other options for an event space. I request that the East Wing be built back to its original footprint and specifications. The modernization can be implemented through new and ecologically friendly materials. I also request that all previous furnishings and art be replaced.

In no way should a ballroom be built in place of the historic East Wing. Doing so is an insult to the American people.

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Name: Nancy Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I am against the spending of $300 million on this project no matter where the money comes from (either taxpayer money or private funds). It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. And yet the destruction of the East Wing goes on.

The pretense that this is a "modernization project" is laughable. Nowhere can we find any study that resulted in a recommendation that there is a need for a ballroom, not to mention one attached to the East Wing.

The president broke the law. Originally he presented a plan for a free-standing ballroom. Then, suddenly, his plan was to attach it to the White House East Wing. He then brought in a wrecking crew and destroyed the East Wing, without any prior authorization.

This is a complete destruction of American history.

Because no authorization was given, because no permits were issued. and because no person or agency approved the final design, this project must be canceled AND the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: David Schlosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Erin Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is not a modernization but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Knowlton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and an affront to the United States Constitution itself.

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Name: Sarah Romero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing was torn down without proper research, submission of plans, approvals or oversight.

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The only thing this administration responds to is legal action. Please take every legal action available to ensure the law is followed to the letter.

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Name: Nina Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Charles Hess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Pamela DeGroot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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"I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Somehow, we've managed to survive 250 years without a "grand ballroom" to rival the Palace at Versailles and if this country survives another 250 years, we'd still be fine without this affront to democracy. Meanwhile, US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. If someone wants to invest millions of dollars to impress the leaders of other countries, it

should be used to show the world that the United States cares about its own people. I want this project cancelled."

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Name: Matthew M Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for your time.

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Name: Margaret Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the building of the huge ballroom. It is unnecessary and unsightly according to the design photos I have seen. I'm disgusted the beautiful historic East Wing was destroyed without permission. The destruction of national monuments should never be destroyed.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you. Margaret Roth

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Name: Elizabeth Hodgson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: diane Gow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this project must be stopped. The white house is the people's house and needs to be treated with reverence. The demolition was an illegal power grab by the current administration. Any construction at this site must be done with careful planning and all processes must be adhered to. We don't need a gold ballroom with tacky embellishments by a soon to be impeached president. This should noit be a political pawn for the people of America to have to sit idly by and witness. STOP this project now. It's unfortunate that it was illegally destroyed, it will be more unfortunate if it is allowed to be constructed without going through proper channels.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project, which has been undertaken without regard to lawful process. I believe it to be a large scale exercise in vanity and caprice, one which embodies a violent rejection of history, culture and architectural value. By demolishing the East Wing before proper review and discussion could take place, the nation had been handed a brutal fait accompli in brazen defiance of law and propriety. That the project is supposedly funded by parties with business before the administrative arm of government only makes it more abhorrent.

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Name: Diane Harrison MD MPH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Irene Olsen
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Name: Cathy Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this illegal activity! Who gave Trump the authority to destroy a piece is history. No, no, no. Stop the insanity please. He is destroying our history

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Name: Melinda Yarger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julie Stangler
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The American people do not need a giant ballroom. Please keep the White House the dignified home of our

President and not a glitzy golf club.

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Name: Robin Geller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to reflect its place in American history. The White House belongs to all Americans, not just the current resident. Any future changes must undergo an open and transparent review process before any work is initiated.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Able
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have watched the unfolding of this ridiculous controversy from the beginning, and it boggles the mind that the White House- after no review or authorization- was basically demolished, and now looks like a rubbish pit, with no plan to rebuild it. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is not a "modernization project" but yet another illustration of a bloated ego, nourished by monied interests and evidently free to indulge the basest of instincts instead of conforming to the law. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Margery Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be completely canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead, without penalizing those who broke the law,

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Please, do not allow this project to continue.

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Name: Mindy Coakley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the further destruction of the east wing and construction of an unnecessarily large ballroom funded by billionaires. The White House belongs to all Americans, not to this President. This project was initiated without the requisite approval for an historic building and without appropriate oversight. Please restore the east wing to its precious historical beauty. Presidents don’t get to bulldoze parts of the American trust and heritage on a whim and the. Fund new buildings from money intended to curry his favor. This is unacceptable. As a citizen and voter I oppose the razing of our treasured nation history.

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Name: Kathleen Herzig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. There is a pride in history and our historical places. We cannot take this away from the people of this country. What has been done already has destroyed so much. As a people's house it should be voted on by the people on whether to tear down replace rebuild or add new buildings and so I hope you take these comments seriously. No one person should be deciding what should be done to the people's house. I want construction stopped on this. I want a bipartisan professional commission todecide what the next point should be to repairing the situation

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Skopek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this because of the historical significance to our country! There was no input from the citizens of this country or from our Congress. Also there was not any permission or permits obtained before destruction began. This should be halted and the East Wing should be rebuilt back to its historical glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Rood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a retired US History teacher who has ancestors who fought for our republic in every conflict in our nation's history for the idea of democracy and the rule of law, I strongly believe that the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the White House is an affront to our country's collective memory. I taught my students to respect the meaning of democracy and the symbolic value of the preservation of our past. To do anything besides reconstruct the East Wing as close to what it was would be the destruction of our collective heritage. I once had the honor of taking a tour through the public areas of the East Wing, and it is a memory that I cherish and will forever remember. To deny that to our future generations would destroy the idea of liberty and freedom that the People's House represents. A ballroom can be built elsewhere. History cannot be bulldozed. I oppose with all my being the construction of an architectural abomination upon hallowed memory.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The action this president took, unilaterally, ought to be illegal.
There was no planning, no design, no consultation, no standards review, no budget, no nothing.
Just bulldozers and wrecking balls.
This is the People's House, not Trump's house.

This project should be halted immediately and a comprehensive review and investigation started, also immediately.
Many different designs and engineering plans submitted making sure the future of the East Wing is consistent with the history of the remaining parts of the White House, with deference placed toward a complete restoration as it was originally.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any money) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American History and citizens!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:59 PM
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Name: Bea Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is hideous and I strongly oppose what is being planned for this project. The White House does not belong to this president or any other. Any changes desired should be approved and not at the whim of one person.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:07 PM
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Name: Katherine Banks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Redfern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. It is not owned by the president. The east wing needs to be rebuilt to it's former

design and paid for by the president, not the tax payers.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without approval of the historic commission was a destruction of the People House. It is not the president's house, he is just a tenant. All work on the White House should follow the standards set up for it, via commissions and permits. The proposed plan for the ball room is an abomination signifying nothing but arrogance and greed. The fact that it is to be paid for by "private donations" screens but offs and bribes. There is no need for a gilded monument to the current president, or a convention hall for greed in the People's House. Appropriate architecture, necessary improvement on scale with the property, and payment through the traditional means should be the focus. Tacky gold leaf and pillars cannot mask poor planning. Anything built in this model will one day be removed. Let's not waste all of our time and money on narcissism.

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Name: Rebecca Hufford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its original version.

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Name: Susan Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E Renaud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a temporary home for each President.
We do not need or want our White House to have this grossly disgusting Oligarchy ball room.
Any ballroom can be built in Virginia, they have more available land than DC & Virginia is within driving distance of DC.
Now, that's a win-win for everyone! \u-10179 ?\u-8638 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so-called "modernization project" is a travesty, tragedy, and a smack in the face to the American people. I am disgusted and heartbroken that our history has been so cruelly disrespected and trampled on. I am all for modernization that makes spaces more accessible and embraces new ideas while acknowledging tradition--but this is not that. The fact that work on this project went ahead without any permits or approval is reason enough to shut down the whole project immediately. What kind of message does that send the American people if we allow people to blatantly break the law without consequence? Are we a country that can just be bought by the highest bidder? It's despicable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't approve the permit to build the ballroom at the White House. The East Room was demolished without proper oversight and approval. Please insist the East Room be restored to it's original glory. Please don't use government or donor money. Donald J. Trump should pay entirety from his own money. You must make an example of him.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Harley-McClaskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people’s White House is not a castle and does not need a ballroom! And there are rules and policies that should have been followed for any modernization project! Please put a halt to this project and return

the East wing to its original design. Then arrest ALL who authorized this illegal destruction!!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tessa Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt following legal guidelines. No one is above the law! To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Leib
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the tearing down of part of the White House to be horrible and an affront to every law-abiding citizen of the United States. That building belongs to the people of the US. It is not something to be chopped up and spit out at the whim of Mr. Trump. He did not follow any protocols or laws regarding the dismantling of the White House, and he should be held accountable and forced to rebuild it in its accurate pre-Trump state.
Thank you.

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Name: Kim Leether
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jibby Ciric
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and it should be rebuilt to its original form

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Winter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to object to the construction of a ballroom on the grounds of the White House. The demolition of part of the People's House was done without permit, and those ordering the destruction of an important landmark should be punished the same way any other citizen would if they initiated a construction project without going through the permitting process.
A ballroom is unnecessary, wasteful and will prove to be an eyesore that dwarfs the majestic and historic White House. I strongly urge that the project be blocked and something aesthetically similar to the former East Wing be built.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary lea wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Hart ames
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was depressed for days when this happened Just as I was when Good and Pretti were shot. Just as I was when all those men were sent to El Salvador torture camps. It all and the entire administration is a travesty. To the point in discussion, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those

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Name: Janean Ray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Brenda Bakke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please stop this craziness that is happening to our White House!!!

Brenda Bakke

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy DePue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How was permission given to tear down an important part of our history?Doesn’t authorization need to be given for such a horrific act. Restore the people’s building. It belongs to all of us.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination began without congressional approval. People need to be held accountable for the destruction of government property. Stop this insanity. New plans must be submitted and approved by historical architects to ensure the plans blend seamlessly with the historical architecture and matching the west side before continuing the project.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Wilbur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. It should be restored to its previous state. Preservation and history is important! If we need a ballroom it should be built somewhere else on the grounds. I do not think we need one. We've managed almost 250 years without one!

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Catherine Tunstall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah McCaskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the utter waste of spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Anyone who believes this is modernization - and not a grift, that will leave us with a tawdry, fake gold-plated monstrosity - is a gullible idiot. It is not modernization — it is a plan to erase American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As is this entire maladministration.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please end the construction of a massive ballroom only rich prople will see. Please rebuild the East Wing as it was. THEN, if a ballroom is still desired, they can submit and follow the actual process.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Ebrahimi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the construction of the White House Ballroom. The beautiful White House belongs to US - the people of the United States, NOT one person. Demolishing a portion of our beautiful house (the PEOPLE"S house), without approval, environmental assessments, congressional authorization or public input was and is completely unacceptable!

The fact that it is bankrolled by huge private companies, all of which have federal contracts, creates an enormous conflict of interest. Additionally, the White House already has a beautiful ballroom. The American people did not ask for and do not want an enormous ballroom that dwarfs "our" house. This project should never have happened and should not proceed unless all the required approvals are granted.

Thank you for allowing our comments.

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Name: RuthAlice Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing. It balances the White House. Please do not replace it with a grandiose ballroom that dwarfs the White House.

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Name: Robert Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tanya Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in service of a weakling’s ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The people who vandalized our house should be punished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regan O'Steen-Tragon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: LuAnn Banoczi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:48 PM
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Name: Charlotte Glover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eileen Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing will be rebuilt and that ballroom which would overwhelm the White House will be removed. The food court will be removed and the rose garden restored. The sooner all that is done, the less expensive it will be, but it will be done. The money for the restoration will come from the general public, not the billionaires.

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Name: Jill Alton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is OUR house. Temporary residents are leasees. Accordingly, no lessor should be rewarded for destroying any portion of OUR HOUSE.
If the current “developer resident” thinks DC needs an event center, he is welcome to build one off-WH grounds.
Meanwhile, I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt to exactly what it is supposed to be. But not to begin before 2029. It was never a “golden “ palace. Restoring to original means just that. Crusty, gaudy has no place there.
I beg you. Deny this monstrous act.

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Name: Lynn Feinberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a razing of American history. I support canceling this project, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the People's House not the house of one president.

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Name: A Elfstrum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Condee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in protest of the building of a ballroom beside where the East Wing of the White House was illegally torn down. No money, especially tax payer money, should be spent to build an addition to the White House that involves an over sized and unnecessary ballroom. The East Wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt and restored to its previous beauty and design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the plans for this ballroom. The east wing should be restored to reflect the culture and taste of the original edifice. It was demolished illegally and will be an architectural abomination if allowed to go forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elayne Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of our historical east wing is a travesty! This president has no right to destroy our heritage for his own vanity! I beg for common sense be restored. Do not continue with any reconstruction until the American people have their say.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:35:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Bentley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build a ballroom. The East Wing of the White House must be restored as the people’s house. It should be the public entrance again. The “modernization” must not go forward as a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:35:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: T Hibben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenni Mcginnis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the tragedy of building a giant ballroom and restore the building that should never have been torn down in the first place!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not ever build this vile, gold encrusted room paid for by private investors. It’s a conflict of interest to have this group of large companies control the house of “all the people “.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan L
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely unconscionable, that the East Wing was demolished without authorization, no permits, plans or ant input from anyone!
Please stop this horrible man, with his horrible projects to glorify himself, or to save his ass when the people finally get hold of him.

He might try to run to his bunker, but he cannot hide.
STOP THIS MADNESS!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:02 PM
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Name: Jennifer Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law. Proper permits and permission must be sought first— not as an afterthought. Rebuild what we had before, and do not cave to this dictator.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonja Nehr-Kanet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization

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Thank you

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Name: Wesley Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of ours national treasures. It should never be demolished like it is now. It is imperative to preserve the White House as it was. It is not his house it's belongs to this country. I believe my opinion is very much the consensus of the people, to put back as it was.
I also believe the hall way that has the horrible pictures of the president and the narrative, should be removed immediately!! Plus put back the rose garden. The American people do not want to see anything he has done to cheapen the People's house.
Thank you for your attention.

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Name: Sarah Edick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ragen Mujrray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't believe that anyone would unilaterally tear off any part of the Whitehouse without consulting the proper building code personel.
I live in Kansas and I can't do such a thing with my nine hudred square foot house.
Tearing off the East Wing of the White house on a whim is an affornt to every American's sense of belonging to what historically came before them.

Thank you,
Ragen Murray

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Name: Noma Maier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Redpath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose funding this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I, along with many Americans, want this project canceled, and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified at what is happening to our precious historic buildings. This building belongs to the people and we have a right to oversee any major alterations and this is certainly major. Now the Kennedy center is being threatened. This must stop!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:25:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leskie Brasher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this blatant disregard for the will of the American people and the requirements to get approval before beginning work. The heart is not less important than the mind. Soft power is power. The work of first ladies, from advancing policy initiatives to conducting quiet diplomacy over state dinners, has shaped American politics in ways that rarely make headlines but usually make history. This is again ignoring congress and by passing our elected representatives

Date: 2/17/2026 10:25:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Booker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a total disgrace. No ballroom, ie Trump's Vanity Project, should be allowed. Preserve our historic buildings. Don't turn any into ego trips for Trump

Date: 2/17/2026 10:32:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Lanier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO, do not allow the self aggrandizing - and abandonment of protocol for historical buildings - that this project represents!

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Name: Alex Katis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jay Peabody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this Trumpinsation NOW!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Stricker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an unauthorized razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former exterior design. If the interiors need to brought to the 21st Century but with original design guidelines that would be practical and acceptable.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Democracy loving Americans.

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Name: Patricis Bradford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Sobota
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is a National historic site and the East Wing should be restored to its former design.

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Name: Jon Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leila Balise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely, Leila Balise
Dansville, MI

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Name: Keith Farish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Maes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cease any further “modernization” to the East Wing. I oppose this project & demand the East Wing be restored & no further spending occurs for the “modernization.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Douglass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

R. A. Douglass

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Name: Ann-Marie Rutkowski's
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: SUSAN Gembalczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending 300+ million dollars on this vanity project. The demolition was done without proper consent or permits. A part of American history was destroyed when the East wing was torn down. It needs to be rebuilt to reflect historical standards. The White House is the People's House, it is not the property on the current inhabitant, whoever that might be.

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Name: Lyn Callan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Maureen Colfan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing restored to its original and historical state. It was illegally destroyed and those who thought they could destroy property that belongs to all Americans with no input from those people should be held accountable for destroying what didn't belong to them.
I live in a historic district and home and feel the responsibility I had to preserve this piece of our history. It is pathetic that our leaders cannot fathom that responsibility. Please respect Americans and our history and stop this abomination from being built and restore what should never have been destroyed.

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Name: Jill Kantor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Kleewein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a destroying of our national history. Please cancel the ballroom project and build a replica of the original east wing. A ballroom "paid for" by billionaires with their own motives is a terrible idea

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Name: Lorraine Forte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project As an American, I am appalled at seeing the East Wing of our White House torn down without authorization. I do not want the White House desecrated with a gaudy, oversized ballroom that does not fit the architecture of the rest of the building and for which, as I understand it, there are no final plans. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former state.

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Name: Steve Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose building a ballroom. I would prefer to have the East Wing rebuilt as it was. Since the President destroyed this piece of American history without any authorization or permit, it would be fitting if he is required to pay for the rebuilding of the East Wing himself.

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Name: Cassidy Meeks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karyn Wyrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with this project. No ballroom, no east wing modernization. They need to build the east wing back, exactly how it was. I am heartbroken and outraged that the east wing was torn down & the rose garden destroyed, replaced with a tacky patio and a ridiculous ballroom. Fix what he tore down!

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Name: Megan Cherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strong oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an abdominal destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lynn McCauley
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Name: Stephanie Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction should never had occured, and should be halted. It is ludicrous to tear down part of a building before plans are even made. Additionally, the White House belongs to the American people, not the current resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. That the administration is now trying to say there is a national security and Secret Service risk is things are delayed, when they created the risk by tearing down with no procedure in place, is no reason for this project to continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Barnhill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is also known as The People's House. It is an office building and a home. There has never been a need for it to be a garish or grandiose place. Spaces for necessary events have been sufficient for decades and if there is a need for a change it should not a political one. Any decisions regarding substantial renovations or demolitions should be carefully considered ahead of time and based on detailed plans. Plans should complement and not overshadow or dwarf the current structure. Any decision to move forward on any project should not be a unilateral one.

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Name: William Convery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this reckless and needlessly expensive destruction of American history. There are review protocols in place to protect historical assets such as the White House. They must be followed or restitution must be made. Please restore the East Wing to its original design.

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Name: Hayden Frehner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Fillos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper review and without Congressional approval. No one is above the law and process must be followed. This project should not move forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LESLIE WEISS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is not about modernization; it is rather an attempt to raze American history. The American people have the right to have a say about what happens to the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: MOLLY MURDOCK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: George Widdick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: James King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If we allow this project, which involves the illegal and premature destruction of something all Americans should consider a part of our history and a gift from the American people to our government, to continue, it seems only fair that all Americans should be subject to the same freedoms. All construction permits, SEPA, NEPA, and all other regulations related to land clearing, demolition, and development should be considered null and void. All fees, fines, and other penalties incurred by those who successfully attained, or those who failed to acquire proper permits and approvals should be repaid in full, and should include additional compensation for the wasted efforts, money, and mental fatigue spent performing a ritual that apparently has no real significance or material relevance to our government.

These actions in any other scenario, and by any other agent, would result in penalties including jail time. If these actions are allowed to continue, it can be reasonably surmised that the basis of these regulations are at best hypocritical, and at worst are a blatant signal that we truly have no say in the actions of our supposedly representative democracy.

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Name: Nick Dunckel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and its $300M cost. I object to the fact that it amounts to a wrecking of a major symbol of America without proper review, authorization, or even permits. To let this illegal project proceed would be an affront to the true owners of the property, the American people.

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Name: Cary Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal. This would be a horrible precedent to set for the future of our country an it's structured.

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Name: Rebecca Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ingrid Lanier
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Name: Lee Amanda
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Name: Amanda Hendrix
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Name: jo tansella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: KM Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Horrendous.

How was this demolition allowed to happen??

The person responsible for this should be forced to rebuild an *exact* replica of the East Wing before it was torn down, using they own personal funds.

Absolutely unbelievable this wasn't stopped before the building was destroyed.

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Name: Patricia Lowry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to write in support of making the White House and the East Wing historical monuments, which would require any changes to the buildings to be reviewed and passed by committee, not just the Presid,ent of the U.S. And, the committee should not be selected by the President; it should remain a strictly non-political group of architects, historians, and planners. What President Trump has done so far to the White House and grounds is egregious and without respect for any historical context. The protection of these historical buildings should not be changed at the whim of any president.

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Name: Charles Plummer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this project is an abomination. It is clearly just an ego boosting project that is reminiscent of all dictatorship era buildings. He does not own this property he is just a temporary tenant. He did not get any permission to destroy our White House or to build anything on it!

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Name: Mark Sweezy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melissa Sowers
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Name: Marne Jacunski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of the East Wing and American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Howell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project, which was not approved, does not have permits, and has destroyed a large part of

our American history. I am totally opposed to what the Trump administration has done, basically behind the American public back. They should be held accountable for this unlawful act. The American public does not need or want a ballroom at the White House. Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Oralie Wilhite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review, or permission of the American people to whom the White House belongs. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who tore down the East Wing broke the law and need to be punished for their crime.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:15:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Frey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without going through the mandated review. Demolition began without approval. The historic significance of the EAST WING was obliterated. This project as conceived should be halted and the East Wing reconstructed not as a ballroom that will consume dollars that can be better and more efficiently elsewhere.

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Name: Mary Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that the East Wing of the White House was torn down with no planning or public comment. Therefore, I am opposed to any modifications. Our history was destroyed.

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Name: Lucille Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What the hell are we doing here? Do you not realize how fundamentally corrupt it is to pay $300 million to destroy the White House? How does any president have the authority to unnecessarily destroy such a culturally significant building? That is an incredibly unjust project to support. Do not give out $300 million to destroy the White House.

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Name: Claire Berngartt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I love dancing, but the tearing down of the Historic East Wing was done without proper permits or authorizations. At this point, the East Wing needs to be rebuilt and then a ballroom can be added to it. $300 million is too much taxpayer money when we are suffering in so many very real ways: cost of food, housing, healthcare going up. Please help us survive with our taxpayer money, not continue to tear down a historic landmark.

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Name: Colleen Strickler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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If i am a tenant in a dwelling that I do not own, any changes that I make to that dwelling need to be either approved by the Owners, in this case the Citizens of the United States, OR any unauthorized changes must be returned to their original state.

Any President is a tenant in the White house, and any changes to the building needs to be approved by the owners... a.k.a the citizens of the United states

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Name: Elizabeth Blanton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please recreate the East Wing as it was on the exterior. If improvements need to be made on the inside to enhance the wing for the first ladies, that would be great; however, we do NOT need an ungly golden ballroom in the White House. That is not who we are as a people. Thank you for preserving our nation's treasures.

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Name: Donna Yanowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop on construction on the east wing. It is too late to return it to its former state, but please stop.

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Name: Dorian Janney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrew Tonies
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Name: Bobby Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

WE CANNOT MODERNIZE WHAT WAS DESTROYED.

The East Wing was destroyed without regard to history or law by a man without regard for history or law.

A NEW EAST WING MUST BE BUILT.

A new East Wing must be built that follows history and laws.

It must be a functional building that fits correctly into the space and architectural style of the White House and US Capitol.

It should not be a monument to any man's lies, crimes or ego.

THE TRUTH MATTERS.

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Name: Emily Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cristin Mount
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions of dollars, including and especially private donations, on this project, which is in no way meant to modernize anything. This project did not go through any proper permits or design review. The plan was to destroy first and assume it would be "too late" to do anything about the destruction. I want this project completely cancelled. I want the East Wing of the people's White House completely restored to its original design in every respect. I want those who broke the law regarding changes to national landmarks held accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very disappointed that the East Wing was destroyed without proper approval. I am totally against turning this into a ballroom. Please stop this overreach

Date: 2/17/2026 10:21:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Hallas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,
I oppose the building of a ballroom in the east wing of the White House and oppose spending any money to do so. I oppose Donald Trump having any influence on what is to be built. It is not his house. The East Wing was built and designed for the First Ladies. The White House is NOT a palace, it is NOT Versailles. We, the citizens of the USA, do not want a ballroom in the White House. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was with special attention to the FORMER First Ladies' designs.
Ronald Hallas
Pennsylvania

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Rohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unnecessary and unvetted East Wing is a travesty to our protocols and to the historic integrity of the White House. One egomaniac's stupid project must be stopped.

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Name: Maria Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the tearing down of the East Wing which was done without permits, permission, or vetting of the plans. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt as it stands a historical part of our history. This is the people's house and I believe any changes should be done through the proper channels. This ballroom should not be built here just because the East Wing was torn down quickly and quietly.

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Name: Terry Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have no desire for a ballroom to be built. I would like to see the east wing restored to the previous architecture. Trump is already talking about destroying the west wing to match. I believe his main issue is that he wants to fortify the bunker beneath it. I would really like to know what he is anticipating.
I also don't think he should be accepting bribes that he will have to eventually return.

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Name: Lupe Cardenas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore our yes OUR White House to its former self. It stands as a beacon of hope for the equality of all men and women regardless of gender, race, religion - a place where our yes OUR rights are supposed to be protected by the men and women we voted into office. Standards by which they need to govern and we need to live by. The broken demolished wing is a symbol of how much we THE AMERICAN \u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ? people currently feel. You have the power to right the wrong and begin to heal us all from the chaos of what is happened and continues to happen. Make us whole and use this moment in time to pull us up by the boot strap and work TOGETHER.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura DaBruzzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaede Miloslavich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose continued demolition and construction of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. PLEASE do whatever it takes to stop this project and restore the East Wing as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Kind regards,
Ruth A. Martin

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Name: Cathleen Bardy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Cancel this project and rebuild East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Derr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to watch the East Wing being torn down. It happened so quickly, without any official review. How can this be legal? The White House doesn't belong to him!

My 92 year old mother grew up in Washington DC. She's told me about the temporary buildings on the national mall during WW2. We had family that worked in those buildings. My Mom really cried hard when she saw the East Wing being destroyed.

Now that he has destroyed it, we have no choice but to clean up and restore the East Wing. I'm sure the East Wing could use some modernization. I'm not opposed to that. I just want it done in a legal manner with appropriate oversight by the traditional agencies whose job this is. I know you all will be responsible and build it back better.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Nadell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I Strongly oppose the spending of 100's of millions of tax payer money on this project. This project did not go through the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization or upgrade project but rather a complete razing of a large portion of Americas House. Had this project gone through the proper approval process and vetted by those in charge I would feel entirely different. As it stands this destruction of this very important historical structure needs to stop. Plans should begin to be evaluated to restore the East Wing. An independent committee should look into If any elected official acted outside of the law in ordering the destruction of this building. If so they should be charged and ordered to pay the costs to rebuild.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Hickman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people

who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Georgi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious that the current temporary inhabitant of the White House has acted as if he had the right to destroy a wing of the building before even submitting a plan, let alone getting approval, for its replacement. Although it would serve him right to have to look at the hole he made for as long as he remains there, that might not best serve the people, the owners of the place.
I ask that there be an independent study of what the true needs and purposes should be for a replacement for the destroyed East Wing. Once that has been determined, there must be a request for proposals for a replacement consistent with the results of that study. Submitted proposals must be reviewed and ranked by persons with relevant qualifications for the task. Any funding must come through the regular budgetary process, not bribes paid by billionaire businessmen to the current inhabitant.
Any persons appointed to the commission by the current inhabitant must not be allowed to participate at any stage in the study or the selection of the winning proposal; they clearly were selected for their loyalty not relevant expertise. It seems that ex officio members typically do not participate in the regular business of the commission, nevertheless, Defense Secretary Hegseth and Representative Comer have demonstrated their complete and utter inability to serve the people in a strictly nonpartisan manner.
Chairman Will Scharf must resign. The idea that demolition didn't require permission and could proceed without an APPROVED design for a replacement is beyond preposterous.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: c nolan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joni Holinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen for my whole 75 year long life, I have never seen anything as inappropriate as what is being done to the White House, especially the east wing. I cannot believe this is legal. It cannot be allowed to continue, and I am asking that you stand up against this destruction of our national historical property.

Thank you.

Joni, W Holinger.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rochelle Kushin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing has always been a sacred place for many of the families occupying the White House. The east wing must be rebuilt in its former style. The American people were not consulted on the demolition nor this ballroom that is more King like than anything our country has experienced before.
If Trump wants to build glory to himself, he should obtain a permit like the rest of the country does. He is not above the law. I don't care that. He raised private funds to build this ballroom. It is not in the American tradition and is designed in the old European style that honors kings and royalty rather than real American values and people. Please do not allow this horrible structure to be built.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Clifford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was demolished without proper authorization, permits or design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vanity project of one sitting president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design that conforms to the aesthetic of the whole of the White House architecture. No one is above the law. To permit this vanity project to go ahead without historical review and without significant penalty to those who broke the law and demolished this treasured landmark would be an affront to all Americans. As the saying goes: You broke it. You fix it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Quigley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored to the way it was before the current administration destroyed it. It is our house and not up to one person to change on a whim. The rules that were put in place to protect the building must be followed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harold LaRock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amy Kenyon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million (no matter where the money originated) on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization or permits. This is not a “modernization” project, this is a completely illegal destruction of a part of the PEOPLE’S house, and razing part of the country’s history, by someone who had NO authority to do so. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing completely rebuilt and restored to its former design, using the money donated for the “modernization” (NOT taxpayer funding!) To allow this illegal project to go forward with no accountability of those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kay Keith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Betsy Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its precise former design, at the full expense of those who destroyed it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding, tax-paying, Americans.
This is not Trump's private property. A gilded ballroom belongs in a dictator's palace not in the People's House!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin McCullough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maryalice Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to any ballroom or building that does not restore the East Wing to its original historical footprint. There was no opportunity for comment prior to tearing down a part of our, the people's, National Heritage.
NO to anything outsized and outside the original footprint and design of the Whitehousr.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marta Pedersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money that was not authorized by Congress on a project that was not i approved by the National Parks service or the National Capitol Planning Commission. The demolition of the entire East Wing to construct a ballroom is a ridiculous project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Trump should have to pay to fix this mess he made and not one dime of taxpayer money!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. Nancy Andrzejczak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

While the demolition has occurred, there is still an opportunity to ensure this historic building will be honored properly. My fear is without the Planning Commission oversight the building will become an architectural nightmare.

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Name: Regina Preciado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing was demolished without proper applications, permits, and documentation required by law. As much as I would like to be silly about it (“install hypocaustic floors” or “make it an aquarium”), I think the building should be restored to look like it was, but brought up to code for safety and accessibility. I also think the people who ordered its destruction prematurely should be fined. Heavily. The whole situation amounts to pretty extreme vandalism of a historic building.

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Name: Debbie Seaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I opposed the destruction of the East Wing of the White House.

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Name: Mallory Sanford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the ballroom proposed by President Trump. I want the East Wing restored to its historic self!

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Name: Katie McCullough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elias Gisler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am Elias, and I am 15 years old. I personally believe that we should not turn the east wing into a ballroom, but rather into a museum open to the public. I think it would be very interesting to be able to visit the White House itself. You could display different movements in American history and show that our country and government genuinely care about civil rights and minorities, such as Jewish people, women, and LGBTQIA+ members. While I firmly believe that President Trump believes minorities matter, I can name hundreds of students at my school who do not agree that Trump cares about people. The museum could start with some exhibits from outside the country, like the Vietnamese protests during the Vietnam War. As you move closer to the main part of the White House, you could highlight major movements like Black Lives Matter and Antisemitism—the issues with the highest hate crime rates per one million people. Of course, this idea would need to be refined and planned out better, but I think it would be a great way to preserve the historical significance of the east wing and demonstrate that the USA cares about minorities.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Anne Hubble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one (including President Donald Trump) is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Vanderweele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million project to build a new east wing when the original was beautiful as is. The demolition and everything that has been done was done illegally, without proper and legal authorization. The funding is also suspicious and doubtful that it will be done without using taxpayer money.

I have never felt compelled to write a letter to any government entity in my entire 71 years, but this is too egregious to let lie.

Sincerely,
Susan Vanderweele

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO NOT let Trump get away with demolishing the East Wing! Rebuild the exterior and modernize the interior, and require Trump to pay for it out of his personal funds.

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Name: Cheryl Everill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Cheryl Everill

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Douglass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project now.

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Name: Carol Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our constitution

Date: 2/17/2026 10:13:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East wing as it was. DO NOT build a ballroom. Thank you!

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Name: Heather Belton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kelly Snelling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Peggy Moomau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated with total disregard for history, and with total disregard for proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and to its original intended purpose. To permit this project to go forward is an affront to our history, to the laws and regulations in place to prevent the destruction of our history, and to all good American people. The destruction of The Rose Garden was heartbreaking and outrageous. Destruction of The East Wing was despicable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Fudge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Reding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to stop! It’s not the President’s House, it’s the People’s House! I would like to know who has said for “150 years” that we need a ballroom??
Rebuild the East Wing to the way it was!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Oliver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing redesigned and constructed in an appropriate manner after design review under Section 106. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Neely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully, I am appalled at the idea of tearing down the East Wing and replacing it with something different. It needs to be restored to its original state. The White House is the People’ House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Duhon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored as it was before it was illegally torn down.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the historic East Wing. Any changes to "the People's House" should be done in a transparent manner with approval from the agencies that oversee such work. Destroying this

historic building unilaterally is a horrible action. There is also the problem of using private funds for this, thus encouraging those who wish to curry favor with the current administration to donate. There are preservation concerns and environmental concerns. Such alterations should be done with the same oversight as other federal projects. This is not the president's private resident or his own house. He merely lives there while in office. There needs to be some respect.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Woldow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and the most iconic symbol of American democracy. It has been the home of presidents since 1800 and belongs not to any temporary occupant but to the American people in perpetuity. The current president is, in the most meaningful sense, a tenant — entrusted with the stewardship of a national treasure, not licensed to alter it beyond recognition.

The demolition of the historic East Wing — conducted without prior submission to the National Capital Planning Commission, without Commission of Fine Arts review, and without Congressional authorization as required by federal statute — was a unilateral act that defied the legal framework designed to protect this irreplaceable property. The claim that portions of the project were of "top secret nature" does not explain or excuse the failure to obtain required approvals before demolition began. Previous administrations, including this one in its first term, participated in required review processes as a matter of course. That precedent was abandoned here without justification.

The proposed replacement — a 90,000-square-foot ballroom nearly twice the footprint of the White House itself, rising to match the height of the historic mansion — is not an addition. It is a supplanting. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are unambiguous: new construction affecting historic properties must be compatible with existing massing, size, and scale, and must be subordinate to the original structure. The proposed ballroom fails this standard by any reasonable measure.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to exercise its full authority and independence in this review. Any construction approved on the demolition site must be genuinely compatible in form and demonstrably subordinate in scale to the original Executive Mansion. The American people were given no opportunity to comment before the East Wing was destroyed. This review is, at minimum, the process they are owed — and it must be conducted with the rigor and independence the law requires and the People's House deserves.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Esbenshade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't think the people's house needs a Ballroom. The East Wing need to be rebuilt as it was before it was illegally demolished.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:17 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Melin-Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider canceling the East Wing Modernization project. A project that has not gotten proper authorization, design review or permits is sending a message that it is okay to go ahead build or destroy what you want. Shouldn't all citizens be held accountable to go through the right channels. There are safe guards established to protect historical buildings. I appreciate your time to review my concerns.
Sincerely,
Cheryl Melin-Collins

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Minnie Dickerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Albert DeRitis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lani Noreke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexander Trujillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald trump does not have the authority to destroy history. Needs to be rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

My name is Elizabeth Welch, and I am a graduate student at Goucher College's MA in Historic Preservation program I'm writing to give public comment on the White House Ballroom Construction Project. The White House is "The People's House," a living symbol of American democracy that belongs to the nation, not to any single individual or administration. The recent demolition of the East Wing and East Colonnade, leveled in just three days in October 2025, represents a reckless departure from the stewardship such a landmark deserves. This haphazard destruction of historic fabric, conducted with little regard for materials and no prior formal review, sets a dangerous precedent for our nation's most iconic civic sites.
While a modernized ballroom has been proposed to keep the executive residence a "beacon of American excellence," such excellence must be built on a foundation of transparency and respect for our shared history. Currently, the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom threatens to dwarf the Executive Residence, fundamentally altering the architectural character and visual balance of the White House complex. Any new construction of this scale must be designed with rigorous oversight to ensure it harmonizes with the proportions of the historic residence rather than overwhelming it.
Furthermore, it is imperative that the NCPC and CFA demand clear, updated plans to protect the archaeological resources and the structural integrity of the main house during construction. The preservation of our national heritage is a core value. Fiscal responsibility and the defense of American institutions require us to protect the tangible history of the Republic from impulsive, non-transparent modifications. We must ensure that this project does not result in the permanent loss of the very history that makes the White House a symbol of our national continuity and excellence. Please consider scaling the Ballroom down and matching the architectural style of the Executive Residence. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Welch

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Lynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen for 74 years, I have lived through many innovations with respect to the White House. These renovations have come with approval of the commission. No one person, especially the President (a temporary tenant) should make UNILATERAL decisions about the Peoples' House!

I am voicing my complete disapproval of any change, especially the destruction and construction of major changes to the White House, that comes without the approval of the commission. I am firm on this issue.

Thank you for letting US citizens comment on this issue.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Leitner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi,
I am oppose spending money on this project without the congressional oversight and approval, along with all the other organizations that preserve our national and historic structures.
This is supposed to be the people's house, not Trump's grotesque plaything.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Lutes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was authorized without proper authorization or permits. It is not a modernization project. Please stop.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Kauzlarich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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What Trump did to the East Wing was against the law and he should be called to task for this. He had NO right to do anything to the People's House. It's time to get his stench out of there.

Deborah

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerald Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Hagman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden destruction of the East Wing of the American People's White House by President Trump, is a crime committed against all Americans who value our unique history. Shame on all who followed Trump's orders without consulting with the American people who own the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Joe Rathburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hickey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to express my opposition to the East Wing project. The current plan does not serve the public interest & should be rejected.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Sweezy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our president flat out lied to the people regarding this project!

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lori Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ben Asher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynda Maki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth McShane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Waterhouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret DeCarlis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing to make way for a massive ballroom is deeply troubling. The White House is not merely a residence or event space — it is a living symbol of American history and continuity. Altering its architectural integrity for what many see as a vanity project risks diminishing the dignity and heritage embedded in its design.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:08:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Pike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely nothing should be done without a citizens full vote. Put design ideas on a ballot. 4 choices. Let the people pick. Not trump. Not congress. The people. We the people. We are america. And we are no longer heard pr valued by this current administration.
And where did all the supposed money from trumps friends go?

Date: 2/17/2026 10:08:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Catron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its prior build. Don’t build that ridiculous ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Breyer-Mbise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission:

Regarding the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project," I wish to state that this is not a legitimate modernization but rather an exercise in self-absorption and egomania illegally initiated by Donald Trump. In his machinations to impose a tasteless ballroom onto the White House grounds, he purposely misled the American People regarding the protection of the East Wing during construction. Instead, he soon had it torn down before the sun had even risen, before his actions could be challenged by the design board. I strongly oppose the expenditure of $300 to $400 million on a project initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design reviews. The fact that the funds are donated is irrelevant; any money directed toward this project should be treated as a bribe. These resources, instead, should be used exclusively to rebuild the East Wing to its exact original state. This monstrous ballroom represents the complete razing of American history rather than an update, and it should be cancelled or, at a minimum, significantly reduced in size. Furthermore, no second story should be added to the West Wing. Trump should not be above the law; his design is an architectural aberration that lacks the necessary permits and fails to respect the existing historic structure. To allow this project to proceed without any consequences for those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Someone needs to resolutely stand up to this man, whose egotistical narcissism has compelled him to attempt to "mark his territory" all over our nation's capital. He and his ballroom need to be stopped. Just rebuild the East Wing was it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Rud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose a ballroom being built in place of the East Wing. The East Wing was demolished illegally without proper permits, review, etc. I expect there to be consequences for this illegal action. This is the People's House and a gaudy, over the top, monstrosity is not appropriate in any way to replace what was lost. I strenuously object to this project going forward.
A commission should be set up to submit ideas to and the American people should have a say in what the East Wing is replaced with.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Grome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
I do not condone $millions$ being squandered on the White House East Wing project—started without authorization, permits, or proper design review. Who writes the check doesn't matter. This is "America's House," not President Trump's personal property or some glorified vanity project. What's happening is not renovation—it's destruction! Historical integrity has been shredded, national treasures have disappeared, and the law has been openly ignored. President Trump should be made to personally pay for rebuilding, sanctioned, and permanently barred from affixing his name to the restored wing. I respectfully ask this

project be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. Allowing this to continue without holding the guilty accountable insults every president who came before, the Constitution, and every American—past, present, and future. \u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Stull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was beautiful, the way in which it was demolished was sinful. No permission was granted, no plans presented, horrible! A ballroom as large as the current president wants is totally unacceptable and not needed, not wanted by taxpayers and would be grossly ugly. Proper procedures were not followed and DJT should be responsible for paying to replace the East Wing in an appropriate manner, it needs to be restored as soon as possible. Please do.not allow his monstrosity to.be built.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paulette Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be stopped and replaced with the original East Wing configuration.
It was destroyed illegally with no permits, ERAs or permission from we, the people, whose house it is.
It is an obscene waste of $300, 000, 000 of taxpayers money in which we hadno say.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unauthorized East Wing demolition and rebuild. A project of this significance should follow a full review process and proceed only after its approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Parham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing of the White House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mark Lichtenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Weir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a disgrace, yet another example of the President trump's destruction of our democracy...

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Name: Shirley J Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Calby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination of American history. Trump and his partners started it illegally without any regard to architecture or historical review committees. First he tore down the Rose Garden and now the East Wing all just because he wanted to. No one needs that big of a patio or ballroom.This citizen wants both put back to the way they were.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruthann GORDON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. That building belongs to all the people of this nation and not to the current resident. I ask that your commission put a stop to further action that would contribute to the building of ANYTHING on that site unless it would be to restore and reconstruct the East Wing to its former dimensions using materials that would appropriately match the originals. Any other construction absolutely must go through the same permitting and design review that any other new government building would require. Nothing less is acceptable. Under no circumstances should anything be built that this site that would distract from, diminish, endanger or overshadow the White House itself. The "ballroom" or data center or whatever it is is completely inappropriate for that location. Please use all your resources to put a stop to this vanity project, and do everything you can to keep the bulldozers away from the remaining structures. Thank you for your efforts to protect our shared architectural heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, making it illegal. It is not a modernization project but rather another thing Trump can try to put his stamp on. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and beauty. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be asinine.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:17 PM
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Name: Chancie davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project stopped until it is fully reviewed by the standard processes and policies that have been in place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Feather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Childers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosanna Gildner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction of this historc house. The east wing should be rebuilt to balance the entire White House. The giant ballroom is a ridiculous idea and should be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathee Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset that the East Wing of the American people's White House was demolished.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without holding those accountable who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Glover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the “east wing modernization “ project. This is not about modernizing the east wing. The east wing of the White House has been destroyed. And apparently destroyed without any authorization from any appropriate committee or agency. The last thing our country needs right now is a 300 million dollar ball room covered in gold leaf.

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Name: Karyn Holly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all the citizens of the country.

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Name: Nora Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Borgwardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and

allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Robin Lincke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello and thank you for your time and consideration -

I am an American citizen living in Nebraska. I would like to express that I am NOT in favor of the so-called 'East Wing Modernization Project' and find that label misleading as well as amusing. We have seen an unchecked and unfit classless fool called Donald J. Trump attack the heart of American symbolism and American owned property. This criminal has no authority to destroy the architecture and legacy historical monuments or buildings that are the property of the United States - NOT HIS. It is appalling that this mobster has defaced the People's House with apparent impunity. What is to stop him from tearing down the entire White House (or any memorial or other government / citizen owned building or property)? Apparently nothing. 'His own morality' ? He has none.

Please know the vast majority of the citizens of the United States are disgusted by this venal idiot ripping apart our irreplaceable national treasures and buildings. I am strongly against this 'modernization' project joke and believe the unfit president should be charged with a crime for vandalism of the White House. Enough is enough. I demand that his vainglorious nonsense be stopped cold by the National Capital Planning Commission. Are you American patriots with a sense of legacy and honor or are you adherents of Albert Speer? Grow a spine and stop this destruction before this lunatic opts to tear down the Mall in Washington D.C. and build a statue garden featuring only himself. This is beyond ridiculous. Stop This Man. I demand the East Wing fake project be rejected immediately and the process of restoring it to the original (pre-destruction date) design. I also think laws should be passed to hold those who mar or vandalize American treasures be banned from office and charged with a crime. Additional laws should be made that this moron (or future morons) have ANY authority to destroy at a whim American property.

While you are at it - remove his embarrassing name from the Kennedy Memorial Art Center ASAP. That is an insulting disgrace and it is difficult to believe you allowed it to happen. Are you just little sycophants serving your 'dear leader' or do you actually serve the PEOPLE of the USA over one temporary elderly goon currently in office? Grow a spine. Stop this nonsense immediately. Remove his disgraceful name from

everything he ever touched. Don't bow before a pedophile grifter. We expect your commission to honor the USA - are you worthy of that trust? Prove it. -
Very Sincerely,

Doug Harris
Gering, Nebraska

Date: 2/17/2026 10:03:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:03:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janelle Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. It is garish and out of scale with the current building. Although there may be funds for the construction of the ballroom (are there?), the US taxpayers will be paying for heating, air-conditioning, and maintenance of this huge space for the rest of our days. Moreover, the decor is not in keeping with the simple but elegant nature of the rest of our National buildings. Please secure some architects to lead the project and scale it back to a reasonable size.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project, but rather it is erasing the American history represented in the East Wing. As a lawful American citizen, I want this project cancelled, and The East Wing rebuilt according to the original design. To permit this project to go ahead, without penalizing those who

have broken the law, is an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M K
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Camp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, no ballroom; restore the East Wing as it was

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Sandberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300,000 on this renovation, which was initiated without going through the proper permits, authorization, or design review. Our history was destroyed in the process. I definitely do not support the construction of a huge ballroom addition that dwarfs the structure of the White House. I would like this project cancelled.
No one is above the law, and going ahead with this project is an afront to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Buehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since there was no planning permission sought or granted, and no congressional oversight of the budgeting process, I would like to see this project stopped and the East Wing restored to its former state. Any private moneys collected could go to the restoration of the East Wing.

Please restore American history.

Thank you for a your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Jameson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American Citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Lastowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for taking time to review this message. Since critics of Washington are sometimes apt to label politicians as "blowhards", I propose replacing the demolished East Wing of the White House with a design that incorporates a windmill of whatever design is most efficient and safe. This will save the government money by providing a renewable power option to the White House. In addition, it will serve the symbolic role of signifying that the occupants if the White House are always sensitive to "which way the wind is blowing", signifying their willingness to listen to the masses of people who would otherwise be lost in the storm of other powers attempting to influence the White House.

It is also acceptable if this structure ends up on the roof above other rooms with other functions, so long as the wind mill is a visible and recognizable symbol for decades to come.

As a bonus, if a rotating, tall, turbine-tower style is used, then the superstructure holding it could be strung with lights to resemble a holiday tree during winter months.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Brock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money, let alone $400 million, regardless of how the money is procured, on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is the People's House, and the people did not ask for its destruction. It is not a modernization, but a vanity project, and another example of the complete razing of American history and our National monuments. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loretta Gulley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The legality of Mr. Trump’s actions in directing the demolition of the White House East Wing are apparently open to debate. It seems to me that the National Park Service and the Congress have the responsibility and authority to approve or deny proposals and funding of any such plans. My objection to this “modernization project” is more basic. The White House does not belong to any president or first family. It belongs to the people of the United States. We are the enduring owners of this property recognized around the world.

We know its rooms and corridors. Its artwork. Its gardens. It’s west wing. And yes, even its east wing. We watched as generations of First Ladies inhabited those halls and rooms. And now all of that is gone. Overnight. With no notice and seemly little thought or regard.

I ask and urge that you stop further disrespect of the people’s house by denying any request by the Trump administration to proceed with its plans for building the abomination of a massive gilded ballroom that is

neither needed nor wanted. Tens of millions of Americans struggle to afford the most basic necessities of life. We can ill afford this price tag.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of an addition to the White House (aka: The People's House) that will dwarf the original building. The lack of prior permissions and permits only exacerbates the injury such a project would cause. The opaque "donation" scheme currently in place for funding screams "pay to play" and must be dismantled. If a ballroom were indeed needed, it should be designed to blend with the existing structure and be paid for from public funds. However, a rebuilding of the old structure is the best possible solution.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Greendale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to us and we allow the President to live there. He should have to repair the damage just as any tenant in rental property does. He had no right to tear down the building without due process.

Also, who is paying for the major retrofit to the bunker underneath the ballroom? That should not be separated from the conversation about what is being built on street side. Let's make sure that everybody's aware of everything and that all of the costs are considered. He has opened a can of worms, but he should not get away with it unscathed.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Bronson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Hoog
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Steve Hoog
Millstadt IL

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let the current White House administration have anything to do with the design and build of the East Wing. It should be designed as an extension of history and the White House. All modern updates do not need to be shown and, most importantly, should be elegance with decorum.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aubree Coats
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. Its design and appearance have been a symbol of the American presidency since its completion. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Aubree Coats

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kay Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to say that I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and it is not a modernization project. Instead, this project razes American history, a history which belongs to all of us and not just to the whims of whoever is temporarily in charge. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its

former design.

To have torn down a piece of the most key building in America is beyond shocking and both the building and protections for others like it must be restored.

Thank you for your support of our nation's history in physical form in our capitol.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I voted for our president and what he is bringing to the White House.

He will do an awesome job on this much needed addition useful by all subsequent administrations.

Greg Sullivan
Landscape Architect CA RLA #4307

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Wade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an historian, I was devastated to see the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House by its current occupant. The President of the US does not own the White House which is owned by the people of our great nation. Having lived in a historic house, anytime I wanted to do even the slightest change to the outside of my house (including add a fence, which was accepted and a garage door which was rejected as my old garage had not had one originally), I had to go to our city historic commission with the plans and get them approved before any work could be done. As a historic structure of national importance, the requirements to change the White House should be even greater as the President is only a resident and not an owner of the house. As a result, I request that the perpetrator of the destruction be fined and that the East Wing be restored to the structure as approved previously.
Thank you for taking into consideration the wishes and respect for history of one of the 340+ million owners of this national historic treasure, the citizens of these United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alisa York
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of us. This is the people's house - not the occupant's!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Stibich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million to build a ballroom. It was destroyed illegally and must be returned to its historic design

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Pflugrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing office. First of all, let's take care of health care, student debt and so many needy projects, not a vanity project for the pedophile. Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Scheuermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Members of the Commission: All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was unlawfully destroyed by the President. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem. Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess.
Respectfully submitted,
James E. Scheuermann, Ph.D.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. A piece of our history was illegally destroyed and the current proposed project should be also.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Heaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NOTICE:

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Thank You

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Mendes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: marla felber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, not the personal property of the President. It was designed in 1792 by architect James Hoban through a public competition initiated by George Washington. Its classical composition, with lower East and West wings, reflects Georgian and Neoclassical principles that emphasize balance, proportion, and restraint.

In 1997, the National Park Service issued design guidelines stating that the White House and President's Park are foremost a public trust and an essential part of the nation's heritage. Any changes to this historic site must respect its architectural integrity and symbolic importance.

The proposed project totals 90,000 square feet, including a 22,000-square-foot ballroom designed to accommodate 1,000 people. By comparison, the White House contains 55,000 square feet across multiple levels, and typical events in the West Wing host approximately 140 guests. The scale of the proposal is disproportionate and appears architecturally incompatible with the existing building.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation provide clear federal guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties, yet these standards have not been followed. New construction should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features—criteria this project does not meet. These principles have guided preservation of the White House since the 1792 public design competition.

There are serious concerns regarding massing, height, proportion, and overall design harmony. As a national and international symbol, the White House demands careful and responsible stewardship. It is central to the American story and represents the Republic and the values it stands for.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyndi Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not approve of the construction of the ballroom, it will be an eyesore. Destruction of the east wing should have never happened. It is erasing our history and putting a gaudy large ballroom in it's place.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karol Dondero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the white house east wing to the original design. No one is above the law. This president should not be allowed to destroy this great symbol of the United States of America.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colin McKinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was and Donald Trump should have to pay out of pocket for every penny of it.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Geerts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the construction of President Trump’s ballroom, for which there was no prior

authorization or review of any sort. This is a desecration of "The People's House." The East Wing should never have been razed, and should be restored in its entirety using the "donations" earmarked for said ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Setterbo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth McLaughlin-West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of the proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. The destruction was done without permission and without reference to the historical value of the building. The East Wing should be reconstructed the same size and the same size as the West Wing to maintain symmetry.

The reconstruction should be approved by the proper authority, not the deranged president who is suffering some psychological distress at this time, but paid by the President's fundraising.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol L Smock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of a large ballroom costing hundreds of millions of dollars. I also oppose such projects through private and corporate donations, which become a “pay to play” invitation. This encourages corruption. The East Wing of the White House, which was illegally destroyed without consultation of proper historic preservation agencies, must be restored. This historic and treasured building must be rebuilt with the guidance of the appropriate agencies.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Codrutza Popescu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern

Building this horrific Byzantine structure is not modernization, is history erasure.
Please do not approve this project, use the millionaires donations to build it back as it was because the White House belongs to the American people not to a transient person who happens to have the privilege to live there now.
If modernization is desired, ask the American People for approval and input.

Best Regards,
C. Popescu

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deirdre Carney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud citizen and taxpayer, I vehemently oppose this project to “modernize” the east wing of the White House. Clearly no effort was made to comply with existing guidelines or desires of the American people. This project is an offensive affront to all Americans. Destroying any part of our national history and the “people’s house” must be handled with care and consideration, not on the whim of a temporary lodger. This project must be stopped immediately and reevaluated under the guidance of a competent non-political committee that serves to preserve history and historic places. This current administration has forfeited any consideration in this process through its reckless actions and outrageous behavior.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Cheby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project. Moreover, I am outraged that this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than seeking to modernize, it has completely razed America history without regard for preservation or archiving of historical artifacts. I urge you to cancel this project and rebuild to restore the original East Wing. Additionally, since no one is above the law, there should be proper penalties for those who broke the law and destroyed public property without proper procedures and approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and those responsible for this travesty should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Lummus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this monstrosity. Since it is already torn down, please have it restored in a way that remains within the architectural design of the previous East Wing. The draft of the ballroom as designed is tasteless and , honestly, heartbreaking. How can that happen to a historic building? How did the destruction happen to such an important landmark,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Wakefield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this modernization to the White House. This project was undertaken without public input, and without going through the proper process and channels. I request that the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt exactly as it was and that no further construction take place at the people's house without public input and due consideration given to public input. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Patience
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East wing modernization project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a razing of American history. I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and homeowners who are accountable to such policies and procedures.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:55:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Armour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonya Loreman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merrilyn Trombly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Done without proper authorization and oversight. Using taxpayers money. Too too large a room!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Costanzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house and the current occupant is merely a guest. I disagree with the disfiguration of the White House and construction of a $300 million dollar ballroom. Taxpayers have had no input. Please stop the project and restore the entity to its past structure. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose replacement of the East Wing with a ballroom. It was done without proper authority. The building should be rebuilt as it formerly stood using those donated funds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Mobley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the renovation of the East wing to be stopped ! We need to preserve our national history . It saddens me that this was done without permits or public notice ! This is the people house not the any presidents and should have never been done without giving them a chance to make such a drastic decision !

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Name: Terry Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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DO NOT let Trump get away with demolishing the East Wing! Restore the exterior and modernize the interior, and require Trump to pay for it from his personal funds.

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Name: Bernadete Tuthill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Block
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the current unmoderated improper demolition of the east wing of the White House, the peoples house. I would very much like to see it, returned to its previous glory and historical detail. I would like to see the transitional area inspected for water damage and repaired. Thank you for this opportunity to comment that I was afraid I would never get.
With respect,
Laura Block, Cary, North Carolina

Date: 2/17/2026 9:53:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lee-Szymanski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so angry that Trump destroyed our beautiful White House East Wing. My preference would be that it be re-built and restored. We do not need a huge ornate ballroom attached to our White House.

If the ballroom is inevitable, I hope it will be proportionately sized and tastefully done. Limit the size. Limit the gold. Limit the garishness.

I do not share Donald Trump's taste in decor. I doubt that many Americans do. Please exercise some control over this monstrous project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merle Simonsma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing modernization and ballroom addition was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project cancelled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is unconscionable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Gerhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: East Wing of the White House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mitzy Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current president is a self-aggrandizing buffoon who breaks laws and flouts rules and conventions with the abandon of a three year old having a temper tantrum. The East Wing needs to be restored to it's former HISTORIC design. Trump should be prosecuted for destruction of public property and made to pay for the restoration out of his own pocket.

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Name: Janet Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all American citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the vandalism committed by our current administration that destructed the historical White House East Wing without Congressional approval and I also oppose the building of a ballroom, also not approved by Congress or the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Molyneux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely not okay with my tax dollars having been used to tear down the East wing of the White House. I absolutely am not okay with my tax dollars being used to build a gigantic tacky golden Ballroom

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aryt Alasti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Lester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Oliver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Svetlick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am from the DC area and spent many days in Washington visiting the National archives, monuments and flying kites. Even though many people buy and tear down buildings, the White House belongs to all of us rather than one of us. I was shocked to see the East Wing demolished without permission. It is as if they believed if they tore it down then we would accept a new design of a gigantic ballroom without being heartbroken. Compared to other nations, ours is still young and has such a rich history that has always been part of DC. I hope that the East Wing is rebuilt because it balanced the look of the Whitehouse, held so much history of our nation and is in fact considered a historic building. Please return it to its prior state or at least keep the footprint the same as it was before the bulldozers came in.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Estes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let this individual destroy our history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Whitehead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing breaks my heart. This is not indicative of the American spirit.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gaellen Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rules and regulations for historic preservation exist to protect the precious patrimony of the people of the United States and it is a travesty of the highest order, an insult and an injury to the people of this country that one, just one, temporary employee of our government (the current U.S. president) has unceremoniously destroyed part of our patrimony and feels entitled to decided what will be built in its place without input from any of the organizations or individuals charged with that sacred duty of protecting our heritage.

I trust that the Commission will safeguard our historic patrimony and make sure that no more damage is done.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Friedes-Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be halted until it is reviewed by NCPC and CFA and proves compliant with NEPA and receives Congressional approval.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Horzempa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Hager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing of the White House ("the peoples house") we done without proper (any) review, or thought. That this project proceeded without regard to the wishes of the owners (the people) demonstrates more than ignorance of the law; it demonstrates malevolent contempt for the owners (the people) at the hands of the occupants.
This cannot stand. The damage done to the structure is irreparable, and the harm to very political infrastructure that made "the peoples house" conceptually possible is immeasurable. No repair can be adequate. No apology deep enough to heal the wound.
And yet, it must be embarked upon. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to it condition as found on January 5th, 2025. The restoration must be undertaken with monies provided by the people of the United States so that in the future no private entity can lay claim to the people's property. Those responsible for the destruction must never be allowed to set foot in the restored East Wing, and their name must be completely expunged from any association with the peoples house from this point forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Vernon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Suzanne White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angelina Seha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Auldridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I don't care if the money comes from the ultra wealthy. That amount of money could certainly be used to help others or Some of those who have lost jobs or subsidies by this regime's attacks on all things done earlier.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Celeste Novak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The east wing should be restored to its original size and since it was illegally torn down it can be restored to meet necessary codes and security facilities.
The proposed building is too large and too expensive for the people's house.
Thank you for your consideration,
Celeste Novak FAIA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Zacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.
Sincerely,
Maria Zacher

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Mccammon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

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Name: Kimball Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom plan and propose that work be halted until consensus can be reached on a proper alternative.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARNEY PARKER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed addition to the White House is an abomination. Aside from ruining the neoclassical proportions, the metaphorical implications — i.e., where the entertainment wing overshadows the governing wing — only diminish America's seriousness. Please rebuild the wing as it was, and preserve both our taste and our heritage.

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Name: Ina Woolman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a shock and is still painful. As a part of our history, where many important events have taken place, it should only be rebuilt, not displaced. I strongly oppose the continuation of the damage to 'our' house, and urge stopping the construction of a ballroom. The only funds it would be appropriate to expend at this point would be to return the East Wing to its original, historic form. Thank you for considering our opinion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Massie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Claire OSullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Why should one person be allowed to destroy a public building that is part of American history and ultimately is owned by the PEOPLE. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respect the law!

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Beth Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of any money at all (much less 300 million) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alyson Rando
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House isn't a resort. It's a historic symbol of the country, and adding a ballroom is unnecessary, wasteful, and completely tone-deaf. Despicable!!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Burgener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Jolene Braden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christina Montrose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jolene Braden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amber Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of the source of funds, because it was initiated without the proper and legally required authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a publicly owned building and a piece of American history.

The skyline of DC will be egregiously spoiled by a structure of the proposed size juxtaposed against the historic White House, West Wing, and Executive Office Building.

The grounds, water table, and groundwater will be egregiously damaged by building a large underground bunker underneath. Keeping such a structure dry in an area with a water table very close to the surface will be a financial and infrastructure nightmare for the government bodies that will be responsible for repairing leaks and resulting damage and for the American taxpayers who will have to pay for it.

I want this project canceled, and the authorities who are now being ignored to be consulted on rebuilding the East Wing to its former design or a new design that is reviewed through the required legal channels.

Furthermore, I want the irresponsible guilty parties held accountable and charged with breaking the law.

No one is above the law in this country and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Ashworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has been instigated without proper approval. If it is completed as currently envisioned, it will be an eyesore to a historic building that belongs to all the citizens of our country. The White House deserves to be returned to its previous design. Any changes should be made with the careful consideration that the Peoples' House deserves. It isn't up to any one person to make these decisions.

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Name: Mike True
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not move forward in scope and design. The East Wing should be rebuilt to original specifications allowing for current building standards. Demolition was started without proper approval and permitting.
The cost to rebuild should fall squarely on the shoulders of the people that approved and signed the demolition contract.

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Name: Margene Holak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that this project was initiated and demolition of the existing structure was done without following the prescribed process to modify an existing federal structure. The plans should be submitted for appropriate review and approval to ensure that it does not overwhelm the rest of the White House building in either size or style as has been reported.

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Name: Tom Wyman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This illegal project must be stopped, and the East Wing of the White House rebuilt to its former specifications.

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Name: David Small
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending anything on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits,

or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the criminal who vandalized the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Milakovic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization" project, and I oppose spending $300 million on it. The razing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and this administration continues to appoint completely unqualified people to the review board. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. Consulting former First Ladies whose offices were in the East Wing would help ensure that any small redesigns could be incorporated, which certainly does not include a ballroom. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to all those who respect our history and follow our laws.

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Name: Elaine Hobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I feel those administrative official(s) who instigated this destruction of the East Wing be charged with privately paying for, or gathering private funds to pay for, this restoration to its historic architectural style but improved condition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Keith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE stop this horrendous atrocity happening to our White House and restore it to its former glory!

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Name: Ginger Bechtold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump cannot be allowed to destroy our history. He must be stopped. This is the People's House, not Trump's personal property.

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Name: Roberta Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Keagan Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The use of funds from individuals is inherently unconstitutional. This project undermines the separation of powers by circumventing the role of Congress in approving renovations to a historic landmark. The use of private founders also calls into question the president's ethical standards. Money given to procure favors from the President is not how this nation should run. The President is choosing to act on his own behalf not of the American people.

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Name: Stacy Mendell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which began without proper authorization, permits, or design review and will cost $300 MILLION. This is a complete erasure of American history. I ask that you cancel this project, and have the East Wing rebuilt and restored based on the former design. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to move forward without penalty would be a signal to Americans that some are above the law and history destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Astrid Bear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michael Leimbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, is out of scope, and oversized for the site. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. If there is a perceived need for more dinning space in the new East Wing, I could support a small breakfast nook.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerri Auyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We, the people, say no to a ballroom!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I object to this modernization project which is not modernizing at all but the revamping of a historic wing of the White House without prior plans, permits, or authorization. This absurdly costly ballroom which is pure excess in bad taste should be abandoned and the original structure rebuilt to again house government offices as previously done in the administrations prior to 2025. This is a waste of time, money, resources, and attention that need to be focused on current government critical issues that need to be resolved.

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Name: Deborah Unger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As it currently stands, in rubble, it is a complete erasure of a piece of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalty to those who broke the law in the first place, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and give further permission to the current occupant to continue in his reckless quest to reshape our history and historical artifacts.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Plante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in an historic district and know the responsibility we have to maintain our home according to the historic committee regulations. The president of the United States and his employees also knew the responsibility they had to the country's most valuable symbol of our roots. The company who demo'ed the East Wing also had to know they couldn't knock the building without approval - all construction companies have to know those regulations.

They deliberately didn't seek any approval. Their destruction of the East Wing should be a criminal offense. And they should have to replace it at their own expense.

The exterior should be rebuilt - as it was. If there is modernization required, that can be done on the interior. The WH doesn't need a monstrous ballroom that will dwarf the actual WH. The gaudy look that ballroom will bring to the WH would be shameful and completely unnecessary.

The character of the home should be retained - in perpetuity - and not changed to fit the whim of one occupant - it is the People's House, not one potus'.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Levalley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project entirely.
It looks as if the demolition was started without a permit, and without Design review which would be required for any project for any business in any city in the United States. This lawless disrespect of our White House should not be allowed to move forward. It is a waste of money and a disgrace.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bothell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Fudge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, preferably at the President's expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:32:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Pheneger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello;

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Tracy Pheneger

Date: 2/17/2026 9:33:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Tulloch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of this illegal project, the cost or anything about it. This is the complete razing of American history and the East Wing needs to be put back exact how it was. No one is above the law. The demolition of the people's house is egregious.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Moreland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, too, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I concur with another commentor that it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debby Mayberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing of the White House. The demolition was an illegal act and did not receive the approvals necessary to make any improvements let alone completely demolish valuable history.

It's appalling to the American people to see historic buildings, national parks, and other historic places being changed to fit the demands of a lawless administration.

We the people want to see the complete restoration of the East Wing and to preserve It's history for generations to come.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm so glad that the National Capital Planning Committee is involved and trust you to please make sure that White House aesthetic is maintained in our Capital. The plans that have been shown in the press seem extremely too large for the White House campus. Please make sure that the Trump/Vance administration isn't allowed to ruin the look of Washington, DC.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Levalley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project entirely.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:32 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the building of a "ballroom" at the White House, and the waste of however many millions will be spent doing. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of this country. The laws must be respected.d Stop the illegal ruination of our White House!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.This was horrifying and shameful
Ms. Karen Sullivan
California

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, NOT the President of the United States! No President should be able to knock down exterior walls without a vote of the PEOPLE. Since Congress no longer represents the people, we should have a vote on any of these current changes including having on the vote putting the East wing back the way it was and making Trump pay for it!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Beecher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After witnessing the embarrassingly unprepared presentation by the architectural firm now handling this so-called "modernization project" last month, I am even more convinced that this proposed building is an affront to its historic location and our shared American legacy. At an estimated cost of $300 million dollars, what are Americans getting that will represent our country in a deserving way? Nothing. What is proposed looks like a convention center wrapped in a rote Neoclassical gesture that a second-year architecture student might concoct. No amount of cornice alignment will help this monstrosity fit in the area for which it is proposed. It is astounding that it was not even designed prior to the destruction of historic East Wing. There was no vetting, no oversight, no approval, no respect given to the heritage of the White House and its East Wing until now, which seems late but better late than never. Clearly, the entire project is being driven by the unimaginative whims of a developer (the president) who has no sense of history, scale, materiality, or what it means to create a memorable spatial experience with effective sight lines and excellent acoustics. Why not accommodate large state dinners in an area of Washington D.C. that has the space for a cutting-edge venue; somewhere that might even benefit from the attention and focus? Why shoehorn a bloated facility where it can't possible honor the Classical principles of hierarchy and fitness?

That this project is allegedly funded privately is irrelevant. The White House belongs to the American people and its grounds are part of our shared history. Yes, it has evolved, but within reason and with oversight and a process that does not "demolish first and figure out what to build later." If we need a large contemporary venue for state dinners and ceremonial events, build it away from the Mall and do it right… without a convoluted entry sequence and a ridiculous covered walkway. It is the committee's responsibility to stand up for good design by saying NO to this ridiculous proposal. I hope that the president's appointees have some concern for their own legacies and reputations. An improved rendition of the former East Wing (complete with a 21st century bunker) is the only appropriate addition to this site after what has been done.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dena Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this administration's bad faith actions to construct an unnecessary and un-permitted White House ballroom when there are so many budgetary needs to help keep community members from falling into insurmountable debt, ill-health, and worse. I support the following message:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Macias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxann Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of the $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorizations, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing
rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap to all the law-abiding citizens in America.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ethel Wolvovitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated by the destruction of The East Wing. Any reconstruction should meet the guidelines of the NCPC and should not be subject to the taste or whims of our president. The East Wing should be of a size that suits the rest of the building; and the inside of the building should be tasteful. It should not be gold-leafed. The White House is the American people's house. It shouldn't look like a Baroque building in Vienna. The Rose Garden should also be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharada GILKEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Steiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the modernization project that began without any concern for process, planning, permits or other authorization. The White House is the people's house and no occupant should ever be allowed to destroy it in the manner taken by President Trump. Even if he himself were to pay for it all, which should not be allowed. The conflicts of interest and potential briberies are concerning. So much

history was ignored and quite frankly, treated with total disregard and disrespect in this uncalled for destruction. It was an act of betrayal. All persons and contractors who went ahead and tore down the wing must be held accountable and prosecuted for any violations. It does not matter who was willing to fund this project. We are a democratic republic. An acting "mob boss" does not get to give legitimacy to crazed destruction of our history. He is a temporary occupant. We the people must have a voice. Historical preservation, and hopefully proper asbestos removal were completed prior to the excavators' tear down. Please rebuild the same footprint. Bigger is not always better. This travesty must be put right. As a tax payer, I expect professionalism in planning, historical preservation and exceptional quality in workmanship and architectural integrity. Please be sure all who work to restore our House are paid the wages as required for government contracts. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marji Lasky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Donnelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was started without proper approval. It is the people's house and proper approval and plans should have been submitted Tearing the East Wing down in this manner because he "needed a ballroom" is beyond ridiculous. Please do not allow this to continue

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom obliterates United States History. The cost is onerous to me and the people of the United States of America. There was a total lack of regard for the necessary permits and the history of the White House. I propose that the East Wing of the White House be restored to its previous historic presence. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Apacible-Holm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending millions of dollars to "renovate" the east wing. Demolition was started without following protocols and procedures. The White House belongs to the people and not any one President. Therefore, it needs to be restored to how it was and Trump should be billed for ALL EXPENSES!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Alexopoulos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the destruction of this historic wing of the White House which was allowed to occur without input or permission of the proper granting authorities. It is mind boggling to me that this is one more thing where this administration ignores proper protocol and procedure. In the end it will be the citizens of the USA not “private donors” who will end up footing the bill for this travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Swindells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Catherine Keppler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgiann Toole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the sake of the current president's ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Pinckney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Malters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was undemocratic and without precedent that the East Wing was demolished with NO notice and NO public consultation. This is a moral harm, since the White House belongs to the American people, many of whom were horrified to see the East Wing demolished with no notice or public input. The American public did not ask for and does not want a ballroom that dwarfs the White House and to which the public will have little to no access.

I urge the commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hughws
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened that the historic east wing has been torn down. I DO NOT want a ballroom for millionaires. I want the historic east wing re-built as it was, with only modern utilities and energy upgrades. This should NOT be paid for by taxes either. Trump tore it down illegally, and needs to use the private funds to rebuild it

as it was.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:36:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the modernization of the White House East Wing. The demolition process did not follow lawful historic preservation guidelines. It needs to be restored and preserved.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:36:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tania West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

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Name: Wes Millar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gail Osgood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called “East Wing Modernization” project. This proposal is not modernization — it is the demolition of a historic structure to make way for a donor-funded vanity project. Allowing wealthy individuals to bypass required authorization, permits, and design review undermines historic preservation law and sets a dangerous precedent: that money can override public process. The East Wing belongs to the American people, not private benefactors. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its original design in accordance with the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Kella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its original beauty. It does not need to be modernized as it is a part of our country’s history. And especially because the plan was not submitted to the proper authorities for certification.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Summer Sun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Manzey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization project. It is a project designed to convert the "House of the People" into Versailles-style, gold-plated convention hall. This project was illegally conceived as an ego project (and will pass from the scene) and does NOT represent the vast majority of people of the United States. As a voting citizen of modest means, like the majority of citizens, I believe the over-wrought design of the Ballroom is an embarrassment! STOP this project! Rebuild the East Wing tastefully, within the confines of the design elements of other traditional structures.
A concerned citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:34:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Swindells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Feel free to use any of my commentary that I submitted earlier today as a starting point!

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Chance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a disgrace and a disservice to all citizens of this nation to enable the destruction of “the People’s House” to glorify a vanity project. At what point in history did the American taxpayers request such renovation? For what purpose? Surely greater men have been well served by the White House as it has stood for decades. It is deplorable to witness history being obliterated as the White House is continuously subjected to reckless gaudiness by this administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:34:33 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Lee Lee Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Until last year the White House , with its wings, had been a graceful structure showing the research, planning, and bi-partisan passion to protect and extend its use for future generations. Perempotorily destroying the East Wing without warning was a travesty and stained a record of House Stewardship.

Aesthetically, the proposed ballroom would look awkward and its size overshadow the White House which should always be the focal point on the grounds. If needed, such a facility could be built off-site and serve as a large party site for all federal services.

I urge the commission to commit to rebuilding the East Wing to keep the symmetry of the two wings with the House in the center. During the Truman years the architects had time to methodically rebuild the White House. You may not have that ability, but no doubt there is a wealth of plans you can use.

And, yes, I am a White House history groupie. I watched Mrs. Kennedy give the televised tour, I trooped through it as a ninth grade Minnesota Girl Scout, and I have watched The Residence twice on NetFlix.

Please, no ballroom, only a rebuilding of the East wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Bugni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Lundin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment – Response to the Proposed White House Ballroom and East\u8209 -Wing Demolition

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the planned $400\u8239 million ballroom addition to the White House and the accompanying demolition of the historic East Wing. After reviewing the recent renderings and the surrounding circumstances described in the press coverage, I have three primary concerns that I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to consider before the March\u8239 5

hearing.

1. Irreversible Heritage Loss

The East Wing is an integral part of the White House complex, embodying decades of architectural history and presidential legacy. The renderings show a massive 90,000\u8239 sq\u8239 ft structure built level with the mansion, a scale that would visually dominate and fundamentally alter the historic silhouette of the nation's most iconic residence. Even if select elements—cornerstones, colonnade columns, chandeliers—are "meticulously preserved," the loss of the original fabric and spatial context cannot be recovered. Historic preservation standards require that any intervention retain the character\u8209 -defining features of a landmark; this proposal runs counter to that principle.

2. Questionable Cost and Funding Transparency

A $400\u8239 million price tag for a ceremonial ballroom, financed by a consortium of private donors and corporations, raises serious fiscal accountability questions. While the administration claims the project is "on budget and ahead of schedule," there is no publicly available, independent cost\u8209 -benefit analysis. Large\u8209 -scale demolition and new construction typically generate hidden expenses (environmental remediation, security upgrades, long\u8209 -term maintenance) that can far exceed initial estimates. Given competing national priorities, allocating such a sum to a luxury venue demands rigorous scrutiny and justification.

3. Lack of Genuine Public Oversight and Broad Opposition

The rapid removal of the renderings from the NCPC website, the appointment of political allies to oversight bodies, and the initiation of demolition before any formal review all signal a circumvention of established procedural safeguards. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has already filed a federal lawsuit, and the public outcry—amplified by media outlets such as CNN—demonstrates widespread concern. Proceeding without transparent, inclusive deliberation would undermine public trust in the very commissions tasked with protecting our heritage.

Recommendations

Pause the Project – Issue an immediate stay on demolition and construction until a comprehensive historic\u8209 -impact assessment is completed by an independent preservation authority.

Conduct an Independent Financial Review – Require a detailed, publicly disclosed audit of the projected costs, funding sources, and long\u8209 -term fiscal implications.

Facilitate Meaningful Public Participation – Hold open hearings, solicit written comments, and provide full access to all project documents—including the "East Wing Modernization" rendering package—so that stakeholders can evaluate the proposal on an informed basis.

Explore Less Intrusive Alternatives – Consider adaptive reuse of the existing East Wing or modest interior renovations that preserve the historic envelope while meeting functional needs, thereby avoiding the irreversible loss of heritage.

The White House is not merely a working office; it is a living monument to our nation's democratic history. Any alteration of its fabric must be approached with the utmost respect for preservation standards, fiscal responsibility, and democratic oversight. I respectfully request that the NCPC give full weight to these concerns and act to protect the integrity of the White House for current and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:34:19 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Monserrate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Donato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Shahan
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. It was torn down without any of the oversight that was legally required. The giant ballroom is a vanity project and one we don't need

Date: 2/17/2026 9:33:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Merrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Mak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the ballroom at the White House and support stopping the project and rebuilding the east wing as it was before. The administration had no right to initiate this project without going through proper channels and conferring with the people. It is the peoples' house and should not be treated so cavalierly. The White House'sHouse is a symbol of our democracy and a symbol of the comings and goings of each who have been elected to serve their people. The current resident does not believe or support the values of a democracy and therefore should be prevented from doing any further damage to this cherished building.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bo Breda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called modernization of the East Wing of the White House is merely another attempt by the incompetent current president of our country to leave his mark on whatever he touches, while obliterating historical evidence of the past.

Disgusting and sad.

I am a retired college professor who taught Design, Graphics, Textiles and Art History. I am, therefore, someone to whom the history of art and architecture in our culture is of prime importance.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Beebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The citizens of the United States were not given to chance to offer comment regarding the destruction of the East Wing, and no effort was made to gather design and / or restoration information or input. This was a missed opportunity to allow historians, artisans, and Americans to preserve, protect and advance historical preservation goals. I am against any plan or design that was not chosen as part of a public submission process or that does not advance preservation goals.

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Name: Kathi & Thomas Krankoski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. We want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Every attempt should be made to recoup incurred expenses from the person responsible for this travesty upon our country, Donald J. Trump.

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Name: Sarah lamance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ronald TAKEUCHI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cease and desist this illegal and unwanted destruction and remodel/modernization of the White House!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Showalter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to express my opposition to the ballroom that has been suggested. I was horrified looking at the ruins of the East Wing, especially knowing that it was not authorized in any way. The proposed ballroom will distract from the beauty of the White House, and the construction is a total waste of money, regardless of who might pay for it. I would suggest that the East Wing be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: sarah seidel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled and the East wing restored. This project did not follow the proper channels & cannot be allowed to continue. It's an affront to the history of the "people's house".

Date: 2/17/2026 9:32:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William McSherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to preserve history for our country, our children, grandchildren, and their grandchildren, among others. I find the destruction of the East Wing of OUR White House without any reviews or consent to be criminal and reprehensible. The proposed monstrosity of a building is ugly, ostentatious, and totally inappropriate for the architecture of the classical White House.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

PLEASE STOP THE CRIMINAL DESTRUCTION and RESTORE THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: jennifer lorenz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this should not be name “modernization” project but rather “destruction” project.

how shameful that this was undertaken without proper vetting. No president before the current one is on record saying “we need a gigantic ballroom”. It is a horrific waste of time, funding, and will be an absolute eyesore.

how tragic that we have an administration that does not care about historic preservation.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Boyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to ask you to halt any further work on the East Wing Modernization Project. This house belongs to us, the American people, and it is so terribly important that any changes fit into the historical context and aesthetic of the original White House. I do not believe that the current plans show the respect that the White House deserves. Any modernization should be a well-thought out and carefully planned project and I don’t trust the current administration has acted in good faith and respect for the “people’s house.” Please exercise your power to stop this project before it’s too late.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ami Layton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane McElwee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building this large ballroom. It greatly overpowers the white house appearance and removes the balance the East Wing provided.
Additionally, I don't appearance that the people's house, which makes it 'my house' was partially demolished and redesigned without prior input or approval.

I would like the East Wing restored and designs for a more scalable ballroom presented for formal review and approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Fraser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a colossal waste of money and time. It is breathtaking to think how quickly the walls were torn down in the name of “modernization” for an unneeded gold ballroom for a convicted felons ego. The history destroyed in the name of one man’s attempt to have a legacy when his name will go down in history as a grifter. That’s all he knows — destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Pogorzelski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the historical East Wing. I want to see the East Wing restored to the condition it was in prior to the authorized destruction and it must be historically accurate. I want Donald Trump found financially responsible for the cost of demolition and restoration of the East Wing. He should also be charged with destruction of property and punished to the fullest extent allowed by law. Thank you.

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Name: Deborah Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Hazen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House is part of our national heritage; it was not Donald Trump's to destroy. Do not reward his lawless behavior by permitting him to build this unauthorized abomination of a ballroom for his own self-aggrandizement. Require the Trump administration to rebuild the East Wing as it was before Trump demolished it.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove. The loss of our East Wing is heartbreaking and contrary to the law. Please stop the process. Oversite to ensure compliance with the law is needed. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The decimation of the East Wing of the People's House is disgusting and was done with NO permissions. The people of the US paying for its modernization is ridiculous and I do not support it. The East wing should be recreated exactly as it was before razing it and paid for out of Donald Trumps pocket!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Cauwels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Hafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the unlawful demolition of the historic East Wing . The president and his administration are not above the law. We need to hold them all accountable for this blatant dismissal of procedure and permitting. FDT

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Diozzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to object to the massive addition to our treasured White House. While I do believe that there should be an indoor accommodation for large events such as state dinners, in no way should a room built for this purpose be out of scale with the rest of this building. And it doesn't need to be. The White House belongs to all of the American people, and there's no way that one perso, even a president, n should determine its needs without consultation from a wide range of interested parties. Please see that any renovation is done in a way the conforms to historic tradition. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julee Hilderman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not condone the spending of $300 million on this project which was steamrolled through by Trump

without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a project which razes American history and diminishes the White House. It is yet another project to satisfy Trump's ego and not a somewhat larger ballroom. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law in even beginning it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.The president is not above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely horrified at the teardown of the East Wing and the plans for a big ugly ballroom vanity project for the current president. He has absolutely no respect for the history of our country and demolishing the East wing is another example of how he is trying to rewrite history. I dont believe for a minute that this is 100% privately funded. The fact that this was done before any approvals is criminal and disrespectful to US citizens. He should be forced to halt construction and reconstruct the East wing. The ballroom is grotesque.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Bentley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Aimee Eckmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a historical landmark that was razed illegally for dubious purposes. It should be restored to its original design with any practical modern additions, and the people responsible for its destruction should be barred from any future proposals.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Mergener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renita Boothe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please disallow any more destruction or improvements of the White House by the current administration. It has shown disregard for the sanctity of the structure, and a lack of input from the public. There should be severe punishment for the person that authorized the East Wing demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Theiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this “ballroom” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The so-called modernization is completely out of scale with what remains of the existing building, which is a monument to America. The new wing is a monument to one person’s ego. Stop it now!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction and desecration of the people’s house. I am appalled by the amount of money being spent on a ballroom project that hasn’t been approved by the proper authorities —it is an abhorent misuse of funds—self-indulgent Trumpian folly with little benefit for the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO to the Trump monstrosity of a ballroom. Restore the Wast Wing to the original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mendy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at the demolition of the East Wing to build a ballroom. The East Wing needs to be restored to its previous design and the ballroom idea scrapped. I would hope that those who illegally demolished it will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. The White House is not trumps personal property to do with as he wishes.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:24 PM
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Name: Karl Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHRISTY ROGERS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House East Wing should be restored as it was pre-demolition. The US does not need an over-sized, over- priced, over gilded ballroom reminiscent of the robber barons' mansions. All monies spent to demolish, or "donated" for the "ballroom" to be constructed, should be published with a clear trail as to who made the donation and any relations they may have to anyone associated with the government, any cabinet members or their companies/relatives, anyone associated in any manner with anyone or anything in the Trump Org/families. Further, all contractors hired, consulted, already paid, or on contract should disclose any and all ties to the government, the donors of said monies, the family members/in-laws of any government employees/advisors/volunteers/consultants/elected officials/Trump Org companies or family members. Additionally any contracts signed for future rebuilding of the East Wing need to be voided and set for bidding.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:21 PM
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Name: Douglas Mulvaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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As someone who has been involved in historic preservation and served on the City of Elkhart Historic and Cultural Preservation Commission, the proposed design goes against all design standards for historic buildings. The proposed Ball Room is totally out of proportion to the existing building and does not match the style and character. I strongly oppose this.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Rachles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans".

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Klopp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm going to assume this is the demolition of the East Wing and the building of that grotesque and unnecessary ballroom. Given all the issues facing our country today, this is the very LAST thing this commission should be spending time on! At a horrendous cost of $400 million at last count, this is on a par of Marie Antoinette telling the French people "let them eat cake!" People are struggling to put food on the table and a roof over their heads and you're discussing this?!?!? Please don't approve this boondoggle! And focus on what really matters.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Carole Klopp

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Keefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which does not have the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an immortality project for an enormous ego. The design plans are an abomination to the cultural and aesthetic designs of the federal areas of Washington, D.C. The East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project has violated the law from the start and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:52 PM
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Name: Ruth Descoteaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Casi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the millions of dollars proposed to spend on this project. The president tore down a historic wing of the people's house without any plan at all and most importantly without authorization. I want this project canceled, and he must pay to rebuild the East Wing. He is not above the law and his vanity projects must be stopped. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Myres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing rebuilt and put back to order. Nobody is above the law and destroying our history and culture with no due process/ checks and balances is against the very foundation which America built on. Please restore the wing to its former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerilyn Bliss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose everything about this project. It is illegal. It is unwanted. It is obscene. It has not followed the established process because all involved knew it would not be approved. We do not need an everlasting reminder of how this administration thumbed its nose at the American people, trampled on the Constitution , and did its darnedest to destroy democracy. We the people own the people's house and we are ready to cease, desist and evict.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replacing the East Wing is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Gere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolishing the historic East Wing of the White House without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight clearly violated the law. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it. No president owns the property or its buildings.
"The president broke not only laws but also the trust of the American people.
"I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require any reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain it historic design and size. Anything built on the demolition site must match the style of the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and it must be subordinate in size
"I urge, further, that any reconstruction be funded only with appropriations from Congress and that no private money be allowed for this project. The American people own the land, not any one president or any corporation seeking to buy favor. Do not reward a lawless president.
"If Congress does not approve funding, and if a design keeping with the building's historical character cannot be achieved, the land should be left vacant.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To call this a modernization project is a slap in the face of history! This is nothing but pure destruction of a landmark property. This building does not, and never will, belong to any one person. Any changes to it must be carefully thought out and approved according to law. Damages, unauthorized repairs, must be paid for in total by the person that ordered the work. Fines against the company that carried out the work are also appropriate. No care was taken to protect the environment from the asbestos in the air or that left behind.

This country does "need" a ballroom! The inappropriate size of what is proposed is ridiculous and totally out of proportion to the rest of the White House. The demolition was NOT done legally or professionally and we, the People, lost so much that can never be replaced.

Have we not learned from all the ugly buildings built in the 1960's, only to already be torn down?? Beautiful brick buildings with ugly sterile fronts added on are now being restored to their original glory - but THIS wing is gone!!!

There was absolutely no reason to destroy the wing except a narcissist wanting to put his stamp on the world. It was done with no appreciation for history, no taste, no consideration for law or the proper way to proceed.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing and creation of a cold, soulless and massive building that is unnecessary are wrong. The new, unapproved new building is hideous. Pres. Trump's underhanded way of creating this monstrosity is illegal. The project must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Makar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing restored to completely look like it did before tRUMP demolished it.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patsy Rush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "modernization" project. A portion of a historical building was defaced/demolished without any thought or concern for a building that belongs to the United States, not just the person who is privileged to live there. Please stop this gross misuse of power and preserve the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Perez-Bastian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Landon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve the proposed ballroom. It does not fit with the White House. It's embarrassing large, and totally inappropriate.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Hagstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stole this comment from someone else, but it says everything very well: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Demaree
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly object!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Henthorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing @ our Presidential Home should have never been demolished without proper orders/contract(s) or licenses. Our current President should restore it with the funds he received to build whatever he was planning.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:22 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I greatly oppose spending $300 million on the ‘‘EAST WING MODERNIZATION’’ project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, a vanity project initiated by the current resident and an offensive misuse of taxpayer dollars. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Roeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Pacini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Van Dam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was started without the proper authorization, permits or review. It has destroyed a part of the White House (the People's House) and is not an improvement but a denigration of a national treasure. A ballroom is not necessary, costs too much and was started without permission. Please restore the East Wing to it's original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Wack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Veach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let Trump's illegal, tasteless, garish ballroom destroy the architectural integrity of the White House. It is an embarrassment to this nation that will have to be demolished by the next president anyway. Don't let him build it in the first place.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Springall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Guilfoyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored. Our history should not be erased. Razing it was unconscionable.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosanne Couston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project.

It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I am requesting that this project be canceled and that the Wing be restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American People.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth LaGro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the use of $300 million for this project. It has no proper authorization. It has no proper permits. It has no design review. It is not a modernization project but is a project built on the destruction of OUR history and the beautiful East Wing of the White House, which is OUR house, not the President's house. I would ask that money be instead be used to rebuild the East Wing of the White House as it was, and restore all the furnishings and history that was housed there. I am in hope that everything that was inside that Wing before it was destroyed without any approval, was safely secured and can be returned. The current President is not the Law and he can not decide what happens to a place that he does not own. The White House is the People's House, and the People do not want a gawdy, monstrous ball room. Please stop this project now.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Verna Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the spending of $300 MILLION on this project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete RAZING of AMERICAN HISTORY. I want this project CANCELLED NOW, and the Historic East Wing REBUILT and RESTORED to its FORMER DESIGN. No one, and I mean No One including Donald Trump, is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, meaning Donald Trump, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This White House is the Peoples House, not his house to do whatever he wants. I oppose this.
Thank you, Verna Nelson

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The shocking demolition of the East Wing of the Whitehouse, completed without permits, authorization or reviews, is an affront to all Americans, living and dead. It is a perfect metaphor for what Trump is doing to our country--our country, our Whitehouse, our history, not his. He is not above the law unless we allow him to be. If the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Capital Planning Act. mean anything at all, they must be enforced now. Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing to its former design. Please prevent more kamikaze attacks on our Whitehouse and the resulting tacky, oversized monuments to this nearly incomprehensibly insecure man.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Luchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is not something most American citizens want or need.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I utterly oppose this tearing down of a historic, beautiful building. It should be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am referring to the ballroom project (if East Wing Moderization is the misleading title).

This ballroom is too big and too expensive! I believe the taxpayers will be stuck with a lot of the expense.

No person has the authority to make such a huge modification to the White House. This is the people's house and nothing should distract from its symbolism.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luz Barizo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Wolak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the very nature of this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits, review of the design. It is not a modernization project but rather an elimination of American history in service of one man's ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No president should be allowed to so substantially change our historical buildings by fiat.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project" is a misnomer. The East Wing was obliterated without oversight, comments, consideration or permits, so that the out-of-control individual known as the President of the United States could do whatever he wanted. Who knows what that actually is. I am a Permit Expeditor, someone who assists developers, contractors, insurance companies or others process building permits. I have to go through the Planning, Building, and sometimes the Fire departments just to put up a trash enclosure around a dumpster. It is inconceivable that anyone could just order up demolition equipment and tear down a piece of the US White House with no process, and no consequences.Even at this late phase, this action should not stand. Any assertion that we need to keep building a ballroom "for the security of the country" is ludicrous and suspect. Secure whatever needs to be secured, and take the appropriate time and steps to restore the structure faithfully and properly.

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Name: Linda Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: David Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Locke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of this historic part of the building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Heather Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leslie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynne Abraham-Yadlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Audrey Mock-Slaughter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: odile birsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building is NOT trump's private property. It belongs to the AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE have to decide what should be done. We don't want a tacky, tasteless building without architectural value and style.

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Name: Jessica Eidem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Ostendorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the president's plan to replace the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom. The East Wing holds historical significance to the contributions of First Ladies who have helped shape their spouse's administrations, often leading their own initiatives to make the United States a happier, healthier, and more inclusive place to live and raise families. The White House belongs to the people, and the president is a time-limited occupant of our house. Therefore, no president should make significant changes to the people's house without receiving proper permission. The planned ball room will overshadow and dwarf in size the other buildings that make up the White House complex. The East Wing should be reconstructed to restore the place that honors and serves the spouse of the president and in a size and scale that is aesthetically proportional to the White House itself.

Thank you,
Sandy Ostendorf
Ankeny, Iowa

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Name: Teri Redding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Letha Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Letha Welch

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Name: Suzanne Dovi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly and unequivocally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ca Courtney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to voice my opposition to creating a monstrous sized ballroom in the area that once was the East Wing of the White House. The destruction was done illegally and with no regard to the feelings and sentiments of the American public. None of my acquaintances have ever expressed a desire for an ornate

ballroom as part of the White House.

In addition, the projected $300 million price tag is unjustifiable and simply wasteful.

I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt in such a manor as to restore the integrity of this historic building, making such improvements as increased insulation, energy saving windows, etc; changes that add value but do not change the aesthetic of the original structure.

I trust that you will take my opinion into serious consideration.

Respectfully,

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Name: Scott Spiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joan Maciag
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Malicki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately the East Wing has been demolished without permission or consultation. Please, ensure that

both the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Planning Commision oversee all design, construction, and supervision. The beauty of the White House and the East Wing MUST be placed under the leadership of knowledgeable historic professionals and architects
to ensure that these efforts are not the reflection of one person who only has grandiose visions to reflect his personal tastes. This is the PEOPLE'S house. It does not belong to a president. He is not entitled to destroy and rebuild on a whim.
Please gain control of this project and see that it is done historically and aesthetically correct!
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Rasmussen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose what the president has done and is doing to the East wing. He is destroying history. He's acting without authorization. I do not believe it's legal. It must be stopped and restored to its original design immediately. This is a crime against all of America. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden and unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a desecration of one of the most significant historical and architectural icons belonging to We The People. To see it ripped apart by a fleet of bulldozers, without discussion or permission from the owners, has caused horror and revulsion across America.

Because Donald Trump is the criminal who has done this, Donald Trump must be barred from any planning of the replacement structure. He must, however, be mandated to pay for it from his personal resources. This is mandatory.

Also mandatory is for the East Wing to be in harmony with the size and style of the rest of the building that he hasn't destroyed yet. It must serve the interest of The People, must facilitate the work of the Executive and must reflect the egalitarianism that is foundational to the United States.

When George Washington so famously refused a monarchial title, choosing "Mr President" instead, he set the country firmly away from emulating the aristocratic model of Europe and emphasizing the president's status of equality with every other American (man). A ballroom is a stupid waste of space, meant for special occasions and easily accommodated by temporary structures. The Common Man does not hold galas. The renewed East Wing should have no gilt, no frescoes, no marbled pillars. And it must provide space for the day to day work of bettering the nation which is the very purpose of the White House itself.

The president is not made more effective by building superfluous entertainment spaces like theaters, gymnasiums, greenhouses, barrooms or, yes, ballrooms. These are not integral to serious government on behalf of all Americans. It should not resemble the flourishes that typify buildings that were meant to admit and serve only the elites of foreign countries, It must exemplify American values and our shared

responsibility for the work that supports our common good. Office spaces including an area sufficient to support the First Spouse, improved culinary facilities to encourage good nutrition, child care space for the children of White House workers and to serve as a reminder of the future generations for whom current decisions are being made, perhaps a visitors' area to understand how the White House functions in the People's interest and the changing needs and facilities over time.

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Name: Jennifer Jerome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Donna Gale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To tear down the east wing of the White House to fulfill a president’s personal ego is beyond belief. Also, without consulting Congress or getting an impact study done is just outrageous. This president is trying to build his own legacy instead of helping the country with, inflation, healthcare, affordable housing, etc. He knows once he’s gone, no one is going to name anything after him. He has been. the worst president in the history of the United States of America. So he’s making sure he puts his mark on things, like a cat spraying their territory.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jeanette becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep the White House “The People’s House”. A place the citizens can be proud of and visit. A Ballroom does not fit that mission. Please address the issue of the President overstepping his authority and return to following the rules set for making changes to the White House and other federal properties. Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Ebel-Nuwayser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed this vanity project of President Trump and the $400 million budget for it. The project was was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The current design plans will overwhelm the White House and its grounds and will, as the National Trust for Historic Preservation has stated, "permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings." This project should be halted until it can be authorized and redesigned via the proper channels to create a space that respects the historical significance of the White House grounds and the practical needs of the staff and executive branch.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McNaughton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of an unauthorized ballroom. The money donated for this project should be used to rebuild the east wing as it was when trump took office.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gammons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart was broken when I saw that the beloved, historic, and irreplaceable East Wing was being demolished. That is not Donald Trump's property to raze; it belongs to the American people. I would like to see it rebuilt and refurnished as close as possible to the original. I would like Donald Trump to personally pay for all of the reconstruction.
We don't need a fancy ballroom for the wealthy to schmooze around in at taxpayer's expense.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Watching the destruction of the People's House made me physically ill. It should have never happened, but now that it has it is time to stop it in its tracks and restore the East Wing as designed. We do not need billionaire "sponsors" aka BRIBES to be involved in this building. I OPPOSE ANY AND ALL "IMPROVEMENTS" that this Administration plans, as every single action by them is corrupt, illegal, and an underhanded attempt at grifting.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shoshana Milovsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Hillery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Hofmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Cetron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wingto its original size and scale. Does not need to be gilded. My family is part of the preservation of the Declaration of Independence and the plate by Stone appropriately preserved and displayed. Please treat the West Wing with the same respect

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Beyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary J Harvill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Along with countless other U.S. citizens, I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Sally Bull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Goforth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Reigelsberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn WOOD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: REBECCA SHAW
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans to build a huge ballroom, dwarfing the White House and not in keeping with the architectural style of the White House, should not be approved. This is an egregious breach of policy and protocol.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianah Dulany
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leslie Whinery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dolores Montano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 Million on a project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt as historically possible to the former design. The National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I believe we need clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. Private donations to fund this vanity project are bribes. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. It's the People's House so our voices should be heard. I can't even describe the sickening feeling I had when the bulldozers razed the East Wing.

Thank you,
Dolores

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Orell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched in horror as the entire history of the East Wing was demolished in less than 3 days by Donald Trump. This destruction was not permitted, authorized or cleared through any government or state offices to occur. The destruction was just a wreckless plundering of a historical landmark.
The East Wing which I myself have visited was the entrance through which visitors entered for tours at the capitol. It was the center of the events for visiting dignataries and the offices of all the former presidents' wives (excluding Melania who decided she didn't want to be a first lady). The entire history of the white house has been destroyed.

Through the public information available, there were no movers in the East Wing prior to it's destruction. The contents have simply dissapeared!

Where are:
1. The records, files and documents that were housed here
2. The artwork and historical statues that were previously located here
3. The historical furnishings that filled the East Wing
No one seems to have any concern of all the contents that were previously housed in the East Wing! These need to be found, accounted for and preserved. If they even still exist. From watching the East Wing bulldozers it looked like all the contents were stil in the East Wing at the time it was destroyed.

On a separate but critical note:
FUNDS:
Donald Trump has continued to accept funds from major businesses and individuals in the US and abroad for the new "ballroom" he wants to build in place of the East Wing.
1. WHERE ARE THOSE FUNDS?
2. Who has control of those funds?
3. Are they in an interest bearing account?
4. Under what "agreement" or "contract" were those funds "given" or transferred?
5. What is owed to those individuals and businesses that sent funds for the new "ballroom?"
6. Have some of the funds sent in for the "ballromm" been spent already?
7. Who is tracking the spending of the funds sent in under the premise they are for a new "ballrom?"
8. Who is tracking who gave funds and how much did they give?

- I oppose the spending of ANY FUNDS on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The "ballrom" project was not a "modernization" project but rather a complete razing of American history.
- I want this project canceled
- I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law!
Permiting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

STOP THE BALLROOM. STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA!

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Name: Amy Hendrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heidi Astrella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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People in the US are held accountable by laws and the disrespect and disregard to rules and laws by this administration is unacceptable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Behny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Acuna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House east wing prior to any review is concerning. Our historical buildings deserve our respect. It is apparent there had been no appropriate submission of plans or even a reasonable explanation of any need for this destruction. I submit this unauthorized construction should be condemned and not allowed to go forward.
Sincerely

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Haupert-Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Davenport
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see historical sites regulations followed, a restoration project should be scheduled instead. Please regard the physical limitations known to engineering in regards to discrepancies between architects comments and mock ups submitted by white house with out any calculations to support such ambitions. Please account for every square inch of labor and materials in the plans to the proposed budget.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shane King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't make updates to my bathroom without getting proper permits. I feel as though this whole East Wing project was done below board. Additionally, the East Wing ballroom project distracts from the historic White House and the entire White House campus. Finally, I am opposed to using funds, private or taxpayer, to create this unneeded addition to the people's house. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: michelle williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should in no way overshadow the White House. It should keep the same footprint, and not change the outer appearance in any meaningful way. It should not be gawdy, or overly ornate, and should blend with the rest of the architecture. The plans I have seen look completely ridiculous compared to the rest of the historical home of our President. Do not allow this President to stick a gilded palace on the side of our White House.
Thank you,
Lynne Saunders

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Icks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is trying to replace centuries of our country's history with the destruction of our people's house-the White House-with a garish, golden monument to himself. PLEASE STOP THIS ABOMINATION!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryjane Cotta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear committee members,
I ask you to block the construction of Pres. Trump's Ballroom. Please consider a plan to reconstruct the East Wing. Implement a plan for fundraising campaign if needed. Thankyou!

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Name: ciera osipenko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Feldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing as close to original as possible with any necessary modernizations. It's the only way to undo the damage and make this right.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:13:37 PM
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Name: Nanlouise Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lynn Stevens
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Name: Jennifer Wilding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The rules are there for a reason. The White House belongs to the American people, not to any one man or administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Salway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of what was done to the easy wing of our white house. Nothing more should be done without approval as this historic building has been desecrared. I do not approve funding or use of solicited funds until this whole issue has been reviewed by government historian and historic professionals. So sad that this damage was done to our house. When it id rebuilt i dont want to see a ballroom there. I want to see the original use restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Wahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Wahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristy Flannery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If private donors want to use their money to build a place where our leaders can properly host world leaders and not burden tax payers, I'm all for it.

As someone who has a friend in the Secret Service, their ability to provide safer environment will be immensely improved. As it stands our state dinners with large capacity have to be held at large hotels. This creates a security nightmare.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Doss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The historical significance of the destruction of the East Wing without proper authorization looms large. Constructing a huge ballroom in its' place is neither needed nor wanted, especially since it appears it would dwarf the rest of the White House (The People's House). My husband and I ask that this project not move forward but that the original East Wing would be rebuilt in its' entirety and refurnished in historically accurate ways.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:12:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: julia Gilden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's thievery includes thee destruction of a beloved piece of US history. Not only did he wreak architectural havoc, but also he insulted every woman who has been in any way associated with the United States of America. And another thing - what happened to all the furniture, wall hangings and memorabilia - and probably important papers? Are they in one of Trump's bathrooms at Mar-a-Lago?

I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former beauty. Thank you for your efforts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Perlo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica James Rotole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to spending $300 million my ballroom where the East Wing was illegally destroyed. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored towards former design. Our history cannot be erased at the whim of one man.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:10:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this entire project, which destroyed an important wing of The People's House without authorization. We do not need a giant ballroom for rich people to gather in. We need to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Pappas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:10:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lillian Willis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:10:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Markle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project. I believe it's a desecration of historical property of the People, quite possibly the illegal action of a vain, ego-driven man.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Machala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ginger Oneil
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Tisoncik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to the razing of the East Wing of the White House to build a ballroom that is not needed. Further, this is being done without permission. No one is above the law and therefore all work should stop and plans should be made to rebuilt and restore the historic East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carey Rupert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the razing of the East Wing of the White House for a ballroom of the size proposed by the Trump administration. It will be out of proportion to the original structure. It will be too large, period. Also, too expensive. Every week the price tag seems to rise. And to have it seat 999 people? I don't appreciate my taxes paying for feeding and entertaining that many of the President's closest donors on a regular basis.
He should have followed the same processes every former President has when changing the "People's House"and I'm angry he's destroyed a piece of this country's history. This rebuild should never have progressed this far and all plans should be revised to scale this "ballroom blitz" back. Also, if possible, rebuild part of the East Wing. Just because Mrs. Trump has no interest in actually being our First Lady doesn't mean the next Presidential spouse will feel the same.
He or she may need some office space in the White House.
Sincerely,
Carey Rupert
Gibsonia, PA

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Latos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Manuel Etayo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Peoples House does not need a ballroom. Rebuild the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design by the man who destroyed the east wing No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawna Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal demolition by the Trump administration of the historical East Wing must be reversed and restored to its original design. The Trump administration did not seek proper permissions to demolish this part of The People's House, nor did they seek proper approval to replace it with a ballroom. This demolition was reckless and deeply disturbing to see happen overnight without any oversight. Please do what is right for the American people, and bring a halt to this ego trip project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maureen Fauty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Wooddall Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It has already been torn down, but the East Wing of the People's House does not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom. Trump should have to pay his own money to restore it to the way it was before. This is our house, not his.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Edmiston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is criminal, in my opinion, that the East wing was demolished. It is worse that there is no viable plan of what will replace it. I think the best thing would be to rebuild and restore the East Wing to the original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancie Tormey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300M on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. There are no known structural problems, so this is purely an aesthetic overhaul that is a wasteful expenditure intended to bolster the president's image. The White House belongs to the American people, and is held in trust for the nation as a symbol of democracy. This iconic building is a symbol of national heritage and its history should be preserved. I would like to see the East Wing restored to its

former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeline Quintana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?
This must go through a congressional approval process. Let it be so! Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerri Sholly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My family and I had the distinct honor of visiting the White House in October 2024 and it absolutely guts me that this piece of history has been destroyed by a self-aggrandizing president for his own vanity. The history contained within those walls belongs to the people and it's disgusting that a small group chose to destroy that history without any input from the American people. We revere George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other noteworthy Presidents because they NEVER sought to benefit or idolize themselves ad part of their important role; rather, they considered themselves selfless servants to the people and the pursuit of a better republic. What Donald Trump has done is the antithesis of that and he will go down as a disgrace to the Presidency and our country when future generations judge us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Sams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The funding creates unacceptable, and possibly illegal, conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the

president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Sutton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas McKinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I've been a fan of historical preservation that also functions to meet today's needs most of my life. I am also a fan of careful planning that involves all stakeholders/parties. The work on the East Wing with the plan for a ball room, seemed to come out of thin air. I've not heard of the need until president Trump took office. With that short of a time span, and with demolition already in progress, I think HALTING the PROJECT until other stakeholders, (planners, historians, architects, visionaries, need a say before the plan moves forward. The drawings I've seen seem out of proportion. I also wonder why a ball room is needs to be connected to a residence and official work place. If one is needed, lets place it away from the white house so that it can be used by more than just the president, but congress, and other governments leaders.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Liaschenko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzy Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The title of this project is an affront to our country and its history. The bulldozing of an entire wing of The People's House without authorization is an abomination. The president spending $300 million for a vanity project is just one more insult to the people of our country, especially those who struggle every day to earn a decent wage, afford to put a roof over the heads of their families and food on the table. SHAME!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Traci Galla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
Traci Galla
Connecticut

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara J. Cohan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The complete destruction of the East Wing —. without permits, public comment, or design approval — is many things. Modernization is not one of them. I urge the Planning Commission to require its rebuilding and restoration. Lawless conduct should not be rewarded by allowing further desecration of the Peoples´ House. Our White House does not need a tacky gilded monument to arrogance and excess. Please cancel the ballroom project!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Collupy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is horrendous. It will drastically change the look and feel of one of our most cherished national buildings. I do not want it to continue. In fact I want it put back the way it was to begin with. Unacceptable!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Zieg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been allowed to happen is a travesty to the American People's House! I STRONGLY object to the plans for a grotesque structure that is completely antithetical to the beauty and harmony of the White House. Put the east wing back exactly as it was!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Dennis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of this ballroom being built. It was never done legally and by rules, This should have gone through Congress and the Preservation Society. It is an historic building and should be treated as such. He has done it illegally. I would like to see Wing he tore down rebuilt in it's place. Also the rose garden needs to be established. The Whitehouse was treated as his own personal home instead of the People's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shar Short
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House in the United States of America, and as a citizen, I am sending my thoughts about the recent destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I visited the White House in September of 2009 along with my parents and my husband. The person who lives in the White House currently did not have legal right to destroy the East Wing and the project should be taken out of his hands and sent through the proper channels to be remedied. I would ask that the process be thoughtful and tasteful. I would also ask that there is some kind of penalty for the current resident of the White House and that the demolition would be paid for by him. He can certainly afford it. But that's another issue. I would also like an apology from the man who tore down the East Wing since the White House is not his.

Shar Short

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Eck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Donald Trumps expense!!!!. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Serie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing put back as closely as possible to the way it was, but including necessary modernization of plumbing, wiring and basic upgrades in security. PLEASE, no gaudy gold embellishments and no huge ballroom. This isn't a ballroom and it should not have been torn down to begin with! It should seamlessly look historically the same from the inside to the outside as the rest of the White House. It saddens me what was done to the people's house. It is not a hotel.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carolyn owen sommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the building of this ballroom with unnecessary theater. It was not done with permits or approval. It is way too big and looks disproportionate attached to our Whitehouse, the people's Whitehouse, not the president's Whitehouse. A small ballroom is one thing. Let it go through proper channels. This is tawdry.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Guzzy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Raleigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House belongs to the people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed to spending $300 million on this project that was initiated without the appropriate approval. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original design. We don’t need a huge ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Gilbertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tristan Louis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When architect James Hoban, who had won the commission to finalize plans for the initial White House building, he drew heavily on Palladian vocabulary focused on human-centered proportions, hierarchical composition, axial symmetry, and measured restraint. The use of harmonic ratios so rooms relate mathematically to each other and to the whole building resulted in a building that felt balanced rather than monumental for its own sake. Furthermore, the control of ornamentation was key to creating a building that felt like "The People's House," using the building as a mean to reinforcing the ideals of American democracy.

The current proposal for the East Wing Modernization Project appears to contradict the long established tradition of careful editing that was key to making the building one of the most enduring symbol of American equalitarian ideals. The East Wing has historically been a secondary deferential element to the main residence. Expanding it with larger volumes or more complex footprints risks turning it into an accumulation of parts rather than a mathematically ordered extension. When the side element starts competing visually with the central block, the hierarchy collapses.

Palladian estates, on which the White House is modeled, depend on a dominant central mass with subordinate flanking elements. If a redesign increases the East Wing's prominence (height, façade articulation, or visual weight), the eye no longer reads the residence as the undisputed center. That violates the piano nobile logic: important things should look important because of proportion, not decoration.

By drifting away from Palladio's rhythmic openings, clear base-middle-top ordering, and restrained ornament, which combined to make grand buildings feel human scaled, the current design is offering an imbalance that may result in the building feeling more bureaucratic than domestic-civic, eroding the centrally balanced message of the White House as a representation of "people and state" and shifting the language towards a more authoritarian view of government.

When entered into the overall design of the Washington DC layout, as envisioned by Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the new addition create further disharmony in the layout of the US Mall. Presenting relative dominance and proportional incoherence in the design, it disturbs a model of America that is based on balances.

The resulting design not only demeans the building's balance but also creates an imbalance in the presentation of what America is about, undermining principles of equality and humility established by the founding fathers. As such, the proposed design could easily be seen as un-American, presenting a distorted view of dominance by one wing over the rest of the state.

Since the existing building has already been destroyed and needs to be replaced, a design that would restore symmetry between the east and west wing would be better suited to the site. If space is of particular concern, much work could be down underground so that the external face of the people's house remain as human-centered as as restrained as it was always intended to be.

Sincerely,

Tristan Louis
Concerned citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liane Felton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building the ballroom as planned. The razing of the East Wing was done without going through proper channels and legal processes. All policies should be followed from this point forward. The ballroom as designed is a gaudy abomination that in no way fits with the historic character of the building. If the building can't be rebuilt as it was, there needs to be a thoughtful decision as to what best serves the needs for the space at this time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Zavadil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was an ad hoc project that did not go thru the proper reviews. It is not a moderation project but rather a demolishing project. The White House is a home and office structure and should remain that and not a "party" house to conduct dancing venues. I request this "house" be brought back to our

American standards of a place of dignity and positive historical memories.
Those who demolished this house should be penalized!

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Name: Michael Caprara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:03:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Additionally, this "ballroom" should not dwarf the beauty of the White House.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:03:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Pisarski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erica Bastow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million, or in fact any money, on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every law abiding American.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Parejko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I oppose the destruction of the White House East Wing, supposedly to provide room for a grand ballroom. The muted elegance of the White House has served as the president's residence for more than two hundred years. It is the focus of the DC area and has been visited by millions of children, students and tourists. To construct a large ballroom next to it would be to diminish it in the world's eyes. Large ostentatious buildings are the homes for aristocrats and dictators, not the leaders of a democracy— and not just any democracy but the world's longest surviving.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:53 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Gindhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be rebuilt back to its original structure approved prior to its unlawful destruction. That building was visited by millions of Americans, including myself and was the only part of the White House an American citizen could visit. It also was the home many Presidential family memories that will only exist in pictures and the memories of those who experienced. American historical landmarks should not be destroyed without oversight and agreement by the American people. The millions collected should be used to rebuild the building in it's original form.

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Name: Amy Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbe Davenport
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started with an illegal action. They did not follow any of the established process and appear to have completely demolished an important part of American history, without pulling any permits. I advocate to restore the East Wing to its previous historically accurate set up and then give any one who wants to modernize it the opportunity to submit plans, which would be approved only after proper review.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Barnette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing needs to be rebuilt to spec as it was, considering it was torn down hastily without approval or consideration for historical monuments. The proposed budget for a ballroom is too high and the plans are too large and ugly. We dont need a ballroom for billionaires when citizens are struggling.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Eulie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an unnecessary use of national resources and an effacement of architecture of historical interest and a loss of all the historical features within the East Wing. I vigorously oppose this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyne Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Harada-Duck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am opposed to the East Wing modernization project. Please bring it back to its former glory. The House is for the people of the United States.

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Name: Lori Pielecha
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Name: peter mcgee
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such a load of crap. rebuild as it was or shoot for something better...but no ball room bazaar.

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Name: Victoria Koestler
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I believe the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was unnecessary and unlawful, and that it should be rebuilt. Further, construction of a ballroom should not be a priority at this time. Further, the ostentatious planned ballroom would be a vulgar monstrosity on this site, and the plans for it should be ripped into tiny shreds.

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Name: Nancy Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a project to update the White House, but rather another means for Trump to stroke his ego and attempt to memorialize himself, at the expense of destroying history. I believe this project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Sandberg
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I vehemently object to Trump's unauthorized razing of the East Wing and his complete disregard for its rich history. Replacing this arm of the People's House with an out-of-scale, obscenely costly ballroom is a travesty. I request that plans for this vanity project be scrapped and the East Wing restored to the glory of America and its people. No more destruction of public property by this lawless president. The White House is not his private property, and he must be held accountable for the vandalism.

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Name: Bonnie Toney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million - or any other amount of money - on this “ballroom” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tonya Levy
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Name: Debra Poortenga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As an American citizen, I am appalled that President Trump demolished the East Wing without any respect for process or historical importance. It should be rebuilt as it was. The American people neither need nor want a gilded ballroom. What we want is sound governance. There should be NO BALLROOM, as this will only further the cause of the billionaires that this current administration exists to pander to (and the president's enormous ego). Thank you.

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Name: Anita Crane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a child I was fortunate to visit the White House with my parents. I was always proud of the People's House and of the memory I had of visiting and thus becoming a part of its history. Ten years ago I was in France and visited Versailles, the house built by Louis xiv. Gold, mirrors, tapestries, and opulence were overwhelming. Although the skill and craftsmanship in the palace was overwhelming, I could not help but think that his is why the people of France supported a revolution. To adorn our People's House" with palatial decor is to deny the roots of what our country has stood for 250 years. Our nation's history and its efforts to provide freedom and opportunity to all the people is not reflected in a building that is modeled after European palaces built for the ultra powerful and ultra rich. I ask that the Planning Committee use its influence to direct a modest renovation that reflects the values of our forefathers as well as those of the population of our country today. We are not interested in impressing princes but in maintaining the spirit of our own American Revolution.

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Name: Anthony Fernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The very fact that Mr. Trump had the East Wing of the White House demolished without permission is all we need to know about the completely untrustworthy approach this president will have toward the building of this project. As a citizen, I want to be assured that whatever the approved plans may be, that they are executed as intended. Given Mr. Trump's track record as a fraudster, I would not be surprised if he ignores the approved plans and builds what he wants anyway. For this reason, I think it would be wise to deny Trump any say in the design and construction of this project. A nationwide competition for the design of the new East Wing should be conducted, with the winning firm receiving the honor of having their design

built.
Nothing the president says or does can change the fact that his megalomaniacal personality will spoil the project if he is allowed access to it's design and construction processes.

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Name: Dawn Swedberg
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Signed,
Dawn Swedberg

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Name: Kim McLaren
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I would like this project canceled. I think it’s ridiculous to construct a ballroom. No one wants or needs this ridiculous waste of money and space. It’s so tone deaf to even consider building a “ballroom” when there are so many more important issues facing our country now. I think the “donations” for the “ballroom” are akin to bribes to curry favor with the president. Of course since the original East Wing was demolished without permission, they’ll have to put something up to replace it. If they do it should be of similar size to the original East Wing.

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Name: Karen Waller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The tear down of our country's East Wing was done without any proper authorization. We still don't know if there were measures made to preserve the paintings, the furnishings, and the irreplaceable historical details of this part of our collective White House. This Wing belongs to all of us, not to the present occupant, who apparently made it his own business, without permits or design approval, to destroy what was not his to destroy, in order to replace it with his own fantasy ballroom.
I oppose, with all my heart, this travesty. This is an incredible waste of money, even if it is privately supplied by someone currying favosr by supplying it. And the current occupant has no right to impose his own will on

the rest of us who are law- abiding citizens. Do not allow this project to go forward - it is a slap in the face of every American who loves, serves and is a citizen of this country. The White House offers shelter to those who serve as president, and their families, but only temporarily. It belongs to us, the American people.

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Name: Ronald Schmeling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. From what I have researched the project started without the required permits, approvals or design review. The White House is an integral part of American history and such a huge change to a living monument should not be allowed without complete planning and full approval from a large representation of public officials and private citizens. This East Wing project should be stopped and any project properly vetted and approved.

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Name: Barbara Zink
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Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

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All the items a lifetime of First Ladies selected for the East Wing should be returned or replaced by Trump's $, and put into the Restored/Rebuilt to original specifications East Wing!!

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Linda Daignault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The sorrow, disbelief, and at times anger I feel when I consider that someone—whether an individual, organization, or oversight body—may fail to fully preserve and protect one of this nation's most revered structures, the White House complex, is profound. Any decision to spend substantial funds on changes to such an iconic national symbol must follow a transparent, rigorous process that ensures the result reflects not only present needs, but future needs, and our shared national history. To proceed without such care risks conveying the message that decisions about our most important public landmarks are shaped primarily by power and wealth, rather than by thoughtful stewardship on behalf of all Americans.

As someone in my seventies, I recall the lengthy and deliberate processes that have shaped some of our most respected national memorials. The most admired among them were not created hastily or unilaterally; they emerged through years of public engagement, expert input, design competitions, debate, and careful construction. That process itself is part of what gives these places their legitimacy and meaning.

If changes to the East Wing are undertaken without comparable levels of public participation, professional oversight, and careful consideration of purpose, architectural integrity, materials, craftsmanship, and national symbolism, the result risks being remembered not as a distinguished addition to a historic site, but as a project defined by a single administration or personality. That would diminish both the structure and the ideals it represents.

Should construction proceed as currently proposed, many Americans—and observers around the world—may interpret it not as an expression of national excellence, but as a display of concentrated influence and privilege. Our most visible public buildings should instead reflect the collective values, aspirations, and dignity of the American people.

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Name: Sharon Sims
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have the right to tear it down and rebuild without proper permissions.

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Name: Beryl Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. There was no opportunity for public input, and historic preservation was ignored. This is not a "modernization" project, it is the destruction of a signature and highly symbolic American structure. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former historic design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Anne Wilson
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The destruction of the east wing was a despicable, illegal act. There is a process in place that should not be circumvented. It is there for a purpose--to prevent exactly what has happened. Rules are made for a purpose! ALL should have to follow them!! Please do not approve the ballroom!!!

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Name: Kathleen Kern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Kathleen Pawson
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Keep the original foot print ! Do Not make it bigger !

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Name: Charled Walbridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House Ballroom Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine Babula
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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DJT tearing down the East Wing without oversight or warning says a lot about how he feels about the citizens of the US. That is The People's House, not his. Taking a literal wrecking ball to the structure mirrors what he is doing to our country, tearing it down according to his whims and belief that he is unaccountable in all ways. Timing it immediately after seven million people peacefully protested his presidency was not lost on anyone.

The plans for the ballroom are absurd. Whatever architect worked on this project, caving to his "vision", should have their license revoked and run out of town on a rail. The scale is bizarre. Dwarfing the Whitehouse again sends a message. DJT thinks everything belongs to him and wants to leave his mark. As usual, he believes bigger is better.

Using private donations for the project is fraught with future problems and concerns about undue influence, interference and an improper transactional relationship with wealthy donors.

If you have authority to rein this in, please do so. The Independence Arch needs to be stopped before it starts. Please oversee the "improvements" to the Kenedy Center. I shudder to think what could happen

with all of these. The "Midas touch" brand is unattractive, and undignified. "A little goes a long way", is a concept seemingly unfamiliar to him. He is marring the physical balance and beauty of DC. Please hold him accountable to proper procedures.

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Name: Donna Jasper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This $300 million project was never wanted by the American people. They have broken laws by starting the project without proper authorization and permits. It is absolutely unnecessary. I can think of so many other worthy projects this money can be directed to. Please stop this destruction of our beautiful White House and restore to it's original dignity.

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Name: Karen Williams
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as

a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive by tv Mansion

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Name: Christina VanEyl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It breaks my heart what has been done to the people's house. To destroy our history, without a plan, without consent, without consideration, and without a budget is criminal. Please put things back in place without a garish and unnecessary ballroom.

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Name: James Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The North Façade
Prior to its demolition, the East Wing served basically as an outbuilding attached to the White House by means of a covered walkway. The East Wing was subsumed to the visual primacy of the main building. Crucially, the roof of the covered corridor was below the sill line of the White House ground floor windows. Under the proposed new construction, the corridor roof line reaches to the second-floor windows which totally destroys the aesthetics of the White House east façade much like an unattractive growth on a beautiful face. The corridor itself now becomes a major visual element elevated above ground level. What we see is a monotonous string of thirteen blank panels separated by pilasters on bases. The pilasters are too narrow and rather than suggesting a structural function seem more like the side rails of an empty picture frame. Even the dentils hanging off the cornice are out of scale and serve more to remind one of a runny nose than a classical entablature. In sum the corridor is too high and too boring.
The north façade of the new ballroom complex is a blunt instrument that competes with and diminishes the historic presidential home. Whereas the White House has four bays on either side of its portico, the new construction has seven bays, five of which are located on the projecting central pavilion. The design requirement that the cornice match that of the White House results in a prominent and unattractive basement level. Things become really weird when one turns the corner and sees the column bases of the east side temple front below the basement level.
The East Façade
On the east façade there's an octastyle temple front porch accessed by a flight of stairs from street level. When one thinks of classical and neoclassical architecture, symmetry, balance, and harmony come to mind. A fine example is just across the street from the proposed East Wing in the Treasury Building. The Shalom Baranes proposal is more a hodgepodge of elements than anything else. The Temple front is neither centered nor balanced with the rest of the east façade.
The South Façade
This is a total disaster. Initially this decastyle prostyle Corinthian portico contained a pediment, but apparently one commissioner thought the pediment too massive, so the architect removed it. The result is that the façade looks incomplete, similar to the temple of Hera I at Paestum. Decapitating the façade is a

symptom of the rush to get something built.
A temple front with ten columns is a major statement. The Pantheon only has eight for example, whereas the Lincoln Memorial has twelve. The curved staircase leading to ground level is completely out of proportion. On the plan it looks like a nineteenth-century moustache.
But the fundamental question is what purpose does this portico serve and the answer is none. Indeed, it could and should be eliminated altogether. Doing so would greatly improve the eight-window east façade especially if the wall space between the windows and temple front matched that of the building's end. I suppose the south lawn facing temple could be understood as a folly much like those fake classical structures decorating eighteenth century English gardens and estates, but even so. Scaling back the East Wing by eliminating this portico would also serve to balance better the South Lawn vista. (Originally the Oval Office and the demolished East Wing were roughly in line.)
The NCPC continues to describe the project (8733) as East Wing Modernization. The Commission met on January 8, 2026, for a pre-submission review of the project. The project was not considered at the February meeting and is on the agenda for the March 5 meeting. The Commission consists of twelve members, seven of whom are ex-officio. The president has appointed the majority of the voting members: William Schary (Assistant to the President and WH Staff Secretary), Stuart Levenbach (Associate Director Office of Management and Budget), and Michael Blair (White House Deputy Chief of Staff). The Mayor appointed two voting members. The NCPC promises full biographies of the members to come soon. Thus, all the public knows is that the majority works for and is beholden to the president. According to the NCPC website, the Commission will consider approving the "preliminary and final site and building plans" on March 5. For information on how to comment of attend Live Stream see https://www.ncpc.gov/review/meeting/
The motto of the Florentine Grand Duke Cosimo I was "Make haste slowly." The NCPC and Commission of Fine Arts would be well advised to do the same.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Stokes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katherine Tildes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Festing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Banka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxanne Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned addition to the White House is completely out of scale with the historic building and should be reconsidered. As an architect, I would not recommend approval of this project on the grounds of aesthetic, scale and massing concerns. This is "the people's house" and not owned by the current WH occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Feldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or even so much as a cent on this despicable project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Its very name is a lie, as it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, NO ONE, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, to the Constitution, and to American history itself.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Durham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and strongly feel that the East Wing should be rebuilt to the exact plans of what was torn down. It is our house, and our history. It was illegally destroyed and needs to be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The non- approved destruction of the East Wing is a travesty. This violates the law! The White House complex is the Americans House. It belongs to the people. It is a historic complex! None f the appropriate rules and steps were followed. Trump must be made to pay for the clean up and restoration to the original building not a massive ballroom. Thank you for considering my thoughts

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Yang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This is a massive conflict of interest.
We also do not need another ballroom
in the White House. We already have one.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LucyB Rohweder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This outrageous unilateral demolition is so contrary to our history and designed to ignore the people's wishes. Please do not allow a huge, overwhelming structure to be built.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mollie McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project was undertaken without following any of the procedures for public comment or preservation review. The result is the loss of a national historic building that belonged to all Americans, at the whim of just one. This project is an egregious use of public funds and a highly visible public act of desecration at a time when people are suffering, out of work, and demoralized. It is an attack on the American People's House and an insult to the nation and all of the great leaders that have come before. How do you expect any citizen to honor the sanctity of public works, to not defile statues or tear them down, when our own president does not follow our laws? Such a public wanton display of disrespect is the worst example of leadership and respect for the people and our great history. No further funds should be spent to increase the damage from this project and the perpetrator should be forced to use his own funds

to replace what was lost.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Nilssen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi there,

I am appalled that Donald Trump razed the historic East Wing of the People's House. He is a guest, a tenant in our house - and he acted without approvals and quickly so no one could "catch" him. Who does that? No previous President! Therefore, much like any landlord would proceed when a tenant vandalizes a property, Donald Trump should have to restore the East Wing to the way it was when he moved in at his personal expense. He has made enough money taking questionable advantage of his presidential stature in crypto alone to be able to easily afford this.

Andrew Nilssen
US Citizen and Taxpayer
Hillsborough, NC.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sadly, we are a bit late considering he's already bulldozed the area. This should have been considered before the tragic circumstances occurred. This NEVER should have happened. How can one person dictate years of history without due process? It's shameful. The White House belongs to the people, not to a dictator with an agenda.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bailie James Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hirsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm disgusted that the east wing was destroyed. This ridiculous project was not properly implemented. It should be restored to its original state. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Buffone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Langreck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Laura Langreck

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Younger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Banta Whitner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an ego-driven complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this destructive “project” designed wet the appetite of one self-serving individual. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or review. This so-called project does not modernize or improve the White House! It serves the whims of one man’s taste. This is the people’s house. It is not HIS house. I want this project cancelled in its entirety and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and sets a terrible precedent for future White House occupants.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henry Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

to demolish a such a significant national property without a public hearing or permit is a crime any other citizen would face significant punishment for . To allow development of the underlying real estate is unconscionable and sets a terrible,highly visible example for citizens who are supposed to be law-abiding. Furthermore, giant gilded ballrooms are for yesterday’s monarchies, not today’s democracies. STOP THE PROJECT NOW, SHOW SOME B#LLS, AND HOLD THIS ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE!!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Shelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a private citizen I feel very strongly about preserving our architectural treasures. My husband and I have personally renovated and saved 4 historic homes, reaping no profit in the process. I was appalled when the East Wing was destroyed without the approval process being followed. The renderings that I have seen for construction of an enormous ballroom in place of the East Wing are in no way appropriate. The White House was never intended to be a palace and any new construction needs to be in keeping with the scale of the original structure. I feel that the East Wing should be reconstructed using the same footprint. President Trump should be paying for the rebuild since he had it torn down without oversight. How the space is used is up to the Planning Commission. A fancy ballroom can be built somewhere other than federal property, especially since private dollars are supposedly paying for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project (NCPC File Number: 8733), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which seems as thought it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It feels like a razing of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Tabron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose construction on the site of the White House East Wing. This historic building, the property of the American people, was destroyed without approval, oversight, need, or any plan in place either for what to preserve or how to improve. Now that the horrible thing has been done, the people of the United States deserve an explanation, documentation of what can be recovered or preserved, and a plan to restore the people's house - and not with a monument to lawless ego.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Kuehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marnie Urmaza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Oberdorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawnthea Monroe-Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David McNally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capitol Planning Commission:

As a 7th generation Adirondacker, an owner of a home over 100 years old, a member of the Minerva Historical Society, and as a patriotic American respectful of our history, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a permanent ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House is not merely a residence or an office; it is the preeminent symbol of American continuity. I believe this proposal poses a significant threat to the architectural integrity and historic character of this National Historic Landmark. It also sets a dangerous precedent for how changes to our historic properties are made.

Points of Concern

Irreversible Alteration of the Historic Fabric: In preservation, "necessity" is sometimes offered as an excuse to justify interventions that permanently mar historic structures. The unpermitted demolition of the East Wing of the White House is the very definition of a self-created hardship.

Scale and Massing: I am deeply concerned about the rhythm and scale of the North and South elevations. The White House has evolved, but it has largely maintained its iconic silhouette. A massive addition risks "façadism," where the original structure becomes a mere backdrop for modern expansion.

The Precedent of Permanence: The beauty of the White House lies in its adherence to the 19th-century residential form. Temporary pavilions have successfully hosted state dinners for decades. Converting a temporary need into a permanent footprint is a fundamental violation of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, specifically regarding the preservation of the building's historic spatial relationships.

A Perspective from the Field

Living in a 100-year-old home teaches you that you are a steward, not just an owner. You learn to adapt your lifestyle to the house, rather than forcing the house to accommodate every modern whim.

If we allow the most important house in the nation to be expanded for the sake of administrative convenience or event logistics, we send a message to every local Historic Resources Commission in the country that historic integrity is negotiable.
Recommendation

I urge the Commission to reject the proposal. Options remain to continue the use of temporary structures that do not leave a permanent footprint, and to choose alternate venues for large-scale events that utilize other historic D.C. assets.
Ultimately, the White House is federal property belonging to the American people, not personal property of the President, who is considered a temporary resident or tenant. We must ensure that the White House remains a residence and a monument, not a convention center.
Sincerely,

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Downing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want our tax money to be spent on something like this. It was not a necessary thing do and doesn't serve the people. There should have been protections from this kind of destruction . Trump should be held accountable for starting a project that was not approved.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryanne Fazio Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of taxpayer dollars on this project. It initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and therefore if not a lawful project. It is not a modernization project. It is distruction of our shared American history. I request that this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to the size and function it previously enjoyed. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is intolerable.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Rook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. This is destruction of our shared history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and the cost to do so should be fully paid for by Donald Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Lundin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the planned $400\u8239 million ballroom addition to the White House and the accompanying demolition of the historic East Wing. After reviewing the recent renderings and the surrounding circumstances described in the press coverage, I have three primary concerns that I urge the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts to consider before the March\u8239 5 hearing.

1. Irreversible Heritage Loss
The East Wing is an integral part of the White House complex, embodying decades of architectural history and presidential legacy. The renderings show a massive 90,000\u8239 sq\u8239 ft structure built level with the mansion, a scale that would visually dominate and fundamentally alter the historic silhouette of the nation's most iconic residence. Even if select elements—cornerstones, colonnade columns, chandeliers—are "meticulously preserved," the loss of the original fabric and spatial context cannot be recovered. Historic preservation standards require that any intervention retain the character\u8209 -defining features of a landmark; this proposal runs counter to that principle.

2. Questionable Cost and Funding Transparency
A $400\u8239 million price tag for a ceremonial ballroom, financed by a consortium of private donors and corporations, raises serious fiscal accountability questions. While the administration claims the project is "on budget and ahead of schedule," there is no publicly available, independent cost\u8209 -benefit analysis. Large\u8209 -scale demolition and new construction typically generate hidden expenses (environmental remediation, security upgrades, long\u8209 -term maintenance) that can far exceed initial estimates. Given competing national priorities, allocating such a sum to a luxury venue demands rigorous scrutiny and justification.

3. Lack of Genuine Public Oversight and Broad Opposition
The rapid removal of the renderings from the NCPC website, the appointment of political allies to oversight bodies, and the initiation of demolition before any formal review all signal a circumvention of established procedural safeguards. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has already filed a federal lawsuit, and the public outcry—amplified by media outlets such as CNN—demonstrates widespread concern. Proceeding without transparent, inclusive deliberation would undermine public trust in the very commissions tasked with protecting our heritage.

I recommend pausing the project, conduct and independent financial review, facilitation of meaningful public participation, and exploration of less intrusive alternatives.

The White House is not merely a working office; it is a living monument to our nation's democratic history. Any alteration of its fabric must be approached with the utmost respect for preservation standards, fiscal responsibility, and democratic oversight. I respectfully request that the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts give full weight to these concerns and act to protect the integrity of the White House for current and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop all work. Restore the East Wing as it was found!!!! No one will benefit from this out of control project. It cannot progress!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This historical building was destroyed without appropriate approvals or authorization. If we did this at my place of employment we would be submitted to harsh penalties and suspension of any additional construction. We do not need a crass ballroom paid for by sycophants pandering to the president. Full restoration as previously constructed should.be paid by the president with personal funds. He has already been allowed to destroy the Rose Garden, he should not be allowed to destroy more history with the East Wing. We the people want the White House restored. This is the people's house. Tenants do not get to tear down and rebuild the house.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Everman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please prevent any further destruction of the White House and require a reconstruction of the East Wing to its former state.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its previous state before this recent demolition work. Ensure the building meets current building codes and ADA requirements. There is no need for a ballroom.

It is outrageous that demolition began with zero oversight or permitting.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It is outrageous that demolition began with zero oversight or permitting.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support modernization of the East Wing. I want it restored to its previous condition or a condition similar and still has a historical look and significance. Any modern look would not look consistent or appealing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chantal Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Mulvaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellia Hodder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no "modernization" involved with this project, and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M to $400M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

As a designer, I feel the new design, as proposed, is an abomination to the existing historic structure of the "Peoples House", and would dwarf it both physically and metaphorically.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. And is there a quid pro quo for such donations? The public needs to know.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. This appears to be nothing but a vanity project by the current administration.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Albro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, the proposed "ballroom," which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of United States history. This building belongs to the people. It is not the property of any president, just a place they temporarily reside. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historical design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead should be against the law. Without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the people of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was started without proper review and is not a modernization project. It has erased some of our history and I would like to see it restored to its prior layout. This administration should follow

the same process has prior projects and include oversight on decisions and design. I do not want it to continue on its current path.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Conrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs the supervision of the historic commission in DC. It should NEVER have been destroyed without their permission. All “donations” for its rebuild need to be well documented and made public.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary-El Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project stopped, and the building restored as it was. NO BALLROOM!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Florey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This unauthorized desecration of The People’s House needs to be halted, abandoned, and rectified by rebuilding the East Wing to its former specifications. That is the only reasonable solution. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This was an unexpected and extremely disappointing razing of American history, with no plan presented to the true owners of the property - the American people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also believe the President, who illegally ordered it demolished, is & should be

held solely responsible for the restoration costs. Not donors, not taxpayers. The President is a temporary occupant. He was not given this building; he was granted the use of it for the duration of his limited tenure.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Ousley-Swank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,

Renée Ousley-Swank

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Schweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to comment on the proposed construction of the 90,000 square foot ballroom. I was horrified that President Trump tore down the East wing of the White House without working through the lawful channels. The White House is a significant historic site and his administration is once again bypassing all the well established procedures for changing, remodeling or adding to this historic site for another ego trip project. The White House is owned by " We the people" and not Donald Trump. This ballroom is a monstrosity and will overwhelm the beautiful White House and its grounds. The president keeps referring to the idea that this is something the American people want. What a ridiculous assumption! I don't know any ordinary citizen that has been longing for a ball room. He should be required to rebuild the original East Wing of the White House using the funds he raised to build his vanity ballroom addition. If he wants a vanity ballroom he and his wealthy donors can find another site and build it with their funds and not with any taxpayer money. The tax payers should be reimbursed for the damages he has caused to the original White House and the wing should be reconstructed! NO BALLROOM CONSTRUCTION!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Zelnick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun with no authorization, permitting, or thought to design to complement the White

House. The destruction of the East Wing has destroyed the great legacy of Jackie Kennedy and her view to protecting our history through design and artifacts. I oppose this project in its entirety as it has been undertaken with no proper authority. The funding of this is also questionable and no monies should be spent on this project; instead, those funds need to be used to restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law; those who have undertaken this destruction need to be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was and the cost of rebuilding should be paid directly by Trump from his own personal funds!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Bosler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for addressing this issue by modernization of the East Wing. Generations to come will be so appreciative of all the focus, attention, time and energy devoted to this significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Bond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not keep spending money. The United States can not afford this or anything extra or new. I believe our whole government needs to stop wasting tax payer $ and spending us into debt period. Cut this, cut Nasa, cut noaa cut out almost everything. We do not need all the BS..And start keeping criminals locked up and listen to the people you represent. The system is now designed to make us work so much we can not pay attention and work for very little to top it off. All BS There are so many " in the wash situations it is ridiculous " that is wasting and costing way to much and is so excessive and making The people United States pissed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theodora Drozdowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replacing, updating, modernizing, upgrading, adding to the White House in a substantial way? An issue like that requires sober and patient research and a measured approach that follows the regulations and laws very very strictly. That has not taken place. A significant part of our nation's house--the People's House--has been destroyed, without our permission, or due regard to the gravity of such a move. Perhaps a grand entertainment space/ballroom would be a desired and welcome addition to the nation's capital. But we did not get a chance to talk about it first! The way this has been done is anti-democratic, and utterly disrespectful to the history of our country, and all the people who have lived and served in that building. This has been done shamefully and shamelessly. Going forward, please, let us try to mitigate the inappropriateness of the proposed project. Please, let us try to do a sensitive and complete rehabilitation of the former East Wing in complete conformance with what was there before aesthetically, albeit with necessary structural and technical updates. If we need and deserve and want a grand ballroom, let's all sit down as a nation and share our dream projects, and get the help of all the historians, architects, archivists, engineers, preservationists, and yes, a broad segment of our leadership both inside an politics and outside of it, And plain simple citizens who respect and care about our history, and let's propose a plan and find an appropriate location in the Capital. And follow the laws to achieve it. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Gatski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t ruin the people’s house!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:36 PM
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Name: Marjorie Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an is an affront to all law abiding citizens

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kris hanford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the demolishing of our white house. Impeach tRUMP

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Monroe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The project was initiated without proper oversight and permitting and the replacement ballroom is a monument to one man's insecurities and vanity. Further there is no public accounting for the funding nor fiscal transparency. I request the East Wing be restored and that the "President" be required to pay for the damages and reconstruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Hartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Weinblatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was demolished without authorization. We DO NOT need a ballroom. When, and if, anything is rebuilt it should be as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorene Lederer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project or spending any money, public or private, on this project. It was illegally initiated: no proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow defacing or destruction of a national monument is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Otero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so upset that the East Wing had been demolished! First, Mr. Trump does not own the White House. It is the People's House. He broke the law when he decided to have a ballroom placed there. The White House is a historical building and is administrated under those guidelines and regulations. I sincerely hope Mr. Trump is not allowed to build the ballroom! It was done illegally and he should not be given the approval to continue! He should be held accountable and prosecuted for blatantly breaking the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenn Ritchie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Thomson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keeping this project to appropriate size for the site as well as design in keeping with the White House grounds should have been planned prior to tear down. Public commentary in advance of building removal would have been wise. Tearing the building down first was inappropirate and appears ignorant of public input and sentiment. The American public is poorer for the way this has proceeded and hopefully the planning and future building will be more carefully considered and executed.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Lacefield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meegan Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorrie Applebey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project ! Not only is it a horrible use of money, it erases history. Procedures and policies were not followed. I want it returned to its former glory at the president's personal expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rivka Ettinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is NOT THE OWNER of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a TEMPORARY TENANT whose interventions are LIMITED BY LAW AND BY RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly A VIOLATION OF THE LAW. It is also a VIOLATION OF THE TRUST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward MUST BE COMPATIBLE IN FORM AND SUBORDINATE IN SCALE to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Bosco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Slabaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project that includes the "ballroom" addition should not go forward & the former buildings/structure that encompassed the former East Wing should be reconstructed/expanded close to its original construction. The "Ballroom" portion should not be included at this time. The entire funding of reconstruction should be provided by President Trump personally as he is responsible for the demolition of the East Wing without proper authorization by Congress, other authorities, including NCPC, or prior design approvals as required.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Dews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can think of no conceivable justification for approving this project that began with the wanton and illegal razing of the historic East Wing of the White House. Since there was no process approving the building of a "ballroom" on that site, any project that follows would be built on a spoiled and illegitimate foundation. The best result is that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Bopp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million meant for this project. Initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review, a modernization project it is NOT. Rather, the razing of American history upon the American public's White House meant to be funded by questionable sources. Please cancel this project, rebuild the East Wing, and restore it to its former design. Nobody is above the law. Permitting this atrocity to continue without penalizing those who broke the law by allowing this destruction, is an affront to those of us who follow appropriate societal rules and laws.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Small
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt according to its original design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Steen-Hinderlie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Relatives of Pres. Trump have said he wasn't raised with adequate guidance. The surprise tearing down of this wing when he's an adult is an example of what can result. I understand he didn't explore proper procedures for such a dramatic change. This literally cannot, should not stand. Please take all requisite steps to fix this situation.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Trocchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot state strongly enough how horrified I am that an entire wing of the White House is gone with zero planning or permission. Please instate a project that will rebuild the East Wing as it was. When Americans are being shot in the streets, going bankrupt from healthcare costs, and seeing rising costs in food and goods, we do NOT need a "let them eat cake" ballroom for wealthy people to dance and eat food paid for by the taxpayer. The White House is not a palace; it is the people's house. The President is a public servant, not a king. Build it back the way it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katy Pye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly object to this project as put forward by the Administration. The East Wing was demolished and pseudo replacement plan announced outside of the actions required for such a project. Therefore, any permissions should be denied, the current project blocked, and a full-scale, open design process and competition with public input and NCPC involvement put in place before another decision-making step is taken.

Respectfully submitted.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Kirschenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction and rebuild the East Wing as it was before the current administration illegally destroyed it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katy Huunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has erased a historic building, the East wing.so much was done there. It makes me so sad. To replace it with glitz using corporate money is anti American. It was the People's House. It should never be used as a gold leafed ballroom. It is wasteful and demoralizing to Americans. I oppose this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmen Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction was started secretly after promising that the new ballroom would not even touch the existing building. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I oppose spending millions of dollars on this project, which should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Westfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rich Levin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing building needs to be balanced in size perspective when compared to the main White House. It should be smaller than the White House so that it is seen as an adjunct to not equal or even worse, larger than the main White House building. I don't like the sight lines that I have seen so far.

Please ensure that any new building complements the WH grounds and sight lines.

Maybe add underground sq. Footage for some of the needed areas (like office space) apt that the overall size of the above ground building can be smaller.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Peretic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even if, as reported, this project is fully funded by private donations (bribes), the Trump Administration had no right to tear down part of The People's House without going through the proper processes, as required by law. The only proper solution would be to rebuild the East Wing on it's previous footprint, if course using those donated funds (bribes). No one needs or wants a tacky Trump ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trish Hannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am emphatically opposed to spending $300 million on this project.

It was which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think demolishing the historic east wing was a horrible criminal tragedy. I also think Trump should be required to rebuild the structure to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbi Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lauren Fancher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandi Stanbro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

We the people are watching.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Linger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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What is being done to the White House (the people's house) without our input and the proper planning reviews should never have happened.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Isabella Rupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine O’Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction of the White House until appropriate National Historical Preservation Commission people have approved all architectural plans and construction phases.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the continuation of this project, which was not reviewed and approved before destruction of the White House's East Wing occurred. Please halt the current building and restore our historic East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxanne Fritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree with allocating $300 to $400 million to this project, especially since it was undertaken without proper authorization, necessary permits, or a thorough design review. It represents a blatant disregard for American history. This project should be halted immediately, with regulations put in place to prevent similar occurrences in the future. The East Wing should be restored to its original design once the current administration leaves office. No one should be above the law, and allowing this project to continue without consequences for those who violated legal procedures would be an insult to all Americans who respect and abide by the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Garwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. It was done without proper authorization and is nothing that fits the style of the building.
Please stop this travesty and restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Postma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of the gigantic ballroom adjacent to the White House. It is way out of proportion to the existing structures and I feel it is completely unnecessary. The East Wing offices should be

rebuilt. The size and style should be in keeping with what was previously on that site. No one person should be allowed to make such an important decision regarding historically important buildings

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Cauble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly resented the demolition of the East Wing of the While House. It is my understanding that it was done illegally, ie without the legally-required reviews, permits, and authorizations. Should the East Wing be replaced with a ballroom, that would be a further desecration of "the people's house."

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is ridiculous to build a ballroom that is so much bigger than the main building. No architect in his right mind would design this. It should never have been taken down to begin with, without the people's consent.

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Name: Kathy Kerridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This supposed modernization project should better be entitled the demolition of our rights and history. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nicole Fortuin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose the construction of a massive ballroom where the East Wing stood. This is a vanity project for Trump, done without planning or appropriate approval. It makes no sense to build a ballroom that would be larger than the residence. This is a terrible waste of money and resources. The White House belongs to the people, not to this president. Someone must stand up to this man who thinks he is above the law.

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Name: Zoe Zeerip
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

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Name: Jeffrey Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project should be cancelled or scaled back to a size that doesn't dwarf the White House. This country has operated just fine without a huge ballroom and simply doesn't need this monstrosity that is designed primarily to feed the President's outsized ego. It will be an aesthetic abomination as currently conceived. The fact that this project was started without appropriate input or consents, should not be tolerated and the NCPC should not kowtow to the President's attempts to bully this project into existence.

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Name: Erin Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Accountability in unnecessary government spending at this level is essential.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brittney Dorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the “modernization” of the East wing. At a time when many Americans can barely make ends meet and rich criminals are allowed to do what that want, without consequences, this seems like the most unnecessary waste of money and resources. Until Americans can afford to see a doctor when they need to, our billionaire president doesn’t need a new ballroom.

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Name: Dan Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: TAMARA PHILLIPS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Theresa Seltzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I miss the East Wing and want it back!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Name: Kim Gravitter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kelli Costello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Raus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Silvia Delker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a poorly executed farce and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To go ahead with this project, especially without penalizing for foregoing the rules and expectations is inexcusable and an affront to the American people who this space was created and paid for. Financing with the plans and pretense for and by corporate and foreign monies is unacceptable and illegal and contrary to all the intentions and function of this space. It is the people's house and all who work and live there are custodians.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Allard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the approval to this project. The President has by passed all regulations and permissions from the offset. Not to mention the calculated untruths about the impact on the East Wing. This isn't a modernization it is a total destruction.
The President of the United States of America tore down not just a building, but the protected history of this county. He didn't tear down part of just any house. He tore down the People's House.
He promised he wouldn't even touch it. Then destroyed it. All with out the required approvals, ignoring the requirement to involve experts in historical preservation etc. He did it to a building he doesn't own and has no legal right to live in other than his current elected position.
Imagine a member of the public renting out a home of national heritage significance. They decide it could do with an upgrade and without telling anyone tore down part of the building. What would the consequences be for that individual?
If this is still a country where no one is above the law, then the current President of the United States should face the same consequences as anyone else.
The East Wing should be restored in keeping with what it once was. The People's entrance to their building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Le Jacq-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, which is "The People's House" and not President Trump's property to do with as he wishes.
I oppose the spending of $300 Million dollars which never was submitted for proper review or authorization, no proper permitting done or design reviewed by the historical society. President Trump cannot erase our history . This project should be canceled and the East wing rebuilt to its former beauty with the President personally penalized and for him to supply the funds to rebuild.
Thank you very much for your attention.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Ortiz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gibney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that this renovation was started with no legal/congressional sign off. This behavior must stop. Historians and architects should be consulted as to next steps.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is illegal and obscene. It is an unprecedented abuse of Executive power and must be rectified.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom addition to the White House is ugly, ostentatious, and not in keeping with the style of the White House. The destruction of the East Wing was wrong and didn't follow appropriate procedures. Please follow them for the design of the new construction.

Also, where are the artifacts that were in the East Wing. There are conflicting stories about where they are. Are they being properly preserved?

Please pay attention to these issues AND follow the prescribed process.

Thank you.

Maureen Frank

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Name: Diane Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vanessa Kuhnert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my outrage at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House without proper legal process. The President does not own the White House; it belongs to the American people! If the President wants this ballroom, he can build it on his own property. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to historic condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Yeagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What’s written below expresses my exact feelings on the torn down east wing and ball room.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to Americans

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Windsor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to it's original form. Trump had no legal right to destroy it. I could say more, but I'll leave it at that.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Dzurec
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It appears that the decision to demolish and modernize the East Wing of the White House was solely the President’s, with no permission from Congress. The White House is the people’s house, not the private property of one individual to do what he likes. Even if the project is privately funded, the potential for a “quid pro quo” still exists.It seems that the President is determined to memorialize himself while still in office instead of leaving that up to history. Sad!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: jerri Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to record my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history of the "people's house" without the consent of the people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jordanna Chord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The individuals responsible should be taken to court to repair what was destroyed. Let them pay

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura L Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My feelings are that no project should proceed in this space at this time. The tear-down of the East Wing was done illegally and the people involved in that illegal act, including the president, should have no say whatsoever in what steps come next.
If Congress or the courts don't stop this, then my thought is that the so-called ballroom should be no larger and no taller than the White House itself. And space inside it should be allocated for all the office space destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regine Freitag
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the president's cost. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely, Regine Freitag

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let this president tear down a historic landmark that is NOT HIS TO TEAR DOWN. It should be rebuilt into what it was--a wing of the PEOPLE'S White House,

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Name: Jacki Dunne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this abomination to continue. It was done without the proper permits and permissions. The money can be better spent. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has stolen our history and he must be stopped from damaging or destroying the White House and it's grounds. He must rebuild and replant what he and his family have destroyed. He must pay for it in advance and be subject to all fees. They are criminal.

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Name: Mary Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Richard Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization project, but a unapproved demolition followed by new construction. I oppose it.

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Name: Maureen Pollock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House should be protected from this version of modernization. It's wrong!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing, along with the history of the First Ladies. I also oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on a ballroom that is unnecessary except as one of this President's vanity projects at taxpayer expense. I also oppose using private donations to fund the construction of anything for

this President's vanity projects, which are being launched without adherence to any of the rules, regulations, or established norms. I want the East Wing of The People's House rebuilt and restored to its former design. And since this President has profited so much from his term in office, I want him to personally pay for the restoration through some sort of accountability such as fining him for not following the law. No one is supposed to be above the law, and permitting these actions without penalty would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Kathleen Barcroft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shelley Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter van der Linden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without prosecuting those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeannette Schlegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Jane Chandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb LoCoco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project! We cannot allow this administration to demolish the East Wing with impunity- without input, permits, authorization or approved plans. Those responsible must rebuild and restore the East Wing. They must not be allowed to build a monstrous ballroom in its place.

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Name: Bill Stacey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be halted immediately and subject to proper review and public scrutiny. There is an established process that should be followed. Executive decree is an abomination and an insult to the American people.

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Name: Rhonda Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Linville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million tax payers money on this project. The historical buildings should not be changed in any way without the proper permits from the NCPC approval. . These buildings belong to the people of the country. There are a part of our history. Don’t let that be erases

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Name: Temoc Macias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Melin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the East Sing Moderization Project. The distruction of the East Wing was done without authorization. The East Wing had historical siignificance proper channels were not uised in its dismantling. The East Wing should be restored.

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Name: Rita Bihari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been torn down. Trump had no right to destroy the people's house. He's a temporary tenant, not the owner of the house. It needs to be rebuilt in a way that is consistent with historical accuracy. It's ridiculous to have a ballroom bigger than the rest of the White House. We need something historically accurate and compatible with the style of the rest of the White House. Not an embarrassing monstrosity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beau Frail
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing and I oppose the construction of a new Ballroom on the White House grounds. I am a licensed architect in 3 states and I am highly concerned that this demolition and remodel are being done without prior authorization, permits, and design review. As an architect, I know these processes help protect the public interest and in the case of the East Wing at the White House, these processes should be respected to preserve the historic nature of the People's House. I would like to see the current project cancelled and the East Wing remodeled back to its original design before the demolition took place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Brunner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated and rammed through without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history solely to benefit the vanity of one person. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront not only to all law-abiding Americans, but to history itself.

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Name: Debra Wendell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Blodgett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. There should be no action on the physical space until a new president is elected.

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Name: Susan Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project of the current occupant of the White House. It is out of proportion and not in keeping with the elegance and dignity of the White House. This project should not be allowed to go forward.

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Name: Louise Brooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million- if it is it is from private donors, (which can translate to expectations of political favors), or taxpayer dollars, or a combination- on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by the person/s who illegally initiated it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law in addition to paying for fixing their mistake would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and gravely hypocritical.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:33:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Farias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.

At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.

If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national

heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:33:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
Please deny this project, this is the peoples house, and should be respected as such.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:32:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Michael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US Citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and destruction of our national landmarks. I want this project CANCELED immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who are breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Downey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the ridiculous amount of money for a ballroom. He won't be in office to even appreciate it. THIS IS THE PEOPLES HOUSE. How about we treat it as such.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:32:13 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, & without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington, D.C. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people, not one man. No president should have a unilateral authority to demolish historical structures & approve construction without following the law & allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:32:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the ballroom! Plant some grass and wait it out. Horrifying misuse of our country's White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Berta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project and restore the White House!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original state. There was no authorization to raze it. It's ridiculous that this is moving forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:47 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Issel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born in San Francisco in1943. I am a true citizen of our United States. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Pyfferoen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I was born in Washington, D.C. and I treasure the city, its history and its buildings and monuments.

I was appalled to see the demolition of the East Wing in October 2025. I oppose the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom. I want to see the faithful reconstruction of the historic East Wing.

President Trump described his plans for a ballroom to reporters on July 31, 2025. "It'll be built over on the east side," the President said. "It won't interfere with the current building." This was not true. The bulldozers demolished the entire East Wing less than three months later. No permits for the demoliton or asbestos abatement were obtained. Much of the debris from the destruction of the East Wing was dumped at East Potomac Park Golf Links, with no concern for the environmental impact of the potentially hazardous materials that may have been contained in the structure. The park is in a flood plain, and the soil and debris

can be washed into the river and sent downstream. The fact that there were no permits sought or issued for a government project on a government building is incomprehensible.

There is no need to build a garish White House ballroom. Tricia Nixon and Edward Cox were married in the White House Rose Garden with a reception for 400 guests in the East Room. Princess Diana famously danced with John Travolta in the Entrance Hall of the East Wing during a gala dinner celebrating the first visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the United States in the Reagan Administration. The White House has hosted 19 weddings and more than 300 state dinners, all without a ballroom.

Furthermore, many of the companies and individuals listed as donors to the $400 million project have significant business interests before this Administration, which raises the obvious issue of whether the donors are buying favor with the Administration with their donations.

The merging of a private construction project on a public building means that there may be no bidding on any of the construction contracts, no input on the architectural design, no oversight of even the smallest light fixture in the new ballroom. The only decision maker will be the man whose name will be engraved on the Donald J. Trump White House Ballroom.

Harry Truman presided over a White House renovation project from 1948 to 1952 because the White House was found to be structurally unsound and was in imminent danger of collapsing. The Truman era renovation preserved the building's exterior while updating its plumbing and electrical systems and rebuilding the interior with steel beams.

President Trump's destruction of the East Wing is completely different. It sets a dangerous precedent for all future presidents who decide to remake the White House. There will be no guardrails on any demolitions or additions that future presidents want to undertake.

President Trump, like all presidents, is a temporary tenant in the People's House. If any other tenant bulldozed part of the building in which he or she resided, they would face immediate eviction and would have to pay damages to the landlord. In this case, those damages are owed to the American people. The East Wing must be rebuilt and the White House must be restored to its former historic glory.

Sincerely, Sara Hobson
Cincinnati, OH

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marla Kravatz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Jereb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Cindy Jereb

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Crippen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Teresa Manzella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why is it the President doesn't have to go through the proper channels to renovate an Historical building but ordinary people do? This project would have NEVER been approved; but, no one is doing anything to Trump. He had ruined an historical building and doesn't have the money, nor the approval to build it back. Make him pay for it himself!!!! Someone hold him accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia McManamy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The vanity project that is Donald Trump's tasteless effort to destroy the East Wing of the White house and build his garish ballroom was begun without permission, permits, design review, or architectural competence. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is listed as a "modernization project" but is rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is counter to American values, needs, and dignity.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in Northern Virginia and had the pleasure of being able to visit and tour the White House (the People's House) including during the Christmas season. Every visit always included the East Wing. I was skeptical when the first announcement was made regarding a planned ballroom. I, unfortunately, believed the President that the East Wing would be untouched by the planned construction of a ballroom. I was heartbroken the day the unannounced demolition began. I could hardly believe my eyes. Part of our Nation's History destroyed and gone forever. I understand throughout the years changes have been made, and structural modifications may be needed to maintain the integrity of such a landmark. I don't understand how something of this scale and magnitude could happen without some approval or at least comment/oversite by Congress. I also do not understand how a "supposed" handful of wealthy donors can pay for something that belongs to all Americans, rich or poor. How can a donation not be seen as a potential "payment for favor" to the Executive Branch. I would also like to have some transparency with regard to the donors. We need a list of donors along with their actual donation amount. Has this money been received? Is it pledged? Who is managing the financial end of this construction? Where is the accountability and transparency? What money (taxpayer?) and how much has already been spent? Isn't this

supposed to be the most transparent President? I am happy this lawsuit is going forward. While it cannot restore the lost East Wing, it might be able to prevent government fraud and abuse. Thankfully, I will always have the memories of my visits to the White House and do not want a ballroom that is not needed nor wanted. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Dahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Stibbe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it is the destruction of a historical building belonging to the people of the United States without legal or moral approval. Those people who are bragging about how they are building a big beautiful ballroom should be forced to get approval and should PAY for it. NO TAX DOLLARS should be used to fix a problem that was not created by the American people. I am saddened by this situation and disappointed that the United States laws do not apply to everyone equally. OUR forefathers would also be mortified.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick McCorkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose changes to the East Wing. The cost to tax payers is too much at this time when people are struggling to make ends meet.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Yadon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Degradation project is more like it. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Noonan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop all renovations of the East wing of the White House. Stop the ballroom and restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ashmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing. Of course, my opposition means little as the East Wing is already gone. None of the proper authorization, permits, or design review occurred. The president decided he wanted a ballroom and called in the bulldozers. This is not how government should work. The White House needs to be restored to its former glory.

We don't need a ballroom, but do need a government that follows the rules. I would like to see the wing rebuilt, and those who took part in the ordering and participation of the demolition be penalized. Thank you.

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Name: Diane Honig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Gonig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: stephen byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jenifer Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anthony Mondini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Edstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization REQUIRED by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne O’Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House."

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Olive DePonte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. Trump had no right to tear down the East Wing without going through the appropriate processes. The East Wing/Ballroom needs to be no larger nor taller than the West Wing, and must conform to the design aesthetic of the West Wing and the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Steiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello -

I oppose this East Wing "modernization" project. This historic extension of the White House was illegally torn down, and the plans to "rebuild" it are ridiculous! It's going to look so out of place, tacky, and end up costing the taxpayers so much money (I bet the "private donors" will fall through with their promise to trump). It needs to be restored to its former glory, and trump owes the American people an apology for recklessly taking it upon his conceited self to dismantle this beautiful wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Priscilla Laskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. In no other instance would a politician be able to demolish the East Wing of the White House--the PEOPLE's house.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

DO NOT allow the Trump administration to build a gilded ballroom and waste taxpayer money. Enough is enough.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa O'Mara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dayna Holbel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an atrocity and should be given a detailed review and then proceed with architectural plans that reflect the history of the building.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a moderization but destruction of History. This project did not have the approvals that are required or the proper permits and plan approval. This project should be stopped and made to rebuild the way it was. This can not move forward. If the project continues then there is no need for approvals, permits, or budget approval for any public official or elected body who decides that they want to tear down and replace any buildings they see fit. What's next the pentagon, Arlington Cementery.

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Meizel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sirs:

Protecting this nation's real history is extremely important (both the good and the bad).
The People's House, known as the White House, is one part of that history.
Destroying the East Wing and building a ballroom that will dwarf the main building is an insult to the people of this country.
The destruction of the various rooms in the building to suit Mr. Trump, erasing the history of the building, must be stopped.
Construction of a ballroom that will dwarf the original building, along with other building and landscape changes, should be the purview of people who understand history, not an individual who likes sparkly things.
It is, after all, "the people's house."

Janet Meizel

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Omalley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the renovation of the East wing, using taxpayers dollars without our consent!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cristiana Camardella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Coleen Spurlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. All reviews that are standard should take place so all voices can be heard and all issues addressed prior to construction. Signoffs by required organizations should be obtained before construction begins and the identification of any and all donors be made public.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Talsma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is no ordinary, purely functional decision. It symbolizes 250 years of Democracy in the New World. Current occupants are just passing through. The true owners are the generations of Americans past and future. Today's taxpayers or merely stewards. Cancel the unlawful project and rebuild the East Wing, just like post-WWII cities in Europe recreated historical buildings razed by warfare. The POTUS is not above the law. Let us penalize all those who broke the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Mattheyses
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is excessive in size compared to the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danya Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. Steeped in history, it should be treated with the respect it deserves, and not permanently altered on the whim of a temporary tenant. If changes are to be made, they should require approval from Congress, and be paid for by The People. Having these unapproved permanent alterations paid for by tech billionaires will come with strings attached that The People did not agree to. Please stop this disgusting project from continuing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Staiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing was wrong.

I oppose spending $300 million on a ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper permits, authorization, or design review. It is an affront to the American People and the destruction of the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This lawless destruction of our history will be an eyesore and a continuous reminder of the rampant and breathtaking corruption of this administration and should not be allowed to progress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Veronica Wood

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Pyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:20 PM
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Name: Andrew Sutherland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty! 47 is treating us all like he is a king- not an elected public SERVANT! The fact alone that the demo took place without anyone's permission should indicate that it needs to be put back...like it was...before fascism.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron Bernard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rather than wasting $300 million on something ugly and inappropriate from Trump, I think the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to it's former design before it was razed without proper authorization, permits, or an approved plan. I also think those who broke the law initiating this project should be held accountable to tax-payers and the American citizens whose house this is.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Pugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it was reckless reprehensible that the Trump administration demolished part of the peoples history by demolishing the east wing. They did this without consultation with anyone or any group. It was completely illegal! I think it should be completely restored to its original condition prior to the demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Devon Brand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American Taxpayer, I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Kellogg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am animately opposed to construction of the proposed ostentatious ballroom to replace the destroyed East wing of the White House. The East wing was illeagally destroyed. No application was made to Tear it down, no proposals were put forth and no permits were granted. The president does not own the White House; he is merely a temporary resident. The grounds must be returned to normal and the East wing rebuilt at the president's expense!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Krampf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose to the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization , permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but the destruction of fa significantly important of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing of the White House rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Buckwald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Stoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project began with no permits or respect for the history of the People's House. It should not proceed without proper architectural design and planning. I would like to see the East Wing returned to its original footprint and restored to it's historical significance.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Ackley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Peggy Jo Ackley

Date: 2/17/2026 8:17:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francine Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and a disservice to the American people who own the White House.
I further object to the impropriety of the administration offering the equivalent of "corporate sponsorships" of this project, and request a publicly available reconciliation of where any funds collected from outsides sources have come from and been spent.
The White House is the people's house, provided for the First Family, and while the living quarters can be decorated to reflect their tastes and to serve their needs, the remainder of the property is owned by We the People, and should reflect the history and solemnity of the property, and any permanent changes to the structure should only be completed after proper authorization, permits, and design review to ensure the structure reflects the dignity of its history.
Sincerely,
Francine M. Goodman
Marysville, Ohio

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:15:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MYRNA MCKNIGHT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of the oversized ballroom needs to be halted and the site returned to its configuration of the east wing. If a ballroom IS needed, the decision needs to go through proper channels. I have major concerns about what the “donating” corporations were promised. There is no way they would have donated out of the “goodness “ of their heart. If they had that kind of CEO they’d lower their prices instead, so they were promised something or were given concessions to do it. What were those concessions? Also, who’s going to be paying the bill when construction goes over budget. Will there be enough donated funds or will tax payers end up footing the bill? I handled construction loans for ten years. We ALWAYS required a 30% reserve to cover any overruns because we knew they were going to happen every time.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:26 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the demolition of the East Wing and construction of a State ballroom that, as currently planned, will dwarf the residence. It is true that past administrations have altered/updated/renovated the White House in years past, but those alterations (for the most part) were done with proper planning and oversight. As a taxpayer, I fully support the stoppage of the ballroom project and a restoration of the original East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruby Dow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Albert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to what it was before it was torn down. The process of moving this project forward has been shrouded in secrecy with private donations that now cannot be accounted for. The project is a vanity project and needs to be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anke Bohmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benet Bruntlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was intentionally taken down without permit or process as required. I am heartbroken that we have lost this historic wing of our White House - THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.
The East Wing should be rebuilt with similar size, architecture, and purpose of the demolished wing. It should be complementary to the White House, not an enormous ode to grandeur that overshadows THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. Those individuals who purposely broke laws and codes (to demolish the East Wing) should bear the entire cost to replace it.
If a "ballroom" is deemed necessary, find another property outside the White House grounds.
Thank you.
Benét Bruntlett
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Nilsson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It is not the personal property of the President.
• The White House was originally designed with a classical composition, featuring two smaller and lower East
and West wings, reflecting Georgian and Neoclassical principles. It was designed by Irish-American Architect James Hoban in 1792 in a public design competition. His design was selected by George Washington.
• Design guidelines for the White House and President's Park were issued by the National Park Service in 1997.
"The White House and President's Park are first and foremost a Public Trust, and important part of our national heritage."
• The current proposed project foot print is 90,000 square feet (SF) including a 22,000 SF, 1,000-person ballroom. The White House is 55,000 square feet (on multiple levels not all on ground floor). Current capacity
average for most State Department events in the West Wing is 140 people. The project is grossly out of scale
to the White House. There are extreme concerns regarding massing, height, scale aka proportionality and design harmony.
• The East Wing was expanded into the two-story structure (from the one-story addition built in 1902 by Theadore Roosevelt) by Franklin Rooseelt 1942 after Pearl Harbor to include an emergency underground bunker, the Presidential Emergency Operations Center. This PEOC was used, for example, after 9/11.
• When the current East Wing was demolished, it was stated that the East Wing cornerstone, columns, chandeliers and interior wood paneling were documented, stored and preserved for potential integration into

the new project. Where are these elements now, and how can we verify that they will be thoughtfully reused?
• Although no formal Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required as it is exempt under Section 107 of the National Historic Preservation Act (which exempts the White House, the Capital and the Supreme Court building from standard review), questions that a normal EIR would pose should still be answered. These include: impact to traffic and noise, impacts to surrounding land uses including the President's Park, Lafayette
Park and the Ellipse. For example, where will the limos, cars and other transportation be staged or parked?
• How will a 1,000-person event work? How will security be provided? What is the guests' demographic, ie. is
this going to be considered a venue where tickets are sold for attendance?
• Although the +$300 million project is stated to be funded by private donors, what about the long-term expenses of: security, maintenance, staffing, utilities, programming and scheduling of events? Will these be at
the cost of the American people?
• The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation provide clear federal guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties which have not been followed. New construction should be compatible
with existing massing, size, scale and architectural features which this project does not. These standards have
guided preservation of the White House since the 1792 public design competition.
• Prior to the East Wing's demolition October 2025, the last major destruction the White House endured was
in 1814 when the British burned it during the War of 1812. (Architect James Hoban rebuilt it after the fire.)
• This project, and this administration, is not being a good Steward of a national, of an international, icon of historical nature. The People's House represents the Republic

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dalia Kern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He had no right or authority to tear down the East Wing. It was heartbreaking to see the desecration of the White House - the peoples' house. We have to restore the East Wing back to its original size and the White House to its original profile. NO BALLROOM. Never!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Toth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination—its size completely out of scale for the historic People's House. And, knowing the imperial "taste" of the president, it will be completely out of historic character, as well. Moreover, the people do not WANT either a royal ballroom (since we do not abide royalty) or indoor inaugurations that can exclude the public completely from the transfer of power. It is too late to save the East Wing, but not too late to prevent or radically downscale this egomaniac's fever dream.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rene Sheldon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the remodel of the east wing! No money should be spent without the proper authorization being given.
The White House is NOT Trumps house. It belongs to us.. the people!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Selby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East wing without public input or proper authorization was criminal and should be penalized. Even if he had private donations, this is the people's building and he had no right to tear it down. A ballroom is not in the national interest.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Remen-Wait
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House has been razed; there is nothing left to "Modernize." I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Vallette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The destruction of the East Wing tha allo ofbus adored, was not a modernization project. It was a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Ann Highsmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project violates the public trust. For the President to decide on his own to destroy part of The White House without public input is the height of arrogance and indifference. He does not own that property and, therefore, doesn't have the right to destroy any part of it and build something else. There was no transparency for the American public. All of a sudden, we saw the footage of what the President had done; the East Wing was rubble at that point. What a monstrosity this ballroom will be. Words fail me at this point other than to say again what a horrific violation of public trust he has committed.

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Name: Julie Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marisa Conger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tiffany Keane
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Binder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American citizen, I am opposed to the modernization of the east wing with the construction of a ballroom. This project has been undertaken without going through necessary design reviews, and input by appropriate committees and city planners. This ballroom is an unnecessary addition to the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn DiPaolo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP TEARING DOWN OUR HISTORY YOU STUPID FUCK! THIS IS THE PEOPLES HOUSE, YOU IGNORANT SCUM! ITS NOT YOURS. YOU ARE ONLY HERE FOR YOUR FAKE AND FRAUDULENT "presidency" . Which I

sincerely hope is temporary and you will be removed from office very soon! Hopefully, today. RESPECT THIS BUILDING AS WELL AS THE OTHER ONES YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO DESECRATE IN YOUR PATHETIC ATTEMPT TO MAKE YOURSELF FEEL BETTER. WE DONT CARE. WE WANT YOU OUT OF OUR COUNTRY, OUR GOVERNMENT, OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR CONSTITUTION…..WHICH IS OBVIOUS YOU HOLD NO REGARD TO WHATSOEVER. GO AWAY. YOUR NAME MEANS NOTHING. YOUR FACE IS AN UGLY ABOMINATION AND YOUR FAMILY IS HIDEOUS. GET THE FUCK OUT OF OUR COUNTRY! Go live in Russia….. since you love fucking Putin so much. JUST GET THE FUCK AWAY FROM US!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Schildt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Doris Sanscrainte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:15:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paige McWhite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one builds a ballroom for 200-400 million dollars unless they intend to stay there a very long time. Donald Trump destroyed precious American history for his vanity project. It is vital that not only his project is stopped, but that all available blueprints and resources are utilized to restore the wing as closely as possible to its former glory, with no mention or honor of President Trump (seeing as he is the one who destroyed it, anyway).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Monteiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:15:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen McCarthy Koth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The very sad demolition of the White House east wing is a national tragedy. I urge you do do everything in your power to remove any authority the president may have to continue this process of " remodeling " without oversight.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:17:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Athwal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of this abomination Trump calls a ballroom. He destroys everything he touches. Case in point the Kennedy center. He destroyed the east wing with no authority. Where are all the furnishings and artwork? Mar-a-Lago?
Please do everything on your power to stop this travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Hibbitts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project had no prior authorization and erases the history of the White House. We need to restore this historic building to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Howard Elder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing restored to its glory. I DO NOT want a golden ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:58 PM
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Name: Jolynn Zierden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Milgate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need any more of this president's poor judgment and bad taste inflicted on the architecture of American landmarks. Using taxpayer money for projects that are unnecessary especially when there is infrastructure that needs attention. Enough.

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Name: Laurie Ollhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance COOK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the use of any money to "modernize" the east wing of the White House. Doing so would destroy a national monument.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RALPH Hernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Honorable Commissioners

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Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Roos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorisation, permits, or design review. I oppose the complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Briere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Van Pelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of part of the People's House is disgusting. Shame on trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Strug
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is my house and your house. I don't want to see $300 million spent on a ballroom, period. Ridiculous that our president can just tear down history without correct approval or permits. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was. How can no one be held accountable for damaging a most historic and meaningful part of my White House? Stop the building of a ballroom and begin work to restore what has been lost.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Cousineau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I heartily oppose any building of a ballroom or similar structure added on to the White House. Tearing out the East Wing was illegal and merely a vanity project for President Trump. As a citizen, I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt and be restored to its former historic design. This is the people's house, not the President's. He is only a temporary tenant and does not have the right to demolish parts of it and add an elaborate eyesore. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tacy Rutherford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project as it currently stands, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To permit this project to go ahead as currently detailed sets a dangerous precedent of bulldoze now, get your way later.

I'm saddened that so many First Ladies, who provided the unpaid labor as they supported their husband's political careers from their first political race all the way to becoming President, have been so disrespected. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project to be revised into an East Wing rebuild, restoring the East Wing to its former purpose, and updated to meet modern needs for office flow, comfort, electricity, and security.

I want this project completed with tax dollars, not privately donated funds from individuals or corporations in order to preserve the sanctity of The People's House. The White House is not for sale.

I sincerely hope that there is a new understanding and recognition that not every president who is elected

will understand the weight history carries and new protections for our country's historical properties will be written and ratified.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassie Donnelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was not thoroughly vetted nor had an actual plan been submitted. The final plans should fit within the needs of our country and also within the historical significance of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Schein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the heralded East Wing and Rose Garden was a travesty; done with reckless disregard for the honor of the White House. I would urge the NCPC to take definitive action in accordance with the respect of our presidency, history and culture. Planning must be done to conform with the surrounding buildings and structures and not dwarf our historical monuments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Berman Kress
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which did not go through proper channels to obtain permits, manage historical issues or properly review designs. "Modernizing" the East wing into an immense ballroom - while purposely disrespecting its storied history - should not be allowed to move forward. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am also opposed to private and sometimes unnamed donors contributing to this project. If it's important enough to be done through proper channels then the American people should be responsible for its cost. Utilizing private and corporate donors opens the door to bribery and "purchased" advantages with the President.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Cline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jaine Foster-Valdez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Trump ballroom project should not be allowed to move forward. Trump's actions bypassing all legal processes should be sanctioned not rewarded regardless of the "concern" for the current vulnerability for the bunker left exposed by the destruction of the historic East Wing. I can't help but believe that very vulnerability was part of the plan to allow the project to move forward as a plan B if there was pushback for the east wing project. The speed with which the historical east wing was demolished bears this out.

The challenges facing the American people deserve the attention and resources of the government far more than a vanity project.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to the president. Its historical significance must be preserved and the damage restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:20:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Rinella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Rosholt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lawrence Crump
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marcella Hain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will quote Anara Guard since her writing is so eloquent. I feel just as strongly about this travesty.

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Name: Donna Walters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like this project to be cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:19:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Holley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project due to the lack of transparency, the lack of legal compliance, the tragic impact on a national historical landmark, and the conflicts of interest in its private funding which is opaque at best. Not to mention that the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom will overwhelm the White House itself, permanently disrupting the carefully balanced design of the historic structure.

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Name: Jeff Seale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the East Wing back with exactly the same footprint as it was before it was demolished to the same specs. And under no circumstances but his name on it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:19:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed structure is out of proportion with the whole building and looks grotesque. The cost seems high for the number of times it will be used. I think this project deserves more study and planning.

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Name: Patricia Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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These are not my words, but are used with permission and clearly state my position.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Yoshimura
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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Name: Stephanie Melvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zain Orion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Oyster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored to it's previous form, based on the original drawings and specifications, with all modern upgrades in safety and technology. In no way should a huge, onstentatious, dominating ballroom be constructed. If a design that honors the original design of the White House and the West Wing can be offered that fits in with the surroundings, providing office space for the First lady an her staff and all other offices that used to be housed in the East Wing, that would be an acceptable alternative. However, the destruction of the East Wing as it previously existed was an insult to the American People, and i want to see every single person involved in it to be arrested and fined or jailed for their role in the travesty. I also want to see all objects of historical or artistic signficance that were previously housed in the now destroyed east wing to be identified, found, inventoried, and restored to the reconstructed East Wing.
do not build that ugly ass ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Hayward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project because is was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. The project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and those who broke the law must be penalized. To neglect to do so would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:17:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzy Tenenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was not okay that Pres. Trump had the East wing torn down with out going thru the mandated legal process of permit. He tore down history with out asking Congress . This project needs to stop. If rich donors pay for this they will be expecting favors.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:17:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Kuykendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I did not vote for Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election, but among those who did, there were zero (0) voters, anywhere in the United States, who voted for him based on a campaign promise from him to tear down the East Wing and replace it with a ballroom or anything else. The White House, I'm informed,

is a national park. As such, NCPC has authority over construction and renovation at the site. The White House did not follow the legal requirement of getting advance permit approval for such actions, and offered bogus justification for pursuing the egregious extent of demolition that's already happened. I agree with former NCPC chair L. Preston Bryant, Jr., who has said, "If there's to be demolition, that's part of the project.... The demolition element is inherent in the overall project. Demo is not separated from construction. It's part of it." Yes, that's obvious. The NCPC has approval jurisdiction over vertical construction. The proposed ballroom would be built vertically upward from ground level where the East Wing has been. The only way to construct vertically from said ground level is via doing an East Wing tear-down to start with. That is why Mr. Bryant is correct about the non-separation of the commenced demolition from the contemplated construction. The president and White House are in legal non-compliance with NCPC protocols.

Moreover, I oppose the ballroom idea, totally. It's just another vanity idea like trying to get Dulles Airport re-named for him. What Trump and White House want to do, towards glorification of his ego, is a razing of American history. The project would destroy the architectural balance, the synchronicity, of a West Wing and East Wing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom as planned is ugly and destroys the look of the beautiful and historic Whitehouse. The east wing should be rebuilt as it was and Trump punished by extreme fine or prison or both. Please don't allow the ballroom to be built.

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Name: Cary Herwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Therese Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the modernization project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and it is a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Winkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this absurd project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ronald Rankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael McGuire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing, make Trump pay. The moron can't even figure out how to build right, which is supposedly what his background is. He's a con man through and through. Make him pay for destroying our property.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:16:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirk Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be rebuilt exactly as it was before demolition (obviously with any adjustments needed to bring it up to code). Anything else is a betrayal of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:16:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorelle Marinello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States! It needs to be put back the way it was. That includes any artifacts or historical items and furnishings that were there before our current administration arrived.

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Name: Sara Keyes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Put it back!

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Name: Susan Thaler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is razing OUR American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. No is above the law.

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Name: John Loehmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an example of the congress allowing a child having his way without any consequences. The child is ignoring the laws and no one is saying “no you can’t do that”. As an American citizen I find this action to be a disgusting example of entitlement by the child who cares nothing for the American people and only about his self aggrandizement.

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Name: Pamela Muir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

Additionally there are other options in the area with capacity to accommodate larger numbers of attendees if necessary.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. That speaks volumes about the lack of respect for following normal procedures when a change is being considered.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

I personally think that the East Wing should be rebuilt using the "donors funds". I also oppose the destruction of the rose garden and hope it will be restored. There's enough concrete in the city.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Maroney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I avidly support the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House to its former design. Its destruction without authorization or review is outrageous. I consider it a criminal act that should be punishable according to the law. Please have it returned to its historic beauty.
Thank you,
Paula Maroney

Date: 2/17/2026 8:15:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosanne Manmiller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so horrified to see the destruction of the East Wing. As a retired educator, I know that this was done without any regard to procedures for preservation of historical buildings. This is definitely not a modernization project, but a vanity project to serve one person instead of the American people. The disregard for the American Constitution is APPALLING! My love for true democracy has pushed me to write, asking that the East Wing be restored to its former design and that this administration be held accountable! It was a terrible metaphor to see the dismantling of history! We, the people, are demanding our democracy back!

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Name: Sage Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Donna J
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Yokers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the spending of $300 million to build a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Dornfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction and razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Mary Ann Dornfeld

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Cavallo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the ballroom and restore the East Wing of the White House to its previous design and structure. the ballroom is not something the Americans support when so many more worthwhile spending is being cut.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Moira Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I truly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Hobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white House should be restored to the way it was. The East Wing was destroyed without the proper permission.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dee Fields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern :

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Yours truly,
Dee Fields

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Name: Elizabeth Earley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Sanderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I in no way approve of the tearing down of the East Wing of the Peoples' House, the White House! It is obscene that the East Wing was torn down with no permission from any agency that has the responsibility for reviewing plans for such a change. I want the East Wing restored to its previous condition. I do not want the grotesque ballroom over shadowing the White House and I most certainly do not want any president making those decisions without the proper historical preservation authority. It is obscene over reach not to go through lawful and proper channels no matter who has contributed money! For all we know it is Epstein money!

Please standup to the bully in chief! Thank you, Rebecca Sanderson

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:39 PM
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Name: Donna Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing

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I find it disgraceful that this project was unilaterally decided upon by one person instead of going through the proper channels. I also object to the Rose Garden project.

Donna Lane

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JJ Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Whitehouse is OUR house, not Trump's. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Those funding the project expect, and are receiving, economic and political benefits for this - this is unconstitutional, and just plain disgusting. This is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history to satisfy a mentally unsound ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (preferably using the funds already collected from those who are attempting to buy our democracy). No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Boyne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The following points are why I am TOTALLY AGAINST the tearing down of the East Wing.

Lack of Proper Review and Transparency: Opponents and the National Trust for Historic Preservation argued the project moved forward without required, legally mandated historic preservation reviews or approval from the National Capital Planning Commission.

Destruction of Historic Site: The demolition was criticized as a "disrespectful" alteration of a national landmark, removing the historic space that historically housed offices for First Ladies and their staff.

Scale and Scope: The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom was viewed by some as excessive and out of character for the White House, with concerns it would "dwarf" the existing executive residence.

Questionable Legitimacy and Funding: Critics characterized the funding and approval process as a "Rube Goldberg" method intended to avoid oversight, raising concerns about opaque private donations.

Process and Procedure: Critics, including former officials, argued that the project was handled without consulting the public and was contrary to established procedures for altering federal buildings.

Public and Political Opposition: Polls indicated significant opposition, with roughly 61% of independents and 88% of Democrats opposed to the project, calling it a "desecration" of the "People's House".

Critics argued that the project's rapid, "irreversible" nature was a major issue, allowing little room for proper oversight.

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Name: Jennifer DeSilva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Timoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National

Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joe Chasse'
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization", indeed! We were so gobsmacked when, with no permits, Trump's crew tore down the East Wing! Saddened, and angered, I write to advocate for rebuilding as it was (with up to code wiring and plumbing).
Thanks again for allowing us citizens the opportunity to weigh in on this.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design

review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and new redesigns of the East Wing brought forward to the public by legal representatives of the USA for public debate. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It's the People's House and we let President's stay there during their terms.

Sincerely,

John Young
Rural Hall NC

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen POOLE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned about the proposed ballroom. Number 1, the East Wing should never have been torn down, as that wasn't approved. The proposed ballroom would be bigger than the main building of the White House. The addition should not overshadow the main building. A ballroom of the size proposed is really unnecessary.

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Name: Kare Himmelberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deb Stuck
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Roof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build this hideous ballroom with bribes from tech giants and donors. Restore the east wing for the rightful heirs of the Peoples house!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not oppose the continuation of The East Wing Modernization which is currently going on. Instead I'm in favor of it.
Please consider my opinion. The White House has not been exactly as it is now during its entire existence. I would like any items housed in or on the walls of this section of the East Wing to be preserved for display to be viewed periodically and put back in storage as they currently do with things in display throughout The White House including pictures to show how it was before this remodel. I realize none of us want to lose the historical aspect that now exists but I've learned that we must preserve even as we remodel. The reasons I've been exposed to of why President Trump wants the East Wing changed and every reason I've read was a good and firm reason. I encourage each of you who have a deciding vote to know that I'm in support of and am good with the East Room Modernization. I don't oppose it nor want the voters to stop it.
Thank you,

Deborah Brown
Retired Texas Resident

[redacted]
USA Proud
Supporter of President Trump

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House is an abomination that would adversely affect the appearance and historic nature of the building. This is the "people's house" and the people did not ask for this. The east wing should be rebuilt to its former footprint; if it is possible to incorporate an event space, fine, but the overall design should not overpower the rest of the historic structure.

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Name: Julie Hadzima
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Snarski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Audrey Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Sapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this “project”. We do not need to so nd that much money on a vanity project for the “president “. The White House belongs to the people & he had no right to destroy the east wing for this pitiful idea. He should be fined & required to put the east wing back the way it was…& reimburse every penny so by on demolition.
Thank you.
Laura Sapp

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Farmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East wing and the abomination of a ballroom they want to construct in its place. The East Wing should be restored as it was. The demolition was done with no oversight, no permits, and no consideration of the fact the this is the people's house. It does not belong to any one person and no major changes should be done without Congressional oversight and permission. Do not continue this project.

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Name: Juliann Silver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree with the continuation of this illegal project and a waste of our tax dollars and and erasure of history. I want the East wing returned to its former state, to the tiniest of details. President Antionette doesn't need a golden ball room while he turns American cities into war zones battling his ICE goons. That is NOT his house. It's our house. And it belongs to our ancestors that built it and funded it with the sweat off their backs.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Speth Sara Speth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this project. Americans do not approve of tearing down our history in favor of a gold plated monument to an over sized ego, particularly without the Historic Preservation Trust, comments from citizens and proper plans, permits and approvals. This was the cart before the horse and cannot be allowed to continue.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Ann Dent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million to build a lavish ballroom, a project which was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To move forward without these permits and design review is to trample on our American history, and on the rule of law. I would like this project halted. I believe our country is better served by rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its former style. To allow this project to proceed without the required permits and authorizations is not in our country's best interests.

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Name: Stephanie Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Traci Kelly
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Name: John McCammon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing was done on the sly, without any form of review or oversight. It was done this way in order to preempt any discussion of its future.
The White House belongs to the American people, not to any one of its temporary residents and it was never intended to be a palace.
The East Wing should be rebuilt, as it was before this affront to the restrained and refined taste of the structure was foisted on the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Swedek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project and ballroom is a disgrace. No one hs asked for it and the construction has destroyed the historical relevance of the White House. This is not Mara Lago…it is a representation of our history and democracy. To move ahead on this is absolutely abhorrent.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary jo Olds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom. No authority to do this.
Please oppose the ballroom and the building of it. This is not what White House represents. You have just taken away an historical site and all the stuff that goes with it. I OPPOSE

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: PATRICIA FINLEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the way it was before that guy tore it down without notice or permission. This is a historic part of the White House that has great significance . Please put it back EXACTLY as it was. NO tacky gold b.s.

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Name: Susana Erling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you!

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Name: Sophie Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalie Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop any progress on building a ballroom in place of the east wing! An absolute embarrassment and misuse of funds as well as destruction of a historical building

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Fulmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO. Please vote NO.

There was no plan, they sought no permissions. In fact, they insisted that they did not need permission. They said that they would not touch the main building of the White House and they did. They said they would not harm the trees, and they did. They said they would preserve the art, and they did not.

This is unprecedented, and choosing people to be on the review board is unheard of. This must not happen.

Please vote no.

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Name: Sabine Wheetley
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Name: John Utz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reckless destruction of a national landmark, without authorization, without justification, simply to satisfy one man's ego -- it's disgusting. A disgrace. Why didn't anyone put the brakes on this travesty before

it ever got started? My god, is anyone actually willing to speak truth to power anymore? Where are the adults? Where are the true Americans? Where are the people who are willing to put principle and love of country above all private interest? Please -- we have to stand together and stand up against this dismantling of our nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the craziness. Get historians, architects, preservationists involved. Bring the White House back to its former beauty — even while we improve use of space in the East Wing.

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Name: Joanne Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Dorgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on the project to build a huge ballroom in place of the historic East Wing of the White House. The East Wing was destroyed without going through the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and certainly without the input of the American people whose house that building is supposed to be. In the President's tearing down of the East Wing, we have lost much that was historic in nature. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former size, design, and purpose. The President broke the law in destroying a large part of this historic building, and he should not be permitted to get away with that. There should be consequences!

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Name: Erin Gardiner
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Please, let's make this right.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Grogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please stop this awful project in its tracks. Ordinary American citizens like myself would be happy to contribute to rebuilding the East Wing to its former state. This project was done without the necessary authorization. The project idoes not fit the rest of the White House structures--it is far too big and too gaudy--and worse, the history of the East Wing was obliterated in the razing of the building. I am hopeful that with careful oversight, the wing could be rebuilt in a way that preserves the looks and feel of the former East Wing and reflects its history.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Norling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated PRIOR to any request, authorization, permits, designs etc. Without funding or public input about a publically owned building and historic site.
The East Wing should be rebuilt to its former glory using the funds donated for the ballroom. This should be done to restore it to prevent any further gain from these illegal actions. No Name other than the East Wing should be given to it.
America has places of publically owned and built history, they should recieve more respect than simply to be demolished at the drop of a hat.
Restor the East Wing as it was please.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dina Schmid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed “modernization of the East Wing and ballroom addition” project at the White House.

The White House is not simply a residence or event venue - it is a historic symbol of our democracy. Its architectural character reflects continuity, restraint, and service. Altering that character in a significant way risks diminishing the very symbolism that makes it meaningful.

I am particularly concerned about the scale and purpose of adding a ballroom. The White House has never been defined by grandeur for its own sake. It has stood, instead, as a reminder that the President serves the public. Its dignity comes from its history, not from expansion.

There is also the matter of cost. At a time when public resources are stretched across pressing national priorities, investing in a large-scale addition to an already functional historic building feels unnecessary and

misaligned with the spirit of stewardship that this house represents.

The White House is often called “The People’s House.” That phrase matters. Its character should remain humble, grounded, and historically intact - a visible reminder that leadership in this country is rooted in service, not spectacle.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this project and prioritize retuning the East Wing to the size and scope of what it was prior to demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:31 PM
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Name: nancy Shafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this terrible idea should not go forward !! americas should not have to pay for this horrendous ballroom. trump has taking the peoples house and closed it off the citizens ! neither should his arch or statutes be approved.
he has cut funding from so many programs and has forgotten the people who voted for him and his oath of office and understanding of the constitution!
NO ON THIS BALLROOM
NO ON ANY OF THE BUILDING IDEAS TRUMP HAS. MMA AND AND A RACE TO CELEBRATE AMERICA ! no no no. put money back into programs.

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Name: Kathryn Nuttall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its former size and general layout as primary office space for the First Lady and her staff. Expand as necessary and update the number of rooms and general layout in keeping with modern needs. Make it compatible with the main house. Restore the movie theater in a modernized layout. Restore

color to the Rose Garden. Dump the entire ballroom project...it's not needed. Make it subdued and tasteful...no gaudy gold accents, and don't let Trump put his name on anything...the White House is the People's house, not another Trump toy

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Downing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization and ballroom addition will be a constant reminder for future generations of the chaos and inhumanity associated with this President. What will be demolished next, the Lincoln Memorial, or just the Constitution and the laws of this country?
This humongous ballroom will completely overshadow the White House, and, of course, the Trump name will be emblazoned upon it, as if it is one of their hotels, towers or golf courses. This addition is not for We The People. It is solely for the ego of this President.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hugh Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is shameful that a historic building such as the White House was allowed to have part of it destroyed by one man's wishes. The East Wing has such significant place in the US history. Foreign leaders have been welcomed there and tourists got their first glimpse of the inside of the White House when that was the portal for their entrance. There was no discussion, no advance planning or coordination from any historical design committee or agency. It was simply destroyed on the whim of one man. The lavish ballroom that has been projected is completely out of proportion to the White House and all other historic government buildings in DC. It is also completely not needed. I think all parties that were responsible for the destruction should have to fund the rebuilding of the East Wing exactly as it was prior to this terrible teardown.

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Name: Jami McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project started without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without the required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization. The $400 million in costs is being fronted by corporations, creating a conflict of interest. This is not how projects in the United States of America are supposed to be run.

The White House is the people's house. It belongs to the American people, and our representatives have enacted laws governing how restoration and modernization projects are to be approved. No president should be able to make this decision single-handedly.

I urge the commission to reject his proposal.

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Name: Raina Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a history major, I oppose this project and any moneys spent not to restore this portion of the people’s house to a functional and useful historically accurate legacy to our country. The White House is the house of the leader of all the people of the US. No portion of it should be rebuilt to cater to millionaires and billionaires who comprise a tiny and overly powerful part of our population.

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Name: Diana Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Norma Geddes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plan for the ballroom addition to the White House is atrocious. It is completely out of scale with the remaining, historic building and should be much smaller and less grandiose. Any addition should remain in the footprint of the original Wing and should exactly mirror the design of the other Wing.

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Name: Laurie Geller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The giant golden ballroom is nothing but a vehicle for funneling corporate bribes to our orange Marie

Antionette.
This monstrous vanity project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review-- it has nothing to do with 'modernization' and all of America knows this.
We want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design-- which was culturally, historically, and proportionally appropriate.
To permit this project to go ahead --without penalizing those who broke the law and tried to illegally railroad this through ---is an insult to the very idea of "Rule of Law"

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Name: Teresa Kester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the Eastwing of the WH. It is the people's house with historic importance to the history of the U.S. Proper steps and approval were not followed . This was illegal and against rules for any changes in historic buildings.

Please stop this destruction and use the $300 million dollars to restore the Eastwing of the WH back to it's original state.

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Name: Dawn Kovac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Caroline Sykora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michael Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marie Hoepfl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Barbara Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the destruction of the East wing of the Whitehouse was allowed to happen. I am staunchly opposed to a $300 million ballroom being built in its place. I would like to see the East wing replaced in its original beauty and restore its rich history. This should have never been allowed to happen. The White house belongs to the American people, not one group only. Put it back the way it was and try to restore some order and sanity back into our country. Stop allowing the destruction of our history.

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Name: Judy Sivertsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition is more accurate than modernization. The East wing was the lady wing. Just as Trump and his republican cohorts have taken away women's access to healthcare, this is another way to try to limit women's influence in politics. Trump is so incompetent he can't even follow proper channels to build a dance hall. At some point, the American people will rebuild it exactly the way it was. In the meantime spend the money on health care and food security for people who need it.

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Name: Christina C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeanne Nienhuis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who initiated this project without the proper authority and permissions should be held accountable for any costs incurred. No one is above the law.

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Name: Alice Huber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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A tenant in the People's House should not have destroyed our house, our history, all for a vanity project. This is egregious behavior. Any one person who occupies the White House should not be able to take over any renovations, any destruction, anything that disgraces the People's House. I cried when I saw the video of the construction equipment tearing the East Wing down. Our monuments, our shared histories of Native Americans, immigrants, Black, brown, all Peoples should be preserved and not rewritten to please one person, one group. History should be expanded, truthfully, and we aren't there yet. The East Wing should

be restored at no cost to the American taxpayers. Use the hundreds of millions given for the "ballroom" to go to restoration of the East Wing, and other national treasures damaged by this current administration. Thank you.

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Name: Cynthia Vaughn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sheryl Horn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Connie Hershey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of the demolition of the American people’s historic East Wing in order to build a gaudy ballroom. First of all, this was done illegally. No one is above the law, not even the president. The White House does not belong to the President, it belongs to the American people. If it needs to be renovated, it should be done in keeping with the historical time period in which it was built and with the proper authorization. I am asking that the ballroom plan be halted and that the East Wing be rebuilt in

keeping with the time period. Our history needs to be preserved, not destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can trace my roots in the United States back to the 1600's. I vehemently appose the destruction of a national monument owned by the American citizens.
Restore the East Wing and the rose garden.
It is not the prerogative of the president to destroy it for his benefit.

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Name: Mary Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann-Maree Triplett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It began without proper authorization, permits, or a clear, verified funding source. It has done harm to the historic site that is the White House, and any further pursuit of construction (short of fully restoring the East Wing to its pre-demolition state) will continue to have a negative impact on the historical significance of this site. This project in its current form should be cancelled, and the east Wing should be restored to its pre-demolition state at the expense of the person(s) who greenlit the demolition without following legal requirements.

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Name: Lauren Weisholz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Todd Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was no legitimate need for this project to begin with. I'm a registered republican and embarrassed by this and many other activities of this administration. This is just one of many that shouldn't be allowed to continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eldene Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow construction of a "ballroom" where the East Wing was demolished. The White House has always been "The Peoples House". It is what separates us from other countries and is a symbol of our democratic governance. To allow any single occupant of the Oval Office or Residence to make permanent changes is unthinkable. This is our collective history and belongs to each and every single American. The East Wing should be preserved and rebuilt to its' prior elegance.

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Name: Daniel McConaghy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project as currently developed. There is a clear need for a larger meeting space such as this ballroom. It is way over the needed seating capacity. How we financially support ongoing operations of a facility of this size? The scale of the proposal dwarfs the original White House structure and diminishes it prominence and historical place. It makes it a clear second on the site. Adding to the height of the west wing only makes this worse!

I am a Registered Architect with over 40 years of practice. I have travelled globally and have toured each of the capitals of the USA, Russia, China and Brazil. Our project is trying to complete with these other capitals. Since when do we add some white columns to a white, oversized box and call this great architecture? Please insist on a re design of this project! Respectfully.
Daniel McConaghy
Architect
[redacted]

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Name: Jason Othello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

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Name: Amanda Limpert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. My understanding is that no tax dollars will be used to fund this project. But this house is a symbol for all the people of the United States. Billionaires should not buy their version of the White House It deserves a proper modernization, not replacement with a project that is ego driven by the current, but not future, occupant of the Presidency. It should properly reflect real need. If a big room is needed, fine. But it should be required to go through every process that any building representing the United States of America should. That we are sitting with a demolition project is an affront to America. Laws have been broken and no one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Not to mention that the current occupant has appallingly poor taste in design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project was initiated with design review, permits or proper authorization. The current administration seems to think that they can destroy historical buildings and monuments with no forethought or permission. Their disregard for historic buildings is devastating. The current state of the White House is a testament to that. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ronda Moro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Ronda Moro

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Name: Phoebe Lantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing was destroyed in the whim of the president to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors. There was no review at all. I oppose this demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project (and growing) is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting president which creates, at the very least, the appearance of influence-seeking and undermines public trust.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. And please, please, no gilding!

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Name: Cindy Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erica Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Besich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Gentlemen:

I wish to mirror Anara Guard's comment on the destruction of OUR once historic and beautiful East Wing of the White House. She has granted permission to use/mirror her comment on Facebook.

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

This President acts out of only self-interest with distain and disrespect for the citizens of the US and its treasury. He is NOT above the law despite his efforts to be so.

-He is a pedophile: No innocent person would protest and fight this hard to cover up evidence of his long-term duplicitous involvement with Epstein.
-He is a rapist: A court of law has it deemed it so via evidence presented before a jury.

-He is a con-artist and fraud: Thirty-four felony counts of falsifying business documents in a court of law have established his guilt.
-He is _____: The despicable actions of this President are too numerous to outline. Fill in the blank.

Of all the corrupt, dangerous, and immoral actions of this President, the destruction of the East Wing, and the attempts to "rewrite" our history have broken my heart in ways I could have never predicted. Please stop him and hold him accountable for the laws he has broken and is breaking as I write this to you.

Our time-honored and respected institutions are slipping through the fingers of our democracy. Please hold strong to your duty to protect our history, culture, and uphold the laws that protect them and us from him.

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Name: Linda Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million, or any amount of tax-payer money, on this so-called modernization project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was done behind the backs of Americans at the whim of one person. It is not a modernization project. It is a demolition of American history and an attempt to build a palace for a want-to-be king. The project must be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is the People's House - not the president's or a want-to-be monarch's palace.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorra Moyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, much like ICE detention centers which have not worked with local authorities.
It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and an assault on nature.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people.

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Name: Virginia Bloom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not support the destruction of a national monument without using the proper process or channels to

review and approve the "modernization". If this was truely a respectful modernization, there would have been due process and transparency.

American tax dollars are better used to help combat the impact of rising food prices for those most in need, housing homeless vets, increasing funds for WIC or reduced lunches for school kids.

This was a cruel and irresponsible use of funds in the face of a nation struggling. The destruction of the East Wing of the white house mirrors the destruction this administration is visiting on the American people.

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Name: Bobbi Kelly-Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose this project and believe that the East Wing, which was razed without the appropriate permissions or public review, should be rebuilt and restored to its original, historic design. No one, not even the President, is above the law. Our nation's history is rich, varied, and colorful and we should not remake it in the image of the only President to be a convicted felon.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JAMES DALE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, especially since a public building is being in efect bought by a bunch of sad billionaires. This "ballroom" project (in fact a galling project) was initiated without legal authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and simply a monument to vanity. A gaudy gold-covered monstrosity will not represent our country; it will be a cheap imitation of elegance, more suited to a 19th century whorehouse.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

James W. Dale

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Name: Michael Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the construction of a ballroom in the place where the East Wing once stood. The demolition of this building took place without proper authorization and permitting processes. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt, as it was, and with all due speed and care.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Burbank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The government should consider building a ballroom that is smaller, more elegant, and tastefully designed. It would have been far better to plan something modest and refined before proceeding with demolition. Additionally, there is no need for excessive ornamentation such as gold leafing. A simpler, understated design would reflect better judgment and respect for public resources.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Reinhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Childs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the president renovating the east wing into a ballroom. IT is not his house. It is the Nation's and Trump should have no rights to do this disastrous project to attempt to glorify his tarnished image.

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Name: Victoria Chisham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I totally object what Trump has done to our White House the peoples White House he did it without our permission without our funding without our blessings he did it illegally, and I want it to not be completed in his name. I want the project to stop and the Eastwing put back the way it was how dare this monster this pedophile this God, forsaken and evil man do what he's done to our country, let alone the east wing.

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Name: John Pacinelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historic buildings must be preserved.
Trump did not follow any laws that would have prevented this perversion. Please stop the ballroom and return the historic east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:57:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the ballroom construction! No one authorized Trump to tear it down. Please save our beautiful historic White House. Anything built should use the same foot print and not be bigger than the original wing. I've been a Republican all my voting years and I have never seen destruction like this before from any President. The White House really means something to me…this hurts my heart.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:56:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Tackett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely oppose this mess. It should have never have been touched.

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Name: Chris Coen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Benjamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Tatum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would prefer the East Wing be rebuilt as it was, before demolition, preserving its historical significance.

Thank you,
Janice Tatum

Date: 2/17/2026 7:56:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Oren Helbok
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commissioners:

As a law-abiding and patriotic American, I vehemently oppose everything about the East Wing "modernization", otherwise known as vandalism, plain and simple.

This project began without ANY of the proper authorizations, permits, or design review, and it has no merit whatsoever, whether functionally or architecturally or in any other way.

I want this project canceled post haste. Millions of Americans of good will including me demand that the East Wing get rebuilt TO ITS PREVIOUS DESIGN.

In America we have no kings: NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:56:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm opposed to this misuse of power and misuse of funds.

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Name: Anna Saylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the east wing and the building of a ballroom. We need to go through the proper channels. This is the people's house. NOT TRUMPS!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Conley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing of the Peoples House was recklessly and illegally demolished is unconscionable. As an American Citizen I absolutely oppose this "modernization", desecration of our history is what it truly is. This project Must be canceled and the East Wing COMPLETELY REBUILT AND RESTORED TO ITS FORMER DESIGN.
The people involved in destroying it should be charged for their illegal actions.

No one is above the law. The White House is our legacy and must be protected as such.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: BARBARA Ready
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Buckler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kasey Barth
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Name: Brian McCreath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was ill-conceived and likely undertaken illegally. The project should be abandoned, with the East Wing rebuilt according to its previous plan and design.

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Name: Brittina Wiese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. History is being erased and money that the country does not have to spend is being spent. The $300 million for this could go a long way to restoring the people's house and East Wing to its former glory. This project was not planned or authorized and needs to be stopped. The East Wong needs to be restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to going forward with this project next. The funding leaves open the opportunity for purchased bribes. Nothing in our house should be subject to this type of funding. Additionally, the national monuments personnel should have final approval on a project of this gargantuan size. The White House is the people's house not a monarch's palace. Treat it accordingly

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Name: Elizabeth Rublev
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Abrego
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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and restored to it's former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding American citizens

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Name: Bonnie Afair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I dont't think it is appropriate for one president to make this major a change to the people's house without working through the steps in place to insure the finished product is in keeping with the historical significance of this building.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:53 PM
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Name: Patricia Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the "modernization" project of the East wing of the White House. The current state of the East wing shows the devastation imposed by the Trump administration on the people's house. The project skirted the usual and required permitting process. The planned "ballroom" is unnecessary and relies upon funding from private resources, mainly friends and associates of the current president. The whole project stinks of grift. This project should be stopped immediately, and the White House should be restored to its former condition at no cost to the taxpayers.

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Name: Laurie Levknecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Jennifer Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am unequivocally opposed to the the unauthorized project in the East Wing. The use of private funds is scandalous. The destruction of our heritage is horrific. The president should use his own funds to rebuild the structure as it was. Instead he is promising favors to the wealthy who contribute. This is the people's house, not the billionaires playground.
We need the East Wing rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Niesslein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's absolutely outrageous that the president demolished a building that belongs to the United States, not him, without any approval, guidance, or regard to the planning commission. I would urge you to immediately stop whatever oligarch plans are into place and make him restore it, through his or his oligarch donors' funds, to its original footprint in a design approved by the planning commission.

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Name: Allison Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: sally Loehrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the destruction of the existing East Wing. I think what Trump did should be punished as criminal trespass to Federal Property and he should be required to personally pay to restore it to its former exterior size, shape and style. If the inside can be restructured to better serve the American people, then that should be done. It is imperative the outside be restored to its pre-Trump appearance. It is appalling to me that anyone can call in heavy duty construction equipment anywhere in DC and just demolish an existing building without the proper permits. It is beyond belief this happened to half of the White House because Trump lied and said the existing East Wing would not be touched.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Sterling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this.

I was very disturbed when Trump demolished the east wing without consulting or notifying anyone. He acts with the arrogance and impunity of a dictator

The details that I've learned from various press reports about the planned ballroom are also very disturbing. They're inconsistent with the architectural integrity of the White House and the cost is being paid by corporate interests, which stinks of corruption.

The whole project should be deferred and done with proper care and should not become a monument to Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Barkley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax payer for 65 years, I request the East Wing of the White House be restored as it was with only structural upgrades required to bring it up to current codes. From childhood we've been proud of our capital and its iconic buildings and structures. The White House has been widely visited by dignitaries and the common person and wonderfully represented our country's dignity and was a welcoming place for others. Keeping the integrity of our historically intact White House is important as so much shifting sand occurs around us. It is grounding. The wanton desecration & destruction was done without proper authority and without approval of the American people. The People's House belongs to the nation and not to its current inhabitant.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Hogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am utterly opposed to the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed giant ballroom projected to replace it. Mr. Trump proceeded with the demolition of the East Wing without consulting, submitting plans or seeking permitting from the National Capital Planning Commission. He should be stopped permanently by the NCPC and the courts from continuing with his self-aggrandizing project.

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Name: Rachel Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply against this project. The East Wing of the White House was torn down with no regard for history, process, or the law. We cannot allow this to become a precedent. The White House needs to be restored and rebuilt, not modernized. It is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Stoddard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the ballroom project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Kintz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this project move forward. The destruction of the East Wing was done without any review, permits or consultation to protect the national historic White House. Please work to restore the integrity of the White House structure.

Thank you for following the guidelines to protect our historic monuments!

Most sincerely and a concerned citizen,

Ellen Kintz

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Sineni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East wing was not authorized. Restore it to original, upgrading safety features as needed.

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Name: Jeanine Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stacie Frobenius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a citizen and live in Kansas City Missouri. I work for our city's police department. I am a steward of our citizens money, the money they work hard for and pay into our governmental systems.

In no way does this ballroom benefit 'we the people.' We will not be invited to attend an event there. It will not be my name on it. We won't make money from it. But Pres. Trump will find a way to profit from it. The mere fact that the site was demolished illegally should STOP this project in its tracks. Going forward with this will be a disgrace to anyone's legacy if they vote/approve it. Thank you for your consideration into this matter.

- Stacie Frobenius

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Roberson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was done without the proper authorizations. This is a terrible waste of tax payer dollars because even though it may be privately funded, our tax dollars will go for its upkeep. This is the people's house not a project for the president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy van Wunnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I lived in a designated historic district in Dallas, Texas, and homeowners could not even change the color of exterior paint without following historic guidelines and receiving permission. The president of the United States should not be above the law, and the fact that he unilaterally decided to erase this part of our heritage is appalling.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rev. Dr. Kate Epperly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million for the East Wing Modernization of the WhiteHouse! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. My husband, Rev. Dr. Bruce and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:51:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Oren Helbok
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commissioners:

As a law-abiding and patriotic American, I vehemently oppose everything about the East Wing "modernization", otherwise known as vandalism, plain and simple.

This project began without ANY of the proper authorizations, permits, or design review, and it has no merit whatsoever, whether functionally or architecturally or in any other way.

I want this project canceled post haste. Millions of Americans of good will including me demand that the East Wing get rebuilt TO ITS PREVIOUS DESIGN.

In America we have no kings: NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom project has no place as part of the White House Complex and has already violated historic preservation guidelines. Its scale and mass overburdens the historic landscape. Simply because the East Wing has already been destroyed does not mean that the President and his chosen minions have the right to dictate a new building. There was no documentation of the East Wing and it should be rebuilt as it once stood. This destruction should not be rewarded with carte blanche to further ruin The People's House.

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Name: Kay Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing ballroom and the cost associated with. I want it returned to its prior structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Comras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The world recoiled when airplanes destroyed the Twin Towers. Yet, this administration illegally bulldozes historic, national treasures and monuments and no one stops it? The White House is the PEOPLES' house. The simple elegance of the design and the history that happened there are OUR story. The East Wing needs to be historically rebuilt, piece by piece and that concrete slab replaced by the original rose garden. Do it now before they can do any further destruction. We did not vote for our monuments and our historical buildings to be destroyed because of one man's ego. Stop this now before the Washington Monument is replaced by a parking garage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jean Snow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the complete annihilation of the former East Wing, and I oppose the millions of dollars from independent donors being used to "modernize" it without any input from historical groups. The White House is the People's House. The Presidents who reside in it are only tenants for a short period of time. No President has the authority to make such drastic changes without consulting the proper groups or agencies. Please allow this pile of rubble to, at the very least, be turned into something the historical society deems appropriate.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:51:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathryn Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (the cost of which seems to keep rising!), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I was horrified that the East Wing was demolished with no review or plan in place. Our current president seems to be a wrecking ball in motion! The White House is a national treasure not a Lego set for someone to randomly break down and rebuild!

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Patricia Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project. Restore the East Wing.

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Name: ELIZABETH WIRE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Other provisions can be made to provide space for government gatherings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Cowles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits and design review. Sadly, this is not a modernization project but rather the destruction of an important American architectural structure and piece of our American history. Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing to its original splendor. I find it appalling that this project was begun without any thought given to the desires of the American people. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Ziobro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Mimi Calter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely disgusted by how this has gone down.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda StLouis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt!!! There was no approval for its destruction!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Polster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened so far is an embarrassment and a tragedy. This needs to be stopped and restored and the perpetrator made to pay. He is a billionaire, let him reimburse the taxpayers.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kosinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Jylkka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for taking my comment. I feel strongly that the appropriate process has not been followed this far. I would like to see more transparency in the design process. To that end, I would like to see oversight of the project design and construction to be given over to a bipartisan commission. I would also like to see the project scaled back to adhere to standards of scale and proportion. Finally, I would like to ensure that no single president is glorified by this project, either through design elements or signage.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R L CONNELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i'm appalled by what this man has done to EVERYTHING he touches !!! This building is NOT his, it's a historical site that was built for ALL Americans to admire why it was built for housing our Presidents with dignity and honor! He obviously does not understand that !!!!

He NEEDS to be held accountable - both personally and financially !!!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ashley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1 oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action.
Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Sollenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to law abiding citizens

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Salehi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the historic People's House, simply to satisfy the enormous ego of Donald Trump, is a travesty and must be reversed. As with many other actions of this president, the legal requirements and permissions for making such drastic changes were not met, and therefore the action taken is illegal. Furthermore, the White House does not NEED a ballroom, especially one paid for by taxpayers, or, perhaps worse, corporations offering bribes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Imthurn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter. MJI

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the project & put planning for the East Wing rebuilding in the hands of experienced, competent people who respect the "People's House" !

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a land use and environmental attorney who has practiced nationally for more than 45 years.

It is a slap in the face to the entire country to call demolition of a significant part of the White House a "modernization project." Complete demolition does not constitute modernization. It is simply destruction.

In this case, the destruction was accomplished in haste, without mandatory permits or evaluation of its impacts on the publicly owned White House complex. After more than 45 years of advising clients on compliance with federal preservation, planning, and environmental laws, I can testify that demolition of the East Wing was undertaken in violation of law. Worse yet, it was undertaken in flagrant and knowing violation of applicable laws and procedures. There is no question that a private property owner would be charged with intentional violation of law under similar circumstances and appropriately subject to criminal penalties.

The destruction violated a long list of federal statutes and regulations:
1. The President is not unilaterally entitled to demolish any federal properties, especially historic properties, without following proper procedures. In this case, the President followed NO procedures whatsoever, after publicly declaring the East Wing "would not be touched." In other words, the President undertook to demolish property he does not own, and over which he does not exercise sole dominion, in the direct face of his public assurances. In normal circumstances, the demolition company that acted at his behest would also be subject to criminal penalties for failing to make sure the demolition project had appropriate permits.
2. The President failed to comply with NEPA, NHPA, and the Capital Planning Commission requirements in demolishing the East Wing and proposing to construct a new building with NO public review, based solely on his personal desire for a mammoth and unnecessary ballroom. So, demolition of the East Wing was a criminal act and any replacement must comply with all planning requirements. It cannot be stated strongly enough that the White House complex does not belong to any single occupant, but it is the property of the people of the United States. It must be treated as any other federally owned historic property. It is a travesty to allow a single occupant to make significant changes, including demolition, without consulting and obtaining the approval of the people's representatives.
3. To the extent the East Wing "modernization project" consists of a new ballroom, whether the President's current design or any other design, it requires full review by ALL regulatory and review bodies. It must be evaluated in terms of whether it is compatible with the remaining portions of the White House complex, will meet existing unmet needs for both office and entertaining space.
4. Based on publically available information, there is no need for a ballroom of the size proposed by the current President. The existing space has served the country well for more than 200 years. It is nonsense to assert a deficiency because some events are hosted in tents, much like the most high-end parties and weddings in the world. It is simply self=aggrandizement for the current President to insist on unnecessary

improvements for the sole purpose of self-aggrandizement.
5. Final plans have not been submitted for review as is required by the same requirements applicable to all federally owned properties. There has also been no assessment of whether the office space destroyed willy-nilly at the President's covert command is actually necessary and best provided at the location of the East Wing. Public information demonstrating the need for a new ballroom has not been provided or assessed.

The White House and associated outbuildings have served the people of the United States for more than 200 years. Carefully planned and reviewed additions have been constructed in accordance with law applicable at the time. The NCPC must apply the same standards to the unpermitted and deceitful demolition of the East Wing and all replacement proposals as applicable to any and all other federally-owned properties. The transient wishes of a single occupant of the White House cannot be allowed to override the interest of all Americans in the future of their properties.

I look forward to the NCPC's decision to penalize the unpermitted destruction of the historic East Wing and to thoroughly analyze any replacement in accordance with the laws applicable to all Americans. Please notify me of all future actions or decisions.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aimee Gelnaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please. put a stop to this project as it is not in the interest of the American people and was never authorized to begin with.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Gousman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Bonsall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sherry Bradberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: L Mark Flagg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom; I oppose the illegal destruction of the East Wing, and I support PROSECUTION of those who enabled its destruction. Re-design and rebuild the East WING with accurate mindfulness of the historical design.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole G Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Trump proposed project to build a
grand ballroom in the space where he illegally demolished the East Wing. This is defacing the White House. This project should be denied and Trump made to rebuild the East Wing as he did not follow rules and regulations before boldly having it destroyed.
Sincerely,
Carole G Andrews

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:26 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana V
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom for the current occupant of The White House could definitely be a lot smaller. How much space could his balls really need? Even including all of the balls (I'm sure they're all enormous) that are ever within the confines of that building, it can't possibly take up more than 10 square feet, even less if they are put in a blender and liquified first.

How about less parties and more DOING YOUR FUCKING JOB??

P.S. Your job description does not include anywhere the words "TURN A PROFIT" or "CONCEAL EVIDENCE OF THE WEALTHY PEDOPHILES THAT STEAL CHILDREN TO TORTURE, RAPE AND KILL"

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Name: Nancy Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jenny Shazaam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: MacKenzie Uliasz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the wanton destruction of the East Wing, which was done without proper oversight or planning and I oppose the building of the ballroom, which is just a vanity project for President Trump and an opportunity for private investors to curry favor with the president.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathie Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Roos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christina Stillwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called East Wing Modernization project and the construction of a new ballroom at the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permitting, or required design review, and it resulted in the unlawful demolition of a historically significant portion of the East Wing. This is not modernization—it is the irreversible loss of American history.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal, require restoration of the East Wing to its former design, and ensure that the costs of demolition, restitution, and reconstruction are borne by the private individuals who ordered and oversaw this unlawful action. No project, regardless of funding source or political influence, should be allowed to proceed outside the law. Failure to enforce accountability here would undermine both historic preservation and the rule of law

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Duncan Blue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remember well the old East wing ballroom, having attended many functions there over the years. It was a disgrace, run down, too small, no restrooms, falling apart. Thank God Donald Trump is fixing that with NO COST to taxpayers! How wonderful that we can now be proud of formal events once again once this project is finished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Pflug
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump does not own the White House. He doesn't even rent the White House. He is an occupant with the uneasy consent of the owners of the White House--American citizens. He does not have consent to demolish or even to make permanent changes to the White House. Yet, he has illegally destroyed a significant, historic section of the White House, a property he doesn't even pay rent on. The East Wing of the White House is now a pile of deconstruction debris, and he doesn't even own that. He does not have the right to construct anything on that lot. He does have the right and responsibility to pay damages and to face legal action for his vandalism. We need to see to it that he does.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this addition to the White House…the “house of the people.” Protocols and laws/regulations were not followed when this individual decided by himself to tear down both the rose garden and the east wing. I can’t put a lawn mower shed in my yard without permission from my towns: building inspector and the conservation commission. We don’t need another Versailles in DC. and those monies could have gone to better use: health care, environment issues, etc…It will cost Americans to return the east wing to its original state and quite frankly, that should come out of the pocket of the person who decides to get it down to begin with NOT the American people. For ONCE, this person should be made to follow the rules, regulations and laws of this country

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Name: Liz West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Curtis Rasmussen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President trump must be stopped from trying to build the ball room and should be fined, He has done so many things that are illegal and a threat to our country he should be impeached and incarcerated for a long time!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:46:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Regal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on this unauthorized project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Lesly Shepack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Courtney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elena Nock
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Sincerely,
A tax paying law abiding citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy & Jerry Sheff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We want this project cancelled. It is not Trumps to just do. This is the people's house not his.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:45:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meghan Bisi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Barnicle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to making a ballroom where the east wing of the White House was illegally torn down. Trump should not act like he is above the law. The white House belongs to all Americans and he has desecrated it. Please do not allow the s monstrous ballroom to go forward. He has already destroyed Jackie Kennedy's rose garden and the First Lady's east wing. Please stop this demolition of our history.

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Name: Kelly Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the building of a new East wing ballroom on the White House, the PEOPLE'S house. There is a legal process to make changes or request them on our historical monuments. What would stop another present from tearing down other national monuments? What if they don't like the Lincoln memorial and think it could be better? Do they just get to tear it down and do what they will? No one is above the law and those responsible should pay the price and restore the People's House to its former historical significance.

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Name: Richard Egan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing. Restore the White House to its former dignity.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:45:17 PM
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Name: Robyn Lively
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to having a ballroom replace our beloved wing of the White House.
The destruction was without proper authorization.
I am furious that it was destroyed!

Please STOP the intended ballroom!!
I would be delighted to have Trump pay for the rebuilding of the wing on the White House that HE destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luanne Biggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer money to serve an egomaniac! Please stop this project n add some sense of accountability to this

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, this reason this is even a project at all is that the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a COMPLETE razing of American History. The White House is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and NOT some pet project to be undertaken at the whim of some ego maniac who wants historic things named after him when he has no business involving himself with things that don't belong to him. It is unconscionable that this historic site be desecrated by a ballroom, or any other such thing, that will not benefit anybody but very rich people who are completely out of touch with the vast majority of everyday Americans.
I COMPLETELY OPPOSE the spending of even one penny, let alone $300 million, on this project. I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW and to permit

this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by destroying a piece of American History would be an absolute affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Grant
Marysville, Washington

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Holt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have the East Wing of the White House rebuilt as it was before it was torn down.
Thank you.
Marilyn Holt

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Name: Susan Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel this project! Disgraceful that it was torn down in the first place! Rebuild it exactly like it was to begin with.

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Name: Patty Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the People's House to what was there prior to the tear down. We do not need a gigantic ballroom drawing the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments
Attachments: East_Wing_Modernization_Project_-_Public_Comment_by_Rhonda_Frascotti.pdf_1771375395.pdf

Name: Rhonda Frascotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump has illegally demolished a historic building that belongs to the people of the United States. Trump has no respect for anything or anyone but himself, including-- and perhaps especially--those assets of the People that represent enduring American values and history.
In my opinion as a citizen, the East Wing should be restored to its original appearance, retrofitted to comply with modern building codes and regulations, and Donald Trump should be made to pay for it. It should not cost the taxpayers a cent.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken when the east wing was destroyed overnight, without consultation, without public input and without permission. The loss of history is reprehensible. All the First Ladies office space lost.

I would like it restored to its original design. Honor those women who served our nation. Find another location for the big ugly ballroom which would hardly get any use at all!

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Name: Linda Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Jessica Lockwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carolyn Ramsdal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the planned ballroom being built that would totally dwarf the rest of the White House. It is way too big and way too elaborate. It has not in any way been approved and should not be built without any of these necessary approvals. And I am very much troubled that it is being privately funded, which opens up a massive conflict of interest problem.
The fact that Mr. Trump tore down the entire East Wing of the White House without any approval, for a building he does NOT own or control, should cause him to personally pay to restore it to what it was. This whole action is totally unacceptable and deplorable.

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Name: Kristina Colwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see that part of the people's house could be demolished on a whim, without the proper applications, reviews and approval. If this was legal, please change the laws so it cannot happen again. I ask that you do not approve of the proposed changes to the site. The people's house does not need a ballroom. It needs a space of honor and grace, like the one that was destroyed. Please rectify this stain on history. Thank you.

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Name: joe smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Valerie Leman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, this is Valerie Leman, a Silver Spring MD resident. I strongly urge that the current plan for the extremely large and unsightly ballroom addition be stopped and revised. The American public owns the White House, not the current occupant or his donors. Please take action to revise plans to make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Please make it balanced visually. Building and landscaping need to conform to the original historical style of the main house. Please avoid modernistic touches such as excessive gilding or super scale! Thank you for listening, Valerie Leman, [redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 7:42:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Hankins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This administration initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. They completely demolished a piece of US history without following proper procedures--though I cannot imagine any procedure that would allow such a complete razing of American history.I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:36:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Danielson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After the heartwrenching destruction of the East Wing, I feel contruction of an extravagant ballroom would be adding insult to injury. Currently, many Americans are experiencing economic hardship and cultural chaos. An opulent, unnecessary ballroom space, to be used only by the privileged and elite, would be an unacceptable outcome, in my opinion.

Perhaps a space could be created that would be accessable to average Americans who visit the White House. It would be much more appropriate. It is, after all, the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:10 PM
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Name: Kenneth Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

In my view, the ballroom should not be built because there is no need for it. The White House is about the history of America, it is part of who we are. Our ancestors died defending it. Mr. Trump should use his $300,000,000 to build the East Wing back exactly the way it was. The White House is not about entertaining friends, it is about placing the highest value on who we are and what we value. The White House is sacred and should not be destroyed for entertainment.

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Name: Randye Sundel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolynn Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Betty Baznik
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Name: Kevin Phillips
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Name: Karen Kuntz
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Name: Catherine Ipser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so upset about Trump’s decision to do this without congressional permission. He thinks he’s a king!!! Can’t wait until his time is up. There must be some way to get rid of him asap!! He’s a miserable human being. The people of our beautiful Country deserve better. The world deserves better!! Sincerely, Catherine Ipser

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Name: Laura Bradbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Louise Dawson
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House to build a ballroom. History is very important to me and the White House has always been the shining Peoples House....not to be descreated for the vanity of one occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Robaszkiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support the addition / building of the proposed ballroom in the place of the old East Wing of The White House!

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Name: Linda Stumbaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sheldon Lefkowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House grounds are not under the ownership of the President. Rather, they are provided as the center of gravity for every administration.

In this case, the President wants to build a monument to himself; he cares little for the historical value intrinsic to the White House.

Most importantly, no permission was asked for, no thought given to what the grounds represent and the public opinion spat upon.
We have no need for a 'Ballroom", especially one funded by the very people who are seeking access to the President. Can you say conflict of interest?

BTW, Mr President, you are a tenant. And like in apartment buildings, you don't get to change around the landscaping on property you don't own.

It's outrageous the project got this far. Any further work should be vetted by independent public agencies and carefully monitored. No addition should be allowed that doesn't respect the legacy of the White House and its many occupants.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Jill Brammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Regards,
Jill Brammer

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this “ballroom” atrocity. The White House is the People’s House, not some party-planning destination for billionaires and autocrats. The contracting agencies that performed the demolition should be shut down and their management JAILED for their willing complicity in the CRIME that is the destruction of the historic East Wing. The President is a temporary TENANT in this building, NOT the owner!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie May
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And the taxpayers should not pay a dime for the reconstruction!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dolores Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
This $300 million project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, design review, or adequate invitation for public input. Abruptly tearing down the East Wing was an affront to the people of the United States and to American history. This project should be canceled. I would like the East Wing rebuilt with an effort to restore its former design. No one should be above the law. The court system should penalize those who broke the law by abruptly destroying what belongs to the public. This project should not proceed. If the project is completed it will send the message to all law-abiding Americans that we indeed have a double legal standard that allows powerful people to act with impunity. I am very upset about the demolition of the East Wing and I urge a responsible re-examination and further planning about how to correct what has happened, which is simply wrong! Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the east wing. Proper procedures were not followed, and laws may have been broken. A piece of history has been destroyed. I think it should be restored to its former floor plan & appearance and the furniture/artifacts should be replaced if they were saved

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Remmel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be blocked. Tearing the historic East Wing down without regard to process and the need for permits is unforgivable. No American is above the law. There must be accountability.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beverly Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project!

This is a public building and should be treated with respect for the people's house. All major renovations should have approval by a historical commission.

A tacky gilded ballroom should not be attached to the people's house without permission from the people's approval and permission.

Let's get some respect and class in Washington.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:39:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Rios Glaser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It does not intend to modernize the East Wing. The demolition was completed after President Trump had said the East Wing's original was not going to be touched. We did not have time to protest or oppose that unannounced demolition.

In addition, if the design both in renderings and in maquette that the public has seen are the direction this is going, which it seems to be, I find the size and design disrespectful towards the people's house.

Was there a feasibility study? Was there a comprehensive study on the need for such a large "ballroom"? Who determined that need and that size? Did the means to fund it (through donations by individuals and corporations) undergo a rigorous vetting process about the possible conflicts of interests not to mention transparency in the norms of this country?

Until all questions are answered, I like many other citizens, find that this project to be deeply irresponsible and an a front to the spirit of the Unites States.

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Name: Laila Ferrel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Klinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it was initiated without proper approval or permits. No one is above the law and to allow this project to continue would be an affront to law abiding Americans. The East Wing of the White House should be reconstructed (and paid for) by the person who demolished this showcase of American history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:38:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa De Vries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Razing of the East Wing of the White House must be stopped and the East Wing restored. There has not been a review of this project; it has not been authorized. Razing the East wing erases history. It must be restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charity Granata
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing of the historic East Wing and the building of the 300 million dollar ballroom which was never approved or permitted. The tear down occurred with proper notification. To continue the project rewards lawnreakers and people buying favors from tjis administration. The ballroom project must be stopped and the East wing be restored to its historic proportion. Do not allow people to break the law with no consequences. Stop tjis project which was approved by no one.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:38:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean Babcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that Trump destroyed the East Wing. I do not believe we need a golden ballroom in its place. Please refuse permits and oppose this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Tabbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shena Rodgers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC,
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Patriotically yours,
Shena Rodgers

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Rourke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Odlum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The redesign and development of the White House East Wing and new ballroom should have followed rigorous, transparent, and lawful procedures because the White House is not simply an office building — it is a national symbol, a historic landmark, and a public trust.

I am deeply bothered by the fact that no such procedure or architectural or historical review took place. But I implore the governing bodies to hold ground and insist on fully participating in any further design

planning.

First, the White House complex represents the continuity of American democracy. Alterations to such a symbol should reflect careful stewardship rather than expediency. Proper procedures — including architectural review, historic preservation assessment, and appropriate congressional oversight where required — ensure that decisions respect both heritage and future generations.

Second, procedural rigor protects institutional legitimacy. When development decisions follow established legal and administrative processes, they reinforce public confidence that even the most powerful institutions operate under rules, not preferences. That principle is foundational to constitutional governance.

Third, thoughtful planning ensures functional excellence. The East Wing houses critical offices and public-facing operations. Structured review processes help balance security, operational needs, historical preservation, cost control, and accessibility — all of which require deliberate coordination rather than ad hoc decision-making.

Finally, process is not obstruction; it is protection. It protects taxpayers, preserves history, maintains security standards, and upholds the credibility of the presidency itself.

In short, adherence to proper procedures in redesigning the East Wing is not merely bureaucratic formality — it is an affirmation that America's most visible institution remains governed by law, stewardship, and accountability.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Savageau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Felon J Trump razed the East Wing, 1st Ladies' office because FLOTUS Felon J Trump has POTUS sexually frustrated and vengeful.
Restore the East Wing to honor its history. Imagine Eleanor Roosevelt is in charge of the restoration. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:36:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbi Salmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cyd Bogner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gusele Bridged
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and want the original west wing restored as it was.
This was not a modernization project but an illegal destruction of an American icon. I also want it to be built without taxpayer money but from Do Al's Trumps own personal funding

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ELIZABETH GRANT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: William Camarda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reject the East Wing Modernization Project for what it is: outsized, aesthetically horrible, unacceptably expensive, and designed to visually communicate that the White House belongs to one individual and his whims, rather than the American people. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jinny Karstenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this illegal project. It is not modernization. Ballrooms are not modern. They're a throwback, to the 1800s. Delegations from other countries do not send people who socialize and dance. This seems like an act of grift. Trying to use the White House as a place to rent out for parties, weddings, or fundraising events. The fundraising events would be illegal if campaign related. The White House is no president's personal home to renovate. This is federal property, governed by rules, laws, and an oversight committee. The destruction of the old wing without approval and proper procedures is despicable. Shame on everyone who participated in it. It should be stopped. It is gross misuse of taxpayer money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pirnat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not opposed to efforts to modernized public building that have historic relevance that are also actively used for the public's business. I do, however, opposed such efforts that do not seek public input and proper evaluation that considers historic relevance and preservation, architectural appropriateness and consistency with current and future designs, as well as the way stated needs can be met in other ways.

The East Wing project was not vetted by any public process and there is insufficient information about the new design to evaluate whether it is truly needed and appropriate for the overall design of the White House. No further construction on the site should be performed until an appropriate process for review has been established and performed and public acceptance, if not approval, has been received.

Also, any construction should use the normal proposal and bidding process, so that any contractors can be vetted for capability. This will also ensure public funds are used properly and all appropriate codes and building standards are met.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Bloom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked and dismayed to see a backhoe destroy the precious East Wing of the White House, without a permit or a plan to preserve the slate roof or mitigate asbestos dust or even a plan for the ostensible ballroom.

I toured the White House with Lorna Daniels and it was a great privilege and an honor to do so.

The American citizenry, which has patriotically revered and supported the White House for centuries, has a say in a decision to alter our national patrimony. The White House's East Wing must be restored and modernized through lawful process. The company that tore it down must be punished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Mudge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:35:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Seubert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Furthermore, Donald Trump should be censored for the destruction of the East Wing and made to pay from his own funds for its restoration.

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Name: Sylvia Busby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It destroys American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all who love the country.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:35:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Laing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcus Smart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that it is a shame that the East Wing was demolished without approval or a clear plan to move forward. So much history has been erased.
I believe that the project should move forward and reflect a mirror of the west wing as much as possible. It should be the same scale as the rest of the residence with the same classic look as the rest of the structure .

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Piro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the so called East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please do what is right and restore this important piece of American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any further work on the East Wing Modernization Project, which is a vanity project for the president. I have seen no evidence that the shocking destruction of a portion of the White House was the result of any serious considered thought about the needs of the building, the government, or the American people. In fact everything I have read suggests the opposite. That it is allegedly “privately funded” only alarms me further when I look at the list of contributors to date. We do not need Mega Businesses paying extortions to protect their future business interests because the president has created an unsafe and unstable environment in which to conduct business. Too few Americans realize what is at risk with this model. The project needs to be suspended and go back to square one and go through the process of determining if an event pace is needed and if so, what the actual requirements and purposes are. Personally I am in favor of rebuilding the East Wing funded by the contributions already in the pot. If there is generally a need for an event space, then architecturally it should fit in with the White House and not remotely like any of the garish unsuitable drawings that have been made public. Also, many of us would like an accounting from the president of what happened to the art and artifacts that were in the East Wing. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:34:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Tawel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is the People's House.
Jane

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Name: Marilyn Hedges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow an oversized ballroom that fails to provide balance and focus on the White House. Please keep the dimensions and design consistent with the original East Wing, and avoid catering to the ostentatious, gawdy taste of our current President, who undoubtedly will not be looked at favorably by future historians. Chose a design that reflects the history of the White House and our democracy, rather than a palatial ballroom fit for a King, that the average American will never enjoy. Consider that we are not a monarchy, but a democracy of a diverse population, and that the East Wing is part of the "People's House", not a palace.

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Name: Amity Mainridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Camryn Duff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the destruction of a symbol of our democracy, the White House, the People's House. Without permission, public input or proper planning this administration is destroying an historic and living landmark to spend $300 million+ on a vanity project nobody asked for and nobody consented to. We must work together to preserve what remains and rebuild what is lost forever. It is imperative that we act now to stop further harm and reclaim the home of our country's leaders and their families. The White House has survived for so long under the care and guidance of the people in this country and our representatives in government. I believe it will survive this, too, if we recognize the threat and put a stop to it. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Richard Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzi Graden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose moving forward with this project without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project stopped and given back to the people of this country. The east wing has already been torn down - I am not opposed to a new addition with modern functionality but it should be done in a manner consistent with the original architecture of the white house. It should feel like it has always been there. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:33:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilton Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" is an abomination, and total reconstruction to it's original form should be required, and at Donald Trump's expense.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Zavala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and ideally have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Morabito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service."

If this is accurate, how did the East Wing get demolished to begin with?

The East Wing needs to be brought back to balance the West Wing. Since it is demolished, then it can come back better. However, not at the ridiculous and obnoxious size the current administration wants. What they want doesn't matter. It is what the American people want.

The new East Wing cannot be this enormous eye sore of a building based on whims of a jealous madman who wants to compete with European buildings. It must be understated elegance of America.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous dimensions, uses, and aesthetics. What was allowed to happen there was straight-up vandalism. No permits. No design review by appropriately credentialed professionals. The people who destroyed the White House, and their ringleader, must be held accountable for this outrage.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House East Wing is a travesty. No permits, no planning, no historic preservation. What temporary tenant gets to take a wrecking ball to the house they live in, much less the historic monument of the White House. This construction project should end in criminal charges for destruction of property, not approval of any post project permitting. No, No, No! Thank you for your time and attention to my comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Barko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
Terry Barko

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The travesty that the current administration pulled off by destroying the historic East Wing of the White House should not be allowed to stand. The destruction was done without any of the legally required steps, reviews, or input from those individuals and organizations who are statutorily given the right to determine what buildings may be built, razed, changed, renamed, or otherwise altered.

The NCPC MUST not allow this travesty of "modernization" to stand. And the individuals who have deliberately broken existing laws MUST be held accountable. I challenge the NCPC to use whatever power it has to bring lawsuits against Mr. Trump for his desecration of this historic building in the People's House,

and hopefully to influence those with the power to do so to bring criminal charges against him and all those who worked with him or enabled him to destroy this national treasure.

The East Wing MUST be rebuilt to the same design and specifications as guided its construction, with any and all improvements to amenities, security systems, etc. now available and/or required by law. But its destruction MUST not be allowed to stand--now, or in the future. (I would recommend that on Jan. 20, 2029, whatever travesty might have been erected in its place be razed beginning at 12:01 p.m.; and that the following day construction of the replacement East Wing begin.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Towne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please, cancel the ballroom project. Insist that future projects not begin without proper approval process. It doesn't matter if the funding is not direct taxpayer dollars - this is the people's house!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hebert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Helbling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the obscene amount of money being spent on a completely unnecessary “renovation” of the East Wing which only serves donald trump’s ego and not the people of the United States.
Pictures of the demolition are a symbolic representation of what trump is doing to this country. Everything he touches he ruins. EVERYTHING! These changes to the People’s House are no exception.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization or permits or design review. Why? Because trump doesn’t follow rules, he pisses on them. Donald trump’s insatiable need for ego stroking must be stopped. So must the plans for this ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please be mindful of the impact the destruction of the Eást Wing has on the whole country. We don't need any changes. It was perfect the way it was. Please, please keep the ballroom off the books.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie Coppens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been demolished without the consideration and evaluation of The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

At this point in time, the American people seem to be funding this Administration's selfish, unlawful and obscene projects. I, for one, do not want my tax dollars funding any more of this nonsense.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Oberzan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:41 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geraldine Lipov
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, and more so by the planned ballroom to take it's place. My career was in government service, and we all had to abide by laws and regulations. They don't always make sense on a superficial level, but there's good reason for them. In this instance, every possible safeguard was ignored. The East Wing was torn down without notice to anyone. The ballroom design has not been approved by anyone. The White House belongs to all of us, and to destroy it without input or review is willful ignorance. What are you going to do now that it's gone? is the attitude. In the meantime, the President has said his friends are paying the $300 million to build the ball room. First, there's an imminent conflict of interest and second, Congress has the role of creating the budget. This so called ball room is a monstronsity. Its scale is obnoxious as part of the White House. Please stop this project cold and require the appropriate reviews and clearances before the East Wing is rebuilt, to scale, within a reasonable budget, and updated as necessary. As a young woman, I walked by the East Wing every day on my way to work. It made me proud to know what the White House represents. I'd like to think that another young person walking by today will be impressed and grateful for all that the White House means to American citizens as well as the world at large. Thank you for your consideration. Geraldine Lipov

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Eden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl McCann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without preauthorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The proportions of the monstrosity would dwarf the main White House building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Wikner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a civil professional engineer, and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Rudzinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please take some time and carefully consider input from ALL constituents, not just those who voted Republican. The White House belongs to the American people, and as taxpayers and citizens of this nation, we are all entitled to input on the people's house.

The East Wing should be restored to it's previous footprint. The President's partner/spouse/significant other needs office space to conduct important projects that benefit all Americans. If additional ballroom space is desired, temporary space can be added via tents on the lawn of the White House. The proposed ballroom space would completely overwhelm the existing White House footprint and would be an eyesore to the Washington DC design.

If your only proposal for the ballroom is the one you have submitted, please allow additional time for a BIPARTISAN review of the proposal, including experts in architectural design and history. A rubber stamp of the proposed design is not sufficient and would make a mockery of our longstanding respect for the grandeur of our Washington DC monuments.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Stanley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was done unlawfully. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is not "modernization and all of you know it. I oppose spending $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I and millions of Americans, want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Vandals should not have access to destroy our history or our public buildings.
Your complete life's legacy will come down to whether you stop this or not.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kottcamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need this ballroom modernization done. No one asked for it, permission and proper paperwork was not filed since it is a historical building. We the tax payers did not authorize our taxes to be spent irresponsibly for something that is not necessary or needed.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:29:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ari Cohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:29:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:29:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Dyjak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a part of US history: it belongs to all US citizens. It cannot be torn down on the whim of an individual. The East Wing must be rebuilt from materials sourced from the same time period in which it was originally built (practical modernization of plumbing and electricity, and elevators for disabled, and fire protection allowed). The East Wing is our historical inheritance and that of generations to come: it must be preserved.
If a ballroom is required, in addition to the East Wing, the design for it must go through the usual vetting process and public comment process. A ballroom must be smaller than the White House in stature and be in a colonial style similar to the White House. The funding must come from usual public buildings funds of the federal government. There cannot be private funds given to President Trump for this project. President Trump cannot dictate the style or size or place for this ballroom. Congress needs to vet these plans, and may change, deny, or approve them.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:29:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: pamela mcintyre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President has taken a big leap in tearing down the East Wing. A disrespectful leap and it must be rectified. The future plans for this restoration must lie in the RIGHT hands and treated with respect. For this great nation and the people in it deserve no less.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:29:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Dowling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Huntress-Reeve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Furthermore, I oppose destroying things without even having a plan for follow-up.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Linda Reitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rules for historical preservation must be followed and enforced, no exceptions. The East Wing demolition was illegal. The demolition erased history, especially in the name of First Lady history. The East Wing needs be returned to its original form and not at the expense of the American tax payer. Donald Trump needs to be held personally responsible for this outrage against our history. He needs to restore the people's house at his expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Piehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unlawful, unauthorized project! The East Wing of OUR White House needs to be restored to its former design, as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, review, and it seems to be a deliberate erasure of OUR American history. It is highly offensive to those of us who respect the rule of law to allow this project to proceed and without penalizing those who broke the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Rowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this unauthorized project which was initiated without the consent of the American people, the rightful owners of the whote house.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Wayne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the demolition of this wing, likewise oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bette Laucks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is absolutely unacceptable and a destruction of an historic building. There was no appropriate approval process and we as a nation need to stand up to this abomination!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beatrix Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not one cent for this abomination, the destruction of history for the whims of an autocrat. No, just no

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Tibensky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

If the project is to continue, there should be proper authorization, permits, and design review.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people's house East Wing needs to be restored to its original glory. Please do not permit a gilded vanity project by a person who will be, quite possibly, remembered as the most destructive in presidential history. History deserves better than this planned ostentatious monstrosity, and Americans deserve to gaze upon the White House without the perpetual reminder of this presidents' egocentric whims.

No ballroom, please. And make the president pay, out of his own pocket, for the cost of the repairs for the unauthorized demolition.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C R
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore this building to what it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:28:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michanne Hoctor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing plus Rose Garden rebuilt and restored to their former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nick Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please no more desecration.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Huysers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been torn down. IF there is a need for a “ballroom” which is debatable, it should have gone through the correct process and been built in a different location. There is plenty of property around the White House. There was history in the East Wing as well as the Rose Garden that is destroyed now and cannot be returned. IF a “ballroom” is needed, it should be scaled down to fit in and with deference to the rest of the building.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Sworsy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be made to rebuild the East Wing, out of his personal funds, exactly as it was the day before he demolished it.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ayla Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm strongly against spending $300 million on this project. It was started without the right authorization, permits, or design review — and calling it a "modernization" effort is misleading. This is the demolition of American history, plain and simple. I want it stopped, and I want the East Wing rebuilt to look the way it always has. Nobody gets to be above the law, and letting this slide without consequences would be an insult to every American who plays by the rules.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renelle Ulrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House. I oppose the building of the expensive, gawdy ballroom this administration wants to build in its place. I would like to see the Planning Commission use all means necessary to treat this case as the destructive and deceptive it is by demanding the East Wing be built as it was historically. I hope you will demand oversight throughout the rebuilding process to ensure that America's White House returns to its distinguished status. I am disappointed that Trump has done so much damage to the historic reverence of the building by paving the Rose Garden,

putting up gawdy embellishments throughout the Oval Office and other rooms, and labeling rooms with fake gold lettering. I appreciate the opportunity to speak up on this subject with the hope that your commission is able to STOP further destruction of our symbolic "House". Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryan Calkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Building a secondary building next to the White House that is far larger is an abomination – from both an aesthetic point of view and a moral one, given the reason reasons it is being built.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Cavallaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jasper Anne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a sacred part of American History. This construction is self serving, President Trump seeks to permanently alter a historical landmark that is meant to house future generations of Presidents.

This is not a personal property of which Trump may customize to his own personal liking. The White House belongs to the citizens of America. We get to decide who lives in The White House, and we should be the ones deciding if it needs construction.

Protect American Landmarks, Preserve American History.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:26:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Van Hulle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear members of the NCPC,

As a taxpayer and US Citizen, I was shocked when the Trump administration tore down the East Wing without going through proper channels. I am writing to ask you, as members of the NCPC, ensure that East Wing modernization and ballroom addition a) are paid or with taxpayer money, b) comports with Whitehouse existing aesthetics, and c) goes through the appropriate vetting process.
As "the people's house" it is inappropriate to use private funds for any part of construction. Ideally the addition would not extend beyond the footprint of the original East Wing so as to maintain the structure's balance. Finally, plans for completing this project should be reviewed like any other project undertaken by past administrations.

Regards, Carol

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Goodrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michele Astphan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DAVID NORRIS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not continue with the ballroom. Clean up the site, and let it rest until such time as competent people are in position to decide what to do about the damage.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Sowers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without mandated legal authorization, permits, or design review. It is being built strictly at the whim of the sitting president. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of our American history, and We the People do not and will not approve it. This project in it's current iteration must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This proposed monstrosity dwarfs the White House, and is clearly a monument to the sitting president, who will not be in office after 3 years. Requiring We the People to endure yet another self-aggrandizing lawbreaking spree, which is an affront to what we hold dear, is a scandal. He did not ask our permission to tear down the people's house, we did not consent, the White House does not belong to him, nor does the ballroom. The White House grounds are not his personal property. To allow him to treat them as such is an outrageous offense to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Norway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so upset about the demolition of East Wing of the White House! It was a very important part of our

history & to have it totally bulldozed without any of the permits considered is not legal let alone the consideration for Americans! As an adult I have answered to state & city/town laws for any physical changes to properties & I taught my children and grandchildren to do the same! Trump was obviously never taught respect of property! The fact he decimated without regard of consequences as being someone given the privilege to live in that House for a short time! That East Wing was for all Americans! The bill for rebuilding should be paid by President Trump!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project and would like to see it restored to its former state and I would like to put a stop to the ballroom abomination.

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Name: Irene Pintado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randall Braun Jr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing will have to be rebuilt, but it should be in size and scope very much like the previous construction. The new construction should be a modernization of the older building, with modern amenities and an efficient design. What has been currently proposed is much too big.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Frazier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brenda Siegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Cuppernull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the current president from building this too big, too gaudy, addition to our White House!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was an affront to the history of that great building, the laws and procedures regarding historic buildings and honestly every First Lady to ever walk those halls. It is not surprising that such a narcissistic, self- promoting buffoon would take it upon himself to flat out destroy part of the White House without any regard for process, history, or honor. Is it also a way for him to try and create a situation to enrich himself, of course. But it's also a way for him to look at his wife and tell her she has nothing to contribute. She should stay quiet and stay in Florida, because women serve only 2 purposes in his mind, pleasure and child birthing. Heaven forbid she have a space for an office and staff so she could work on the periphery with charitable organizations, global health initiatives, or even step up to voice an opinion on policy. Heavens no. So why would she ever need a space when he can overcompensate for his

withered manhood by having a giant grifting space built?

The president should be personally, financially responsible for the reconstruction of the East Wing. Any necessary upgrades that should be needed to make the previous structure up to code and to meet current security guidelines should be paid for by the government but the restoration of the previous structure should absolutely happen and be paid for out of Trump's pocket.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan O'Dowd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I literally am brokenhearted to see the east wing destruction.

My husband and I toured the White House in May, 1963 on our honeymoon, anxious to see the recently-completed renovations by Jackie Kennedy. It was a thrill I will never forget.

I am appalled that this building has been decimated without any consultation with the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To do anything other than restore the east wing is a travesty. It was destroyed without proper authorization, without permits, and with no design review. The project should be canceled and the east wing restored with no design changes. We do not need a gilded ballroom in the peoples house, the existing space has sufficed for generations.

To allow this change to go forward and to spend taxpayer money for it is not acceptable. The administration should bear the cost of the rebuild without resorting to using our money. Having broken the law in tearing down a piece of history it it only right that the people should be made whole by those that stole from them.

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Name: Malinda Lareau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Kinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Clayton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose and despise what is happening with the East Wing of the White House. Do not build a ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Redmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The destruction of the East Wing should have not happened without prior approval.

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Name: Alice Parcel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this project continue, it was not necessary and is only a vanity project of the current administration. It does not serve the people in any way. Only serves those that have the wealth and prestige to be gathered it. From the inception the normal and formal rules to alter a national heritage have been discarded and dismissed as pointless in the urgency to build the addition. All projects require specific requirements relating to the land, water, power resources prior to actual teardown of the structure and building of a new structure. This was not done. Any homeowner knows this when planning to remodel. With the White House itself being a representation of our country there is more to be paid attention to. The White House represents the "temporary" home of any President, past and future. It is not owned by any President. A President is only a renter. No renter has the right to come in and tear down part of the house another owns. Nor can they sell it to another party. I feel that the current President has done that, by using donations of mixed types which are meant to curry favors from our President. The project has a projected cost that is much larger than originally stated. Whether the extra costs is due to lack of forethought or mismanagement is worth more than a nod of the head. I expect our government to be better and wiser than they have been. To have more respect for the long history of the residence, the President, the people and our country. The U.S.A. is not expected to compete with a foreign country, we do not need to have a residence of a Sultan. We need to know that our government is not isolated from the common man or woman. The amount of money spent so far gives no respect to the problems of those who are hungry, sick,

homeless, or jobless. It does not fix infrastructures, educate, or make life better. It is only a vanity, lustfull thing. There is no respect from a government that caters to such projects. There is no glory nor rich history in the plan. Just a building that hogs the property, built bigger and grander than the White House itself. In fact, I don't see any planning. Just a scene out of an old Little Rascals episode where the kids decide to put on show. No concern about the plan, just the doing. The White House is like that now, a decision was made, walls torn down, ground dug up. No permission was given, no codes to follow. And unlike the Little Rascals the costs and liability is so much greater. And so far with no approval by any government official or office. I expect our government to stand up and say, "Wait a minute, there is a responsibility to procedure" A responsibility to the country and it's people. Despite all of the current President's urgency we cannot allow to disrespect the history of the White House. I expect Congress to put the halt on the project, to downscale it in the minimum. It is past time for Congress to stop walking on glass. Restore the White House at the current President's own cost. He was not acting for the country and it's people. Only in his own interest to one-up other heads of countries. Restore our White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sem Sutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the so-called "East Wing Modernization" which is actually a desecration of a historic building that belongs to the American people.
I urge that this project be halted immmediately and that the original wing be restored.
Thank you for listening.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Albertine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Melland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I have spent the last three years historically updating two colonial houses in Connecticut. The projects required a preservation architect and numerous approvals through the state historic preservation office. Asbestos was found and so months of remediation was required by a contractor licensed for this work. How is it the East Wing was demolished without any regard for the approvals required by all others doing this sort of work? President Trump should never be allowed near this project again. I understand that the bunker work needs to continue but the ballroom should never come to be. Please rebuild it as it was and get rid of all the gross, tacky gold stuff that has been added. This is not Versailles. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Varney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it very difficult to understand that we have accepted destroying part of our history and our White House to please the president's wish for
“ modernization “ and replace it with a ballroom decorated in gold to fancy his whims. The East Wing has been a part of history and it is being destroyed to appease the emotional needs of one person. Please restore the East Wing to its original form.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Stephenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You Have Until March 4th to Comment on Trump’s White House Ballroom

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Deborah Stephenson
Registered Voter and Taxpayer

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Zemke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the design for the East Wing modernization and ballroom addition. The White House is the people's house. It is a place where citizens of the United States can visit. The ballroom addition feels like an event space for the rich or a temple to a god. Furthermore, in taking the request into consideration, I would like to see some education of the requestor as to what the importance of preserving history should be. There was no process for the American people to comment on the destruction of the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:15:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Skuda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Sawin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The National Capital Planning Commission should require any reconstruction of the East Wing to match the historic design and size of the original structure and be funded only by Congress. If Congress does not approve funding and a design keeping with the building's historical character, the land should be left vacant.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not authorized and not paid for and not approved. It is unlawful. It is destroying a historic landmark that belongs to Americans not the president.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With the ongoing destruction of the White House, I'm requesting the return of the ball room to its original appearance. Such large undertaking of the peoples house should nerve of occurred without proper channels and Congressional approval. All monies should be returned to donors and not become part of trumps personal bank account.
A loyal US citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Robb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was conceived and begun without proper approval and planning. It is now way over the initial $300 million budget. Plus, who are the donors and what favors are being exchanged for the funds? The White House belongs to the people and has historical value which has been demolished. This project needs to be halted and the East Wing rebuilt to its former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda McGurn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please STOP this project! The proposed change is totally out of proportion with White House and was undertaken without appropriate input from historical preservation and architectural experts. As proposed it is an abomination!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheriar Zois
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was completely shocked by Trump's demolition of the historic East Wing with total disregard of the proper oversight, permits, and congressional approval.
He should be removed from the presidency for his illegal activities and failure to obey laws. I would like to see him personally pay for the complete restoration of the East Wing under the supervision of the appropriate oversight committees and congress!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Knight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Meacham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the modernization of the United States White House is long overdue, I oppose the East Wing Modernization as requests were not submitted, designs were not submitted, and historical integrity was given short shrift.
Design approvals were not secured, the demolition was not properly permitted,
demolition was not given proper supervision,
and the funding does not appear to be above board, but rather another quid pro quo.

Worst of all have been blatant disregards for the law, environmental safety, and historical integrity.

The United States White House is not now, nor never has been, the property of any inhabitant—presidential or otherwise.

The United States' White House does not belong to a president. The White House is the people's house.

The administration's repeated behavior to do whatever it wishes with the White House,
as if it is acceptable to charge ahead and ASK FOR FORGIVENESS RATHER THAN PERMISSION, extends from this project to the adherence to the Constitution of the United States.

What has been planned has not been transparent; what lies ahead is anyone's guess, and THAT is not acceptable.

If you think no one is paying attention,
pay attention to the millions of Americans exercising their rights to gather in non violent protest.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's abuse of office tearing down the East Wing must be met with opposition from every citizen, none of whom asked for a huge ostentatious ballroom replacing history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:55 PM
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Name: C M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joi Holcomb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Murray Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michael Mendelsohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the East Wing back to the way it was!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:20 PM
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Name: Carol Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this unnecessary project; which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. There are many higher priority needs for American citizens, such as food, healthcare, and education. This East wing modernization project is just to satisfy Trump's need to turn Washington, DC into a Las Vegas casino.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Houseman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this stopped. The East Wing must be restored as it was before illegally demolished.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Clear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I copied this statement because it adequately describes my position on the unimaginable destruction of the East Wing which is part of our American heritage.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Jo-Ann Clear
Johnstown Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No tenant, anywhere in the world, has the right to modify or change the building they are leasing without the expressed consent of the owner. The destruction of the East Wing was a willful, unlawful act to coerce the owner to bend to the will and personal benefit of the tenant. Rewarding such behavior would set a precedent where future tenants could destroy history or at the very least, rewrite it in defiance of the will of the people. Do not allow the East Wing Modernization Project to continue until the due diligence and proper procedures are followed by committees not beholden to this or any future administration. It's the People's House and it must remain so.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Potter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project stopped, and the east wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Lauria
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my opposition to this project. From the start, this project has been rammed through without regard to protocols and regulations. For most Americans, the news of a ballroom was first presented when the wrecking ball had already begun demolition. The White House is a landmark that the people of this country have paid to build and maintain. There are procedures and requirements in place that govern modifications and it appears that those weren't followed before or since the destruction of the East Wing. I believe this project should be stopped until proper oversight and approvals have been established.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debara Zeug Traver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the "modernization" of the East Wing and building a structure that is almost twice of size of the White House. The East Wing was not supposed to be part of the new 90,000 sq ft Grand Ballroom, yet, it was demolished. The East Wing needs to be restored/moderized to its pre-demolition size. Any further additions/new construction needs to blend in with the White House (aka The People's House) not overwhelm it; follow all Planning and Building Codes, Historic Preservation Guidelines, etc.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah French Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerson Rosenbloom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the massive spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing Modernization Project is being framed as progress — but progress without transparency, fiscal restraint, and public trust is not progress at all. It is mission drift.

Modernization, in theory, sounds responsible. In practice, we have to ask: modernization for whom? At what cost? And at what moment?

We are living in a time of deep public skepticism about institutions. Communities are asking for accountability, not expansion. Families are tightening budgets. Essential services in cities and counties across the country remain underfunded. Infrastructure, housing, education, and public safety all compete for limited dollars. To move forward with a large-scale modernization project in this climate sends the wrong signal: that aesthetics or administrative convenience take precedence over urgent human need.

Prescience requires us to look beyond ribbon cuttings and architectural renderings. It requires us to consider long-term operating costs, security implications, and the precedent it sets. Once expanded, bureaucracies rarely contract. Once funds are committed, they are rarely redirected to community priorities.

This isn't opposition to improvement. It's opposition to misplaced priorities.

True leadership asks:
• Is this the most responsible use of public resources right now?
• Have we fully explored renovation over expansion?
• Have we meaningfully invited public input, or simply announced a decision?

Modernization without moral clarity becomes excess. Expansion without humility becomes arrogance.

At a time when trust in institutions is fragile, the most powerful statement leaders could make is restraint — choosing stewardship over spectacle, substance over symbolism.

The East Wing does not need modernization nearly as much as our communities need investment. And history will not judge us by how polished our buildings were, but by how wisely we chose to serve the people beyond their walls.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:19:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Selmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vanity ballroom project of the president's was never properly authorized. The White House is the People's house, not the president's to do with as he wants.
I would like to see the East Wing restored to its previous glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:18:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Robins-Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the planned ballroom next to the White House. It would overpower the White House. It is unnecessary, expensive and an architectural monstrosity. It would be used rarely, just for Trump's vanity events. The presidency is grand enough without it.
Such a project is grossly out of keeping with current DC buildings and monuments.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Gollner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

2/17/2026

To the Commission:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Respectfully,

Patty J Gollner

Date: 2/17/2026 7:18:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Stephenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled by the wanton and unauthorized destruction of the East wing of the Whitehouse. It is my opinion, as a citizen of this country and a co-owner of the "people's house", that Donald Trump had no business to tear down what belongs to ALL Americans in order to put up an ostentatious ballroom that will

only gratify his ego and serve as a site for the super-wealthy to rub elbows with, and influence, our politicians. Ordinary people will never be guests at functions there, while the tacky, gilded monstrosity he proposes will literally overshadow what remains of our Whitehouse. I believe that instead of a ballroom no one wants, this administration should be forced to rebuild the East wing as nearly as possible according to the original design of the wing that he callously vandalized and destroyed. Further, I would like propose that we have the concrete "patio" and beach umbrellas scrapped, and that section of lawn returned to a garden as it was before this tasteless "president" took up residency in our house. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Ross Emerton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't a ‘‘modernization. This was an obliteration. No planning, no hearings, no respect for the law or the history being razed. While no one can put back what was destroyed, you can at least make sure that the proper reviews are done before approving anything more.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:18:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Deane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hoekstra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janette Merrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cayce Osborne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on an unnecessary ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fairfax Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC File Number: 8733
East wing modernization

Dear Members-
I am opposed to the building proposal for the following reasons:
The White House is the people's house- purposefully modest reflecting the focus of the United States of America after the revolutionary war (wresting the power from King George and giving government to the people- for the people-by the people.
The White House is a temporary residence for the president whom the people have elected.

The 90,000 square foot ballroom dwarfs the White House and diminishes it. This is contrary to the theme of our America. There are several large buildings in Washington DC that can serve the purpose of a president wishing to host a large number of guests, and therefore a ballroom of 90,000 square feet is not a necessary addition to replace the East Wing of the White House.

Furthermore, the destruction of the east wing was illegal, unnecessary, and should be replaced with attention to its previous size and style- this preserves the character and cultural significance of our house.
Sincerely
Fairfax Arnold
Virginia USA

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Schroer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. From photos of the work that has already taken place, it appears to have completely razed the entire East Wing of "The People's House."

It is not a modernization project; it is the destruction of important American history, and it did not involve any of the normal planning or approval processes. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of the people who tore it down without permission. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Hvisdak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project which was not approved through proper protocols and procedures. It is an affront to hard working Americans who are struggling to pay bills to construct an oversized lavish ballroom while destroying a significant and historic portion of the White House. This project should be halted and reparations made to restore the building to its original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurence Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed building will dwarf the original structure. The new building should match the exterior dimensions and architectural design of the original east wing.

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Name: Emily Thurston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a gilded ballroom in this place.
The demolition of the East Wing was an abomination and a vanity project and a blight on this country.
I want the fixtures and materials restored, and the place rebuilt as it was approved and designed and as it has been for over half a century. This is the people's house, not a gilded palace for oligarchs.

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Name: Reed Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the plans for the new ballroom look lovely! Presidents need a place to entertain as well as a modern secure bunker. Please, let's move forward with the project!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:00 PM
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Name: Heather Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynn Mosher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alisa Vasilenko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. White House is a very important part of American history and destroying a major part of it is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Grubb
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I condemn the current administration's wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the people, not whoever happens to be in power. I also oppose the construction of the currently proposed "ballroom" monstrosity as it will destroy the proportions of the White House, and has already caused the destruction of national treasures including several historic trees and the historically significant elements of the East Wing (with no accounting for where the materials went or how they will be preserved). I demand that the so-called modernization project, undertaken without undergoing the required review and consultative processes, be cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former condition and new trees planted to replace the historically significant magnolias that were destroyed in the totally illegal destruction of the site.

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Name: Shari Fritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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How can you allow this to be done to an historic site? It's a atrocity and a waste of my tax dollars and other US tax payers. Stop the construction now.

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Name: Lauren Wyndham
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Name: Heather Ely
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is not the property of any sitting president, but the people's house on loan. No president, while a guest of the people's house, should be permitted to treat the property as theirs to do with as they please. They live within it on a sacred trust to preserve and protect our legacy and history.

Restore the East Wing. Proceed with its restoration by following established protocols.

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Name: Kathy Rambeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project and want the full restoration to the way it was before this administration d decided to destroy our beautiful White House. No one is above the law and no one should have the

authority or power to destroy our magnificent historical buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:15:21 PM
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Name: Jess Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This wasn't modernization, it was an unlawful razing of American history.

I suggest this project be canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the violators penalized according to the law.

To permit this project to go ahead without consequence for those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cassandra Bendickson
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Name: Michael Rotolo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any further action which would further this project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I believe this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:14:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antonio Quintana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here is a shorter, punchier version in your style:

I oppose spending $300 million on a project that began without proper approval or permits. This is not modernization—it is the erasure of American history. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its original design. Allowing this to continue without consequences disrespects the rule of law.

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Name: Mary Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Stephenie Holtkamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support any and all efforts to impede this ridiculous vanity project by an out of control president (and Congress)

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Name: Matt Best
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Name: Donna Hornberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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And, I would like to add, make Trump pay to make it exactly the way it was before he illegally razed it.

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Name: Pennie Hitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If a ballroom is necessary it should be authorized, permitted and reviewed by the congress and the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:13:21 PM
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Name: Eileen McManus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the tearing down of the East Wing and I do not support the building of a ballroom. As a member of the people commenting on “The People’s House,” The White House, NOT Donald Trump’s house, I support the rebuilding of the East Wing and restoration of it to the design of the original structure. While commenting on changes to the White House, I also want the Rose Garden restored as well and that paved cafe table monstrosity removed.

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Name: Gretchen Whisenand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was! This destruction of history is disrespectful and disgusting. None of us "little people" are in favor of a tacky giant ballroom that would dwarf our White House. I keep remembering that sweet photo of Obama running down the hallway with their first dog...

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Name: Rebecca Burrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Annie Layer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling the East Wing project of modernization is a misnomer. It should be called a desecration. There was a way to modernize without tearing down the historic East Wing.
My mother's family has been in Washington DC for generations, on Capitol Hill and also Anacostia area. I would walk the Mall, and spent so much time in the National Gallery and the Smithsonian, soaking in the glorious history of our country and it's connection to so many beautiful things. I even worked for the Architect of the Capitol for a short period of time. I love DC deep inside. And to raze a historical building like the East Wing is just a desecration. There is no other word for it. Because what are we if we do not hold the history of our country sacred?

Date: 2/17/2026 7:12:49 PM
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Name: Kathy Fiebig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing was razed without any permits, without any input from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and without any respect for the building's history. No plans were submitted and there was no design review. This was a travesty. I strongly oppose spending any taxpayer money on this other than to restore it or at the very least, rebuild a functional wing. Nor do I want to see private "donations" used to build a monument to the current President. We don't need a $300 ballroom.

Thank you.

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Name: Amy Antonucci
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Name: Anita Grove
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The exterior of the building should be made to match the scale and design of the rest of the building.

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Name: Caroline Brady
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the work you are doing to end this travesty.
Caroline Brady
[redacted]

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Name: Laurie Churchill
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Name: Stacey Hamm
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Name: Donna Kryzenske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I completely oppose this project. It has destroyed history in addition to being a colossal waste of money. As a concerned citizen I want this project halted and the East Wing of the White House restored to its original design. This house is “our house” and we were not allowed to approve or disapprove this project in advance.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:11:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Taub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a ballroom, conference space, or other addition that dwarfs the residence. The destruction of the East Wing is a desecration of architecture and history. The only thing that should be permitted is a faithful restoration of the East Wing.

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Name: Maryann Welch
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Thank you for giving the Americans the right to speak on this and ask for this reversed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: david heilman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Stop this unauthorized nonsense and restore it to its original condition.

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Name: Nancy Patterson
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The White House is the people's house!

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Name: Jill Ross
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This project is not only an affront to the citizens of this country, but also to history itself. The fact that no one stopped Trump from circumventing the law and having a wing OF THE WHITE HOUSE demolished - without permits or authorization - is appalling in the extreme. The west wing needs to be restored to its former design and Trump and his enablers need to be held accountable and made to pay for this restoration, as well as penalized in a way that will deter both he and any future presidents from similar thoughts.

This isn't modernization - it's a vanity project for a despot.

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I strongly oppose any further construction of the $300+million dollar project. It should be rebuilt to be the landmark it was that reflects the pride we used to have in our country.

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Name: JUDITH MCLAUGHLIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I fully support the project to build a new East Wing Ballroom and Offices.
The President is right, our White House and supporting wings are outdated, small, and certainly do not reflect the current status of the U.S.
It is totally embarrassing to have our international events held in a muddy tent.

Get going, approve it, and build it.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:48:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Markham Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Growing up as the child of an architect, working on the crew of a historic preservation project as a young adult, and now teaching history, I have always had an appreciation for America's historic places. I remember working on the site of a residential home in Charleston, SC and being visited by the BAR folks, dressed to the nines and poking around, asking if we were going to put the original bricks back in the wall just so—as they were concerned that we were not following protocol. Today, I live in a neighborhood built in the 1990s, and I am asked to write up a proposal and get the signatures of all of my neighbors if I want to change the color of my front door. Clearly, I understand and recognize the importance and value of proper authorization, permits, and design review for ANY building project. In the case of the destruction of the

White House, which is supposed to be the People's House, not the President's house, and certainly not a house for corporate entities, I oppose spending any money on efforts that would alter the original size or exterior structure of the East Wing. This project, which led to the complete razing of a piece of American history, should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. I can't even paint my front door a different color without proper review. Allowing this project to proceed—without penalizing those who broke the law or requiring them to rebuild the original structure—would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Kozy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I wonder why this has been allowed to proceed without proper procedures having been followed. Citizens across this nation are obligated by ordinance and Law to follow local, State and National requirements. This current administration has bypassed all constraints that were in place to protect our history and sense of a United country. He has been encouraged to follow his personal need to fulfill his sense of identity and worth.
I first became aware of the history of this site through an On-line special that identified not only the history of this building but it's National security status. In this special it was noted that a bunker was beneath the building and had been used by President Kennedy during the Bay of Pigs confrontation. What frightens me is that the world now knows the location of this bunker as well as the corridors leading to the White House as well as other Governmental buildings.
Sadly, the administration seems to be more interested in pasting his name on every available property, without any sense of history or security beyond the Trump Name.
It is time to take action and put a stop this. If indeed He has commitments and funds raised, I believe that transparency needs to be enacted as to who has committed to this, what amount was already given or promised and where the money is being deposited. Information seems to be an afterthought at this time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Hammerstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Taylor Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Newhall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Project

The White House does not belong to Donald Trump to do with as he wants. It belongs to the people of the United States. As one of those people I feel that my home has been ransacked.

Please stop the construction of this hideous ballroom before it begins. The scale is completely out of balance with the rest of the White House. The current plan for the Ballroom will be an embarrassment to the people of the US for generations to come. I do not agree that private funds should be used to build a public building at the whim of the current resident. Please plan a new East Wing that is in keeping with the West Wing. My preference would be to re-build the East Wing to match the the West architecturally.

Thank you for your dedication to making our Capitol city something to be proud of and preserving our heritage.

Sincerely
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 11:48:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Deschamps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those

The White House belongs to the people and must be funded by the people if approved by Congress. Shame on this present government for bypassing all laws and destroying an historic part of the White House without proper process.

I urge the commission to reject this proposal. A proper plan needs to be developed for the replacement of the west wing which does not dwarf the White House and can be multi functional.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:49:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rae Huff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot improve Anara Guard's wording regarding this atrocity so I will quote her:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Americans have been betrayed, integrity has been trampled and the opinions of average Americans ignored. Thank you for reading this.
Rae Huff, Dayton, Ohio

Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda Inabinet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I formally object to the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the necessary authorization, permits, or appropriate design review. This undertaking does not constitute modernization; rather, it represents the irreversible destruction of a significant piece of American heritage. I urge that the project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be reconstructed and restored to its original design. The rule of law must apply equally to all, and permitting this project to proceed without accountability would undermine that principle

Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Chereskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bianchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this insane corrupt project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Mellor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original state. This is the People's House and congress did not authorize the destruction of any part of it. It does not belong to private donors. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:56 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Meislin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be built exactly as before the illegal destruction thereof. Please do not provide a supersized malignant narcissistic sized ballroom, and for God's sake NO GOLD DECO (not one bit of it). This is not his house, this is our house. It was never meant to provide a ballroom for paid donors. Please, hold off until the criminals are out of the building. Design it tastefully with class and elegance. It is heartbreaking that our "house" was destroyed. Absolutely heartbreaking.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Schenley Casher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of The White House, which belongs to The People, should be rebuilt with the proper design process, permits, respect for history, etc. I oppose the use of this property for an ugly vanity project ballroom that disrespects our nation and our laws.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abbie Tamber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Habig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the demolition of the East wing of the Whitehouse. I don't understand how thus was allowed to take place without proper authorization. If I were to do this to my house without proper permits I would be taken to court and made to pay fines, the I would have to follow the law and apply for zoning

and building permits. If the work I did or proposed to do did not meet the law, I would not be allowed to continue with the project.
The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the Peoples House is not only disrespectful of the people of the United States, but is unlawful. Please uphold the law and rebuild the East Wing as it was before the demolition. This should be done using Donald J Trump's personal money, not public funds since the public did not approve this demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: harold hardiman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed.
This project began with the demolition of an 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from this Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolotion has already occurred does not excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that forces approval
The funding mechanism raises serious concerns about institutional independence and conflicts of interest.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorian Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I am writing to let you know that I oppose the spending of $300 million on the "modernization project" of the East Wing of the White House. It was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it is the complete destruction of American history. I want this project to be canceled, and I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, although minor upgrade might be appropriate.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. All involved in the demolition, having proceeded without appropriate approval, permits, and oversight, should be financially liable for the restoration and this should include punitive fines assessed on those directing and authorizing the demolition activities.

Please also take steps to prevent a similar scenario taking place against the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and the Washington DC public golf courses.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Deddens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the White House modernization project and urge the commission to reject the plan. There was never a proper evaluation of the plan, as far as I know, nor was there a demonstrated need for a ballroom. To my knowledge Congress was not consulted which I believe is required. Let’s not reward Trumps violation of the law by letting the project move forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Antwine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all !

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret MacDonald-Alfoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

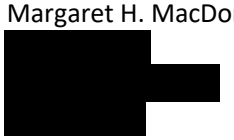
To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to submit public comment regarding the proposed East Wing modernization and the addition of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom to the White House.

While the demolition of the East Wing is deeply concerning in its own right, the proposal to construct a ballroom of this scale is even more troubling. The White House is the people's house. It carries immense historical significance and deep sentimental value for Americans across the country. A project of this magnitude risks undermining the character and integrity of a building that symbolizes our nation's history and democratic traditions.

In my view, such a large and ostentatious addition is neither necessary nor reflective of the public interest. I urge you to carefully consider the historical importance of this site and the broader public sentiment as you deliberate on this proposal.

The ballroom addition should be viewed unfavorably. I remain hopeful that, in the future, the East Wing space can be restored or replaced in a manner that is more appropriate to the dignity and heritage of the White House.

Margaret H. MacDonald-Alfoni


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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the east wing of the White House having been demolished. This is a historic site and any work done on the ground falls within being a US federal project so whether private donors pay for it or not, federal procedures, regulations and laws need to be followed.
The President may live at the White House but it is a building and historic site that belong to the public. It belongs to the people of America and is one of the most historically significant buildings in the United Stares. Yes, it needs to be maintained however done so with integrity and attention to historic integrity, preserving the significance of the structure, and not on the whim of one presidents desires. This project should have, at a minimum, gone through Congress before any action was ever taken. Plans should have been completed, reviewed, gone through all legal and federal processes, including preservation and historic reviews, as well as public comments before anything was ever torn down.
The east wing demolition is in violation of the National Historic preservation Act of 1966. It was not done in a transparent manner and was not been given the due diligence necessary for the scope of this massive project. There was no consideration for even the basic fact that the balanced and classic design of the White House will be overshadowed with the size of the proposed ballroom. We ask that this project be halted and all historic and federal regulations be considered.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: cindy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house is a historic building and belongs to the citizens of the USA. It needs to be restored to its original state. It needs to be paid for by the person who had it demolished . we the people want our historic monuments left as the in there original state. No renaming on someone's whim. No demolishing our history. Thank you for letting the people have a voice. Sincerely C Smith

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candee Schlicht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let this bribery backed project continue. Don't reward criminals taking bribe money to wreck our history to try to impose their gaudy garbage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Joseph Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Grefe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this destruction of the east wing of our White House. The lack of respect for our community and the processes in place when and if a renovation is sought were not followed. It is a poorly thought out & executed design that will make the entire White House appearance become awkward and unattractive. I would like to see the original design used and the structure rebuilt in its footprint. If any changes are desired they should be presented to the correct authorities and shared with our community before anymore damage is done.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this monstrously large and completely unnecessary project. The President claims that money was donated, but there are no clear receipts. It very feels very much like another corrupt pay to play scheme. Beyond the corrupt money issue, this destruction of OUR HOUSE was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It goes well beyond "modernization" and is rather a complete razing of American history and more simply another of the President's vanity projects, wasting money to glorify himself. He just took a wrecking ball to our house with the clear intention of claiming "well, now we have to fix it so we may as well go ahead with MY plan." No President has ever used his power of office and the people's money to satisfy his narcissistic need for recognition. This project must canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, especially the President! To permit this project to go ahead is complicity with law breaking; and not penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do all you can to preserve the original design of the East Wing. The rebuild should not be larger the

the original building and definitely not larger than the White House. It is a shame that the original building was destroyed and every effort should be made to restore it to its historical integrity.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hillary Marotta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a proud US citizen who is not proud of our current administration, including the reckless destruction of the historic East Wing of the beautiful, stately, people's house.
I ask that the committee pay particular attention to anything built in its place, that it is deemed necessary, useful, and a true representation of our country as a whole, not our current leader. No country needs a ballroom that large, especially one that is a personal vanity project. This is not the President's house but the country's house that should represent the best of us. Please restore the East Wing to its previous splendor, not a representation of our worst President in history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Jobe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I so happy that President Trump is in charge of this project. He has a great history of building beautiful things and will make the White House even better. When we toured the White House I was surprised how plain and small it was, not a very good representation of our big beautiful country

Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Blount
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project, but in racing of American history.

I want this project canceled… And the East wing rebuilt in a more economical, historical fashion.

No one is above the law. This is an insult to law abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Penny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to the unauthorized and unreviewed demolition of US history. While the historic East Wing may have needed modernization or renovation, doing so without proper permitting - destroying a facility that belongs to the US people - sets a dangerous precedent. Please protect the integrity of all our history and our rule of law by stopping this project from proceeding without the necessary permitting and oversight.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Durrant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While my comment is too late and I suspect ultimately won't matter, I'm appalled that Trump tore down the East Wing as if he owns the WH. Please work diligently to ensure that any new building matches both the scale and the architectural style of the remaining house. I'm certain Trump will be exceedingly difficult to work with, and his preferences will not match the historic, quiet elegance of the WH, but be more aligned with the style of a palace or casino. Please stay focused, the buildings will stand long after he's gone and you have a duty to the House, not the man.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this project as it is requested. It was not applied for correctly and is not an improvement to our stately White House, which is the President's temporary home but the permanent home of the American people. The demolition was not approved correctly either, and is an affront to all of us.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building needs rebuilding and restoring as it was. Donald Trump had no permission nor any authority to destroy an historic site. It underscores his misogyny for one and his lawlessness for another. A ballroom is not needed when so many other things are not being addressed by this administration. Just because Trump claims it is paid for does not make building this insane monstrosity to satiate a titanic ego a worthwhile endeavor. It is most important that the building stands up as it always has as a utilized facility that is historically correct as well as significant. It is the people's house, not Donald Trump's house!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrie Heffner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom renovation!

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Name: Kristin Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never been started in the first place - the people have no need of a tacky vanity project! Now that the damage is done, the East Wing should either be restored (at the expense of the person who tore it down in the first place) or replaced by a much smaller event space, not a grotesque gilded monstrosity larger than the White House itself.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Hess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the attempt at modernization without permits, approvals, or pre-authorization. It was a huge vanity project and an affront to the American people. Please restore the East wing to its former glory and uses, such as offices for the first lady, and do not allow a ridiculously large and un-needed ballroom take over America's White House. The Historical Preservation and architect should have been approved before any demolition was done, and rewarding the destruction of history by allowing the project to continue should not be allowed. It does not need gaudy gold, and if its purposes is fancy parties for the rich and famous, that is not what the White House should represent, as the people's house. The money should be spent on the American people - health care, reducing the federal deficit, maintaining Public Television, and a myriad of other uses that are better than a party room for a president with no morals.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Hornberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is NOT a modernization project. Rebuild it the way it was before it was illegally torn down.

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Name: Trudi Tuinstra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Angela Elkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project distorts the outline and facade of the White House. It is the People’s House, not Trump’s, and who of us will ever have access to this overblown display of wealth built on private donations.?

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Name: ViAnn Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Condit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historically and visually I believe it is important that the White House and other structures in our capital keep the beautiful architectural continuity present for years. I oppose the huge ballroom and it's opulence. I oppose the huge arch that is proposed and am concerned about how the renovation of The Kennedy Center will look as well. Additionally, I am appalled that any President can move forward on projects without oversight both architecturally and financially. If the president's proposed projects resemble the decorating of the current White House it will be anathema to how our beautiful capital looks and what it symbolizes. Carol Condit, R.N.

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Name: Elizabeth Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The actions of Donald Trump and his administration in demolishing the east wing of the White House was illegal and without any oversight by Congress or the National Capital Planning Commission. The people's house is not one of his gaudy golf clubs and he has no right nor authority to damage it as he has. No further work should be undertaken without adequate oversight and planning.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was never studied or approved and the use of private money reeks of pay for play.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Dougherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public opinion should have been recorded prior to the destruction of the East Wing. At this point, the only thing to do is request that the wing be rebuilt at its original size (providing balanced proportions of the building as a whole) and pay appropriate homage and respect to the historical record of the building. It should be completed in a fiscally responsible way and reflect the quiet humility appropriate for a government by the people, of the people, and for the people. The White House is only the temporary residence for the President of the United States, it is forever a reflection of who we are as a democratic society.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Peach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Charles Robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As Anara Guard put it so clearly:

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Name: Colleen Headley-Lalande
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I give credit to Anara Guard for this statement which mirrors my own feelings.

I wish to add-- that the cost of the restoration of the prior design should be borne by Donald Trump alone.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:03:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Woods Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump ordered a demolition team to come to the Whit House and demolish the entire East Wing. It happened so quickly that nobody was able to stop it.

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

If this is not challenged there is no stop to the destruction of any and all other buildings and monuments that the majority of citizens love.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy O'Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project because of the way it was handled, tearing down a portion of a historic building with zero advance permission, consultation, or other following of the rules by which things have been done for time immemorial. And because it is going to be - according to plans - a monstrosity of size, not in proportion to the rest of the White House,

That it is to be funded by donations from special-interest billionaires smacks of illegality. That the former portion was destroyed before a replacement was approved and thought through, and so much more, sets this project apart as one that needs to be thoroughly examined, and the backers hauled up short for overstepping the lines of authority. Finally, in a nation that is rapidly alienating previous allies, who will be here to enjoy such a ballroom? When was the last time someone envsioned a need for a building of this type/size and had to modify the event plans because there was no facility to accommodate it?

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Huber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is 55,000 sf. The proposed addition is almost double that size at 90,000 sf. Funds were "privately raised, or so the American people are told. My comments:

- Any addition to the White House should never dwarf the original structure. The size of the "ballroom" is unnecessarily excessive and will diminish the historic structure and symbolism of the People's House. I am saddened that this project was allowed to move forward without Congressional approval nor input from the American people. The damage is done and there should be consequences for the rushed and thoughtless demolition of our history.

- It is unlikely that this project will cost only $400k. Rarely does a capital project finish on-time or on-budget. How will the cost overruns, caused by change orders, add alternates, and schedule slips, be funded? Were all trades included in the $400k budget estimate? Security, IT, FF&E? If not, what is the budget for items that are not covered by the $400k? How would any additional expenses/cost overruns be funded? Will congressional approval be required to obtain any additional funding?

- What will this project cost the taxpayers of the United States of America?

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Name: Annalise Tower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house and therefore the construction should have input from We The People and be taxpayer funded. Not that We asked for it, but now that it has been demolished, We should guide the reconstruction. That could look like a bunch of things, but the important thing is for voters to have a say. Private funding is completely inappropriate and blurs the lines - it creates a conflict of interest. This needs to be handled in a proper, democratic fashion.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:59:59 PM
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Name: Kris Duro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:01:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maggie Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why are we tearing down the White House and destroying our history? Please restore the East Wing and stop wasting money on a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American who has seen the Whitehouse and appreciates it, the tearing down of the East wing felt heart wrenching. Especially since every protocol for historic buildings was ignored on a fools whim. Please do not let this unwanted ballroom be built without input from the American people or the historical committee who is supposedly has authority to approve or disapprove these changes in these buildings. They are supposed to be conserved and protected for the American people who own them.
It would be my highest desire to have the East wing rebuilt to the original floorplan with all necessary modern updates needed for optimal function and safety.
Regards,
Carole A Price DVM

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Callie Shafto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am frustrated and heartbroken. This project, a hideous monstrosity of a ballroom, was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is "The People's House" but the people had no say in preventing this demolition of American history.

No one should be above the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design and glory.

Thank you.

--Claudia A. Shafto

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Name: Mary Guizzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karla Larkins
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara McCall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the building of a ballroom where the East wing has been destroyed. The East Wing needs to be reconstructed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete reconstruction and rewriting of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East wing restored to its former design. Those that broke the law should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:01:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gay Truscott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of an iconic American building with enormous historical significance. This project should be REJECTED and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Truscott

NW DC

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Name: Beckie Figg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Ann Didjurgis
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Name: Melissa Warthen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joyce Lem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, too, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Women For Children
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Maureen Willits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I previously commented about the size and scope of the project being totally out of scale with the White House. But, I neglected to add that I really am against this project all together. I believe we should restore the East Wing. And, please make sure he doesn't add a 2nd story to the other portion of the White House he has said he's going to do!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chaz Shukat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the building of this ballroom, no matter who pays for it.

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Name: Anne Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Beth Culver
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Name: Grayce Hein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any further action until the current administration is replaced due to the politisization. Please open for designs after the current president's term.

The president responsible for the demolition should be charged and pay for both the demo and rebuild.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Doniger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House for a $300 million dollar ballroom. The project began without proper permitting and authorization and the destruction of the East Wing is an effort to raze history, done quickly and surely with negative environmental impact, involving the probable release of asbestos. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its original size with all proper historical features.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Surles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any more money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynn Williams Williams
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Name: Kathleen Worthington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it is a vanity project initiated unlawfully by the current POTUS. There needs to be respect for the things that precede us and are of historical value. Please restore the East Wing to its former construct. Do not be steamrolled by our current president and his cronies.

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Name: Beverly Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gisela Mercado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bonnie Polanco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am devastated by the destruction of this historical building. I am deeply troubled that the current administration moved forward with destroying a part of the White House, which does not belong to them, without the proper channels and permits. It is heartbreaking to see the destruction and I vehemently oppose it. I'd like the demolition stopped and the East Wing rebuilt as it was to preserve history.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:59:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Yancey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolishing the historic East Wing of the White House without following the appropriate and required processes--review, permits, and Congressional oversight--is a clear violation of the law, as visible as the ugly destruction of this wing of the White House is now. Our White House, the people's house, is both a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. We, the American people, own it. Full stop.

I urge you, the members of the National Capital Planning Commission, to speak for us, for the people. I ask that you require any reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain it historic design and size and to exhibit a design integrity aligned with our best aspirations. If a new structure is to be built, it must match the style of the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and it must be subordinate in size.

Regarding the funding of this project that we are now forcued to design, implement, and complete: it should be resourced only with appropriations from Congress after Congress approves the new design. No private money be allowed for this project. We, the American people. own the land, not any one president or any corporation seeking to buy favor.

Should Congress fail to approve funding, and if a design keeping with the building's historical character cannot be achieved, the land should be left vacant.

Please do not reward a lawless president; please speak for us, all of us.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:58:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Battleson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kimberly Beckman
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Name: Rachel Kalyan
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Name: James Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At a time when more Americans than ever are struggling to put food on the table, pay their mortgages or rent, grapple with poor health care choices, this project is garishly ill timed and poorly thought out, not to mention probably illegal . Stop this colossal waste of money to build a ballroom that nobody needs or wants. Restore and “modernize “ what was there and move forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:58:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DeAnn Grayson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the new ballroom. This is not Trump's house, this is the peoples' house. Ridiculous amount of money that could be used to feed and educate our children!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:47:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Lambert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There is no need to build a ballroom for 3,000 when it would be used only once or twice a year. When rebuilding to its former design, then a ballroom can be incorporated into on a smaller scaled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:49:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Ozog Somes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was a beloved historical relic and essential part of the People's House. That it was bulldozed by our own president with zero consent from the people or experts is a disgrace and will stain President Trump's legacy long after he is gone. The proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing is a complete waste of taxpayer money and serves only as a shameless monument to the president's ego. The only thing this project should fund is a complete reconstruction of the previous East Wing. Do not allow this project as it stands to move forward. Thank you.

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Name: Donnie Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: P Howell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How was the demolition of a historical building done by a person who Does Not own the building? Where were the approvals, research documents and permits? Why isn't there legal action being pursued? The historical building is owned by the nation. Where is the documentation supporting the cost of the Demo and rebuild? Was there ever any money allocated for this project? Where is the money that was stated to rebuild? In someone's pocket?
This entire process should be prosecuted on a Federal level, with costs and penalties aimed at the perpetrators.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:47:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Rizzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
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Sincerely,
Tom Rizzo

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Metzner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is the "People's House," and the east wing is "The Women's Wing."

Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:57 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hunseder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To All,
I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Murray Petre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lindsay Jaffarian
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Name: Lynne Wardrop
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Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heather Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allison Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. A ballroom to the tune of $300 million (and when do projects ever come in at budget) when we need money for public schools, healthcare and veterans is an unnecessary vanity project. American history was destroyed along with the East Wing and I want it returned to the American people as it was. Please say no to this ballroom.

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Name: Albert Spohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Margaret Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "East Wing Modernization Project" renderings are horrendous. The scale of this project overshadows the White House, the Peoples House, itself and intrudes on the landscape of the White House grounds. It's disgraceful that the demolition of the East Wing was not subject to procedural compliance initially as historic architectural buildings are required to be.

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Name: Ruth Planey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolishing the East Wing was a needless expense that the country does not need at this time. It also did not follow the protocol as far as changing historic buildings and going through the proper permit and approval process. Please stop any further work on this expensive and needless project. Thank you Ruth planey

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Name: Mary Ann Devlieg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project that has not complied with existing regulations or timetables nor the community around it. Please do not let it proceed.

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Name: Melissa Cantrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I spent years on a planning commission and saw all kinds of sleazy developer tricks. Props to this one being the sleaziest.

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Name: Bryan Woerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the East Wing to its original form. America does not need or want a ballroom. If we did, it would have been built a long time ago.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:50:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHLEEN SCHMIDT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

American history is being destroyed without proper authorization. Stop it and restore the East Wing to its original beauty.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:47:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Flanigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project that was illegally started in an attempt to erase US history.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:57:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jillian Hodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,
I completely oppose any continuation of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a monument to our current President's ego AND a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and a complete inventory and historical registration of all artifacts/ artwork/ and other items removed from the building before demolition began. If any artifacts, artwork, or items were damaged or destroyed in the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing, I want the current administration and/or the company hired for demolition to pay for the complete repair, replacement, or insurance value of said items. I want to request an investigation into the company that carried out the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing without going through the legal procedures and paperwork, and for them to be fined accordingly for pressing forward without required permissions and permits. The current President needs to be held accountable for bypassing all legal procedures for making such drastic changes to any property that he does own and has historical protections. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thanks you.

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Name: Simon Berman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are responsible to those who follow us, and we have a moral obligation to leave them a country that allows them to feel and absorb what has come before them. We do not want to be remembered for arbitrarily destroying a delicate piece of their legacy that was a gentle symbol of the American stability we grew up with, and then quickly replacing it with an out of proportion showpiece. It might be senseless to recreate the East Wing exactly as it was, but a replacement of similar scale and architectural sensitivity that evokes the original, perhaps with improved functionality, would help preserve the balance and symbolism of the site. As for the enormous ballroom, it creates a dissonance with its surroundings that seems to reflect the dissonance that America has created with its international community.

The America I grew up in (I am 81) always seemed to be run in a deliberative way. Its processes were not always perfect, but there seemed to be a good faith effort to drive us toward being a better place. When I witnessed the bulldozers suddenly appearing without notice I felt like I was living in another country where trust in leadership had been lost. There is now an opportunity for this Commission to restore some of that trust.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Heller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very disappointed that the East Wing Modernization project started with the destruction of the existing structure before proper planning and approval could take place. Our country is not President Trump's personal playground where he is free to change structures around him to reflect his personal aesthetic and bolster his own ego.
I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Sardi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel this project is one that should have had the approval of the American people before it began. I would like this project cancelled or at least paused until the American public have the opportunity to give their input and feedback. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Delavan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:54:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my town, when we are considering building a new school or fire station or park, we do a lot of work to determine whether to go ahead and if so, how to create a plan that will work for our taxpayers. A committee of diverse stakeholders - including elected leaders, taxpayers, and people who will be most affected - oversees a public process to gather information, hold listening sessions, and understand the tax implications. If project is determined to be worthwhile after engaging the stakeholders, then there is

another process to design and oversee the project to make sure taxpayers interests are being met. It does not appear any of these steps have been followed on the East Wing "modernization" project. The White House is the people's house - like so many in our country I have toured it, and I felt immense pride in our country when visiting our nation's capital and seeing the home of our president and executive branch of government. I am devastated that the East Wing was torn down without authorization and a process to engage all of the stakeholders, including taxpayers, in determining if the changes were welcome and if so, how to do them in a way that reflects our country's values and commitment to Democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Damon Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched with horror as a piece of historic public property was wantonly demolished at the direction of its present occupant and am resolutely opposed the spending of $300 million on this project.

It was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and without regard to the wishes and feelings of the American public, to which The White House actually belongs. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I join with thousands if not millions of others who want this project canceled, and desire that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. There are laws in place that should have kept this from happening, and no one, even and especially the President, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebeckah R. Wiseman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings, I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount to create an unnecessary and ego inflationary ballroom) on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is a disgrace that this was allowed to happen - it should have been stopped before it started - it is your responsibility to ensure that the White House be restored properly. -- Respectfully, Rebeckah R. Wiseman, resident of Indiana.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:59:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cherie Laabs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Hello. I am writing today to express my deep concern with the demolishing of the East Wing. The day I saw a video of the bulldozer taking it out, I felt sick to my stomach. This is a part of our history, the Peoples' House. And one person unilaterally decided to make changes that were not authorized and not wanted by the people. A piece of our history is gone, and what is planned to be put in its place is an affront to our country. The White House is a temporary living space for the current president, put in office by the Will of the people. It is not one person's home to remodel, destroy or otherwise change. I fervently hope that there is a way to stop this from moving forward, and moreover, restore the White House to its original condition.

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Name: Kirstin Mayberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, especially an unstable, felon president, whose destruction knows no ends. To allow this project to go ahead, without penalizing him for breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It should be made clear to the "president" that further destruction of additional, historic monuments would be subject to additional legal consequences. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Su Dierbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its prior design and gut the idea of a ballroom. This space is the People's space not Donald Trump's alone. Restored to its natural beauty and integrity, please

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Grondin-Jose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe any further action connected to the destruction of the people's house by this government, should not be allowed. The destruction was committed without proper adherence to procedure or the law. Within the context of the flood of illegal acts done within and by the Trump regime, this act of destruction and replacement of the East Wing is in danger of being lost in the chaos. This must not be allowed.

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Name: Lynn Argenziano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not just any building. It is a treasured and beloved part of the history of our country. A home to presidents, their families and pets. A place where momentous decisions were made, where great minds met. A place for visitors to think, to learn, to feel both the weight and the uplift of that history. Your mission is historic preservation, and you are behooved to preserve and protect this dwelling. As presidents and their families surround themselves with the personal touches that mean home to them, please ensure that its structural beauty and integrity remain intact. Stop Donald Trump's desecration of the East Wing and return it to its original stately form.

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Name: Tena Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its former beautiful state. Our country is grieving its destruction. No ballroom could or should replace this structure's historical significance.

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Name: Marilyn Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this 90,000 square foot monstrosity and make the administration follow the correct procedures to create a new east wing addition that is in keeping with the historical size, and proportion to the existing building.

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Name: Tom Burchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this monstrosity

Thank you for your attention on this matter

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Name: Philip Blumenfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stacey Sanderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Catherine Rankovic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project was begun without proper surveying, without permission of the National Park service, without approval from the proper authorities — in short, from the first this project was against the law. The President solicited "donations" for funding but he pocketed that $400 million without paying the companies that did the demolition. The White House is not Trump's personal home or property. It is owned by the American people. Do not Vote to okay the lawless destruction that has already happened. Demand the $400 million the President took to pay for restoration of the historic East Wing as soon as possible.

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Name: Laura Hinds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Steven Dougherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carole Boller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and, the rose garden restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Sandham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a joke! How cpme there are nevrr any consequences! He tore down the historic East Wing and Congress just shrugged. We don't want a $400 m ballroom that will be as ugly as he's made the Oval Office.

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Name: Tara Gotski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Lux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an owner of a historic home in the F.Q. Story historic district of Phoenix, I cannot believe that the east wing needs modernization. We consider buildings here from the 20s and 30s to be historic. The White House is much older and a National Landmark, and a recognizable symbol of our country.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of

American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cindy Toy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It was started without the permits or permissions required to remake a historic piece of our American heritage and the demolition of the East Wing should never have happened. This was an absolutely lawless act and needs to be stopped. In a nation of laws this kind of action should be punished not rewarded.

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Name: Mary Frye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This grotesque defilement of the White House should not be approved. It was begun in complete disregard of law and regulations. It is massively corrupt - contributions to the ballroom project are blatant bribes. And according to the plans made public, it is hideous. Please don't reward corruption and lawlessness with ex post facto approval.

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Name: Belinda Jacob
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was begun without proper authorization. The White House and its grounds are a National Park and a National Landmark, and as such, they belong to the American people. No one person should place himself above the law and impose his desires upon the most cherished residence in our country, a residence that is only lent to its occupants. I want to see the money supposedly raised for this unauthorized scheme to be spent on restoring the East Wing to its former condition, until such time as a duly constituted authority approves a plan in keeping with the White House's history and architecture.

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Name: Vickie Merchant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's completely UNACCEPTABLE what this fool in the White House has done to the East Wing! The occupant of the White House DOES NOT have the right to demolish any part of that historical building that belongs to THE PEOPLE without permission!! He should be required to rebuild what he destroyed out of his own pocket. This "ballroom" is nothing but a quid pro quo for billionaires to take even more than they already do by BUYING this corrupt president.
This whole thing is grotesque and disgusting! There is no low for that man!
Thank you for time.

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Name: Jacquelyn Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, including myself, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Joanna Van Eizenga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brenda Bogarin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carole Martz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the peoples' house and a significant historical structure. I believe it should be reconstructed in a way that honors its origins. It NEVER should have been demolished. The president had no right to do this.

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Name: Glenn kime
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Bonner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and

completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Conley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This never had proper review before it was criminally committed to destroy the historic East Wing. Do not allow this to continue and force a vanity project that only suits one person who's a felon, conman, and grifter. True Americans want the return of a building made better than the preexisting East Wing that values women, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion should be celebrated. It should fit with the restrictions of size and architecture which the proposed ballroom would not value. This administration will have an end, the citizens would not like the ugly reminder that is currently being shoved at us.

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Name: Kathy Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the funding of the Trump Ballroom. The tearing down of the East Wing is an affront to the American people. The East Wing was never meant to be destroyed for a ballroom that would overpower the White House. BUlldozing the East Wing tore down our history. THe thought that a huge ballroom for entertainment is of utmost importance when we have many issues to resolve in this country is unAmerican. FInally, the visual picture sent the message that this administration does what it wants and it is power and force over thoughtful decision making. Zero funding for the ballroom and rebuild the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annemarie Fredericks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am NOT IN FAVOR of this project. The White House is the people’s house. While changes were made in the past, rules were followed, plans debated, and input was solicited BEFORE any demolition began. The plan itself is an architectural disgrace, disregarding known surrounding structures (the rest of the White House!) and trivializes the value of any first spouse. The East Wing should be restored in its entirety. No to Trump’s ballroom! One end of the White House should NOT look like a gilded resort or a wannabe Versailles!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money, let alone $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Grimmenga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the historic East Wing of the White House. It is shameful that this demolition was done without any oversight to consider the historic nature of the building and the expense of building a giant, lavish, gold encrusted ballroom. This ballroom does not reflect the values of the United Stares. This is the people's house, not Trump's condo, which looks like a bordello.

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Name: Cindy Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project—it is a razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Bassett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design as soon as possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Gullikson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Darryl Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a relatively young country, we struggle to have a solid historical record of architecture, and unlike most of Europe, we have a barely noticeable desire to preserve what little we have. Nowhere is that more evident than under the "developer's wrecking ball" of so-called progress. What developer/politician D. J. Trump has done to our White House is a prime example of this travesty. It alleged purpose is both vane, and in service to a single personage, and in no way of service to the people who it truly represents. Please stop this heresy.

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Name: Gwendolyn Akamatsu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Ann Didjurgis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:51:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:51:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Dietz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without going through proper channels was a disgusting act by a President without regard to our country's history and the significance of historic buildings and sites. I appreciate that there is an opportunity for American citizens to voice our concerns. The idea of replacing the East Wing with a ballroom is unacceptable to many Americans and it is totally unacceptable to me.

I urge you to cancel the East Wing Modernization Project as soon as possible. I am opposed to spending any money on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review that are expected for such projects. In fact, it is not a modernization project at all but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I am encouraged that the National Capital Planning Commission is seeking feedback and attempting to stop this project and restore the East Wing. The destruction of the East Wing as undertaken was a violation of

the law and responsible persons should be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:51:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Post
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was start illegally. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:51:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Beyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:51:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Novey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the old East Wing, modernize what needed it but replace to the way it was. The gilded ballroom is a stupid idea. A party place for the rich is not needed.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Kelly Smith and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a

complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please oppose this illegal-advised and wasteful project. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Carmichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Pettit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The white house belongs to the american people and having destroyed by the whim of one man is an affront to our history and sense of place in the world.
thank you
Gwen Pettit,
Gunnison, CO81230

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregg Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Miele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To call this modernization is another attempt to gaslight the public. The White House destroyed a piece of history that didn't belong to them and that they didn't bother to seek approvals for. The East Wing should be completely restored to its original state without the gold trim or the current occupant's name. This is the People's House.

The fraud, waste, and abuse is coming from inside the building.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the White House to the state it was in before Trump bulldozed it. I am pretty sure he did it illegally.

Help return some normalization to this country. We're sick of it.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pascale Vaquette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

Regarding the renovation of the East Wing, please ensure that the exterior is rebuilt as closely to the original design as possible. It is important that the scale remains the same to ensure that it does not dwarf the White House.

While the exterior must maintain its historical integrity, the interior can be modernized accordingly to meet current needs.

Best regards,

Pascale Vaquette

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Kohel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want the eye sore of a ballroom built next to the White House. The White House is a National treasure. The absolute disregard for rules and norms when destroying the East Wing does not give permission for an ugly ballroom. Build the East Wing back.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Bareika
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I do not want $300 million spent on this project! There was no authorization, permits or design review! It is not a modernization it is a destruction of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original state! Who ever broke the law must be held accountable!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:50:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Engle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:49:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charissa Bertels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, not Donald Trump's house. He must not be allowed to lawlessly destroy our history and bypass any and all laws and regulations regarding these sorts of projects. His ridiculous addition will swallow up the rest of the White House and look clownish. The design of any expansion must take into account the history and symmetry of the iconic structure, not serve his outsized ego and the bribes of his billionaire friends. It's not the Epstein Class House, it's OUR House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Alspach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Grace Whelan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:49:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joni Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with repairs of any damage done under Trump's orders to be paid for with Trump's personal funds. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:49:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, this was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Leffler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people's house has been damaged beyond repair. STOP this project that destroys the history of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:49:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this. We do not need to spend 300million on a ballroom. Please restore the East Wing and use leftover funds for more important projects. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. The East Wing stood as a monument to history. It was demolished without the consent of the American people and without permission or review from the NPS. Without Taking steps outlined by the institution that oversees such project demolition was illegal and an act of ultimatum vandalism. The proposed ballroom in my opinion is a gilded monument to a president who is comfortable, taking bribes, to an era of presidency this nation will want to soon forget. What are those dollars actually paying for? It's not the building, it's not the furnishings, it's not anything that can be tangibly seen by those visit visiting the grounds of the nations capital. Money is Payment for future promises, favoritism, every dollar is a seed of corruption. Insist that the east wing be rebuilt. At the personal expense of Donald Trump in lieu of imprisonment for destroying a national monument.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Vogelsang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Dolby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regardless of whether or not the monies for the "Big Beautiful Ballroom" come from private donations or taxpayer dollars, I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is not nor has it ever been a President's private permanent residence to do with it as he/she sees fit; rather it is and always been the People's House. Previous Presidents have made beautiful changes that enhanced the White House--the South Portico, the North Portico, the East Wing, the West Wing, and the Truman Balcony. Today, we can’t imagine the White House without these iconic elements, We the people object to the desecration and garish gaudy cheap looking gold leaf additions that have been initiated by the current occupant,

On behalf of the American people now and future generations STOP THE PROJECT!

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Name: Sabrina Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project of the White House ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

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Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Moberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the construction of a privately-funded ballroom in its place. The leveling of a significant portion of the "people's house" was conducted without adequate planning, congressional oversight or public input. The current occupant of the White House is not its owner—we the American people are. His temporary residence there does not confer any right to demolish this or any other historic property, neither at his whim nor at the discretion of his undisclosed donors. The National Capital Planning Commission should reject the planned ballroom and insist on the reconstruction of all parts of the East Wing unlawfully demolished at the order of the current occupant. Further, he should be held criminally liable for the damage inflicted by his actions and held financially responsible for reconstruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doreen Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this illegally initiated destruction of our country's historic past. I, along with the obvious millions of others, demand that this national monument be restored as closely as possible to its original form. Those responsible for this act of vandalism, President Trump at the top of the list, need to be held accountable for this crime and at the very least, pay for the restoration of it. Failure to do so proves this committee to be complicit and in violation of the basic concepts set forth in the Constitution to ensure a system of checks and balances before unreasonable decisions are made. Thank you in advance for being a voice of reason in a nation spiraling out of control.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House - the "People's House - has always been a beautiful, subtle, humble space for the president and his family to live and work. The plans to build a new wing and gigantic ballroom to replace the East Wing, which was tragically and horrifically ripped down without ANY public or professional input, will ruin not just the White House but the entire feeling of our nation's capital.

As a frequent visitor to Washington DC, who greatly appreciates the scale, layout, and timeless beauty of our capitol's architecture, it is appalling to me to think of this monstrosity being built where the sacred East Wing used to be.

Please stop the attack on our history. Please prevent Trump from destroying any more of our beautiful city. Washington's sacred past belongs to all of us, not to a single president.

I stand behind historic preservation. I stand behind doing whatever possible to stop this monstrosity being built.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathon England
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I AM STRONGLY oppose to the ridiculous East Wing project. It was initiated without the proper authorization from any of those having the authority to provide permits, or authorize its change of design. President Trump DID NOT follow the rule of law, or the Constitution that limited his powers. A project of this magnitude should have gone through the proper channels, gotten financial and judicial support. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American property and its history.
This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead, without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Donald Trump, and his supporters, must be required to pay for the destruction and the rebuilding, since it was not authorized. THAT WOULD BE DONE TO ANYONE WHO DESTROYED PRIVATE PROPERTY.
NOT! to do this, would send a message that we are OK if someone wants to damage one of our Nation's most Enduring Symbols of Democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: richard green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but personal vanity project for a Tyrant, not a president. I want this project canceled. I'd prefer a crater in the ground than the planned construction to be finalized. The Epstein Ballroom will be a blight on our country for years to come if allowed to be completed.

I want those responsible for skipping the proper processes for this construction held accountable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I didn't get to skip all the rules when I renovated my porch. Nor did I steal money from others to pay for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Fredrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather another ego project for the current president. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt with the proper design review process

being followed. Too late for the rest of it. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and a gross waste of our tax dollars. While we cannot go back and fix what has been broken, we can move forward legally and ethically, and I believe we have a responsibility to do so.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Chamberland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled with President Trump's plan to construct the lavish unnecessary ballroom. in the White House. This is an assault to all of the former President's, First Ladies and their families who respected and cherished the historical decor. The fact that the beloved Rose Garden was demolished and turned into concrete is so disrespectful. It is wrong that this History is. being erased just to fulfill Trump's ego in making an extravagant ballroom. The American People deserve better. Trump should not be able to pursue this fantasy project without authorization of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meri Ann Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was not approved through the appropriate channels. The White House belongs to the people, not the sitting President. Laws were broken. This should not be allowed to move forward. Rather a restoration of the wing should be started as soon as possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Wickland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ioppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the plans for a ballroom nobody wants and return the East Wing to its original design.
The White House is The People's House and the destruction of the East Wing is a crime against the American People. Hold those responsible accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep it as close to what it's as possible. We do not want it to reflect the current president's taste.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Eslick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:46:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Nystrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this silly, unnecessary project by Fascist leader Donald J Trump, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Trump should also be penalized and forced to pay for this with his own money.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,
Jon D Nystrom
U.S. Army veteran

Date: 2/17/2026 6:45:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. And I want the administration and any persons that were involved in the desecration of this historical landmark to pay for it.

No one is above the law, no one, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding, tax paying Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:45:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Richardson-McBride
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:45:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing without proper clearance was a crime. Restore it to its former state, and punish everyone involved. Fine them at LEAST the amount required to rebuild, in addition to any other penalties.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:45:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rixanne Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project stopped. I also want an arch not to be built!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:45:11 PM
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Name: Sharon Chambers-Corkrum
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Name: Ronald Chacon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so disappointed to see how this section of the white house was destroyed without anyone to say a word. Or at least i thought. So I was glad that people did speak out. Bring back its original glory not some useless wow factor.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because no normal process was followed, no permits or permission, I believe the East Wing should be restored as close as possible to the way it was originally. President Trump took it upon himself to destroy a historical building that he is temporarily the custodian of so I believe he is responsible for the restoration. The White House was never built with the intention of needing a ballroom to entertain thousands of

partying people. Probably this president intended inviting so many people with the purpose of charging a fee to each one that he could use to help his goals. The bigger the "pay to play" system the better for him. I would appreciate your considering seriously how our White House can be restored so the new construction will match the original elegance and style.
Sincerely,
Ann Abbott, Belleville, Illinois.
Proud and concerned naturalized American.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Zierdt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper design review, permits, or authorization. It is not a modernization project, but a Trump administration vanity and extortion project. I want the East Wing rebuild and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Alberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was undertaken without proper authority or permissions, and its replacement with a monstrous ballroom should not be allowed to happen. Please, demand that Mr. Trump have the East Wing rebuilt at his own expense. The East Wing belonged to the American people, not to Mtr. Trump. It should be restored to its former size and capability as offices for the First Lady and other White Hous3 services. Thank you for your attention to my comment.

Linda Alberts
Freeport, IL 61032

Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah McSpadden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Macklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot in good conscience support a group of would-be oligarchs tearing down the people's house. I cannot, in good conscience, support them turning the people's house into a means to bribe the President of the United States of America with the creation of a ballroom. Let's be direct and call it what it is, a bribe. The President has accepted a bribe to build this atrocity, and it must be stopped. No one is above the law. The People's House must be restored, and those who have bribed the President need to foot the bill.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Donohue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the insanity of this project. The White House used to be beautiful in its simplicity with clean lines. We don't need a gaudy ugly throne room.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be scrapped and President Trump must be charged with destruction of public property. The demolition was done with no historic overview, environmental statement/study or mitigation of hazardous materials. A complete clean up of the site, including mitigation of hazardous materials must occur. The ballroom is not well designed and has not been through historic, permitting, architectural or public oversight or approval. It is not an attractive building and will overwhelm the historic buildings already on site. The funding of the building amounts to bribes to the President through multiple rich donors.
Stop this project in it's tracks until such time as a thorough review of all demolition and building plans has occurred and proper permitting is in place.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Margaret Kirby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Dear NCP Commission,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.
The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mary Margaret Kirby

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Menees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm against the proposed changes to the East Wing (the building of a ridiculously over-sized ballroom). I believe it should be rebuilt as it was with some modernization done as needed. The proper channels were not gone through and he should not be rewarded for not following the correct procedures.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Winn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any plans to do a project on "the people's house," must go through the appropriate national historic vetting processes. The "modernization" should service the functions of the people's government, similar to what was torn down; providing adequate space for the First Lady's offices. It should historically accurate, and match the rest of the property.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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NO KINGS. NO ONE NEEDS A NATIONAL BALLROOM. Shame.

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Maryann Boyle
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniela Imre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to voice my objection to this project, which has been proceeding without authorization or oversight, and with blatant disregard for the will of the American people whose property this structure in

fact is.
The very idea that a president would endeavor to debate the institution of the presidency, by converting its home into something resembling a party destination for their moneyed friends, is beyond revolting.
I would like, and hope to see this project abandoned, and the East-Wing restored to its original form at the Mr. Trump and his donors' private expense.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns

Daniela Imre

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Name: Jessica Wohlen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dena Grose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please require Trump and his donors to restore an East Wing that resembles the original, and maintains the balance and aesthetics of the White House. At no additional cost to the taxpayers.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:42:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernadette Massaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was not approved and I believe that the President did not have the authority to start the project without plans or approval. The space should be used to replace the demolished East Wing as closely as possible to the way it was built. The cost for this should be funded by the private funds of Donald Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norine Schiller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it absolutely disgusting that the East Wing, with all its history, was destroyed without giving anyone a chance to weigh in. The new project should not visually dwarf the main White House building, but should be kept smaller. In addition, an architect with good taste should be brought in so the new building is kept consistent with the rest of the White House and isn't filled with tacky gold embellishments.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please deny the building of a ballroom and restore the East Wing to as close as possible to the original

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Name: Pamela Becker
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Hollows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the proposed ballroom is a vanity project that was to be rammed through without review or oversight. Please make sure this doesn't overshadow the original White House. What is currently being touted as essential really isn't. The government works for the US citizens. I don't think a single person was thinking this was needed, let alone a huge party room. The American people must "make do" and tighten belts since prices on everything seem to keep rising, maybe this unneeded ballroom should be a less extravagant and smaller addition that recognizes that the People's House is what is important and

shouldn’t be secondary to a huge party house.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Robinson-Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee, I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding the East Wing project as the lack of oversight and adherence to protocol in making significant changes to the White House. I oppose significant public funds to be used for the destruction of our historical landmark. This is not Donald Trumps personal home and it should be with significant input and oversight by our government to maintain the landmark. I am opposed to a large ballroom that overshadows the current structure and believe any remodeling should be done with respect for historical preservation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alex Estin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Danielle Hallett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am wholeheartedly opposed to this project, regardless of funding. That is the PEOPLE’S house, and the fact that the East Wing razing was undertaken without any proper authorization, oversight or consent was a criminal act. While I know Donald Trump will not be punished for this crime (or his many other crimes), he does not deserve to be rewarded by building yet another tasteless, garish, tacky monument to his (completely undeserved) ego. We most certainly shouldn’t have a single dime of taxpayer money spent on this project.

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Name: Mary Mandeville
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Name: Susan Epstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization? More like a vanity project. The people's house does not need a huge garish ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:40:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not concent to the $300 mil "project" the acting president has started. He had no athorization to demolish our White house. It is unconstitutional and not an additional expense to tax payers for vanity projects from that person in the white house. PLEASE stop the madness!

Thank you,

Ginger Bagley

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Name: Sherry Eason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please stop this vanity project, fine those who razed an important historic building and rebuild our East Wing.

Sincerely,
Sherry Eason
Emerald Isle, NC

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project". This is destruction of history. I oppose the spending of a single penny, much less $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Again, it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet de Paiva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the historic White House East Wing was a barbaric act and a crime.

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Name: Nancy Minturn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Claudia Anderson
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Name: Jennifer Hylemon
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Name: Karen Osher
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:52:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Al Hospers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete distruction of American history. This project MUST canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Beth WHITE
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Name: Marc Thivierge
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Name: Katherine Dennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:52:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Sattler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal and immoral destruction of the East Wing must be condemned. This is the people's house and belongs to no president. Therefore, it was not trump's to destroy. That action violates laws relating to the maintenance and preservation of historic property. All costs related to rebuilding the property to its original condition must be paid by trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:56:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without proper authorization, design review, or permits. This isn't a modernization of the structure, but rather a destruction of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt, restored to its former design. No one in the United States is above the law; to allow this project to proceed and not penalize those who broke the law is an affront to law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Case Carvell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started without any consulting with the people over the treatment of the people's house. I don't want a dime of this project avoiding congressional oversight, and 400 million dollars could be spent on projects that actually benefit the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:57:07 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Reilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was! No Ballroom! The Whitehouse is the People's House, not the current occupant's personal property. Trump must pay for the rebuild himself. Spend my tax dollars on Healthcare or Education.
Thank you.
Kathy Reilly

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project for a just a few of many reasons;

1) the renderings show a building that is wildly out of proportion to the existing structure. The discrepancy is jarring.
2) by report, proper permissions were not obtained and there appears to be no attempt on the part of the president to obtain them.
3) the source of funding is highly questionable and despite assurances, the taxpayers will likely be on the hook for millions of overruns.

I oppose, in strongest terms, the building of this ballroom.

I ask that it be disapproved.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:55:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Sfarra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:54:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeline Killingbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unapproved improvements to the East Wing of the White House. I would like to see it restored to its historical decoration and use. No extra gold paint .

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Purdy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million for a ballroom. Rebuild the East wing to how it was before it was torn down. It was part of our heritage. It should never have been torn down without the proper legal documentation and votes by the commission.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:57:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsta Colley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE do not let this project continue. It makes a mockery of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: cindy williford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project CANCELLED.
I want the former East Wing rebuilt.
This is the People's House and the rules and processes for getting approval for alteration must be followed.
I want this lawless president fined for damages to the building.

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Name: Jessica Deckard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Jordan Gitelman
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with

its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: lyn lapel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.
The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.
The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Carrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this obscene amount of money be paid out on a project that, as there was no prior permission voted on in congress, is not legal. Destruction should not have started until proper permission had been granted.
I would like the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt to its original design, reflecting the history of the building and what it stands for to the American people.
This is the American people's property, not any individual person's ownership.
Those funds donated, reportedly $300 million, should be used for health care, education and other social programs that benefit Americans in need.
Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt following the proper procedures for historic preservation and usefullness. I also want ot make sure that all vendors are properly vetted, and have security clearance to ensure that the project is not riddled with listening devices as was the case in the American embassy in Russia. I want to know all of the donors who have contributed. This is the people's house - not one man's. It's important to deny the permit and slow this project down for proper procedures.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Rapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Shefte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Forte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the plans to enlarge the East wing with a ballroom that will be too large and in poor taste. We, the American people, whose house it is, were never given the opportunity to weigh in, we actually had no idea that the East Wing would be torn down until we were faced with a fait accompli! I would like to see the East Wing restored to it's original size and if a ballroom is needed, we , the people, have a right to see the plans and comment on them. We don't even know who is contributing to this, and what they will receive and expect in return. I would like to see complete transparency with this so called modernization of The People's House!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myrna Adams West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To spend $300 million on a ballroom while so many US citizens are experiencing food insecurity, lack of healthcare, homelessness, and many other traumas is not only unnecessary but immoral. I do not support this project. Please cancel it and rebuild the East Wing using the historic design that served the nation well until this unlawful act destroyed it. The rebuilding should not cost as much as the construction of the proposed monstrosity. The leftover money could be used to restore healthcare, housing, and educational needs to citizens of the nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing is a demolition of our history. The President lied to the American people when we were told the East Wing would not be touched and would be respected. He then illegally proceeded with demolition without getting proper approval. The East Wing should be rebuilt to it's master glory and NOT with American tax dollars but paid by the President himself. This is The People's House and we want it back and the administration should be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Barzizza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support the modernization of the East Wing.

If modernization from time-to-time is not made, the White House may be a log cabin. Senators and Representatives would be sitting outside.

Many people who oppose this President's
plan would certainly approve in another Administration.

President Trump saw a need to modernize and made his given authority to make changes that I approve.

As an american Citizen, I am proud of this improvement at the 250th Anniversary of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Frawley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Smithey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Nancy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Wertz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to record my opposition to the above noted project.

The failure to involve the American public prior to East Wing demolition and the proposed project's complete disregard for the scale and historical significance of the White House suggest that the temporal whims of the Administration take precedent over the our Historic Preservation Standards established 60 years ago.

Anne M Wertz

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barrett Westbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house. It has historically represented our republic and democracy. This “ball room” project does not represent the people or honor past Presidents that have served this country. Private funding should not be utilized for this unauthorized project. Only Congress should be able to approve per current laws and policies.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Quigley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to

its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. - Respectfully, Michelle Quigley

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing without review or a plan that is approved, is a horrible injustice. Private money should not override the people's will. This needs to be remedied as best we can by restoring the east wing, keeping the footprint and not creating a building funded my oligarchs that diminishes the peoples house.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Wukits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't understand how one man has the authority and audacity to destroy an American iconic structure. Could Mr. Trump have acquired property or another location in proximity of the White House? To do un-reparable harm to a building he's only occupying for a few years, that is owned by the American people is unthinkable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this illegal destruction of the east wing of the people's house. It should be rebuilt to, at the very least, match the intent of the original design. Those who illegally destroyed the east wing of the Capitol should be prosecuted.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Bleich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House needs to follow the rules. This administration is totally out of line. No gold medallion's no huge ballroom.
Elizabeth Bleich

Date: 2/17/2026 6:38:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ziggy Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ridiculous waste of money! A desecration of history.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr Susan Algert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this unauthorized project

Date: 2/17/2026 6:38:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Campana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strenuous objection to the proposed construction of a ballroom attached to the White House. As a taxpayer, I find the allocation of public funds for such a project to be an egregious lapse in fiscal responsibility.
My objections are based on the following points:
Misallocation of Taxpayer Funds: At a time when the nation faces significant economic challenges, spending millions on a luxury entertainment space is out of touch with the needs of the American people.
Historical Integrity: The White House is a national monument. Altering its architectural footprint for a non-essential addition risks compromising the historical and aesthetic value of the site.
Maintenance and Overheads: Beyond the initial construction costs, a facility of this scale will require permanent staffing, climate control, and maintenance—all of which will continue to drain public resources indefinitely.
While I understand the need for the Executive Branch to host official functions, the existing facilities and nearby historical venues are more than sufficient. I urge the administration and Congress to prioritize essential public services and infrastructure over the creation of a private gala space.
I request that this statement be included in the official record regarding this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Niels Karwatzki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am Niels, a student from Germany. I highly commend President Trump’s ambition to construct something so magnificent for his country. From my perspective, this project could serve as a global exemplar, demonstrating that classical beauty in architecture is still achievable in the modern era. Compared to the austerity of modernist new-builds, the proposed Ballroom is truly impressive.

From an external viewpoint, it appears that many Americans and media outlets dismiss the project on principle simply because of its association with President Trump. Many would likely oppose an expansion even half this size, despite the fact that hosting state receptions in temporary tents is quite frankly unworthy of a nation of the United States' stature. Most European nations and many others possess dozens of buildings in every regional capital that are far more representative and grand.

I wish this endeavor every success and would like to offer a few specific technical observations for the Board’s consideration. In my view, the White House has historically lacked harmony due to the disparate styles of the current West Wing and the former East Wing. The proposed new East Wing—and perhaps a corresponding West Wing in the coming decades—could permanently rectify this by creating a symmetrical and cohesive ensemble, provided the proportions are precise. Much like classical European palaces or manor houses with multiple wings, it could be designed to look as though it had been planned this way

from the beginning.

Architectural Recommendations:

Fenestration and Symmetry: I believe the current design of the north facade, featuring five windows plus two additional flanking windows, is not optimal. While the two extra windows successfully reduce the perceived width of the building, I suggest utilizing a 4 (+2) window configuration. Since the Main Residence features four windows per side (excluding those obscured by the North Portico), a 4 (+2) arrangement for the Ballroom would achieve perfect architectural symmetry. This could be accomplished by slightly adjusting the intercolumniation (window spacing) or by a marginal reduction in length of no more than two meters.

Proportions and Massing: There is a slight disproportion regarding the length. Even if a matching West Wing were built in the future, the proportions would not yet mirror the balance found in classical three-wing manor houses. Shortening the wing to align with the terminus of the Treasury Building—perhaps by opting for a single-row South Portico—would be highly effective. Given that there is only one story beneath it, the loss of interior space would be negligible. Furthermore, it should be evaluated whether an eight-column configuration (matching the south side of the Treasury Building) would be more aesthetically pleasing.

The Rose Garden Staircase: To preserve the symmetry of the two Rose Gardens, the Board might consider relocating the grand staircase. Rather than placing it directly in the garden, it could run adjacent to the colonnade, originating from the corner of the Ballroom terrace. This would result in a more understated and integrated appearance.

The South Facade and Portico: I suggest replacing the current grand staircase with a double-flight staircase (similar to the McCrery design) situated beneath the portico. This would provide covered terraces on both levels and reduce the overall footprint. This configuration would also allow for the integration of the side terrace with the portico stairs, potentially eliminating the need for the smaller lateral staircase.

Regarding the height, the alignment with the Main Residence is excellent, as is the design of the West and East facades, including the mirroring of the Treasury Building's portico.

With best regards from Germany,

Niels

Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ALEX REMON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am beyond disgusted that this is even a consideration. One man wants his tacky name slapped on every buiding, bridge, road, airplane and waterslide across the nation and he took a bulldozer to the White House to give himself another canvas. HE TOOK A BULLDOZER TO THE WHITE HOUSE!!!

He did it specifically so his ghost would be in photographs for decades to come. If anything is built before 2029, I will lobby until my dying day to see my tax dollars used to raze it to the ground and erase anything that might be considered a legacy of this administration. If he is allowed to build himself a monument by destroying the peoples property, everything within our borders becomes worthless as the precedent is set that nothing is sacred since one guy can tear it down on a whim as a way to tug his own toadstool.

No. Emphatically NO. Rubble is the only fitting monument to this administration and the east wing should

remain as such until 2029 when a new administration can figure out what to do with the space. I hear detention centers are all the rage in architecture these days and I'm sure the next administration will have plenty of ex-ICE agents and cabinet members to house in one.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Jay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

FORMAL OPPOSITION TO THE EAST WING MODERNIZATION PROJECT
Re: Recent Demolition and Proposed Replacement of the White House East Wing

I. Opening Statement
I write in firm and unequivocal opposition to the project known as the "East Wing Modernization," which is, in truth, no modernization at all — but the deliberate and willful demolition of a piece of American history that belongs not to any single administration, but to every citizen of the United States of America, and to every generation yet to come.
This project must be stopped. Those who authorized it without legal standing must be held accountable. And the East Wing must be fully rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of those who destroyed it.

II. This Is Not Modernization — It Is Erasure
Let us be honest about what this project actually is. The White House East Wing is a historic structure of immense cultural, architectural, and civic significance. It has served the American people for generations — as a workplace, a symbol, and a living piece of national heritage. To raze it in order to construct a private ballroom, however lavishly funded, is not an act of improvement. It is an act of desecration.
A ballroom funded by tech billionaires does not belong in the White House. It belongs in a private estate, a hotel, or a corporate campus. The people's house is not a venue for the ambitions of the ultra-wealthy. Its architecture is not raw material for personal vanity projects. The East Wing was not theirs to touch.

III. Flagrant Violations of Law and Due Process
This project was initiated without proper authorization, without the required permits, and without the mandatory design review processes that govern changes to historic federal structures. These are not bureaucratic technicalities — they are legal safeguards deliberately established to protect the American public from precisely this kind of unilateral, self-serving action.
The National Historic Preservation Act, the Preservation of Historic and Archaeological Data Act, and the protocols of the National Trust for Historic Preservation exist for a reason. They exist because our shared history is fragile, irreplaceable, and too important to be left to the whims of whoever happens to hold power at a given moment. Those laws were violated. There must be consequences.
No president, no billionaire donor, no administration has the authority to unilaterally demolish a protected historic federal structure. If this project is allowed to proceed — or worse, to be ratified after the fact — it will set a devastating precedent: that the most powerful can simply bulldoze the law along with the buildings.

IV. Private Funding Is Not a License to Destroy Public Property
It has been argued, or implied, that the involvement of private funding — reportedly in the range of $300 million — somehow legitimizes this project. It does not. Private money cannot purchase the right to destroy public heritage. The White House and its historic components are the property of the American people, held in public trust. They are not for sale, not for renovation at a donor's discretion, and not available as a canvas for the aesthetics of whoever writes the largest check.
The appearance of private funding, in this context, does not reduce the public harm — it compounds it. It raises serious questions about the nature of the relationship between the administration and those funding

this project, and whether the White House itself is being offered as a vehicle for their influence.

V. The National Trust for Historic Preservation Deserves Our Full Support
The National Trust for Historic Preservation has stood as a principled, courageous defender of this nation's architectural and cultural legacy. Its intervention here is not merely procedurally appropriate — it is morally necessary. The Trust is fighting not just for a building, but for the rule of law, for the integrity of our shared civic institutions, and for the principle that history is not the property of the powerful.
Every American who values the preservation of our history, every citizen who believes in accountability, and every person who understands that the law must apply equally to all — regardless of title or wealth — should support the Trust's efforts and submit their own comment to this Commission before the March 4 deadline.

VI. Demands for Accountability and Restoration
I call upon the National Capital Planning Commission and all relevant federal authorities to take the following actions:
1. Immediately halt and cancel the East Wing Modernization project in its entirety.
2. Require the full reconstruction and restoration of the East Wing to its original, historically accurate design.
3. Compel those responsible for authorizing this illegal demolition to reimburse the Federal Government for the full cost of reconstruction.
4. Initiate a full investigation into the legal violations committed in connection with this project, including the bypassing of required permits, authorizations, and historic preservation review processes.
5. Ensure that no private funding arrangement — past, present, or future — is permitted to override the legal protections governing historic federal structures.

VII. Closing
No one is above the law. Not a president. Not a billionaire. Not an administration that believes its power exempts it from the obligations every other American must meet. To allow this project to proceed unchallenged and unpunished would be an affront to every law-abiding citizen, every taxpayer, and every American who has ever placed their hand over their heart at the sight of the White House and felt, however briefly, that this is the people's house.

It must be stopped. It must be reversed. And those responsible must be held accountable.

The East Wing belongs to America. Give it back.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Jay
A Concerned American Citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: I Yvette Crumpley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. The opaque way this has been done, with demolition done by fiat, and no - NO - official
Input into either demolition or design is a horrific abuse of power. I am extremely worried about the environment impact of the destruction of the East WIng. Please publicly release data on lead and asbestos, both that in existing documents and new testing of the surrounding environment.

Worse, the funding stream
Is being provided by people and companies who have business with the U.S. Government. This is classic pay to play.

Either rebuild the East Wing as it historically was (with inky modernization of materials and wiring as needed) or open it to public input for design - AND subject it to all of the regular rules and regulations that any new construction in DC would face.

Sincerely,

I. Yvette Crumpley

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" is an indulgent, self-centered, vanity project designed as an obvious effort to deny the legal right and responsibility of the U.S. Congress to approve or deny projects in the public landscape. The razing of the White House's East Wing was done on the whim of a dictatorial authoritarian who seeks to emblazon his own name above that of the American People.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:29 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Haug
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ANTHONY DEBELLIS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand in opposition to the so called East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like to see the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would in its initiation and demolition be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Woodworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:51 AM
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Name: Mark Woodworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adrienne FitzPatrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Lior
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:17:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Sorensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of tax-payer funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete deletion of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by Trump without tax-payer funds, as he should be held to the same standard as anyone else would be if they undertook the same unauthorized project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristy Blanton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Foreman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Sorensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of tax-payer funds on this project, which was initiated without the

proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete deletion of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by Trump without tax-payer funds, as he should be held to the same standard as anyone else would be if they undertook the same unauthorized project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:32 AM
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Name: Ross Nubson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:06 AM
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Name: Debra DeLoach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:15 AM
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Name: James Mattingly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am strongly opposed to this UNAUTHORIZED project. Watching the demolition of the East Wing was like a knife to the heart. So much history has happened there and it is a symbol of our great country and is storied past. I must stress that this is NOT d j trumps personal home. This is the house of the people who therefore must grant THEIR consent for any renovations. The project plan is gaudy and completely out of character with the adjacent buildings. Let's call it what it is: another vanity project for the boy who would be king. I am 66 years old and have been paying income tax since I was 16. I am fed up with watching my hard earned money spent on projects such as this, and of course many others. Proponents may say it is being payed for by the American oligarchs who support the regime, however so far that money has not been found. Seems to me that maybe it's time for " we the people " to just stop paying taxes altogether. After all, no taxation without representation was the battle cry in the fight for independence from the British king. I feel quite disenfranchised since my representatives are being silenced by the razor thin spineless republican "majority ". I have always been proud of my country and have never missed voting. I now feel deeply ashamed of America and this horrible project is a symbol of why. Shame on us! Shame on the Republican Party (or what's left of it) and shame on the pitiful brat in the Oval Office whose ego can never be satisfied. I am embarrassed to be an American at this point. I say stop this project and return the East Wing to its former tasteful elegance.

J. Sean Mattingly

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Name: Deborah Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Liz Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose building a huge golden ballroom that dwarfs the original White House. Instead I feel that the original East Wing should be restored. I am not opposed to the idea of a smaller ballroom if the east wing is restored first, but I really don't see why we need to be hosting dinners for more than 100-200. Aesthetics of the ballroom should be in line with the architecture and general asthetics of the Whitr House. I find gold decoration tacky and elitist and I do not feel it exemplified the spirit od America, which is a nation of people who mostly built themselves from the ground up.

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Name: Laura Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (which will likely increase) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but an act of self agrandizement and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and features at the personal expense, not federal government expense, of the current president. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the “golden” ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Thank you for attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth M Warren

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Name: Lynette Burrows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is an affront to all Americans who value our history. It is utterly disrespectful of a government “of the people, by the people, for the people” and an appalling example of elitist narcissism and gaslighting.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Ideally, the perpetrators of this crime will pay for the restoration out of personal funds and will be required to pay for all fees associated with the unauthorized project as well as any fees associated with all actions that have been taken to stop the project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, overseen by an accredited and respected team of architects, engineers, and interior design experts who have appropriate degrees, licenses, and expertise in landmark restoration.

No one is above the laws of our nation. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Mona Smith
New York State

Attn: Senators Gillibrand and Schumer

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:32 AM
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Name: A Koos Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Allison Koos Fox

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Foss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should have never been allowed to destroy the East Wing. How was that allowed to happen ? I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Dale Foss

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Name: Andrea Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELLED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former purposes. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Moreover, it is almost traumatizing to see what has been done, which is certainly half the point. Our president did to the White House what the 9-11 bombers could not do, then calls it progress. Unbelievable. please fix this.

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Name: Sue Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal for a gigantic ballroom adjacent to the White House is not in keeping in style or in size with the People's House. Because the destruction of the East Wing which was never agreed upon by any official department or branch of government, restitution should be made to the NCPC for damage to a national building and paid for by the party or person that ordered the illegal destruction, and, if possible, punitive damages should be demanded as well. Such overreach must not be tolerated or excused, be it building, land, or even protective species.

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Name: Robin Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Restore the East Wing to all his glory and erase this Era of Corruption.

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Name: Kelly Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to echo the eloquent statement submitted by Arana Guard: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

That pretty much says it all.

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Name: MARYBETH BIZJAK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please don't let this affront to our history and our rule of law proceed.

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Name: Mary Honeycutt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Susan Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The architectural design proposed is offensive. The White House itself needs to be visually the center of the property. The east wing needs to be submissive to the White House and in proportion to the West Wing. The Nazi eagles decorating the building and anywhere on Federal property need to go. This is the United States of America. No gold. Crystal chandeliers with brass hardware, of course. To represent America is to represent rebellion over “royal” luxuries. We have No King but Our Creator.

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Name: Sandra Zinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish that this comment period had been available before the East Wing and our country's history was demolished without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I do not support spending any money on the plan as is and instead want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Additionally, there should be some sort of placard on display in the restored East Wing discussing what happened to the East Wing and pointing out that no one is above the law, regardless of what office they hold in the US government.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Lake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for a ballroom to be built at the White House and absolutely no reason to have the east wing demolished because of a president's fascination with his wealth and his desire to flaunt it. Destroying the grounds of the White House for a demonstration of greed is absolutely wrong, regardless who pays for it. There was no effort to handle this matter legally, through the normal channels and like everything else this man has destroyed or altered, a bit of American history goes with it. Please stop this madness.

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Name: Stephanie Thomson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Much of the historic East Wing and rose garden have already been demolished and the current plans are an abomination, a slap in the face to Americans. The project should be halted permanently. This action not only signals the further dilution of the role of the First Lady by removing traditionally some offices for her, but further the project has not used the appropriate process for alterations completed at the White House. The action have further undermined the tenants of democracy as we have known them.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:12:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against this project without proper authorizaion, permits, review and proper public input. This is a $300 million boondoggle that was initiated on a whim. And now the damage is done. We have no

choice but to rebuild and that reconstruction needs to be done correctly and BY THE BOOK. In short, I want the East Wing to be a duplicate of what it was when it comes to anything and everything that is above ground. Do NOT let this this project continue without abiding by the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:00 PM
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Name: Miranda George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I demand that the destruction of the East Wing of the White House - the peoples' house - and construction of the proposed Ballroom the President wants instead, in order to solicit illicit funds to be funneled to himself, be halted immediately. Reversal of this indignation is paramount to our republic. Restore authority to the committees and trustees who are actually mandated to oversee federal projects now.The American people demand a halt to unauthorized destruction of our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:34 AM
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Name: Ruth Anderson Greenan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started without your permission I want this project canceled, and the person or persons responsible for destroying the White House held responsible for the cost of destroying a part of OUR history and the rebuilding of the structure of the original East Wing. A ballroom can be built anywhere a person chooses if THEY own the land. The White House belongs to America as a symbol of our democracy, which is why it's called the peoples house. Just because someone is a tenant they don't have the legal right to destroy it and and YOU as acting Landlord, have to make them pay for the damage and rebuilding.

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Name: Karen Hendrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennifer Kemmerer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathryn MacLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cynthia Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Debra Lochner Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to this project and feel strongly that the entire East Wing should be rebuilt as it was prior to being razed. This is the people's house and should only be "modernized" with the overwhelming approval of the people with plans that have been thoroughly vetted. At present, the plans seem to be continuously changing and it's never been clear that an enormous ballroom would in anyway benefit the country.

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Name: Kelli Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: C Van Ermen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing of the White House is likely low on your list of disgraces. It is on mine. But…

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Name: Alice Hatzenbeller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a part of our American history. The White House is the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with modernization allowed for electrical, plumbing and safety. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jenn Knapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sigrid Berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good morning,

I am writing as a US citizen and as someone who lived and worked in the DC area for a number of years, often walking/biking/driving past the White House, to request that plans for a large ballroom in place of the

demolished East Wing be denied, and that if necessary for national security to rebuild something there to allow a bunker to be in place underneath, that it be rebuilt in a respectful, historically accurate fashion, and in such a way that it does not overwhelm architecturally the main building of the White House.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sigrid Berg
Belfast, Maine

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:38 AM
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Name: Vickie Tobias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Incorporate new technologies into it but keep the historical significance of the national East Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. God bless America

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Name: WENDY MITCHELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: EP Barnes
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Thank you very much for your thorough attention to this important matter!

EP Barnes

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Name: Mary Hodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Peggy Garrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: celia jeffries
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Name: Susan Gillespie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am glad to see this being considered, finally, by this Commission but I am displeased that ground was broken and the East Wing of the White House was destroyed without the consideration or permission of any authority representing the People. I could not add a foot to my front porch without needing planning board written permission and an inspection! I hope this commission will reverse the actions taken with such imounity, and undo the destruction done to the People's House.

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Name: Heather Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Luise Reith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bonita Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not wish to have the East Wing turned into a ballroom. The historic East Wing needs to be fully restored after being demolished without proper permission or forethought to its historical significance. The $300 million dollar price tag is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer money. The president temporarily lives in this residence to carry out the will of the American people not his whims.

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Name: Angela Silva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bradley Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a US citizen I strongly oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cassandra Lawler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the use of $300 million dollars - I oppose the use of ANY amount of taxpayer money for the modernization of the UNITED STATES WHITE HOUSE without going through the proper channels clearly laid out for us.
Our country is in serious danger of becoming a country led by a dictator and NOT, as it should be, by the

people, for the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:03 AM
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Name: Thomas Davenport
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a United States citizen I oppose the building of the proposed addition (ballroom) to the White House. It is supposed to be "the peoples house" and not the playground of any exclusive group of people.

Tom Davenport
Mukwonago, Wisconsin

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Name: Susan Edmondson
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It was wrong to tear down the East Wing without going through the steps. To allow it to continue would be letting the bully get away with it.

He needs to get the funds and rebuild the East Wing. Include a dining hall if necessary. We dont need a ballroom.

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Name: Gerald Morgan
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I oppose this project. If at all possible, I would like the damage already done reversed. Certain things are too historically and culturally significant to be allowed to fall victim to the whims of a few short sighted persons.

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Name: Laura Teter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization project for the East Wing of the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was done without going through the proper channels. Whoever is responsible for this destruction should be required to have the East Wing rebuilt at their own expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:38 PM
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Name: Vickie Garwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make certain that all recommendations are within the guidelines approved by Congress and NOT our

President that has no idea what he is doing to make America a proud place to call our home.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:37:59 PM
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Name: Barbara Casey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am against this
It is illegal, unnecessary, and expensive
Restore the East Wing please

Date: 2/17/2026 12:18:45 PM
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Name: Kim Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the reckless destruction of a bit of our shared history. It should not be rebuilt unilaterally without thoughtful consideration. And therefore I say cease and desist until construction receives proper review

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:44 PM
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Name: Marcia Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project to build a 300 million dollar ballroom. The East wing of OUR White House was unconstitutionally torn down. Please rebuild it.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:21 PM
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Name: Gail Bechler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this trump Ball Room that has never received approved plans yet tore down the entire east wing without any approvals or permits!
I would like to see the east wing restored

Date: 2/17/2026 12:17:48 PM
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Name: Robert Day
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Then prosecute to the fullest extent of the law!!!

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Name: Sue Nodine
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The White House belongs to the people of the United States. Destruction of the East Wing was, to me, a case of "ask forgiveness, not permission." If—and that's a big leap—a ballroom is needed at the White House, or if the bunker requires upgrades, all proper permits and disclosures and discussions should be taking place. Any new structure should NOT dwarf the original White House; the footprint and height should be seemlessly integrated into the existing structure, not overpower it. And funding should be secured prior to construction. There should be a complex budget, and requests for proposals should go out to ensure multiple contractors have a chance to bid on each portion of the job. None of this should happen in a vacuum or behind closed doors. Please be vigilant and ensure the integrity and beauty of the White House is maintained.

Thank you,
Susan A. Nodine
Tucson, AZ

Date: 2/17/2026 12:23:48 PM
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Name: Steve Havilanf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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1. Questionable Priorities in a Time of Fiscal Strain

The United States is operating under persistent federal deficits and a national debt exceeding $30 trillion. In that context, allocating tens of millions of dollars to modernize administrative office space attached to the Executive Mansion raises legitimate concerns about fiscal stewardship.

Even if the funds are drawn from private donations (as some White House renovations historically have been), federal oversight, security, and logistical costs inevitably involve taxpayer resources. Major federal projects rarely confine their true cost to the headline construction figure. Security modifications, temporary relocations, and interagency coordination often drive total costs significantly higher.

At a time when:
• Veterans' healthcare systems face backlog challenges
• Infrastructure repair across the country remains underfunded
• Border and disaster response budgets are strained

Spending on executive office aesthetic or structural upgrades risks appearing disconnected from national priorities.

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2. Optics and Public Trust

The East Wing houses offices for the First Lady and staff. While functional improvements may be justified, large-scale modernization projects attached to the White House carry unavoidable symbolic weight.

The White House is not merely a building — it is a national symbol. Any major renovation, especially during periods of economic hardship for many Americans, risks reinforcing perceptions of elite insulation from everyday financial pressures.

Public trust in institutions is fragile. High-profile modernization projects tied to executive spaces can be interpreted as self-serving, regardless of intent. That perception alone warrants heightened scrutiny.

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3. Historic Preservation Concerns

The White House complex is a historically significant site. Preservation of architectural integrity is overseen in part by bodies such as the National Park Service and other preservation authorities.

Large modernization projects risk:
• Altering historically significant design elements
• Introducing contemporary architectural features inconsistent with original intent
• Setting precedents for further structural expansion

The White House has undergone renovations before (Truman's full structural reconstruction being the most dramatic example), but those were driven by structural necessity. A modernization driven by administrative convenience is a far weaker justification.

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4. Executive Creep and Institutional Expansion

Federal institutions have a long history of incremental physical and bureaucratic expansion. What begins as "modernization" often evolves into footprint growth, expanded staffing, and permanent operational scaling.

Critics may argue that:
• Executive branch administrative infrastructure continues to grow regardless of efficiency claims.
• Renovation projects can normalize expanding executive operations rather than streamlining them.
• Modernization may entrench structures that could instead be reevaluated for consolidation or reduction.

A renovation is not neutral — it commits the institution to maintaining that expanded or reconfigured footprint long-term.

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5. Transparency and Accountability

Major public-facing projects demand:
• Full cost disclosure
• Detailed architectural plans
• Clear articulation of necessity
• Competitive contracting transparency

Without comprehensive disclosure, skepticism is reasonable. The public deserves clarity on:
• Total lifecycle cost
• Private vs. public funding proportions
• Security cost implications
• Long-term operational savings (if any)

Absent demonstrable efficiency gains or structural necessity, modernization risks being categorized as

discretionary rather than essential.

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6. The Burden of Justification

The White House complex is already among the most secure and maintained government facilities in the country. Therefore, the burden of proof lies heavily on proponents of modernization to demonstrate:
• Structural deficiency
• Security necessity
• Cost-neutral efficiency gains
• Critical operational bottlenecks

If modernization is primarily aesthetic, symbolic, or comfort-driven, it fails the test of responsible governance.

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Conclusion

The East Wing modernization project is not controversial because construction is inherently wrong. It is controversial because it involves:
• A national symbol
• Significant cost
• Executive branch facilities
• Optics during fiscal and social strain

In a democracy facing debt pressure, declining institutional trust, and competing infrastructure needs, even defensible executive projects must clear a very high bar.

If modernization cannot be demonstrated as structurally necessary, fiscally disciplined, and operationally indispensable, opposition is not partisan — it is a principled defense of priority alignment, symbolism, and responsible governance.

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Name: Kit Keller
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The White House complex is one of the most historically significant sites in the United States. Although the East Wing is not as old as the main residence, its modern form dates to the 1940s and reflects wartime and postwar expansions of the presidency. It houses offices for the First Lady and staff and has been part of many major historical moments and public events. Preservationists argue that each structural era of the White House tells part of the story of the presidency and American governance.

Historians and architects argue for preserving rather than demolishing historic government structures. Even later additions like the East Wing contribute to the architectural evolution of the executive complex. Demolition sets a precedent for removing other historically significant additions when renovation might suffice.

The White House is owned by the federal government and managed primarily by the National Park Service (NPS), with operational control shared with the Executive Office of the President.

No single president can unilaterally order demolition of part of the structure. Major structural changes require coordination among:
NPS (which maintains the building and grounds)
The White House Office of the Curator
The General Services Administration (GSA)

A demolition plan should trigger a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, to make environmental assessments or impact statements.

It has not been made clear that the appropriate legal steps have been taken, even though the demolition process is under way. The appropriate channels must be followed before any further changes are made to the East Wing of the White House. It is "The People's House."

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Name: Chaney Delaire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to the plans to construct a ballroom at the East Wing. I am just one tiny voice. I hope the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the National Capitol Planning Commission receive (NCPC) many comments similar to mine.

The East Wing has been demolished with little to no oversight nor any environmental review as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The White House and grounds are a National Park and a National Historic Landmark owned by We the People.

This public comment period is a legally required process. According to your website, the public comment process is one of several safe guards to "ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input". Major construction projects in DC must be reviewed by NCPC and CFA and they must comply with NEPA as well as receive congressional approval. The Trump administration has ignored the laws put in place for so many things, that this ballroom project seems minor in the scheme of things. Still, I am compelled to voice my opinion. Maybe someday, there will be accountability.

I object to the project for these reasons:

1. The administration should be held accountable for violating NEPA during the demolition. Fines need to be imposed for this negligence. An investigation is needed to determine the extent of toxic debris that was hauled away; some of which was deposited onto a nearby public golf course. Since there is ongoing, blatant disregard for public safety, there needs to be an independent body given the authority to review the environmental damages, impose and collect fines and monitor the new construction with the authority to stop all work if further laws are violated.

2. Congress, CFA and NCPC must require full disclosure of funding, determine if there is any violation of the Emoluments Act or favors granted (quid pro quo) and put in place a fiscal manager appointed by a judge for the entire project. If this cannot be set in place, the project cannot move forward.

3. There is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom at the White House. Let this empty space be just that- a place that tells its own story; what it was, and how it was illegally demolished- a monument to how

not to do things.

4. I will repeat- There is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom at the White House. If something is to be built, let it truly be the "People's House". Build a structure for the people- something that celebrates who we are, not who the billionaires are. Make it a place where children and families can come to visit- maybe a revolving Smithsonian exhibit or an arboretum or maybe an art museum (you can never have too many). Build it to scale so that it doesn't overpower the original White House structure. Include some meeting rooms and offices but make it something we can all have access to.

Chaney Delaire

Retired urban planner and NEPA consultant

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:02 PM
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Name: Karen Stoia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Patricia Whaley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people

who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

America does not need a ballroom costing hundreds of millions of dollars. America needs healthcare that works, safety and respect for all people living here, and a functioning rule of law. Please stop this rape of our national House.

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Name: Scott Buchanan
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This project is an atrocity. There was no finding of need and no approved plan to replace it. As such it appears to be a monstrous act of vandalism for which the President should be held personally liable. It should not cost the public one dime. Nor should donated funds from Trump's minions be used. He should personally bear it entirely himself and with no input whatsoever himself.

Whatever is necessary to protect the integrity of
the remaining building should be done as a stop gap measure. There after it should be left to the next administration to determine what if anything should be built in its place. Barring that, it should be rebuilt as nearly as possible to its original specs, allowing for modernization where deemed fitting.

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Name: Debra Ramundo
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Sadly, the history and traditions of the East Wing can never be adequately restored. It is our responsibility, however, to protect and serve the People of the United States and rebuild the East Wing to every intimate detail possible.

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Name: Micah Jean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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They do not have the right to destroy our sacred history, either legally, morally or aesthetically.

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Name: John Lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe this President demolished the entire East Wing of the White House without authorization. I do not support his proposed Ballroom in any form. I specifically find its proposed scale to detract from the main building itself. I request you immediately stop all changes Donald Trump is attempting to make to the People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:00 PM
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Name: Ann Fisher-Wirth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It is not any president's private property or private house. The proposed "modernization" is nothing more than a monument to one man's grandiose self-importance. Please do everything you can to stop its construction. It is already a tragedy and a mockery.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Su Jin Jeong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma Skaggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like to see this project canceled.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Sylvester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the destruction of the original East Wing of the White House was awful enough, the proposed design is hiddeous. It is too large for the White House itself as it looms over that beautiful historic building. Disgusting!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Kevghas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing was atrocious! It is/was part of The People's House, not the private residence of an out of control president. Any building that is considered for the space needs to be voted on by the People. I for one do not approve of a monstrous ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Tuyls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the historic east wing. The outrageous project to build a ballroomwhick destroyed a piece of our shared history is unconscionable. I want this project stopped and the east wing rebuilt 100% to its original design. I oppose building of a grand ballroom in any Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Killinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unlawful project that was begun without proper authorization from any organization/person that legally must approve such a project. The East Wing MUST be restored to its previous, historical content! Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Troendle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This historic building has been given an illegal abortion by Trump with no regard to the laws, permits & people of this Country. Trump should be personally responsible for restoring this building back to its original condition & return the desk & any other furniture or items that have been removed.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Echert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it has been launched without proper review and approval and has not followed the necessary protocols. The building should be restored to its original state. Thank you for considering this comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Echert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it has been launched without proper review and approval and has not followed the necessary protocols. The building should be restored to its original state. Thank you for considering this comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Sylvester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Echert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Byrd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't want the ballroom. Trump is a tenant not the owner. He did not get permission to demolish the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andy Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is an abomination. This is the peoples house and the East Wing should be restored to it's original condition and be paid for by the administration's private funders.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitchell & Noreen Linden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the building of a massive, gaudy ballroom to proceed.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Byrd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Echert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it has been launched without proper review and approval and has not followed the necessary protocols. The building should be restored to its original state. Thank you for considering this comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cristin Merker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the “modernization” of the East Wing and transformation into an unnecessary and frivolous ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Markley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on the White House "East Wing Modernization". The complete destruction of the East Wing, allegedly for a fancy gilded ballroom without reviews or approvals, is not "modernization". It is a shameful action of hubris, an erasure of history, and a costly waste of funds. The White House is not a palace and does not belong to the elected person serving their term. It is the 'people's house'. It belongs to the people of the United States, and all of the presidents before and after any single administration. The building and all of the activities that occurred within it are part of history. It is not and never was meant to be a gilded hall for parties. Updates to maintain or modernize structural elements, security, plumbing, or electrical infrastructure should always follow unbiased external reviews and

comments, to assure that the whole of the White House and its historic elements are protected. The demolished East Wing should be restored to its prior configuration.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Faber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.
The immense overreach of this administration and their illegal acts must not be ignored.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this horror

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: L Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.
The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts.

This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.
The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

We are aware that the government is trying to build a secret structure underneath the ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:39:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Iana CraneWing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing was demolished without proper authorization and because established rules matter I want the East wing restored as it was. Alternatively, I would not be opposed to an addition as long as it 1. fits with the existing architectural style of the White House and 2. is in an appropriate scale so as not to dwarf the White House which is actually the people's house. It is entirely unacceptable to have an addition serve as an obvious vanity project to a temporary resident, in this case Donald Trump. If he wants to do something like that he can do so on his presidential library after his term is over and not leave the country with a tasteless behemoth that will require excessive maintenance for decades to come . Trump owes it to the people of the country to abide by the traditions that have determined the style and substance of the seat of power for more than two centuries.
Thank you for considering this on your process of decision-making.
Sincerely,
Iana CraneWing

Date: 2/17/2026 12:33:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aeg Berkow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare this admin spend $300 million on this vanity project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review! How DARE he bulldoze the People's House in an attempt to raze of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and I want Donald Trump and his donors to pay for it. . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Jors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Signed, Sharon Jors

Date: 2/17/2026 12:38:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Levenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $200 million or $300 million or $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law, abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:42:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Clairmont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't say it better than Anara Guard. She has given permission to quote her:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."
- Anara Guard

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Nancy Clairmont

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendra Kratkiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I was shocked, sickened, and deeply saddened by the unexpected news that the historic East Wing of the White House was demolished. It's my understanding that this was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I oppose the modernization project and want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, honoring this deeply historic and symbolic icon of American history.

To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who must follow local permitting rules when building and modifying their own homes, never mind a national, historic treasure.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Chabot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Cosner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:33:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Mapes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marta Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Lerner
Project Name: Glen Echo Management Plan Amendment
Project Number: MP312

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Troendle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This historic building has been given an illegal abortion by Trump with no regard to the laws, permits & people of this Country. Trump should be personally responsible for restoring this building back to its original condition & return the desk & any other furniture or items that have been removed.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending of $300 million on this project (regardless if it comes from taxpayer funds or "donations" (read "bribes") from his billionaire buddies), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and desecration of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:41:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled until it can be carefully executed WITH those proper authorizations, permits, and design reviews. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without following the proper steps would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:38:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Krone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"The destruction of the East Wing destroys the symmetry and mars the beauty of the White House. A ball room of this magnitude and opulence is contrary to what the White should be and should represent. It is an affront to the common citizens of this nation and is being built not to better the people of this great country but to satisfy the dangerous vanity of the current President."

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregg Baum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trisha Newland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want $300 million spent on building a ballroom addition to the White House!
The east wing of the White House was destroyed without proper clearance, historical input, permits. This cannot be allowed to continue!
This should never happened! No oversight, no permits, no accountability.
I say NO to this project! Build it back the way it was!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Drue Dyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project immediately and return the east wing to its previous state. The destruction of our nation's history and the unjustifiable expense are both inexcusable. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our nation’s home is not meant to be altered at the whim of a temporary resident. The White House will never totally recover from this illegitimate destruction but It needs to be returned to its former structure albeit never historically accurate.
Thank you for your support of maintaining our historic home- the people’s home.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Ogden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put it back to the glory and with the history it once was. NO opulent monstrosity please! Do not spend taxpayers' money on this either.
Thank you,
Pam Ogden

Date: 2/17/2026 12:36:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kuykendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The site should be left a pile of ruins, just like Trump. A sign should be installed with Mr Trumps name on it decrying the hubris and arrogance of weak men.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Hankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is quite disgraceful that this project is moving forward without authorization, permits, or design review. Americans look to the White House and to other prominent places in the nation's capital as a record of our history. How can one person do such damage to that history? It's truly a travesty. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former appearance. It is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theano Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the East Wing of the White House to be demolished without a permit. If it is already demolished then it should be restored back to where it was while planning and permitting proceed according to law. I am tired of this supposed highest authority in our land being able to break every law with impunity and brag about it. If I had to so much as put an outbuilding on my property I would have to get a permit that followed all rules and I would be punished and not allowed to built without it. But more and more the worst people in this land are using his tactics to break the law and do whatever they want. Back to the East Wing, if it must be restored please follow not only all laws and rules but also maintain the historic and aesthetic standards of the building and make sure it fits the needs of the people of the US not just the current resident who does not own it. Please do not allow it to be a fortified bunker and do not allow it to overwhelm the scale of the rest of the White House. If he needs a bunker let him go build one on his own property. I am also not sure the people of the US or the world need a gigantic ballroom. They should not be fiddling while Rome burns.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To quote another individual, "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I find this action by the Administration to be a deliberate act to promote the misguided ideals of our egocentric President to imprint his name on our history. This never should have been allowed to begin. He perpetrated this crime on our history on his own, without proper authority or permission. He has destroyed an historic part of the White House. This must stop.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
George Johnson
Durango, Colorado

Date: 2/17/2026 12:43:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Teigen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a lifelong Pacific Northwest resident. I have only been in D.C. a handful of times. Once as part of a clergy sabbatical, I was fortunnate to spend a week in the Capitol. Three mornings I got up very early, rode public transportation, and tried to snag a tour of the White House. To no avail. It was far too popular.
When it's said the White House is "The Peoples'" it is not hyperbole or metaphor. It's a fact. Bought, maintained, treasured by and for all of us.

Any major change to this honored part and expression of our national heritage is, of course, under the purview of an oversight board.
It is not the property of, and should not be subject to the whims of a particular administration, and certainly not one person. What has happened to this point is at the least a travesty and a shame. It may be far more nefarious.
Our capitoll is not Versailles. The White House is not a castle. If someone or some group wants to build a monument to ostentatious hubris, let them do it on their own dime, their own property, their own time.
Thank you for stopping this insult and folly.

Rev. Terry Teigen
Olympia, Washington

Date: 2/17/2026 12:43:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Sanjar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can a project not approved by congress or the people have ever been able to move forward!!! I cannot believe that the building had already been demolished with not even final plans of what will replace it. Last I heard they were looking for new company to design it? At the very least there should be consequences for making a decision without authorization. We do not have a king we are a democracy and that makes any decisions for something on such a large scale that affects our most significant building in the country something that should at least have input from our elected representatives. This should be rectified by bringing ideas to the people how to fix this. Maybe it should not be completely rebuilt the way it was but a ballroom is just the most wasteful use of our money as well as something that will ruin the look of the Whitehouse. Especially if it is designed with gaudy fake gold trim. This project was not supported by the people and should be stopped!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:49:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryan Bowden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the continuation of the East Wing Modernization project because it was initiated illegally without any regard to numerous laws, policies, regulations, procedures and/or precedents for the proper protection and stewardship of historic and cultural resources. It is especially egregious because it demolished the East Wing of the White House that is among the most significant national cultural resources in the United States. No one is above the law in this country (including the President) and it is beyond me how the demolition of the East Wing ever happened in the first place.

I would like to see this project cancelled and the White House required to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design utilizing the private funds ($300 million) that were donated to this so-called 'modernization' project. Furthermore, those officials who broke the law in undertaking this demolition should be charged in a court of law and, if found guilty, be penalized accordingly. Can you imagine the consequences that would occur to any ordinary U.S. Citizen if they intentionally broke these laws?

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Thelen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the Ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The fact that the East wing was razed quickly, as though it was a crime to tear it down, is an affront to the American people, and a slap in the face of American history. I personally have walked past the White House at night and wondered about the goings on inside. It was a beautifully balanced structure and a symbol of the American experiment. To see it standing broken is beyond disappointing. Therefore, I am urging all members of the National Capital Planning Commission to disapprove the new ballroom, or at least as it is currently proposed. If a ballroom is going to be built, then let the decisions on size and outward appearance be such that they help maintain the existing facade so it is not overpowered by a gaudy Ballroom.

I have heard it said that it's "just a building" but it is OUR (Americans) building. Presidents are simply tenants for their time in office.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:43:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While part of this comment may seem familiar to readers, I believe this states the situation and the concerns of the people over what has been done to The People's House and the plans for construction that none of The People want as a remind of the graft currently taking place in our nation's capitol.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:50:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Bond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified and heartbroken when I saw the heavy equipment demolishing the East Wing of the White House without any consent of the American people through our institutions that regulate and protect our

shared historical resources. Millions of Americans feel the same way I do. The White House is The People's House and a beloved part of our history.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this so-called "ballroom" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The proposed ballroom will completely dwarf and desecrate our White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tryn Seley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a Maricopa County voter in Arizona.

My brother and his wife and children have spent years of their lives playing live music at the Easter Egg Roll at the White House. They are registered voters in New Jersey. This decision affects us personally, as it should you who read these words.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project of destroying the East Wing of the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:49:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Rickli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m crushed by the destruction of a historical home, that is the PEOPLE’S house - not the wannabe palace of the trump regime. Please, do not build a monstrosity that turns our beautiful White House into a side hustle for a pedophile ring that wants to party in a ballroom with children in a gold-infused brothel-like atmosphere. I’m sure they will have strippers in champagne glasses on the horrid patio that will be outside the whorehouse.

We need something on the original footprint, on scale with what was illegally destroyed without any authorization from the proper channels.

Also, the trump regime needs to pay for this - their disaster, their bill - NOT our tax money!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Chilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a lifelong historian, I have always appreciated the genius of the Founders in creating our unique American nation. They did not want a nation where an entitled few held all the wealth and power and the masses lived lives of endless toil and misery. They wanted no palaces for those leaders. The executive's home would be large enough to accommodate the necessary work, but it would not be Versailles. And it would be called, "The People's House."

This idea has stood our nation well for nearly 250 years and should not change. An oversized, gaudy ballroom would be a monstrosity and a mockery of what America has always been. The "modernization" project should be halted at once and the White House returned to its previous appearance.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan VanSlyke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project. This was demolished without any plans, planning or permissions. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt to it's original plans and restored to what it was a year ago, to it's original beauty with updated utilities, etc as needed. We have no need for a garish ballroom or gold accents on everything. Please rebuilt this historical structure .

Date: 2/17/2026 12:47:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

This is the People's House. No President should ever be allowed to destroy it.
Please vote NO!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:48:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Furlong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant

Date: 2/17/2026 12:52:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom It Concerns:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The ones who tore it down without permission should be madeto pay for it's restoration!
Sincerely,
Carla L. Clark
Ohio 45377

Date: 2/17/2026 12:49:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:47:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of at least $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this unneeded project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this unnecessary and out of proportion with the rest of the White House project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Starlyn D'Angelo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has not received sufficient input from taxpayers or historic preservation professionals. The scale of the project is unreasonable as is the cost of the project.

I want this project to be evaluated by architectural historians and I want extensive input from citizens. I don't care if private dollars fund the project. The White House belongs to the people, not any individual President. Stop this project now and require professional review and public input.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Fortune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Martyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project for Trump. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its

former design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Bensing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catha Loomis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project; it is a complete erasure of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandra Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Ray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:42:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a veteran and served in uniform during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. I am strongly opposed to what has been done to the East Wing and wish it to be restored to its previous structure and condition. This president has no right to unilaterally change or even rename any building without the approval of congress and, at least, the input of any and all U.S. citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maura Linas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the

National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Maura Wechsler Linas Ph.D.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:52:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Jarrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty to historic preservation, planning, design and permitting. For a President to abuse his power to initiate a project like this one is unsatisfactory. The proposed scale and design of the proposed ballroom are not acceptable. This project needs to be rejected (as it would be if it were submitted in accordance with applicable regulations), with proper resubmission required.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:50:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Paduch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Harney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the presentation on the new East Wing. It appears it was sorely needed. I agree with all comments that it should be scaled so as not to overpower the White House while still considering site lines

and safety needs. Maybe it shouldn't be painted the same white. I had some initial concern with how the street entrance across from the Treasury entrance meets up with the White House entrance but I'm sure you have experts looking at the flow of all that. It appears it will be quite elegant. Please keep it timeless with a nod to its long history.

I hope going forward there will be project spokespersons, outside of White House staff, who will be knowledgeable of the entire project who can address the American people. The need for an upgraded site should have been public knowledge long before it was torn down.

Thanks again,
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrell Wexler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This willful destruction was illegal to begin with so should not be allowed to go forward. No more funding unless it’s used to restore the historical building.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I was furious that that the current occupant wrecked the people's house illegally, treated our property as though it was his, and I'm still furious that there's been no accounting for what happened to all the stuff inside, and there was no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc. And the idea that this grotesque bonfire of the vanities oligarch ballroom would rise up like a giant goiter on the neck of democracy..... Not if we can help it.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joshua Lessard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a licensed architect committed to the protection of our shared cultural heritage, I ask that this project only be allowed to continue with proper authorization, permitting, and required design reviews. The laws and regulatory frameworks that govern major capital projects, especially those involving historically and culturally significant public buildings, exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship. Circumventing these processes undermines professional standards, erodes public trust, and sets a dangerous precedent for the treatment of our built heritage. No project, regardless of its scale or ambition, should be exempt from the legal and ethical obligations that protect the public interest. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Zitzewitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing of the White House without regard for proper procedure and without prior consultation with the planning commission and bodies dedicated to historic preservation was outrageous. Plans for this project should be placed under a bi-partisan committee of architectural, planning, and art historical experts who can advise on how the newly built wing can best be designed, built, and function. Strict scrutiny of the funding of this project must be undertaken in order to prevent any form of influence peddling. The White House is a national property that is maintained for public use, and should not become the vanity project of any single occupant.

The author is a professor of art history, but speaks here as a private citizen rather than in her capacity as an employee of the university.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timithy Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?
Please reject the building of ballroom.
East wing needs replacement to copy original building.
The President should be made to personally pay for damage and rebuilding.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri O'Rourke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing to make way for ballroom funded by billionaires is completely inappropriate. The White House is not just the president's house, it is a building for the citizens of this country. Trump has been putting his name all over different staples of our country, or defunding some of the most crucial and beautiful parts of our country, and it has to stop. At the end of the day, the White House belongs to us. The vast majority of citizens of this country will never be invited to this ballroom. This is adding an individual ownership that should never exist.

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Name: Donna Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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And Donald J Trump must pay to have this restoration done. Not out of public funds. Out of his own personal funds.

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Name: Evan Knox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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The United States needs many things; this is not one of them.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merri Oxley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DjTrump had no right to destroy American history encompassed in the beautiful and appropriate East Wing of the White House. It is not HIS house it's our house! Scamming his tech bros for $3-4 million is an abomination. Stop his craziness now!
And, also restore the historic and beautiful Rose Garden. Again not his property to pave over!
He's a madman and lines need to be drawn to protect all our sacred places that the taxpayers own-including the Kennedy Center! He had no right to put his name on it!!

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Name: Jeanette Deutermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Verschaeve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alison Zagat
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Name: Kelly Dworniczek
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Name: Laura Johnson
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Name: Susan Groskreutz
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Name: Sandra Foss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is NOT a modernization project, but rather a complete RAZING of American history! I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who BROKE THE LAW is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:00:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Salkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,
I was horrified that the demolition of the East Wing occurred without a permit.
I am also horrified by the scale of the proposed replacement.
I ask you to promote a design that is appropriate in stature and subservient to the White House.
I ask you to promote a design that does not overpower our National Symbol.

Not this monstrosity.

Sincerely,
Andrew Salkin
Retired WA ST Architect

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Name: Deborah Menninga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:52:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Gunderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed project is a travesty and is an insult to the history of our great nation. The destruction of the East Wing was done without approval and without adequate planning and oversight. This is a project for the aggrandizement of a single individual, which flies in the face of our national values. Please stop this project and restore the East Wing to its original state and purpose.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:52:49 PM
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Name: Amber Pfeiffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stanley Grand, Ph.D.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

On the proposed new, not “modernized,” East Wing. Project 8733

The North Façade
Prior to its demolition, the East Wing served basically as an outbuilding attached to the White House by means of a covered walkway. The East Wing was subsumed to the visual primacy of the main building. Crucially, the roof of the covered corridor was below the sill line of the White House ground floor windows. Under the proposed new construction, the corridor roof line reaches to the second-floor windows which totally destroys the aesthetics of the White House east façade much like an unattractive growth on a beautiful face. The corridor itself now becomes a major visual element elevated above ground level. What

we see is a monotonous string of thirteen blank panels separated by pilasters on bases. The pilasters are too narrow and rather than suggesting a structural function seem more like the side rails of an empty picture frame. Even the dentils hanging off the cornice are out of scale and serve more to remind one of a runny nose than a classical entablature. In sum the corridor is too high and too boring.

The north façade of the new ballroom complex is a blunt instrument that competes with and diminishes the historic presidential home. Whereas the White House has four bays on either side of its portico, the new construction has seven bays, five of which are located on the projecting central pavilion. The design requirement that the cornice match that of the White House results in a prominent and unattractive basement level. Things become really weird when one turns the corner and sees the column bases of the east side temple front below the basement level.

The East Façade
On the east façade there's an octastyle temple front porch accessed by a flight of stairs from street level. When one thinks of classical and neoclassical architecture, symmetry, balance, and harmony come to mind. A fine example is just across the street from the proposed East Wing in the Treasury Building. The Shalom Baranes proposal is more a hodgepodge of elements than anything else. The Temple front is neither centered nor balanced with the rest of the east façade.

The South Façade
This is a total disaster. Initially this decastyle prostyle Corinthian portico contained a pediment, but apparently one commissioner thought the pediment too massive, so the architect removed it. The result is that the façade looks incomplete, similar to the temple of Hera I at Paestum. Decapitating the façade is a symptom of the rush to get something built.

A temple front with ten columns is a major statement. The Pantheon only has eight for example, whereas the Lincoln Memorial has twelve. The curved staircase leading to ground level is completely out of proportion. On the plan it looks like a nineteenth-century moustache.

But the fundamental question is what purpose does this portico serve and the answer is none. Indeed, it could and should be eliminated altogether. Doing so would greatly improve the eight-window east façade especially if the wall space between the windows and temple front matched that of the building's end. I suppose the south lawn facing temple could be understood as a folly much like those fake classical structures decorating eighteenth century English gardens and estates, but even so. Scaling back the East Wing by eliminating this portico would also serve to balance better the South Lawn vista. (Originally the Oval Office and the demolished East Wing were roughly in line.)

The NCPC continues to describe the project (8733) as East Wing Modernization. The Commission met on January 8, 2026, for a pre-submission review of the project. The project was not considered at the February meeting and is on the agenda for the March 5 meeting. The Commission consists of twelve members, seven of whom are ex-officio. The president has appointed the majority of the voting members: William Schary (Assistant to the President and WH Staff Secretary), Stuart Levenbach (Associate Director Office of Management and Budget), and Michael Blair (White House Deputy Chief of Staff). The Mayor appointed two voting members. The NCPC promises full biographies of the members to come soon. Thus, all the public knows is that the majority works for and is beholden to the president. According to the NCPC website, the Commission will consider approving the "preliminary and final site and building plans" on March 5. For information on how to comment of attend Live Stream see https://www.ncpc.gov/review/meeting/

The motto of the Florentine Grand Duke Cosimo I was "Make haste slowly." The NCPC and Commission of Fine Artswould be well advised to do the same.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:52:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the obscene ballroom plan. It's the people's house, and an affront to all of US that this POTUS seeks to destroy everything that We The People have built in our 200+ year long march toward a more perfect democracy.

NO destruction of democracy. NO monuments to would-be dictators. NO.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emma Popkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is a renter - it is the people's house. What renter can tear down the property withoout the permission of the owners?

Date: 2/17/2026 1:00:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a rental to trump. Enhancement is allowed. Destruction is not. Return the house to the people. Doesn’t matter who pays for the ballroom. The east wing was not his to destroy

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica VanAusdal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the Trump administration's brazen actions without following proper protocol or allowing for public comment in this area.
I am not necessarily opposed to changes to our historical buildings, but to install an un-American, lavish, gold-laced ballroom in place of the East Wing is distressing.
I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to it's former state.
Thank you.

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Name: Mary Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. I was initiated without the proper permits, authorization, and design review. The White House is the people's house. The razing of the East Wing is an affront to the people. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design.

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Name: Kathleen Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the work being done on the site of the former East Wing of the White House stopped immediately. It was begun without appropriation, permits or design review. As currently proposed it is unnecessarily large and will dwarf the existing White House.

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Name: Susan Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former member of my town’s planning and zoning board, I am shocked at the disregard of the proper procedures the current administration is exhibiting regarding this project. A complete set of plans should have been presented and approved prior to any alteration or demolition of the East Wing. The only remedy that seems fitting in this case is to require the current administration to rebuild and restore the property to its original condition. To allow any other course of action would be inconsistent with how any other party would be treated. There should be significant fines assessed, and levied on a daily basis until restoration is complete.

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Name: Angela Cardinal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,
I feel very strongly about the demolition of the East Wing of the People's White House. Trump lied to the citizens when he claimed he would not harm the existing East Wing. We've all seen what he did! I don't believe he understands that the White House IS NOT HIS HOUSE. It is not his property to dop with as he pleases. If he wants a giant ballroom, let him build on his own property.

No further work should be allowed, and he should be forced to rebuild the East Wing as it was with his own money, even if it means selling off some of his own property to pay for it.

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Name: John MacEnulty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it to be outrageous that we are even discussing this. It should never have been torn down, and it should be replaced as close to what was there before as possible,

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Name: Harold Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and insulting of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

If the wing cannot be restored to its former structure, it should be repaired, at the offenders' expense, and made into a museum of all the failings and illegal activities of the current administration and their cronies in case we ever forget again that the government serves its people, not the other way around.

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Name: Marie Lamarre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my objection to tearing down and rebuilding of the east wing into a lavish ballroom at the people's house, the White House.
As a homeowner, I am required to pull permits to do work on my home. If I'm in a historic district, I must obtain permission from them as well. To my knowledge, this was not done before a wrecking ball demolished the east wing. It seems to me that this was something down illegally and it certainly doesn't benefit the citizens of this nation.
Please stop this project and make whoever gave the ok, reimburse in full the cost of demolition and reconstruction back to its former historically significant glory.

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Name: Anna Kuralt-Fenton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

opposed the demolition of the White House East Wing because it is a national historic site and not the property of anyone president. Major alterations should follow the same standards of oversight as any other significant and historical project. This project should be ceased and the East Wing brought back to its previous build.

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Name: Ellen Grevey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is criminal and tragic that the East Wing has been demolished. This act was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law. To permit this project to proceed, without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is another vanity project of our president's - not a modernization - but rather a complete razing of American history. I firmly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: jane grey-jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

JANE GREY-JONES

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Name: Alma Onassis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Peggy Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a travesty that has happened to this historical American treasure. I do not approve of spending $300 million on building “new” grand ballroom.
Trump should personally fund rebuilding the wing according to what was previously there.
I’m still in shock any President can attack government buildings and property without any public input. This destruction shook our country.
Thank you

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Name: Patricia Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design reviews. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Richard Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Ingrid Pisano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janian Thurman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Allison Rainville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the ballroom project canceled, and I want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Andrew Celwyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction that has taken place at the White House is an abomination. The current occupant has no respect for history, the law, or our nation's heritage. The fact that the east wing was demolished is a national tragedy. Allowing an oversized ballroom to be built and tower over the rest of the White House would just add insult to injury.

Please act to preserve the grace, proportionality, and historic nature of the White House as best you can. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Gumm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartbroken that the east wing was demolished by a president who doesn’t believe in following the rules. It is time to hold him accountable and make him pay to put it back the way it was. When Joe Citizen doesn’t follow the rules, we pay the price. Why isn’t the President expected to?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Brouns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Dana Golden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no purpose for a giant ballroom. How often, during a normal presidency, would it be used? Why would we need to waste half a billion dollars on this thing? Stop this before it goes any further!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Frigm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the continuation of this project. It was started without the necessary permits and environmental impact studies. There was no bidding process in place before demolition. The White House belongs to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to voice my disapproval of the destruction of The East Wing and the construction of a $400 million ballroom. Both of these projects were decided without the consent of the people to which the buildings belong. The destruction of the East Wing is symbolic of the views this administration has regarding the rights and laws that are supposed to govern our nation. It was a clear violation of trust as promises were made that the construction of the ballroom would not infringe on the East Wing. The disrespect of the American people by this administration is clearly demonstrated by the violation of trust, shroud of secrecy, and disregard for the laws and rights that are the basic tenets of our democracy. The claim of national security should not be allowed to be thrown around by this administration like a toddlers tantrum in an attempt to get its way. The White House, including the East Wing, are historical landmarks and a testament to all we hold dear, whereas the ballroom is a vanity project to glorify a would be dictator. We the People do not consent to having our White House hijacked by this administration and those buying favor from said administration through unapproved gold gilded ballrooms.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Webb

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Name: Leslie Kavanagh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project. This was initiated by Trump with no permits or authorization.
The project should be cancelled and the wing should be returned to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the expenditure of any funds, reportedly currently totaling $300 million, on the ballroom project to be built where the East Wing once stood.

The East Wing was an established and historically significant component of the White House complex and, by extension, of our national heritage. Any action involving its demolition should have been subject to rigorous review, full transparency, and clear legal authorization. Based on publicly available information, this project was initiated without proper procedural safeguards, including comprehensive planning documentation, appropriate review processes, required permits, and presentation to United States Congress for oversight and funding authorization.

This proposal does not constitute modernization; it represents the complete removal of a historic structure. Such action warrants the highest level of scrutiny under federal preservation standards and planning protocols.

It appears driven by personal ego and a desire to leave a self-indulgent, ornamental legacy rather than to preserve the dignity and integrity of a national landmark.

This project is neither necessary nor supported by a significant majority of the American people. I call for its immediate cancellation and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design and historical character.

No individual is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability would be an affront to every law-abiding American. A failure to impose consequences for such a blatant disregard of legal process would undermine the very principles of governance, transparency, and the rule of law that our institutions are meant to uphold.

Thank you for your consideration and for your role in safeguarding the historic and civic integrity of the nation's capital.

Respectfully,
Cheryl Shaw

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Name: Sheri Ketchum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

The National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. I would add that the person, who illegally ordered it demolished,
is & should be held solely responsible for the restoration costs. Not donors, not taxpayers.

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Name: Jocelyn Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "project." Not only does the money obtained for this project come from unclear agreements between the current Republican administration and those individuals and companies that provided the funds for unknown benefits, the lack of transparency and threat to the historic preservation to our democracy and this nation is GREAT. The actions of the Republican administration have DESTROYED the history and image the White House stands for in this country and across the globe. Maybe that was the point? Nonetheless, these actions must be stopped and those in power and responsible for this tragedy should be held accountable, financially and to the full extent of the law. The White House is the PEOPLES HOUSE not a kings or a dictators and the NCPC should uphold the Constitution and protect what is left of this democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Seadeek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of U.S. I would like to say I feel the demolition and destruction of the White House (the People's House) happened without prior authorization. Also without Proper permits and proper knowledge of perhaps lead, asbestos, mold and other toxic and horrible substances that could be released was not taken into account. There was no authorization or review of the plans by the proper jurisdictions. No no no. The current destruction MUST be stopped, reevaluated and the costs currently owing paid personally by Donald Trump since he did this I believe unlawfully. Massive destruction that was unauthorized.
Thank you for your time. Please do what you can to protect and preserve OUR White House.

Barbara Seadeek

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Name: Britt Drews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marge Swanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the above noted project, namely East Wing Modernization Project. My reassons in opposing this project include the fact that it has not gone through proper channels. Had that happened I am sure it would never have been approved. The White House is the people House and all inhabiters are tenants and do not to have the authority to make any major changes to the then current design. This addition as designed will ruin the over all concept of the White House.

Respectfully Submitted

Marge Swanson

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Name: Karin Lehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

As a taxpaying, law abiding American, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of Donald J Trump himself . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
it is the peoples house and he must be held accountable!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John McQuithy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose D.J. Trump for ordering the destruction of the east wing. There was no approval granted by we, the people.
It is a total disaster. No blueprints were submitted
No permits issued
He is not a king.
The cost will far exceed any usefulness.
Stop it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Burcham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Rottet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
John Rottet, Durham, NC

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Name: Cassandra Flory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I heartily oppose the destruction of the East Wing and turning it into a “Ballroom”. Please return the Historical building to its original architectural construction and use.

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Name: Sandra Behnke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom that no one wants. Put the east wing back to it's original form. This historic building should be protected. It belongs to the people and not one person.

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Name: Vijay Mehrotra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a colossal waste of money, time, and attention. An abomination. STOP IT

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy VanWagoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please stop this reckless action!
~Wendy VanWagoner

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Leonard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am Angry about Trump tearing down The East Wing.
Please No Ballroom. Americans do not want this. What we want is The East Wing To Be Built Back! We Also Want Trump to Legally Not Be Allowed To Destroy any More Of White House Or Gardens. NOT HIS HOUSE!!

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Name: Natalie Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Starun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,
I was so shocked by the sudden destruction of the East Wing. It seemed symbolic of all we are losing in so many areas. The way Trump and his shameless enablers have totally ignored precedent and rules yet again and now the East Wing is totally gone. I've looked at the monstrous "ballroom" that dwarfs ther rest of the complex and I feel such despair. A monument to corruption and billionaires is what it looks like. Maybe someday the people could stone by stone disassemble it like the Berlin Wall. I pray that you can do something to stop or modify it. God Help Us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Hazen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can not believe that we all woke up to the news of the East Wing of the White House being demolished after a large portion of the American people publicly expressed their displeasure with the current administration.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: William Montferret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American public is outraged that our East Wing was demolished with no regard for our laws and our history, and without the approval of the NCPC, the body whose mission it is to preserve our architectural heritage and over see projects in our nation's capital to ensure they meet acceptable standards.

The Administration bypassed the American people and the NCPC with their unauthorized destruction of the East Wing. And the structure they plan to build is still without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The size and scope of the intended ballroom is outrageous and makes it entirely incompatible with the existing White House, dwarfing it, subjugating it and transforming it into a secondary structure.

We've watched with incredible sadness as our historic People's House was criminally demolished. These are public lands and public buildings that are being treated as a President's playground without regard to the NCPC, our laws, our history or architectural suitability. This proposed project should be denied approval by the NCPC as totally unsuitable and the East Wing ordered restored to undo the appalling, lawless damage to our national heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Birck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is unconscionable for an individual, even the POTUS, to tear down a piece of US history - and the property of We the People - without going through proper channels.

Demolition absolutely should require a permit as well as the seal of approval from Congress, the representatives of the People.

The funding mechanism should not make a whit of difference when launching a project of this scale. And beyond construction costs, the gigantic ballroom planned to take the place of the East Wing offices and visitor services will need maintenance and heating and cooling in perpetuity, at the expense of taxpayers.

Stop the project right now and bring in experts and historians to decide where we go from here. It may not make sense to duplicate the old East Wing, and we may actually want a larger ballroom going forward, but a 1000-person capacity ballroom is overkill, and an ego project that will overwhelm the scale of the graceful White House and the West Wing.

It is beyond shocking that no one is being held accountable for this executive overreach.

Do the right thing and start over, going through the proper channels.

Thank you from a concerned citizen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maygene Daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to presented plans for the White House East Wing ballroom in its current iteration. The project is grossly out-of-scale to the White House and historically inappropriate at its location. As presented, the structure would significantly mar the building's classicizing symmetry and will draw the eye of viewers to this modern addition, rather than to the historically rich residence itself. Most Americans will never be able to enter the new ballroom, thus the exterior presentation has the greatest public importance. In its exceedingly large form with a huge profile, the ballroom will substantially change the public's experience of the White House, one of our nation's most significant and unifying symbols. A ballroom is not an essential government structure and suggests frivolity rather than statesmanship. I strongly urge the commission to disapprove and send the project back for reconsideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Mastenbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to share my opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment that should not be supported by your approval.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:24:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dita Varleta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.
Sincerely,
Dita Varleta

Date: 2/17/2026 1:24:27 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Germaine Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am and have been opposed to the demolition and rebuilding of the East Wing to a Ballroom. This is being done without proper authorization and does not comply with proper channels to be constructed. It has removed part of The People's House under the auspices of modernization, when in fact it is a vanity project by the current administration. The East Wing should never have been destroyed and should be rebuilt to the specifications from the previous setting to keep the aesthetics of the building in tact. To do otherwise is an affront to all people who have followed the laws and regulations dealing with national landmarks. A fine should be leveled to any and all involved in the destruction of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Botu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of the people's house, our White House, was illegally torn down by a temporary part time resident. If you were a landlord and your renter tore down a portion of your property what would you do? I propose the "renter " rebuild the property as it was. The renter is proposing a HuGE ballroom be built on the site. Why? To promote an already out of control ego. This person certainly can't dance! Stop pandering to this narcissist and rebuild the East Wing to its former glory. Please do the right thing, our constitution has been broken by this administration. The restoration of the East Wing will restore some semblance of hope to the people of this nation. Thank you for your service.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Milner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol and owned by the public, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nefesh Chaya Beechler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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There is no modernization of the East wing happening, this project needs to called what it is. An erasure of history of the East Wing of the United States of America PEOPLES HOUSE!
As a citizen of the USA I am completely opposed to this outrageous unlawful demolition of my house without proper authorization or notice.
Being raised in a home that was built in 1914 the amount of paperwork and approval to simply alter a paint color of a historical building is deep and complex.

There needs to be an immediate rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing of the People's house and all must be paid for by the perpetrators!

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Name: Diane Diane Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am opposed to spending &300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and sets a terrible precedent going forward. Our White House is the people's house!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Sloan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I agree with Anara Guard's comment on the destruction of the East Wing:

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Name: Lori Lantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Swing is not being "modernized" - it was torn down illegally. Why was a section of the White House demolished without any review or approval? What has happened to the valuable fixtures and furnishings? The rooms and their contents were the property of the American people, who deserve a full accounting of this wanton destruction. Ideally, the East Wing should be restored. In any case, it is essential to prevent the construction of a poorly conceived, disproportionately large "ballroom" in its place that will overshadow the White House.

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Name: Jean O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Jean O'Brien
Aurora IL

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Name: Andrea Morden-Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To whom it may concern-

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgeanne Muchnok
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello

It is an absolute abomination to tear down a historical building, or part of a historical building, for the sole purpose of appeasing the ego of a Narcissistic person. Even if that person is the President of the US. He destroyed a part of our history... This was done unlawfully. He knows that if he petitioned your organization before he did it, you would have said NO!.

Please to do not give in to this unjust action. We need to preserve our history...

Thank you

GeorgeAnne

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Name: Nancy Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing originally stood. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Collier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the “East Wing Modernization” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is unconscionable the White House East Wing was razed without planning permission or permits or proper deconstruction. The White House is the people’s house, and no President or contractor is above the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Douglas Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Samuel Dapore-Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trish Cooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the ballroom construction. The East wing should never have been torn down. Can’t change that , but this ballroom is over the top and distracts from the White House itself. The first architectural plan at least kept in line with the White House still in focus . It shouldn’t be a ballroom at all. It had served as a wing to breath and break from the stress of the job.
The expense of such an ornate atrocity, could feed or house the people of this country who served our country and cannot afford these things. Thank you for the opportunity to address this. Respectfully, Trish Cooley. Minnesota Strong!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Bright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea that we even need to fight for preservation of our country's history, is ABSURD!!
The East Wing must be rebuilt to its original glory!!! And DJT NEEDS TO BE BEHIND BARS!
He acted with illegal authority to create this mess!!
The only way to rectify his brazen acts of treason are to put EVERYTHING back into place!!
Let's start with the East Wing!!!
I am fighting for the East Wing and our Nation''s democracy!!!
Sincerely mortified!
Penny Bright

Date: 2/17/2026 1:24:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Converse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but the a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: DIANA MASON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My daughter is a principal architect with QuinnEvans Architects, a renowned firm that has a long history of restoration and renovation projects with the federal government. Most recently, they have designed new exhibit space below the Lincoln Memorial, and they renovated the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum. I know how complex the rules and regulations are that govern every project that is in conjunction with the federal government, and even more so for protected historical buildings. It is painfully evident that none of those rules, regulations, or guidelines were followed prior to the brazen demolition of the East Wing of the White House. There has been a total disregard for the historical significance of the White House, for the esthetic elements and craftsmanship of the building itself. All because of a narcissistic vanity project of the current president. Please do not allow him and this administration to blatantly ignore the process that would be required in any other federal renovation of a historical structure. Do not allow them to disrespect the history of "the People's House."

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese Moriarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nathan Arbogast
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: George Phelps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please prevent this project from proceeding. Started without proper planning or approval and in violation of many regulations, it threatens to dwarf the existing structure. This true even with its slightly revised plan. Individuals should not be allowed to simply knock down historic buildings and replace them with something they'd prefer.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:28:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Prehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing and the building of a pretentious $300-400 million ballroom that no one wants. The demolition of an historic monument without following legal and historical processes undermines our democracy and the constitution of this country. It is unlawful and a waste of money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie Watt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This appalling and unapproved destruction of the people's house must be stopped. American history and its beloved sites must be preserved and protected. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a travesty. The only remedy is its respectful and historically accurate restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:25:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Kersten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing was a historic part of THE PEOPLES HOUSE that was torn down without any of the proper permitting or authorization. The building should be replaced with an accessible version of the what was there not a gold monstrosity. There are laws for a reason and the current administration is not above them.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:23:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This monstrosity is absolutely revolting. Renovating and updating the East wing as it stood would have been acceptable. Demolishing the entire historic building was an epic mistake. Demand that the East wing be rebuilt AS IT WAS and return all of the items belonging there to their rightful places.

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Name: Bette Eckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Completely razing a historical building with no oversight was absolutely wrong. Considering it's already been done, my outrage is pointless, but PLEASE do not allow any more destruction of our buildings ("ours" being Americans as a whole). This was so shameful.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:29:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Tamplin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East wing and the construction of the ballroom

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Name: Martha Gaustad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An ancillary ballroom that overwhelms the historic main mansion itself is inappropriate and cannot be allowed to happen. And, as this country does not have a regal regent ruler, overdone decoration with gilt is also most inappropriate.

Please do everything possible to assure that the building represents the citizenry of this county, not the tastes and penchants of the wealthy moguls who believe they can own it.

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Name: Kathleen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:35:39 PM
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Name: Homer Dearmin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write today in strong opposition to any proposal to demolish the East Wing of the White House.

The White House is not merely an office building — it is a living symbol of American continuity, stability, and constitutional governance. Every portion of that structure reflects a chapter in our national story. The

East Wing, though often viewed as secondary to the Executive Residence or West Wing, plays an essential operational and historical role in the functioning of the Presidency.

I'll never forget visiting the White House in 1999 with the American Legion Boys Nation program, hearing President Clinton speak in the East Room, and then getting to greet him personally in the Diplomatic Reception room. Watching this historic part of the White House being demolished by a tyrannical individual occupying the office of President was absolutely heartbreaking.

The East Wing housed critical offices, including those supporting the First Family and ceremonial functions of the Presidency. It also served as a primary public entrance for visitors from across the nation and around the world. In many ways, it represented accessibility — the bridge between the American people and their government.

Demolition of such a historic structure sets a troubling precedent. Preservation of nationally significant buildings has long been a bipartisan commitment rooted in respect for our shared heritage. Even when modernization is needed, thoughtful restoration and adaptive renovation should be prioritized over irreversible destruction.

Beyond symbolism, there are practical considerations. The cost, security implications, historical review requirements, and potential disruption to executive operations would be substantial. It is difficult to justify demolition when renovation or expansion alternatives may accomplish operational goals while preserving architectural integrity.

The White House belongs to the American people — not to any one administration, party, or moment in time. Decisions about its structure should reflect stewardship, restraint, and reverence for history.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to reject any proposal to demolish the East Wing and instead pursue preservation-minded solutions that honor both function and legacy.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:35:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelli Basher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this project, regardless of its funding source.

My primary concern remains that this project has not undergone proper vetting through the appropriate channels. It is crucial that all projects of this magnitude, especially those impacting public spaces and resources, adhere to transparent and established procedures for review and approval. Bypassing these channels undermines public trust and due diligence, irrespective of whether the funding is public or private.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned by the significant escalation in projected costs, which have reportedly risen from $200 million to $400 million. Such a substantial increase, without clear justification or proper oversight, indicates a fundamental lack of planning and fiscal responsibility. This kind of financial mismanagement, whether with taxpayer dollars or private investment, is unacceptable for a project overseen by this commission.

I urge the Commission to cancel this project, and have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The White House is the "People's House." It does not belong to any single person, party, or group. To tear down an entire wing, the president must think he has that power. I question it. The original estimate, the one he proposed, as for $100 and he insisted he would not damage the existing structure. As usual and every time, he openly lied to the American people. This renovation must be stopped until the blueprints and anything related are reviewed by the NCPC. If the NCPC does not step in, Trump will assume he has a license to do what he wants to any other federal structure, monument, etc. in our nation's capital without explanation or restraint. The authority of the NCPC will be destroyed. In addition, the widely circulated rumor is Trump is planning to build a bunker under the ballroom, where he will be able to secure his safety, not from foreign attacks or intruders, but from the people of his own country. Please stop him.

Sincerely,

Robert Ross

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Name: Dorothy M Meckes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of any money on the East Wing Moderniztion Project. The demolition of the East Wing was not authorized, approved in any way, properly permitted, studied or had a design review. This was a destruction of decades of history and an assult on our democracy. The East Wing needs to be immediately restored to its former design. A ballroom is not needed.

The money spent to destroy the East Wing should have been spent on the American people rather than on a vanity project. A ballroom does not benefit the American people or our democracy. I am opposed to going forward with the ballroom and any other construction in or around the White House.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this.
Dorothy Meckes
Arkansas

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Name: Sue Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a shame that this beautiful historical building was wrecked and destroyed wantonly without regard for its history or place in the hearts of this citizenry. This treasure should be replaced EXACTLY as it was and those responsible for this travesty be held responsible. A ballroom does not have to live next door to the White House…build it someplace else..

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Chamberlain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the spending of $300,000,000. On this project. This project was done without permission, planning or proper permits.
The White House is the people's house.
The East Wing is our history, which has been destroyed without regard to saving, salvaging or working within a design approved by the National Trust's input. I choose to have all rebuilt as it was.

No one is above our laws or rules. To allow this to proceed would be an affront to what we the people, hold true, and the laws and principles we abide by. For this project to continue, would sets a bad example for future generations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Willard Hillegeist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the size of the proposed ballroom replacing the historic East Wing. It needs to be scaled back substantially to be in balance with the historic mansion and the West Wing. I am also very concerned that this. might be built with money funded by major corporations and others who have business before the US Government This is clearly a conflict of interest.

IF this is built, it must be scaled appropriate to the other buildings in the White House complex

I use the Fine Arts Commission to reject this building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fay Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I was Really Angry When I heard that Donald J. Trump had the East Wing Demolished, Especially without going through the Proper Channels!!! I would like to know how this even happened!!! \u-10179 ?\u-8663 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8670 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?. I feel that He and the People who tore this East Wing down Should Pay \u-10179 ?\u-9040 ? to Rebuild a New East Wing! And please \u-10179 ?\u-8625 ? have them replace the Rose \u-10180 ?\u-8391 ? Garden too. I think they will have to find another spot for this, probably because of the Concrete that is where the Rose Garden was. \u-10179 ?\u-8663 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8670 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8625 ?

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Name: Leslie Korein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (OR ANY MONEY as Americans are having trouble accessing food, healthcare and housing), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sandra Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the White House is a travesty. Without regard for our history, the President secretly destroyed the people's house to build a vanity project. He's obviously wants to put his name on every building. And the funds he said would pay for this has been withdrawn. Funding or not, no one who values our country wants this. Please STOP this madness! Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:05 PM
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Name: Brothers Susan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of money at a time of so much pain in the USA. Shows the value of flash over substance and history on the part of the government. No respect for the historical significance and history of the White House. Basic disregard for the process created to preserve the integrity of this nation's home. As shown, this monster building would dwarf the White House itself! Please stop!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Allers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alexandra Desaulniers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Joanne Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my ardent plea that the East Wing be rebuilt. It was described by people of both parties as a place of calm, a place of camaraderie and positive creativity. The scar that has been left with the demolition can only be erased by bringing back the actual walls, as well as the symbolic place of neutrality and dignity. You cannot replace the damage done to the Rose Garden, and grassy areas, now concrete, but please, do not let the East Wing be just a memory.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:35:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nita Pfamatter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction was highly illegal and an affront to the American people. I do not want the once $200 million project to build a ballroom, and the now $300.-$400 million budget to go forward. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored and fines to be imposed on the guilty partied. This whole thing is an outrage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Brantner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We need healthcare, especially for women, SNAP benefits and anything else that benefits CITIZENS and not wasting money on ballrooms and other unnecessary things. Our taxpayer money should benefit the public. The east wing should never have been torn down. It had historic significance.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:35:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nerissa Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending a penny on this monstrosity, which will overshadow and detract from the historically highly significant White House. The project did not go through the proper steps for approval. Stop it in its tracks.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:33:24 PM
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Name: Asifa Quraishi-Landes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.
If the East Wing cannot be rebuilt and restored to its former design in an affordable manner Then I say seal up that end and leave it as is as yet another part of our history. You could even put a plaque noting the dark years when its destruction occurred.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead AND without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Desmarais
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:33:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Todd Prepsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this Trump vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a testament to Trump's malignant narcissism. I want this project canceled, and the

East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela McGaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darienne Arcuri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose this project, laughably named the "East Wing Modernization Project," when we are all aware this is merely another Donald J trump vanity project that will not benefit any ordinary American. It is not a modernization project at all but rather, in addition to providing a venue for Donald J Trump to entertain his billionaire cronies, is an attempted erasure of American history.
This is the People's House and it belongs to every American. It is not Donald J Trump's personal property.
This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design--if possible, at the personal expense of Donald J Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for providing the opportunity to express my thoughts on this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:33:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Leopold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Erin Nicholson-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We The People did not approve this! How dare he tear down part of the people's house without our permission and consent! This was a part of history that he had no right to destroy!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Giacomini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allison Wiitala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Riedemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be stopped. President Trump did not follow the correct process & procedure. He should personally pay for the repairs. Please stop this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:56:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane McPeters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. If this is allowed to proceed it sets a precedent that allows for blatant corruption by corporations currying legislative and or judicial favor with the administration by making large donations for personal projects of the president. Do not open the gates to acceptance of this type of behavior.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:56:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying a major section of the White House, the people's house and a national treasure, was done without proper and comprehensive thought, planning by historians and experts in dealing with historic buildings so their integrity is honored and maintained as upgrades may be warranted, and the proper permits, design review and authorization that is standard for such an historic structure.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 - $400 million on this project regardless of where the funds are said to have come from. This is not and never was a modernization project but rather the outright destruction of an important piece of American history.

The project should be canceled immediately and engagement of appropriate and skilled professionals to rebuild the East Wing that was destroyed and every attempt made to restore it to its former design and likeness.

Allowing this project to proceed at this juncture is an affront to the majority of Americans. No one is above the law even the president who is supposed to emulate the best of us and to follow the laws of the land. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Additionally, transparency requires that all funds that were claimed to be donated by a variety of individuals, must be detailed and accounted for in the US Treasury and most likely returned to them if the funds were specifically earmarked for this destruction of the East Wing. If other caveats were involved, then those need to be outlined for everyone to see and understand their details.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:50:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARBERT SISE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not only should this illiegal project be stopped, it should be restored to it's original design & purpose, at Trump's expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:32:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Steinberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Gretchen Steinberg

Date: 2/17/2026 6:32:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the spending of 300+million on the continuation of building a ball room addition to the White House and any additional destruction to the present structure of the White House. At a time when

our country is suffering and so many are unable to purchase food for their family as well as so many Americans are losing health care, this is a let them eat cake moment. Also, he failed to get the necessary permits and permission to destroy the existing East Wing. He is destroying history and adding a gaudy, not necessary, ball room addition. I also would like him to pay to restore the East Wing. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:31:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Viveiros
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, design review, or permits. This is no modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park and is owned by the American people who have allowed presidents to live in "the people's house" since 1800. Whoever happens to be president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon. A president is merely a temporary tenant whose interactions with the property and its structures are limited by law and by respect for the owners, the people of the United States.

The current president initiated the demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits, or Congressional oversight. This is a clear violation of the law. It is also a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. The demolition was not necessary and is not a modernization project. People who do not own a building cannot decide to tear it down and build whatever they want in its place.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion and subject to proper authorization, permits, design review, and public comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:31:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was a beautiful and historic building that belonged to all of us, the American People, and deserved to be cared for with respect and reverence for its role in our story.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern -

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julie Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous design. There was no need to tear it down, and the White House does not need a ballroom, as if it was a casino on the Vegas strip. It was a beautiful addition and should be restored to that beauty.

The proposed replacement does not fit the esthetic of the main White House, and you might as well just put up a steel building as erect that monstrosity.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Seaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the demolition of the East wing and the ballroom that is supposed to be erected in its place. This project was started without the proper authorization and should not be allowed to continue. This is the people's house. To destroy it in this manner without approval of Congress should not be allowed.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachelle Manegold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Mary Hetrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of this historic building which belongs to the citizens of the United States was totally uncalled for and did not follow any of the procedures in place to obtain prior approval. I want this project to stop immediately and no construction of a replacement building should begin at this time.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Gierke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The desecration of the East Wing was not only a travesty, but an insult to the American People. For the love of God, please stop the construction of the temple of vanity that our POSPOTUS is forcing down the throats of decent, taxpaying, mature, patriotic and hopeful American citizens. Make it STOP!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Calvin Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing of the White House was not conducted with an eye to honor history neither was it done in consultation with the people of the United States. It was torn down willfully and only to satisfy the whims of the house's current resident. Restore it, please, to its former design and add adjustments for its best use as the People's house going forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Guven Peter Witteveen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending of $300 million on this project in the absence of proper authorization, permits, or design review sets terrible precent. I oppose the project, no matter its funding assumptions, pledges, or fraudulent rationalizations. This is no ordinary, purely functional decision. It symbolizes 250 years of Democracy in the New World. Current occupants are just passing through. The true owners are the generations of Americans past and future. Today's taxpayers or merely stewards. Cancel the unlawful project and rebuild the East Wing, just like post-WWII cities in Europe recreated historical buildings razed by warfare. The POTUS is not above the law. Let us penalize all those who broke the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leann Abraham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a slap in the face to our history! Never should anyone, even our President, be able to do anything like this without going through the proper channels we have in place!!! I AM OUTRAGED!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project.
I am adamantly opposed to the project as currently designed. I am appalled that the east wing was destroyed before any plans were processed and necessary approvals obtained.
My specific objections/recommendations:1. The east wing should be rebuilt at the same size and scale as what was demolished to remain in scale with the west wing. I have no opinion regarding the interior of the building. If it is desired to be fully occupied by a ballroom and related facilities, I do not object.2. All exterior materials and finishes, including windows and lighting, should match the existing White House.3. All construction should meet current codes, including ADA accessibility.4. If any historical artifacts were preserved, as they should have been, they should be incorporated into the new structure as appropriate.5. Rigorous inspections should take place to insure approved plans are followed.
It is a shame that the demolition of the east wing proceeded without first obtaining full review and approval of the proposed project. However, this should not be a reason to not enforce proper reviews and procedures now.
Regarding rumored future projects, the CFA should preemptively outline very specifically the requirements and timeline any such projects will be expected to follow.
Thank you,

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Schleicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the ballroom project canceled.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:29:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Toperzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tear down of the East wing should have never happened. There is a process that was completely ignored. I am concerned that the taxpayers will end up funding a large part of this rebuild. Our White House is not a resort, casino, or a hotel.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:29:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Collette Buccilli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:29:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Ploeger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. I would like to see a plan done by NCPC.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:29:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Ott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a deletion of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:29:09 PM
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Name: Sheryle Lyman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What the heck happened here? How did the demolition ever go forward without the proper agencies stepping in to say, "WAIT A MINUTE?" So no, I stand against any further actions by the Executive Branch in regards to the East Wing Project. The East Wing of our White House needs to be completely restored in it's original style of architecture, in it's original space. I approve of modifications made in order to use the interior space more efficiently, but it must match the old structure. I would suggest that the money to rebuild should come from fines leveed against President Trump's personal finances, as he acted without authorization or approval in destroying a national historic building. Please don't ask the taxpayers to pay for this. What will be next - the Lincoln Memorial???

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Demuth Ishida
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I saw the machinary around the destroyed East Wing while in DC last fall. I am outraged that part of the People's House could be destroyed without discussion or consent, and I oppose the $300 million ballroom addition. Any addition should enhance, rather than overpower, the main portion of the White House, and decisions should be not be made by one president, but by panels of individuals who understand that the building should be maintained from one administration to the next, and who will respect the historical and architectural integrity of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:28:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put it back as it was. It is the American People’s house and never should have been allowed to be destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Alleger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t build the big ballroom

Date: 2/17/2026 6:28:47 PM
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Name: Karen Listgarten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned about the East Wing Modernization project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I am in favor of modernization efforts when they have gone through the proper process. The project as proposed should be cancelled and the process done correctly. Ideally the East Wing would be rebuilt and restored to its former design with modern updates. To permit this project to go ahead without proper review would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am against proceeding as is.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:28:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jnny Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the "East Wing Modernization" project cancelled and the razing of the historical East Wing was done without proper authorization, permits or in-put from the people.

I note that the destruction of our shared history and historical buildings is heartbreaking.

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Name: Glenn Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must not continue. We do not need a large, garish ballroom on the White House grounds. This is not a modernization project. It's a destroy a historic building and build whatever we want project with no authorization, permit processes, or design review. This is public ground and our history. Rebuild the East Wing to its former design. There are laws in place governing design, modernization, and building on public

lands. This was an appalling affront to the American people and its history. Rebuild the East Wing. No ballroom.

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Name: Lisa Barber Estores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historic buildings like this are much more than brick and mortar. You tell a history in this case a history of our country large democracy. Needless changes driven by any singular man should not be allowed. This building tells our history we should have a say. This is not where we should be spending our money. We should not be destroying this piece of ourself.
Should be restored. It should be celebrated for the beauty and the grace that it possessed. This administration has no right to touch it.
Don't allow it.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:27:39 PM
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Name: William PRICE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a several term member of and current chairman of the Summerville South Carolina Board of Architectural Review. We are a National Trust Historic District. I fully understand the process of demolition of an historic property as well as the process of approving an alteration or addition to an existing Historic property ESPECIALLY one as significant as the White House. This process should be vigorously followed for the proposed new ballroom. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE, EVEN THE PRESIDENT TO RUSH THIS PROCESS. Thank you for your service to the Nation's Capital.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:27:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Yeager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put all renovations under the control of a bipartisan or better yet non political board. Take all actual design and building away from. Trump and his administration.

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Name: Janice Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Abomination with no plan but a glory project for a weak small petty person

Date: 2/17/2026 6:26:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Blash-Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Hutchens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Doreen Sargente
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Darroch Greer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Though one of America's most important and historical buildings has already been irrevocably damaged, the planned ballroom would be an abominable distortion of the White House. It is clear that this is a vanity project by a narcissistic president who will be gone in three years. His appalling architectural and interior design tastes will insure that the next president will most likely knock it down. It is a waste of time and money.

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Name: harry hayward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Norman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was before it was destroyed! No more no less.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:25:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Tedrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing was done without authorization. It must be restored exactly as it was.

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Name: John Santoro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do whatever you can to stop this project. Razing the East Wing, without proper authorization and review, goes way beyond “modernization”. It’s essentially a show of force by an autocrat who is erasing history, doling out favors to donors and showing contempt for rules and norms. No President should have the right to do this. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:25:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Rugg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project: the expense $300 million, the lack of permits, the tearing down of the East Wing and the size of the proposed ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Grocott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as to what it was before the unauthorized destruction.

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Name: Yvonne Braeuer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Cornell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Seemeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keri Martensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and make President Trump pay to restore all that he destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Tearing down the East Wing of the most historic building in our country without proper consideration is horrific.
I believe the committee in charge of the president’s desired monstrosity will pay no attention to this email so I won’t waste too much time on suggestions other than:
STOP destroying. Leave the wreck as it is. Don’t touch anything else.

Let's wait for another administration to take this on.
Thank you for your consideration,
Suzanne Bishop
Portland, Oregon

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamatha Dolling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly disagree with this project. It shows a blatant disregard for history and for the fact that the White House belongs to the nation, not the sitting president.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Fruin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose this project. This should never been allowed to even start through the illegal demolition. Put it back exactly as it was. The White House belongs to all of us not the current squatter.

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Name: John Conway
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Name: Mary Ziehe
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Name: Jan Conradi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The fact that the East Wing was demolished with NO oversight and complete disregard to standard protocols and reviews is a travesty. The fact that no officials went out there and STOPPED the destruction that we all watched is infuriating. This is the historic People's House, only temporarily "home" to any sitting president, so I absolutely think the rebuilding needs to proceed ONLY with careful and thoughtfully curated and APPROVED plans and not simply on the whims of the current administration.

My preference would be to build a new wing that is functional and respectful of the rest of the White House, the grounds surrounding it, and the history that it reflects. Whatever "secret" things are being done below ground, I think the above ground building would ideally return to the look of what was so callously discarded. The proposed monstrosity that he wants is completely out of scale and out of character with The People's House.

I don't know what kind of laws have to be put in place to prevent these arbitrary kinds of destruction, and somehow the laws need to be enforced if someone thinks they don't have to be followed. Whatever is built will be there for many years after the current regime is gone. Aesthetics DO MATTER as much as functionality. Don't let one person's idea of what he wants be shoved down the throats of the American People. What was destroyed was a piece of our country's history. What is built will become a part of our country's history. If one man thinks it's a monument to himself, he needs to be curtailed immediately. It should've happened when the bulldozer first showed up on the lawn, but now is the second-best time to intervene for the citizens of this country. Please provide checks and balance, and thoughtful vision, to the out-of-control ideas that are being forced upon us. What a waste of money, resources and history this has become! Thank you.

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Name: Cheryl Kannass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katrina Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a total affront to decency and law the tear down of the East Wing was! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is NOT a modernization project, it is a vanity project. It went forward without permits or design review - HOW?! Reject this ridiculousness and restore it to its former glory. The White House belongs to history and to the people!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Bowers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom for the White House. Donald Trump had the East Wing demolished without going through the proper channels just like when he demolished the rose garden.He did not obtain permission from the National Capital Planning commission or Congress and permits were not obtained prior to the demolition project.
Donald Trump is destroying the history and aesthetics of the Peoples House. I am asking that you require that the East Wing be restored to its original design. No one is above the law including the President of the United States. Thank you for your attention to this matter in advance.
Kathy A Bowers MSN, RN, CDCES.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:23:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Halliday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE Trump's destruction and grotesque plans for the East Wing and it must be restored. Please, please stop him from erecting a gilded Cheesecake Factory as a monument to his ego and horrific lack of taste.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:23:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Dubeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. There is no need and we can't afford it. He says it's donations but that's bull Just fill in the hole and sod it over. This self engrandising egotistical ass can swallow in his own shit

Date: 2/17/2026 6:23:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle DeRose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thoroughly oppose this 300 (350? 400? constantly shifting) million dollar project. I believe the destruction of the East Wing was unlawfully ordered and done so--and done so extremely quickly-- to provide a vanity upgrade project for the current president that nobody asked for. Further, the haze surrounding the donors and what they received/will receive in return for their investment screams pay-to-play--bribery, in the more succinct term.

Since when was America a country that funds gilded ballrooms to prop up the ego of one gilded president at the exact time that president's administration pledged to sniff out "waste, fraud, and abuse," and further, claimed to have already done so? If a gold-encrusted marble ballroom isn't waste, I don't know what is. Pay to feed hungry children and extend health insurance instead.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:23:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300+ million on this project. It was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization; it is the destruction of a historically significant structure. The White House is the American people’s house, not the property of any single administration. The project should be stopped, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to move forward without accountability for failing to follow required procedures would weaken public trust and disregard the standards that exist to protect historic sites and ensure lawful development.

Sincerely,

Ms. Suzanne Reed

Date: 2/17/2026 6:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which has no Congressional input or authorization, permits, or design review. It was undertaken with no public discussion or process. It is not a modernization project but rather a total demolition of American history, with no documentation or approvals. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt only after there has been a study and designs submitted that are more in keeping with the original structure. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Hochstetler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. At the very least, I want this project canceled, and if possible, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those in high places who have broken the law should be held accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It's another opportunity for our president to take money from donors in exchange for favors and attach his name to a sacred landmark. Do we really want this 34 count convicted felon and a potentially key figure in a global child sex trafficking ring associated with this historical building?

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Rob

Date: 2/17/2026 6:22:30 PM
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Name: Suzann Cornell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was a beautiful historic building with many memories through many presidents. It was shocking and sad that it was torn down. A building that will dwarf the initial building, the White House, is obscene. Donald Trump just wants to build icons all over the city with his name on it. The new building should be similar to the old East Wing. In fact, I would love to see the East Wing rebuilt just as it was. It was architecturally what is should be, an addition, not a huge building to dwarf the White House. PLEASE do not allow it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage Trump has done to the White House is immeasurable. He destroyed history and he did it unlawfully. The financing behind it seems incredibly corrupt, as with everything Trump has done. There should not be one single penny of taxpayer money involved and if there is, he should go to prison. Please restore the White House to the way it was before he moved in.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laska Creagh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stephanie G Coe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Keen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Never before have we seen the likes of this kind of ‘project improvement’. When did the White House become a private facility? When did ‘we the people’ approve of this nonsense?
Never.

It is time to reel in the chaos from this authoritarian regime. Now.

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Name: Rebecca Bachand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: William Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House and its replacement with a giant gaudy ballroom in its place are offensive to me as a citizen and US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War with ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, the Civil War, and both World Wars. It is a as n abomination that a crook like Trump could get away with destroying the people's property again, but here we are.

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Name: Vi Mooberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its previous architecture! History will not forgive the interruption that was made by one man who inhabited the White House in 2025!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:21:44 PM
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Name: Mary Ann Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans A huge ballroom next to the American citizen's White House is an abomination.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:21:35 PM
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Name: William Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Julie French
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gallimore Denton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where do I begin ... it's shocking that the President of the United States started the White House East Wing project without any consent. It needs to be restored to it's original intent and drop the 'Ballroom ' project all together. We the People do not need a giant Ballroom. Require President Trump to put the East Wing back in place and he needs to pay for the demolition himself out of his own pocket. Shameful

Date: 2/17/2026 6:21:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonya Weil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the East Wing being renovated. It was illegally demolished. The cost to put it back to the exact way it was should be charged to the individual that destroyed it. We the people should not pay for this. Everyone involved in the side stepping of this project should be fined. If laws broken, they should be charged criminally. No one is above the law! The White House belongs to the people not the president or a party.

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Name: Linda Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My Lord! I thought we were supposed to preserve history, not destroy it. I find it unconscionable that the White House's East Wing was demolished! Architecture is a part of history and the East Wing was built to compliment the rest of the White House.
I strongly oppose the gouche gold and marble plans of a ballroom that does not fit into the historical design that has been preserved for years.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daphne Driskill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty. It was done without careful consideration of historical and architectural impacts. It seems this is just another unneeded vanity project for a narcissistic president who needs to put his name on everything to satisfy his ego. Please halt this “modernization” project and return the building to its original form.

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Name: Kathy Watts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million for this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. This is not a modernization effort—it represents the destruction of an important piece of American history.

I urge that this project be immediately halted and canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design, preserving its historical and architectural significance.

No individual or entity is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine public trust and disrespect the rule of law that all Americans depend upon.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darcie Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of the ballroom addition and modernization of the East Wing. This administration failed to get prior approval for the changes to OUR house. The demolition never should have taken place. It is one thing for a guest in our house to do minor renovations like painting, changing the furniture, or redoing a floor. But to tear down a third of the existing White House complex is unacceptable and a great loss of our heritage. With all the current needs of the people in this country, a ballroom is rock bottom on the list. Personally, I think Donald Trump should be forced to reconstruct as closely as possible the East Wing, and it should be paid for from his personal funds.
Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.
Darcie Livingston

Date: 2/17/2026 4:35:54 PM
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Name: Manuela Phillips-Gann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Mary Ellen Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Frances Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, not to mention erasing the history of the women of the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all. Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Linda Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want it stopped

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Name: Dianne Tiboni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Groulx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our. American history. This project should not be allowed, should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of this country.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard on this disturbing issue.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Brinkley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a craven opportunity for this president to line his own pockets. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And while you are at it, remove all the tacky, fake gold leaf that has so utterly defaced the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:41:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Lichtenwalner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen who loves our nation's capitol, I was dismayed by the demolishing of the East Wing and the plans for an enormous ballroom in its place. Any remodeling should be done after consultation with historic preservation professionals, be in keeping with federal laws, and be transparent to the public. This is not a time for gaudy redecoration; it is a time to remember and celebrate that the US is a democracy. Federal dollars should go to refund the many programs that have been abandoned by the current administration, not for this unnecessary remodel. Thank you for considering this opinion.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:35:56 PM
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Name: Nancy Ermini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It's a horrendous design - totally out of scale for the White House campus. Plus, security costs would be staggering for construction and eventual use. This is a total waste of taxpayer dollars. If the claim is it will be payed by donations, that's a crock of bs. And, if the cost is paid by donations (highly doubtful), it becomes a source of leverage by the donor for contracts, special treatment, and even pardons for their friends. The short answer is no. The long answer is no f'ing way. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Traci Gee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Comment:

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Thank you,
Traci A. Gee

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison McNall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Garrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at president Trump's expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Cohen Clayter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katherine V. Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Darilyn Kotzenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Emeny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sean McKinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be cancelled. It is nothing more than a scam for trump to collect Bribes. The USA needs health care more than a BALLROOM. Also this vanity stroking will never stop, next an ARCH! The People of America don't need the trappings of royalty to prove our greatness. It's a colossal waste of money, and with trump in charge it will probably fall down in a few years. He should be made to restore the White House in it's entirety, ASAP.

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Name: Nicole France
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Stratton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Fall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Victoria Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization. There was no design review or permits. We all woke up one morning to a wrecking ball and watched American history razed. Cancel this project. Rebuild the East Wing and restore it to its former design. Please do your jobs. No one is above the law. Stop this project and hold those responsible accountable.

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Name: Roberta Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Landers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This damage done should be reverses and trump should foot the bill!We the people don’t need our buildings destroyed by some single person it is the peoples house and no one no one but him enjoy what he

has done making it look like a brothel or a fake kings palace!We the people should have a say.It stands for so much more then he ever could be !

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Name: Shelley Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. The destruction to the historical White House East Wing is an absolute disgrace. This current leadership is treating the White House like his own personal property. The White House belongs to the great citizens of this country and symbolizes trust, democracy, decency and respect. Shameful

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Name: Elliott Overall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many, I am appalled by the unnecessary, unregulated, and illegal destruction of the historic East Wing of OUR Whitehouse. I am thoroughly disgusted by Trump's plan to build a hideously massive (and questionably funded) ballroom. Please stop this madness. Any ordinary tenant would be evicted and forced to pay reparations.

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Name: Geri Centner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put a stop to any construction that will tarnish the historic East Wing. The White House and its history should be preserved as it was before the current administration began demolition without authority or permission. We, the people, want the East Wing restored to its former glory.

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Name: Sharon LYon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Kill the ballroom project. Many more uses for this money and DJT will only want to put his name on it and charge admission in one form or another. Ridiculous it was torn down in the first place….with NO approval!!!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Wajda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

The White House is not a private property. Rather, it belongs collectively to the American people. Its temporary occupants are its stewards--as are you. The White House is as much "the People's House" as the United States Capitol Building. As such, it is only right and proper to undertake careful study of any substantial and long-lasting material changes to this important, public, and symbolic edifice.

I write today to register my concern and opposition to this project. As a professional historian and curator, I understand well the vital relationship between the material, the social, and the symbolic. Place indeed has a place in creating the collective American people. What the current presidential administration has done in its actions in razing the East Wing is to displace the American people's sense of national identity.

The razing of the East Wing was jarringly initiated without proper authorizations, design review, and permits. To say that it is a project to "modernize" the East Wing is a distortion of what has thus far occurred. The East Wing was, simply, demolished. With its demolition, the sense of history associated with the structure and its material appointments has been destroyed. This is not modernization of an extant structure and associated meanings. This is destructive erasure.

I oppose the use of privately raised funds (reported as $300 million) for this project. Not a few of the reported donations are the result of what appears to be political graft and only serves to erode even further public trust in government.

No one is above the law--not the person who initiated this disastrous destruction and not the persons who supported it with donations in exchange for political favoritism.

I hope you will act to correct this autocratic and aristocratic wrong and set a path towards the construction

of a democratic East Wing. No ballroom should tower over the history and symbolism of a free people encapsulated in the historic and symbolic egalitarianism of the White House.

Thank you for this opportunity to exercise my duty as a citizen to share my concerns.

Shirley Wajda, Ph.D.
Canterbury, NH

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Name: Joshua Liberman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Donald Trump has moved forward with the demolition of the East Wing of The White House; without Congressional Approval, without approval of funding, without the approval of The People of The United States of America, and without approved plans.

For this reason alone, as well as many, many others brought up by opponents of this project, it is my opinion that this project be rejected by the National Capital Planning Commission. The East Wing should be restored to its previous glory and the funding should be paid for with private funds, either from the President's personal fortune, or the corporate leaders who put him in office. The people should not be forced to pay for his arrogance, his ego, his illegal project, or his atrocity. Tearing down the White House without approval of Congress and The People is yet another overreach of power by this president and his administration. It should not and cannot be allowed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Zeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned about the decision to spend $300 million on this project, especially given that it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. That alone should give us pause.

From my perspective, this is not a modernization effort. It feels like the complete erasure of an important part of our shared American history. The East Wing is not just a structure—it represents something larger, and once it is torn down, that history cannot simply be recreated.

I strongly urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also believe that rules and laws exist for a reason. No one should be above them. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine the principles that so many Americans work hard to uphold every day.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Cowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit this comment in strong opposition to the East Wing modernization and ballroom expansion proposal. The White House complex is a protected national asset held in trust for the American people — not a canvas for unilateral, large-scale alteration driven by political ambition or personal legacy projects.

Any demolition, structural removal, or major expansion within this historic site demands rigorous preservation review, interagency oversight, documented necessity, cost transparency, and meaningful public process. Proceeding without those guardrails undermines both historic stewardship and public trust.

A 90,000-square-foot addition would permanently alter the architectural and historical balance of the complex. That level of change requires extraordinary justification, not expedited approval. I urge the Commission to reject or suspend this proposal until full preservation, fiscal, and public-interest standards are demonstrably met. National heritage is not a remodeling project.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:20:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Self
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Patience Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount on this project. The East Wing was deliberately destroyed without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history to construct an inane gold monument to greed and egotism. I want this project stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. There should not be any more gold/fake gold plating of anything in the White House. Do not let this abomination stand; just because it was started illegally shouldn't mean it gets approved.

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Name: S H Park-Albertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper review of any kind (including but not limited to design and environmental impact), authorization, or permits. It was undertaken on the sly, on the premise that "it is better to ask forgiveness than permission," and the permission of We the People was *not* ever asked. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which was wholly adequate to actual needs. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Kowaleski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please stop this hideous behavior by the current tenant of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Wentz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending 400 million dollars for a ballroom that is not needed and will overwhelm the White House. I would like to see the east wing rebuilt to its original size and according to the historical guidelines.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the reckless spending of $300 million on a project that was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or any meaningful design review. This is not “modernization”it is the deliberate destruction of American history. I demand that this project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who ignored legal requirements would be a blatant betrayal of the rule of law and an insult to every law-abiding American.

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Name: Frances Loden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Sara Paretsky: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Bradford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Kathy

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Name: Linda Herod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely
Linda R Herod

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Name: David Hearn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is horrible. Please stop the planned construction of a ballroom. That is the last thing this country needs at this time. I support complete restoration to its former design and use.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Sue Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:
I believe the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was inappropriately done. First, If all the funds to build the ballroom are donated which I doubt the list and amounts should be made public. Second, who is going to finance the continuing expenses and upkeep of this ballroom which could be an extraordinary expense to the taxpayers. Third, if the destruction was appropriately done why was in done in secrecy under the darkness of night. Fourth. this is the "people's house". Why do we the people and our representative in congress, the senate and house not have a say on the destruction and building of a structure belonging to us, I vehemently oppose construction of this proposed ballroom and more strongly oppose any additional naming of public structures under the Trump name without majority approval of citizens including the senate and congress. I oppose all copyright agreements to the Trump name on any public structure. Trump's name should immediately be removed from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and it should be immediately reopened under its original given name, the board should be shut down and a new board appointed by congress as this is the people's theatre, it does not belong to Trump!

Sincerey,

Pamela S. Weber
[redacted]

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Name: Brandi Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. We have so many things that need modernization and funding in the US that it’s insulting the wastefulness of this project done without citizen or congressional approval. It’s the people’s house not

Trumps personal real estate holding. It's also a cancellation of history and a ballroom is unnecessary. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Robert Hedrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is the people's house and should not be changed by one individual!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisbeth Goldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the revamping of the White House. The demolition of the East Wing and the subsequent grading to build an enormous, unnecessary ballroom are an affront to history. The White House is the People's House; no one president can claim it as his or her house. This unapproved project must stop and a new, reasonably sized ballroom that enhances not detracts from the original White House must be designed. Better yet, rebuild the East Wing as it was and let's move on from this debacle.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonita Hertel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The way the "modernization" of the East Wing of the Capitol resembles the way DT handles anything, or so it seems. He thinks, on so many occasions, that if he wants something then he should have it, regardless of the outcome, because he rich and can have anything he wants. It is an atrocity to me, to create a ballroom, for who? Certainly not we the people. Maybe an upgrade of the electrical or insulation, heaven forbid renewable energy - he ordered a wrecking ball to it, I did not approve.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gwen King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the People's House and the building of a ballroom. The project did not go through the proper channels and is a travesty to our historical building. It is not for a temporary tenant to make such a decision to this beloved part of our history.
I support appropriate action by the appropriate committees.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amhy Swanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million - or anything - on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. There are real issues that Americans need help with: sky rocketed food, gas, utility, mortgage, insurance, health costs. Any spending is to be voted on by Congress and must directly help the people of this country.

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Name: VaLinda Parsons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn England-Aytes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million on the East Wing "modernizaion" project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one should be permitted to take a bulldozer (both a metaphor and a literal reference) to the People's House without the approval of the people. This did not happen. No administration is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We deserve better.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Azwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to what has happened to the East Wing and am totally in opposition to a monster ballroom the current proposed scale of which will dwarf the most important part of that location - the White House!

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Name: Kathryn Mulumulu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Wagg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to the people of the US. There is no need for a ballroom at the White House, and it presents a security risk that's completely unnecessary.

Please do what you can to restore the dignity of this iconic building, and seek damages from the people who destroyed a major portion of what was once the seat of stability for the western world.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Taricani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have the historic East Wing and the Rose Garden restored instead of allowing a ballroom that was not Authorized nor were permits issued or it's design reviewed. This is highly inappropriate. It is Not a Modernization project, but rather a razing of American History, without the Approval of the Citizens of this Country.
No one is above the Law and to permit this "project" to go forward without penalizating those who broke the Law would be an affront to All law-abiding Citizens of this Country. The White House and it's grounds Belong to the People of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Binnie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this so called “ballroom” proceed. I can’t believe the beautiful east wing is totally gone(still). How shameful- please put an end to this-replace another east wing- not this monstrosity.
Thank you, Jane Binnie

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Corrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Wiggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing of the White House is a disgrace to our history. This man does not own this house, it is the property of the United States. There should be no ballroom or other additions. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cranford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the destruction of the historic east wing of the White House. It should be rebuilt exactly as it was previously! It was part of the people's house supported by American taxpayers!
Those who authorized its tear down should pay for its rebuilding!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:17:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the building of the ballroom at the White House and the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on this illegal and profane project. There was no prior authorization, permits, vetting of involved companies, public comment input or design review. There are policies, process, and procedures that are required by law to be followed for any changes to the White House and its grounds.

What has occurred has been a razing of American history. It is the destruction of the people's house. It is an affront to the American people.

The ballroom project must be cancelled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design and aesthetic.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to continue is to allow illegal actions to continue. Persons responsible for the destruction of the East Wing must be held legally accountable.

Sincerely,
Elaine Waters

Date: 2/17/2026 6:17:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Kluthe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the east wing. Proceeding with this project without the input and approval of the American people is just wrong. Stop this project immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:24:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the $300 million ballroom on the East Wing site. The project was pushed through without the permits, oversight or review required of all projects of this scope and is most likely proceeding illegally. The fact that private funds are being used is immaterial and perhaps even more reason why the project should not proceed. The White House and all federal buildings belong to the American public, not just wealthy donors. The ballroom project should be canceled and the East Wing should be rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:27:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Corinna M McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:26:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Schweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margee Aycock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled when I saw them tearing down the east wing. This building belongs to us and we count on you all to make sure things go through the proper channels and are created in a beautiful way that is respectful to the history of the building. I beg you to put a halt on tearing anything more down and request that it be rebuilt back to the way it was with any upgrades in plumbing or electricity only.
Sincerely, margaret Aycock 1135 N. Denver Ave., Tulsa, OK 74106

Date: 2/17/2026 5:25:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Sernik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Dick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:25:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Rader-Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:25:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Govoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Capitol planning commission:
Please help to put a stop the tRUMP demolition derby taking place in Washington and all over our country. He has no concept of wha it really means to build something in a respectful manner. His slash and burn mentality is not only destroying our heritage but is making us the laughing stock of the world. It's too late to save the East Wing but…not too late to stop him!
Respectfully, John Govoni

Date: 2/17/2026 5:26:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: janice Maczko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project for many reasons. Cost of the project is one. Trump should be responsible for restoring the building to its former state. He did not have permission to destroy a valued and iconic property which belongs to the American people. This is an example of this man's determination to demoralize citizens and discourage those who value our country's history.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:26:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Rasset
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's terrible that the wing of the White House was torn down without proper approval and permits. Please stop this group of politicians who think they are above the law. There is no way to replace the history that was demolished but let's not build a ballroom in its place. Please do some research and come up with a better use for this historic site.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:31:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Finley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is steeped in history "Modernization" isn't turning it into a garish ballroom. I object to my tax dollars being used to feed the narcissistic ego of the current administration. It should never have been torn down.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Martorell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:49 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryann Mezan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support TOTAL CANCELLATION of this Trump vanity project. The demolition of the ENTIRE East Wing, after Trump lied and said the East Wing would NOT be touched is just outrageous. Trump does not own the White House and will be gone in three years and hopefully sooner. This is NOT modernization! This is NOT renovation. Trump's desire to build a hideous ball room, that dwarves the main White House in scale, must be stopped. I hope to see Trump ordered to stop all new construction on this project and to restore to the extent possible our historic East Wing. The fact that Trump claims it is being paid for by private donations makes it even more egregious and smacks of attempts to curry favor with Trump. What's next? The demolition of the Washington Monument? The Jefferson Memorial? Trump MUST be stopped.
Maryann Mezan

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am grateful to have learned that I have the ability to comment on this heartbreaking debacle.
Although the money is in some ways the least of it (though the source of said money is highly suspect) I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a debasing of the historical nature of the White House, also known as "The People's House." . I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans--and yet another flaunting of norms that I find deeply troubling.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: susan silver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled. It’s not in the best interest of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:43:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Albrecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. ARE REQUIRED to undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive Congressional approval. This should have taken place BEFORE the East Wing was demolished.

President Trump should rebuild the East Wing (AT HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPENSE, as he has been profiting corruptly from the presidency) to look from the exterior EXACTLY like the original, which he tore down illegally. Updating the above-ground space must be limited to ADA compliance and utility infrastructure. If additional square footage is truly needed. It should be added as a basement level.

The proposed new East Wing fails completely to respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aimee Cardwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the sitting president. The White House belongs to the people of the United States. As such, our government has processes and procedures that should be followed that provide authorization, permits, and design reviews. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to it's former design. If it needs to be enlarged, or if it needs some sort of bunker underneath for protection of the people in the White House, that's fine, and that should ALSO go through the same process of authorization and design review. I'm horrified and embarrassed that the president lied to the American Public and razed the East Wing without any approval or permission.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:15 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Litzenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this abomination of a project! Restore the architectural integrity of the White House grounds, Do not allow a narcissistic sociopath to build a gilded temple to himself with no oversight or accountability. He literally bulldozed the East Wing with no authority to do so.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerby Rials
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak about the East Wing Modernization Project.

I have several concerns about this project.

First of all, the proposed funding of the new East Wing by donations is a concern, in that it is rare that a corporation or an individual will donate such large sums (now estimated to be $300 million) without getting something in return. It is in effect, selling influence in federal government.

Secondly, the White House belongs to the people, and no part of it should be destroyed without proper consultation and adequate time for public input. This has been entirely lacking. The actions of this administration are not in keeping with a democracy and deserve censure.

Lastly, a ballroom should be very low on the national priority list. There are other venues in the capitol area better suited for that than the White House. The security concerns, let alone parking, make the White House a very poor choice for a ballroom.

Thank you.

Kerby Rials
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 5:43:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Connors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this poorly planned, unnecessary, vanity project and honestly I'm sick to my stomach that

the demolition already took place. The White House in its 200+ year history has not needed a ballroom, and therefore it's completely unnecessary at this point in time and at this public expense. For security reasons it seems inviting 600-900 people to a function on White House grounds is a further drain on our precious intelligence and security resources. Please do not allow this project to move forward. Furthermore, I encourage you to make whomever decided to start this project restore the damage that has been done. In any community in the US a contractor or owner that fails to secure the proper permits from state and town officials cannot just cry "my bad" and let the government take care of the mess. The tax payers did not ask for this, the federal government didn't authorize it and therefore the person that decided to start this project should be solely on the hook for all restoration costs whomever he may be.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Donoghue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is The People's House, the people who did not consent to destruction and desecration of the East Wing, not a casino or golf club that the President can toy with at will. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:48:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tajwana Swalef
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to reject this project even though demolition had started. The man in the white house took it upon himself and started before the planning commission had approved it. The cost alone is astronomical and it's bad for the environment. The White House has been standing for many decades without a GOLD ballroom! This is the people's house and not the Trump house. He is trying to my lake it his permanent residence and this is just one more reason he will not want to leave! Even as the leader of this country he is doing things such as this project without permission and like a dictator

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caren Abdelaal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the so-called "modernization" project for the East Wing of the

White House.

I completely oppose this project, which was undertaken illegally with no oversight or permission. The $300 million could be spent for much better purposes. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in its original design for historic preservation. The people (person) responsible for initiating this destruction should absolutely be prosecuted for "depredation of government property and criminal damage." No matter who they are.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.
Citizen of the U.S. and Minnesota resident

Date: 2/17/2026 5:51:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the reckless destruction of the historical building that is the White House. There are so many better uses of those dollars in our current economic climate. Such a waste of government spending! The federal government should be held accountable for preserving historical structures just as US citizens are required to do when they own historical properties. Any and all preservation societies should be consulted prior to proceeding with any repairs or modifications of this structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Chaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called modernization of the East Wing. This is in no way a modernization, but instead a project done without the proper authorizations in an effort to destroy our history. It's the latest effort to wipe out US history that this administration does not agree with, not to mention wiping out the significance of women in the White House. A ballroom is ridiculous and not needed. The money, time, and energy spent on this should have actually gone to projects to help Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Throughout our nation's history, there have been presidents and their administrations who wished only to enrich themselves at the cost to the electorate. The unauthorized razing of the historic East Wing, along with accepting what is likely quid pro quo bribes for a new oversized ballroom in its place is an ugly example of the aforementioned grift.

The White House has always stood as a symbol: the People's House. The President and his family are welcomed as tenants, not owners.

If a ballroom is needed, discussion should be opened to all people of the United States. Plans should be drawn and presented for review and suitability. Any new addition or construction should be in keeping with the classic elegance of the existing building.

As world leaders are welcomed here, a portico for arrivals and departures would be helpful in the event of inclement weather.

Any construction project at the people's house must reflect all of us, not just the wealthy few who purchased their way in.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: stephen gold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom idea is an abomination and an affront to our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Farrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Kathy Hotelling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Frederick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Dinkmeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Swenarski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is important that procedures be followed so I urge us to go back to square one, punish/fine those who did not follow the procedure, and start over. The wing is already demolished so let’s collectively decide on a vision for a new wing. I didn’t elect the president to dance so I’m not sure a ballroom is the right option.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be made to rebuild the East Wing at his own expense; he tore it down with no one's agreement or approval from any committee, congress, and for sure all of us voters. No one in the future is going to want his glitzy gold overdone ballroom when there could have been so many much better places. My vote is NO!!!! He CANNOT build the ballroom; it will cheapen the people's White House, and the country will be stuck with it when he's long gone.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaye White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the destruction of the East Wing of the White House (the people's house) was a horrible mistake and a blight on a historic building. The proposed addition of a ballroom is a terrible idea. It will cost tax payers too much money just to please the whims of one person. It is not a wise investment and despite all the executive orders this person likes to sign to appease his ego, the structure would not be a good use of space or resources.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Wilt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history, rather than a modernization project. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Wilhelm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of any dollars whatsoever to build this new ballroom.

Not only does it erase history, but it is unnecessary, and serves no one except a very few select people.

The White House is a natural treasure. A majority of architects and historians oppose the concept of this ballroom, which would be entirely out of scale with the size and beauty of the White House.

I support restoring the East Wing to its former size and design.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 5:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Macenulty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building was demolished illegally. No one is above the law. Those that did this without oversight permission should be punished. Do not spend on this. Give Americans healthcare instead.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Beth Debus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled when the East Wing was destroyed.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:43:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Ridgdill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the former East Wing without the input of U.S. citizens was an outrage. The planned "Modernization" is a tacky and grotesque assault on the senses. The vanity project of one self-centered individual cannot be allowed to continue. I respectfully demand that this abomination go no further. CANCEL THE BALLROOM.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:47:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Beesley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this project, which skirted the required reviews to begin demolition of a wing of the People's House. This is simply a vanity project which does not serve the American public in any way. It overwhelms the scale of the White House and will be a scar on our National treasure.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Danish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing project. It should be carefully evaluated and the planning process should be transparent. I respectfully urge you to reconsider moving forward with this project.

Helen Danish

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Keating
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Hickox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this project should be cancelled. It did not follow proper procedures and therefore should never have been started. The current administration and those responsible should pay to have the East Wing completely rebuilt to original specifications no matter the cost. It is atrocious that this was allowed without input from anyone with proper authority.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Corrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this waste of time and money.
Restore this to its former beauty and do NOT pursue any further projects without tax payer input.
Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Horn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I VERY STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Donald Trump DID NOT follow procedure as to its construction in any way. A project of this magnitude was never put before the citizens of the United States, either by direct communication or through the proper channels. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Donald Trump should pay for the rebuilding since he was not authorized to do this terrible damage to one of our Nation's most Enduring Symbols of our Democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jack Weisberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled as proposed. The ballroom proposed is significantly out of scale in relation to the existing buildings on the site. I can appreciate that interior function may need to be

reallocated and updated to fit today's needs, but the East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored in a way that reflects the dignity of the White House's design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Salontay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Call
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing rebuilt with the exterior looking the way is was before destruction. The interior can be reconfigured to have a ballroom if necessary

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a crime against the People and a very public urination on our history. The East Wing *must* be restored as it was, and all furnishings and art returned to their rightful places.

NO PRESIDENT can ever again be allowed to deconstruct, or permanently change, any part of the White House without public review and approval from the White House Historical Commission.

The East Wing - and the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden must be restored to their 2015 state.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Clifford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated illegally, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: anthony Rodgers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is known as the people's house. How dare he tear down any portion of that revered structure? It is not the possession of any one president. It belongs to the people. I do not want any part of it to be changed at the whim of any single president. There has been no consultation with congress. No input from the people. No oversight of the funding. This opens this administration to a possible violation of the Emoluments clause of the constitution. The decision was not an open process. I am not sure how many financial laws were broken or how much money is being donated in exchange for what favors? How much is being spent on the work and how much is going to the pockets of the current president. This whole project stinks of grift. I do not want the east wing turned into a ballroom for the rich and famous. better yet I would like it to be restored to its former status. I would also like President Trump to pay for it not from the general fund but out of his own poc! ket.

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Name: Don Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I don’t think any president can chose to independently change our national treasures unilaterally. It’s an abuse of power that shouldn’t be allowed or tolerated. Most Americans don’t want a golden ballroom and don’t like the idea it will carry the name of the man who demolished the East Wing. Rebuild and update the East Wing. I stand against a 90,000 square foot ballroom.
Thank you for your attention to this matter!
Don Howard

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Weinstock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Name: Lydia Manuel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I demand that this project be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project without penalizing those who are breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kho
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart broke when I saw the devastating tear down of the East Wing of the White House. As a taxpayer, a former DC resident, and an American patriot, I was appalled at the temerity of the current temporary resident of the White House who seems to think he's been conveyed the deed and land for The People's House and can do whatever he wants with it.

He MUST comply with every rule and regulation that has preserved this national treasure from generation to generation, stewarded with care by every president before him, so that whatever becomes of his desecration of the East Wing will reflect the will of the American people - not just his whims and his Home Depot gilt gestalt. I beg you to treat this with the seriousness it deserves, and to ensure than any actions taken to rebuild are done with the input, approval, and oversight of the various committees, rules, and laws that were set up to protect the physical building of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:13:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyndi McClendon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This absolutely illegal act should not go forward

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Mostoller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this project. It is a slap in the face to the beloved historical East Wing. It never should have

started without historical research. Thanks, in advance for your consideration. Kelly Clark

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.The razing of the East Wing was initiated without a public analysis of need, a public hearing, application for permits and design reviews. A modernization project would not have included impulsive wholesale razing of a historical building, and its impact on the preservation of history. I favor the cancellation of any contracted plans and the restoration of the East Wing. Those who initiated this project should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan ALBERTIE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

Please don't let Trump build the monstrosity of a ballroom where the East Wing was. It will have his name plastered all over it, like his ego needs another monument to himself.

He is destroying our history. It is the people's house, not his. He is only occupying it for four years.

Any changes he wants have to be approved ahead of going forward. He did not do this. I'm sure this demolition would not have been approved.

Please have the East Wing rebuilt to the original plans for the American people. No one wants the ballroom except for him...

He already paved over the Rose Garden and updated the bathroom in the Lincoln bedroom. He continues to make changes to the White House with no approval. He needs to be stopped.

His changes have all been unnecessary.

On another subject, please don't let him build the Arch to himself. Not necessary. Not wanted. He's wasting government funds that we don't have.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Jan Albertie

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Martell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing must be modest in size. Under no circumstances should it be larger than the White House. The White House should be the dominant structure. The historical elements of the old building should all be incorporated into the new building, and the final appearance should be compatible with the historical appearance, just structurally more durable. The more influence Donald Trump has over the building design, the more likely it will be torn down after the Trump presidency ends. Therefore, it is essential that genuine experts totally control the building design, with no influence exerted by Trump whatsoever. The public does not want a building designed by a corrupt madman who has dementia.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Sisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Seeing the East Wing torn down was like a gut punch. It was a visual representation of all the ways this administration has torn down our pillars of democracy. I can't wait for all the tacky gold to go away. We are not a monarchy.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:12:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Auerbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regardless of its unwisdom (which is manifest) the "modernization" is illegal.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Markie Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an absolute embarrassment and waste of money!!! The people if America are starving and can't afford health care!!! We don't need a ballroom, we need someone who will help the American people!!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing you to urge you to oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without the environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional

authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. The "Pay to Play" corruption has got to stop, as well as this administration's belief that they can do anything they want.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Falkenstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And since this was an unauthorized demolition, I think the people should sue Donald Trump for the cost of rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Schoen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored. There was no review of the project, or input from our elected representatives. Permits were not secured for the project. Worker safety was ignored. Where is the accounting for the dollars raised through the donors?
We have procedures in place for projects, to ignore them is criminal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the East Wing Modernization Project. I feel the White House is the Peoples House. Although the resident President may be responsible for its upkeep, He is not allowed to make drastic changes without the People's approval. The planned expansion is grotesque in its size and design. Nothing should take away from the prominence of the White House. It is not a palace and it never should be. We are not a monarchy. We are a people's government. This project should be halted and not allowed to go forward. It is a slap to the citizens of our country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annastasia Kezar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt, with the Rose Garden attached, and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Sickles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Clock Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy C Soldner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former local Planning and Landmarks Commission member, I am appalled by the disdain shown by the White House for proper permitting procedures. The East Wing should be reconstructed to its original design. If a ballroom is determined, by the proper authorities, to be a necessary addition to the White House grounds, it should be of an appropriate size and design to complement the existing White House and sited accordingly.

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Name: Rhonda Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a retired US History teacher, I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing and the American history that was destroyed along with it. This is not a modernization project. The destruction of the East Wing has destroyed a part of our American History, going back to Elinor Roosevelt.

The only solution is to rebuild this monument to US history according to the past plans. Make it whole again.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Deist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so angry that this was allowed to happen! The people should have a vote on doing this! He had no right to demolish the wing without permission!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois LISOWSKI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the “modernization” of the east wing of the White House. The People’s house. Not only was it begun without proper planning and approvals; its funding is outrageous. I would like to see the project stopped. After proper planning reconstruction of the East Wing in HISTORICALLY correct fashion be done. And the funds should come from the current occupant of the dwelling.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Erskine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe the administration has gotten away with destroying a beautiful piece of American history. I do not want a ballroom built there. The design is atrocious. And it’s not in keeping with the American heritage of this country. Should preserve stop it now!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Brann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Trump Ballroom, as envisioned, would dwarf the White House, and should not be built. The east Wing should be reconstructed in its original form, with updates as needed and modern systems, using Trump's money!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lonny Wunder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people’s house we entrust its preservation to the national parks. All projects need to be vetted, to its best usage. I feel that a project this size is unsuitable to its surrounding historical significance. No thought about where 1000 people are going to park, as well as the thousands of staff required to be there to provide services.
Please replace with what was there, “offices for business” not a ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Currie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Due to the fact that the LAW was not followed for the destruction of the East Wing, I support returning the East Wing to its prior design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Chance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unconstitutional project. Any change needs to go through proper channels. The East Wing should be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitzi Stover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the people's house, not the personal residence for any individual President. The East Wing and all of the White House should reflect history and democracy and should not be a private party space only accessible to a sitting President and his or her friends.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Ruthven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the ballroom project. It’s unnecessary, expensive and the American people don’t want it!.

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Name: Jessica Brogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unnecessary and will add a behemoth replacement for the old East Wing that only Donald Trump wants. Instead of building a useless ballroom, build a viable replacement for the previous East Wing with comparable function but modern infrastructure as needed. I implore you to cancel the ballroom project outright.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwrn White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be returned to the historic place it was. It should never have been torn down!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Gardella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 to $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing and gardens rebuilt and restored to their former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who

broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Hamblin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not understand how this was not stopped and a formal process done to ensure if any renovation or change to an extremely important historical building to the United States of America and the American people is done. I oppose spending $300 million dollars on a project that is not needed or required on such a historic site as the White House to appease a small man's ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Je-Anne Martinsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Schumann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of precious American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt as it was and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Our country is wounded enough, this is one wound that can be healed if the East Wing is restored and this “modernization project“ is abandoned.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myra Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to say that laws were broken by not getting permission to tear down the East Wing. There should be no ballroom built and they should have to build the East Wing back the way it was. Some kind of consequences for tearing it down in the first place.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president -- like every president before him -- is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Walthall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "East Wing Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, contractor bidding process, permits, or design review. Razing the East Wing of the White House without oversight or public input was utterly unacceptable and in no way "modernization." I want the ballroom construction canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and use. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, at every level of government and every step of the process, would set a disturbing and irrevocable precedent regarding the distruction of our nation's historic structures.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances McBride
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against approval of this project for a number of reasons. 1) This is a vanity project for one person. This project will not benefit the American people in any way as I am sure the "little" people will not be invited in (AKA -Marilago parties.)
2) The project is being done to let rich business people and corporations curry favor with one person. 3) This room will be expensive to heat and cool and will require a lot of maintenance over the life of the room. There is no budget for this. 4) The White House is the people's house. If a big room is needed, we the people should have an opportunity to voice what we want for this residence.

Please stop this project and require those who illegally destroyed the East Wing replace it.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leanne Reis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Burchett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the idea of spending of $300 million on a project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. President Trump was wrong to tear down the building and he should not get to put in something new as a reward for his destruction. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:58 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Maxfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to ask that you not give permission for the destruction of the East Wing and construction of Trump's ballroom. I was heartbroken to see this destruction and change proposed to the White House. There is a ballroom, as you know, and if it is too small there are various spaces available.

Please return the East Wing to what it was and restore it inside and out. One man shouldn't be able to create such damage to The People's House. He is just a tenant not the owner.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not wish to see the East Wing Modernization project continue as planned. An enormous ballroom is neither practical nor aesthetic. More importantly it is not in keeping with the history and democratic symbolism of the White House. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Olise Adamo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debra Saling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aly Main
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to spending money on this project which was initiated without the proper permits, authorizations, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, not to mention a waste of resources.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hoppe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susie Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Watching the destruction of the East Wing is much like watching the Trump presidency. 250 years of progress of making life better for all who are blessed to be American has been shattered by this poor excuse for a president. I believe he is singly responsible for this tragic destruction and should be required to pay for rebuilding it to its original form.
It's is The People's House. It is not a Trump holding.
I pray that Americans stand firm, impeach Trump snd begin reversing his destructive acts.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Gales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed new ballroom wing does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Preservation. It specifically does not meet Standard for Preservation No. 4; and Standards for Rehabilitation Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10.

The new wing will dwarf the historic main House and the West Wing, when the side wings should be smaller and submissive to the House. The scale of the new wing will make it appear as the main building section. The renderings show that the proposed ornamentation is bordering on Baroque in its application of several different decorative details. The renderings also show that the wing has the character of an office building and not a residential property.

It is a poor design, and one that does not uphold the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. I am concerned that it sets a precedent for the destruction of historic resources across the country.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

Regards
Donna Taylor

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Jackson-Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to object to the spending of $300 million on a project that was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design reviews. This has destroyed a building that is part of American history. Please do not allow this project to continue, and please have it restored to it's former design. It is your duty to disallow this improper affront to our laws and proper procedure.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Nixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the modernization project. It was not reviewed or properly authorized. Destroying the very symbol of the seat of American power without proper review is unacceptable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Hardy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to replacement of the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom. The reasons for this are as follows:
1. The plans for the ballroom were not approved by an independent committee.
2. The East Wing of the White House, which was historic, was destroyed without notice and proper consideration. The East Wing should be rebuilt and incorporated into any future redesign.
3. The so called private funding of the ballroom is not proper and could lead to the appearance of the exchange of favors for contributions. Further there has been no proper accounting of these alleged contributions.
4. Trump builds ugly and gaudy structures and any ballroom design should avoid his tacky inclinations.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Quincy Crump
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House East Wing should not be tampered with, let alone with money that could improve the well-being of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edith Copley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the spending of $300 million on the East Wing "modernization" project, which began without the proper permits, design review or authorization. I want the project immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project shouls have never been started and to proceed would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House...our East Wing of our White House...must not be allowed to stand. Destroying our living history and attempting to re-write a greatly skewed version is a vile slap to the people of these UNITED States.
I want to see this abomination stopped and the East Wing, as our history knows it, rebuilt. This action on the part of the Trump administration must be acknowledged and those responsible penalized appropriately.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Wainwright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization and request it be brought to its former design. I oppose the Nation’s tax dollars being used for this and request the Republican Party to fund it.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hardy Pottinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The East Wing, though historically significant, is clearly not necessary to the functioning of the White House. Fill in the hole, plant some grass. Take the loss.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hitchcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House without notification to congress or the citizens of this country is despicable and an embarrassment. Building anything other than a replica, complete with original artifacts, is utterly unacceptable.

The White House does not belong to any president, which all previous presidents have known. A ballroom is a distasteful and meaningless waste of our money. It is our house, not a nightclub for billionaire friends of the current administration.

Please consider this a strong objection.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Ruffo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The demolition and plan did not follow proper procedures. No further action, other than cleaning up the site should take place.

Sincerely

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara High
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I support restoring the East Wing, we do not need a ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Bordewyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that a ballroom of that size and caliber is inappropriate to be located beside our White House, and feel that the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was! It was a terrible waste of taxpayer money to destroy the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Taylor Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop wasting time and money on a project that majority of Americans hate and put the East Wing back the way it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Hatton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have always been in opposition of the razing of the East Wing of the White House for a $300 million ballroom. Having owned just a single home that was on a historical registry in PA, I remember how difficult it was to do any major upgrades unless it was pre approved by the registry. I kept saying to myself that I couldn't understand how they could have possibly demolished this without appropriate oversight but who am I to question this.
This administration has gone too far by removing the historical significance of buildings, trees and the flower gardens at the White House. We, the people want to be reminded of our history so we don't fall into the trap of repeating our mistakes.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:07:58 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Chicoine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House represents us, the people. Other than feeling the East wing should have not been torn down, i am really adamant that a very large building dwarfing the White House should not be built on the White House property. It would detract from the People's House. The former East Wing complimented the White House. Something similar should replace what has been destroyed.

Tearing down the East Wing was a gash to the emotional attachment US citizen's have to our house. Those of us lucky enough to visit walked through the East Wing and now for no good reason it is gone. It was bad enough that our historic rose garden was torn out, but to lose the East Wing too for larger parties is too much.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:07:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: danielle kouzoukas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:07:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ignacio Pessoa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born and raised in Washington, DC. The Federal City and federal buildings belong to all Americans, not to a spurious and temporary occupant of the White House afflicted with a Robert Moses complex.

The White House and its appendages were constructed with public funds, authorized and appropriated by Congress. Destroying its structure using corruptly extorted bribes, and without congressional authorization, amounts to the crime of destroying public property.

I therefore oppose this project in its entirety.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:47 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ellen Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was a destruction of a historical building without the consent of the people. Please restore it to its former state and hold accountable those who did this with no regard for the American people or American history.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Rowden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'd rather see it turned into grass than a Trump shrine.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juanita Tumelaire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Modernization" generally means that improvements are made to an existing structure. Destruction of the existing structure is a desecration of more than a building. We lost part of the People's House to a reckless and vengeful ego unable to relate to any but personal whims.

To embark on such a project without proper communication for those in charge of approving or disapproving is arrogance.

It is shameful that such heavy-handed decisions hold sway.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Worzala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is the People's House which was unlawfully and irrevocably altered with the destruction of the East Wing. If the East Wing truly needs to be modernised to allow for larger events, the appropriate process should be followed - designs which honor the historical context should be solicited, judged by an impartial commission with comment from the public, and selected

in full view of the public. While the East Wing has already been destroyed, a transparent process should be undertaken to construct a new addition to the People's House. Respectfully, Mary Worzala

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This did not receive necessary approval. Use the funds to restore the White House East Wing and preserve the nation’s history.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:53:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenn Kiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing, as part of a larger historical site, is criminal. The responsible party should be held accountable for all costs related to the restoration of the outside of the building to its pre-destruction state. As for modernization, the practicalities of repair and updating the interior is logical, but still should respect the architectural origins of the historical structure as a whole. There should be no question as to actions suggested thus far.

The questions that remain are:

How was it that the destruction was allowed to occur so easily and allow one man to act so unchecked?

What policies have since been enacted to prevent a repeat of such an incident?

When will all responsible parties be held financially accountable?

When will the bill be paid for the restoration?

Why has the restoration not begun already?

Do you somehow expect the American taxpayer to foot the bill?

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Doran-Girard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The White House and its surroundings are an icon for Americans. It's endurance through American history has been a beacon in good and bad times.
Again, please cancel this project and rebuild/restored to its former design and place in American history.
Thank you.
Cheryl Doran-Girard
McCloud, CA 96057

Date: 2/17/2026 6:05:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that DJT started demolition of the historic East Wing with no approval/input of any responsible government entity! The White House is THE PEOPLES HOUSE—and DJT has no authority (or good taste) to make any changes! STOP THIS PROJECT NOW!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:05:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Rifkind
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much offended by the illegal demolition of the East Wing and its replacement with a building that dwarfs the White House and can only be described as an architectural monstrosity. If an “official” ballroom is needed, then it should be constructed as a freestanding building somewhere else. An enormous banquet hall that looks like it was designed for Las Vegas is incompatible with the existing structures. Even Versailles is more constrained and site appropriate than this building.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 6:05:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Beeson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project which has not followed protocol for national buildings. It's a travesty or ugliness, unbefitting the Peoples House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANICE MILLS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hadie Muller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Maust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. It is not about modernization. It is about unapproved spending of our money.The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. This project violates our trust in a president who cares primarily about himself.This is not noble or financially prudent..My comment is after the fact, but I still want to express my concern about the financial strain produced by the current administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sternbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the plan for a massive ballroom were undertaken without proper permit or review and as such should immediately be halted. Current modifications that have occurred at the White House, from the tacky gold adornments in the Oval Office, to the so called Walk of Fame, the insulting and politically motivated presidential portraits lining the West Wing colonnade, to the concrete resort style patio formerly known as the Rose Garden are an affront to the dignity and history of the building. The White House is the beating heart of the nation, it represents all of us. It is not the personal property of any sitting President to be permanently modified on a whim, no matter who foots the bill. Therefore it should be demanded that the construction of the ballroom be stopped, and that any future plan should restore its historical appearance.

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Name: Amy Flanagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have not seen the plans nor do I understand the schedule and budget. I expect a fully detailed proposal with architectural drawings/renderings, a full description of the infrastructure, impact to White House daily operations, a timeline for construction, a list of contractors and subcontractors, the source of all money financing this build, and a schedule.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose the spending of a single penny, let alone $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for an obscene vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Misch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe we have laws and due process when deciding to remodel the "people's house." Trump has ignored the laws and due process in order to build a monument to himself. SHAME! SHAME! SHAME! President Truman did a serious remodel of the entire White House when he was in office because the building was literally falling apart. He followed due process and saved the "people's house." Trump needs to be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Boatman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eldene Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow construction of a "ballroom" where the East Wing was demolished. The White House has always been "The Peoples House". It is what separates us from other countries and is a symbol of our democratic governance. To allow any single occupant of the Oval Office or Residence to make permanent changes is unthinkable. This is our collective history and belongs to each and every single American. The East Wing should be preserved and rebuilt to its' prior elegance.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Bergmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Rosencrants
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put a stop to this travesty. This house belongs to the American people not one man. There is always a process that must be followed. The rules are in place for all of us to follow. Please restore Americas White House to its proper form.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:00:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Knepp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Capital Planning Commission

Please know that I oppose the spending of $300 million on the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House; a project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/
Thank you.
Pam Knepp
Arvada, CO

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hrizak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:00:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Frish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on the new East Wing ballroom. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and any claims to the contrary are lies. I want this project cancelled, as it was initiated without the proper design review, permits or authorization. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront and an insult to all law-abiding Americans. It is incumbent upon NCPC to uphold the law as written. The citizens of the United States are relying on you to do so.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerry Mechachonis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity. I am totally saddened by the destruction of the East Wing for a "ball room". This is the People's House and should be treated as such. I'm sure if "the people" had been asked we would have said NO. I AM AGAINST IT.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:53:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Sipe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending taxpayer money on a project that was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review and without a historic focus. This building is the PEOPLES' building. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. By the people, for the people. The next person who lives in the house should follow those same guidelines, just like all the previous inhabitants did, until this one.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:53:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Holahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object strongly to the spending of any dollars to build a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. This historical building belongs to the people and was destroyed with none of the required permitting or authorizations. My demand is that it be required to be rebuilt, period and architecturally exact the original structure. This was an abhorrent crime against the physical structure and history of the American people. Donald Trump should personally be required to pay the cost to replace this historical building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Redderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, not even the President, is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:59:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Westergard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a reckless razing of American history in favor of a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Condon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:53:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia Gibby
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Rosin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please require this building be restored to its prior architecture at the expense of the president's own income. This building is a national treasure and needs to maintain its prior architecture. If the president wants a ballroom he can do so off the white house property. The white house is owned by taxpayers and we should have a say not and nfke individual.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:59:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop all further construction of any Ballroom. Find the money “donated” to finance it and return it. No structural alterations/demolitions to our House should be made without our, we the people assent!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanna Whitsett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please STOP the East Wing Modernization project NOW. Please. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Please, restore the East Wing to it's former, appropriate design.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Keally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project until all the steps of the legal process have been completed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This reckless destruction of the East wing is a travesty that never should have been allowed to happen. This project needs to be shut down and Trump should have to repay to restore it back to its original condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlane Kayfes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of United States' history. I want this project canceled. If anything, only repair the damage caused by the demolition or, if it can be reasonably afforded, rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Tokie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Donna Kopman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

100% against this project!

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 6:02:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. Rather than a modernization effort, it amounts to the destruction of a significant piece of American history. I call for the project to be halted immediately and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No individual or entity is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the rule of law and disregard the standards expected by law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberlee Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I write today not just as a concerned citizen, but as someone guided by deep respect for our shared history, democratic process, and responsible stewardship of public resources. Over more than 15 years as an educator, advocate, and community leader, I have learned that trust in our institutions depends on transparency, adherence to the law, and respect for the people we serve.

That is why I strongly oppose the $300 million expenditure on the “East Wing Modernization” project. Launching such a significant effort without proper authorization, permits, or design review violates basic standards of governance and disregards the voices of the people who ultimately pay the bill.

Our nation’s architectural treasures, especially those honoring the roles women and countless others have played in our governance, deserve preservation rather than rushed demolition without open review and informed consent. Destroying parts of this history without due process, while exposing local communities to known toxic substances through improper demolition, undermines public trust and disrespects the legacy that binds us together.

I urge decision\u8209 -makers to halt this project immediately and instead commit to:
- Fully canceling the current modernization effort
- Entrusting the rebuilding or restoration of the East Wing to the next administration
- Establishing a transparent, legally compliant process with community and expert input at every step

Taxpayer dollars must be invested with accountability and integrity. Allowing this project to continue without consequences for those who bypassed lawful procedures would waste resources and send a dangerous message that rules and preservation can be ignored. All public servants and all administrations must uphold the highest standards of responsibility and respect for our nation’s heritage, reflecting the contributions of all genders, cultures, and races.

This project must not move forward until the rule of law, as well as the voices and contributions of the American people, then and now, are fully honored.

Respectfully,
Kimberlee Kelly

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Name: Nikki Lovell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the White House should be re constructed as it was. It is a historical building. Much history is/was made within those walls. The ballroom plan is out of proportion to the original building. When history is destroyed a part of our soul is lost. The East wing should be re constructed as it was prior to the demolition. It should be modernized but not without respect to its historical significance. As a citizen I feel like the disrespect of the historical and visual beauty was wrong. It should not have been demolished and the public should have had say before it was torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Corrigon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvette LeFevre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jiya Sarma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of a massive ballroom in the space where the historic East Wing of the White House used to be. The demolition was conducted without the appropriate authorizations or permits, and ignored the history of the East Wing. I am also opposed to the $300 million price tag for a monstrosity of a ballroom that will dwarf the rest of the White House. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the People's House, not the house of any single President.

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Name: Diane Farthing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Palen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the construction of the ballroom and re build the East Wing

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:40 PM
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Name: Nan martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern:

I was horrified, extremely disappointed and discouraged to see such a flagrant act of by-passing rules, regulations and oversight in the destruction of the East Wing. The fact that billionaires have pledged financial support does not permit this administration to demolish a piece of history based on a whim. Please do not let this project proceed in its current plan. I respectfully request that consideration be given to rebuilding the East Wing with input from historians, the park service, your commission, multiple architects as well as the people of the United States. This administration has no regard for the history of, well, hardly anything! No one I have spoken with is in favor of any imitation of Mar A Lago at the White House. This is OUR house that is being destroyed and he didn't ask OUR permission.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Nan Martin

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:17 PM
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Name: Douglas Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please fight to prevent this White House abomination project and support the reconstruction of the East Wing as close to its historical accuracy as possible. Temporary residents of the People's House have no right to destroy our country's legacy on their whims.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Reconstruction

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing restored to its design before demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Sterikoff-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A giant tacky ballroom is the last thing we need right now. Instead of building the Trumpstein Ballroom, why not restore the East Wing to exactly as it was? The White House looks much better as it used to look than as it would look with a large, tacky ballroom replacing the East Wing. That, and it would probably be horribly decorated... no thanks to tacky fake gold Trumpstein decor. Also, like Trump's other prposed vanity projects, such a ballroom would likely turn out to be horrendously expensive, and not well planned out- also, it's likely not to be installed, and construction isn't likely to progress far. Just look at the vanity projects Hitler proposed for Berlin before/during World War 2 if you want a historical example of tacky vanity constructions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte England
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I VERY STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Donald Trump DID NOT follow procedure as to its construction in any way. A project of this magnitude was never put before the citizens of the United States, either by direct communication or through the proper channels. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Donald Trump should pay for the rebuilding since he was not authorized to do this terrible damage to one of our Nation's most Enduring Symbols of our Democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Szczur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Ruth Neese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dr. Jennifer Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of our Whitehouse is unlawful, disgraceful, disrespectful to the American people, and an embarrassment. Trump should be held fully accountable and personally pay for the full restoration of the original east wing.
Jennifer Johnson, DVM
Massachusetts

Date: 2/17/2026 5:59:50 PM
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Name: Patricia Dintrone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the above project for the following reasons:

1. The proposed new Ballroom will be entirely out of scale with the surrounding buildings and will overshadow the White House, the most important building in Washington.

2. The funding mechanism (soliciting “donations” from companies and wealthy individuals) is a plan that is full of opportunities for graft and influence peddling.

3. The upkeep of this large and unsightly building will be expensive.

4. There is no “modernization” associated with the project that cannot be done without the erection of the Ballroom.

5. The entire project was begun without proper authorization and there are still unresolved questions about historical preservation of the site.

Please reject this application.

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Name: Candace Cease
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our Current President once again does something illegal and then assumes no one will hold him accountable. No other President would have torn down an historic part of the White House without Congress or the Historical commission's approval. I would hope that the ballroom is not built, but the President is fined and the East Wing is put back as it was before he tore it apart. There is no evidence that he has the funds to build the ballroom without using tax payer's dollars. I am also upset given that the East Wing is the women's wing. Once again, as a woman, I find this President has no respect for the legacy and history of the past First Ladies. I would like to add my disgust for that he is doing to the Kennedy Center and the horrible arch of Trump he is planning for the Capitol Mall. Stop the madness. This is NOT his property; it belongs to the American people.

Candace Cease

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Name: Anne Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not approve this ‘project’ The current administration skipped any input or reviews! We don’t want a ball room! The East Wing should be rebuilt. The Trump family should pay for it.

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Name: Rebecca Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an irresponsible and possibly illegal project. It destroys a historic building that doesn’t belong to you — it belongs to us.

Sure would be nice to see those taxpayer dollars being used for something that benefits the taxpayers. If Mr Trump wants a ballroom maybe he should pay for one to be built at Mar-A-Lago?

Shame on you.

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Name: Lynette Walther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:58:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The person who illegally ordered it demolished should be held solely responsible for the restoration costs. Not donors, not taxpayers.

The White House is "the people's house" — a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Patty Bain Bachner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rod Gillis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project now must be completed. But it must also be done to a proper scale and with a proper design and décor. The designer must not be a president who has demonstrated over and over that he has NO TASTE other than gaudy. Much public and professional input is required.

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Name: Holly Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the construction of a ballroom. This is a waste of taxpayer monies.
The demolition of the east wing should never have happened and should be restored with penalties to whomever destroyed it

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Name: Andrea Burnap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebekah Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Victoria Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I abhor the expenditures of my tax dollars to demolish the East Wing and replace it with yet another vainglorious monument to the current occupant of the White House. Most especially because it was done without prior planning, permitting or our consent through Congress.
This is yet another example of how DJT is disrespecting and disregarding democracy in favor of consolidating his personal wealth and power. IT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AND THD FORMER EAST WING CONSTRUCTION SHOUKD BE RESTORED AT HIS EXPENSE.

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Name: Killian Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project its entirety. At $300 million dollars, this ballroom is an extravagant insult to the American people in a time when many are struggling to make ends meet. The way that this project was recklessly implemented without prior authorization or public review was a travesty to the nation's history. The East Wing needs to be reconstructed as it was, and the officials who allowed such a significant building to be razed in this way need to be held accountable.

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Name: Cindy Baer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave the rubble where it is with a razor wire fence around it. Spray paint his name on a broken beam and fly the flag upside down in the middle of it. That's the most fitting memorial I can think of

Date: 2/17/2026 5:57:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending of $300 million on the East Wing "ballroom", which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. Those who

think they are above the law need to be held accountable. To proceed with this project without consequences to those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:57:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Stair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to allowing the administration to make any changes to the White House without rigorous independent review and approval. Nobody that was appointed by the president should be allowed to be a part of the process. Please stop this project.

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Name: Eva Bak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:57:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LISA BARTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization. We need to halt any further destruction of our precious White House and return it to it's original design. This modernization is costly and unnecessary. We must preserve it's history. The demolition of a part of our national treasure was done haphazardly and illegally. Stop this project NOW.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:57:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine McDowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this monstrously large and completely unnecessary project. The President claims that money was donated, but there are no clear receipts. It very feels very much like another corrupt pay to play scheme. Beyond the corrupt money issue, this destruction of OUR HOUSE was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It goes well beyond "modernization" and is rather a complete razing of American history and more simply another of the President's vanity projects, wasting money to glorify himself. He just took a wrecking ball to our house with the clear intention of claiming "well, now we have to fix it so we may as well go ahead with MY plan." No President has ever used his power of office and the people's money to satisfy his narcissistic need for recognition. This project must canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, especially the President! To permit this project to go ahead is complicity with law breaking; and not penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Cindy Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kevin Grady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

By what authority did the occupant of the People's House demolish the East Wing? I don't care if the toddler-in-chief wants a ballroom. HE'S A RENTER!!! If a renter from one of his real estate properties destroyed part of the property to build a vanity project, he'd blow a gasket. Your recommendation in lieu of a ballroom should be that the President personally must pay to rebuild the East Wing as close to exactly as it was as possible. Take out liens on Trump Tower in New York, Mar-A-Lago in Florida, along with Bedminster and Trump Doral Country Clubs to ensure that he pays up. Get it done before he leaves office.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Pennypacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was another Trump attack on the values and integrity of the American people.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara McFall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the modernization of the east wing of the White House. I think it is a travesty that it was torn down in the first place. If I needed to remodel my house, I would have to get architectural drawings permits, etc.. It seems that this was not done and that Donald Trump is just on a rampage to do whatever he wants. The White House is a historical building and should not be modified unless sanctioned by appropriate committees and governing bodies after due diligence has been done. Please stop this destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lara Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart broke when I saw photos of the demolished East Wing. The White House does not belong to - and must not be drastically altered by - a temporary tenant. It is OUR house, and OUR history.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one - not even the president - is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Swim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down without the required permits. This violates federal law and the remedy is to restore the East wing as it was before it was illegally destroyed. I want the historic East Wing. I do not want the historic East Wing torn down to build a ballroom. East Wing offices are important to allow White Housers to work together. There are plenty of places to party in DC, no need to tear down working offices to build a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Pelletier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any further destruction of THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES' ballroom. It is a historical site. It does not need to be remodeled to serve the lack of self esteem of Donald Trump. To allow him to "adore" vs "trash" with gaudy plastic yellow colored cheap crap is unconstitutional. This behavior must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:43 PM
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Name: Gretchen Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the new constitution of the East Wing and the monstrous ballroom that this convicted felon pedophile wants to build. Do not allow him to proceed!! \u-10179 ?\u-9046 ?

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Name: Carolyn Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every law-abiding US Citizen!

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Name: Nancy Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the lawless destruction of the historic East Wing as well as the unauthorized rebuilding of a ballroom. This project must be stopped. History demands that it be stopped and the East Wing rebuilt and restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Bleisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or built according to another modest design that is consistent with the overall design of the building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an immense, unauthorized renovation of a building that is sacred to the American people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, of any political party, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hali Burley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no right or permission to destroy that part of the White House. He is only a temporary resident; he is not a king. The East Wing must be returned to its former glory. Period.

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Name: Sharron Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East wing should be returned to its original state (along with any modernization needed internally). The dimensions should complement and complete the original structure. The American people should not be held accountable for the damages done by the current occupants. The cost should be the sole responsibility of the current occupants, no one else. No fund raising, no donations, no taxes. If a ballroom is truly needed, a plan should be submitted and approved and must not detract from the original structure, but complement it. And those approved plans MUST be followed and not altered without approval. The cost for a ballroom, that will benefit only a few, should be born by those few who will get that benefit

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Lake Church
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please protect American history sites as accurately as possible to protect the legacy of our ancestors. Ballrooms played no part in the democracy at the beginnings of this country. Do the best you can with what is left of the demolition.

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Name: Lesa Albin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ericka Camp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Langdon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the current design of the East wing. It needs to be downsized to not overshadow the size of the White House. Besides the east wing should not have been torn down without a historical review the key features of the new east wing must keep the original historical features of the original east wing be included in the new design. Absolutely no gross Trump over use of gold or fake gold displays. It does not reflect America, just some gross child like design. The ballroom should reflect key times in American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: RICHARD DESLAURIERS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire project is an outrage. The president doesn't own the White House, and a grand ballroom is a 19th century anachronism.

I'm a United States Marine (retired). If he can do this, then he can tear down the Marine Memorial and put up a statue of himself. He can destroy the Commandant's House and erect God knows what in its place. This East Wing Project, along with the Kennedy Center and the planned giant arch, are simply insane. More important, they are illegal without authorization from Congress, and should be stopped using every legal tool that is available.

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Name: Susan Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law! The president acted without authorization in his razing of the East Wing. This proposed ballroom cannot go forward.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lala Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object strongly to the spending of any dollars to build a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. This historical building belongs to the people and was destroyed with none of the required

permitting or authorizations. My demand is that it be required to be rebuilt, period and architecturally exact the original structure. This was an abhorrent crime against the physical structure and history of the American people. Donald Trump should personally be required to pay the cost to replace this historical building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ralph Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Salley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this project to go any further. It was not approved by any committee. I do not want a ballroom attached to the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Cooperrider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an absolute travesty. We the people should have been consulted. It is OUR house. Rebuild the east wing with the money donated for the hideous, gaudy planned ballroom which is the last thing this country needs or wants.

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Name: Lisa Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the manner in which this project was started and conducted. This building belongs to the American people and the current occupants should not have unilateral control over what happens to it. This project was started without the appropriate permission and continued despite outcry until legally required to halt. I believe this was deliberate. There was no consultation with historical preservation experts and no attempt to proceed with respect to the history of the building. Therefore I believe that those responsible for the destruction should be required to restore the property to its original condition at their own expense. Only then may they follow proper procedures to request building modernization.

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Name: Colleen Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have owned a home built from 1753-1812 since 1982. I have carefully restored and updated my home to retain its history and authenticity because I believe it is much more than a building. It holds the story of the people who lived in it and that matters. I may only know them from census and property records but I can place them at significant points in history and imagine what their lives were like.

It broke my heart to see the East Wing carelessly destroyed for no reason other than ego. While I can understand the need to move from tents to a more stable site, it should have been planned with respect, not ripped off in favor of a gaudy replica of Mar-Lago.

It is too late to prevent the destruction of an historic building but there is no reason not to replace it with a historically relevant and architecturally consistent design. Please don't let this become a shrine to Trump. We are better than than.

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Name: Eileen Stern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not any President's house — it's the People's House.
No president has the right to tear down historic parts of it on a whim. There are laws, preservation rules, permits, and processes for a reason — to protect our shared history. None of that should be ignored.

We don't elect kings in America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trisha Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpaying citizen of this country, I strongly oppose this completely unnecessary ballroom project, regardless of who pays for it. I am appalled and enraged that the East Wing was actually demolished before a complete review, including public and Congressional input, could be conducted. OUR White House (there is a reason we call it the People's House, it belongs to the citizens of this country, not its President) has served our nation's needs with respect to official state functions for many years, we do not need a comically enormous ballroom.

Further, the project was initiated without ANY public input, nor input from Congress. This ballroom is not a "modernization project" but rather a destruction of taxpayer-owned property at the whim of, and as a monument to, a single individual. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please deny approval for this project. Knocking down the East Wing was a reprehensible act of destruction. The proposals that I've seen for its replacement are an abomination. They totally overwhelm the White House. Any new construction should be in keeping with the style and scale of the existing buildings. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the so-called "modernization" of the East Wing, and agree with those who call for the original East Wing to be rebuilt at Trump's personal expense.

The White House is not the personal property of any President, but rather is a historic, nationally-owned property where any elected President merely *temporarily* resides and does business. The idea that a President would demolish an essential part of the structure without ANY public input and review is outrageous. In this case, it's not Trump's property to do with as he pleases!. Not to mention that his sense of taste and propriety is vulgar. Architecturally, the East Wing should be subordinate to the main central structure of the White House -- not equal to it in height, and certainly not more visually dominant. Further, the plans Trump has announced for private financing are utterly inappropriate, and represent a gift which to my understanding is a violation of federal ethics, not that Trump has ANY ethical bearing whatsoever. Finally, the habit Trump has of naming federally -funded projects for himself would also be completely inappropriate.

If Trump is in a big hurry to build a ballroom, he has any number of resort properties where he can do so, at his expense, of course. In the meantime, this illegal project must be stopped, and the East Wing restored to what it was. Trying to design a new East Wing will take too long, and Trump's impact on the country and the capitol has already been unbearable. Pry his greedy hands off the country already!

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Name: John Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was a slap in the face to the American people. To build a Massive ballroom that dwarfs the size of the White House itself would be adding salt to the wound.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Stop the ballroom of billionaires!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Tappan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on modernizing the East Wing of the Whitehouse. This is destruction of valuable and precious history of our United States and never should have been demolished in the first place, as this did not go through the appropriate procedure for any approval. This is the People's House, not the Trump House! It should be restored as it was for generations to see and visit. We do not need a gilded gold tawdry ballroom! There are far more important things this money could be used for such as healthcare and food for marginalized communities. How shameful.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:53:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Million
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House Ballroom project should not proceed as currently planned. The reported demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House without prior approval or notification raises serious concerns and warrants an immediate pause due to an apparent lack of transparency and good faith in the project’s execution.
Additionally, reports that “private donors” are funding the project in exchange for access to the President create the appearance of impropriety and undermine public trust. This approach is inconsistent with the standards of accountability and integrity expected in the United States.
All plans should undergo thorough review by the appropriate oversight bodies. Potential sites should be

carefully evaluated, and any necessary funding should be formally authorized and appropriated by Congress. Furthermore, a comprehensive environmental impact assessment should be completed before construction begins.
If the ballroom project ultimately moves forward, its design should complement and enhance the historic character of the White House rather than detract from or overwhelm it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tajwana Swalef
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Sabo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is crazy. The proposed ballroom is enormous and will make The White House look tiny and ridiculous. I understand that the tent isn't ideal for large events, but surely there's a better option in DC!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Kronenwetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose spending millions of dollars on an ego project for our incompetent amoral felon president. Without the people's ok it's a terrible monstrosity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the disastrous wholesale demolishing of our White House West Wing to build a ballroom. If upgrades are needed, they should be planned and have proper approvals.

Thank you,
Valerie Graves

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanette Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think a large ballroom is necessary. If a ballroom s built please don't plaster it with gaudy gold trinkets.

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Name: Matt Courtright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Kahrs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of this project as it was done without proper authorization, permits or design review. On the whim of the current administration, decades of American history were wiped out within days. As the

people's house, it should be rebuilt and restored to its previous design, and all of the monies that were "donated" by corporations to fund this project should be used for the new restoration. We ask that the commission provide complete transparency throughout this process and that the proper channels of approval be followed. In addition, parties who attempted to subvert the process to renovate historical buildings should be investigated and fined in accordance to the law.

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Name: Maryanne Dell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:52:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object strongly to the spending of any dollars to build a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. This historical building belongs to the people and was destroyed with none of the required permitting or authorizations. My demand is that it be required to be rebuilt, period and architecturally exact the original structure. This was an abhorrent crime against the physical structure and history of the American people. Donald Trump should personally be required to pay the cost to replace this historical building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:51:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marylin Wechselblatt Wechselblatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please disallow this project. It was not approved by the commission. It destroyed a portion of our history. Rebuild the East Wing.

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Name: Alyssa Ruffing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Piera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beatrice Ring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the White House and all its additions is known as the "People's House". Not the Trump House.
I would suggest that the demolition was irresponsible and that the new addition is outrageous.
Since it is theoretically being paid for by 'volunteer billionaires', I would like to examine the amounts that each have commited.
As an owner of the People's House, and a tax payer, I have a right to know who's choosing to support this monstrosity.
It is a public building, its funding must be public as well.
Do not allow this to go forwar.
We don't need to give irresponsible people the opportunity to tread on 'our' properties.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the approval of this project. The east wing was demolished before appropriate authorization, permits, or design review was completed. No one is above the law. As a homeowner, I would not get away with remodeling a bathroom in my home without appropriate permits and reviews. The permit and review process protects the owners, the future inhabitants, and the integrity of my home, and my community. The same is true for the White House. The current inhabitant of the White House does not own the White House. He is a temporary tennant. Can you imagine a tennant tearing a wing off a rental home? We, the people, own the White House. I support an appropriate and thorough design and approval process. Additionally, taking millions of dollars from "donors" is a financial conflict of interest and a quid pro quo. The White House is not for sale! If this modernization needs to be done, it should be done with sensitivity to the historical nature of the building and the neighborhood, and it should be funded through normal congressional channels.

I want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored, as appropriate for this historical property.

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Name: Diane Edson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrew Potter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the East Wing “ modernization project, because it did not go through proper channels, and it reeks of Trumps ego and self grandiosity…

Date: 2/17/2026 5:51:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need, or want, Trump's garish, tacky ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Cosgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project stopped and have the original
part of the building put back

Date: 2/17/2026 5:50:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Touse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project defunded now. If President Trump wants to continue all funds must come from his pocket, not from donors who want favors from him. His illegal destruction of an historical building is disgusting.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:50:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Sands
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was wrong to destroy part of our history. Rebuild what was there before.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lenora Bruch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Janice Barringer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The New ballroom is much too expensive for the taxpayers or anyone to spend. Simply rebuild the Eastwing the way it was before.

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Name: J IMHOLTE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What a disaster. Please stop this project and rebuild.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holli Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. Furthermore, even the first architect has confirmed the size of the budget is larger than the scope of work, thereby raising the issue of the project being another financial vehicle for political influence. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:50:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Snodgrass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This illegal destruction of the historical east wing of the White House is reprehensible and needs to be stopped. The East Wing of the White House should be restored as a historical building should be. This is the house of the people. This is not Mar-a-Lago.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:50:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Mcguigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the addition of the Ballroom. It is much too large as a modernization to the White House. It is not in scale to respect the history and/ or enhance the White House. It would not enhance the White House. it would overwhelm the White House. If the commission's role or duty is the preservation of the history of OUR White House, this would not be what is needed or desired.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rorie Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:50:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Todd Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,
Peace and greetings and thanks you for your service.

I am opposed to the East Wing Project to add a huge ballroom to the White House.
Not only was it begun without proper permits it is a horrible symbol of the excesses of our current administration.
The White House has sometimes been called the Executive Mansion or President's House but it has also been called the People's House because it is where the President lives ONLY while he or she serves the people. For this ballroom to be added to entertain the wealthy donors of this president while so many Americans struggle with health care, heating their homes and meeting their daily living expenses is an excess we do not need. It is a real insult to our democracy.

Sincerely,
Todd Goodwn, A Concerned American

Date: 2/17/2026 5:49:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Hinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. The individual who started this is a malignant narcissist, and his wishes will reflect that. As this is NOT one of his properties it should be left alone (well now, rebuilt with all the history intact.) I worked for over four decades in Mental Health and I know of what I speak. As he will not get any help, let's not let the symbol of the nation's best not be denigrated to the worst and then dedicated to that. He will be dead sooner (if really ill) or later (males tend to live until the late 70's nowadays) but where does that leave the rest of us once hes expired. That he has a disorder which tells him he's in charge of EVERYTHING and that "it's ALL mine", we don't have to live with that delusion. NO a thousand times NO. Let It die, and the next 5 Presidents can decide , through proper channels , how it ought to be rebuilt. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Shramko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was an act of national vandalism, perpetrated using the methods of a cheap, sleazy real estate developer: “Don’t wait for approval. Just do it. By the time anyone can raise a stink, it’ll be over and done with and we get what we want without having to answer to those radical left wing

community organizers.'' It is not a ''modernization'' project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the President's personal expense. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Rosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leesa Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
Upon seeing the destruction of the East Wing of the White House for the first time my initial reaction was one of near vomiting. The impulsive destruction of a historically significant portion of a beloved building was almost beyond belief. My second reaction was one of tears. The fact that this has happened, without any public involvement, or prior approval, was almost beyond belief. Unfortunately & sadly, it has happened. I DO NOT want any gaudy ballroom that pays homage to the worst president in US history. I want the East Wing back, maybe a new & improved version, but the East Wing. I am a citizen. I am a taxpayer. I raise my voice in protest over the unapproved actions of an out of control administration. PROTECT this important part of our history. PROTECT & RESPECT the East Wing in the only manner befitting the glory of not only a building, but everything it stood for & hopefully, will stand for in the future.
A testament to the fact that yes, we were tested as a Nation, but we held firm & came back even stronger & more dedicated to the vision of what it means to be the United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Borman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending tax dollars on a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the Peoples House. It is a misuse of money. I would like the East Wing rebuilt to its original design. It is a travesty that it was torn down without appropriate permits a scrutiny.
A ballroom will not serve we the people, but only the elite. Please restore our history. This is one of the most important buildings in the nation.
Respectfully, Wanda Borman

Date: 2/17/2026 5:48:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Pryor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the insanity of destroying the East Wing. It is a cultural and historic place for all Americans. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. STOP IT NOW

Date: 2/17/2026 5:48:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Caruso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must. be shut down. It will ruin appearance of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathrin Theis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This structure belongs to the American people. It is our history and a part of our identity. To have recklessly destroyed it without going through proper and legal channels is an attack on us and is a travesty. Donald Trump does not own the White House; he is simply a temporary resident and this is no different from a rental tenant tearing down a part of the home they are renting without the knowledge and agreement of the rightful owner, and using the space to erect a vanity project for themselves. I could not object more strongly to this project! The East Wing must be restored with great care and accuracy to its former beauty as it stood before this attack on American pride and history, and not at the expense of the taxpayers. This demolition was illegal and and simply wrong and I cannot fathom how anyone could believe they had the rightful authority to tear down a piece of our history without the consent of the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paige Botts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose removing the East Wing of the White House to build a ballroom. The scale of the ballroom is too large compared to the current structure. Additionally, this project was started without proper authorization or permits. It should not be allowed to continue. I would like the East Wing be restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Genessa Krasnow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to state my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This project is a destruction and razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Valenti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare this administration be allowed to destroy a house that does not belong to them, without the permission of the people it does belong to and without any oversight. Stop this travesty now and force the administration to restore what it illegally destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fritz Randles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House in order to build an enormous ballroom. The White House has always been a modest building and was originally intended to send a message to the world: unlike the monarchies of Europe in which the the kings resided in luxurious, massive palaces, our president leads a democratic government of the people and his residence is simply a place for him to do his work on their behalf.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Tinkerhess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am saddened that the East Wing was destroyed, apparently without proper approval. It should be restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerry Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom was not voted on or suggested by any American citizen but desired only by the President. It's clear that this is selfish monument to his own ego, and not a practical improvement in doing the country's business. We are a constitutional democracy and not a monarchy. No one person should decide on how to use a building sacred to our history as a republic.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Bury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erika Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any President is essentially a temporary resident of the White House. The White House is the historical place wherein he/she temporarily resides, There can be no remodeling without approval and certainly not by way of self assigned importance. That would be the prerogative of a king. In the United States, we do not have kings. Many people have died defending that idea. The destruction of the East Wing is two fold: first, the tear down and second, the defiling by building anew something unfitting of the historical nature of the residence. I write today to urge a careful and total review of the President's plans and a repudiation of his bald face attempts of self aggrandizement. He is a shameful and corrupt steward of all that I hold dear.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:47:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Muriel Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Trump has done to the White House should be considered a crime. It is the destruction of historical property. He did it to put his name on something permanent in the White House. It should be tastefully restored to its former design and decoration. A ballroom has not been needed in 250 years and it certainly isn't needed now. The cost projection is outrageous and I don't want my tax money spent on anything except restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Michael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Brenda Lanphear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for listening!
American-born citizen, Brenda Lanphear

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Kroner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Matney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This project has been done out of order. There should not have been any activity done to the East wing before the proposal was presented and public comment was submitted.

It is unfortunate that the East Wing has been destroyed. I now believe that this project is being forced through no matter what the public opinion might be. But that seems to be how the current administration is operating.

I would propose that a new design of the East wing be designed without the 90,000 square foot ballroom. That project then would provide the offices for the First Lady and the secure place for the protection of the President. If a much smaller ballroom was included, it would better fit with the current aesthetics of the White House. The 90,000 square foot ballroom is too large for the aesthetics of the White House.

With all of this being said, I do believe that we have no choice as the President is going to do what the President wants to do without any regard to what these comments will say.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gailya Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To call this the East Wing Modernization Project is almost Orwellian. The East Wing was demolished, without permission, without historic review, without regard for our history. It is to be replaced by an enormous ballroom, a project that is ballooning in cost and size. Please stop this fiasco and rebuild the East Wing, restoring the White House to its previous footprint.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernard Favara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can you 'modernize' a portion of a building that has been completely destroyed? Donald Trump and the White House staff responsible for hiring the demolition contractors broke the law and should be held accountable.

The ballroom design overly large, overly ostentatious, and just plain ugly. I am sure that part of the reason they decided to ignore the proper review procedures was the awareness that this monstrosity would pass muster. The plan should be totally rejected and the so called 'donors' be forced to pay for the restoration of the East Wing.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any one President, no matter how highly he thinks of himself.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the reckless and unauthorized destruction of the East Wing and want it rebuilt in essentially its previous form, including any modernization warranted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Sinkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this "golden ballroom" project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Aron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I do not believe that it is a modernization project. The razing of the East Wing was a vicious temper tantrum by a deranged President who was trying to deflect attention from the Epstein Files and the huge nationwide protests that took place days before.

I do not want this project as its been discussed so far to continue. I want the East Wing rebuilt and if possible restored to as close as the original design as possible. I was honored to have attended events at the White House back when President Clinton was in office. The building wasn't just a structure, it was a building that reflected the memories and sacrifices of many honorable people who had served our country. Sure, it could use a ballroom a little larger than the East Room. But not a $400 + Million dollar spectacle that does not conform to the existing White House and West Wing.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing the President who broke the law with the destruction of the East Wing would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Melby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Botting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, Please stop this ballroom project! The White House belongs to the People of this Country, it does NOT belong to any single President. Trump had NO RIGHT to have the East Wing demolished. The White House is NOT real estate owned by Donald Trump.

The East Wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt, and the interior needs to be restored to exactly what it was before this unlawful destruction took place.

Because this destruction was unlawful, every single individual, company. corporation, organization involved in the destruction, needs to be held accountable to the fullest for their actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Been
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The admin had no right to tear down the people's east wing
And further has authorization to build a ball room we the people are. It allowed in

Please stop the ballroom!!

Fix our White House!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendall Hays
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I'm not opposed to modernization or even expansion of the East Wing of the White House. However, I'm appalled that the Administration would choose to demolish the East Wing and assume they could proceed with a large expansion without going through any of the required (and appropriate) review channels. I believe the following principles should be applied to any construction on the East Wing site:
--The size and extent of construction should consider the size and extent of the rest of the White House, and should not overwhelm or dominate the rest of the structure;
--Modernization should be carried out to allow for functions in keeping with modern technology, with space set aside to house the technology, but again considering the size and extent of the rest of the structure;
--Exterior features, treatments, and finishes should be in keeping with the historic architecture and nature of the remainder of the White House;
--Before any additional work is done, an Historic Structure Report should be prepared using Historic American Buildings Survey standards, and should be retroactive to before the East Wing was demolished;
--Documentation of all historic features demolished should be carried out in accordance with federal standards;
--An interpretive display should be prepared, subject to National Capital Planning Commission and National Trust for Historic Preservation standards, regarding the features demolished;
--Any work from this point forward should comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and standards.
Thank you for your consideration."

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Zuk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. East wing demolition never should have taken place and I can’t think of a more flagrant disrespect to all US citizens. We don’t need a monument to the garish, wealthy few who corrupt our government. Shame shame

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Robey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300M to build a ballroom to replace the former East Wing of the WH which was initiated without the proper prior authorization, permitting, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled & the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:28:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Baxter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in strong opposition to the proposed demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the construction of a new ballroom.

This project represents not modernization but the irreversible destruction of an important part of American history. The East Wing is a significant architectural and historic component of the White House complex, and its demolition would undermine the integrity, continuity, and symbolism of one of the nation's most important landmarks.

Equally concerning is the apparent advancement of this proposal without appropriate authorization, permitting, and transparent design review. No project — regardless of sponsor or purpose — should bypass the processes intended to protect our shared national heritage. Allowing such a precedent would weaken public trust and disregard the rule of law that governs responsible stewardship of federal properties.

Spending hundreds of millions of dollars to erase historic fabric in favor of a new construction project is neither justified nor consistent with preservation principles. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal, cancel the project, and ensure that the East Wing is preserved and restored in accordance with established historic preservation standards.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:23:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caleb Colombo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to a project that moved forward without clear authorization, proper permits, or a transparent design review process. What has been described as "modernization" feels, in reality, like the dismantling of an important piece of American history. Rather than preserving and thoughtfully updating the structure, this effort appears to replace it entirely.

The continually shifting scope of the project only deepens my concern. Costs and plans seem to evolve without consistent public accountability, creating the impression that decisions are being made behind closed doors. From the outset, the process has felt opaque, raising serious questions about oversight, procurement practices, and whether the public's trust has been respected.

The White House is the people's house. It is owned by and funded through the American people — not any single president, political party, or federal administration. Decisions about its structure, history, and design should reflect the will and values of the public, not the preferences of one individual or the influence of unexamined power.

I urge that this project be halted immediately. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored in a way that honors its original design and historical significance. No one is above the law, and any failure to follow proper legal channels must be addressed. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability would undermine public trust and the rule of law that all Americans rely on.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:31:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johanna L Colvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of The White House to make way for a private ballroom at the direction of Donald Trump. The White House is the People's House, not a personal playground for any individual, regardless of office.

I object to the expenditure of $300 million on a project initiated without proper authorization, permits, or required design and historical review. This is not a modernization or preservation effort; it is the wholesale demolition of an irreplaceable piece of American history for one mans ego.

This project should be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. Allowing such an undertaking to proceed without accountability for those who violated established laws and procedures would undermine the rule of law and dishonor the principles that govern our nation. No one is above the law, and to suggest otherwise is an affront to every law-abiding American.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:27:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate the well written comments previously submitted by Anara Guard, and note that I have borrowed some of what they wrote.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper process, including authorization, permits, and design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Laws and regulations matter. If we don't like them, then we should work to formally change them through legal processes. If we look the other way or otherwise excuse the powerful, wealthy and connected from following our laws and regulations, our country is indeed in peril.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:25:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Hitzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Hands off our White House, its structure, artwork, monuments, Historical displays and contents.

Thank you
Victoria Hitzman

Date: 2/17/2026 5:26:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Carrano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to any further work on replacing the White House East Wing without the full participation of all required oversight organizations, no matter where the funding source. President Trump should be required to provide the full funding for the East Wing replacement as he independently destroyed the existing facility without demonstrating the need for its replacement or even attempting to work within the process for doing so. I further object to any design which is not historically appropriate in scale and style to the White House and also object to any design approach which resembles the fake gold Trumpification that has been done to the Oval Office.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:27:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the destruction of the East Wing of our White House, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The reconstruction of this area as a giant ballroom strikes me as a slap in the face to everyone but the billionaires who will be invited to party there. I object to the construction of what appears like a monument to one man who does not own the property he is destroying.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:24:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Pullinen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: The modernization project of the East Wing of the White House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Whitehead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Barbara Plungy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Kernan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to what it was! No to the ballroom!!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:24:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination of both history and process. Shame on the administration for initiating this without public comment or through the legal process. I am HORRIFIED that the PEOPLE'S house has been denigrated this way!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:32:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Rozental
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a graduate of the University of Vermont's masters program in historic preservation I point out that federal laws protecting historic buildings are being ignored here.
As a citizen and proud American I would also point out that the White House belongs to the people of this country. Never before has one of the transient residents of this house forgotten this. The current president's unilateral decision to destroy a part of this historic building should be strongly countered by

those charged with preserving our country's history, traditions, values and laws. Likewise, the design for any new building on the site should be subject to proper review as required by law.
The fact that wealthy individuals and corporations have made financial gifts to fund the proposed project raises legitimate concerns about undue influence in search of political pay back, something the authors of our Constitution worked to prevent.
As a person who was taught and in turn taught my child that might does not make right, I protest the abuse of power in full display here.
Bullying on any level should be met with full resolve, and I challenge those with the power and resources to counter this project to push back.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:33:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not needed and disturbs the view and historical significance of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.
Our countries founding fathers did not envision a time when a palatial ballroom would be built for an administration that thought of itself as provincial aristocrats, building palaces to honor their kingly ambitions.
This project dwarfs in size all the buildings on this site and can only be seen as a diaspora of ill-conceived thought and planning, to placate the narcissism of the current White House resident.
This project has not followed American historical preservation ideals, with its grandiose facade, arches, and symbols perfectly suited for the Kings of Europe's past and present.
Please, with all due respect, end this project as it stands and restore the East Wing as it has stood for all the many decades.
Thank you,
Kyle

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Leek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without proper authority leaves me heartbroken. The project needs to be stopped and the East Wing must be restored to its former self. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on what I consider to be an affront to all Americans who believe in the rule of law and in honoring our national treasures.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathie Tanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing of the Whitehouse rebuilt as it was. It balances the building and is a historical treasure. This would also give the planners a great opportunity to update the technology. It is sad that the East wing was thoughtlessly destroyed with no planning. It can be restored even better as a tribute to those who cherished it. If a ballroom is needed, it should be planned to blend in with the current buildings. Everything should be approved by the historical group.

Regards
Cathie Tanner

Date: 2/17/2026 5:35:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: wally bloss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to voice my oppositionto the damage done without review to the White House.

DESTRUCTION of the EAST WING of the White House without review, permits, or Congressional oversight VIOLATED THE LAW. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it.

The National Capital Planning Commission should require any reconstruction of the East Wing to match the historic design and size of the original structure and be funded only by Congress. If Congress does not approve funding and a design keeping with the building's historical character, the land should be left vacant.

No one is above the law .. or at least it used to be that way!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:35:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Delaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:36:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Everett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is one presidents attempt for branding in his image.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It would end up resulting in other vulgar disregard for historic preservation and broken laws.

Thank you
Kim Everett

Date: 2/17/2026 5:34:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
Lisa Campbell

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Corman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patricia Dreja
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Rusz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Peacock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather OKeefe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300M project that was initiated without proper Congressional oversight, permits or design review. Erasing American history for a tacky Las Vegas ballroom is deplorable and disrespectful. Restore our history and rebuild the East Wing to its former design for future generations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denby Roe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: R Chancey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build a ballroom - the suggested plans dwarf the White House. The government doesn't need a massive, expensive party room. Restore the exterior walls safely and securely and commit no more time, money and attention to expanding at this time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal is a desecration of the White House grounds,being carried out without regard for law. Even the name given to the proposal is fraudulent. It will be oversized and garish.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:33:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Krawczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the project! It is an abomination and disgusting and vile attempt at disfiguring the “Peoples’ House !!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:36:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rae Armentano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be rebuilt exactly as it was and paid for by Trump not one cent from taxpayers

Date: 2/17/2026 5:43:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hallford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House belongs to the American people and not to the occupants.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Heter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:43:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antoinette Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wind Modernization Project. It is complete razing of American history. Cancel the project and restore the East Wing to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa OMara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the law and America. This is our house, not his house.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mabel Houle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This historic wing of the White House should have never been demolished.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Neel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a waste, what a tragedy to tear up the White House like this. It's an abomination.
PLEASE CANCEL THIS HORRIBLE PROJECT.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all .

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Brindis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing and am against the construction of a big, ugly ballroom that will dwarf the White House. I want to see the East Wing re-built exactly as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Merrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to spending $300 million on this project that was not approved, no permitted and is a vanity project started on what appears to be a whim. If I tore into a house with no permits and no plan I would be required to GET a permit and would not be allowed to move forward without one. If I deviated from the

plan I would be required to stop construction until any deviation was approved. And that would be my personal property. This is the people's property and the people's house and the people's history.
No project should move forward until it get the required permits and an approved plan. It should be restored. Awarding this vanity project by allowing it to move forward would be a travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Ruane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which is moving forward without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. "Modernization" is a misnomer. The work on the East Wing so far has been a hastily completed demolition that destroyed a meaningful structure as well as elements of American history. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt as it existed with guidance and permission from the designated design experts and officials. To permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the East Wing would be an insult to millions of law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danny Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Melodia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. The demolition of the East Wing was done illegally and any further movement on this project needs to be reviewed and examined by true professionals. The scale of the proposed "ballroom" is out of line with the rest of the Peoples House and Trump is known for not completing, paying for or conducting work in a legal fashion.The demolished building should be restored on his dime and the oligarchs that promised to pay for his monstrosity.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Gutierrez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Malloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house that we share with the person, and family, who is elected to the office of the President of the United States. The East Wing is part of the White House, not a looming monument to a narcissist. It does not need to be 5 times bigger than the White House. In fact, it's needs to be rebuilt as it was with safety updates, better wiring, etc. The grounds need to be restored as the beautiful gardens they were. No President has the right to tear down any part of the people's house without the permission and guidance of the NCPC.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Polidoro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose spending $300M on the East Wing Modernization Project.

The work appears to have moved forward without the proper authorization, permits, or even a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance. Calling this modernization does not match what is happening. What we see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.”

I am requesting that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible. No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is

expected to follow the rules.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
John

John Polidoro
Cupertino, CA 95014
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Strawn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so- called East Wing Modernization Project. This project is not modernization, it is destruction without appropriate approval, design, or permission.
The White House belongs to the people of the United States. The President, First Family and Staff are guests and employees of the people of this country. Any changes must be approved by the Historic Trust and the representatives of the people of the United States.
Any person, company or entity who has changed, razed, and destroyed any part of the People's House must be charged and prosecuted within the full extent of our law and must rebuild and restore the East Wing of the People's House to its' original state, as approved by the Historic Trust.
Laurie Strawn

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Roy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, whether the funding comes from taxpayers or donations from those seeking favor. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Sakamoto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the president's cost. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Karen Sakamoto

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Stavros
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project stopped this is/vanity project, illegally funded, illegally started without any planning permission or input.
The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and all those responsible for its destruction should be prosecuted and fined

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renée Baribault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kabala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be cancelled immediately. The President should have the understanding that The White House is also the people's house and he has absolutely no right to treat it as his own personal property. I do not want tax payer money going towards anything related to his destruction of the East Wing. He should be forced to rebuild what he tore down to its original state, at HIS own cost!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Melville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cathy Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erika Layko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The administration’s action to raze the East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the People, not to

the current occupant, was done without the appropriate authorization and procedures. There has been no accounting of the historical contents and structures in that part of the building , either. This is an affront to every American citizen. I would like to see this project halted, and the White House restored to its previous form, with all of the historical content included. In addition, I want to see those responsible held accountable for the illegal damage they have caused to the People's property. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Kopstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this hideous plan. Nothing should be bigger than the actual White House! Restore it to it's former glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:39:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamie Eynon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing about the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is supposed to belong to the people of the United States and not to the person currently living in it. I do not support this project but most specifically do not support the way it was done. There is a process and it was not even remotely followed. The project should not be permitted to continue. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:39:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Prato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project. The source of the money is IRRELEVANT. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review or approval. It is NOT a modernization project but a complete demolition of American history. I want this project CANCELLED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is not the personal property of the occupants, and such egregious actions are unlawful and must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:39:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Dean Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Ashbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. This is openly destroying government property as well as American History. There were no plans, committee, or consent for this monstrosity. It is common knowledge that all these funds will not be donated, as the current president is trying to obtain a large part of it by issuing a lawsuit against the government. Our White House, in total, is a well known and respected piece of architecture by people around the world. Its beauty is renowned. Having a hugh, oversized, gaudy ballroom will totally distract and destroy this amazing building. This is the people's building, the president is just maintaining a short live residency. I vote to reconstruct the East Wing in its entirety at the President's expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:39:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Danahy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore to original condition. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Pivonka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't want any funding of the creation of a massive ballroom, but instead any funds should be to restore the East Wing on its original foot print. No documents should be issued to allow any work other than restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was so disgusting! Without proper authorization Trump tore done the East Wing of the Whitehouse for a ballroom for primarily his elites. This project should somehow be stopped though legal means and the Whitehouse restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Maier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it surprising that this project is underway without and hearings or public input. I find it criminal that demolition is completed already. And I find it outrageous that the East Wing was demolished for a ballroom. I want it stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Evelyn Schuette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a travisty. It needs to be built back the way it was with the funds coming from the Trump family only.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Gual
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom. If we have 300 million I would prefer it be used to put back and restore what was taken away.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:37:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS BALLROOM PROJECT. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OVERWHELMINGLY ARE OPPOSED TO IT.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:37:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Obrien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People of this great nation, not Any President. Restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:37:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Schwerer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I came of age under the Kennedy Administration. I had great admiration for both JFK and Jackie, Jackie's respect for the historical importance of the White House was inspriing. I felt like THAT was what every occupant should feel. The White House is OUR house, the People's House. The current occupant is always temporary, they are transients living rent-free in a house OWNED by the PEOPLE of the USA. Respect for it's history is the least we should be able to expect from transient occupants. The destruction of Jackie's Rose

Garden was distressing to me, and many others who loved and admired her.

The East Wing underwent many transformations during it's almost 100 years, it doesn't have the same historical weight as the Main building, but it has formed and shaped it's own history and significance, and there are LAWS on the books about how federal properties are to be maintained, and how any major "construction" or "renovations" are to be reviewed and approved.

The wholesale destruction of the East Wing goes against the laws, the precedents, and the will of the PEOPLE who OWN the property. Modernizing the East Wing might be a worthwhile project, but a BALLROOM that is far outside the guidelines for construction is definitely not an improvement, nor is it needed.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:37:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Bond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is horrifying and appalling that a temporary president took a wrecking ball to the people's house, which is (or should be) held in trust by its occupants. The destruction never should have happened, and the plan for a giant gilded ballroom does not serve the interests of the people of the United States. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before the destruction by contractors who have been extensively vetted as trustworthy to handle the security-related aspects of the building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:37:29 PM
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Name: L Law Broili
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bette Rae Bevan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for seeking input in regard to the chaos created by the current occupant of The Peoples' White House . The West Wing has been demolished before review required by federal law by the NCPC and the

Commission of Fine Arts to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and receive congressional approval. This has not happened; the law has been broken.
Any expansion or additions should respect the historic scale and design of our country's beloved White House. The proposed ballroom is an abomination, gaudy, and disrespects the historic design and scale of our White House. As Commissioners of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, we ask that all means be taken to restore the East Wing.
We appreciate The National Capital Planning Commission for the opportunity to voice our distress for this total disregard of our treasured and historical site. The occupant should be ashamed and should restore the structure forthwith.
Thank you for listening.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:37:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Lynne Frye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300-$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janine Roser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The
White House facilities have sufficed for myriad years without the addition of such a superfluous building project. I vehemently oppose the expenditure of tax payer dollars for this expansion from which few - if any - tax payers will ever benefit.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Steinfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners:

Please halt the East Wing Modernization Project and require this project to be vetted by the mandated approval projects. Setting a precedent of allowing no vetting, procedure, and approval will be disastrous. This project could be a liability for the Commission, Washington DC, and the American public. It is for a

central public building that hosts critical function but also represents critical aspects of our country. The project must meet safety, design, historical design, function, and regulatory criteria—as all other building projects must. Allowing this to bypass approvals is unthinkable and would be a legacy of lawlessness that we cannot afford to allow.

Thank you.
Carol Steinfeld

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Name: Vivienne Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also think the money that will need to be spent accomplishing this needs to come from Trump and his family.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hazel McMillan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this tacky, vulgar man ruin this beautiful, dignified, symbol of our country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Hope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the destruction of the East Wing, which was done without anything close to proper authority or permission.
I am even more opposed to the building of a massive, corporately-financed “ballroom” attached to the PEOPLE’S House.
As this administration has proven itself to be grifting, self-enriching and corrupt beyond anything we’ve ever seen, this project tracks as another pay-for-play for the rich to embed themselves in government for policy considerations and government contracts.
This administration clearly believes it is entitled to brazenly do whatever they want, whenever they want in regards to PUBLIC structures and spaces.

This abuse must stop.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Allex
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Wade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Kraeszig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. Our Executive Branch is not a Monarchy. It is not some entertainment venue. It has no governing application. It's purpose is intended solely for currying favors and promoting more graft.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Noelie Angevine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with my friends, who oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michell Vlahos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern

As a United States citizen am terribly upset at what has happened to the East Wing of the White House. This project was taken on and earnest and without the proper channels followed to keep historical preservation.

This project being funded by large donating individuals creates a partisan heavy lean as well as giving those involved belief they have some sort of say and control in our White House.

I personally feel that it is necessary for the White House administration to be held accountable for the destruction of the property of East wing, as well as and renovations to be taken through all proper channels and funding before moving forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Halin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I first heard about this, it was about the president having a gold-adorned ballroom constructed, which would hold about 900 people. This was supposed to be financed with contributions from very rich donors.

He promised that the White House would not be touched.

Next thing I know, he's having the East Wing ripped down, with no input from anyone.

I was horrified to see the people's National House, our White House, destroyed in this way.

The president doesn't seem to be reined in by anyone. He is acting like a king, a dictator, doing what he wants.

We fought a war to escape from a king's rule! How ironic that we are celebrating America 250, and the president is acting like this, putting his mark on everything.

The East Wing needs to be reconstructed in the same kind of architectural style that it was before this man decided to tear it down.

I don't think we need a fancy, gold-trimmed ballroom om the White House property.

If those who seem to be in favor or having a venue for large gatherings, have it somewhere else in Washington, DC. And our citizens do not need to pay for it.

One last thought - we also do NOT need an arch in Washington, and we do not need Trump's name on any other building anywhere.
An honor like this belongs to someone who deserves it, and he does not.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Novak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom wing of the White House violates the building style and size as is set by the other buildings in the District.

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Name: Betsy Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erik Cullins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am submitting this written objection regarding the proposed East Wing Modernization Project.

I strongly oppose approval of this project for the following reasons, which I believe directly implicate federal interests in the National Capital Region and fall within the Commission's statutory review responsibilities.

1. Inconsistency with Federal Planning Principles and the Comprehensive Plan

The proposed ballroom appears inconsistent with the policies and guiding principles of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. Federal projects within the monumental core and surrounding federal interest areas must demonstrate clear public purpose, fiscal responsibility, and alignment with long-term planning objectives.

A large ceremonial or entertainment-focused structure raises significant concerns regarding:

• Necessity relative to existing federal facilities
• Duplication of function
• Long-term operational and maintenance costs
• Impact on the symbolic and civic character of the area

The Commission has a responsibility to ensure that federal development advances enduring national interests rather than short-term political priorities.

2. Fiscal Responsibility and Stewardship of Public Funds

As a federally reviewed project, this proposal implicates taxpayer resources — whether directly appropriated, indirectly subsidized, or supported through federal land and infrastructure.

The National Capital Region already includes numerous federally owned and federally supported venues capable of hosting official functions and ceremonial events. The justification for constructing a new ballroom facility must therefore be rigorously scrutinized.

In the absence of clear, documented necessity and cost-benefit analysis, the proposal appears to represent an unnecessary expenditure inconsistent with principles of prudent federal stewardship.

3. Procedural and Legal Concerns

There are serious concerns that this project may not have followed the full procedural path required for federal development in the National Capital Region, including but not limited to:

• Adequate NEPA review
• Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act
• Public engagement at the appropriate concept stage
• Transparent cost disclosure and authorization
• Compliance with statutory review sequencing required under the National Capital Planning Act

If these processes have not been fully completed prior to final approval, advancing the project would undermine both legal safeguards and public trust.

The Commission should not approve any action until all required environmental, historic preservation, and statutory reviews are complete and publicly documented.

4. Precedent and Institutional Integrity

NCPC plays a critical role in protecting the long-term planning integrity of the National Capital. Approving a project that appears driven by symbolic or personal legacy considerations, rather than demonstrated federal necessity, risks setting a precedent that weakens planning standards and erodes confidence in federal oversight.

The Commission's mandate is to ensure that development in the capital region reflects national purpose and enduring civic value, not transient political objectives.

Requested Action

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that the Commission:

• Defer action on this proposal until all procedural requirements are fully satisfied.
• Require a detailed public justification of need and fiscal analysis.
• Ensure comprehensive compliance with NEPA and historic preservation laws.
• Consider whether this project meaningfully advances federal interests as required under the National Capital Planning Act.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Sincerely,
Erik Cullins
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitchell Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the ballroom plan is too large in scale. Why not put the ballroom underground and to-scale building above ground? Should NOT move forward as planned.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Milroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

Please do not allow a ballroom to be built adjacent to the White House. In my opinion, the East Wing should never have been torn down in the first place.

Kind regards,
Mary

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Suffel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melina Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bridgette OMALLEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental

assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Drew Letchworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart sunk when the Trump administration tore down the entire East Wing of the White House with absolutely zero authority to do so. I never imagined such an affront on American history and tradition was possible. Please put things back the way you found them and exit the premises ASAP. Thanks for your swift attention to this important matter. \u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Reaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish this abomination of a project to be stopped. I believe that the current administration should be held accountable for the unlawful destruction of the people's property. In addition, I believe that all of the other cheap, gaudy, gold-colored trash that has disgraced the People's House should be removed.

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Name: Beth Jelen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The public was previously assured that this portion of the East Wing would not be altered. The subsequent demolition raises concerns about transparency and the accuracy of information provided to the public. NCPC's oversight is essential to ensure that future decisions are communicated clearly and consistently.

Given the significant needs facing communities across the country, it is important that federal resources be directed toward projects with clear public benefit. I urge NCPC to ensure that any proposed construction at the White House demonstrates a compelling federal purpose and not discretionary expansion.

The proposed structure appears significantly out of scale with the existing East Wing and risks overwhelming the historic character of the White House complex. NCPC's mandate to preserve the dignity, proportion, and architectural coherence of federal landmarks is especially important here.

Thank you for ensuring this project receives the scrutiny it deserves.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:32:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Lerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete rewriting of American history and American heritage. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former architectural design and use cases.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:32:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Falvey Anne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending three hundred million on a ballroom. Rebuild the east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:32:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalind Blinder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the construction of a ballroom to replace the East Eing of the White House. The demolition was done without approval from proper channels. I would like Donald Trump to be assessed for the rebuilding of the East Wing to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:32:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Boudet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, not its temporary occupants nor one man's outsized ego.

You are stewards of this historic treasure. I've sat on the Historic Preservation Board of my city and know the responsibility you have to protect significant structures. There are few structures as important in the

US. The White House represents our nation. It is not garish or ostentatious. It is beautiful and classic and simple. It has a gracious presence and scale. The ballroom is obscene.

The East Wing before it was illegally bulldozed balanced the West Wing. It should be rebuilt EXACTLY as it was. To permit a new ballroom larger than the White House itself reflects nothing but your failure to protect a 250-year legacy in deference to the inflated ego of one narcissist.

It's wrong.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly McTague
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom this may concern,

I never got to visit the East Wing, let alone the White House. As an American, born in the mountains of Pennsylvania fifty-seven years ago I have experienced many Presidents throughout my life. Witnessing the destruction of our history by this administration has been upsetting and heartbreaking.
I am against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Citizens.

Thank you,
Molly McTague

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit my comments as a Registered Architect in the state of Arizona specializing in historic preservation.

1. The East Wing of the White House was demolished in contravention of the laws of the United States, without rational justification, public input, or legislative authorization. Construction of a replacement cannot be allowed to proceed because illegal actions such as these should not be rewarded.

2. The demolition of the 1902(?) East wing represents a material loss to American History. Whatever comes next on this site must respect not only the original White House but also atone for the loss of the East Wing.

3. Preferably, the East Wing should be reconstructed of modern construction and detailing and of a scale that is respectful of the earlier East Wing as well as the remaining main White House and West Wing.

4. The proposed ballroom is radically out of scale to the historic structures remaining on site and projects

much too far in front of the White House facade. The proposed design would irrevocably alter the historic context of the White House.

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Name: Carol Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Merriam-Webster defines the word "ostentatious" as attracting or seeking to attract attention, admiration or envy by gaudiness or unnecessary show. And ostentatious is the word I would use to describe the current plan to modernize the White House and add a ballroom that measures over two acres. The plans I have seen are undignified, garish and out of scale with the rest of the building, a building called "the People's House." I am not in favor of of this action.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary beth polek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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sincerely
mary beth polek dvm, cva

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Kilmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:31:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Townsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose this project in its entirety. It was initiated on the whim of one person without the required study, authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to the rule of law itself.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:31:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Thomason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing without legal authority was criminal in the first place.
That ugly ballroom must be stopped!

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Name: Deirdre Nice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly and unequivocally oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project. It was launched without proper authorization, without the required permits, and without appropriate design review or consultation with the relevant oversight agencies. That is not a minor procedural oversight. iI is a

fundamental violation of the public trust and of the established legal process.

This is being framed as a "modernization," but in reality it amounts to the irreversible destruction of historic American architecture and heritage. The East Wing is not disposable infrastructure; it is part of our national story. To demolish and replace it without lawful approval and transparent review is reckless and unacceptable.
Projects of this magnitude are required to undergo rigorous scrutiny, permitting, and consultation under established federal guidelines, including those of the National Capital Planning Commission. Circumventing these requirements undermines the rule of law and sets a dangerous precedent that powerful interests can ignore statutory obligations.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability or penalty for those who bypassed required approvals would be an affront to every law-abiding American and to the integrity of our democratic institutions.

I call for this project to be immediately halted, fully investigated, and canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design in accordance with all applicable laws, proper permitting, and transparent consultation with the appropriate agencies and the public.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John McEvoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Benesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is so sad that this distructon was done without proper channels for permission and funding, but what's done is done. Now there must be liability and retribution. But will there be?All legal actions must be taken. Money, supposedly donated is not the issue, it's the action taken without following the LAW! But this administration does not believe in our democratic guidelines and this is typical of their actions. It actually is a symbol of what they stand for and continue to practice

Date: 2/17/2026 5:30:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. It has always been the people's house. What has been done to the east wing is vandalism and should never have been allowed to begin with. The arrogance of the current president and his administration to believe that they can do what they want with property that doesn't belong to them is an outrage and an insult to the people of this country. This wanton destruction of our history shows how little this current administration cares about our history and the lack of understanding that the president works for the people and that he took an oath to the constitution to serve the people and not himself makes him truly unfit for this office. The destruction of the east wing is a form of violence against the American people in our vast and honorable traditions. He must be prevented from doing any more damage by building this vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:30:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Gilman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization: I'm flabbergasted that a historical building can be razed on a whim. No proper channels gone through. No proposal submitted. No nothing. The East Wing should be restored to its former self. It has served its purpose well and there is no clear justification for the behemoth that will sit in its place. What is the point of having a historical commission if it can't fulfill its purpose? The White House belongs to the public and this taxpayer opposes how the destruction of the East Wing happened without oversight.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:30:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Janssens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this senseless waste of money and destroying the historical nature of the White House. It is the nation's house, not the Presidents personal residence to do with as he desires.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:30:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Ripke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:30:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: james perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house is a target and in a short time will need to be moved to a more secure location. TOO PUT MONEY INTO A HISTORIC MONUMENT IS NOT NEEDED

Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Lehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of these United States, I was shocked and appalled when Trump destroyed the East Wing and shared plans to build a ballroom of such a size that it will dwarf the People's House! Somebody please stop this affront to our history and to the American people. It's disgusting, and not even needed!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josie Howard-Ruben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House, like the entire White House, belongs to the people of the United States—every citizen who calls the US home. It does not belong to one man or one group of people. Those who see themselves as above the law or above our traditions are mistaken.

The White House stands as a symbol of the USA for the entire world as a model for freedom from a ruler or monarchy—but a home for a people who rule themselves.

It must be restored to its previous grandeur at no cost to the American people. He who destroyed it without

permission should pay to restore it,

And the American people deserve to know the truth about the “bunker” underneath—was that been destroyed as well?

As we move past the rule of one selfish, arrogant, self-dealing stain on our history, we expect restoration of this great monument and symbol of America and restitution for these unapproved changes that went through no formal review or even discussion.

We need to erase the ugliness of recent years and bring back America the Beautiful.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharri Millspaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project scrapped due to the fact the rules that normally govern such projects were ignored, leaving taxpayers with no input. This is not how America should be acting. The proposed new build would be a slap in the face to law-abiding citizens of our country. Please don't allow this travesty to advance, but rather rebuild the East Wing as it was. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Hopper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom that is not needed and that was done without following the proper regulations. I want the wing that was destroyed replaced and returned to it original building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: L Horne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the east I want this project canceled in the Eastwing rebuild and restored to its formal design. This construction was begun without following proper protocol of filing plans or requesting permits. There’s also the question of whether or not the actions of the current administration in tearing down the wing violated federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, by bypassing standard review processes, congressional approval, and public input.

I also oppose the fact that the funds are set supposedly to come from private donors. This is all about

ethics. By allowing these private donors to contribute, you're basically opening the door way for them to have influence over, not only the design and aesthetics but events and policies that take place within those walls. They're basically buying their way into the White House and into preferential treatment.

The current administration is a temporary one and as all administrations that move in and out of the White House, their plans for the White House should be to improve upon it for future administrations keeping in mind again that this is the house of the people, not their personal residency.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KIRSTEN HAYNES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the tear down of the East Wing and the $300 million budget. I propose to restore American History and the rebuilding to previous design to be approved by the National Trust

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Name: Kimberly Fabri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restored the east wing to the way it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Andershock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300+ million unauthorized destruction of our beautiful East Wing project. The White House belongs to us,the people of this country and we all need permits,designs ,estimates of costs when we do projects on our homes and this admin did none of that. My suggestion is clean up the wreckage and work with the proper channels of our government or postpone until we have an administration in the White House that follows the rule of law as we ALL do. No one is above the law. The National Park Service should call the shots ,period.. The title of this project is also misleading, it's not modernization of the East Wing it's a old fashion ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Gretch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron LiVigni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lonnie Hovey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I greatly oppose the Executive Office of the President's (EOP) East Wing Modernization Project, especially the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. The design and scale are completely at odds with the scale of the historic site, and disregard the Secretary of the Interior's Rehabilitation Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10. Regarding standard 1, the defining characteristics of the East Wing and East Colonnade were destroyed and a maximum change was made to the historic character of the White House and the environment of the White House Grounds. Regarding standard 2, the historic character was not retained and preserved. Removal of historic features and spaces were not avoided. Regarding standard 3, the East Wing and East Colonnade were not retained as a physical record of its time, place and use. Regarding standard 4, the historic significance of the East Wing and East Colonnade were not retained and preserved. Regarding standard 5, the historic features, finishes and craftsmanship of spaces within the East Wing and East Colonnade were not retained for repair/rehabilitation or preservation. Regarding standard 6, the East Wing and East Colonnade were not in deteriorated condition that necessitated their complete demolition. Regarding standard 9, the proposed new construction has destroyed historic materials and spaces that characterize the property. Regarding standard 10, the proposed addition overwhelms the historic scale of the White House, and the demolition

of the East Wing and East Colonnade has destroyed the essential form and integrity of the historic property and the environment of the White House grounds. The destruction of the East Wing and the East Colonnade were done without CFA and NCPC oversight and an example needs to be made that the EOP is not above the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Culkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Giroux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to recommend the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt to its previous grandeur. It was destroyed without the proper approvals and the current inhabitants of the White House are not above the law and procedures required of any other American citizen. Furthermore, the person resoonsible for this unauthorized demolition of US property should be made to pay to restore the property to its previous condition. This should not be a burden to the US Taxpayers.

If the President needs a ballroom for meetings with foreign dignitaries he can please find an alternative location for said ballroom.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Cynthia Giroux

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Name: ariane david
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. This is not the best use of the money (wherever the money came from)?
2. This is not the image we should project the the rest of the world. It looks way too much like the ballroom of a palace rather than the meeting place for democratic people, even dignitaries. Reinforcing the fear that

the president wants to be king. Not that he does, just that this reinforces that fear people have.
3. This design is much too elaborate and glitzy.
4. BAD idea. Design needs much more discussion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loni Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelby Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And since this was an unauthorized demolition, I think the people should sue Donald Trump for the cost of rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Weigel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to this project for the following reasons:

-It has already destroyed a historic portion of the White House, i.e., the PEOPLE'S house, without notice and without the public being allowed any chance to weigh in.
-Was there damage done to the existing underground infrastructure, some of which was used during the

9/11 attacks, and has been meant to keep White House personnel safe & able to work during emergencies? The public certainly hasn't been informed of it and any damage to those spaces is going to be very expensive and delicate to fix.
-Although it is true that other presidents have made significant changes to the White House over the years, I believe it was always with an eye toward maintaining the historical integrity of the building without the absolute disregard shown by the current occupants of the White House for the laws regarding historic buildings, especially THIS historic building.
-My biggest problem with the project is the use of private funding, which reporting so far seems to indicate is all coming from parties with an interest in seeking favors from the current administration. This is a conflict of interest, plain and simple, right out in the open. I might not be any happier if taxpayer funds were being used but at least there is a history of past presidents (or their wives) redecorating and making improvements. I'm old enough to remember Jackie Kennedy's famous rose garden being an addition of which most people approved (which has now been sadly bulldozed and paved over now).
-The American public did not ask for and does not want a gigantic ballroom that dwarfs the White House, to which the public will have little to no access, as a monument to the current White House occupant's fragile ego, especially if it doesn't remotely fit the architecture of the existing building. The demolition of the East Wing (have those contractors been paid yet?) made me sad and heartbroken for the entire country. It seemed to symbolize something more spiritual being destroyed in the country, which will not be rebuilt with a giant ballroom.
-When the ballroom is not in use (which will be most of the time because, let's face it, how often will it truly be needed?), will it just be wasted space? Will it serve any other purpose? If not, it will just be an enormous waste of money (except for the aforementioned conflicts of interest/favors).

The administration may now be seeking National Capital Planning Commission approval but I cannot approve this project myself as the peoples' representatives, i.e., Congress, have had no say in this. Congressional authorization is required by federal law and they have not given that authorization. Maybe they would, maybe they wouldn't, but the administration needs to ask them.

The only vote I have appears to be via this comment. I vote NO.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer and a citizen, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly French
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Tooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LaVonne Neff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to rewrite American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who initiated this project should be severely penalized. No one is above the law!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:59:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalyn Jonas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. The razing of the East Wing was done on the president's whim, without following accepted practices. His residency is only temporary, and as a long-time Washingtonian who has visited the White House on many occasions, I strenuously object to his complete disregard for the history of the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Norwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree that the nation needs a Ballroom Addition to the White House. Please do not allow the ballroom addition to be allowed to move forward.

Please do allow the East Wing to be added back to the White House and modernized as needed.

We do not need a ballroom on the same grounds as the White House..

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Granowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the desecration of the Eastwing of the White House. The current administration should be forced to put the east wing back and it's original form. And Trump should be required to pay for it out of his private funds.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:54:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Finer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this project. The unlawful destruction of the east wing is deplorable and trump needs to be held accountable. He must be forced to rebuild exactly what was destroyed. No leniency.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plans as currently shared with the public, and encourage a redesign more in keeping with the current historic structures. The new East Wing should be a monument that respects our history, not a monument to Donald Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Cochrane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with the proposed construction of the East Wing Ballroom. The White House is an important institution belonging to The People. Its very history is a bedrock of our country and founding fathers. While updates and renovations are always needed the scope of this work significantly changes the footprint and design of this historical building. It is my firm belief that the construction of this addition, along with the devastating demolition of the East Wing without going through the National Historical Society and other agencies charged with preserving important historical monuments and places shows a complete disregard for the history of our country. I believe any and all changes and/or additions must go through a complete, bipartisan review. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Nabors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled to hear about bulldozers destroying the historic East Wing of the White House without any concern about historical significance of the structure. If someone wants to modify the existing structure and build a large ballroom, that is OK if proper channels are followed and the project is well-planned to augment and not destroy a national treasure. I was able to tour the White House several years ago and was impressed by the history and beauty and cultural significance. Frankly I do not see much difference between the Jan 6 rioters who destroyed parts of the Capitol and the bulldozers here that knocked down functional and cultural structure. The East Wing had offices of the First Ladies who are often unsung contributors to our country. I am also appalled that Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden has been altered beyond recognition. Please protect our national treasures with careful preservation and repair so that they remain useful and enjoyable by the American people. Thanks

Date: 2/17/2026 5:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Jennings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, which was illegally begun and continues to proceed against the law. It is an obscene, offensive attack on our nation's architectural history and legacy. The American citizens don't want bootlicking billionaires helping Trump stroke his swollen ego by building a Trump ballroom, which will surely be huge, glitzy, and gross. I also oppose any attempt by this administration to change the West Wing because this administration cannot be trusted to follow the law or respect the nation's legacy. Restore the East Wing to what it was before! We don't want wannabe dictators building obscene monuments to themselves with the help of rich lackeys who expect big payoffs for their bribery!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Patterrson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to suit the whim of a President totally out of touch with what the people want. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I sincerely question whether Trump billionaires are truly putting up the funding for this ridiculous and unnecessary project, but if the funds are there, they should be used to put the People's house back to its original state

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenna Marsee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Laura Dlugacz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hate the fact that he just tore down the East Wing without permission or consultation of the Historic Commission. He should have to rebuild using personal funds as the only financing.the projected appearance

of his proposed building destroys the appearance of the White Huse---OUR house, not HIS

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Name: Jason Stellmacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was an illegal razing of the people's house. Those responsible need to be held to account. As one of this nations people, please do not let this monstrosity of a ballroom be completed. Any true improvement or modernization should reflect the history and values of the nation as a whole, not be based on the whims of a felonious transient.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANE HARRINGTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Gerritsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly, passionately oppose the spending of $300 million (or ANY amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this abominable project canceled, and to have the East Wing REBUILT AND RESTORED to its former design. President (wannabe King) Trump is out of line and must be held accountable. He is doing this project purely for his own narcissistic gratification, NOT for the American people. He must be stopped and held accountable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Blazevich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 ($400?) Million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This behavior cannot be tolerated. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to boost one person's ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:26:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Funk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello

Since the White House East wing was destroyed without the proper approval process by the Trump administration, it is my request that the east wing be restored to the condition it was in prior to its destruction. Also, taxpayer funds should not be used to restore it. Trump should be required to use own personal funds to restore it. In addition, since Trump broke the rules/laws of getting the proper approval processes from Congress and the White House Historical Preservation Society, he should be charged with the appropriate related crimes. No one is above the law even the President. He should set a good example to the public. Whatever the punishment and fines would be to a private citizen had someone destroyed the White House, those should apply to Trump.
Thank you
Terri Funk

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which will likely cost over $300 million.

The beautiful East Wing was demolished without proper authorization, permits or design review.

This project should be cancelled.

The American people deserve the rebuilding of the historical East Wing
and they have the right to be involved in saying how or when the PEOPLES HOUSE should be altered.

I am heartbroken to see such disregard for our shared history and historical buildings.

Sincerely,

Christine Miller

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Hulme
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Mccorkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A total disaster

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Hancock-Cooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the wing shoild sit in its current state until prosecution of its destruction is completed. Then we should run a contest, like for the Vietnam Memorial, for it's new design.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Shafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

May our voices be heard and our house preserved!
A concerned citizen of the USA,

Tiffany shafer

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of ANYONE'S dollars on this obvious and completely unnecessary vanity project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or even design review. Calling it a modernization project is patently absurd, as is the absolute monstrosity Trump proposes to build where the

magnificent, historic East Wing once stood. This entire "modernization" project is actually just another line item in Trump's narcissistic agenda, and HE DOESN'T OWN THE WHITE HOUSE! He is a TENANT whose landlords are the American people, and he has no right to obliterate any part of the White House without permission in advance. He not only ignored the law when he tore down the East Wing but also erased part of American history, for no reason except to impose his own hideous sense of style upon THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. He's already done too many other appalling things to it! Need I mention the absolute abomination he created of the White House portrait gallery? The Lincoln bathroom? The OVAL OFFICE? No. It cannot stand. I want this asinine ballroom project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory, and the entire project team -- including Trump -- held FULLY accountable for disregarding rules and regulations pertaining to alterations of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. The destruction of the East Wing is an egregious affront, as is the eyesore he plans to erect in its place. Allowing this egomaniacal project to move forward and failing to penalize everyone involved is unforgivable. Please punish Trump and whoever else is involved, and do everything possible to restore the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Adler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a desecration of the People’s House, undertaken without proper review and approvals.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Longfellow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this illegal project and do not want my tax dollars to be used in this illegal way. Proper procedures were not followed and a valuable part of our history has been lost. This is the People’s House, not President Trump’s private property to do with as he pleases. It’s illegal, it’s a disfiguration of a national monument and should not be allowed to continue. Restore as best as can be done. Stop this his illegal action!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gawel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled this project has gotten as far as it has considering no one asked for any approval or submitted anything to the proper groups for approval and in the meantime destroyed the East Wing of the White House! I want it returned to its original state and then permission requested which I want denied for changing anything on the White House without proper approval.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Berman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project at all, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing all those involved who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This IS SO WRONG.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Branda Ely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: CYNTHIA JORGENSEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:05:10 PM
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Name: Linda Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robin Moller
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Name: Nancy Lydon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project. It is moving forward without proper authorization, permits and design review. This is The People's House and we should have a voice in stopping this destruction and having our history restored by bringing it back to its former glory.

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Name: Janet Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly feel that the president's ballroom project should NOT move forward. The East Wing of the people's house should be restored to its original architecture and design. This building was razed without the proper authorization and permits. I believe the president razed this building and part of American history unlawfully.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Bucciarelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree with the destruction of the White House. Any changes should be through proper channels and should reflect the historical architecture of the White House!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:06:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Tarbox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is heartbreaking.
Trump should pay to rebuild it! We don’t need a large tacky ballroom!

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Name: Glenn Muske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Joy Burick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was done without the proper consent.
How dare he tear it down to begin with!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:25:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leonard Van Luyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I must express my unequivocal opposition to any proposal that seeks to convert the White House East Wing into a so\u8209 -called “Trump ballroom.” The White House is a national symbol that embodies the principles of democracy, history, and collective identity. It stands as the people’s house, not a venue for personal glorification or partisan display. Any attempt to repurpose its historic and functional space for self\u8209 -aggrandizement would constitute a profound breach of public trust and a disservice to the dignity of the presidency and the nation it serves.

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Name: Adelaide Liedtke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don’t allow the People’s House to be defaced or destroyed in any way.
It does not belong to any one President. It belongs to the American people. Make do with what you have.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisa Cimons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This says it best and reflects my views on the subject. What was done to this historical building disgusts me. I grew up in New York and this has always been this family's MO. (Look up Coney Islands Steeplechase building destruction) Don't let them get away with it this time.

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Name: Barbara Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to construction of a grand ballroom. As a US citizen it is abhorrent to me that we had no voice in the demolition of the east wing. The only reasonable solution to this horrible mess is the reconstruction of the east wing as close to its pre demolition state as possible using modern construction practices and materials.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:16:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
As a generational US citizen (Colonial Dames), proud daughter of a Battle of the Bulge survivor and a US Army Nurse taking care of the Normandy soldiers in England, I believe I have a right to say the White House

belongs to the People, including me. As it is my house I am livid and appalled that someone came in and the East Wing of the White House down without over site or planning, Was there a building permit? An architecture design? A historical design committee to salvage the historical value of the demolished building, as well as the existing building? Was it confirmed the integrity of the existing building would be considered before the demolition? Was there a hazardous waste committee? So many more committees were not part of this decision.
If it had been my personal home and someone came in, demolished part of it without any of the above... I would fire him, I would hire a lawyer to sue such person to put the building back as much as possible with him/her paying for it. I believe this was not the American citizens decision, it should be put back as close as possible and we, the US citizens, should not pay for it.
If you have any questions please contact me.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Watson

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy L Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart skipped a beat and I felt sick when -- suddenly and with no planning -- the East Wing of The White House, the People's House, was demolished. There is a reason and purpose for rules, reviews, discussions, and transparency about Federal buildings, monuments, properties, buildings, etc. This is an "ego project," and an opportunity for the President to enrich himself & family, and allow "buying" federal favor and opportunities by allowing private individuals and companies WHO WILL BE UNDER REVIEW BY MEMBERS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES, to buy-in to things that regular Americans cannot. This cannot be allowed to go forward. If you have nothing to hide, hide nothing. Where is the oversight, the design reviews, the permitting, and the APPROVAL for simply ordering in bulldozers and destroying so much that is a part of the history of this country. This president is not a King and The White House is not his castle. It is a historical building that holds tremendous meaning to the American people. I will continue with this: PRECEDENT. You can be sure that if this is allowed to proceed, there are other politicians with enormous egos who can come up with grandiose ideas about how they want to be remembered. PLEASE PUT AN IMMEDIATE STOP TO THE WHITE HOUSE, and have it restored to its original state. I do not want to live in a country where Billionaires buy favor for their desires and the rest of us go without.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, whether the funds are donated for it or from any other source. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In addition, there were no environmental considerations for the people, homes and offices in the immediate area of the potential for asbestos or lead paint residues released as the East Wing was demolished. The project has completely razed our shared American History with no chance of our elected representatives to

have a say on behalf of the American people. I demand that this project be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt (using any funds donated for the ballroom construction, NOT tax payer money), and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the very foundation of our republic.

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Name: Peg Evans Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The cost of the East Wing remodeling / ballroom project does not align with cost cutting measures we have seen in other public sectors of government. I suspect that the "donors" supposedly paying for this will not , in the end , be billed. There is talk of an unground security bunker and intelligence center that has not been fully disclosed or explained to congression or the voting public .
Trump's construction project did not go through proper channels for approval or include this war bunker. The White House is or was a "national monument" owned by the people of the USA. When will the land and buildings authority address this radical usurping of power and take control by halting this building project? There have been no funds budgeted for maintenance of thus huge unapproved project for when it is completed.
Do not ignore voters! We are watching this unruly behavior! Especially the people have had government job lay offs, and those experiencing cuts in medical care and SNAP program.
Elections are coming up again soon!!! BEWARE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If the East Wing Modernization Project includes the huge ballroom, that is the project I wish to comment on. I am so sorry that the East Wing is gone and I am opposed to a ballroom that is bigger than the White House. Unless the East Wing can be replaced, I guess we are going to get a ballroom but it needs to be of a scale that blends with what is left of the White House. The National Capital Planning Commission is much more suited to determine the appropriate size of a ballroom addition than I am. I will respect your decision. Additionally, is there any chance you can convince the President that the Arc de Trump, should not overpower all the beautiful monuments and memorials that we have come to love in DC. Bigger is not always better. Thank you for "listening". Linda Hinson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Diedo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

I actually oppose spending another penny!

This abomination was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a travesty. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of U.S. history and the design looks more like a brothel than a staid government building that serves ALL the American people. I want this project condemned and the East Wing rebuilt and restored ALONG with the pre-existing ROSE garden. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those responsible to the full extent of the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This was a lawless act. The person who ordered it, should be arrested and held until the East Wing is restored and until that person pays the entire bill for the rebuild.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Rothfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dennis Rodano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly support the modernization of the East Wing of the White House. This investment represents a thoughtful and necessary upgrade that will improve functionality, safety and long-term sustainability. Modernizing the East Wing ensure the facility can better serve current and future needs while respecting the importance of maintaining high standards for accessibility and efficiency. Projects like this demonstrate responsible planning and a commitment to strengthening our infrastructure. I encourage the approval and timely advancement of this modernization effort.

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Name: Christopher Humberson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose anything the size of the proposed east Wing ballroom structure, that will dwarf the existing mansion. Construction of any replacement must be of a proportional size and design and be multi-use, instead of the proposed ' Hall of Audiences" that appears in autocracies and oligarchies.

As a taxpayer subsidizing this construction with my taxes, I demand that this project be keep conservative and with costs reduced to the American people, not an endless budget of bigger and bigger dollars that are unnecessary. If I have to cut my budget to pay for basic utilities and food and rent, why should the government be any different.

With respect,

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:27 PM
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Name: Michael Vanlandingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very opposed to this action which not only destroyed a historical monument belonging to the people but this action was no approved by anyone, permits were not filed, historic preservation was not implemented nor was the proper channels,through Congress, followed. This is a vanity project, not a modernization. The proposed ballroom will overshadow the mansion. This is just a travesty on many fronts. Please vote to stop the Ballroom from being built, the East Wing restored, and any and all penalties be enacted against one Donald J. Trump for engaging in this futile project to start with.

Thank you

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Name: Gerry Pittman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that this illegal action has not been stopped and replaced in full at the expense of the perp aka DJT is beyond unconscionable, it is an absolute travesty. The rest of his tacky mess in the White House can be trashed where it belongs but this historic destruction must be fixed at his cost.

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Name: Ruth Loftis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former employee with US Government, I'm not against renovation and remodeling the Whitehouse but it must be done in the proper way to authorize any changes or additions. The Whitehouse does not belong to any one President or political party. It is the home of our government with rich history. It should always be treated with the utmost respect and its history preserved. The decision to renovate, remodel, or especially to demolish, should not be left to a select few but to be carefully decided upon by the proper branches of our government. What has happened to the east wing is tragic.

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Name: Michael McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This travesty, conducted without regard or respect for the law, needs to be stopped. The East Wing demolition happened outside the legal framework for such projects.

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Name: Akim Aginsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was launched without the necessary authorization, permits, or proper design review. Rather than serving as a modernization effort, it amounts to the wholesale destruction of an important part of American history. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the rule of law and disrespect the many Americans who follow it.

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Name: Peter Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vigorously oppose the spending of any money to further this illicit project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than a "modernization project," it is a monumentally destructive move to turn America's White House into a ridiculous dance hall. This project must be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing project stopped and I want the building restored to what it was before the diseased former playboy in the oval office ordered it demolished. AND I want to know where the $400 M went that was publicly announced as available to his ridiculous notions of a remodel. Because restoring the building to what it was prior to his temper tantrum, MUST NOT COST US TAXPAYERS a thin dime. He did it, He has to pay the cost. And that means restoring the art work that was in there as well as the building itself.

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Name: Casey Lannette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider that every President that has come before would have never disrespected the history and the sacredness of this building. It has housed not just a President but the dreams of every American. It deserves the respect and honor of all the people that have come before and that will come after. It's not meant to be a ballroom bunker it's meant to show the people that dreams are achieved in the home of the brave and hopefully the continuing as the land of the free.

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Name: Denise DeVault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Joseph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on What is being called a "modernization" of the East Wing. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Thank you.
John McDevitt

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Name: Rebecca Mahlburg
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Name: Priscilla Lytle
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Name: STACY CANTRELL
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Name: Robert Lohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe Donald Trump needs to restore the East Wing to it's original condition before he destroyed the building. He did this illegally and in keeping with existing laws and traditions, I believe Donald Trump needs to make the American people "whole" again. He can only do this by restoring the structure to it's original condition before he destroyed it. This means every window, every door, every painting, every light fixture needs to be restored.

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Name: Stephanie Sauve
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Name: Valerie Myers
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Name: Barbara Mah
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Name: Kati McFerrin
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Name: Cheryl Pahl
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Name: Mary Boucher
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Name: Patricia Evers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Harsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when I saw the demolition of the East Wing. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jen Wilde McMurtrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former chairman of the Yakima historic preservation committee I can with experience say that NONE of this should ever have happened. Now that the building has been destroyed and demolished….there is no way that the footprint should be larger than the White House. Stop the insanity

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing to its former state. The demolition was done without proper approval and permitting. The proper federal, congressional, and public review processes should have been completed prior to the demolition.

Concerned citizen.

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Name: Betty Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joanne Brewe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be halted and the East Wing restored to its historically proper status. This is the people's house and is not this president's property to be destroyed and rebuilt to assuage his ego.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:23:54 PM
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Name: Leslie Heithoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to firmly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal park land in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts, creating an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I am urging the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Cathy Cooksley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the destruction of the East Wing, and I do not want a ballroom built in its ashes. As a country I believe we can use the space for something less grand and more beneficial to the American people!

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Name: adele seaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, iI was not done legally with appropriate approval by the necessary officials. No further action must be taken until the plan is submitted and approved.

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Name: Jacqueline Stein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:16:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and the use of any taxpayer money. This project did not go through the proper approval process and a national house built by the people for the people has been ruined. Send Trump the bill.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Peloquin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that President Trump should be held financially responsible for the restoration of the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their original specifications.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Avallone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be canceled. This project was illegally started and is just an ego project. Restore the wing to its prior state and maintain its integrity.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JEFFREY MAASCH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing to its former state. Cancel the ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:23:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen McKiernan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. No one should be able to change the structure without proper comment and review. I am horrified at the changes both inside and outside of the White House -- the People's House.
All work should be stopped except as required to ensure the safety and stability of what remains of the building. Purchasing access to the current occupant through donations is disgusting and should be illegal.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:23:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Tyler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a “modernization” project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There is no need for a gaudy, tacky ballroom, in the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:23:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Medellin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I request that work be stopped immediately on the East Wing Project. This project was begun illegally, without the proper permits and approvals. Work should cease and the East Wing should be restored to its historic beauty as soon as possible. The bulldozing of the People's House was a travesty for our nation. Please amend this wrong.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:23:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe that the East Wing was demolished before appropriate approval. I think that a heavy fine should be levied and that the East Wing should be replaced as it was at the expense of those approving its demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:22:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Novak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing for the addition of a ballroom that the White House doesn't need. This project was undertaken with no permits, no public comment, no consultation with the proper authorities on historic preservation of the people's house. Please halt this project, and reconstruct the East Wing to its previous glory. The current president is a temporary resident, a tenant. He's not a king. Stop allowing him to act like one!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:22:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandi McCombs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Looking at the design boards for this project, the proposed addition looks like a monstrosity. The size and

scope are much larger than what is necessary. The addition looks like it will dwarf the White House, which sends the message that lavish events and showmanship are the main purposes of the entire compound. I believe the in history of the White House, not included in the attached documents, the forefathers agreed that the nation's leader would not live in a palace like a king.

From a birds-eye view, I do not like that the proposed building cuts the edge off the ellipse shape/design in the yard that is repeated throughout so many spaces nearby (not 'The Ellipse' but the oval or semi-circle shape itself).

I am also concerned with the interior design aspects, considering the changes the current tenant has undertaken in the White House. Will each future President be allowed to redecorate according to his or her own tastes, with the cost borne by taxpayers? Or will it be labeled "The Trump Ballroom" in perpetuity and no changes to be made ever? As a middle class taxpayer who will never attend an event here, I feel the entire project is a pompous monument to excess and classism (as opposed to classicism).

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:22:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Godwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was never a commission appointed to oversee this project. Trump took it upon himself to fund it and oversee it. He is not an expert on designing, overseeing it, contracting the right people, managing, and doing the accounting. Look at all his business failures. This is a governmental issue and should be handled by those in charge and experienced. The people of the US will not be able to use this ballroom. It is only planned for the elite millionaires and billionaires. Bring back the East Wing as it was and make it for the American people as it was before. It's tax payer money paying for it and it should be the taxpayers who enjoy it.
There are already many venues where a ballroom party can be held. Utilize those that exist. Our White House is not a place for lavish parties. Trump can have those at his place in Florida and New York. The White House is a place for business and diplomacy. It's also a disgrace to have built it so big. The overall design was an assault to the senses. Thank you for tearing it down.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:22:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Botkin Carpenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the White House East Wing to build a ballroom should never have happened by the whims of one man. These types of decisions should be made by Congress with input and review from the National Capital Planning Commission and the White House Historical Association.

This $300M-$400M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting president and this creates the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust. There should be a disclosure of these "private"donors.

The White House is the People's House, not Trump's personal property, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:22:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa T
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a disgusting affront to the White House and the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
I shed tears on the day I saw the East Wing being demolished. To see the “People’s House” destroyed in this manner was heartbreaking.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,
Angela Dunn, concerned citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Hood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I am appalled at the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This

was done without permits, planning, or care to preserve the contents. It now sits as a ruin with a proposal to build a massive ballroom intended to feed the ego of the current WH occupant rather than to represent and serve the greater interests of the nation. This is supposed to be the People's house, not the private property of the current administration. The only remedy is to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its previous grandeur.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Lucio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please see my comments for the 02/19/2026 meeting on the East Wing Modernization Project and ballroom addition.

As a community activist for preservation of our historical places, I am against this project primarily due to its erasure of American history and our significant buildings.

Additionally, I am against this project due to the absence of required federal approvals, potential asbestos risks, and the massive, 90,000-square-foot scale of the new, privately funded ballroom.

Destruction of Historic Fabric: The project demolished the 1902 East Wing, including its colonnade, which was first established on the site by Thomas Jefferson. This erases a significant part of American history, with historians describing the demolition as a "wrecking ball to tradition".

Lack of Public and Federal Review: The project moved forward without approval from Congress, the Commission of Fine Arts, or the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), violating standard procedures for major federal renovations.

Ethical and Funding Concerns: Although privately funded by "patriot donors," the lack of disclosure regarding donors—including potential interests from the crypto and tobacco industries—has raised significant ethical questions about buying access to the administration.

Disproportionate Scale and Design: The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom is vastly larger than the current, much more modest, 200-person capacity East Room. The new structure is too large, gaudy, and not in keeping with the historical aesthetic of the White House.

Environmental and Safety Risks: The demolition of the 1942 structure was conducted without typical environmental reviews, raising concerns about asbestos exposure to workers and the surrounding area.

Circumventing Oversight: The administration was sued by top historic preservation groups, who emphasized the project bypassed legal, environmental, and architectural review processes.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Frizler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted by what Trump did to the East Wing without asking for any approval. He is single handedly destroying our National Monuments and institutions by tearing down and renaming them at will. He is treating the White House as his personal property. Not only was he happy to turn the Oval Office into a gaudy, tasteless room but he decided that the ballroom wasn't big enough for his giant ego. Everything has to be "bigger and better". I want the East Wing returned to its original glory and I want Trump to have to pay to restore it to its original condition. He's already destroyed the Rose garden and turned it into an ugly patio with tacky tables and chairs. He's saying he's going to remodel the KENNEDY center. Wants to build a 250 foot arch. When is it enough?? When is he going to be held accountable for his actions??? He did not consider the historical value of the East Wing. He took it upon himself to destroy without asking for permission. What more will he be allowed to do?? Please, stop him from turning Washington DC into an ugly version of Mar a Lago or his other tacky hotels and properties!!!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Chapin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cristina Post
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is The People's House, not Trump's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Hayne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was indicated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To tear down part of our history with no oversight or permission, is disgusting. The White House belongs to the people and Presidents get to temporarily live there. The people were not given a voice in this decision. Let's stop pretending that this is acceptable. Renovations are always needed, but demolitions are not. Rebuild the East Wing and build a ballroom somewhere else.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Wen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people, not its current occupant. The President is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional

oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to restore the East Wing to its original design, prior to demolition. Anything constructed or remodeled after the original East Wing is restored must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion and only after going through the approved process with signoff and oversight. Do not allow those who desecrated our People's House to get away without consequences to its lawless destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catharine Allenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please please please stop the destruction of our country's house. I oppose the spending of anyone's money to create an unneeded ballroom. Put what was there back exactly like it was and use President Trump's personal money to accomplish that.
Thank you,
CJ Allenson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Schock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather the entire wing was simply torn down, resulting in a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Slivka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I regret it is too late for a comprehensive master plan to modernize the East Wing. Therefore, I beg you to do the best you are able to ensure we crawl from the wreckage and build a new East Wing that honors the scale and design of the original structure of the original structure.

"The People's House" is not a King's Castle, and does not need a massive ballroom. A design that reflects and respects the historical significance of the White House is warranted.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neena Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House is horrific! Isn't there a process that must be followed before bulldozers are activated?Where is the money coming from to pay for this? Who approved it? Our country is facing problems at every front… high cost of living, Epstein Files, Immigration, alienation of long standing world powers, corruption at all levels of government. A great percentage of Americans are WEARY and FEARFUL of where this administration is going, with no regard for the law, the constitution, and the stability that was once the HALLMARK of our nation. The destruction of the EAST WING is symbolic of the chaos we are now living in. PLEASE…. Put it back the way it was, respect this nation's history and the will of the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Scholl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project as proper channels and plans were not reviewed or approved by the planning commission.
I want the East Wing restored to its original status. And not the monstrous plan by the current administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Lay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the methods undertaken to build a ballroom at the White House. From razing the East Wing without approval or a formalized plan, to designing a structure that will dwarf the White House, there appears to be an attitude of reckless abandon toward this national treasure.

I do not disagree that perhaps there needs to be a larger gathering space for White House events. However, it requires sensitive planning and creative solutions that are not currently taking place. There is a process for this type of architectural endeavor, and the current administration is not immune to the requirements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Anara Guard's comments:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens"

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Engler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by what's happened to the East Wing. The eyesore alone is bad enough, but given that it was done without authorization or a firm plan is mind boggling. It's literally destroying history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christene Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It should immediately be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marissa Candelore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Fellow Americans,
I vehemently oppose spending $300 million on this unnecessary vanity project, which was unlawfully initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the sole expense of the individual responsible for this debacle: Donald Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Respectfully,
Marissa N Candelore
Captain, US Army (Ret)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Bingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the ball room project canceled. I feel strongly that the East Wing of the White House was dismantled with out the permission of the public and by those who regulate the alterations of any public or private buildings in the Capital area.
I also feel that President Trump expedited this project illegally and that the East wing must be reconstituted as it was. It is a piece of our history.
Please act on this as soon as you can.
Thank you. James C Bingham

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Smithhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump’s ballroom is a national embarrassment. Our democracy has never needed grandiose spaces such as that. We still don’t!!!! We have a government for the people…..not for gilded showiness!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ingrid Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this project. It was started without any oversight and should immediately be halted. It disgusts me what has been done to our White House!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl OConnor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Bitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aileen McInnis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
In regards to the East Wing Modernization Project-- a project that is illegal and is being pushed through by a president who has no consideration or appreciation of our Nation's tradition or history-- I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Aileen McInnis
Anchorage, Alaska

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Gubbels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project, which appears to have proceeded without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort but a full demolition of an important piece of American history. I strongly urge that the project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to continue without accountability for those who violated established procedures would be a disservice to all law\u8209 -abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Haskett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the precipitous changes being wreaked upon the White House. This is the PEOPLE'S house, not the President's. Bypassing a more considered and traditional planning process simply because a cabal of rich people are willing fund it is disgusting.

This is not simply changing the wallpaper. Aside from being a functioning office and residence, the White House also exists as a metonymic symbol of the presidency. To have such violence done to it was appalling, and to let it simply continue unchecked would be worse.

Open the process to review, require Congressional approval of spending (regardless of where the funds originate) and go forward SLOWLY.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Sheehy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

HELLO, PLEASE RETURN THE EAST WING TO IT'S ORIGINAL STATE. THE WHITE HOUSE IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since no authorization was given, or requested prior to the destruction of the East Wing, all work should be stopped permanently until such permits and authorizations are approved by the Historical Preservation Commission. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to reflect the wing as it was before demolition. The interior can be modified to include an area for state functions for dinners, and an appropriately sized ballroom. There is no need for a “football field “ size ballroom dripping with excessive gold like moldings everywhere you look. If there is a need for a new bunker, I’m sure that could be updated also, with the correct permits and authorizations. Also President Trump should pay for the repairs with the monies he “says” he has been donated to build his mega structure. I was and still am very upset with what he has done to the White House. I also would like the historic society to look at the tacky hotel renovations he’s done to some to the bathrooms, and other areas of White House. They are not appropriate in keeping with the time period the White House was built.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Terwilliger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea that the East Wing was destroyed without any notice is appalling. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and purely to serve the giant ego of our current president. Whoever allowed this to happen in the first place should be ashamed of their complicity and frankly investigated for breaking the law. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - not a giant gilded ballroom. I am a tax-paying citizen and do not approve of one cent of my hard-earned money to go toward this project. The cancellation and rebuilding to historical footprint (with modern building techniques) should be paid for by Trump and his cronies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I would just like to say I feel it's important to keep the renovation as close to the architectural style of the original building as possible but take into account for additional ballroom/ meeting space needed to host and entertain large groups of guests. The White House deserves to be upgraded and brought up to current code but without all the glitz and gilt that the president is no doubt proposing. Make the room fit in the style of the rest of the WH but tasteful and representative of the glamour bestowed upon the occupants and guests.
The exterior should also reflect the same building style and perhaps add back in a rose or flower garden patio area for outdoor seating. Consider including large NanaWall folding glass wall to open out onto an exterior space for use when the weather allows outdoor entertainment and dining.
In addition I hope there is consideration to rebuild the east colonnade (or something similar) to provide office and gathering space for guests and First Ladies and redecorate using much of the original art and decor that was removed for demo.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: David Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the president tore down the East Wing to build a ballroom…a monument to himself. Not only am I opposed to a ballroom, I believe the president should have to rebuild the East Wing and pay for it himself. Destroying the history of the White House, our house, was a crime and he should be punished.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Ketcherside
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's unbelievable how this can even happen. What is wrong with our government? We're denying Healthcare and food, killing our citizens in the street but we can afford something like this? I don't know how we can even celebrate 250 years of our country when we are destroying such a symbol of our freedoms.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Weeks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Birch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Panel Committee

I oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. THIS WAS DONE ILLEGALLY and those responsible must pay to restore it!

Thank you.
God Bless America

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Cochran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Olivia Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To all concerned:

Please cancel this project for a ballroom, and restore as much of the East Wing as it was at any given time prior to 2016 as you have the plans and money to accomplish. Its destruction was a travesty to the citizens of the United States, and I never want a ballroom at that site.

Thank you very much.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Wilsher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vociferously object to the spending of $300 million on this project, (or spending any money whatsoever on this unauthorized addition to the people's house), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:16:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In the words of Anara Guard (who gave permission for us to use her words)...

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:16:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Cotrupi
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

This angers me almost more than he's done!! Who the hell does he think he is demolishing a huge piece of our history without going through proper channels! Along with scrubbing black history from our national museums!! You do not get to make these decisions based on your own opinions and ideals Mr. Trump! This OUR country not YOURS!!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:06:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the horror. We do not need a grand ballroom attached to The White House. This is ridiculous. There are plenty of available venues in the D,C. area for state dinners and events. Please restore the East Wing of the White House in keeping with the historical significance of the building. While you're at it, please remove all the gaudy, tasteless gold parafanalia that has been installed by the current administration to the rooms in The White House, the head of which has a complete lack of taste and has shown a complete disregard for American history.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:11:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Futtersak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed White House project. The East Wing was demolished without approval from any historian or architect. We do not need to modify the White House to create a ballroom. Sadly, the damage to the People's house cannot be undone. At this point a well researched and historically driven replica should be considered. There should be non-partisan committees formed to find a solution to this sad and unfortunate problem. Please do not allow a gold ballroom to take the place of the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:05:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Brignull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:06:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Andersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We may need more ballroom space, however it needs to be approved by the National Park service who, I believe, have jurisdiction. It also should have a definite plan and approved budget. It should not be a gaudy golden palace. That said, I believe it should be stopped immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luise Malloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Ihrig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose sending any money - regardless of its origin- to build a ballroom on the White House. It is a vanity project of a petty tyrant started without proper approvals and only serving himself. It is also well out of appropriate scale for the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:08:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Shafner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I detest the idea that the Trump administration destroyed the east wing of the White House without first consulting with the American public. This is the people's house. Not one more change to this property without input from the public. And certainly, no ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:06:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Giglio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wan this project cancelled. It was not approved by Congress, The White House does not belong to Trump. He had no right or approval to tear down the East Wing. This is a travesty and needs to stop, We need health care, child care, better education, not ballrooms.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Dwight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed without proper review. The While House is the People's House, no matter who occupies it. I would like to see the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former specifications.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a history teacher and one who appreciates the significance of historical buildings, I encourage you to only allow plans that are in keeping to the scale and design of the existing structure. I toured the White House just two summers ago, and was struck by the beauty and subdued grandeur of each room. Big, bold,

and gaudy does not match the People's House. Please keep the design tasteful- we don't have palaces and it shouldn't dwarf the monuments celebrating past presidents. Changes should be a reflection of our democratic ideals. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Wise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel this project!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Distin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. NO. Absolutely not. I hate that the beautiful Whit House has been demolished. I hate that it has been lawlessly defiled. And that awful ballroom, repugnant.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sargeant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this project to continue as our President wants. It is the peoples house or it use to be, we should have a say in reconstruction projects. It never should have been demolished.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Dortch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Someone needs to stop this unstable man from erasing US history and putting his stamp on everything.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House! This is destruction of government property and should be penalized. This building did not require renovation, and certainly not razing. Please do not approve this project. Instead, whoever authorized the destruction should be required to restore the East Wing to its former design and functionality.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Etzkorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Lyon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any and all use of public funds for a ballroom on the site of the unauthorized destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House. The destruction did not follow due process of plan review, permitting, and perhaps even proper care of artwork and historic artifacts.

A ballroom of the size proposed by the administration is not a good use of public funds and would detract from the dignity of the “People’s House.”

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Hyde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Allowing comments now after DTP ordered the White House East Wing destroyed! Very odd timing to me.
Our hard earned tax dollars should never go to such destruction of OUR White House.
Charges need to be filed and ALL those involved need to be brought into court immediately.
If this is to now be built upon it needs to be out of the pockets of the president and his administrators and congress that agreed to do this. They have billions of dollars to pool for this.
ONLY: green, recycled sustaining materials and designs, green energy to power, NO GOLD!, tours of the public and visiting people from around the world as well as any and all public and private schools, universities and colleges should be allowed, NO NAMES put on ANYTHING!, and natural plants inside and out to this geological area.
Decor reflects from the beginning of this U.S. country thru to this present day.

Very serious, A Hyde

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned that the proposed renovation of the White House East Wing has been illegally undertaken and if completed will be completely out of scale to the existing historic residence - essentially adding a 90,000 sq ft addition to a 55,000 sq ft. structure.
There is even talk now of trying to balance this grossly oversized ballroom by increasing the size of the WEST Wing colonnade. This is trying to fix a bad design, one that ignored the requirement of mandatory review by your agency, with more half-baked plans.

The National Capital Planning Commission is tasked with preserving and enhancing the extraordinary historical resources of the National Capital Region. I can hardly think of a historical resource more extraordinary than the White House. One of the NCPC's core activities is to review and approve changes to historic structures. I urge the Commission to hold this proposed renovation to the highest standards so that despite the illegal demolition of the existing East Wing, the new structure will be architecturally and historically appropriate to the site.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: michael manto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

I am fervently against a giant ballroom on the east side of the White House. Perhaps a remodeled East Wing is warranted - since the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing was undertaken by this Administration. I would expect a committee selected by both Democrat and Republican interests look be impaneled to decide what exactly that new addition would look like. The decision cannot be made solely by the White House, especially since no one knows where the money to remodel is originating from.

Thank you,

Michael J Manto

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build the massive ballroom. Restore the original foot print.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Gurule-Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to

reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cary Weems
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is nothing more than a vanity project for a president who constantly ignores precedents and laws to do whatever he wants. Please stop this!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:12:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY public funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELLED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the perpetrator's expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:12:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Webster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed The East Wing Modernization Project, especially since no prior approval was sought prior to tearing the structure down. The White House is “The People’s House. “ it is not the private property of any president. It is not theirs to change at will. If changes are necessary to “modernize it,” the process in place for any such changes must be followed.

Watching The East Wing torn down was devastating. Learning no permissions/ permits were even sought

made it even worse. The wing should be restored to its previous design.

If the line is not held here, what historical structure will be next?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelley Giffen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandi Duchesne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The fact that this is being done by donations opens it up to being sold to the highest bidder. This is in-American and no president should be selling the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Hillary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this modernization project. If anything, I would like to see the complete restoration of the East Wing as it was and, in addition, do not want a humongous ballroom unless it is one that conforms with the size of the current White House (the People's House).

Date: 2/17/2026 5:12:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:12:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Goldsmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom This May Concern:

As a tax paying American citizien, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Ellen Goldsmith

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Name: Paula Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:11:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't change the original design/footprint of the East Wing when it is rebuilt. THe proposed massive new structure will detract from the beauty and history of the White House; in addition, President Trump should personally pay for the rebuild since he proceeded on his own, without authorization.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:11:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurene Engel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the building rebuilt as it was. It was torn down with out the proper authorization and therefore should be restored at the cost of the person or people who directed this to be torn down.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Herde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled and repairs made that are consistent with the design before the destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Schapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely shocked and heartbroken about Trump's demolition of the East Wing. This is not the Wild Wild West; there are rules and norms that must be followed; authorization must be granted and permits must be obtained. President Trump has saddened and shocked the Nation with his callous disregard for process and rules - his desire to "tear it all down" and create an oversized tacky ballroom in his tasteless image. Please, please, please do not allow this project to go forward.

I am quoting another commentator below because I believe she captured the feelings that I and so many others share in this dark moment. We are sickened.

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Sincerely,
Jeanne Schapp, Portland, OR

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Borrelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that this has been allowed to go forward with no consequences for not following the laws in place to govern such action. Why have the organizations overseeing such projects not stopped this from moving forward.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Jablanski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jacob
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American who sees value in process and accountability, I have been very concerned about the destruction of the East Wing without forethought of its legacy and historical significance.
Any President is a temporary resident of the people's house, at our discretion, and major changes that are more than an upgrade of standards or decor have been required to be vetted in the past.
As many of us ask "what happened?" and wonder how it happened so quickly without authorization, we also mourn for future generations who will never be able to visit a tremendous gift of history.
Therefore, it should be reinstated as it was in size and scope as a tribute to the American people as soon as possible. There are plenty of ballrooms available in DC to accommodate hosted events, and that would provide respectable income support to an amazing city.
Thank you for your consideration and for creating this opportunity to provide comments.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any building project that was started without the appropriate permits, authorization or design review. This building is historic and should not have been demolished period due to its historic significance and the project should’ve never been started without the appropriate approval. The only work that should continue is to restore the White House as close as possible to its previous majestic status. No one is above the law to have a project started without the permit and authorization that all law abiding citizens need to go through for even minor building projects on their own property in their own home. Allowing this project to go through is a disgrace to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hedges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to building a 90,000 square foot addition to the White House for a "ballroom". It is totally out of scale with the existing building. The East Wing which was torn down without approval was an historic structure and was very useful. When presidents need a large room for an event they can rent a space in a hotel or government building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Bronk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If any other American citizen had taken it upon themselves to destroy a historic building with no authorization or permits, we would be criminally charged. Why should the American people, struggling to pay for food and healthcare, be expected to spend at least $300M to build the President a larger party space? Presumably, taxpayers have already footed the bill for the insane destruction. The party responsible should pay, out of their own personal funds, to have this historic building put back to its original specifications and appearance. Not another federal dime should be spent on permitting, design or authorization, much less reconstruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Buttron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I suggest that Donald Trump and the other donator corporations be required to make restitution to the American People by fixing the atrocity that they have committed!!

They should be lucky the entire US Population does not suit for damages for emotional distress that was caused by watching our beautiful historical building be demolished without proper authorization, permits, or design review! He is just there for a short time. He does not get to make that decision. He is a temporary tenant ot the owner. We the People of the United States are owners of that property and we want it restored!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kiersten Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully object to the current proposal for the ballroom addition that is under consideration to replace the East Wing. Firstly, the East Wing never should have been demolished, but most importantly, this proposed ballroom addition is drastically out of proportion with the structure and ideals of the White House. The design itself is not in keeping with the design of The White House. This is not a palace, it is the People's House. A modest rebuilding of the East Wing that replicates the original scale, style and function is the only suitable option. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Cramm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

Please say no the East Wing Modernization project, the White House does not need this ridiculous, monstrous ballroom. We the people say no to this inexcusable waste of money. Spend this money on something that benefits every day American people, not the ultrawealthy unclassy.

Just Say no!
Anita Cramm

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: larry felhauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This desecration of the people's house should never have been allowed to happen, and should be stopped immediately. Unfortunately, the damage is done, and the building will never be the same. None the less, it should be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:08:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Schwennsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the design of the proposed White House East Wing Modernization. I am an architect, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), a former national President of the AIA (2006) a former Chancellor of the AIA College of Fellows (2025), and was an architecture professor and administrator for over 30 years. Also, for the last almost 30 years, at least twice per year, I have enjoyed a walk by the White House and its surrounding parks and buildings, and have appreciated it, the People's House, as a wonderful symbol of this nation.

If any of my previous students had submitted the proposed Ballroom addition to the White House as currently designed, I would have given them a failing grade. Why?

1. The overall scale and size of the proposed addition is totally inappropriate for its context and site. It grossly overwhelms the White House, the building that should unquestionably be the most important building of this composition of buildings.
2. Because the proposed building is so huge, the scale of its parts, the details of its elevations, windows, stairs, etc., are also grossly oversized, so as to make the White House look like a miniature playhouse awaiting replacement.
3. The Georgian, neo-classical or whatever schmaltz of the composition does not reflect anything about a building of its time, 2026, except that the scale of its open space spans would have been more difficult to accomplish in the time it seems to want to belong. ‘‘Modernization’’ is an oxymoron for this proposal.
4. The design program of use, a gargantuan ballroom, which coincidentally could also be used to privatize Presidential Inaugurations, is an inappropriate program for this site, time and for the People's House. There are plenty of other ballroom spaces in DC, I've been to many of them. And the Presidential Inauguration should always and ever be more broadly accessible than any ballroom can accommodate.
5. Finally, while it may not be a design factor, the demolition and approval process for this proposal has been horrific and again totally inappropriate.

As your request for Public Comments clearly states: ‘‘The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.’’

I am quite certain the public is not in favor of this grotesque addition to the White House. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I sincerely hope that you do not recommend approval of this design as proposed.

Kate Schwennsen, FAIA
Professor Emeritus + Director Emeritus, Clemson University School of Architecture
2025 Chancellor, AIA College of Fellows
2006 President, American Institute of Architects

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Skyler King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sheri Gress
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, and definitely oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Raymond Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lynn Tannenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Throughout the years from Eisenhower to Biden the classic beauty of the people’s house has been a beacon of hope posterity and class.
The east wing the offices of our highly regarded First Ladies.
Please don’t allow a two story ballroom to over shadow the White House. History needs to be preserved and honored. The country does not need an ostentatious example of the wealthiest among us to party.

Build back a better space but not one that disrespects our heritage.
Thank you

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Name: Susan Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The current occupant has wrecked the people's house illegally, and treated our property as though it was his. I'm still angry that there's been no accounting for what happened to all the items that were inside, and there was no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Morrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

If possible, I also believe that Donald Trump should pay out of his own pocket for all costs to restore the East Wing of the White House.

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Name: Fred Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project. It is utterly ridiculous to replace the historic elegance with a tacky monument to President Trump’s ego.

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Name: Rob Grimm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Robitaille
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount of money on this anti-American project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Jennifer Ellen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the modernization of the East Wing for multiple reasons: 1) President Trump didn't get the necessary approval before he had the East Wing demolished, 2) If the White House needed a ballroom, I'm sure one of the first few presidents would have had one built, back when dancing was a major form of socializing, 3) I oppose the monies being given by tech firms (Meta, Apple. Amazon, and Google) for this renovation as it can be seen as a quid pro quo.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Bartchy-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am very much opposed to the process this project has started with, which is the demolition of the East Wing before the public or any of the permitting agencies have had a chance to comment, plan, question, permit, etc. It is disturbing to me that such massive structural change would commence as if the current resident personally owns the property. The people own the property. Perhaps it does need to be modernized, perhaps it does need a layout change or new security systems. The proper channels and discussion is the only way this should proceed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

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Name: Christopher Van Thull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I want this project cancelled, this is not needed and does not fit the aesthetics of the White House. If you want a big ball room put it in another place in DC. Spend the money on heath care or homeless not on a big building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:07:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Woolsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing to implore you to block further work on the proposed ballroom and bunker, and instead to mandate the reconstruction of the East Wing, modernizing it as needed but maintaining the architectural style of the original structure. I am appalled and saddened that the current Republican administration demolished the old East Wing without appropriate prior consultation with and authorization from the bodies and groups charged with maintaining the integrity of "the people's house," with all of its historical significance and its central importance as a symbol of the values that have made this democratic republic a beacon of freedom, justice, and equality for all citizens. The lawless, reckless, and brazen way in which the demolition was undertaken flies in the face of that rich history and symbolism, suggesting that one man--the current president--has a right to do as he likes with this public building, marring it forever, when in fact he is only a temporary resident. In destroying the old East Wing this president seems to engaging in an intentional erasure of earlier residents who left their own marks on the building in a way that harmonized with the original design, or even enhanced it. In contrast, the wildly-oversized ballroom and bunker design seems to be nothing but a vanity project, overwhelming the order and harmony of the existing building in a way that does aesthetic violence to the whole. I know it has been argued that the ball-room and bunker will cost the American people nothing because the project is supposedly funded by private donations, but I would counter that argument with a different cost metric: this completely unnecessary and frankly unsightly new ballroom and bunker WOULD in fact be unacceptably costly to the citizens of this country, since it would severely undercut public faith and trust in the agencies and groups we commission to maintain our public monuments for the good of all, in a way that honors our shared history and values. For all of these reasons, I ask you please to halt and reverse this destructive project.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:07:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Sasnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the sudden and secretive demolition of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is the People's house and we the people should have been forewarned of its demolition. Not only has it created an unnecessary expense and eyesore to the people of the United States, but none of the standard procedures normally required were followed in its demolition. In addition, what about the environmental hazards it has most likely created? It likely contained asbestos, pcbs, lead paint and other hazards. What steps were taken to ensure they were properly dealt with? How many laws were violated to conduct this outrageous action? Any further work needs to follow all laws, requirements and proper procedures and those responsible need to be held to account.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Also I have an idea that I am hoping will be given consideration. If there are parts of the old building that are still usable I'd like the architects to consider a Kintsugi theme. It's the idea that a broken ceramic is rebuilt using gold to line the cracks. It signifies the beauty in repair from trauma and reminds of us our resilience, and that even our broken parts are beautiful. The idea can be use with anything that is repairable. There are plenty of picture of these types of ceramics on the internet.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but the demolishment of our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Ellen pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would like to voice my concerns and outrage over the fact that the East wing was torn down without apparent public input &/or proper permitting processes. The plan for this needs to be revised to align with the proportions of the existing structure, not overwhelm it. In addition to getting approval from proper authorities there should be committee made up of citizen (and not picked by Trump) to make sure this addition is done in a tasteful manner. The donor process should be transparent and structured so that the people who donate have no influence over the construction of it or any other projects.

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Name: Karen Pryor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a huge ballroom that would dwarf the original White House and Capital buildings, particularly since the East Wing of the "People 's house" was razed without any prior approval from the people or the Congress which represents us. This should never have been done on the whim of the president. Plans should have been submitted to Congress and a vote should have been taken.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carey Sweetser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. It was not initialized properly, and should stop immediately. I want the east wing to be rebuilt. Donald Trump is not above the law. The White House is the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lizabeth Coe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a member of the Historical Commission for the City of Los Altos, CA. I oppose any further spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is beyond comprehension that we have lost such an important American treasure to the whims of a despot. It echoes the destruction of cultural history and artifacts wrought by Hitler and the Nazis throughout Europe. Shame on us if we don't stop the carnage and restore the People's House in the best way possible.

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Name: Barbara Winnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Brenda Anderson-Bradshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I fervently oppose this project and wish the East Wing to be rebuilt to its original design and purpose, and for those who illegally and without input and permission from the American people be prosecuted for such deliberate destruction of a beautiful and historic building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:05:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy York
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I have done several remodeling projects at my home. The first step is to get the plans approved- NOT tear down history and then say we can build whatever we want.

The White House is the People's House, not DJT's. The project that he is trying to railroad through is out of proportion to the main house, and I fear it is simply a vehicle for bribery.

Please stop DJT from ruining the symbol of our country. He should not have been able to pave the Rose Garden, and he should not be able to turn the White House into an expensive, disproportional eyesore.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlette Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose the continuation of this project which has never been authorized. The East Wing was

unlawfully destroyed without going through the necessary approval process steps. I am against spending any money whatsoever on this project and request that the project is cancelled. To continue would be an insult to the American people and the responsible parties who carried out this destruction of the East Wing of the White House should be fined. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Name: Mary Playter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cynthia Hosick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, the mess cleaned up, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

In addition, I do not want this ghastly project as a reminder of an even more ghastly president.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Hosick
Mount Vernon WA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to a ballroom without a process of public opinion. I am also opposed to the wrecking of the East Wing with no legal process and going through customary channels. It was a very sad thing to see the East Wing being demolished and this administration even chose to lie about it.

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Name: Amy Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lark Coryell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Tearing down the East Wing was a disgrace. This space and this House is for the American people, and American business and business relationship needs. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If it is not possible to restore to its former design, then the space should be used partially to append the West Wing, if needed, and also be used as a museum / art gallery / student learning center. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:04:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: cheryl crisp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against anything that changes the face of the White House. This so called Ballroom and the awful golden accents are an atrocity. This is the people's house and the people had no say in any of the distasteful decorating and destruction done by the current administration in this and his previous terms. It dishonors everyone in office before him. Please stop him before he destroys anything else.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:04:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million -or more -on this project. The tear down / new plans were done without authorization, design review or a permit. No one is above the law to do this!! - Especially if ANY taxpayer dollars are involved. Also - a ballroom cant be bigger than the White House. I would like to see the ballroom project cancelled and East Wing rebuilt / restored to previous design

Date: 2/17/2026 5:03:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: COLE CHEEVER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing to express my opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

I ask you to please deny this project.

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Name: Nancy Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to any amount of money being spent on an unapproved project that has had absolutely no vetting, permits, or approvals. This is the People's House and should AT A MINIMUM go through the process that ANY person(s) must go through to per the law. I would like to see it be required to rebuild it to its historical condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:03:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Munnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am appalled by the blatant disregard for the process of modernizing the East Wing. The building now destroyed was historical. Great civilization s don't destroy their cultural heritage as the destruction of the East Wing has done. What replaces it should not dwarf the White House and should not be taller and grander than the whole of the complex. No doubt better accommodations for formal dining should be included but past 300-400 people is excessive.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Fernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To call this "East Wing Modernization" ignores the oblivious destruction of history. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and all at the behest of ONE person. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or an improved one with the same footprint. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Levey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I write to you with an actual broken heart. As a resident of Virginia, I have always been the beneficiary of living in proximity to take in all the glory, history from Washington and the power it emanates to us all and the world from its beauty and grandeur.

I also realize that all things, at times, need to be modernized. But this must be done with consideration, thoughtfulness, and to meet the moment of time and place. This demolition was done with none of this in mind. It was done with reckless abandon, no thought and or consideration for place, time and history.

Please stop this insanity and create a bipartisan commission that can provide oversight along side of your group to create something necessary and that we can all be proud of.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Boylston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition has been done without proper authority and is an affront to historic preservation. This $300 million project should be stopped immediately and those responsible should have to pay for the restoration. What a waste of money and what an affront to the American people to witness such an act of

selfishness by this president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Stuart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please restore the East Wing back to what is was. a gaudy ballroom does not represent the patriotic values of United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eve Felder Family
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please refuse to use tax payers money to support the rebuild of the East Wing of the White House. This wing was illegally destroyed. The White House is owned and supported by me and other taxpayers. We did not through congress approved its destruction. Leave it destroyed as a symbol of egregious overstep of authority by the current administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Babette Schwab
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am against using the private donations from corporations and wealthy donors to build this while the current administration is in office. It is or at least gives the impression of conflict of interest, bribery or pay to play that has no place in our democracy. In addition, I feel strongly that the design should be balanced and in accordance with the style of the rest of the people's house. Although a ballroom may be needed, it should be built modestly - bigger functions should utilize other locations which will also stimulate the economy in DC. Finally, I hope that the function of the old East Wing can be restored to its previous functions. We may eventually have a First Spouse who wishes to have a presence in the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Violette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building the 400 million dollar ballroom. I want the west wing put back the way it was. It never should have been demolished without the approval of the American people or at least the approval of congress. This is not a King's castle, it is the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:01:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harriet Steele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop the destruction of our historic buildings.

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Name: Patricia Cantu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for considering my thoughts on this project. Please take action to stop it.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:01:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Engelsiepen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An administration that only knows how to destroy things has demolished the East Wing, a historical building, without consent of Congress or preservation agencies.

This is an extreme overreach and must be stopped.

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Name: Paula Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Respectfully,
Paula Ryan
Citizen of these United States

Date: 2/17/2026 5:00:53 PM
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Name: Ariel Landvick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Robert Brinkmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe that major changes to the historic White House, which represents our common heritage, should not be decided by one man - even if it is the president. The razing of the historic East Wing without prior planning and an agreed upon "modernization" (really: complete replacement by something entirely different) without the involvement of the NCPC and public comment period and discussion is not acceptable. And that is only part of the problem...

The ballroom being proposed is out of proportion to the White House itself and would take away from the most important and recognized building in the country, besides being an ostentatious, unsightly, and overwhelming addition to the White House itself. Our elected officials are supposed to represent us and do the people's work, not party in opulence and play court. This is not a club or a castle, it is the People's House.

Everything about what is happening is wrong and needs to be stopped. Modernize what needs to be modernized, but rebuild the original East Wing - slightly bigger if necessary - but stop the terrible idea of a ballroom, let alone one so out of proportion with the historical structure. It's not modernization - it's destruction of cultural heritage.

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Name: Cynthia Belanger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing today because I oppose the spending of any taxpayer dollars or private dollars on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Name: Andrea McCulloch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Deborah Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please do not alter a House that is owned by the people of the United States of America. I have visited the people house and hope the preservation of this structure, that was torn down without public knowledge or permission, will be restored to its previous version. Any updates should remain inside and in keeping with the history of the building.

Thank you,
Deborah Klein

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Name: Aidney Pinkerton
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Name: Keana Wong
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Name: L B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic east wing of the White House should not have been demolished without input from the public and historic preservation experts. In my opinion this was probably unlawful.

Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East wing back to the original design. A large ballroom will look ridiculous and out of proportion to the rest of the White House. I am against changing the layout of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:59:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Bonfiglio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the destruction of OUR East Wing of THE PEOPLES HOUSE and the creation of a 'ballroom'. WE THE PEOPLE want this blatant disrespect for OUR HOUSE to be reconstructed back to its original form and NOT with OUR TAXPAYER MONEY but by the person (aka POTUS, DJT) out of his personal funds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore it the way it was. We don't need a massive Grand Ballroom.

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Name: David Swan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom of any size or type in place of the East Wing illegally torn down by a wannabe autocrat. The White House belongs to us, the American people, not a specific, temporary resident. We do not need a ballroom, we need fair, effective leadership of the people's trust.

Further desecration of our historic properties should be stopped immediately. Any funds taken from "donations" should be used to replace the East Wing as carefully to the original design and proportion as possible.

Thank you for your public service in representing the interests of our democracy.

David Swan

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Name: Kathleen Heil
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanci Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't know how we got here, but, I am so disappointed that the East Wing has been destroyed without any oversight or approval by anyone other than the President. The destruction was presented to the American people without any formal discussion of what would be built in its place. The President's vision is his and his alone as to what should be built. I, personally feel like the East Wing should be rebuilt in its previous splendor with no alterations made to its original design.

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Name: Jeffrey Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I consider myself independent and a proud American. I have joined with others who share a similar opinion on this matter. I love our history and traditions. I do not support a change to the historic stature of the White House - its modesty is what inspires its grandeur and symbolizes our democracy. The building is purposefully NOT grand. The IDEA of America is what is GRAND.

Thank you for taking this under consideration.

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Name: JOHN GRAHAM
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Name: Leslie Keirns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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First of all, it's not a modernization project, it's a history annihilation project. The current administration under the direction of the President took it upon itself to completely ignore the law, bypassing the process of getting proper authorization because they knew they never would have been approved. If you let them just flout the regulations here, it's an affront to the American people. The East Wing should be restored, and Trump should have to pay for it out of his own funds. This is a disgusting abuse of power and a waste of tax payer money, because we all know this is going to fall on us despite the idea proffered that somehow it's all being "funded". Like hell. Show some backbone, stand up to this ridiculous attempt to just screw the American people.

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Name: Debra Kusmec-Aguilar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Scott Stockman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the People's house and therefore it is totally improper for it to be treated by the current tenant as something he can demolish on his own accord. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Left as he found it. No one is above the law. Not even the President. ESPECIALLY the President. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jo Kee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Heather Maginniss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not continue the planned ballroom addition to the White House. Please restore the East Wing to its historical appearance.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been undertaken and flouts all regard for history and the fact that the White House is the people's house, not that of the self-aggrandizing present occupant. Any modernization should involve we the people with a due regard for standard procedures, a sense of history and should not be an occasion for bribery by the ultra-rich as appears to be the case. Given the blatant illegality of President Trump's actions, he should have no involvement whatsoever in future steps.

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Name: Carole Moll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The only building that should be erected on the site of the East Wing, that was demolished, is a reproduction of what was torn down. Doing so would restore the beauty and symmetry of the White House. NO larger building should be built on that site. The proposed ballroom would look garish anywhere near the elegant White House. I do not think a ballroom is needed, however if Congress, the NCPC, and the CFA conclude differently they should look at buildings already owned by the federal government.

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Name: Margaret Melchior
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun in a deceptive and illegal fashion, and as a result a historic structure was demolished.
I urge that no structures be built on this site until proper oversight and approval takes place and until any proposals are fully and publicly documented as to cost, design and source of funding.

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Name: Carol Osborne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing. The demolition was done without proper authorization and was a disgrace to the history of our country. The East Wing should be restored to its prior specifications at the expense of the President, who ordered this travesty of a ballroom for his own ego. Stop the madness and lawlessness that's taken over our country.

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Name: Lynn Slade
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I agree with the following comment:
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Name: Barbara Shulick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello

I'm writing to say that I vehemently oppose this so called modernization of the east wing. This historic building has been destroyed, and it was done without authorization or permits. The average person will never see the gaudy gold ballroom; it's only being built as a place for Trump to party with his billionaire buddies. 300 million could be better spent elsewhere, like building affordable housing.

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Name: Barbara Shramo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Richard Szubin
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Name: Laurie Shier
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Name: Rebecca Martz-Burley
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I also oppose allowing any work to commence during the current Administration. I propose waiting until this Administration has left office before any work is considered on the East Wing. Furthermore, I oppose any work being done on the White House or the Grounds while this Administration is in office.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tony Haverstick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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First comment is how insulting it is to the people to demolish s white house wing surreptitiously and snealing adound the rules everybody else auld be expected to follow.
The second comment is how ugly this replacement is. How much it costs and the disgrace of putting such a monster on the government landscape. Until torn down its a sore thumb and a reminder of a troubling time and an out of control executive.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:56:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Vinton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the building back the way it was in 2025, No way should anyone have allowed the demolition of that wing of the People's House. Period!

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Name: Sharon McKendry
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Name: Janet Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No building should be allowed to be built this close to the White House without considering the scale of such building in relation to the current size of the White House.
Demolition of the East Wing without proper approval proves the views of the current administration do not align with the historic nature of the People's House.
I do not support construction of the ballroom.
I did not support the demolition of the East Wing.
Thank you,
Janet Moon

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Name: Dawn Andrews
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disturbed that the renovation to the East Wing occurred with no permission or oversight. What happened to the people's White House is wrong. Please restore it to its former glory.

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Name: MaryAnn Kraft
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Name: Marianne Hurley
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Perea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I joined the National Trust for Historic Preservation after reading about the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and removal of historical monuments and plaques by the current presidential administration. As a former history teacher, I am appalled at the such blatant attacks on our nation's history have been allowed to occur. From my Republican upbringing I was taught that our past cannot be forgotten as it guides our future, a philosophy that I instilled in my students for 33 years. How the East Wing was allowed to be demolished without public approval boggles my mind. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people, and stewarded by the National Park Service. The White House is not privately owned and as thus cannot be changed. The people of this country should have been consulted, at least through our public representatives, before the demolition. I do not wish the current president's plan for a 90,000-square-foot ballroom to erect on the east side of the White House. I know it will be hard to reconstruct, yet reconstruction as near to the original building must be done. The president is not above the law though he seems to be engaged in the systematic destruction of the rule of law. The White House is a symbol of this nation, not a playground for the want to be rich and famous, and it needs to be reconstructed to its original design.

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Name: Lynn Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Katherine Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My husband and I are appalled both at the height and expanse of this vanity project which has obliterated the harmony of the White House design. Additionally this is the PEOPLE'S house, not Trump's and the hubris of building an overly large ballroom to assuage his vanity is ridiculous. The Congress and the people should have a say in how OUR building is changed and all alterations should go through the proper channels. In addition, we demand full transparency in what funds are being used and who provided them as well as what these people are getting in return. This lack of oversight and the illegal act of starting demolition before plans has been reviewed by the proper authorities is another example of the Trump administration's corruption and disdain for the law. We want this project stopped and the East wing to be returned to the original footprint. Congress has to act!

Sincerely,
Katherine and Lawrence Miller

Date: 2/17/2026 4:46:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Schalk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission:
I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. The destruction of the East Wing without public input is very unsettling but has been done. The currently proposed ballroom is out of scale with the remaining White House and the cost for the ballroom seems to be increasing. Perhaps the administration should have considered security concerns before leveling the East Wing without proceeding through the usual approval process. I would appreciate information on what other uses the proposed East Wing modernization would include as a ballroom seems to be required only intermittently while other functions would be used on a more regular basis and perhaps provide greater benefit to the public. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:55:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Karnopp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I did not nor do not support the destruction of the east wing of the White House. What Mr. Trump did on the sly is unconscionable. What he did is not just egregious to the soul of the U.S. It has spoken volumes about his feelings for women where first and second wives did their much of their work. It was a woman's place, among other offices. Not that Melania has had much liking for the job, but what she does do isn't done there anymore either.
I did not nor do not I want a detached ball room, let alone a nine thousand square foot attached one just for the glory of one man's despotic narcissism. A good ninety-eight percent of Americans would never see the inside of it. We don't have enough money to buy tickets to a function there and wouldn't be invited anyway. All we will see is a bloated canker on the side of Our House.
I could go on a bit more, but these are my top two considerations in regard to this deeply offensive and highly illegal project. It must go through the proper permissions and planning, and because Trump did not ask or receive permission he must rebuild and replace everything and return the wing to its former glory. Yes, put in upgrades for electrical and plumbing and HVAC needs. Maybe a reinforced bunker under it. And there should be no mention of the Trump name anywhere near it except Melania's brief and infrequent habitation there as a first lady.

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Name: Mary Palermo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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When I saw the demolition of the East Wing of the White House which is OUR house, not Trump's, I felt physically ill. I firmly oppose the proposal that it be turned into a garrish ballroom that is not needed and is a waste of taxpayers money. It appears that it will be so large that the main part of the White House will be dwarfed in relation. It is just one more thing to stroke Trump's ego.
The fact that Trump has initiated this without following proper protocols and laws is not surprising but it is my great hope that it will be stopped. Please do not approve this project!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Craven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project as well as the costs associated with it. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is a razing of American history- NOT a modernization project.
I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and this project cannot be allowed to continue. Those who broke the law to force this project through need to be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:43:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Steele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that there was no actual planning put into this project. They tore it down before there was a plan for what would replace the East Wing. Whatever is built must conform to the style of the White House and should not exceed the height of the remaining White House. The White House is one of the most famous buildings in the world and it’s now scarred. This beautiful symbol of democracy must somehow be saved with whatever is build back. A huge ballroom is a waste of space and lacks character and history.

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Name: Jessica Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joyce Hillman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project, rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:48:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Macaulay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mon8que Huygen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please retire the White House to its previous condition! I oppose the planned gaudy addition of the ballroom and am very angry at the destruction that has taken place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Daniel Christian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: L Stirling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erika Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not go forward. It was undertaken without any regard foe the history there, without the proper permits or processes, and is an abomination. All efforts should be devoted to salvaging the historical materials from the destroyed east wing, and then restoring it to its previous state. The white house is the people's house, and the current plans do not serve the people or respond to their needs.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debby's Irvine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the White House, East Wing and the spending of 300 million on building a ballroom. This project and the destruction of the East Wing was initiated without getting proper authorization or permits or even having a review of the design. I would like this project canceled, and I would like the East Wing to be rebuilt, and restored the way it once was.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:43:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Chatham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so-called project is not a modernization, rather it is a bastardization of an historical structure. A vanity monument to a tasteless, classless buffoon. Trump will apply the same vulgar design principles that he has used to debase the oval office. Please stop this travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:43:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Israel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs,
It is criminal that the Trump administration tore down the people's house East Wing without any review or proper procedure. This is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE!!! Such overreach, destruction of history and lawlessness must be stopped! We are a democracy and we must ALL live by the RULE OF LAW!!!
Thank you,

Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emmily Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plan for the wing is too tall & too big to fit with the White House. I oppose it.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:47:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hafenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The first outrage was the the East Wing was torn down with no notice, no permits, no notifications. My heart hurt to see the shocking outcome. The East Wing should be restored, as much as possible, to its original state. No gaudy ballroom! Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Karski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is offensive in so many ways. It has broken laws, thumbed its nose at history, and threatened to create a monument to greed and excess. This money could be used for so many other worthwhile projects. Please do not cave to the whims of the few. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:54:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Oden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Gaffney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I unequivocally oppose the proposed $300 million expenditure on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, necessary permits, or adequate design review. This is not a modernization effort, but rather a destructive erasure of American history, seemingly driven by personal ambition.

I demand the immediate cancellation of this project and the full restoration and rebuilding of the East Wing to its original, historically significant design. No individual or entity is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those accountable who circumvented established legal and regulatory processes would be a profound affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Weaver Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Trump should pay for all of this- he illegally proceeded with the tear down without authorization.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erika Spaeth tuff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its current form. "Do what you want and ask permission after-the-fact" is not a method of leadership that I endorse from our government officials. I am both offended and embarrassed, as an American citizen, by this handling of this project. I would like the project in its current form to be halted, and a meaningful, thoughtful and respectful alternative be proposed. I also would like to see the

appropriate reprimands be given to those who went above the law to move this project forward without proper authorization. There should not be double standards for our government officials compared to all other citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Canfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million++ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was an illegal destruction of "The People's House" by a wannabe dictator.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. And you need to prohibit any president from putting his name on it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Teresa Masino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I have to get permits to change my house and it has no historical significance.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janis Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom is needed. The white house is the people’s house and should not be desecrated While you are at it. Restore the rose garden and get rid of the gold leaf

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LeeAnn Christian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Roscoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending this enormous amount of money on a project that doesn't meet the nation's needs. When budgets are being cut, entire agencies are being eliminated, and wild spending is given to "homeland security" to be used to build detention center, there is no need to approve this project. Just because a President resides in the building doesn't make it his. This is the People's HOUSE being used temporarily by one family who have already made it into a gilded mess. The Trumps should be made to reimburse the reconstruction of this historical building's east wing back to its original design. Signed: One of the People who owns this house!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Worthington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vigorously oppose the construction of a ballroom in the place of the East Wing of the White House. Money for this project, whether taxpayer funded or donor funded could be used to feed our house hungry or homeless Americans. I would like the East Wing, as it existed in 2024, to be rebuilt at the expense of DJ Trump. He took it down without proper authorization, he can afford to put it back up.

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Name: Lee Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tom Lanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have the President rebuild OUR East wing back to its original state. It's our White House not his to destroy just so he can build a ballroom. He thinks he is above the law and doesn't need our consent to reconfigure everything that we find beautiful and love. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Dunkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This construction should be stopped. It was done illegally and No One should be above the law. It should be restored to it's original footprint.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:15 PM
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Name: Edward St John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing has historically been the domain of the First Lady for her service efforts.
Perhaps after our long history that Wing could be updated for the next generations — for the first First Gentleman.
What is not needed is a structure out of all proportion with the remainder of the House.
Was this Ballroom venture studied by architects and historians to assess the appropriateness of the gargantuan structure breaking ground?
I am firmly apposed to this hideous design project unless significantly scaled back.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Picton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, The destruction of the east wing resulting in the razing of American history. It should be rebuilt as it was and the people that allowed its destruction should be brought to justice. What a waste of our tax dollars.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Wyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the over 300 million dollar east wing project. I prefer the historical agent be the designer in keeping with the long standing idea that we do not show opulence when we have Americans struggling to survive. Keep it modest keep it simple and get approval by all members of congress and the preservation society. This blatant adulteration of our sacred buildings must stop now

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:07 PM
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Name: Dorothy Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former self and skip the ballroom. Razing the East Wing was illegal, and the money for the 'improvement' is an open source of bribery and influence purchase. Nothing about the project is savory or desirable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Maschke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do NOT build a ballroom on the ruins of the East Wing! Building a ballroom is a 100% waste of taxpayer money. Restore the East Wing to how it was, minus toxic stuff like asbestos, prior to Donald Trump's illegal demolition of the building.

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Name: Carol Colin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Poirier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (and growing) on this project,which was initiated without the proper authorization,permits,or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Gloria M. Poirier

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Name: Lynn Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not call it the modernization project. Trump destroyed history. Please don't let him put up this hideous ballroom and whatever else he conjures up!!
Stick to your guns!!

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Name: Rebecca Pollard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, the destruction of the East Wing without an approved plan was just plain vandalism. Unfortunately, that cannot be undone. I sincerely hope that all of the historic elements were carefully removed and stored for future use but seeing the way the wrecker ripped the place apart, I fear that did not happen.

This is the People's House, and Trump is a temporary tenant. We are the landlords, and he has violated his lease.

To call this project 'Modernization' is propaganda. The National Capital Planning Commission needs to stop this destruction of history and make the concrete plans match the rest of the White House in size and design. And, for God's sake, don't let him call it the Trump Ballroom.
Please stand up to the destruction of history which his savagely renaming the Kennedy Center, removing historical information from National Parks buildings and plans to create a 'Triumphal Arch' in the Mall are all sad examples. This destruction is just another excuse for graft and corruption, the very thing that having a National Capital Planning Commission is designed to prevent.

No one individual can do this kind of destruction. And any changes need to be in service for a planned purpose, not just to feed the ego of a messianic autocrat. Do your job knowing you have the backing of We the People. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Molloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Herbst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Niemiller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is being proposed is a new building that dwarfs the original White House all for the sake of throwing a party.

Given the tasteless and tacky way this administration has decorated the White House (gilded Oval Office, Presidents walk with questionable plaques, paved-over Rose garden, ..), I have little faith that the resulting building will be anything other than a gold-adorned homage to Trump versus a well proportioned office space for future first ladies and an open space in which to hold events including State dinners. This building should be built in proportion to the current White House and should be a space in which the average American (not billionaires) would feel at home.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Salanski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law!
Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:52:01 PM
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Name: Angela Breese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:51:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Dailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, and while expanded event space may be needed, additions should respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. That's just plain wrong (as was the demolition without permission).

Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Please restore this space in a way that respects its history.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:51:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew De Angelis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this insane project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to satisfy the feeble ego of a maniac. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored forthwith to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Donald J. Trump should not be permitted to leave his stain on the people’s house. He is a vile and grotesque criminal and should be rebuked to the maximum extent possible by any decent human being.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:51:19 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: M S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the historical east wing to be restored to it’s original design

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:57 PM
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Name: Glenace Baldner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann McClintic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our National, the White House belongs to the people. A sitting President may not unilaterally demolish parts and replace them with a vanity project at his leisure. We the people are in charge of this residence he is in actuality a renter for a fixed period of time. I would not have a legal right to tear out part of a house I rented for a fixed time. Please use the money he has collected to rebuild the East wing and stop the destruction of our White House. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 69 year old native-born American citizen and I absolutely despise that the rump regime illegally razed our historic East Wing without input, oversight or permits. The abominable, callous, heartless act was

unlawful and everyone involved from rump to the demolition team should be indicted and prosecuted. The act of demolition was an act of pure evil. I want the historic, much-loved former East Wing restored in all its glory at rump's personal expense. Do NOT let this abomination continue. It is despicable, unconscionable and tragic.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I love OUR White House, but I absolutely despise the current occupants. They are heartless cretins, especially rump!

Amelia Smith
Bandon, Oregon
[redacted]

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Name: Janet Hope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Hammonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" is misnamed. The East Wing, part of a building that has been home to Presidents since 1800, was demolished without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight: clearly a violation of the law and obviously a violation of the respect owed to this special place. These unlawful actions violated the trust of the American people. We should have had the opportunity to comment before the bulldozers razed our history. It should have been presented as a proposal and not a demonstration of violence against a National Historic Landmark and a National Park.

The White House is owned by the American people. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures. That person is a short-term tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. If any tenant of mine treated my property as this tenant has treated the people's White House, I would throw them out and keep the security deposit.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Please consider the people's wishes.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Beeson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on a ballroom/bunker for Trump to entertain his wealthy friends. I want the East Wing restored to its original purpose and glory. I find it very offensive that our president thinks he can do whatever he wants without anyone's approval or opinion. He works for me and should answer to me - not the other way around.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: patricia caracena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a desecration of our government offices and buildings and should be stopped and punished severely regardless of title or position in government!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlyn Purcell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm not opposed to modernization or even expansion of the East Wing of the White House. However, I'm appalled that the Administration would choose to demolish the East Wing and assume they could proceed with a large expansion without going through any of the required (and appropriate) review channels. I believe the following principles should be applied to any construction on the East Wing site:
--The size and extent of construction should consider the size and extent of the rest of the White House, and should not overwhelm or dominate the rest of the structure;
--Modernization should be carried out to allow for functions in keeping with modern technology, with space set aside to house the technology, but again considering the size and extent of the rest of the structure;
--Exterior features, treatments, and finishes should be in keeping with the historic architecture and nature of the remainder of the White House;
--Before any additional work is done, an Historic Structure Report should be prepared using Historic American Buildings Survey standards, and should be retroactive to before the East Wing was demolished;
--Documentation of all historic features demolished should be carried out in accordance with federal standards;

--An interpretive display should be prepared, subject to National Capital Planning Commission and National Trust for Historic Preservation standards, regarding the features demolished;
--Any work from this point forward should comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and standards.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Haskett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jennifer lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Greer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write today to strongly object to the East Wing ModernizationProject which, undertaken without prior authorization or approval, has already led to the partial demolition of one of the most recognizable buildings in the world. From its earliest days, Washington DC was scrupulously designed to project not only a sense of awe, but also a sense of grace, beauty, and symmetry. To destroy the symmetry and grace of the White House, the PEOPLE'S house, to satisfy the whims of a single individual using funds donated by would-be oligarchs eager to curry favor and consolidate power, is not only an aesthetic travesty, but a betrayal of the foundational principles of our country. I urge not only a halt to the project, but a restoration of the wing

which was demolished in a monumental, unparalleled act of vandalism. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Name: Joan Wahler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dialith Urista-Goss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Rettig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After the destruction of the East Wing at The White House, the priority should be clear: restore what was lost, not replace it with something entirely different. Proposals to build a new ballroom in place of the East Wing ignore the historical and functional significance of that space and risk turning a restoration moment into an unnecessary redesign.

The East Wing has long played a vital role in supporting the operations and traditions of the White House while preserving the architectural integrity of the overall complex. Rebuilding it would respect continuity, history, and the careful balance that defines one of the nation's most recognizable landmarks.

Choosing to construct a ballroom instead sends the wrong message — that expansion and spectacle matter more than preservation and stewardship. Restoring the East Wing would honor the legacy of the building

and demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding history rather than reshaping it for short-term vision.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Roets
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of The People House needs to be restored back to it original design for future generations to see. The incredible waste of 300 -400 million dollars for a vanity project is one of the biggest waste of resources. No approval was done no permits and no consideration most HOA have more rules that get enforced if garbage cans are left out Please stop the destruction of The People's House

Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Kidwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was wanton vandalism, absolutely at odds with r regulations regarding our public buildings. The “plan” for the “ballroom” Is woefully incomplete and the proposed financing mechanism is illegal. The prose structure is far too large and far too expensive to serve its proposed purpose. Even if the project was, legitimately a bathroom, the proposed design is hideous and completely out of place next to the White House. Ideally, this illegal, corporate-sponsored project should be scrapped and the East Wing rebuilt, perhaps with some modifications to include an entertainment space.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharyn Sarquis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was done without following any required reviews and approvals. The east wing should be restored with adherence to current codes and regulations. There is no need for a ballroom, and especially not one that would be totally out of proportion to the site.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:48:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Mulvihill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is not an East Wing Modernization. Donald Trump, without written request or permission, quietly issued the destruction notice to raize this beautiful section of the White House.
He had no authority to destroy the East Wing of the People's House. The White House isn't Trump's personal residence; it belongs to the people of the United States.
Donald Trump believes he is a King and has absolute authority to do as he pleases, thanks in a large part to the Supreme Court of the United States.
This authoritarianism must end.
The Constitution must be respected in its former glory by all lawmakers. The East Wing of the White House must be restored to its former glory and must be funded by Donald Trump from his personal finances.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:48:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Turse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the $300 million expenditure on the current East Wing project. This initiative was launched without the necessary authorization, permits, or design reviews, and

represents the destruction of American history rather than a modernization effort.

I request that this project be canceled immediately and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. Proceeding with this project without addressing the legal violations involved would be an affront to law-abiding Americans. I believe it is essential that those responsible for bypassing the proper legal channels are held accountable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cindy Turse

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Finn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It can't be allowed to happen. We need to see consequences!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reject the current plan and restore the East Wing exactly as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Gall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the razing of the historic East Wing of the White House. This is not modernization, this is demolishing history. The US does not need an enormous overdecorated ballroom. Any continuation of any project on this site should be done with an eye to preserving the existing look and scale of the White House and with a well developed and researched plan for its use.

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Name: Linda's Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and encourage the commission to reject the project until proper legal processes are followed. Why would one want to destroy part of an historical structure to build a ballroom that won't be completed prior to end of the current term?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerome Hossli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cynthia Holland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Roggenbuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Chin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is living history...It is the citizens of the United States house. It is to be cherished and cared for in a respectful manner. The current occupant is a bottom feeder who does not understand or care about our house. He would destroy the whole complex just to have his edifice of self glory and greed stand alone in his quest for recognition. It is an abomination and must be stopped NOW!

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Name: Jennifer Slaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Staggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After prosecuting tRump for the destruction he caused, the East Wing of the White House should be restored as closely as possible (including the Rose Garden) to what it was before the tangerine nightmare vandalized it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Naseem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage done to ths historic site is an absolute travesty. No additional money should be used to continue the destruction. This is America's house and is only occupied by tenants who have no right to alter and/or destory our historic property

Date: 2/17/2026 4:46:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth McKee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The bulldozing of the East Wing without going through lawful procedures and feedback from preservation specialists and the public has made me absolutely sick. Who would do something like this except someone who thinks he's above the law. No other president has or would've done anything close to this ever. Please do not allow any more destruction of the White House or any surrounding historic Washington DC areas. The guy in the White House is a grifter, and he needs to be stopped. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was before while Trump is in the White House, or if not, immediately after he's gone. Everything he has done must be undone and accountability must be had.

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Name: Loree Lamberty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Loree
Lamberty

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maizy Jaklitsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any public dollars (and most certainly not $300 million) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Any project that is not approved through proper processes should not proceed.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. In fact, those who initiated this unauthorized demolition should be fined to cover the cost of rebuilding.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who break laws could be held accountable, especially our nation's leaders. Democracy demands this accountability for their egregious actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:46:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McElligatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely appalled that the East Wing was torn down with no approved plan. The redesign should be held to the highest possible standards. Ideally, the restored East Wing should look like the pre-existing East Wing on the exterior in all ways. A ball room is not needed. If the commission decides to include a ballroom in the modernization, the size should be scaled down by at least 75%. Again, the new Wing should not be an eyesore and blight and a reminder of the trump- Epstein era. There will be prosecutions and convictions. There should be no memorialization of Trump's presidency in the new plan.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:46:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith White Crow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on building a ballroom to replace the former east wing of the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: H Peirce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonita Hamorsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel this $300 million+ abomination. Initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review, it is a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and those who broke the law to be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:45:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth McAloose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a sad day in America, to watch the destruction of our Whitehouse, without planning or respect to process or purpose. We are told it will be funded by donors, at what cost to our American people? Will these donors get special favors,such as contracts or deregulation? Will donors pay, or is this another situation where we are told, “Mexico will pay for the wall”?
In a time where we can’t afford healthcare, rent, to buy a home or scrimp on groceries, couldn’t our tax dollars be better spent than building gold plated ballrooms?

Date: 2/17/2026 4:45:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kit Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke

the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the People's House, not one man's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:45:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Nazzaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the East wing. It’s an affront to an a warning about American citizens that our lawless president has torn the east wing and I think down and urge or insist that it be rebuilt as it was prior to his assault.
Fine the perpetrators.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:45:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Flanigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

As a 70 year old who loves to visit D. C. and take joy in the history, arts and culture - as well as amazing dining - I am writing you regarding the East Wing of our White House. Since the current president destroyed it without consulting you or anyone of merit really, this project must be controlled and taken away from him/ them. Please insist that it is rebuilt exactly as it was before - with modern updates as deemed necessary of course. Honestly, I wonder if the rumors that he did it to fortify the bunker underneath are true. The White House is ruined under this president. We must not let a bit of it last. Please do not let that monstrosity of a ballroom dwarf the grandeur of the White House. All the propaganda that this administration has put out about other presidents remodeling the White House is hyperbole. And lies. When I saw video on social media of the bulldozers tearing into it - I was sick to my stomach. Please do not let the current resident of the White House have this much power. It is unconscionable.

thank you,
Cheri M Flanigan

Date: 2/17/2026 4:45:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann McClintic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our National, the White House belongs to the people. A sitting President may not unilaterally demolish parts and replace them with a vanity project at his leisure. We the people are in charge of this residence he is in actuality a renter for a fixed period of time. I would not have a legal right to tear out part of a house I

rented for a fixed time. Please use the money he has collected to rebuild the East wing and stop the destruction of our White House. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norman Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It should not be funded by private companies who are buying favor from the administration. Cancel this project. Those who broke the law need to fund restoring the East wing to it's prior design.

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Name: Alison Altre-Kerber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Warren Crichlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, like many other American citizens, am opposed to the allocation of $300 million for the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Bypassing established procedures and public consultation is neither in the nation’s best interest nor consistent with responsible stewardship of America's historical institutions.

This initiative cannot accurately be characterized as a modernization effort; rather, it represents an arbitrary destruction of an important part of American history.

I respectfully urge the review committee to cancel the improperly advanced Modernization Project and to authorize the restoration and reconstruction of the East Wing according to its original design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Fierro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Ale-Ebrahim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to go on record that the White House should be restored to its historic roots. Update to ADA Standards and improve security. Absolutely, no gilding should be added. We are a conservative nation and the White House should reflect a stately presence. I strongly believe that taxpayer dollars shouldn't pay for this, but rather Donald Trump as he illegally ordered the destruction of the East Wing-ruining a historic and reverent place for our nation. In addition, I believe that charges should be brought against Donald Trump for not consulting with the proper authorities in regards to destroying the East Wing. If any other person did this, there would be legal consequences.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margie Tucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: john Polum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled and the Eastwing of the White house to be rebuilt to the original specifications. The cost of the construction should be charged to President Trump and the Billionaires who financed his Ballroom .

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

John Polum

Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Meyerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of even $1.00 let alone the price tag that has grown monthly to now, well over $450M in “private donations”. Which is nothing more than bribe money to a wannabe King. This project, was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an another attempt for this shameless egomaniac to put his name on another building. It’s a complete embarrassment that he was able to tear the historic East Wing down with zero permission from the proper authorities and through the proper channels to preserve history. Once again breaking the law. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt at his expense! I want it restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We do not need a place for him to hold court with only the elite. He can do that at his own home in Palm Beach. The White House belongs to the people of America. It’s not a palace and he’s not a king.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Buys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Ribeiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project and demand that the East Wing be rebuilt asap. This is part of the People's House and we do not want a ballroom nor whatever was planned for beneath it. Restore the East Wing!
Sincerely, Sally R.Ribeiro

Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the construction on the East Wing. The White House belongs to the American people. Without approval from Congress, this is a violation and NEEDS to be STOP immediately. We the People won't be controlled by a dictator, nor King ever again.

Sincerely,
MLA (U. S. Citizen)

Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing without the involvement of the Planning Committee or the National Register of Historic Places was a monstrous offense to the people of the United States of America. The White House has been known as the People's House. Decisions like demolishing an entire wing of the White House immediately before inclement weather season should not be made unilaterally by one man,

regardless of who he may be. If additional reception space is needed, the architectural planning process should go through the same approval of any other historic property that receives federal funding and assistance. The American people do not want or need anymore gilded monstrosities in Washington DC.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:43:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good afternoon,

I would like to comment on the destruction and remodeling of the east wing. The White House belongs to the American people, not to the sitting president. This is a historical gem of United States and any and all changes alterations, destruction, remodeling should be done and approved by Congress and the american people. I firmly believe that everything should be put back the way it was.The east wing restored the rose garden redone until such a time , as it is voted on and approved by all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Kirby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious at the total desecration of a national treasure as part of THE PEOPLE S HOUSE. There is no excuse for the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House without planning or permits, solely on someone's whim. The East wing should be restored to its original state using funds designated to build the unnecessary ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:43:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Hengst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Leader Stoeber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am also concerned about the possibility that the "Ballroom" project is a cover for another, less salubrious, underground facility.

As a tax-paying American for more than 70 years, I demand that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I have read that courts have paused the dismantling of National Parks exhibits showing the history of slavery - surely, the dismantling of this historic building warrants at least such a judicial review.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Swank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing Modernization project, which reportedly involves an expenditure of approximately $300 million. This initiative appears to have been undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required for such a significant and historically sensitive building.
This is not a modernization effort—it is, rather, the destruction of a vital piece of American history. The old structure should be rebuilt to its original design.
Moreover, allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who disregarded established legal and procedural safeguards would undermine the rule of law and further erode public trust. No one, regardless of position or institution, is above the law.

I respectfully urge the Commission to halt this project, investigate the procedural violations, and require full compliance with all laws governing design review, preservation, and funding approval.
Sincerely,
Richard Swank PhD

Date: 2/17/2026 4:42:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Hays
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing belongs to the people of the United States of America. It is NOT the purview of the current occupant, nor ANY president to destroy the people's property.
Restore the West Wing to its rightful purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
A citizen

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Name: John Cassinari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathryn Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: William Haluska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners:

I oppose the spending of any public or private funding on this project, which was initiated without the

proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasure of important moments in American history and an attempt to change the urban character of our nation's capital for the foreseeable for the sake of auto-commemoration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Name: Margaret Hensley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Larry Hubble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The East Wing should be rebuilt using Donald Trump's private accounts; not taxpayer dollars.

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Name: Connie Sadler-Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave it as it looks today - put up heavy duty plexi glass to keep out the elements. Put up signage that says "are we great yet?" brought to you by #47.

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Name: David Kain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 65 year old US Citizen I have always admired our country's ability to use the building in Washington DC as a living history of our progress as a nation. Retaining our historical architecture is essential to our heritage and by appropriate and proportional maintenance, improvements and even updates we honor and respect those who have come before us. Having the ability to utilize Ballrooms in the city off the White House grounds seems reasonable and logical but to "sell the rights" to our beloved White House to commercial interests is not worthwhile. We have the capacity to improve the People's House with our treasury and I vote against the plan as has been proposed.

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Name: Michele Coughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mag Franzoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kayne Sirocco LaTrans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vanity abomination was begun illegally and without due process, and it and the felon who initiated it should both be consigned to history as the plagues they are.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Paulsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was heartbreaking to see the People's house turned to rubble without regard for the historic significance of the building to the US citizens. The time for public comment should have come prior to the destruction. There is no benefit to Americans in erasing the history and replacing it with a gaudy ballroom that none of us will ever see. The East Wing should be restored to its original condition. The entire Whitehouse belongs to the people - not one man who will be out of office by the time it is built. Please stop construction of the ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned about the east wing destruction and its new construction, that was not properly vetted, going through proper channels of permits, etc. The White House is the "people's house", not a particular president. There must be guardrails that prevent anyone from rebuilding and redecorating, according to their styles or desires. Without proper guidance, and historically proper construction to look appropriate along with the standing White House building, it would take away its historic value. Please make sure everything has been followed and evaluated, to make this building something all Americans can be proud of for many generations to come.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: corinne sandberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is heartbreaking to anyone who cares about our history or has a deep respect for our first ladies and their contributions to our country. Please stop this ostentatious eyesore and restore the East Wing so our children and grandchildren can learn the good, the bad and the ugly of our history, not just the last

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Name: Yolanda McLean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cheryl Denninger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to the destruction and alteration of the east wing of the White House. The People's house. This is a historically significant building that the current occupant had no right to alter, much less to destroy and plan a vulgar replacement. This project has been an affront to the American people. I understand that the proper permitting was not obtained, and that this should never have been allowed to happen. The east wing of the White House needs to be restored to its former state as soon as possible. And the cost needs to be borne by the donors who are funding the obscene ballroom that has been planned.

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Name: Sandra Klos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the taxpayer being charged $300 million for this project that was not authorized or in keeping with the history and preservation of national buildings. Control for this project should be given over to Congress, and not be controlled by the Executive Branch, who committed damage without the proper planning and authorizations. A Committee should be appointed by Congress to assess the public's interest in the reconstruction, with input from the Historical Preservation folks on restoring this building properly, to make it functional and useful, as well as matching the rest of the White House in scale,

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Name: tom carnevale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am aware that the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) has opened public comments on the proposed modernization of the East Wing at the White House. This project is not a modernization of the East Wing of the White House, as listed above from the drop-down menu, but rather the wholesale

destruction of a very important public building, which is the symbol of our democracy, by a single individual. As you all know, the East Wing of our White House has demolished PRIOR to any discussion of its removal. The proposed replacement of this important wing of the White House with a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition is completely out of scale and proportion to our White House and its surround grounds. The White House is for the President to live in while they are the current President, it is not theirs "to make in their own image" by permanently altering or destroying the building or property without permission from the public. Yes, they can paint interior rooms, hang new curtains, change light fixtures and move furniture around and in & out. IF a ballroom is needed (which is questionable), does it need to be attached to and dwarf our White House? IF it is needed for 'dinner parties' & gatherings, does it need to be attached to and dwarf our White House? Can a 'ballroom' happen somewhere else within the District and be used for possibly other 'functions? The National Capital Planning Commission is charged with reviewing these projects, which affect our public buildings, the Commission needs to (and MUST) review with critical eyes and make sure that whatever is built is appropriate for the setting, building, and public, and not just the individual that is currently living at our White House. A public design charrette or competition should be held (with a written building program) in order to find and discover the best solution for a "90,000 Square-foot Ballroom", for OUR HOUSE, AMERICA'S HOUSE. Thank You

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Hair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the outrageous, unnecessary, unauthorized, destruction of the East Wing of the White House stopped immediately, and the East Wing of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE restored to its former glory. The President is a temporary resident of our house. He had no right to unilaterally decide to deface a historic building with his gaudy vision. It is also inappropriate for tech billionaires to be updating likely (based on empirical behavior of this administration) surveillance technology that will be used on Americans under our own house. This is shameful.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Felpel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. A ballroom may be needed at the White House, but it needs to go through the proper channels, design reviews, permits, etc. No president of either party should unilaterally be able to go in and destroy any part of the White House. But it has happened. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing never should have been demolished until proper reviews and plans went through the proper evaluation process.

Please deny the current administration's horrible architectural plans for the East Wing. It does not fit in any way shape or form the historical design of the White House. Obviously, something needs to be done (rebuilt) due to the demolished wing but please let it move forward with the proper design reviews, permits, etc.

Thank you!

Tiffany Felpel

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Klopp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project at the People's House (I am one of the people!) It doesn't matter where the money came from, either from private companies or (my) tax money. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's called the "East Wing Modernization Project," even though the East Wing has been destroyed. It's shameful and I would like this project canceled. The best result would be to have the East Wing rebuilt, but if that doesn't happen, and another building is built, I would like to see it become a welcoming center to recent arrivals to the US.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:40:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Jana Dearden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Any other American who was re-modeling their house, would have to get a building permit or talk to the planning commission or get it approved by the Heritage committee. This is the minimum we expect for The People's house. This whole thing has been heartbreaking, especially the wanton disrespect for history. The planned ballroom is way to massive. If it is indeed going through, it needs to be scaled back to blend in with the rest of the buildings. We need classic elegance, not something from Las Vegas.

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Name: Diane Milligan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom monstrosity is terrible and should not be built.

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Name: Douglas Wahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect with many years of experience in historic preservation, I strenuously object to this project in that its scale and height are such that it competes with the original building for importance own the site. The physical footprint and proposed height of this addition are totally inappropriate relative to the existing White House.. Additions should be clearly subordinate to the primary building. I implore you to reject this project in its current form and request a reduction in height and scale to this project to something more respectful of "thr People's House". Thank you for your attention!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Hallam Hallam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or as deemed appropriate by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (subject to all the proper procedures for such undertakings). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:40:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Talarowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY let alone $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Beverley Harper Tinsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. This is not modernization, but removal and replacement. In addition, no effort was made to preserve the special materials, or unique historical artifacts, important to our national history and identity. We the people do not know what has become of the treasured items once housed there. I am outraged at this contemptible violation of the trust of the American people. We were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal, and not as a violent fait accompli, prior to waking to see photos of a giant pit. The speed and aggression with which this destruction was undertaken clearly indicate those directing the damage knew it would not be acceptable to the citizens of the country.

The current occupant of the White House is a temporary visitor, just as every United States president has been throughout our history. No president is entitled to treat this much loved property of the citizens as if it were his/her own house, to destroy with willful abandon, at a personal whim. Nor should either taxpayers, or wealthy private individuals and corporations with potentially corrupt self interests pay for one powerful person's private aesthetic to be imposed upon our most meaningful historical structures.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The United States does not have a king, and we will not support having a palace.

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Name: Steph Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kimberly Dixson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very much oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing. Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action by one person. This project, already topping $300 million, is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking and preferential access. The "process" used for demolition and creation of a new structure has undermined public trust.

The East Wing was completely destroyed with demolition beginning (and ending!) before any review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. It appears that nobody is being held accountable for anything related to this awful project.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Lynne Hobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why and How was this allowed to happen? Why did no one strongly challenge the person who initiated the destruction of history and “the People’s property”? Disgraceful. Autocracy begins when those capable of stopping it don’t….. please put a stop to this illegal project and horrible negation of an important part of our past. Follow the money and extinguish the corruption, please….

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Name: Rebecca Alber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Rebecca L. Alber

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Name: Philip Eisenlohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

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Name: steve schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Steve Schneider
Shoreline, WA

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Name: Diana Gerba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be put back to the way it was and we do NOT need a huge ballroom. The White House is the people's house do NOT turn it into a Trump Monstrosity

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Velikanje
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jill Arowesty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Maintain integrity of former structure

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Name: Wade Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe it is terrible what has been done to the east wing and the country. I dont care if it's a democrat or a republican. What is being done to the east wing, our country, and the complete disregard for the constitution and the rule of law is sickening! Please restore the east wing if nothing else.

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Name: Steven Lund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Roselle Kovitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Arellano-Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: cynthia brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a taxpayer, voter and citizen. I do not want to see the East Wing of the White House radically enlarged and altered. The proposed ballroom is unnecessary and of no benefit to 99% of the citizens of this county. The design is offensively opulent and tacky. DO NOT ruin the White House with this project.

Although it is supposedly to be donor funded, I suspect that the citizens of this country will still pay for the project via favors granted to the donors. Do not do this!

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Name: Gary Myer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cheri Brauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

And while repairs are being made, please restore the rose garden planted by Jackie Kennedy.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this East Wing project.
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this modernization does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.”
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible.
No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Kaupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kaupp

Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Canfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The last thing we need is a ballroom for the elite and their cronies, and the proposed design looks very off balance architecturally. The East Wing should never have been razed without following the proper protocol. Please scrap the ballroom concept and restore the People's House with a modernized East Wing with a design that honors our history and the iconic architecture long associated as a national symbol of the U.S.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann DIngee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the individual responsible! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my outrage that the East Wing was demolished without following proper procedures. Until this project is in compliance with statutory requirements for National Historic Preservation, no further actions should be taken. All future actions must be done without financial conflicts of interest and should be done in the best interests of the United Sates citizens, not in the interest of one man's ego, even if he is our so called President.

Please bring integrity and a proper process back to the East Wing building, whatever that takes.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisbeth Ash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization should reflect the style and proportions of the historic White House, of which it is a part. There should be an architectural committee composed of professionals and historians who would be intimately involved in the design of the new structure. This should not be a rushed project. This should not be a project dictated by one person, even the President. This is not a vanity project and it should remain named the East Wing and not have any person's name attached to it, as it part of the People House - the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A a Kahles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Slentz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm completely in opposition of building a monstrosity to detract from OUR existing White House! This IS "the people's house", NOT Donald Trump's. The demolition and plans were ALL started without proper authorization, permits, or design review approval. NO person is above the law and regulations that apply to ALL citizens, and for that reason, I want this project cancelled and FULL restoration of the former East Wing to it's original size and shape! This should also serve the purpose to remind ALL people, organizations, and government entities that "the people's properties", including all buildings and parks MUST ALWAYS be under the full review and approval of the National Capital Planning Commission. There is not "after the fact" approval, and that East Wing should NEVER have been touched!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:35:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Due to not followed the legal process of permitting, the East Wing must be restored to its original state at the expense of the party responsible for the demolition. This should be completed prior to the end of the 2026 year. Legal avenues should be pursued on behalf of the American citizens who have been harmed.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:35:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deana Turnipseed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Deana Turnipseed

Date: 2/17/2026 4:35:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Petermeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

This project should be canceled. The East Wing should not have been destroyed without public input and consideration of the valuable historic nature of the building. I feel fortunate that I was able to tour the White House in 2023 and enter the White House through the East Wing. It should be rebuilt and restored.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a new ballroom. Private funding should not be used to court favors and disregard public input. Altering historic government buildings should be funded by the broader public through funds allocated by Congress or by previously established practices. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the required authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than a modernization project, this is an erasure of American history. The project should never have started and now I want it canceled. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design. No one, including the sitting president, is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without holding those responsible, those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law abiding Americans and to our history. The White House is the People's House and should not be desecrated in this way.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House had an east wing, had an East wing. When did the white house become Trump's private property. I oppose the "new" ballroom. It's a waste of money and the people's house doesn't need such a wasteful addition. Maralago north

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Viera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the planning commission,
I am opposed to the ballroom construction to replace the East Wing. The east wing was knocked down illegally, with no permits, prior authorization or planning review. The citizens of the United States do not benefit from the construction of an oversized ballroom, which will shadow the white house (the people's house). We want the East Wing to be restored to its previous condition. We do not have kings with ballrooms in America!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adele Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or an equally appropriate addition be put through proper channels. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Lichota
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people, not to the Pedophile in Chief! How dare he tear down an historical monument to build a ballroom that is not needed. He and his regime are destroying everything big and small in our country. Please rebuild in the same fashion of which you destroyed. It's a shame that diaper don is left to destroy the historic East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:34:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary MacDonald-Hamill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, He knew we wouldn't like it so he did it in the middle of the night. We woke up to see it was gone. No more East wing. Is this a Nightmare? No, it was real. Please restore the east wing of the White House, the People's House to the way we have known and loved it all our lives. Thank you very much.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Brower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong disapproval regarding the proposed construction of a ballroom at the White House.
The White House is far more than a residence or event venue—it is a living symbol of our nation's history, leadership, and democratic values. The preservation of its historical integrity should be treated as a sacred responsibility. The idea of constructing a new ballroom, particularly one that could exceed the scale of the existing structure where critical decisions affecting our country and the world are made every day, is deeply troubling.
A ballroom, by its very nature, is a space intended for social gatherings and entertainment. It should never overshadow or overpower a place of such profound national importance. Alterations of this magnitude risk diminishing the historical character and symbolic weight of this treasured landmark.
I strongly urge you and all decision-makers involved to reconsider this proposal and to prioritize the preservation and protection of the White House as the historic and dignified institution it has always been. Future generations deserve to inherit it with its integrity intact.
Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of citizens who care deeply about preserving our

nation’s history.
Respectfully,
Maureen Brower

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Korine Vitiello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to request the cancellation of the building of the proposed ballroom on the White House grounds. I am also requesting that instead of this ballroom, the East Wing be fully restored and rebuilt, at the expense of the current occupant.

The White House is the peoples' house, not Donald Trump's. He is merely an occupant for the finite period of his term or removal, which ever may come first. Simply stated, he not only completely disregarded processes required for any such major renovations, he had no right to destroy the East Wing in the first place. We are a nation of laws, period. This stunt and dismissal of the processes herein, is yet another example of his total disregard for our Democracy, our Constitution, our laws, and lastly, the power of the peoples' voice.

The East Wing has been a primary part of the peoples' house and its history since 1902, nearly 125 years ago. Its structure was in keeping with the simplicity, elegance and humility of our White House. The proposed ballroom is a monstrosity of a structure that I'm sure will be gilded with the similar gaudiness of Trump's defiling project for the Oval office. In other words, he turned the dignified office into the likeness of a cheap brothel or third rate casino in Atlantic City.

The ballroom project must be stopped now.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Schweigert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Delaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I don't care where the money is coming from, but I do not for a minute believe it will be privately funded.

I oppose private funding! This is the people's house.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a vanity project. The East Wing should not be reconstructed until a complete and properly approved plan is complete and the final result is not a vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:22:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron Kumetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings
Just to be clear, I am not some sort of left wing kook as our apricot in chief would refer to some. I am a lifelong republican
of the Ronald Reagan variety who has served a national intelligence agency.

I find it incredible that an entire wing of a building owned by myself an other citizens of our great nation and replacing it with
a brobdingnagian monstrosity entirely out of character for a constitutional republic could happen in my country.

The government of the people, by the people and for the people has apparently jumped the rails.

Rein in that pompous ass with the crippling narcissism and rebuild The Whitehouse in a manner which approximates
the intended purpose of the building.

Ron Kumetz
Alburgh, Vermont

PS if you have to explain brobdingnagian to the apricot idiot tell him it means abnormally inflated like his opinion of himself.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:25:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ray Eames
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this grotesque project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As an architect- I find this process and project particularly offensive. The White House does not belong to any particular person, but to the United States, and should not be transformed in this secretive and un-considered way.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was undertaken without the proper reviews, procedures, and authorization. The East Wing was destroyed without preservation of its many historical and valuable features. The proposed ballroom is grotesquely out of scale vis à vis the White House. In addition the soliciting of private donors to fund it and the secrecy of the entire project raises questions about quid pro quos in return for contributions.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Peavy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, especially now when the the average American is struggling just to pay bills and put food on the table. What a gross exhibition of decadence using tax payer money that clearly wasn't needed but was still collected. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:25:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Jessee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House without approval is appalling. The proposed 90,000 SF ballroom laden with gold decorations is an abomination. And the use of taxpayers' money to do all of this makes me very angry. My preference at this juncture is that the demolition debris is removed and the site left unimproved so as to not waste another cent of tax revenue and avoid turning another public space into trailer trash with tacky gold embellishments. If a structure must be built on the site, it should be delayed until the current administration no longer occupies the space and offices and functional spaces.should be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:25:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Schumann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How is the People's House bulldozed without any notice to the very people that it belongs to? I am not sure how this travesty could have happened, but it is a tragedy that will indeed be part of our history for as long as humanity can still read. It is difficult to consider this an act of malice to our constitution, ideals, and our laws.

I hope we can fix this nightmare before it gets any worse, Pleas let us restore the East Wing to the specifications of the original drawings with any engineering upgrades that enhance it's original beauty for posterity.

Thank you,

Jay Schumann

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosella Champion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Mosher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:25:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the American people's house, not a monument

to a specific person or set of wealthy donors.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Rauschendorfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilee Rhoads
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:30:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzi Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historical landmark and needs to remain so. Any renovations need to be made with the appropriate approval of the committee created for this purpose. Is nothing sacred anymore. Please stop the building of this ballroom shrine and repair the East Wing to its former glory.

Suzi Snyder

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartsick that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without the people's input. History has been needlessly destroyed. The only correct and proper path forward is to rebuild exactly as it was. Please do the right thing for posterity.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Dean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so unhappy that Trump decided to tear down 1/4 of the White House on this stupid and unnecessary project. It was initiated without any authorization, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump is not above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maya Hoffmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robbin Ossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen concerned with the preservation of the 'People's House,' I believe the proposed, massive

ballroom addition is an inappropriate alteration to a historic site. The demolition of the East Wing began without proper, independent public review or congressional approval. The administration must pause construction to allow for required environmental and historical impact assessments before irreversible damage is done to the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Middents
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Myers Ellington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project to aggrandize one man's bottomless ego. I want this project completely halted, reversed, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Melsted
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I was shocked at the level of distruction to this historic building and the lack of respect for the history enshrined inside the building and what was contained within the building.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.I would like to see it returned to something similar in size to what they tore down, I do not think this country needs a big, ugly ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxanne Hawn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the addition of the rumored bunker and the grotesquely huge ballroom vanity project -- or any other asinine, ego-driven use of the space where the East Wing once stood. I hope you will demand that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was. Nothing should be added or changed that overwhelms the architectural balance of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: eileen labrecque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS PROJECT NOW- STOP tearing down HISTORY - the PEOPLE's buildings!!! This is insane really. They are moving at lightspeed so you can not stop them til too late-make them rebuild exactly as it was!!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Swank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To: National Capital Planning Commission

Subject: Opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing Modernization project, which reportedly involves an expenditure of approximately $300 million. This initiative appears to have been undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required for such a significant and historically sensitive undertaking.
This is not a true modernization effort—it is, in essence, the destruction of a vital piece of American history. The existing structure should be restored and rebuilt to its original design rather than replaced or substantially altered.
Moreover, allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who disregarded established legal and procedural safeguards would undermine the rule of law and erode public trust. No one, regardless of position or institution, is above the law.
I respectfully urge the Commission to halt this project, investigate the procedural violations, and require full compliance with all laws governing design review, preservation, and funding approval.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Swank

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Wargowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of a single penny, let alone millions of taxpayer dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The lawbreakers need to be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Yorke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At 69 years old I never thought I'd see the destruction this administration has done to the peoples house. The Rose Garden, destroyed for a foot court look alike. Now the East Wing demolished with only a "big ballroom" announced. The East Wing should be rebuilt to it's original specifications stipulating no gold guilding. If a ballroom is something the historical committee agrees with it should be on a smaller scale to accommodate todays needs....which isn't the monstrosity proposed. This isn't one Presidents house...it's the peoples house and changes should be in keeping with tradition and good taste.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:32:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Bernstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose ANY changes to the East Wing of the White House

Date: 2/17/2026 4:31:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Hendrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million - an estimate which has now ballooned to $400 million - on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula McGarvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom project on Whitehouse grounds.
Destruction of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review—in blatant disregard for protocol and historical preservation of what is the people's house.
Building a colossal ballroom only used by diplomats both physically overshadows the existing White House, and financially underemphasizes the existing needs of US citizens, such as education and health care. The money for the proposed gaudy and gargantuan ballroom would be better spent elsewhere.
I want this vanity project canceled.
The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its historical condition. Penalties and fines should be brought against all who circumvented the proper procedure and leveled the East Wing.
Respectfully,

Paula J. McGarvey
Butte, MT

Date: 2/17/2026 4:31:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Spence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The East Wing was The People's House and many, if not most were extremely saddened by the destruction of a place so important to our national heritage and presence in the White House location. This was only after the shock of such a savage assault was absorbed as we watched the illegal and egregious actions of this administration's total disregard for its people.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please repair the East Wing and put an end to this.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:31:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wynne Edelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build a larger, safer, more technology driven bunker. Rebuild the east wing with a similar layout. Improve sanitary, heating, and lighting infrastructure. Make it more energy efficient. Do not allow anything gold. Do not build a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:31:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is both a metaphor and the tragic reality for how Donald Trump runs afoul of laws here in the US abroad. I worked for a presidential administration, and no other president would've thought he had the right to knock down the walls of a historic building. The building should be rebuilt exactly as it was before its destruction. There does not need to be a ballroom. In less than three years Donald Trump will be a stain on all our memories and no one will want a ballroom reminding us of his diseased mind and that once he once occupied the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:31:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Kizirian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the recent worrisome 'changes' to the East Wing of the People's House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this so-called modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not in fact a modernization project at all, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Shari Kizirian

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to the president and is not a royal castle. The rebuilt East Wing should not dominate the building; rather it's size and design should be similar to the destroyed East Wing. Also, as the people's house it should not be decorated with excessive gold leaf or gold items, which are signs of royalty and do not belong.

The fact that President Trump has broken every law and ignored the Constitution in this and many other initiatives does not give him authority to keep doing so, especially for initiatives that cannot be easily reversed when he leaves office or is impeached and convicted.

Congress needs to step up and recapture it's powers under the Constitution!

Sincerely,
Susan Berger
Reston, VA

Date: 2/17/2026 4:31:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Bennion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm firmly against the project to deface and expand the white house for an unnecessary ballroom. It is the people's house and does not belong to Donald Trump.

Janet Bennion

Date: 2/17/2026 4:30:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Triola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this destruction to stand. Historical buildings need to go through a process before being altered. In any way let alone completely torn down. This was not done and it is a travesty to our country. There is a beauty in Rich historical buildings that have housed so many beautiful functions. For one man to decide that it needs to be glittery and bigger with his name on it for all posterity is simply not who we are as a country.
Please vote instead to have it rebuilt as it was.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gedatus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:30:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Barkman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete erasure of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:29:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Vitrano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The Commission has a purpose and is responsible to review changes to the White House.
The demolition of the EW It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It can have modern amenities that would be approved by the Commission.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary gmail.com
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished. The White House belongs to the people of the United States. Presidents are temporary caretakers of the Peoples White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt as closely to the original as possible. I am strongly against a ballroom of any size. The people of the United States are financially strapped, priced out of owning a home, choosing between buying groceries or paying heating bills, and the current administration wants to build a ballroom to entertain their wealthy donors and cronies. There is no need for additional accommodations for social activities at the White House, it is an assemblage of buildings for governance, not partying. The existing White House has served the American People just fine for the last 234 years.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Vinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jenny McPhee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has long been a symbol of the United States. The symmetry added to the power of the image and the colonial style reminded us all of our heritage and the battles it took to be a stand alone country. The east wing should be restored to as it was or a reasonable update that reflects the style of the rest of the White House. Demolition and major renovations to any property owned by American citizens should require a vote of some sort. Besides the loss of history when such things happen, we cannot afford for every single President to decide to destroy or make unrecognizable buildings we own every term.

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Name: K Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Pomeroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to wasting money on this unnecessary project. Please restore the original building and stop destroying the entire country's heritage. Our country is more than one man. He doesn't own it.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the addition of a ballroom to the White House. The White House does not need a ballroom, especially when it's true intent is to fatten the pockets of the current occupant. The White House has functioned well without a structure and the addition of one can only be viewed as something that has nothing to do with the operation of the government - rather personal aggrandizement.

I view the destruction of the East Wing as criminal, capricious and unlawful and fully expect the Trump administration to fund recreation of the structure. Its removal was unlawful and now when one views the structure it is not only a visual disaster but also and graphic reminder of the state of our democracy.

I demand denial of any necessary permits for the ballroom and restoration of the East Wing.

Thank you,
John W. Phillips

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rodica Stoicoiu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gattari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't want $.25 of my taxpayer money to go to this project. There are too many other important issues that need our tax dollars.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Shiel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom. The idea of it is appalling. To allow this project to proceed would be to reward those who ignore the laws and do what they want. The East wing was beautiful as it was and it should be restored to as it was. It is a sacrilege that Trump razed this historic building without regard to laws or the public whom it belongs to. He will be out of office before either is finished. This is not his house and he should not be allowed to wreck it in such a complete manner. Please do not allow this project to proceed. Instead, please restore the original building, as it was. A ballroom is not only a bad idea, it also throws off the aesthetics of the rest of the property. Thank you,

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Elms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Meiers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ame Secrist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to

demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Delavan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled the ANYONE and especially the president can take it upon themselves to destroy any part of the United States that belongs to the People! As no permits nor proper permissions or procedures were followed I feel that the entire East Wing should be restored as it was before this illegal abomination began.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roy Lidtke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Strictly speaking destroying the East Wing was illegal so allowing this administration to proceed with this would be an affront to every American. It belongs to the people of the United States, not to any temporary occupant renter. I propose we do what European states would do and rebuild it so the exterior would closely resemble the previous building but modernize the interior to fit the needs of a modern state.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Reis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Board,
I am writing to you today, February. 17th, 2026 because I am against the 90,000 square foot ballroom!!!! It should be in perfect proportion to the White House and should be kept simple, not gilded and overpowering! Please for the sake of the People's house, do not let this architectural monstrosity be built!! One man does not have the right to build it in his image..It would be nice if it could be rebuilt as it was and in keeping with the rest of the White House!! Thank you for your consideration!
Deb Reis

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Schaufennbuel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of what/who the funding source is. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a literal razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Moreland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT support his excessive spending on a project that was initiated without proper authorization or permits or design approval. It's an utter insult to the entire American people that this has been allowed to progress to this point. The East Wing should be rebuilt AS IT WAS, but with improved HVAC, computer networking, etc. The people do not need a garish ballroom sponsored by private interests looking for favors. The law was flagrantly broken and those who did it must be held accountable. Cancel this project now.

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Name: Barbara Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abominatoin and should never have been permitted to happen. Everything this president touches turns to trash. Please please please heed the words of someone who is better able than I to express the outrage I feel:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.press the outrage I feel:

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Name: Bernadine Lofredo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Baschkopf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remember the East Wing of the White House!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Laurie Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop them from building this atrocity next to our own beautiful White House. It is the People’s House, yours and mine, and we don’t need a massive ballroom decked out in gold. We have people hungry and uneducated and unhealthy in this country, and it is a travesty to build this ballroom. Please please please stop it and restore our wonderful East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marla Easter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just don't do it. We don't need a monstrous ballroom for the privileged rich. Build back the East Wing just like it was. Someday we'll have a real first lady again and she'll need it. Don't erase our history.
The White House is the people's house. It doesn't belong to the Epstein class. And get rid of all the gold flip while you're at it.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:26:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alfred Poor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending ANY FUNDS -- taxpayer or otherwise -- on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND ENTITY must be investigated for their roles in this illegal action and consequences must be pursued.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:26:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Lauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I WANT THIS PROJECT STOPPED! THE EAST WING IS THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, NOT THE PRESIDENT. i WANT IT RESTORED TO ITS FORMER DESIGN AND HERITAGE. THIS WAS AN ILLEGAL MOVE AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWWED!

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Name: Karen Gates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This will be brief and to the point - I am sure many learned citizens have expressed in great detail their objections to the ballroom, and they did that much better than I can.
I am dismayed beyond belief that this could happen to our beloved White House. This project should be stopped at once and the full restoration of the East Wing, in every detail, be implemented. I just wish there was a way that Trump personally could be compelled to pay for this restoration. I can't believe that taxpayers will have to fund this.
Thank you for reading this.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:26:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Magnuson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Effler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop President Trump's unauthorized construction of the east wing ballroom. It is not his house. It belongs to the citizens of the US. Neither he nor his billionaire buddies have any right to build whatever they want on the Whitehouse grounds.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:25:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon O'Brian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since President Trump destroyed the East Wing of the White House, an historical building, without any input from anyone or any agency, the National Capital Planning Commission should stand fast in having "veto power" over whatever Trump has in mind. In my opinion, a ballroom is not needed as part of the White House but if a ballroom is approved, it certainly does not need to be bigger than the White House itself! Whatever is built should be in the same footprint as the destroyed East Room and match the existing structure. I just can't understand how this destruction was allowed to happen.

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Name: Kathy Posey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid in full by Donald J. Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Clifton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House was a perfect example of the 'Federal' architectural style, a key factor of which is symmetry of design. Everything in balance, with classical accents. Donald Trump's destruction of the East Wing ruined the White House's symmetry. Destroyed its balance. Marred its inherent beauty. The planned ballroom as a replacement for the East Wing would only exponentially multiply the damage done to the White House's overall design. It would turn the building into an off-kilter joke. Make of it an architectural absurdity. It would ruin the White House for generations to come.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:24:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Sterling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending a dime on this project. This is the People's house, and not another ego boost for this president. I am sickened by the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing. No one should be able e bypass the law. We need to stop the construction of this gaudy project of a ballroom. When will we get back to the process of government FOR the People, and not a Dictator. The only money that should be spent should be to restore the historic East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Van Houzen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens! He need to be held accountable and he needs to be fined the costs of destroying it and restoring it! American tax paying citizens should not have to pay for his corrupt actions!

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Name: Carol Van Alsten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rachel DeLucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the un-reviewed demolition process of the East Wing was an atrocity. The People don't need a giant ballroom for entertaining. Please rebuild and redesign this space with an eye towards functions that serve the everyday needs of majority of Americans, not to satisfy the whims and vanity of elites. I'm not tied to recreating the function/form exactly as was historic -- consider making lemonade from lemons here and constructing an administrative HQ for expanded universal health care, a homeless shelter, expansive child care center, or renew the Dept of Education.

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Name: LuAnn Yerks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allegra Pitera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean McLuckey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. Established procedures and rules were not followed. There has been no proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored in its former footprint. No one, no President, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without enforcing the existing laws flies in the face of what all Americans believe is core to our Nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:24:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Gold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people and to that end this project needs the approval of our representatives. The project needs to be stopped immediately and go through the proper channels before anymore damage is done.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Cord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Khristine Rolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am a registered voter with the state of North Carolina and a tax payer and contributor to the Federal government and the state of NC. I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing "Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As well as this projects is soliciting funds from billionaires who in return expect government favors from this current administration. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Imrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization and ballroom project: I'm writing in opposition of the proposed $300 million project, which moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a transparent design review process. This is not responsible stewardship—it represents the irreversible loss of historic fabric that belongs to all Americans.

I fully support the National Trust's mission to protect and preserve our nation's historic places for future generations.
This project should be halted, accountability enforced, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its historic design. Allowing such an undertaking to proceed without consequence undermines both preservation law and public trust.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DIANE Dukes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million (no matter thru public or private funds) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Not only that, but with so many Americans struggling to pay for food & having a livable household, building a gold-gilded ballroom is as tone deaf as any administration can get. The billionaire class has lost its way & in no way gets what it means to live on average incomes.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:24:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tricia Bringardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project. Trump destroyed the East Wing without getting proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a vanity project to stoke Trump's ego. He completely razed American History. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump needs to pay for the rebuilding himself and not use taxpayer funds. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Destroying such a historical structure is something a dictator does, not the President of the U.S. This needs to be rectified!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose any approval or funding for this project other than to STOP further demolition and destruction of this historic building. This demolition was done with no regard for the approval process or the long term ramifications of the total destruction of federal property. This property does not belong to the President, a temporary occupant. Significant changes to the integrity of federal property are not at the mercy of the whim of any one person. It should not be undertaken to make way for a structure that would not complement the White House, but instead would debase the property.
The East Wing should be reconstructed.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Henson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

I am appalled that part of the White House has been demolished! I think it should be tastefully rebuilt without gaudy accessories, but with hidden updates like the electrical. And please, please restore the Rose Garden.

I have always thought the White House would be something to be proud of forever. A symbol of the United States. I never dreamed someone would be so crass and selfish as to bring down a whole section of the White House!

Sincerely,

Mother of three grown-up voters…one is a
Good policeman that follows the law,
Retiree,

Pam Henson

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Mielbrecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that Trump destroyed part of the people's house without permission is a travesty. It is a historic building and needs no huge ballroom filled with gold and mirrors and chandeliers, a decor that doesn't fit the building or our American architecture and history. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the style of the original building, but packed full of modern technology and efficient floor plans.
Trump has already spoiled the simple American style of the Oval Office with his Versailles-esque "decors". Please don't let him destroy another American icon.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:20:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Brendel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to approving the concept and the plan for the ballroom addition to our White House. From what I can tell, it is out of scale, unattractive and illegally being undertaken with no public push back. Let's push back NOW. Virginia has long protected its natural resources and its historic monuments and sites. This White House project is inappopriate and unnecessary and tasteless. We do NOT need more gold and gilt and tacky attachments to display who we are. We are NOT that! Please do whatever you can to tone it down or deny it. Thank you! Mary Ann Brendel - Williamsburg, VA (member of Preservation Virginia)

Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my horror at the plans to rebuild the east wing of the White House to a structure that would dwarf the main building. It's outrageous that the destruction of the east wing happened with no oversight and no input from historical commission, Congress or the public. The president does not own the people's house. He is a temporary resident and should not have the power to destroy our heritage and build something so unnecessary and while ruining the character of the White House. Please stop this. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: gail morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you, Gail Morrison, USA concerned citizen

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Name: Brenda Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you!

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Name: Heather Chorley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Johannah Willsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheldyn Gammieri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Will Lockwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are appalled and greatly saddened by the destruction of the East Wing. A part of our heritage has been wantonly destroyed. Our children have had their legacy stolen. It is a criminal act. Any new replacement must be in keeping with the tradition, proportion, scale and style of the west wing and White House main buildings. The replacement's functionality should be suited to the needs of future presidents and first ladies, not to the grandiosity of any individual.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Bliesener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Barlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a symbol of the nation, the White House should be dignified, elegant, and beautiful. The proposed ballroom is much too big, its pillars rhythmically boring, and I can't imagine how food for that many people can be catered well. While I am persuaded that hosting dignitaries in tents is undesirable, this ballroom must be re-designed to be smaller. The White House itself must be the focus of the building and vistas of it must not be blocked by the new East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tricia Ball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Kleckner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing back to it's original glory and history of the White House. It is the "people's house", not the current presidents. It was demolished illegally and without proper regulation and oversight. The beauty and simplicity of the East Wing should be returned to the existing building for future

generations to come. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Frees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Despite its name, it is not an attempt to modernize the East Wing but to obliterate American history. I want this project cancelled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and those who broke the law in pursuing this project outside of proper channels held accountable for their actions

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Gladstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty. The WH is the PEOPLE's House and no alterations, demolition, repurposing for an unnecessary ballroom have been approved BY THE PEOPLE. It is a permanent monument, but only temporary housing for the office holder. I don't approve. Make the current resident pay to have it restored STAT!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Rodenkirch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged with how this administration destroyed a beautiful part of history that belonged to the citizens of the United States. Please share that I would like the East Wing to be restored to its former glory. There is no justification for a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anganette McBryde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be restored to how it was before it was demolished. IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN

DEMOLISHED TO START WITH. The White House and other historic buildings should not be altered based upon the whims of an autocrat. Thank-you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Marquard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the construction until fully reviewed and approved by NCPC and the CFA. If Trump can do this then what's to stop him from razing the White and building a golden palace?

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irene Corke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this horrific ballroom build and return it to the original design with utility upgrades as needed. Ballrooms are available all over the city. Also please return the rose garden to the Jackie Kennedy design.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Flood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this project proceed. The ballroom distorts the beauty of the White House. Would it possible to reconstruct the East Wing which was bulldozed for the construction of the ballroom?

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Malof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not advance the ballroom project proceed as described, it at all. As proposed the ballroom will dwarf the the White House and irreparably damage the fabric of this historic landscape.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Bonney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the writer and i don't think we need a ballroom for the white house..The White house had a history to it and was big and old and beautiful, and along come Trump and think it needs to be be modern - WHY? why ruin a good thing and then wait months for it to be replace or hopefull back to what it was...We the people should have a right to say what goes and what stays, after all it is our country too..Please put it back as it was and make it beautiful again, kinda like the rose garden- once it is gone it will never return...Give us our big beautiful house back!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Childress
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:23:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Song
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Carrie Song

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Ruth C. Edwards

Date: 2/17/2026 4:22:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Kaja
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this ballroom to be built. The East Wing should be restored to its former state. Do not let even $1 be spent for anything but restoration of the original wing.

I also feel that billionaires showering money to the President for this project should not be allowed. I am sure that it is totally illegal for him to accept.bbhrnis fleecing the American people and bankrupting the American people.

Thank you for stopping this abomination.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:22:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Richmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

What has been done, the destruction of the East Wing, is outrageous: it is architecturally inappropriate and deeply disrespectful. Virtually a casino is planned. What's next? - The East Wing, used by First Ladies and family, was gracious, with her offices and living room, and elegant walkway. It was emblematic of our White House being a lovely and livable home for our elected American leader. It's been destroyed, a desecration that needs to corrected. This president moves on unapproved projects at lightening speed. Please decide this matter in haste, and stop the wreckage, and restore the classic East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:22:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC:
I'll be brief. The tearing down of the East Wing is abhorrent to our country's democratic processes and to our history.
Those with money are not supposed to be able to do what they wish with PUBLIC sites. It's horrifying that they are being encouraged to by this administration, and that no entity stopped this offense before the wrecking balls destroyed part of our culture.
PLEASE ensure that this ill-fated "project" is permanently stopped and that some restoration is possible.
Sincerely,
Judy Wolf

Date: 2/17/2026 4:22:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Pacinelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No, no, no. Historic east wing was illegally torn down.
A historic reconstruction should be built.
Do not let our history be destroyed with no consequences.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pennie Kost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. As mentioned above, this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Project approval needs to be denied and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Mickiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you
Mary Mickiewicz

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Iafrate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,

Mrs Colleen Iafrate

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Everhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East wing, that has been a special place for many years. The presidents friends can pay for it. If they need to upgrade the bunker underneath that is understandable.

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Name: Linda Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I have made a prototype for an Epstein Ballroom curtain

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Grosso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper procedure or consideration. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history at the hands of an administration which

prioritizes Mr. Trump's self-promotion over the American people. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Mr. Trump has reportedly "told people working on the ballroom that they did not need to follow permitting, zoning or code requirements because the structure is on White House grounds." By funding the project through donors rather than taxpayers, Mr. Trump is cutting legislators out of the process. I do not believe he can be trusted to complete this project properly. (Source: The New York Times: Inside Trump's Push to Make the White House Ballroom as Big as Possible, 11/30/25)

There are ways to renovate the White House properly and conscientiously, but Mr. Trump does not seem concerned about that. President Harry S. Truman appointed a bipartisan six-person commission to oversee renovations in the 1940s. He consulted the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Commission of Fine Arts. However, "Mr. Trump has not taken the project to Congress for funding or debate, instead saying he and private donors would provide the money. No bipartisan commission is overseeing the construction. Money for the project is going into a fund that is not subject to transparency laws." (Source: The New York Times: Before Renovating White House, Truman Got Buy-In From Congress and Experts, 10/23/25)

Given the reckless manner in which this project has been executed thus far, I'm also concerned about potential health hazards for anyone directly - or indirectly - exposed to the demolition/construction. My father died from mesothelioma and I understand that dangers such as asbestos exposure must be taken very seriously. I do not trust the leaders of this project to handle those concerns with transparency and proper safety procedures.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia McComas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was very sad to see the demolition of the East Wing of our White House, especially after learning that proper authorization was not attained prior to the tearing away of the property. As much as I appreciate progressive and forward moving ideas, this "modernization project" seems to be anything but that. I request this project to be cancelled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the ones responsible for this action to be held accountable. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:20:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juliana McIntosh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm very concerned about this project altering the historical provenance of the White House. I'm also concerned about money donated from private sources. If we, the people, are going to renovate the White House, the project funds should come from the taxpayers. However, I'm not interested, as a taxpayer in seeing any money used to renovate when renovations are not only unnecessary, but will not enhance the historic value or beauty of the existing building. The White House belongs to the people. This renovation should not be at the whimsy of one person. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:20:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Clay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Sincerely,
Sandra Clay

Date: 2/17/2026 4:20:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Roche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $200 million on this project. The East Wing should be restored to its stately former grandeur of a size and design compatible with the White House itself. The proposed ballroom is an outsized hideous addition that would ruin the site if our nation's home.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:19:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:19:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Wind
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose everything about this project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project when that money could be put to much better uses. I oppose it based upon the fact that it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the fact that this project treats the People's House as the property of a single President when it is, in fact, the property of the entire country, and contains a long and storied history which should NOT under any circumstances be razed without proper review. I oppose that this project was begun with an attitude of "act first and ask forgiveness later" and displays a complete disregard for not only the history contained in the White House but also for all legal and prcedural rules and regulations. I oppose this project based upon the fact that it is wholly and completely unneccessary and is in fact one President's vanity project; let him do as he will with his OWN properties, but not with the property of the United States of America.

I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing of OUR White House rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States of America.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:19:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Sollberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I just cringe every time I think of the huge gaudy golden ballroom sitting next to the White House. The White House has class, it should be considered a National Historic site and this should not be allowed.

In addition, the country can't afford to spend $300 million on this. It is sold to us that billionaires will pay for it. They are not doing it out of the goodness of their hearts and I'm pretty sure they expect something in return. Bribery and Quid pro Quo are terms I'd use to describe the financing. I'm also concerned that there will be cost overruns, and the American people will be on the hook for it.

I don't believe it is legal for many reasons so please stop it. The Constitution puts spending in the responsibility of Congress. At a minimum they should have to approve this project,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No authorization, No Ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:19:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: dustin arduser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of the proposed $400 million on this project, which was initiated by the President without the proper authorization of Congress, along with permits, and any designs that have not been reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and the President wanting to elevate himself like a King. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without "we the people" having public comment is giving the President who broke the law the ability to move us closer to Autocracy, and Fascism. As Mark Twain famously state,"History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes".

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Laziza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am traumatized by this historical destruction, and all I want is for the east wing to be restored. It is obscene the amount of money they are discussing because it was wrong to remove it in the first place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: GINETTE Kenney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Pinkard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Supposedly the White House belongs to me as a citizen of the United States, but nobody asked for my input before an entire wing of the building was demolished. I think it should be built back EXACTLY the way it was before. Nobody needs or wants a ballroom except Donald Trump and his ultra rich cronies, so they can slap each other on the back and sip champagne while the American people starve and freeze to death. A 90,000 square foot ballroom when there are people struggling to feed their families and pay their utility bills? A

90,000 square foot ballroom when the federal government is disappearing people from the streets and caging them like animals in concentration camp style warehouses? Donald J. Trump and the rest of the oligarchs should be ashamed for even thinking about it.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:18:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Angotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

We don't need nor want the gargantuan ballroom not approved by anyone. Rebuild the East Wing of the White House that Trump had demolished. It's a tragedy and not in keeping with the history of the White House. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariana Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Heers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Ann Metropoulos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Greve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, Catherine greve, as a proud member of the National Trust of Historical Preservation and a Member of The White House Historical Association I am opposed to the east wing modernization. As someone who cares deeply about preserving our country's history, a modern oversized ballroom on a 200 year old house does not meet those requirements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Wallour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Mahaffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild our beloved East Wing. Its destruction by Trump has been heartbreaking! At least if you can restore it to its original state, it will help us to heal. God only knows what has happened to its contents. Probably sold for $! But restoration to the outer building will be a step in the right direction. Thank you! CarolevMahaffey, Lexington KY

Date: 2/17/2026 1:42:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laci Brandley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen McAninch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Somehow, we've managed to survive 250 years without a "grand ballroom" to rival the Palace at Versailles and if this country survives another 250 years, we'd still be fine without this affront to democracy. Meanwhile, US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. If someone wants to invest millions of dollars to impress the leaders of other countries, it should be used to show the world that the United States cares about its own people. I am also saddened by the loss of the original structure, which contained a lot of history. I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liam Brockey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the so-called "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is a building that reflects the honorable and the shameful in American history; it is a symbol of our collective project. It is not a monument to one man's ego. Rather, it must remain the balanced and harmonious monument that it once was. The damage wrought upon the East Wing must be repaired at the expense of the barbarian who ordered its illegal demolishing. The proposed project is out of proportion with the rest of the White House and an eyesore in its false-classical style. This proposal must be blocked at all costs and the damage done to the Peoples' House remediated.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Rich-Splawn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States. Not the elected nor the political appointees of this administration or previous ones. I understand making needed repairs and upgrades must be done periodically if this structure dedicated to our democracy is to exist. This action, taken WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review is not a repair, upgrade or modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. All to satisfy an ego. This is reprehensible and a dereliction of the duty of the president to perverse our history. I absolutely oppose this action and want the East Wing to be restored to its former status.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Marlinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is destroying history. Yes, administrations can do upgrades to existing property. But the wholesale destruction of the East Wing of the People's White House was fine without regard to proper authorization, without getting appropriate historical reviews and without proper permits.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Ainsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

People are saying East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

People are concerned that a design flaw could pose a serious security threat to future POTUS's

Make future POTUS safe again!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Anker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want funding for the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing to come directly from the person who initiated this project!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the east wing modernization project and propose the donated funds be used to re establish the former east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Balint
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:17:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Marchant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The pre-existing East Wing seems to have been demolished without the required review process. Why this was allowed to happen, and the repercussions of breaking the existing rules, needs to be investigated rigorously.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Braner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I couldn't say it better than this - which has already been submitted:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryne Zeidler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing belongs to THE PEOPLE!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyssa Finocchiaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cameron Purandare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on this project because it violated proper procedures, norms, and laws. It should be stopped and the east wing should be rebuilt to how it was before it was demolished. No president or his administration members are above the law or can act unilaterally in these matters.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Paris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Trimble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC File Number: 8733. I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for another vanity project and licensing deal. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Oldham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The design of this proposed "modernization" is appalling. The White House East Wing was demolished with no prior review. The proposed design is totally out of scale with the White House and grounds. Its architectural design mimics that of the White House but at a far larger and grander scale which is inappropriate for an addition to this National Park site. It violates the New Construction Standard of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for New Construction by its outsized scale and by making no differentiation from the design of the White House itself. Its grand portico becomes more prominent than the facade of the White House itself. It reduces the open space around the White House significantly. If it were warranted to build such a monumental and mammoth structure, it should be built underground so as to maintain the primacy of the White House which often is called the People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Tolen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 moon this Project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Mugler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to what this administration is calling the East Wing modernization project. The East Wing was bulldozed before the appropriate historic preservation approval was granted; if I was to do such a thing in my neighborhood, the zoning commission would stop my building immediately. The present administration is only in the building for a few years, but we now have a horrible problem because the current president doesn't feel he needs to follow the laws, like other citizens. Having visited the East Wing and toured the White House, it is appalling to me that this wing of this historic building has been destroyed. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt as soon as possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Shunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this East Wing Vandalization Project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Clapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern at the NCPC:

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300+ million on the destruction of the White House East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review or public comment. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is a historic symbol of American democracy, and the demolition should never have been allowed, and those who perpetrated this must be held accountable. We do not need a "Mara Lago North" in the nation's capital and this vulgar display of one man's ego cannot continue. This is the "People's House", not a night club. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please stop the destruction of this historic house which belongs to US!

Respectfully,
Margaret Clapp

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margo Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Lowrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled to see the East Wing of the People's House being demolished…and I'm completely opposed to the project, including the proposed financing of it by people who stand to benefit by currying favor from the
current administration, a temporary resident of this historic landmark.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you.

Ann Lowrey

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Tatum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betti Mentzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capitol Planning Commission,

I appreciate this opportunity to state my opinion regarding the destruction of our White House. This supposed "modernization" and ballroom was the vision of 47. It is apparent that he thinks the White House is his house to do with as he sees fit. I am against the modernization and ballroom for our beautiful historic White House.

Thank you for taking action for all the American people who have a vested interest in the White House.

Sincerely,
Betti Mentzer

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Tepas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the East Wing Modernization project is a total affront to the American people. With no oversight-or accountability, a historic wing of the”people’s house” was razed.
The plans to construct a massive ballroom funded by wealthy tech industry magnates with business dealings that may require White House approval is offensive on many levels. If constructed, this new wing’s massive size would unbalance the lovely symmetry of the White House forever.
Americans do not need massive ballrooms or gilded palaces. I urge you to consider our rich history of protecting historic buildings and the architectural appropriateness of the project in your deliberations.

Sincerely,
Jean Tepas

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Glaser Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, it was absolutely criminal that the Trump administration desecrated the East Wing of The White House.

I think the East Wing should be restored immediately to return the “ look” and balance of The WH.

Next, an INDEPENDENT study should be conducted, by a nonpartisan commission, totally apart from the Trump administration, with input from all historic and national entities whose job it is to do exactly this. I would hope they would also allow for public input and comment.

I’m certain the commission can figure out the details if such a huge under taking BUT I think it is VITAL that NO TRUMP FAMILY MEMBER, COMPANY, OR PERSONAL FRIEND can be associated with the study, sit on the commission OR be given the final decision-making authority. Trump CANNOT profit from this work/project AND PLEASE, PLEASE. PLEASE Trump CANNOT NAME THE BUILDING OR RENOVATION AFTER HIMSELF!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Standridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the razing of the East Wing of our White House by the current tenant. I also strongly object to any plans to build a ballroom attached to, or adjacent to our White House. These actions were initiated unilaterally without any study, comment, or authorization by the American people, who own the building in question. The White House does not belong to the illegitimate tenant and he has no right to take any action on it beyond decorating for regular holidays, etc.

Please make him stop, make him put our White House back exactly as it was before he started tearing it down and make sure NO ONE every does this kind of treason to our White House again!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Ribb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of dark money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I ask you to protect the historic and cultural values evident in the capital city and across federal properties in the United States. And change the name back on the Kennedy Center while you are at it.

Richard Ribb
Smithfield RI USA

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Prosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to this project. It is a waste of $300 million, money that could be used for healthcare, or student loans, or so many other things that benefit Americans. This project is tearing down part of American history; the people's house. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to go ahead is unlawful and those who broke the law should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marva Essick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:37 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am beyond appalled that it has taken this long for someone to stand up and say enough. This man, Trump, has raised his middle finger to the Congress, the courts, and the American people so many times and in so many ways and yet the powers that be seem to turn their heads with a ho hum, just another day in Trump land! attitude! The White House is not his personal property. He has done so many things against the law that he could have, and should have, been impeached six times over. Needless to say, I am unequivocally opposed to the continuation and destruction of the East Wing. It needs to stop immediately and begin the reconstruction to restore it to its original condition. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Ellison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Any future efforts or plans to alter the White House should be done through the proper channels and follow the designated rules and procedures.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Eileen Ellison
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kandi Lancaster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Kandi Lancaster

Date: 2/17/2026 4:03:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Shaffar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is an American Heritage House. It should be protected as such. We should honor what Jaqueline Kennedy did, maintain the integrity and beauty of the peoples house. For some reason Mr. Trump wants to co-opt every prestigious thing the Kennedy's accomplished. That isn't right or his right to do. Please correct this egregious wrong. Oh yeah and take care of the rosegarden.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Sheffler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. The destruction of the East Wing, and the plan for a ballroom, was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The people behind the unauthorized razing should have to pay for the rebuild. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:03:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. This is not a “modernization” project, and it should be STOPPED NOW. The East Wing should be restored to its original design. This project was initiated without

proper authorization, permits, or design plan and review, and it should not be allowed to proceed. I would like to see the East Wing restored to its original state, and ideally, individuals and companies who participated without proper authorization should be fined accordingly.
Dr. Sherri Wilcox

Date: 2/17/2026 4:03:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Eichenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Elaine Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Costs for both the unauthorized demolition and the rebuilding/restoration should be born by those directly responsible, not by the taxpayers.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Louden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Blust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Totcky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kime
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:08:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Berglund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,

I oppose the modernization project of the East Wing. We lost valuable history with this unauthorized demolition. Any project of this nature should require going through proper channels before hand. The person(s) who unlawfully signed off on this should be held responsible. Restitution and maximum fines should be charged.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:02:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dolores Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a retired art history professor (California State University Chico) and protest this modernization that is being done without sufficient oversight and/or expertise and risks becoming a gaudy vanity project rather than one in keeping with the importance of the site.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Smeeding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one really wants the proposed ballroom, I surely do not!. The east wing needs to be restored to its former shape, size and finishings.

The proper permits were never obtained, if I did that I would be in court!

Restore the east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Truman Dykstra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. I believe the east wing modernization project should move forward to replace the structure that was removed in a moment of rage.

The resulting East Wing modernization above ground structure should be no larger than the footprint of the recent East Wing. The roof line should be no higher than the current White House. The purpose and public spaces should remain the same as it was previously.

The underground structure should provide the necessary security facilities.

An alternative to an east wing building would be a ground level garden, that demonstrates the native plant and tree species in the eastern US and that provides an outdoor space that could accommodate temporary tents or structures for large events periodically held at the White House. Our nation currently is carrying one of the largest debts and to build a glory ball room is outside of demonstrating our country's fiscal responsibility to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Bracey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House was demolished without any of the proper review, permissions, or input. I want the historic East Wing returned to the original and historic way it was prior to demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:08:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lanham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore what President Trump has destroyed and restore it to its former glory. We don't need a glorified ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Malloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of our historic White House East wing is a total disgrace. To replace it with a gaudy larger than life monstrosity of a ballroom ,is not what this country needs. All this was done illegally, with out approval from anyone. It needs to stop NOW.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Krell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, not the personal property of Donald Trump. He has no right to barge ahead with "improvement" projects without public input. Case in point is his tear-down of the East Wing and plans for a huge ballroom that will dwarf the rest of the building.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Whitcraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Allowing the ballroom project to continue is a disgrace to taxpayers. Tearing down the East Wing of the Whitehouse was never approved and will forever be a scar of the history of the presidential office.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison B Jablonski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cinda Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without appropriate review. The country does not need another ballroom. Restore the East Wing to its previous specifications.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlee Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chloe STEINSHOUER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this proposed project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I would like the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Allowing this project to go ahead without appropriate oversight/permits/public support (and failing to penalizing those who broke the law by destroying the East Wing without authorization) is an affront to all Americans. It is specifically egregious as an insult to those who value our history and laws.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: TIA RIBARY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, for the ego of one man.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. This is the house of the People of the United States and NO individual has the right to destruct or significantly change our house without Congressional approval. Stop this chaos.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: marty griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The NCPC and the The National Trust for Historic Preservation should decide what to do with the East Wing area of the White House. This is the peoples house and it would be fine if they preserved the empty lot for

now as history. Eventually a well thought out plan could be came up with and funded by Congress.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Lakin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please see that this project is practical, to scale, and beautiful, not just the proposed plan eye sore.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project started without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without the required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization. The $400 million in costs is being fronted by corporations, creating a conflict of interest. This is not how projects in the United States of America are supposed to be run.

The White House is the people's house. It belongs to the American people, and our representatives have enacted laws governing how restoration and modernization projects are to be approved. No president should be able to make this decision single-handedly.

I urge the commission to reject his proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Otero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:07 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Mathews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this nonsense at all costs. How was he able to tear it down in the first place. Stop this, we will rebuild the East wing after he's gone. I was fortunate enough to have visited it a few years ago. So glad I did. Build it back better!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Kent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen all my life, I strenuously object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House by Donald Trump. He did not seek approvals or permits, nor did he seek the comments of the people of the United States of America. His grandiose, ridiculous, grotesque plan to build a gigantic ballroom in the style of middle Eastern sheiks destroys the footprint of the White House and its adjacent buildings. His plans to decorate it in gold everywhere is not consistent with the rest of the decor of the White House and the understated elegance of the rest of the building's decor (other than that of the Oval Office, which he has now cheapened with whorehouse gold ornaments everywhere). I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt in the same footprint as it previously occupied, with the same decor, with perhaps an update to the space allotments. He needs to keep his hands off the whole thing, as his taste is mostly in his ass.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Meeks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a ridiculous waste of money. No one but trump would want our White Hose East wing to look like a brothel. What he has done to the Oval Office is disgraceful. Please stop this and rebuild it as it was . Classic and timeless. Thank you!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Carkeek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Or a similar improved design within the exact size/height of the former building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Lew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to represent all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Wadman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I demand that this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Beverly Wadman

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Pinner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the

law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The brutal way in which this project has been initiated is an insult to every citizen who will never attend a Mar-A-Lago type ball in the new ballroom. The entire concept is elitist and exclusionary--the White House is the People's House, and not the Home Improvement Project of any single president. Any further progress in this project should be subject to the same scrutiny that ANY project otherwise would--the NCPC has the duty to preserve the original humble dignity of the original edifice. Gaudy, and ostentatious is NOT the ambience that this building should convey. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. The destruction of this historic building was done illegally and the building should be restored to its previous glory.

The People’s House does not belong to any individual or corporate entity.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I reject the current modernization plan for the East Wing Ballroom. I was appalled to witness the destruction of our most prestigious, historic White House and then the next day the destruction got worse. Obviously plans were submitted incorrectly. The correct committees were not reached out to, which seems to have been the intention. I don’t believe that this new plan fits with the historic look of the White House. I understand the need for a high tech bunker underneath and that’s OK. The Russian style, palace, oversized ballroom does not fit. Please let the appropriate committees work on a new design and not the president. It is his temporary home and meeting center.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

our white house is not one man’s house- it is our nation’s house, filled with history, symbolic of the struggles our nation has suffered and triumphed over.
for so many reasons the money earmarked (not appropriately) needs to be redirected to rebuilding the east wing in it’s original size and appearance. please do not allow the ballroom! it’s a mockery of our democracy- a place for vulgar displays of wealth. nothing that honors our history would allow it.
please vote no on this project.
he’s pocketed enough money to build his own ballroom out of washington dc

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Carlberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, the way it was unconstitutionally and rapaciously commenced without authority or consent. The destroying of any portion of the People's House is illegal without consent and collaboration with duly elected and appointed historical guardians of our country's property. I want all and any person causing, complying, coercing or acting in any way connected to this charged and prosecuted.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this destruction and desecration of the people’s history, heritage and house. I am heartbroken to see the remnants of a once beautiful structure. I can’t bear to come into the District because it is so sad. I fully support doing whatever it takes to put an end to this madness.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Poland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the proper review processes followed. If they are denied, payment

to rebuild and restore the East Wing should be made by the president and any other parties personally guilty of pushing this forward. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States. Please restore our faith in our government to follow its own laws.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johanna Zorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The $3 million dollar ballroom is a terrible replacement for the original East Wing of the White House. The design as described by President Trump is too large and not in keeping with the rest of the structures design. IF the structure truly needs modernizing, it should be reconstructed to be visually balanced as the White House and the West Wing, in the same architectural style. This monstrosity MUST not be erected!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was done without proper planning nor consideration of the future of this part of the people's house.
This must be stopped and the East Wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Bolls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to replacing the East Wing of the White House with a massive ballroom. The White House belongs to the American people, not the president in residence. Any architectural changes or additions must be made following the law.
Thank you,
Donna Bolls

Date: 2/17/2026 4:09:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Blake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roseanne Lugg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any taxpayer dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want all the artifacts and memorabilia to be returned to the east wing

. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I believe that President Trump should personally pay for the demolition, restoration, storage fees, moving fees and any other costs incurred for this unauthorized, illegal demolition of the people's house.

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Name: Linda Werder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Where are all the historical items from the East Wing?

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Name: Cindy Sturgeon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelle Plummer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without the proper process followed is an affront to all law-abiding Americans and our democratic institutions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Beam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Terry Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Lemakos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah O'Neil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ilana Zablow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:08:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bridget Wilder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for considering my input on this very important issue.
Donald Trump has taken it upon himself to destroy 2 areas of the White House without first getting congressional approval, both the historic Rose Garden and then the historic East Wing of "the people's house". No approval was requested, and the project was in fact not approved. He stated there would be no damage to the White House, then went ahead with his unapproved plan and in the process he completely demolished the entire wing in a place where he resides as a temporary resident.
I find this outcome an abuse of power, and abuse of resources, and there is no reason the the White House should have a ballroom that strives to rival authoritarian regimes from around the world.
I've said enough, everyone knows this was wrong and done without the approval of the people he's supposed to serve.
Sincerely,
Bridget Wilder

Date: 2/17/2026 4:08:24 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Doggett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Putting in that gwady ballroom is unconscionable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Revere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is a concerted effort to destroy history and remake it in the image of the would be king. The destruction of the East Wing in order to build yet another mirror for his vanity suggests to me that he has no intention of giving up the palace. No matter where the money for this travesty is coming from, it is ultimately being paid by citizens, who are being robbed by billionaire broligarchs. While I do not ever expect him or his ilk to truly be held accountable for the damage he's caused, there should at least be ways to stop him from creating further damage, and to repair the damage he has already caused.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Geonie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I’m opposed to the spending of the $300 million on the ball room. Simple stated “Our history was destroyed.” We were told that renovations were being done. Nothing was going to be torn down! Again all untrue.
If laws were broken I hope this committee can prosecute. I, under We the People want the Wing rebuilt to the best it can with some kind of modernization.
The expense to restore should come from the people and / or companies involved who did not follow the law with permits etc.
Save our House! Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LeeAnn Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on the East Wing "modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or any apparent design review. This is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Spaulding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and replacing it with tasteless design. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Venhuis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a project to self-aggrandize a single person. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go

ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:08:03 PM
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Name: Katherine Swendeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:08:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Schreiber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. As such, this project should never have been started without Congressional authorization, and should not be allowed to proceed until such authorization is received, regardless of where the funds come from.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

I don't understand how a project of this scope with regard to an historic national structure could have been started without any kind of approval by anyone other than the president. Now that the historic East Wing has been demolished, it is important that the plans be submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission for review to make sure we don't end up with a hideously large, embarrassing appendage to the White House.
The assessment should also ensure that those who are promising to fund the project truly are committed and sign binding contracts for providing the funding, versus a verbal pledge.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:55:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann wWied
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars (or any dollar amount) on this project because:
- It was done without proper authorization.
- No permits were filed.
- The design was not reviewed or approved by the appropriate committees.
- It is not a modernization project.
I urge you to not only cancel this project but to restore the White House East Wing to how it was.
This is the people's White House. It is not President's Trump's to do with as wants. He is a tenant. President Trump does not own this property.
No one should be above the law.
No one should be able to make these kind of changes without following the proper procedures.
I urge you to not allow this project to continue.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 1:54:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet McDougall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One man should not be allowed to decide to demolish a significant iconic and historical landmark!

Now that it has been destroyed, anything that is built in its place must be in scale with the rest of the White House complex and not overpower it.

And this is the People's House. Trump is a mere tenant. Therefore, the gold embellishments do not belong on the new building, nor does ANY president's name.

I find this president's need to make everything over in his taste disgusting. Keep it simple and at the appropriate scale, with the actual White House image continuing to be the important statement of our democratic republic values.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:07:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Copley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jackie Rosenblum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobby Mayberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no good reason to stop this. Hatred is a bad reason and that's all I hear.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Stophel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow a temporary resident to continue to destroy the People's White House.

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Name: Randi Gould
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Ruppender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this subject. We should all be represented on issues of national importance.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:06:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Scheessele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would quote Gerard Koskavich: "The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion."

Date: 2/17/2026 4:06:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randall Newnham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luisa Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I 100% oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. We need this project canceled, AND the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No rational American asked for this.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomasine Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a brazen thing Trump did by going forward w/demolition of the East wing of MY house! No approvals, permits, just tear it down. That is not HIS house-it is “We the people’s” house and I for one want it restored to its former glory. I cried when I saw the bulldozers tearing down the walls of My house. Why do we need such a huge room? It would so big that if a dinner was hosted, no one could hear what other parts of the table are saying. It would be useless. What a waste.
Our country has always been about preserving the past. I still envision Jackie Kennedy walking down the hallway of the East wing. I grew up in New Jersey & gleaned my love of history from my surroundings. I live in Las Vegas, NV. They don't preserve anything. It gets imploded. We had a beautiful railroad terminal. Art deco style. It sat on really precious real estate. At the top of Fremont St. They tore that beautiful building down & built Main Street Station. Another casino.
Please, please stop this project from going forward and rebuild the East wing of MY house. Thank you.
Regards,
Thomasine Duncan

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Furlich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a living monument to our country and it belongs to the people. Our elected representatives did not vote or approve the destruction of the East Wing and the building of a ballroom and I am requesting that this project be stopped immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Michell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was undertaken without Congressional authorization and should be halted immediately, and then destroyed. The East Wing should be returned to its historical layout. The White House belongs to the people, not to any one occupant. Everyone knows this. Please do not allow our history to be erased by one would-be autocrat.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Downing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, NO! Nothing but absurd ego trip unworthy of anyone's attention. Restore the East Wing,Plewase!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Keyes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design NOT at the taxpayers expense; Trump should pay for it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Livingstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Razing buildings normally requires review and approval, at least anywhere that I have lived. For a historic structure, that process is even more rigorous. Please deny this particular project on the grounds it was begun without correct permissions and must be returned to its prior use: a theater, intact and modernized.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:08:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Cutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without following legal pathways. The National Trust for Historic Preservation was not consulted for the new design. The White House is the people's house not one person's palace. Permitting to continue this project would be an insult to law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:08:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: GALE Curcio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Spilman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom in place of the east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie inglett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danna Santos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,
I am adamantly opposed to the spending of an excess of $300 million on a project which completely razed American history. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review of any kind. It is not a modernization of the East Wing but rather a monument to a giant ego. The White House belongs to the American people, not to its current occupant.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I remain, yours sincerely, Danna Santos

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roni Freedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do NOT fund the ballroom which did NOT receive permission or authorization prior to the demolishment of the East Wing. You must restore this space to its historic splendor. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Manuela Phillips-Gann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Offerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is very disappointing and frustrating that Trump had the east wing destroyed without any permission or concurrence from anyone. This was blatantly illegal. And now the private money that was supposedly going to pay for it is apparently not there. This project needs to be stopped and the east wing restored to its original character. Trump needs to pay for this out of his own pocket since he destroyed it and taxpayers should not have to pay to rebuild it.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this destroying of our historical buildings! The president is ruining all that matters to us, it is not his house, its the people's house. He is there temporarily and will be gone, the destruction is horrible. Also the Rose Garden, please put it to it's original state that our dear first lady, Jackie Kennedy, put it in for all to enjoy. Thank you!!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:54:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Glackin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am speaking today against the Eaat Wing modernization project. By tearing down this once beautiful space, you are creating dead space. This space would be used as a vanity project and the space would be empty 90% of the time so it would be wasted. This vanity project is merely to stroke the ego of an wannabe dictator and has no practical use at all. It will be a tacky addition to the People's House and the people don't want it. We also don't want his name on anything because he is merely a criminal with 34 convictions soon to have additional charges once we get a halfway effective head of the DOJ established. It is NOT his house it is ours. It is a legacy we hand down to all future Americans as long as he doesn't continue to destroy The United States of America. Say No.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Connie Scott
Sullivan, Missouri

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Name: Betty Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was not written by me, but I fully subscribe fully to its objections to the east wing project. It is so ill considered.
Betty Johnson

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Leslie A MIller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to tell you how outraged I am at the razing of the East Wing of the White House... "The Peoples' House."
This was done without proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is a complete razing of our American History.

I want this project to be cancelled, and the the East wing rebuilt to it's former design, with all its artifacts restored to their former places.

I am amazed that the people who committed this travesty is not being prosecuted and being made to restore our heritage.

Thank you

Leslie A Miller
Belfast, Maine

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mavis Mather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the ballroom plans are ridiculous. The East Wing has always been the portion of the White House that is available to citizens, as a building that is owned by citizens I feel it needs to stay something that serves the public and this ballroom does not do that at all.

In addition to my general dismay at turning a public area of a publicly owned building into a private section, I also just think the plans look incredibly garish and dated. If you must move forward with a project like this,

at least get someone who specializes in historic architecture to put something together.

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Name: Mary Anne Seraphin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Bartelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Liz Callahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law in quickly razing the building claiming imperial power to do so would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:03:34 PM
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Name: Caryl Bigenho
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and instead support a project that will restore the East Wing to it's historical form, using a modernized (up to current codes) version of the original, historical plans. The current project was begun without proper plans and permits and is probably illegal.

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Name: Carol McCasland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was never authorized by the Park Service and is being 'railroaded' by a megalomaniac who does not follow established procedures. There is no valid reason to spend any funds on this, no matter who is paying. Stop this right now and restore the White House to the People's House. The People do not want a golden-gilded ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:03:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JOHN COFIELD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the so-called East Wing Modernization Project, which is nothing but historical vandalism perpetrated by a lawless Chief Executive, done without proper planning or authorization and slated to cost taxpayers millions. The East Wing should be rebuilt in its original form and this "project" should be cancelled forthwith.

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Name: Lynden Marra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Wittrup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I am one of the Americans who was stricken with horror when the historic East Wing was torn down in a reckless and barbaric fashion by those who have no regard for history. The "plans" which have been presented to the public are beyond gaudy - bordering repulsive - and have no regard whatsoever for the People's House and its understated, classic appearance.

Those who rapaciously destroyed part of our history should be forced to restore it EXACTLY AS IT WAS from their own pockets. Though I know that will never happen, I wish to go on the record that I am vehemently opposed to the tacky, ostentatious "ballroom" proposed to replace the East Wing. May God have mercy on them because future historians will not.

Melissa D. Wittrup

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Name: Ann Brashear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely not. The USA did not need or want a giant ballroom attached (or anywhere near) the White House. Trump & Co. broke the law when they tore down the East Wing without any review or permission. Make them put it back, and punish the law-breaking too.

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Name: Elizabeth McCall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction and subsequent modernization of the East Wing of the White House project. This is the “people’s house” and no president should be allowed to make any structural changes to the White House without permission through the appropriate legal channels.

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Name: Janet Greenfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tracey Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historic Preservation and the East Wing Modernization Project

The demolition of the east wing of the United States Capitol represents a serious failure of historic stewardship and public accountability. This action was undertaken without appropriate authorization, without required permitting, and without meaningful review or recognition of the historic value of the structure. Such actions directly undermine the legal and ethical frameworks intended to protect nationally significant historic resources.

The Capitol is not merely a functional government building; it is a material record of the nation's political, architectural, and civic history. The destruction of a historically significant portion of this structure constitutes an irreversible loss to the public and to future generations.

Equally concerning is the broader East Wing Modernization Project, including the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. This proposal is wholly inappropriate in scale, function, and character. It does not respect the architectural integrity of the original White House, nor does it harmonize with the surrounding historic context.

The White House complex is defined by restraint, proportion, and symbolism. Introducing a massive new ballroom addition would fundamentally disrupt this balance, overwhelm the existing architecture, and erode the historic landscape. Such an intervention prioritizes spectacle over preservation and establishes a dangerous precedent for future alterations to nationally significant sites.

Historic buildings of this importance are not interchangeable development sites. Their value lies in authenticity, continuity, and adherence to long-standing preservation standards. Modernization cannot be used to justify unchecked expansion or the loss of historically meaningful fabric.

As a member of the public concerned with historic preservation, I believe approval of this proposal would undermine the standards this body is charged with upholding.

The demolition already undertaken and the proposed construction now under consideration reflect a troubling disregard for established preservation laws, review processes, and public accountability. This body should reject the East Wing Modernization Project in its current form and require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation and permitting requirements.

I urge this body to deny approval of the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition. The project is fundamentally incompatible with the historic character, scale, and setting of the White House complex and would result in an unnecessary and irreversible alteration to a nationally significant landmark. Approval

would set a damaging precedent for future interventions at historic civic sites. This proposal should be rejected in full.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the funding and completion of this project. The White House along with its wings, etc, should be preserved as part of the dignified and serene aesthetic of Washington, DC.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as a renovation, not destroyed. No ostentatious ballroom should take its place. We are not an ostentatious people.

Further, the President should pay for the East Wing restoration out of his own pocket, not out of the taxpayers. He is a tenant in the White House, not its owner.

Vote no.

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Name: Nizar Kibar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Daniel Crowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern: I oppose spending $300 million on the “ballroom” (East Wing Modernization) project, which was initiated without obtaining the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It does not appear to be a modernization project but instead a complete razing of a historical building that belongs to all Americans. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Annette Eichenauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I personally think Donald J Trump should go to jail for destroying the East Wing to make a ballroom without permission from congress. The White House is a Historical House and should have never been destroyed in this way. Trump should be made to pay to have the East wing rebuilt to it original state and he should also be put in jail .

Date: 2/17/2026 4:01:51 PM
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Name: Catherine Leo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the White House East Wing is a profound loss of American history, replacing a space of quiet, functional, and historic significance with an impractical, indulgent ballroom. It erases decades of, for example, First Lady initiatives and public tours. This act signifies a disregard for the delicate, integrated stewardship required for one of the nation's most crucial, symbolic, and protected landmarks.
Why the Destruction is Misguided
Irreplaceable History: The East Wing, while not part of the original 1800 structure, served as the functional heart of modern White House activity, from Eleanor Roosevelt’s offices to the founding of the White House Historical Association.
Symbolic Disruption: Replacing this center of "functional modesty" with a luxurious, large-scale entertainment venue converts a place of democratic service into a space of elite spectacle, disrupting the intended, harmonious design of the entire White House complex.
Erosion of Trust: Proceeding without full transparency or public engagement undermines the established,

protective processes for American civic architecture.
Why a Ballroom is Impractical and Improper
Tone-Deaf Luxury: Constructing a massive ballroom during times of national, economic uncertainty (such as federal shutdowns) is viewed as profoundly insensitive, according to The Washington Informer.
Functional Misalignment: The White House is primarily a working office, home, and national museum—not a convention center, says The New Yorker.
Ignoring Proper Stewardship: The demolition disregarded established guidelines for preserving historic structures, prioritizing personal,, aesthetic, or event-driven changes over the preservation of the building's, as a whole, integrity, note The Architect's Newspaper and The American Institute of Architects: AIA.
This act is not merely an alteration; it is a dismantling of the "People's House" to suit temporary, personal whim rather than the enduring, public, and historic mission of the site, argue The New Yorker and The Washington Informer.

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Name: Jim Waymire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Restore the East wing to the original design.

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Name: Michelle Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be canceled. The original East Wing features need to be rebuilt as they were. Historical areas need to be preserved and restored. The Peoples' House needs to reopen to the American people. The First Ladies areas need to be restored in a functional way. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marita Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the building of a White House Ballroom. There was no communication, no oversight, no due process, no thoughtful consideration, no approval process. There was not even a building permit. The entire project was and is a travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Welty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of any part of a structure that belongs to the American people without prior consent from those affected. It is especially insulting for an individual, regardless of office, to assume he is above the law. The wilful destruction of National monuments must cease and the individual responsible must face consequences including financial reparations and loss of position.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:01:40 PM
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Name: Drew Willis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building WAS beautiful before he took a wrecking crew to destroy it.

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Name: Denise Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marcia Mandel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this project, which was illegally begun - following NO proper authorization, design review or permits. It makes me sick that Trump ripped down the historic East Wing. He should face consequences for what he has done-no one is above the law. The East Wing must be restored to its previous design and guardrails must be put into place so that future occupants of the White House realize that it is the PEOPLES HOUSE, and does not belong to anyone occupying it.

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Name: Susan Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Huey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing of The White House, and the Rose garden restoredto itheir former use and beauty. The destruction is just awful!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:01:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Skidmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Trump Ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:01:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Rux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Changes to the People's house should be approved by the People.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:01:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Mucklow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Did the convicted felon in the White House forget this was the people's house? I strongly object that it was torn down without Congressional oversight. I further object that billions will be wasted on a building that does not directly benefit the American people. These funds should have been used to close the gaps on health care or Snap or build a free medical facility open to all Americans. The size of the project dwarfs the White House and will not look right. How about starting over with a much smaller project.

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Name: Debra Mandarino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I beg you to let historic preservationists review the East Wing Modernization Project. This is the people's house. We expect it to preserved according to the people NOT Trump. This is NOT political. If Trump had good taste...maybe it would be different but he doesn't. HIs choices are ghastly, gaudy, and grossly bourgeoisie. Please make it STOP! I feel helpless. It was so vile of them to pave over Jackie Kennedy's rose garden. I was a kid when Kennedy was shot and saw it all, his grieving widow, his children left without their dad, his brothers' stone faces as they endured the pain, and the nation's collective tears. The Trump's paved over all of this...horrifying and disgusting.

Sincerely,
Debra Mandarino

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Name: Richard Tamler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's destruction of the East Wing to build his ballroom is an insult to history and dignity of the White House, besides being illegal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Shannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Keegan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tamara Ryker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the building of a hideous ballroom in place of the easy wing. Restoring it to it’s original state would be the best.

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Name: Patti Jennings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Teresa Nickel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Maintaining historical sites, including buildings are an important part of the American heritage. It grounds our nation to a common and trusted culture. While each administration makes minor adjustments to upgrade and preserve the Whitehouse, I fear the complete destruction of the East Wing, including the gardens, is a fundamental loss. As an American citizen, I support restoring the East-wing to its historical structure with upgrades for code standards and building preservation. As an American citizen, I oppose building a grand ballroom as it is not reflective of our American historical story.

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Name: Laurie Keeran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I wholeheartedly oppose this project, which should never have gotten as far as it has. Considering the work was begun without the proper authorization, permits and design review, those involved in initiating the disgraceful destruction of the East Wing should be penalized. This project must be canceled immediately, and the East Wing must be fully restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Zetlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It did not seek the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To call it a modernization is misleading. It erases an important building that is part of American history. This project must be cancelled. Then the East Wing should be rebuilt as it existed before it was destroyed.

No one is above the law. This project cannot proceed because laws have not been followed. If this project is not stopped, who knows what other historic buildings will be destroyed. I urge you to take a stand. Enough is enough. No president has the right to act without property authority.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Jantzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the entire West Wing project. It should be stopped immediately and rebuilt to it's original dimensions. The project never received the necessary approval. It was undertaken as a vanity project, not an improvement project. It would destroy the aesthetics of the entire White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Bischoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the historic East Wing structure to build a tacky, unnecessary ballroom for President Trump, is an egregious flouting of all rules and regulations protecting historic buildings, most especially the peoples' iconic White House.

No reviews of this horrific destruction were offered for public comment. No permissions were sought from various historic preservation agencies AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW that pertains to historic places in the National Capitol Region.

The current administration, in particular President Trump, should be blocked from further destruction of this structure. Mr. Trump should be required to restore the East Wing structure at his own expense, using funds from the billions of dollars he has pocketed.

Enough is enough.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsay Metcalf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel the illegal ballroom project and restore the White House's East Wing and along with it, our nation's history. We the people own that house and President Trump had no right to demolish it without proper legal approval.

Lindsay Metcalf
Concordia, Kansas

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Gold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As a professional archaeologist and professor in the field, I understand well the regulatory framework under which these kinds of projects can and cannot be undertaken. This "project" was done without proper permissions or permits, or the will of the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and rebranding in the name of our current president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I understand that renovations might be needed for modernization and updates; this is to be expected. But no one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to all of us who abide by rules and ethics in our professional careers

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Name: Tracy Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Any new construction to restore the East Wing must meet rigorous historically appropriate standards and be publicly financed to prohibit undue influence of wealthy donors. And it must not bear Trump’s name in any way, shape, or form.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Muraskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The horrible destruction of the "People's House" is heartbreaking. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who broke the law in doing this need to be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trisha Connolly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are NO WORDS.

What is going on here? POTUS wants to create a dynasty at the White House and surrounding area, while we all are hoping we have medical care, housing, food in the richest country in the world?

Stop this train wreck. There must be guardrails in place to stop this chaos, and a damn arc to be built as well.

The people of our country are counting on you to right the ship.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:19 PM
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Name: Frances Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am utterly opposed to this project in any way, shape, or form, regardless of its cost. It was stealthily started without any of the usual proper authorization, permitting, or design review. There is nothing "modernizing" about it; it is a tasteless uglification proposed by a delusional man who thinks an oversized ballroom would somehow suit HIM better. The public be damned.

The White House is not a private residence; it is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park owned by the American people and the temporary residence of our sitting presidents since 1800. For over 200 years, presidential changes and updates to the White House have been limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States, its rightful owners.

To demolish the East Wing without Congressional oversight, without authorization from (or even consultation with) the National Capital Planning Commission, without permits, without design review, without public input, is obviously a violation of -and intentional thumbing his nose at- the law! It is a deliberate insult to the American people, the White House's true owners.

I realize the difficulty of reining in the current president's illegal actions, the scale of which this nation has never seen, but I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to REQUIRE rebuilding the East Wing as it was, at the personal expense of the current president. I have just amazed myself by writing this request without using the profanity waiting to burst forth. Thank you for reading this; I know that I speak for many, many appalled Americans.

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Name: Ellen Craner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Maria Rivas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a US citizen and a voter. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gerard Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Can anything be done to stop putting a ballroom on the spot where the east wing was? Why was the American people not asked or voted for what was to be done? Why was it demolished so fast and THEN the American people got to see what they didn't want in the first place.

There should be something in place so this doesn't happen again, very disappointing for future generations, and why a ballroom?

Thank you,
Gerard Murphy

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Name: Ann Westerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 -$400 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Linda Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of over $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the current president held accountable for his unauthorized actions. (He should be billed for the construction, and the Trump Family Trust should be held accountable for all fees if he refuses to repay.) No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Furthermore, all of the funds which were slated to go towards this project must be examined, to see how the president was going to be persuaded to assist these contributors and their wants/needs.

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Name: Marianne Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or public design review. The White House is the "people's house" and the current president is the current caretaker of the property and not its owner.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the monies returned to the donors and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at President Trump's personal expense.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Name: JeVerna Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object strenuously to this ballroom. It is neither needed nor wanted and Trump should have to pay to reconstruct the East Wing he illegally demolished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Sitchin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is an historic building, with great beauty and balance. Building an unnecessary ballroom as a vanity project, and having its proportions dwarf the existing structure, is an act that goes against the value of the building. The loss of the East Wing is vandalism. Its symbolism as the First Lady's offices and the social entrance to the White House needs to be restored.

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Name: Carla Yanni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an architectural historian with expertise in 19C American architecture. The destruction of the East Wing is the most despicable architectural action taken by any president. The White House belongs to the citizens of the US. It is not the palace of a king. The East Wing was the office of First Ladies, and thus an important part of the nation's heritage. We do not need a ballroom - White House events can be held in numerous other venues in Washington DC. The addition is too big for the site. It makes the White House looks small. The design is banal and tepid. The arrogance of this whole project is mind boggling.

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Name: Theresa Rolle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What's left to modernize? It's gone! Trump should be forced to put it back, using the original plans, on his own dime. We do not need a ginormous ballroom to conduct the people's business. The razing of the East Wing alone should be grounds for impeachment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alissa Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Dunavan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose anything other than restoration of the original East Wing before Trump set the wrecking ball on it. It's not his house - it's the People's House, he has no right. I expect that all will be held accountable too - anyone who donated and participated in this project needs to pay a price for trying to steal our history. We do not need oligarchs reinventing Washington.

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Name: Thomas Moore MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a grotesque and flagrant abuse of power by an admittedly lawless President.
I oppose the spending of any money at all on this ridiculous project which has imperious overtones, and which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Susan Fernald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated
*without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
* It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

* I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is The People's House, and it is an abomination that it was destroyed at the whim of a sitting president.

PLEASE cancel this project. It must be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Kitty Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara Kozero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against a ballroom project that is built without the over sight of the National Historic Trust and I object to this expense when so many are without healthcare.

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Name: Meghan Steingraber Steingraber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Haring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project going forward as President Trump has proposed. The East Wing should be restored and if a larger event space needs to be added, plans need to be properly reviewed as specified by law and in proportion to the White House.

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Name: Shawn Gilfand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Please don't let this President destroy anymore of our monuments!

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Name: Susie Pollock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marcy Woodruff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: JoAnn Whitmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madonna Nachtigal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see this project cancelled. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt back to the original structure/design. Since Donald Trump issued the demolition of this without going through proper channels, he must be made to cover the rebuilding costs.
Thank you,
Madonna Nachtigal

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:57:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Christiansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Lisa Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "renovation" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and use of the funds t eebuild and restore the East wing to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: T Trinidad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Heartbroken to see such a beautiful building demolished in such a way. The title of this project is in itself an insult to the historic preservation of the peoples house. Obviously the restoration is impossible but the laws are written to keep things like this from happening. Please stop the lawlessness and rebuild the wing as close to original as possible

Date: 2/17/2026 3:57:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Conway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am writing in regards to the unauthorized tear down of the East Wing of the White House House. I am deeply opposed to spending 300 million plus dollars to build a ballroom. The White House belongs to the people not to a politician temporarily inhabiting the White House. I sincerely hope that the building of the ballroom will be denied. The White House needs to be restored. Thank you, Sincerely, Deborah Conway

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: J L
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. I believe the entire process was circumvented to abuse the rules in place. The total destruction of the East Wing was unconscionable, as were the other major changes made over the past year. This isn't an improvement, it is destruction, not only of property, but also of history.
Since the planners didn't bother to go through proper channels for approval, the project should be completely shut down and the East Wing should be restored at the expense of those that initially destroyed it.
This is the people's house, we do not want a new ballroom.

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Name: Karen Flanagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alicia Woodson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Seal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the President of a chartered NYS Educational non-profit designated to operate a National Register Site Museum, I know well that all construction on Historic Sites must conform to very specitifc design standards. No work should be done by any firm other than qualified historic preservation architects. The plans for any work on the White House must be reviewed for conformity to establishe guidelines issued by the National Park Sevice and the Department of the Interior. The proposed plans for a 90.000 square foot addition to the White House in place of the illegally destroyed East Wing do not conform to Federal guidelines. The new structure in no way adheres to the 19th century character of the People's House, the White House. It will overshadow the central building completely. The style and proposed interior design have no basis in the history of the United States. They are a reflection of the tastes of one person, not the heritage of our country. Please prevent this constr! uction.

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Name: Mary Lenehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I visited the White House in 2024 and I found the East wing to be fascinating - all the different pictures, rooms, china, the history. All of it. It was part of a symmetrical people's house and should never have been destroyed and it definitely wasn't going through the rules for updating a house that does not belong to you. The ballroom is a joke. We did not need a ballroom. We do not need private billionaires to pay for something that should belong to the country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I would like to voice my concerns on the East Wing ballroom project.
I am appalled at what this administration is doing, with little to no oversight. Trump's comments were that this wouldn't even touch the existing building. Look where we are. This is a disgrace. Please stop this! The damage had already been done. We don't need a "Trump ballroom."
Thank you for your consideration.
Cindy Lehman

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Name: MARALYN FISHER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maureen Broman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States. This project was started without proper authorization and has already caused devastating damage to our house. No one, especially an elected official, is above the law. There are processes and procedures in place to protect our property from such abuse.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Gustafson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original specifications and size. The demolition should have never occurred.

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Name: Angela Gamble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Mary Frazer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. While it is certainly true that past Presidents have left their mark on the White House and associated public properties, it must be done through proper, legal processes.

While the White House is exempt from Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, it is still subject to regulations regarding extensive changes. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I oppose this project as proposed, both because of the illegal nature of its initiation, and the questionable nature of the scale, scope, and funding for the project. Elevation drawings presented at the meeting are deliberately presented to diminish the size and visual impact of this structure, which will ultimately dwarf

the Executive Mansion from all viewpoints. This is not a dignified gathering space for world leaders, but a convention center mimicking the palatial residences of monarchs, rather than a needful addition to the People's House.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in visual scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion, as appropriate to the preservation of historic properties.

The solicitation of private funds to to support the effort must be done with full transparency, and without implied favors or special treatment for investors. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without respect for that law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the rule of law in this country.

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Name: Caye Serling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maureen Harpell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the peoples house. I first visited the White House in third grade on a bus trip with the Girl Scouts from my hometown in New Jersey. Julie Nixon Eisenhower tortoise through the rose garden, and we all whispered that President Nixon was actually in the oval office when we were there.

The desecration of this part of the White House was devastating for myself and everyone else who holds its historic value close to our hearts.

I strongly recommend that a great deal of thought, go into restoring some of the historic perspective, and in addition, describing the desecration and the rebuilding. Never shall we let an authoritarian leader destroy our history again.

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Name: Jeanne Spreier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, regardless of who or which entity pays this cost. Furthermore, because this project was started without complete architect plans or complete technical plans (structural, security, plumbing, electricity, etc) this figure is likely to be wildly inaccurate. It was a number pulled out of the air by ... we don't know. I want this project canceled. I don't want Washington DC's buildings or landscape or patriotic magic erased by the egomaniac sitting in the White House. He's already ruined the face of the previously popular John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts with his crazed ideas about where his name belongs. And now no one will perform there except maybe Kidd Rock. [Insert eye rolling emoji face.] No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Zickler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be approved or allowed to continue under any circumstances. Demolition of the pre-existing East Wing was unlawful and unjust as is everything else this administration has implemented. ÑCPC must stand up to this illegal use and reject the project in full.

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Name: Sharon Arana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, those involved in the destruction of the East Wing should be held accountable for repair costs.

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Name: Andrea Fontana McFarlan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I did use someone else's words above to submit my concerns but my sentiment is exactly this. It's a disgrace and will be a constant reminder of such disgrace. No one wants this or needs this ballroom, it is just another notch in the grandiose belt of our current undignified president. Please. Make. It. Stop.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: France Lunney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House is a national tragedy. Building of a huge ballroom in its place should not be permitted.

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Name: Stephen Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 or 400 or 500 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is a disgrace that Donnie for his own vanity destroyed and damaged the People's House becaused he wants to play Louie the XIV and have a ballroom like his tacky Mar A Lago. This is purely a vanity project, that will potentially be built with bribes from companies afraid of or courting favor from Trump. It is also too big, not appropriately sized and unnecessary
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and an improper attempt by Trump for another vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, including this out of control president, who refuses to follow the law to protect our historic places and to permit this unapproved and illegal project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please stop the construction of the unneeded vanity ballroom and require Trump to pay personally to restore it to the condition it was in, before he illegally demolished it. Once again, this is the People's House and We the People don't want it to be the billionarires ballroom at the White House. Thank you for considering this comment.

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Name: Susan Ikenberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I believe this project was handled in a way that was not only distasteful but with no regard for the "public" aspect to this builing and its surroundings

This is a building begun in 1947, so it's more than half a century old, and much happened there of historical interest. Some, if not most of this, should have been preserved. A ballroom is used on special occasions. Offices and meeting rooms are used every day. I

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Name: Tricia Abruzzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits or design reviews. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want the project canceled and the building restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to proceed would be in a front to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or a ballroom design in keeping with the scale and style of the White House and adjacent buildings. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the demolition of the East wing ever occurred! This is the "people's house" and should be treated with decorum. In my mind, the east wing should be reconstructed to its original glory - in keeping with the design of the rest of the building. Modernization and updates in technology, electrical, and perhaps structural may be in order BUT please do so with respect to the beauty and design of the original landmark. As Americans we too often tear down our historic landmarks and replace them with modern

boxes. In all other countries, they respect their historic buildings and work to keep them in tip top shape, to preserve the history of the site.
Please consider this request.
Cheryl Hunt

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Name: Krista Pyron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Allowing the destruction of our historic White House at the whim of an insane pediphile president is absolutely disgusting. I want anyone and everyone associated with this blatant disregard for process and policy to be held accountable for this to the highest form. I want the the East wing returned as it was. No one is above the law and someone needs to have the balls to enforcement it. There needs to be accountability and justice for this. We the people do NOT want, nor agree to this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma Shulman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Committee:
I am asking for an immediate halt to the demolition of the East Wing to allow for proper public review.
The "East Wing modernization/ballroom addition" proceeded without proper authorization or permits. The project is not a modernization but a destruction of American history.
Please explore design options that preserve the historic structure rather than replacing it.
Respectfully...

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelsey Willems
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: PH McKibben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, and demand as a citizen of these United States to STOP this desecration of our shared national monument.

There is a reason that we have rules. And not following rules is already creating an atmosphere of corruption.
All construction should stop immediately.

This endeavor was turned into a vanity project by a newly elected President. He wants his "brand name" on every building in Washington, DC (if he can get away with it) and to use that as a way to shake down wealthy Americans who owe him allegiance of some sort. Only corruption will follow such a path.

Today I read in the news that trump is "trademarking his name" so he can reap future profits from his own re-branding of building names, airports, bridges, roadways, highways, etc. Will he reap future profits off the name of this new ballroom? This precedence should not be met or accommodated.

trump should be forced to rebuild what he tore down with the money he has raised from his billionaire donors. Every law, permit violation, and/or code violation he broke, should bring a large fine to his personnel doorstep, to be paid in full immediately. His normal rate for suing someone is usually around 10 billion dollars. Start there. He can easily afford that.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

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Name: Sandra Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a monumental waste of money and does nothing to preserve history. This administration shouldn’t get away with doing whatever it wants without due process. Destroying what was there before they sought approvals shows the distain with which they regard the law and fellow Americans, who cannot get away with this illicit behavior. Clearly, they think you now have no choice, but you do. Thank you.

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Name: Jay Saltzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeanne Spreier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, regardless of who or which entity pays this cost. Furthermore, because this project was started without complete architect plans or complete technical plans (structural, security, plumbing, electricity, etc) this figure is likely to be wildly inaccurate. It was a number pulled out of the air by ... we don't know. I want this project canceled. I don't want Washington DC's buildings or landscape or patriotic magic erased by the egomaniac sitting in the White House. He's already ruined the face of the previously popular John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts with his crazed ideas about where his name belongs. And now no one will perform there except maybe Kidd Rock. [Insert eye rolling emoji face.] No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ohlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing and personally charge Donald Trump for all restorations. Do it in style with no cheap labor or supplies.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:53:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hsuan-ying Chou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a registered architect in the State of California. I strongly oppose the east wing project. The East Wing of the White House, a vital part of our American history, was torn down without the People's permission and the required federal reviews. It was an unbelievable act of arrogance by the current President who

acted with impunity, disregarding all laws and review processes under our Historic Preservation and Planning agencies. This is not his White House, it is the people's White House, the country's White House. The proposed ballroom is completely out of scale with the White House and should not be built. Never in the history of our country has anyone destroyed US federal property and a historic building without permission, unless you count acts of war, terrorism or insurrection. It was an aggressive violent act waged on a historical monument as proof of this person's power. Do not proceed with the ballroom addition. Leave the White House as a damaged monument, as a symbol of the current government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Drouin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House has already had it's beautiful grounds and historical gardens razed and ruined. There's no reason for this to continue to happen to our most valued historical residence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been vehemently opposed to the ballroom addition to the White House, but since the East Wing has already been demolished, I ask that all legal procedures be followed from here on out. The project must have all plans approved and all permits must be received in advance of any further work—like any citizen would have to do! In addition, it must not ridiculously dwarf the White House like some renderings have shown.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Citron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel strongly that no one person should determine what happens to US public buildings. These building belong to the citizens of our country not to one man. The East Wing should be rebuilt in its former style. That means it should be in a style and proportion similar to what was torn down. Certainly it should be modernized to reflect ADA laws and current technology, but the decisions should be made by a committee of the National Capital Planning Commission and not the President of the US.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project started without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without the required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization. The $400 million in costs is being fronted by corporations, creating a conflict of interest. This is not how projects in the United States of America are supposed to be run.

The White House is the people's house. It belongs to the American people, and our representatives have enacted laws governing how restoration and modernization projects are to be approved. No president should be able to make this decision single-handedly.

I urge the commission to reject his proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Toppler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historic building. Yes, it's been "renovated" under different administrations, but to what degree have these "renovations" been and did they not first seek authorization and oversight from Congress or The White House Historical Association or the National Park Service? Was there not a review of the design before demolition? In this present case, there has been no authorization and no oversight.

Last summer the President said he was going to renovate the East Wing. He did not say he would have it torn down. There's a big difference in what he said and what has happened. Again, no authorization and no oversight. Was the National Park Service consulted? The White House Historical Association consulted? No. When I sent a concerned email to Senator Grassley, my Iowa senator, his reply was about past presidents who constructed a Rose Garden, built an outdoor swimming pool or an indoor bowling alley, resurfaced the tennis court, etc. I didn't see demolition in any of these remarks nor lack of approval or oversight.

Which makes me wonder, can any president going forth demolish the White House itself and add a luxury condo on the spot? My response would be if you don't like living in a historic building with all of its charm and small living spaces, then don't run for the presidency, because this is "The People's House", and it belongs to the citizens of the United States.

So, where's the oversight? If there is none, then "Houston, we have a problem."

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrie Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is a process in place and it should be followed. If the process needs to be changed then go through the process and change it, do NOT allow people/businesses to bypass it. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Sprochi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was not a modernization project. This was a desecration of a historic building owned by the people of the United States. I am demanding that the current administration rebuild the East Wing the way that it was, and abandon the ridiculous plans to build a gaudy, tacky golden ballroom to aggrandize a demented narcissist. I am thankful that the National Capital Planning committee is allowing the public to comment. While we are at it, can you also please restore Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden? The patio they put in looks like a Chili's.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Garry Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: terry filloon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore East Wing to its original glory/specifications with the same art etc. Prosecute those breaking the law. Prevent additional grifting/bribery.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: julie tamler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand there were no permits, no necessary legal or moral steps taken before demolishing the East Wing, a piece of history that means the world to the U.S. Please put an end to this. Stop the project. Leave it to the senate, the historians and the people of the U.S. to decide the next step. Respectfully yours.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn DeMario
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop building that grotesque ballroom which nobody needs or wants, and please rebuild and restore the original beautiful eastwing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thom Goetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this modernization bill. Restore to original design for our heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Matticks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please, please restore the White House to its previous state or at least prevent the building of a

ballroom that will dwarf the White House in scale, diminishing its historical, public, and architectural significance!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Dix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The renovations to the people's house, The White House, need to be in keeping with the style of the residence. I think the President's taste is gaudy and tacky with faux gold leaf and motel style design. Please do not allow Donald J. Trump to have control of the design of the new ballroom and further modernizations. Other Presidents will live there starting in 2028 or sooner and the style must be elegant and welcoming.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Beverage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed $300 M project. The destruction of the East Wing was unpermitted and unapproved, and there was no reasonable justification for demolishing the historic wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:51:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Terry-Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was done illegally. I would like to see those responsible for the illegal act to be held responsible and fined to pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing to it's pre-demolition state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Akers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be built back as it was designed. It is the People’s house not the

president's. He did not have permission to destroy our historic building. We do not need a ballroom as big as a football field. We the People were disrespected when it was demolished. Build it back as it was. There were rules to be followed and they were disregarded. No one is above the law.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chuck Hestand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christi Sardi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lori Fahs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alexandra Grabbe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I used to live in Washington and took art lessons at the Corcoran Gallery. I used to walk around the White House on PA Avenue and admire the East Wing building. I oppose the modernization project. I say no to the spending of $300 million on a ballroom that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. This destroys American history. How about spending that money on helping Americans instead? I loved the way the East Wing looked before. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuild according to its former design. I oppose the spending so much money on a HUGE ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Remember that no one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Britt Thurman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not the President's personal residence to alter at will; it is the People's House. Every president is a temporary steward of this building, entrusted with its care for future generations. That stewardship comes with an obligation to respect both the history of the structure and the democratic principles it represents.

The United States was deliberately built on a system of checks and balances to prevent the concentration of power in any single individual. That is why we have three branches of government, and it is also why changes to the White House are subject to review by bodies such as the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the National Park Service (NPS). These processes exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and public oversight — not as obstacles, but as safeguards for a shared national asset. Disregarding them undermines the very democratic principles the White House is meant to symbolize.

The funding model for the proposed ballroom raises serious ethical concerns. Money at this scale is never free. Millionaires and billionaires who "donate" vast sums to a project of this nature reasonably expect influence, access, or favorable treatment in return. Accepting such donations for alterations to the White House creates the appearance — if not the reality — that the executive branch is for sale. This perception erodes public trust and is fundamentally incompatible with ethical governance.

The White House is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world and a powerful symbol of American democracy and history. Preserving historic structures follows well-established principles: demolition should occur only when no viable alternatives exist, and additions should never overwhelm, diminish, or visually dominate the original building. The proposed ballroom, by its scale and design, violates these principles.

In my view, this project reads as a vanity endeavor rather than a public necessity. We already know the dangers of leaders who seek to immortalize themselves through monuments, oversized structures, and the renaming of public institutions. A ballroom of this magnitude is unnecessary, visually grotesque, and out of character with the White House's historic integrity.

To be clear, I am not opposed to the idea of a ballroom in general. I am opposed to the scale of the one proposed, the disregard for established review processes, and the ethically troubling manner in which it is being funded. The White House should reflect restraint, democratic values, and respect for history — not ego, excess, or transactional influence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Boljevic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all-law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brad Greenbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as submitted by the Administration. The scale of the project is out proportion to the White House. The cost is exorbitant. The process has violated numerous review requirements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessie Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my extreme concerns regarding this project.
I am upset that this razing of a portion of the people's house - had no input from the people.
I'm also concerned about the destruction of history and based on surfaces changes to the recent decoration and choices to the White House - I'm honestly concerned about the taste level and cohesiveness of one of our most important historic buildings.

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Name: Barbara Carmichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beckie Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with and submit the comment by Anara Guard, "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Ryan Griffis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sharon Matchett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lauren PRIMOFF
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: CAROLYN PEPPER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, funded by private donors (in other words bribes) which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No president is legally allowed to tear down portions of the White House without any review whatsoever. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Currently 37entities have donated and none of the donations has been disclosed. This is another Trump presidential grift and aggrandizement in service to his vanity. CANCEL THIS PROJECT!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:50:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Vardell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this so-called East Wing Modernization project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. This is just wrong.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:50:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Puro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax-paying American citizen, I oppose this project, which was initiated without the required authorization, permits, or design review. The work that has begun is illegal, as well as immoral and a blight on everything the White House is supposed to symbolize. I implore you to cancel this project and require that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design (if possible, at the expense of those who initiated it without following proper procedures). To allow this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you. .

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Name: Jody Peake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What our so-called President is doing to build his ballroom is a travesty. I object that guidelines and processes are not followed, and the gross expense of this endeavor when there are so many more worthy and beneficial needs for investment.

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Name: Sharon Colchamiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard's comment so my comment quotes hers:

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

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Name: Brenda Meehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It's a travesty and NO president should be able to deface the White House in the manner Donald Trump is attempting. This property is owned by the federal government, not an individual. Please ensure the building is restored to its original state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wilanne Stangel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and fully restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would completely cancel out decades of work and dedication to preserve, maintain, and honor our country's historical heritage.

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Greenheron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the $300\u8239 million allocation for the proposed demolition of the White House's East Wing—a project that began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This initiative is not a modernization effort; it amounts to the wholesale destruction of a piece of American heritage.

The White House is both a National Historic Landmark and part of the National Park System, owned by the American people. The president is a temporary occupant whose actions are bound by law and respect for public trust, not an owner with unchecked power.

Demolishing the East Wing without oversight violates legal requirements and betrays the public's right to participate in decisions that shape our national monuments. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to mandate a reconstruction that faithfully preserves the historic design and scale of the East Wing, ensuring any new construction on the site remains compatible and subordinate to the original structure.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Buckley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the desecration of the historical East Wing of the White House. It was not done in the lawfully proper manner. There were no plans, paperwork, prior authorization.
I would like to see it fully restored back to its former beauty, replicated board for board. The outrageous amount of money being spent, over 300 million, is despicable. Any changes made to "the Peoples' House" should be voted on by "We the People". Please stop this unwelcome and unlawful destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:49:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Weill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with spending $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:49:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:49:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Stough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the 300+Million $ ballroom to be built there. It is not needed as there are other venues nearby to host large gatherings. It's a vanity project for Trump's ego and was not approved or even discussed prior to the destruction. Please restore the area properly and replant the gardens.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:49:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Goehner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was begun without proper authorization or permits. To allow this to plan to go ahead would not only be an eyesore out of character in Washington, DC, but would reward the law-breaking that has already taken place. The East Wing should be rebuilt in accordance with its historic design.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Nellene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design...and the final cost of restoring it published. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead **without penalizing those who broke the law** would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It would also encourage similar illegal projects in the future.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janette Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one asked for this so called modernization. This was decided and started by the POTUS alone. The entire White House is a historic building and this project has not been approved by a historical government entity.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:47 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Starbuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I wish to see the East Wing of the White rebuilt as it was originally. The razing of this historic structure was done illegally, outside of any and all oversight required.
This structure belongs to the people of the United States, not to an individual who is trying to erase history and replace it with something of his own personal design.
Modernization is not an appropriate description of what was done. Demolition is the word.
And it was wrong.
Mary Starbuck

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Weigel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump had no business destroying the east Wing. He should be fined and forced to rebuild the East Wing as it once was, using the "supposed" money that he raised to build a ballroom. He is not above the law and needs to follow rules and procedures.

I am opposed to building a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should follow all existing laws and regulations, federal and local. If laws have been broken, those who broke them should be held accountable for their actions, as prescribed by the law.

The White House, an historic structure, belongs to the people of the United States. It should be treated respectfully. Any changes should be appropriate to the era and design of the existing structure. Of course, changes should meet current building codes and other safety requirements and be ADA compliant.

I would like to see the East Wing restored to its original external design. The stated need for an enormous on-site ballroom seems specious and ego driven. Before such an addition is built, or any structure is built, a needs assessment and a cost benefit analysis should be completed. It should not be a random decision by one person (even if that one person is the President of the United States). All prescribed processes should be followed.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: East Wing modernization and ballroom addition" for Project and "02/19/2026" for meeting date.

Please do not approve Trumps proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:48:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Bilger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, was torn down, I watched the images on TV in horror! How could this be happening? How can you do this without permission? I now understand that the proper approval process was ignored and the East Wing was torn down illegally. It still makes me angry.

I don't see the need for the ballroom space. Architects have indicated that the size and design of the addition will eclipse the existing White House. Plans show staircases that go nowhere! The gold designs added to the remaining White House look tacky. A gaudy ballroom is not something I want as an American. And it has all been approached and work done illegally without proper approvals. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt, exactly how it was, and I would also like to see the Rose Garden and tribute trees returned to their original form too. Please stop the utter destruction happening to America's historic landmark of the White House! Force those responsible to return the White House and its surrounding outdoor landscapes returned to their prior beauty as well.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:47:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Traylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for hearing and considering my concerns.
Cheryl Traylor

Date: 2/17/2026 3:47:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Schuster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, and this destruction was begun without any input from them or any governmental agency. Why is this administration allowed to flaunt the laws of our country to alter a national landmark? This project should be halted and those responsible should be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:47:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of any money, much less $300 million paid in bribes, on this "project", which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To call it a modernization project is gaslighting of the first degree. This was an illegal complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the funds "donated". No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every American. Stop it now, make them recreate the East Wing exactly as it was, and then fine or punish those responsible to the fullest extent possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:47:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Kapetan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:47:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Juday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Trott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose Trump's destruction of the White House for his whim. Doubt anyone really has wished for a new ballroom for 100 years as he claimed. It is not his home to renovate, or in this case, wipe out historical significance for his whim. Trump does not own, nor follow our US Constitutional procedure for required approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lief Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly against allocating $300 million to a project that began without lawful approval, required permits, or appropriate design oversight. Rather than preserving the heritage of the house of the people, it blemishes a significant historic structure. The work should be halted immediately, and the East Wing returned to its original architectural form and function. Accountability must apply equally to everyone; allowing this to continue without consequences for those who bypassed legal requirements undermines respect for the rule of law and those who follow it.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Grossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese McRae
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal razing of the White House's East Wing for the purpose of building a monument to the President's ego, and I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. This shouldn't need to be pointed out.

Therese McRae

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Schwalenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear sir or madam;

I am opposed to the construction of Trump's ballroom. The current design is far too large and overshadows The White House.

I believe that before any ballroom project is approved, Trump should be compelled to restore/replace the East Wing to what it was, paying out of his own pocket. Then he needs to submit the design properly for approval before anything is begun.

He had no right to tear down the East Wing.

Thank you for your consideration,
Deb Schwalenberg

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was….historically correct!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:46:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bart Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the destruction of a national monument, especially one called "The People's House", with no public input is a terrible breach of public trust. From the moment this project came into public view it has been riddled with lies, incompetence and corruption.

I support the rebuilding of the destroyed East Wing of the White House exactly as it was before this divisive and self-serving project was started.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tricia Stranman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As we move into unprecedented times, preserving what we have left of history and democracy is abundantly clear. I emplore that the people are heard. We most sane Americans would like to preserve our history.

A ballroom? This is a power play of the rich nothing more or less.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shakya Baldwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely opposed the spending of any amount of money to make this into a ballroom to cater to a president who does not represent the people. I was torn down without any review or proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and ideally it should be paid for out of the funds that the current president has raked in through all of his money making scams fleecing donors and Americans. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump should have to pay for destroying what did not belong to him, this was the People's house not his. It is a disgrace that this was allowed to happen and restitution should be made to the people and their house.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Peoples
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, what a ridiculous name for a project that is literally tearing into the heart and soul of the gracious hospitality of the US people. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Stop erasing history.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Gipson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. As an American, I am appalled and ashamed at the destruction of the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project as it stands. It was illegally begun without permits and without following lawful review including public input. It is not modernization but destruction of our history.

The President is a tenant NOT the owner of the White House and must get legally required permission to make such sweeping and permanent changes.

I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt to its original exterior specifications (or possibly expanded by a reasonable 20% in size) with a reasonably modernized and updated interior. But the construction must follow the lawful guidelines and processes to not overshadow the original White House.

No one is above the law in the United States and those who destroyed the East Wing and sought to ignore the lawful process should face strong penalties.

Please deny approval of the current project.

Require those who broke the law to pay restitution to rebuild what they destroyed. Not taxpayers!

Demand full financial disclosure for all aspects and phases of the project.

Follow all protocols from the National Trust and the National Capitol Planning Commission in designing and rebuilding the East Wing of the People's White House.

Thank you!

Sandra Barnes

Date: 2/17/2026 3:45:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Justin Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That is my house the POTUS is messing with. The house of the people, not the President's house. He is just a renter. My taxes paid for and continue to pay for this house, it's maintenance and upkeep, and no one

asked me if it could be torn down for any reason.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shanon Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:37:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Dobrowolski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without following the proper procedures, review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, even if from donated funds, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Any construction that overshadows the Executive Mansion is an abomination of this great landmark and should not be allowed.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Stoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American historian, I'm shocked by the abrupt decision (apparently without permits or planning permissions) to demolish the East Wing of the White House and replace it with something that stands to

overshadow the residence itself. The built environment of the government is both functional and symbolic and thus careful planning is necessary in order to maintain or improve its function and the symbolism attached to it. While the White House has not been a static object over the years, no recent administration has attempted something so major without a significant consultative process beforehand. The decision making should be collaborative, the designs should be consonant not with the aesthetic tastes of one leader, but with the overall style of the building (and/or reflecting national architectural styles). If the White House is expected to continue serving as the People's House, any renovation must reflect ongoing needs and not the imperatives of the current occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:37:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Zaydel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am still outraged at the destruction of the White House's East Wing - the historical residence of the President of the United State of America elected by the citizens every 4 years as defined by our Constitution. We, The People 'rent' the White House to the current President and family and have allowed certain modifications for comfort maintenance and improvement over the years. Trump's destruction of this symbol of our nation's shared history was deplorable and without approval or merit.

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without proper notice, authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this vanity project to proceed without penalizing those who broke custom as well as the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

We, The People, say "No Ballroom!"

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

Date: 2/17/2026 3:34:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Odom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I find it offensive that "The People's House" has been vandalized this way, and that a group of billionaires are currying favor by funding it.
It is not a modernization project but rather vanity project and a complete razing of American history. No one asked for this. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:34:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Haley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project no matter who is paying for it. The argument that this is private donors and so is not a public issue is absurd and dangerous. What is next, selling off the National Parks to the billionaires? How can a single occupent of "the peoples house" take a wrecking ball to it and build a monstrosity in its place without the proper authorization, permits, or design review? The idea that this is modernization project is absurd. Ballrooms have been around since the 17th century. The project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The whole project is lawless and outrageous.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:40:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Dix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an outrage that this project was launched without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a razing of our national history; it is not meant to serve the American people but to gratify Donald Trump's insatiable ego. This is an insult to all Americans. I oppose spending $300 million on this project. It needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To plow ahead with this vanity project without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:39:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Choszczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, the use of (political) donations for this project is an enormous conflict of interest.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:32:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Roit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Muth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this illegal power grab. Regardless of whether funding is public (although using tax dollars for this project raises a multitude of other issues) or private, razing the East Wing without proper permits, authorization or design review is an abomination of authority. This is a National Park Service historic building, not to mention many First Ladies' office spaces. One cannot simply take a wrecking ball to Federal property to appease one's self interest/importance I want this project cancelled and the East Wing to be restored to its former glory. No one is above the law and allowing this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:39:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Windas-Zarra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:37:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalie Valenti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosina Christy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:33:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:37:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorri Francis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Antoniades
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was heartbreaking. It should never have happened. And, the planned monstrous ballroom addition is ridiculous. It cannot be allowed to proceed. The White House is the People's House, not a Trump property.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antoinette Coble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What's happening to the east wing is illegal and needs to stop now

Date: 2/17/2026 3:43:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a voting U.S. citizen who cares deeply about our nation's historical monuments, I am opposed to altering the exterior appearance of the East Wing of the White House. I support restoring it to its original appearance balancing the symmetry of the White House. While I don't think we need a grand gilded ballroom, I would support interior changes to the East Wing that would improve functionality.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:43:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Feild
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:43:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Merkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seeing a wrecking ball take down the east wing was devastating to watch. Most of those historical buildings including the White House belong to the people not the temporary person occupying it. My heart is broken for the United States and all she is enduring.

Most Sincerely Margaret Merkes

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Leveski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This administration has to be held accountable!!

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Name: Judy Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As currently designed, the East Wing Modernization project, including the ballroom addition, is a travesty. Even Pres. Trump's first architect quit when he refused to comply with Trump's tasteless wishes. The American people want and deserve an attractive, tasteful addition, complementing the White House, not over shadowing it. The American people don't want an ostentatious building reflecting Pres. Trump's over-sized ego ... particularly since this building will be with the American people this point forward.

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Name: Gary Forbes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to encourage the Commission deny the plans for construction of the ballroom promoted by the Trump administration. Demolishing a substantial section of "the people's house" without historical review or consultation with stakeholders (including representatives of US citizens, its true owner) is without precedent. I favor reconstruction of the East Wing to its former state, with whatever modernizations may be appropriate for security and aesthetics. I know I speak for many in my community who also look to the Commission for consideration of the best means of maintaining the heritage of this singular part of our shared history.

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Name: holly buckmaster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First I would like to express my disgust that the east wing was demolished without proper authorization or documentation. This is not allowed locally, within my state, nor should it be allowed nationally. Particularly when the destruction occurs in “the people’s house”. It does not belong to the current resident nor any of the former or subsequent residents. Secondly I object to the design and cost of the current proposed east wing. It dwarfs the White House and aesthetically diminishes the view of the White House and the surrounding landscape. The grandiose style is disgusting and not in good taste. Any renovation of this type should be done with respect to the existing buildings, particularly these buildings which represent ALL the people of these United States, not just the current resident and his supporters. I encourage you to step back and redesign the proposed ballroom with adherence to historic standards and permanence, not in haste and in the name of grandiosity. Seek the guidance of those who know best, not those who pledge their allegiance to the current resident. The White House is considered "the People's House" because it is owned by the American public. It is not owned by the current resident. Please respect that fact.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:42:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Colombo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was deeply dismayed - aghast, really! - when I saw images of and read news on the East Wing destruction. The White House is known as “The People’s House”, the site of so much history and the temporary residence for our presidents. No president has or should have unitary power over major White House renovations, never mind the destruction of an entire wing and the decision to replace it with a ballroom. Furthermore, the plans for the ballroom are out of scale with the remaining parts of the White House.

We must reconstruct the East Wing to the degree possible with the same footprint, layout, and materials as it was before the President made his decision to tear it down with no legal authorization.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christa Engelskirch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With regard to the East Wing of the White House,
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This endeavor appears to have been initiated

without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It also does not appear to be a modernization project. It is a vain attempt to by this administration to bulldoze their way into American history. There was absolutely no rush and no reason for this to move forward the way that it did. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Lucchesi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 3 Million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernazation project but rather a complete razing of American history. I WANT THIS PROJECT CANCELLED!!! I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americains.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Pappas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

The private funding of this project is a route for corruption and cannot be allowed.

Also, the idea of an enormous ballroom at the White House strikes me as fundamentally unAmerican, the stuff of aristocracy and Old World nobility. It clashes with the President's function of Head of State in our constitutional democratic republic.

Sincerely,
Ed Pappas
Philadelphia, PA
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Lambert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing public comments regarding the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom on the

previous site of the east wing of the white house.
I was horrified when I learned that the east wing of the white house had been demolished to make room for this proposed monstrosity. The current president of the United States should be held accountable for destroying the east wing, originally constructed in 1902 and expanded in 1942, which held so much historical significance. The damage is done, so no use crying over spilled milk, however this project should be halted until adequate studies can be completed by the NCPC and the CFA. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and is owned by the American people, not the sitting president, and the American people deserve an opportunity to provide comments and shape the project.
John Lambert
105 Via Tuscana
Durango, CO 81301

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Name: Bill Nead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I spent 9 years in uniform in the U.S. Army Security Agency and 20 years as a Department of Defense Civilian Scientist. I took an oath to preserve and protect the Constitution of the United States, obey the Uniform Code of Military Justice and all Civil laws. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rene DeCloux Jerome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete taxing of American history. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Portwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump should pay for rebuilding and restoring the East Wing out of his personal accounts. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Baughman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House."

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: carol primus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at what has happen at THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE!!
Restore the ballroom and other auxillary offices, and meeting rooms. Upgrade the bunker below. Restore the Rose Garden and lawns.
I have wonderful memories as a child and young adult participating in events in these locations (not the bunker, of course!). I felt so important to be in THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Laws
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any occupant of The White House is not a king, but a temporary tenant, living there 8 years at most, and should not be able to rebuild it to his/her own liking no matter who is paying for it. From this point on, the processes in place, specified in federal law, must be followed to approve and make these changes.

Neither is the White House a palace. It is the people's house, not overwhelmingly large, but prior to the demolition commanded the space properly. Its design is unified and aesthetically pleasing with its restrained, formal, and symmetrical Georgian-Irish architectural style. Any addition should be compatible in

scale and subordinate to the original structure. That which is proposed appears to be large enough to overwhelm the existing building and space.

Given that the destruction of the East Wing has already taken place, a construction of similar size, shape, and placement as the West Wing - with needed modern updates including ADA accessibility - would maintain the integrity and symmetry of the overall design and structure thus remaining true to its aesthetics and historical past.

The White House is not in need of a huge ballroom. DC has plenty of that kind of space in existing buildings. If it is determined that a ballroom absolutely is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or, if in the end a ballroom is included in the new construction, ensure that it fit within an addition of similar size and design as the original.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita MacKay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the house of the people. For this reason it is simple in design. The planned ballroom is obscene in size and grandeur. The public has been lied to. The East Wing was not supposed to be raised. The president behaves as if the White House is just another one of his properties. This project needs to be scaled back to the point where the dimensions of the new building fits in with the size White House.

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Name: Lori Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. He should be arrested for defaming public property. He had no right to tear down the original Wing. Any money should be used to rebuild the original.

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Name: Marcus colgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bonnie Rauf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

TO Whom It May Concern-

I oppose the spending of any anount of money, no matter the source, let alone $400 million, on this boondoggle of a project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your time and attention to halting this tragic devastation, should you choose to do so.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom built and was opposed to the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House. There was no notice, no permits , no respect for the rule of law or the American people's thoughts and voices. President Trump is not above the law and his disregard for the People's House, The White House does not reflect my views, or wishes as a citizen and taxpayer. .

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Name: Dawn Hofberg-Schlosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a desecration of a historical building and an unauthorised taxpayer expense with no adequate oversight. Please stop this

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Name: Casey King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending one penny much less 300 million to build an unneeded ballroom attached to the White House. The historic East Wing was illegally demolished and those involved should be held accountable by law. It is heartbreaking to look at the destruction of this historic property. I would support restoring it to its former glory.

Thank you,

Casey King

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing demolition and planned replacement by a ballroom initiated by the current President of the United States did not follow proper approval processes for updates to this cherished national landmark. The People's House deserves to be treated with more respect than this. I am upset that my tax dollars are being used to fund this abomination.

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Name: Brandy Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Joseph Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building as currently proposed is too large. It should have a significantly lower elevation than the Executive Residence main building and should have a footprint no larger then the Executive Residence main building

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Engelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. This destruction is a national disgrace to all Americans who follow the law. I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this East Wing project. It doesn't matter who is funding it - the American people were not asked for our opinions before destroying "the people's house".
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this modernization does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.”
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible.
No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

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Name: Heather Marko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a capricious destruction of the property of the American people to appease one man's ego. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and appropriate penalties for all involved in this illegal destruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mildred Savidge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project's attempt to build a Ballroom should be cancelled. The White doesn't need a ballroom. They are obsolete! If the current administration feels the need for a Ballroom, they should work with a reputable architect with an understanding of the EXTEME IMPORTANCE OF THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF THE BUILDING, and design an addition to the building that does not destroy the the original architectural esthetic.

The East Wing of the White House should be replaced as closely as possible to what it was before the illegal demolition took place in 2025. Certainly it could be technically modernized, but should at least look historically accurate. The destruction of public property that took place last year at the White House was a criminal act and should have been treated as one. In lieu of that, perhaps the NCPC could find a way to have the guilty party pay for the reconstruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryanne Bartles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda VanderLinden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Renee Cupidro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter! \u-10179 ?\u-8695 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean Pybus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project rather it is a vanity project for the current administration. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original dimensions and purpose.

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Name: Danielle Sloan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project started without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without the required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization. The $400 million in costs is being fronted by corporations, creating a conflict of interest. This is not how projects in the United States of America are supposed to be run.

The White House is the people's house. It belongs to the American people, and our representatives have enacted laws governing how restoration and modernization projects are to be approved. No president should be able to make this decision single-handedly.

I urge the commission to reject his proposal.

Thank you,
Danielle Kauerz Sloan

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Name: Paula Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was razed illegally without prior notification or authorization, unsupervised, on a weekend. It was a destructive travesty, tearing down history, both physicial, and erasing events that have been held there. The current President acts as if he owns the White House, the People's House, and can autocratically decide to errect a huge ballroom where the East Wing once stood, dwarfing the White House itself.
History is essential to the American identity, and by tearing down this building an attempt is being made to change history. 'It won't cost the Americann people,' only our sovereignty. It would appear that it will be a time-share for wealthy investors, whom it will likely serve, not the American people.
I strongly believe the ballroom project must be stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former state. It pains me deeply that the stuff of history, of which it was made, has simply became landfill. American identity can not be discarded and replaced with some garish monstrosity, that won't even be completed during the current President's term. Because we are a representational democracy, it is essential to push back against the reshaping of America to this President's whim and inclination.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjo Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Crowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make Trump pay for the rebuild of the East Wing of the White House which is owned and honored by the PEOPLE OF AMERICA and not the illegitiment renter living there for 4 years. He had no right to demolish part of the WH. As it stands the entire WH will have to be stripped of all the tacky gold plastic "decor" and fumigated when trump moves on...hopefully to prison for all of his crimes. Please, please restore the beautiful and majestic East Wing and scrap plans for the "ballroom" which would dwarf the WH in a ridiculous and illegal manner. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:39:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gosse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,
I am heartbroken over the demolition of the East Wing which is an historic part of the People's House, the White House. Whether private or public monies, this project is an abomination. It dwarfs the White House and continues to grow by the week. Please do not approve of the project as proposed. Rather the East Wing should be re-built as it was prior to demolition. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:39:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Schoeppner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project did not get proper approval. I believe the east Wing should be rebuilt and the ballroom plan denied. The American people deserve their house restored

Date: 2/17/2026 3:38:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever the current budget is) on this project without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but a complete razing of American history and a grift for those involved in building it. I want this project cancelled. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine Twomey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Doug Stouffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This property was illegally destroyed. It needs to be rebuilt to its original architectural attributes. The funds donated to destroy it should be used to restore it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Stramel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted with the demolishing of the east wing prior to getting authorization.
The country has been in existence for 250 years. All prior presidents have had events, dinners etc without the need for a HUGE ballroom. None of them have complained about needing a ballroom nor do we need one.
I don't care if it is funded by outside agencies and no taxpayers money is used, I don't believe a ballroom is necessary for the country. Especially not one that will DWARF the White House.

Personally I think the east wing should be rebuilt using all the donors money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Neovivo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which has made it clear that influence has been bought. This undermines the very thin trust we the people still have.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. Our history has been shat on.

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Name: Amy Foxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dennis Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ms Pat Bearducci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the East Wing White House renovation that has already been started without your approval. Donald Trump has no right to do this to OUR house without your approval. He is usurping his powers and he is attempting to wipe out a part of America's history. I ask that you declare this illegal and order him to retore this section of the White House back to its original form at his expense. He is breaking the law (again) and you should not ignore this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tahne Flaherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Donald Trump's cost. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one should be able to tear public buildings down without approval. NO ONE.
Without a clear plan to move forward, there is now a scar on our public grounds, that may never be fixed or will cost taxpayers. I'm gd tired of paying for stupid shit when we can't get proper healthcare and people are still going bankrupt for medical bills.

Thank you,
Tahne Flaherty

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Wayne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Carol Wayne

Date: 2/17/2026 3:37:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CAROL HOSKINS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day, Thank you for the opportunity to lend my vision for the East Wing Modernization Project.

I am writing for myself and sister Judith Jacob,

First off we would NOT like any GOLD/GILT in the project. We feel the gold sends the wrong message to the citizens of the USA. It is patterned after dictators and ultra wealthy individuals which leaves an element of not being the peoples house.

This project needs to be in line with the decor of the original White House. Subtle meaning pleasing to the senses in a mild or nuanced way : delicate, elusive.

The elevation of the building should not be taller than the White House, it should not exceed the overall foot print of the former East Wing. The White House is the focus not the wings or additions.

It was wrong to take down the East Wing without government approval.

Thank you, Carol Hoskins, Judith Jacob

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Name: Julie Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I think oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Alyse Portnoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolyn Coglianese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chris Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House belongs to the American people, and not the current tenant. I STRONGLY oppose the spending of upwards of $300 million (no matter who pays it) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete eradication of American history. I want this current project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in accordance with the law after going through the proper processes with Congressional approvals and a bid process open to all companies (not just ones that benefit Trump). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law should be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The current state of the East Wing and the proposed plans are a slap in the face to our American heritage and our Constitution.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely disgraceful that Trump tore down the East Wing without following proper procedures and without any authorization. The East Wing should be restored to its original structure as closely as possible and the rose garden should be restored. Please do not let Trumps ballroom plan proceed. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Violet Robert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this “project” go forward.
The current occupant of the White House is merely a tenant. This is the people’s house, not his. He had no right to destroy any portion of this historic building. Please order that the East wing be restored to its former glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Redick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely opposed to the spending of $300 million on building the grand ballroom! This was initiated by Trump, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. In my opinion, he has ruined the White House that doesn’t belong to him, but to the people of our country! Someone needs to put a stop to this.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding.
It is very disappointing to know that our Washington representatives, who are supposed to protect us from all of this illegal action being taken, just sit and say nothing. POTUS and his investors should also for the bill for the rebuild, and be sure it’s not filled with cheap, gold filigree on every single wall and piece of furniture.
Respectfully,
Mary Redick

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Effner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Humstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission: This project has concerned me from the moment the East Wing was demolished without a demolition permit to this proposal for a new grandiose ballroom facility. I do think the applicant should be penalized for not getting proper permits for the demolition. I am opposed to the project as currently designed for the following reasons: 1)The scale of the project is enormous, too big and will overshadow the rest of the White House dominating the landscape for the lavish parties and dinners for a privileged few as opposed to the White House where the important policy and administrative work on behalf of all the American people takes place. The scale proposed is consistent with this current administration's favoring of the rich and famous over ordinary Americans. 2) The cost of the project, regardless of the source of the funds, is excessive and such funds would be put to better use providing for the basic needs of Americans for health care, affordable housing, child care, education and employment - a priority national need that is not being addressed at this time. 3) The proposed project is ostentatious and lavish consistent with its design for the rich and famous and not the average American. A more modest proposal with less ornate embellishments and at a smaller scale might be found to be more acceptable. A more thoughtful approach to the planning for the future of this significant national treasure, that is, the entire White House Complex, is needed; one that prioritizes the important work of any administration in conducting our country's domestic and foreign affairs over having extravagant parties and receptions and one that demonstrates respect for the historic preservation of important buildings and natural landscape features and the symbolism of this revered national monument. Elizabeth Humstone, Former Advisor from Vermont to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Best
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Naida Sperling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Sarah Wales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled and heartbroken at the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least, the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you.

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Name: Katie Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Sondra Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former state. Our national and state historic buildings must be protected. These structures belong to the People. Laws, regulations, and restoration requirements should be seriously enforced to protect our heritage. The Rose Garden needs to be restored back to its former beauty and state. Trump's name needs to come down off the Kennedy Center. All the tacky gilt should be removed from the White House. Bring back the historic beauty and elegance of our national buildings.

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Name: J Gramann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are over three million people in this country. Sticks and stones analogy comes to mind when faced with small, petty subhumans. Erasing history is impossible. Grotesque modernization will be rejected in the end, so cut the crap now, restore to the authentic version of our formerly great East Wing. Again, there are over three million people in this country, and our minds work just fine when faced with unassailable truths.

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Name: julie Verburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project and handling of all is and has been mishandled. A vanity project at the worst time and financed

by oligarchs and cronies seeking Trump's support and bypassing appropriate steps!!!

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Name: Sarah Stivland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to exactly what it was before Trump unilaterally bulldozed it without congressional or any other kind of approval, and without following any planning process that represents the American people.

It is shocking and deeply disturbing that this somehow was allowed to occur. The White house does not belong to the President. It belongs to the American People, and all laws and policies should be followed for such an immense project.

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Name: Jacob Kushner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Besides illegally destroying a historic building such as the White House, which is suppose to be the PEOPLE's HOUSE, not Donald Trump's house, the ballroom is a HUGE waste of time and money, regardless if it's coming from the richest people in the world to build it. They are just trying to gain favor from Trump, so they get tax breaks, don't have to abide by any regulations for their corporations including worker safety standards, and other hidden 'benefits' the public will never know about. IF this is built, which will dwarf the White House in size, the up keep, furnishings, the extra service staff, cooks, supplies, laundry, cleaning, food, drinks, entertainment, heating/airconditioning, etc., WILL be taxpayer money paying for it .....for the wealthy of the world to enjoy on the backs of hard working Americans. It does nothing for the citizens of this nation. ZERO! This money could go to MUCH more worthy causes, like affordable housing, child care, groceries, etc., for the American people. These are the things that people's tax dollars should be going too, (use too), not some rich man's hangout! It's disgusting, deplorable, shameful, disgraceful, dishonorable, and a gut punch to every American. BTW, the name East Wing Modernization Project is a moot point, meaningless. There is NO East Wing!

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Name: Melody Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

Turning the East Wing into a ballroom is a slap to the face of the American people. Many cannot afford to

feed their families or their healthcare. Our economy is in shambles. Prices are rising even still. There is no good reason why there should be a ballroom installed in a house that should be fixing these issues and representing us.
Not only has it erased American history, but it was done without the proper authorizations, permits, or design review.
The president needs to be held responsible for demolishing this part of the White House and needs to be penalized for doing so illegally.

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Name: Rebecca Dillow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to ask that the illegal work on the east wing be HALTED IMMEDIATELY! No permission was given for this total destruction of our houses history trump must realize it is not his to do with what he wants!
Stop this and put all back to the original design and build! And stop him from ever doing anything like it again!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Monaghan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project stopped immediately and the East Wing restored. Trump had no authority to tear down the people's house. Stop the project now.

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Name: Marcia Rebrovich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. How could this demolition have happened without the approval of the appropriate historical commission? Why were proper protocols not followed BEFORE the razing”It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. And that should be done with the monies that were donated for the construction of the new ballroom and from whoever paid for the razing of the East Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We must not allow our Presidents to simply demolish histroical buildings at their pleasure, without oversight.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Kathleen Kolb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Somehow, we've managed to survive 250 years without a "grand ballroom" to rival the Palace at Versailles and if this country survives another 250 years, we'd still be fine without this affront to democracy. Meanwhile, US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. If someone wants to invest millions of dollars to impress the leaders of other countries, it should be used to show the world that the United States cares about its own people. I want this project cancelled."

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Name: Gail Reiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as a 67 year old United States citizen who is heartbroken at the destruction of the White House East Wing. I have never had the opportunity to visit this historic place and will now never have the chance. Decades of history were erased without proper permissions and permits with no regard at all for what the "People" want. The destruction and removal of wonderful historical artifacts and valuable art brings me to tears as a professional artist. I do not want to see a massive ornate ballroom that dwarfs the architecture of the White House and do not think it is even necessary. Please rebuild what was once there. Thank you.

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Name: Kristine Kohlman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete defacing of American history in the house that belongs to all of us, the people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Gregory Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't a modernization project. It is the complete destruction of American history initiated with zero authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project. Our collective representatives and fellow citizens were not consulted in any way before the East Wing was demolished. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to as close omits former size and design as possible. . This project must be stopped and those responsible penalized for breaking the law. This is an insult to the law abiding citizens of this country.

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Name: Tracy Scheel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Haese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens.

Nancy Haese

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Name: Deborah Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately the title of this project should read "East Wing Destruction Mitigation Project."
I am strongly opposed to any East Wing construction that is disproportionate in relation to the White House and the West Wing structures. Any architectural designs should be approved by the NCPC only and not by POTUS. A ballroom alone is an irresponsible use of money and is space that will be rarely and intermittently used. Please preserve our White House and its integrity moving forward to mitigate the irreparable damage already done to the East Wing.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This teardown and rebuild for $300 million should never have happened. I would like the East Wing to be restored to its original design and function.

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Name: Carol Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am opposed to the East Room Modernization. This project does not hold the will of the people whose house it belongs to. We must protect and defend the democracy that erected a home where liberty, truth, and justice should forever reside. Thank you. Carol Ford

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Name: Karen Daigle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I do not believe this is a modernization project, but rather is an attempt to raze American history. Not only do I want this project canceled, I want the East Wing to be rebuilt with its original intention retained. This project was undertaken without proper procedures (and law) followed, to allow this project to go forward is to confirm to all American citizens, and indeed the world, that some people are above the law.

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Name: Sarah Neidhard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Cottrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Government of the United States of America from spending one more cent for this desecration of American history and the East Wing of the White House. The person that authorized tearing down part of America's history should be billed for every action he, and the contractors he hired, took to destroy the East Wing and the expense of rebuilding the East Wing to what it was before his inexcusable actions.

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Name: Curtis Shedlak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to state that I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million onTrump's project meant only to emphasize his wealth & willingness to spend on such extravagant projects. This project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete obliteration of American history, simply to satisfy a rich man's gluttony. I vote to have this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Unless you DO want to affirm the Autocract & Kleptocracy for which this project stands.

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Name: Lauren Kindorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jessica Wadleigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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That this is being presented as a gift from the out of touch elite class while the working people of our country are struggling to pay for basic provisions is an affront to every value we purport to hold as a nation. Let's not build anything there and instead leave an empty parcel to represent all of this country's unfulfilled promises to our indigenous peoples who were stripped of everything they held sacred, our chattel slaves held in bondage and their ancestors held in disdain, and all of the millions who came here under false promises of freedom only to be distrusted, mistreated, and scapegoated by the wealth class and their racist boosters. This project is in incredibly poor taste and a national shame. No money should be spent on this, by anyone, but especially the millionaires and billionaires who will use it to plot against the best interests of the people of this country to keep themselves in their fancy dresses and too-big houses.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Crane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly agree with Anara Guard's comment, and I also "oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Not only is this project an affront to the rule of law, but it also undermines our democratic values. We are a Democratic Republic, and this house belongs to the people, not one man who uses his power to build a throne for himself by selling access to billionaires.

With respect.

Steve Crane

Date: 2/17/2026 3:23:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so called “East Wing Modernization”. I believe that a modernization of a historical building presumes that the actual structure and edifice remain intact. It is the infrastructure that is modernized which would include everything from plumbing, heating, electrical and work space improvements to technological and security upgrades. This is a vanity project for a single man and not for the American people. The project defies all sensibilities, ignores the very checks and balances put in place to prevent this corrupt and blatant abuse of power and insults our American architectural history. My heart weeps for its destruction. If it were within my personal power I would order the rebuilding of the East Wing, to its original design, at the expense of those that ordered its demolition. Any “modernization” would then be subject to congressional review and approval as dictated by law - something that all of us are supposed to be bound by, even the President of the United States.

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Name: Beth Trachy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to THE PEOPLE, not to those who reside there for limited periods of time. I am appalled that the current resident president has destroyed this historic building in order to erect a structure that no American requested. He did so suddenly and somewhat secretly, and I am certain he expects to have this "ballroom" named after him.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead is rewarding those who broke the law. It would be an affront to all Americans who care about preserving our rich history. Again, it is THE PEOPLE'S house and will remain so long after the current occupants are gone.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I adamantly oppose the euphemistically called "East Wing Modernization Project." While former occupants of the White House, notably Jacqueline Kennedy, have worked to restore this modest residence to its original state or to make improvements in keeping with the architectural integrity of the building, Donald Trump's proposed alterations show nothing but contempt for the historical significance of the White House. Contempt for the American people as well.

The proposed project is gaudy and gigantic. The plans are yet another assault on our democracy to take this modest symbol of our republic and replace it with Trumps' tasteless homage to Louis XIV . The fact that the private money of billionaires is financing this project is also a debasement of our values as Americans. Do not approve this project, whose scope, size, and aesthetics are extremely ugly in every sense of the word.

Sincerely,

Deborah Katz
Denver, Colorado

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Maurer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the plan to build a massive and architecturally inappropriate ball room as a replacement for the East Wing of the White House. I support returning the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their original design and purposes. A president is the custodian of the people's house and has no authority to make sweeping changes that are not in keeping with the historical significance of any national treasure or monument. It matters not to me that it is supposedly being paid for with donations. What matters is the assumption that a president can do what he or she wants and likes. The proposed design is certainly big, but I would hardly call it beautiful and, if the selected decor is anything like the Oval Office redo, it will be gaudy and in poor taste. I remember the first time I saw the East Wing on a tour with my mother in 1965 and the second time I saw it on a tour with my sixth grade students in 1976. We were in awe and I wept when it was destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:27:21 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Batson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all. This man needs to be stopped. There is no need for a ballroom bedecked in tacky gold everything that is larger than the white house itself. Please deny this and bring back the People's house by rebuilding the East Wing.

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 3:33:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nettz Sandra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve the project that will result in a gaudy, out of place “ ballroom” that will overwhelm the White House itself. The size in and of it itself is inappropriate for the space. It is being paid for with corporate bribes for special treatment by the government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Stinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of this historic wing of the White House was completed without any of required reviews and approvals. It was also done almost in secret as the citizens were shocked to hear what had been done.
I propose that the structure be rebuilt as to its original condition, and that Donald J Trump bear the total and complete costs.
Thank you for your attention to this matter. \u-10179 ?\u-8700 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 3:29:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erik Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed construction of a ballroom in place of the East Wing. The bulldozing of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To call this endeavor a "modernization project" is brazenly false, as it seeks to replace the historic East Wing with a gilded oversized ballroom. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:30:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharolyn Parry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I request this project be canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To proceed with this project grants permission without penalty to those who broke the law. This would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you!

Sharolyn C. Parry

Date: 2/17/2026 3:26:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen who was born and raised in Washington, D.C., I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. \u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Graf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I demand that this illegal and immoral project be halted, and the East Wing be reinstated if not to its previous condition, then to an improved condition with full and transparent input from all involved parties. In no way, shape nor manner should Donald Trump's name be associated with anything built on this hallowed People's House ground. Further, punishment must be meted on those who proceeded with this unlawful demolition without delay. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:24:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Dobberstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to spending $300 million on this travesty. It is not a modernization project. It is a destruction of our history. Cancel this unlawful project and rebuild the East Wing as it was prior to this obscene illegal proposal. Anyone associated with this unlawful exercise of power should be penalized and brought to justice. It is an affront to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:32:55 PM
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Name: Dennis Bertolucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unnecessary and unlawfully underway! No one approved it and it is not in keeping with the peoples house and the history we all want to preserve. Put it back to the way we built it. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:28:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: abrams carla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For god's sake! Stop this destruction of US history. This is more proof of how much DJT hates America! Restore the historic east wing using DJT and billionaire cronie's money! DJT HATES AMERICA!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Blevins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to ballroom built. Please use money donated for it to rebuild the east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:32:26 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: LYNDA HURT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose to this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am enraged that Trump, only a short term resident of the White House, would think he can rip apart the peoples house and not be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:32:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because it was never had the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I don't think we should spend $300 million on a vanity project funded in part from those currying favor with the Administration. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. That would should be paid for by those who desecrated it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Soros
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated illegally and without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Failure to comply with the will of the American People will be considered an act of aggression which must be met with lawful deadly force.

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Name: Lauren VanderBerg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This demolition should have never happened. This administration does not deserve a ballroom, especially one that will be a Trump monstrosity. Clean up the debris and leave it alone!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:32:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Modernization project. The destruction of the East Wing was done without approval. As it is gone, modernizing the interior seems to be a logical next step. The exterior, however, should be restored to how it looked prior to its destruction—same size, same harmonious blending with the rest of the White House, same landscaping, etc. We should not be building a 90k square foot ballroom. It would look monstrous next to the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:32:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Paquette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Cuff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Pitts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the proposed East Wing Modernization project at the White House. This project, now estimated to cost between $300 and $400 million, was initiated without the required public notice, proper permitting, or advance design review by this Commission. The demolition of the historic East Wing began in October 2025 before any formal plans had been submitted, denying the public and this body the opportunity to weigh in before irreversible damage was done.
Calling this a "modernization" misrepresents what actually occurred. The East Wing, a historic structure that served first ladies and their offices for decades, was completely demolished. Historic magnolia trees planted in honor of Presidents Harding and Roosevelt were removed. The Presidential Emergency Operations Center was dismantled. This is not renovation; it is erasure.
I am also deeply concerned about the funding mechanism. Accepting hundreds of millions of dollars in private donations from tech billionaires and other wealthy interests to reshape the People's House creates serious conflicts of interest and the appearance, if not the reality, of purchased access to the presidency. No single donor should have influence over the character of our national home.
The White House belongs to the American people, not to any administration or its financial backers. The Commission exists precisely to ensure that projects of this magnitude undergo rigorous, transparent, and lawful review. I urge this Commission to conduct a thorough, independent, and uncompromising evaluation of this project — and to demand full accountability for the process violations that have already occurred.
No one is above the law. Approving this project without meaningful consequence for the procedural violations that enabled it would set a dangerous precedent for future administrations and for historic preservation nationwide.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randi Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any other amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Lukavsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Betancur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to 300 million. No to the ballroom just no. You ruined our house. Now we are gonna kick you out of it.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gian Lombardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former state because 1. historical significance of the wing and 2. No permission from Congress, or any historic commission was secured for the demolition of the East Wing. In addition, the planned addition is severely out of scale with the rest of the White House. Proportion and balance were totally disregarded in the proposed new structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Ellsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Considering this project was initiated by knocking down the East Wing before any type of planning or permission was granted, it should be stopped. The East Wing should be rebuilt. The peoples house doesn't need a massive ballroom that will dwarf the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Tieche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. It's not a modernization. It's a Trump vanity project to build a ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. When the East Wing was demolished, American history was also destroyed. Cancel this project immediately. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brent Scholar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and paid for by Trump or his private donations not taxpayer monies. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:31:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly protest the demolishing of the East Wing and with it our history and expect the administration to be fined and prosecuted for destroying property belonging to the American people. I equally protest the building of a ballroom without the proper oversight and design plans to be approved through the proper channels. This is the people’s house, not the current administration’s palace.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:30:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Stickney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel quite strongly that the reconstruction of the East Wing should mirror what was torn down as much as possible. There is a reason that historical buildings are protected, and when construction is necessary, made to "fit" the period in which is was built. Buildings such as these are representative, and to tear something down and then build a monstrosity that dwarfs the White House goes against everything that historical preservation is for. The White House is the People's House, and should reflect the history of this country and all it has been through. Any rebuild should NOT reflect one person's self-image or aggrandizement. Time marches on, but history perseveres.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:30:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Eschrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House."

Date: 2/17/2026 3:30:55 PM
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Name: Karen Steurer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Mensch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing demolition was a travesty and an insult to the American people. This is our house. Put it back the way it was and build the ballroom monstrosity elsewhere. The ballroom should definitley not overpower the original building. Respect the scale of the current white house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DEBORAH SALTER GREEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished illegally, with no proper oversight. Under no circumstances should we, the taxpayers, foot the bill. The man who ordered the destruction should fully pay for the rebuilding of one of our most important buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:29:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: shelley clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would greatly appreciate it if:
- the wing could be rebuilt to match the size and scale of the rest of the White House.
- historical elements and architecture to again match the time period of the rest of the White House.
- I'm okay with some necessary modernizations in terms of what the space will be used for.
- ballroom? NO. Unless it's truly a necessity, but I don't think it should be that. No Gold. No undue opulence. Let's show some restraint.
- modernize for technology needs seems reasonable.
- maybe a sunroom area, for plants, I wish the rose garden could be resurrected.
- maybe you could survey the staff or other long time staff at the WH for their input. ? I bet they have great

ideas.

This is the peoples house, and it should be nice but not like a wealthy mansion, let’s show some restraint & be very sensitive to the spending of our tax dollars. Please, the everyday middle class people in our country are counting on you to do this right and well and within budget. Don’t make it outlandish.

Thank you for allowing us to comment. It’s very appreciated.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:29:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before it was bulldozed. I also feel that President Trump should pay for the restoration from his personal funds, not taxpayer money. It isn't his to destroy or change. What he did is vandalism. Put it back the way it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:28:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeannette Tetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that we have demolished the east wing of the white house. The thought of a garrish ballroom just feels like a tremendous waste. This is not Versailles, we do not have Lords and Ladies. It is just not part of the ethos of this country.

A little restraint. A little class. A well thought out and artfully designed new building is definitely in order, but please, let's say no to a big tacky extravagant display.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:28:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Sappington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Travis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ginjer Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:48:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Pureka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the new whitehouse ballroom -- it is unnecessary, almost certainly extremely expensive, and likely to be totally and aesthetically disconnected from the existing White House.

This construction should be reviewed and managed appropriately with budget constraints in mind, rather than advanced at the whim of a single individual.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:48:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree that the East wing should be put back to its original state. As others had said there was no vote to have this done he took it upon himself just to do it it doesn't matter if it's the taxpayers money or donated money. Everything needs to follow the rule and the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Kapla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300+ million dollars on this ballroom project. The project did not follow proper approval process. The East Wing should be restored to its previous size and function. Any ballroom project should follow the appropriate approval process. Taking shortc7ts should not be rewarded.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:52:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Hoeppner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support any sort of ballroom construction. It would overwhelm the existing White House a destroy the proportions of same. The East wing needs to be completely restored/rebuilt. It was a crime against the United States to destroy it in the first place.

NO to the ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:28:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:55:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Hochberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Additionally, this money could be better used to benefit American citizens who will likely never set foot in this ballroom, not the wealthy few. I suggest funding the ACA, Veterans benefits, and schools.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:56:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Atias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of Government Property is a Federal Crime. Full Stop.
The current President does not own the White House, they do not have unfettered unilateral authority to physically modify it, certainly not to destroy and replace it without proper and legal review.

To say that a completing Ballroom is a National Security matter because the remaining building is insecure is a travesty of justice.
To have it funded by private investors currying favor with the President and being engaged in Government contract negotiations is corrupt by definition.

The parties responsible for irresponsibly destroying the building must fund it's complete restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:54:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Blake Senseman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be stopped. Full stop. Donald Trump had the East Wind torn down simply on his orders. He did not follow proper procedures which make this destruction illegal. Any designs of a "ballroom" have been totally out of place for the entire White House complex. If what he has had done to the Oval Office is any indication, the ball room will be gaudy and tasteless not befitting the White House. And in addition any plans that have been "tossed" around show a structure much large than what's left of the White House. The East Wind must be restored/rebuilt to it's original configuration. Can we talk about the Rose Garden? Shameful.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:54:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: VANESSA JOHNSTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. The White House belongs to the country and not to any individual. I oppose this project and would hope the White House east wing can be rebuilt to its former specs, To reward anyone for the illegal destruction of the White House is wrong and sends a dangerous precedent for the future. If approval is ultimately given then why would anyone else go through the legal process when they can simply destroy or tear down parts of the White House they want and just wait until you give them the ok to do what they wanted to do all along. Is there no consequence for ignoring the legal process?
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 1:53:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the rule of law and the Constitution.

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Name: D Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sherrie Shope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not so much a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Anne/ Felosak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I hope that any modernization that is done is ONLY begun with prior approval (oops too late for this one). The White House is a National Landmark and the Trump project to draw in donations that act as thinly veiled bribes to create a monstrosity that is out of character, diminishes that architectural beauty and has caused many beloved previously approved and built enhancements to be arbitrarily destroyed is unconscionable. Please STOP this stream-roller AND require that the damage done is all replaced with an approved plan and considerable non-partisan oversight.

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Name: Thou Dalton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. It is an unacceptable eyesore.

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Name: Eileen Mungle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Samantha Fireheart
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Name: Susan Mahon
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Name: Pam Dyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lynne Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would have opposed the destruction of the East Wing if the taxpayers and citizens of the United States had been given the notice of intent as required by law. I oppose the destruction of history to create an embarassing monument to ego like the proposed ballroom. The East Wing should be restored to at least some semblance of its former glory and the ballroom project ended.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Treger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this project to go forward. It is an affront to every tax paying American as the destruction of the East Wing was done without the proper review, permits. There is a process in place that was not followed. The character of Washington, DC will be changed forever. The so-called ballroom is gaudy, tasteless and totally unnecessary. Thank you.

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Name: Jorja Beert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose any funding for this project. It's not been approved, registered, etc for any of it. It's a disgrace to our country. I instead insist on total restoration to original condition. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Hug
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this project to go forward. The East Wing was a historic part of the White House. The demolition was done illegally and without the people's consent. We need this wing of the White replaced in its former replication.

Thank you.

Lisa Hug

Date: 2/17/2026 1:52:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal razing of the east wing is a travesty and destruction of American history. I am opposed to the building of this so-called ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Cozadd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. Restore White House to its previous condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:56:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: McKenna Yorke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop wasting money and ruining history

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Name: Jim Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore it to its previous design. No gaudy gold.
The unpermitted destruction was against all norms. Also should be financially transparent.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Cooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East wing stop Trump from destroying and more of OUR history

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Name: Rachel Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Porter
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Name: Barbara Kviz
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Name: Barb Bullock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed.
This project began with the demolition of a 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from this Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolition has already occurred does not excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that forces approval.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest,
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historical structures and the approve construction without following the law and allowing input from the public.
I strongly urge the Commission to reject this project.

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Name: Ann Graziosi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joni Sternbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolyn Faust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julia Eriksen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I am embarassed by what has been done to our nation's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was not properly authorized; there are no permits or design review, which is what is required by law. In my perspective, this is an effort to erase American history and to modify The People's House (aka, the White House). I would like this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront.

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Name: Aryn Mullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rich Braatz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the Citizens of the USA. It is loaned to tenants as a job perk for serving in the Office of President of the United States.
The current occupant or any occupant in that capacity does not hold title to the property and cannot make design and building changes or renovations with out the consent and funding of and by the "owners of that property.

thank you

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Name: Pamela Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom addition preferred. I think the East Wing should be restored to its predemolition scale and design. However, any new additions should be conducive in design and scale to the time period design of the White House.

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Name: Joel Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should be stopped immediately. It was started illegally without any due diligence for conducting the reviews necessary to for modernization. If this is not stopped now, what is to stop the next President from tearing down the rest of the White House. The history that has been illegally erased is a stain on this nation. All efforts must go to restoring the original facade of the White House. This must be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Esemplare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wong should never have been torn down to begin with. POTUS had no right to do this without input from We,The People. It is OUR house.
I want it restored to how it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:26:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Leete
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern
I vehemently oppose this project! The destruction of the East Wing without proper approvals and permits (

let alone the destruction of a beautiful,historic building) is an affront to anyone that has ever had to do work on their own home. It is mandatory in every city and town to pull a permit and get an approval for said project. This administration has unilaterally destroyed a part of an American landmark without so much as a nod to the powers that regulate our beautiful monuments and buildings. This CANNOT be allowed to stand. Please hold this administration responsible for the destruction it has caused and demand that the East Wing be restored to its former beauty. Thank you.
Patricia Leete

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Name: Susan Sparks
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Name: Beth Girshman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am noting my opposition to spending over $300 million on this entirely theoretical project. It was initiated without proper permitting, without authorization and without any design review. Razing of the history of the people's house is unacceptable. I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:26:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Monroe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly opposed the razing of the East Wing, and especially the illegality of pushing through the ballroom project, without proper, established departmental oversight and procedures.
Please restore the East Wing to what it had been, functionally, perhaps with some modernization for efficiency.

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Name: Lisa Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura E Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a patriotic, American granddaughter of a World War II pilot granddaughter of a fire, chief daughter of a Vietnam veteran who died of service related injuries. Now retired, I spent 2 1/2 decades working two blocks from the beautiful historical East Wing of the White House and I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete DESECRATION of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and would break the brave hearts of my family members who put themselves in harm's way fir our country.

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Name: Jean Curtin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:26:04 PM
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Name: Kim Schauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the concept and design of the new East Wing, I would like all of the materials that were removed (doors, ancient wood paneling, fixtures, stone, anything made by hands, dishes, paintings, fabrics, interpretive signage, etc) all to be saved and displayed, or used prominently in the new building. No doubt the entertainment area needed to be made larger, but this destruction of history and unique materials is not the way. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people would like our old East Wing back. It should have never been torn down. We do not want a ballroom that we will never use. Build it back the same dimensions as before.

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Name: Barbara Kerr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was started without proper consultation, approvals, or attention to regulations concerning government buildings. I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. As a former psychologist for the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, I understand the powerful, negative psychological impact that this wanton destruction had on citizens who love the People's House. Stop the project. Rebuild our house.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:25:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history as well as the public entrance to presidential grounds I remember from my visit there as a young woman and, importantly, since Rosalyn Carter, the working domain of the First Lady and her aides. As he has done many times for many different things, President Trump simply did what he wanted to do, without respect for the People's House or the people he pledged to serve. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design -- if possible, at President Trump's personal expense. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:25:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support this project. That this country is forced to host official functions in tents on the lawn is embarrassing and impractical. The need for an official ballroom has been known for years and acknowledged by presidents and other politicians on both sides of the aisle. Build the ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:25:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Grady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose what has been happening with the East Wing. It appears to have been demolished unlawfully and the cost of completing the project is something that the taxpayers should not have to take on because the funding has disappeared or dried up. I would like to see the building brought back to it's original being with modern updates as needed. The cost needs to be paid by Pres. Trump as he demolished it without proper permitting, permission and oversight.

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Name: Maria Ligos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on a project to flatter the president's ego.

This is NOT a modernization and was started with no oversight and ignoring all permitting processes etc. that the rest of America must follow.

Additionally the "donation" scream bribery when there is no transparency.

Thank you for listening.

Ann Adams

Date: 2/17/2026 3:25:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Laussade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm vehemently opposed to the destruction of the East Wing which has preceded without a proper review process, historical preservation, and authorization of the People of the United States who are the rightful owners of this facility. The autocracy which has deemed the need to destroy an American treasure goes against the rules of our country. This project must cease immediately, and the Reconstruction of the East Wing proceed as soon as possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:25:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Dudek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House for Trumps vanity project ball room. It needs to be restored to the original east wing. This isn't his home. It belongs to the people. He's supposed to work for us.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:39:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Dowd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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president should have the unilateral authority to demolish this historical structure and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Brashear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the huge, tasteless ballroom. Its size is inappropriate for the scale of the White House. The destroyed wing should be rebuilt in a historically accurate fashion. It is horrifying that one unethical man has been able to raze part of The People's House. Please rectify this miscarriage of historical justice.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:44:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The sitting President is not the owner of the property or the structures. The President is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by rules governing planning, implementation, and oversight.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is a violation of the law.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.
I also urge investigation into the destruction of this historic site and an accounting to Congress and to the American people of what was removed, where it was stored, and how it is being preserved. If historic items were not documented and preserved, I urge a thorough accoutning, through document and photo research, of all the items that were destroyed by the sitting holder of the office of the president. While the East Wing cannot be replaced in spirit, every effort should be made to preserve its legacy and to restore its physical structure in a manner in keeping with the exisitng structure. In no way should the President and those who followed his illegal orders to destroy the East Wing be rewarded for their actions through the approval and building of a golden ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:45:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Randall Vosbeck, FAIA emeritus Robert Randall Vosbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a former president of the American Institute of Architects, and a former member of the NCPC 1976-

1980 appointed by President Ford. MY architectural firm, VVKR, located in Alexandria, VA, provided various "small' design projects at the West Wing of the White House being commissioned by the General Services Administration in the President Nixon era. Two rather significant projects were the conversion of the FDR swimming poll to the White House Press Room and the Portico to the West Wing. President Nixon's instructions were to design the new Press Room is such a way that the FDR pool could be returned to the same space and configuration if there was an outcry that he had removed the pool. We accomplished that requirement in the design.
Another project by VVKR was the design of a portico for the West Wing and improve the entrance appearance and driveway to the West Wing. We followed the basic architecture of the White House and the portico and surrounding area was a huge visual improvement to the area. With this background, I am now a member of the White House Historical Association.
I state all of the above to provide my credentials for commenting on the East Wing modernization project. First off, I want to congratulate Shalom Baranes and his firm for an excellent set of preliminary drawings showing the proposed East Wing modernization project. However, they have provided me with strong feeling that the ballroom project is just too large and out of scale in essentially dwarfing the residence. While the design is conscious to keep the height of the ballroom no higher than the residence, in my view, it should be substantially lower than the residence. Alos, it appears that the oval driveway on the southwest side of the ballroom had to be moved to accommodate the ballroom. This a serious site plan flaw I feel.
In conclusion, I feel the destruction of the East Wing was a tragedy and a huge mistake. What's done is done, so now I strongly suggest the mass, size and height of the ballroom be reduced significantly to lessen the impact on the remaining, existing structure.
Respectfully submitted,
R. Randall Vosbeck, FAIA Emeritus

Date: 2/17/2026 3:24:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore this historic wing of the White House. I visited the East wing of the White House In 2024. I was so honored to walked the same halls as Jackie Kennedy, Michelle Obama and other greats. To see so much history and to know that so many people were able to see where our former and present lawmakers were conducting their business.
We don't need a 90,000 square foot ballroom, too ostentatious for the United States, we are a simple people. If we truly need a "ballroom" it can be smaller and not attached to the White House. Restore it back to the way it was, it's just sad all that history is gone now. Donald Trump just doesn't want to be outdone by other countries that have royalty because he wants to be King!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:45:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Figel Kat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Ellen Aldridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 3:24:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mandy Denman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:09:26 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Bethard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a huge ballroom to hold thousands of people one or two times a year. I am sure there are places in Washington DC and the surrounding areas which could possibly hold this many people. If this were to be built, looking at the proposed interior, it would be super guady with all the gold leaf everywhere. It would need to be redecorated when a new president came into office just as the Oval Office will need to be done.

The East Wing needs to be built back the way it was originally. This is the PEOPLES HOUSE and not Donald Trumps house for him to do what he wants to do with it.

What started out as a $200 billion project is not over $400 Billion.. The people who say they are going to donate, what happens if they end up not donating to the project? WE, the people, will end up paying for thie monstraty. Then once built, who will be paying for the utilities to service this building? Again the people of the United States will be paying for them.

Do not apporve any new ballroom building on the White House premise. The current ballroom has served many a President and should continue to serve as it is. This has to STOP and no ballroom shoudl be built of this size. Rebuild the East Wing and put it back to it's original status.

Sheri Bethard
New RIchmond, Indiana

Date: 2/17/2026 3:08:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mosherrskl@yahoo.com
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Furthermore I believe the one who initiated this project and ordered the demolition should be personally financially responsible for the entire cost. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I would like there to be clear disclosure of donor funding for the project, as well as environmental and design review through proper channels.

The White House is a shared civic symbol and a piece of American history and not the property of any one administration. Major alterations should follow the same oversight standards as any other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kilmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen and registered voter of Michigan, I am writing in opposition to the destruction of the White House East Wing. This property belongs to the American people, not the siting president. It is clear that the formal process to make physical changes to the property was not followed. I question whether an asbestos evaluation was done prior to demolition? Were the environmental assessments and protocols followed? This is a historic site of great importance. No president has the right to order the demolition of such a historic site without following the protocols. This action should be halted immediately and I strongly oppose the creation of a ballroom, funded by private donors who no doubt will be given special access to the president. This screams of corruption and fraud.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucia Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been destroyed, and absolutely should not be replaced by a ballroom to satisfy the bloated ego of one man. The White House belongs to We, the People, not to Donald Trump. I urge the Commission to completely scrap any idea of building a ballroom of any kind, and to reconstruct and return the East Wing as it originally was.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:09:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoDee Mullowney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, especially from private donors, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project rebuilt and restored to its former design, that compliments and balances the White House, not some large building that dwarfs the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:24:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Lincoln
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Please stop Trump from proceeding with this project.

Thank you for all you do for the people!

Joyce Lincoln
New Mexico

Date: 2/17/2026 3:10:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the "modernization" project currently underway on the White House's East Wing. The demolition of the East Wing was initiated without the authorization from the appropriate authorities, proper design reviews, or even permits. The unlawful destruction of this once beautiful landmark, which most recently acted as the DC office of numerous First Ladies, is a tragic erasure of over a century of an important part of our nation's history. I want the current plans to be canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt, restoring it to its former design, and the perpetrators of this unlawful desecration should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alan bilinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Alan Bilinsky

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa DeRensis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East wing of the white house should never have been done. No permits, no design review, no approval by appropriate agencies. No approval by congres... just the reason of a historical structure in the middle of the night. It was an evil vindictive and illegal act by the current president.

I vehemently oppose the construction of any type of ballroom. The east wing should be restored to its original magnificence, including the rose garden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam HUNNICUTT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Hinerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House, the People's house, was a historic part of our past. The White House has undergone changes in the past - all carefully researched and approved to maintain its history. Now it's simply gone! No input, no research, no permits, no approval from the appropriate committee. As if this president didn't have to follow the rules established to preserve our shared history. I want to see it rebuilt just as it was. Maintain the dignified footprint of the White House and return the items that belong in there. No one in this administration is above the law, and the laws are clear: there are stablished procedures that must be followed - by the president as well as everyone else.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vonnie Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Vance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to my tax dollars being used to fund a grand ballroom. This is the people's house and the rules for renovation should have been followed. We do not need or want this gigantic spectacle to please one man's ego.

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Name: Daphne Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Jane Delage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The country does not need a giant gilded ballroom. The White House should be restored in a way that honors its history and style. The proposed ballroom would dwarf the existing structure and stick out like a sore thumb.

Let's make a space that is accessible to the people of the country, not just the rich and famous. Let's use it to tell the truth about our nation's history, its hopes, dreams, successes and failures.

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Name: Jeanine Hearne Barsamian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people, not the current temporary occupant.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not the violent demolition on national TV.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meghan Langill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this East Wing project.
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this modernization does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.”
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible.
No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the Peoples House and we the people are distraught at the damage done to Our House and the symbolic home of Our Democracy known around the world. Torn asunder without authorization, permit or the approval of any body trusted with overseeing, maintaining and renovating those historic structures belonging to the American people solely for the aggrandizement of the insatiable ego of one man. Those who would contribute monetarily are doing so without shame for their own gain. Imagine if

that 300 billion was spent on housing the homeless or feeding the hungry!!! Please halt this project. This is not a renovation or modernization. It is a bold attempt to re-make the Peoples House in the graven image of it's current occupant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Malette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any changes to the historic White House that are not approved by the appropriate committees and congress

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Name: Kathy Denton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To build a ballroom is an affront to Americans- our history was illegally ripped from us, illegally destroyed. The East Wing was traditionally a place where the importance of women and their specific issues were addressed and it was illegally razed without proper oversight and legal considerations. To honor such crime by ignoring it and creating a place financed by tributes corporate, domestic and foreign is an affront to the many who gave their lives in service to this country. Lives in service to the health, safety and happiness of regular Americans.
Restore what was stolen. Rebuild the East Wing with the aid of historians. Give us back our home.
Give us back our pride. Give us back the “womens’ wing.”
Kathy Denton

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Name: Brooke Hollon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to spending $300 million on this project, which moved forward without the required approvals, permits, or design review. This project isn’t modernization. It is the destruction of an important piece of our American history. I believe the project should be halted and canceled, and the East Wing should be reconstructed and restored to its previous design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding responsible parties accountable would undermine the rule of law and show disregard for all Americans who DO follow the laws.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fatima Sakarya
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Finally, I'm sick and tired of seeing the current POTUS flout the law, and desecrate American traditions which this East Wing debacle, is just one example of. When is it going to stop??

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I strongly oppose using private and corporate funds to essentially bribe the current administration for this project. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Quigg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Please stop the building of the “ballroom”.

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Name: Ann McGovern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We have much more worthy needs in this country!

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Name: Henry Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carolyn Virgil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ashley Flory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the east wing replacement project in its entirety. The exceptionally historic east wing of the White House was illegally destroyed with no permits, no public comment, no input from the people who own the place: We the people! The east wing should be reconstructed exactly as it was before this wanton act of vandalism. The east wing should retain proportional scale with all that remains of the White House and contribute to an harmonious whole.

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Name: Julie Heinz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored as it was. The destruction was undertaken with no regard to process or history or the fact that the White House is the People's House. It is not another vanity project/way to extort money-for-favors from billionaires. The cost of restoration should be borne 100% by Donald Trump and this debt should not be dischargeable in bankruptcy. This was NOT an official act and there is no immunity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Watt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. I do not want our beautiful White House destroyed with this addition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimble Medley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Distinguished Panel

I write in favor of President Trump's plans for a new ballroom located where the East Wing once stood

The previous structure in and of itself is not historic as is the White House, and even the White House has undergone rebuilding, renovations, and remodeling.

The East Wing was at best a hodge podge of add ons and renovations long neglected and overdue for more than mere maintenance.

The idea of world leaders attending State dinners in tents is embarrassing and it is long past time for the White House to provide appropriate and adequate accommodations.

In addition, the original plans for the West Wing to symmetrically mirror the East Wing should be considered, too.

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Name: Elaine Urscheler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlenee Hardee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners,
I will keep my comments brief as i am sure there are a multitude for the committee to read. As a student and teacher of History, U.S.Government, and Cultural Studies, I was horrified at the irresponsible actions of Trump. The historical role of the East Wing and past First Ladies should not be erased or replaced with a gaudy dance hall.
The White House belongs to the people of America, not to the individual who bought the Ova! Office. In my opinion the restoration cost of the East Wing should be paid by Trump for not following the commissions policy and procedures. I thank the committee for the work they do on behalf of our country.

Charlenee Hardee

Date: 2/17/2026 3:22:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Medeiros
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the east wing and cancel the ballroom which will only benefit the few.

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Name: Barbara Cathy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on the destruction of part of the People's House and the desecration of part of our heritage without the permission and support of the citizens of the United States. This project should be canceled immediately and the "donations" for renovation channeled into restoration of the East Wing to its former design and proportions. In what universe would a temporary tenant be allowed to raze and rebuild part of a dwelling he does not own? And I do not believe for one minute that somehow US taxpayers will not eventually be stuck with the bill for this.
I have lived my life believing in the laws of our nation. Please do not allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.

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Name: Shemyra Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is fiscally irresponsible. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Vince Swinehart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Riley Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom! Stop destroying the peoples' house! You should be doing strictly necessary renovations ONLY, not obliterating the very symbol of our nation. I don't give a darn about a fancy ballroom that I'll never visit, so can we start arresting people for being in the files please? Now!

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Name: Christine Gutierrez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to vote NO on the East Wing “modernization” project, which is in reality a privately financed vanity rebuild of a historic public space that has already been demolished to make room for President Trump’s new ballroom. This project raises profound concerns about pay\u8209 -to\u8209 -play politics, donor influence over federal decision\u8209 -making, and the erosion of basic ethics and transparency standards.
President Trump has repeatedly boasted that the new 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom replacing the East Wing will be built at “zero cost to the American taxpayer” and paid for entirely by private donors and himself. He has publicly claimed they have raised between 300 and 400 million dollars in “donor money and money that we put up,” and framed this as “many generous Patriots, Great American Companies, and yours truly” funding his project. Trump has turned a core part of the White House complex into a privately financed construction project, marketed as a personal achievement instead of a carefully vetted public facility.
The White House has released a list of 30\u8209 -plus donors for the ballroom, which now replaces the demolished East Wing, and they are not neutral charities or small civic groups. They include:
• Major tech firms with substantial federal interests and regulatory exposure, such as Amazon, Google, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Coinbase and Palantir.
• Defense and government contractors like Lockheed Martin, Booz Allen Hamilton, Caterpillar and others that rely heavily on federal contracts and favorable policy.
• Powerful private individuals and billionaires with long\u8209 -standing business or political ties to Trump, such as Harold Hamm, Stephen Schwarzman, the Adelson and Perlmutter families, and the Winklevoss twins.
These donations are being funneled through the Trust for the National Mall as “charitable” contributions, and many are tax\u8209 -deductible, further complicating transparency and public oversight. Ethics watchdogs have already documented that at least two dozen of these donors are active federal lobbyists or companies that should be disclosing these gifts on lobbying reports, but often are not.
This funding model fits a well\u8209 -established pattern in Trump’s public life: using large private donations and personal relationships to blur the line between public policy and personal benefit. Legal and ethics experts have already warned that Trump personally inviting executives and billionaire donors to White House dinners, and then directly soliciting money for a project he treats as his own, creates a classic “soft” quid\u8209 -pro\u8209 -quo situation.
As Columbia law professor Richard Briffault explained, many of these donors do “significant” business with the federal government, and Trump’s personal solicitation “raises concerns about what these companies will be receiving in return.” He notes that even if it is not a literal, explicit trade, the message is effectively: if you give, the administration will look favorably on you; if you refuse, you risk being frozen out. This is exactly the kind of coercive, transactional politics that has defined Trump’s past behavior and prior scandals involving foreign governments, campaign donors, and personal business deals.
In this specific project, the donors are not just buying their names on a plaque.
Approving this rebuild endorses a system where:
• Corporations with active or pending federal contracts donate to the president’s pet project while simultaneously seeking favorable treatment on procurement, regulation, antitrust scrutiny, and mergers.
• Tech companies facing antitrust investigations, AI and data\u8209 -privacy regulation, and content\u8209 -moderation fights gain a unique channel of access by bankrolling a private presidential project.
• Defense and energy donors with billions at stake in Pentagon contracts and federal leasing policies send a

signal that they are “team players,” expecting smoother paths for their deals, permits, and subsidies. Ethics groups have already warned that a large share of these donors stand to benefit directly from White House or federal agency decisions, and that the contributions should be disclosed as lobbying\u8209 -adjacent influence efforts. When you combine this with Trump’s personal branding and public bragging about the ballroom, the project looks less like civic philanthropy and more like a transactional access\u8209 -buying scheme centered on a president who has repeatedly used public office to serve himself.

By the time NCPC is being asked to approve this so\u8209 -called modernization, the East Wing has already been demolished, and the donors have already been cultivated and thanked at White House events. A “yes” vote now does not simply green\u8209 -light construction; it retroactively blesses an arrangement where:

• A historic wing of the White House was torn down before full, transparent review by the very planning commission meant to oversee such work.

• A massive, privately funded presidential vanity project is allowed to proceed largely on the terms set by the president and his donors, not the public.

• Corporations and billionaires with huge financial stakes in federal decisions are invited to “donate” in ways that function as a quasi\u8209 -coercive loyalty test for doing business with this administration.

NCPC should not legitimize this funding scheme by approving the rebuild. Instead, you should demand full disclosure of donor amounts, a detailed ethics review of each donor’s current and pending federal interests, and a public accounting of how demolition was allowed to move forward before robust planning oversight.

For all of these reasons, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote NO on the East Wing Modernization Project and refuse to ratify a donor\u8209 -driven, quid\u8209 -pro\u8209 -quo\u8209 -tainted rebuild of a public institution that should belong to the American people—not to Trump and his benefactors.

Instead, insist on a full Environmental Impact Statement that rigorously compares “no\u8209 -build,” smaller\u8209 -build, and off\u8209 -site alternatives before any new construction proceeds.

• Require meaningful consultation with preservation bodies like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Commission of Fine Arts, which have already objected to moving ahead without proper review.

• Align any future proposal with NCPC’s submission guidelines, including full disclosure of alternatives, master\u8209 -plan consistency, and detailed analysis of public views and access.

Preservation groups are already in court arguing that the current project should be halted until these processes are completed; NCPC can reinforce that position.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Risovi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project halted. I want the demolition company or companies who did this to be punished with fines or revocation of their business licenses. No private firm should take part in the destruction of public property unless ordered by the proper authorities, and not JUST the POTUS. I want the East Wing restored to a similar state, NOT a ballroom, paid for by the president himself.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn DeMuth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it was before destroyed.

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Name: Leah Hribal Van Horn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Desiree Sargent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration believes that they are above the law. They did not go through the proper permitting process and tore down part of a protected historical building that DOESN'T BELONG TO THEM. It belongs to the people. They're trying to erase that part of history. They want to spend $300 million on a ballroom and to upgrade a bomb shelter. They should be required to spend the money to have it rebuilt the way it was, with someone there to document that it's rebuilt accurately.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:22:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:21:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathalie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amy Haldane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is abhorrent what has been done to so much of OUR house by trump.
Please rebuild the East Wing to what it was. Get Peter Thiel and his Palentier surveillance facilities out of there. Remodel and update the bunker for safety, only.
Put the roses back in the Rose Garden and strip all of the cheap, tacky, gauche gold ornamentation! Please don't allow trump sell our National treasure!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:21:55 PM
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Name: Monica Bernier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I have quoted above someone else's comment but it expresses exactly what I want to say.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.
Mona Hunt

Date: 2/17/2026 3:21:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Fried
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The recent demolition of the East Wing, without any review given its landmark status, nor any Congressional oversight was wrong. No president, at any time, is the owner of the property. To act on personal whim for a structure that is literally known as "The Peoples' House" is a travesty.

I am grateful we have a National Capital Planning Commission, and that your voice will be heard. I hope that you will advocate for the East Wing to be reconstructed in a way that honors its original (historic!) design, including the scale of the East Wing relative to the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaye Kittredge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending of $300 million on this project. A project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project, of a historic property, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, no one owns the Whitehouse, it is the people's house. Our country needs to penalize those who broke the law: the funders, the instigator, the contractors, and the architect. To allow this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The current administration should be ashamed. But they are shameless so not holding my breath.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:21:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Borenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I can support the renovations to the East Wing, but a ballroom that overwhelms the White House itself is unnecessary and wasteful. How many state dinners are held per year? How often will there be attendance that actually fills this room? This vanity project is extravagant, and the funds donated could be used for more pressing and necessary projects, including improvements to existing structures and monuments in Washington, DC.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:21:12 PM
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Name: Sean Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any time or funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The gaudy changes made to the White House to date decrease our image in the eyes of all but the like-minded autocrats who desire it.

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Name: Joy Demarse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the People do not need a ball room or an event space. We need respect for the historic value of the White House. The East Wing should be re-constructed to its former footprint and architectural style. Modernization is one thing but destruction in the name of modernization is a blatant disregard for the "people's house." Modernization can occur without annihilation. The White House does not belong to one person; it belongs to all of us, and the destruction of the East Wing without authorization and without an approved replacement speaks to a singular vision, not a representation of the people's interests. The East Wing should never have been torn down. Since it was, without permission, it should be the act of the National Capital Planning Commission to require that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:21:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 3:20:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Elston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Hatmaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the current plans for modernization of the East Wing complex. This project was started without normal legal oversight and must be scrapped. Once the historic building has been redesigned and fullly reviewed, all funds must be audited and transparency restored. Only then can formal bidding begin.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:20:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meera White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm amazed that the proposed building is NOT ADA-compliant. The only entrances to the ballroom are stairs. So everyone who needs mobility aids such as wheelchairs or canes, must gain access through the main White House entrance? So if there is a fire or another emergency, those individuals must find their way back to the White House, rather than being able to speedily exit the ballroom directly? I implore the architectural firm to design a ballroom that is fit to invite in all members of the U.S. public, not just those who are able to get up stairs easily. If this ballroom is going to be a beacon of U.S. modernity and hospitality, then the current design is very clear that disabled people are not to be invited or thought of in ballroom events. That is such a discouraging thing to promote through design. Please find ways to make this building accessible through ramps at entry, elevators within, and wider door frames - i.e. ADA-compliant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White house is and always will be, the People's House. Undertaking a project the scope and scale of the current East Wing project should not have happened until full support of the people was given. So much of the beauty and history of the White House has been destroyed. Please stop this project immediately and return the East Wing to its former footprint.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn MacGregor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This project does not serve the American people and is a desecration of a beloved building that belongs to all of us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvette Cuca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money to build a ballroom, especially using $300 million obtained through deceptive means. The project did not go through proper channels, and there was no proper authorization to destroy the East Wing. It never should have been demolished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Van Sickle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. That demolition began before required review is infuriating. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shiloy Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Pappas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction of the White House. The proposed ballroom is an ego project by one man who is only a tenant in the White House. The White House belongs to the people. We do not need the White House turned into some version of Mar a Lago along with gilt and marble.

Please stop any continuation on the eyesore ballroom and require the East Room be restored to the original design.

Thank you

Judy Pappas

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Shattuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This whole project is a crime. There was no authorization. There is no money (just unsecured pledges) and it doesn't need to happen. It is another vanity project for a president who is destroying government. Please stop it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David W Lundberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Phelps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is being planned without public oversight. This is very inappropriate in such a historically sensitive building. This project should be carefully designed to fit with the architecture of the White House and should not exceed a reasonable budget, even if privately funded. It should not be privately funded!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Runyan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" and any amount of funding for it, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete disregard for following the laws and discernment governing the stewardship of historic buildings. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Sadly, the American people will pay for either since the demolition has taken place without following the laws to avoid such wastefulness of our tax dollars. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:20:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed without proper procedure, permits ,etc. and the proposed construction of a ballroom failed the process also. Please stop this needless ego trip assault on our,my, property.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:19:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sue Negron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Everyone including the President needs to follow the law, he is NOT ABOVE THE LAW. The destruction of the East wing was UNAUTHORIZED AND HE SHOULD PERSONALLY BE RESPONSIBLE TO REBUILD IT AS IT WAS, SINCE THE TEAR DOWN WAS NOT AUTHORIZED. As he proclaims himself as a "businessman" then pay for your mistakes and don't use the lawyers and courts to delay and diluted your wrong doings. National history is NOT TO BE DESTROYED WITHOUT A AUTHORIZED PLAN AND THE DANGLING EMPTY PROMISES OF WAVING IMAGINERY MONEY OR SKIMMING OFF TO OTHERS IS NOT A "CARROT" TO BE FOLLOWED.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:19:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Winters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the East Wing modernization project. I would like the East Wing restored to its former glory. I do not approve of the fact that members of the White House demolished the East Wing and made plans to build a ballroom without going through proper procedures for approval. I do not approve of where and from whom the money is coming from to build the ballroom. This is The People’s House. It is not the private property of its current resident or his cronies and contributors.
It is not a country club. Hands off!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:19:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Lovece
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So any president can unilaterally demolish parts of the White House to put up something different?

Unilaterally ... without approval by any checks-and-balances body at all? Really?

Could any president demolish more of it? Even the whole thing ... and put up anything else in its place? Demolishing isn't "modernizing."

Could any president demolish any monument in this way?

I'm asking these things very completely seriously. Because it certainly look like the first two lines above are actual reality.

Is this is? Is this going to be allowed from now on?

Date: 2/17/2026 3:19:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Hovis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Narayan Krishnamoorthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC:

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We are a country of the rule of law, and this brazen attempt to circumvent everything that is procedural and decent is terrible.

I, as an American Citizen, am appalled.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This home belongs to the people of this nation, not the current occupent, and we deserve full disclosure.

I would like a published report on what has happened to date with any conservation of the historical and valuable contents or historical construction materials of the now demolished wing.

I would like a report on the steps taken prior to demolition and how they met or exceeded all legal requirements and stipulations prior to said demolition.

In addition, I would like to know how any plans for a new wing meet any recognized, reasonable and accepted architectural guidelines for construction of a new structure, as it relates to the surrounding structures in style, scope, size, and their history.

I would also like to see a detailed accounting of how this addition, AND the demolition, are being paid for. Is any of this being charged to public funds/ the taxpayer? If it is private funds, who is involved and what have they received in return for this 'gift' and how does this not violate the Emoluments Clause?

Date: 2/17/2026 3:19:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rega Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello and thanks for listening. I feel SICK about his lawless destruction of OUR East Wing. It is the People's House, NOT his to do with as he likes. His "taste," while we're at it, is execrable. Please do all in your power to stop him and his steamrolling of our nation. Thank you, R. Kelly, Brooklyn, New York

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Sparks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:19:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Whiton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kenney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the proposed West Wing extension and the construction of a redundant, unnecessary ballroom. This project is a gross misuse of taxpayer funds and a direct insult to the American people.
The White House is a monument to our history, not a playground for architectural vanity. With historic spaces like the East Room already serving our diplomatic needs, building a new "grand ballroom" is fiscally irresponsible and physically erodes the integrity of a national landmark.
We demand an immediate halt to this expansion. Our nation's resources should be invested in the American people—not in luxury floorboards and redundant social halls.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Little
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun in "The peoples' house" without the peoples' consent. Permitting it to continue is an affront to every law-abiding tax payer in our nation. It is unthinkable to condone lawlessness and flagrent disregard of sensible order at the highest levels of our government. I'm sick of watching the president and his billionaire cronies do whatever they want because nobody has the guts or not he morals to stand up and

say no to the oligarchy. Stop this charade now. Restore the East Wing to it's prior state. Make the charlitans who tore it down pay for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:18:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sage Wheeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The reckless waste of taxpayer's money is unconscionable and we are the ones paying for his mistakes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Ogren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original condition and then and only then should plans be drawn up and reviewed by the proper authorities before and future work is done.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:18:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzan McQueen Suzn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:18:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Herriges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former state. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:18:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hana Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen I am extremely concerned about the demolition and plans regarding the east wing of the People's House, as I feel the organizations representing The People have not been sufficiently kept abreast, nor have approved, the plans. The new west wing needs to be appropriately designed to look harmonious with existing structures, and the purpose and use of this wing should be carefully considered. A ballroom that 99.o% of all Americans will never use is not appropriate. Whatever structure is built (if any) should more comprehensively serve the people, and office space seems more productive. Perhaps a nice rose garden.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:18:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Haschart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am greatly upset by this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is the Property of all of the citizens of the United States. We as Americans collectively allow the President to occupy the building, but he is a tenant, and one that has greatly damaged the building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want those who participated in this

project censured and fined whatever amount is necessary to rebuild the previous structure. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Marks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 Million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete overhaul and razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this desecration of a project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hotchkiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Bish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose private donations funding the building of a project that was never approved through proper channels. This is supposed to be the people's house, not the elite rich people's house. I asked that you restore the East Wing to its former state and require any further development of the White House to go through the approved process.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Josey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand it would be fitting to have a ballroom to host heads of state and other major functions but the size and scope that is currently being floated around is a flagrant abuse of excess with total disregard of the historic symbol of the "people's house". The design should be an appropriate size to honor dignitaries without laying the burden of expense on millions of Americans who are just trying to stay afloat.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Weiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that the United States would benefit from adding a ballroom to the White House. I think that the East Wing should be restored to its former size and purposes.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:17:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Lister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing of the white House. The damage was horrendous. Make Trump pay for the restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:16:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Heilich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the monstrosity ballroom to be built at the Whitehouse. I am heartbroken trump tore the East Wing down, without permission, of yourself or the American public. The ball room he envisions will dwarf the Whitehouse and make it look out of balance. Instead, seize all fund for the ballroom and rebuild the East Wing. thank you,

Date: 2/17/2026 3:16:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rene Peoples
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design- NOT at the taxpayers expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:16:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Larned
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely concerned about this project. I was horrified by the destruction of existing structures, without regard to historical significance. I do not want public funds contributing to this project and want the previous structures replaced.

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Name: Caroline Stophel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the East Wing "Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Juniata Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have been started . There must be procedures to be followed to make changes to historic buildings.

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Name: Carol Riedel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: LORENA PUGH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Without going through proper and legal channels, Trump destroyed a section of the people's house....my house. Do we need to enlarge and modify parts of the white house, certainly. But not this way. The proposed Ballroom will dwarf the White House and be a permanent reminder of the Felon who attempted to end our democracy.

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Name: Dorothy Bissell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beth Morsman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The tragedy of seeing The White House East Wing totally demolished with no clear, approved plan, is more than disappointing. It is a sad representation of how our nation is being viewed on the world stage today; destroy a place and then hope for the best.

We are not a country that flaunts our wealth. We do not cover our walls in gold. We do not build Versailles ballrooms. We do not need to honor our democracy with baubles and diamonds. We honor our democracy with grace and diplomacy.

We know that our present occupant described The White House despairingly during his first term and is using this term to destroy our humble heritage. Enough damage has been done to The People's House. We have a patio eating area where a beautiful rose garden used to grow. We have an Oval Office that looks like it was poorly decorated by an emir. We have "artwork" hanging on the walls that is on par with velvet paintings. We have hotel signage identifying the Oval Office as if the occupants couldn't find it without a sign. And now, we have a whole wing destroyed with no historically complementary plan to replace it—just a gapping hole.

If we need an appropriate venue for hold events to honor the nation's guests and allies, I can understand that need. But, please, demand that this space not become a monstrous disgrace. It's the White HOUSE, not a PALACE. And, please, demand it be named in keeping with the rest of The White House.

Thank you for listening.

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Name: Dan Slentz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm completely in opposition of building a monstrosity to detract from OUR existing White House! This IS "the people's house", NOT Donald Trump's. The demolition and plans were ALL started without proper authorization, permits, or design review approval. NO person is above the law and regulations that apply to ALL citizens, and for that reason, I want this project cancelled and FULL restoration of the former East Wing to it's original size and shape! This should also serve the purpose to remind ALL people, organizations, and government entities that "the people's properties", including all buildings and parks MUST ALWAYS be under the full review and approval of the National Capital Planning Commission. There is not "after the fact" approval, and that East Wing should NEVER have been touched!

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Name: Brenda Walko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project without authorization. Rebuild the original East Wing!

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Name: JEAN MERRILL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Pederson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project to create a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House should not be approved. The size and scope of the project are completely out of balance with the remainder of the building. The White House is the People's House, it does not belong to any one President, and should not be grossly changed based on one person's opinion. Building an enormous ballroom is also a waste because such a facility would be used infrequently, rather than the working spaces that were in the original East Wing. Perhaps it is private funds being used for construction, not sure about that, but it will be taxpayer funding to maintain the facility.

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Name: Lisa Workman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing renovation would be most wonderful if the architects and designers honored cohesive design to complement the rest of the White House, and thought deeply about the symbolism within a ballroom. Gold is unnecessary- tis gaudy and screams "look at me, Im trying to appear worthy!" Subtle elegance is so much classier!

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Name: Carol Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States. It is our history. It is not one person's to destroy or rebuild for personal aggrandizement.
Please stop this travesty.

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Name: Carol Sutton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending ANY AMOUNT on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

In my opinion, all costs to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design MUST BE PAID IN FULL from the private funds of DJT.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Sutton

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Name: Joanne Filipo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katherine Krueger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Caren Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million in funding for this project, regardless of its source. Furthermore, I have serious concerns about companies providing funds toward this project, what the specific agreement and terms for funding are, and if there will be an expectation of preferential treatment, access, and/or naming rights in return.

This project was not initiated with the proper authorization, permits, or required design review. I am calling for the project to be canceled before further funds are wasted and additional damage is done to what is part of the the People's House and our American historical heritage. I further call for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

I am deeply frustrated by the continued sidestepping of proper procedures and review by the current administration. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without pause for review and holding those responsible accountable would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and passive compliance to continued abuse of proper procedures.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Della Leffler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ann Beverly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I just reviewed current renderings and am appalled and saddened that the 'people's house' - NOT the President's house - would so grossly be disfigured without input from the people. This is not what 'the people' want, since it is for the sole benefit of the wealthy elite. This President's ego projects that attack American tradition, history and pride must be stopped. Although the President claims that no taxpayer money will be spent, we must instead look to his penchant for lying. After construction, who pays for maintenance, heat, electricity, furnishings, entertainment costs, etc.? Please do not be bullied into approving an ego project that does not benefit the American people and instead desecrates an American iconic building. Funding could better be spent helping the American people. Thank you for your careful consideration of this and other ego projects.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:12:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Rasely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the destruction of the East Wing nor the proposed ballroom. Any action so far has been done without permits, oversight, etc. A ballroom is a relic from older times and is not needed in the 21st century. Rebuild what was torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Esparza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax-paying, natural born citizen of the United States, I wholeheartedly object to the ridiculous East Wing modernization project. It is an unnecessary waste of taxpayer money when people, including veterans that fought for this country's "freedoms," are starving and living on the streets. The scale is absurd and,

even if paid for by the billionaire class, is a blight of ego and nothing more.

At some point, this will have to be "remodeled" again by some other blow hard that doesn't like tacky gold fixtures. The true boss of this country (its citizens) have made it clear they are not in support of this monument to greed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lara Brittain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am VERY opposed to the ballroom planned by Mr. Trump, and SHOCKED by the demolition of the East Wing. Please ensure that the White House remains the People's House. There are many ballroom and venues in DC and surrounding areas that suit the occasional need for large gatherings. The architectural style and structure of the White House should be maintained, balancing the center by the East and West Wings. Furthermore ALL OF THE TACKY GOLD OVERLAY should be REMOVED at Mr
Trump's personal expense.

This historic building should not be ruined, and I fear that it has been greatly damaged by Mr. Trump.

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Name: Susan Boyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: H M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dena Pitts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration in protecting our national heritage.

Regards,
Dena Pitts
Washington State

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Name: Elizabeth Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ask that the East Wing be restored to its original design. The demolition and desecration of ‘The People’s House’ is an absolute abuse of power and a blatant disregard for protocol and tradition.

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Name: Nancy Nowlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marilyn Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the razing of the East Wing without permission or permit and abhor the hideous ballroom proposed by the current occupant of the White House. The East Wing was an historic building that belongs to the People and should be restored to its former beauty.

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Name: Kurt Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Denise Beaudoin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Rebecca Truston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom that overpowers our White House. The fact that the East Wing was destroyed to build a $300 million structure without permits or reviews is criminal. I likewise hate that the Rose Garden has been destroyed and the Oval Office has been turned into a gaudy mess. If laws are not in place to prevent this type of destruction then we need to take steps to insure that this cannot happen. If there are laws that were broken, people need to be held accountable.

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Name: Maren Sorensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dorothy Weitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or a design review. The White House is a national monument and a national symbol, and it is not appropriate to simply knock it down to build something that is both useless and completely meretricious. In addition to my concerns about historic preservation, I am uncomfortable with the funding of this project by big business. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Tess Karol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandy Sonnenfelt
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Name: Aaron Berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gerry Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House back to it's original design. The new ball room vision has not been approved and it is horribly expensive. Thank you!

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Name: Brian Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'll keep it simple: This project must be stopped, and the East Wing restored. Funding donated for this grotesque monument to the potus ego can pay for the rebuild.

In other words, NO.

Brian Olson
Gainesville GA USA

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Name: Janice Killion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project because it is just another way for trump to launder bribe money. The project began with the demolition of the entire East Wing without any public process and in violation of Federal procurement rules. It was not publicly bid or vetted, but rather sole-sourced, and was simply done on trump's whim. The White House staff report states that they met with important stakeholders, but only name Secret Service and National Park Service. They then sole sourced an architect, fired that one and hired one who would do nothing but take trump's dictation. The staff report also suggests that lead paint and asbestos removal occurred pursuant to strict standards, but we all saw that never happened. There has been no environmental review as required by law. There has been no review by anyone at all until trump was forced by a court to begin this review. I have been in public procurement for 30 years and have never seen any public project avoid all of the public scrutiny required by law as this one has.

Replacing the East Wing, part of the People's House, with a grossly outsized "ballroom" named for trump and that dwarfs the White House, serves absolutely no public purpose and is meant solely to line trump's pockets and confer presidential access and favors upon donors. Receiving private funds for this vanity project does not a authorize bypassing Federal procurement laws, but even if it did, the public will necessarily have to fund upkeep and maintenance over time and therefore procurement laws must be adhered to.

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Name: Cindy Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the "modernization" project currently underway on the White House's East Wing. The demolition of the East Wing was initiated without the authorization from the appropriate authorities, proper design reviews, or even permits. The unlawful destruction of this once beautiful landmark, which most recently acted as the DC office of numerous First Ladies, is a tragic erasure of over a century of an important part of our nation's history. I want the current plans to be canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt, restoring it to its former design, and the perpetrators of this unlawful desecration should be penalized.

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Name: Steven Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Chris Bihler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed this project 100% especially if money is donated by investors. Investors most likely 'friends' of TFG. I don't want investors owning any part of OUR White House. So NO on this project. The PEOPLE are owners of the White House, the Capitol, Supreme Court, of course you'd never know it right now.

I want it restored to its perfect historical former design. How dare anyone tear down our history without permission from anyone especially the CITIZENS of this country or the Historical Society. TFG wants to rid us of our history everywhere from the White House to Museums to Historical Records to Smithsonian Institute. Our history is the United States of America. NO ONE has a right to destroy it.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbi He
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am asking for an immediate halt to the demolition of the East Wing to allow for proper public review.
The "East Wing modernization/ballroom addition" proceeded without proper authorization or permits. The project is not a modernization but a destruction of American history.
Please explore design options that preserve the historic structure rather than replacing it.
Respectfully...

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Name: Karen Kolavalli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karla Aronow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to express my horror at what is now a pile of debris that was once the beautiful East Wing of the White House. Sadly, it will never be the lovely place structure we remember, but my hope is that it can be rebuilt to the same specifications of the original building which was certainly not a ballroom for a vain and insipid president and his allies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Amend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization, but erasing the history of the Whitehouse to conform to one president's desires. I want the project cancelled and the east wing of the Whitehouse returned to it's original design. No one should be above the law and permitting this project to move ahead is a clear sign that this administration is allowed to do whatever they want, without penalty. This sets a precedence for any president living in the Whitehouse in the future. Do the right thing for god's sake!!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:08:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ellen cairns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination of our history and the people's house. Please do not let it stand. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Glasgow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a blight on our history and is just another thing to boost Trump's ego to himself. There is no reason to spend so much taxpayer money that could've gone to something meaningful and useful to the American populace.

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Name: Christine Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ron Bernas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a desecration of a building known and revered around the world and must be stopped. The current president has no right to destroy a building and rebuild it into a hideous $300-milion Mar-a-Lago

monstrosity on the American people's dime. The fact that he destroyed it before getting proper approval shows he does not respect the building, its history, or the American people and he should not be allowed to leave his permanent and tacky mark on a site of world historic interest. Stop this now!

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Name: Suzanne Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belva Lamb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I thought we were supposed to be reducing our debt. What a waste of money.
Trump should have to pay out of his own money to rebuild what he tore down illegally.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Krause
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish the effort of modernizing the east wing of our Whitehouse to be stopped . This work was not authorized by those who approve the use of our tax dollars. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Olcott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed with complete disregard for due process. It must be restored to original size and condition to protect the integrity of the structure and to protect the process by which changes are made.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aliea Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Saari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or amounts thereof to build the Ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. I believe this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History of the East Wing of our Nation's property.
I would desire that this project be canceled, and the East Wing restored to it's former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all or most Law Abiding American Citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DEBRA MUSTAIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

I oppose the spending of any funding on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at no cost to the taxpayers who did not request, nor approve the destruction of "the people's house". No one is above the law, including anyone who destroys or defaces public buildings without proper review, approvals, or permits. Further, a full fiscal accounting for the costs associated with demolishing the east wing and the

funds raised under the auspices of building a non-approved facility should be transparently and fully shared with the American taxpayers. Any health concerns created by the demolition of the East Wing, such as exposure to lead, asbestos, and other hazardous materials, should also be documented and transparently shared as they may create a future liability for taxpayers that should be the responsibility of the individuals and firms that approved and conducted the unlawful demolition.

Thank you for placing my comment into the public record.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to and oppose the planned building of a multi-million dollar ballroom where an entire wing of the White House (also known as "The People's House") once existed. The previous wing was torn down before public comment, oversight, review, or approval. If it had been planned legally, we as a nation would have been allowed to witness its demolition and removal without the need for leaked photographs and sudden actions. There remains only a scar, a rip in the building meant to be one of our most dignified. Further, there is no demonstrable, emergency need to build a ballroom at a time when the country remains divided, when many are poor and frightened, many more distrustful of our government. Building a gilded hall that only the richest and most powerful will use at such a delicate time, and at such great cost, hurts us as a Nation, with Justice and Liberty, intended For All.

Sincerely,
Mary Hake

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Cary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I think a vanity project by someone who does not live there permanently is unnecessary. This site has great historical value and belongs to the American people, not one wealthy family.
Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D. Catone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel strongly that this project was never legitimately authorized. It is also a misnomer to refer to it as

modernization. The entire East Wing was razed to the ground with intention of building something much larger, out of proportion and for totally different purposes. I oppose the building of this completely extravagant and unnecessary structure and urge that a reproduction of the original building be built instead.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:07:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building a ballroom as the President intends. The opulance of that project is stain on our house and a stain on American history. The white house is not a palace. The East wing should be rebuilt to it's original design or a similar-improved upon design that returns offices and functionality, as well as being respectful to history. Furthermore, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Casey Rhoded
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing was heartbreaking. The White House is basically meant to be service quarters for the public servant that loves their country, not a gaudy palace. Please rebuild a classic, tasteful wing that matches the spirit and architecture of the main building with as many modernizing updates as you want. A public servant doesn't need a ballroom at their house when there are plenty of wonderful venues available nearby.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to discover that President Trump took it upon himself to tear down the east wing and puy up a huge ballroom as though it was his house to do with as he pleased, and seeing it happen was horrifying! All of the history and balance to the design of the White House destroyed! Please stop this and put things back to where they were! He won't be there forever, and I don't see that he had the authorization or the right to do this! Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Van Slyck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any other amount) on this project, which was initiated without

the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in favor of something only one person desires. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine C. Van Slyck

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million construction of a ballroom on the site of the historic East Wing of the White House. This project was not authorized, permitted, or subject to design review, contrary to laws to the contrary. This is not a modernization, but the destruction of a place of history that would not have been allowed had proper procedures been followed.

I want to see the restoration of the East Wing structure as well as legal consequences for those who took it upon themselves to destroy it, so that a similar move will not happen in the future. No one is above the law, which needs to be held for all to be subject to.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:06:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Barsamian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally agree with Anara Guard's comment :
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."
This is just more grift, nothing to benefit the public!
Money would be better spent donating to help homeless Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Horning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of the White House should be restored to its former glory instead of building an oversized ballroom that nobody asked for nor wants. The fact that none of the normal filings, oversight, or historical cataloguing of the contents happened before the utter destruction occurred should make this project ineligible for consideration at all. The current occupants of the White House should be held accountable for the costs incurred in rebuilding the wing since the destruction was not permitted nor approved by the NCPC nor any other licensing or regulatory body. They should also be held liable for the artifacts that were contained in the East Wing whose current whereabouts seem to be unknown.

Please do not allow the ridiculously unbalanced and oversized ballroom construction to move forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lou Hull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous condition as you are able. No ballroom and must be funded without taxpayer dollars. This was an absolute abomination.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samra Neer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally disagree with the plan to rebuild the Eastwing as a ballroom. The destruction of the Eastwing by Donald Trump was illegal and done rapidly to circumvent oversight by Congress and guidelines previously followed by all other administrations. It should be restored as previously built, and NOT at the taxpayers expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Corrinne Collett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. I was horrified when this administration destroyed the East Wing without regards to the historical value of the building, or advice from the NPCP, or Congress or other stakeholders concerned with the preservation of our nation's culture and history. That this one done in service or building a ballroom that destroys the balance of White House architecture is appalling. The ballroom, and the plans for rebuilding of an eastern wing to the White House has no proper authorization

or design review. This project should be stopped and the East Wing restored to its former design. Any additions to the previous East Wing should go through proper channels and should complement the look and feel of the White House. A cheesy, hotel stye ballroom will be an embarrassment. Just because Mr. Trump got away with it on the Bonwitt Teller building, does not mean he should be allowed to break the law and the trust of the American people this tim! e.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doyle Awtrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former original design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Jay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Ambridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ego project is nothing more than vanity for fragile and immature president. Please stop it

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jolene Klark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing, and of the expenditure of $300 million of taxpayer money to fund it. Essential programs and funding have been gutted, programs that have been used as a safety net for our most vulnerable American citizens, all while billions of dollars are being funneled into cruel, ill-conceived, and deeply unpopular initiatives that the average American does not approve of. When did this stop being a government of, by, and for the people?

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JEFF WATROUS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Cordially,
Jeff Watrous

Date: 2/17/2026 2:47:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nance Longley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to object to the construction of the White House East Wing ballroom. The White House does not belong to one person or administration and decisions about structural changes must be made in consultation with a larger group who represent the interests of the American people, not just that one person. The White House is a public historic monument that represents our national heritage as much or more so than other historic monuments.

There are so many more reasons that this project is wrong:
- the scale of it
- the private funding
- the overall design
- it's questionable utility (how often is there a need for a 1000 seat ballroom?)
- the expense and sustainability to maintain it

I could go on, but I'd rather stay civil. Thank you for asking!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:44:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Giles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please consider redirecting these funds where they might be better spent for all citizens such as healthcare and education.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:52:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The "ballroom" as depicted by Trump will be an eyesore and does not fit with the rest of the White House. There is no visible accounting of funds

that have allegedly been received to pay for the $300 million dollar design that Trump created and until such funds are fully visible, no further construction should be permitted. The American people should not be made to pay for an unauthorized destruction or for an unauthorized construction that does not meet the authorization, permitting, and design precess that has been continuously in place, but ignored by Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back. Prosecute for disregard and disrespect of OUR history! Defiance of the laws and rules should not be tolerated!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Pease
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and would like for the East Wing to be rebuilt to its original form. Americans have no need for an enormous ballroom at the White House, and the private funding of the project seems to invite unlawful bribing of public officials.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Nunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People of the United States' house, and the individual occupying the office of the President of the United States is merely a tenant with no right to unilaterally change any of the White House's structures or designs. As proposed by the current administration, a 90,000 square foot ballroom is not only unnecessary but does not fit in with the remaining architecture of the White House. It is ostentatious and gauche with the feel of a Las Vegas casino or something found in one of the ornate palaces of Europe rather than the strong, stately, and dignified design of the White House. While it is understood that modern upgrades were needed to the original East Wing, this did not necessitate the tearing down of this entire wing of the White House. Restore the original size, look, and interior design of the East Wing, with modifications being done to the infrastructure (electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling, etc) and sizes of some of the rooms as deemed necessary to appropriately carry out presidential functions. The renovations should capture the architectural look, feel, and style of the existing White House rather than something at the whim of one individual, regardless of the office that person holds.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shira Samaniego
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Nunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:53:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hladick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
A piece of MY America bears a horrible scar that needs to be repaired. Please repair it.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:54:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Lusk-Loster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: ML Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dante Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:53:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelby Locke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: deb Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no business demolishing the East Wing of the White House without applying for permission. He is a resident of the People's House, not an owner.
The current plan for a golden ballroom of the ridiculous scale he is envisioning is not what a democracy requires or should look like.
I absolutely reject this plan and ask that the East Wing be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:55:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Sworsy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, the spending of $300 million on this project, and anything this administration does without proper authorization, permits or design review.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:52:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Cain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination. Not only does it desecrate a historic building that belongs to the people, but demolition took place without any of the required approvals or permits. The only solution is to restore the East Wing, making only those improvements necessary for safety and compliance.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Altaira Tzigane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Conrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without appropriate authorizations or approval. The proposed design does not improve the existing structure nor is it architecturally appropriate. This is the "people's house" not a mansion or castle. This project should be rejected and the East Wing restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Butts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Richert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am just heartbroken that the East Wing was demolished. The history of the East Wing deserves being rebuilt originally was built. I just hope some of the original wood and decorations were preserved and can be replaced.

The White House is our house, not any sitting President, that can be destroyed on a whim to honor only himself in a completely unhinged decision.

And NEVER, EVER is it ok to build an inappropriately sized Ballroom to the White House. Not even if it was built beside the White House.

And Trump and his "contractors" that destroyed the East Wing are completely responsible to fund the reconstruction of the East Wing by an approved contractor selected by your organization. This is not a taxpayers responsibility however I would be more willing to fund this through taxes than other inexcusable expenses that we have recently occured.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeline La Porta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's' house. It does not belong to any president who occupies the office of the Presidency. The wanton destruction of the East Wing is travesty and a crime against the people of the United States of American. Raising private donor funds is blatantly corruption that is lining the pockets of Donald Rump and his family. In the name of the laws and Constitution of this country and in the name of its citizens. I object to this project and request an immediate stop to this destruction and for reimbursement of funds for its restoration. Thank You. .

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lela Cirocco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Sulzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawna Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. What about the historic significance of the East Wing? A ballroom is used very infrequently, but the East Wing was something everyone could enjoy. I would like the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one should be able to destroy a historic building for the sake of excess and vanity. Restore this building as it belongs to the American people, not just one individual.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom will dwarf the White House and is not necessary. Please stop this project and restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carey Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katherine KS Olena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on the destruction of the East Wing and on the construction of a ballroom that will dwarf the White House. Bypassing the Preservation Committee and Congress by taking bribes from billionaires' businesses is illegal. This vanity project is yet another slap in the face to American history.

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Name: Shari McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Any additional event space, such as this was proposed to create needs to go through all appropriate planning and permitting processes to ensure that it meets all legal requirements, and best practices in design. Both the President who initiated this project, and the contractor who destroyed the East Wing are professionals in the building trades, and know, or should know, the planning and permitting requirements for any project they undertake. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michele Copper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Due to the lack of proper authorization, permits, or design review, I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. I have concerns that a ballroom will be a poor fit for the physical space available and out of step with the architectural structure of the White House. I would prefer that the East Wing of the White House- which appears to have been demolished without appropriate oversight or authorization- be restored.

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Name: Christine Kenlan-Laurent
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you,
Chris

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Restore and rebuild the historical East Wing as it was. A guided ballroom is not wanted.

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Name: Katie Snow
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Name: Judi Elman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed. The project began with the demolition of a 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from the Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolition has already occurred does not excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that forces approval.The funding

mechanism creates serious concerns about institutional independence and conflicts of interest. Please do not allow this project to proceed unless all of the prior approvals are in place and requisite laws are followed. The stately, proportional appearance of the White House is critical Thank you.

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Name: Julie Kearney
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the all law abiding citizens of the United States.

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Name: Jim Hergen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very strongly oppose the modernization project on aesthetic, procedural, ethical, and legal grounds. Architecturally, the proposed monstrosity will completely unbalance, distort, disfigure, and overwhelm the core White House structure. Procedurally, it was a disgraceful affront to the People and the NCPC to have preemptively destroyed-the existing East Wing without adhering to the prescribed procedures for public comment, etc. The remodeling proposal also raises a host of other legal/ethical issues, including the manifest perception of “pay to play”, bribery, and political extortion. Almost every aspect of the proposal is highly problematic.

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Name: Anita Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to building a 90,000 square feet addition to the White House that would dwarf the main White House in place of the former East Wing. I fervently request that the East Wing be RESTORED to its former, historically beautiful state in keeping with the size and scale of the main White House. The East Wing was totally destroyed without approval or proper permits. Please restore what was there with needed electrical and plumbing updates to the beautiful historic style, including the windows and mouldings, millwork and doors, brass fittings and fixtures that were so blatantly destroyed.

Sincerely,
Anita H Johnston
[redacted]

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Name: Christopher Rand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should not be allowed to overcompensate for his fragile ego by razing the ballroom and building it back without following all applicable laws and the Constitution. Why does this president think that laws and the Constitution do not apply to him? They apply to him first and foremost.

This country is going to hell in a handbasket, and nowhere is there a better figurative example than Trump TRASHING the People's House, aka The White House.
I am disgusted that so many are so scared of Trump that they refuse to stand up to him. Why are YOU not supporting the laws and Constitution? Are you too afraid of the fat windbag bully we know as the Tangerine Terrorist? Get with it you suckups. Your parents did not raise you to be mindless simps.

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Name: Janet Deaver-Pack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to the person in temporary residence. The damage that has been done to this historic landmark is already horrific: both the East Wing and the beautiful Rose Garden have been wrecked. This very expensive "modernization" project has no plan to make it match the rest of the White House, nor is there any plan to save the beautiful features that have been so carefully tended by generations of caretakers, and that have meant so much to visitors from many nations. No permission was asked of We the People to achieve this "modernization". It is simply desecration. I want the East Wing of the White House to be restored to its previous historic appearance inside and out, also the Rose Garden. There was no reason to defile this historic building and grounds other than doing so to prove power. Please cancel this project immediately and restore the White House's East Wing to its former gentle majesty, and the Rose Garden to its previous beauty.Thank you.

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Name: Anne Beamer
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Name: Tracy Williams
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This a the vanity project of a president who has chosen to make up his own rules instead of following the rules that have been set by the government he committed to lead.

While I believe that restoration is an impossible task at this point, I think the new structure to be built there should honor the previous structure and be more than just the palace of a power hungry politician.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is one thing to "modernize" the East Wing. It is quite another to violently and precipitously demolish it in order to construct a monument to the White House's present, temporary occupant.

Any reconstruction of the East Wing, which is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park owned by the American people, should be in keeping with its historic design and size. It should take into account the input its actual owners (who should have been given an opportunity to comment before the initial damage was done).

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing with these thoughts in mind.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Trice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Big Beautiful Ballroom project!!! No permission was granted for this, and the people's beautiful East Wing was destroyed because of Trumps ego! This is not the way our democracy works! Rules and regulations were not followed, and this should be halted immediately!!!

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go on ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law abiding citizens!!!!

Richard E & Connie S Trice

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Name: Lisa Bennett
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Name: Teresa McDill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The construction should be scaled back as much as possible. The ballroom is a room I will never use, and is for exclusive parties to which I will never be invited. This is the opposite of "the peoples' house." I wholly resent the destruction and planned reconstruction of this part of the White House. Pretty sure the contract letting should also be investigated. I would like to see an explanation of how that happened (as the demolition itself seemed to be a complete surprise; was there even a call for bids on this and the reconstruction? The contractor names should be publicized.)
Respectfully submitted,
Teresa McDill, Santa Fe, NM

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Name: Lady Justice
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Name: Joan Bourg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom this may concern;
I could not object to the tearing down of the East Wing more. This crooked , law breaking administration had no right to destroy this part of the People's House. This was not their property to adjust. Not one square inch. Not without proper application and process… something this administration cares nothing about , if we review their behavior. Recognizing that this was a part of a multi level strategy to realize our "powerlessness" against them, does not make it so. We are not powerless. We are mad as Hell.
This administration need to be fined, rejected , jailed, whatever it takes to send the message that this was not done property at any step, and there are consequences to pay. Please use whatever resources that are at your disposal to send the message that the unauthorized destruction of the East wing, and all of its contents was illegal and will be prosecuted. Plus, the minimum $500,000.00 fine for this irreparable and illegal action is due and payable in 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,
A citizen of the United States, and East Wing owner.

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Name: Alyssa Gokey
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Name: Sandra Adcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the current building of a Ballroom and modernization is perfect.

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Name: Jerry Thrush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This modernization project and ballroom is WONDERFUL. I am delighted.

Please proceed with this project with all haste. Such renovation is long overdue and this expanded ballroom would facilitate foreign relations as well as domestic participation in Federal government. True, the Whitehouse is historic, but this renovation is necessary. Opposers are only opposed because Trump is participating out of personal dislike for him.

Ignore naysayers. Go forth and build! Many thanks for a splendid job.

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Name: Deborah Yates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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THANK YOU!

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Name: Cameron Whiting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would rather have the east wing rebuilt to its historical layout. Just my two cents as a Utah resident, but history should be preserved, not bulldozed.

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Name: Barbara Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose building a huge ballroom that would dwarf the Whitehouse. I would like to see the Eastwing completely restored, or rebuilt. Not only would the ballroom project not be fitting for the grounds, I feel it wouldn't be used enough to warrant building it. If a bigger facility is deemed necessary, it should at least be in proper scale.
Thank you for allowing comments on this proposal.
Sincerely,
Barbara Jones

Date: 2/17/2026 2:58:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Tidwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have a massters degree in Community and Regional Planning, University of New Mexico, School of Architecture and Planning. I served municipal and county administrations over some 22 years.

Reviewing the demolition of the East Wing of the White House it seems clear that this is not a renovation or modernization project of an existing structure. There is no existing structure. The wrecking ball destroyed an important component of American History as well as destroying the beauty and architectural authenticity of the White House.

The reconstruction of the East Wing, as it was approved and permitted decades ago, is critically important to restore the balance and beauty of the original construction. The historic district of Washington, DC, stands as a testament to American history and is spectacularly beautiful architecturally. The proposed replacement structure is not to the appropriate scale or style of the East Wing as well as the entire struction of the White House. It will dwarf the rest of the structure, and destroy the visual balance so carefully planned and constructed more than 100 years ago.

Please do not approve any plans for this so-called ball room. Restore the site to the original plan.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Cynthia Tidwell

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Name: Mary Hubler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of a home that does not belong to Trump cannot be allowed to go unpunished. He is accountable to the people. You must stop the destruction and force him to rebuild this historic structure that he demolished without permits or permission. He should be forced to follow the laws in place to protect our history structures and heritage.

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Name: ROBERT ECKERT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing of the Whitehouse is part of the "People's house". It is US Public property, and destroying it was a crime.
The restoration should be done as part of a concentrated effort to restore the dignity of the United States on the world stage.

For aesthetics, the new design should maintain the symmetry of the Whitehouse, so the new design should be of approximately the same size as the west wing, and externally be a mirror image of the west wing. Any new design should take into account the modern needs - i.e. have sufficient power/ cooling and chaseways to run secure networks for its function.

This is NOT To be a Gaudy Ballroom that makes people vomit when they see it.

Furthermore, the cost should be born by the criminal who ordered it's destruction.

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Name: Chris Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Ollen Mullis
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Name: Carla Yoder, M.D.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as it currently stands. It has been initiated without proper design review, authorization, or permits. I believe the East Wing should be, at the minimum, restored to its former design. If modernization or improvements are to be made, they should be done with thoughtful input from design review experts who will honor the historical aspects tying the East Wing to the rest of the White House.
This project, as it stands, has resulted from breaking the law. Allowing it to proceed further is illegal and an affront to our American law-based order.

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Name: Natalie Jennings
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Name: Stephanie Teagarden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Cynthia Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose building the 300 million dollar ballroom. Rebuild the East wing back to the way it was before.

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Name: Bridget Smith
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Rebuild the East Wing as it was. Restore the rose garden too!
Stop the hideously large ballroom.
Bonnie Chalek

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Name: Cheri Curran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House has always been a solid, somewhat humble symbol of strength and endurance of our cherished democracy. It was never intended to be an ostentatious glorification of individual power but rather a comfortable, respectful residence for whomever was serving as president of the people. As citizens we have always relied on knowing that any changes, modifications, or additions would be well thought out to maintain its stately presence for all of us rather than the whims of a single person. Please find a way to preserve and protect the quiet beauty and scale of OUR White House and prevent further destruction. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janette Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would like this project stopped. It is ruining the historic People's House, and was begun without permits. Please stop this project. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Elizabeth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pel Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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WE DO NOT NEED OR WANT A BALLROOM. RESTORE THE WING TO ITS FORMER CONDITION.

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Name: Tamera Pence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Winning Winning
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(This comment was copied from Anara Guard with her permission. I could not think of a better way to put it!)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Bevan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs, I was shocked by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I do not support a ballroom being built. The use of the East Wing as the office of the first ladies is in line with our history and our hope for equality in our country. It was a horrible step away from values we strive for, and first families(I hope for a first gentleman soon), deserve a quality space to work from. Our first ladies have not been mere decoration for decades now, they have worked hard to support their President/family but also to implement useful and needed policies for Americans. We need the East Wing back!

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Name: Stacy Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeri Coh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is not a modernization project it is destruction of our history and replaced with another Trump homage to himself. It is not his White House it is the people's house and somebody has to stop him from desecrating our building and the grounds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is an unnecessary addition to the White House and the East Wing should’ve not been torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is very troubling that the process for making changes to a National Historic Landmark and National Park have not been followed in the case of the East Wing of the White House. i understand that modifications have been made by various presidents over time, but demolishing the entire East Wing with no notice or

review is shocking. Laws and procedures should be followed. The White House belongs to the American people, not any given occupant, and the public should be consulted before wholesale destruction takes place. it is also troubling that the plans keep changing with no input from the public. It is one thing to make internal changes to a small area of the building, but to demolish a significant segment with no public process feels radical, overbearing and disrespectful.

It is also very troubling that Congress is not being asked to appropriate funds to build this new structure. Taking private donations opens the process up to mass corruption. There already seems to be enough of that going around and we certainly don't need to encourage private donors to pour money into a non-transparent pot from which they might well expect favors. it is just shocking to me that Congress would permit/encourage such potential corruption.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Sheppard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project should be stopped. We the people, need so many more important things in our country and the funds need to be real re-appropriated to needs not wants. It is a frivolous ego project. Please stop this!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:55:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The very idea, much less the actual deed, of tearing down the East Wing and planning a disgustingly enormous and over-gilt gaudy "ballroom" -- without any reference to the rules and regulations in place -- is appalling and despicable, done in flaunting power and bad taste to aggrandize the current president.
I HOPE there is a way not only to STOP what has been planned and done, but also [preferably] restore the East Wing and not tamper with "the people's house" --
Please disallow the plans and cut off any further destruction or replacement!
Thank you -- good luck!

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Name: Suzanne Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly opposed the construction of Trump’s ridiculous ballroom. The destruction and damage already done is incalculable. To continue this illegal construction exacerbates this travesty. Please disapprove this illegal and unnecessary project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: NC Pousson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a tragedy how this destruction of our shared heritage has been bull dozed thru by the most incompetent administration this country has ever had. Sane and responsible Government intervention in how we proceed is necessary and the tax payers should not be burdened any further, in fact Trump should be fined and personally held liable for any and all costs associated with this fiasco.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katia Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the ballroom. I do not support tearing down the East wing. Since it has already been torn down, the best course of action would be to rebuild it similar to how it was and add modern convenience. The proposed giant ballroom addition is garish and tacky.

Katia

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Name: Jennifer Madigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment Opposing the East Wing Reconstruction and Ballroom Addition

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization and ballroom addition project currently under review.

The White House is not merely a residence. It is a nationally significant civic landmark and a central component of the symbolic and physical plan of the Nation's Capital. Decisions affecting its footprint, massing, and function must be evaluated with the utmost regard for preservation standards, long term planning principles, and the public interest.

The demolition of the historic East Wing constitutes a substantial loss to the architectural coherence and historic integrity of the White House complex. The appropriate planning response to that loss is accurate reconstruction consistent with the building's documented historic design, scale, and purpose. Reconstruction should follow established preservation frameworks, including the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Reconstruction, which are intended to restore a vanished structure as it appeared during a

defined period of significance.

The proposed ballroom represents a significant programmatic and physical expansion beyond the historic character of the East Wing. Such an addition would permanently alter the scale, footprint, and spatial balance of the White House grounds. This change does not restore what was removed. Instead, it introduces a new use and massing that departs from the established historic form of the site.

Under its federal planning mandate, the National Capital Planning Commission is charged with protecting the character of federally owned land and ensuring that development within the National Capital Region reflects sound planning principles and respect for historic resources. I urge the Commission to require that any reconstruction of the East Wing adhere strictly to its historically documented specifications and to reject the proposed ballroom addition as inconsistent with the preservation and planning responsibilities entrusted to the Commission.

The White House complex is part of the enduring civic fabric of the Nation's Capital. Its reconstruction should reflect continuity, restraint, and fidelity to its historic form.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Underwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: elizabeth mesora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Gwardyak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing design should be carefully thought through, vetted and approved by the historical commission. The White House is a national symbol, not the property of a temporary resident.

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Name: Peggy OConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm opposed to spending over 3 million on the East Wing project. No one should be allowed to demolish it without proper approval. I live in a historic district, and this wouldn't be allowed.
The design proposed is awful. Too large for the White House. Will look horrible.
An architectural committee should decide what should replace it, now that it's been demolished.
Trump should be fined for doing this without the proper permission.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:54:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Moira Zinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this East Wing project.
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this modernization does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called "the same."
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible.
No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

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Name: Mary Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This horrible project must be stopped. The White House belongs TO THE PEOPLE!! No president has the right to destroy such an important part of our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead

without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:53:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brynn Hollingsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it will concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Best wishes,
Brynn Hollingsworth, PhD

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Crevier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the razing of the East Wing of the White House. This 123-year-old structure was torn down to make way for a vanity project.

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The "ballroom" as depicted by Trump will be an eyesore and does not fit with the rest of the White House. There is no visible accounting of funds that have allegedly been received to pay for the $300 million dollar design that Trump created and until such funds are fully visible, no further construction should be permitted. The American people should not

be made to pay for an unauthorized destruction or for an unauthorized construction that does not meet the authorization, permitting, and design precess that has been continuously in place, but ignored by Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marthena Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the West Wing and spending of $300 million on this project which was initiatiated without authorization, permits, respect for the historic value of the American history of this building or potential for the future. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its previous design with funds of the offender. NO ONE is above the law and permitting this project to continue without penalizing those who willingly broke the law is an affront to the citizens of the United States!
We the people deserve better.
Respectfully,
M. Bagley

Date: 2/17/2026 2:44:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Kimberl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Everyone involved should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Byars
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew in suburban Maryland and treasure all the history that is Washington D.C. and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all

law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Notaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing at the White House. Without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, $300 million is being spent on this project in a lawless maneuver. This is a complete razing of American history and a vanity project for Trump. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Laurie Notaro

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Name: Stefanie Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erin Middleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My wish, since this was unauthorized and not in keeping with the original design and scale of the rest of the building, is to restore the East Wing to its original design and historic purpose. This building belongs to the American people.I oppose the ballroom in it's current design, but I am not opposed to having a ballroom in keeping with the balance of the original historic design as long as we can set aside spaces for the First Lady and Staff as well as maintain a visitor entrance.

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Name: Chris Daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Martin Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mark Kreger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Goble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is shameful to have our president selling access and political favors while building a monstrous monument to himself.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the (former) east wing. The premature demolition was an affront to our democratic processes and the nature of historic preservation. To approve further work would be to promote further future disregard for our laws and norms. Please restore what was unlawfully destroyed!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Bradway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was an icon of this country’s history. It should be restored exactly as it was. The process has been illegal from the very beginning and must be redressed.

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Name: Robert Brewington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to spending 300 million dollars to complete this project. This is "The People's House". This administration does not have the right to pursue vanity projects that destroy the historical integrity of one of our nation's most sacred treasures. I request that this project be immediately halted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose any further demolition, removal or destruction of the East Wing of the White House (aka THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). I expect the member of this body to DO THEIR DUTY to the country and NOT to the current occupant of the White House. The more opposition and reverence for the rule of law, the less power and illegal criminal activity can occur.

which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
(besides, 47 has zero taste).

Do your duty. Stop pandering to non-patriotic people who are only interested in enriching their own lives for the sake of ego.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...someone please do the right thing for once. Your children, grandchildren, sane and normal Americans will remember and thank you for it. Morals, integrity, humanity and country over party.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Ives
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump had no right to raze the East Wing of the White House, the People's House. Any building on that site must have oversight and approval by Congress and the National Planning Commission. The decor inside any structure must have oversight and approval so it isn't done only as Trump would have it -- not all gold inside as he has done with the Oval Office. Exercise your authority. Do not back down.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you,

Ellen Ives

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Name: Astrid Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In this, our Semiquincentennial year, let us not forget our history. Restore the East Wing and fill in the gigantic hole that was made.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Woo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unnecessary, profligate spending. Project budget should be severely reduced. It is pointless to spend a lot of money on a building that the next adminstration could just as easily demolish.

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Name: Suzanne Hemphill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Meneghin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's demolition of the East Wing of the White House is a complete travesty and he must be stopped from defacement and desecrating other Federal Buildings including the White House, Kennedy Center and other historic properties.

Without the required consent of Congress or Washington Historical Association, he has at his "whim" has made independent and secretive actions to destroy our nation's monuments and he must be stopped. Trump needs be legally restrained and comply with the law. He must also cease solicitation of funds from private investors used to circumvent any and all construction in our historic capital of Washington DC.

I object to classifying this project as "East Wing Modernization" and more aptly named "East Wing Desecration"

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing without any notice to the American Public was WRONG! The White House is supposed to be for the American People - as a living monument to be utilized by the President of the United States and their family during the time they were elected. The sitting President should not be able to tear down any Government Building without getting approval by not only the Senate and Congress but by the American Taxpayers, who help pay for the maintenance and upkeep.
With no disregard of the history of the East Wing and the White House, the current President demolished the East Wing because he wanted a Ballroom. As a person lucky enough to get 2 tours of the White house and marveled at the beauty and history of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, I'm appalled, angry and sad at what has happened.
When Jacqueline Kennedy worked on the restoration of the White House, she did it with the help of experts in all the fields of Construction, Decorators and specialized trades people. It was slow and methodical and historically accurate. It was a committee of informed and connected people whose goal was to update and restore the White House, not one man whose goal is make it as tacky and gaudy as possible.
Do not allow President Trump to destroy the White House any further.

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Name: Katie Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Foutch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt at the President's expense.

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Name: Deanne McKeown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alice Franks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the costs of renovation of the east wing of the white house.

If renovations are proposed, they need to follow the proper process, like regular folks have to follow when dealing with historic sites.

Further, there are many more important areas for our government to focus on. (Like health care and adequate housing for all) This is a waste of resources.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly McFarland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to express my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this ballroom. The project was done in haste and outside the law to avoid proper authorization and it has taken much American history with it. I want to see the entire East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory condition.

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Name: Melvin Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former resident of Washington, DC, I was aghast at the destructive razing of the East Wing of the White House.That a single individual, albeit a U.S. President, can simply ignore the legal process requiring proper authorization, permits, or design review in order to satisfy a personal whim is unconscionable.No one is above the law -- not even the President of the United States -- and to permit this project to go ahead without sanctioning such misconduct is a step too far. I urge the Commission to cancel the so-called modernization project and instead only authorize the rebuilding of the East Wing, restoring it to its former design. A failure to do so would be a grave insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Huff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Stop this vanity project now.
Money would be better spent on the homeless issue.
How much money must the current president spend on these worthless vanity projects?
Please redirect funds to help the people of this country.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:51:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Ziehe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alexis Holly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: H. Dennis Shumaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in total opposition to the East Wing Modernization. The total, needless destruction of our East Wing was done without the required oversight, established procedures and necessary permission that was promulgated to protect the historic integrity, symmetry and context of this vitality important national symbol.

The proposed structure is hideous. It is so out of proportion that it would dwarf our White House and make it appear totally irrelevant and inconsequential - as if our White House was a mere appendage to it.

The supposed purpose of this construction is so limited and unnecessary as to be laughable when compared to the alternative that has logically and successfully been employed for generations of proportional, temporary structures on our grounds when special events are required.

The nearly half a billion dollar cost is an abomination, and because the source of the funding would come from a few ultra wealthy donors, we have not been told what private use of this needless facility they have demanded.

Finally, our East Wing must be completely and immediately restored, exactly as it was designed and built, using all those portions of the historic structure that were saved. To not do so would allow and affirm the criminal disregard of our laws and necessary protections and procedures that every president has been subject to and required to comply with. No one, regardless of their power or wealth, is above the law.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

H. Dennis Shumaker
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbie Gallo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that the east wing should be replaced with a duplicate of the original with appropriate updates for hvac, insulation, extra thick windows, heated floors and any other current clean energy options. Safety issues should be addressed such as ramps and non skid flooring as well as railing for those who need it. It is a large part of our history and needs to be a part of the American citizen as well as the needs of those who will work there. It should also be in correct proportion to the White House and the west wing. It should also be historically correct, not extra modern or too elaborate.

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Name: Alexandra Mendez-Diez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express that I vehemently oppose this project which has already desecrated an important public monument that belongs to all the American people. I demand that the original East Wing be fully restored precisely as it was prior to its illegal demolition. Additionally, I demand that any and all people who participated in that illegal demolition be held fully criminally and financially responsible for their crimes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unauthorized protect being pursued by our current administration. It was an over reach of power to pursue to demolition of the East Wing with such dishonesty and misleading the American people. It is my hope that further construction be stopped and plans be approved before further construction continues.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:50:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Leaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This illegal razing of the East Wing of the People's House cannot be rewarded. Please, stop the so-called "modernization" project and restore the White House as it was - at the expense of the destroyer - as a fine.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:50:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McVicar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Planning Commission:

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. We have managed to survive 250 years without a "grand ballroom" Meanwhile, US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. I want this project cancelled.

Best regards,
Susan McVicar

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Schaming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing to express my opinion on this matter. I think this project needs to STOP, cancelled and not allowed to proceed. Rebuild as previous specification. One man's vision doesn't mean it's the right vision , especially when that vision is blinded to the past; This Nation owns this beautiful building; pray the keepers of this building will not let the moderation go forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:50:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Kidder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel East wing ballroom. It's a foolish expenditure that is a monument to an egomaniac.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. Not only did it begin without required NCPC approval, it also has no environmental assessments as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, and congressional approval was not secured as required by federal law.

The cost, at now double the original cost, of $400 million is being funded (so we are told) by corporations which are using it as leverage on the White House to get federal contracts. This is a complete conflict of interest.

The White House belongs to the American people, not the current sitting President, whoever that may be. As such, Congress and this Commission as our representatives should reflect the people's wishes; and as those have not been sought by the administration, I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was wrong to destroy the East Wing without proper authorization or input from the people as represented by the Trust. On this 250th anniversary of the nation, we should respect our institutions and our history. We are not a monarchy and gold gilded building do not reflect the American Democracy. The East Wing should be rebuilt at the expense of the “donors” who were willing to pay for the project as well as the cost to host important events elsewhere until the rebuilding is completed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Nardone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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A gilded ballroom that would dwarf the existing residence - the People's House - is absolutely INSANE!

PLEASE, stop this madness.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Vicky Groom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: [redacted]Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. Feed the poor, healthcare

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debby Brauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount, without proper authorization) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the cost of the President, personally (not taxpayer dollars, which have already been abused). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Neal Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Collier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing demolition was unauthorized, unpermitted and unnecessary. It was done because of people pandering to the ego of Trump. It must be restored to what it was previously.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:48:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ane Cahill Priester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
This is public lands not private property and there was no reason to tear down any part of the East Wing, other that to satisfy the ego of Donald Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Palchikoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review.

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million for this project that destroyed a historic building and was not approved through appropriate channels. The White House is the people's house and a grandiose ballroom is not in the people's interest.

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Name: SHARON JONES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Melissa A Sage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the demolition of a beautiful part of our history was entirely illegal and uncalled for. Donald Trump should have to pay to restore the entire East Wing to its former glory out of his own pockets. Maybe he can use the money he has grifted over the past year from crypto, or from the meetings he arranges at his son's private nightclub that promises access for money, or maybe from the pirated Venezuelan oil money...the list goes on. He is a thief and a crook and needs to repay this country for the harm he has championed /enabled.

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Name: Anne Ackerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Traci Keel
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Name: Alisan Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For the record, I am adamantly opposed to the proposed $300 million East Wing "modernization project," the destruction of which was completed without proper permitting, design review or authorization. I am offended that the East Wing—an integral piece of our shared American history—has been destroyed for no other viable reason than as a vanity project for the current administration. I, an American taxpayer, want the East Wing fully restored to its historical representation and all other plans should be dropped. Additionally, anyone who participated in the destruction of this historical architecture should be held to the highest standards of the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any modernization which does not replicate the exterior of the demolished portions of the East Wing as it appeared on January 20, 2025. My opposition is based on three issues.
1. Due to the hasty demolition, a study should be made to see if the structural integrity of the core presidential mansion has been compromised and if there is contamination by asbestos or other toxic substances.
2. The proposed modernization in no way compliments the Georgian aesthetics of the previous configuration. According to the latest news reports, there is the suggestion of tampering with the West Wing portico to add a story to it like the East wing modernization. The will overwhelm the core mansion. It's architectural malpractice to do so.
3. There is no need to turn the Executive Mansion into an entertainment venue because there are many secure sites in Washington, DC, and if they are inadequate, a separate purpose-built structure with toilets, parking, coatrooms, would be better.

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Name: Laura Aubrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and am writing to urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes have been proven to been followed. This project was started without any consent from Congress. The funding for this project is questionable at best, the project must not go forward until the funding has been researched and documented. Although the East Wing was destroyed without prior approval - it must not go forward without proper approval. The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America, not the current occupant, and should be treated as such.
Thank you;
Laura Aubrey
Albuquerque, NM

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Name: Paula Auten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If the area needed up-keep renovations -- that's one thing. But destroying it just to satisfy the massive ego of the orange megalomaniac who should NEVER have become president again is reprehensible -- just like him. He has billions of ill-gotten gains -- make him pay. Then boot his sorry ass out of office!

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Name: David LaPorta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

My comment is in regard to NCPC File Number: 8733, which lists the Executive Residence at the White House as the responsible agency.

To the best of my understanding from media reports, the East Wing Modernization Project was not fully funded nor approved by Congress. It also has not complied with standing legislation regarding architectural reviews and permits, and has been initiated in haste at the risk of damaging numerous artifacts within the structure.

As a citizen concerned for our heritage and the rule of law, I oppose this project in its current form and support its pause or reversion until all established legal requirements are satisfied. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Name: Lisa Hummel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuilt East Wing should be a restoration of the original design stylistically and in size. The design program should take place under the supervision of the National Capital Planning Commission. Monetary penalties for the destruction of the original East Wing by President Trump and cohorts should be established and implemented. President Trump's design and intent should not be allowed to go forward.

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Name: Denise Coats
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Raffa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have

agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

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Name: Hedy Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money let alone $300 million or more on the "East Wing Modernization Project", project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it is a complete destruction of a part of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Maloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of buildings in Washington DC is a closely managed issue. The proposed plan - as expressed in the limited forms made available to the public (another problem) -- seems completely inappropriate, both for the White House complex and greater historical DC landmarks as a whole.
Frankly, the use of private funds to support construction on public land should be enough to halt this project. However, if legally this cannot be implemented, please at least oversee the size/shape/overall impact of this potentially monstrous creation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Freedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design paid by President trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people!

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Name: Deb McIntyre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Margaret Yelverton
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Name: Sue Meyer
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: SHAWNA GAMBLE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe adding a ballroom where the East wing stood is a good use of taxpayer dollars. President Trump promised to decrease waste and abuse in spending. And fraud as well but this seems like he has went against all the rules and again is spending money that could be used for other things like not taxing our overtime like he promised

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new East Wing modernization and

White House ballroom will overwhelm the White House itself. The current plan is a monument to one man's ego, and does not represent input from the American people—owners of the White House.

According to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, of which I am a member: "The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features."

I urge you to initiate the required federal review process—with input from the public—to ensure the preservation of the historic proportions and features of the people's White House for future generations, including adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:46:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Burman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to President Donald Trump destroying the historic East Wing of the White House. In my opinion, Trump defied the rules and defied the idea of historic preservation.

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The obvious question is how should Trump be held accountable? In my opinion, there should be civil penalties and monetary penalties. Trump should be publicly condemned for destroying this historic site, and he should be made to pay for its restoration from his own monies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Coyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back exactly as it was!!!!!
No to this tacky ballroom!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Sandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's obscene that $300 million of taxpayer funds are allocated to this vanity boondoggle. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol A Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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PLEASE STOP THIS BOGUS PROJECT!

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Impeach DJT.
Hold ALL in Epstein files ACCOUNTABLE, like the countries who use to respect us.
Deport the immigrants, do not detain.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:44:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitzi Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the construction of an enormous ballroom on the site of the illegally demolished East Wing of the White House. The White House has tremendous historical significance and meaning to the American people. Any changes to the structure should be reviewed by the appropriate government agencies in charge of preserving our public buildings. The East Wing should be rebuilt as closely as possible to the original on the illegally demolished site. If a ballroom or other new structure is needed by the current administration, it should be constructed in a new location, in accordance with local rules and with proper review.

The currently proposed ballroom is completely out of proportion to the original White House structure and is an architectural monstrosity.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States and we expect that the stewards of it respect its heritage and significance to the American people when considering any alternations.

Please reconstruct a new East Wing that is harmonious with the original structure and not an embarrassment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henrietta Speaks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please retain the proportions of the old East Wing in relation to the other buildings in the ensemble. No enormous monstrosity that dwarfs the White House and West Wing. Go ahead and use the best in wiring, plumbing, insulation, and windows, but please replicate the historic exterior as much as possible. If we need a bigger interior space for dining and entertaining, so be it, but please no horrid gold appliqués and nouveau riche Trumpification. It’s the People’s House, and most Americans are not ostentatious or gaudy. I think the style should be modest but dignified.

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Name: John Kersting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 70 year old professional contractor, teacher, community leader and parent living in Olympia, WA, but born in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Having professionally restored historical homes and buildings alongside my brother, who has been doing this for over 40 years, we are horrified at the illegal, immoral and traitorous ruination of the White Hous East Wing.

After the White House was attacked and burned in 1812 by British troops, it was rebuilt and expanded in a respectful manner, retaining the function as a house and not an entertainment hall for the express purpose of supporting the ideal that it is "The Peoples House."

The blatantly egotistical and selfish effort by it's current tenant is absurd, poorly managed and the antithesis of our national intent.

My family, friends and many of our community leaders in Olympia absolutely oppose the spending of $300

million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. When most of us break the law there are consequences including imprisonment, making amends, but laws seem to only be an inconvenience to the powerful or arrogant present admiration.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

My family has spent hundreds of hours stripping paints, manufacturing damaged decorations and restoring turn of the century homes and buildings into community treasures on the Historical Registers of several states. This betrayal of history, illegal act and slap in the face of previous presidents and the American People should be stopped and those acting illegally, with a national treasure punished to the full extent of the law! I have enclosed a picture of the restored Stensrud Building in Missoula, Montana, where my brother and I brought it back when 6 months from the wrecking ball. America can and does better than this present situation. Bring our White House BACK!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Hallahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am going to assume the "modernization project" is related the White House East Wing that was destroyed by the president without any authorization. The White House is The Peoples House not his property to do with as he pleases.
Therefore. —-
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Lori Hallahan

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Name: Lisa Carney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:43:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Tunney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

[redacted]
I oppose the spending of $30 million dollars on this project which never got proper permits or authorization. It is a complete razing of our history and must be canceled and the damage restored to its historical design. This mess is an affront to we the people whose house this is!! No more money should be spent on this crude design. Thank you for your attention to this.
Yours sincerely
Kathleen R Tunney
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marge Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It represents the destruction of our history and should be canceled immediately. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. NO ONE is above the law and to allow this unlawful project to continue, with no consequences for the law breakers, is an affront to all law abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Whatley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Edelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "East Wing Modernization Project" is an unnecessary boondoggle that has no benefit to the American citizen. The demolition proceeded without proper authorization and all work on this monstrosity should be HALTED. The administration that committed this affront should not be allowed to benefit from its improper actions.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michael Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the self serving construction of a “Ball Room” by the Trump administration. $300-400 million dollars for a vanity building for Donald Trump could be better spent helping the American people. Also, I believe the destruction of the East Wing was illegal when the administration circumvented the proper procedures for changing a national building and they should be held responsible to pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing to it’s previous condition.
In conclusion, the committee should vote NO on this self serving , vain glory project.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Daggett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the destruction of the east wing was a sin! Done illegally by a wanna be dictator. He should be in jail for that. The destruction of our house and so much history, is unimaginable. The historic reconstruction, should be done under guidance of the national historical society. No billionaire donators to create a Trump ballroom. The addition should look appropriate to the current White House and not dwarf it.

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Name: Dinelle McGee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Martinez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely am against Trump touching the White House as if it was his own property. The White House belongs to the people AND he will be OUT of the White House by 2028. Hopefully sooner. He has done many unlawful acts before entering the White House and many more since entering the White House. His pay-to-play government is unconstitutional and he needs to get his hands off the taxpayers' money and property NOW. Furthermore, because he tore down the East Wing without approval from the appropriate government officials, he should pay from his OWN pocket for the exact reconstruction of the East Wing as well as the Kennedy Rose Garden and for taking down his name that he unlawfully placed on the Kennedy Center. His mismanagement of the Kennedy Center has only led to lost revenue which he should also repay from his pockets. He has grifted BILLIONS of dollars since taking over the White House. He is an embarrassment to this country throughout the entire world.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Mead Ramsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "renovation" of the East Wing is, in fact, a complete replacement of a previously-existing wing of the people's White House. This house does not belong to the current occupant (or to any of the previous ones) but to the people of this country. The destruction of the people's property that has taken place is unlawful and inappropriate, as it was done without consultation with either the US Citizenry or with the people who are tasked with overseeing our government buildings.

Any construction planned for this site should be in keeping with the aesthetic of the original residential building, reflecting its style and proportions in a way that is deemed by specialists in historical architecture to be appropriate to this important property. The current occupant is not an expert in architectural history, and appears to be interested only in his own aggrandizement, rather than in the real needs and priorities of this nation's people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: leslie Zozaya
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the White House needs to absolutely be restored to the original version before Trump destroyed it

The White House belongs to We the people not Trump.

He had no right to do this. It needs to have everything put back. All the artifacts ,paintings,furniture ,etc

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Webber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former exterior design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Moreover, no tax dollars should be spent on fixing this, since the work proceeded without Congressional approval.

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Name: Stacy Kravitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elissa Muller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Betty Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the ballroom and horrified that Trump destroyed the East wing of the Whote House. He does not own the Whote House - the American people own it! I want the East Wing restored to what it was before Trump trashed it . I also want Jacqui's Rose Garden restored! All the gold stuff in the White House makes it look like a cheap brothel! It has to stop!

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Name: Kathy Schnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done with no prior approval from congress. We cannot allow our public buildings to be cannibalized on the whim of one person. Restore the East Wing to its original design and stop other national landmarks from becoming reduced to rubble.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this absurdity, which was not approved through proper channels. This is an insult to Americans. It is the people's house, not one particular President's.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Ottesen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the East Wing so far is a travesty. The tearing down of an historic building without legitimate approval is a disaster. The plans for the replacement building as submitted overshadow and overwhelm the rest of the White House and show a disrespect for design and history. I say those responsible for this reckless abandonment of rules, law, and tradition for our nation's capitol city should replace the East Wing to its original state at the expense of those who chose to tear it down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Ribeiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shannon Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project — not because I resist change, but because I care deeply about stewardship, process, and legacy.

The proposed spending feels excessive, especially given that it appears to have moved forward without thorough design review, appropriate authorization, or full permitting. That concerns me. When we alter a space as symbolic as the White House, the standard should be transparency, restraint, and respect for institutional process.

I believe the White House may very well benefit from a ballroom or event space. But if we are going to build something new, it should feel like it belongs there — architecturally, historically, and symbolically. The White House is not a blank canvas for personal preference. It is a living piece of American history. Any addition should honor that continuity, even if that means scaling expectations to fit the character of the existing structure.

Most importantly, it should be approved through proper channels — with thoughtful design review, public accountability, and bipartisan stewardship. And it should never carry the name of a current or former president. This is not a private estate or a branding opportunity. It is the people's house.

Public spaces deserve humility, not personalization. Leadership is temporary. The White House is not.

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Name: William Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project.

The White House belongs to the American People not an individual - and this project did not go through the proper review at all.

There is so much that can be said against this reckless project - and I ask you- how will history look at this moment and all of our roles in allowing it happen?

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Name: Ellen Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the way this project is being handled. Spending $300/400 million on this is absolutely insane, where is the money coming from? Where is the accountability? It was started without proper authorization, permission or design review & should be cancelled & the East Wing restored. This should never have been undertaken because of a whim of someone who believes he is above the law. This is a slap in the face to law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Koreski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Follett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Committee:
I am asking for an immediate halt to the demolition of the East Wing to allow for proper public review.
The "East Wing modernization/ballroom addition" proceeded without proper authorization or permits. The project is not a modernization but a destruction of American history.
Please explore design options that preserve the historic structure rather than replacing it.
Respectfully...

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Soderberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This act was an illegal desecration of a historic landmark

No permits for demolition were secured

Congress was not officially notified

Trump acted of his own volition to destroy a piece of standing history for his obvious vanity project

Not only that—since there was no real effort to secure the building vermin have been going into the WH because there was no proper containment methods used to prevent this type of invasion from outside

There are reports that the contractors—who did d not have a license to do this type of demolition work (Trump contacted them personally) were not properly compensated for their work

This is further proof that Trump acts unilaterally in both business and as presidential affairs to hold

American tax payers hostage to clean up the messes he has made in New York, Washington DC, and his personal “club” Mar-a-lago in Florida

For these actions Trump should be made to foot the bill for this “vanity” project of his because no other person who is the president of this country would do anything like this to serve his own ego and therefore is not acting as the “president” but as a citizen who has access to historical places and feels that he can do as he damn well pleases by virtue of the title of president of the United States

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Name: Vicki Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stridently oppose the building of a massive ballroom which will destroy the centuries old distinguished aura of our White House and surrounding property. The proposed ballroom is an obscenity and a disgrace. Ripping out and paving over the Rose Garden was bad enough. The ballroom project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, nor approved Congressional funding. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The sitting president does not own the property but is a temporary resident who is expected to tend it with loving and appropriate care. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Eva Gallant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Candee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Roper Halverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt, and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be in the front to all law, abiding citizens.
For me, as an average American, this is a travesty and potentially a crime. It is the people's house, not the Presidents.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Singleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Chad Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liam Passmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rush to gut the white house east wing took me, as it took many, by surprise. Especially given its long history, and the care of the renovation done in 1961 overseen by Jacquiline Kennedy. While the idea of an expanded ballroom to handle guests at the white house has some merit, the size and proportion should be made in a judicious manner that fits the scale of the entire property, not dwarf it into insignificance.

The White House is not President Trump's property to do with what he wants. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without significant input as to its design and construction from those with a vested interest in its history and architecture would be criminal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Morrissey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thoroughly oppose this project, which was embarked upon illegally, without the required permissions or oversight. It requires federal review. Additionally, allowing private donors to fund this project is highly questionable, allowing corporations to in effect “own” part of the People’s House and perhaps leverage their donations for preferential treatment. It’s corrupt as hell. We demand that the East Wing be restored to its previous state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Constant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose the proposed ballroom on the origina site of the East Wing of the White House. The

proposed design is much too big; it overwhelms the White House volume and destroys the balance that would be possible with a smaller structure. In addition, the
project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and a more modest addition designed that does not destroy the physical integrity and historic significance of the complex. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marybeth Bercini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project! This is a dismantling and defiling of our history without proper go ahead! This needs to stop and the east wing needs to be put back exactly and historically the way it was!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Jokerst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this ‘‘modernization’’. This project ignored all permitting rules, and never got input from any citizens when demolishing a big part of The People’s House. Most citizens had no interest in this project and will never have the opportunity to be in it. Please stop this vanity project from happening.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:40:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Overholt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have been torn down. It should be rebuilt exactly as it was. There should be a fine for it’s destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:40:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing, with any needed upgrades and technology. Keeping with the appropriate style and scale with the whole white house complex.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:39:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cher Donovan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a designer and Real Estate developer, I have always had to follow the law when redoing a building. Sometimes it takes time to go through building departments and zoning, etc., and yes, it's frustrating, but it is the law. In the end, the results are worth it.
I resent that our president didn't have to go through the same legal channels that were required of me.
It is upsetting to see pictures of the demolition. How does this look to the world, that it was not done with the proper authority?
I think the East Wing should be modernized, but with a historic look that is integral to the message of the "people's house".
I suggest oversight and that the replacement building be regulated through the normal channels of historic buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:39:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ira joel haber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so angry over this destruction and outlaw behavior regarding our house that was conducted unlawfully by donald trump. This is not his house, it is our house and the amount of money he has spent on this illegal act is outrageous illegal and a slap to all of our faces. He has no right to do this, to tear up the rose garden to tear down the historical east wing, and to push his fascist golden ballroom on us. He must not be allowed to go further with this rape of our history. No to this and make him pay for the rebuilding of our east wing. This ugly ballroom must not be allowed. We demand that it be canceled. He is a criminal tearing down our history, our landmarks, the truth. He must be stopped and made to pay the consequences for this outrageous act of vandalism.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Titus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been razed and any rebuilding should put it back to its original design. We

do not need this ballroom and it is a huge boondoggle. The money collected should be used to track down the history lost, to finish the rebuilding of our house, and any extra can be given to those who are hurting from this administration's policies. Those who destroyed the East Wing must not get this project approved and they should pay a price for knocking it down without permission in the first place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should have never been tore down without approval from a committee. The fact that no one stopped this is disturbing. I consider anything on the White House properly to be considered historical, nothing should be changed because the wants of one man. It's bad enough the rose garden looks like an outdoor dining establishment in Miami. Please do not let the East Wing be rebuilt to overshadow the White House.

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Name: Brooke English
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My concerns about the modernization project range from the lack of transparency regarding design to the range and scope of an unneeded ballroom addition. While I understand that the proposed project, which has already involved the complete destruction of the existing East Wing, is apparently no longer "proposed," this very fact is what causes me to speak up and out. This is the PEOPLE'S house. We, the people, do not need or want a 1,000-person capacity ballroom. Since the White House was erected in 1800, our presidents have successfully entertained heads of state and others in the existing White House complex. Why do WE need a monstrous ballroom in order to conduct the business of government? Why have all the presidents before this one been able to entertain guests without desecrating an historic landmark?
Are there any guardrails in place for design? Who will determine what is and isn't appropriate for this historic site? Regardless of the funding source, we, the people, should have a say in the design choices, especially now that this train has left the station. Where were the arbiters of design and permitting when this project was first announced? Was there ANY input from those who oversee construction in DC, especially that which affects historical sites?
I ask that a pause be struck; this has been a rushed process from the beginning, and I fear little to no oversight, on behalf of Americans at large, has been solicited or provided. It is time for that.

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Name: Deb Norman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to so many things about this project. This was history that was demolished without falling the proper steps and procedures It is a huge waste of money. There are many Americans with serious needs. Let's choose to do the right thing. Safe guards in place for a reason. Follow them.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorie Kellogg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% anti-Ballroom.

With the amount of corruption in this administration, they should not be trusted to build anything. Please put a stop to this HUGE ballroom.

Thanks!

Lorie

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the building of a ballroom.

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Name: Karen Simmns Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing of "the people's house" was torn down without any consent. I heartily disapprove of the proposed ballroom structure that has been planned without any of necessary agency input. The size would be obscene next to the White House. Use the thirty million dollars to restore the East Wing. Publish a list of all of the East Wings content and where it is now.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa J. McClure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it. No president owns the property or its buildings. The president knowingly broke laws and implied his disdain for the citizens of this country.
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To the National Capital Planning Commission: I urge you to require the following:

1. All reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain its historic design and size. Anything built on the demolition site must match the style of the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and it must be subordinate in size.

2. All reconstruction be funded only with appropriations from Congress and that no private money be allowed for this project. The American people own the land, not any one president or any corporation seeking to buy favor.

If Congress does not approve funding, and if a design keeping with the building's historical character cannot be achieved, the land should be left vacant until such time as a legal and historically appropriate design have been approved.

Demolishing the historic East Wing of the White House without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight clearly violated the law.

Please restore the White House to its original level of representation and respect.

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Name: Tamara Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Brenda Antolin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I suggest the East Wing be rebuilt to reflect its original purpose, to serve the First Lady or First Gentleman and her or his staff, provide her or him with an office and space for staff, and space for social functions. Functional and structural upgrades should be incorporated with aesthetics that blend with existing White House construction. No permanent gold foil, gilded, metallic cherubs or cheap imitation accents should be

included as these would not be consistent with the original White House nor with the sophistication of the Office of the President of the United States of America.

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Name: sheila joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I did not write the following, but agree with it completely...

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Pendleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have guidelines in place to prevent the destruction of our nation's historic places, which belong to all of us, for exactly this situation. One person, no matter their position, does not own history. Modernize infrastructure but restore the East Wing to its original function.

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Name: Judith Smullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To call this a "modernization project" only reinforces the nauseating horror of the demolition in the first place, exceeded only by the gaudy, cheap, gold-encrusted atrocity that the person wants to erect in its place.

This MUST NOT HAPPEN! When grownups retake the government, of whatever party, this travesty will be eradicated. Stop it while you can, on behalf of history, of respect for the People's House, of common sense, and especially of GOOD TASTE, of which this project has none.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Alano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any monies being spent on the rebuilding of the East Wing. The East Wing was torn down without any pre-approval, without any pre-approved plans for rebuilding, without any thought for artifacts that were in that wing, with disregard for hazmat issues, and we the people, who own The White House, are not happy. It was just revealed that someone who has no knowledge of historical design, or any renovation experience is being selected to head this rebuild. I want to see the East Wing restored just as it was, and President Trump should pay for it entirely.

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Name: Spencer Haddock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House and grounds had perfect symmetry before this project. In addition to the numerous violations to begin the project, destroying the beauty of the White House and its symmetry with the surrounding property will be an eyesore forever. I also do not believe Trump actually has $300 million for the project so American taxpayers will ultimately pay for the project.

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Name: Janet Stoddard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tracie Flamm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed ballroom construction. It only stands to benefit an elite few. The White House should be the people's house, and it is infuriating that the east wing was demolished in the manner that it was- no public input, no justification for such a huge expenditure that serves such a narrow purpose. The structure that has been destroyed needs to be replaced- not with a grandiose ballroom, but with a space that serves many purposes and is accessible to all Americans.

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Name: Barsion Sylvia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so sad to see the East Wing demolished in order to create a ballroom. I am a senior citizen who went to Washington, DC with my graduating high school class. I loved being in the White House, seeing the Lincoln Memorial and visiting the Smithsonian museums. Being an American gave me a great sense of pride. Of all the changes that could be made, demolishing the East Wing to create a Ballroom is heartbreaking. I am all for change and improving our country. But adding a Ballroom, when we have had perfectly elegant state dinners for visiting dignitaries in the existing White House, is unnecessary. The White House is the people's house, and such a dramatic change should have required a national referendum. Otherwise, every four or eight years, we are subject to the whims of Presidents, whether a Republican or Democrat. Please do not allow that to happen.

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Name: Barbara Backstrand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

SHAME , SHAME , SHAME for this SHAM of POWER GRAB AND PERSONAL ADORATION by a MOST PATHETIC president!!!!!!!!

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Name: Margo Normoyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the destruction of the East Wing of America's White House without any prior authorization from Congress, it would be impossible to say stop.

The best way forward is for the building to NOT be 90,000 square feet and NOT be taller than the White House.

Simply put, move forward with blue prints to be approved before another brick/stone structure is destroyed.

It's NOT his house.

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Name: Jennifer Maufrais Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I'm writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Name: Sara Sayner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American architect since 2004, I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Historic preservation is extremely important for us and future generations of Americans. Once historic fabric is destroyed it cannot be replicated.
The demolition of the east wing without proper hazard material abatement also resulted in construction crews being exposed to potentially cancer causing friable materials.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and registered architects who follow the existing health, safety, and welfare requirements in our building codes.

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Name: Judith Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any new construction that would be larger than the destroyed East Wing. Any new construction must be architecturally and aesthetically consistent with the remaining White House and meet all guidelines, reviews, and permitting requirements. Construction bids must be open, properly reviewed, and not given to cronies of the administration or new entities formed to conceal ownership of the business entity. In other words, no grifting off replacing and restoring this wanton destruction.

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Name: Kate Strolle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the government spending $300 million to build a new ballroom. It is atrocious that the East Wing was torn down and that history is trying to be erased. We all know the ballroom will be equally as atrocious due to Donald Trump's gaudy taste. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's previous glory. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: R Noot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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"East Wing Modernization Project" is transparently Orwellian language.

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Name: Mark McGinnis
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East Wing Modernization

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Name: Meliss Kutz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

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Name: Rebecca Fifield
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Name: Sharon O PHAELEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern, I am opposed to any tax dollars being spent on a ballroom to replace the demolished East Wing of the White House. I would like those who are responsible for destroying it without going through the proper channels to face charges and pay restitution to restore it or modify it in such a way as to be a benefit to the people of the United States.

Sincerely, Sharon O Phaeley Minnesota

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Name: Deborah Moulton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing the East Wing down was an insult to the American people. It's OUR house, not Trump's house.

He completely ignored the process so he could do what he wants. I think a ballroom that dwarfs the historical White House is completely inappropriate. His roccoco vision of white and excessive gold is tasteless and does not represent the people.

One of the unique things about the people's house is that it is accurately historic and modest, even humble, in its size and decoration. It represents traditional American values that project quiet strength and authentic origins, not as a monarchy, but as something built by scrappy, independent citizens.

Trump has already ruined the rose garden, imposed his imperial sense on the Lincoln bathroom that has lost its historic contex.

Please stop this grotesque project and hand whatever the east wing becomes back to its proper conservators and a legal process. Leave it up to the experts to determine its future use and construction with the permission of the American people. It's our house.

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Name: Arlene Hyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marilyn Kerst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Proportion above all! DC is a place devoted to scale and proportion of avenues, circles, monuments, and

buildings. This project appears too big and keeps getting bigger. It will be much harder to resize a building that throws off the scale of this complex of public buildings and spaces than it will be to correct any stylistic touches that clash with the surroundings.

Also, in hopes of constructing a place that will be secure and safe, this shouldn't be a hasty project built to please one person but rather a carefully designed state-of-the-art structure that will serve the American people.

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Name: Elizabeth Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop tearing down our history! What's next, the Indian Treaty Room in the Eisenhower building?

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Name: Ron Eckert
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Name: Cheryl Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am against spending $300 million to build a 'ballroom' replacement for the East Wing of the White House. Donald Trump did not go through the legal process required to change it. It was not reviewed, evaluated or processed legally. I want it restored to its historical architectural exterior to reflect the history and tradition of the White House. The proposed new addition is an abomination! It overshadows the size of the White House and is an attempt to create a palace for a 'king'.

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Name: Charlotte England
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I VERY STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Donald Trump DID NOT follow procedure as to its construction in any way. A project of this magnitude was never put before the citizens of the United States, either by direct communication or through the proper channels. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Donald Trump should pay for the rebuilding since he was not authorized to do this terrible damage to one of our Nation's most Enduring Symbols of our Democracy.

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Name: Casey Hanes
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Name: Roberta Diakun
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Name: Sarah Weidman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that every President has the right to request modifications to the White House and the

grounds. HOWEVER, every president has also gone about it through the proper channels. This lunatic in the White House has no regard or respect for the policies, procedures and practices of the Executive branch working in tandem with the Legistative branch to go about business.

This autocrat MUST BE STOPPED and forced to go about official white house dealings like every other president that has come before him. He must be held accountable to the rules, and if that means his tacky gilded ballroom is stopped or stalled until he follows the rules, then please make that happen. Just like a bratty toddler who has an ipad taken away, this turd at the top must face his own consequences for his actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sarah Weidman

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Name: Cathy Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the proposed ballroom. I am appalled that a part of our collective history was razed without public input, without going through the proper legal channels.

I want the building rebuilt as close to the original plans as possible. I strongly feel those who blatantly ignored the legal process should be held responsible and required to pay for all costs associated with rebuilding a historically accurate replacement.

We do not need a ballroom suitable for a king. Because the United States of America does not want, need, nor recognize the need for a king. Those who were sleeping during grammar school history need to learn about that little tiff we had with England called the American Revolutionary War.

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Name: Mary Strahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am furious that the East wing of the People's House was demolished without appropriate review, permitting, and approval, and I believe those responsible should be held financially and criminally accountable.

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom in this space. The White House should be repaired, and, if the space is needed for legitimate needs of the people of the United States, the East wing should be rebuilt and restored.

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Name: Lynn Alexander
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This is the People's House. He had no right to tear a portion down. This is an histrical property. By the way, what happened to all the items in the East Wing?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Bonasera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I submit this public comment to object to the demolition of the White House East Wing, the addition of a ballroom, and to call for an immediate halt to any further work.

The demolition of the East Wing without compliance with established planning and review requirements is fundamentally inconsistent with the principles of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. The Plan emphasizes coordinated federal planning, stewardship of nationally significant resources, transparency in decision-making, and adherence to orderly development processes. Proceeding with irreversible actions outside of these processes undermines the federal interest the Commission is charged with protecting.

This unauthorized demolition also sets a dangerous precedent. If projects of this national significance can advance without coordination, review, or accountability, the integrity of the federal planning framework—and the Commission's role within it—is weakened. In this context, it is unreasonable to assume that future submissions will be implemented as approved, or that conditions imposed through review will be respected.

The proposed ballroom similarly conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan's emphasis on demonstrated federal purpose and public benefit. There is no identified operational, governmental, or planning need for such a facility. An addition of this nature does not advance federal functions, improve public access, or serve a clear national interest, and instead further compromises the historic character of a nationally significant site.

I urge the Commission to:

* Call for an immediate halt to all related work;

* Acknowledge and address the demolition undertaken outside established planning and review processes;

* Require accountability and corrective action before considering any additional proposals; and

* Reject the premise that a ballroom is necessary or consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

The White House is a cornerstone of the National Capital and a federal asset of the highest significance. Alterations made without coordination, compliance, or consequence erode public trust and weaken the principles of stewardship and orderly development that the Comprehensive Plan is intended to uphold.

Respectfully,
Victoria Bonasera

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Name: Terri Stubblefield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anne McAuliffe
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Name: James Gerber
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Name: Haley Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was a historic gem. The fact that Trump razed the site without any permit or act of congress says it all. We must stop the destruction of our sacred ground. Please don't allow another mar a lago type gold filigree affair to be built at the White House. No one person should have the ability to demolish our historical grounds.

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Name: Lynnsey Plaisance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project was undertaken without going through the normal implementation process. I would like this project to halt, see this building restored to its former state, or at the very least go through the normal process followed for National Historical Landmarks.

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Name: Leslie Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appaled at the blatant razing of a National Treasure; the East Wing of the White House. Historic home of First Ladies' offices. The public entrance for white House tours and guests. The Presidential Operations Center created in the 1940's for security. This historic part of our history has been stomped on and destroyed by a man who has little or no respect for our treasured sites and buildings. There was no submission to The National Trust. Just an unjustified destruction of a beloved building by people who are only interested in self aggrandizement and lining their greedy pockets.
I urge you to put a stop to the ridiculous ballroom and have the East Wing restored as it was. I might also ask that the unnecessary gilding of the main house be removed. It is not historic or in good taste. It's tacky and embarrassing.

I thank you for your time.

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Name: Danielle Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and its spending, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a waste of money, a blatant disregard of projects the taxpayers actually need and support, and an embarrassment guaranteed to land on the wrong side of history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Trevor Halverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project is a wild misnomer. This travesty is nothing more than an attempt by, what will show in the history books, the worst president of these United States. A man that would take united out of our great country's name and make it into a horrible conglomeration under a single dictator who thinks he rules this country and the world.

Not only do we not need a ballroom, but even less do we need one that is paid for by groups trying to curry favor with such a terrible person and his "friends." A true modernization could be seen as an act of progression, but this is taking us back to the gilded age and nothing more. The haves and the have nots.

Trump has already ruined the mental image of the United States, don't let him ruin its physical image any worse than he already has. Leaving a pile of rubble beside the main portion of the white house is all that it should remain until someone worthwhile enters the office.

Signed, Trevor H. Halverson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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For a president and his administration to treat the White House like personal property, making massive and irresponsible changes without following proper procedures, cannot be tolerated. As a tax-paying citizen, I am offended that this was allowed to happen and that nothing has been done to rein in this unlawful and egregious behavior.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:33:05 PM
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Name: Miriam Margulies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Arlene Theriot
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Name: Alexander Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House should be a dignified monument to the people of our Republic, consistent with its modest name. It should not be an obscene monument to a megalomaniacal would-be dictator. Please reject this proposal or oppose it in the strongest terms and insist on something much more modest. The only reason any project is needed is the dictator's arrogance in demolishing part of the existing structure without approval or consultation. Whatever is built should not be financed by donations from courtiers who are disgustingly willing to flatter and enable the man they treat as a king.

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Name: elizabeth small
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Name: Susan Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kabanuk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reject this project. This project was not authorized by any lawful agency, other than Trump, himself. This is nothing more than a vanity project for Trump. Please demand that it be put back to its original design. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Rusty Walden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Since the destruction was not an authorized act, I think the people should sue Donald Trump for the cost of rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Frederick-Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project to build a giant ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. I am upset by the lack of process, review, communication or legal permitting that took place before the East Wing was demolished. I oppose a project that so deviates from the present historical design of the White House and especially a design that will dwarf the existing White House. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of one of the most iconic and treasured historic buildings whose lack of opulence and gargantuan size means something about our country, our history, and our commitment to democracy. It is the people's house and the destruction of the East Wing both felt and feels like an affront to our history and values. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Barrigar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is not an actual modernization project, but a vanity project for Donald Trump. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This callous and calculated destruction of a valued part of our nation's history must not stand. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Suzanne McCormick
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Name: Molly Maka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.
Molly Maka

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Name: Rhonda McKay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the East Wing to its previous state. NO BALLROOM. The American people do not want it and our country certainly does not need it.

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Name: Evelyn Newton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House (aka the White House) was severely damaged without the proper permission...bulldozed with no regard for history by a President with little regard for law, history or citizens' rights. It needs to be rebuilt as it was, and its construction paid for by the man who destroyed it!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Del Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. I am deeply offended about the destruction of an American icon and believe it should be restored to its former glory. The people who are responsible for this devastation should be held accountable.

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Name: Beth Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money to build a ballroom, much less the $300 million obtained by specious means with unknown quid pro quos. This administration did not go through proper channels to obtain authorization to destroy the East Wing or to build a ballroom. This is the people's house and no president should be allowed to skirt the law for his own self-aggrandizement. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. It is important that this president and future presidents understand that they work for We the People and cannot act with impunity.

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Name: Randi Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I acknowledge the need for a larger event space, but this because-I-said-so dictatorial approach to razing a nationally monumental structure is illegal and unacceptable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sandra Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Eric Mueller
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Name: Nancy Louk Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Donald TRump has done to the East Wing is outrageous. I oppose the use of funds for the building of his vanity ballroom, and ask that the East Wing be restored to its former state. TRump's ego needs to be reigned in before he defaces every public space and institution in our country! Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meghan Petruzzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House belongs to the people and as such its care should be determined by the people in a manner that benefits the people. The East Wing stood for something, it was the heart of the white house.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carole B F Lough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Caancel this horrific project and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the laws of this country and permitting the project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:30:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin W Waldron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the construction of a 'grand presidential ballroom' to replace the illegally demolished East Wing.

I call into question how the decision was made and whether safeguards for historic sites were effectively bypassed.

The East Wing demolition was not subjected to the standard review processes under the National Historic Preservation Act that typically apply to federal projects affecting historic structures, because the White House is exempt from some of those requirements.

I believe proceeding without meaningful public input, advance notice, or review by the public, taxpayers, the National Capitol Planning Commission, and all other relevant district and national planning bodies undercuts transparency and sets a dangerous and illegal precedent for unilateral alterations to key national landmarks.

I further challenge the president's broad authority over the White House and any and all future changes to it, including art, furnishings, and finishes. Private parties and private funding must be constrained and prohibited from informal and unauthorized and unfunded norms and consultations when any changes are proposed.

In addition, beyond the immediate design and process issues, I believe the proposed project is part of a larger cultural and political battle against the civic, historic, and democratic ideals which the Capitol represents to all Americans.

Moreover, I contend that replacing a wing associated with the history of the East Wing, its historical association the first ladies and their many social initiatives with a grand presidential ballroom symbolizes a shift toward elevating the executive image of the current president over shared civic history and the national symbolism of the White House.

For me, an ordinary citizen who has visited or seen the East Wing, the demolition feels like a personal loss of a "living, breathing" national home, not just a routine construction project.

For these and other more personal reasons I STRONGLY OPPOSE the construction of a 'grand presidential ballroom, and support an historic reconstruction of the original East Wing.

Sincerely,
Martin W. Waldron AIA
Retired Architect
California License C14329

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Name: Marian de Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the building of an unauthorized reviewed ballroom where the east wing of the White House used to exist. This project should be stopped and any future project should be reviewed by the proper agency that reviews them.

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Name: Juli Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dee Halstead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am writing to ask that the East Wing of the White House be returned to its original structure as part of the People's House. This building is a national monument and does not belong to this administration. We need to protect our monuments and our country from this administration who only care about their image and their legacy.
Thank you

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Name: Chris Rafeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It was a total illegal destruction of a major portion of the White House that belongs to the people, not to Trump! I oppose spending $300 million on this project that was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It was a complete razing of an important historical element of our American history and of the House that belongs to the American people. The project needs to be cancelled and the East Wing should be restored to its former design and Trump should be forced to pay for this personally! To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who actually care about our history and want to see it preserved as it actually occurred. If a ballroom is needed for White House events, build it somewhere else.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:30:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine McElhone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a completely unnecessary renovation. A tacky, self-aggrandizing, ridiculously expensive monstrosity. This plan is contrary to the integrity of the building both physically and metaphorically. Stop this nonsense.

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Name: LinMara Bluebird
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Name: Louis Libert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The Trump administration had no right to tear down the East Wing. it was illegal to tear it down. No one was asking for and no one wants this obscenity of a ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. The White House is the people's house. It is not Trump's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kate Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I write in strong opposition to the proposed changes to the former East Wing by constructing a 90,000 square foot ballroom. This space represents a significant and irreplaceable component of the historic character of the White House. The proposed alterations would materially diminish its architectural integrity and undermine the preservation standards the NCPC is entrusted to uphold. Once compromised, the historic fabric of this space cannot be restored. I respectfully urge the NCPC to deny approval of this proposal.

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Name: Robin Weldy
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Name: Elisha Bailez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I request a freeze of funds for this project and full review of plans, budget and benefits of proposed changes. These should have oversight and governance within a bipartisan committees to make sure complete fiduciary responsibility and transparency before anything is approved or any monies are spent. Stop construction!
This was forced through illegally by a president who lives in Florida. The White House is not his primary residence by choice and he should not be allowed to unilaterally make these decisions.

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Name: F Finn
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Name: Susan Maitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, not the occupant! It is a national treasure that should have been protected from the destructive tendencies of a twice impeached felon, rapist, and pedophile! He must be made to return it to its previous glory on his dime! This is what the 9/11 terrorists thought would put a dagger in the soul of Americans, done by a very evil mentally ill thug!

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Name: Janet Traut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unless and until all required applications, reviews, and approvals are completed, the corrupt $300M ballroom must be stopped. It should only be considered as an addition, and scaled back to balance the previously existing architecture; this can only be considered after total restoration of the East Wing. And Trump should be required, personally, to reimburse the citizens to correct his violation of existing law, as restitution.

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Name: Elizabeth Uss-Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Melissa Herron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is known as the people's house for a reason. It's already shameful that the east wing was torn down without approval and it's debris carelessly removed without consideration for proper asbestos remediation, no further action should occur until the proper authorities have a chance to determine its feasibility. Having the new construction paid for by private donors is not reason enough for making such drastic changes to OUR house.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:29:02 PM
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Name: Ellen Giggi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History. This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The plans are not architecturally appropriate, the cost is exorbitant, and there is no historical context. Whatever can be done to bring the East Wing back as much like before is the right thing to do. Thank you.

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Name: Shannon McDonough
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Name: Mary Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:27:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Robson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is not a country club nor should it be pretending to be one. The destruction of the East Wing occurred without warning, permits, or input from the people whose house it is.

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Name: Kelly Conrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing which was torn down without proper authorization. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt and oppose this wanton destruction of an American landmark and historical building by the current regime. Please do not allow the construction of this unwanted monstrosity. Thank you for reading.

Sincerely
Kelly M Conrad

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Name: Diane Cary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a shameless power grab. It allows the current administration to inflict its retrogressive, bombastic taste on the American people with no respect for the lawful process.

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Name: Frank Haberle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This ballroom is an embarrassment to the United States of America.

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Name: Bill Maher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Natalie Orwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jack Stansfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Roberta Goschke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount, for that matter) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather ego-driven and self-serving, a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the

East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Amy Rock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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While the White House is exempt from Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, it is still subject to regulations regarding extensive changes. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I oppose this project as proposed, both because of the illegal nature of its initiation, and the questionable nature of the scale, scope, and funding for the project. Elevation drawings presented at the meeting are deliberately presented to diminish the size and visual impact of this structure, which will ultimately dwarf the Executive Mansion from all viewpoints. This is not a dignified gathering space for world leaders, but a convention center mimicking the palatial residences of monarchs, rather than a needful addition to the People's House.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in visual scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion, as appropriate to the preservation of historic properties.

The solicitation of private funds to to support the effort must be done with full transparency, and without implied favors or special treatment for investors. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without respect for that law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the rule of law in this country.

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Name: Haylie Armbruster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an average American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a travesty and potentially a crime.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the expenses should be charged to Donald J Trump's illegally gained billions. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Terri Martino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart breaks for the loss of the East Wing - I would like to see it restored to its former glory, a piece of history available for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

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Name: Ben Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Mike Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the White House belongs to the America people, and the President is only granted temporary use of it, the President should have only an advisory role in what changes and modifications are made. The detailed decisions should be made by a panel of experts, appointed by Congress. The panel should include experts on architecture, civil engineering, American history, and political science.

Any major project at the White House should primarily serve the American people, in that it facilitates either the appropriate governance of the country, or the ability of the public to access/inform the office of

President.

Political fundraising on White House grounds should be specifically and unilaterally banned. Any new project should not include space intended to be used for fundraising or campaigning. Any space that is not open to the entire public, should be reserved for use by officer-holders or staff of the US government. To ensure the entire public has access, no event shall be closed to anyone arriving for that event who is presentably dressed and behaves peaceably. Access to public events should always be on a first-come, first-served basis, excepting official emissaries of foreign nations and special guests, where “special guests” can never exceed 10% of the attendees.

No structure on White House grounds shall be named after a living person. Former Presidents must have been deceased for a decade before their names can be officially memorialized by naming of a structure or ediface.

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Name: Heather Grove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Darcy Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is not a "Modernization" of the East Wing but an illegal and ugly effort to construct a legacy of a disastrous presidency that daily harms Americans and our standing in the world. The White House is not the president's personal home: it is a museum that should present an honest and dignified record of American history. Cancel this folly to vanity and rebuild the East Wing in accord with its original design.

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Name: Emily Francis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States of America, I oppose the demolition and proposed project of turning the historical East Wing of the White House, the PEOPLE'S HOUSE, into a ballroom for society's "elite" and billionaires. Our historical buildings are not meant to be hockey rinks and racecar tracks with advertising and billboards sold to the highest bidder plastered all over them! Rebuild the historical East Wing as it was, and don't let Trump touch The Kennedy Center either, unless it's to remove the stain of his name upon a once great institution.

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Name: Darlene Cobbey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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We live in an historic district in Nevada and we cannot change the color of our house let alone remodel or tear down even a marginal structure without permission from the Historic Commission.

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Name: Ginny Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am disgusted by the payoffs the president is getting. The corporate funding supporting the renovation of the White House is astounding and corrupt. Furthermore, as far as I know, historic designations were bypassed. According to Public Citizens' report, "Banquet of Greed," at least 24 corporation funders of the renovation have entered into contracts with the government. Many of these funders have seen federal enforcement actions, including major anti-trust, labor rights and SEC matters, suspended by the Trump administration. As Public Citizen Co-President Robert Weissman points out, "Millions to fund Trump's architectural whims are nothing compared to the billions at stake in procurement, regulatory and enforcement decisions." This whole pay-to-play scheme has been so egregious that lawmakers are starting formal congressional investigations and are proposing legislation to block similar future shakedowns called the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act. Frankly, I think the White House should be restored for free by Trump through his personal finances...not one cent of taxpayer money to rectify the situation and the corporations should be fined at significant levels.

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Name: Gayle Pinderhughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done in complete violation of and disregard for the law and regulations governing changes to a historically and culturally significant place like the White House. The plans to replace the East Wing with a giant ballroom have been put forward at the pleasure of one person who is not entitled to make such decisions. I feel that the East Wing should be replaced with a structure that complements the aesthetic and scale of the whole of the White House. To allow a giant ballroom that overshadows the White House to be built would be absurd and obnoxous in addition to being an insult to the American people, the U.S. presidency and the city of Washington.

All laws and regulations governing the site of the White House must be rigorously followed in the process of the design and rebuilding of the site. The person who initiated the teardown of the East Wing should not be allowed to have any involvement in decisions about the replacement structure and he should be otherwise penalized for his illegal actions. Furthermore he should be required to personally pick up the cost of the replacement structure.

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Name: Dena Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this outrageous unpermitted work destroying a historic building owned by the American people. It is outrageous to spend $300 million on this unauthorized demolition, with no design review. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its original design and plan, restoring it's part of American history.

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Name: William Van Horne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is purely a vanity project that serves no useful purpose to the American people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melanie Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the beautiful Rose Garden? Concrete.
Remember the beautiful East Wing? That beautiful hallway was an area of contemplation.
I oppose the spending any tax payer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, Donald Trump personally held liable for its destruction, the money already donated clawed into one fund to be held by the National Trust, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Down to the last brick. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This includes the contractors who destroyed it. Lack of understanding is no excuse. Revoke any licenses and certifications they may hold. If my neighbor did this to my home he would be arrested immediately and charged for the crime then imprisoned!!! So should Donald Trump.
Thank you for your time.

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Name: Joanie Blinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martin W Waldron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the construction of a 'grand presidential ballroom' to replace the illegally demolished East Wing.

I call into question how the decision was made and whether safeguards for historic sites were effectively bypassed.

The East Wing demolition was not subjected to the standard review processes under the National Historic Preservation Act that typically apply to federal projects affecting historic structures, because the White House is exempt from some of those requirements.

I believe proceeding without meaningful public input, advance notice, or review by the public, taxpayers, the National Capitol Planning Commission, and all other relevant district and national planning bodies undercuts transparency and sets a dangerous and illegal precedent for unilateral alterations to key national landmarks.

I further challenge the president's broad authority over the White House and any and all future changes to it, including art, furnishings, and finishes. Private parties and private funding must be constrained and prohibited from informal and unauthorized and unfunded norms and consultations when any changes are proposed.

In addition, beyond the immediate design and process issues, I believe the proposed project is part of a larger cultural and political battle against the civic, historic, and democratic ideals which the Capitol represents to all Americans.

Moreover, I contend that replacing a wing associated with the history of the East Wing, its historical association the first ladies and their many social initiatives with a grand presidential ballroom symbolizes a shift toward elevating the executive image of the current president over shared civic history and the national symbolism of the White House.

For me, an ordinary citizen who has visited or seen the East Wing, the demolition feels like a personal loss of a "living, breathing" national home, not just a routine construction project.

For these and other more personal reasons I STRONGLY OPPOSE the construction of a 'grand presidential ballroom, and support an historic reconstruction of the original East Wing.

Sincerely,
Martin W. Waldron AIA
Retired Architect
California License C14329

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Name: Merry Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project completely; I oppose any spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a sacrilege of American history. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (paid for out of Trump's pocket - not that that is going to happen). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bev Lund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly disapprove of the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed “ballroom”. This was all undertaken without proper input or approval by the American people or regulating agencies. The White House is The People’s House not the property of any given occupant.

Additionally, the cost and size of the project continue to rise. Initially it was supposed to cost 200 million dollars and is now estimated to cost 400 million dollars. I have no illusions that this will be paid for by donors. With the focus of fraud, waste and abuse in government, I see this as meeting all of those criteria.

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Name: Terri Schelvan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: John Harn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to the scope and feel of its former design. The White House is a historic landmark/site that belongs to the American people. It is NOT Trump's privately owned residence. It is The People's House and needs to be respected as such.

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Name: Sarah Grote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on this project which comes from supposedly publicly unidentified private funds and without accountability to the American citizens who own this building. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and the proposed massive vanity project does not fit with the size of what is left of the historical Whitehouse. Furthermore, there should have been more input from the American public about what would be done with the Whitehouse. The East Wing should be restored, or if any ballroom is built, it should be proportional to the rest of the building, and the funding should be completely transparent to the public, as should the design review, and those who already broke the law in tearing it down without review should be penalized.

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Name: Nancy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kara Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Enos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Helen Drago-Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To Whom it may concern,
I am against approving the renovation and ballroom plan as it has been presented. While I agree that updating a facility is a necessary part in maintaining functionality, I wholeheartedly disagree that the USA needs a ballroom to the size and scale that Mr. Trump is trying to foist onto the American public.
The design presented for the East Wing/Ballroom square footage is much too large and will cause an unbalanced esthetic to the entire building. Do not let the current design proceed to the construction phase. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House must have the ability to oversee and approve of the design and architecture plans of a more modest, balanced East Wing rebuild.
Sincerely,
Helen Drago-Lucas

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Name: Jim Mady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop or delay Trump's project at the White House until the present administration is forced to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Thank you.

Resident of the USA.

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Name: Pat Treckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this so-called "modernization" project, initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. This is instead an eradication of our American history. I am among countless U.S. citizens who want this project stopped and to have the East Wing restored to its former design. Laws were broken. To allow this non-permitted project to go forward would be a travesty. This demolition of history should be investigated by an independent and impartial group and those who broke the law should be held accountable for their actions to the fullest extent of the law.

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Name: Sumerlin Larsen-Lesperance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shannon Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: BECKY BUSSIAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janis Moomey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Yolanda Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Tammy Stocker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Ellen Kardell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People of the United States. This unauthorized demolition of a historic property should have had many layers of approval and consent from the National Trust as well as our legislators.

(My comment includes the Rose Garden and building of the out-of-scale ballroom monstrosity that Trump wants to slap up next to the WH).

I strongly do not want this ballroom to be built. I want to see the Rose Garden and the East Wing restored as they were two years ago. I'm a DC native and lived a good portion of my adult life just blocks from the White House and have been a supporter of the National Trust and have respect for history and historic architecture—something that this developer/president does not.

This is an attempt to destabilize and distract the public from other very serious issues.

Thank you.

Ellen Kardell
Sugar Creek, Missouri

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Name: Julie Combs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The whole project is illegal
The East wing,needs to be rebuilt,to it's former structure.
Enough of the Whitehouse and it's grounds,have been destroyed.
It is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE!

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Name: Debbie Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deidre Estey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not give permission for this out of proportion , monstrous building to be built. It dwarfs our beautiful peoples house and is not necessary. Restore and code upgrade the beautiful proportions of the East wing.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:22:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing and the ludicrous dimensions of the proposed ballroom are both offensive to the American people, who own the White House. We respect its history and the significance of it as a symbol of the people's right to elect leaders. It is a world-famous symbol of democracy. Its wanton destruction was surely illegal. How does one person have the right to destroy the People's property with no consultation.

The ballroom itself is a vanity project. Why should it overpower the main house with its size and decoration, which would no doubt be garish, as seen in the White House?

Authorities must take charge and do all that is necessary to stop this project and rebuild the East Wing as it was. Laws should be enacted to make sure this does not happen again. Presidents do not own the White House. They are tenants.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:22:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Tindall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. Any president at any time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:21:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Pimental
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Albert Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

omg - Please restore the east wing as it was. I'd also love to see an eco roof on top of the building and ripping out all of the lawn and replacing it with natives

Date: 2/17/2026 2:21:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Daugherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpaying American Citizen, I am vehemently opposed to the construction of the $300 million ballroom project. We as ordinary citizens must follow the rule of law and abide by the democratic standards that have been outlined in our Constitution. No one person is above the law and as such should go through the proper procedures before tearing down the People's House just to feed the ego of a narcissistic President.

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Name: Oden-Curtis Lorena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the President should offer a contribution of $300 million of his own money to the restoration of the East Wing since he was solely responsible for its demolition. Then he should be removed from having any input into its restoration. I think by hiring reputable architects and restorationists we can make huge improvements. I think the opportunity for subterfuge and spy craft are increased with donations so it should be formally funded

Date: 2/17/2026 2:20:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Posada
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project is a disgrace to the history of Washington DC. Preserving the house that holds the most power in the planet should be paramount. To let a vain, egotistical maniac destroy it for his own prestige is a travesty to American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sprinkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Scharlau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is such a complete waste of taxpayer money and the nation's budget. There was no reason for this massive beauty project that only can be viewed by the president and official guests. Restore the east wing to the former glory it already held and cut this vanity project from the budget!

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Name: Arlaina Tibensky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ann Kuitunen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Douglas Herrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lara Ewen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rodney Graf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's my understanding that the White House and its grounds are a United States National Park and as such no one person can, or should, decide its fate unilaterally. Significant changes require review, permitting, and Congressional oversight. The demolition of the East Wing was a violation of law and the project as it's envisioned is illegal without this planning process.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require a work stoppage, review of the legality of what has happened so far, and to reinstate a normal process for anything to constructed on the site.
This property belongs to the people of our country. We should have a say in any changes and construction should be funded with taxpayer dollars, only.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing ‘modernization’. It is a poorly designed and grossly overpriced monstrosity. The proposed plans reveal a tacky, single-wide-mobile-home style that’s trying to be something else and is failing. The lies that state we are “winning” simply show critically important programs are arbitrarily de-funded while this huge money-pit monstrosity continues. The original East Wing held history - real history, not this ego-driven, ugly building that we don’t need and the PEOPLE do not want. Proper guidelines were not followed, appropriate approval through the long established Park Service was neither given nor approved. The demolition of the East Wing is a tragedy and a travesty of justice. I oppose this construction. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to it’s original glory!!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:20:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Sehy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House stood.
President Trump tore that historic wing down without permission or any input from the commission.
The White House belongs to the people not Donald Trump.

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Name: Linda Egeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can’t support the proposed $300 million being directed toward this project, especially given that it appears to have moved forward without the necessary approvals, permits, or formal design review. This goes far beyond a simple update or modernization — it would mean dismantling an important piece of our nation’s history. I believe this effort should be halted, with the East Wing instead rebuilt and restored in keeping with its original design. Accountability matters, and allowing a project to proceed under these circumstances, without consequences for bypassing established legal processes, undermines the standards that apply to everyone.

I also had the chance to visit the East Wing during the Christmas season when Barack Obama was in office, and it was absolutely beautiful. I am so grateful to have had this experience. It breaks my heart that it has been destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: S. Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, for the love of everything good, do what you can to stop this atrocious “ballroom” and restore the east wing to its former glory. The razing of that wing was illegal and to continue the illegality by building something so garish and out of character for the White House would be wrong. Plain and simple. It is wrong what happened and it shouldn’t be make more wrong by building a ballroom that the average American, like myself, doesn’t want or need. Please do your best to restore the White House and further protect it from the garish gilding that is happening.
Thank you and Godspeed.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Rivera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be made to rebuild the East Wing as it was and pay for it out if his own pocket! What a travesty to remove a piece of history to build his fragile ego. Can’t believe that tech billionaires think they can change history to boost DJT’s ego for no other reason than to kowtow to him.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Calderon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its entirety due to the illegal demolition and alleged permitting without the required approvals. The White House is the people's house and not the pet project of one individual to do as he pleases. To allow this project to go forward is to allow a narcissist to yet again break the law, flaunt it, and to again go unpunished.

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Name: James Hamren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Hiette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose ANY tax payer $$$ on East Wing work other than complete restoration. The destruction of the east wing was done illegally & under malfeasance by the current administration.

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Name: patric davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project was not approved by congress and is despicable that Trump thinks he has the right to do this.

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Name: Jennifer Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laurie Brown
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Name: Loren Rhoads
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled. I oppose this "modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Georgeann Casey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing renovation project. This was not reviewed or approved just torn down on a whim. I watched in horror as history was erased in moments. Pls restore the East Wing to its proper place in our country's history.

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Name: Rev. Elizabeth Dodd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DENISE KARNS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a ballroom on the White House grounds. There has been no proper authorization, permits, or design review. The demolition occurred without consideration of toxins being released or trying to preserve parts of it or protecting the remaining building. The East Wing should be restored to it's former design, with modern convivences allowed for electronic technology, etc. We do not need a presidential ballroom, we don't need a palace. There are plenty of venues the Washington DC area which have built their businesses around providing all the services a ballroom requires. Not only has our history been destroyed, but the prospect of removing revenue from local businesses needs to be considered.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Livia Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is a travesty to the American people. It started without any approval from Congress while destroying the very wing where the First Ladies conduct their business. It must be stopped immediately.

The East Wing should be restored to it's original state as soon as possible.

A Voter
Livia Thomas

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Name: Gail Reilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jody Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello.

The east wing should have never been destroyed and so should be restored, at Donald Trump's expense, to it's former form and function. Upgrades should also be performed as deemed necessary by the commission, paid for by Donald Trump as well, in the form of payment for punitive damages. Donald Trump destroyed public property, and I believe if any other citizen commits such a crime, they would be made to make restitutions and pay punitive penalties.

Furthermore, erecting an arch on the taxpayers' dime, and in the people's capital, must not proceed without the people's permission.

As I live and breathe, I wonder just how much corruption are we, the people, expected to tolerate?

Yours truly,
BTOwens, DVM

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Name: Lou Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a disgrace. I do not support it.

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Name: Kathleen Sheldon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The initial demolition was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history.

The project is a personal self-aggrandizement effort by the current president, and is an attack on the history of our first ladies, who historically had their offices in the East Wing. To attempt to replace that site with an ugly, oversized, and unnecessary ballroom is completely disgraceful and disgusting.

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Name: Darla Zembower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jonathan Herdt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project as it's currently being conducted. Donald Trump initiated this project without the proper authorization and permits, and is completely dismissive of the history and purpose of the White House. It's not his possession to alter as he sees fit. I do not want my tax dollars spent on this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the White House Ballroom/offices project in its current design. Critics and historians fear the massive structure will "overwhelm" the historic White House, destroy its historical significance, and represent a "monument to vanity", as do I. I am concerned about the lack of Congressional approval for a project of this scale. I also object to the project not being reviewed by the historical association. I think it will also be a security threat. The massive windows invite bad actors to take advantage of our leadership and guests on display. Furthermore, the graft and financial chicanery accompanying the funding are infuriating. Donald Trump is taking advantage of the project to enrich himself. Please do not allow this building to ruin the President's House.

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Name: Janet Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tim DePuy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melissa Fazzina
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Name: Jeanne Wiebke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was horrifying enough for the East Wing to be illegally demolished. The ONLY thing that should be built in its place is an EXACT replica of what was torn down. The "People's house" does not need an oversized, gaudy ballroom. The ballroom project should not b approved under any circumstances. Fines should be handed out to whoever approved the demolition.

As a 64 yr old woman from Iowa, I cannot tell you how upset I am that this was allowed to be demolished and will be further furious if a gaudy ballroom is built. I do not care who pays for it, it MUST NOT BE BUILT.

Do the right thing and do not approve this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:17:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Nina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Bucholtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any funds) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. To date it seems this project has no regard for the American public. I hope you take the American public seriously over blatant non approved administration actions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Wiles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing REBUILT and RESTORED to its FORMER design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for allowing me to speak about this atrocity to our great Nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryAnn Malecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing returned to its former glory at NO cost to taxpayers. It was torn down illegally and needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was. All legally with permits

Date: 2/17/2026 2:16:38 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Arpin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House is not the sole decision of the current resident-----The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States and we allow the President to live there. That person reports to US and any drastic changes need to be presented to US before such attempts are made. This was definitely not done and the American People are now left with a memory of what once was. The East Wing should be restored to its natural beauty and, if upgrades are necessary due to modern building codes, so be it. Don't erase OUR history. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
Recently I attended a meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts at which the members discussed the East Wing project with the architect. I learned that the ballroom would extend 300 feet (a full football field's length) in front of the White House. Also, the architect was asked to provide a physical scale model of the proposed design which should be available to the National Capital Planning Commission for your review.

Like many other private citizens, I object to this grandiose addition which is completely out of scale with the setting and other buildings in the area. Please ask the architect to go "back to the drawing board" and follow through with the advice of the public in redesigning a suitable ballroom for this historic setting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
Fran Bowman, California

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mina Capell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the wing back to the way it was. Modernize it with today’s electronics, windows and such. But return it to what it was.

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Name: Carrie Levin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loren Raymer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 plus million dollars on this project. I believe it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It doesn't appear to be a modernization project but rather a complete bulldozing of American history. I want this project canceled!! The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Bodnar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing "ballroom" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Stackhouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's a tragedy what the Trump Administration has done to our beautiful and historic East Wing. I am sickened by this and would like to see it completely restored. Then do the Rose Garden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Val Klemz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project, projected to cost taxpayers like me $300 million dollars. This project advanced without appropriate reviews, permits, and approvals. We cannot condone these intentional oversights. No one is above the law, and moving this project forward only validates illegal maneuvering. It's long past time to hold power accountable. Use my tax dollars to restore my White House East Wing to its previous form. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne McCarney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bill Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Val Shanahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katherine Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:15:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: beth KAMHI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.this creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LYNDSE BALLEW
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or anything other than restoration of the East Wing on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop this!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Mount
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled.
The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Somehow, we've managed to survive 250 years without a "grand ballroom" to rival the Palace at Versailles and if this country survives another 250 years, we'd still be fine without this affront to democracy. Meanwhile, US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. If someone wants to invest millions of dollars to impress the leaders of other countries, it

should be used to show the world that the United States cares about its own people. I want this project cancelled.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Paredes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate that this project is undergoing review. I do not want this to set a precedent that demolishing something without proper review is a successful way to start a project that might not otherwise have been approved. I ask that the East Wing be restored to it's previous condition with limited changes and no ballroom ,and that taxpayer expense be kept to a minimum.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:53:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ALICIA POWER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Olive
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, including east and west wings, is an historic building. And although it might need updating from time to time, that should be accomplished with careful consideration to properly maintain it for posterity. Tearing down a portion of it, seemingly on a whim, should be illegal and punishable under the law. Forget the ballroom. Rebuild the White House East Wing with any appropriate updating necessary.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:55:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jemiah Jefferson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this destructive and pointless project. I oppose spending $300 million - whatever the source of the funds - on the destruction of a national landmark, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who repeatedly and flagrantly broke the law would be a further affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:14:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why is Trump being allowed to circumvent the appropriate reviews? The lack of transparency here is alarming. The corporate donors who are supposedly funding the project are buying favors? Or afraid of retribution from Trump? The project smells and looks bad no matter how you look at it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe this project should go forward as currently planned. I had the honor to attend a Christmas party at the White House hosted by President and Mrs. Reagan. I felt privileged to visit the White House, a treasure belonging to all the people of the United States. Any significant change should be designed and constructed according to proper procedures. No one, not even the president, should have sole power to make those changes. Furthermore, theproposed ballroom is out of proportion to the rest of the structure. If allowed to go forward, at a cost of $300,000,000, it will be a monument to poor taste.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:14:38 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: A N
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending 300M on this projectthat destroys important American history. It was done without the proper reviews or authorizations. This was against the law and those involved should be penalized. The ballroom should be restored to its previous state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kai Sanburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, the East Wing modernization project, is not modernizing. It is a bizarre vanity project and the destruction of history and our shared culture.
It was done seemingly overnight without any indication of a thoughtful and respectful process, much less legal.
It must be stopped and the East Wing restored
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 2:14:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Lewandowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very saddened see that the East Wing was allowed to be destroyed in the first place. The White House is the People's House and it's heartbreaking to know that no one did anything to stop this. I want this part of the White House to be restored back to what it was before. We do not need all of the gaudy gold included, just the elegance that was there prior the destruction. Since the billionaires have already donated the money, that money needs to be used to restore it. We don't need a ballroom. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wilma Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. The WH has always been a symbol of the US, it should not be symbol of anything else

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Mangen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I stand firmly against the $300 million being allocated to this ballroom project, which was launched without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization — it is the wholesale destruction

of OUR American history. I am calling for the immediate cancellation of this project and the restoration of the East Wing to its original design. No one is exempt from the law, and allowing this to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a grave injustice to every American who plays by the rules.

Thanks,

Michelle

Date: 2/17/2026 2:14:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Gerhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to enter my very strong disapproval of what has been done to the White House (the People's House) by Donald Trump.

He had ho authority to destroy the East Wing, and has no authority to put up a monstrous Throne Room for himself in its place. The scale of his proposed change is totally out of line with the simple, classic Federal Design of the White House and must be stopped. Please do not let him do this to our treasured White House. He does NOT own it, and will not be there for long. . If he is allowed to go forward with this monument to his ego, it will just have to be removed the second he is gone.

Sincerely, Kenneth Gerhardt, [redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Alford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Also, the White House does not need a ballroom. It is the house of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:11:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Wiggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Cyphers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:04:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. As an Amrican citizen, I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was recklessly initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review by our greedy, narcissistic

current President. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete raping and razing of valuable and venerable American history. This egotistical, laughable, ridiculous project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design, with the Prrsident paying the cost, not the American tax payers! No one is above the law. NO ONE. To permit this project to proceed, even with penalizing those who broke the law, would be an insult and a crime committed against all law-abiding citizens of the U.S., including me.

PLEASE respect our history and protect it.
Thank you,
Kim Hudson

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raeni Conner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of our White House was a careless and thoughtless act which was illegally carried out in order to build a gaudy ballroom. It is infuriating that a sitting President would blatantly ignore legal and historical procedures to destroy a piece of our White House.

Please restore the East Wing to its original beauty and historic significance.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Bublitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Wendy Hayden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing and the construction of a new ballroom in its place. The East Wing is more than an architectural feature, it is a space deeply connected to the legacy of American women who shaped public life and national history. From First Ladies who used the East Wing for press conferences, advocacy, and outreach, to generations of women staffers, journalists, and citizens who carved out a place for their voices there, this part of the White House represents progress and participation that should be preserved, not erased.

To spend $300 million on a vanity project funded by private donors, without proper authorization, public input, or design review, is a misuse of both process and principle. This is not modernization; it is destruction. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored, with attention to the women's history it embodies. No one, however wealthy or well-connected, is above the law or the stewardship of our shared national heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Wieland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when Mr. Trump demolished the East wing of the White House. It is the People's house, not his. He is allowed to live there rent free during his term but cannot unilaterally make a drastic change like this. I oppose the plan for a ballroom. It is not needed and is ugly. Trump has already wasted so much money on his self-serving and self-aggrandizing projects. If possible, use the money that the billionaires donated for the ballroom to replace the East wing of the beautiful White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Pate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do NOT need a new ballroom in the White House! There are people starving in the USA!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It’s not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. (And paid for by those who destroyed It….and NOT BY AMERICANS Taxes ,,,) No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:02 PM
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Name: Kristina Vincent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. At the expense of President Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national monument. While it is home to the elected president, he lives there temporarily. It's not his personal address. Presidents have made structural changes in the past. President Truman made such changes to the building and received a lot of criticism at the time, but that project was to make the building safer. It was not a vanity project. Creating a ballroom on the taxpayer is totally inappropriate. To do it on donations from billionaires? That's even worse. It's the People's House. It belongs to us.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:04:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Asbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect with many friends devoting their careers to historic preservation, I am gobsmacked at the needless destruction of east wing of the White House without any permissions, permitting or approval.

Please halt all work on this project until the proper reviews and approvals are obtained. This home belongs to all Americans, and the use of private funding does not negate securing the necessary reviews and approvals for any national historic property, Regards, Scott Asbury

Date: 2/17/2026 2:09:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. A travesty. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randy Sampson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: M E
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am a resident registered voter and US citizen of Montgomery County MD. I oppose any and all, “modernization” efforts related to the WhiteHouse and in particular, Donald Trump’s J Trump’s renovations of the East Wing and other publicly owned spaces. The White House is under public domain. It is historically significant. DJT has already irreparably damaged the structure, effectively stealing and destroying our cultural heritage. His actions amount to criminal activity and must stop.

Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DAVID LONG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Char Goode
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Blythe Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount for that matter, on the construction of a ballroom. Destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without proper authorization and was not done as a modernization. I wish to see the East Wing rebuilt as it once was.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Deyton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a citizen residing in Newnan, Georgia. I wish to voice that I oppose this project. The razing of the East Wing without permits, approval or historic review is an egregious abuse of power by the president. Build the East wing back as it was and as the Comment Title indicates modernize electrical, plumbing, environmentally friendly surfaces but as for design, Recreate it!!!! And penalize the one who broke the law!!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:08:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M. Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arthur Verbrugghe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project", it is another vainglorious sop to the fragile ego and insatiable need for glorification of, you guessed it, Donald Trump. It is, like all of these "projects", and attempt to seal his legacy, dubious at best, disgusting more truthfully, (i.e., The Kennedy Center), and splash his likeness and name all over DC. DON'T DO IT!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Auchincloss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this unlawful project. At many levels, it is a costly and illegal razing and addition to a building that the current occupant does not own. We, the people of the USA own it and we didn't give permission for this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Sholl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up near the White House and I vehemently dislike what has been done to it. It needs to be restored back to it's original state, which was balanced and lovely.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Eshbaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want it rebuilt to exactly the way it was. There is no reason to create another Mar A Lago in DC. He needs stopped so someone needs to take the rebuild out of his hands.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:09:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Callahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't waste our money on this unapproved project!!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phoebe Grigg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing "modernization" project, and proposed GIANT ballroom. This is a ridiculous and unauthorized use of public property, without consultation with the National Historic Monuments office. I

continue to be shocked at the construction without comment or voice of the American People. NO DESTRUCTION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Betsy Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dawn Custer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Wilkinson
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Name: Rozlynn Downer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am NOT in favor of President Trump doing any more damage to our White House. He has already greatly overstepped his bounds in destroying the East Wing. Anything further done must be approved and supervised by those actually in charge. I would prefer the East Wing be restored at HIS own personal expense. The tax payers were not consulted in the demolition of this historic destruction process. Therefore, IMHO, we need not pay for the mistakes his massive ego makes.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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Name: Gail Ann Chadwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marla Pelz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. The East Wing of the White House, my house, was torn down without regards to the history of the United States.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Scherber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed demolition of the East Wing of the White House—and its replacement with a donor\u8209 -funded "ballroom" backed by tech billionaires—represents a profound breach of public trust and a direct threat to America's historic heritage. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is right to fight this, and every American who values the rule of law and the preservation of our national identity should stand with them.

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project. It was launched without the legally required authorization, permits, or design review—processes that exist specifically to protect national landmarks from reckless alteration. Calling this a "modernization" is misleading. It is not an update or improvement; it is a wholesale destruction of an irreplaceable piece of American history.

This project must be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original architectural design, honoring the craftsmanship, symbolism, and national significance that it represents. No individual, donor group, or administration is above the law. Allowing a project of this scale to proceed without accountability for the violations already committed would undermine every principle of fair governance and send the message that wealth and influence can override the legal protections that safeguard our shared heritage.

Defending the East Wing is not merely about preserving a building—it is about preserving the integrity of our institutions and the rule of law that binds us together as a nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:12:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Kneeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of any unnecessary alterations to the White House. This includes demolition of the East Wing to build an over-sized ballroom that will not be in proportion to the White House. Please stop this vanity project

Date: 2/17/2026 2:12:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn McCluskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am submitting this comment for your March 5 meeting regarding the proposed East Wing modernization and ballroom addition to the White House complex.

I strongly oppose this proposal.

The White House is one of the most historically and architecturally significant structures in the nation. Its proportions, setting, and architectural integrity are central to its symbolic and civic importance. A substantial addition—particularly one that alters the scale or character of the complex—risks permanently changing a landmark that should be preserved with exceptional restraint.

My concerns include:
• Compatibility with historic character: The White House complex is not an open canvas for expansion. Any large new addition threatens the established massing and visual harmony of the site.
• Long-term precedent: Approval of a major structural expansion could lower the threshold for future alterations, gradually eroding the historic integrity of the complex.
• Necessity and proportionality: Functional or ceremonial needs should be evaluated against less intrusive alternatives before introducing new construction of this scale.

The Commission plays a critical role in safeguarding the long-term planning and historic character of the nation's capital. I hope these responsibilities remain central to your deliberations.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Proudfoot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
One person cannot decide what our heritage is and how public buildings should look. We have systems to decide these things. A bull in a china shop is not the right method.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The man who decided to destroy the East Wing has immunity because the Supreme Court using "originality" for a pretext found that the Constitution wants that. He will never suffer the consequences of this illegal act.

Don't let him get away with it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose this East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and the urge the Commission to reject the plan until all legal processes are followed. I remind the Commission that the White House is the House of the People and any and all "Projects" should be approved by both the Commission and the Congress of the United States. I urge the Commission to demand that the historical East Wing be restored to its original beauty and just because it has already been demolished should not in any way mean that it is too late. There was a legal process to follow and the current Administration has, once again, believed that the law does not apply to them. Please assure the citizens of the United States that you will make it clear to this President that the White House is OURS.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Workman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Erwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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would be an affront to all law-abiding
Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Hanna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carla Stetson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design paid for by the person who allowed this travesty to happen. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:11:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its former condition, no enlargement, no gold. It was a crime to tear it down. This statement expresses how I feel:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane Goldenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing of the East Wing and the use of taxpayer dollars for a new building that was not authorized by the people through their representatives in Congress.

This reckless act of destruction of a portion of the people's house must never be allowed to happen again. No administration should ever be allowed toe take it upon themselves to act without proper approval and procedures for permitting, etc. Not a penny more of new taxpayer money should be spent on this boondoggle. And certainly not a $400 million gigantic ballroom that will dwarf the existing historic White House. To rebuild the East Wing, let the administration find the money from all the secret accounts they have set up or the bloated Homeland Security budget.

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Name: Kay Norman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nadine Zdanovich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My Friends,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment about the 'East Wing Modernization' Project.

I do not want our hard-earned taxpayer monies used on this project, and object in every way to the lawless and unconstitutional removal of the East Wing.
This has been a complete travesty, and an act of self-aggrandizement, which is an affront to law-abiding taxpaying citizens of the United States of America.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to it's original design (with modern plumbing and heating/cooling codes in place), and that the person who ordered it removed pay for it with his own funds (not gained from the US Taxpayers), and in addition shall be fined heavily for ignoring and not obtaining proper planning permissions, and in ignoring the sanctity of The People's House, i.e. The White House.

The planned construction of a 'Ballroom' shall also be forfeited, and never built.

Thank you,
Nadine Zdanovich

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Name: Adeline Masquelier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million to build a giant ballroom where the East Wing once stood for the following reasons.
First, this is an unauthorized action: The project lacks proper authorization, permits, or design review.
Second, it is a form of cultural destruction: The project amounts to the destruction of American history.
This is also a question of accountability. Allowing the project to proceed sets a precedent that violates the rule of law.
I demand that the project be canceled and that the original design of the East Wing be restored.

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Name: Anne Figert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be canceled as it did not commence legally, and the East Wing should be restored to its previous condition.

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Name: Lynne Dean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gena Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please halt this unnecessary, not requested nor granted permission. The east Wing should be restored to its historical grandness and purpose. No money should be spent on this atroy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ron kanter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing did not need "modernization>"
By destroying it, without any review made any "improvements" impossible.
The plans for a HUGE ballroom are unnecessary and affront to the history of the White House.
Please stop the desecration and rebuild the original East Wing.
Ron Kanter

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction is horrendous and appalling and cannot be condoned.

This earlier comment from a US citizen says it better than I could.

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Thank you for reading this and for giving us a chance to voice our feelings. Please deny the project!!

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Name: Barbara Nass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am in opposition to the "modernization project" on the east wing of the white house and the 300 million dollars being spent on this which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It should be rebuilt to it's original beauty. How anyone could authorize this demolishment of American history is beyond. me. Shame, shame.
Barbara Nass

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Name: Robert Blohm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To have any historical building destroyed without permit or review is an assault on the nation. The present administration should be held accountable and not allowed to further erase our heritage

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Name: Jen Bose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom makes this decision,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I think we have better ways to spend that much money.

Thank you.

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Name: Pat Krusko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robert Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention.
RB Wolfe

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Name: Lucy Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop Trump’s desecration of the Whitehouse and construction of his tacky vanity ballroom. Also please rebuild the historic East Wing.

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Name: Kimberly Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization proposed project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Maryanne Buschini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Myra Delzeit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. When I moved to Washington DC area in 1983, it was partly for the love of the historical architecture of the city. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which was truly perfect. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Margaret Meyer
Southport, NC (retired)

Date: 2/17/2026 2:08:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY DE JESUS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

The historic East Wing of the White House was demolished for political reasons, razing the heritage of the American people, without proper input from stakeholders such as The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The East Wing must be restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:07:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East wing to create an oversized ballroom. The building had historic significance and should be restored to the original building. No president should be able to destroy a historic building with without approval either from congress or the appropriate authority.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house should be restored to its previous blueprint. This was never DJT's house to remodel. Please make him rebuild it to its previous structure and stop this ball room addition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Maxson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the damage done to this public property, and do not want $300 million spent to "modernize" the East Wing. Our East Wing was destroyed without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, without using my tax dollars, as this project was never approved. In addition I want the contents of the original East Wing accounted for, and where they cannot be recovered, paid for by the individuals who benefited from their theft. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tracy Robert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider builiding a hall devoted to the preservation of democracy and its most ardent proponents. The DC Capitol Police who fought the insurrection on January 6 come to mind as initial honorees. The hall itself would be used to celebrate and support the bulwarks of our country's freedoms.

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Name: Nancy Gill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
I believe the destruction of the East wing of the white house is horrendous. I would like to see it restored to its original condition. I would like funds for that restoration to come from Trump's personal wealth. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Nancy Gill

Date: 2/17/2026 2:07:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elise Forrester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? We the People remember….

I oppose the spending of $300 million or and additional private or public funding on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. A ballroom that will dwarf The People's House is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. The White House is our history, its grounds gently curated by design.

I respectfully demand this project canceled, full stop, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Someone must stand up to the madness, the gilding of our cherished historic sites. The future cost to restore our historic landscapes, buildings and memorials to their intended design will be a burden future administrations should not have to shoulder. A burden our taxes should not be required to support.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Conley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is disgusting that part of the White House was torn down without public input. Even more disgusting is the open solicitation of bribes in the form of corporate donations to fund reconstruction. Words fail to convey how terrible the garish behemoth that has been proposed to replace the historic east wing is, and the horror that there is no one with courage to speak up against the little incompetent man driving all of this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Paulson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

If you are unable to rebuild the East Wing as it was then please cancel this project and leave the gaping landscape as a reminder of what an authoritarian regime does when it thinks the laws of this country only apply to some.

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Name: Karen Stacks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project. In this country, we have a right to have a voice and I'm tired of this administration doing whatever it wants without the proper authorization, permits, or consent. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Balbone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project is to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Russell Bodnar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing “ballroom” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former

design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Steurer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This abomination of a POTUS has got to be stopped. Never have we had a convicted felon occupy the most important and influential office in the free world. This deliberately illegal destruction of part of The People's House - not HIS house - is a metaphor for much more damage to come. US Citizens want affordable housing, groceries, healthcare, childcare and to be able to retire peacefully - NOT a ballroom for the ultra wealthy, corrupt big business and conmen….who should be, but are not, paying their fair share of taxes. I, along with most of the country, am saddened, disgusted and disapprove of not only the ridiculous waste of money and resources to - AGAIN, ILLEGALLY build this ballroom, but more to the bulldozing of our history, democracy and rule of law. He is pushing the limits, every day, and we have to rise to stop every unconstitutional and immoral tear-down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Kiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Matthew Hausle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the

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Name: Anastasia Barron
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Name: Carol Brown
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The Trump administration has ignored the laws put in place for so many things, that this ballroom project seems to matter less, but is emblematic of many of the gross injustices being carried out by the Trump administration.

I object to the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed ballroom for multiple reasons.

First, the haste at which the demolition occurred almost certainly means that environmental and other protection measures were ignored, causing untold damage to both the environment and the workers who have and will participate in this demolition and rebuilding. An investigation should determine the extent of toxic debris that was hauled away; some of which was deposited onto a nearby public golf course. Since there is ongoing, blatant disregard for public safety, there needs to be an independent body given the authority to review the environmental damages, impose and collect fines and monitor the new construction with the authority to stop all work if further laws are violated.

Second, congress must require full disclosure of funding, determine if there is any violation of the Emoluments Act or favors granted (quid pro quo) and put in place a fiscal manager appointed by a judge for the entire project.

Finally, while the damage is done and the historic East Wing has been destroyed, there is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom at the White House. Let this empty space be just that, empty. It can be turned into a space that the people can visit. If not, then certainly rebuilt to reflect what was lost and to serve the people.

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Name: Cindy KelloggCason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:04:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Crone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission,

I oppose the initiation of the White House East Wing "Modernization" Project without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project began without any consideration of American History, the American people, and the long term legacy of the White House.
This ill-posed "modernization" should be canceled immediately. The White House East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those involved with the unpermitted destruction should be penalized and held accountable by the law.

Sincerely,
Wendy C. Crone
McFarland, WI

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Name: Bob Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A wonderful and much needed project for the United States. Looks to be very well thought out and seems to mesh with the existing complex. Love the additional touch of the Mt. Vernon bricks. Personally, I have no issues with the project or its design! Let's get started!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa R. Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money, public or otherwise, on this illegal project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is also tacky as all get-up, and will embarrass the entire nation in front of the rest of the world. The $300-500 million dollars in bribes that it will cost will be as much a lasting insult to national decency as this farce of a project.

I want this project stopped immediately, all related contracts canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The bribes already collected may be put to that purpose, and the rest financed by fines to those pledging these illegal bribes.

It is not too late to stop it—the excuse by the way used by tRump throughout his ling career of breaking real estate laws, ignoring preservation orders, and violating the public order and all standards of decency.

No one is above the law and to permit this
project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans, and to all who interact with its government or visit its capital city.

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Name: Patricia King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a child, I visited the White House. It is the residence of the President, but he doesn't own it. The People of the United States own it. Historically, I am aware that through its history, the White House has been renovated and modernized. Any such renovations should be done through proper procedures. I oppose the destruction of the history of the White House for personal preference.

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Name: Leslie Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christine Graves
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Name: Rae Easterling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original design. Do not believe it would have been approved for a ballroom. There is one person who made this decision. We have survived decades and decades without a ballroom. This is part of our history and belongs to the people of this country and history should be preserved at all costs for our future generations And tax money should not be used to fix this egarious decision. This should be paid to restore by the person who made the decision. Maybe a good court battle is due. I want the East Wing restored to all its glory! Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Name: Nancy Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: James Chandler
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If you cannot bring yourselves around to completely oppose this and want it to go on then it should be no larger than the current footprint of the East Wing which was demolished without permission. If a ballroom is eventfully built it should not be 90,000 square feet as proposed but no larger than half of the White House (55,000 square feet) and made in the style of the White House and not gold and marble as proposed by President Trump. The White house belongs to the American Citizens and not President Trump, as he is just an occupant while serving as our President and ad no right to do this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenifer Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any changes to the East Wing. It should be rebuilt as it was originally, before being illegally torn down by the current administration. This is the People's House!!

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Name: Sharon Bastianelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sally Huber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

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Name: Wendy Greenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many Americans I was appalled when the current administration destroyed part of the White House, i.e. the East Wing. I would like to see it restored in a way that honors it's history and provides upgrades to support the functions it has always provided, working space for First Ladies and others and an entryway for guests. I believe it is important that the East Wing's replacement fit in style and size the rest of the White House, not overshadow it.

The White House is a home for presidents and their families and working space for the president and others in his administration. The White House is not, nor should it be, a convention center, for hosting huge extravagant parties for the wealthy. This would NOT represent our democracy, a government for the people. And a huge "ballroom" would lie unused most of the time serving only to diminish the beauty of the White House and it's grounds. Proportionally and by function a ballroom does not make sense. An updated East Wing with office space should compliment the rest of the White House and grounds not diminish it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing project needs to be modest, serve the purpose of hosting events with world leaders, and be of limited size not to outshine the main part of the white house. It should not be ostentatious or be named after the destructor of the original west wing.

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Name: Susan Dunbar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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If I believed for one second that this was truly a “modernization” project, I might be inclined to let the experts decide the best path. However, the East Wing has been demolished for the glorification of one man’s ego alone and that is a tragedy of unbelievable magnitude. Not only should the “President” be prevented from continuing this travesty, he should be made to pay for the complete restoration of the East Wing from the billions of dollars he has grifted from the American People. Period. Thank you.

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Name: Aimee Normandeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Naomi Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a symbol of this administration's corruption and wanton disregard for democracy. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who care about the history and future of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:01:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Brush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project since it is being done without proper review or authorization and has already destroyed the historic East Wing of the the nation's White House. I am opposed to using private funds (it feels like the $300 million in "donations" are bribes) on this project. It is a vanity project, an obliteration of American history.

I demand that the East Wing be restored to its former design, with possible technology upgrades as needed. I demand that the $300 million be used for the restoration. not additional tax revenue from the American people. To allow this illegal project to proceed without penalizing the people involved who have broken the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law, and this project must be stopped./

Date: 2/17/2026 2:01:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Chandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to the East Wing Modernization proposal. This project design which you are being asked to approve is the direct result of the razing of an historic structure without proper

authorization, permits, or design reviews. I ask you not to condone this travesty by being an enabler to these probable legal violations.

Further, the proposed design itself is aesthetically and architecturally outrageous. The North facade dwarfs the Executive Mansion and is not symmetrical with the existing West Wing. Symmetry and proportionality are key elements of architecture from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. This design violates both principles.

You have the authority to demand the the design be redone, restoring symmetry and proportionality to the White House complex. I hope you do so. Thank you for considering this Citizen's plea.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LeAnna Schooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a museum and preservation professional with 25+ years experience, I was deeply disappointed when the East Wing was destroyed without proper opportunity for public input or official approvals. I am grateful now to have the chance to say that what replaces the East Wing must be proportional and stylistically appropriate to its surrounding structures--namely the White House. I oppose both the overwhelming size and the ornate style of the proposed ballroom. As an American, I appreciate that we reside in a democratic republic and most definitely not a kingdom and our architecture and interior decor should reflect that aspect of our identity. Please respect the representative size and style set by the White House. Sincerely, LeAnna Schooley

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Kenneday-Corathers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that this project is already under construction without proper authorizations taken, and that it is a senseless waste of taxpayer’s (of which I am one) money that could be far better utilized for the betterment of the people of the United States of America in the areas of healthcare, education, and infrastructure that is truly needed.
This project should be halted immediately, with restoration of the original construction at the expense of the agressor who began the project without proper consultation and approval.

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Name: Katherine Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The design I've seen - which is ever growing - is abominable. Far, far too large and not in keeping with the White House esthetic. The excessive use of gold is ostentatious at best, embarrassing at least. Trying to compete with Versailles makes the USA look desperate, weak, and tasteless. Please don't allow this ugly symbol of greed and stupidity to move forward. Reduce the size and cost at a minimum to something that blends with and enhances the existing historic structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Kobylecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for opening this project up for public comment. There comes a time when building modernization is required, pipes get old, a roof leaks, a foundation starts to fail, or many other senecios I could name. This modernization project does not fall into one of those scenarios. The White House has a space used as a ballroom, and it has served as such for many presidents. If a new ballroom is requires then facts should be presented and a case made. The proposed space is unnecessary and overly extravagant. The White House is not a palace and the president is not a king. The renderings I have seen remind me very much of the French Renaissance not 2025. Also there is no reason for a new ballroom to be larger then the White House, the new construction should compliment the existing buildings and not overwhelm them. Besides the design, the money reported spent on this renovation is obscene and could be put to far better use.

The part of all of this that, for me, is so tragic, is that the East Wing has already been torn down and cannot be recovered.

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Name: Cheryl Gordon
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Name: Amy Greenfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I am strongly opposed to this project. It is not modernizing the East Wing, but

destroying part of our shared American history. The project started illegally, without the correct permits, reviews, and authorization, and the proposed structure will make the entire White House complex look ridiculous. It is an enormous waste of at least $300 million. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its previous state.

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Name: Christina Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tracy Clifton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to write in opposition of any further work being done on this project, unless it is to rebuild it as it was before being demolished. If there were modernizations that were needed for safety or security, THAT should have been brought before the appropriate channels. It is appalling that it was done so surreptitiously and so quickly. Any money “donated” to build it should have to be made public as to whom it is from. We cannot have unknown persons currying favor for their donation. That is unsafe and corrupt. Out of all the questionable and norm breaking things this administration has done, this one was maybe the biggest gut punch to me. The East Wing? Just torn down like it was nothing. With no public comment or input of historic committees and such. Very unAmerican.

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Name: Karen Blizzard
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Name: Arden Blatter
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Arden Blatter

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Name: Christina Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design does not follow design norms and will dwarf the existing building. An addition should be sympathetic to the original building, not overwhelm it. As an experienced professional who has been working in historic preservation for almost 30 years it broke my heart to see the history and architectural beauty of the East Wing carted off to a landfill. Many elements could have (and should have) been saved and reincorporated into the new design. If the Certificate of Appropriateness application with this design came to my local Board of Architectural Review, it would be rejected since it does not follow the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines for Rehabilitation or the Treatment of Historic Properties. I find it unbelievable that one of the most well-known National Landmarks in the country might not be held to the same standards that the Board of Architectural Review in Anytown, USA would apply to the paint colors in Mr. Jone's COA.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Kraus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see this project stopped.

No one had the authority to demolish the East Wing of the White House.
It must be rebuilt as it was.

Janice Kraus

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Name: Jerry Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barb Bray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the razing of the historic East Wing of the White House and how the president did not follow proper protocol in doing this. It is an historic building and to spend $300 million on a ballroom decked out in gold like a castle for a king is not appropriate. The East Wing should be rebuilt and a ballroom rethought to match our Founding Fathers vision of a Country where the President is honest, has integrity and does what is good for America and not for himself

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this $300 million dollar project that destroyed the East Wing illegally prior to any authorization. I would like that the East wing be rebuilt to its original blueprint-there is absolutely no reason the White House needs a ballroom. Please stop this madness.

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Name: Gail Doss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and for one man’s vanity. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former

design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Conard Eyre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. Trump, This land is OUR LAND, not YOUR LAND!!\u-497 ?!!\u-497 ?

HANDS OFF!!\u-497 ?!!\u-497 ?

Conard Eyre

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Name: Kit Dunbar
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Thank you for the good work you are doing!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wes Mattes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is an appalling waste of money as the building belongs to the public and is a seriously important historical building of long standing importance to the citizens of the United States. Anyone damaging a public historical building should be criminally charged for the damage and held accountable for skipping the rules to hurry something through they knew would never be approved. I personally consider the loss of any part of such a building not just worth prison time (no exception for wealth or rank) but permanent banning of being allowed in any other public building and should be facing criminal imprisonment as part of any fines for the damage to be taken from them.

For instance, take said funds directly from any fund being set aside for other money wasting construction

such as a Presidential Library. Taking all but a tenth of such gathered funds and property (such as planes) should be enough for the restoration and reconstruction of such an edifice as what has been removed. No cheap replacements with 'gold' or other added elements not found in the original workings would be acceptable. To do otherwise is to say what the people own in this government (both history and recreational) is not worth a newspaper to avid criminals.

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Name: Scott Woodham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose any spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want all the bribes that people and companies gave the president to complete this project returned. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am sick and tired of this lawless administration treating American history as something that can be erased on a whim, and I am sick of them getting away with flouting the rules and not being held accountable. Restore the people's house to its original condition, please.

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Name: Peter Wilson
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The person that initiated this destruction should have to pay full reparations to defray the cost of rebuilding the East Wing.

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Name: Amy Arledge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC -

Please assert your authority over those planning to demolish any part of the White House without having first gone through the appropriate steps of seeking professional opinions, guidance and approval from you

and others responsible for preserving our nation's historic architecture.

Thank you.

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Name: diana cortner
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Name: Judy Gattis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For the sake of all that is right in our country, do not allow this travesty.

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Name: Susan Love
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, do all you can to stop the abomination of the giant, expensive, unnecessary "ball room" our president wants to build on the historic grounds of our White House. Please.

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Name: Amy Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Vicky Mahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elsa Wenzel
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Name: Nancy Kurz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Douglas Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project on the grounds that it was begun without any of the necessary design review, impact statements, permitting or spending authorization that is required for a major renovation of a historical site. The White House is not the property of the occupant -- who is, in the Constitution's scheme, merely a temporary custodian of the property. The White House belongs to the American People and the proper authorities and procedures must be respected in order to meet the obligations of law. Allowing this project to proceed any further would be to allow further desecration of an historic site, one that deserves preservation, not destruction. The only appropriate action is to cease all work on the project and to rebuilt the East Wing as it stood before its unlawful destruction. To do anything else would be to abandon all historic preservation because of presidential whim. No one is above the law and to condone the East Wing's destruction is an assault on the rule! of law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sedonia Sipes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the white house should not be turned into a gaudy gold ballroom. The current project should never have been started without proper permissions secured first. The east wing should be replaced as it was before demoing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harkins Suzanne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anne/ Felosak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope that any modernization that is done is ONLY begun with prior approval (oops too late for this one). The White House is a National Landmark and the Trump project to draw in donations that act as thinly veiled bribes to create a monstrosity that is out of character, diminishes that architectural beauty and has caused many beloved previously approved and built enhancements to be arbitrarily destroyed is unconscionable. Please STOP this stream-roller AND require that the damage done is all replaced with an approved plan and considerable non-partisan oversight.

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Name: Laura Mullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop erasing our history!

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Name: Mary Frakes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned not only about the absurdity of building a gigantic ballroom to replace the space previously used by First Ladies but about the precedent this project has set. If the occupant of the White House can simply demolish any part of the People's House based on nothing more than his/her whim, it suggests that the building is not owned by the people but by the current occupant; it's as if a renter decided to tear down part of an apartment without even notifying the landlord. And it raises the question of where the line is drawn; if this can be torn down without public discussion or review, what other public building might be next?

Also, funding the project with donations from billionaires is tantamount to handing them the keys. And the fact that the cost has ballooned from $200 million to as much as $400 million suggests that not enough thought was put into the needs and design of the project in the first place.

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Name: Dana Bolton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Sherwood
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Name: Christine Clinton-Cali
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to increasing the size of the East Wing of the White House. The White House, for me, is an iconic historic building. The balanced design would be offset by building a larger wing which to me would ruin the historic nature of the building, its symmetry, and symbolism. I am affronted that the wing was torn down without proper review and input. For that reason alone I believe that the project should be terminated and the old wing restored to its original state.

I am equally opposed to the building of the party hall next to the White House. This structure will dwarf our White House and detract from its significance. If the "party hall" is truly needed, and paid for by donations it should be built away from the White House and have prior approval.

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Name: Catherine Chriss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What on earth is Trump doing tearing everything down with no regard for history.

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Name: Jane Yosko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million dollar ballroom, the East Wing must be restored.

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Name: Christian Tecca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments regarding the "East Wing Modernization Project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The United States Government has been leading the free world for a very long time and has been able to do this without a ginormous ballroom. The executive branch of government does not need this. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It shows the lack of respect that the current executive branch has for the history that comes with the office. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As this was clearly and publicly directed by the sitting President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, I would expect that he is held personally liable for the funds required to restore the East Wing to it's historic glory. This was not a lawful act of the office of the President, so the funds should not be a burden on the public.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Covington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the east wing modernization project to be foolhardy. The ballroom is offensive. The amount of space and revenue that this project takes is unacceptable.

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Name: Jan Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was before the fool tore it down.

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Name: Rebecca Milaeger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and want it restored to its original form.

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Name: Rebecca Weitzenhoffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Sara Lafrance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaymi Garvett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 + million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens. Any expense involved in the destruction and restoration of the East Wing must be repaid by those responsible for unlawfully initiating this project.

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Name: Gretchen McCarren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an insult to the country and a total disregard to the history and legacy of the White House. It must be stopped and the damage already done reversed and restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucinda Gohman-Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THE BALLROOM. This is an atrocious abuse of power and lawless disregard for our nation. I want the $300 million to restore the White House the way it was pre trump. Including removal of all the other gaudy gold ugliness trump has put up in the People's House. It is ours. Not his.
Stop the trashing of The KENNEDY Center. Stop the arch. Stop the hanging of dictator banners with his ugly face on them on our public buildings.

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Name: Judy Stiers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this project. I visited white house in 1982 and it is a disgrace what has happened to the East Wing. Please rebuild it and restore it to it's original design. Those that broke the law and demolished it should be penalized. No one is above the law. Please restore!

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Name: Audrey kolb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of our tax dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historic design. No one is above the law, especially a felon who thinks he is a fascist dictator, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding, tax paying Americans.

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Name: Mary Fullington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I previously Commented on the East Wing project and am now commenting on the proposed Ballroom construction. Ideally, approval should be declined on the basis that it is completely unnecessary. The government's purpose is not to throw large lavish parties save for state dinners which the existing WH has easily accommodated for decades. If Trump wants to throw large lavish parties for his donors or fellow autocrats he may do so at MAr a Lago. It is irrelevant that money is being raised privately. The WH is the People's House and the People have never requested that the WH have a ballroom. Aesthetically, the design is too large and out of scale with the central colonnade and this diminishes the central colonnade as the focus of the building. Furthermore, the larger it is the more it will cost to tear it down after Trump is gone.

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Name: Abram Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This "modernization" project is not about modernization. Rather, it is about personal ego gratification and aggrandizement by one person. The use of public money for this project would be a travesty. And the use of donations brings the stench of corruption, as wealthy donors compete with each other to curry the administration's favor.

The best course now is to freeze activities until we can have some accountability about how this embarrassing travesty every happened. We do not need a new ballroom.

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Name: Carol Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennie Brewster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First - this discussion should have happened prior to the President demolishing the entire East Wing of the White House. I am concerned about what happened to historic architecture, art, and furnishings that were housed in the building.
Second - the sheer scale and enormous cost of the proposed ballroom is ridiculous. It is entirely too large and not within the historic style of the White House.
Please stop this from moving forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I passionately oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design

review. It is not a modernization project, but a complete razing of American history with a side of oligarchy. I want this disgusting project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Massoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Lovelace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julie Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump has already gone beyond legal limits by tearing down the East Wing. Whatever replaces it should be no bigger in size than the original East Wing and provide for the same uses as previously existed. It is part of the people's house and does not need to serve the whims of Donald Trump. I trust the commission to adhere to standards that are consistent with the style and usage of the original building.

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Name: Laura Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: David Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
The White House is owned by the American, not the current occupant.

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Name: Dina Hassan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I find it abhorrent that our history can just be destroyed like this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene LeMeur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the use of $300 million US taxpayer funds for this unlawful project. Processes are in place to maintain the integrity of The White House as the people's house. When those processes are not enforced for all inhabitants, this opens the door for all rules and regulations to be ignored by anyone.

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Name: Pamela Granstaff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Patricia Galyen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As usual, this project is not following the rules of law! Permits are a must. Asbestos remediation is a must. Congressional approval of changes is a must.

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Name: Holly Bennett-Sanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am opposed to the current president’s idea of East Wing Modernization. Without any permissions he destroyed another Historic part of the White House. Jackie Kennedy’s rose garden being replaced with a gaudy outdoor patio was bad. Ripping apart the East Wing as quickly as possible without following any of the rules was an even worse mistake.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter,

Holly Bennett-Sanner

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Name: Lenny Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East wing and the building of a ridiculous huge ballroom. This is the people's house. Not a kings castle.

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Name: Janice Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Ann Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jessica Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all. Thank you for your consideration, Jessica Bennett

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Name: Cheryl Hogue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East wing modernization project. This building represents our history and should not be at the whim of any temporary resident. It is the people's house. As a tax paying American citizen I demand this building restored to its architectural appearance before this unauthorized destruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Diane Santia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Teresa Woodwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which this terrible administration initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history abd I suspect coukd include an u derground bunker for term 3. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. And please find ways to charge the people responsible for this lawlessness within the full extent of the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Tayler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project and it's disgusting that this has been allowed to happen so far. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. We do not need a golden ballroom, which is a waste of money. This is not Tsarist Russia, even if that is what the tyrant in the Oval Office wants to turn us into. It is a slap in the face to every single law abiding citizen and taxpayer if this project moves forward. Is there anyone left in the government who has the integrity to stand up for what is right and SHUT THIS DOWN?

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Name: Heather Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Martella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least, the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you.
Marilyn Martella
Oakland, CA

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please initiate procedures to stop progress on this hastily started project done without any proper design review, samples or permits. Please include provisions to properly develop and adopt plans and procedures to rebuild in a manner that will preserve the historical value of the building that was razed. In addition make sure that the bunker below it is not designed to be a stronghold for a fascist dictator interloper. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:50:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Velma Downes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be given acceptance, and the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt as previous.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Voegelin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shelly Vogel-Fux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: LeeAnn Bongiorno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lishiana Damico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

During my youth, we had class trips to the White House. It stood as a bastion of truth, hope, and the power of the American People. As a child, I believed the President was the man who loved America before anything else and wanted all of us to not only be proud of her, but also to protect her the way we were protected every day by our law enforcement, our system of checks and balances, and our desire to do better for the next generation. This regime, governed by a known felon driven by ego and base personal filth, has decimated the reputation of position of President, the core values of the American public, and integrity of our legal system. He lawlessly and smugly destroyed property that did not belong to him. If an every day citizen did such a despicable thing, they would be arrest, charged, and jailed or forced to pay restitution. This president steals our money and puts it in his own coffers. He is NOT above the law. The White House MUST be restored to its original configuration and respectable interior. Even King Midas would be horrified at what has been done to the most important of our historic homes.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Scroggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Hurlburt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am saddened by the sudden destruction of part of our historic White House, the East Wing. This razing was accomplished without review or permission. Since no one is above the law, I think Mr. Trump should pay for the restoration of the East Wing as it was, a distinctive part of the People's House. I disapprove of the idea of building a huge ballroom that would dwarf the other buildings in the complex. Please restore the East Wing and the White House to its previous glory. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie john
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project (#8733). The demolition of the historic 1942 East Wing and the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden represents an irreparable loss of American heritage. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom is fundamentally incompatible with the scale of the Executive Mansion and permanently alters the character of this National Historic Landmark. I urge the Commission to reject the current scale of the proposal and prioritize the preservation of the White House's historical integrity over the construction of a disproportionate event space.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan LoFurno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This articulates ALL the reasons this project was illegally executed.

The East Wing has been demolished with little to no oversight nor any environmental review as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The White House and grounds are a National Park and a National Historic Landmark owned by We the People.
This public comment period is a legally required process. According to your website, the public comment process is one of several safe guards to "ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input". Major construction projects in DC must be reviewed by NCPC and CFA and they must comply with NEPA as well as receive congressional approval. The Trump administration has ignored the laws put in place for so many things, that this ballroom project seems minor in the scheme of things. Still, I am compelled to voice my opinion. Maybe someday, there will be accountability.
I object to the project for these reasons:
1. The administration should be held accountable for violating NEPA during the demolition. Fines need to be imposed for this negligence. An investigation is needed to determine the extent of toxic debris that was hauled away; some of which was deposited onto a nearby public golf course. Since there is ongoing, blatant disregard for public safety, there needs to be an independent body given the authority to review the environmental damages, impose and collect fines and monitor the new construction with the authority to stop all work if further laws are violated.
2. Congress, CFA and NCPC must require full disclosure of funding, determine if there is any violation of the Emoluments Act or favors granted (quid pro quo) and put in place a fiscal manager appointed by a judge for

the entire project. If this cannot be set in place, the project cannot move forward.
3. There is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom at the White House. Let this empty space be just that- a place that tells its own story; what it was, and how it was illegally demolished- a monument to how not to do things.
4. I will repeat- There is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom at the White House. If something is to be built, let it truly be the "People's House". Build a structure for the people- something that celebrates who we are, not who the billionaires are. Make it a place where children and families can come to visit- maybe a revolving Smithsonian exhibit or an arboretum or maybe an art museum (you can never have too many). Build it to scale so that it doesn't overpower the original White House structure. Include some meeting rooms and offices but make it something we can all have access to.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: pam moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without ANY authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to allow this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. To allow the "East Wing Modernization Project" to go forward only encourages this lawless emboldened behavior. We expect people who lead the country to abide by the rules and laws of our country currently in place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Knoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in complete disagreement in building the ballroom. I do not like the way it is being funded and will result in political favors to be given to those who funded it. I would like it restored to the original east wing as close as possible. I completely disagree with the way it proceeded without following any of our laws to approve demolishing it, approve the design, etc.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Freiburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Merritt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of the $400 million (WAS $300 million, which was bad enough) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. WE CANNOT LET THIS PROCEED. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:48:25 PM
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Name: Martha Mihaly Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge an immediate halt to this loathsome project. It has already destroyed important parts of American history, and if allowed to proceed, will obliterate much of what has been a critical symbol of American democracy. The fact that the president of the United States can abolish important structures at will and construct replacements without appropriate approval and oversight is abhorrent and wrong. This weaponization of power, if allowed to continue via this project, will destroy any faith that remains in the architectural and historical review process. God know what might come next.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Sobditch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled at the destruction of the East Wing. This gaudy structure was uncalled for, is a waste of money. The fact that Mr Trump did this without getting permission is ridiculous. This is "our house", the people's house, not his private residence and property. He is destroying everything that the White House stood for with his megalomaniac party. It is truly disgraceful what this man has done to the White House and our country.
Thank you for your time.
Lesley West

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Name: Kristin Span
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of our White House should be fully restored, exactly as it was. The total cost of the restoration should be fully-funded by the maniacal, narcissistic Donald Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Pfeiffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Fitzwater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Ryburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not a bot.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (no gold paint embellishments). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Horvath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose this project that never went through the proper channels and annihilated so much of our history. The ballroom should NOT be built- it's merely a grotesque vanity project. The East Wing should be fully rebuilt and restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Baern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project"?! How can you modernize something that has been destroyed?

This project must be decisively cancelled. It was a crime that the President illegally tore down an historic wing of an historic federally owned building with no permission, no permit, and no plan.

I hope that the East Wing will be rebuilt at some point, in some fashion. But NOT as a gargantuan gilded monument to one man's vanity, an unnecessary, ahistorical, poorly planned (that is giving it too much credit - it was not planned at all, not designed by an architect, went through zero periods of public comment or approval, and is a largely imaginary phantasm) abomination.

There is a long, thoughtful, interesting discussion to be had about how to restore the desecrated White House. That discussion must in no way involve its desecrator. Whether to recreate a 125-year-old building or design an appropriate new one is going to be a fraught and fascinating argument, and I look forward to it, though I lament the unforgivable crime that prompts it. Trump must have no role and no say in this decision. It is a question for the American public, for American architects and designers and historians, to take up, with deliberation and responsibility and historical context and environmental care - qualities and values that our current president is incapable of.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Adamo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The President had no authority to destroy the East Wing, he is merely a temporary tenant not owner of the White House There are so many better uses for the $300 million.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Rainey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The first morning I saw the pictures of the devastating destruction of the East Wing, it felt like a literal gut punch. To learn of the gilded monstrosity/vanity project intended to replace it just adds insult to injury. It

doesn't matter that it is allegedly being paid for by so-called private funding... that would just be buying access to our government's decision making by those who can afford to invest in preferential treatment... almost bribery. I oppose the spending of $300 or $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In my opinion it is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If that is not possible, then leave green lawn only. We've already lost the Rose Garden. NO ONE is above the law. To permit this project to go forward, even if there are penalties for operating outside of proper channels, would be an affront to law-abiding Americans who value the preservation of our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawna Barlette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a colossal waste of money, designed to stroke the ego of one aging president who feel his legacy is 100% tied to his name being on big, ostentatious, gilded buildings. Everything done to date (destruction of public property) has been under the cover of secrecy and immediacy. If it can't be stopped, then scale this monstrosity back to something reasonable.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kit Stookey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello:

I vigorously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:05 PM
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Name: Pamela Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This illegal and poorly thought-out project must not be allowed to go forward. To dwarf the Whitehouse with a behemoth ballroom in tribute to a president who does not respect history, orderly and legal process

or any moral or aesthetic value recognized by the majority of U.S. citizens would be a dereliction of your duties to our nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any government funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
All re-building costs should be funded by those in the government who authorized this work without going through the proper steps, protocols, and regulations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Howard Lubel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so called modernization project has not been properly approved, designed or financed. It is destruction of American History without any reasonable basis. It needs to stop and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Broussard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, any upgrades to the White House and in this case, the East Wing of the White House, should go through the process that is in place for making needed changes. The ballroom planned by this administration, dwarfs the White House. The White House should not be dwarfed by any wing or adjacent building. It is an iconic symbol of our country.

Second, the East Wing is historic. Women were the first to protest in front of it prior to getting the right to vote. It should be treated like an historic dwelling and steps should be taken to restore the East Wing as closely as possible to the original with upgrades and at a cost to the current President who ignored the rules for making such changes. Please do the right thing by the people and don’t charge tax payers for what this administration has done to the White House. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:46:36 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kanosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any change to the original design of the East Wing. It should be restored (with appropriate modern upgrades to infrastructure) to its original design. This historic structure was illegally demolished with no oversight or approval from any agency authorized to do so. This was an illegal demolition and those who engineered it should be penalized and made to pay completely for its restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan Drysdale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

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Name: Mary Orr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dolores Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:45:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a retired U.S. history and political science teacher I was appalled to see the East Wing destroyed. The White House belongs to the American people and each president is only a temporary resident there. The current space is adequate to host large gatherings. The focus of each president should be bettering the lives of average Americans like me, not to host huge parties for the wealthy and well-connected of this country. The fact that the proposed ballroom is so much bigger than the original White House is horrifying. I believe that the destruction of the East Wing was illegal and it needs to be rebuilt as close to the original as possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:45:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Priest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when I learned about Trumps unauthorized demolition of the East Wing! The White House is The People's House and Not his! He should be ordered to reconstruct it Exactly as it was and pay for everything out of his personal funds. He also should be impeached for doing what he has done!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. American history was completely destroyed when the East Wing was demolished, and the surrounding landscape was also destroyed. This project is not a modernization of anything and the sheer size of it will be a monstrosity is scale to the White House. It is nothing more than a shrine to one person. I want this project canceled, and if possible, the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No other elected official would have done anything like this without taking the proper steps to get approval. No one is supposed to be above the law and to allow this project to go

forward would be an afront to law abiding Americans. There is no need for this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:35 PM
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Name: Cora Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Should be required to restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing to what they were prior to the demolition. Should make updates so that all systems comply with current building codes. Should make the entire East Wing, inside and out, ADA accessible. Should follow the past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed (which it is not), construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house, not the president's personal plaything. NO GOLD LEAF!!

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Name: Jen Regnier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katherine Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Wharton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any monies on this project for development of a ballroom. The East Wing is part of the People's House and as such, I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The demolition was conducted without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history with the sole intent to glorify a would-be king. The historic (former) contents of the East Wing are unknown and undocumented, which is also blatantly illegal. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannette Van Blarcom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the East wing of "the people's house" was done with total disregard to wishes of the majority. To destroy this national treasure without first requesting approval shows a complete lack of regard for the American people. I have serious doubts about the validity of donors paying for any part of this. I firmly believe that tax dollars were used to destroy it and tax dollars will be used to build this monstrous addition.As I watch and listen, I feel the sole purpose of this ballroom is that it will be named after DJT! This is all about one mans ego and that man has no concern about the needs or desires of the public.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:43:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Whitbeck-Zacharias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am opposed to the teardown of the East Wing of the White House and its proposed ballroom replacement. I would like to see the East Wing of the White House rebuilt to similar specs as it had before it was unlawfully torn down. For us those of us in the public, the entire conception of the ballroom appears to be nothing but a vanity project. Truthfully, if the ballroom is built and is built larger than the White House itself, I fear Trump's eye for demolition will turn to the White House itself.

It also feels like Trump is styling the White House after his beloved Mar-a-lago - a club whose members must flatter him to gain admittance. I can see him throwing similar parties for himself at the White House as we see in the news from Mar-a-lago, expect these parties would be funded by the taxpayers. I want to see our tax dollars going toward initiatives that benefit the public, as many of the initiatives that our former

First Ladies of the East Wing had championed did not long ago. The United States government is not a members only club. No branch of the government should be operated as such.

For any projects moving forward - I am adamantly against the use of private funds in any of the construction, decoration, or any stage of this project. That immediately signals that the White House is no longer "the people's house". It sognifies that this is a palace meant to reject the common people. It signifies we the people have no rights and no say. That attitude is already blending itself into too many places in our country and is a cancer that should not be fed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose this project in its entirety and expect the NCPC to protect the PEOPLE's HOUSE from the current lawless and treasonous administration.

The White House is federal property, and structural modifications must comply with statutes governing federal real estate regardless of funding source. 40 U.S.C. Chapter 31 governs public buildings management, while 18 U.S.C. § 1361 prohibits willful damage to federal property. Private financing does not eliminate these obligations because the property remains federally owned and legally protected. Demolition reportedly commenced before formal submissions were filed, in clear violation of the governing statutes.

The National Historic Preservation Act mandates review for federal undertakings affecting historic properties. Section 106 of the NHPA, overseen by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, requires assessment of effects on historic properties, consultation with preservation officials and stakeholders, public comment opportunities and consideration of alternatives to avoid or mitigate harm. Demolition and rebuilding in the manner that has been demanded is NOT what the American people want and is not in keeping with the Historic character of the building .

The National Capital Planning Commission reviews federal development in the capital region under 40 U.S.C. §§ 8701-8737. The administration apparently argues demolition falls outside NCPC jurisdiction. Legal experts counter that demolition enabling new construction is inherently part of that project and requires integrated review. Separating demolition from construction to avoid oversight undermines the purpose of planning law and is inherently underhanded. The current administration is making every attempt to undermine the NCPC at every turn, because they know they are circumventing the law (at best) and outright breaking it at every turn.

The National Capital Planning Commission MUST issue cease-and-desist orders, refuse permits for subsequent construction phases and initiate formal Section 106 compliance reviews. YOU WORK for the PEOPLE of the UNITED STATES and WE expect you to DO YOUR JOB ACCORDING TO THE LAW, NOT the current lawless administration. Put an end to this nonsense and restore the EAST WING IN ITS ENTIRETY, exactly as it was.

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Name: Stephanie Frees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project for so many reason. Our country is founded on a system of checks and balances. To allow this to have happened is an atrocity. I want the Easy Wing Restored to its former grandeur and I want the people behind the demolition of the former East Wing to be prosecuted for not following correct process.
Nothing that has to do with our government system should be allowed to be privately funded- this just leads to “favors” being called in. This is NOT a modernization project, it is a razing of our History!
Cancel this project and return the wing to its former glory!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:43:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Cramton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please rebuild it t it's original lovely building. I have been in the East Wing, it is very important.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Hobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing and stop the ballroom from being built. Also I want an investigation into who is

giving money to the ballroom and how has it been spent.
Thank you
Dale Hobbs

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Franklin
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens of the USA

Date: 2/17/2026 1:43:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karlene Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Ellington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the “ballroom’” prosed by the administration. It is an abomination to a national monument . The east wing needs to be restored to it’s original condition

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Padilla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should be a representation of the United States and its people now, while honoring the legacy of our country. That means maybe we can do American architecture that would complement the existing structure of the White House. Is there an American eclectic style? Something fitting, which probably would not be too modern, at least from the exterior.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Nash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current president has clearly violated the law by demolishing the historic East Wing without review, permits, or Congressional oversight. I fear the loss of irreplaceable art and historical artifacts has occurred as a result.

As a librarian and notary public, I've helped neighbors go through the various processes needed to obtain the permits required to maintain and improve their properties. The current president took it upon himself to demolish the wing of a home--which he does not own--without doing anything close to the same.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to ensure reconstruction of the East Wing will keep with its historic design and scale of the Executive Mansion. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Greenough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautifully written and conveys what I think precisely.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is

ridiculous!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:42:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: L Foley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Lagasse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom This May Concern:

We are built on a system of checks and balances. There must be a check placed on all building projects done by the current administration because those buildings will be standing long after the administration. Please ensure proper steps are taken before any building begins. We have faced one travesty in the wake of the East Wing being torn down without consent. We do not need another.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Tom Lagasse

Date: 2/17/2026 1:42:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project. It didn’t get proper authorization, permits, or design review and is a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Heather Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Darst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The east wing must be restored.

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Name: Van Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is one more insult from a malicious wannabe autocrat, following in the steps of the worst of the worst.

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Name: Steven Thorson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anony Mous
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

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Name: Marie Holloway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Bliss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to us all.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:41:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RONALD OLSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Another example of only serving the Epstein Class from the Epstein Administration. Why not a Curling Rink?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dominica Mottarella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the east wing to its former footprint and architectural detail.The destruction was done illegally and citizens were not allowed to weigh in on the awful decimation of a historic, beautiful building that is important to our collective heritage. No one wants a vast oversized ugly Trump designed mar-a-lago style ballroom with a huge bunker under it for the rogue lawless leader to hide in. This isn't optional. This needs to be stopped to preserve the integrity of our American history and to protect our heritage. This is not what our citizens are choosing. No one should be allowed to tear down a historic monument without proper oversight and accountability. I say NO on the BALLROOM. And fine the president for his unlawful actions against our beloved house. Or better, make him personally pay to restore it to its original status . This was not his to destroy. It is ours. Every one's.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Holt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am gobsmacked that a sitting president was allowed to unilaterally destroy a significant section of the White House in order to reshape it to his own taste and fancy without - apparently - any resistance whatsoever. I have a home that is considered of minor historic significance. I would never be allowed to make ANY significant changes to the building whatsoever without consultation/permissions from local historic organisations and urban city planning. As far as I can see, POSOTUS asked/consulted no one before launching a wrecking ball into the East Wing. And somehow - everyone just let him go ahead and do it. This action is better late than never, but I seriously wonder why it took so long for the legal/cultural apparatus that protects such U.S. monuments to kick in. Stop that lunatic's further debasement of the building NOW please!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Pitcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHRISTINE WAGNER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project which was unauthorized by the proper authorities and without the proper permits. The East Wing should be rebuild in it's previous design without modifications.

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Name: Deborah Brandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to re-write Amerian history..This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marilyn Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Melanie Teague
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pezold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of this historic building is the destruction of our heritage without any oversight by those entrusted with maintaining it. The complete lack of planning and permitting should not be rewarded by continuing without commission oversight and final approval. My first desire would be to require those who destroyed it to rebuild it exactly as it was. Thank you for your service.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:40:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie M. Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is also known as The People's House, and therefore belongs to all Americans, not to one individual who happens to be living there. I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the destruction of the East Wing of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Michaels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm horrified. Trump lies about everything. How many times will a ballroom be used…, & won he be out of office by the time it's finished? Fine him the $10 billion he wants from the IRS.

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Name: Marilyn Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Sarkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a sacred place that is protected by law and tradition. Bulldozing decades of history to

satisfy one man's ego is not good public policy. Follow the rules.

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Name: Margaret Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not support current plans
I feel the scope should be smaller and match the size and style of the White House. It should be balanced with the entire buildings

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the changes being made to the East Wing of the White House. There has not been proper authorization of the project. The White House is a historical site and not owned by the current resident family. Changes should only be made based on appropriate permits and approvals. The East wing should be restored to its former design and the private persons who have been funding this project should be reimbursed with interest by the person or persons who authorized this project along with the current resident of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Westbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this entire project - it is essentially just destroying the historical East Wing of the White House! The whole project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Calling it a modernization project is a lie - it is a complete razing of American history. This is the People's House and it is not owned by the President! He is but a temporary occupant, getting to live there rent-free for 4 years. Also, it is outrageous to be spending $300 million on this project, and corrupt to get excessively rich donors to supposedly pay for it (those financiers are basicly seeking favors from the President and this Administration).

I want this project canceled immediately, and to have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Any modernization of security features can be done within the confines of the original design, but absolutely NO BALLROOM! No one, including the President and his White House staff, is above the law. Permitting this vanity project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Resore the People's House to its former glory, and stop this abomination!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has been destroyed by the current administration. This is The People's House, our Countrys Home, the house with a beautiful hard won history. It is a living museum of America. They had no right to tear down any of that history.
Please stop this destructive administration's need to build a ballroom. It is not needed at all. The President is the one who must pay for the rebuild of the wing back as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Bohnhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Naomi Livengood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing at the will of one man is a tragedy. It is absolutely shocking that the current administration has taken such liberties with our grand historic White House. The 300 million dollars that have been donated to build a ballroom should be used to rebuild the East Wing. You can't have a West Wing without an East Wing. As for a ballroom, there are other areas within D.C. that could accommodate such extravagance. And any addition to the White House, such as a ballroom, should most certainly not morph the main House. The people's house is an historic symbol of our nation. A grand ballroom is simply a display of indulgence and is so out of touch with the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlene Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the East Wing modernization project. The building should remain in its original exterior form. No changes to the exterior walls. It is an affront to America. We are the only country that doesn't have many historical buildings last as compared to Europe. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Glover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tiffany Charroux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Arns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently against the construction of a ball room to replace the now destroyed East Wing of the White House. The role of the American Presidency is not to be an entertainer, a host or thrower of parties, especially at the expense of the US citizenry.

As a US citizen I deeply value our history and historical buildings. I have travelled all over the world and in doing so have seen so many buildings of historical significance. Due to America's youth we do not have the cultural wealth of antiquities that Europe, Asia and other parts of the Americas have. By tearing down the East Wing, Trump has destroyed a significant part of America's historical legacy. He has destroyed our history and the historical reminders of Presidents much greater than he: Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt and all the First Ladies that have had their offices located in the East Wing.

The destruction of the East Wing and its reconstruction needs to be paid directly from the pockets of the Trump family. That family needs to reimburse the citizens of the United States for the cultural vandalism Donald Trump chose to do on his own.

Sincerely,
John Arns

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Fullington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because the east wing was torn down without Agency or Congressional approval, rebuild should be limited to FUNCTIONAL MODERNIZATION ONLY. Aesthetic design and rebuild of exterior of wing should be the same as it was IMMEDIATELY prior to tear down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Woodruff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. The destruction of the East Wing is an abhorrent misdirected abuse of power by the Trump Administration. It is purely self-aggrandizing and an insult to America. It's a disgusting display of decadence and excess wealth all at the expense of the American taxpayer. I want my money back!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alanna Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the renovation project of the East Wing started by President Trump without the the proper authorization, permits or design review process. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead in the manner the President has tried to proceed would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ann Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project! The White House is the people's house and this destruction should have been stopped long ago. The proposed plan is not in keeping with the overall structure and it should have had an actual review by the public before this destruction happened. I'm also against private funds being used for this - that's just another name for a bribe.

The proposed designs are awful and I am outraged that no attempt was made to preserve any of the existing materials, either for later inclusion or as historic remains that should be treated with honor. No one individual should have this much power - it's the exact opposite of democracy. This is the People's House and it should be honored that way. Stop this destruction and return to a design that is in keeping with the original and not some tacky design.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:38:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Graybill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Ogdahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American, I am in complete shock and disgusted by the unlawful destruction of the East Wing. The White House is the property of the United States, and Presidents and their families are granted the privilege of living their TEMPORARILY. No changes OF ANY KIND can be made.without a through review by the National Trust, the Park Service and Congress. This wanton desecration to appease the ego of one man is an insult to every American and an attempt to erase history.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gena Wade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm angry that the East Wing was torn down without going through proper channels. How dare Donald Trump tear down any part of the people's White House for a pet project. Disgraceful. I think he should personally have to pay to restore it.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the proposed addition of the 90,000 square foot "ball room" to the White House. While expanded event space may be desirable, any proposed addition must conform to all of the rules governing changes to building which are classified as National Historical Landmarks. The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom, clearly does not. It is not compatible in scale with the original White House Building and would dwarf the 55,000 square foot initial structure. I oppose ANY addition that does not meet these specifications regarding National landmarks.
Sincerely,
Denise Green

Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kelly Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Pringle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Restore Esst Wing and no ballroom.
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Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Jefferson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Project: East Wing modernization and ballroom addition

Meeting date: 2/19/2026

My initial reaction when I learned of president Trump's plans to build a ballroom at the White House was: "You've got to be kidding!"

Then I saw the president display his renderings of his proposed ballroom. I was aghast!

Then when I saw the demolition of the East Wing I thought "This is a travesty, a crime!"

How can he get away with this?

He has destroyed a national landmark, part of the White House!

Something needs to be done to stop this deranged man.

Courts should order him to rebuild the East Wing as it was originally at his expense.

And do it NOW!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Gose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unauthorized project and request it be cancelled. I want the East Wing restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:37:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ravindra Athale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of NCPC:

I am writing this comment to formally register my disapproval of the proposed design for the new ballroom extension to the White House. There are many dimensions to my distress and anger.
1. Total Disregard for the Process:
The demolition was carried out WITHOUT any discussion of approval of the plan of what will replace it. The thinking was to present the citizens with fait accompli. This totally inconsistent with any democratic norms.
2. The proposed design is GROTESQUELY disproportionate with the original and historic structure of the White House. A question arises as to how many times this massive ballroom will be utilized and how will the space be used otherwise.
3. The funding source for this project appears to be an out and out lobbying effort by the rich and powerful to curry favors from the President. While public-private partnership is central in updating and modernizing any public space, that should and MUST happen once the design has been approved with public inputs such as the one I am giving and public expenditure has been authorized and appropriated by the congress.

For these reasons I urge members of NCPC to disapprove the proposed design and launch a fully transparent and open process to decide the future of the addition (made imperative by the illegal destruction of existing structure).

Ravindra Athale

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Leahy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this planned abomination to go forward. It is an affront to our history and to our national identity. The East Wing should be restored to its previous state as soon as possible. Any other action would be a disgrace.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Bedford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Manis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose Trump's East Wing Destruction to modernize. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of an American landmark and American history. The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America and temporary inhabitants should not be allowed to destroy it. I ask that this project be canceled immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No person is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.
Sincerely
Elizabeth Manis
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new proposed ballroom, should be smaller than the White House itself and match the existing architecture. A large ballroom is certainly not something the American people want or need. The beautiful historic White House is a legacy that should be respected.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Yraguen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Moderation Project. This project began without required National Capital Planning commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. The creates an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is not private property. It belongs the American People. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Kastan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and donors fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House."

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Juenger-Kenny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Jackie Juenger-Kenny
John Kenny
Jax Kenny

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McMahon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It represents a complete razing of American history. I feel this project should be cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design. I also firmly believe that those who proceeded with this project without first following the law and obtaining the requisite permits should be penalized. No one is above the law!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

In addition, the funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Respectfully,

Shawn Olson

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roseanne Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a shame that this administration believes it can act whenever the mood strikes. We have laws, rules, and processes in place in order not to waste taxpayer money. The checks and balances in place are for the betterment of the whole, and should not be ignored. Please put a stop to this guady project and penalize those who believe they are above the law with no repercussions.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rolf Lund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No president owns the White House. No president is entitled to make significant alterations without permission, without submitting plans to the GSA, which is only the start of the approval process. Mr. Trump's unbelievable arrogance and self aggrandizement in ordering the construction of a gigantic ballroom to replace the once beautiful, now destroyed, East Wing building should be thwarted. He should be censured for this attempt to celebrate the stratification of American society into the outmoded model of an aristocracy based on wealth. This ballroom would be a monument to Mr. Trump and the super rich, and would leave the majority of the people he swore he would serve out in the cold. America should strive to be a class free society. This ballroom plan is un-, or even anti- American.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I don't know that the East Wing can be restored exactly as it was, however whatever happens going forward must be subject to proper oversight, and in keeping with this building as a public monument. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Korein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (OR ANY MONEY as Americans are having trouble accessing food, healthcare and housing), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Adrine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Willis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuild should be in proportion to the White House proper and not overwhelm it. It should mimic the exterior of the original East Wing in architectural style . No gold embellishments that cannot be removed! It is shameful that the teardown happened at all, especially without going through proper channels first..

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Whitsett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Sommers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the "people's house" in order to build an unnecessary, ostentatious ballroom—a monument to grift—by the current administration. Please block the illegal actions of Trump to turn historically important public property into a gold-plated palatial eyesore. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:27:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Whittaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 1:26:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarena Krojanker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Roman Arbogast
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rhea Slichter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonny Knudsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not spend any money building a ballroom that does not represent the citizens of the USA. I am asking you to restore the East Wing to its previous design. Like many other citizens I was deeply saddened and angered to watch the destruction of this beautiful symbol of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing Ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is another grift where the President solicits funds in exchange for favors. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Rosenmarkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra Desaulniers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:32:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Struble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review as well as not needed by the American government. This is not a modernization effort—it represents the destruction of an important part of American history. Taxpayers should not be expected to bear the cost of a project undertaken in this manner. All donated funds intended to convert this space into a ballroom should instead be used to restore the East Wing to its original historic design, which was dismantled without proper authority. I call for this project to be immediately canceled and for the East Wing to be faithfully rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who violated established procedures would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:32:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emilee Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose any tax money being used to pay for this atrocity. I oppose it being torn down, but nobody's opinion even counted for that.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:32:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Klemmick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing to its historic design.

The white house is as much a monument as a functional government building, and should be treated as such. While modern improvements are obviously appropriate to improve usability and comfort, a massive ballroom for the elite as Trump has proposed is spitting in the face of ordinary Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:32:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Dolan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished. Now we need to restore the exterior of the East Wing to its original stature and modernize the interior. The Ballroom project should be cancelled. It is unnecessary. If there is a bunker, it should be updated.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:32:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Devon Rehse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irvin Bielefeldt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President should be free to make upgrades to the White House property. As long as it does not entail spending of tax dollars. If Federal funds are to be used, it should go through the vetting process.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:31:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Cooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I second the comments of Anara Guard. In addition, has there been any action on the claim that private donors cannot fund this thing?
How many tax dollars (including employee time) have been wasted on this tear-down? I'd like to see an accounting.

Carol A. Cooke

Date: 2/17/2026 1:31:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Parks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its original design. The people (all the people)of this country should have been given a say BEFORE the wing was destroyed. Restore to original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:31:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Lorden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:31:04 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:30:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the 90,000 sq ft ballroom to be built. It will distort the intent of the architecture. The White House was built not to act as a palace of a monarchy, but rather an elegantly designed house of a democratic government represented by the people of the country. As to use -- how often does -- or should -- the White House host the number of people that such a ballroom can hold, and the cost of it remaining idle at other times is a waste of money as is the cost of upkeep in general.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:30:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MELANIE ZIEGLER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Chesley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project except for those who initiated it to rebuild this horrific display which was without legal and proper authorization, permits, and design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a morbid perversion of American history and the rule of law.. I want this project terminated and the summary destruction of the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original state for all Americans. No one is above the law. Permitting this project forward without penalizing the criminality of those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens, the foundation of Democracy, and the Constitution of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:30:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Curry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for providing an outlet to share opinions. It is a blessing to live in a country where citizens can make their voices heard, and I do not take this privilege lightly.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Curry

Date: 2/17/2026 1:30:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Evan Sass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible

in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:30:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen george
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DENISE HALL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:28:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And furthermore, I think that the American people should not pay for this restoration. The Trump PACs should foot the bill to rebuild the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:28:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Mushrush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is absolutely no need for the expansion and grotesquely opulent redesign of the East Wing. The United States of America does not need a ballroom of this size attached to the existing White House. Not now, not ever. The priorities of this administration are so out of line with what the general public is in need of. The amount of money this is costing could pay for affordable healthcare for countless Americans who are struggling to afford even the most basic care. The destruction of the existing East Wing mimics the destruction done to our heritage and culture throughout the nation. A wrecking ball has been taken to the country we all have known and loved our entire lives. It is unrecognizable to many and the American dream is lost for those who find themselves in the bottom tier of the social ladder.

This is damaged, the legacy of the presidency beyond measure. Our nation's leader is to be an example to all of someone who deeply cares about every American. That includes those who have immigrated here and are in the process of becoming naturalized citizens. In conclusion, this symbol of Americana, the People's House, should never have been altered without a thorough examination of its current condition, its use, its value as a historical landmark, and without obtaining the required permissions done through the proper laws and regulations.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:28:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loretta Lawler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the east wing was done without authorization or permits. The White House is a national treasure for all of us .No changes are supposed to made without plans that are approved. No ballroom!! Put the east wing back to what it was!!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:27:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Jo Schanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the president's cost. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, Kathy Jo Schanner

Date: 2/17/2026 1:27:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Bitner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing. The White House belongs to the people, not to the current occupant. There was no attempt to secure permits, site reviews, or submit plans for the demolition and proposed construction. That is a clear violation of the law. I would not be allowed to tear down and rebuild my own house without following the law and the president should not be allowed to tear down and rebuild OUR house in violation of the law either. The only acceptable remedy to the loss of the East Wing and its attendant history is to require the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored as it was prior to October 20, 2025. And the cost should be borne by those who sought and approved the demolition of the East Wing for construction of a ballroom and NOT by the American people.

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Name: Denise Doherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building a ballroom to replace the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing. Find a more meaningful thing to do with that space. It is outrageous for the nation to be spending so much money on unnecessary opulence. Even if the new building is built as planned with outside donations, the US taxpayers will have to support its ongoing use for generations and watch while lobbyists and others seeking influence gain even more access to power. (Keep using the same limited entertainment locations that currently are in the WH.) And we all now know that things are never free. Donations from the named sources are not without reciprocal expectations. The People's House does not need a huge ballroom at all let alone while so may in the country are struggling to find food, healthcare, and affordable housing. It shows a deliberate, callous, Versailles-like "let them eat cake" attitude by those who think monarchy is a better idea than democracy.

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Name: Olivia Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the

appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I worked as an architect in D.C. at a firm that specialized in historic restoration of buildings and monuments in the district. There were many steps and many approvals along the way to construction, much less demolition, so it is very distressing to watch what has been happening to our White House, which is OUR White House, not the president's. He is a temporary resident and has no right to vandalize our collective property! Please stop the unlawful destruction. Stop the illegal process now underway.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alysia Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (realistically, it will end up being even more) on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Spears
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the abomination of destroying East Wing for a ballroom. We need to preserve historic buildings, not destroy them. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thama Brentano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Andrea Wolkenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this grotesque project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Jack Arbogast
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Serena Naramore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Hoying
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely appalling and insulting to the entire country that one man can destroy a portion of an historical building to feed his own vanity. I don't even understand how this was allowed in the first place. He lied and said the original structure would not be affected.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: camille ochman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scot McIntosh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was illegally initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history in favor of a tacky, self-aggrandizing would-be dictator's throneroom. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (in accordance with modern building codes, of course). No one is above the

law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:26:15 PM
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Name: Karen Irving
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing was destroyed without approval by Congress or the American people. It should be rebuilt in a style similar to its previous style, paid for by President Trump not his rich donors.

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Name: Timothy King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission.

The project called East Wing Modernization is a disgrace.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The bill should be sent to Donald Trump with the authority of law to collect. The theft of our national heritage was perpetrated by this illegal act of destruction to a historic building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebekah Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Finishing it would be an affront to the White House's history and to all those who do projects the right way with proper approvals first. I wish to see the East Wing rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Adriani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“The People’s House” is our house. It is on loan to whomever is Elected President to these United States. It’s temporary housing. Therefore, augmenting it is up to “We the People “
While other presidents have made simple modifications over the years, NO ONE, has done damage to”Our House” as much as Donald Trump. The demolition of both the Rose Garden and the East Wing is abhorrent. We do not need a monstrous ballroom to please the narcissistic ego of one man.
And, any plans for underground should be full disclosure . This administration is shamefully out of control, on so many levels.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: camille ochman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brent Mastel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “project” is an unbelievable affront to the People's House and should be stopped immediately. A bill should be sent directly to Donald Trump to restore the historic East Wing (and rose gardens!) to their former glory.
It is unconscionable that NO apparent oversight or input has happened on this project.
It must be remedied, at no cost to taxpayers, immediately.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project, which started without legal authorization from Congress. I am saddened that this was done impulsively without the proper steps that needed to be taken.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janine Elbing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount on this project. I don't believe that the proper channels were utilized for it to take place. It is not a modernization but a demolition of American History.
This project should not be completed. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Benton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Furthermore, President Trump should be required to pay for the reconstruction out his personal funds. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300M project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The Trump Administration should have gone through the proper process before bulldozing American history.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to go ahead (without penalizing those who broke the law) would be an affront to all law-abiding tax

payers.

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Name: Jaclyn Oldroyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Thomas Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission:

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Thank you.

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Name: Mary Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Rapuano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Respectfully,
Joseph Rapuano
East Granby, CT

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is being called modernization is more like violation. The East Wing was fine before trump got his hands on it, just like Kennedy Center.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:25:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Lawler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without the required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional approval required by federal law for construction on federal park land in Washington.

The $400 M cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with this administration approving those contracts--an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:24:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darrell O'Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm curious if this $3-400 million project was reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) and the DC Historic Preservation Office (HPO) to ensure that the changes will comply with the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act. If not, it seems irresponsible to demolish the existing structure with such reviews.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Westfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even $1 on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Mannino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have a dear friend who worked in the East Wing long ago. She was devastated by seeing the East Wing being demolished so suddenly and without due process involving The People of the United States. While I do not expect that the East Wing could be completely restored to its original historical grandeur, and am appalled at what has been lost of our country's architectural, cultural, and presidential history in this action. I hope that in the "modernization" the East Wing will be rebuilt with significant restoration of that historical memory that was originally held within the original East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:24:37 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah DeStefano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was allowed to go forward with no oversight by the appropriate historical and preservation authorities. This project should be halted immediately. Those responsible for the destruction should be held legally and financially responsible for both the costs of the destruction and authentic replacement and rebuilding of this portion of the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cherie Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an English major, I would like to point out that the words "modernization" and "destruction" are not synonymous. The White House is the people's house. This administration did not seek approval from the people or the appropriate federal institutions. Please halt the destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:24:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Rasmussen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:23:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: dianne jennings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild and restore the east wing exactly like it was to preserve history. A gaudy ballroom that will overpower the White House is unacceptable.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:23:48 PM
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Name: Susan Proffitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Gillick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historical beauty. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:23:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Lewin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historical protected building and
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Corbett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Wong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The folks at the American Heritage dictionary would not call this project a “modernization” by any reasonable definition of the term, It s the architectural version of a loogie hurled at the values of history and integrity embodied by the now demolished Old East Wing. This new project is unapologetic about being a shrine to venality, influence-peddling, and grotesquely gaudy miserable taste.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:23:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the spending of $300M on this project. It never should have happened.
I feel sickened by the destruction of the East Wing, the destruction of history, by the man occupying the house next door.
Full stop, it needs to be reconstructed with the full bill paid in full by the man who blatantly demanded the destruction of it for his own ego. This goes beyond "It's easier to ask forgiveness than permission". This was despicable behavior of an ego driven mad man.
For once... for once, someone needs to put their foot down on this "man".
He is a toddler in an 80 year old suit, destroying toys that don't belong to him in an attempt to get better toys for himself. Put the toddler on a time-out and force him to come to terms of what he's done and apply the proper punishments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Thibault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The willful and unlawful destruction of the historic East Wing of the people's house, the White House, is criminal! As a tax paying citizen of this great country, I want to express my complete opposition to construction of anything other than a full and complete replica of what has been taken from us by this destructive action. I vehemently oppose spending anything on a gawdy and unnecessary ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:13:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gisele Glosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the destruction of of the East Wing of the White House! This is not only a National Historic Landmark, but a symbol of Democracy. Demolishing it to Make it into a ballroom -or anything else -is simply outrageous. It was not cleared with congress nor any other agencies. The current administration has no right to make these herrendous changes! Stop it immediately.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Pominville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heidi Kinnamon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Scott Wongrowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ellen Stutts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on this project - it was always a vanity project that was not authorized. Instead, I urge that the East Wing be restored to its former design. If possible, I would like for the perpetrator of the destruction (Donald Trump) to be forced to pay to have it restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:15:00 PM
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Name: Robert Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Decisions affecting the future of historic buildings and national landmarks should be made by bodies assigned by Congress to carry long-term responsibility for these treasures. An executive order to destroy the east wing of the White House is a fundamental violation of this responsibility.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Roof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose any construction on the site of the East Wing that does not restore the historic place that was illegally demolished. No Trump ballroom!

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Name: John Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I approve of how the funding for the East Wing Modernization Project was arranged without taxpayer money. From what I have studied, this space will be a great improvement and make a host of gatherings easier compared to past methods using outdoor tents, or limiting the number of attendees to fit in smaller spaces.

As with my own home, sometimes things need to change to meet current needs.

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Name: George Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecilia Hesselton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:22:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Siperly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is OUR house and the destruction of the East Wing and planned ballroom were not authorized by anyone. I am asking that the East Wing be restored to its original design and that plans for a ballroom are scrapped. This whole thing was a disgusting abuse of power.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:21:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Woerpel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the East Wing should be restored to its former self, except for modernizations or modest expansion to meet new needs. Whoever is responsible for the destruction without prior approval needs to be held accountable.

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Name: Jessica Banian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely disgusted at what has happened to the White House, a historical building, without any of the proper channels being used to obtain permission. It is vile that someone would unilaterally decide to demo and rebuild a section into a gold covered ballroom when so many US Citizens are struggling to afford food and shelter, let alone healthcare and medicine. Every single penny spent on this project should be

repaid by Trump and he should face whatever civil or criminal penalties there are for this injustice.

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Name: Susan Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing “modernization”?? Wow, that is some truly Orwellian doublespeak. You mean the building that belongs TO THE PEOPLE and was summarily torn down, with no permission, no planning, no process, no design review? And now the plan is build something monstrously oversized and completely out of scale? This was an illegal action, and NOTHING should be built on that site without full oversight and review.

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Name: KJ Mikkelsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eva Gold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We cannot allow the wholesale destruction of an important symbol of our American history, without proper oversight, input, and review. The current resident is treating this as if it were his personal property. It belongs to the American people and as such should be restored, preserved and protected for posterity, not turned into a grotesque vanity project. Thank you.

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Name: Lynne Saltiel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the destruction of the historic white house, put the east wing back

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Name: Carla Harrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Steven James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing project as it is currently proceeding. There has been little or no planning or review by the appropriate commissions or authorities negating the safe guards they provide. I am a former National Park Service employee who was involved in the restoration and repair of several historic sites and recognize the importance of review and comment.

The White house is the peoples house not the private residence of it's occupant to be modified or destroyed at their whim. The total lack of public scrutiny and public input is unacceptable. This project should be halted immediately and allowed to proceed only when properly reviewed and approved by governing authority not the whim of one person. I find the current procedure being followed by the Trump administration offensive and perhaps illegal. The entire project should be halted and thoroughly investigated.

Respectfully,
Steven James

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Name: Linda Glass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rosemarie Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the ballroom that the current administration is planning to replace the East Wing. "East Wing Modernization Project" is a misnomer for what Trump is trying to build. And bulldozing the previous structure without any oversight should be punishable. It does not matter that he claims that it will be built with private funding. The proposed overdone building that is proposed will only enhance Trump's efforts to position himself, his family and his cronies into more power and wealth. The bottom 99%/population will be paying for this (in more ways than one) for decades to come.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:21:00 PM
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Name: Simon Early
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Gassert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom and believe it is not appropriate in size or aesthetic.

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Name: Holley Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If a new ballroom is constructed it should be in harmony with the White House itself. It should not overshadow it. And the decor should be tasteful and moderate, again, in keeping with the image of the White House as the People's House and not that of a palace. or overdone private club. Anything else would be a disgrace.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Bumford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project strongly.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:20:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Doran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am writing to inform you that I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which I would be shocked if not everyone opposed it. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. That’s absolutely appalling. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of our American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president, at any given time, is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:20:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Gagnon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any funding to build an ostentatious ballroom. That does not represent what the United States is or should be. It's necessary to host reasonably sized dinners for other global leaders and it should be limited to a reasonable size given the fact the wing was illegally demolished. The beauty that has been the White House has been destroyed and I pray for the return of respectability.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:20:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Lange
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There should be active public comment and adherence to the rules regarding a one-of-a- kind public facility. The White House belongs to the people--not to one person who has the money to do whatever he wants. This project sends the message that if you have the money you can subvert the law. Changes to the White House should come as a consensus honoring our democratic process--not the whim of a person who wants to glorify his personal interests..

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object strenuously to this so-called "Modernization Project." First of all, the construction is on the site of the historic East Wing, which was torn down without appropriate review and permitting. Vast number of Americans now feel violated. Second, the scale and scope of the proposed project are obscene. It will be a horrendous eyesore much like the palace of former Eastern European dictator Ceauşescu. Have any of the people on the commission visited this grand marble folly in Bucharest? It is now considered a monument to bad architecture and human hubris. This ballroom project is will not a success or revered in the long run. It will be an embarrassment.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:20:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of more than $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Denise Vassar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Burrows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is the People's House.

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Name: Bernice Labus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House. We are judged by our actions. In this historic year it is important to protect the entire White House. It is part of our history.

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Name: Mary B Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Wynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lesley Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project which was begun with no authorization from the proper local and government agencies, and no permits, no thought for what a ballroom that size would be used for. It's a vanity project that, even if not paid for with tax dollars, does not serve the needs of the citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bourgeault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Instead of building a new, gaudy addition to the White House, consequences should come to those who illegally demolished the wing in the first place, and it should be restored to its original appearance.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Frazier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this destruction of our Historical Whitehouse . Trump has already destroyed to beautiful Rose gardens that were admired by Americans .
Please stop this unnecessary expansion .

Date: 2/17/2026 1:18:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica McGowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please refuse any requests by the Trump administration to build a monstrosity ballroom. The historic East Wing needs to be returned to its former glory. The previous profile of the People's White House had beautiful lines. Any current plan would destroy that. In addition, NCPC needs to send a strong message that tearing it down first and asking permission later will not be tolerated for any future projects.

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Name: Steven Blankenship
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project moving forward unless it follows all laws regarding changes to the White House.
I also oppose the private funding of projects as it opens the door for corruption and buying influence.

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Name: Rosemarie Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect I understand the desire for a large formal meeting space on the White House grounds. But, I am also a staunch advocate for historic preservation, having received my master's degree in Adaptive Reuse of historic structures.
The White House as a National Historic Landmark and symbol of our nation is one of the most recognized buildings on the planet. I visit D.C. often and have a heartfelt attraction to the White House and all her glory. It represents so much for the American people and embodies so much of our history. It is, in my opinion the most significant historic site in the United States (and I have been to a lot of them).
As an architect I know that there are more sensitive, more functional, and more aesthetically pleasing solutions that can be developed for the site. I cried when I witnessed the demolition of the East Wing and

will be horrified if the ballroom addition goes forth as it is currently envisioned.
I know from experience that a project of this type takes time to plan. You cannot develop a program that satisfies the critical security requirements, the use requirements (large multi-functional meeting space, with food service), meets the requirements of the International Building Code, and has been reviewed for historic accuracy (or at least a sensitivity for alignment).
The planning of a project of this size and type would require several years. It should not be haphazardly dashed together as the current proposal seems to have been done. We are not building a pole barn! We, the people, who will live with the results for decades to come, should not see this project treated as some developer fast-tack design-build exercise.
No one person should be entrusted with the power to alter, deface, or demolish a building that is so important to our nation. Please listen to the American people when we say that the People's House, the White House, deserves to be preserved and cared for so that future generations can enjoy this living, breathing monument to the history of our Republic. And, We the People have a right and duty to provide input into the process and shape the outcome.

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Name: Heather Niessner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historical Preservation is very important. Tearing down and rebuilding part of the White House without the proper authorization, permits, or design review raises many concerns for maintaining the history of the American People's White House. We do not need grandeur. We need solid. As the plans progress, any politically aligned contractors should be recused from any bidding. The shoddy work done on the "Wall" is testament to the quality of the building contractors that have been selected in the past. Also, tacky decor should be avoided at all costs. We will need NON-POLITICAL or at the least BI-PARTISAN design teams. The beautiful classic designs have stood the test of time, please do not turn our beautiful White House into a Frat Party Animal House.

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Name: Lana Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was the property of the citizens of the United States of America. It also embodied history of the United States. It was not the property of any president or other individual. Its destructiion at the directiin of a president without the peoples' approval, therefore, was a criminal act and should be treated as such. The East Wing must be fully restored to its exact condition prior to this illegal assault, and the person responsible must be held to full account and penalized exactly as any other destroyer of public property.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 1:18:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $200/$300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design as part of The People's House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:18:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Neyland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this destruction. No ballrooms. Return the East Wing to its former self. Arrest those responsible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Poitras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Disregarding a conscious effort to seek authorization before razing an area of historical significance shows this administration's lack of interest in getting consent or acknowledging the will of US public. This form of callousness needs to be addressed legally

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Name: Marian Roh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House was the work of a misguided, power-hungry, self-centered gold-digger. I am shocked and saddened by President tRump's lack of inteagrity and honesty.

I am not sure what to do with the ruins, now. Perhaps a beautiful rose garden, with many heirloom species, now that the rose garden has been turned into predator patio. Trees and roses, and paths to walk. Benches,

ardhes, places for small, private meetings. That would be lovely. The East light would be perfect for this.

Please take the best submitted ideas, and run with them. No freaking ballroom, please.

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Name: Jennifer Fodaski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:17:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Koistinen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing to express my strenuous opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot "State Ballroom" and East Wing reconstruction. While the administration frames this as a modernization, the design constitutes a fundamental violation of the architectural integrity of the White House complex.

The total demolition of the East Wing in October 2025 was a betrayal of the public trust and a surgical strike against American heritage. To claim that a 1942 historic landmark was 'excellently preserved' while reduced to a pile of rubble is an insult to our collective intelligence.

We are replacing a functional, historic wing—the symbolic home of the Office of the First Lady—with a 90,000-square-foot 'State Ballroom' that is nearly double the size of the original Executive Mansion. This isn't a renovation; it's an annexation of public history by private interests. By bypassing Congressional oversight and the National Historic Preservation Act, this administration has set a terrifying precedent: that the 'People's House' can be reconfigured at the whim of a single individual.

I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal based on the following design concerns:

Scale and Massing: The proposed 90,000-square-foot structure is nearly double the size of the original Executive Mansion. This excessive massing overwhelms the historic residence, turning a globally recognized neoclassical monument into a secondary attachment to a modern event space.

Disruption of the L'Enfant Plan: Renderings submitted on February 13 show that the ballroom's height and eastern expansion will permanently obstruct protected views and sightlines from 15th Street NW. This diminishes the "Temple of Liberty" silhouette intended by the city's original planners.

Architectural Incongruity: The use of modern bulletproof glazing and gilded neoclassical mimicry creates a

"theme park" aesthetic that clashes with the authentic Aquia Creek sandstone and historic character of the North and South Porticos.

Loss of the East Colonnade's Integrity: The October 2025 demolition of the East Garden Room and Family Theater has already destroyed the delicate transition between the residence and the grounds. A 1,000-seat ballroom cannot replicate the subservient, graceful proportions of the original Jeffersonian-inspired wings.

The White House belongs to the American people, not to private donors or a single administration's temporary needs. I request that the Commission require a significant reduction in the project's scale to ensure the Executive Mansion remains the dominant feature of the site.

Respectfully,

Shannon Koistinen

La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This is a conflict of interest. The President had no right to demolish the East Wing, much less design a monstrosity to replace it. I object to Trump making any additional changes to any part of the White House. It is the people's house; he is a guest. A poorly behaved guest that should be made to pay for the damage he has created from his own pocket. Not corporations , not tax payers. Trump should pay to put up a replica of the torn down East Wing.

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Name: Marynell Lubinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of this new ballroom is extreme. It should not be nearly as large as the White House. If a larger facility is needed for the President, it should be built elsewhere.

Overall I'm very sad that the East Wing was torn down without reasonable planning and input. I hope this review process is thorough and that the Administration respects the decisions and advice of the review organizations.

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Name: Cathy Cermak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Adella Albiani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In the USA, in every State, there are rules to follow if you plan to demolish or renovate a building. There are stricter regulations that pertain to Government buildings.
None of those rules or regulations were met here regarding the East Wing of the White House.
My comment is this, all work has to be stopped until a full review of this process.
Rules and Laws do matter.

Sincerely a concerned Citizen

Adella Albiani

Date: 2/17/2026 1:16:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Milliken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the building of a $300M White House ballroom to stop. It was initiated illegally and has irradiated a part of American history. I want that wing of the White House restored completely to its original state. I also want those responsible to be held accountable.

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Name: Kelley Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Petra Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I advocate for complete cancelation of this project and immediate planning to rebuild and restore the East Wing. All who broke the law to begin this project without required approvals and permits should be penalized and restricted from future contract bids.

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Name: Gerard ernst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Celeste Rothstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million in taxpayer dollars on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project, a complete razing of American history, canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Allowing this

unauthorized project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth i Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a national icon that is being torn down on needlessly so that Trump can build a future bunker. I wish our elected officials would have a spine to stop the president's madness.

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Name: Kerry Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the white house was razed without proper planning or authority. No funding should be provided to enable anything other than its restoration to the state it was before the unauthorized demolition. This is the people's house. Knocking it down and replacing it with something to stroke the vanity of the current president is not in the interest of the people.

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Name: Martin Atias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of Government Property is a Federal Crime. Full Stop.
The current President does not own the White House, they do not have unfettered unilateral authority to physically modify it, certainly not to destroy and replace it without proper and legal review.

To say that a completing Ballroom is a National Security matter because the remaining building is insecure is a travesty of justice.
To have it funded by private investors currying favor with the President and being engaged in Government contract negotiations is corrupt by definition.

The parties responsible for irresponsibly destroying the building must fund it's complete restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharn Matusek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is another of Trump's ego projects, destructive, ugly, and illegal. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Also a huge affront to all the people who have lost healthcare, food support, childcare, etc. with his "cost-cutting" pretense.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Bagby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing of the White House:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Maureen Manning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I question the president's authority to demolish the East Wing and construct the ballroom using a deliberately complicated funding setup with private money while circumventing Congressional authorization. What's next in OUR White House if this is approved?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Tasker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending anything on this project. It is unauthorized. The design was never submitted for review or

approval, and no permits have been obtained. In the meantime, the cost and size keep changing on a whim. Calling this a "Modernization" is a lie, it is a replacement with something completely different. Demolishing the East Wing was against the law. Those involved need to be penalized. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Its demolishment was a swipe at the history of all of the First Ladies who had their offices there.

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Name: Marjorie Foster Leary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Caitlin Pallai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robbie McConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With the demolition of the White House East Wing already completed, we now face a defining responsibility: to rebuild it with the same architectural integrity, historical fidelity, and craftsmanship that define the White House.

This is not simply a construction project. It is a matter of preserving the dignity of one of our nation’s most important symbols. The American people deserve a restoration that honors the original design, respects established preservation standards, and reflects the timeless character of the Executive Residence.

There must be full transparency, strict adherence to preservation guidelines, and independent oversight to

ensure the rebuilt East Wing is worthy of the White House itself.

Anything less would diminish a structure that belongs to history — and to the American people.

Respectfully,

Robbie McConnell

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Name: Linea Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this project to proceed as it is now. Without proper authorizations the building was torn down razing a part of American history. No one is above the law & this President should not be rewarded for moving ahead without proper review, which would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. I would like the East Wing of the White House & the bunker beneath it to be rebuilt as it was but according to modern building codes, without additional embellishments. This is The People's House & we do not need a gigantic gilded ballroom in which to entertain.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Linda J Stewart

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Name: Tresia Gillett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Of all the terrible things that have happened since the last presidential election, this may be the one that vividly depicts the entire goal for our president: total destruction with no remorse, oversight or accountability. I cried when I saw that it was torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keara Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Kunst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing of White House should not have demolished without public comment and Congressional approval. It is the People's House, not a president's. And, it can not be rebuilt without public comment and input, and Congressional approval.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerard Michalowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gisele Glosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the destruction of of the East Wing of the White House! This is not only a National Historic Landmark, but a symbol of Democracy.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:14:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Daly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project which is costing $300 million (whose $ is not the issue) and was initiated improperly without authorization permits or design review. The project needs to be canceled and the East wing needs to rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project and the complete razing of American history. All those that broke the law by allowing the East Wing to be knocked down illegally should be penalized. No one is above the law and this is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:14:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Siobhan Perenick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-
Also the new addition should never been designed like this it dwarfs the rest of the White House, does not fit with the current design and is totally unnecessary

Date: 2/17/2026 1:13:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing citizens to comment on the White House projects. I would hope that the exterior of the East Wing is identical to the exterior of west wing in appearance.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:14:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeremy Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I strongly oppose the expenditure of any funds on this project—let alone a reported $300 million. The demolition of the East Wing, a historic and irreplaceable part of our national heritage, was initiated without proper authorization. There were no approved plans, no formal reviews, no permits, no lawful authorization, and no presentation to United States Congress.

This is not a modernization project. It is the complete destruction of American history. It appears driven by personal ego and a desire to leave a self-indulgent, ornamental legacy rather than to preserve the dignity and integrity of a national landmark.

This project is neither necessary nor supported by a significant majority of the American people. I call for its immediate cancellation and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design and historical character.

No individual is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability would be an affront to every law-abiding American. A failure to impose consequences for such a blatant disregard of legal process would undermine the very principles of governance, transparency, and the rule of law that our institutions are meant to uphold.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Shaw

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Name: Adam D'Amalfi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a republic if we can keep it.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:13:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Loppnow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I greatly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Dearborn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please accept my comment on this project. Hoping that care will be taken to honor and protect the East Wing that was torn down with no regard for history. Build it back at the same scale. No need to build a huge ugly monster of a building. Use any material that was possibly saved in some sort of artistic way.
Thank you
Vickie Dearborn
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: A.S. Drexler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What our "President" ordered and what Congress permitted to happen to the East Wing is an obscene and shameful loss of our history and a disgusting waste of resources. I cannot imagine what the thought behind it could have been beyond destroying something that was valued by people whom Trump and his cronies hold in zero esteem, despite being elected by (some of) them and sworn to serve them.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lechelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and when the country has critical infrastructure requiring immediate attention. Roads, bridges, public safety systems, and disaster resilience across this country require funding, repairs and/or replacement. Choosing to allocate this level of taxpayer money to build a ballroom for a select few people reflects misplaced priorities. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with the original furniture. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As part of his reparations, Mr. Trump needs to be held liable for the monies to restore the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Killian Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm strongly opposed to the proposed $300 million expenditure on this project. Based on what's been presented, the process has not met the standard of proper authorization, permitting, and design review expected for a significant public and historic site. Calling this "modernization" minimizes what it actually is: the removal of historic fabric and character. I urge you to pause or cancel the project and pursue a restoration-first approach for the East Wing that respects its original design and historic significance. Accountability and adherence to the law and review process must come first, no exceptions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Conway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The American people do not need such a ballroom, one that is twice as large as THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriam Tilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JULIE WARD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review, and completely without consideration for the wishes of the people of the United States. It was planned in secret and executed under a veil of untruths. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If any modernization or expansion is to occur, I want the design to be sensitive to the history, architecture and spirit of the People's House.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: HOPE HARRINGTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a resident of Washington, DC and was born in the city at Columbia Hospital for Women. My mother, grandmother and grandfather were also born in this city. As were my great-grandfather and great-grandmother.

It is unfortunate and inappropriate that the former east wing of the White House has been demolished. Equally unfortunate and inappropriate are the current plans for a ballroom to take the place of the east wing. That the proposed building will be larger than the White House itself is laughable...and an embarrassment. This plan should be scrapped, with provision made for space to house White House staff and records and for welcoming guests to the White House. A new east wing should complement the architecture of the White House, not dwarf it. Or overshadow it. Washington, like Paris, is a beautiful city with historic structures and green spaces that enhance its beauty for visitors and residents to enjoy. The aesthetic of the city is its calling card. That this has been deliberately maintained during my life, that of my parents and forbears is a lesson for those who temporarily reside in the city. "If it isn't broken, don't fix it" is a well-known saying that applies.!

Respectfully submitted,
Hope Harrington
2/17/26

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Name: Reed McCloskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people

who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kenneth Nitschke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing without permit or historical societies input. Rebuild with the exact design that was eliminated. Do not destroy the elegance and scale of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Putman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Peggy Reineking
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and construction of a ballroom in its place. The historic part of the Peoples' House needs to be preserved. Just because the current First Lady does not reside there doesn't mean future First Ladies will not want to use the space. No president should have the right to remodel or remove federally-owned monuments or registered historic buildings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a travesty this project is on too many levels to register my horror and disgust, but it should be stopped immediately! As a US citizen, I object to a project such as this that, without proper oversight and authorization, destroys American history, the way so much of what this administration is deliberately obliterating as we attempt to celebrate 250 years of what we hoped would be our increasingly more democratic and inclusive nation.

Barbara (Bobbie) Malone, PhD
American historian

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Walston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in Washington, D.C. For many years, my father's law office was located on New York Avenue, virtually across the street from the White House, and we once watched Inaugural parades from his windows.

I almost wish there were no pictures of Donald Trump's destruction of the East Wing, important to the historical record though they are. It is too painful to see. Regardless of what Trump puts up on the site, it will stand as a monument to his destruction of history.

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Name: Michael Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alisa Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO NOT ALLOW the construction of a monument to contempt for the law, wanton destruction of public property, and the pathetically deranged personality of one man. Erase this act of vandalism by reconstructing the original.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:10:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Davenport
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was well said, so I'll submit this comment from Mr. Koskavich :
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respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Furthermore the 'East Wing Modernization Project' is an Orwellian appellation... Please stop the gilded ballroom ego project and restore the East Wing of the Peoples' House as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammeron Jonesfrancis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under any other administration the demolition of the east wing and the threat of the construction of a ballroom adjacent to the White House proper, as described by President Trump, would have been stopped before the work commenced.

President Trump’s demolishing of the East wing as well as the ballroom addition is unacceptable. The White House is “the house of the people” and has significant symbolic weight as the face of democracy. Because of this designation, the building needs to be treated with all of the deference equivalent to its place within the story of this nation; every opportunity needs to be made for recommendations by laymen and relevant professionals before the building and site is modified. Thus far there has been no serious attempt to solicit the professional advice of historians, preservationists, architects or interested laymen. Further, funds for the construction of the Ballroom have not been allocated through congress but by private donations leaving an obvious opportunity for exposure to corruption.

Almost every county in the United States has buildings within it that are designated in one way or another as ‘historic.’ Historic structures are granted particular care by the counties’ citizens, officers and experts not merely because they are old but because they hold a key to the story of a community. Because historic buildings hold these stories they are dear and cared about by the community. Thus, they are protected by a panel of caring individuals as well local and national regulations intending to protect the stories that these buildings represent. The White House, because it is dear to the nation, has been likewise protected by

committees of citizens, professional experts, local and national laws. But, President Trump has willfully ignored regulations as well as the review process intending to protect “the house of the people.”

It is common knowledge that the White House is intended as a temporary office for an administrator not a palace for a king. Some criticize the ballroom’s design as an unaesthetic overpowering of the White House proper. Indeed, the relationship between the existing White House and the proposed ballroom addition is grotesquely improper. Frequently, this relationship has been described by critics as “the tail wagging the dog.” Even so, this still misses the point. The proportional relationship displayed would be bad for any building and its addition. Here we are considering a building that lends Americans and the world the revolutionary story of American democracy. The White House is not gilded with gold, it does not have imposing hallways nor is it stuffed with marble busts of the current leader because the White House is not intended to intimidate. This is in obvious contrast to other buildings representing seats of government standing at the time of White House’s construction. A ballroom addition would be a violent rewriting of the intended democratic story that the White House's design intends to tell.

Trump and his team argue that the ballroom is badly needed. Not so. There are a number of facilities adjacent to the White House, including near-by Old Post Office – modified by Trump himself – that can and have been historically used for large presidential gatherings. Likewise the Rose Garden, now destroyed by Trump, has been used to facilitate relatively large gatherings at the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 77 year old citizen of this country, I vehemently oppose the destruction of the east wing. This is a National treasure and should be restored immediately to its original building plans. The new proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the original structure and ugly. Surely someone can stop this madness.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:09:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Christie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If we could have commented before the Eat wing was torn down, I would have said that I read against removing this over 100 year old building. Now it has already been destroyed. The People's House does not belong to a single person and changes to it ought not to be done without the consent of the People.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.
I am against a data center being built into the White House and against a bunker being built. Any new construction must be done with rigorous oversight and designed by an architect with an eye towards the preservation of the historic nature of the White House. Any new construction must be in proportion and harmony to the main White House. It must not be equal or larger in size. Full public documentation of the projects scope, budget schedule and procurement plan must be made available to the public and available for public content before any actual work on the plan begins. It must not be named for any living president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McGinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hodack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Heymann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom:

Please restore the exterior of the East Wing of our White House to its 2024 size. If a basement is an engineering option for additional space, please allow this. Not one thinking voter believes we will see this fiasco privately funded. If the entire main floor is a ballroom, with restrooms, so be it. The White House

needs its symmetry to be restored, not a ballroom the size of a football stadium.

Thank you for your willingness to accept public comment on this matter.

Marcia Heymann
Voter and Taxpayer

Date: 2/17/2026 1:09:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hourihan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people, not the President. The destruction of the East Wing for the building of a ballroom is abhorrent. Please stop this project and support the East Wing's restoration for the use of the American people, not wealthy donors.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:09:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Seidman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. Destroying the East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the American people and held within its walls so much of our history—and particularly women's history—was an outrage. This project is rife with conflict of interest and too little oversight or consultation. It is an egregious misuse of power and money. President Trump should be forbidden from building anything on the grounds of the White House and all work should stop until he is out of office and restoration can begin.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:09:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was implemented without proper authorization. 300mil is a lot to pay to destroy a national treasure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Virgines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Millar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing to its original design! Trump was not authorized to do any type of construction to this building. At this point it looks terrible, we do not need a ballroom! Also put the Rose garden back too! That patio looks like a cheap Florida resort!

Respectfully,

Sandra Millar

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Scriber Uhelski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please fully restore the old and very historic East Wing to its original glory and forgo the building of an unnecessary ball room where elite wealthy guests will fiddle while Rome burns. It was not authorized to be destroyed or replaced and it was not trump's decision to make without budgetary committees or congressional approval. Please have some sacred boundaries with this dictator who seeks no support before destruction. The public is ANGRY at his arrogance and thoughtlessness.. his lack of respect for our history .. and his refusal to accept limitations of power. We must not let this man single-handedly make decisions that are NOT his to make! He acts like he never plans to leave… which is a much bigger problem we have!\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8671 ?

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Name: Nelda Collett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the demolition of the East Wing of our White House. Having been done without proper permits and input from the American public in any way, it was an illegal and heinous act. The East Wing should be rebuilt as designed with only necessary infrastructure upgrades accepted. I am appalled by the acts this president has done.

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Name: Kimberly Bideau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tico Vogt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Ellen Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no justification for building a ballroom as a substitute for the East Wing. Please restore the East Wing to its former function. The President has no right to make such a decision on his own. His justification that it will be used in the future for inaugurations is ridiculous. He will not be in charge.

Thank you,
Ellen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Morten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of The White House and the subsequent construction of a massive ballroom. Renderings of this structure show complete disregard for the classical Palladian symmetry that have been maintained since the initial construction and adaptations over the years. The White House is owned by the American people and is under the purview of The National Park System. It must not be allowed to be destroyed by inappropriate architectural massing and proportion.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyce Caudill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom. The East Wing site was destroyed illegally and the people doing so should be punished and fined. Or better yet, made to replace it to it's original authenticity.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle P
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Anyone violating any laws or regulations pertaining to this the destruction of the historic East Wing should be held accountable to the full extent possible.

Any building should NOT be larger than the White House - the PEOPlE's house which is only a temporary rental for presidents.

Furthermore, ALL people and companies donating to the project, the amounts of their donations, and any promises or government contacts are expecting or currently hold need to be disclosed.

Additionally, the West Wing of the White House should not be touched and the idea of the Trump memorial arch should be killed immediately as it will destroy the aesthetics of the city and views of the current memorials.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:18 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jamme
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. No single American should be able to banish the East Wing to the rubbish bin. The White House, as it stood, was an iconic image filled with memories for its residents and those of us that watched history being made. It should NEVER be that our House could be corrupted, changed, partially demolished without the consent and approval of planning and permit officials whose job it is to carefully consider any proposed changes and their consequences. This precious symbol (and temporary home for the U.S. President) should be restored to its previous appearance with any needed repairs/upgrades being made during the restoration. Please return the White House to its previous appearance and treasured glory. Thank you for taking our opinions under consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tannenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Corps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mrs. Steven (Catherine) Corps, widow, requested I submit her thoughts on " the illegal gutting of the East Wing of the White House"! Catherine valued America's heritage and was angered when the television showed the destruction of the East wing taking place! She was receiving chemotherapy at the time. She immediately stated that the White House did not need to have improvements or additions. since It had been fine for all these years with maintenance. That way the history and significance of the East Wing was kept for history. Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Kennedy were the two presidential wives who did the most to help keep the belongings and objects from the White House intact so that those items would not be lost. They could be used to display the history of the PEOPLE's HOUSE.
Mrs. Catherine Corps passed away, Sunday, February 15, 2026, after a battle with Thymus cancer.

Told to Belinda Corps and Mrs. Gail Schave on February, 2, 2026 after a discussion about signing petitions, emailing Senators and Congressman to stop the destruction of the White House and alteration of our history.

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Name: Maria Hennessy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Hubbel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the President! It is the house of We the People. The East Wing with all its history was wiped out at the whim of one man, without any permission.

In addition, tired of the President putting billions into his pet projects while Americans struggle to purchase necessities. It is a misuse of our money and our building.

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Name: Heidi Langan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Harriet McGuire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rules for proposing changes to national historic projects mist be followed in this case or they will never apply to any other case. The donated money must be used to restore the original configuration of the East Wing AND the Rose Garden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rene Dendy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am highly opposed to this disastrous erasure of history. Not only is this taccky, monster of a Ballroom not needed, it was done without any consideration of the American citizens to whom the Whitehouse belongs, or any approval from Congress. Total erasure history is taking place. What was done to the Rose Garden was horrifying enough. Please rebuild the East Wing to it's glory. Thank you.

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Name: Britt Cline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cindy Sidaris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ruth Hayes
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Alan Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My wife Sue and I are dismayed at the destruction to our national treasures that Donald Trump is doing. The White House is not owned by the president- it belongs to the people. Any modifications should, and must, be reviewed by non-partisan caretakers charged with keeping all properties and monuments consistent with their intended purpose and architectural values.

We would certainly not allow a president to paint the White House pink or cut down all the trees, especially ones that had historic meaning unless necessary due to decay or a danger.

Please, halt this ego-based nightmare and restore the East Wing to what it was albeit modernized or modestly expanded to accommodate essential needs.

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Name: Janet Childress
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Talbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gale Michel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Tearing down the East Wing without prior planning and approval was an outrage against the American people. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:07:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Janda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No President should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and

allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Dunbar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow President Trump's giant ballroom to be built. This is the people's house, Trump is merely a resident for a short time. The East Wing is historical and should be restored to its former grandeur. The ballroom will be a big gold eyesore and a big middle finger to the People. I urge you to withhold any permission in support of the new ballroom and give the People back its East Wing and White House.

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Name: David LaBrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Horton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the White House east wing and proposed building of a ball room. The destruction of a national monument was done with no effort to gather ideas from the public. The White House is a national monument and not the real estate of the current occupants. The East wing should be rebuilt to the previous style and uses with of course , accommodations for safety upgrades like electrical and plumbing issues. The White House belongs to we the people. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Shoemaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to voice my opposition to the project. As someone who has worked with documenting historical structures for the Tennessee Historic Commission, I understand the need for modernization vs the desire to maintain a historic structure. This project took no effort to preserve the historic elements of the East Wing and simply destroyed the structure without thought or consideration for the historic nature of the building.

As a result, we have an excellent opportunity to rebuild this East Wing in historically sensitive style and to bring about those modernizations that are deemed necessary. Proper scale should be maintained in order to preserve the historic facade of the entire White House grounds. Please take into consideration the overall historic perspective of this important site.

V/R
Dr. Dan Shoemaker

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Name: nancy hosay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be stopped and retroactively required to go through the designated process with oversight regarding submitting alternate plans in accordance with the law. All work must stop until the criteria are met and approved acccording to the law, or if the plans are deemed unacceptable, then rebuilding the former ballroom with whatever legal upgrades are allowed must commence without further ado, and must be supervised and approved every step of the way until it complies once again with the laws surrounding historic property revisions.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathyrn Draper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any funds being used toward this project. It was begun without authorization or review by the proper agencies. The current administration ignored the law. This needs to be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: cheri shankar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We cannot allow the criminal in the White House to destroy our history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the Administration to comply with all legally required review and approval processes before commencing construction on the proposed 90,000 sq.ft. ballroom in the White House, including the NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and approval by Congress. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the historic significance of the White House and acknowledges the investment the American people have in the preservation of this building.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryna Schaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law, although it seems like we have no laws or Constitution anymore. I'm even afraid to submit this comment because first amendment rights seem absent. However, I will say to allow this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Doubek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House belongs to the American people and not just the current resident. The East Wing or any part of the White House should be protected from those who want to re-write history.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

Sincerely,
Sharon Doubek

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Name: Ursula Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Steinberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
Far from a modernization project, the demolition of the East Wing to build a ballroom is a complete razing of American history.
Please cancel this project and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design.
To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the East Wing without the approval necessitated by law -- and thus would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, Susan Steinberg

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Name: Patricia Tobin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Ingrid Elena Pavia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I'd like to reiterate Anara Guard's beautiful comment in which she states:
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Heald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose allocating $300 million to this project, which was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review. This is not a modernization effort; it amounts to the wholesale destruction of an important piece of American history. I call for the project to be halted immediately and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or entity is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a disservice to all Americans who respect and follow the law.

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Name: Shelley McCann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Colleen McManus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing restored to its former design. This project raises concerns of corruption and undue influence as it's being funded by private donations. In addition, I have concerns around how the Trust for the National Mall may use the profits they will receive from the private donations.

It's outrageous that this project has proceeded without without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and those in charge of this project should be held accountable for not following established procedures, particularly as this is not a renovation, but a complete demolition of a piece of national history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loreen Koubek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this outrage. I have some limited experience with historical oversight & protections of architectural masterpieces (having worked for 3 years with Brian Anthony, the man who began English Heritage after the Blitz because,until then, Britain had no inventory of its architectural heritage. As you well know, English Heritage is the template for our own National Trust for Historic Preservation. I learned a lot at English Heritage, such as I know our White House is equivalent to a Grade I listed building (on-par with the Houses of Parliament, Stonehenge, Buckingham Palace, etc.for architectural importance). It is the single most important residence in the USA.

I am appalled that your organization stood by silently as this Administration desecrated the people's house when it paved over the Rose Garden & then doubled-down & tore down the East Wing. I am disgusted that your organization stood by & allowed this Administration to turn the sacrosanct Oval Office into a gaudy, gauche, ugly & not 1 iota architecturally correct Versailles throne-room wannabe. Not one of these 3

abominations is in keeping historically or architecturally. The White House does not need a ballroom of any shape, size or form in the open East Wing footprint. This is not 18th Century monarchal France. We do not need another Versailles. In fact, White House East Wing MUST be rebuilt exactly to the original blueprint, interior design & facade (same as would be ordered by any local building/historical society authority if any homeowner did the same demolition and/or rebuild to their home without valid permits)

Finally, please ensure that not one dime more of US taxpayer funds be used to accomplish this. This current administration promised that they had private funds to demolish & build the ballroom, so please ensure they use these same funds to rebuild the East Wing to its pre-demolition condition. Many thanks for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Haskell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project and the proposed ball room. I hope there is accountability for destroying one of our nations most significant historical buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Withrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lili Feinstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Somehow, we've managed to survive 250 years without a "grand ballroom" to rival the Palace at Versailles and if this country survives another 250 years, we'd still be fine without this affront to democracy. Meanwhile, US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. If someone wants to invest millions of dollars to impress the leaders of other countries, it should be used to show the world that the United States cares about its own people. I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: andrea taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

hello. I believe in preserving our history...the good and the sometimes awkward. America has a story to tell through design and architecture. This administration is destroying our storied past without permission from anyone with the least bit of knowledge or authority and it's devastating to anyone who actually cares.
I actively oppose spending $300 million or 3 cents on this project, which was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a total razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Please do anything you can to help reverse this devastation.
Thank you so much.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Pienta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is one of the worst ideas anyone could ever think of. The White House belongs to the people not one person. The President is our guest, and no guest has the right to do whatever they want to the property. To put in a huge ballroom for entertainment purposes is an embarrassment and should not be allowed.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriam Murdoch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Abrams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There should also be a complete accounting of all fixtures, furniture, and materials that had been in the East Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Russell Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs:

Please do not allow any construction at the East Wing which would make the actual White House pale in comparison. I oppose anything that would be larger than the structure that was demolished.

Sincerely,
Russell Adams

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lark Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom for the bully!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cara Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the building of a ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the style of the original, without a huge data center and bunker underneath. This is the People's House, not the personal property of anyone.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an illegal effort by a narcissistic president to create a monarchy for himself. I have no doubt that if construction continues, after Trump is gone taxpayers will fund returning it to its historical setting. Otherwise it Will remain a symbol of the disrespect of our highest leader for our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and I am appalled that this destruction happened. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is heartbreaking that this happened. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harriet Owsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very much object to spending money on a ball room. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored as it was torn down illegally and without regard to its historical significance.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Onessimo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which should be paid for by the person who ordered the demolition without proper permits. Under no circumstances should US taxpayers pay for any of this nonsense.
No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans like me and the millions of Americans who are disgusted by this demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:02:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Canipe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens! This action was deliberately done behind the backs of experts and THE PEOPLE - the last thing we want is a trashy and gaudy ballroom to match the now trashy and gaudy White House!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:02:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or as close to it as possible with today's building codes.
Taxpayer's should not have to pay for the rebuilding of the East Wing. The person or people responsible for the demolition should have to pay for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:02:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brianne Kaufholz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There should be oversight and approval before any major changes are made to the people's house. This is not the president's house. Some congressional approval, some checks and balances to sweeping changes using the tax payers dollars!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:02:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irene Gomberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is occurring without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of the East Wing was an unlawful destruction of a part of American history. The “modernization project” needs to be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:02:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LouAnn Cogswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. Please do the right thing and also oppose it. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisette Cheresson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Robert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please stop this!!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyra Van Winkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of the "ballroom" at the White House. This is not for the people nor by the people of the United States. This is the illegal concept of ego and greed by this current administration and I want this project canceled immediately. This destruction was initiated without the proper permits, authorization, or design review; and represents, instead, as an insult to the American people and our heritage. I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is a disgrace to the people and history of this country.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Ingle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project." It's pay-for-play vanity project that at its center is destroying American history while arrogantly ignoring established policies and procedures. I, like hundreds of thousands of patriotic Amercians, want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Boynton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to say that I am absolutely appalled that the East Wing has been destroyed by the current White House occupant. This is the people's house and it has been destroyed.

I do not support the monstrosity that is proposed in the form of a ballroom. It is completely out of scale and would forever be a reminder of the dictatorship current in place.

Furthermore, the damage to the rest of the house in the form of gaudy gold decorations needs to be removed.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sheryl johnstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful and i agree with her.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nichole Chambers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored to the exact historical specifications. This was hastily done in an effort to strong arm the US into compliance and with no historical oversight or approval, the "better to ask forgiveness than permission" mind set. In addition to not having any funding secured for this project ahead of time, any money promised was done so by a biased person in the hopes of winning favor with the president. The people's house is not to be used as a bargaining chip for clout, influence, or anyone's legacy other than the American people. That is a TEMPORARY domicile and should be treated as such, renters across this country know this better than anyone involved in this project. And now we have a once historical landmark, with a giant empty lot where many First Lady's conducted business, hosted visitors, and was a symbol of feminism and what women can bring to the workforce and the household and shows exactly how little is being done by the First Lady, and how little respect this administration has toward women, history, and following the rule of law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Gottlieb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is totally out-of-scale with the White House. I disagree that there is a need for such a large 'ballroom' space. The height and the footprint size are unacceptable. Furthermore, there is no indication that any prior uses of the East Wing space can be accomodated or included. I agree with the comment of one of the commissioners that since the presentation mentions proposed changes to other aspects of the White House, it would make sense to consider the overall plan before executing such a major project. Do not proceed with any final design or construction until the concerns of size, height, incorporation of prior uses, improved handicap access and egress are addressed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Morsilli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project! This $300 million dollar project was stated without the proper authorization and approval. No one is above the law. This is the peoples house not Donald Trumps house. I believe it should be restored to its original design. Stop the construction now!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Harney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the presentation on the new East Wing. It appears it was sorely needed. I agree with all comments that it should be scaled so as not to overpower the White House while still considering site lines and safety needs. Maybe it shouldn't be painted the same white. I had some initial concern with how the street entrance across from the Treasury entrance meets up with the White House entrance but I'm sure you have experts looking at the flow of all that. It appears it will be quite elegant. Please keep it timeless with a nod to its long history.

I hope going forward there will be project spokespersons, outside of White House staff, who will be knowledgeable of the entire project who can address the American people. The need for an upgraded site should have been public knowledge long before it was torn down.

Thanks again,
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Shevelew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our history had been destroyed and stolen from us without approval from the proper channels or We The People. Spending $300 million on this project while cutting health insurance subsidies, medicaid and snap benefits is an affront to American values. No edifice should be built as a memoriam for a living President. The project should be cancelled and the East Wing restored to its original design as the People's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annmarie McLean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not one dime! No money, especially, hundreds of millions of dollars SHALL NOT BE SPENT on this project. Knocking down the East Wing of the White House was unauthorized, unpermitted and an egregious underhanded abuse of the presidential position by Mr. Trump. I object as a United States citizen by rights as such. The sneaky and corrupt actions of this man, to act first and seek approval later are DEPLORABLE, DESPICABLE AND ILLEGAL.
I have never felt so ashamed, to be an American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Tearse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederick Miclon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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America does not need a "Trump Ballroom" on the grounds of the People's House. This is an affront to the history of our Union and the traditions of our democracy. Even if the funding is from outside sources - something in itself that is very troubling given the appearances of conflict of interest - the means by which this construction project came about is not in accordance with policy.

I believe, given the destruction of the historic East Wing has already been completed, that this presents an opportunity to honor that heritage and history by creating a new, modern East Wing that retains the architectural consistency with the previous East Wing and the main White House. This facility would be used daily as office space and for other functions of government, not as a ballroom where only the elite and foreign dignitaries would use.

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Name: Patricia Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild and our East Wing in line with the history of our country's most important building. This administration had no right to tear it down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Virchow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million to construct a ballroom (which isn't needed) in place of the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lynn Dougherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump had no right to demolish the East Wing!!! He had no permits. This type of renovation is up the "The People". It should be put back in its original form…NOT a ballroom! This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: tova Stabin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Bickett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a law-abiding, taxpaying American voter, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project,

which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I request this project be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Clair Lamb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without a notice and comment period was vandalism and theft from the American people. If the East Wing cannot be rebuilt to its earlier specification, any new design *must* go through the appropriate notice and comment period. It must comply with any historical standards or guidelines. And it must be publicly funded. Oligarchs and corporations must not pay for public buildings; that sets up an unmistakable expectation of favors in return. The President's house is the people's house. Everything related to its construction and repairs must be transparent to the American public and funded with taxpayer money. We the people own that house, and we must continue to do so.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Maki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project which is nothing more than another vanity project by this president. He has destroyed a piece of American history and it must be restored to its original design at his personal expense. This is not a personal residence. It belongs to us, the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irma Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all laws.

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Name: Anne Bousquet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth McEwan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when I first saw the destruction. Not just that it had been destroyed, but that it had happened suddenly without notice. My first thought was “what happened to the contents?”. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. If possible, the person responsible for the destruction of the East Wing, should be required to pay for its reconstruction, and the return of its contents, not the citizens of this country.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gail ODwyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Gail O'Dwyer

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Name: Lisa Yee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have lived most of my life in Montgomery County, MD, taking day trips to DC throughout the years to visit museums, enjoy DC restaurants, and take in festivals, concerts, and sporting events. I want my child to be able to enjoy the same experiences of our history as I have.

The day that Trump demolished the East Wing of The People's House, I was ashamed, angry, disappointed, and heartbroken.

The People's House is owned by the People. It is literally a National Park, not owned by the President or any individual.

There has to be some accountability. Some sense that Democratic principles mean something! We should be able to expect and enforce decorum, decency, and respect for the law.

Please demonstrate that that still exists by doing whatever is in your power to enforce.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Surla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing, and strongly condemn any plans other than the restoration, to the extent possible, of the original structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Russo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Amonett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I served on the City of Dallas Landmark Commission for 8 years. New additions to historic sites must be subservient to and compatible with the protected architecture so as not to distract. An 80,000 square foot ballroom is not subservient to a 50,000 White House. It's outrageous and wildly inappropriate. Please don't let this happen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doc Grauberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,
Thank you for considering my thoughts.
I realize that the White House and the it's east and west wings have historically gone through many changes over the years, but when it has been done it was done in a considered way, and being the peoples house, done in consultation with the people. This was not the case here.
The White House was never meant to be a castle, it was never meant to be huge and ostentatious, it was meant to be just enough, to support the term limited leadership of the land, see them off back into private life once completed, and then open its doors to the next team. A building for the people, by the people, a working building to get the job done, with some comfort and stately style, but not a mansion to impress or impose upon others.
The east wing needs to be returned to its original footprint, with consultation with measured professionals of history and architecture. Back to a symbol of balance, with a central house with equal east and west wings, that represents what our country should be. Yes, modernization is needed, to bring things up to modern code, technology and standards, but it should be done in a manner that respects the original look and plan. Whatever national security needs below ground can obviously be addressed.

A giant ballroom, that dwarfs the rest of the building, paid for by enriched special interests, does not serve the people, but turns the site into some sort of event center, to host fundraising galas of future administrations.
The original ballroom was enough, the original footprint of the east wing was enough, we do not need the grandiosity of kings. Let us return to measure and balance. Return the east wing to its previous basic design and size.
Thank you for your time,
D. R. Grauberger

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Mancini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any taxpayer funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I do, however, request that modernizations and upgrades be made to the rebuilt structure and I would like President Trump to be required to personally pay for the rebuild and upgrades and demand that the rebuild follows approved plans, consistent with the same style and size of the original. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liliana Spagnoletta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phillip Drawbridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been started. Approval was not sought. The plans are not in keeping with the highest office and the east wing should be returned to its original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Jolly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I also abdicate that any funds collected or promised with regard to this project be channeled to the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise KirstKaye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to having a ballroom attached to the White House and I'm completely opposed to the monstrous ballroom of President Trump. The proposed ballroom is totally inappropriate as to its size and will destroy the nature and architectural design of the White House. The White House belongs to The People and it is where a president only resides temporarily. This president has shown disregard for what belongs to The People to elevate and promote only himself and he should not be allowed, or rewarded to do so.
What must be done is to fully restore the East Wing of the White House and scrap totally the plans for a ballroom. The destruction of the East Wing was totally inappropriate and unauthorized and it must be restored.
Should a small conference/ballroom be desired and needed in the future, ideas and plans for it must be reviewed and approved by the historical committee PRIOR to anything occurring to have it especially fit in size and design with the architectural design of, and must be separate from, the White House itself and it must be small as its function would be limited.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Savafe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlen Havrilla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Holtzen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can’t even describe the heartbreak and anger I feel at someone tearing down even just a part of the White House and without proper consent. The history that was destroyed. I think the person that gave the order to tear it down should have to pay to rebuild the East Wing to its previous state.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Hillman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was devastated to see the complete and utter UNAUTHORIZED destruction of the East Wing of the White House! The White House belongs to the people of this country and not to a wanna be KING! Please do everything in your power to reverse this destruction of our history!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East wing and vehemently opposed to the building of a ballroom. The current occupant does not have the right to destroy the people's house for his vanity projects

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Barber-Rackley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: East Wing Modernization

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the east wing modernization project and I sincerely hope that the commission will reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed shockingly. This project began when the 123-year-old structure of the East wing was demolished before obtaining the required permits and approvals from the commission, before completing environmental assessments under the national environmental policy act, and before securing congressional authorization which is required by federal statute for construction on federal Parkland in Washington. Just because the demolition has already happened. Does not excuse the violations or make it OK to go ahead and approve the project.
In addition, the funding of this project raises serious concerns about conflict of interest since many of the funding sources are holders of government contracts.
Thank you so much for your time and attention and for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Moseman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m against this project. It wasn’t approved through proper channels prior to starting construction. There

are many other uses for the money used on this project. I'm upset by how the administration has gone about this and destroyed irreplaceable history.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Skyler Malan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition and rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. I demand that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated the regulations would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marguerite Dekker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination and the destruction of our history. I vehemently oppose approval.

Thank you, Patricia Clarke

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Thies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its former state. There is no need for an additional ballroom. The only reason it was started illegally was as a means to raise money for the current occupant of the White House.

The White House is a historical and national treasure to our country and should be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Lusk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There has been no intentional, LAWFUL process in this project. To allow it to move forward would be an assault to the history and legacy of the White House and specifically the East Wing. Do we need more gilded objects adorning this space? We do not. We need good intention married with proper stewardship of such a renovation. One that doesn't idolize any one seated President, but rather the legacy of a country.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea H Dodson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing without proper oversight, review and approval. Construction should be halted, and the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. Destroying our Nation's historical buildings is unacceptable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendi Tipton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Blackmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the ballroom project. I want the East wing rebuilt keeping historical integrity and proportion to the Whitehouse.

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Name: Nathalie Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Emily Soltis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Moving forward the design and contract to build need to follow all permitting rules and procedures. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Catherine Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should not be built. It is a waste of money. The East Wing should be restored to its previous design, or as close as reasonably possible. If this is not feasible, then replace it with a bare area of lawn. In either case, a plaque should be placed indicating that Donald Trump had the original East Wing demolished illegally and without permission.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Ainslie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I oppose using money "donated" by billionaires and major corporations for this project. The acceptance of over $300 million to build this illegal project is an insult to the American people who believe in transparency and the Democratic process. This is nothing more than a vanity project and a pay-to-play scheme unfolding before our very eyes.

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Name: Tammy Trapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecile Eck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely horrible what has been done to our beloved east wing. Stop stop stop. This is a historic site, loved by all citizens of our country. We do not need a ballroom. We need better medical care and food assistance, we need immigration reform and so much more. Rules are made to be followed. We all must follow the rules. No construction without proper permits and approval by Congress. None.

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Name: Allen Luft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Steven Devlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynn Gomez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project began without required
National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional
authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:53 PM
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Name: Nancy Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this.

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Foley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked and dismayed to see the demolition of a building of such historic importance without review or opportunity for public comment. If it is indeed true that the President or any other person has the right to do this without any input or oversight, then I feel it is of the utmost importance to change or clarify the laws governing the "renovation" of historic buildings in the US Capitol. In addition, I am opposed to the idea of building an "annex" to the White House mansion on the scale proposed. No building attached to the original mansion should be so large as to overshadow the original building. In addition, an East Wing building should be roughly equal in size and structure to the existing West Wing to create visual symmetry and harmony.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Gruber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I concur completely with the opinion of many others who may be submitting similar statements. Please read this again, in case it has not yet sunk in! Pay special attention to the final paragraph.

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

I, too, want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Sincerely,
Candace Gruber

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Brensinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the historic East Wing of the White House was an unconscionable and brazenly illegal act that disrespected America and Americans.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which as you know was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The grossly oversized, gaudy ballroom proposed in place of the East Wing would tower over / overwhelm the White House, changing and cheapening forever what is supposed to be The People's House. Stated differently, this is not a modernization project; it is a razing of American history.

Please cancel this project and ensure that the East Wing is rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:36 PM

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Name: Juliana Cerra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Seiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecelia Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people of the United States of America want nothing to do with this Ballroom Project. It is out of proportion to the White House. It is the expression of an ego maniac's bombastic appetite for big, bigger, biggest. And when he's finished with his grandiose ballroom, he will gild it. This is "poor taste". Please put a stop to this "East Wing Modernization Project" now. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C See
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please shut down this monument to self aggrandizement that bears no relevance to the historic nature and role of the White House. Further, require Donald J Trump to mitigate, at his own personal cost, the structural and environmental damages inflicted on the property. Next, pursue and recover for any and all permit violations related to this project. Lastly, require a full accounting of all costs associated with destruction to date, along with the sources of revenue and any distribution of payments for services rendered, invoiced or donated.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard's written comment whole-heartedly:
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." As past administrations have done in the past, renovations to the White House (big or small) must receive proper authorization. This was not done in this case- instead, literally plowing forward. Allowing this renovation to move forward, along the vein of the current administration's whims, is a flagrant disregard for the law and an invitation for acts of this nature in the future.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These words are not mine, but I agree with them completely:

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Kitchen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore what has been destroyed. It wasn't meant to be for a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: gretchen meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Gretchen Meyer

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I am absolutely sick about Trump's demolition of the East Wing of the White House. What's worse, I understand that a historic building like this, being torn down without permits or proper handling, is probably spreading asbestos and lead everywhere on the White House property and surrounding area. The

architects, builders, and demolition company should be ashamed, but even further, they should be SUED for this illegal action (probably taken during the shutdown to escape accountability). They must be held accountable and stopped.

Moreover, the proposed ballroom is a monstrosity... a palace for a vain president who fancies himself king.

The people marched to No Kings because we do not want this man to break every last law in pursuit of his own greed and vanity and infinite corruption.

Over time, it's become clear that he's also using it as a vehicle for corruption, a way for people to make "donations" for his favor.

Please use every tool at your disposal to stop this insanity.
Susan Quinn
Allison Park, Pennsylvania

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adrian Sapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Levis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobby Scribner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The scale of proposed ballroom is aesthetically terrible. The old east wing should be rebuilt, with improvements of course.
If there is a need for a national ballroom, which I believe there is, it should be relocated so as not to interfere and destroy the symmetry and beauty of the White House

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terisa Schiera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this so called East Wing Modernization project. This is an affront to our nation and what it stands for. The people/PERSON responsible needs to be severely reprimanded for their disregard for the law. The East Wing should be repaired and put back to its former glory instead of being turned into a ballroom to "honor" Trump. He doesn't deserve it.

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Name: Kerri Strazzeri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tracy A Gormley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debra Pruitt
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Name: Patty Feeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the ballroom and the money used to build the ballroom, The East wing needs to be rebuilt to the way it was. It was beautiful. Maybe use the money for the ballroom to update wiring etc.

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Name: Jeremy Epstein
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As a former White House employee, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

If it's going forward despite the wishes of most Americans, the financial structure should be set up so donors are unable to take tax deductions. Otherwise, the American people *are* paying for it, by reducing taxes paid by rich people.

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Name: Cheryl Arute
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I come from a small town
We cannot build an outhouse without proper permits
To tear down a part of the people's house a part of our history is a slap in the face and I for one am strongly opposed to it
Just as I would face repercussions for an illegal construct so should whomever did this face the consequences

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Name: Cheryl Barill
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Name: Amy Pack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not appreciate how the East wing was just demolished without any of the proper channels. I also do not think it is in the country's best interest to spend that much money on a huge ballroom. My recommendation is to rebuild the East Wing as close to what it was before.

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Name: Eugene Aleci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was initiated and demolition fully executed to a point of destruction, well beyond retrieval of the structure, all without the proper authorization, consideration permits, or preservation and design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete disregard and razing of American history. All presidents reside and use facilities temporarily - acting as occupants and watchful stewards of the site (only for a period of some 4 to 8 years) at the White House. The property and structures are owned by the People of the USA, and all costs are typically paid for by the US Taxpayers, only when authorized by Congress. NO President owns or can possess this property, nor can have ANY right to alter the facilities to her / his tastes, desires, or needs, without prior approval from the designated bodies such as yours which are there to look after the Public's interest. NO President has the legitimate power to overtake OUR ownership, nor YOUR review process and authorization. If these points may not be concretely established in laws, they are set and recognized by all as operating standards over many decades. All other presidents and staffs have respected these rules and this property, even as substantial alterations have been made. NO president has

any unique or special privileges to alter the ground or buildings as desired or needed without advance discussion and ultimately acknowledging and following YOUR review and approval on behalf of the American People.

I consider the recent planning and demolition actions taken by the current occupants to be on effect "illegal" - even if not strictly prohibited by our laws - a dubious proposition I strongly question. Decades, even more than a century of precedent have established this.

I want this project entirely canceled, and the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored in close alignment to its former design. I also expect the reconstruction to be done properly and WITHOUT ANY COST to the Taxpayers, because the damage and erasure of our heritage was done in haste, decided by a few individuals absent the public, and without legitimate consultation and in direct and intentional avoidance of established procedures. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to ALL law-abiding Americans; it would also "award" the law-breakers with their desired outcome. It can therefore NOT stand. The outcome here will surely have major ripple effects for ALL such public properties. This Administration MUST be fully affected by their glaring and intentional violation of these public rules, to be sure that we re-establish - BEYOND ANY QUESTION OR DOUBT - the public property rights and cultural heritage rights of ALL Americans. Further, denial of permission for this demolition MUST be complete to allow the public to retain power over the expenditures of any current or future public or private funds affecting all the properties of We, the People, and to retain our rights to protect our history, heritage and public properties.

If I may be af any further service in this matter, I would be pleased to make my further knowledge and information on this matter available to you at your request.

Thank you,

Eugene L. Aleci,
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CONSULTANT IN PRESERVATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Name: Elizabeth May
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been decimated. It show a lack of understanding and blatant disregard for what this country stands for. The construction of a ballroom only further exacerbates the disrespect. Use of private funds to construct on public property is also illegal.

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Name: Marie Kudrys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Rockwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt according to a plan that is agreed upon by all interested parties. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Holly Hutto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a shame that the historic East Wing was demolished without going through the proper channels. Construction cannot be allowed to begin without approval by the appropriate agencies, completion of an environmental impact study, and the authorization of Congress. The administration must follow established laws and protocols.

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Name: Wesley Tapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Annette Luft
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Name: Theodore and Jane Fetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed rebuilding of the White House is way out of scale. Unless it is either stopped or torn down after completion, the White House itself, a vital building in our national identity and culture, will be significantly impaired. It will be ugly and undeserving of respect, regardless of how many gold features it has. We, the American people, should stop it.

Perhaps a larger room is advantageous. I do not know. That potential need requires a study to determine how it can be done while preserving the integrity of the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane DiCocco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this "modernization" project on the East Wing of the White House. This project was not vetted, or authorized. Plans wwere not submitted for consult or review in opposition of current acceptable norms The current administration destroyed an historical building for no other reason than a vanity project. The American People do not want or need a ballroom. .The monies collected for the "ballroom" must be used to restore the East Wing exactly as it was.

Respectfully,

Diane DiCocco

Date: 2/17/2026 12:50:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joey Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Hello, thank you for reading my comment below:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits was and is a violation of the law. I would add that it is also a violation of the trust of the American people who were given zero opportunity to comment on what *should have been* presented as a proposal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: janice Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Bring back Jackie's rose garden and Michelle's vegetable patch

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Name: Gwen Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tina McKown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Polly Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the esteemed Committee members:

We are allegedly a country governed by the Rule of Law. We have laws and procedures in place that impact all citizens, residents, and visitors to our country. We have three branches of government to provide a system of checks and balances.

When one branch of government, in this case the Administrative branch, ignores the laws and processes in place, bypasses Congress, or Congressional Oversight, and / or ignores the Courts (Supreme or otherwise), we no longer are a country governed by the Rule of Law.

The destruction of the East Wing was not authorized by Congress. The plans were not reviewed by Congress. Nothing was presented to the National Historic Trust. This was an entirely illegal act, from start to finish.

The East Wing needs to be restored - in full - and NOT at the taxpayers expense. The current First Family should be financially responsible for the restoration as they are responsible for bypassing the systems in place which would have prevented this from ever happening in the first place.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Regards,

Polly Hall

Date: 2/17/2026 12:49:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Browne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to register my dissatisfaction with the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project." The destruction of the East Wing itself was initiated without proper authorization, building permits, or design reviews. This is yet another attempt on the part of the current President to remove any historical references to former White House occupants and as such, is a vanity project.

A sitting President of the United States of America has taken it upon himself to arbitrarily demolish a fundamental structural element of the People's House without having first sought permission and review under the lawful requirements for such extensive changes. As far as I know, there is no record of what became of everything that was contained in the East Wing, so we only have photographic evidence that any of it even existed before the demolition.

I urge you to put an immediate halt to any further demolition or "modernization" efforts to the White House proposed by this Administration or President -- the People's House is not a private property of the President. I want you to demand that the East Wing be fully restored, down to the last brick, floorboard, and window pane.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mckenzie Giurintano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people responsible for the demolition of the East Wing of the people’s house, without the proper permits and oversight, must be held accountable for their actions to the fullest extent of the law. I feel there should be penalty as well as a full restoration of the East Wing, to its former design.

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Name: Cathi Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This action is an affront to the tax paying citizenry and a blight on what is supposed to be the PEOPLE'S HOUSE. The person who initiated this project should have to pay all fees, fines and any costs with returning the East Wing to its original state. It is nothing more than a vanity project and the cost of this foolishness should not be passed on to the American public.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Beattie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Aktay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people do not want a "golden ballroom." The White House is not Versailles! The project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review, is a complete "demolishment" of American history. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not even the president. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laurie Mackenzie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Trust for Historic Preservation,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and shocking razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, those who authorized this illegal procedure should be penalized and removed from any positions of authority.

The unexpected and brutal destruction of this historic wing of the White House, which belongs to the Americann people is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Laurie Mackenzie

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Name: Judy Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Spearman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my disgust with the pointless destruction of the east wing of the White House for the POTUS's monument to his ego and billionaire friends in the form of a golden ballroom. The White House is the people's house, not his personal gilded, tacky, tasteless house, casino or condo. Trump is not and should never be above the law simply because he's too arrogant to respect traditions and norms that

preserve the look and value of historic structures. The damage is done but it doesn't mean there can't be some recourse. Please prevent this man's massive insecurities from permanently changing the region's most important architecture and public spaces.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Gotschalk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was perfect as it was for a President! Restore that sectino to it's original glory as in this country wqe are meant to have a President - not a King or dictator and we do not need a ballroom!

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Name: Patricia L Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thank you most sincerely for this opportunity to register my opposition to this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Irreparable damage has already been done with the sudden and violent razing of the old East Wing. The plans for the new building are hideous and dwarf the White House. This is a vanity project, financed in a way that violates every principle of conflict of interest and decency.

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Name: Pamela Happ
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:48:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Eves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was started without authorization, permits or design review. Please cancel this project and rebuild the east wing to restore it to its former design. No one should be allowed to break the law and move forward with this extravagant unnecessary "modernization" project.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:48:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Norris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one person should have the authority to demolish part of OUR house without input from the public through their elected representatives in Congress. We get a voice in this whether the current President likes it, or not!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:47:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Simon Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom and underground bunker is simply too large for the proportions of the White House and West Wing. We must keep in mind that the White House is a residential building with offices attached, so therefore, the architectural language, scale and composition needs to address these factors as they have in the past. However, the new ballroom project seems to ignore all of these architectural signifiers that are common in good taste, and the art form of design.

The White House, with its central placement and harmonious composition is being completely dwarfed by an unintelligent, distasteful look-alike of classical architecture. The new ballroom's size and proportion if, to be allowed to be built at all, and it shouldn't, needs to address the immediate scale of the White House and the appropriate domestic scale.

The construction of the ballroom should not be allowed to commence because of its poor design, size, proportion as well as the fact that the White House doesn't need a bigger ballroom at all.

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Name: Susan Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This is the people's house and I oppose this "project" as a blatant money and pay for plan scheme.

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Name: Robert Betchel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vigorously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Deborah Lacy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Megan Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be immediately canceled as it did not comply with requirements for permitting and preservation. There is a proper way to modify historic buildings and everyone should be held to the same standard. I don't think the east wing should be allowed to be torn down at all but certainly not in this fashion with brazen disregard for policies and procedures. Thank you.

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Name: Carol Breuer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That the East Wing of the White House was demolished without the proper process is tragic. But whatever is built to replace it is very important that it fits with the rest of the White House in size and design, and serves a purpose that enhances its purpose and is a credit to the people of the United States.

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Name: Kelly Prothero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. IF there was a necessity for a 'hideout' for government officials below ground, this certainly could have been accomplished by a different means.

I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which should be paid for by the person who

ordered the demolition without proper permit.

No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans like me and the millions of Americans who are disgusted by this demolition.

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Name: Judy Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Nemes
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Name: Corina Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have

unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Deanna Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-400 million on this project - even if "privately" funded by "donors" - which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alison Walcott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shelley Byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sara Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sandra Maddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Catherine Melina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a landscape architect, I am aware of the importance and relevance of the permitting process, both in checking architectural form and upholding historical substance... I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project

to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Nicole Francis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Friends of America,
I heartily oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: mary anne walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nicole Noles Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The office of the president is not above the law, and the person who occupies the office of the president does not have the authority to destroy the White House for personal preferences. Our taxpayer money paid for the White House, and it belongs to us, the people, not to one, or any, president. Americans deserve to have the White House restored to its previous architectural footprint.

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Name: Angie Swenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commissioners and Staff of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing as a concerned citizen to submit formal public comment regarding the ongoing White House East Wing Modernization Project and the recently disclosed proposal to add a second story to the West Wing colonnade. I urge the Commission to exercise its full authority and independent oversight role in evaluating these projects — both individually and as part of what is increasingly apparent to be a much larger, undisclosed master plan for the White House campus.

I. Concern for Historical Integrity

The White House is not merely the residence and workplace of the President — it is among the most historically significant structures in the United States and belongs, in the deepest sense, to the American people. Its neoclassical design, its symmetrical balance of East and West Wings, and the proportional relationship of those wings to the original central pavilion represent over two centuries of careful, deliberate stewardship by every prior administration.

The demolition of the East Wing in October 2025 — which proceeded without prior public notice, without approved construction plans on file with this Commission, and without formal review by the Commission of Fine Arts — constitutes a serious breach of the historical review processes that have long governed changes to the White House campus. The destruction of the East Wing was the most significant structural alteration to the White House since the Truman Balcony in 1948. That prior administrations undertook even far more modest changes through full and transparent review makes the speed and secrecy of this demolition all the more troubling.

I echo the concerns raised by NCPC Commissioner Phil Mendelson, who questioned why plans were presented to this Commission only after demolition was already underway, rendering many design alternatives moot before they could be meaningfully considered. The logic of presenting a project for review after irreversible action has been taken is fundamentally at odds with the purpose of this body.

I am further alarmed by the disclosure — offered almost in passing during the January 8, 2026 informational presentation — that the administration is now considering a second-story addition to the West Wing colonnade. This addition was presented without renderings, without a timeline, and without any formal plan documents. The architect's acknowledgment that "anything is possible" regarding future design changes, combined with vague references to potential alterations to Lafayette Park and visitor screening

areas, strongly suggests that the Commission is being shown only one piece of a far larger transformation that has never been presented in its entirety.

The Commission must insist on reviewing the full scope of the administration's vision for the White House campus before approving any individual component. Piecemeal review of a comprehensive redesign is not meaningful review — it is the appearance of oversight without its substance.

II. Lack of Congressional Oversight and Appropriate Planning Authority

The scale of the proposed construction — a nearly 90,000-square-foot East Wing ballroom, a two-story East colonnade, and now a proposed West Wing colonnade addition — represents a transformation of the People's House with no meaningful role for the legislative branch of government.

Congress holds the power of the purse, and major alterations to federal properties of this historic significance have historically involved legislative engagement, if not explicit authorization. The bypassing of that process here — justified in part by the claim that demolition falls outside the NCPC's jurisdiction — reflects an unnervingly narrow interpretation of accountability. As former NCPC Chair L. Preston Bryant Jr. has stated publicly, demolition is inherently part of a construction project and should not be artificially separated to circumvent review.

I urge this Commission to interpret its authority broadly and in the spirit of the laws that created it: to ensure that federally significant construction in the National Capital region reflects the values, interests, and input of the public it serves — not simply the preferences of the current occupant of the building in question. I also call on this Commission to formally recommend that Congress be provided a full accounting of the proposed changes and their long-term implications for the White House campus.

III. Transparency of Private Funding

The administration has stated that the East Wing ballroom project will be funded entirely through private donations, at an estimated cost that has already ballooned from $200 million to upwards of $400 million. While private philanthropy has played a role in certain White House improvements historically, the scale and opacity of this arrangement warrant serious scrutiny.

Private funding of public infrastructure on this scale raises fundamental questions: Who are the donors? What access or influence, if any, do they receive in return? Are their contributions subject to the gift acceptance rules and disclosure requirements that govern federal transactions? The White House delayed publishing its donor list until October 22, 2025 — only after public pressure — and the full list of donors and their affiliations has still not been subject to meaningful independent review.

This Commission, in evaluating the project, should formally request complete and independently verified disclosure of all funding sources, gift agreements, and any conditions or benefits attached to private contributions. The American people deserve to know who is paying to reshape the People's House — and why.

IV. Public Accountability and Process

At its core, my concern is about process — and what is lost when process is abandoned in favor of speed. The legally mandated review processes involving the NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Park Service, and the public comment period exist for good reason. They ensure that changes to irreplaceable national landmarks are made deliberately, transparently, and with the benefit of expert and public input. They have guided White House stewardship under every administration since 1792.

Those processes were bypassed here. Demolition began before plans were filed. Trees planted in honor of presidents Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt were removed without public notice. The

Presidential Emergency Operations Center beneath the East Wing was dismantled. All of this occurred before this Commission had an opportunity to weigh in.

I respectfully urge the National Capital Planning Commission to:

Require the full scope of all planned and contemplated changes to the White House campus — including the West Wing colonnade addition, Lafayette Park modifications, and visitor screening changes — to be presented and reviewed as a comprehensive whole, not in isolated fragments.
Condition any construction approval on complete compliance with all applicable review processes, including the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Environmental Policy Act, prior to further vertical construction.
Mandate full public disclosure of all private funding sources, gift agreements, and donor-related conditions associated with this project.
Formally recommend that appropriate congressional committees be briefed on and given the opportunity to weigh in on the totality of the proposed changes to the White House campus.
Assert the Commission's independent role free from undue influence from administration-appointed members who serve simultaneously on this body and in advocacy roles for the projects under review.

The White House has endured for over two centuries as a symbol of democratic governance, institutional continuity, and the dignity of the American Republic. Its preservation is not a partisan issue. It is an American one. I trust this Commission to uphold that responsibility with the seriousness it deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Swenson
Atlanta, GA

Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Kevin Arnold - U.S. citizen.

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Name: Kathy LaMartina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing should never have happened without permission. What Trump has done is

unlawful, irresponsible and unforgivable. It should be restored to it's original status.

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Name: Sarah Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Building a ballroom that dwarfs the principal building of the White House is ridiculous. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Denise Ledford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without effort to conserve its materials and history, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law.

What has happened to the historic artifacts for the East Wing, these need to be returned to the People's House.

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Name: Kathleen Cap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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When our daughter lived and worked in Washington, DC, we relished the time spent in the Capitol. We always got excited with the first views of the National Mall as we crossed the Potomac. It's heart-breaking that the Trump administration may destroy the beauty of the Capitol as it builds a garish Trump casino-like ballroom that will forever alter the simple beauty of the People's House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I am saddened by the razing of American history. I was shocked to watch how the East Wing was unlawfully and violently demolished. Please cancel this project as a step to honoring decency, history and the rule of law. Thank you.

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Name: Patricia Melsha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the violation of the East Wing of OUR White House. It is the iconic face of America and should not have been touched without review of plans, reverence of history, reasons for alterations, etc. A project of such magnitude should have Congressional approval, not the whim of one man funded by wealthy donors buying influence.

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Name: Marva Hyland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shirley Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing and with it, the Kennedy era Rose Garden is a travesty. That there were no permissions given nor any opportunity for citizens input is an insult. The White House is the PEOPLES house.

Any contractor being given no-bid contracts for the work to fix this mess should be thoroughly vetted for corrupt practices like bribes to GOP candidates. They must also be eligible for criminal prosecution at a later date. This whole process is corrupt and likely illegal.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should there be a ballroom built that hosts private events for the executive branch exclusively.

Clean up the area, rebuild to the former specs and replant a garden later after the horrific tastes of the current admin have left the building.

Thank you for your attn to this matter.

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Name: Cathy Hinkelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.
Thank you.
Cathy Hinkelman

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Name: Pamela Godwin-Austen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 Million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not modernizing The White House, it has already gone a long way to erase American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before the recent illegal demolition. It needs to be restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law by ignoring the required approval process, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Teigen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a lifelong Pacific Northwest resident. I have only been in D.C. a handful of times. Once as part of a clergy sabbatical, I was fortunnate to spend a week in the Capitol. Three mornings I got up very early, rode public transportation, and tried to snag a tour of the White House. To no avail. It was far too popular.
When it's said the White House is "The Peoples'" it is not hyperbole or metaphor. It's a fact. Bought, maintained, treasured by and for all of us.
Any major change to this honored part and expression of our national heritage is, of course, under the purview of an oversight board.
It is not the property of, and should not be subject to the whims of a particular administration, and certainly not one person. What has happened to this point is at the least a travesty and a shame. It may be far more nefarious.
Our capitoll is not Versailles. The White House is not a castle. If someone or some group wants to build a monument to ostentatious hubris, let them do it on their own dime, their own property, their own time.
Thank you for stopping this insult and folly.

Rev. Terry Teigen
Olympia, Washington

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Name: Sara Hannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Robin Catlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jane Ungaro
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Name: Reben Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Brandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Tracy Silver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is disgusting. He had no right to do this.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:39:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Please restore to its previous condition
Thank you
Debra Mitchell

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Name: Liz Hopper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My preference is that this project be cancelled but if it proceeds, the structure should not: 1) exceed the size of the White House; 2) differ in style to the White House; 3) reference by name or any other form of visual representation the man-child who tore down the East Wing without anyone's approval.

Kind regards

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Name: Debra sabato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Project costing $300 million. It was not done with proper permitting, authorization or design review. It is a demolishing of American history and is unlawful. I want it stopped and I'd expect it to be rebuilt exactly as it was designed before its illegal destruction. I would also expect there to be accountability to those who broke the laws and disregarded the process for change to the East Wing. It's the people's house, not a vanity project for anyone who is given permission to use it while they're in office.

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Name: Nancy Clairmont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't say it better than Anara Guard. She has given permission to quote her:

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- Anara Guard

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Nancy Clairmont

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Name: Susan Sklepinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janice Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Aside from President Trump, I have not found a single person who felt we needed a ballroom that will hold hundreds of people. Knowing this President, I feel that he will use it to sell tickets for million-dollar dinners, that we pay

for, while he pockets the money. Everything about this ego project is a slap in the face to those of us whom will have to pay for it!

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Name: Amanda Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Peggy Darnall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a glorification of one man. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Every elected President is "a tenant" in the People's White House. As such he must abide by the rules, regulations, petmits etc. established. No one should have the right to ignore those guidelines just because he can "afford" it. Being rich does do not allow you to flagrantly ignore the traditions, guidelines, permits, rules that have been put in place to protect the historic PEOPLE'S house. President Trump needs to make the US government whole. To permit this project to go forward is an affront to the American people and our history. Without financially penalizing the person/persons who so blatantly ignored the historic value of this great house would be a great injustice. Please stop this project.
Respectfully submitted,

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Tina Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Christie McEwan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I called the historic preservation committee immediately after trump destroyed the people's house. The White House and Rose Garden have been places of beauty and have been destroyed by Donald trump. He did not have permits, permission, or oversight. This lack is criminal. What he has done to the east wing is symbolic of what he has done to children, adolescents, and adults whom he has raped and demoralized for decades. He is also destroying our democracy and reputation throughout the country and the world; we and they see him get away with the crime of taking money and keeping it to destroy a natural treasure.

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Name: Corbett Peggy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A shameless waste of money and self aggrandizement. The project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its original standard of understated beauty. And frankly, those who broke the law to build this monstrosity of a "ballroom" should foot the bill.

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Name: Gary Obermeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is “the people’s house” with the president as a temporary tenant. All previous US Presidents understood this. Please halt the obscene vanity project and restore the East Wing. Keep the White House accessible to future generations of “we the people.” Do not allow the proposed ballroom project to proceed. Rather, call it what it is - a monument to a tasteless wannabe dictator designed to serve an insatiable ego and to impress and entertain morbidly rich tycoons and tyrants.

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Name: Mark Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julie Luxenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The prosed edifice is an utter travesty. The current administration should be forced to rebuild the previous East Wing, not erect some accolade to a narcissist in a temporary position of power.

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Name: Carol Terwilliger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The whole proposition was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The restoration should be paid for by the penalties collected.

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Name: Maggie Plummer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I certainly hope you're listening carefully to comments from American citizens like me!

Sincerely,

Maggie Plummer
Polson, Montana USA

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Name: Shari Gorczyca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erin Gaudry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Merlene Cooksey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heidi Cesarini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings! I as an American Citizen, I kindly request the East Wing and all its incredible historical decor be reconstructed into its original state unless and until the correct legal permissions are granted for its destruction. No one is above the law. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Silas MacGregor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this unnecessary project now.
The White House is “the people’s house”, not
a vanity project for one man.
Use any funds allocated to this monstrosity
of an “idea” to rebuild the East Wing.
Shut this quid pro quo money laundering scam
that is being done in our names.
We do not approve.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Thomason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Taking a wrecking ball to the East Wing of the White House is unconscionable. There were no permits issued and no public agreement. This is our history that is being destroyed. I say no to building this monstrosity!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christi Cortese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American who believes in preserving historical sites, and in the requirements for all changes of national landmarks to be thoroughly vetted, planned, and go through all required channels before changing them, I am appalled that the current president is trying to create a completely unnecessary, opulent, Anti-American space in the heart of our capital. This is a government by the people, for the people. This is not a place for Czars, Kings or Rulers to just hack their way through our nation's history erecting monuments to themselves that are "privately" funded. It is Anti-American to allow president's to just do whatever they want, especially when they make decisions that impact the nation in perpetuity. Please vote no on this project. Your grandchildren will thank you for standing up against this president's illegal actions!

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Name: Emily Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chuck Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand against this project. The expenditure is excessive, and it was launched without adequate design review, authorization, or permits. This is not "modernization"; it represents an individual's preferences

being forced onto what ought to serve the public as a house and ballroom.

The White House indeed requires a ballroom or comparable event space, but it must be designed to harmonize with the rest of the building, even if that results in a slightly smaller venue than occasionally required. Approval should follow the appropriate process, and the space should not carry the name of the current or any past president.

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Name: Brian Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a registered Architect and don't mind progress. I also understand that the complex may need a larger banquet space. However, the demolition and hurried planning, combined with the lack of oversight and approvals the current design has undergone, is unacceptable. Any project of this size and scope requires a scope prepared by professionals, with a transparent programming phase. Only once the desired program is established can design be initiated; the design must be reviewed and approved by a professional design review board, which I believe is required for the site. A building as important and prominent as this one can not just be jammed through and built without proper review and public consultation.
Thank you for your work.
Brian Moore

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Name: Sharon VanSickle-Robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project" but rather the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House without proper authorization, permits or design review. The $300 million that has been spent on this unlawful project must be redirected to the rebuilding of the East Wing to its former design. What has been done to date is against the law and those who perpetrated it should be penalized. As an American citizen and taxpayer, I am one of the hundreds of millions of owners of this sacred building, This act was unlawful and I join my voice with those who are calling for this project to be stopped!

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Name: Lawrence DeSalvatore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Caroline Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No! No! No!

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.
Make them build it back EXACTLY as it was.

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Name: Elizabeth Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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I will add, the funding for the rebuild should be reimbursed by the felon president.

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Name: Jennifer Sullenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Belt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, not Donald Trump's house. If he wanted to make changes, he should've asked us first. And I do not want my tax dollars being wasted on his vanity project. We need

affordable health and child care, not ballrooms.

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Name: Victor Zamora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore it to what it was before it destroyed by Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:38:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Stokes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house not someone's private residence where they can demolish buildings on a whim because they don't like it. There are processes in place including consulting with the preservation and historical societies regarding such a precious monument that taxpayers pay to maintain.

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Name: Diann Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Trimber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,

I would like to register my disapproval of the East Wing Modernization Project. As I watched the destruction of original East Wing on various media platforms I was troubled by the lack of disregard for the history of the building. My understanding is that in its place will be erected a ballroom financed by outside donors. This seems to go against that the White House is the people's house. When we start to bring in outside donors to fund a project on government property, it no longer belongs to the people. The design of the building of the new East Wing is now determined by a select few who can now dictate and possibly redesign and tear down any other historic buildings in the Nation's Capital. The destruction of the original East Wing and the construction of new ballroom is a blatant disrespect for ordinary citizens to have a voice in the process. I feel that the historical nature of the all the buildings in Washington D.C. should be taken into consideration when deciding to take down a piece of Untied States history. It is my hope that you will reconsider the new construction being proposed on this sight. I hope that an ordinary citizen like myself will be heard and my input be guide for your commission. I appreciate your time and consideration and are hopeful that this commission will make the right decision on this project.

Kind Regards,
Sharon Trimber

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Name: Cynthia Fancher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It was lawless. No modernization. Restoration only!

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Name: Carol Biggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynn Bostrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Completely razing the East Wing and replacing it with a structure that overwhelms the White House is hardly a modernization project. It was initiated without proper design review, authorization or permits and therefore should be canceled. I understand the need for more event space that would eliminate the use of tents and porta-potties. The East Wing should be rebuilt with these needs in mind but in a style and size that fit with the existing buildings. All work must go through the required design reviews and authorizations as well as obtaining necessary permits. Because the demolition was done without approval, the rebuilding should not be at tax payer expense but rather from the funds already raised.

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Name: Lucy Ludwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of a large ballroom on the site of the East Wing of the White House must not proceed. It is a vanity project of one man and inappropriate for the People's House. The demolished East Wing should be restored to its original design. The secure facilities underneath can be modernized.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sharing Anara Guard's comment because she says it more succinctly than I could. I agree with every word. For Trump to destroy the East Wing as if he owns the place was/is horrifying. No Kings!!

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Loren Pahlke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which is a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law in the abrupt razing, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laura Colon Laura Colon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending any money on this project. It was undertaken without approval. No one is above the law and ot should not have been demolished without approval from the proper authority. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Mackey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have employed the wording of another complainant as it reflects my sentiments exactly.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Yours truly, Charles W. Mackey

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Name: Madeline Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization--? Even if this "project" had gone through the proper channels it would be an abomination, dwarfing the historic White House and West Wing, and obliterating an elegant and important aspect of the presidency. The quid pro quo "donors" who enabled the destruction of the East Wing, or Trump himself, should pay to restore what they wantonly destroyed. This was not sanctioned by congress or the taxpayers, we should not have to pay. We the people do NOT sanction an Atlantic City style "ballroom".

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Name: P Grounds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandra W Magle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sandra Wallace Magle
The EAST WING, The WHITE HOUSE STAND ON PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE OF THE USA, not a political party or a president and should be treated as such. I think the donated monies??? if there are any in the current political white house should be applied to the rebuild.

I would be most pleased if the East wing was reconstructed as close to the original as possible. And as long as they are constructing...add all the 21st century technology there. Also, I want a room that is dedicated to the original building's history. The East wing belonged to the people...and it should not be named anything OTHER than the East Wing2

BALLROOM...none at this time....GOLD decor....NO!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Erwin Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Erwin Spencer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Southward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am using most of Anara Guard's comment as she states exactly how I feel. She has given permission for others to use her comments.

I, too, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stacie Chandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wanted to assert my opposition to spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elyse Ellinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Katherine Wahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or required design review. This is not a modernization—it is the irreversible destruction of a significant piece of American history.

This project must be halted immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and faithfully restored to its original design. Historic preservation is not optional; it is a responsibility we owe to future generations.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without consequences for those who ignored legal requirements would set a dangerous precedent and erode public trust. Our laws exist to protect our shared heritage, and they must be enforced equally and without exception.

I urge you to cancel this project and commit to restoring what has been lost.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:36:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Lydic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax-paying, law-abiding citizen, I do not support the destruction of history with the Eat Wong ballroom. It is outrageous we would out a project like this ahead of caring for our own with affordable healthcare and other 'benefits' to protect Americans. This ego-fueled project is disgraceful.

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Name: Nathanial Fabian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An absolute grossly negligent abuse and misuse of funds.

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Name: Kathleen Shields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a gut punch and symbolized for me more than anything he's done so far to destroy our country's institutions and turn everything into something that satisfies his ego—maybe because we could see it actually happening.
I want it to be rebuilt and returned to the way it was and I think Trump and his billionaire cronies should pay for it, not the American taxpayers.

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Name: Lisa Chisholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this project to proceed. The destruction of the East Wing of the People's House was done without approval. The history lost from this senseless act is devastating. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was. There is no need for a gigantic ballroom to be erected. No ordinary citizens will ever benefit from this monstrous, obnoxious and unnecessary ballroom ruining the People's House! Do not build it!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:36:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Haddle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the demolishment of the East Wing was unlawful, as permits and permission was not granted for the action.
The country dies not want a gold ballroom, nor a gold White House. We are losing our history to a narcissistic President who wants his name on everything.

A new addition should follow the historic precedent of the White House and should be designed and approved by the proper authorities.
Trump should pay for whatever changes are deemed appropriate.

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Name: Aimee Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Gore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it was a disgrace to tear down the East Wing. It was done without thought or consent. It is my hope that the funds be used to rebuild it as it was.
Thank you,
Deborah Gore

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Name: Cathy Tai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mimi Laliberte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the east wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. This is not trumps house to do as he pleases. The destruction was totally unauthorized and illegal. He should be fined and made to rebuild with his OWN money. Enough of this nonsense- time for some accountability. Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:13 PM
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Name: Lucia Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kendra Kratkiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked, sickened, and deeply saddened by the unexpected news that the historic East Wing of the White House was demolished. It's my understanding that this was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I oppose the modernization project and want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, honoring this deeply historic and symbolic icon of American history.

To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who must follow local permitting rules when building and modifying their own homes, never mind a national, historic treasure.

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Name: Emily Feathers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was begun without permits or oversight. The White House is not the President's

personal domain to do with as they please. The East Wing must be rebuilt at Trump's expense and restored to its former design.

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Name: Susan VerGowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Sipp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300
million on this project, that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this illegal project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go on is atrocious.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irene Wallingford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kenneth Hogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed new East Wing.
Any replacement of the East Wing should be visually and physically balanced with the existing West Wing and Residence. The proposal vastly overwhelms the existing structures and would appear to both shift the focus from the central residence and block the view of the West Wing and Residence. It is hard to say what the views will be like since they have apparently only released a few, carefully selected static views that do not present all the viewpoints or impacts on the surrounding areas as well as the White House grounds. Although this activity should never have been done in the first place now that the East Wing has been irresponsibility destroyed, any replacement should be guided and funded by Congress rather than as one person's pet project funded by unknown donors looking for political favors.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth McCarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear other US citizens who make up the group I'm sending this comment to. I oppose the spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. While I am not opposed to upgrades, safety concerns, etc, I expect any building to undergo the proper due process and channels before ANY construction commences. Whoever authorized and asked for the tear down this part of our historic government building, they should be forced to pay for it's restoration out of their own pockets and not via any monies from taxpayers who did not authorize this.

Shame on this current administration for their "Ask for forgiveness instead of permission" attitudes.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Timmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To those concerned, the White House belongs to the American people. It has historic significance. The East Wing should not have been torn down without public input and approval. The proper, honorable thing to do here is to restore the East Wing and collect the funds to do so from those who made the decision to tear it down.
Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan Love
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this illegal construction project on the East Wing and return it to its historical look.

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Name: Pamela Mastcko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Daria Sterner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not modernization it is destruction of a historic wing of the Whitehouse. The project was undertaken without proper approval, without a plan and in contrast of what was told to the people. We were told there would be modernization yet the entire East Wing was torn down. Proper regard to releasing asbestos into the community was not taken. Building a new addition to the Whitehouse should not be paid for by private companies and possibly foreign governments.

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meleah Yancey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with plans of the current administration to construct anything in the space previously occupied by the East Wing of the White House unless approved by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and vetted by an architectural review committee regardless of the source of the funding. Even

if no taxpayer monies are used and it is privately funded, this is a property owned by American citizens, NOT the current occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Troendle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This historic building has been given an illegal abortion by Trump with no regard to the laws, permits & people of this Country. Trump should be personally responsible for restoring this building back to its original condition & return the desk & any other furniture or items that have been removed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Buckner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am HORRIFIED. I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete

razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am HORRIFIED.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alan Loomans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House complex is owned by the American people, not 47 and his billionaire friends. I want the East Wing rebuilt with modernization. I don't want a ballroom that will dwarf the White House and West Wing. The ballroom project was never went through the proper channels, therefore should not be allowed to proceed.

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Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This $300 million waste of money is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tax paying citizen here in Georgia. I strongly urge our government to get control of this administration. It is not the power or privilege of this leadership to randomly destroy history. All government owned properties are owned by ‘we, the people’. No changes should be made without the approval of our representatives and within the rules established for modifications, updating and removal. It is too late for the east wing, move faster to protect other buildings and property!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing, as a law-abiding citizen and lover of our country, history, and LAWS. It was started WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action.

Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration, which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of us law-abiding Americans.

The White House is a shared civic symbol - it is OUR house - not the property of any one administration. Major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project, and that was followed by every other administration.

Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Jordan PhD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million or even one dollar on this destruction of American history. It is not "modernization" it was a complete destruction of part of American history, without even any attempt at first salvaging potentially valuable materials. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled. A "ballroom" attached to a residence should not be larger than the residence itself. Rebuild the East Wing rebuilt and restore it to its appropriately scaled former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally disgusted by trump's plans to build a gigantic ballroom. His desecration of the historic East Wing of the White House was a clear signal of how his administration views our history, constitution, and laws. What could be more symbolic of hatred toward the United States than tearing down part of the iconic White House. He pursued no permits or approvals for this action. Everyone who has contributed to this abomination should be held legally accountable. The East Wing should be restored to its former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Soufl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be rebuilt as it was, immediately. We should not allow the illegal building of a new gigantic ballroom. The White House is the people’s house and nothing should be done with it without our consent.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Schmelzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million to build a vanity ballroom for the current president. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but

rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, especially the president. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gail Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Meghan Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom with private funding. The fact that the previous building was demolished without prior approval does not mean that the project should continue just to keep things moving. Americans did not ask for this monstrosity a the proper actions have not been followed by the Trump administration. It is time to start holding them accountable for their misdeeds and this project is a great place to start. Restore the east wing as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gena Bourland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing demolition and building of the ballroom due to the fact there was no notice or approval or due process or anything before the project started. And secondly, it flys in the face of American’s who are struggling to put food on the table. This administration is the living embodiment of the phrase, “Let them eat cake.”

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Name: Gwen Reeves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Mulholland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was opposed to President Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House. He did this to the People's House. He roared in and tore down the East Wing to make room for his "magnificent ballroom," without consulting the proper authorities. Please do not let him make more of a mockery of our White House by building a gigantic ballroom. Please restore the East Wing to its original structure.
Let it be the people's entry to the White House again. Please do the right thing.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Micah Jean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this spending of 3 million on this project which was initiated without proper authority, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but are razing of American History. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuild and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.
They do not have the right to destroy our sacred history, either legally, morally or aesthetically.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Johnstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is a vain, narcissistic project completely razing American history I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is unacceptable to law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: julie dilley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Charles Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose any spending on the so-called East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without proper planning or permits and which thoughtlessly destroyed a structure of historic significance. This ballroom vanity project, neither desired or needed by the American people, should be canceled and the White House restored to its former elegance. There should be no room for individuals to flout the law, as was done by proceeding with demolition before the proper approvals were secured.

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Name: Jennifer Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Guenthner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose a ballroom. The white house belongs to the people and the people, nor our representatives authorized such destruction. Oligarchs should not be allowed to own part of the white house! Restore it as it was. PLEASE

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LYNN GOULD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Jafolla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of The White House was totally demolished at the direction of President Trump without legal authorization, and his proposed $300 million ballroom is nothing less than a stalinesque vanity project which would be an affront to this country and its people. In its current form, the ballroom project, for which there apparently has been no meaningful independent design review or permitting, should be terminated in its entirety, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original architectural configuration prior to its illegal razing.

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I urge everyone to send their objections to Chairman Trump's destruction of the East Wing and his proposed ballroom to the NCPC at:

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Lumpkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the unauthorized and illegitimate taxing of the East Wing of the White House, also known as the “People’s House.” This is not appropriate in any way, NOT a “modernization,” but instead one man’s disregard for American traditions. I support the rebuilding of the East Wing as it previously existed.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Pettorini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:29:44 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an atrocity. There was no finding of need and no approved plan to replace it. As such it appears to be a monstrous act of vandalism for which the President should be held personally liable. It should not cost the public one dime. Nor should donated funds from Trump's minions be used. He should personally bear it entirely himself and with no input whatsoever himself.

Whatever is necessary to protect the integrity of
the remaining building should be done as a stop gap measure. There after it should be left to the next administration to determine what if anything should be built in its place. Barring that, it should be rebuilt as nearly as possible to its original specs, allowing for modernization where deemed fitting.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:29:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra Startin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:29:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Hart-Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing and construction of a massive ballroom.

Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Instead, demolition of the East Wing has occurred before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

Additionally, this at least $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant

project.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing destroys the symmetry and mars the beauty of the White House. A ball room of this magnitude and opulence is contrary to what the White should be and should represent. It is an affront to the common citizens of this nation and is being built not to better the people of this great country but to satisfy the dangerous vanity of the current President. Therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank You
Mark Jordan

Date: 2/17/2026 12:29:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Churchill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Luna Kitecat
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an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Tommie Oakley
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We are quickly becoming a lawless nation. Please don't allow this travesty to occur. Without laws, we are nothing.

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Name: Thomas McWhorter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300+ million "East Wing Modernization Project," which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and appropriately restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. This project is supposedly funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration, creating at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

There must be clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: M Brent Trostle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this Ballroom project, and am greatly concerned with the use of private funds to bypass normal

authorization and congressional support. I oppose the project since it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the destruction of American history inherent in the East Wing's building prior to its destruction. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former, classic and balanced design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bridget Bertrand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is both a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, belonging to the American people. Since 1800, it has been home to our presidents—not as owners, but as temporary caretakers bound by law and by respect for the public trust.

Tearing down the historic East Wing without proper review, permits, or Congressional oversight is a clear violation—not just of the law, but of the people's trust. This decision was made without transparency or consent, when such a major change should have been openly proposed and carefully considered, not executed in secret.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require that the East Wing be rebuilt true to its historic design and scale. Whatever replaces it must fit the character of the Executive Mansion—complementing, not competing with, the original structure.

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Name: Carla Crow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review.
The president should be procecuted and made to pay for the rebuild.

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Name: Leslie Pomeroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear sirs and Madam's
I have been shocked by the destruction of the east wing of the White House. This is a historic monument and and it must be returned to its original state. The proposed ballroom is totally out of proportion and totally destroys the balance and symmetry of the White House. No individual should ever be allowed to to make changes to the exterior of this historic monument without due process from historic knowledgeable architects and gardians of our pupblic heritage.
Sincerely Leslie Pomeroy
[redacted]

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Name: Bobbi Zupon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Charles Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

It's important to me that historic buildings maintain their sense of character. I'm 66 years old, and I have seen countless old buildings desecrated by modern additions out of character with the original architecture.

I have been greatly upset by the demolition of the White House East Wing. The White House is one of the most historically important and well-recognized buildings in the country. A any external renovation project calls for a deliberative review process with inputs – and, perhaps, veto power – from experts on historical

preservation.

The renderings I've seen of the new addition aren't historically appropriate in any sense. Indeed, if the currently-proposed building were to be constructed, the nation would need to spend additional hundreds of millions of dollars removing it in only a few years.

Specifically, I believe that any design for the new East Wing must meet these criteria:

• Reconstruction of the East Colonnade matching its original appearance. Specifically, it should not exceed a single story, and it should be consistent with the design for the West Colonnade.
• The main building should be no more than 1.5 stories in height, and its roof level should be lower than the original Executive Mansion, so as not to detract from it.
• The southern end of the building should not get close to the existing curved walkway on the south lawn. This requires a shorter building (measured north to south) and narrower building (measured east to west) than the current proposal.

I understand that these criteria are inconsistent with the proposal for a large dining facility. So be it; historical appropriateness is more important that the desire of ANY single president to mold the building to his or her wishes.

Thank you for considering these inputs.

With Respect,

Charles Ross

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Name: Anne Moiseev
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Trump is proposing is an absolute horror. He knows nothing about architecture, culture, or history and has no respect for the White House as the iconic National Landmark that it is. It is not his personal property, it belongs to the people of the United States. He is only interested in slapping his name on everything he can get away with to feed his ego. This must be stopped now, and we must wait until sane people are running the government before we address any more dreadful changes to the Washington cultural and architectural landscape.

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Name: Ruth Kevghas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing was atrocious! It is/was part of The People's House, not the private residence of an out of control president. Any building that is considered for the space needs to be voted on by the People. I for one do not approve of a monstrous ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kandi Klitzke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a resident of Menominee Township in Michigan's U.P., I oppose spending $300 million on a project that began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This isn't modernization — it's the destruction of a historic part of the White House. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to proceed without accountability would undermine every law\u8209 -abiding American, including those of us in small communities who follow the rules because they matter.

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Name: Dana Comer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kim Echert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it has been launched without proper review and approval and has not followed the necessary protocols. The building should be restored to its original state. Thank you for considering this comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history on a madman's whim and initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Cancel this project!
The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored, not to be suggestive of an opulent, extravagent, imperial empire, but to reflect the dignity, straightforwardness and unpretentiousness of America's democratic principles.
To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who destroyed the East Wing and broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andy Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is an abomination. This is the peoples house and the East Wing should be restored to it’s original condition and be paid for by the administration’s private funders.

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Name: William Billings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christie Woolsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is supposed to belong to the people of this nation and it needs to reflect the people's house and not a lavish ballroom that doesn't serve the people at all. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marcia Martine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cheryl Weinant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions on this project. The current structure was destroyed without proper authorization and input from people and authorities. I want the project cancelled and to use any and all non public money that was committed to it to be used to restore the east wing to its former design to be used by the First Ladies and for the public tour base. To allow the ballroom project to continue would reward those who broke the law to do so without penalty.

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Name: Joel Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anne Terrell Aldredge
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Name: Sandra Mullins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom at The White House. I support a rebuild of the East Wing and Rose Garden.
Thank you.
Sandra Mullins
Hyannis, Massachusetts

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Name: Diana Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The size and scope of the proposed ballroom is completely out of proportion to the main structure of the White House. This is not a modernization project bur rather a complete razing of American history. It was gut wrenching to see the destruction of the East Wing and its surrounding landscape. That it was done against the wishes of the American people and without appoval is unacceptable. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to a law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kristin Gomez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of a ballroom for East Wing. This is not an expenditure that I support. The plan is a building that is too big.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:24:57 PM
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Name: Beth Paquin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?
Furthermore, the president should be required to rebuild the demolished East Wing out of his personal funds. This is the people's house. Not his.

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Name: Stephen Oswald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carrie Wanish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bradley Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing by an unhinged, unlawful, disrespectful administration goes hand in hand with trumps desire to erase history and aggrandize himself with pointless monuments and trophies. The East Wing is meant to be a place where work is done by our highest sitting public servants, not a place for the idle rich to lavish themselves in extravagance while the citizens of this country struggle to buy groceries and break under the mounting costs of housing and healthcare. Shut down this callous waste of money and insulting affront to the history of our country and restore the East Wing to its rightful form and function.

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Name: Angela Moody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing of the White House.

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Name: Jeanne Guttmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am offended that the destruction of the East Wing and the design process has been rushed through by this Administration without proper and expansive input from relevant and necessary experts, as well as the public. I object to this roughshod approach, as well as the highly objectionable, unattractive, and out-of-proportion design proposal.

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Name: ELLEN BIRNBAUM
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE RESTORE to its original, beautiful, functional state. The East Wing was destroyed without proper authority and has the founding fathers rolling in their graves!

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Name: Tina Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Izzy Farris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposal to add a new ballroom to the White House. As one of the most recognizable and historically significant buildings in the United States, the White House is not simply a residence or event venue. It is a living symbol of our constitutional system, our shared history, and the continuity of democratic government.

The architectural integrity of the White House has been carefully stewarded for more than two centuries. From its original design by James Hoban to the thoughtful restorations carried out after the 1814 fire and during the Truman renovation, changes have generally respected the building's historic character. Adding a large new ballroom risks shifting the balance from preservation to expansion in a way that could permanently alter the scale, proportion, and spirit of the Executive Mansion.

While the need for event space may be cited as justification, the White House was not designed to compete with modern convention facilities. Its power lies in its restraint, its history, and its symbolism. Major structural additions could set a precedent that future administrations might follow, gradually transforming a historic landmark into something more contemporary and less authentic.

I urge the National Trust to advocate strongly for preservation principles that prioritize protecting the historic fabric, architectural coherence, and cultural meaning of the White House. Alternative solutions for hosting large gatherings should be explored that do not compromise the integrity of this irreplaceable building.

Thank you.

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Name: Julia Barber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jay Woodland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Ann Toman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending our tax money on this monstrous project that bulldozes our history and was started without proper authorization.

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Name: Jesse Kimmel-Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The East Wing was a public space that held history, education, remembrance, and so much more than any grandiose ballroom that will eclipse the White House itself. There is no real paper trail when it comes to the "donations" to build this monstrosity either. There needs to be transparency on all fronts. That money can now be used to rebuild the East Wing back to its exact original state prior to it being illegally demolished. This, unfortunately, is a very clear representation of how the United States are running being run and how our government is acting.

The next generations need history as much as the previous ones and this can't happen when it's being rewritten and torn down.

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Name: Judith Flakowicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robin Walcott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable

treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:15:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Geddes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization but a total destruction undertaken without regard to rules and guidelines. No reviews have taken place, just the order for demolition given by one man, driven by his enormous ego and funded by individuals hoping to curry favor with that man. I request that the project go no further and that the East Wing be restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Zane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop further demolishing of this wing. The White House is the people’s House & the family living in it are temporary, it is not their house. For historical, monetary reasons please put an end to the sheer devastation of the White House. Thank you for your time, I’m hoping you will make the decision that benefits the people of our nation

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:50 PM
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Name: Chris Waterous
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. President Trump is not going about this in a way that is sensitive to the building's history or previous design. This is the people's house, not his house, and I demand that this administration follow the proper procedures in curating such an important monument for the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please preserve the history of the White House. It is beyond belief that a portion of the house which belongs to the American people can be destroyed without public hearings and oversight by the agencies that monitor historic sites. It is not appropriate that the temporary residents can destroy our national home.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:24 PM
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Name: Barbara Corff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned that this project has nothing to do with becoming a ballroom and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:18 PM
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Name: Phyllis Rambo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Amara Guard said it perfectly….
“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. “

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Name: Anna Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not go forward. It was inappropriate to bulldoze the east wing with no approvals, reviews or permits and that inappropriate conduct should not be rewarded. Instead the east wing should be

restored to its former state. Moreover, it is inappropriate to pay for this project with private funds which can fairly be construed as pay to play loans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Joll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park owned by the American people. Since 1800, it has served not only as the residence of our presidents but as one of the most significant historic sites in the United States. Any permanent alteration to this site warrants careful scrutiny, transparency, and meaningful public participation.

While modernization efforts may be presented as necessary, the scale and permanence of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition raise serious concerns regarding historic preservation, environmental impact, visual integrity, long-term maintenance costs, and precedent for future alterations. The White House complex is not merely a functional facility; it is a symbol of national heritage and continuity. Changes of this magnitude should be evaluated not only for utility but for their effect on the historical character and symbolic importance of the site.

This moment matters because the federal review process — including oversight by the National Capital Planning Commission, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) — exists precisely to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input before irreversible decisions are made. Public participation must occur before construction limits future alternatives.

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen stated, “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.” I strongly agree. Any proposal that significantly alters a landmark of this importance should reflect broad public consensus and careful preservation stewardship.

I respectfully urge the Commission to ensure a thorough review process, robust environmental and historic impact analysis, and full transparency before approving any expansion of this scale.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:01 PM
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Name: Kathleen Meadows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction and unlawful replacement of the East Wing. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Macgamwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this destruction of property.
Clean up the site and leave it alone.
This empty plot of our land must be left to remind us of Trumps destruction of our democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:21:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Shannon Rucci Vance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's house.The one who demolished it without permission and who created a future lung cancer and mesothelioma class-action lawsuit, should not be rewarded. If the demolisher gets his way, it will be a pay-to-play ballroom. Corruption should not finance We the People's house. Return the decision on what it should become back to the People.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:58 PM
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Name: Terrie Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This $300 million vanity project should never have begun. Authorization and permits were never obtained, and the demolition of the East Wing of the people's house was thus against the law. Those who perpetrated this destruction of our nation's historical treasure need to be held accountable, and the East Wing must be rebuilt according to the original design.

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Name: JoAnne Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design paid for by President Trump, not the American taxpayers who never had a say in the destruction of the People's House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dawn Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of over $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any funds raised for this project should be put toward rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its former design.

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Name: Jeanne Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dee Stevenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Being an American citizen and a tax payer, I would like to voice my opposition of the East Wing Moderation. First of all, I don't understand how the destruction of the East Wing was permitted in the first place. Nothing was saved of all the history this wing contained. Trump was in too big of a hurry to demolish this valuable piece of American history before rules or regulations could stop him. There is absolutely no need for a gaudy ball room. With all the needs of our country, this shouldn't even appear on our radar screen of needed projects. Trump claims this project will be financially supported be private industry. Sadly our President seldom, if ever, speaks the truth. If by chance this does contain some truth, then we need to address private industry having ownership in the People's House. Will their contributions buy them special favors from our current administration? This entire project is wrong in so many ways and must be stopped and the East Wing rebuilt as it once stood.
Thank you for your time a consideration.
J. Dee Stevenson
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Zaccone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. The work was begun without proper review and so far, with the demolishment of the East Wing, our heritage is being destroyed. I am I favor of restoring the East Wing to its original design, and that any other work be halted.

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Name: Peter linton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of The White House was totally demolished at the direction of President Trump without legal authorization, and his proposed $300 million ballroom is nothing less than a stalinesque vanity project which would be an affront to this country and its people. In its current form, the ballroom project, for which there apparently has been no meaningful independent design review or permitting, should be terminated in its entirety, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original architectural configuration prior to its illegal razing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Jay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

FORMAL OPPOSITION TO THE EAST WING MODERNIZATION PROJECT
Re: Recent Demolition and Proposed Replacement of the White House East Wing

I. Opening Statement
I write in firm and unequivocal opposition to the project known as the "East Wing Modernization," which is, in truth, no modernization at all — but the deliberate and willful demolition of a piece of American history that belongs not to any single administration, but to every citizen of the United States of America, and to every generation yet to come.
This project must be stopped. Those who authorized it without legal standing must be held accountable. And the East Wing must be fully rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of those who destroyed it.

II. This Is Not Modernization — It Is Erasure
Let us be honest about what this project actually is. The White House East Wing is a historic structure of immense cultural, architectural, and civic significance. It has served the American people for generations — as a workplace, a symbol, and a living piece of national heritage. To raze it in order to construct a private ballroom, however lavishly funded, is not an act of improvement. It is an act of desecration.
A ballroom funded by tech billionaires does not belong in the White House. It belongs in a private estate, a hotel, or a corporate campus. The people's house is not a venue for the ambitions of the ultra-wealthy. Its architecture is not raw material for personal vanity projects. The East Wing was not theirs to touch.

III. Flagrant Violations of Law and Due Process

This project was initiated without proper authorization, without the required permits, and without the mandatory design review processes that govern changes to historic federal structures. These are not bureaucratic technicalities — they are legal safeguards deliberately established to protect the American public from precisely this kind of unilateral, self-serving action.
The National Historic Preservation Act, the Preservation of Historic and Archaeological Data Act, and the protocols of the National Trust for Historic Preservation exist for a reason. They exist because our shared history is fragile, irreplaceable, and too important to be left to the whims of whoever happens to hold power at a given moment. Those laws were violated. There must be consequences.
No president, no billionaire donor, no administration has the authority to unilaterally demolish a protected historic federal structure. If this project is allowed to proceed — or worse, to be ratified after the fact — it will set a devastating precedent: that the most powerful can simply bulldoze the law along with the buildings.

IV. Private Funding Is Not a License to Destroy Public Property
It has been argued, or implied, that the involvement of private funding — reportedly in the range of $300 million — somehow legitimizes this project. It does not. Private money cannot purchase the right to destroy public heritage. The White House and its historic components are the property of the American people, held in public trust. They are not for sale, not for renovation at a donor's discretion, and not available as a canvas for the aesthetics of whoever writes the largest check.
The appearance of private funding, in this context, does not reduce the public harm — it compounds it. It raises serious questions about the nature of the relationship between the administration and those funding this project, and whether the White House itself is being offered as a vehicle for their influence.

V. The National Trust for Historic Preservation Deserves Our Full Support
The National Trust for Historic Preservation has stood as a principled, courageous defender of this nation's architectural and cultural legacy. Its intervention here is not merely procedurally appropriate — it is morally necessary. The Trust is fighting not just for a building, but for the rule of law, for the integrity of our shared civic institutions, and for the principle that history is not the property of the powerful.
Every American who values the preservation of our history, every citizen who believes in accountability, and every person who understands that the law must apply equally to all — regardless of title or wealth — should support the Trust's efforts and submit their own comment to this Commission before the March 4 deadline.

VI. Demands for Accountability and Restoration
I call upon the National Capital Planning Commission and all relevant federal authorities to take the following actions:
1. Immediately halt and cancel the East Wing Modernization project in its entirety.
2. Require the full reconstruction and restoration of the East Wing to its original, historically accurate design.
3. Compel those responsible for authorizing this illegal demolition to reimburse the Federal Government for the full cost of reconstruction.
4. Initiate a full investigation into the legal violations committed in connection with this project, including the bypassing of required permits, authorizations, and historic preservation review processes.
5. Ensure that no private funding arrangement — past, present, or future — is permitted to override the legal protections governing historic federal structures.

VII. Closing
No one is above the law. Not a president. Not a billionaire. Not an administration that believes its power exempts it from the obligations every other American must meet. To allow this project to proceed unchallenged and unpunished would be an affront to every law-abiding citizen, every taxpayer, and every American who has ever placed their hand over their heart at the sight of the White House and felt, however briefly, that this is the people's house.

It must be stopped. It must be reversed. And those responsible must be held accountable.

The East Wing belongs to America. Give it back.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Jay
A Concerned American Citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Jozkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was initiated without appropriate authorization, permits, or formal design review. Rather than a true modernization, this effort represents a complete destruction of an important part of American history. The proposed project should be halted immediately and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or entity is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine the principles that tax-paying and law-abiding Americans expect to be upheld.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: janet Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You can never undo the damage you have done but please stop with this ostentatious tribute to you because your fragile who only needs more and more.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I was a resident of Montgomery County, MD for 30+ years (ending in 2015) and often visited DC and was able to view the White House and reflect on the history and beauty of the building and grounds. What in the world gives the current "tenant" of (who does not OWN but merely occupies) the White House the right to summarily knock a large portion of it down with no input or attempt to preserve the important history of this building!? Again, I strongly OPPOSE this project.

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Name: Melissa Kline-Koenig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Costa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history with zero input from the citizens of the United States, it's lawful owners. It is our house and our history that has been destroyed. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Kershaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a direct violation of the Norms governing an Historic building. This was done without a permit, a plan, or any approvals whatsoever by those that govern this property. I oppose this lawless action as was taken, and implore this body to demand that the East Wing be restored to the People's House, just as it was prior.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Teter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization project for the East Wing of the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was done without going through the proper channels. Whoever is responsible for this destruction should be required to have the East Wing rebuilt at their own expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Pendleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laura Thorpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello.

I just want to say that this was never a modernization project- it was a gutting of our history and a plan for this president to build something for Himself, rather than for the people of these United States. He did this without proper permits, authority, or input from the people he is supposed to serve.

The East Wing should be restored...perhaps modernized...but we do not need an overblown gilded ballroom in the People's House.

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on such a project and I believe that DJT should be penalized for what he illegally did here.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
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Name: Judith Clark
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the reckless destruction of a bit of our shared history. It should not be rebuilt unilaterally without thoughtful consideration. And therefore I say cease and desist until construction receives proper review

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Name: Karen Hendrickson
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:18:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Webster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this project and want the East Wing restored to its former glory. This project is a travesty on so many levels. It should never have been allowed to proceed in the first place!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose building a huge golden ballroom that dwarfs the original White House. Instead I feel that the original East Wing should be restored. I am not opposed to the idea of a smaller ballroom if the east wing is restored first, but I really don't see why we need to be hosting dinners for more than 100-200. Aesthetics of the ballroom should be in line with the architecture and general asthetics of the Whitr House. I find gold decoration tacky and elitist and I do not feel it exemplified the spirit od America, which is a nation of people who mostly built themselves from the ground up.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:18:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the "golden" ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Thank you for attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth M Warren

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Name: Delise Jankowski
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Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is a complete and utter destruction of American History. The East Wing should be restored to its former design. The "ballroom" is

not needed nor does it reflect the American spirit. No one is above the law, allowing this project to go ahead would only show contempt for justice and our legal system.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Gottfried
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose expending some $300 million on the East Wing modernization project. The project was initiated without proper authorization. Nor were the requisite permits or design review forwarded. In contrast with its avowed title, the project does not modernize anything but rather serves to remodel history by faultily equating the ego of the current incumbent of the Presidency with the house of the American people This project should be canceled with the restoration of the East Wing to its original design .

Date: 2/17/2026 12:17:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Gregg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the ballroom where the East Wing once stood. The careless and deliberate act to circumvent the process is just another example of a select few feeling boldly empowered to do as they wish. The East Wing should be restored to its former design.

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Name: Lyn Speakman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unauthorized and inappropriate project. It was initiated without proper permits or design review. It is an affront to the American people, whose house this is. No care was taken in the demolition to preserve historical materials. Cancel this project. Rebuild and restore the East Wing as it was before to honor the history and purpose the People's House should serve. The actions taken on this project broke the law and should be punished. No one is or should be above the law. The American people are watching and expect better. Cancel this project now.

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Name: Colleen Skjerven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the “Modernization” of the East Wing. The people of this country did not ask for this and it did not go through the proper channels. Enough! It needs to be rebuilt to what it was and not become a gold eyesore.

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Name: Kathryn Craft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete tearing down of American history. This project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Do

not permit this project to go ahead. Those who broke the law should be punished. At the very least, they must be stopped. Erasing history is dangerous. Allowing this is a dangerous precedent.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose expending some $300 million on the East Wing modernization project. The project was initiated without proper authorization. Nor were the requisite permits or design review forwarded. In contrast with its avowed title, the project does not modernize anything but rather serves to remodel history by faultily equating the ego of the current incumbent of the Presidency with the house of the American people This project should be canceled with the restoration of the East Wing to its original design .

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Name: Kathryn Craft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete tearing down of American history. This project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Do not permit this project to go ahead. Those who broke the law should be punished. At the very least, they must be stopped. Erasing history is dangerous. Allowing this is a dangerous precedent.

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Name: Lily Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The “people’s house” should not be partially demolished without the proper permits and reviews. Our White House is not Trump’s personal palace. Those who broke the law by starting this project should be held accountable.

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Name: Chris Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Debbie Field
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed East Wing project at the White House.

The White House is not merely a functioning government building; it is a historic symbol of American democracy with global significance. Any structural expansion or modification must therefore meet the highest standards of transparency, preservation, and public accountability.

My concerns are as follows:

Historic Integrity: Changes to the East Wing should be evaluated carefully to ensure they do not alter the architectural balance or diminish the historic character of the White House complex.

Transparency: Projects involving nationally significant sites warrant full public disclosure regarding scope, cost, purpose, and long-term impact.

Precedent: Expanding federal facilities at iconic historic sites sets a precedent. Such decisions should be undertaken only after thorough public review and expert preservation consultation.

Fiscal Responsibility: In a time of competing national priorities, it is appropriate to scrutinize the cost and

necessity of large-scale renovations or expansions.

I respectfully urge decision-makers to ensure that any changes proceed only after comprehensive public input and preservation review.

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Name: Karen Copenhaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: D'Nise Hefner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you

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Name: Ray McCaughey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a retired architect.

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The design presented in every form is not in keeping with American values.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I recommend that this

project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design (including any careful review of necessary practical improvements).

There is no authority for the POTUS to destroy American history by whim. There is no emergency; no rationale was given to the public, and the White House is OUR HOUSE. The President cannot throw away the furniture or in part discard the residence WE built for him to make his job for US easier.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and review.

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Name: Darlene Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House and the East Wing belong to the American people and not to a president who wants to change things to meet his whims. The building of the ballroom is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is unnecessary and a waste of funds. The East Wing was historical and beloved by all of us who have visited the People's White House. We want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Make this right and stop this ballroom construction project.

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Name: Maye Cavallaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Francine Plotycia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bonnie Marsh
Project Name: Glen Echo Management Plan Amendment
Project Number: MP312

I oppose the incorrectly named "East Wing Modernization Project," as it is a complete destruction of a historic and viable space, implemented without authorization or congressional approval. The proposed replacement is esthetically entirely out of scale with the White House. There are questions yet unanswered about the private funding being used and subsequent ownership and management issues. Those supporting it have complaints that there is not enough funding for veterans, hungry children or elders, but celebrate such wasteful and unnecessary expenditure.

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Name: Eden Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an outrage to demolish a portion of this PUBLIC property as if it were a private residence remodel. The permissions weren't sought, the preliminary studies weren't done, plans were not submitted and approved. It's time to stop the insane destruction of our historic sites. They belong to the American people and that must be respected, if not by the current tenant, then by this entity.

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Name: Renee Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the destruction of the White House without going through the appropriate processes and approvals is appalling. The amount of money that is planned to be spent on this "ballroom" is atrocious and the project should be cancelled. I believe the wing should be reconstructed to its original state, preserving history.

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Name: Teresa Barbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC is commonplace and know for supporting conventions and meetings of various types and sizes. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station nearby has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. I was surprised of its scale when I've had the privilege of visiting "my house" twice in prior years. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; constitutionally he works for the people of the United States and resides there as our temporary guest. The statutory guidelines, 36 CFR Part 800 prohibits and severely restricts the ability to singularly alter a National Historic Landmark. Anyone operating in this manner is breaking the law. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design and not of grandiose architecture and design of the exterior and interior.

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Name: Jen McCreary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and the spending of $300 million on it. I want the project to be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. This project was started without following any proper procedures - no authorization or permits, no one official review or approval of the design. I can't add a bathroom to my own home (which I own as opposed to temporarily living in because of my elected position) without endless paperwork, reviews, approvals, and time. The fact that a whole wing of the People's House was razed without any kind of approval for the process - and that historical building artifacts were destroyed in the process - not even catalogued and preserved! - is an affront to all Americans who respect the rule of law and the preservation of our history. I want the East Wing restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a travesty and a permanent stain on one of our most significant monuments.

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Name: Edie Oswald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Dyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project.

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Name: Lori Hollar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lawrence Poirirer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that no president should have the right to make major changes in The White House or any other Monument without public and Congressional approval. The White house and other governmental buildings

of historical significance are on loan to the President while in office, not theirs to make in their own image.

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Name: Deborah Adkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jeff Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Sneegas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that someone can do this without consideration of the people or any govering body without any repercussions

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Name: Deborah Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the current plans for this project. The demolition of the East Wing is a demolition of our American history. This project needs to be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt; restored to what it was previously. There was no proper authorization, no permits, not even an appropriate design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of us law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Rainey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national monument representing the rich and complicated history of America. To have it defaced is a travesty and it must be restored

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Name: Jerry Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't support the ballroom project. Washington DC has more than enough ballrooms and the concept drawings I've seen appear tacky and diminish the historic landscape. I request that the East Wing be restored, returning a look of governmental dignity to the White House. The architecture in the White House complex is its own dignified statement about the strength of this nation. We don't need an attempt to compete with French, Russian, or any nations architectural heritage, and we don't need a ballroom as a statement about "government".

There are compliance processes in place for historic properties in our nation and I was aghast and disappointed that the president could take action without abiding by the laws of the nation. He's not above the law and it's a bad example to the rest of the country. And there are bodies established to oversee the stewardship of our historic heritage in DC, and the president's vision is not more important than this stewardship. If he thinks so, he can make his case, but the decision should not be wholly his.

Any donor dollars should be used to restore the East Wing, the historical property and landscape.

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Name: Jennifer M. Squire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,
There needs to be accountability and public, transparent review and processes in regards to the East Wing project. The utter lack of respect for history and historical impact, process, and oversight continues to be

astonishing. The current process and East Wing project is just one example of a lack of respect of our DC city and country's values. As a citizen concerned about our nation's public history, architecture, and heritage, the East Wing project continues to a travesty. There must be oversight by the CFA, NCPC, and Congress, with public input. Thank you, Jennifer

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Name: Laura Limbrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Valerie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our current president believes he is above the law, that he can do whatever he pleases without concern for law or appropriateness. The White House has survived for centuries without a ballroom, and can continue to survive without one. His total disregard for appropriate oversight in planning such a project is abhorent.

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Name: Sandra Manske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Charissa Callison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Dr. Barbara Randolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing with no review, no proposal, no architectural plans properly submitted and no approval by the Capitol Planning Commission and the Preservation Council is in violation of both tradition and law. I urge you as a body knowledgeable of Capitol history, building and architecture to halt the current administration’s extreme plans for the “ballroom plus” building and to begin restoring the original East Wing. These monuments to of history and traditions belong to the American people and are not the personal property of any one President or individual contributors.

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Name: Susan Witter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This was a frivolous project before demolition even began. President Trump does not "own" the White House; he is simply the current resident. The White House is a monument to the people, not to our leader. Speaking as a citizen, I certainly do not want a giant ballroom attached to the White House. Frankly, I want the East Wing back. This is a violation of the constitution and of the trust placed in the president by the people of this country.

The only thing I am in favor of here would be a complete restoration of the East Wing, faithfully built. Anything else is a travesty. At least, it must not dwarf the White House itself. The building must retain the

East Wing's original proportions. I DO NOT WANT to see "the people's house" disrespected or destroyed. Please stop.

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Name: Andrea Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stephane Rundell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine Lakatos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen McElhose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for taking our opinions and requests into account as you plan.

I protest the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I strongly oppose the Modernization project as planned by President D.J. Trump.

As a U.S. citizen, I do not want, nor need a gilded ballroom that dwarfs the White House. Even if tech billionaires have offered to pay for such a monstrosity, such a building goes against our foundations as a Republic, based on thoughtful moderation and restraint as an example to the world.

I write in hopes the Commission will honor the founding principles of our Nation. Please reject the plans for a “ballroom” of plutocratic excess. Such a structure would only stand as a monument to personal gain over public interest.

Please adopt plans to rebuild the East Wing in historic proportion to the White House and to restore its multi-purpose design.

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Name: Elizabeth Culkeen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jacqueline Wexler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marybeth Raynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marcia Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project which was undertaken without approval or authorization or vetting. It has destroyed part of the people's house and American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Malchow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. There will certainly be cost overruns, the current tenant has never built anything within "budget". Further, with the reputation of the current tenant, compromises in quality and craftsmanship are to be expected. For example, Corinthian columns of fiberglass or some other cheap composite instead of hand carved out of marble or limestone. That is beside the point though because I

strongly oppose everything about this stupid vanity project.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Midge Bortone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was unauthorized and the new plans were never approved. This was destruction of government property in order to have a monument to President Trump built. He should be ordered to have the East Wing rebuilt as it was and to pay for this reconstruction himself.

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Name: Jacqueline Wexler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Kosidowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has been initiated without the normal public input and review and is an abominable abuse of tyrannical presidential power. The proposed addition is a glaring testimony to the ego of a single man and more reminiscent of a monarchical folly than a genuine conception of The People's House.

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Name: Harriet Showman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House.

It should not be altered in any way without the appropriate approvals from the National Planning Commission, Congress, Environmental regulators.

The destruction of the East Wing at the whim of one person, a temporary occupant, was appalling and damaged a treasured landmark. As someone with an advanced degree in historic preservation, it broke my heart.

There is no balance to the proposed plan -- from its size to the outsized donations from corporate donors who seek federal contracts. It is an attempt at self glorification at the expense of national interests.

Indeed, the proposal is an abomination.

Please assert your authority and require that full legal compliance is assured.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Harriet Showman

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Name: Virginia Lipponer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House- the People’s House - was illegally destroyed. The current administration moved forward without proper oversight, approval, etc. The plans for the “modernization” are abhorrent- the Golden Ballroom is not for the people, it’s for the president’s ego. It will permanently ruin the esthetic that so many United States citizens, and the world, have always recognized. I urge you to stop this

grotesque, gaudy project and restore the original East Wing to its former design.

Thank you,
Jennifer Kennedy

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Name: Evelyn Holtschlag
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million -- or ANY amount -- on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is NOT a modernization project -- it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or as close as possible. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens. The White House is the people's house; it does not belong to one individual who thinks he can do as he pleases with it.

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Name: Linda Ng
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I am outraged at the illegal demolition and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Diana Geare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Martineau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing "Modernization" Project, which was initiated as a rogue act of destruction without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with any and all costs borne solely by Donald J. Trump (and/or his estate) as penalty for his unlawful actions. If anyone else had done what he has done to the East Wing, it would be considered an act of domestic terrorism. Our Constitution establishes that no one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalty would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lara Webber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer, I am profoundly opposed to spending such an extra extraordinary amount of money on what is essentially an erasure of American history and a vanity project for an individual president. This is the people's house. The building was demolished without proper procedures and without following the law. To allow this project to move forward would be a reckless use of taxpayer dollars in a miscarriage of justice. The wing should be rebuilt to restore it to its former glory, a place of service to the American people, not to the ego of Donald Trump. No ballrooms. Do not reward this recklessness and lawlessness by spending our hard earned tax dollars on this vanity project. We want the east wing back.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any dollars on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It
is not a modernization project, but rather a razing of US history.
I want the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.
To permit this project to move forward, and without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to law abiding us citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Pickett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My favorite comment was made by Whoopii Golderg on TV talk showThe View..."IT'S NOT HIS HOUSE!!!!!'. I agree 100%

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:37 PM
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Name: Kindra Rajaniemi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to it's former glory and the persons responsible for it's destruction needs to face charges. This is the People's House.

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Name: Leigh Halverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Bolon-Feeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an affront to the American people to have a president unlawfully, without any legal permit or protocol, come into the People’s House and take a wrecking ball to it, destroying centuries of American history!!!! Outrageous!!!! I am requesting the he be held accountable and the East Wing restored to its original form. The White House is the “People’s House”! He is merely a temporary inhabitant!

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Name: Lisa LaMere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is just not acceptable - from anyone.

Lisa LaMere
A taxpayer

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Name: Sharon Zimpfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please, I beg you, lean into integrity and character and bring back doing right by all Americans, who will never get invited there.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tessa Kraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Costa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history with zero input from the citizens of the United States, it's lawful owners. It is our house and our history that has been destroyed. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Bridgewater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to object strongly to this project. The White House belongs to the people of this great nation and I am appalled that this project was allowed. The East Wing should be restored to its natural beauty as soon as possible and the people responsible for this tragedy should be held accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monique Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra Marcotte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the addition of a ballroom. It is not needed and is a waste of money we urgently need elsewhere. At this time of extreme wealth disparity it is also an insult to a majority of us--working Americans doing our best living paycheck to paycheck. In addition, I am horrified at the pictures of destruction and the lack of public involvement in any planning process, and the flouting of laws that apply to everyone else. Please halt this project. It should be preserved as a site of destruction, an exhibit of an administration gone rogue, a reminder that democracy is a participatory experiment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Paquin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, with the strongest terms as possible, completely, and unequivocally, totally and greatly oppose the spending of $300 Million on this, shameful and disgusting, disrespectful, God awful, and completely unnecessary, unwanted, and unneeded project, which was initiated without the proper authorizations, permits, or design reviews. This is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete and total razing of American history and traditions and I want this project canceled, abandoned, reversed, discontinued, scrubbed, and otherwise hauled and the glorius, magnificent and beautiful East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all, every single law-abiding Americans everywhere. Please do the right, and just thing and be the leaders we not only want but need. Please consider this from all sides and come to the conclusion that you know full well deserves to be done here. Stand up with and for the American public. The moral standing requires a swift and unquivering response to make this crime payed for in stopping it in place and reversing course as soon as humanely possible. Thank you for your time today.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Masters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose this ballroom monstrosity which resulted in destroying the historic White House East Wing. The destruction was done without proper and legal authorizations,without any citizen input on the destruction of part of the “People’s House” (This President is only using it for 4 years. HE DOESNF OWN IT). The only project stinks of corruption and extreme hubris from someone who believes he is above every law and rule the rest of us are required to follow. No transparency as to the supposed “private” monies being collected. It’s an ongoing debacle and chaos from an administration which thrives on chaos and corruption. Stop it now.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Leavy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It put workers in danger without mitigation of asbestos or mold. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was a terrorist act designed to outrage the people who love this country. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Ballard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the east wing ballroom project. It was started without the proper reviews. Funded by billionaires which would make the president beholden to them. Ruins the White House architecture. Not approved by American taxpayers and not something most Americans will even ever see. Presidents are temporary. Do not set the stage for future administrations to be able to ruin our White House. It belongs to the people, not Donald Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald MacLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was demolished illegally. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete raizing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: WILLIAM ECONOMOU
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My input:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pjay Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Its spending is too high and was not initiated with proper design review, authorization, or permits. It is not "modernization," it is one man imposing his preferences on what should be the people's house (and ballroom).

The White House needs a ballroom or similar event space. It should be designed in keeping with the rest of the building, even if that means it is a bit smaller than sometimes needed. It should only be approved after proper process. And it should not bear the name of the current or any other president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Socha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the People's House without permission or any official review is an affront to the American people. Anyone with a hint of civic pride or patriotism ought to be horrified at the blatant disrespect of our nation's history. As an architect and former student of historic preservation, I am especially appalled. This project has nothing to do with modernization and everything to do with the bloated ego of the individual who is currently living there. The East Wing must be rebuilt exactly as it was, with no cost to the American taxpayer. Any and all expenses associated with rebuilding should come directly from the pockets of the man responsible for demolishing it without a permit, historical review, or any oversight. I would also like to note the lies involved in the demolition itself. We went from "it won't be touched" to "minor alterations" and then the next day it was gone with no apologies. Additionally, criminal charges should be brought against the architect and construction manager who allowed this to happen. At the very least they should lose their license to practice and pay a hefty fine.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristina Petti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

America is in need of much, but not a gold-plated ballroom!

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Name: Brandon Genz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cathy Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Kovalik Kovalik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Jackie Archbold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tear down of The East Wing without thought, without following laws and rules perfectly symbolizes what this administration is doing to our country. “Donors” to rebuild it as a quid pro quo to get favorable treatment by this admin. Building it bigger, better the likes of which no one has ever seen or whatever phrase the President uses to describe it is only done as a monument to himself. What despots throughout history have done. If allowed to be built to Trump’s standards, without historical and reasonable advice, it will be a stain forever on all of you who gave it a yes.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Ash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or any amount of money, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding
citizens.
Sincerely, Rachel Ash

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Name: Juliet Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Teri McAllister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an attempt to erase American history that belongs to the people. It should be preserved, not destroyed. In fact, I want it rebuilt and restored to its former design. Furthermore, this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review; therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. Finally, those who have taken part in breaking the law with this project should be penalized, as no one is above the law.

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Name: Hana Sellers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The massive changes to the White House are being pushed forward without the proper oversight. The White House belongs to the American people, and is a temporary residence for the current leader. It is critical that the building be respected for the history that it holds. It is essential that any changes to the structure are respectful to the existing building, and to the values that brought it into existence.
Destroying the East Wing without proper permitting, architectural plans or approvals was an aggressive maneuver designed to force the hands of those who provide approvals. To argue now that the current president is not safe in a partially demolished building is unsafe is pure evil. We cannot let them succeed with this lawlessness.
As an American, I would rather see the site remain as is until we can replace this administration. If the administration feels this compromises safety, they should be allowed to use the money they raised to REBUILD the East Wing to replicate the one they destroyed.
Please take this as an opportunity to restore the East Wing, eliminate the asbestos, and improve the internal technology...while honoring the traditional appearance of the Wing.
Americans are not asking for a Ballroom. I have lived in the DC area for my entire life and there are tons of ballrooms throughout the area that can host world-class events.
I work as an event producer and I know with 100% certainty that we can produce world class events in DC for Presidents and world leaders.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Butt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vivian Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Paige Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It is appalling that our history is being destroyed without consequence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Verble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Eat Wing Modernization Project. Once again, our president is breaking the law by proceeding on this project without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. This is our house, not his. He needs permission to make changes to historical

architecture. He is not being honest to the American people about his intentions for construction which goes way beyond his ballroom pretext. He is lying to us again. Furthermore, the corporate funding of the project creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. This is not charity on behalf of the corporations. It is a payoff to access federal contracts. Once these companies provide the technology for the undisclosed basement base of operations, it will be impossible to extricate them.
The commission should reject this proposal until full legal and legislative compliance is achieved. Trump does not own the White House. He is a tenant who should not be destroying historical landmarks at will.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Guinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christy Rowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing that was done without official clearance or approval through proper channels. It should be rebuilt to it's former historic specifications.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steph Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for so many reasons. It was not done with proper review or oversight, nor proper authorization. We must preserve American history, and this project would bury it. Cancel the project and restore the East Wing to its former design according to the laws we all must follow.

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Name: Michelle Watters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If this moves forward to build the privatized ballroom … IF … then Trump himself will have to lease the federal land at … oh let's say … $1M a day.
Otherwise, stop the ballroom from being built and rebuild the East Wing. ALSO, construction is underway to rebuild the bunker but it won't be completed until 2029. Is that on tax payer $$??

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Granfors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marya Nowakowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money from any source on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing was recognized as an addition to the White House with historic relevance. This unauthorized project is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Mckenzie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Diorio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the current $300 million proposed project to rebuild the East Wing. It was destroyed without appropriate reviews, permits, permissions and oversights. I do not trust the Administration to rebuild this with the necessary oversights and reviews, nor do I think the scale of the project appropriate. The East Wing should be restored to its former self and dimensions. It would also be appropriate to let the public know what has happened to all of the art, furnishings and other artifacts of the East Wing. This is part of the People's House, it does not belong to its current inhabitants.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Poholsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the madness and return the East Wing to its original design. The building belongs to the people, not Donald Trump. It should never have been destroyed and must be rebuilt to match the rest of the building. We don't need a ballroom.
Thank you,
Marsha Poholsky

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lenora Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cara Griswold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose using so much as one cent of tax dollars for this unnecessary construction project which was started without proper authorization or (clearly) proper advanced planning.

This is not how our tax dollars should be used, and the whole way they avoided pre authorization to do it was by saying they didn't need funding, which was clearly not true. As damage has already been done to the wing, I believe it should be restored to it's original design with ZERO alterations to the original blueprint, and the parties responsible for the damage should be the only ones responsible for paying to have it restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:05:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Flood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jien Haligen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I fully support the construction on the east wing of the White House. Many presidents have made alterations to the building. The first lady can find alternative accommodations for her office in the meantime.

Apparently, it's being paid for with donations, which is amazing for the country and the American people because now they will have a modernized wing to the White House that will last another 150 or so years. The country doesn't have a proper banquet room to hold enough people. Since the project was on pause, maybe that new banquet room could be a little bit smaller in size than Trump proposed but to restore it to the way it was seems silly, shortsighted, and unnecessary. Buildings have to be modernized!

Most of the people who oppose the project probably have Trump Derangement syndrome. There's nothing wrong with updating the White House. Many who came before Trump have conducted modernization efforts. The current presidential administration should be supported in their effort to modernize the White House. At this juncture, there ought to be a way to find a compromise where we get a new state banquet room, and many of the features could be contained. Many of the old historical features could be contained in the new building plans. Three restore it to what it was is. dogmatic and unnecessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Lutian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: j schaefer
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Paskavich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Project on the grounds that the Capitol is the People's House. No permits were sought before the destruction of the historic building. Building a Versailles style ballroom is a pure vanity project and the fact it's being financed by private donors is an immediate sign of corruption. Pay to play is illegal and must be stopped.

Respectfully,

Chris Paskavich

Date: 2/17/2026 12:05:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending even one dollar, let alone $300 million, on this project, which is nothing more than a pretentious ego boost following on the heels of the unauthorized destruction of part of our house, the People's House. No one should be above the law, and forbidding the construction of this massive ballroom would send a clear message that there are limits to what one can get away with. If any money is to be spent, it should be to restore the historic East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:05:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Welker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please continue to demand accountability for the demolition of the EastWing of the People's House without proper over site and authority. I oppose any approval of continued work without complete approval from the National Capital Planning Commission.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: sussan thornton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Korten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Frances Hack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Citizens of the U.S are starving and unhoused. They need food and shelter. No one needs a ballroom

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Name: Shelley Burnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Lefeber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm disgusted that the East Wing has already been demolished and could not be saved in its original glory. It's an absolute disgrace that a section of the White House dedicated to the First Lady can be so easily discarded by an administration that continues to spit in the face of American women and try to roll back progress on gender equality (among so many other things). I'm vehemently opposed to "fixing" it by installing a gaudy, expensive ballroom that the White House doesn't need. As this project did not pass through the proper steps and approvals in the first place, I want this project cancelled and for the East Wing to be restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Billie Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the wreckless demolition of the East Wing, with no plans submitted or permits granted. I am a landscape architect and as a law-abiding citizen, I follow all of the rules and get necessary approvals for my projects. It's extremely frustrating that the Trump administration thinks it is above the law and can proceed with this project without going through the same channels the rest of us are required to. The White House is the People's House, not Trump's vanity project, and it should be cancelled now and rebuilt according to the original design or go through the proper channels with design review and public input. The Trump administration should be penalized for breaking the law and held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Hurwitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this fiasco. Destroying historic property without notice or consent doesn't give anyone the right to move forward to 'fix it' without approval and oversight as mandated.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Budniak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit this comment opposing the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. The project does not comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation—specifically Standards 2 and 9 (NPS Standards).

Standard 2 requires that changes avoid creating a false sense of historical development, yet the proposed design closely replicates the White House's neoclassical vocabulary—columns, Palladian windows, and classical detailing—making it nearly indistinguishable from the historic structure. This approach risks misleading the public about what is original and what is new, undermining the authenticity of one of our nation's most significant landmarks.

Standard 9 mandates that new additions be compatible yet clearly differentiated and visually subordinate. The proposed ballroom fails on both counts. At approximately 90,000 square feet, it dwarfs the Executive Residence and existing wings, disrupting the historic hierarchy. Its near-identical classical detailing provides little visual distinction, and its placement directly attached to the East Wing makes it appear as though it were part of the original design. Rather than complementing the historic building, the addition competes with it, compromising its integrity.

Historic precedent demonstrates that respectful additions to the White House have always been subordinate and clearly differentiated. Jefferson's colonnades, Monroe's South Portico, Jackson's North Portico, and the Roosevelt-era wings were purpose-built with restrained detailing and appropriate scale. Truman's reconstruction preserved exterior massing under strict oversight. These examples show that additions can meet functional needs without overwhelming or falsifying history.

The proposed ballroom violates these principles and sets a troubling precedent for the stewardship of our nation's most iconic historic property. I urge that the project be paused and redesigned to incorporate clear differentiation, reduce scale to ensure subordination, and undergo full review by the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Park Service, and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. Preserving the integrity of the White House requires thoughtful, historically responsible design that honors its layered history.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:56 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Martignetti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
The following are my comments in reference to the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. I would like to have all construction projects proposed for the White House and White House grounds to be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA and comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), then receive congressional approval. As an American Citizen I do not feel well informed of the proposed project, its scope, reasons why it is needed, associated costs and where the funding is coming from. I did not agree with allowing demolition to the White House to occur without approval of this project prior to demolition. Transparency from the administration and Congress is needed. I am a supporter of historic preservation and do not want to see the White House dwarfed by a large addition. I understand that some renovations may be necessary to update and preserve the building and such work has occurred over time by former administrations, however, the public has a right to know project details, its impact to the existing White House, the environment and costs. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even a single dollar on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design AT NO EXPENSE TO THE PUBLIC. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Honig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Finkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (no matter where the money comes from), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mindy Aronoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee R Lelito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:52:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Ebert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I know you have already received a similar comment, however I wholeheartedly agree with the original writer and wish to echo her sentiments. This project should never be allowed to proceed under the current conditions and without going through the proper and legal steps of any changes to our historical buildings.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:53:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ellen scolnic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:56:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Chevalier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without

the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyn Alban
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this unauthorized project from the illegal destruction of the East Wing to the proposed glitzy "ballroom" that nobody asked for or wants. It is entirely inappropriate. While the desecration of the People's House cannot be undone, it's not too late to stop construction of the "ballroom" and build an East Wing to the exact specifications of the one that stood there, with upgrades only in terms of today's codes and standards.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gschwandtner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samanatha Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Samanatha Wallace, and I am an Idahoan against the East Wing project for several reasons. One of them is the need for modernization wasn’t there. Another is that it was bulldozed through without proper approvals and an historic building that is representing ALL of us and our government should not be able to be changed on a whim by one official.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Argenziano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not just any building. It is a treasured and beloved part of the history of our country. A home to presidents, their families and pets. A place where momentous decisions were made, where great minds met. A place for visitors to think, to learn, to feel both the weight and the uplift of that history. Your mission is historic preservation, and you are behooved to preserve and protect this dwelling. As presidents and their families surround themselves with the personal touches that mean home to them, please ensure that its structural beauty and integrity remain intact. Stop Donald Trump's desecration of the East Wing and return it to its original stately form.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Lamb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I first told about this project I thought this would take a least a year to pass it to the public. It would note pass.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly McGinty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s not his house. Regardless of permits and building codes, which are all important and necessary, the White House IS NOT his house.

It’s on loan to him, as it has been to every other leader of this nation, since it was built. He has no right to make changes to property that does not belong to him.

I do not support a dictator-king and do not recognize his “authority”.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SUSAN Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. Rather this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an absolute outrage that that flaming pile of shit of a so-called President has destroyed a National treasure. Modernization renovation is one thing. What he has done in the name of vanity is an absolute abomination and eye sore. But since he has destroyed what was, anything put back should be to proper scale, without his shitty taste and garish design and done to a proper interior design motif that fits the building. The quality and history this country deserves and preserves the humanity we once had and hopefully will have again when this nightmare is over. Do not ruin the city and its monuments to good people with this horrendous project. Your reputations should matter more that that fucktard in office.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing project. The previous East Wing was destroyed without permission and those who want to rebuild should not be rewarded for breaking the law. I also strongly oppose a structure that would dwarf the White House. The current administration has not respected the laws or the history of this country.

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Name: Deb Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Singleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the "People's House". No revisions of the building should be undertaken without a thorough mandatory review by the most experienced and noted historians, architectural historians, and historic preservation architects. Additionally, Section 106 and all applicable laws and processes should be followed.
The proposed plans for the "modernization" of the East Wing DO NOT follow the Secretary of the Interior Standards for New Construction. The scale of the building overwhelms the White House, the design is

completely inappropriate, disregarding the fenestration pattern and other character defining features of the White House. The scale of the proposed "modernization" will dwarf the original White House, again this does not meet the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation. The materials are not appropriate.
I adamantly oppose the proposed "modernization" of the demolished East Wing of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Lytle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a crime against history and a travesty in architecture against our historic capitol. Please stop the madness and place oversight on the reconstruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin VanderRoest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose our spending millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project," but instead completely razes American history, and replaces it with a garish, unnecessary, ill-conceived structure. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. President Trump has overstepped the bounds of his authority, and to allow this to move forward would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Minge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Mary Wilson
Eagle, Idaho

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jimsey Shaffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American, very proud of our institution's and what we have become prior to this administration.

I am very upset with what they have done to the East wing of the White House. I would like to see it restored as it was prior to the destruction.

I do not want to see an ugly $300 million, gold filled ballroom.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Hagerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building a ballroom. The east wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to the way it was before Trump had the east wing razed. He destroyed a part of the people's house without permission and he needs to be held responsible for restoring it. He needs to be held responsible for paying for the restoration. My understanding is that he did not remove furniture or paintings or anything of historical value so that is gone forever. However, restoring the East wing as it was before as of utmost importance. This is the people's house, not Trump's house. It needs to be restored in fall and no ballroom should ever be built in its place.

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Name: Jeanne Hagerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Peregrim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Felicia Tudal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

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Name: Lynette Danylchuk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ken Lake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Deny this project!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:59:59 AM
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Name: Patrick Peluso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This administration is a travesty!! That is the people's house.....not trump's!! Why would we want a hideous gold ballroom there which not one single everyday American will ever step foot in? We the people, do not!! It's all for his ego and it appalls me that this was allowed to happen to such a beautiful Historic structure...not to mention the destruction of the beautiful Rose Garden to put up a sad looking patio!!!

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Name: Susan Bloomfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Marina Nims
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Three hundred million dollars is being spent to tear down American history — without authorization, without permits, without proper review. This is wrong. The East Wing must be restored to what it was, and this project must be stopped immediately. No one gets to bulldoze our heritage and walk away without consequences. The law applies to everyone, and law-abiding Americans deserve nothing less than full accountability.

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Name: Carol Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I am a 73-year-old who has been fascinated by the beauty of public buildings since I was a child. I contribute to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and many state and local preservation non-profits. What has happened to the East Wing of the White House and what is being proposed is a blight on our nation's history and our cherished landscape.

Please do everything to stop this outrageous monstrosity from being built. It is not legal; it is not in keeping with the scale of the existing structure and it is not attractive. STOP IT PLEASE!

Sincerely,

Carol Young

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Name: Jo Harmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: LeeAnne Hines
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Name: Orie Richard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose private donations to this project.

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Name: Susan Laurilliard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom and request that the original layout including interior and exterior of the East Wing be immediately restored at the personal expense of ALL of the individuals involved with the decision to demolish this important part of American History. All participating contractors especially the demolition company who performed this work without legal authorization should also be held responsible for all damages incurred to the American people.

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Name: Jeanie Richmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Catherine Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Thomas Lamm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the Planning Commission not to permit this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization or design review. The projected grand ballroom is not appropriate for the White House. Rather, it is a vanity project of President Trump and likely a way for him to make money by raising excess funds from donors in return for future favors. A better plan would be to restore the East Wing to its former design and charge Donald Trump for the expense.

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Name: Jeanine Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dixie Mattocks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not like the designs I've seen for the east wing rebuilt. It's too large in scale with the White House. I do not think we need such a huge ballroom!! I do not want guest suites included. We have Blair House for that. The cost is out of control and I think most of the cost will fall on the taxpayers and certainly all the upkeep for this proposed monstrosity.
I would like the entire project rethought

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Name: Felicia Fett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose further construction until after the project has gone through a complete review by the Historical

Society and approval by Congress.

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Name: Constance Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed " modernization" of the former East Wing of the White House. It is too costly, and will not serve the nations interest...only that of the President. The size of its replacement should be no larger than its predecessor, whatever its function.

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Name: Phyllis Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Hessel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this massive destruction of the White House East wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. This project is a destruction of American history to the peoples house. This is not Trump's house to destroy. I urge the committee to cancel this project and order Trump to rebuild the east wing to its former design. No one is above the law and and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing, those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to the American citizens. The White House is not some construction project he wants to destroy in NY City, it's not his residence in Florida that he can rebuild when he wants. DC has ballrooms that can be accessed whenever. This was a disregard to the history of the United States, to the White House historical preservation Society to the citizens of this country. Please stop this project.

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Name: Peter Duvall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Everything about the project spits in the face of American history and democracy. Stop it now.

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Name: Lesley Boyland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a copy of a statement which I could not express better myself. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

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Name: Jeannette Dothee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bruce Mcgrevy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara McBane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:57:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Cove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the demolition of the East Wing which was done without the required permits, review, and authorization. This was an illegal action and should not be supported. I request that the demolished East Wing be re built in kind.
I also do not support the building of a totally out of scale ballroom , that will diminish the historic White House.
These actions have been an abomination to an important historic structure and should be condemned.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:57:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Crandall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having traveled many places in the world, I have always been struck by the modesty of our White House, that it truly was representative of leading with humility and the understanding that, while the president lived and worked there, it was the People's House. I naturally assumed that it was in a national registry of historical places. As with other such designated houses, it could not be altered without permission.

The fact that a president -- any president -- assumed they could make such substantive changes to our house without going through some sort of legislative approval or even review is appalling. I was sickened watching the demolition of the East Wing, as if our shared history had no meaning.

I deplore the idea of building up the White House into some pale variation of Versailles for one man's ego. I lament the denigration of this monument to restrained power that, by its very modesty, emitted power -- power that did not require ostentatious display to be known.

I humbly request that something be done to put a halt to this travesty and restore the concept of the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marvin Egolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House itself and the surrounding grounds do not belong to any resident President. They are not the property of the resident individual/family. The razing of the East Wing structure was an indiscriminate criminal act. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. The same goes with The Rose Garden as well. All landscaping should be restored. All of this should be done at the expense of the offending current President. I oppose the spending of $300 million of anybody's money on this ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Whether officially documented and being actually considered, the ballroom project should be canceled, No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Majewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is The People’s house. It is not Donald Trump’s house. He does not have the right to destroy any part of the White House without proper permission.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

STOP this project and restore the East Wing.

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Name: Patricia Cruse
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Name: Jean Hallagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support the East wing modernization. When a nation has an opportunity to have a fully funded modernization starting from scratch is far more cost-effective, takes far less time and means everything is up to a current building code. Half the reason people don't want the new East wing is because they have TDS – Trump arrangement syndrome. It doesn't matter what the man does they're going to write to you to say they don't want him to do anything or have any accomplishments or build anything new. I would relish seeing something new in Washington DC many of those buildings are old. This one included. We don't have a banquet room for state banquets. They put tents outside. I see nothing wrong with the project and fully endorse the entire possibility to modernize the White House.

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Name: Dianne Nahas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my humble opinion, this is a disgrace that a president would take on this project without consulting the

proper historian preservation agencies and congress.
The White House is the people's house. He is a resident during his term, not an owner.

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Name: Donna Rupert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Not only should the project be stopped, the President and anyone who encouraged or supported this should be charged with a crime.

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Name: Claire Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "restoration of the East Wing" project, which was initiated without the legal authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history and unauthorized destruction of a national treasure which belongs to the people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, perhaps with improvements for functionality such as lighting, restrooms and the like. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:56:24 AM
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Name: Michael Shannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of taxpayer money on this project, and am even more concerned about the use of private monies. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marcia OKane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destructions of the East Wing and building of the Ballroom must be rejected. Trump had no approval of doing the destruction. The White House belongs to the people of the United States not his property to do what he wants. Building the Ballroom is just another trophy for himself. Its obscene. I feel that the cost will end up being bared by us citizens and the money should be used towards refunding SNAP, Head Start, Medicaid and so sons many of the much needed services that the People need and have been eliminated or funds drastically reduced. We certainly don’t need another of his variety projects.

The money should be used to rebuilding the East Wing

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha McCartney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was truly appalled when I learned that the East Wing of the White House had been razed. The action took

place quickly and quietly without any sort of review process by historic preservation professionals. Now that the damage has been done, more action is required because the space can't be left open and exposed.

Please see that a proper review is done - and appropriate approvals have been secured - before any sort of replacement structure is built. Professional archaeology should be done in advance of construction and the replacement would replicate the structure that was removed.

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Name: Fred Soelzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it was was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a vanity project with dangerous precedence. Given the current administration's role in the destruction and erasure of our American history, I feel strongly that the project should be stabilized and mothballed untill the next voting cycle.. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing being rebuilt and restored as it was (with legitimate upgrades) would be a potential direction. No one is above the law and although we all know there will be no consequences to the perpetrators of this travesty, they should have no participation in the resolution.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:55:50 AM
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Name: Kimberly Drury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

Trump is NOT a King. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations do apply to him. He did NOT have the Legal Authority to demolish the East Wing. He DOES NOT have the authority to build a “Ballroom “ on the grounds of the East wing.
I URGE THE COMMISSION TO REJECT THIS PROPOSAL.

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Name: Rulon Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Woodland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the proposed "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House. President Trump, the current occupant of the People's House, demolished the East Wing without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The administration now seeks post hoc permission from the National Capital Planning Commission's to build a gilded monument disproportionate to the existing structure under the guise of modernizing the building. It is not a modernization project but, rather, an attempt to raze a physical manifestation of American history. Permitting this project to proceed without penalty is an affront to those of us who respect the rule of law.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:55:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mario Silva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY public money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Patrick Fleckenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East wing should be returned to its original status. We don’t need a ballroom! Need to retain our history and Our integrity.

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Name: Mary Dunbar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and fully support its position with respect to the proposed White House ballroom. The destruction of the existing East Wing without public input was a travesty. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom is simply too big and out of scale with the rest of the White House complex. It would overwhelm the White House itself (at 55,000 sf) and permanently ruin the carefully balanced classical design of the White House and its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.

The White House is owned by and belongs to the American people, not a single President, who is simply a short-term and temporary occupant. The "taste" and preferences of a single President should not be deciding factors. All decisions of this scale should be non-partisan and vetted by qualified independent outside groups with historic preservation and design expertise. Any changes should respect the existing Georgian and neoclassical design. The White House is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation's ideals.

A new, scaled-down plan should be presented to the American people and the expert groups. Plans for the proposed ballroom must go through the legally required public review processes, including consultation and review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, with comment from the public, and approval by Congress. These processes provide a crucial opportunity for transparency and broad engagement, values that have guided preservation of the White House under every administration for more than 200 years. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place, which will go well beyond this Presidency.

Finally, there must be full transparency of any private donations. The names of the donor and the amounts must be public along with any business they are doing before the US government.

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Name: Rosemary Schullery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kristyn Estes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No structure of any kind should be erected without design oversight and approval from bipartisan, traditional boards that typically oversee our federal buildings and monuments. We should not compound the failures that led to the wanton destruction of the historic east wing

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Name: Patricia Sullivan
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Name: Rebecca Pries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bette Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing should be rebuilt the way it was and paid for by his cronies. Not a tacky mess like Trump makes out of everything!

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Name: Alisa Stollman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The project began without the required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization required by law. The projected $400 million cost is being funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts. This is an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is NOT private property. It belongs to the American people. No President should be allowed to circumvent the law, demolish historic structures, and approve construction without all the required approvals and public comment. I urge the commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Kathy Hunter
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Name: Ryan Simon
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Name: Sabrina Fonseca
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Name: Patience Renzulli
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Name: Jody Benecke
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Name: Vicky De Young
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Name: Selin Mengu Stone
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Name: Phyllis Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East wing so it is historically accurate to prior to the trump administration demolishing it. That should never have happened.

Thank you,

Phyllis Webb

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Name: Catherine Klima
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Courtney Skybak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is owned by the American people, is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, and has been home to presidents since 1800. Whoever is currently president is not the owner of the property or its structures. The president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. It is also a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
This has clearly never been a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laura Brownlee Oka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was until proper plans, permission and funding are in place. It is The People's House, not Trump's. The idea of gathering private sponsorship to fund a government ballroom is against any ethical guideline.

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Name: Geoffrey Zeigler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that the east wing was destroyed. Nevertheless, anything built in its place should NOT be larger than the White House itself. It would destroy the beauty of the entire building. Please do not approve what will be an eyesorefor generations to come.

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Name: Mark Reber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To describe this project as a "modernization" is misleading. It is no such thing. The East Wing was destroyed in an effort to impose a ballroom described in the press as long needed and wanted. The proposed project is far beyond the scale of the building it sits next to. At a minimum, it should be made more modest in keeping with the other buildings that make up the White House. Further, the proposal has accelerated from one initially described at one scale, albeit out of proportion to the rest of the White House, to an even larger scale.

The Commission should only accept and approve a replacement for the destroyed building that maintains the scale and is in harmony with the White House currently. Unfortunately, the destruction of the original building places the Commission, and the American people, in an unfortunate position of having to replace, not modernize, the East Wing.

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Name: Judith Warren
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Name: Michelle Wood
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janet Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is too expensive and unnecessary.

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Name: Lainie Luse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Trommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: David Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. David Henderson, United States Citizen.

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Name: Lynnette Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the perpetrators held to account. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal and hideous destruction to the Peoples' House must be stopped and the East Wing be rebuilt. It's always been my dream to visit the White House and I was waiting until the current occupant to leave before I do. Now the public access is gone! I agree that it never should have been allowed and long for swift action be taken immediately. My children and grandchildren deserve to see the White House be restored.

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Name: Cheryl Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the people's house has been partially destroyed without the knowledge or consent of the American people, much less the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This $300 million must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this project to continue is to put all historical properties at risk, subjecting our history to the whims of unelected sicophants.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:51:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: barbara eckrote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly want the East Wing rebuilt according to the plans on file.
No to a ballroom!

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Name: Gale Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The WH is the people's house and not someone's private mansion to destroy on a whim without any input from the public and necessary historical preservation societies.

I vote NO on this ostenatious ballroom idea. Bring back an East Wing. I'm horrified a temporary resident can raze our history with such indifference on a whim.

NO to a ballroom. Repair the White House to it's former state.

Gale Blair

Date: 2/17/2026 11:50:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dee Ess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project to rebuild the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a foolish vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without consequences for those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:50:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Pietsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing and grounds rebuilt and restored. No one

is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Bigham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mia Diaz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the PEOPLE's house back to its original place. Rebuild the East Wing that honors the First Ladies.

No money or donations should be received for a ballroom or renovations.

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Name: Scarlet Kinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lauren Brault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "modernization" project with every fiber of my being. There are procedures in place for getting approval to drastically change the WH, which belongs to us, we the people, and not it's current occupant. That he had the cahones to simple bring in the bulldozers himself and ignore the appropriate processes for gaining approval, ignores AND destroys history. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original blueprints and historical accuracy. For We The People.

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Name: Christine Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Kennedy
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Name: Joy Hertzog
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House was a historic national treasure that was never intended to be a commercial venue. The destruction of the historic East Wing without consulting historical preservation organizations was improper and has irreparably damaged a nation treasure. This renovation must stop and all effort should focus on repair.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:50:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Eisenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States. As such we have paid for its upkeep and maintained its integrity with pride. Any modifications must be done with our input as the owners of this residence. It does not belong to one man. If it did he would be a king. It belongs to each and every citizen as long as our Constitution remains and the President is elected through the process prescribed by each state.

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Name: Liz Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of this ballroom. This is ridiculous and wasteful. I further think that there should be consequences for the destruction of part of the White House—the people's house— in the first place. The presidency is not a place for self aggrandizement and profit, and any move in this direction is not only unconstitutional, but frankly repulsive.
Make it stop.

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Name: Karen McKenzie
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Name: Sharon Caruso
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Name: Anne Peek
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Name: Mimi Court
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Name: Kathleen Bender
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Name: candace kabela
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Name: Heather Lovejoy
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Name: S. Schoepke
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Name: Chris Phillips
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Name: Bridget Murnane
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Name: Gretchen Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings .

How historic buildings are cared for and preserved is one of the functions of a government for the people . Balls and ballrooms are for kings not our modern democracy. This should have been stopped in its tracks and not it's a sad pile of rubble .
Do not let us make a mistake by building a huge monument to excess and grandeur that is in bd state and not America,
Thank you
Gretchen

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Name: Sharon Newton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House belongs to the American public, not the president. It reflects ideals of democracy, transparency, and public service. This so called 'East wing modernization project' is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and of the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Peggy Otto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It distresses me that the East Wing was torn torn down without the proper permits. As for building a ballroom which will be bigger than the White House itself, I believe it will be an eyesore that overpowers the beauty of the White House. I would find it distressing if any taxpayer money was used for this. The only solution that would satisfy me is if the money promised by benefactors would be used to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

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Name: Ruth Joplin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julie JonesGoffe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to spending our money (and private money) on a project that disregards our historically legal claims to all the contents and structures that were so unceremoniously destroyed in service of an unrealized, unconsidered concept of a plan. A symbolic bomb was detonated and needs an equally strong response from any semblance of governmental norms and oversight we have remaining.. I consider the action short-sighted and hope we can find a legal and moral remedy.

I firmly believe that NO permanent structure should be erected , destroyed or renamed via the whims and winds of transitory vogue, vanity and or vulgarity of ANY administration .

We enter these public historic spaces as both guests and stewards .

I do not know the inner workings of the construction of something like The Kennedy Center but I do know of its effect . It became a public space of creativity, a space to gather and contemporaneously honor a living breathing history of our citizens work and art.. I would assume its construction was carefully considered. I do not yet know the purpose of a ballroom nor any consideration given it by us. I do not know how it would exult or benefit a citizenry or a government of and by humble people . We have not been told of its imminent purposes that would justify the removal of "sacred" and historic relics and the destruction of solemn and celebratory spaces. It (the Ballroom) appears to be a thoughtless separation from our legacy not a carefully integrated enhancement. Vulgar displays of wealth and empty ceremony has not , so far, been our calling card or our welcome mat.

We may very well be a country that reflects more often than not a history of elite capital and commerce but if we are going to continue to be a country of peoples with a primary place in its government we cannot destroy their footprints at will. The artifacts and spaces where ordinary and extraordinary humans alike have gathered is no small thing to sacrifice in favor of current private and political privilege.

Please preserve our history with the thought and care entrusted to you. Godspeed.

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Name: Kimberley A Lord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Johnita Sprowson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:47:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas WEstom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support President Trump's proposed ball room.

Tom Weston

Date: 2/17/2026 11:47:24 AM
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Name: Darcea Dettlo
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Name: Sheri Hoffman
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Name: Keith Lutz
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Name: Sylvia Goulden
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Rhoades
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tell Trump to stop the “King’s” ballroom building and restore the swing like it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:02 AM
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Name: Laurel Elkjer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Lehet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: LISA ONEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: MARC RIEKE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Heather Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gayle Moller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Angela Hixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So much history was destroyed without our input when the East Wing was torn down. An oversized ballroom has a very Marie Antoinette vibe. It’s a colossal waste of money and it has no place in a democracy. It illustrates a huge disconnect between the people of this country and those in power.

I want to see the east wing reconstructed. Although it will never be the same as it was, it will be a testament to the people of this nation who stood up against power to do what is right.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorie Lucky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Lyman-Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Hakala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

May our voices be heard and our house preserved!
A concerned citizen of the USA,

Daniel Hakala

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendra Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rozann Grunig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to construction of the massive ballroom proposed by the current administration. The destruction of the East Wing was done illegally, without any oversight by agencies congressionally authorized to ensure the integrity of the people's house. We are a proud and powerful nation, and we manage that power with dignity, restraint and responsibility. A massive, gold encrusted monument to one man is a symbol of authoritarianism, not the democratic ideals that have steered this nation for 250 years. The East Wing must be restored to what it was before it was demolished. Clearly something has to be constructed on this important site. Please ensure what is built represents the entire nation, not just the inflated ego of one man.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I realize this isn't my own wording, but it conveys my thoughts without the level of vulgarity and invective it actually deserves, and which I would normally add.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, and sans vulgarity,
Scott Levine

Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becca Andol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a moment in American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The idea that one can do whatever they want simply

because they sit in a position of power is a direct affront to the intention of proper procedure. This procedure was put in place to protect history and its place in our society and I think it is incredibly important to follow the path laid out for changes.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:46:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Ellen StClair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gregory Descoteaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John McDole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300Million plus on an unnecessary vanity building. It is not right to throw money into a project that is not needed while cutting funds from social programs that actually help our citizens. Not only is this East Wing Ballroom an illegal change to the White House complex it is an eyesore being so large as to overshadow the main home. The White House is a recognized historical building known around the world. Attaching a huge block building so close throws off the beautiful symmetry that is the People's House. While it is true there is no space within the current complex for large secure gatherings taking down a functioning East Wing is a poor choice. The East Wing was added in such a way as to not disturb the original homes appearance as was the West Wing. This vanity building was started with no oversite and no legal authority. The East Wing is gone but it should be up to the Park Service and other agencies to decide what is to be done with the ruins left behind. The People are begging for proper directions and oversight to secure their House. Please do not allow this huge monstrosity to become a part of the White House that would take away from the beautiful building known around the world. The DJT Ballroom will become the face of the Complex by being larger, taller, and more "out front" than the building to which it is attached. The White House is a symbol of the President and the United States. All previous additions have been made with careful planning so as to not take away from the original structure. Thank you, John McDole, concerned citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Verna Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our government consists of elected persons, chosen by We the People, to conduct business on behalf of ALL American citizens. The White House, provided as temporary living quarters for the President, as well as the East Wing, are buildings provided by our tax dollars, for the conduct of business. Our Government, has no official need for a Ball Room, an edifice that the current administration is promoting. It is simply another way to add garish opulence to make the People's House a royal palace.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Cline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose using our tax dollars for this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled and the east wing rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jena Matzen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Jena Matzen

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Name: John Nikolatos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as it was before it was demolished. It was a piece of US history and now it is gone. Whoever authorized the demolition should be responsible for its restoration. We do not need vanity projects in our government.
Rebuild the East Wing as close to its original configuration as possble!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:30 AM
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Name: Mary Ann Devlieg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project that has not complied with existing regulations or timetables nor the community around it. Please do not let it proceed.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, the people's house. It seems a temporary occupant believes he can ignore established policy. No authorization was given, no permits were granted, no input from the American people was solicited, no approval was given. This demolition does nothing to beautify the existing building; it is yet another vanity project for someone to put his name on. Please stop this wanton destruction of our beautiful White House and ensure that it will be restored to its former glory. Those who instigated this and allowed it to happen should face the full consequences of the law.

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Name: Ruth Linden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Ringhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. The White House does not belong to the president. It belongs to the people. The current occupant is temporary, and does not get to skip the review process for historic landmarks and slap an out of scale, incompatible, expensive monstrosity on our White House just because he feels like it. Please reject this project.

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Name: Sue Dove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
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Name: Carol Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House to build an extravaganza ball room. Trump should have nothing to do with any structure belonging to the US Government. The buildings are a trust for the citizens of the world, not for Trumps pleasure. Stop this steal! It's not in line with the visions of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:45:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Sankofa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lucy McMurrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I utterly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a national embarrassment. It is unnecessary and unwanted by the American people in the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:44:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Majors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled on what is happening to a piece of American history. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on modernization of the East Wing of the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anette Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please fine Donald Trump personally and outrageously for destroying our national treasure if possible. At a minimum please recommend this response and support it to Congress.
Do not let a gigantic ballroom eclipse the White House! This is NOT what the people want.
Thank you.

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Name: LisaRose Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Debra DeCarlo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against finding this project in its current form. The demolition and subsequent plans were never passed through the lawful review process. I request that the project be halted and a nonpartisan committee formed to determine next steps and a rebuilding of the east wing that is balanced and in line with the overall architecture of the building while taking into consideration any necessary upgrades needed for modern functionality. Thank you.

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Name: Dana Rankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Burge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this ill planned vanity ballroom go ahead. This is The People's House, not Donald Trump's house. It seems to me that the proper, legal channels have not been followed. Surely, the People's House is a Grade 1 listed building (on the National Register of Historic Places) and requires special permission to alter it in any way, let alone completely demolish it in 2 days without notice nor in consultation with 'the People'. The East Wing should be rebuilt with the same dimensions. We, the People, do not need a ballroom for billionaires that don't pay taxes nor contribute to the welfare, education...benefit of the citizens of this fine democracy. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:44:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Seyfert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alison Goodnow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Roberta Schumacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jesse Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvette Eastham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing, cloaked in obfuscation was a horrific tragedy. History was lost to backhoes and wrecking balls. No review, no hearings, no public discourse occurred. Indeed the public was assured that it was “the new ballroom project would not INTERFERE with the existing East Wing. The assurances were misleading at best, outright lies at worst. The construction of a gargantuan ballroom as conceived by the current occupant of The People’s House is grossly out of scale and proportion to what is left of the Historic White House. Additionally, the price tag for this project continues to balloon. There should be respect given to the history of the hallowed White House grounds. It is not a party venue. It is not private property to be developed by a cadre of gold embellishing “designers”. Rather, if a venue is required of such massive proportions for events - because clearly the other functions of the East Wing were not considered in the demolition ie the office of the First Lady, White House Military Office, the White House visitors entrance, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the theatre, calligraphy office, the East Collinade and the Presidential EOC - then a formal work group should be commissioned to work with historians and architects to design an appropriate facility. The whims of one occupant should not determine the footprint of The People’s House. A respect and regard for history must be the focal point of any work done with The People’s assets.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:44 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyndele von Schill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Susan Lucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law. Especially not this criminal president occupying our White House. This destruction of history is abominable and unforgivable and must cease immediately.

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Name: Julie Burnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Julie Burnett

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Name: Sandra Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the East Wing of our White House must be restored. It should never have been destroyed. There is absolutely no need for a ballroom.

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Name: Dianne Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lori Okimura
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:43:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Troy
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation

Project Number: 8750

Regarding the East Wing and the destruction of other historical buildings, decisions should be made by the People and those we trust to protect landmarks, historic structures and their significance celebrating those who built our nation. Respect and care for paintings and/or structures is imperative, because memorabilia is valued by every person who visits Washington DC.
Please halt any and all vulgar, asinine gold plated plans Trump has and rebuild the East Wing as it was.

The point, again… decisions of the people, by the people, for the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:33:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonita Zeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born in Washington, DC, and attended High School 13 blocks from the White House. The challenging world engulfing my relatives and parents, during that time in America, was brighter because I took full advantage of the architectural spectacle that permeates the Nation's Capital. I lived weekly in the Smithsonian complexes and visited the Capitol, White House, Memorials, and Washington Monument often. My Mom and I have climbed the stairs in the Monument more than most in our never-ending quest for exercise with purpose. I was absolutely CRUSHED when the East Wing of the White House was so "unceremoniously and surprisingly" bulldozed! I thought my country "had arrived" when the Obamas welcomed so many ordinary people into the White House. Although I didn't get to go to any of the many functions then, I really felt (for the first time) that it was the "people's house!" It finally seemed that the volatile roots that our Country had progressed through were mending. When I woke up on the morning that the White House demolition happened, I immediately posted thoughts about it on Facebook and engaged with others on my social media page. One friend wrote, "The Whitehouse hasn't seen this much destruction since 1812." Honestly, I cried. I publish an online arts magazine, so I proceeded to gather background and history on the gardens of the White House to post. I cried again as I highlighted changes to the gardens made by Jacqueline Kennedy, Patricia Nixon, Michelle Obama, and Laura Bush. I couldn't believe the two historic Magnolia Trees were deliberately destroyed -- gone. Honestly, I don't have words for how sad I felt over this. I don't know how these losses and memories can adequately be repaired at this point. I do pray that from this point forward, actions regarding the "People's White House" and all other historic monuments that belong to the "People of the United States", be discussed, planned, and fully approved by some bi-partisan committee and historical counselors before any construction ever proceeds. In fact, I think Washington, DC should be a historic "State" where changes to any of its cultural Monuments must be agreed upon by a contingent of counselors, including an architectural board, and no such decision should ever be solely made by one person (not even the President).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom St.Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing and - supposed - reconstruction of the East Wing, without a public appropriation , a solid plan ,

appropriate review and approvals is an insult to me and many millions of others.

That the concept of the project appears to be nothing more than aggrandizement of the current occupant of the White House, and a celebration of the inequality against which our ancestors rebelled, is appalling.

Since the functions it served have been relocated, I question whether it should be rebuilt at all. My preference would be to see the wound of its former connection appropriately sealed , or at most see it returned to some minimal, actually needed, function.

This began with the appearance of its being a vanity project. Whether true or not, that appearance casts a shadow on the private funding of the project. To be blunt, whether it is actually so or not, it looks to many people like an enormous attempt to curry favor. Not a good look for the government of our country, which too many already have considered corrupt for years.

I would suggest no further work on this project until appropriately funded - i.e. transparently, publicly, via Congressional appropriation.
I believe that was how the White House rebuild after the war of 1812 was paid for , how the Truman reconstruction was paid for, and how the renovation of any national building should be paid for.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:43:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Godsey Godsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (White House East Wing), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Northrup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a professional in the architecture industry for over 15 years, I am appalled by the destruction of the east wing of the White House with zero regard for rules, permitting, adequate planning and public oversight.

As an American, I am disgusted by the blatant destruction of the People's House for a vanity project and a means of money laundering for a criminal organization who has taken personal ownership of a landmark building that does NOT belong to them.

The lack of respect and oversight of this entire stunt is an affront to American democracy, our institutions and our storied landmarks that deserve the utmost respect and care. For 250 years we have survived without a ballroom. We do not need it. We are not here to serve a king. Furthermore the lack of transparency in the financial means of the project is despicable.

This destruction must end now. It must have oversight and accountability. We must see our landmark rebuilt to its former state in a manner that respects its history, with the proper accredited and vetted groups overseeing its development, with Donald J. Trump's personal finances footing the bill.

Signed from an angry American,
Andrea Northrup
Interior Designer, WELL AP

Date: 2/17/2026 11:40:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Manwaring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have major concerns regarding the tearing down of the East Wing and building a bloated, oversized ballroom at the White House (The People's House). This project lacked any review from committees, and was not congressionally approved by Congress. The demolition occurred without permission, on an historic site that is incredibly important to American citizens. The scale and design of the new ballroom would not only dwarf the White House, but also change the entire appeal to seem more authoritarian/royalty driven which is a bad look for our nation. We overthrew a king 250 years ago, We the People should still have a voice. The funding of this project came from unethical means, where powerful people seeking "favors" from Trump have donated to the White House, now totaling over 400 Billion. This is corruption and morally wrong. Our nation is asking you to do the right thing and block the building of this ballroom built with dark money and without approval.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Kartun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project to "modernize and create an enormous ballroom " where the East Wing teardown once stood is truly a slap in the face to citizens of the United States. It is nothing more than a demented man's idea to create havoc on the grounds of the White House. This is not another "Trump Tower", and truly, do we actually believe that this is being funded solely by Trump ? Highly unlikely. Time and time again , he has destroyed areas of the White House, paved over the Rose Garden, added portraits and his own comments regarding our past President's along a walkway.....and we do nothing? We let him destroy the true meaning of the American "People's House" ?. This man is not "our" president, he presents as a dementia ridden human being, who should NOT be considered a president of this country. Midterm elections cannot come soon enough.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:34:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Raynard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melodie Charles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the method of funding for this project, with rich people who want favors paying into this project to advance their chances of getting treated favorably by this administration.
I object to the president's trying to publicly humiliate Jerome Powel for having cost over-runs for his government building when the president's pet project's price has doubled in price within a very small window of time.
I object to the use of the building for entertaining wealthy donors to the president's pet projects.
I object to the president's assumption that he can bypass normal building approval processes by beginning destruction of the East Wing before anyone who should approve the project had any chance to evaluate it.
I object to the size of the planned wing, which architects have said is esthetically out of proportion to what should be the main part of the White House.
I object to our president's assumption that he can create monuments to himself throughout our nation's capital without having to get approval from anyone.
I believe that if the White House truly needs a new room for meetings, the president should have to get approval for not only the idea but the specific plans just like anyone else would have to do.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:43:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Manson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is part of the White House and requires approval before demolition or modifications. The Trump administration didn’t obtain authorization, construction should halt, and the East Wing restored with rigorous oversight.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:42:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Schafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Hello.

When there was initially talk from the individual sitting in our Oval Office about building a ballroom for his wealthy friends and donors to dine and drink together, my initial question was...who is paying for this ballroom, knowing full well that every syllable that comes from this administration is rooted in lies. And when it was communicated that his wealthy friends/donors would be paying, I knew something was amiss.

And then...when the photos and videos emerged of the East Wing being destroyed, my heart sank. Not only is this the "People's House," however I don't recall people in this country being asked for their opinions on it. Regardless, the destruction he created beyond what he does on a daily basis, often flying under the radar, to our White House defies a modicum of thought and understanding of what the White House and East Wing mean to this country.

For $300M dollars, people in need, infrastructure needing upgrades, children lacking early education, families losing their healthcare, our environment being ignored and worse...this money from those for whom dollars are meaningless could go to improving our country, not assuaging the juvenile wishes of an individual who thinks only of himself.

In absolutely no way should the East Wing become "his" ballroom; rather, it must be returned to its original luster. Thank you.

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Name: Patricia Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pamela Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was pursued without any consideration for historical preservation or prior approval. No case was made for the need for modernization and thus, the building of the proposed ballroom should be cancelled and the East Wing reconstructed and restored to its former design. In this process, if security upgrades are needed they can be implemented in a manner that is in compliance with all relevant restrictions on the alteration of historic spaces.

The White House is the People's house, on loan to each administration, and not an open canvas for the self-aggrandizement of its current resident.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ramona Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deep sadness and concern regarding the White House East Wing modernization. My family and I visited the White House several years ago. I still recall the excitement and interest the 9 of us felt as we toured the site. It remains one of my happiest memories. Yet, as I write this, I recall the absolute gut punch of shock and sadness I experienced when I awakened to pictures of the People's House being destroyed without notice or required approvals from various agencies. One man was allowed to recklessly destroy a piece of our national history without facing any consequences for his actions. Thus, I feel it is crucial that i express my deep concerns regarding the building of a new wing to the Whitehouse that is funded by private donations and under the direction/guidance of an individual who has already shown that he is not able to respect the history of this historic property.

I look at the changes to the Oval Office and cringe at the gaudy, fake gold wall applications that were applied to every surface and which turned a venerated space into a gaudy Las Vegas showroom. Furthermore, the current White House resident has never shown an ability to abide by expected norms for historic structures. In addition to the fake gold Oval Office we also have the complete destruction of the Lincoln bathroom. Again, slick modern surfaces with no hint of the former historic room. And I assume that those changes were also instituted without consultation/approvals for the demolition of another historic space.

At some point in the future, we will have to rebuild the East Wing but PLEASE consider that it must be done by someone who has an understanding of the history of Washington, DC and of the White House and its furnishings. Building an added structure to the White House at this time is not in the best interests of the citizens of this country who respect our laws, regulations, and the need for historic preservation. Sincerely, Ramona Hall

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Name: Karen Searle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom at the White House.

The mission and important challenges of pursuing a more perfect union for all Americans does not require or have resources to spare on lavish superficial “upgrades.”

The ballroom project broke numerous preservation laws. These laws are in place to protect our country's natural and cultural resources.

For starters, the ballroom project did not have proper authorization, permits, or design review. I could go on, but you have limited space for comments.

I want this project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt to match its historic design.

Those that supported or funded this project also need to be held accountable.

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Name: Shanna Hayes
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Name: Sarah Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. The president is a steward of this historic institution, not the owner. Doing harm to this historic building by gutting a third of it, without the proper oversight, is improper and should be rectified by returning it to its original state. The funding for the ballroom is questionable, billionaires should not be allowed to buy into the government for rewards. The reason for the size is to feed the current steward's narcissistic ego by making something larger than what is currently there and then to put his name on it. This is Un-American.

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Name: Chris Osteen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of those who gave the illegal order for its razing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sidney W. Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of The White House was totally demolished at the direction of President Trump without legal authorization, and his proposed $300 million ballroom is nothing less than a stalinesque vanity project which would be an affront to this country and its people. In its current form, the ballroom project, for which there apparently has been no meaningful independent design review or permitting, should be terminated in its entirety, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original architectural configuration prior to its illegal razing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Metcalfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is NOT a personal sandbox for a President to modify, redesign, or destroy as he sees fit.
The wrecking ball revved up without the permits and plans required before anyone can turn the East Wing into a vanity project.
I strongly oppose any further construction of the $300+million dollar project. It should be rebuilt to be the landmark it was that reflects the pride we used to have in our country.

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Name: Debra Janning
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Rev Tracy Scarbrough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Dykstra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I implore you to not move forward with the ballroom construction. It is a travesty.

I support modernization of the East wing and appropriate renovations. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:42:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Karhinen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I did not vote for 47. I am a United State citizen and a tax payer. I do not approve of the demolition 47 has done to the white house and I do not approve his planned ballroom. I do not approve of 47.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:42:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kristen mckinstry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO! NO! NO! This proposed ballroom is in essence a private vanity project designed for the self-aggrandizement of one individual. It has no place on public property, and especially not on the grounds of the White House. The White House is not just a symbol, it is a place where the public, including visitors from other countries have traditionally come to see, feel, and learn about what's important in our country's history. It is a place where important diplomatic and policy discussion and decisions can be pursued and consummated. It is NOT a party palace where glitze replaces decorum. I am personally sickened by the destruction of the beautiful East Wing that housed and exemplefied the grace that most of our First Ladies have brought to the Presidency. It should be restored. I am repelled by the thought of that historic East Wing being replaced by a gilt horror of crass tastelessness, which the proposed ballroom promises to be. One man is NOT our country and has zero right to revise its underlying values or its public symbols. There are rules and systems. I beg you to use them to protect the people, the majority who ARE what the government is designed to serve. Please use your power to stand for what is right NOW or the future will never share in the awe for America that I grew up with, instead finding themselves nothing but a maintenace mechanism for a monstrous monument to class disparities.

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Name: Patricia Brugnolotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Replace the East wing. No giant ballroom overshadowing the White House

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Name: Kenneth Raskin
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Name: Lauren Bernofsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This "project" was done without proper permissions or permits, or the will of the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and rebranding in the name of our current president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I understand that renovations might be needed for modernization and updates; this is to be expected. But no one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to all of us who abide by rules and ethics in our professional careers.

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Name: Lore Bamberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dolores Madden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was intiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The fact that this project is supposedly being funded by private donations not taxpayer dollars is troubling and does not make it more palatable. Because these funds were requested by our current administration, it gives the appearance of preferential access and undermines public trust. This project is not a modernization but rather the destruction of American history. The White House is the peoples house not the private property of the sitting President to do with as he pleases. I am asking this project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want those who broke the law in pushing this project forward without following the proper oversight standards held accountable.

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This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Carol Hinchey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As an American citizen, I respect and value our country's history, and institutions. Regarding the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, I am shocked and angry. This project was undertaken without the requisite authorization, planning, permits and design review.

This is unacceptable. We have protocols and regulations regarding such changes and they were ignored as we watched the destruction of an important part of American history.

Also unacceptable is the unwarranted $300 million dollar expenditure. Essential services and programs and services have been cut or completely eliminated - to the detriment of the American people and our country as a whole.

The only remedy for this irresponsible, disastrous and completely unnecessary action is to completely restore the East Wing to its original state and to penalize those responsible for this unlawful action which, in effect, is an attempt to erase and rewrite the history of our country.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: BETTY MCNIEL
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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The so-called East Wing "Modernization Project" is actually an unauthorized destruction of a national building to be replaced by an unauthorized monstrous (and probably excessively gaudy) ballroom. NO such decisions should be made by one man alone, even if that man is temporarily president. Such decisions affect all Americans present and future. Even if such a ginormous structure as proposed were to be built at no cost to taxpayers--which is highly unlikely!--Taxpayers would be on the hook for vast amounts of energy, personnel, and upkeep required for ages to come. I am entirely opposed to this project which the PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT!

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Lastly, It is illegal for any presidential administration to ignore the established processes for making alterations to buildings that were purchased by, and belong to the US public. No explanation has been provided why these procedures have been ignored. If the lawful process is not followed, then the perpetrators must be held to account.

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Name: Margaret Stewart
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The so-called East Wing "Modernization Project" is actually an unauthorized destruction of a national building to be replaced by an unauthorized monstrous (and probably excessively gaudy) ballroom. NO such decisions should be made by one man alone, even if that man is temporarily president. Such decisions affect all Americans present and future. Even if such a ginormous structure as proposed were to be built at no cost to taxpayers--which is highly unlikely!--Taxpayers would be on the hook for vast amounts of energy, personnel, and upkeep required for ages to come. I am entirely opposed to this project which the PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT!

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Name: Susan Johnson
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I write to you in hopes of sharing my voice as an American and as a lover of our history. It was with a heavy heart I watched the razing of the entire wing of the White House. The peoples house. Presidents come and go (as is prescribed by our constitution), but our history needs to remain. Technological or structural improvements are sometimes necessary, but have always before been done carefully and with consideration of our historical buildings. This was rushed, heavy handed and frankly crude. We do not have Kings and therefore do not need a palace. Every other president has treated the White House as a caretaker should. This one has not.
I would submit that while we have hungry children, homelessness and great need in our country, building a ballroom, and building everything in sight, regardless of the source of funds, is a slap in the face of the American people who have real needs. Please stop this destructive behavior, rebuild the wing and Rose garden. It is the right thing to do.
Thank you for your attention.

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Name: Robin Woelz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

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I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

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Name: Susan Morrison
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It is a tragedy that the East Wing of the historic White House has already been demolished. The people's house holds so much history, and it belongs to all of us. The decision by this administration to tear down part of the structure to build a ballroom that would overwhelm the architectural integrity of the White House is appalling. That they did it without oversight or approval is even worse. The building will never be

the same, but I feel that the East Wing should be reconstructed adhering to historical regulations and guidelines, and the plans for the ballroom should be scrapped. It does not benefit the American people, and it would only take away from the dignity and historic significance of the existing structure.

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Name: Eric Whinery
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I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an unnecessary vanity project and complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Any government project of this scale and impact, both financially and historically, must abide by the law and processes governing such work. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding, tax-paying Americans. It is a shame and embarrassment that any administration labeling itself a "law and order" administration would flout, ignore, and break the law at any moment it serves its interest. What lesson do we give our children by setting such example?

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Name: Triana Fitzpatrick
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I strongly oppose this construction project, which was initiated without any required approval, nor any environmental assessment or consideration for the American people to whom this house belongs. This temporary resident is a force of destruction who is trying to obliterate our history while allowing corporate and special interest money to contribute to a "ballroom" (which the American people do not need and and did not ask for) in order to line pockets and affect legislations in their favor. This is bribery.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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All that Trump and his administration have done in a year's time is destroy America.
They need to be stopped and held accountable.

Regards,

Bryan Lloyd

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Name: Barrie Glasscock
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and no further building done without the approval of the American tax payers. WE DECIDE.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

The Trump Administration and the construction company must all be held responsible for the destruction they have done.

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Name: Teresa Vicario
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I watch with horror at the desecration of our beloved White House. First, the gaudy inner renovations, then the Rose Garden and now the total annihilation of the East Wing. I thought this was a protected site. Where were the protectors when bulldozers rolled up on it? Where was Congress, who had not been consulted and who never approved this? How was this allowed to happen!?? What next? Will he tear down the entire White House because it doesn’t suit him? I cannot express my anger strongly enough over this and ask that

somehow this is made right and whole again. Sincerely, Teresa Vicario

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The project does NOT carry the will of the majority of the people of the United States.

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Name: Rich Prentice
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Name: Sarah Schrock
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Name: Jennifer Hoh
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The White House is the People's House, held in trust for the American People. The proposed structure is an unneeded vanity project and not appropriate. It is too big and out of balance for the structure and history of the area. And it is not necessary. We do not need a ballroom for any diplomatic reason. I urge the committee to scale down the project, think of the larger picture and America's needs and eliminate the unnecessary monument to one man's insatiable ego.

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Name: Elaine Predmore
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I oppose this unnecesary and costly project which was initiated and started without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American historry. I want the project ended and the EastWing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Sharon DeFur
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I am writing to oppose the East Wing Modernization project that would build an overpriced and oversized ballroom. This project did not follow guidelines required for major renovations to the White House. It is way too costly and violates so many rules and standards. I’m suggesting rebuilding the East Wing as it was before the unlawful demolition occurred.
I also think that DJT should foot the bill of this rebuild.

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Name: Denise Petrin
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I want this project stopped. It was done without the proper permits and review. I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing renovation project. I want the East Wing rebuilt to what it was before it was demolished.

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Name: Deborah McDonough
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Please stop this “modernization “ from proceeding. A sitting president does not have the unilateral authority to demolish any part of the People’s House. It is not his home. It is “We the People’s” home. He is a temporary resident much like an individual is when staying temporarily in a hotel room. The hotel management does not allow those individuals to demolish and replace their property.

Please insist that the East Wing is restored to its previous glory and that the individuals complicit in this travesty are prosecuted.

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Name: Deb Mann
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The East Wing "modernization" should be stopped. All supposed donations to the rebuilding should be held in an escrow account until such time as a rebuilding of the former East Wing to it's exact former self can be planned, approved, & permitted. All cost above the supposed donations should be paid by the RNC

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Name: Debra Terry
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I oppose the funding of this project which has had no appropriate authorization from congress and I support holding the actors responsible for the destruction of our house accountable !

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Name: Robert Purser
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I am glad I was able to visit The Peoples House before the current administration desecrated it. I wish future generations could also enjoy that privilege.

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Name: Rosalind Underhill
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The razing of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed construction of the planned gilded monstrosity is an affront to the American people and an assault on due process.
The $300 million slated to be spent on this project does not have proper authorization, and has not gone through the permitting or design review process.

Like so many other actions of this current administration, it is an action to erase a part of American history. There is no modernization in the planned gaudy ballroom that seeks solely to stroke the ego of small-minded narcissists. There is nothing American in such a project. The average American does not gild their surroundings. Those are the actions of despotic kings.

We are a representational, consititional republic. Stand up for those who are being represented, not the despot who seeks to run roughshod over our rights and freedom.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in a thoughtful, considered, well-planned manner to represent the whole of this nation, not some elitist minority who thinks their wealth gives them the right to rule.

No one is above the law. If you permit this project to proceed, and do not hold those who broke the law accountable, you are as guilty as they are. Stand up for what is right and side with an America that is more than a rich white man's ego.

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Name: Christine Lazina
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The White House belongs to all citizens not the person who is living there temporarily. I do not approve of the billions of dollars being spent on a place that is only act to rich people. The East wing should be restored to its former self. Thank you.

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Since the functions it served have been relocated, I question whether it should be rebuilt at all. My preference would be to see the wound of its former connection appropriately sealed , or at most see it returned to some minimal, actually needed, function.

This began with the appearance of its being a vanity project. Whether true or not, that appearance casts a shadow on the private funding of the project. To be blunt, whether it is actually so or not, it looks to many people like an enormous attempt to curry favor. Not a good look for the government of our country, which too many already have considered corrupt for years.

I would suggest no further work on this project until appropriately funded - i.e. transparently, publicly, via Congressional appropriation.
I believe that was how the White House rebuild after the war of 1812 was paid for , how the Truman reconstruction was paid for, and how the renovation of any national building should be paid for.

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We are a representational, consititional republic. Stand up for those who are being represented, not the despot who seeks to run roughshod over our rights and freedom.

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Name: elaine odonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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im not good with words but please put it back to its former glory. i have not been able to come in person I'm on the lower sided of people that is with less money. but to look up to this building as a sign of the people has alway make me feel apart of everybody

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Name: Elizabeth Trubey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: MaryEllen Courtney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I assume the absurdly named "East Wing Modernization Project" is the big ballroom addition.

If so, I oppose the proposal to construct a massive ballroom on the White House grounds in place of the East Wing. The scale and purpose of such a structure are fundamentally inconsistent with the historic character and civic meaning of the White House.
The White House has long reflected the principle that the President serves the public. Its architectural restraint signals that the office is not a monarchy but a constitutional role held in trust. A grand ballroom of disproportionate size—larger than many private residences and dramatically out of scale with the existing complex—undermines that tradition. It transforms a working government residence into something closer to a personal estate.

There is no functional necessity for such a structure. State events and official gatherings have been conducted for generations within existing spaces or at appropriate external venues. A permanent, oversized ceremonial hall serves no essential public purpose.
Equally concerning is the prospect of private donors financing such a project. Allowing individuals or entities to fund major structural additions to the President’s residence invites serious questions about influence, access, and the integrity of public institutions. The White House is a national symbol. It must not become a

platform for private patronage.

Public resources, public land, and public symbolism should be treated with restraint and respect. The White House belongs to the American people—not to any individual officeholder's personal vision.

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Name: Laurie Christenson
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Name: Jill Blumenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen who respects due process, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law -- not even the President -- and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:25:34 AM
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Name: Elaine McCann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any money for that matter, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Elaine McCann

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Name: Melissa Heller-Booth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The decision by President Trump - a renter - to demolish the East Wing so he can erect a ballroom with his name on it with no input from anyone - demonstrates a complete disregard for his job to represent all of the people of this country, to receive input from appropriate authorities on his project, and to consider the history and meaning of the building he currently occupies as well as the office he holds. It is nothing more than another indicator of his enormous ego and his belief that all resources of this country belong to him to do with as he chooses. Someone should rent a room in one of his clubs and tear down a wall so they can see the golf course just to see how he feels about that. What a disgusting display of ego and ingratitude to the people who put him in the office of President of the United States. Shame on him and shame on the Congress for not even attempting to provide the checks and balances they are meant to provide in holding their offices as representatives of the people. When he leaves office - however that may happen - everything he has slapped his name on should be removed. What a stain on the office of the presidency his actions have been. Too bad we do not have a giant river to run through Washington to clean out the mess from this man as Hercules did the Augean stables. Thank you for taking my comment.

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Name: Helen Robertson
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Name: Elizabeth Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Michelle Corlew
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Name: Lisa Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house as well as a National historic Landmark and National Park. The demolition of the East Wing without proper review and approval is appalling to say the least. I do not support the envisioned ball room and believe that the current resident in the people's house should personally pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing back to how it was approved in 1902 and renovated in 1942. Our tax dollars should not be used for the construction of a ballroom, especially one that was not approved through the proper channels.

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Name: Amy Murphy
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:24:19 AM
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Name: Judi Gorski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Todd Woerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dawn Hassett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the proposed ballroom. I am absolutely stunned the destruction of the East Wing was ever allowed to go forward and would very much appreciate if it could be built back as it were. Thank you for letting us have a chance to comment on this.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:24:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Felker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million to modernize the white house east wing. This project was not authorized through proper channels. Please restore the east wing to it's former state and quite wasting taxpayer money.

Signed

Robert S. Felker

Date: 2/17/2026 11:24:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charene Sreenan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the spending a penny let alone millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Nobody asked for or needs a ballroom and the White House does not need to look like Mar a Lago. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump should pay for it since he did this without authorization. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjanna Hulet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 MILLION on the project which was initiated with NO authorization, permits, reviews, public input, or common sense. Calling it "modernization" is absurd since the entire historic east wing has been torn down completely. NO ballroom should be built, and this entire project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. To do otherwise is to mock the rule of law and the will of the Citizens of the United States of America. Have a backbone and stand up to this lawless administration.

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Name: Kathleen Sullivan
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Name: Jack Elias
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Name: Phyllis Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a travesty of corruption, egoism, and complicity.

Please by the grace of wisdom, beauty and truth (GOD) do not allow this project to continue.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:23:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: rich gazarik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called renovation of the East Wing was done without thought, planning or the legal requirements required for such work. As a result, plans need to be put on hold and President Trump should be required to personally pay to have the East Wing rebuilt. To allow this project to continue under his current plan would be an insult to the history of this nation and the White House. His action is nothing more than a continuation of his efforts to advance his cult of personality that is reminiscent of Hitler's plans to rebuild the Third Reich through gaudy, ego centric, self-serving architecture. Please hold Trump accountable for this abomination.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lise Kampersal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the “modernization”of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is not the property of any one sitting president, it is the house of the people of the United States, and a historical site. Any construction, demolition or “modernization” needs to be reviewed and approved by the NCPC.
Should the NCPC decide this “modernization” cannot happen, I want the East Wing restored to its original fabrication along with the Rose Garden.

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Name: Jennifer Aliff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Susan Stephens
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Name: Sarah Byttner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing/Ballroom project. The American people never had any say in this, not even our representatives. That money could fund healthcare. Many this year do not even have it. The loss of subsidies which was dollar amount INITIALLY given for ballroom project literally doubled our insurance. We know it will NOT be solely funded through private donors.
There is a lot more to governing people than just taking on beautification projects and then subsequently naming them after yourself.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:17:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Sylvester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern;
I am writing to oppose the planned construction of the East Wing ballroom. I urge the Commission to oppose the project under the current plan until the proper legal processes are followed. I believe the funding for this project also has serious conflicts of interest and do not agree with allowing billionaires to provide funding in exchange for favors which is what this is blatantly about.

Thank you,
Kathleen Sylvester

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Name: Philip Bonarek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carl Nagle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and those who broke it need to be punished and personally reimburse the U.S. Government for the total costs to authentically and completely rebuild. For this project to otherwise continue without severe penalty would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marge Curran
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Name: Fiona Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was heartbreaking to watch this be torn down. This is the people's house, our house.I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: David Mohler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Doing this project without following proper procedure is an affront to every American.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:28 AM
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Name: Robin Strauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Below are Anara Guard's submitted comments. I completely agree with every point raised and cannot improve on her concise, yet comprehensive, wording.

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Name: Jody Maurer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commision to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed. this project began with the demolition of a 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from this Commision, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. The fact that demolition has already occurred does not excuse these violations or create a

fait accompli that forces approval.

The funding mechanism raises serious concerns about institutional independence and creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Christina Vanderslice
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Name: Judy Benjamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:22:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nellie Healy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored to its original form. The current modernization and destruction was done

without the proper permits and is merely a vanity project of The current President in the White House. This is a historical residence and should be treated with the dignity it deserves. There is no need for an ostentatious ballroom.

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Name: Suzanne Lavender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: joe kinlock
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Name: John Leeper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly oppose this "modernization" project.

I think it is criminal that our wannabe authoritarian leader destroyed the East Wing and part of our nation's history without any input from the public or the NCPC. To build a "Trump Ballroom" that is larger than the White House is ridiculous. All you have to do is look at Trump's Manhattan penthouse and the Oval Office to know how gaudy and God-awful he will decorate it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Hafdahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing of the White House did not follow historic preservation procedure, and should not have happened. I request that the east wing be restored to it's former grandeur. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:21:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination! What gives him the right to destroy the people's house? He is only a temporary resident and hopefully is impeached and removed his term is up. How is he even president?

Date: 2/17/2026 11:21:21 AM
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Name: Renee Bradford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Suzanne Rodish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Schwarz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project does not have proper authorization or moral intention. It costs a huge amount without maintaining the meaning of The People's House. It is destroying history. Do not allow this to proceed.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:51 AM
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Name: Mary Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Mary Peterson
California

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:49 AM
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Name: Heather Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not what the American people want and it is disgraceful that this historic building was demolished with no public approval. This is the People's building not Trump's. He is only a temporary guest thank God and he needs to remember that and act like it. Please stop any further destruction. WE DO NOT WANT A BALLROOM- WE WANT HEALTH CARE!!!

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Name: Dominic MacCormack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kristine Burnham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write to oppose the proposed East Wing Modernization Project and its centerpiece 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The White House is not a private estate — it is the People's House, a national landmark whose architectural integrity belongs to all Americans, present and future. The proposed ballroom addition is not a modernization; it is an aggrandizement. Its scale and purpose serve the vanity and entertainment preferences of a single temporary occupant, not the enduring civic and historical mission of the White House as an institution.

The demolition of the historic East Wing with minimal public notice, and the now-proposed construction of a massive neoclassical ballroom, sets a deeply troubling precedent: that each administration may alter one of America's most iconic and irreplaceable structures to suit its personal tastes and ambitions. What is built now will be extraordinarily difficult — if not impossible — to undo.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal, or at minimum require a full historic preservation review, robust public engagement, and independent architectural assessment before any further construction proceeds.

The White House belongs to the American people. It should reflect our shared history and values — not the preferences of any individual who temporarily calls it home.

Respectfully submitted.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:19 AM
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Name: Susie Anderson
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Americans.

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Name: Mary Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the East Wing to be replaced by a monstrous unnecessary ballroom. The East Wing was destroyed against the wishes of the American people and must be restored. We don't need or want an unsymmetrical oversized party palace. We want our White House back!

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Name: Julie Lawson
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Name: Debra Anderson-Frey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the President's action to destroy the East Wing of the White House, the people's house, without the consent of the people - nor through any legal process. It is not his private property to raze or alter according to his whims and personal aesthetic - with the exception being only the President's private quarters. I am also opposed to his plans to remodel the Kennedy Center, and plans to add monuments in his name to the Washington landscape - our nation's capital - without polling, approval, or consideration of the electorate or those who represent us. I oppose his erasing of the history embedded in our nation's public buildings without consent. His actions to build monuments to himself are selfish and obscene in the face of the austerity the American people are currently facing because of the rising costs of affordability and cuts to programs that support the health and welcome of those most in need in the United States.
Debra Anderson-Frey

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing of the White House was done with flagrant disregard for all required authorizations, permits, or design review. No one, not even the President of the United States, can disregard the respect that American citizens have for the history of OUR country. This was OUR East Wing, not his, and he had NO right to destroy OUR building without following the process which ensured that each citizen who owned the East Wing had the opportunity to provide input or raise objections in advance. Each citizen is expected to abide by the law; allowing the President of the United States to flippantly and randomly destroy US government buildings which do not belong to him cannot be condoned or supported in any way. And, the design of any proposed replacement of the East Wing CANNOT be allowed to overshadow one of the most beloved historical structures in our great country - the White House. The obscenity being proposed as a replacement should be stopped immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janette Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom that destroyed the east wing. I feel the east wing should be rebuilt and brought back to its former design. No one is above the law and to let this project go forward without penalizing those accountable is a slap in the face to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:20:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Jaedike-Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt, no to a ballroom. This historic building was illegally demolished.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose funding of any sort to use for the east wing of the White House-in fact the People ‘s House. No president should be allowed or permitted to tear down any portion of a government building. Apparently the president (note: I did not say “our”) believes he can do whatever he wants to any thing or in fact anyone.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was started without proper oversight and cooperation with authorities, or consideration of the historical significance of the East Wing. I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt back to its original glory. Allowing this project to go forward would be an affront to the laws of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karn knutson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design is an affront to the historic, dignified visual statement that is the White House.

The White House is the People's House. It should be a proud symbol, not look like an accessory to a gilded, boated party pad.

The proposed scale, footprint, and design of the new East Wing are absurd. The proportions to the White House are cartoonish and undignified. The supposed purpose of the ballroom is to hold state dinners not stadium performances.

Demolishing the existing East Wing was an insult to the country. This inflated ego project ball room, with its excess and garish elements, does not reflect the stature of the highest office of our country. It tells the world "We only value opulence, entertaining, and ego inflation, not the concerns of our citizens and matters of running the country."

Obviously the the East Wing must be replaced, since it was so ham-fistedly destroyed, but not with this monstrosity of a vanity project.

A tasteful design, that does not dwarf the White House, returns the historic offices to the East Wing, and can still accommodate an event area, is more than possible.

- A citizen ashamed of the tone-deaf vision of this project

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brice Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the modernization plans for the East Wing of the White house. It is a vanity project for the current administration that is funded by a quid pro quo donation-for-influence relationship. It has been done with no review or oversight or public input. There are rules and laws this nation was built on and the current administration needs to follow them. This project needs to be cancelled and rebuilt to previous design, at the president's expense. This is a stain on the nations history.

-Brice

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Name: M Norton
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The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marci Nolen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This renovation does NOT represent the country I used to be proud to live in.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Hassan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing was beautiful the way it was. It's a disgrace what's being done to it. And for what? A place to hold "immortalize" a man who has been testing this country apart day by day, brick by brick? There is no reason for modernization. American doesn't need to be modernized. The white house is essentially a

museum and you would never think to modernize the museums in New york, chicago or anywhere. This is just a big show of money to make a sacred space into a hub for tech billionaires to formulate get richer quicker schemes while I'm trying to help my newly grieving grandfather pay for rent after my grandmother passed.

It's time to put this show to an end and focus on what's important…and it's NOT a billionaires ego.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:19:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Shelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reported demolition of the East Wing of the White House and plans to replace it with a new ballroom should be reversed because such an action would undermine the historic integrity, functional purpose, and symbolic meaning of one of the most recognizable civic spaces in the United States.

First, the White House is not simply a residence or event venue; it is a living historic site that embodies more than two centuries of American governance. While the East Wing is newer than the original executive mansion—expanded significantly in the 20th century—it has itself become historically significant. It houses key offices, including those of the First Lady and White House social staff, and supports the ceremonial and diplomatic work of the presidency. Demolishing it would erase part of the architectural evolution that reflects changing roles and responsibilities within the executive branch.

Second, replacing the East Wing with a large ballroom risks shifting the balance between governance and spectacle. The White House already includes formal entertaining spaces, most notably the East Room, which has hosted state dinners, bill signings, award ceremonies, and moments of national mourning. The building's design intentionally blends function with restrained dignity. Constructing a grand ballroom could prioritize opulence over institutional continuity, subtly redefining the public's perception of the presidency—from a constitutional office rooted in democratic tradition to a venue centered on pageantry.

Third, preservation is a bipartisan civic responsibility. The White House has undergone renovations before—most dramatically during the Truman renovation under Harry S. Truman—but those efforts aimed to stabilize and preserve the structure, not replace key components for aesthetic or entertainment expansion. That renovation reinforced the building's core while maintaining its historic appearance. In contrast, demolishing an entire wing to construct a new entertainment facility would represent a significant departure from the longstanding principle of preservation-first stewardship.

Additionally, the White House functions as a global symbol of American continuity. Foreign dignitaries, heads of state, and citizens alike understand its spaces as part of a shared civic narrative. Removing a substantial portion of the complex could raise concerns about the politicization of national heritage sites. Historic buildings connected to democratic governance require restraint and long-term thinking; they belong not to a single administration, but to the American people across generations.
Finally, there are practical and fiscal considerations. Major demolition and new construction at a highly secure and operational site would be enormously expensive and disruptive. In an era when federal resources face competing priorities—from infrastructure to veterans' services—allocating substantial funds to build a new ballroom may be difficult to justify.

For these reasons—historic preservation, institutional symbolism, fiscal responsibility, and respect for civic continuity—the demolition of the East Wing and construction of a new ballroom should be reconsidered. Renovation, restoration, and thoughtful adaptation can meet evolving needs without sacrificing the architectural and democratic heritage embodied by the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Shimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed creation of the construction of the Ballroom. The size and scope eclipses the historic structure that should be the main focus of the People's House, the White House. The destruction of the East Wing prior to any permits, public discussion, or input from historical preservation was done without any consideration. This is not the property of one individual, but the property of the American public, any improvements should be done with American taxpayer dollars and with oversight. This is not a Trump golf course, corporate or residential building. This building is a symbol of our independence and should not be changed without consideration to history

Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie DeCicco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Angie Matteson
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:26 AM
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Name: Linda Parrish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think we need a 3 million dollar ballroom. Please restore the White House.

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Name: Linda Wynne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house, not DJT's personal playground. We the People did not authorize the destruction of the East Wing, and it must be returned to its original splendor.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Frances
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. If, in fact, the East Wing needs modernization, proper planning protocols and permissions should have been followed and sought prior to the demolition of the wing. Further construction on this project should be canceled until proper assessment of the site and appropriate design options -- keeping in mind the government's needs, building's function, and historical value -- should be considered and approved. Among the options under consideration should be the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing to its former design.
For the president to have made a unilateral decision on such a matter and impulsively begun demolition is unacceptable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucinda Wierenga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was.
Charge the guy who tore it down to pay for the repairs.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:18:10 AM
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Name: Stacy Kent Wyckoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an attempt to erase parts of our shared history and to renovate and reconstruct an alternative history and mythology. The proposed ballroom not only insults the shared American identity and our collective memory, but it will in no way benefit the people who made the White House possible in the first place. The ballroom will not be a center for healing, intellectual dialogue, repairing relationships or to celebrate human flourishing. It will be nothing more than a monument to one man's ego, avarice, and addiction to decadence and authoritarianism.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an incredible waste of time & money. The unauthorized destruction of our precious landmark that belongs to the people should not be rewarded with planning permission after the fact. The building should be restored at Trump's own expense.

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Name: Betsy Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Elisabeth McCawley
Putney, VT

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Name: Jordan Wesley
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Name: Christopher Massey
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To Whom it May Concern,

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Thank you for your time.

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Name: Ellen Calder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think thus project should be stopped. It was initiated without using the proper channels. I feel that “we the people” will end up paying for a private venue that most of us don’t want or need. The money should be used to return it to its former condition.

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Name: Ellen Frost
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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Over the years, I always enjoyed seeing the First Lady's holiday decorations and the tradition they represented. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort but a complete razing of an important piece of American history.

I urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who bypassed legal requirements would be an affront to law-abiding Americans and to the preservation of our shared national heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:16:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Seffernick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned about the planned 'ballroom' development. The design is garish and not in keeping with the aesthetic of the people's house. The cost is astronomical and we all know is an excuse for Trump to profit even more from the presidency. And it is a disgrace that any single person can just decide to tear down a historically significant building without following rules or processes, and get zero consequences. This commission should require Trump to rebuild the original structure from his personal funds and require all 'donated' funds for the ballroom project to be distributed to nonprofits around the US who are struggling to preserve our historic landmarks and buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Brouwer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Bredes-Nies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the construction of the new East Wing. It is the peoples house and obsolete ly no input was given by the people. No oversight at all was given. Hazardous asbestos has been undercovered and no safety precautions have been taken. The size of this project will over power the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Solarek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this vanity project. It was initiated without the proper permission and oversight. It must be stopped. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Sharon Solarek
1133 Peas Eddy Rd.
Hancock, NY 13783

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jean Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zach Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing of the White House was demolished illegally and none of the appropriate processes and procedures were followed before that demolition was begun. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were donated towards the destruction and unapproved replacement of the previously extant historically designated East Wing. All of that money should be recovered and used to support recreation of the original East Wing. All of the decision makers responsible for the destruction of the East Wing should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and they should be held financially liable for any of the cost of replacement of the East Wing that is not covered by the funds that were donated towards the destruction and replacement of the east Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Vil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diane Reimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending a single dollar on the "East Wing Modernization Project" whether that money is from private citizens or not. This is the people's house and grounds and it is sickening to me to see a sitting president just decide to tear into any part of the people's house in order to place a golden ballroom to satisfy his own bloated ego. The demolition should never have been allowed to happen in the first place and I completely support the National Parks in their endeavor to block the new construction. If anything, the money that has been donated, if indeed that is actually what has happened, should be used to restore the East Wing to some semblance of what is was before. -Mary Hanson, United States citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Easley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely absurd that Trump demolished the east wing without consulting first. It was like a pathetic temper tantrum. Please stop him from doing ANYTHING more if you can. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my disapproval of this project. My hope is that it may be returned to its original state. No president is above the law. No president should bypass the requirements necessary for projects of this nature. This is such a disgrace.

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Name: Greg Baumann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phoebe Linden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the old East Wing is a travesty. What's planned to replace it is not a "modernization" project, but a gaudy tasteless ballroom. The proposed project should be scrapped and a new East Wing, proportionate to the White House and designed by architects with historical perspective, should be built.

Best regards,
Phoebe Linden

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done rashly and without any authorization at all. Just because a president temporarily resides in the White House, the people's house, does not give him the right to tear it down. The plan for the ballroom should not be approved and the East Wing should be restored to its previous design. Please do not approve this gross and illegal desecration of the White House. All changes must go through the appropriate channels. We must insist on this and not allow the whims of one occupant to decide what happens to this historic treasure that belongs to all of us.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:15:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roseann Slaght
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing, without public input or consideration. The proposed "ballroom", isn't keeping in the spirit of the "Peoples House".

The destruction of the magnificent East Wing and paving over of the "Rose Garden" has ruined our house, and it also treats our own history as revisionable. It is not.

This is a waste of taxpayers money, for the purpose of what?

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Coleman Emery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States and a voter in Oregon, I am disgusted that the East Wing is bein demolished without proper review. Please ensure the East Wing is restored. The president serves the citizens of the US, and is NOT above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Self
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why in the world is this project allowed to continue? There was nothing wrong with the existing historic East Wing of the White House. The People's House is not "owned" by any president, and president's should only be able to make changes to it by following established procedures as outlined by the National Capital Planning Commission. Please stop this project now and demand that the East Wing be restored to its former state.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brooke Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Caryn Neidhold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Gleadhill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This current administration continues to break the law while not having to suffer any consequences and I'm tired of it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please, for the love of god and country, grow a backbone and stand up for the American people!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:14:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daphne Pleasonton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down!!! The only acceptable resolution is to rebuild and restore it to its previous design. It should not be modernized or have the design changed at all!!! I have spoken to everyone I know and meet and they feel the same way. It is a part of our history and should be protected as such.Thank you for your attention to this matter!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: jeanette mooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pam Wrisley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Garno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with the president’s decision to tear down the East Wing of the White House. This is an historical

Building and in order to make any changes, approval must be reached by the proper authorities, this was not done or even considered! The President seems to think he can do whatever he wants without following proper Channels. Please stop this destruction and return the East Wing back to its original structure. The White House does not need a ballroom nor do the vast Majority of Americans!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Nobles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jana Aspin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello and thank you. I'm having a hard time understanding why this is called the East Wing Modernization Project when there is no longer an East Wing. Please do not allow the Trump ballroom project move forward. It will stand as a blight next to the White House, the people's house. We do not need a garish building in which only the wealthy will be invited. Any such proposed construction should not be a monument to a sitting president decided by a sitting president

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "modernization" of the East Wing. It was done without permits, permission, or anything else. This house is the People's House not the president's house it is only his temporary residence. He does not get to alone decided what is done with it. The East Wing needs to be restored!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:51 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is appalling that the president of the United States can't follow basic rules or norms of going through the procedure procedures necessary for historic sites. And given that he has an extremely gawdy sense of "style" I find it hard to believe anything he will construct will be tasteful. This is our property. This is property of the United States. Not his personal property and this is not OK.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Shumate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump currently occupies “THE PEOPLES HOUSE” and it IS NOT his to demolish and his to replace with his fantasy vanity projects..Thank God that man will NEVER again occupy The People’s House again if we can survive until 2028..He has done so much damage to our country and around the world that it will take decades to recover from.Why would anyone think he is worthy of his name on any building or fixture ? America is currently an embarrassment around the world and someone needs to stop him !

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Paulsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing that has already occurred. It was undertaken, as I understand, without appropriate oversight or authorization. I also understand that the independent funding that was supposed to support this so-called modernization has not materialized. I accept no other solution than the complete restoration of the East Wing EXACTLY AS IT WAS. This should be done without expense to the taxpayers, as it was undertaken without authorization from the taxpayers’ representatives.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Gonzales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a US citizen, and I diametrically oppose the creation of a ballroom and likely a heavily reinforced in all ways bunker on the site of the White House as completely and totally unacceptable. The demolition of the

East Wing of the White House without any notice and completely against the law and all processes that exist was a complete and total slap in the face to the people of The United States of America, not to mention Congress and other organizations. please do not fund the ballroom and bunker which the president and his administration have grifted from the oligarchs to fund and likely pocket the money themselves for their personal benefit; again more illegal actions. please rebuild the East Wing to its former glory for the people of the United States of America. Thank you very much.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary D'Orazi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Teresa Schader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Boykin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am so appalled by this attempt to steal from the American people. This is not his house. He is a renter there he is a paid tenant to work for us. Mr. Trump does not have the authority to just take it into his own hands to destroy a building that the people of the United States own. He did not seek the proper authorization. This is an insult to every American. I am so deeply resentful for what he has done. And very, very saddened. I say NO to this project. I am 65 years old. I've been paying taxes since I started working age 15, I have more authority over what goes on at that place than he does. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Selina Breland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am borrowing the following words of another as I cannot think of any better way to synthesize what I want to say...
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Loyan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this renovation. It destroyed history without prior congressional approval, environmental impact study, and is funded by doners to this current administration which has a pay to play method of enacting and withdrawing legislation. These sonars represent a minority of the people and have demonstrated careless disregard for humanity, the working poor, and any other class that is not them. Do not approve this project. It is a slap in the face to working Americans, vets and soldiers who fought for democracy, and all other Americans with morals and ethics.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Lore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The former East Wing building that was removed during the modernization process should be faithfully rebuilt to honor its architectural and historical significance. Decisions that alter or erase historic structures tied to the people's house deserve transparency, preservation review, and public accountability. No one —

not even Donald Trump — has the right to dismantle history without appropriate approval and respect for established preservation standards.

Rebuilding this structure would affirm that stewardship of history rises above any single administration and belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Traylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Donahue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:59 AM
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Name: Janice Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Rastani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was decided upon and statred without prior discussion, public input, permits or permission from proper authorities. It should be halted until all discussion, public input,and permits are obtained. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House occurred after President Trump assured the American public that the East Wing would not be affected. In essence, the new building's foundation is based on lies and construction should be stopped immediately.

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Name: Karen Posner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Bridson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. It was initiated without the proper process: no authorization, no permits, no design review. This project amounts to the destruction of American history, not the modernization of a building. Terminate this project and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former glory. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Yvonne Rupe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cynthia Perelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Meier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restoring the East Wing to its original design and footprint provides balance to the White House. It also provides a barrier to prevent the 1000 revelers from accessing the White House to keep it safe.

The Ballroom size will Dwarf the iconic White House and is not needed or necessary.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. This was done without proper review, public input, or permits and all to satisfy the ego of an out of control housing developer looking to add his own garish touch on the Peoples' House. Private funding for the project is being solicited but seem more like companies that are contributing are hoping to curry favor with the current administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gordon Stettinius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am so grateful to lodge this formal complaint concerning Donald Trump's unlawful desecration of the East Wing of the White House.

In my opinion, the Trump presidency has been an inglorious string of ugly, violent, and ill-considered autocratic spasms, which have cumulatively shattered innumerable democratic norms, terminally threatened our rule of law, and, as in this case, visibly desecrated nearly everything this vulgar man has ever touched, either by putting his name or face on it, or by allowing his billionaire friends to recklessly toy with it, or by indecently splattering gold everywhere… gold trinkets, gold trophies, gold cherubs, and gold tchochkes. Trump's every instinct is gross and/or corrupt.

Therefore, the response I wish to record for Trump's Beautiful Ballroom is HELL NO.

Under no circumstance should we EVER allow this shallow, tasteless, ignorant, and unprincipled man to tear down and/or renovate and/or rebuild any architectural aspect of the People's House, unless any such proposed changes undergo the same reviews to which any other President would have been subjected under regular order.

Back in October, when the East Wing of the White House was being demolished, with little or no warning, it felt like a scene straight out of a dystopian sci-fi film. Dire visions of alien invasions came to mind. Or a sinister plot by terrorists on the payrolls of foreign adversaries… But, this B-movie was being directed by a Mad King, a man who had already, conveniently, fired any commissioner who might have reviewed his plans for such wretched destruction. We would then learn it was Trump's desire for an opulent gold-encrusted ballroom which was the catalyst for this national nightmare.

The outrage over this unexpected demolition was profound. And our emotional response was completely understandable, given that all of this happened during the height of governmental dysfunction. In fact, the destruction was taking place during the seventh week of a whole-of-government shutdown. A jarring juxtaposition, indeed.

While ballrooms and country clubs are a must-have for any self-respecting dictator… And the Trump administration, which is approximately 40% billionaires and 60% FOXnews hosts, does need somewhere to insulate itself from the rest of society. From the poors...

A shiny new $400 million Shakedown Palace would be nothing more than an influence-peddling arena that regular folk would never set foot in.... A place where Trump would sell his meme coins and crypto in exchange for favors for foreign oligarchs... A den of inequity where the Bezoses and Zuckermans would be free to manipulate the world's dumbest despot... A gold-plated alpha arena where young MAGA bucks, like Don Jr. and Big Balls, might try to bag themselves their next hot MAGA trad wives…

The fact we learned of Trump's grand plans for this expletive ballroom the very same weekend that Trump hosted a Great Gatsby-themed party at Mar-a-Lago could not have been more tone deaf. We were treated to the unholiest split-screen of an homogeneous crowd of black-tied white oligarchs, and other Palm Beach elites, punctuated by women in swimsuits lolling around in giant champagne glasses, catered to largely by immigrants on HB-2 visas… While our historic seat of government was being scraped from the earth.

Irony died for the thousandth time that weekend... after reportedly bashing in its own skull with a golden FIFA Peace Prize then bleeding out on golden polyester carpeting.

Please help us to rectify Trump's craven affront to the dignity of the White House.

We desperately need something of value to survive the Trump presidency.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Gordon Stettinius
Richmond, Virginia

Date: 2/17/2026 11:13:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Schnakenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not anecessary update but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eleanor Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is awful. It’s far too big for the structure - it dwarfs the White House itself. I’d prefer to leave the ruin of the East Wing than to see it desecrated with that abomination of a structure. Hideous. Very much against it. It needs to be a third of the size.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed rebuilding of the White House East Wing. It was unnecessary and only serves one man's ego. It should be rebuilt in the original form and no-one should be allowed to raise a oversized monument that dwarfs the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is nothing short of vandalism, and I want our historic White House restored to it's original. Imagine some idiot bulldozing Monticello or My Vernon to make room for a hotel? This is obscene. Enough. Resotre the original, the White House that is a source of pride and an iconic symbol of our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maura Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on the east wing modernization project. This was not to use any public funds and had gone through none of the required processes. In fact, the destructor should be fined and made to restore the disaster.

No public funds for this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Koebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it was before Trump destroyed it.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Whitenack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not consent to using taxpayer monies to modernize or otherwise redesign the East Wing.

Mary Whitenack, WNC 28716

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Weibust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please build the original building. No ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Tompkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please correct this error and restore the East Wing

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Glenn-Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a voter and US citizen, I have had the pleasure of going to the White House and in its original historical condition.
We call it the peoples house because quite literally in is owned and operated by the people. It has temporary tenants in it every four years and as since the conception of it. Over time its tenants have created history there.
A rich history of a combination of all of its tenants. No one Renter should have the ability or permission to race all of that history. It's negligent it's ignorant, and it's extremely concerning to the people who own the house.
As is the responsibility of every temporary tenant, they must seek the approval of the landlord to make changes. End of course when you vacate the premises, they need to be returned to the state that they were on the day of tenants occupation. This must be done at the tenants cost after all they don't own the house.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support the following statement authored by Anara Guard:

Ippose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lenice Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Zeneski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this East Wing Modernization Project for many reasons:
No Capital Planning approval
No environmental assessments done
No congressional approval
All done without proper authorization by Federal Law for construction on federal parkland in Washington

The funding is being provided by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with this “ administration.”
This creates unacceptable conflicts of interest .

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I do not want our money spent on erasing our history. I want it restored to how it was. Disgraceful and wasteful.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Evan Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was done on such a fast track it caused outrage throughout the country that crossed all party lines. Of course, other presidents have made controversial changes in the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Poe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched with horror as the current occupant of the White House razed this historic building without any oversight, review, or plan. The fact that this was funded by oligarchs seeking to curry favor with a Regime that has no respect for this nation, our Constitution, history, people should stop any proposal in its tracks. Plus Trump is tacky as hell. Don’t you dare let him do this.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:12:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Repole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Wessoleck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that renovations are being done without the proper authorization from Congress and without input and approval from the National Historical Society. This is the people's house and every president is a guest of mine and my fellow citizens..the present guest has forgotten that and his changes and destruction should not be allowed.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Devon Van Essen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. Of all the projects this one must follow protocols already established. It is bad enough history was torn down before our eyes. Do not make a bad problem worse. Stop the renovation. Do the process right. We have laws and rules. Follow them!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Geisel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, like many of my fellow Americans, was devastated by the removal of this historic section of the White House. I urge the commission to carefully consider the reconstruction and move forward only with a structure that will reflect the historic significance of the White House. This is the people's house, not the house of the current occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marguerite Katchen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $3-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but these has been a complete razing of American history by tearing down the old east wing. The new facility will be roughly 90,000 square feet or about 60% larger than the Executive Residence. Alongside support and service spaces, the new wing is planned to contain a 22,000 square foot ballroom, designed to seat around 1,000 guests, based on information presented to the National Capital Planning Commission in January 2026. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.I want this project, as now outlined, canceled.The government should be required to comply with the following processes before new construction at the White House:
The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) has review authority over new construction on federal properties in the capital region, including the White House, and NCPC has exercised that authority in recent years with the approval of a new security fence and a tennis pavilion at the White House.They should have authority over a new east wing, NOT one man, the President
The Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) should have an advisory review before new construction takes place at the White House. These review processes should also include the opportunity for the American public to comment on the project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANICE OEST
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States of America is not about grand ballrooms and majestic offices. We fought a revolution to distance ourselves from royalty and their palaces. The White House compound should reflect our Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, not grandeur and opulence. Removing the East Wing and all it stood for, was like cutting out the heart of culture. Please, bring back that sense of ownership and belonging to the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Adiletta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money, let alone $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper permits, authorization, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an attempt to erase American history at the whim of a spoiled person with no respect for our country. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored exactly to how it was prior to the illegal razing. No one is above the law and to allow this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law and enforcing the laws at this point would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who respect our country's history.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: URSULA FORRESTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want you to know I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. A ballroom is unnecessary. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Additionally, any of the furnishings and artifacts previously used in the East Wing need to be put back in place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:11:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House belongs to the American People, it is not the personal property of the President. It is a travesty that the East Wing was torn down in the first place, and it must not be rebuilt without a full architectural review and environmental permits by the National Capital Planning Commission to insure it matches the tone and style of the rest of the White House.

This renovation must be funded by Congress. Funding it privately will result in unacceptable conflicts of interests.

I urge the commission to reject this until full legal compliance is achieved.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberley Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Sandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Ruiz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Frontczak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hanora Lay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maurice Poirier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing ,stop the ballroom project

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LisaRose Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E. Caruso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this dusgraceful project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Wolter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this costly and unauthorized project. The East Wing needs to be restored to its original and historic condition. This needs to be done at the expense of those who ordered and conducted this destruction. This is The People's House and should have been respected as such!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Hnatow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:10:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Rini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to, and is a symbol of, all Americans. It should not be subjected to the whims of one individual, with questionable motives, no foresight, no sense of decorum, no interest in our shared history. I am already troubled by what has been demolished--not just the structure, but the contents of historical value. What has become of them? I oppose spending $300 billion on this project, which should not have been allowed to start in the first place. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former specifications.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Mahoney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East wing and the 300 million dollar project to build a ballroom. Donald Trump needs to go through the proper channels before being allowed to carry through with this outrageous desecration of our White House, just so he can entertain his billionaire friends and authoritarian leaders from around the world.
How sickening and disgraceful.
Patrick Mahoney

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Smothers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House stands as a symbol of our country. In its classical design and moderate size, it exemplifies

that it is a house of the people. This proposed ballroom addition diminishes not only the White House itself, but also the principle of equality which is a bedrock of our nation. The structure submitted would be used for an elite group of people. Leaders of countries visiting our nation's capital should be awed by our principles and not a building.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gronberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The opaque, hasty way the East Wing was demolished angers anyone who cares about history. It served many important purposes and should be restored, with necessary improvements. To spend 300 million dollars for a kingly ballroom is absurd.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allie Terry-Fritsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "East Wing Modernization" project is an illegal destruction of US historical monument and should be stopped immediately. The projected spending of $300 million on this project is deeply disrespectful of the US citizens, who never asked for this project, nor never conceded permission for it to take place. The east wing should be returned to its exact former state and all attempts at "modernization" be halted effective immediately. To permit the modernization project to move forward would be akin to admitting that President Trump and his administration is above the law-- he is not, and this project must be stopped, and due process allowed to prevail.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanner Shafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who

controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

May our voices be heard and our house preserved!
A concerned citizen of the USA,
Tanner shafer

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the people's house was never authorized and no funding for expensive ballroom. Please restore the east wing back to its original design and spare the american taxpayers the burden of one's man's wants vs the needs of Americans.
Respectfully, Rebecca Smith

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: victor lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vanity project by Crook-ident Trump is an affront to American History, culture and good taste. The design in either Early Liberace or Nouveau Trailer Park Trash, will be a tacky"eff you" to decency. Please do not allow this abomination to be constructed. The East Wing should be restored to it's former purpose, as used by Trump's immediate predecessors. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Boyts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need to spends billions to build a stupid ballroom. He has already gotten away with destroying the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:09:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Boyts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need to spends billions to build a stupid ballroom. He has already gotten away with destroying the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings.
I am appalled. President Trump – a tenant, not an owner -- has destroyed the East Wing, and done so without Congress's required approval. He has another plan to destroy the flavor of the White House with a Versailles-like "ballroom."
Although many of us Americans like to watch royalty and their gilded decorations from a distance, we do not want royalty at the top of our government, destroying our White House.
This "modernization project" must be stopped. The White House belongs to all Americans. It is part of our history. It is being trashed by a tenant who isn't following explicit and implicit rules and who expresses contempt for so much that we value. He will be gone in 3 years.
I am ashamed that we are letting this destruction happen to the People's House. It is essential to stop, to restore the East Wing in a way architecturally consistent with the White House we have valued across time.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Aliano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a sham. It's a disgrace to our nation, and our heritage. Seeing what has already been done to THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE makes me sick to my stomach. This should not move forward and the building should be returned to its original state. This should never have happened without approval. Disgusting.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Turley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Zottola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

May our voices be heard and our house preserved!
A concerned citizen of the USA,
Tiffany Zottola

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fordyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:08:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Salerno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to what it was while updating electrical, HVAC as needed as well as making it ADA compliant. It should not be disproportionately larger than the main section of the People's House. If a large ballroom is truly needed, construct it elsewhere.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. None of the historical artifacts or materials have been accounted for since the demolition.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Bates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
To permit this project now would be an affront to all Americans.

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations

should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Thank you,
Tracy Bates,
Concerned Citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Moll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
The White House belongs to the American people and should be treated as such.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Hohne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhoda Cutler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Casey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,

Sandra Casey
Michigan

Date: 2/17/2026 11:07:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Lunay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Project. The wing itself, should be required to be rebuilt historically accurate and paid for not by tax payers, but by the president and those involved in its destruction as a penalty. They destroyed American History without any permits or design approval. I am apposed to any American tax dollars being used in this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:41 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Trippe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely appalled at the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the White House. To replace the historical section with an austentatious ballroom is tone deaf and not remotely appropriate for the troubling times we are living in. To approach this project without the formal process and to spend tax dollars along with donated monies to build a ballroom show Americans we don't care about the average citizen. It also exemplifies an administration who is living in a realty show/fantasy land. I beg of you, please do not approve such an inappropriate addition to the country's most important historical building.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbi Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated illegally, without proper design review, permits, authorization, or oversight. While there does appear to be a need for a space in the White House to entertain heads of state and other dignitaries, it needs to be done legally and in a way that preserves not only the architectural style and scale of the White House but the historical significance as well. I oppose this design as well as the spending of $300 million on this travesty. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to any one administration. And when the People's House is illegally destroyed without penalty or consequence, it is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please do not allow this project to continue.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't want the east wing project going through as it's a vanity project for a president who is already robbing the country blind and doesn't deserve remembrance except in 'what not to do.' He should be held criminally responsible for tearing down the east wing. The White House is the people's house; the current president is just an occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Nathan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to protest this project in the strongest possible terms!
It is not a modernization of the East Wing, it is the grotesque destruction of our heritage and a much revered symbol of America.
This was done precipitously and without the proper authorization or permits.
It is an abomination, as was the destruction of the Rose Garden, whose sole purpose is to feed an insatiable ego.

It is also an insult to the homeless and those enduring food insecurity and/or crushing medical debt. The exorbitant amount of money being wasted on this could feed and house our citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Luebke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir ir Madam,

The destruction of the people's White House is further evidence of the raping of our country. The East Wing is rich with history which means nothing to the current "occupant" of the White House. If Trump goes forth with his plans the East wing will just become a tacky testament to Trump's ego and a further snub to We the People. We do not want a vile, gilded reminder of Trump's years in the White House. Save our East wing as a symbol of restoring and saving our democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Ogle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, but a plan to add a tacky, golden ballroom that reflects the poor taste of one person. Proper channels were not followed & I, as a tax payer, felt duped when I saw coverage of the destruction of history. My preference would be a rebuilding of the historic part of the building. No matter how “renovations” are funded, approval must be sought. The building belongs to the people, not the president.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Wait
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on the "proposed "East Wing ballroom project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I approve the canceling of said proposed project. I demand the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Rampe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the original East Wing rebuilt exactly as it stood before. As a taxpayer, I decry this waste of my money. The rule of law has to mean something and this administration ran roughshod over it in its haste to demolish the people's house. NO Ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurene McKillop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the illegal use of funds to further destroy the East Wing. This ill-conceived project, in addition to being started illegally, defies every principle of historic conservation and is a sad reminder of our current day, where adherence to law, taste, and historic preservation is regularly assailed.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:06:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project ($400,000,000 project). The historic east wing was illegally destroyed and should be built back to its former glory. This rebuild is one man's vanity project and is an affront to our nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanie OConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. I want the East Wing restored to its original state. It should not have been torn down.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled the day I first saw photos of the White House desecration. I still am. There was no public comment period, no permit process, nothing. Trump tore down years of history, in a building that belongs to all the American people. Not Trump nor his family. It's the People's building.
I want Trump to personally pay to have the East Wing and any damaged structures or adjacent grounds repaired & restored immediately. There should be no expense spared in replicating what we have lost. That man should be forced to pay for all of this out of his millions not ours. I would like to see criminal charges brought against Trump too, for not applying for proper license/permit & permissions, for damaging the White House, and for disregarding the wishes of the American people.
Thank you for this opportunity to oppose the gigantic ballroom! I hope you can put an end to this vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Plude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

While most of regular citizens will never have the opportunity to visit the White House and will merely see

portions of it on television, it should be treated with the dignity and respect of the SYMBOL of democracy that it is in the world. The East Wing and ball room should be built with input from folks across all walks of life and truly represent the American people, the culture that was here before and after the founding of our country.
Growing up in the DODDS schools, we always celebrated the American melting pot idea, of multiple heritages, working together to form a more perfect union. Respecting where we came from, celebrating that our historical backgrounds unified make us the special nation we seek to remain.

With respect to the planning commission, it would be a truly noble endeavor to make this addition to the White House one that is well-thought, planned and truly reflects what it means to be American, from before the Founding to present, and that through the diversity of culture, politics and ideology, despite our imperfections, we persevere and move forward together, stronger.

And please... reconsider the gold plating... timelessness is better than gaudiness.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Sweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was done on such a fast track it caused outrage throughout the country that crossed all party lines. Of course, other presidents have made controversial changes in the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Morin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any more on this project. From the beginning, people behind the demolition of the East Wing with plans to build a ballroom did not go through the process set forth in law to preserve our nation's history through its buildings. I want the project canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt in its former design with the $300 million being used for that purpose. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wasteful spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House belongs to the People of this country and we had no say at all in this consequential action. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens of this nation

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Shafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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A concerned citizen of the USA,

Tiffany shafer

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Although the damage has already been done I am definitely opposed to the size of the proposed rebuilding. It should not be so large as to take away from the importance of the White House itself and it should be designed to compliment the style of the White House. I also have concerns about the possible expectations of the private donors in terms of government favor. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia Poll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rick Adler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello

I am writing in opposition of the White House ballroom project. I was profoundly disappointed in the President's unilateral decision to destroy the Rose Garden and The East Wing of the White House. I understand Presidents have changed the WH historically but these changes are expected to follow processes and required approvals

The proposed plan for the ballroom should be rejected. The size and scale of this proposed structure totally overshadows the iconic appearance of the White House. All required reviews and normal approval steps must be enforced. The purported funding for this project from wealthy donors also deserves very close scrutiny and audit because of the very high likelihood of corruption and grift. The current administration has clearly demonstrated disregard and disrespect for laws, policies, and jurisdictions over National Park domains.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Tilley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review.
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Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Noecker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Mudarri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The fact that the money is coming from billionaire donors is a problem because of the expectation of receiving something in return which is corrupt. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:05:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Lux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Stop stealing our tax money for Trump's ego.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jud Staller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not proceed. The White House belongs to We The People, not to one person. If the East Wing needed renovation and/or updating, then that should have been studied and presented to The People and to appropriate historical and architectural entities for review.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alfonsina Desiderio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Schottmuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in Minnesota. I have only visited Washington D.C once for a brief time. I didn’t even have the time to take a tour of the White House. Yet I, like most Americans, carry a vision of that building in our minds and our hearts. It is the People’s House. The president is there only temporarily. Every president before Trump has respected this House for its beauty, history, and symbolism. There is a reason procedures are in place to ensure that its beauty, history, and symbolism are preserved and respected. Every repair, every remodel, every addition to the House and the grounds have gone through the proper review and approval process until now.

Trump has destroyed the East Wing. Destroyed it. He has trampled the rights of the American people to have our House properly cared for. He has ignored the proper procedures for review and approval. This

cannot be allowed to stand. Permission for his outlandish ballroom must be denied. Trump must be made to pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing as it was before the demolition equipment arrived. The East Wing and the rule of law must be rebuilt. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Wiggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. Spending money on a project like this is disgusting. Restore the Wing as it was before..

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Maynard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project designed to glorify a convicted felon who wishes to be King of America. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding and tax-paying Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:04:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Rinne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The the Esteemed Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

As an American citizen, designer, architectural historian, and retired collegiate professor of architecture, I oppose Mr. Trump's ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. His so-called East Wing Modernization Project modernizes nothing. Rather, it is a narcissistic vanity project that constitute a complete razing of an important, indeed foundational, part of American history.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design prior to this barbarous act. I also want a full assessment of everything that was destroyed, or even perhaps, stolen, from the interiors, portraits, furnishings, fittings, and trims, and to have them returned.

The East Wing does not belong to Mr. Trump; he is only allowed to use it for a short time. It belongs to me and all other American citizens. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without

penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,
Katherine Rinne

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Seigel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this "modernization" project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Mr. Trump is not above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please stop it!

Date: 2/17/2026 11:03:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Nowak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the East Wing should be rebuilt as accurately as it can be and that any decision makers involved in the original and unapproved demolition be sued for costs to rebuild.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Bedard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building a massive ballroom in place of the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which will likely cost over $300 million.

The beautiful East Wing was demolished without proper authorization, permits or design review.

This project should be cancelled.

The American people deserve the rebuilding of the historical East Wing
and they have the right to be involved in saying how or when the PEOPLES HOUSE should be altered.

I am heartbroken to see such disregard for our shared history and historical buildings.

Sincerely,
Christine Miller

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Grimes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding Proposed Work Affecting the East Wing of the White House

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed construction activity associated with the East Wing of the White House. I respectfully urge the Commission to ensure that any approved work reflects the highest standards of architectural stewardship, historical sensitivity, and national dignity.

The White House is not only the residence and workplace of our nation’s leadership; it is a symbol recognized around the world as an expression of American character. The East Wing, in particular, carries a legacy shaped by generations of careful design decisions intended to balance functionality with the classical restraint that defines the broader Executive Mansion. Any contemporary intervention should honor that lineage.

As you evaluate plans, I encourage the Commission to require that all materials, design elements, and construction methods harmonize with the historic fabric of the site. This includes preserving sightlines, maintaining proportional coherence, and ensuring that modern needs do not overshadow the architectural language that has come to represent stability, continuity, and the enduring ideals of the United States.

Thoughtful planning today will ensure that future generations inherit a White House complex that remains both functional and faithful to its heritage. I appreciate the Commission's longstanding commitment to protecting the integrity of nationally significant spaces, and I trust that this project will be guided by that same commitment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Healy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the destruction of the east wing and its replacement with a ballroom. Architecturally, it's not necessary or cohesive, and philosophically it's a violation of what the US was supposed to stand for.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Mcfarlane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, and spending 300 million dollars to build a ballroom that the people of America never asked to build, and we're never consulted about, I feel that tearing down this historic building was a abomination and that it should be re built exactly as it was before, the way it was meant to be, the people's house.
Thank you, Patty Mcfarlane

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Zirulnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Commission must act in accordance with Historic Preservation guidelines. The Commission must take steps to hold those responsible for violations liable and take steps to enforce the laws. Restoration and Preservation of the People's House must remain priorities of the Commission.
Personally, I feel the the abrupt destruction of the East Wing is a huge loss, both in terms of Historic Preservation and the concept of following rules. I would respectfully insist that the Commision follow every

single applicable rule regarding renovation work at the White House. Further, I would request pursuing restitution and recreation of destroyed artifacts and materials.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Holly Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of this historic structure with no oversight and no safety procedures in place was, and is, absolutely outrageous. The proposed plan is absolutely out of scale with the rest of the White House and must not be approved. The east wing should be rebuilt on the same footprint as previously, with modern updates as needed to bring it up to code, and no more. The hubris of one man does not supersede the rights of this nation. Rein it in and stop wasting money.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Albertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on the White House Ballroom Project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is NOT a modernization but an Erasure of American History. The White House is the People's House. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project has broken and continues to break the law and is an affront to all Law-Abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen who has toured the White House several times, I am appalled and outraged that the East Wing has been destroyed and that a bloated, unnecessary, ballroom may be built in its place. In my opinion as a taxpayer, the East Wing should be reconstructed.

Linda Simmons
Boise, Idaho

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Summers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. The cavalier and thoughtless demolition of the East Wing was done without going through proper legal channels, to say the least. The White House is an historic national treasure, and is not the personal playground for design whimsy for any government official. I oppose the use of the 300 million dollars to "remodel" the East Wing and I support the East Wing being returned to its former state.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:02:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Schommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seeing photos of the East Wing being destroyed by a wrecking ball broke my heart. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing should never have been destroyed without first seeking the opinions of all concerned Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janie Kinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of the most enduring symbols of the United States. It is a building of historic significance and should not be altered unless there are compelling reasons to do so. An expanded ballroom does not meet that test. The proposed addition will dwarf the original. The expansion should be stopped. Donald Trump should have to pay out of his own pocket to restore the original.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Cookson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Canfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on the new ballroom addition to the East Wing. This project began without any approval by the people of this country, especially those charge with preserving our history. I expressly oppose any naming, of what now must be a new addition, it anything to do with our current president.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Kurtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Rutledge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project on the people's house. It was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The building was obliterated. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project would be giving tacit approval to the illegal demolition. There should be consequences, and those of us who were harmed, all American citizens, should be given compensation in the form of a restoration to the original architecture, not a huge ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Overby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this project, started without proper authorization. It is not a ‘‘modernization,’’ but a destruction of history. Any funds allocated should be for the restoration of the destroyed east wing, not for the president’s vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that this is called the "East Wing Modernization Project" is ridiculous. No. It's a trump vanity project. Paying homage to a convicted felon, a disgusting pedophile, in THE PEOPLES HOUSE with a ballroom is horrific.
This is not normal.
Please do not allow this to happen. The fact that he was allowed to destroy what he did is a joke. Stop anymore changes to our beautiful White House.
Thank you
Deanna Warren

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaime Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Wangsnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the east wing co structuring of a ballroom and bunker. I want the original to be put back into place. We do not need a ballroom at the peoples house.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:01:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Hernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I propose the East Wing be built back to the standards it had before. A ballroom is not needed. Also, this should be funded with the money the sitting president has profited in the last year. He started demolition without authorization so he can pay to rebuild it.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andre Belisle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the the Ballroom project! I would rather look at the "hole in the ground", than to have to live with the monstrosity that has been proposed.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Merz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Proner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to express my outrage at Trump demolishing the historic East
wing of the White House without oversight or approval. His plan to build a ballroom is solely an ego project and while I doubt that he has secured private funds for the construction and we will be left on the hook, I also worry about influence buying from the purported corporate “donors”.

To allow this to proceed
Is to allow him to
Operate unlawfully and will only lead to more egregious acts.
Thank you,
Cathy Proner

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Van Pelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Camille Thornton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gillian Ray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant of the White House is there as a tenant; he does not own it. The previous comment said that no one is above the law. I thought that was true but, if you have money and influence, and permission from the highest law in the land to do anything you want without asking , someone is above the law. The East wing of the White House could be in Ukraine or Gaza and he did this to his people that he says he wants to make great again.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the east wing of the White House that was done without proper discussion , review and permitting before the building was torn down. I think that the building should be restored to the way it was prior to the demolition. The project was started without the proper procedures being followed and the people responsible should be held to account

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bondie, Susan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Trump does NOT own the Whitehouse and is illegally altering both the Whitehouse and history.

Date: 2/17/2026 11:00:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Tihansky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and Park owned by the American people which has housed presidents since 1800. Each president is a temporary tenant, not the property's owner, and is bound by law and public trust.
The unauthorized demolition of the historic East Wing—without review, permits, or Congressional oversight—violates both the law and the trust of the American people, who were denied any chance to comment on what should have been a proposal, not a unilateral act. This is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to enhance the experience of American citizens, not to enhance the whims and desires of one individual or corrupt corporate fundraising efforts. Modernization is important and this effort should focus on progressive modernization for all Americans. This project was initiated as a self serving and short-sighted act. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The country as a whole was in shock as the East wing of our White House turned to rubble. President Trump did not follow proper procedure in order to begin a renovation of that scale. Whether the money to pay for this ballroom is public or private is not the issue, although private funding should not be allowed, it's the way the president went about it. He needs to be held accountable for his actions, which will also give the citizens of the USA some reassurance that no one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the huge ball room to be built. What is built to replace what was illegally torn down needs to be done with much over site.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:59:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Renaming buildings should also be stopped.

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Name: NEIL BAUS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Furthermore, those who had a hand in the razing of the East Wing should be ashamed of their transparent attempt to erase US history.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sundie Gentry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely, Sundie Gentry

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Caruso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Olah Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Julie Sheehy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:41 AM
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Name: Linda Walz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachelle Daigneault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom at the White House.

The ballroom project broke several preservation laws. These laws are in place to protect the.nation's natural and cultural resources.

The ballroom project did not have proper authorization, permits, or design review. The building is an abomination.

I want this project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt to match its historic design.

Those that supported or funded this project also need to be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bud Christman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is with great hope that the Trust and current administration can come to common terms and prevent the excessive White House ballroom from becoming a reality. As has been said frequently, the WH is the people's house and this project certainly does not reflect our nation. We are not a people that has to present royal airs, wealth and bravado. The world knows what America has done and been - a people offering others hope, resources, protection, and transformation. That is our role. That is our legacy. That is our wealth.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:58:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a citizen of our great country. I am saddened and shocked that, without due course, "our" beloved Whitehouse, at the whim of one person, was assaulted, defaced and dishonored. I am sad for my grandchildren that what we are passing on to them is not a complete and true history of our beloved nation.
Where was anyone in charge to say no to the whims of a man child bent on defiling American history in solid, visually pleasing real time? If not one voice, then why weren't everyone's voices enough to halt the defacing of such a revered symbol of America.

Sincerely,

Heartbroken, proud American

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: deborah sousa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction was done without permits, without environmental review, without proper inspections. The ballroom is hideous and unnecessary. I oppose it profoundly. Please do not allow this vanity monstrosity to proceed.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:45 AM
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Name: Lorien Tenney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kinney Fontecchio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300,000,000 East Wing edition. It has not been approved through proper channels. It is also a slap in the face to spend money when citizens are barely making ends meet. This represents a huge disconnect of this administration and its ability to provide for the average American. I don’t want a ridiculous ballroom. I would rather have healthcare, affordable housing, clean air and water, less billionaires, and a President who is presidential and not petulant, vengeful, and stealing from this country. It is a disgrace and building this edition would be equally disgraceful

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Callahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this project. The complete demolition of the East Wing took place over a two-day period without the typical independent reviews, congressional approvals, or public comment periods. Not only is this illegal, it is an affront to all Americans and is a blatant attempt by the current President to eradicate history so that he can erect a gaudy "monument" to himself...a monument that no one wants. And this is not his only effort to undeservedly stamp his name into history. Look what he's done to the Kennedy Center, the U.S. Institute for Peace, National Park Passes, the Rose Garden, a new class of battleships, etc. and what he's planning to do with the proposed "Independence Arch." It is time for someone to stop all of this madness and that someone is the National Capital Planning Commission. Thank you in advance for your consideration to this request.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Vander Meulen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending even one dollar, let alone $300 million, on this project, which is nothing more than a pretentious ego boost following on the heels of the unauthorized destruction of part of our house, the People's House. No one should be above the law, and forbidding the construction of this massive ballroom would send a clear message that there are limits to what one can get away with. If any money is to be spent, it should be to restore the historic East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilee Castaneda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary OConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose building a ballroom. HE had no right to dismantle the east wing…the White House is the people's house. HE proceeded without authorization and permits, without seeking any input from the people. I oppose ANY monies, privately raised or taken from the U.S. government, to build anything other than REBUILDING the East Wing. To restore it to its full beauty and purpose. And HE should be responsible for paying for the rebuilding!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:57:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail D Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No President should be allowed to ignore permits and laws to build a monument to himself, which Trump's ballroom is. It is an abomination and desecration, dwarfing the White House. That billionaires are funding this monstrosity to gain political favors protecting their wealth is disgusting.

PLEASE stop this project and begin the restoration of the White House, and the Rose Garden as well

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin OHearn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, which has been euphemistically named a 'modernization' project, is a wholesale razing of American History. I have worked on land use planning ans a local zoning board member and no such project would ever have been allowed without a thorough site plan review and permits, especially in light of its historic importance. The Trump regime's destruction of the building without any solid approved plan in place to restore the structure is an affront to American taxpayers, and typical of their 'act now, ask forgiveness later' approach. The proposed ballroom, (which has never been requested by any prior president), is way too big and will engulf the existing structure. I am adamantly opposed to such a building being constructed in place of the East Wing, which served as the visitors center and provided an important historic educational foundation for visitors for decades, and the East Wing must be restored. To allow for destruction at the whim of a president who wishes to build a hideous gold leafed ballroom to assuage his own ego is an outrageous affront to all Americans.

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Name: Larissa Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Perry Thompson
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Perry Thompson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Nogueira
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the use of $300 million to continue this project. I strongly oppose erasing our beautiful historic history . The memories that walked down those halls. How dare they should ever be erased . To think this could be done without the proper authorization . Breaking the law goes against our American justice system. I ask how could any American continue to probably walk down those halls ?

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Name: Giselle Alcazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Giffels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. In addition, the demolition of the East Wing, a publicly owned governmental building, was completed without public awareness. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations already holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are seeking to fund a construction project at the temporary residence of this president who controls their contracts. This is not charitable giving. This appears to be an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic government structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Doviak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Modernization of the East Wing of the White House. The razing of the East Wing was done with no proper permits or authorization to do so. The White House is for the citizens of the United States ! I, and many others, do not want a ballroom erected there. Please restore it to its original state! Thank you for your time and consideration!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aneae Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates a gross and unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:56:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Mingo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop the madness!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Hancock-Cooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the wing shoild sit in its current state until prosecution of its destruction is completed. Then we should run a contest, like for the Vietnam Memorial, for it’s new design.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Bruno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and should not be remodeled or destroyed on the whim of one person, president or not. Please do not let any construction occur at the White House without approval and oversight by the responsible parties.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Corbett Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please halt this abomination of a plan to “modernize” the East Wing of the people’s house, the White House. The historic nature of the building deserves thoughtful consideration and not a gaudy, gold glittered, affront. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Lovejoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It absolutely broke my heart to see this senseless destruction. This is “the people’s house” and no President should be allowed to destroy it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kary Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a huge ballroom, we need our east wing rebuild exactly like it was. There was no reason to tear it down in the first place and it was not his right to do so, it is our house and he is a renter there. No renter can come in and demolish part of a house or building they rent. The US citizens deserve it to be rebuild and done so exactly as it was before it was demolished. We have no kings here and no reason for this to have happened. It should have been stopped before it started but for some reason you are too slow on the draw.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Spinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing and its replacement with the proposed & outlandish ballroom .
In fact, i think that any and all of the monies raised for the ballroom should be directed to rebuilding the East Wing.
Furthermore, Trump should be personally responsible for any financial shortfalls since he had no permission to do any of this and is therefore personally responsible for amounts to vandalism of the Peoples House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Renna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White house is not the personal property of the President.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: La Homa Simmonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose to the East Wing Modernization building project. As American Citizen, this project did not go through the proper channels of getting approved. I believe that this section/ area of the white house should be rebuilt to resemble what it was. What it looked like. Reclaim the historical meaning for which it was built, and its historical integrity.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:55:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lichty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed plan for a new ballroom on the White House grounds should not be approved. It will dwarf the size of the White House. It is not necessary to have such a building on the White House grounds, and is a vanity project by the current President. The current President ordered the destruction of the East Wing without submitting plans or obtaining permits, and did not apply to the NCPC as required. Instead of a ballroom, the site should be restored to the original footprint, with style and architecture in keeping with the original.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Murry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by the American people. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Luehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Equally so, I oppose the audacity of our President and his garish and absurd design. To call this “East Wing Modernization” is a ludicrous euphemism.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Churchill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please vote against and stop Trump's attempt to alter the White House. He destroys everything he touches. He wants to rob us of our heritage and is actively trying to rewrite history.to suit his own glorification. It's a shameless assault on our institutions and our way of life. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Batb Duffie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yael Gen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, it belongs to the people of the United States and as a designated historic landmark, must set an example by adhering to the National Historic Presrvation Act. It has already violated the review process PRIOR to demolition. That should trigger fines on the violator. The Section 106 review process clearly states the agency "must consider the effects on historic properties and "seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate" any adverse effects on historic properties." The

scaleof this addition diminishes the White House visually. The cost and scale of this project are exhorbitant for a space will be of little or no use to the public and the commander in chief. The project should be scaled back and include a use that is of service to the public, rather than private party room for the wealthy. This "renovation" flies in the face and of democracy "of the people, by th epeople,and for the people." It's scale and intended use are an adverse effect. Please reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josh Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Padlo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to strongly urge you to reject any advancement of this ridiculous vanity project. The demolition of our WH East Wing is a criminal abomination and insane action promoted & ordered as a personal tribute to a man who is anything but a Chief Exec & public servant to America. Enough with the gilding! Enough with the “royal” trappings! Enough with the plans for majestic Balls /Galas @ taxpayers’ expense for his minions! Enough with our public dollars being misspent on the whims & wishes of a wannabe monarch.

You have the power and I believe the moral obligation to put a halt to this East Wing debacle. Cease & desist now, and commission a complete rebuild of what was our historic East Wing.

Thank you for your efforts to restore some semblance of sanity in this regard. We The People are counting on you….

Gratefully,
Diane Padlo
Manalapan NJ

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Burfeind
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this illegal project

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LEANNE COWLEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the so-called East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The concept and the process thus far are travesties of our national heritage. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:54:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Its spending is too high and was not initiated with proper design review, authorization, or permits. It is not "modernization," it is one man imposing his preferences on what should be the people's house (and ballroom).

The White House needs a ballroom or similar event space. It should be designed in keeping with the rest of the building, even if that means it is a bit smaller than sometimes needed. It should only be approved after proper process. And it should not bear the name of the current or any other president.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Syneca Featherstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. From what I understand it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Lestition
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The now-destroyed East Wing of the White House had a useful public purpose and stood in good proportion to the rest of the White House buildings. The proposed plan for a 90,000 sq.ft. ballroom is wildly out of proportion to the rest of the White House buildings. It would ruin the historic character of the White House complex. And our country's chief executive does not need that large of a ballroom for any sensible purpose. I urge you to not approve the current plan and to insist on some replacement of a proper scale and more useful public function.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alex Rotundo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely useless to replace the East Wing with a golden ballroom. For centuries, the East Wing has always been a breeding ground for presidential spouses to create and launch their own community based projects and outreach. I have no idea if Melania Trump would want the East Wing for BeBest or other initiatives, but I can assure you that no President after Trump will see any reason to use a ballroom of that size and scope. Stop the demolition and restore the East Wing to its original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rufo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any work to our White House, which belongs to the people should be carefully scrutinized for historic and tasteful Outcomes. I do not want my taxpayer money being wasted when this was not even necessary and was done so quickly that nobody could stop it. It’s offensive to the American people that the people breaking the law are getting away it with it. I oppose the ballroom, especially some Gerrish gold plated unnecessary tacky plan!
Lisa

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Bice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization, it's an erasure of our American history and an abomination! It was initiated without any authorizations, permits, or design review, in a lawless attempt at self aggrandizement and selfish gluttony. It will not be used by the general public, but only elites who have ins with the current administration. I think that it should not only be stopped and the East Wing restored to its former form, but Trump should be subjected to penalties for breaking the law with this act of immense vandalism.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Scofield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Scofield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Jerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project will represent the United States for decades and decades and deserves careful consideration and consultation to ensure that it conforms to good design, in keeping with the remaining portions of the historic building. Construction should not begin until a complete design has been shared with all relevant organizations, but also with the American people. This is our shared heritage. Please withhold any further consideration until all plans have been shared widely. In addition, the leveling of the East Wing without any approval or public engagement was outrageous, and should bear negatively on any trust that details will be worked out as the project proceeds.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Dietrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don’t need a ballroom. We need healthcare.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eugenie Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to what amounts to the desecration of the East Wing for what seems a whim and misdirected purpose. Please have the courage, the wisdom and the integrity to reverse this travesty and rebuild the East Wing and restore the Rose Garden. The American People deserve it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Nero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an historic building that belongs to all people of the United States, not just the current occupant. There is a process for making changes to historic buildings that was not followed. This destruction must stop and an inquiry into the money acquired by the president needs to happen.

Leslie Nero

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Atkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing of the Whitehouse, and ask that it be restored to it original state and preferably paid for out of Mr Trump's personal monies.
It was started illegally and needs to be completely stopped and restored to it's original state.
Thank you -

Date: 2/17/2026 10:53:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Asa Winters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M Franzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andy Crossfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear sane people,
Help! The POTUS has torn off a third of our treasured White House and is threatening to build the biggest monstrosity to himself and gild it in the most pimpish way!
Please, please stop him before he ruins our image. He already tore out the roses and paved the yard! He's like the absolute worst neighbor with the absolute worst taste has moved in to the favorite house in the neighborhood and threatening to paint it in garish colors while paving the green spaces.

You really must stop him, he's mad you know. Look at his plans for the Kennedy Center!!!!!!

Please, if you value our image of class, please stop him!

Sincerely,

Andy Crossfield
Lakeland, FL

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Andy Crossfield
Lakeland, FL

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Devastating! After lying about not touching the historical wing, to see them tear it down was gut-wrenching. He has no sense of pride, authenticity, history. The East Wing was where the First Lady worked and took care of daily business. Just because he has a trophy wife that’s useless doesn’t mean other wives haven’t or won’t do good for our country. Shame on him for having so little respect for women, the People’s house, and the legacy that came before him.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jenella loye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal destruction of the east wing is horrific. And the projected construction of a ballroom is totally unacceptable by me as a citizen by my population of fellow citizens! This project needs to be halted, and the Eastwing needs to be reconstructed. I'm horrified by this event and I'm totally against moving forward

with anything but reestablishing our Historical people's house

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Prince
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken the morning I woke to the videos of a complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Having a symbol of permanency is very important to the feeling that my government will continue. Please restore the East Wing to it's original glory!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Albert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this "modernization ". It was done without proper authorization and is a huge waste of money-no matter who it comes from. Instead the East Wing should be restored to its former beauty and historical significance.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an example of dangerous retaliation from President Trump. Tearing down the East Wing without plans or an approval happened directly after the "No Kings" protest. He is focused on his own aggrandizement and uses any avenue to make that happen

Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Balentine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people. I oppose this project as it did not go through the proper channels.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue McManus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with this project or funding for it, it is destroying American history not restoring it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rae Leeth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the ballroom project must be stopped. Proper consults were not followed. In addition, the funds (I'm not convinced that ALL costs involved are financed by private funds; e g did private funds cover cost of moving furniture out of East Wing?) present and future need to be put to better public use. I believe that love of the White House, it's rose garden as it was merits restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Spillman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. It’s an absolute disgrace the way that it was torn down. This administration is an absolute embarrassment.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Netten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300+ million ballroom project and the devastating destruction of the historical East Wing. The East Wing demolition was done without proper permits, design process or permission from proper authorities or the American people. It went far beyond any previous presidential modifications and

instead was a complete desecration. Please do not permit construction of the ballroom, currently designed to be larger than the White House, and instead authorize the reconstruction of the East Wing to its former state and function for the benefit of the American people. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money on building a ballroom to replace the historic East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. Allowing the ballroom to be built, would only embolden future power holders to break more laws and demolish historic buildings for their own glory and not for the benefit of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebekah Fitchett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Allgood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Plans for the WH Ballroom are disgusting.

The East Wing needs to be RESTORED without adding to the existing footprint of our People's House.

Mr. Trump may be POTUS, but the White House belongs to Americans.

Do not let him destroy it further.
YOUR ACTIONS WILL BE JUDGED BY HISTORY, not by a convicted felon.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:52:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Letourneau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Assaf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project (AND I oppose a wrestling match on the White House lawn supposedly being planned to celebrate America's 250th birthday). This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim WAMSLEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I would amplify my concern with the requirement that all the expenses needed to restore the East Wing to its original condition be borne by Mr Donald J Trump with his own money, I would also extend the restoration to the return of the Rose Garden to its former design, not a large concrete slab.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Rupli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed construction of a ballroom on the recently destroyed East Wing premises is a travesty. Not only did not one American request it, it has already destroyed centuries of American history before construction has even begun.
The size and scope of the imagined “ballroom” is one man’s fantasy and threatens to obscure The People’s House both literally and figuratively.
Please stop the building of this monstrosity. Unlike so many other offensive “rehabilitation” projects this one is not so easily reversible.

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Name: Eileen Fannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a blatant abuse of power. The rules for such endeavors were not followed.
The LAW ABIDNG citizens of this country expected their leaders to be the same.
Enforce the rules!

Also the cost of this ego trip is disgusting.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Morgan Broderick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the expenditure of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated by blatantly bypassing necessary authorizations, permits, and design reviews. To allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who circumvented the law is a fundamental affront to every law-abiding citizen.

This project is not progress or modernization; it is the unauthorized destruction of American history.

I call for an immediate halt to this work and for the East Wing be rebuilt in a manner that respects its original design while incorporating necessary modern updates.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom and other White House and DC projects that President Trump has begun is a travesty. This is an erasure of a historic building and community space. He and his supporters are unilaterally defacing the People's House and using our tax dollars to do it even though the they are supposedly using private funds. That in itself goes against the purpose and stewardship that the President is responsible for when it comes to our public buildings, parks, and facilities. Please do everything possible to stop any more of this redevelopment. This project and others like it do not have my permission or support. Thank you,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Trahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:51:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jane Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, let alone $300 million or more, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. None of the funding has had any oversite. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Spiegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shannon Cardea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This regime has declared an actual WAR on its own citizens, and is destroying everything in its path. The destruction of the East Wing without approval was absolutely unacceptable. The only way to stop the madness is to restore it fully as it stood. There is no need for a behemoth ballroom. Our nation needs money for much more important issues, not some absurd VANITY project. Despicable tyrants.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane McMillen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this disaster! This project has nothing to do with what the American people want done with the People's House! It's a product of D. Trumps ego and it is a disaster! End this now. Restore the East Wing to its former beauty. How did this ever even happen??!?!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Savo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so-called ballroom is an insult to the public fiscal when millions of congressionally appropriated funds have been illegally withheld. The underlying bunker plans need to be made transparent.

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Name: Kevin Irving
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump's vanity project at the White House until the present administration is forced to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few instances of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be an example where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Kevin Irving
Tax-paying citizen and independent voter in
York, PA

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Name: Jackie Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jenny Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Parent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the ballroom at the White House. I believe that preserving the historic character of this is extremely important. I visited the White House last year and loved the fact that it is not extravagant and it is the people's house. I resent that billionaires are funding this to make it gaudy and to rich people's taste. This should not be a palace for kings but a place that represents the common citizen. Please do not allow this to continue. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Kinnelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any approval of this project, as it was initiated without following any oversight by any entity of our government that is charged with preserving our history and/or overseeing the best interest of the Country or the American People. What has already been done is, to me, illegal and I don't want those who acted illegally rewarded.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:50:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D. Fran Morley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House east wing ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or a peaceful garden (no concrete, no umbrella tables) planned for this space. This is the People's House, and Trump had NO RIGHT to destroy part of it without proper authorization. No above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARK GARRETT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:46 AM
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Name: Ken Aicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without input from Congress and and the American people at large. Anything proposed to replace the razed structure needs to follow the laws that were put in place to address these types of issues.
As it's said, "A president is resident, not a landlord."

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Name: Loraine Montferret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joanne Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Angela Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was undemocratic and without precedent that the East Wing was demolished with NO notice and NO public consultation. This is a moral harm, since the White House belongs to the American people, many of whom were horrified to see the East Wing demolished with no notice or public input. The American public did not ask for and does not want a ballroom that dwarfs the White House and to which the public will have little to no access. The private funding of this project raises serious ethical concerns regarding access to the White House by corporate donors, favorable treatment, and what the President and administration officials may have promised or implied the funders would receive—all outside of public scrutiny. This project is an insult to Americans and should not proceed.

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Name: Kelly Kirwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Clare Nolan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a longtime DC resident and concerned citizen, I am dismayed at the sudden destruction of the East Wing, without public comment or authorization. I beg you to stick to the principles of the founders, who chose Washington as the capital, and meant for the executive house to reflect the modesty of the office and the true authority within this Republic: the American people.

History will not treat you well if you sanction this destructive act and authorize a garish, overblown "ballroom" for a wanna-be authoritarian.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Thomsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of the east wing destruction and proposed ballroom dwarfing the White House. It’s grotesque.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:49:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project which was started illegally without planning process.
It is a travesty to our White House

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Sitters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe this Administration was able to destroy the East Wing without proper authorization and without any respect for the history of the White House.

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Name: Leigh Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

This is the People’s house- it does NOT belong to the temporary occupant. Unapproved construction costs expended and earmarked should be returned to the People, as it was OUR tax dollars used to fund it, without our consent!

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Name: Denise Quirarte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carla Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Xochitl Nye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ? This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

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Name: Janet Woodworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Andi Bartnek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:48:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Siguaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration's handling of the White House ballroom underscores a clear failure to follow established processes. Instead of adhering to transparent procedures and engaging the appropriate stakeholders, decisions surrounding the space were pushed forward in a way that sidestepped accountability. A room that should symbolize order and institutional integrity instead reflects a breakdown in the very standards it is meant to uphold. When processes are blatantly ignored, trust erodes—and the White House ballroom has become a visible reminder of that lapse. As a result, the White House ballroom feels less like a space for the people and more like a stage set for political theater. It's grand, yes, but that grandeur often overshadows the real issues that deserve attention. Instead of serving as a symbol of transparency or public engagement, it will become a backdrop for carefully curated moments that don't

reflect the everyday realities Americans face. A room that should represent unity and openness will end up highlighting how distant political leadership can feel from the public it's meant to serve. Please do not allow this project to move forward as planned.

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Name: Donna DiGiulio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Melter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked when the razing began, and I'm still shocked! This, to me, was a total disregard for the beautiful White House that was historic and for the will of the American people. We don't need a huge, glitzy ballroom! I was appalled when I saw all the cheap gold decorations in the Oval Office. If DJT wants to do remodeling, let him do it on property he owns, not on a temporary residence that represents American history!! I'm totally against this project! Restore the wing to its original condition.

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Subject: Written Comments
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Name: Teresa Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/17/2026 10:47:51 AM
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Name: Suzanne Calcagni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was very upset when demolition of the East Wing was started, especially after the administration publicly stated it would not demolish it. The Whie House is the People's House

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sharon Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Neway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this modernization. It makes a mockery of our history, and it should not be allowed.

Please cancel this renovation and take steps to restore the East Wing.

Thank you.

Roberta Neway
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Date: 2/17/2026 10:47:15 AM
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Name: Rana DeWall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kate Peterson CMP
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:46:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Simone Targo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an atrocity, defamation of a historical building and a blatant waste of tax payers money. There's no money for healthcare, medicaid or school lunches, but money for a Ba'al Room??? Absolutely NOT! Trump must be made to pay back all the money he stole from the American people. Also let's not distract from the Epstein Files!!! That's what this is a part of.

Trump has clearly broken the law by not getting permission for this destruction: Federal Monuments: Under 18 U.S.C. § 1361, destroying government property (which includes monuments on federal land) can result in up to 10 years in prison if the damage exceeds $100, or a maximum fine of $250,000.

Make him pay to restore it and lock him up!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:46:55 AM
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Name: Marcy Kaye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Harwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The purpose of this letter is to add my voice to those who object to the construction of a large ballroom intended to replace the demolished East Wing of the White House. The nation is not in need of an oversized ballroom; particularly not one on such a large scale that it competes with the architectural design of the White House itself. For this and other reasons I strongly object to the construction of a large scale ballroom as an addition to the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dale Kropf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly believe that the destruction of the East Wing was done without any care, concern, nor in accordance with rules regarding the destruction of the people's house. I vehemently oppose the proposed ballroom and would like the East Wing returned to its original glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:46:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Everton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of The People's House and therefore our shared American history. I not only want this project canceled but the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with proper approval to any needed design updates. No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter,
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:46:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawna Theobald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review.

This project does not constitute modernization. Instead, it represents the destruction of an important part of American history. I respectfully urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No individual or institution is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who violated legal and regulatory requirements undermines public trust and disrespects the millions of Americans who follow the law.

I ask that immediate action be taken to halt this project and ensure full compliance with all applicable regulations.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:46:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Brownlee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Braziller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. This is the people's house, always has been, and now it's just another thing Trump and his regime have destroyed here in America. He demolished without any legalities being followed, assuming that approval would come later. We cannot let him treat the White House as his own, it is not. So he shouldn't be allowed to perform his shady business tactics as the leader of our country.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This is a clear conflict of interest and I don't trust that any of these business dealings are done in good faith for the benefit of anyone but Trump and his billionaire family and friends. This is blatant corruption out in the open and it cannot continue.

I fully believe this project should be halted and all damage made to the east wing repaired in order to restore to the people what was taken from history.

As usual Trump's administration followed no rules or laws, did his bidding without question, and now history is sitting in a pile of rubble. There is no limit to what he will do if given an inch. He's already taken five miles and must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Creamer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization

required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the $300 million being spent on this project at a time when there are far more urgent national priorities and critical infrastructure needs demanding attention. Roads, bridges, public safety systems, disaster resilience, and community investments across this country require funding. Choosing to allocate this level of taxpayer money to this effort reflects misplaced priorities.

This building does not belong to any single individual or administration — it belongs to the American people. It is part of our shared national heritage. Decisions of this magnitude must reflect stewardship, transparency, and respect for the public trust.

There are established legal processes, permitting requirements, and design review standards specifically created to protect our national buildings and historic assets. Those safeguards exist for a reason. They were not properly followed here. Ignoring these procedures undermines accountability and weakens the very systems designed to preserve and protect public property.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without consequence for bypassing required authorization and review would set a dangerous precedent. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored in accordance with its former design — through lawful, transparent, and properly reviewed processes.

Public resources deserve public accountability.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebekah Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with this monstrosity of a ball room. Since they tore down the east wing something must replace it. However this thing is far too big and doesn't belong looming over the White House and remaining West wing. I'm also livid at this administration for not following the procedures and processes related to these types of projects. I also doubt that the money from this is coming from donations. This administration seems to burn money it doesn't really have. You need to set up an ongoing audit of the "funds" they say they have for the project. I actually have no problem if you deny the continuation of the project and just fill in the huge whole they created. Let them function without an East wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Strombom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those that illegally destroyed the East Wing should be billed for the rebuilding project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Hochheiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it is a defiling of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean MacKenzie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Berek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. such a negation of the appropriate prices was a slap in the collective face of the people. This proposed project is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. And to spend $300 million on this project while the administration has cutback on so many programs that could have provided for the basic needs of our brothers and sister, our children and aour elders is also unacceptable I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim & Linda Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not require comments. The East Wing was razed---illegally and immorally---by the arrogant maniac squatting in the White House! Stop the ballroom nonsense and RESTORE "OUR" historic East Wing!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

SCOTUS has broken the Constitution as has DJTrump. We must not let this continue by ignoring the laws

broken by tearing down part of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. NEVER HAVE WE NEEDED A BALLROOM. Rebuild the East wing and stop all attempts to name anything after the 45th president. It was not legal for him to run fo another term, he is an insurrectionist, see SCOTUS' BIG MISTAKE FORGETTING THE 14TH AMENDMENT. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Salek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million plus spending on the East Wing Modernization project, as it was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. This is a complete destruction of American history. I request that this project be cancelled and that the East Wing be rebuilt to restore its historical design and purpose to the People's house. There must be accountability to those that broke the law and destroyed the East Wing. Please cancel the East Wing Modernization Project. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Beutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Honorable Commissioners,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, because it has nothing to do with modernization and everything to do with the utter destruction of a historic portion of the White House, the People's House.

I want this unauthorized project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. Nothing can truly replace the historic details of the original structure, but a new East Wing will be a reminder that our shared history is important to everyone, and no one person has the right to destroy our heritage.

The President of the United States is not the owner of the White House, rather he is a temporary resident who should honor and respect what it represents. No one, not even the president, is above the law.

Respectfully,

Janice L. Beutter

Date: 2/17/2026 10:45:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Ellard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing "modernization" plan-
A Boondoggle!!

The NPS needs to press charges against anyone involved in the destruction of the East Wing.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The way this sick, brazen destruction rolled out is offensive, wrong and (should be?) illegal. This project should be stopped immediately, a full accounting (who,how,why) of everyone involved should be conducted, and the President and all his cronies and lackeys who made (or even let) this historical and architectural travesty happen should be made to pay personally to fully rebuild the previous structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, required permits, or a legitimate design review. This is not a modernization effort; it is the wholesale destruction of a piece of American history. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be an affront to every law\u8209 -abiding American.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Kinsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened by the barbaric actions of this senile immature fascist in tearing down the East Wing of our White House. I am opposed to spending any money on his pet projects.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyra Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Thayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. The occupants of each administration are temporary residents who are elected to serve all of the American people. The addition of a massive ballroom in no way serves the people. Allowing "donors" to fund the project gives the impression that one needs only to contribute to this proposed plan to curry favor with the current administration. The destruction of the historical East Wing was an unauthorized and unlawful action. That action must be countered with a lawfully authorized and planned restoration of our White House. The plans must pass through the proper process, as every other administration has done when alterations to the White House were requested. Attaching a massive ballroom that is out of scale and unnecessary to a building of such historic meaning is simply unacceptable. It is understood that beneath the destroyed East Wing, the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) was located. There must be oversight of the plans for a reconstruction of PEOC as well. Modernization is one thing that is reasonable, assembling a ridiculous ballroom on top of it is not. Protect the legacy of the historic People's House, and do not allow the proposed ballroom to go forward at our White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House East Wing's destruction is a travesty, unauthorized and an affront to any US citizen who acknowledges the power of American history. It must be returned to its former condition, the perpetrators should be prosecuted, and the costs absorbed by their own assets.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nelle Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Shackleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Carden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Harold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending many millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and seemingly without any attempt to conserve the meaningful historic items in the existing east wing. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Farnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It had no authorization, permits or design review. History was demolished in the destruction of the East Wing without any permission or consent from the American people. I would like the East Wing rebuilt according to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeremy Bloss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ESTRUCTION of the EAST WING of the White House without review, permits, or Congressional oversight VIOLATED THE LAW. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it. I'm amazed that it even got destroyed. We have more procedures in our own local government than was followed at the national level.

The National Capital Planning Commission should require any reconstruction of the East Wing to match the historic design and size of the original structure and be funded only by Congress. If Congress does not approve funding and a design keeping with the building's historical character, the land should be left vacant.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gra Hatala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be approved. It did follow proper review, comment period and approval processes. Razing the East Wing broke the law. Approving Trump's oversized ego ballroom would be a travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:44:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Moreover, the Trump administration should be forced to pay for the restoration efforts out of their own pockets.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy L Rhein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm opposed to this modernization project of the Eastwing of the White House. The project started without proper consideration or approval. It is a waste of dollars and an erases generations of American history attached to the East wing of the White House. I demand that the project be stopped and the east wing reconstructed with historical accuracy immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully Submitted to Those Whom It Concerns:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

In my opinion, this is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of facets of American history, American social history, a desecration of social mores of civility.

I want this project as it is currently planned cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with improvements that foster social mores of civility, diplomacy befitting avenues that support today's and our national future and America's contribution to making our world a fair, just, and safe place for all human beings.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to this message.

Very truly yours,

Jeanine Goodwin
Cutchogue
New York

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Hibler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linne Petri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,
I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. The scale of this ballroom is completely out of proportion with the existing building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Linne Petri

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Pecsok
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project! Donald Trump demolished a piece of history without following the legal guidelines and he is trying to build a vanity project that the American people don't need or want. The size of the proposed ballroom would make the White House look like it had a cancerous growth added to its side. I still don't understand how a demolition company could destroy a historic building in good conscience.
Please do everything possible to deny this project and return the East Wing to its original specs.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kellie Delmonico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unnecessary spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toeny Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Goebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William McGovern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose this massive ripoff of taxpayer money to support a project which completely destroys a historic building, has been pushed through without permits or authorization of any sort, and which would represent a lasting blight on our nation's heritage for centuries to come.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Pickrel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This destruction should never have happened without approval. Please replace/restore the east wing. We don’t need a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:19 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I oppose spending any federal tax dollars on the remodeling of the White House. This project is illegitimate as you probably know.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maren Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I'd also like to know where all the money went that everyone "donated" towards this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Reihl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want the 300 million dollar plus, East Wing ballroom project to proceed.This is not a modernization, this is the president’s ego project, not permitted, not designed, not reviewed by an historical board, and

not approved by the American people. This is the People's House.
I want the East Wing restored to its former glory, to the letter. I also want to know where all of the former contents of the East Wing are, and I want it all returned to their rightful place. I want the patio Trump built removed, and the former beautiful gardens,trees and lawn restored. I also want the Resolute desk returned from Trump's personal residence in Florida. It is not his property, it is the American people's. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Hankins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. From the start, this $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. This in and of itself should be reason to stop. I certainly couldn't build a back yard shed without the right oversight and permits so why should a construction project of such import be allowed to proceed with complete dismissal of oversight requirements These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Our laws and regulations matter and ensuring our public buildings abide by these regulations should matter too

Paul Hankins

Date: 2/17/2026 10:43:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ranieri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a project to construct a ballroom to the White House. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to any one president, who by law is only living there temporarily.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Camille Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the tearing down of the White House East Wing building was a criminal act. The Trump administration is responsible for repayment and rebuilding the People's House. I do not support a $300 million ballroom project.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Struck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? We the people would like to! The avarice and greed of the sitting administration has guaranteed that we have no idea what has happened to the treasures and artifacts of history that were once a historical integral part of the East Wing. His illegal razing of these hallways and rooms is a continuing affront to the American people.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon coughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization or permits. I want to see it rebuilt similarly to the way it looked before it was torn down. I would like it to contain information about the true history of our country so that everyone can understand everything that happened in our country's history - both the good and the bad. Explaining what happened in the past would be educational, and would help all of us to make better decisions for the future of our country. Any government building should be for the people. We are a democracy, which represents the interests of everyone. Our country should be based on justice for everyone. Thank you very much.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Finn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the east wing was tearing down our history and I am appalled. Building a ballroom while American citizens don't have decent healthcare and we have homeless in every city is an abomination. There should've been a review before this was started, but it's too late. The American people don't want a fancy ballroom that none of us will ever see the inside of. Do not build this. I'll be voting for the next president who promises to tear it down.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I DO NOT want my taxpayer dollars wasted to build a ballroom. My money should be used to help Americans, not feed the ego of the pedofile in chief!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Strom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled,

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Name: Katie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebekah Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Every president has had their ability to modernize change or otherwise provide their stamp on the White House. The addition of a secure, elegant. And highly functional mass gathering space otherwise known as a ballroom without spending any taxpayer funds is a gift that will benefit our nation.

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Name: Linda Buckingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:42:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Chipman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whomever it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

May God bless America because we surely need it during these perilous times. Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Heidi Chipman, a concerned citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Strom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is wrong for the POTUS to have torn down a large portion of our beloved White House with no good reason. He destroyed a part of our history without any input from the proper channels, & plans to build a $300 million ballroom this nation does not need. Please rebuild the East Wing to it's former self.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the razing and reconstruction plans concerning the East Wing. It was done without proper consideration merely for the pleasure and agrandizement of Trump. I believe it should be reconstructed as it was before, as it is part of our history. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Dale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jo McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The abhorrent demolition of the East Wing of the White House stole American History from its citizens and was an abuse of power, by the sitting president. What needs to happen now is the restoration of symmetry on the exterior, with the needed updates on the interior. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Neill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Neill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump has pursued this project as if the White House was his personal property, and has ignored requirements and procedures pertaining to the project that would have been observed by any other White House occupant. This is shameful on his part.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Dougherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed to continuation of the Eastwing modernization project. This project was begun without proper authorization, permits or review
by the proper agencies. I hear by request that the project be stopped and the east wing be returned to its original state. I understand this will be a great undertaking, but the preservation of our history is important enough that no one person has the right to alter it. Those who initiated and gave the go ahead for this project without the proper authority should be penalized under the law. Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I still cannot fathom that the American people's house has been desecrated. It is an insult to every American.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Osborne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the White House teardown of the east wing and planned $300 million expansive ballroom

expansion. There was no review done nor any input on the design. The East wing was part of The People's House.
The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was originally.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Garrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and I oppose the way this project was initiated.

Perhaps the East Wing does need to be "modernized" but to proceed with no regard to the history of this structure is an affront to the American people. I want this current project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want this project to follow proper planning and preservation guidelines. The private donor billionaires are not the only citizens that are impacted by this project - just because they have the money, does that mean they get to decide everything? Is that how our democracy now works? No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:41:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Scogin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard has said it best:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:40:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Dennis-Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the person who had it demolished in the first place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:40:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Holman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There has been a dishonest even an illegal effort by the current administration to go around the law to undertake whatever it feels its wants to do and as an American I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, required permits, or even appropriate design reviews. And for sure, for such an extensive investment, it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Furthermore, the initial estimated cost of 300-400 million dollars does not come close to the persistent cost of maintenance, upkeep and staffing for such an extravagant facility which will have a very limited yearly service to this nation. This project optimizes grandiose thinking that is not in America's interest, undertaken during a time when, under the guise of fiscal restraint, democratically created institutions, programs (both national and international) have been gutted or eliminated. These hallmark institutions and programs did more to illuminate our nation's standards and commitment to our values than any elitists ballroom could. This marble palace will forever stand as a monument to a nation's elite, callous and entitled leadership. This is not an upgrade or a modification to existing structures or facilities which have been undertaken by previous administrations. It will forever be seen for what it is. An extravagant salve to one man's ego by those willing to place loyalty to one-man above one's country, the rule of law and even decency which is a value most Americans stand proud in support.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:40:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bergman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing as an architect and concerned citizen to voice my vehement opposition to the so-called "East Wing Modernization" on both aesthetic and, perhaps even more significantly, symbolic levels.

The proposed addition vastly overshadows the White House in scale, diminishing its significance and presence.

Moreover, the optics of having a posh, gilded ballroom in the White House send an egregious and inappropriate message about what our country represents. The United States is not about wealth and ostentatious pomp. And having presidential inaugurations in this garish setting is the antithesis of our country, both in values and symbolism. The founding fathers would shudder.

Nor, by the way, should this amount of resources, however they are sourced, be devoted to the occasional use of a formal ballroom.
In short, there is no respectable perspective in which this addition is justified or appropriate.

Thank you,

David Bergman, RA, LEED AP, CPHD, LFA , Assoc AIA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole H-M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:40:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Reese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A historical building has been destroyed. The east wing needs to be rebuilt as it was. It should have never been demolished. This building is part of Americas history.

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Name: Pamela Hugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300 million renovation because the destruction was done without legal permission. The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America. Legal permission for this destruction to the East Wing was not perused nor granted. It was willfully destroyed. The White House and the East Wing are historic. They belong to our country and not to the whim of a self absorbed wannabe king.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:40:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Bricker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. I oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:40:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Mercer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very unhappy about the destruction of our East Wing. It belongs to the people and this should not have happened. I do not want a ballroom I want the East Wing back. If we must put a ballroom in, at least make it a normal size that matches the rest of the building, not some monstrosity. Have a contest for new architecture students to help design a new wing, within the proper parameters. This building belongs to all of us.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:55 AM
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Name: Jina Rabinoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one approved this project! This project must not be approved and the East Wing needs to be built back to its original specifications. This should come directly from the person who holds the office of the President and not from the tax payers.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:51 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Trap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the allocation of $300 million toward a project that bypassed proper authorization, permits, and design review.

This is not renewal. It is removal.

The East Wing carries historical, architectural, and cultural meaning. Stewardship requires reverence, process, and transparency.

No individual or administration should operate above the law. If we value democracy, we must also value due process. I urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be restored with integrity and care.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candice Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed. This project began with the demolition of a 12 year old structure BEFORE obtaining required approvals from this Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolition already occured does not excuse these violations.

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Name: Teresa Langston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire event is and should be treated as Defacing a property owned by the people of the United States. Because the current POTUS is mearly a tenant, he should be evicted AT THE LEAST and prosecuted for the wanton destruction of one of our nation's landmarks.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHARL ERVIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If a "ballroom" is a must, it should be on the outskirts of Washington DC... where no historical or important sites would be harmed. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Duff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project! It's utter destruction of American history without our consent. Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing. Finally, no one is above the law and letting this project go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face of all law-abiding Americans. We don't need nor want a gigantic ballroom that the vast majority of will us never see nor care about. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project, President Trump, started was illegal and a disaster. We need to rebuild according to the original blueprints with modern upgrades for code.

Thank you,

Chris

Date: 2/17/2026 10:39:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Bucquet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed, and I really do not understand why everyone isn't. The permit process was ignored, and without asking we the people's feelings about it, a section of our history was razed. I believe the East wing

should be rebuilt as it was and all plans for the obscene ballroom tossed into the trash.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of TAXPAYER'S money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Magnuson Janet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please Please Please Please Please do not allow this abomination.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dedra Quick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Casey Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has survived wars, recessions, and generations of careful stewardship. It is tragic what finally undermined its historic integrity was a sudden appetite for more event space and a design philosophy who's cornerstone is a rattle can of gold paint.

National landmarks deserve more than cosmetic enthusiasm. We need to ensure this project receives the highest level of review and full public accountability. Instead of a garish ballroom, I'd like to see the people's house restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Artac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the basis that the tearing down of a national monument was done without permission and anything built here will be an abomination and an insult to our national heritage. I want this monument to be restored to its original glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Legare Nadelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without going through the proper process makes a mockery of the National Capitol Planning Commission. When we hear daily from our illustrious Attorney General that “no one is above the law” it makes it even more ironic. Please use whatever authority you have to right this egregious wrong.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:08 AM
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Name: Kevin Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the President, it belongs to the people. Construction cannot proceed unless approved by the Commission, and its future must be run through the proper process with all due input and public comment. The demolition that has happened thus far has been an illegal abuse of power done with no regard for the history of the wing or the will of the citizens of the country; all we can do now

is plan for a future of the White House the honors what came before, and remains in scope with its previous footprint.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Again, I strongly object to the administration's insistence that they can do whatever they want with our cultural landmarks.

There are ways to do things properly and Trump chooses wrongly, regularly.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I also strongly oppose the Trump arch proposal and the renaming of the Kennedy Center. Donald Trump is injecting himself into landmarks that have nothing to do with him. He is a narcissistic, spoiled brat.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:38:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Fessenden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Romig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the unauthorized destruction of the East wing and Rose Garden. This is unprecedented and entirely different from past additions to the PEOPLES house. Please require reconstruction of this East Wing as it was. The deceit of the the ballroom project (the existing building was not going to be touched) is deplorable. Additionally, appropriate portraits of all former presidents should be displayed in the Presidential walk without blatant hateful comments about their presidencies. Please stop this degradation to our history. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Horn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of any measure that moves forward the East Wing Modernization Project given that the process up to the point has not undergone appropriate and necessary approvals and input from experts in historical architectural integrity and environmental impacts. President Trump should not have been allowed to tear down a large portion of such an historic building without proper permissions. The funding of the building raises concerns about pay to play politics in Washington and conflicts of interest.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Lariviere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is crucial to rebuild the East Wing as it once was. The structure had significant historical importance that this arrogant,destructive administration had no right to destroy.Somehow I believe that the taxpayers will end up footing the bill for new construction. Please stop this administration’s unlawful folly.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Loughridge-Petty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House is not being Modernized, it was willfully destroyed without any regard to the historic value. It is clearly a vanity project. Please restore it to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Gustafson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose what is happening to the East Wing. The current project started by the President should never have been allowed to happen and should not continue. The area should be restored and the people responsible for what happened should be punished. It is a disaster and a disgrace.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Albee Schroeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding
Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Lobur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the cancellation of the East Wing Modernization project. In light of the complete disregard for legal and procedural requirements to initiate such a project, not to mention the lack of respect for the historic importance of the now destroyed East Wing, please restore the East Wing to its original form, using the taxpayer money and any and all other funds currently being allocated to the project.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Carstens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: steve scavo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The public is outraged!
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:37:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ephron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thressa Strickland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

T. Strickland

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Name: Ellen ONeil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diana Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am shocked that this historic building was torn down. I oppose any ballroom or similar project that has been proposed. The East wing must be rebuilt in its former footprint to restore what the American people found important and significant.
The American people have the right to have this historic building rebuilt, but only in the same form that it was before it was demolished without any required permits or permission from the commission. Thank you for taking this into consideration. We want our history restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Aune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million ballroom construction. It was done without any approval. It’s not a great and wonderful addition it’s a stab in the heart to the American people.

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Name: Sharene Abercrombie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was one of the most unnecessary spending of funds, whether they are donations, which are bribes, or how they are procured. This project was done without proper approvals, and it was an erasing of history that is so important to our country.

There is so many issues that our country is dealing with right now. Why this is important as beyond the understanding of so many Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:37 AM
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Name: Bridget Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I believe progress and modernization are important and necessary, there is a right and wrong way to go about making those changes happen. Simply undertaking the desired project without proper authorization should not be rewarded by allowing completion of the project. That would follow the old adage, "It's better to beg forgiveness than to ask permission." The expectation seems to be that even though the project was illegally started, it's well underway and plans should be allowed to continue.

The president oversaw the complete destruction of the historic East Wing, including the underground bunker, and now claims that the project must be allowed to continue for safety and security concerns. Those are exactly the type of concerns that should have been considered BEFORE tearing down the entire structure of the East Wing. "A YouGov poll (Feb 2026) showed 58% opposed to 25% in support, while an ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos poll (Oct 2025) found 56% opposing the demolition." The decision to renovate the space once occupied by the East Wing into a massive gold plated ballroom should not have been left to the President and his administration. The White House is the People's House - it does not belong to the current occupant.

Americans are currently dealing with many economic issues - the cost of groceries, high cost and housing shortages, lack of health care. These are concerns that impact everyday life of millions of Americans. It is completely tone deaf for the president to be spending hundreds of millions of dollars for a ballroom that will be used primarily for elites. He says the money is being provided by rich donors. This is problematic in more ways than just appearances. It opens the building of the ballroom to corruption - bribery, quid pro quo situations, and avoiding oversight of Congress. Average Americans would rather see this administration focus on improving their lives than focusing on renovations in the Capital.

These are just a few of the reasons why I do not approve of or support the destruction of parts of the White House to build a ballroom that is unnecessary, costly, damages the aesthetic design of the classically designed White House, and is a slap in the faces of Americans suffering the economic consequences of the Trump administration's poor decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Bridget K. Allen

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Name: ELAINE LEDERMAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect the orginal design of the White House. The giant addition is not necessary and will ruin the aesthetics.

The fact that the East Wing was demolished without input from the citizens is a travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing. Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not a temper tantrum-induced unilateral action. In addition, this project is being funded by large, private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates, at the very least, the appearance of preferential access and influence seeking, undermining public trust.

Demolition began before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of anyone administration. It is "The People's House." Major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. I am asking for full and clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review and public accountability.

I advocate that the East Wing be rebuilt as it once stood, at Donald Trump's expense. It would be a bonus if the Rose Garden was also restored in the process, also at his personal expense.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Cotthoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Noson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beth Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I worked in historic preservation. If a homeowner made alterations without permission, they had to put the building back the way it was.

Restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Rodgers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House to replace it with a gilded ballroom that dwarfs the People's House itself is the most un-American project for the facility ever undertaken by any U.S. president. It does not belong to this egotistical, tacky excuse for a human being. It belongs to us, the people. A project on this scale should have been approved by Congress and reviewed by the National Historic Trust. I hope that law suits and protests halt its progress until this administration is out of office and the wing can be rebuilt with proper oversight to take its control from a single, immoral person and return it to those who will preserve it for future generations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. I further oppose the spending of any money to build a ballroom in its place. Any money dedicated to the "project" must instead be used to restore the East Wing in its entire, original form.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Chamberland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thé Whit House has always been The People's House. Any changes to its structure should have been proposed before the People's Representatives and Senators. The current resident is allowed to live in The People's House while he is doing the people's work. He does not own the house, nor has he put forth plans to change it. Restructuring should be done post haste, as was done the demolition. It should also be paid for by the person who decided to demolish it. The People should not have to pay for a structure they've already paid for. If the current resident cannot or will not make restitution, then he should be charged with destruction of federal property, the same as any other citizen would be. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:36:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kirsling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million for this project. It is a vanity project of the President, one which he did without authorization, permits, or a plan proposal. In addition, no caution or plan was taken to ameliorate hazardous refuse. I am appalled that this historic building was destroyed without any input at

all.

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Name: Adrian Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lorie Caldwell
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Name: J Ringo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. This alone should land a few people in jail, and I still don’t understand why it hasn’t.

The massive cost is being funded by large corporations and wealthy private individuals, creating conflicts of interest. I am also concerned that the administration is not providing full transparency of these plans.

I’m disappointed. The aesthetic is old dictator.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:35:41 AM
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Name: Jackie Schmack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kayla Sheets
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any taxpayer money on this project. This is not a modernization but erasure of significant American history, in the name of a temporary figure who will likely be resented by generations to come. Do not proceed.

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Name: Dorothy Spinler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t let this president who has no sense of history be in charge of this project. It is heartbreaking to

see the damage he has done to such a historical site.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was done on such a fast track it caused outrage throughout the country that crossed all party lines. Of course, other presidents have made controversial changes in the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith DePrisco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the historic East Wing of the White House was undertaken without proper authorization, its "modernization "purportedly being paid for by private donations, and upon the urging of everyone. First, precious few of our historical buildings have been preserved for posterity; but the White House was an exception, because of your invaluable work. Modernization implies actual maintenance and improvements to existing structures, like upgrading electrical and plumbing, the interiors or exteriors, landscaping and the like. Destruction does not enter the equation. Laws and regulations concerning historical buildings were created to be obeyed and any sought after changes require careful and considered thought by panels of experts, not the whims of one person. No one is above the law. For this reason, I object to the proposed modernization.
Second, while private donations may be solicited by the caretakers of our historical buildings, or otherwise given freely, there are two problems with the current scheme for modernization. By selecting prospective donors, the Administration creates the appearance of a quid pro quo arrangement, which is improper and, essentially eliminates any control or objections to design, construction methods, and final cost from NCPC, which has been tasked with such decisions. This action also violates applicable regulations. No one is above the law, and for this reason, I object to the proposed modernization.
Third, the belated and court required "request" for modernization is based on fraudulent and false statements. More than once, the president, or his agents, have said that "everyone" thinks that adding a ballroom near the East Wing was "a great idea." This was clearly untrue. Instead of a separate structure, Americans were suddenly faced with a destroyed East Wing as a fait accompli. It is outrageous. Moreover, returning to the deception underlying the "modernization" scheme, in order to ascertain that "everyone" approved of this scheme, the administration would first have contacted this body, which would have required regular procedures, which would include a period of public comments, as is being done now. Such required procedures assure that any interested party could offer his or her opinion and objections. This is particularly true for a building like the White House, which is merely leased to any administration for a maximum of two four year terms, all the while remaining the Peoples' House. These procedures were not followed. I can say, without hesitation, that I am not interested in a gaudy, gilded, mirrored monstrosity of a ballroom. The ballroom at the State Department has served well for years and, aside from true maintenance, has no costs associated with its continued use, unlike the ballroom sought by the administration. What I am interested in is reconstruction of the

East Wing at the sole expense of those who destroyed the original, secured by bond, and, if possible, a fine for destruction of public property. For these reasons, I oppose approval of the plan under consideration. Thank you for your service to this country. I have full confidence that you will make the right decision and restore the White House.
Sincerely,
Judith DePrisco

Date: 2/17/2026 10:35:17 AM
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Name: Sharon Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dorcas Domenico
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Thank you.
Dorcas J Domenico

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Name: Elizabeth Terrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think this current destruction should continue. It was not authorized or approved and appears to be ill conceived. Instead, the East Wing should be totally Restored to its former glory and the current President should be carefully monitored to prevent any further destruction of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Jewett-Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as I object to the approach. The East Wing was demolished without permission with idea of replacing it with a $300 Million dollar vanity project. The government claims not to have enough money to continue SNAP benefits for children, so I think there can't be money for this project. Space should be found in the West Wing for all of the public facing activities that were previously held in the East Wing. If there are really corporate donations for the ballroom, they should be returned to the donors or donated to charities chosen by the Epstien victims.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:33 AM
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Name: Cathy Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction and disregard of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I look forward to the restoration efforts soon.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mimi deOlloqui
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom, no arch!! Replace the wing and the rose garden just as they both were! Stop spending tax dollars or any money on the destruction of the People's House! By the way, where is the supposed $400 million?

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Crosby-Straley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I vociferously oppose the destruction of this historical building. This is a travesty, and I would say of the greatest proportions, but so it seems, this administration is full of travesties.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:34:18 AM
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Name: AL King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Bristow
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Name: Charlotte Gareau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Worcester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. The Trump administration should not be given carte blanche to tear down a piece of American history. NO! This should go through channels. Please do not allow this awful man and his awful minions to do some awful thing to the PEOPLE'S HOUSE

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Sichaleune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a Modernization Project. It's a project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or environmental impact reports. I want this project canceled, and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwyndean Candelaria
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design paid for by the person responsible for the demolishment of the East Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Roy Pardee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kris Ireland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size and scale of the proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the elegance of the White House. This project is purposefully misleading in that it is not a modernization of the illegally destroyed East Wing. The White House and the buildings on the site are not reflections of one elected president who is temporarily residing on the property. Allowing this sham of a project to continue without the proper approval and permits will only encourage other presidents to tear down buildings, such as the East Wing, for vanity projects and buildings at the expense of public funds that are better used for the benefit of all the people in this country. To use private funds for this project is simply the selling of favors by elected officials (President) and sets a troubling precedent. There must be accountability and transparency in projects connected with the White House and surrounding property. This is not private land. This is public land that represents the history of the United States, not the tacky whims of one person. This project must be stopped and the ORIGINAL East Wing restored. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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The current President, and all contractors who demolished the East Wing without proper review and permits should be charged with crimes and held personally responsible for restoring the East Wing.

The Rev. Dr. James J. Olson
Weymouth, MA

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Wren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project.
It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project and does not reflect our American history nor our values, but is rather a garish representation of personal taste.
I feel this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with safety feature and efficiency updates.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Freedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: B. Hartis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this $300 million project. I, along with countless others, are disgusted and appalled at the decision of those moving this project forward without proper authorization or due process and permits. It is a disgusting gesture of power and carelessness to spend so much of OUR money on something so unnecessary and exclusive as a White House ballroom, especially with the current wake of released Epstein files which so many politicians are named.

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Name: illisa kelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mark Haimowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Guminik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the ballroom project at the White House. It was started illegally with no plans, approvals or consent. This should not be allowed to continue.
The American public do not want this ballroom.
Please restore the White House to its previous state as it should be.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Renton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the desecration of the White House in order to build a rarely used gigantic ballroom. It is

unnecessary and a waste of time, energy and money. The upkeep alone would be very pricy and a cost per annual use would be huge! What the/any president must do can be better accomplished within a smaller and more efficient room. Unnecessary.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Pelo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for addressing an issue that is important to all US citizens.

Sincerely,
Chris Pelo
Stevens Point, WI

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:02 AM
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Name: Linda Buie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because Anara Guard's comment on this is perfect, I am repeating it here. Please know that her thoughts are mine exactly.

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Name: mary niven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at what is taking place in the East Wing of our Whitehouse. I want the East Wing restored and do not want to see a huge ballroom bigger than the White House sticking out of the side of that building. Trump had no business doing that without the proper permissions. Please put a stop to it.

Thank you,

Mary Niven

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ellen marienthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is so very sad to lose the historic east wing and I am opposed to building an opulent ballroom in its place. This is the people’s house, not trumps personal toy project. Please stop it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:33:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As proposed it is a complete razing of American history, and out of proportion with the white house. The white house is not a gilded castle and doesn't need 98,000. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No "upgrading" of the bunker beneath - it is not necessary when the American people are suffering from joblessness, high prices, soaring healthcare and lack of proper food or healthcare support. No one is above the law and to permit this

project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and demolished American history would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:32:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was blatantly initiated without proper authorization, design review, or permits. It is not a "modernization project" -- it's an illegal affront to existing Federal regulations. Most American citizens are appalled by the way this "project" was initiated. The most basic HOA rules would demand the eviction of any resident that dared initiate such a gross (and grotesque) middle-of-the-night-whimsical action that resulted in this horrible, embarrassing scar to American architecture. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law.

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Name: Timothy Wedel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Walter Williams
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original and historic status.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:32:48 AM
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Name: KeriAnn LaSpina
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Name: Megan S. Anderson
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-Megan Anderson

Date: 2/17/2026 10:32:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bette Pierman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was extremely angry and devastated when I saw the destruction of the East Wing of the People's White House by the current President without the knowledge or consent of Congress. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this

project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ted Kusio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the idea of this project, and the spending of $300+ million, regardless of where the money is coming from.

It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. So it is unlawful.

And it is not a modernization project, but a complete razing of American history wrapped in dubious intentions.

With all the issues the American people are facing today, from rising food, energy and Healthcare costs, to worldwide unrest, this feels like a gratuitous and extremely offensive insult. I and many of my fellow Americans can barely afford to pay for housing, but the government is spending time, energy and money to give the President a fancier place to waltz.

This project needs to be canceled. Full stop.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tesa Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heather Barbera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:32:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loretta Windas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Contrary to what the current occupant believes, the White House is the PEOPLE'S house, not his private property to do with as he pleases. Therefore I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I found the demolition of the White House East Wing abhorant because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:32:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Christian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing was an affront to the entire country. Tha administration's plan to replace it with a gaudy and architectural inappropriate ballroom is an outrage.

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. All reviews that are standard should take place so all voices can be heard and all issues addressed prior to construction. Signoffs by required organizations should be obtained before construction begins.

Moreover, any possibility criminal and/or civil consequences should be pursued against the perpetrators.

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Name: Karen Rozumalski
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina van Dorsten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that the East Wing of the White House was destroyed without ANY public, congressional,

legal, or official input and oversight. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:51 AM
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Name: Ron Baer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm horrified by what is happening to the East Wing of the WhiteHouse. Congressional support for this project is required by law and that isn't taking place. The President must start having some sensitivity for working properly with other branches of our government.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:49 AM
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Name: Nancy Caciola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Isabella Leon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If anything is built, the footprint should never be larger than the original footprint of the East wing. We can't recover what was destroyed and I don't think we should try. Whatever comes next should recognize the damage he did to the rule of law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Swaddle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is and affront to me as an Australian , my heart breaks for those Americans who have to put up with this atrocity, stay strong, no gaudy ballroom, put it back as it was

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:37 AM
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Name: Jacqueline Hull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s unfortunate we are at this point, the east wing is gone. The only option “the people” are given is to submit comments.

I can only hope the abuse of power, the grift of “corporate” money, and the blatant disregard for the constitution is being fully noted by the committee.

You must stop this abuse of power and put the power back in the hands of the people. Nobody voted for a ballroom, and it matters who pays for it, in-your-face pay to play. Please wake up to these issues and force the administration to follow the law and the will of the people, Our voted representatives should have a voice, congress should be have decision making authority in the fiasco.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Bruce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House without permits, permission, or review is an

unadulterated crime. The White House belongs to the American People, not to a single President. That this was done without Congressional review or approval indicates that this President needs to be reigned in and not allowed to replace the East Wing with a ballroom or any other structure that does not fit the historical and architectural vision of the other White House structures. The White House is a National Monument in a National Park. It should never have been touched in such a devastating way.

Any "modernization" should be paid for by the American people not private donations. The structure actually should be replaced and paid for by the person responsible for demolishing it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:20 AM
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Name: Susan Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider how this will engulf the complex badly distorting the prominence of the White House…in both size and history. Please downsize the project keeping the White House, as the people's house, the most important and imposing part of the address.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deirdre Good
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to the former size where it balanced the West Wing and left the White House larger in proportion. That the East Wing has been office space for the First Lady and her staff should be taken into account in the restoration. I also favor restoration of the Jacqueline Kennedy garden viewed from the Garden Room and the East Colonnade. Thank you for this opportunity.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:09 AM
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Name: Robin Staub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lara Warner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The money used for the remodeling project would be better spent on more pressing issues like offsetting rising health care premiums or building affordable housing.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:31:08 AM
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Name: Laurie Talbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not modernization of the East Wing of the White House (the People's House). It was the destruction of a historic building without planning, permits or public comment for the construction of a massive and unneeded Ballroom. This project should be rejected until and unless the same processes that a citizen would have to go through to raze then construct a building on their own property are followed- with the additional considerations due a project on public land and of this historic nature. If these considerations cannot be met the East Wing must be restored as it was before the demolition at no expense to taxpayers.

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Name: Laurie Talbert
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Valentine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project exchanges class and style for tacky. It erases a piece of US history. It was started without proper review and authorization. Please require that the East Wing be reconstructed in its original form and that

the ballroom project be cancelled.

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Name: Jane Cottey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: CN Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally appalled at the thought of the White House wing being torn down for a Ballroom that American people didn't approve or want.

The money should be spent on Education, roads and bridges, etc. not on ego!

I am so disappointed in the Government and how all this came about and the spending on frivolous things.

The White House has been an historic landmark and a source of pride. Past President's respected the history and restored what was there.

First the rose garden is destroyed now this demolition. What's next the Capital Building or maybe the historic monuments……

It's a sad sad time in this Country and for what
Money, greed and ego.

How did project even get approved? Why was it not stopped?

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:48 AM
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Name: LeeAnn Back
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not the "peoples's" project. The White House does not belong to the current administration- it belongs to the Amercian people. The building was torn down without anyone's knowledge. A part of our country's history was removed by its demise. Enough damage has been done already. We already have enough gold gilding in our nation's capital.

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Name: Erica McNally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: John Kuryloski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the building was carried out illegally and without the proper authorization. Funding the project with private donations clearly opens the door illegal influence peddling. This project must not continue until all regulations are met and permits have been secured. Any private donations must be publicly vetted to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist.

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Name: Phyllis Rathbone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mark Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: EJ Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed East Wing Modernization project and urge the National Capital Planning Commission to deny approval. This $300 million plan was advanced without proper authorization, permits, or adequate design review, and it does not constitute a true modernization. Instead, it would permanently erase an irreplaceable piece of American history by replacing the historic East Wing with a new, oversized ballroom funded by private interests.

I ask that the Commission require a full, transparent review, halt any work that proceeded without lawful approvals, and insist that those responsible be held accountable. The correct course is to cancel this project and to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its historic design, preserving our shared heritage for future generations. Allowing this to proceed without consequence would undermine the rule of law and set a dangerous precedent.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:40 AM
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Name: Kaleigh Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts which clearly blurs ethical boundaries.

It also creates an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. The American people do not want these projects and did not vote for these updates. They are not critical to the existence of the building. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Mehrhof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that Trump tore down the historic East Wing of the White House. I believe it must be rebuilt to its original size and design.
No ballroom!!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia DiCenso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be stopped immediately. Proper permits and plans were not submitted and it is essential for the preservation of our countries history.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:26 AM
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Name: NANCY TENBUSCH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Megan Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project to turn this into a ballroom. This project was done improperly and illegally, and is a slap in the face to the United States. It is disgusting that a piece of history was demolished without any input from the citizens, and will be built in a way that is meant to glorify one person. This should be rebuilt as it was before.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaclyn Weiler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing was demolished outside of proper procedures and should be re-evaluated as a project to rebuild and restore the original structure with minor modifications and improvements in mind. If a ballroom project is later found to be beneficial, that can be done in a legal and respectful manner. Additionally, anyone involved with this demolition who broke the law needs to be punished to the highest extent of the law.

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Name: Mary Humphrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raluca Vandergrift
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing was carried out illegally, without following proper preservation or authorization channels, and it represents not only procedural misconduct but the erasure of an irreplaceable piece of American history. Funding for the project was never solidified, making the act fiscally irresponsible as well as culturally damaging. Public tax dollars should not be used to finance either the destruction or the reconstruction of a historic federal landmark. If Donald Trump is responsible for damaging part of the White House, then accountability should rest personally with him: he should fund the restoration himself and face appropriate penalties. Not a single taxpayer dollar should be required to repair what was wrongfully destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:30:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane McLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This vanity project was done without proper permissions or permits, or the will of the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and rebranding in the name of our current president. I strongly urge canceling this project and rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its former design. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law to initiate it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the rule of law on which our democracy depends.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Stein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed monstrous ballroom! It is ostentatious and diminishes the people’s White House. Rebuild and actually modernize the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Rau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not want a ballroom. Need to build the wing back to its original look.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Braatz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House without any proper planning or oversight by the appropriate government agencies. This is The People's House and it is not for one person to alter or destroy. I feel like this action is akin to the Brittish burning the White House during The War of 1812. While changes and additions may be necessary they need to be done with respect to this historical structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of taxpayer dollars and it’s completely unethical and unconstitutional for them to destroy the historic White House for their own gain. This is not something that is okay.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:38 AM
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Name: Jan Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the remains of the east wing at the White House cleaned up and any new construction put on hold. I do not trust the current administration to follow proper protocol, nor do I support their plans for a ballroom. They obviously do not represent the People of America. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Reed Bretz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee:

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is an absolute embarrassing situation. There is no

need for an elaborate ballroom. I beg you to drop this project, and restore the East Wing to the best of your ability. Please - DO NOT CAVE TO THE WANTS OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENT.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission,

The Project name is inaccurate: This is not "modernization." It is destruction.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, which is permanently owned by the American people. It is a very temporary home for the Presidents who serve us. No President, regardless of political party, owns the property or the structures on it. The President's interventions are limited by law, and should be also limited by respect for the people of the United States and historic structures.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits or Congressional oversight is a clear violation of the law. It's also a violation of the trust of the American people; we were given no opportunity to comment on this project (directly or through our Congressional representatives. It's not only the law, it's the principle of the thing.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Please set a very clear precedent so nothing like this happens again to any of the properties owned by the American people, during any President's term in office.

Thank you.

Scott

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Winchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kalina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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Sincerely,

Nancy E. Kalina

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer McMaster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leni Sorensen, PhD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a graduate student in American Studies, I had the great honor to stand in the East Wing with my fellow students and our mentor. I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The reconstruction funds should come out of Trump's pockets as he is directly to blame for this illegal destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:29:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mindye Fortgang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm opposed to this East Wing " modernization " project for several reasons. The East Wing belongs to the people in the People's House!!
No need to spend at least $300 million on the project….. with private donors…. They don't own the White House….. If anything I'd like see it restored to close to its original appearance the way it was before it was torn down!!! Trump should pay for it out of his own pocket!!!
The plans that have been shown are aesthetically ugly and out of proportion to the beauty of the building!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:54 AM
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Name: Amy Venenciano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debra Takehara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was obviously a grift from the very start. Repair the damage, account for every dollar "donated" to the project, and stop trump from further destroying Washington. AND DO NOT APPROVE THE FUCKING ARCH DE TRUMP!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Willis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Maloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete elimination of American history. It was not authorized by the Historic Preservation authority. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The current residents of the White House do NOT own the property; they are tenants and must abide by the owner's (American people) rules and regulations. Many historic districts across the

country require prior authorization to enact ANY changes to a property to protect the integrity of the history of a structure. Such is the case with this property.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission,

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits or Congressional oversight is a clear violation of the law. It's also a violation of the trust of the American people; we were given no opportunity to comment on this project (directly or through our Congressional representatives. It's not only the law, it's the principle of the thing.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Please set a very clear precedent so nothing like this happens again to any of the properties owned by the American people, during any President's term in office.

Thank you.

Jennifer

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done completely without authorization or justification, and I believe that it should be completely rebuilt and restored as it was previously. And there should be penalties with this kind of wanton destruction of national property.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ian Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

The old East Wing was demolished without due consideration, leaving a pile of rubble where part of "The People's House" stood.

The proposed ballroom is massively out of scale to the Residence and West Wing and will further negatively alter the White House grounds.

I demand that all proper policy and procedure take place to ensure that any proposed changes to the White House grounds are made in accordance with historical precent, due consideration for site appropriateness, and functional necessity.

We do not need a $300M ballroom that dwarfs the residence.

Thank you.

-Ian

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Barach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Liner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people. Any president who lives there is not the owner of the property; the president is simply a tenant and has no legal authority to make structural changes without the permission of the people.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits, or congressional oversight is clearly a

violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal rather than imposed as a violent fait accompli.

I am sickened by what has been done. We must halt any rebuilding that is occurring without proper oversight. I am opposed to any new construction during this administration, as the current president's history demonstrates that such work is likely to be shoddy and aesthetically offensive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Betsy Liner

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loren Heinemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Simple comment: No!

Unilateral and unreviewed is unacceptable.

Stop this now. Have this move through proper review

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Stafford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was an affront to not only the people's house, but to the citizens of this country. I was appalled by the disreguard of the rule of law and the wishes of the citizens of this country.

The president is mimmicking dictators like Hitler in actions they took to destroy national buildings. In Hitler's case, he essentially did the same thing, so of course Trump had to follow. When people are starving and living on the streets that money could definitely be put to better use than a giant gaudy ballroom. This activity needs to be stopped and repairs made to the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Collier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish Trump had not torn down the East wing building - but now that it's gone we do not need a huge convention center in its place!
I support a smaller building - more proportionate to the White house and other nearby buildings, with consultation by appropriate historic and artistic committees. They could use a larger venue for state dinners and other functions, but not the 1000 seat palace that Trump is trying to build. Moderation, Donald, if you understand the word.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linsie Lafayette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the demolition of the east wing of the White House and I think everyone involved should be fined in the highest amount possible for desecrating a public historic building. Modification of such a venerable building should be done with the utmost care, and safety standards should be followed, neither of which were taken into consideration. You should have seen the faces of my children when I told them the part of the White House we toured in 2023 is gone. Please rebuild it as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorinda Dingwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a “modernization project” but rather a complete razing of American history in the service of one man’s ego. The White House is and always will be the “people’s house” and it should never be allowed to be used as any one occupant’s personal vanity project. Not only do I want this project canceled, but the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without consequences for those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kim alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Mansfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project at the cost of approximately $300 million. The East Wing of the White House (the People's House, which belongs to all of us) was abruptly razed without proper authorization or permits, and with no design review of the proposed construction to replace it. This is not a modernization project, but an attack on United States history. The procedures followed to date are as if a renter in a house I owned decided to knock down part of MY house with no authorization from me. This is completely unacceptable. I served for 21 years as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State at our embassies overseas, primarily in Africa. As a Management Officer, I was responsible for construction projects, including building new embassies and modifying existing buildings. We could not so much as move a door without authorization from Washington. The same system applies to the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization project which was initiated illegally as an ego project. If

possible, please also find a way to remove all the gold filigree being added inside the White House rooms. It's not a presidential palace. It is the people's house. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Von Bima
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:28:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Agafitei
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was saddened to see that the destruction of the East Wing proceeded without any proper authorization, design review, or even discussion of need. In these days, the "need" for a ballroom for the wealthy is minuscule compared to other needs of our people. The important history of the building was ignored and abused. It does not matter to me that "private" funding was used to pay for this. The money used paid for a crime against the people. I support those private funders being made to reconstruct the building as it was, or as close to it as can be done. Appoint an independent team to review how the building can be restored to a purpose that is approved by our people.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Popejoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable

treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is ILLEGAL. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete raping of American history. I want this project canceled now, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer H.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (of questionable origin and no transparency to the American public on where the funds are actually coming from, besides a mention of corporate donations) on this "modernization" vanity project of a historic building, which holds significant importance to American history. This project was initiated without any kind of proper authorization, permits, or even a design review. It's not a modernization project, but feels like a snub to hardworking Americans and to our American culture and our storied history, with no respect to public input or congressional oversight. This is being completed in a time when so many average Americans are suffering with affordability, and the president and a select few of this administration only care is for an extremely expensive and ILLEGAL vanity project. I stand with many of my fellow Americans who want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design under Theodore Roosevelt as a bomb shelter during World War II and expanded office space. Americans demand no more wasteful spending on a construction project with no timeline to be completed, and where the lead architect has already been fired once for a minor disagreement. We all imagine the project will not be completed without more petty hitches and lawsuits, which are wasteful and costly to the average American taxpayer. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing individuals who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who are patriots and have a deep love for this country, but most importantly, we do not want our history to be bulldozed illegally.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:36 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harold Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the completion of this project on the grounds that it has failed to go through standard review procedures, that it is a desecration of one of our most important architectural treasures, and that it's main purpose is to appease the monumental ego of a man who will be out of office in three years. Please terminate this project immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Norman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Follman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caitlin Monahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here’s a reworded version that keeps your meaning intact while using fresh language and tone:

I object to allocating $300 million to this project, which moved forward without the required approvals, permits, or design oversight. This is not a modernization effort—it amounts to the destruction of an important piece of American heritage. I am calling for the project to be halted and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored according to its original architectural design. No individual or agency should be exempt from the law, and allowing this project to continue without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the principles that law\u8209 -abiding Americans expect to be upheld.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Sternberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of this project. Regardless of who the President is at any point in time, any one person cannot be allowed to just throw out the rules and guidelines for any project, much less an impetuous, vanity project. This President decided that the rules don’t apply to him and allowing this project to proceed simply reinforces that notion. The entire project is a disgrace in its scope and its haste. It is time to say an emphatic NO to the orange Hitler. Stand Strong against authoritarianism and tell the baby man NO SIR. NOT ON OUR WATCH.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nikole Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Fischer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of The People's House was recently demolished without proper permits or review of intended design. An unnecessary ballroom with underground bunker, built with donated money from oligarchs expecting favors in return for their investments, is supposed to replace years of history that the East Wing stood for. I am a member of We The People and I strongly demand that the current administration, and not donations or taxpayer funds, be held responsible for rebuilding the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elva Rizzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the most reprehensible demonstration of Trump's destruction of the people's property. Invoice Trump personally for the rebuild of Trust approved replacement!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Little
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Ritter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden demolition of the East Wing of the White House offends and frightens me as an American citizen. The People's House is not one that should be demolished at will, nor one that should be remade in the likeness of one man's desire to make the White House akin to a (garish) hotel or conference center. Much rich history has been forever lost by this demolition--a trove of events and initiatives that we can never get back. I do not know what the best rebuilding option is, now that the entire wing is gone. But I do know that building a giant ballroom befitting of a luxury hotel is not what the White House should stand for. I also know that future construction should be done only through the proper channels and appropriations,

and with the preservationists and architects at the helm who actually understand the history of the original structure and its design integrity. Please do not allow this president to damage this important structure any further. Please stand up and make sure that the proper processes set forth for capital planning in Washington are followed. We can't bring back what has been destroyed, but we can try to make what replaces it align with the original intent for the structure and the spirit that it should embody.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Raven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Sandefur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:27:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Kimball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gabriela Mago
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Name: Nancy Flanigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

American history is important for many reasons. Tearing down the east wing was a criminal act by a criminal president. I do not want to see a bloated ballroom that will remind everyone of the corruption of the current president. I doubt he will be in office much longer. Also, restore President Lincoln's bedroom and bathroom, and leave the Kennedy Center alone! Spend that $300 million on healthcare and food for children.

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Name: Dana Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a tragic and complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this travesty to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an insult to Americans and our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:26:59 AM
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Name: Judith M Griffiths
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this project. It was done with the "ask permission after the fact" approach. There was no prior authorization, permits, or design review. It was a complete destruction of a historic building in order to build a totally unnecessary room at great expense while erasing history. The East wing should be completely restored as it was. No administration is above the law. The "well it's already done and you can't do anything about it"attitude is disgraceful. A definitive "no".

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Name: Susan Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Daniel Silver
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Project Number: 8733

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Name: susie peek
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:26:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Spradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project. It was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not renovation, it is utter & mindless destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to our architectural history and a criminal injustice to the citizens of our great nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Wurtzburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started without any of the typical applications/ permits / permissions / procedures and it should be stopped. The people of this country, who own the structure never had the opportunity to evaluate these changes through their representatives on this committee. No rebuild should be permitted, only a return of the previous structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:26:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project did not undergo the proper procedures and instead knocked down a historic building. I oppose spending 300 million on a secret underground ai bunker disguised as a ballroom and instead want the historic east wing restored.

Even the president has to follow the permitting and approvals law. This is the American way. Anything else is corruption.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:26:18 AM
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Name: Stephen Ney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is nothing more than an ego project that has destroyed history and funded egregious grift. Restore the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:26:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Billy Nave
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:26:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Staley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who

controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

And might I add that what Trump has done to the Oval office is shameful and gaudy beyond belief.

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Name: Claire Silver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jasmine Brazill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Following the rules is an important aspect of a functioning democracy. Demolishing a portion of the White House without proper authorization is inexcusable.

Building a gilded ballroom is un American and inappropriate. The White House is intended to be the living and working space for the leader of the free world who practices restraint as they seek justice and freedom for all, not a lavish palace.

The ballroom should not be permitted and the East Wing should be restored to its most recent permitted condition. The cost of repairing the damage should be carried by the personal coffers of the people who ordered and engaged in the damage and demolition, not the American Taxpayers.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Spragens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The use of private donations to build a national public building is grossly inappropriate. It invites corruption as pay to play. Every donation would necessarily be investigated for exactly that, increasing the burden of law enforcement. Further , the preceding demolition that occurred in this case was unauthorized. This makes complete public control and financing even more urgent. A congressional review as well as national monuments control is necessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Winn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In reference to the East Wing Project, I oppose the creation of a ballroom. The East Wing should be restored back to modernized East Wing..'No permission was given by the National Trust for the Preservation of Historical Property..
This was an illegal action by the current administration. We need to follow the rule of law. No one is above the law.Triump should pay for the cost of the restoration of the East Wing, not the taxpayers. The Constitution is being totally ignored. The White House is not the president's personal property. It is the property of America and its people. The president should not be allowed to create his own design. It must be
Approved by the appropriate parties.

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Name: Caleb Pusey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jan Gam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It seems to be another attempt to erase history. We do not need a $400 million ballroom, regardless of where the money comes from. If it is funded privately, all I can ask is “why? Why would anyone donate money to this without expecting something in return.” And please don’t allow this to be funded by taxpayers. The East Wing must be restored to its original historical design, and the one who tore it down should be the one to pay for the restoration. Not the taxpayers.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:25:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Keiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House -- the People's House -- was demolished without any concern of the people or the history of the building or it's contents. The building should be restored to it's former beauty and original contents put back where they belong. IF they are indeed anywhere in storage. Knowing the current occupant of the People's House, they've probably been auctioned off. I could make another comment here about auctioning off things but I will keep this clean. No one is above the law! Restore!

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Name: Maureen Cary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeff Gerow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Claudia Wallis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project to develop a ballroom for the White House must go through the traditional legal channels, architectural reviews, and formal approval process. Whatever emerges from this process should not dwarf and diminish the White House. The current President has vastly overstepped his authority in destroying the East Wing and developing plans without regard to history, architectural propriety, and, for that matter, preservation of whatever historic items were part of the East Wing. The White House belongs to the people, not to Donald J. Trump. This is not a privately run real estate deal. We the people are counting on the NCPC to restore sanity and legality to this run-amok effort.

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Name: Carol Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law, and a complete razing of American history. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. It's unthinkable that there seems to have been no accounting for what happened to all the stuff inside, no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
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Name: sue Sager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Graham Lampen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is totally out of keeping with the original White House. The size and scale are way too big, and will dominate and overshadow the People's House. It is not wanted by the American people and is a waste of money. It is simply a vanity project for the President and does not serve the country or American people in any way. It should not be allowed to be built.

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Name: Cecile Webster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jeanne Nooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

As a fellow American patriot so aptly put it: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored to its previous state, this is not what the people wanted or asked for, this is the doing of a selfish man.

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Name: Cristine Fluke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project to be stopped permanently. We, the people don't need a gauche ballroom. We want the East Wing as it was.

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Name: Lauren Cercone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization but rather a complete razing of American history for an unnecessary vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. STOP THIS DESTRUCTION!

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Name: Theresa Dolch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karan Bates-Gasior
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not to more damage by allowing this ballroom to be built. My preference would be the East Wing be restored to what it was before the unauthorized demolition. This is the people's house and I want my house restored, not some big ugly thing that is being proposed.

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Name: Joan Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judi Chisholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To me, destroying the East Wing was criminal and should be paid for and restored by Trump! The beautiful, historic White House does not need a gaudy ballroom!
Judi Blattmachr Chisholm

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Name: Beth Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm absolutely opposed to the continuation of this project. It was undertaken without approval. The president should be held responsible to restoring the East Wing to its original state at his expense. It is the people's house not the Trump palace.

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Name: Wendy Marschner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the East Wing Ballroom project. As a citizen, I am horrified to see this major change to The People's House undertaken without proper authorization from Congress. President Trump has been treating The People's House like his own private home since he first took office, showing no regard for the fact that he is merely a passing player in this storied building's history. Furthermore, President Trump's logic that he can do as he likes because this project is privately funded is undemocratic - if this is the case, can he not have a privately-funded army at his personal beck and call? Can he not set up any program he likes despite congressional opposition? Can he not accept "donations" in return for regulatory favors (as it seems he's already doing)? That's not how our Constitution works.

As a taxpayer and lover of history, I didn't want to see my dollars go to a self-aggrandizing "dictator chic" project. While I fully understand the need for a functional space that meets modern needs, proper consultation with experts in presidential history and historic preservation are a necessity prior to moving forward with any project in a building this significant, and I am deeply dismayed to see that precious bypassed.

As a person with any kind of aesthetic taste, I don't want The People's House looking like one of Trump's tacky casinos. This project should reflect the tastes of the American people, designed through a competitive process and chosen by our elected representatives, not the whims of a single man.

The President's impulsivity has done enough damage. It is time to pause the project until a thorough congressional review can be undertaken and a suitable design can be drawn up. This process should be paused until a budget and design can be approved by Congress.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Vollmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former state. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Joan Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any more work being done on this project. It was initiated without any oversight or permission. This building is only the temporary resident of the president, and he should not have the right to destroy a national landmark to assuage his preferences.
I believe that no more work or destruction be done on the East Wing until a full architectural review can be made and until proper permits are pulled. My preference is that the East Wing be restored to its previous structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Daly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Schlosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The very fact that he simply demolished the entire wing before any plan had been submitted for changes should disqualify any plans he may have for rebuilding. He clearly wanted a fait accompli to be able to say "well, what I want to do is better than leaving it as a heap of rubbish". His total disrespect for the established process for any renovations needs to be acknowledged and turned back. Part of that disrespect - to me - was in firing the old commission and installing a group that he feel will simply rubber-stamp what he wants. That means he was disrespecting all of you, Congress and the American people. That cannot be allowed to stand. And, to my mind, the most fitting "monument" to this president would be to leave the rubble of the East Wing as it is.
Don't rubber stamp is ego.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Baran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Knotts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. Mr. Trump has unilaterally decided to rip up portions of the White House (and now the Kennedy Center) that he doesn't like, without a care about what We The People

say. It's not right. Mr. Trump should be forced to pay to recreate the East Wing as it was. This is not his house, it's the people's house. He shouldn't be able to recreate our house without our approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:24:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mikki Deschaine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The unilateral destruction of any portion of the White House - “the People’s House” - is unconscionable and a repugnant misuse of taxpayer money. There is absolutely no reason to build this pompous monstrosity, which will be larger than the White House itself.

I implore the Commission to cancel this blatant self-enggrandizing vanity project, and demand that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump’s vanity project at the White House until the present administration is forced to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few instances of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be an example where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Melissa McDonald
Tax-paying citizen and voter in Evans, CO

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bailin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed.
This project began with the demolition of a 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from this Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing
congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolition has already occurred does not
excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that forces approval.

The funding mechanism raises serious concerns about
institutional independence and conflicts of interest.

I urge the the commission to act sooner than later to reject the plan.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Shatto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly protest the spending of $300 million on this so-called modernization project that was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete rewriting of American history.

As a taxpayer and citizen, I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House, as well as all other federal buildings, does not belong to whomever is currently president - these buildings belong to all of us.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Crain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In 2016, while Obama was still in office, I had the chance to visit the White House for a tour. Later after the election I joked to friends that it was a good thing I got to see it before Trump turned it into a casino. Jump cut to 10 years later and he actually is trying to turn it into a gaudy ballroom for hosting huge parties where people can tell him he's the best president ever. It is outrageous that he thinks he can unilaterally turn the

people's house, kept intentionally somewhat humble because presidents are not kings, into a palace dedicated to his own glorification. The East Wing was illegally demolished and must be rebuilt and restored to its previous condition - exactly as it was. If Mr. Trump wants to have a ball, he had better meet a compliant fairy with some mice and pumpkins, because the people did not hire him to do that.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Travis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Poor planning for a ballroom no one wants or needs does not constitute a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design.

Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by initiating it improperly would be to bow to a tyrant and set a dangerous precedent, in addition to being an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: diana schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and the additional structures added over time have become iconic to our history, our people, our symbolism of a nation for the people. Tours and some events have always been there to remind us of that place as welcoming not only of dignitaries but of school groups, families, statesmen and representatives of organizations from across the nation. Any monies spent on the East Wing Modernization Project should be just that to modernize the prior structure and rebuild it in the original image of the addition, not as a ballroom. The White House is not a resort or convention center, there are ballrooms that can provide the security necessary to accommodate statesmen and dignitaries from around the globe. The White House is a functioning part of history. Rebuild the East Wing as it looked and functioned before the demolition and maintain the character, size and function as before the demolition. The "modernization " should reflect updates to wiring, security, structural integrity and not create a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Ballantyne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The destruction of our National Historic site, and Presidential home must be stopped. Right now this president has unlawfully and illegally destroyed property he does not own. We, the people, own it. It must be restored and all other attempts halted. I would like the Rose Garden back as well.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without permission or proper permits. I want the original east wing restored and for Trump to be held responsible for destroying our house.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Canham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:23:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoEllen Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a U.S. citizen I request that the East Wing be rebuilt as it stood before. No one is above the law and it was a criminal act to destroy a piece of United States history. The taxpayers should not bear the cost of the reconstruction. The perpetrator who illegally destroyed the East Wing is responsible for the cost of reconstruction. ANY changes must go through the proper legal channels as required by law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Newbery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions on this project UNLESS it is to restore the East Wing to its former design and furnishings. The demolition and removal of the East Wing as commanded by the Trump administration was wrong and destroyed an historical building. They should be penalized to the greatest extent of the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I say cancel this vanity project!! Please restore the East Wing of the White House! Remember, this is the people's house, not a temporary visitor[s house. You should never allowed the East Wing to be demolished without any oversight or any approval of what is too be built on the same site. The ballroom appears to be ridiculously and unnecessarily large!. Having rich friends of the current President is unseemly. Do they own part of it? What do they get in return? Since we haven't needed this massive addition in 234 years, I don't think we need it now!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Shepard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We must preserve the White House. Modernization is adding a microwave or upgrading electrical outlets, not erecting a ballroom that will dwarf the main structure. America doesn't need a government throwing balls, we need a government sitting at their desks and working for the American people. This does nothing to improve the lives of working Americans or enhance one of the United States most recognizable histoic landmarks.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Freehauf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Crockett-Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Would prefer some attention to following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Shoffner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project as it was improperly started without proper authorization or design review.

The destruction of the East Wing was a disgrace to the American people and its heritage and should be restored at the expense by those who initiated it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi LaHaye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt by the man responsible for the tear down and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Sommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom project which moved forward without input or design approval. The demolition of the East Wing was shameful. A corruption investigation should be initiated.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise McCann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed modernization of the White House East Wing. While necessary maintenance and accessibility improvements should always be addressed, a large-scale modernization effort raises serious concerns—not only about preserving historical integrity, but also about fiscal responsibility. Significant renovations of this scale would likely require substantial taxpayer funding, diverting resources from more pressing national priorities.

Given that the White House East Wing has already been demolished, whatever replaces it must reflect the architectural character and dignity of the White House and align harmoniously with the Executive Residence. The new structure should honor the established design language and historic proportions of the existing complex rather than serve as an extravagant or self-aggrandizing statement. This is a national symbol that belongs to the American people, not to any single administration, and its reconstruction should embody restraint, continuity, and respect for tradition rather than excess.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:18 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Eliot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Disgustting. At least Trump is consistent.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:22:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heriberto (Greg) Vargas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to formally express my concerns about the East Wing Modernization Project and the proposed ballroom addition to the White House.

My objection is not to the idea of expanding the White House's entertaining capacity. I recognize that first families and social secretaries across administrations have identified a genuine need for a larger, permanent event space. A well-conceived addition, thoughtfully designed, could be a worthy addition to America's most symbolic residence.

My concern is with the sequence and the scale.

The entire East Wing was demolished before any completed, approved plans were submitted to this Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts — before any public comment period had opened, before any formal review had taken place. That inversion of the established review process is, in my view, beyond the pale. The purpose of the NCPC process is precisely to allow experts, the public, and oversight bodies to shape decisions before they become irreversible. Demolition is an irreversible act. The public's opportunity to weigh in on whether demolition was even necessary — whether alternatives that preserved the East Wing while adding new space could have accomplished the same goal — was foreclosed without our knowledge or consent.

Now, regarding what is proposed to replace it: a 90,000-square-foot structure that would significantly exceed the size of the White House Executive Mansion itself at 55,000 square feet. The White House has always derived its authority from a certain quiet grandeur — its scale is deliberately human, its proportions deliberate. An addition that overwhelms the Executive Residence in mass, height, and footprint does not honor the building it adjoins; it subordinates it. Instead of modernization, it would be a fundamental transformation of one of the world's most recognized and historically significant architectural compositions.

I urge the Commission to use this review to insist on a design that is genuinely compatible with the existing massing, scale, and character of the White House — one that serves the legitimate functional need for a larger event space without dwarfing the building it was meant to complement. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation provide clear guidance here, and while the White House may be exempt from certain binding provisions, those standards reflect the accumulated wisdom of generations of preservation practice and should carry great weight in the Commission's deliberations.

The American people own this building. They deserve a process — and an outcome — worthy of that stewardship.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:21:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C. Corsatea Jr.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ERICKA Engle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:21:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D Dilts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. It was initiated without due process. It is not a modernization project but an erasure of historic property. Any changes to the white house building should be done with a full and

transparent process in FULL compliance with established laws and directives.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Searcy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Scott Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the people's house was done with the intention to create a ballroom, of all things, to venerate one person and one person only. A facilty that we, the people, would not be allowed to use. The plan is to create a monstrosity for the wealthy who pay handsomely to curry favor with someone who would rather be a dictator than an actual leader. The normal and expected channels were not consulted or honored. It was simply demolished, and that is that. We had no say, but we do have a say in what happens next. Make this an opportunity to rebuild this part of our beloved White House with modern technology but please rebuild it with a familiar exterior and restore by love of country what was destroyed by love of self.

Jodi Gonzalez
Texas

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stacy LaFleche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:21:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Gutshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. I am concerned that the proposed ballroom addition to the White House is not compatible with its historic character and would irreversibly alter it. The White House is a nationally significant landmark whose scale, proportions, and design reflect over two centuries of history. A large new addition risks overwhelming the original structure, disrupting its carefully balanced symmetry, and diminishing the visual and symbolic qualities that make it one of the most architecturally and culturally significant historic resources in our nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:21:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Runne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The day the East Wing was destroyed was so disturbing to me. Today it upsets me. We need to face facts. A criminal is sitting in the Oval destroying our government and some of our physical monuments, buildings out of spite and narcissism.
These monuments, buildings are of the people not a disturbing man on a spree to create things in his own image which is abhorrent.
No ballroom. No arch. It must stop.
Thank you.,

Date: 2/17/2026 10:21:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Ruddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: marcie lowrance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Loeb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the East Wing has been illegally destroyed the administration should not be allowed to further

desecrate the White House by construction a monstrous ballroom.
I would hope whatever is done is considered from a historical perspective. Perhaps the monies should be spent developing a modern replica of what was there.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janis D Meade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It is a vanity project and has proceeded without proper authorization. It must be stopped immediately and the East Wing must be restored exactly as it was in the People's House.

This rampant destruction of our country's most treasured landmarks must not continue. To be great is to be recognized by others, not one's self. The unlikely chance of that happening is not reason for obsessive self-glorification.

Please protect us and our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should never have been torn down without permission. It should be replaced with a project as close to the previous structure as possible.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Hollar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Thank you,

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to a ballroom in place of the desecrated East Wing of the White House! The destruction was done without authorization and is an affront to the citizens of the United States. The new construction should be a replica of the original East Wing with updates.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Manya Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rr: the East Wing of the White House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Manya Perkins

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Name: Denise Simard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history!

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please don't ignore this fact: the President has a long history of simply doing what he wants because by the time it's done people have lost the will to fight. This is worth the fight.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Merrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity. The East Wing was demolished with no input from "We, the people". It is a building that belongs to the people of the United States. In my opinion, this is one of many actions by the current administration to let "the people" of our country know that only one person and one belief system is in complete control of our democracy. It is a visual sign that the billionaire elite is now in control. Only the elite would be interested in a gilded ballroom and be able to attend events there. We are losing our history as it is being rewritten and historical buildings are being demolished to support their narrative. We learn from the good decisions and the bad decisions of our history. They do not need to be erased or rewritten. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its original historical beauty. I am not interested in any shrines to the ultrarich.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Kocsis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Wiener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or any design review. It is by no means a "modernization project. Rather, it completely razed an important symbol but of American history--at the cost of $300 million , I want this project canceled immediately, and want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the people's house, not a building to be shaped at the whim of its present occupier. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Saylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:20:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lovegrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the Executive branch didn't initiate this process Before bulldozing an American treasure and the people's property! While there may be a need for more event space (debatable) it should follow the legal and design processes as outlined. Shame on the president and his minions!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Joskow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:46 AM
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Name: Hill Heather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leif Holland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
The unpermitted and ghastly destruction of the historic East Wing has been painful to observe, and the plans for the equally ghastly ‘ballroom’ are enough to make anyone with even a shred of appreciation for it’s history cringe.
This project must be ceased immediately and put through a proper design review and ecological impact assessment.
Even to the untrained eye, it’s painfully obvious the ‘ballroom’ will not be in harmony with the original White House and its surroundings, and that’s just the footprint. I shudder to think of the interior design.
Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Frisella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Done without our permission. Important History demolished in favor of someone's ego. This in particular is an insult to the Peoples' House. Stop this debacle before he decides to raze the whole thing and build a golden tower with his name on it. Do your best to rebuild and restore what has been destroyed. The picture of the destruction still makes my heart heavy on behalf of those who worked in the East Wing and shaped our nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizzabeth Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I hope that the National Capitol Planning Commission is able to end this travesty.

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Name: Maryanne Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Kukowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:18 AM
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Name: Anne Rhoden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carolyn Waldeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be cancelled. It was not authorized and did not go thru the proper channels to be initiated or completed. As a tax paying citizen of the US, I demand the East wing needs to be properly restored to its former glory.

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Name: Mitos Andaya Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Lepore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of the ballroom should be stopped immediately! No one should be able to start such a project with authorization, not even a president. The project changes the White House to such a tremendous degree it a disgrace. The White House is not the president's private property to do with as he or she pleases, and it should not be treated as such. The project should be stopped now and the money raised should be used to restore the building to its former design. Then very specific regulations should be put it place that make it crystal clear that nothing can be done without the permission of whoever is in charge of such projects.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elise Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the damage done to this public property, and do not want $300 million spent to "modernize" the East Wing. Our East Wing was destroyed without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I do not want the history of my country effaced this way. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. In addition I want the contents of the original East Wing accounted for, and where they cannot be recovered, paid for by the individuals who benefited from their theft. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:19:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Musgrave
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a very concerned citizen that has watched this corrupt administration destroy everything they touch. I am vehemently opposed to the continued the destruction of the East Wing and the gardens. This administration has not only destroyed OUR country's structures but continues to try and erase our history!! You have the ability to stop them and make them restore it to what it was. We need to stop the Trump administration and outside money from taking control of our Constitution and our country. PLEASE put an end to all this madness.

Thank you for your time,
B. Musgrave

Date: 2/17/2026 10:18:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Opatow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like millions of Americans, I oppose this assault on American history, heritage and values that is masquerading as "Modernization". I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I repeat, no one is above the law, even—and especially—the President.

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Name: Jean Eichstedt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" has not followed laws, procedures or anything else that is proper. It has destroyed history. To add injury to insult, the money donated to build the so-called ballroom has been stolen by Donald Trump and has not been applied to any improvement. The East Wing has been destroyed and nothing else has been done. Please restore the East Wing to the former design and make sure the Trump administration pays for it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Haverkamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please note: as a US Citizen and taxpayer, I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a razing of American history and women's history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Please build the ballroom somewhere else.

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Name: Mark Levin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Br Christian Matson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Robert Bufford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this egocentric project and am appalled that a President would take the unprecedented step of destroying historic property without authorization from our elected representatives in Congress. The historic East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous form and the cost borne by the man responsible for its destruction. I'm sure his family acquisition of over $4billion in ill gotten wealth since his reelection will be sufficient to cover all costs associated with the restoration. If any other person in these United States would have done what this President did to public property, they would be incarcerated and facing serious consequences. It's time for us to have justice for all like it says in our pledge to this nation.

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Name: Susan Lynn Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:18:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to

reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:18:35 AM
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Name: Michael Buckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to reject the project that is defacing the White House. It should be restored to its previous state.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:18:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Bailin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:18:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

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Name: Laila Ayyoub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Rebar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is no modification -- it's an illegal travesty. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention. Theresa P Rebar

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Name: Glen Gurner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Constance Potts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda DeJonghe Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings to the Committee,

The proposed design to enlarge the East Wing of the White House is a thoughtless abomination. This project, which is designed to accommodate a gigantic ballroom, is completely out of scale with the historic White House. Its pompous presence will dwarf the historic beauty and proportions of the existing structure, and of the adjacent buildings and neighborhood.

The approval process has been hijacked by the refusal of the administration to follow sensible rules to safeguard our historic buildings. The hurried, sneaky demolition, disregard for public input, and presentation of an ostentatious design is all wrong.

Please do whatever you can to mitigate this disaster of a project.

Thank you for your consideration,
Allison Sanders
Wilton, CT

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Leedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required NCPC approval, without assessments mandated the the NEP Act, and without congressional approval required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400MM cost is funded by corporations holding billings in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This is a clear conflict of interest.
The white House is not owned by Donald Trump, and is not private property. WE THE PEOPLE own the White House. No sitting president should have the unilateral authority to demolish structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this project before more damage is done.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myra Amsden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: B W
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this so-called ‘modernization” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:17:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KAREN BILAS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing is an affront to the American people.

This "President" and his administration have made it their mission to destroy, erase and eliminate our history as a nation, all to puff up his own ego.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt back to what it was before this ego maniac decided, on his own, to make this his own personal interior design project.

This is the People's House, this is not owned by Trump.

The lack of respect that is constant day in and day out from this individual is beyond outrageous.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Redmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on building the massivr ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: R R
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The large amount of damage already done to this NHL is criminal. This structure is considered one of the most note worthy landmarks in our country. The council should consider not approving any modernization projects outside of the historic footprint that was removed. If there was a way to fine those involved with the demolition through The System Unit Resource Protection Act 54 USC 100721-100725 it should be done.

The council should recommend treatments that do not enlarge the ballroom to a size that physically demeans the rest of the building. The exterior facade should emulate what the building looked like prior. These suggestions are only if you have no control over what I have suggested above,

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Name: ANGIE FALCSIK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sadly, as much as I hope all of the comments and testimony will put a stop to the destruction of the East Wing and rebuild it back to how it was, we sadly and embarrassingly, have a President who says whatever he wants, does whatever he wants, bullies whomever he wants, hurts whomever he wants, all without any regard to the fallout or repercussions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Timmel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I write to express my profound concern and firm opposition regarding reports of the demolition of the East Wing of the White House without clear adherence to required procedural approvals, as well as the proposed design and construction of a new ballroom on the grounds.

The White House is not merely an executive residence. It is a living symbol of American democracy, civic continuity, and constitutional order. Any structural alteration, especially the demolition of a historic wing, requires strict compliance with established review processes, including transparency, interagency coordination, preservation analysis, and meaningful public engagement. When these safeguards are bypassed or appear to be bypassed, public trust is weakened and the rule of law that the building represents is diminished.

The East Wing, although modified over time, forms part of the architectural and historical narrative of the White House complex. It contributes to the integrity of the site as a designated historic resource and as a central feature of the monumental core of Washington, District of Columbia. Decisions affecting such a structure must be subject to rigorous review under the National Historic Preservation Act and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act where applicable, along with full Commission oversight.

I am equally concerned by the proposal to construct a new ballroom. Additions to the White House grounds must be evaluated not only for functionality but also for scale, architectural harmony, security implications, and long term impact on the historic landscape. The White House is not a private estate. It is a national landmark whose stewardship transcends any one administration.

The National Capital Planning Commission exists to safeguard the long term planning and symbolic integrity of the nation's capital. I urge the Commission to clarify whether all required approvals and preservation reviews were properly obtained prior to any demolition, to ensure that no further construction proceeds without full public documentation and compliance review, and to insist upon transparency and accountability that are commensurate with the historic and civic importance of this site.

The American people deserve assurance that changes to their most iconic public building are undertaken lawfully, thoughtfully, and with respect for history.

I respectfully request that this comment be entered into the public record for the March Commission meeting.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: linda tobin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Appalled by Trump distruction of national heritage to replace important historical structures with tasteless guilded monuments to himself.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Wong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop destruction of East Wing immediately. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Schraf-Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the illegal construction project. This action taken by Trump is an abomination. This is a despicable attempt to erase our shared American history and, instead, build a monstrosity representing the depravity of the felon Trump emblazoned with garish, idolatrous, meaningless trinkets.
Protest our heritage. Rebuild the East Wing in it's original form.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SYLVIA GILBERTSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If any property that was inside the East Wing has been removed and relocated, I want it to be returned to its former location in the East Wing. It belongs to the American people, not looters.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stephanie Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen McClure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing of the White House. I am appalled at the destruction of the Trump Administration of this important building. Their lawlessness is costing the country so much money and honor. See the whole in the White House was a punch in the gut. Please do not let them get away with this - hideous.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie OHara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC representatives:

It is heartbreaking that the East Wing of the White House, the "People's House" has been destroyed by the current administration, and Trump in particular. No other president would have taken such action, in that they understand that this is not their property...that they are merely an occupant for their term, and they understand how important it is to preserve such an historical landmark. How in the world he was allowed to undertake the absolute destruction of the East Wing is mind-boggling. At this point, all activity should be stopped, and experts brought in to create plans to rebuild in a manner so as to restore the White House to something as close as possible to what it was before.

IN NO WAY SHOULD THIS COMMISSION APPROVE THE CURRENT PLANS FOR A BALLROOM.

Thank you,
Julie

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Abernathy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No should be above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without consequences for those who literally bulldozed ahead without permits, consent, or approval of any kind would be anathema to everything that the White House is supposed to stand for. This is a blight on our history if allowed to go forward. Restoration to the former beauty and balance of the People's House is the only acceptable response.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paola Yanez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any funds on the East Wing Modernization Project in it's current proposal. This project was initiated without any proper approvals, design reviews, authorizations, or permits. This project is not a modernization project, but in fact the brain-child of an egotistical tyrant, who has erased history, and razed the East Wing of the American People's house without a care for anyone but himself, with the sole goal of enriching himself. This project in it's current form should be canceled in its entirety, and the East Wing footprint and volume should be restored with the input of the American public. No one is above the laws of this country, and those who decision it was to proceed without gaining the proper approvals should be prosecuted and penalized to the fullest extent of the law.

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Name: John Jansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Shuman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:16:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Stack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I highly recommend you restore the East wing as closely as possible to its original design and charge Donald Trump for the cost of rebuilding the structure as it was his illegal action that resulted in its demolition.

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Name: Colombe Loef
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amy Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Forde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am saddened and very disappointed how this project has come about… because of the greed and whim of this President, ignoring history and respect for what was and what is!
Please find a way to completely stop this and rebuild the Whitehouse to its original glory!!
Thank you for your time .:)!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:15:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Frye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Fell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this unauthorized obliteration of American history. Cancel this project. Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. Penalize those who broke the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:15:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adelaide Flanagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Susan Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the current East Wing Mondernization Project as it was undertaken without proper review, permits nor authorization. Historical integrity, thoughtful design and focus on the best use of the people's house should be under consideration and I place that trust in the appropriate authorities of our nation's architecture. In the absence of restoration of what was (which would be first choice), I stand in favor of a balanced visual aspect of the property with the use of the space returned to previous and current functional needs and not used as an additional way for the elite to throw money to the president for the favor of attending events in an unneccesary ballroom.

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Name: Seth Ruef
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. The destruction of the east wing of the White House without proper planning, oversight and inclusion of all citizens in the discussion is inappropriate. This project should not go forward. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Rebecca Wallace Aktas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its pre-2025, original architectural plan and scale. Great care should be taken to insure the original structure is rebuilt as it was prior to its demolition, which

was a daring act of disrespect for American History, laws and protocol. I am a proud descendent of multiple Revolutionary War soldiers; they fought for a government for the people by the people. The “ballroom” does not represent these values.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:15:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherita Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This entire operation is the kind of reckless, back\u8209 -door maneuvering that happens when people think the public is too distracted, too tired, or too uninformed to notice. Wrong!

This project didn’t just break protocol, it evaporated it. No National Capital Planning Commission approval. No environmental assessments required under the National Environmental Policy Act. No congressional authorization for construction on federal parkland. They didn’t skip steps; they skipped the entire process and hoped nobody would have the audacity to call it out.

And then there’s the $400 million price tag funded by corporations sitting on billions in federal contracts approved by the same administration pushing this project. That’s not a coincidence. That’s not an oversight. That’s a pipeline of favors so blatant it might as well have a neon sign on it.

This isn’t modernization. It’s a power play. It’s a sweetheart deal. It’s a “we thought you wouldn’t read the fine print” special.

This project violates public trust, and violates every safeguard meant to keep government honest. And to let anyone rebrand this as anything other than what it is: a high\u8209 -dollar, low\u8209 -integrity stunt that collapses under the weight of its own contradictions.

If accountability makes people uncomfortable, good. Discomfort is what happens when the truth finally hits the room.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Mosgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose how the "modernization" of the White House East Wing has unfolded and strongly support a review of what has been done and what is being planned and why. The White House is "THE PEOPLES HOUSE" and tearing down a significant portion of the building without any formal review or having a public comments discussion before the demolition was a terrible path to take.

ANY planned significant change to the White House or other public buildings should be made public and we the people should have time to review on such changes (much like this forum) but BEFORE the destruction begins.

The suggested "Ballroom" plan, to me, is not in keeping with the look and feel of the historic White House. Anything that is approved for the White House grounds should be made with a long term look at the need for taking away historic buildings and how any APPROVED plans fit the long-term visual cohesion of the property.

Sincerely,

Wm Mosgrove
Mokelumne Hill, California

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ekaterini Kottaras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president is not the owner of this property or its structures—the president is a temporary tenant whose actions are limited by law and by a fundamental respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is a clear violation of the law. It is also a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal—not carried out as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and scale. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Wieser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Project that was never correctly approved.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tawnya Pell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Terrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You Have Until March 4th to Comment on Trump's White House Ballroom

The National Capital Planning Commission opened public comment on the East Wing Modernization Project (Trump's $400M ballroom funded by Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Lockheed Martin, and other companies with billions in federal contracts).

This is your only formal opportunity to weigh in.

Deadline: March 4, 2026 at Noon ET

How to Submit:

1. Go to https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

2. Click “Submit Written Comments”

3. Select “East Wing Modernization” from dropdown

4. Submit your comment

Template letter you can use:

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Bruno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this construction of a ball room on the White House. The proportions are immensely out of scale relative to the remains of the current building.

The renders have an awful design language that does not adhere to the values of the country.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grant Boettcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Micayla Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This is a major conflict of interest and we cannot continue to encourage corrupt behavior from this administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonny Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the destruction of the East Wing was wrong and the president did not have the authority to destroy it. He has exceeded his authority .

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Barber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have begun in the first place. First, no permits, no discussion with proper authorities. If this were every day America, work would have been stopped immediately. Secondly, the White House is OUR house. Again, no discussion, no permission. These actions are shameful.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicholas Kyrus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architectural purist, I think it's bad enough that the Supreme Court could not be built where originally planned at the site of the present Jefferson Memorial. At the time, the land was not buildable and the court settled into a barn behind the Capitol until the present building came to be. The balance of power would have been visually demonstrated as well as symbolically.
The people's house should not be daunted by an ostentatious construction. The WH was never meant to be an imposing building but rather a place where a single person entrusted by the people could work, host and live. The more intimate gatherings of 200 in the East Room are personal and memorable whereas there's no chance that the president would ever be able to greet each of her 1000 guests personally.
Restore the east wing to be practical and visually balanced.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:14:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.
The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Culhane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 10:13:37 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Glauser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely and utterly oppose this ‘modernization’ project and am appalled that the East Wing was demolished. The lack of any preparation or respect for history is totally unacceptable.

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Name: Shamariah Pratt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:13:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregg Labriola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Strongly disagree!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:13:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara DeBoer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Barbara Patton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:42 AM
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Name: Margarete Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opose to this costly project started without consulting the proper channels to address the destruction of an important piece of American History to suit a personal whim.
May the project of "renovation" be halted and whatever monys given set apart to reconstruct the East Wing as it was.
May steps be set so no one in the future can get away without a heavy fine treating American History treasures as personal property.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be stopped dead in its tracks and the East Wing rebuilt as it was originally designed. This project was started without due diligence, authorization, review and permits. In short it is against the law and is destroying the Peoples House and history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Nobody is above the law, not even the President.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Pedelini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which also gives you a chance to incorporate safety, security and environmental improvements . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. There needs to be complete transparency about what is going on.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unnecessary and ill-planned and has proceeded without the required review process. Stop this project and restore the Peoples House to its historical condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Marten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it concerns,
I would like to add my name to the opposition of the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this unauthorized project, and would like to see the East Wing restored to its former glory. This is another of President Trump's vanity projects and he has not gone about this legally. Please do not let this go ahead, it is an affront to the American people. This is our house and nobody can tear down history for an unwanted ballroom.
Thank You,
Laura Marten

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:10 AM
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Name: JEFFREY NELSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing of the White House restored as it was with proper updates. I believe it was destroyed unlawfully without proper permits, permissions, and reviews. I further believe the proposed ballroom has not been properly vetted and I oppose any use of tax payer money on this project. Finally, I believe as punishment for his flagrant abuse of power in this matter, Donald J. Trump should be held liable and made to fund the restoration of the East Wing with his own money. If not that then certainly some kind of accountability must be paid to the American people by those who perpetrated this crime.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:10 AM
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Name: Elizabeth Denis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately although it is too late to totally reverse, I ADAMANTLY OPPOSE this this project! It is nearly beyond belief that something to this extent happened without proper authorization, permits, or design review. A sad symbol of what is happening to our country at large. The loss of history in the literal physical struture as well as figuratively, is yet another example of this administration's xenophobic white washing of our country's diverse story. That this project should be canceled is without question. The East Wing should rebuilt and restored to its former design as part of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, not the vanity project of this autocratic administration. Despite repeated examples to the contrary, NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Chambers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose the destruction of public property for private vanity. The fact that no permit was requested speaks for itself — and should stop the construction immediately.

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Name: Grace Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sara Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disgusted and outraged by the reckless and disrespectful changes pushed by Donald Trump to the White House. These decisions undermine the dignity, history, and symbolic integrity of an institution that represents the nation as a whole—not one person's ego or taste. What should be preserved as a unifying national landmark is instead being treated carelessly. His lack of respect for the White House is disturbing and unacceptable. He should be removed from office and the White House should be brought back to the national landmark it was before he took office.

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Name: Nat Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thw White House is one of the central architectural symbols of our balanced constitutional system in Washington, alongside the Supreme Court and the Capitol. Obviously it needs to function well, as it is the centerpoint of the Executive Branch. What that means should be part of a considered plan, one that takes the future needs of the executive and the nation into account. The abrupt, unilateral, poorly planned demolition of the East Wing was a really bad precedent. The plans to replace that over-a-century-old collection of public spaces with a single large ballroom seems precipitous. The current administration seems bent on unilateral, unvetted actions like this, and this is out of keeping with what are now long-standing traditions of carefully-considered planning for facilities that will serve not just this president but future administrations. Stop. The ill-considered demolition of the old East Wing opens up an unfortunate opportunity, and simply taking it on faith that the current president's whim must be set in concrete is not how we should do things. The White House is called the People's House because the executive is the servant of the people, not an arbitrary all-powerful tyrant. We want process, we want consideration, and we want you to slow your roll. Do not approve this construction as currently proposed.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:12:05 AM
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Name: Lori Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Dahline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please replace the original East Wing, as originally designed, but as the project title implies, with modernized capabilities.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Faith Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm mortified at the way this "ballroom" project" iniated by President Trump. The White House may need a special room for entertaining because the White House is not large and entertaining in tents can be difficult especially in inclement weather. Trump took it upon himself to do this project without input from Congress or asking the people of the United States what they thought. No input from anybody. He said he wasn't going to tear the East Wing of the White House, but he did in the middle of the night, when no one was around. No permits, no nothing, No one has said anything to try to stop this except this Preservation Group. Trump has used two different archtects, neither one has been approved by anybody but the President. The first drawing looked bigger in scale than the White House, The second looks somewhat better, matching the front of the White House, it might not match in scale. They building a new "safe room" underneath this ballroom. To keep the President safe in times of trouble. We have no idea what this will look like to improve the old existing one.
I abhorr thev way this project was done without a second thought about preserving our Nation's WHite House. We have to take care to preserve the building. The current White House was started in 1792 and completed in 1800. John Adams was the first person to live there. Rebuilt after a fire by the British in 1812. We can't forget this history, building something with no paremeters or input from anybody except President Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Connolly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Project should be rebuilt as it originally was. The destruction of it was not approved by Congress or the Historical Buildings Committee.
The East Wing was part of the White House history and was beautiful. Th White House was balanced in appearance by having both the West wing and the East Wing. It was a beautiful building. The addition of a ballroom is not needed at the White House. There are plenty of buildings inv Washington that can house the amount of people trump wanted to have in one space without ruining the People’s House.
I pray that they refuse Commission will do the right thing and restore the beauty of the White House by rebuilding the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Speidel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxanne Zastrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Krissy Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project and everyone of you should also. Billionaires should not be funding OUR capital building for fringe benefits. This is an abomination to everything our capital represents. Do not allow Trump to use our infrastructure to further his grift on our property.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Duke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

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Plus the proposed structure is UGLY.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These are the words of a fellow commentator who gave permission for her words to be used by others. I feel like they so perfectly express how I feel, that I don't think I can improve on them, so here they are:

" oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I agree with these sentiments wholeheartedly and want this project stopped!
Thank you for conducting this review,
Christine

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Stallings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should go through the permitting and planning processes required by law. Cavalier vanity projects are for petty autocracies, not our Republic.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Shenk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is part of the People's House. Its destruction was illegal, and it is imperative that any new construction, including design and financing, be a fully bipartisan effort. Thank you for your attention to this matter! Deborah Shenk, citizen of the United States of America

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phill Hurley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump's vanity project at the White House until the present administration agrees to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few instances of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be an example where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Phill Hurley
Tax-paying citizen and independent voter in Portland, OR

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Bianco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to any proposal that would demolish or substantially alter the East Wing of the White House for the purpose of constructing a new ballroom.

The White House is not a private estate. It is not a resort property. It is the People's House.

Every brick, corridor, and garden reflects the shared history of the American people. The East Wing is part of that historic composition and should be treated as such. To remove or significantly alter it in order to build a ballroom is not preservation—it is indulgence.

A ballroom is, by definition, a space for large-scale formal entertaining. Who benefits from such a space? Political elites? Wealthy donors? Foreign dignitaries? That is not the daily life of the American public. That is

not a "people's room." The American people are not asking for a gilded event venue at their national residence.

At a time when Americans face economic strain, infrastructure needs, veteran care obligations, disaster recovery costs, and national security challenges, diverting time, planning resources, security restructuring, and taxpayer funds toward building a ballroom sends the wrong message. It suggests spectacle over stewardship.

There is also the matter of precedent. If we begin reshaping the White House complex to suit modern tastes or ceremonial preferences, where does it stop? The integrity of historic structures depends on restraint. Once historic fabric is removed, it cannot be authentically restored.

If there is energy and funding available for improvements, it should be directed toward true restoration and preservation—not expansion. For example, the historic White House Rose Garden—shaped during the Kennedy administration and closely associated with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—deserves careful preservation consistent with its historic design intent. Restoration of significant landscapes honors history. Construction of a ballroom overwrites it.

The White House should reflect democratic values: humility, continuity, and respect for history. A ballroom reflects exclusivity and display.

I urge the Commission to reject any proposal that would result in the destruction or inappropriate alteration of the East Wing. Protect the historic integrity of the White House. Preserve it as the People's House—not as a venue for pageantry.

Respectfully,

Kris Bianco

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorie Curtiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

I approve this message.
Lorie Curtiss

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:21 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emilie Hannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it's former design. The destruction of our national heritage, without review or permits, is an outrage. To permit the current, self aggrandizing design, and allow the project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an insult to our nation and our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not consent to the erection of an outsize and vulgar ballroom such as has been proposed by Mr. Trump. I did not agree to the destruction of the East Wing in the first place and I cannot believe that a bulldozer was allowed on the People's House without the prior permission of the National Planning Commission or advice from the Commission of Fine Arts. Our historic buildings and memorials should not be subject to Mr. Trump's self-aggrandizement and I do not wish for his name to be on any federal buildings. I also want the Rose Garden returned to roses as soon as possible and the (again, vulgar) paving removed (not to mention the hideous gilding of the Oval Office). Someone with "hamburger" tastes should not have any jurisdiction over what is art in the nation's capital. It is true that things are not as important as peoples' lives, but the destruction of the White House is a giant metaphor for this entire presidency.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Florian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the east wing and the erasure of American history. A president should not be allowed and should have no authority to single-handedly demolish and destroy any federal building that displeases them. The permitting process was mocked and thwarted. The proper process should have been followed, and a public forum on these decisions should have been held. America cannot allow this selfish and irrational criminal behavior to set a precedent that allows future Presidents to do the same. I believe the east wing should be fully restored, and this administration and its party that enabled this affront to American history and decorum should face criminal and financial consequences for the desecration, as any private citizen would be rightfully arrested who caused such devastating, impulsive criminal vandalism to a federal building.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Matzke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million to build a ballroom where the East Wing stood. I request that the East Wing be restored to its original look. This structure was part of our national heritage and history. The destruction of the East Wing by the current administration was done without going through the proper channels of government approval and procedures to do so. Please restore the original East Wing building.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Bain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:11:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Buttling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Jeffrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to a design that does not approach in size the White House, that is historically appropriate looking and properly vetted. I want design, financing and construction transparency throughout the project.

The White House and adjacent construction belongs to the people of the United States. It should represent our country, and be built according to the laws of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Inga Haugen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Lahtinen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is ridiculous to have an addition that dwarfs the White House. It will look totally out of place and not keeping with the historic beauty of the original structure. Who needs a ballroom that big anyway.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Andersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Patzkowsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to speak out in regard the the Modernization of the East Wing and the building of the ballroom. It is inconceivable that the President of the United States would wantonly disregard the rules of historical buildings. He did not seek or want to give anyone the chance to reject his plans. He knew or his architect knew that they needed to get his approval for these plans before anything could begin to be demolished. All work must stop to gain those approvals. If. The project is not approved it should be made whole again - at not cost to the taxpayers. Approval should not be given simply because work has already started.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charley Riedel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not understand how this is a modernization project when actual history was destroyed without permission or warning. The East Wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt and restored. If a ballroom is to be built, it should go through proper channels and be located somewhere else on the campus without damage to existing structures. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Weseman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and strongly support the cancellation of this project. It erases an important part of American history. In adding, the project did not start with the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Siskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dina Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to let you know I oppose the $300 million ballroom project that is currently planned to replace the East Wing of the White House.
First, I object on a legal basis. No legal permits, authorization, or approvals have been granted for construction on this public land. No permission or authorization was given for the destruction of the East Wing. The White House does not belong to the president. It is temporary housing. The American people, by virtue of tax dollars if nothing else, own the White House. I am a taxpaying US citizen and as such I am a part owner. I did not give permission to anyone to destroy my property.
Further, no one is above the law; not the president or anyone who works for him. If the ballroom

construction is not stopped now it is as if tacit permission is given to continue.
As a side note: how many US veterans could be housed in a structure that costs $300 million? As the military leader of our country Trump should be held responsible for the thousands of veterans who are currently homeless. Living space for them should be prioritized over a frivolous ball room.
The proposed ballroom project is wrong on a legal and humanitarian basis. Stop the construction now and hold the president accountable for the destruction of public property and misuse of funding.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anya Toomre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also want the rebuilding of the East Wing to come directly from Donald Trump’s pocket since he decided to destroy the building without approval or permits.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Blum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the $300 million dollar ballroom. The administration demolished the East Wing without proper permits, public comments and without authorization. The Whitehouse is the People's house. They erased history. The East Wing must be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liad Pernock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:10:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caitlin Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a despicable display of megalomaniacal corruption, eradicating our - the people and the country's - history.

The White House belongs to the people, not one man. It is the *people's* house, not a vainglorious statement piece - it is horrifying to even think about what history is already lost, due to this illegal desecration.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, the reconstruction of the East Wing should not, in any capacity, become the people's burden to bear. The ones responsible for this travesty will be the ones to personally pay for the wreckage they caused.

Allowing this project to continue is a slap in the face to all US citizens and people: past, present, and future.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Gillam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Matt Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Concerned US Citizen

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Gold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have Trump rebuild the East Wing with all of the rare woods and history intact. Put it back the way it was with no gaudy gold trim. Pay for it with the money he has raked in as president. He needs to pay for his trespass.

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Name: Kristin Godfrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Mayhew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandra Saathoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Sebor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on Trump’s ridiculous vanity ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Robin Barnard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Macdonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "ballroom" is neither required nor desired. We need to restore the East Wing to its former configuration.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paige Seaborg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very sad to see progression of demolition without developed processes being followed to review and propose change with input of historians and guardians of our public properties. I hope to see restoration of the historic now demolished East Wing building in scale with existing surrounding buildings and esthetic values representative of our nations history.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom this may concern
I am very concerned about the east wing of the White House. Permission was not granted for any of these renovations. I feel like a committee should be in place to review any further construction.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryanne Malecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Messier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it's original design . There was no Vote on this project. The country does not need a ballroom . It needs affordable healthcare, housing and groceries.

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Name: Jean Messier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Frank Dowd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The original East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. I object to taxpayer money being spent on a huge ugly new ballroom, which has not been permitted and will be an eyesore. Stop this foolishness.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Riley Orsino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which has not been properly authorized, permitted, or reviewed. It was done without any oversight on a whim and sole direction of the president with complete disregard for the process, historical significance, and necessity. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this project to go ahead without imposing any consequences for those involved who broke the law and razed this building, would be an insult to all the people in this country who are law-abiding.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:09:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Baldwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal destruction of the East Wing must be addressed ….. I and everyone I speak to are appalled and wish to see a rebuild of the historical wing , not a gaudy golden disgrace of a ball room built by billionaires. Please

Date: 2/17/2026 10:08:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Claassen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Karpoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:08:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Cassidy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Chris Derose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Catherine Moceri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Gastil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized and unpermitted destruction of the East wing of the White House is symbolic of a slide away from our nation's 's traditions. We have commissions and committees and bodies of all sort so that we, the people can together decide what to preserve for historic reasons, what to develop, and so on. Not have the unilateral authority to simply destroy part of the White House and take money from private donors to build their vision of our future. The East Wing should be restored, and our government should be refunded for the expense and inconvenience it has already caused.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Driver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. I want this project cancelled and the initiator of the demolition of the East Wing to provide restitution to the American people for the destruction. I would like to see the East Wing restored to how it looked prior to demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,
Angela L. Robinson

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:41 AM
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Name: Sara Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disgusted and outraged by the reckless and disrespectful changes pushed by Donald Trump to the White House. These decisions undermine the dignity, history, and symbolic integrity of an institution that represents the nation as a whole—not one person's ego or taste. What should be preserved as a unifying national landmark is instead being treated carelessly, and that is profoundly sad and disappointing. His lack of respect for the White House is disturbing and unacceptable.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Dinero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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East Wing was destroyed without authorization! Now a ballroom is in the planning stages, never approved! I do not support any attempts to build a Ballroom at the White House and demand the East Wing be restored to original form.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Nocchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's my understanding that the White House remains the house of the people, not an individual.

Even considering moving inauguration there is a sign it's not for the greater good of the people because I'd never be able to attend another like in the past.

It's time to give the people their house back and stop senseless projects of money that can go to support the people of this country.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:07:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Eblen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Mondernization Project. The destruction of the historical East Wing was was an unlawful affront to the American people in order to stroke one man's maniacal ego and must be restored to it's original design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Chamberlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Terry Tirado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs: I am not sure that I picked the right topic. I am writing with regards to the extension of the ballroom. I think this is ludicrous. We have Americans who are homeless, cold, in shelters and in need of food. I truly believe that our tax dollars are better spent on helping Americans than using it to add space to the ballroom in the White House. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wes Fritschle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The continued execution of this $300 million project constitutes a felonious misappropriation of funds and a wholesale bypass of federal and local statutes. By proceeding without mandatory legal authorizations, requisite permits, or judicial design reviews, the parties involved have engaged in the unlawful demolition of a protected historical asset. This is not a renovation; it is a criminal erasure of American heritage through a direct violation of historic preservation laws. To permit this illicit activity to continue without criminal prosecution and strict punitive measures would be a subversion of the rule of law. The project must be immediately enjoined, and those responsible for these fiduciary and regulatory breaches must be held legally liable to the fullest extent of the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariellen Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed of the East Wing demolition that Trump has begun. Altering this historic site requires transparency, public input, and strict adherence to preservation laws rather than unilateral, secretive changes. Trump has a complete disregard for national heritage, the lack of authorized oversight is highly problematic, and the prioritization of a private "vanity project" over the preservation of the People's House is unacceptable.
Work needs to halted indefinitely until a panel made up of neutral representatives can determine the best way to preserve our house. I am vehemently opposed to a ballroom.

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Name: Rose Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the construction of a ballroom where the east wing was torn down. This desecration of the people's house is a disgrace. Proper review of any construction or renovation is critical to preserve our national history and should not be a decision made by a single man.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cali Sweeting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million of *taxpayer dollars* on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It also is not a necessary project to maintain the structure or strengthen the functioning of the US government - it is a ballroom that will come nowhere near benefiting the American people. Iwant this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all laW-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Zukoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the project as proposed as a Ballroom go forward. I'm appalled the East Wing was demolished without prior review and approval. Even the President should be required to receive approval on new projects to the American people's buildings. Please decline the request and require the East Wing to be replaced as it was to preserve OUR country's historic heritage. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Missy McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a lifelong preservationist and scholar of American History, I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please listen, and cancel this project!

With thanks.
Missy McDonald

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ralph Shay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the destruction of the East Wing of the White House…no environmental studies…permits, or any other steps were followed before its destruction…
The project must be halted…and Congress must confiscate the funding held by Trump to reconstruct the East Wing…

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Mulqueeny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the current unapproved razing of the east wing of the White House. It should be rebuilt to reflect the same exterior and update the interior to current codes and accessibility standards. Any other changes must be reviewed and approved prior to any action being taken.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Katt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to me and every other citizen of the United States. The government has rules and procedures to protect our historic buildings. No one person can make these decisions on our behalf.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke

the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The people who authorized this project and demolished the East Wing need to be held accountable in whatever means allowed by law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Ely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Watching the demolition of the East Wing of the White House was a devastating moment in our history. And now an even more horrible future is unfolding with a tacky ballroom plan.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

One administration can make subtle changes, with thoughtful consideration. This wrecking ball of a presidency is sullying not only the People's House but our whole governmental process. Please stop them.

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Name: Emily Hirn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is an abomination. It’s a vanity project for the president which was not property permitted. No one wanted a ballroom except the president. The private companies paying for it are essentially influence bribes. No credible preservationists, designers or architects have reviewed or vetted this project. The east wing should be restored out of respect for our shared United States history.

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Name: Christopher Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudette Wieda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. It is not the Presidents house to destroy. Remodel yes but not tear down. They were ALLOWED to do this. They did not go through the proper channels to get authorization to do this. Please make them rebuild this building to its original dimension's. And they can pay for it. We the people refuse to foot the bill to rebuild to its original condition.

Thank You
Claudette Wieda

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Guzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This whole fiasco is a disgrace to our history and our nation.

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Name: Daniel Henkoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Madden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled this as not been done using the proper systems. The east wing is history now lost. It should be restored to its original beauty. This house is not the pesidents to change ange as he likes. It is our, the people's, house and should require their say to alter it

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:21 AM
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Name: Wendy Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project; it was initiated without proper oversight or planning and is part of what is/will be known as one of the most embarrassing/terrible moments in American government. I want it cancelled and the East Wing put as much back to rights as possible, that is rebuilt and restored to its former designs. To allow anymore destruction or changes is a travesty and further stains the systems of "checks and balances" that are supposed to be the root of our laws. Further, those that broke the law and chain of command in just destroying the existing East wing should be penalized for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:06:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Harrod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American I think it's absolutely disgraceful what President Trump has done to The People's House, without any of the appropriate approvals or permits and with no regard for the historical significance of the structure. His intentions for an unnecessary, gaudy ballroom are a slap
In the face to ordinary Americans who are struggling to put food on their tables and keep a roof over their heads. I implore you, to require the Trump Administration to restore the East Wing to its original design. Additionally, he should be taken to court to require him to pay for the restoration at his own expense. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Pailthorp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please rectify this egregious abuse of power and illegal project.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Turgeon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people don't need a guilded ball room. And certainly we don't need a structure of the size that Trump is proposing. Obviously something must be built to replace the destroyed structure. After Trump is gone , the Park Service should put out a challenge to all architects to design a suitable replacement. Let the public help decide the winner. Send Trump the bill.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Henning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:41 AM
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Name: Kathy Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This 300 million dollar vanity project should be stopped. The historic East Wing was destroyed without authorization or review by the NCPC.
We are a nation of laws, and even the president must obey the law.
Please do not allow him to continue this defiance.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn D Cravens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historian, I am appalled that one of the most historic buildings in the US, a building clearly covered by National Historic Preservation laws was demolished with no preplanning, no discussion, and no historic review. The physical destruction of national treasures is a crime. Those responsible should be tried and penalized. Restitution requires returning this national treasure to its former status.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Kathryn D. Cravens, patriot

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Name: Jonathan Seevers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think I understand, generally, where Trump is coming from in wanting to build a grand ballroom on the White House grounds. Lots of other countries have palaces with grand ballrooms, so why shouldn't we? But the fact that we don't have such a ballroom is actually linked directly to the core of who we are. We are a nation built for the people, by the people. We are a nation built on the radical idea that all are created equal. In theory, at least, there are no aristocrats in the U.S.A. There is no royalty. And therefore, there is no palace. Adding a ballroom to the White House flies in the face of the very principles upon which our nation was built because it is specifically designed to cater only to the pleasures of the upper echelon and has zero relevance to the livelihood and well-being of the citizens. Obviously, there's very little I can personally do to stop this project. But, at the very least, I will scream into this "written comments" void and hope somebody listens: STOP CONSTRUCTION OF THE BALLROOM AND RESTORE THE EAST WING TO ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberley Jace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing meticulously restored to its former, historic appearance with modernizations only to the interior, as required by current building codes. The White House is a national treasure that was brutally demolished by a president who had no right to do so, without any advance consent, so he could build a massive "ballroom" nobody else in America wants or needs. I realize the underground bunker might also require updating. Then restore the East Wing, please. Thank you.

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Name: Mike Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not have even started without numerous approvals, including the budget from Congress as well as approval from the historical society.

Destroying this landmark is an absolute disgrace

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which apparently was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I ask for this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Processes must be followed.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:05:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Sapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It troubles me greatly that a national treasure like the White House can be unilaterally modified in such a

visible and irreversible way merely at the whim of a president without any public input or oversight by the appropriate entities. Please at least register your displeasure at the process even if you deem it too late to reverse the destruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Minda Morton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president horrified myself and most of the rest of the country by tearing down the East Wing of the White House. This was an unapproved action, which I believe was illegal. He stole the East Wing from the people of this country, actual owners of The People's House, an action fueled by his vindictiveness and sick ego. To allow him to continue with the abomination of a "ballroom" would be to add insult to injury of the entire country. If he is not stopped here, who knows what other destruction he will do to our treasured historical buildings? Please stop the ballroom.

Minda Morton

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This president will someday be gone and it is not his right to unilaterally raze everything and rebuild it in his gaudy image. We are not a monarchy or dictatorship. The main building should continue to be the focus of The White House, not some tacky Mar-a-lago North! He’s already screwing up the Kennedy Center- not OUR White House too!

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Name: Timothy White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Nanney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be stopped. It is unauthorized and unapproved defacing of a property which belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edie Alvarez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose further funding & spending ($300 million to date) for the East Wing modernization project. This project was started as a retaliatory measure against the American people, without following proper channels. The White House administration took manipulative measures to have the destruction of the East Wing occur during a Federal Government shutdown, and never obtained proper authorization, permits, or design review. This was never a project to modernize a part of the White House, but instead a vanity project to eliminate parts of beloved American history and illegally bankroll a leader's pockets through donations from billionaires. This project needs to be cancelled. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design, as do the gardens, which were also destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Griest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was wrong in so many ways: from improper procedures for approval, demolition of the people's house to poor demolition techniques requiring ground repairs. Please stop this, clean it up and built a new East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Winter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,

I am writing to express my views on the East Wing of the White House, and the future of the building and surrounding environs.

Firstly, I am disappointed by the current administration's intentions for the White House, and their actions, to date. In particular the unilateral motion to demolish the East Wing, without following customary permitting procedures, nor obtaining approval from the committees and regulators charged with oversight.

Secondly, I am opposed to the construction of the proposed ballroom. I request that the project be stopped and permission for further progress be denied.

Thirdly, I would like to suggest and/or request that restoration of the East Wing's structure, or an approved version of the
East Wing is implemented and that the sitting President is prevented from any further vanity projects or destruction of Federal properties.

Lastly, in addition to the aforementioned points, I believe the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden ought to be restored.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Jeffrey Winter

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Marques
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the East Wing project. It is not needed and is too costly. Please return the East Wing to previous state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Clegg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A national monument, known around the world, has been destroyed by one man's selfish need for power and recognition. If any of us gets a contractor to renovate our home, permits are required and fines given or work stoppage ordered if not done. Our president defied any and all laws which applied before he took any action. The people deserve answers for this horrific act. Please hold anyone involved accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why are we spending $300 million on building a ballroom? This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Trump does not want to modernize, instead he wants a complete razing of American history. I ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. When are those in charge going to start doing their job? Why are you letting Trump destroy America and our democracy?

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celeste Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project and am truly upset that it was destroyed with no permission or input from proper channels. The White House does not belong to the current resident. It belongs to the people and

now a piece of history has been destroyed. That should be illegal.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:04:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Simmonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I oppose spending any taxpayer money on this project.
This was initiated WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC REVIEW OR INPUT. This was done without any permits (!) or thoughtful design review.
It was promised to be completed without any taxpayer money, and that we know is a lie.
Work was begun even before the U.S. people had a say in it -and this house is owned by the U S people. It is not a modernization project but a complete destruction of history. And it's being built for nefarious reasons without correct planning, restoration efforts, oversight. It is a total destruction of a beautiful piece of history without any regards for the historical importance of the building. Do not allow this to become a personal pet and vanity project.
I want this project canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
How did this even get allowed without permits?! Stop work order and fines should be implemented immediately.
NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. To allow this project to continue as a ballroom is a slap to that face of all US citizens. To allow this to continue without penalizing those who BROKE THE LAW would be an affront to all LAW-ABIDING citizens.

The plans for this project must be made sure that it's not a bunker for criminals.

Stop this waste. Make the law breakers pay for their misuse of funds.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:03:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Relin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The. destruction of the White House East Wing is a travesty. Please vote to bring the perpetrators of this deed, done without the permission of the American people to a place that represents us, to justice. Please restore the East Wing. Please vote to rebuild it on a strong foundation of history, including the story of it's current state.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:03:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Babcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millons of dollars to build a massive ballroom addition to the White House.President Trump went about the planning for this without regard to Historic Preservation,without permits or permission which is required for any project on the White House.He has destroyed this property,which belongs to the American people.I think he should be required to pay for restoration as it was previous to his taking office.

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Name: Jennifer Bowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Whitlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would hope the East Wing could be rebuilt. Since the structure has been demolished I assume a new and better one would be a definite decision. However it must be in accordance with the what the people think would be proper. I personally feel all the gold and glitz would cheapen it as it has the Oval and the rest of the People's House. Please take into consideration it's a historic building, not a palace to be cheapened. Thank you for your time . Jennifer Whitlock

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Name: Palma Chryst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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You can send this via the link below.

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Name: Laura Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sue Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Pat Gideon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer DeWitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am embarrassed and angry that the East Wing was bulldozed last year. The history of the space and what it meant to many Americans was disregarded so easily.

Please do not embarrass our wonderful country and our citizens by continuing to allow the destruction of the People's House. The President should not have unchecked authority to make changes to OUR house. The modernization foot print should not be larger than it was before and should be in line with the taste/decor of the rest of the White House.

Historians, architects, and interior designers should be consulted about the future of the space. Those who are not motivated politically and those who understand the importance of what the space means and portrays.

Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 10:03:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty of greed and narcissism. Do not let this project continue. Please charge our current President office holder and his appointees criminally for destruction of government property. Hold them personally accountable for the expenses and for paying any contractors to date.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Penning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Misty Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Good morning,

I believe this project is a waste of taxpayer funds, of time and of prioritization. We need to be focused on making healthcare affordable, inflation, the terrorization of communities from ICE and releasing the Epstein files in full, investigating and arresting those involved immediately. Vanity projects by this administration are a slap in the face to the public who will foot the bill. People are struggling to put food on the table, pay their rent and this administration is more focused on putting names on buildings and renovating spaces that are not in need.

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Name: Ellen Buehrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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While on a tour of the White House, I sat in the East Wing, awestruck by its beauty and the thought of all the statesmen and women who walked those halls. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you
Ellen Buehrer

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Name: Lauren Stringer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a tax payer and a citizen of the United States, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sally McGinty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Ginsburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, sourced privately and without review, on this project. The demolition of the existent structure was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Had this been a project for the benefit of the American public, it would have been so touted. Rather, it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not an elected politician whose job it is to represent the will of all the American people, nor a convicted felon who takes bribes to construct vanity projects. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and those who facilitated the initiation of this abomination would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop and reverse the unlawful destruction to our White House by the current (temporary) resident. What he is doing is an abomination to not only the building, but to our rule of law, our history, and our nation itself. This self-centered behavior is an embarrassment to the entire world as it puts forward a face of greed, excess, and disregard for the principals of our nation. I am horrified and disgusted. Stop him!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Weekes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project based on the fact that it was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. This is an assault on American history, not modernization. The proper course of action is to Icancel this project completely and require the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Anyone else that would have so much as altered an historic structure would be in jail.

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Name: Tanya Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the building of a ballroom addition to my White House. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly the way it was before Trump destroyed it. It is not his house, it belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Honeycutt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the creation of the ballroom. I also believe that someone should be charged with a crime for demolishing the East Wing with no approvals. The White House is an historical building and is owned by the people of this country. We should have some input as to its existence or demolition. I consider this unauthorized demolition a crime.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Shelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history for an unnecessary and ostentatious ballroom. The White House is supposed to be the house of the people, not a palace for the wealthy to party. I want this project canceled, and to have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Allowing this project to go forward without legal repercussions for those who broke the law would be an affront to our history, to the presidents who came before, to the dignity of the White House and to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Keating
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a foolish and expensive project that was neither presented to nor approved by Congress. Trump should be required to reassemble the original structure at his own cost.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Gerding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucas Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an affront to the citizens of the United States. It is wasteful spending, it has destroyed a historical building, and serves no point but to stroke the ego of a weak man.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:02:00 AM
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Name: Connie Odell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan M Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with this statement quoting Anara Guard:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Huffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am requesting that this project canceled. Full stop. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the systems we have put in place to ensure that decisions are not taken to serve one overinflated ego bent on revenge, retribution, and gilt framing.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Otis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It breaks my heart to see the loss of the East Wing and all the historical memories it held. I believe it was demolished unlawfully and should be rebuilt with original details preserved.

Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Zavadil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new east wing "ballroom" as currently proposed. While I recognize that government operations occasionally require more room, the suggested 90,000 square foot expansion does not suit the intended location. Any addition must not exceed the original east wing dimensions to maintain the original proportions of the "People's House".
If the government requires a larger event space and space does not yet exist in Washington, then build an appropriately sized space somewhere other than the White House area.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Dennis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose what has been done to the East Wing of the White House. It should be returned to its original size and beauty. Damages and rebuilding should be funded by President Trump and not from our tax dollars. There is no need for a ridiculous gigantic ballroom when there is still poverty and hunger in our country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ledgerwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Kliewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not even the president, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Dickinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this “modernization “ project. The removal of the original building was done illegally. The east wing should be rebuilt to the original plans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geoffrey Warmuth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Project

I am writing to express my opposition to the Ballroom Project proposed by the current administration. The White House is the People’s House, maintained as the residence for the president and his family, and the workplace of the president’s immediate staff. Any changes to the building must follow appropriate oversight and approvals by the city, the Planning Commission, and any utility and/or civil entity that may be impacted.

Please return the White House’s East Wing to its original design and function. If it is determined that a ballroom is needed for official White House functions a suitable nearby location should be identified, appropriated properly, and the design submitted for approval by the designated governmental agencies.

Thank you,
Geoffrey L. Warmuth
Fairfax Station, Virginia

Date: 2/17/2026 10:01:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: W Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Why was there no initial oversight on this project? Why was the wing torn down before notifying the proper organizations???
I thought the White House was the ‘people’s house?!?’

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Treat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Bastinck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Respectfully,
The Bastinck Family
Independence, NJ
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:52 AM
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Name: Ashley Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nili Tannenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because it destroys historical spaces and the ability to provide critical functions in favor of an unnecessary massive structure whose purpose is to be larger than others and to draw attention to one person rather than a necessary presidential function. Planning and execution thus far have been done without coherent plans or budget and this has resulted in complete destruction of historical spaces, White House functions, and historic value. This is the People's House, rather than property owned by a private owner, and before any demolition occurred, the process illegally did not go through required processes or planning. It is imperative that this destructive folly be halted immediately.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deloris Wilhelmsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project to be stopped. Demolishing federal property is a crime. Renovations of historic government buildings need to have broad public support and be approved by experts, with oversight by Congress. Total destruction is not renovation. Nothing in the Constitution gives the president the right to assault our history and destroy our monumental buildings in honor of himself. The rebuilding of the East Wing needs to be done with a consensus of public support from the full Congress, after a thorough evaluation of how to rebuild it in a manner that preserves its original design and intent.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Keohane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. I want the ballroom project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt properly with historical design review and possible updates as needed to make it ADA compliant and equal number of restroom facilities for both men and women.

Please penalize anyone that broke the law that permitted the destruction of the East Wing without proper permitting.

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Name: Jill Heaven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Douglas Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose using 300 million dollars in unauthorized funds to build a ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. The destruction of a Historical building was done without prior authorization, or permits, never mind public comment....it IS the People's House!
I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored. This is an insult to all hard working Americans who follow the rules and appreciate History. This project cannot go forward as a "would be" Dictator's folly!
Respectfully,
Susan E Lane

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Millraney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With regards to this so-called 'modernization': I oppose the spending of my tax dollars on this mess that was started with no authorization, permits, or design review in place. It isn't even a 'modernization project', it's a wrecking of a huge piece of our American history! As one of the people paying for it, I want this canceled immediately and the East Wing restored exactly as it was. In addition, all legal steps that can be pursued against the people who broke multiple laws in creating this chaos must be.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose all of this administration’s illegal and unapproved by congress projects! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mccurdy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending over almost $400 million which is DOUBLE the cost initially stated. The actions taken against The Peoples House without any authorizations or permits is ILLEGAL and should be stopped at all costs. Furthermore the current administration should pay to restore it.

I do NOT CARE that this is supposed to be funded by private investors. This was an assault on property not owned by the current resident.

NO ONE is above the law. NO ONE.

Date: 2/17/2026 10:00:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination! The wanton destruction by President Trump was an attack on the American people, our countries heritage and violated every law and procedure about how such projects should proceed. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. If the president wants to have large functions the Kennedy Center is open and available just down the road. Last, if it were up to me President Trump would be arrested and booked for destruction of government property.

Leah M Peters

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Name: Debbie Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called East Wing Modernization Project. It is a $300 million dollar (and rising) grift/vanity project that was instigated without proper vetting. The funding of the project is murky, and lends itself to favor granting to those who have contributed. I doubt my little voice will have much impact, as this president just steamrolls through as his toadies applaud. And, if you slap his name on this ballroom, you slap the faces of every American who believes that government is for the people, not for one man with an insatiable ego.
Thank you for you time, and I hope you consider these words.
J. Duncan

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Szalay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House must be fully restored! There is no need for a ballroom. Construction should be environmentally sound and energy efficient. This is the PEOPLES' HOUSE, not the current president's private estate. Bring it back from the rubble and restore it to its former beautiful and historic state.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:59:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Endres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed plan for a ballroom added to the White House. I am opposed to it being larger than the main part of the White House. I would like the project to be stopped and the East Wing rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Strickland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Cerwonka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an insult to our history and the rule of law. It was started illegally, it is funded illegally and should halted and the east wing should be restored. The White House is the people's house. The American people did not request this nor is it appropriate. Please vote to stop this activity and give us back our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Stoffregen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the ballroom project. It is outrageous that the East Wing was demolished without any

permits, plans or approvals. This is the People's House. The East Wing needs to be reconstructed. We do not want or need a ballroom -ever- but especially at a time when people are losing their healthcare and struggling to make ends meet. It is an affront to the American people. Replace the East Wing!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kassia Echavarri-Queen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Samra Olofson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yes buildings need to be modernized, however not destroyed on a whim! How about Versailles? How about the Sistine Chapel, how about the crumbling temples in Agrigento? We, as a people, need to preserve our greatness! We need to know from whence we came! We need to know what we left behind ! I purposely said "We".

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sabrina Drill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President of the United States, or the White House as an organization, should NOT be able to accept private donations to support the Sadaamification of this historic building, which is owned by the United States and NOT the Trump Corporation. These private donations are in fact bribes, being that they are the exchange of money for current and future favorable treatment of the donors by our government. Please cease and desist all further efforts until an independant inspector general can confirm that this does not violate US law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juliann Schmunk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The actions taken in demolishing the East Wing of the White House were done without regard for the Citizens of the United States. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Absolutely every single person in the current administration who proceeded with this project without the proper authorization, permitting and design review is guilty of the destruction of U.S. historical landmarks and should serve the appropriate amount of time in prison, and pay for it's restoration back to the original.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

On a personal note:
The East Wing was torn down without approval. This President should not be permitted to replace it with anything, let alone a gaudy, fake gold laden ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has, is now, and will always be the Peoples House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is blatantly illegal. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caprice Deaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the east wing of the White House. The White House is a public building. Any changes to that building require permission and approval of congress which was not sought before the east wing was heartlessly torn down. The president and his cabinet have broken the law and betrayed American citizens by doing this and should be held accountable. If anything is built in that space, the east wing should be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bev Sheeley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the ballroom building and restore the East Wing to its original design. We can’t afford this travesty and can use the money in better ways!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn McGee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is OUR HOUSE and is NOT to be demolished or structurally changed without the consent of WE THE PEOPLE. THIS IS OUR HOUSE and is only a temporary residence for those in office. The historical EAST WING demolition is a slap in the face to AMERICANS, THIS IS OUR HOUSE where vanity has no place!! WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT NEED A BALLROOM there are several ballrooms in D.C. that have hosted the elites and WE THE PEOPLE want our history back!! Erasing our history on the government websites and plaques in WHITE HOUSE is a disgrace to our country and its democracy, along with critical information being removed and others completely corrupted ON THESE WEBSITES!! WE THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Priscilla Borchardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the permitting of the East Wing project. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW - and to permit this and go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding US citizens.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Teron Teron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so dismayed when the east wing was torn down. I feel that the White House is my house too. No one should be able to desecrate the building without consideration for the integrity of the White House to be kept. We do not need a ballroom for only the rich among us. I heard you to stop at construction and return the Eastwing to its original design.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Moyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Riva Weinstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:58:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the “East Wing Modernization Project” which is without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an UNACCEPTABLE conflict of interest. The White House is NOT private property. It belongs to the American people. NO President should be allowed to do this.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Engel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elysia Gallo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of taxpayer money or corporate bribes on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. "Modernizing" traditionally means bringing something up to date - like adding new materials that are safer or more energy efficient to replace that which is outdated or failing. This is not that. It's a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historic design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese Hildebrand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't spend 300 million on a project that is gaudy and never approved of. We want the east wing restored to its previous look.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Nall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "modernization" project is a tech-billionaire funded insult to the American public and the rule of law. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgene Ingwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heart broken when the East wing was destroyed. Restitution is due….please….

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Tapley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adrienne Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Appel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Gowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former glory. The ghastly ballroom planned. in my opinion, is sheer desecration of the "People's House" and its rich history. The White House has already been overwhelmed by gaudy gold decorations and looks like it's been decorated by WalMart. Please, please, please, do not let this project continue, I beg you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Bricking
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this commission’s after-the-fact effort to validate the destruction of the East Wing vis the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without the required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding is riddled with unacceptable conflicts of interest. It is GRIFT. The Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. Our laws are meant to prohibit private gain at the public’s expense. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law. Americans deserve better.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Cockburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:57:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hotchkiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the planned renovation of the East Wing. Demolition without submitting proper plans for review as well as proper permits, is both illegal and unconstitutional. Furthermore, as the building is historic, consideration should be paid to the significance of that history. I do understand that perhaps changes could be made to reflect the current need for larger events, however the proper steps must be taken to assure safety and stability. A vanity project for a current resident, mind you a temporary resident is inappropriate. This is the people's house, not the president's.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Huttenmeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The funds used for this restoration should come from the funds Trump supposedly raised for the renovation - no

additional taxpayer dollars should be spent. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization but a complete razing of American history. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. Restore the Rose Garden while we are at it.
The $300 million raised was dark money, designed to curry favor with the current regime and should be illegal. The previous structure was torn down as an attempt at intimidation of the American people. It should be rebuilt and paid for by the people who decided it was "their" house and not the people's house and razed the existing structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Timmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Honorable Commissioners—
I strongly oppose the construction of a massive ballroom addition to the White House. This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is unnecessary, unwarranted, and from the elevation drawings, appears to be unsightly as well, It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The Washington skyline and sight lines have always been carefully controlled to create a cohesive and

beautiful city for residents and visitors alike. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela England Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Matt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This center of the United States executive branch was illegally destroyed. President Trump and the Trump administration must be criminally charged. Trump should be fined and pay other penalties, including incarceration.

This historic building must be fully restored. Trump should pay for the restoration.

Trump is a criminal, who cheated his way into office. Almost everything he does is illegal. Enforce the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Bruno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not understand how this project could have been undertaken without obtaining the necessary permits and design reviews that any other federal project in the Washington DC area would have to undergo before

proceeding.

If the governor of Utah tore down the governor's mansion annex without obtaining express permission to do so, the citizens of this state would rise in righteous anger.

Well it may be impossible to restore the East Wing to its former state, I certainly hope you will oversee the design of the building that will replace it

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Thayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to the ballroom. Fix the East Wing

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Benning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the peoples' house not meant to a gaudy symbol for the rich. The original purpose of the dining room and ballroom was for state dinners with foreign dignitaries. The original symmetry of the building should be maintained. The height and length of this proposed replacement eastern wing should not eclipse the west side of the structure. Repair costs should be paid by the person who illegally demolished this historic wing. The person elected to the presidency and whose office is in the west wing should govern the country with complete adherence to the Constitution, Bill of Rights and existing federal laws. Contracts for construction should follow established bidding process and not be given to the Company who donated the most money to a political candidate. Consequences of flying off the cuff should be considered before rash decisions are hurriedly made. The architect's plans for the proposed new east wing should be carefully reviewed by the proper and established entities. May God protect the America we once enjoyed and keep everyone safe until this is just a footnote in history.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Constantine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even the title of this subject is an affront to the destruction that is happening to the integrity and historical destruction of our nations's Capital and the White House. Watching the destruction of the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden to be paved over with cement was heartbreaking. Watching the violent destruction of the historic East Wing, our nation's history, tore at my soul. Remember Flights 93? Rather than surrender control to hijackers, brave Americans collectively decided to deliberately crash their plane to save the White House. Now we have a sitting American president who is carrying out the mission of the hijackers.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

If allowed to continue this will only be the beginning. The historic Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is on the chopping block. The announcement of its closure for two years for "renovations" means it will be completely destroyed. This not only a performing arts center but a monument to honor a great American president. What national monument would be next?

This project, a vanity project, must be stopped and canceled immediately. On the very eve of our nation's 250th birthday, our nation's Capital and history, our very soul, cannot be destroyed at the whim of a man of dishonor for his own amusement and personal financial gain.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Megehee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christine Rendel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Boelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current plan to make a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House once stood. This project was started without following the proper procedures--authorization, permits, and design reviews. This project should be canceled immediately and the $300 million held in trust to rebuild the East Wing restoring the former exterior design. Additionally, those who have broken the law with regard to this project should be held accountable. No one, including the president, should be allowed to break the law and ignore the rules. Margaret B. Boelman

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eve Mitchel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please. Stop this supposed improvement. Restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S Paulsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million in this unapproved renovation, and destruction of my country's heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonet bland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction Of the horrid ball room. The east Wing should be rebuilt as our history cannot be erased by a madman.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Asha Sanaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our opinions here. This demolition of the East Wing without following any guidelines is horrific. The current president is following the "it is easier to ask for forgiveness than permission" rule. I don't know if that is his narcissism or just his selfishness. He seems to think he is above any law.

The White House is the People's house. The president may reside there for 4 or 8 years, however it is not his. He does not own it, he only resides there. Just like any other building, The White House needs to be updated. Just like any other building, The White House needs to follow certain standards and guidelines (asbestos testing/removal). Unlike any other building, The White House is a historic home and should follow certain historic preservation laws, such as The Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978, requiring review by the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and Historic Preservation Review Board for exterior alterations, additions, or demolitions.

Was approval received from The National Park Service?
Were plans reviewed with The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation?
There are many ethical concerns, environmental concerns and legal concerns.

Please do not let this president get away with yet one more thing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:56:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on ballroom project which was initiated without proper authorization. I want this project cancelled and East Wing built and restored to former design. No one is above the law and to permit this to go ahead would support this attitude!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:55:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilee Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is ridiculous that the east wing was torn down without planning, permission and comment. The ballroom president trump is planning is an eyesore and will take away from the beauty of the current white house. I don't mind modernization or repairs to the current building, but the tearing down of part of the White House was irresponsible!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:55:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Renard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eric Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Boelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Lux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Simon Goldenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project", and want the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. The administration destroyed the East Wing with out proper review, without public comment, and without proper permits. The destruction of the East Wing is an assault on US history, and an affront to all US citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:55:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Mahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Morehouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the efforts of this President to raze the East Wing of the White House and attempt to replace it with a structure so out of scale as to be a stain on the history of our country.

This President and his administration have ignored proper authorization, permits, and design review and put themselves above the law and the citizens of the United States of America. They have accepted funds from billionaires who appear to be contributing in order to gain favor with the President. This is wrong in so many ways.

I support the efforts of the National Trust for Historic Preservation to stop this project and return the process of rebuilding the East Wing to the citizens for our proper place in preserving our history and ownership.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbi Milliken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Bobbi Milliken

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Name: Katherine Shealy
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Name: Justine Schaeffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House east wing and replacement with a huge, gaudy ballroom. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review of a historic building that belongs to the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sue ODonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members,
Americans have witnessed a complete and total disregard for The People's House. Without any notice, permission or authorization President Trump demolished the East Wing of the White House. It did not need to be modernized, it is history. History that should have been preserved and protected.
The White House does not need a ballroom. There are plenty of venues available for large events. America needs a home, steeped in history and culture. Please, do everything you can possibly do to rebuild the East Wing and restore it to its original design.

With respect and love for our country,
Sue O'Donnell

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Name: Margaret Baker
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Name: Mary Swifka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am utterly horrified that the East Wing of the White House, The People's House, was demolished without any warning and without an approved plan for replacement. I object to the spending of 300 million dollars on what is essentially a vanity project, and strongly encourage you to scuttle the project and return the East Wing to its former design. The American people deserve no less. Thank you.

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Name: Cynthia Rafuse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am not in favor of spending money on East Wing Modernization. It should have been left the way it was and now I think it should be restored to how it was prior to the demolition at the presidents personal expense since he did not get approval for the demolition which is against the constitution.
The East Wing belongs to the citizens of the United States, not potus.

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Name: Amy DeSantis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Elizabeth Dudley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Joanne Charron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Constance Perri
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Name: Deborah Meservey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was sad to see the destruction of the East Wing of the White House - with apparently no thought to the historical significance of any of the rooms or gardens that were destroyed.
I don't think having a larger room available for events is necessarily a bad thing - I was always surprised when former presidents held concerts in the White House and saw how small the available space was - which thus limited who could attend. But that need for a larger space should not have destroyed what was historically significant.
A well-thought through plan to create a new space, now that there is no choice in the matter, should keep in mind that the replacement for the East Wing not dwarf the rest of the building, and the architecture should all blend seamlessly with what is already there. I wish we could go back in time and that I did not need to write this comment.

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Name: Susan Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I urge you to restore the East Wing and indeed the White House to it's former historic condition.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Timins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a horrific misappropriation. We demand proper permitting and review before any action is taken. The demolition already done was unlawful and must be punished.

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Name: Lorrie Bertelsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the East Wing Modernization project. This project began unlawfully by not submitting approval or project plans ahead of time. Demolition occurred without proper information and plans. I object to moneys being used to fund this and ask that the East Wing be restored to its original design and use to restore its historical value.

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Name: Tricia Knoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see every traditional hoop in place and activated on the modernization project so that what happens is a tasteful, in scale, building of the east wing that both fits the tradition of White House and restores the damage done by the teardown. I hate the gilded look Trump has brought to the White House. I don't think that is who we are as a people. I want all the regulations in place and regulators who have good

taste and aren't stoolies for Trump to weigh in on what comes next.

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Name: Nora Heimerl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think a re-design of the proposed East Wing Modernization is necessary. The proposed recommendation, in my opinion, is too large and not in keeping with the scale and original look of the White House. It actually overwhelms the White House.

Thank you.

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Name: Sheila Fleishell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, ASAP, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donald Trump should be held accountable and personally pay for the reconstruction of the original East wing along with any fines associated with the illegal demolition. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. If I had done this without approval, I would be penalized. Stop this travesty now.

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Name: Bonnie Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janet Burak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tana Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to me. Furthermore, as a taxpayer, I'm concerned that my money has already been used for the demolition. And that, despite what the Administration says, we as taxpayers will ultimately foot the bill for the ball room.

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Name: Michelle Groy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Edward Diamond
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Name: Irene Campbell
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Name: A Karen Sorrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this hideous grift go thru.
Clear the destruction and rebuild the East Wing as it was before
Please

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Name: Gaylene Rhoda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Richard Natoli-Rombach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked by the White House East Wing demolition. The White House does not belong to one person or one president but belongs to the American people. To destroy this historic section of the White House in order to build a ballroom is without precedent and will little consideration of the desire and will of the American people.

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Name: Mary Makofske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without proper approvals or public input. It should be rebuilt as closely as possible to what it was. And Donald Trump should pay the bill.

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Name: Roger Shoemaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shelley Wood
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Name: Lauren Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project, begun without proper permissions and applications. I want the property restored to its original design.

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Name: Audrey Knapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the 300 million requested for the ballroom by Trump. This east wing should be restored to its initial design at the expense of Mr Trump who destroyed it without following proper channels.

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Name: Jennifer Parrish-Hill
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Name: Margaret Mooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose the massive ballroom under consideration. The White house would look lop-sided with the monstrosity proposed. The razing of the old East Wing was illegal, and extremely unfortunate. Moving forward we need a bipartisan committee and experienced architects collaborating with the National Capital Planning Commission on the new East Wing, ideally similar in size and layout as the historic structure.

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Name: Cynthia Zamirowski
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Name: Gretchen Duggan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What happened to an historical building while the people watched was criminal. The Trump administration should have to restore the East Wing. They had no right to demolish the “People’s House”. RESTORE! RESTORE! RESTORE!!!

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Name: Bernadette robinson
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Name: Kaley Cannon
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Name: Sharon Pierce
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Name: Mary Jo Krufka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I'm a concerned citizen who was appalled at the total disregard for proper authorization to modernize the East Wing. Demolition was not necessary and the suggested size and use of the the new building as primarily a ballroom is not an acceptable use of tax dollars. Additionally, having funding outside of regular channels is a way the current administration can "payback" those individuals with favorable treatment in the future—totally in character with him, but abhorrent to taxpayers like me. Please stop this madness and put it back, modernized, and with the proper size to fit with the historical preservation guidelines for our beloved White House. This is the People's House, so I encourage you to listen to the people!

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Name: Ted Killian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

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Name: DeAnne Frank
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Name: Sharon Tirpak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project spending over $300M or either donated or US taxpayer dollars on this unlawful project. The White House is the People's House and the "People" learned of the East Wing destruction on the morning news. The project was not properly coordinated or reviewed. By law there are processes that should be followed when impacting historical buildings. These processes were not followed. No one should be above the law! Stop the project and have a special committee assembled to determine what should be constructed to replace the East Wing. And follow the laws and historical significance for the new structure.

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Name: Elizabeth Thornburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Claire Cortelyou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cease completing the horrendous ballroom project and restore the historical East Wing at Trump's personal expense. His grift should more than cover it.
Claire Cortelyou

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Name: Karen Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Darlajean Harlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT support any money being spent on this project other than to restore it to it's former design.
I support billing all associated cost of the restoration to Donald J. Trump. This was an illegal action with no oversight from the appropriate agencies; it was done under the cover of darkness, as if we wouldn't notice.

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Name: Bridget Saladino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a grotesque and selfish destruction of American history with impunity. It is wholly unnecessary and is a glaring statement to visitors and citizens that the highest place of government does not respect the government or live by the laws it holds others accountable to uphold. There need to be consequences for this kind of reckless lawlessness.

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Name: HARVEY TANTTILA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the house of the people, not the dream of an obsessed ruler. There was no way that the East Wing should have been destroyed in the way that it was done. It must be rebuilt in a style that will be compatible with the existing structure. I believe that any designs submitted should be reviewed by not only the legislature, but the people themselves. I understand the need to expand meeting space, but the process should have been a national effort.

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Name: Virginia Jones
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Name: Rebecca Goetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a professional historian of early America and the Atlantic World, I oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project" (an Orwellian designation if there ever was one). This is not about modernizing--it is about destroying a historical building and erecting a poorly-thought-out vanity project for a malignant narcissist in its place. There were no permits issued to destroy the East Wing. There have been no permits issued to construct the carbuncle in its place. No verified funds have been raised to pay for this monstrosity. No architectural plans have been approved. The White House is OUR house, the people's house. It does not belong to Trump. He should not be allowed to destroy our house.

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Name: Kim Mahaffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending hundreds of millions of dollars to turn the East Wing of the White House into a gawdy, oversized ballroom. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is one man’s ego project. Please do not cancel American history. Instead, cancel this project; restore and rebuild the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing all who broke the law is an injustice to law-abiding Americans. (The cost to restore and rebuild the East Wing to its former design should be incurred by the Trump fortune and others who improperly tore it down or authorized it to be dismantled without proper review and permits.)

Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Gummoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Todd Keupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm totally against the building of the monstrosity of a so called ballroom. I feel that this is an affront to the American people, our country and the White House. I would like to see the building be put back to its former glory. This was not only done without the will of anyone except one person. Also what the ballroom represents is everything America isn't.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been honored to have been an invited guest at the White House. I was humbled to be in such a historic building. Many great people from around the world have graced our country as guests of The People's House. The People's House was never intended to be a palace nor a place of opulence. The People's House has always been a place where the elected President resides and conducts our country's business with grace, humility and dignity. A place where it is not necessary to boast of strength and power, but, a place where strength and power given by the Constitution needs no explanation. I, strongly, oppose

the President's destruction of The East Wing. I fully support returning it to it's rightful glory of quiet strength and beauty.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen E. Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending $300 Million or ANY money i'm creating a ballroom for President Trump's ego is a terrible unjust idea. Anyone who pledged to fund the ballroom should instead fund reinstatement of the east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Ng
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in firm opposition to the reported demolition of the East Wing and the proposed addition of a ballroom to the White House.

The White House is not a private residence. It is the People's House, a historic symbol of our democracy that belongs to the American public, not to any one individual or administration. Any structural alteration of this magnitude demands full transparency, lawful authorization, and Congressional approval. To have moved forward without proper permitting or without approval from Congress was a direct affront to constitutional governance and the separation of powers.

The proposed ballroom will cost tens of millions of taxpayer dollars. At a time when Americans are struggling with rising costs of living, housing insecurity, and underfunded public programs, allocating such a

staggering sum for a ballroom is not only fiscally irresponsible but morally indefensible. Public funds must serve public needs not vanity projects.

Historic preservation laws exist for a reason. The East Wing is part of a site that represents generations of American history. Its demolition, absent lawful approval and public process, set a dangerous precedent that undermines both democratic accountability and the stewardship of national landmarks.

We do not have a king in America. No elected official has the authority to unilaterally alter the People's House for personal legacy or preference. The White House belongs to the people, and decisions about its structure must reflect that fundamental principle.

I respectfully demand that:
1. The East Wing be rebuilt or restored in accordance with historic preservation standards.
2. Congress exercise its oversight authority to ensure lawful compliance and fiscal responsibility.

Our democracy depends on adherence to process, transparency, and respect for public institutions. The People's House must remain just that, a house belonging to the people.

Sincerely,
Kay

Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHERYL ALLEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like to see the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I am very angry this has happened.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:50:03 AM
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Name: Kathleen Abel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kendra Song
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christine Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve LeGrue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vance Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is the People's House and it should not even be possible for its future to be determined by a sitting president as a monument to himself. The proposed Ball Room is completely out of scale and is a physical manifestation of personal hubris. It is not a representation of a democratic republic operating by the people for the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To have undertaken this project causing destruction of a public historic building -by the President-without a comprehensive study and review by the public and the governing body is absolutely positively WRONG and reflects poorly on our government and those who support this non democratic action. This is just one such action our government can control but refuses- to the detriment of the government we have relied on for 250 years. Frightening is an understatement from the US citizens who can't turn the head of our representatives because we aren't billionaires and buying favors. Please wake up!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Caswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing. This is not modernization, but an egotistical maniac proceeding without proper permitting or approval. You cannot erase history and no president should be allowed to spend this kind of money to do so. Make the right decision and restore the White House at trumps expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Sawin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DESTRUCTION of the EAST WING of the White House without review, permits, or Congressional oversight VIOLATED THE LAW. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it.
The National Capital Planning Commission should require any reconstruction of the East Wing to match the historic design and size of the original structure and be funded only by Congress. If Congress does not approve funding and a design keeping with the building's historical character, the land should be left vacant.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Cork
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Woytovich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to the East Wing Modernization Project on the grounds that it was not properly authorized by the Planning Commission. Additionally, given the historical importance of the (now destroyed) East Wing of the White House, that authorization, if it had been requested, should have been denied.
While I think the idea that ANY administration needs a permanent large ballroom is absurd, replacing the East Wing was a foolish choice. There are many other options for building new or using existing locations for governmental events requiring seating for large numbers of people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Taschioglou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karann Durland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes made to the White House should be in keeping with the historic character of the building and approved by the National Planning Committee, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House - committees that are populated by individuals with the appropriate expertise, as demonstrated by their education, training, and professional accomplishments. Construction should not begin until a proposed design is complete and has been examined and approved by these bodies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Rader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination in and of itself. For this idiot trying to build a ballroom that is bigger than the White House to appease his orange vanity is a disgrace. Let's not forget all the mandatory review boards and competitive design practices. Please prevent this monstrosity from being built.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Paquette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emma Macari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you NTHP for doing the right thing: insist on a proper and lawful process. When I learned about this project was the day the East Wing of one of our most historic sites was demolished, bulldozed, without approvals, like a toy that someone is tired of, without the respect of our history but most importantly of our

responsibility to care and protect our historic sites. Please stop this project which not only would destroy the balance of volumes but would say to our country and the world that the USA doesn't care about due and legal protection to not only human beings but to our history and culture.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose the demolition of the East Wing,which was destroyed to make way for a new ballroom which is allegedly funded by private donors.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonya White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The the vandalism and destruction of the East Wing without regard. Is an abomination of history. The White House is THE peoples house.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jesse Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The notion that a President can unilaterally make this kind of radical change to the Presidential residence is an affront to our history and our shared values. The gold with which this President has lined the walls of the Oval Office show that he should not be trusted to make design choices for a place so dear to our very existence as a constitutional republic. The fact that private individuals are donating large amounts of money to pay for this boondoggle would taint the proposed ballroom forever.

Please, put a stop to it!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Good
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the reckless spending of $300 million dollars on the ballroom project which was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete razing of American history and needs to be canceled. The East Wing needs restored to its original design. It is an affront to the American people if this abomination is built. No one is above the law and continuing this project penalizes the public.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:49:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on a project that did not go through the appropriate reviews. I want the east wing rebuilt to its previous design. As a country which claims to not have enough money to take care of our least fortunate and feed children in poverty, we absolutely should not spend 300M ton The People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:54 AM
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Name: Linda Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Temple
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to it's original footprint and architectural style. Of course, since it's been demolished it should be brought up to building current codes and standards. Please do not even consider building that huge ballroom edifice to the current President. While you're at it can you consider reinstating the rose garden.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Keene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project which was undertaken without concern for historic preservation of the People's House. Before implementing a project of this magnitude, there should have been consultation with approximate bodies charged with ensuring that buildings of historic importance to the country are maintained in a manner that will enable future generations to learn from and enjoy them. If changes are required for modernization, care should be taken to preserve the building's integrity. Presidents are temporary occupants of the White House - not unlike renters. They do not have authority to make extensive structural changes without consent of the owners - the people and their elected representatives. This ballroom is a vanity project - there is no compelling need for a ballroom of the size that is proposed.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gaye Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: G Dandy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without

National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Witthuhn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The government buildings are the property of The People & historical preservationists should be consulted before any knee jerk renovations. I highly oppose the presumed authority of the president to do as he wishes without going through proper avenues.

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Name: Jeanne Tennis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I would like the commission to bring forward many ideas and open competition for design for any change to the people's house. If it is decided that a ballroom is needed, then designs should be submitted and selected by the people who own the house and should be a part of any changes of such a large order.

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Name: Susan Wagoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Fairfax
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janet Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

JANET CLARK
Wells, Maine 04090
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Dalzell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Drill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Spending $300 million (donated or not) is an affront to the American people especially during these inflationary times. I want it restored back to what it was and the people responsible for tearing down “America’s House ” without proper authorization prosecuted.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jack Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a slap in the face to the citizens of this country. I want the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn OHearne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Ragosta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 9:48:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Siperly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So happy to see President Trump making this addition to the Whitehouse. Especially since very little taxpayer money having to be used. Putting up tents that rent for hundreds of thousands of dollars for every event is ridiculous . Probably also some corruption involved in whomever is renting the tents too!
This is a great project!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Pudlo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one person in this country gets to decide what are federal buildings should be.

Please oppose the building of this unnecessarily garish ballroom proposed by this person who thinks he is king.

Thank you for your work overseeing Capitol area buildings.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Reville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this ill conceived vanity project and the spending of millions on a destruction of our history. This is the People's' House not an individual's.
Please cancel this horrible project and rebuild our White House as it was and should remain.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Avants
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments
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Name: Kerri Culhane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 17, 2026
To the National Capital Planning Commission:
As an architectural historian with over 30 years of professional experience; a former Washington DC resident; and a citizen of the US, I write to express my strong opposition to the current proposal for the East Wing, designed by architect Shalom Baranes. As proposed, the East Wing Modernization Project is grossly out of scale and proportion with the restrained and modest White House; it is a gaudy addition unworthy of our most significant and symbolic National Historic Landmark.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation provide the necessary guidance regarding the proposed work on the East Wing:

Standard 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
Standard 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

The demolition of the historic East Wing has already flouted these Standards by destroying historic material that characterized the property; and by proposing a steroidal replacement completely incompatible with the massing, size and scale of not only the White House, but its surrounding landscape. The applicant has further disregarded the accepted practice of seeking review prior to undertaking proposed changes.

The White House belongs to the American people, not to any temporary occupant, and the decision to alter it so drastically, without proper review, treats a public trust as though it were private property. At a time when many Americans are grappling with a cost-of-living crisis, the expenditure of public resources—and even private corporate bribes—on an addition so grossly disproportionate to the existing historic structure, compounds the affront.

That the people's house should be so substantially and irreversibly transformed, at considerable expense and without public input, warrants consequential action from this Commission. The NCPC has both the authority and the responsibility to ensure that this nation's most recognized residence — a symbol of democratic governance, not personal privilege — is treated with care, humility, and restraint. The architects responsible for this proposal would do well to acquaint themselves with not just the Standards, but with the ethical obligations of their profession.

Kerri Culhane, PhD
Architectural Historian
New York

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Damato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully request the East Wing be rebuilt to look as close as possible to the original building. I hope it will reflect our original history. Thank you…

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Blount
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am infuriated that the current occupant of the White House was allowed - was able - to destroy the East Wing of the People's House to begin with. The ownership of that building belongs to all of us, not any single person. Procedures and historical review exist for a reason and should be followed to the utmost. It's a travesty - an outward manifestation of the disdain in which the current administration holds our country and its people. It's so much easier to destroy than to build.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The damage has been done. Clearly, something needs to be rebuilt into that space, but it should not overpower any existing building on the campus as has been shown in renderings. A new formal diplomatic reception area is not an unreasonable request, but this entire process has been unreasonable in the extreme.

AND: in no way, shape, or form should anyone's name be added to whatever is built into the gaping wound on the east lawn.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.
The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.
The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Lea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump insists on naming or renaming some of the most historically significant structures in Washington for himself, no doubt to ensure that his presidency will be long remembered. His wanton destruction of the White House East Wing and his plan for a tasteless "ballroom" in its place will, if it's not stopped, certainly memorialize his complete lack of connection with the values and traditions of America and lack of appreciation of Americans' right to preserve those values and traditions. I will be delighted to see Trump's lasting legacy highlight his narcissistic scorn for those people he was elected to serve, but I would not have it established by his destruction, even desecration, of our national historic cultural treasures. I urge the courts, the Congress and the American people to stop the East Wing Modernization Project.

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Name: Patrick Sensel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gillian Lindahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing to its historic self with modernized wiring, plumbing and security. Tearing down half the people's house to add a piece that dwarfs the rest of the structure is not a good solution. Thanks, Gillian Lindahl

Date: 2/17/2026 9:47:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Russell Finn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was and still am firmly against the destruction of the current east wing and construction of an out of size context ballroom. Please stop this work immediately and require that the person who authorized the destruction of the current east wing be required to pay for its restoration.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Galey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the demolition of the East Wing of the Whitehouse. And I am 100% against the giant ballroom proposed by Trump, without any input from the Historical Society and ordinary Americans. The ballroom would overpower the original Whitehouse and is out of keeping with The People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is destroying American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jessica Dean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Morrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing is horrifying! Completely unauthorized and an abomination! Stop the added insult of the dreadful wasteful and gross vanity project “ballroom.” Please please please stop him stealing defiling and ruining our iconic national spaces - he is an insane megalomaniac will keep pushing until his name and face are everywhere, symbolic of his total authoritarian control!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Dale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This 'project' is a travesty. Complete destruction, without notice or permission, of an historical part of the white house with plans to build a giant ostentatious ballroom, funded by private entities which are obviously buying access to the president. Normally we would call this "bribery". I want the white house re-built as it stood before, not as a gilded monument to greed and ego.
- Jonathan Dale

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merle Brockhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am among those who are shocked and dismayed at the actions of the current occupant of the White House. His blatant disregard for history, his arrogance and his money grubbing is not to be rewarded.

Use every resource at your disposal to kill the "Ballroom" plan.

Employ trusted and neutral architects to re-imagine an East Wing that is functional and in keeping with the proportions of "The People's House." It is impractical to "put back" what was ripped up, but with an eye to function and proportion, I think damage done can be repaired and public trust restored.

If you could find a way to punish the current occupant for this desecration of public space, trust, and history, you would have my support in doing so.

Merle Brockhoff

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi LaPerle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support spending $300 million on a project that bypassed proper authorization, permitting, and design review. This is not modernization, it is the demolition of American history. I am calling for this project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be restored to its original design. That's what the American people deserve.I also believe those who circumvented the law to make this happen should not be allowed to simply walk away without accountability, allowing that would be a serious injustice to every American who follows the rules.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Preece
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not a private residence. It is one of the most historically significant public buildings in the world — a living museum of American democracy, architectural heritage, and national memory.

Any proposal to “modernize” the East Wing must begin with a simple truth: preservation is not an obstacle to progress — it is a patriotic obligation.

The White House complex carries architectural layers dating back to 1800, shaped by presidents from Thomas Jefferson to Theodore Roosevelt to Harry Truman. Each renovation in its history has been guided by preservation standards, historical review, and careful stewardship.

Under Donald Trump’s previous tenure, we saw troubling examples of historic elements being removed, altered, or discarded — from changes to interior finishes and furnishings to the controversial redesign of the Rose Garden that eliminated longstanding landscape features. Decisions were made that preservationists warned risked erasing historical character in favor of personal aesthetic preference.

The White House is not a branding opportunity. It is a national treasure.

The East Wing houses critical ceremonial and public spaces, including offices that support the First Lady and events that connect citizens to their government. Any major reconstruction or modernization effort must

undergo rigorous review under federal preservation laws, including compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

At a time when Americans are struggling with housing affordability, health care costs, and infrastructure needs, prioritizing a potentially costly executive renovation sends the wrong message. But beyond fiscal concerns lies something deeper: once historic materials are removed or altered, they cannot be authentically restored.

We are temporary occupants of permanent institutions.

The question is not whether modernization can occur — it is whether it will be guided by transparency, preservation standards, and respect for history, or by personal taste and political vanity.

Stewardship of the White House requires humility. It requires restraint. And it requires reverence for the architectural and cultural inheritance that belongs not to one president — but to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:17 AM
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Name: Elizabeth Tate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Daynard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National East Wing Modernization Project:

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Respectfully,

Nancy Daynarf

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Butns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the east wing moderatization project and urge the commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed. This project began with a demolition of a hundred and twenty three year old structure before obtaining required approvals from the commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under\\nThe national environmental policy act. This is a direct violation and should be shit down until such time as it is adjudicated in a court of law!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Scarcella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an affront to call this project a "Modernization Project", but that is not the crux of my issue. I, being a law abiding citizen, would be severely penalized if I did not gather all the necessary permits before starting to renovate a garage, but those in charge of this project have done none of the necessary paperwork to demolish a garage, let alone an historic monument. In addition, no more has been filed in the way of permits needed for what should be rebuilt in its place. There are not two sets of laws, one for Them and one for the rest of us. Please hold those who have destroyed the East Wing without the proper paperwork responsible and block any use of that land for any projected that has not been approved by the proper authorities.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:46:04 AM
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Name: Dr. Warren Fremling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It is the people's house, not Trumps'. There is historic precedence and value NOT to even consider the project without the people's voice - "modernization project" indeed. It's an ego trip for a malignant narcissist. DON'T PLAY ALONG - you owe that to the American people, whose house it is.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen DeVine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Total disregard to protocol for the White House Modernization should NOT have been allowed and consequences to the actions taken by the President must be given. Many decades of history and WOMENS history erased with the stroke of a wrecking ball and bulldozer should have been given to the proper committee for review prior to any action taken.
Respectfully,
Kathleen Devine

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Quigley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American, I am outraged over Donald Trump's treatment of our Historical Landmark. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
As a New Yorker who grew up in the time of Trump I can tell you with great confidence, we do not want The White House to look like Las Vegas or a cheesy Trump Tower. Please consider our history. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a White House ballroom where the historic east wing was razed. The east wing needs to be rebuilt to honor the history of the wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gisele Misieczko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mara Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Randel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this project at OUR WHITEHOUSE. The destruction of the east wing should not have happened. This was done without approvals for anything. I oppose the project and the use of taxpayer money to do it. The Whitehouse is an historical landmark and has been shamefully altered without permission. I want the project canceled and the East Wing of our Whitehouse restored as it was. I want those responsible for this to be held accountable for the violations of a design review permits and authorization. This must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:22 AM
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Name: Ellena Baum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katie Robertson
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Name: Sue Peirce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current plans for the East Wing ballroom. The ballroom is completely out of proportion to the rest of the White House and West Wing. A ballroom should not have the appearance of a convention hall or entertainment center, nor draw attention away from the long history of the White House as the home of our country's President. Please maintain the grace and dignity of the White House with a scaled down version of a ballroom.

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Name: Carol Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:15 AM
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Name: Lara Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the peoples house should not have been torn down. The symmetry of a historic building has been destroyed based on the whim of one man with a god complex. It should be restored to its previous state, and any gaudy ballroom can be placed elsewhere.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:45:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was absolutely appalled to see the historic East Wing demolished with zero regard to protecting the history of The White House. Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action of a wannabe dictator. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations

should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. All reviews should take place so that all voices can be heard and all issues addressed prior to construction. Signoffs by required organizations should be obtained before construction begins.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madelon Sarti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our lives have revolved around the history of our great United States How do we teach our children about our history and accomplishments when the beautiful White Hiuse can be destroyed on the whim of an egotist. It is a sad day that we encounter when we look at the destruction It is as though we have slapped all the First Ladies in the face. Saying your work was not important and gold and garish items are worth more than history

It breaks the heart of many and should be stopped

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Name: Kathy Henkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the big beautiful ballroom. Nothing was approved by congress or no approval by an architectural committee. This is not the president's property but it belongs to us the American people. We don't need a ballroom bigger that the White House. What we need is a new president

Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:42 AM
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Name: Robert Burnham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lora Reinders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of approximately $300 million to create a ballroom in place of where the East Wing of the White House was obscenely torn down without proper authorization, review by the NCPC, or with any input from the American people through their Congressional representatives. The complete razing of a portion of "the people's house" is a shameful stain on our historical treasures. The only building that should be taking place is a full rebuild and restoration of the East Wing since it was illegally removed. Furthermore, there should be severe penalties for those who broke the law in removing this historic building. Forging ahead with a new project would only reinforce that there is no accountability for law breakers and would

be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and those who care about preserving historic integrity.

Thank you,
Lora Reinders
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Corsini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Th White House is a National treasure. And, yes, it has gone through many extensive transitions over its time: fires, war,renovations for maintenance and technology up dates. As far as extravagant buildings go, the White House is a very modest building compared ot other countries palaces. It's not meant to be a palace though. At one time, it was very approachable; those times have sadly gone. The proposed "ball room" addition overpowers the entire site of symbol of this place. Yes, keep the White House technically up to date, and secure. If you want an overly extravagant ballroom put it somewhere else. The way in which the project was begun, without approval or input is an anathema.

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Name: robin Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Strickland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this Trump vanity project. He has already destroyed the East Wing, with no permit or permission obtained beforehand. Please do not let this monstrosity continue, or America will be shamed by a huge, tacky eyesore made from gold leaf and graft. Do not saddle the American people's house with such an embarrassment. Build back the East Wing the way it was. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Judith Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Patty Truitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was undertaken without following the law. I am not interested in these changes and think that they should be stopped and that the East Wing should be restored to how it was before the demolition began. To allow this illegal action to continue is a tragedy and would set a very bad precedent. This is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and the people should have a say. There is a process that should have been followed and it has not been. It is criminal what has happened already.

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Name: Elizabeth Gallaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Robbie Fearon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the East Wing of the White House and building of the proposed ballroom proceeded

without authorization, design review, or permits, without public input, and despite public opposition. It is not a modernization plan but a demolition of our Nation's history at enormous taxpayer expense. I want it cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. I want those responsible held to account. Permitting this illegal project to proceed would be an affront to every law-abiding citizen and an abandonment of our architectural history and heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Duffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this project. It is not a modernization. It is a complete change of use and a complete wiping of history. The entire east wing needs to be restored to its original purpose. Projects of this scope require buying from the entire population and not one ego.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: renee hawke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Which makes it an unlawful assault on the historic reverence of the White house. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing REBUILT and RESTORED to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The thought that this was allowed to happen at all is disgusting, and appalling.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:44:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shauna Weatherly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. No President or Federal Officer should be allowed to make sweeping architectural changes to the people's house, regardlessof where the money was obtained or how.

I oppose the spending of ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FUNDS on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Any other President would be held to account and President Trump and the companies who performed the work should be, too.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Decicco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing of the People's House just as it was before the demolition destroyed the history it represented

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Tanaquin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ciccone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this illegal and disgraceful project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and a desecration of the people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robbie Fearon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the East Wing of the White House and building of the proposed ballroom proceeded without authorization, design review, or permits, without public input, and despite public opposition. It is not a modernization plan but a demolition of our Nation's history at enormous taxpayer expense. I want it cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. I want those responsible held to account. Permitting this illegal project to proceed would be an affront to every law-abiding citizen and an abandonment of our architectural history and heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Blanchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. Donald Trump had no right to tear it down without consent from the representatives for the People.
I am appalled at the arrogance and lawlessness of this Administration as well as the thievery of our tax dollars that has been pervasive in this administration.
Stop the destruction NOW!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Schmitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. In addition, all artifacts, furniture, and other items that were removed from the historic East Wing prior to its destruction must be accounted for and returned to the American people.

Thank you,

Rebecca Schmitz

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Marken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building a ball room and for rebuilding the east wing. Since the east wing was torn down without the permission and consideration of the proper channels, I want the people who are responsible to be prosecuted and convicted. I think he needs to be held responsible for the financial hardship these actions have caused.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Luna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the planned ballroom designed to replace the east wing of the White House. It does not fit the style of this historic building and will cheapen the look. The very reason we have historic preservation committees is to make sure atrocities like this do not happen. This administration's blatant disregard for rules and procedures is not acceptable. Please preserve the history and design of this once beautiful landmark.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Sowder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julie Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Leighty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Trump administration building this horrible structure that no American citizen will ever see. This is a huge waste of money and only to satisfy Trumps Ego.
No no no no!!!!
Diane Leighty

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ailine Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not the time of Napoleon and we do not want a giant ballroom in lieu of a historical preservation of the White House. Modernization should only be HVAC, windows, etc. that need replacing. You don't demolish history without the consent of the people. The plans going forward should be a renovation of the original structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:15 AM
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Name: Susan Kusner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop Trump's so-called renovation of the East Wing. The White House does Not belong to him personally. It belongs to the poeple of the United States. I an utterly offended at his garish and distasteful plans to destroy such a beautiful building.
Historical commissions should have been consulted and should be partners in any building project going forward The White House (and the United States) do not belong to Trump.
We WILL Vote Him OUT!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MICHELE GREEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Mazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This was undertaken without environmental assessments, congressional authorization and approval by the National Capital Planning Commission. Please do not give approval after the fact.

The funding scheme is also unacceptable due to the creation of conflicts of interest. The corporations involved in this funding are not engaged in charitable giving. It seems more like bribery of a president who controls the current federal contracts they profit from.

The White House does not belong to the president to do with as he/she wishes. It belongs to the American people, and the majority of us do not approve of this project. We see no need for it and find the scale and design to be offensive. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:43:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Guy DeVillez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is wrong. History will show that this is a vanity project that has nothing to do with the American People. Shut it down.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suanne Williams-Lindgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what has happened to the East Wing. It was lawless- the White House is OUR house- what Trump did to destroy it to feed his insatiable ego was deplorable. He should have to replace it with his own money.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Ruby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project moving forward. It needs to be reconsidered and returned to its former functions. It never should havre been allowed.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Poole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juli German
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Fusina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t agree with this administration not going through proper channels to build the ballroom. Please restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been razed by Trump. It's my understanding that he acted unilaterally without approval from anyone, as is his typical MO. I would like the new design to reflect the original East Wing as closely as possible, and then with an "addition" of some type of realistically-sized ballroom, if that's what the PEOPLE/public decide. (let's vote!) Designs need to be vetted and approved by expert architects and designers. Trump should have no say in what happens next because money and "gold" do not buy taste. The "ballroom" portion of the new construction should be scaled to an appropriate size that is NOT out-sized and over accentuated.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Lindley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Kindly,
Patricia Lindley

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States and a veteran of the Air Force, I wish to first address my objection to the destruction of the East wing of the White House Complex without the People's input. It should have never happened on the whim of this president. Secondly, my input as the above is as follows:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible of the original East Wing. It should present as restoration of significant part of its history as the primary office for the First Lady and her staff, evolving into a center for social, ceremonial, and administrative operations. As a historical function, it should continue to be the public facing entrance and heart of the presidential complex, making the west wing the "the mind" of said complex. (Which right now sees to have lost that valuable function.) In addition, the rebuilding and updating of the Emergency Operations Center would be vital to protect future leadership of the great country. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Thank you for your attention.
Elizabeth Smith
Former Major
United States Air Force,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Leiter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the very essence and icon of what we commonly refer to as "The People's House." Some of the best architects and designers of the time chiseled a monument of marble and stone that was elegant, yet still down to earth, reflecting the national recognition that government is of the people, by the people and for the people. This is precisely why there is no Grand Ballroom, because that bespeaks of an era where the powerful bribed those in power for special privileges and favor.
Any alterations or additions to "the People's House" should reflect the will of the governed, not the impulse of a single leader.
Aesthetically speaking, the proposed design is out of proportion to the original design and would irreparably diminish the aforementioned elegance.
It should be kept in mind that the current resident is only temporary and dwells therein at our consent.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Drew Schaefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No President may, of his purely selfish personal interests, commit attrocious acts of historical vandalism, in furtherance of his corrupt goals, by dessicrating our People's Presidential residence.

The current president has horrible morals, disgusting habits, excoriatingly poor taste, demented concepts, and outrageous sycophants amplifying his greed.

Our White House must be restored, and all payments for the high craftsmanship necessary, should be sent to A) trump crypto; B) trump Watches; C) Jared Kushner.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Roloff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the PEOPLE of the United States of America. I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on of any replacement building without the proper authorization, permits, or design review by the appropriate representatives of the PEOPLE of the United States of America. The destruction of the East Wing building was done without approval by the US citizens and/or their representatives in Congress. The current plan for a replacement is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Any new structure MUST be reviewed and approved by people who represent ALL US citizens. Furthermore to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing people who are responsible to the destruction of a building that they do not own is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cara Formisano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:42:01 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more for this illegal project. Improvements are one thing, but this total destruction of "our" house is outrageous!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madison Silvy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Benavides
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. It was initiated without proper authorization and should not move forward. The East wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to what it originally was designed to be. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Churchill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helena Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, It is not a modernization project but vandalism of a historical monument that belongs to the entirety of the American People. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Devlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please withhold approval of this project. It is a blatant abuse of his position. How would you feel if he arrived at your home with the machinery to knock down the rear wall and build a garish addition? It is the same thing. He overlooks the fact that the White House does not belong to him.

Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Toombs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Marks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I would like to say that with today's economic concerns, for one person to make a unilateral decision to destroy public property and then to put up, what I consider a monstrosity is wrong. So, essentially I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marty Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a wasteful boondoggle that should not go forward. There was no reason for it. We should cut our losses and just put up temporary shoring until a sane president gets elected.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Stolz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am hoping that you take seriously the concerns of the AIA. Please be on the right side of history and don't degrade the White House by putting up a huge ballroom that is extremely unpopular with the public.

The demolition of the East Wing and the cutting down of beautiful mature trees to make way for this enormous ballroom that will dwarf our historic icon was very disturbing. As an aside, my mother was a calligrapher for many years in the East Wing, and it was demolished on the 9th anniversary of her death.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:02 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Vashon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this.
The "demolition" of this wing was never properly permitted or authorized. It is just gone! Just like that.
Not a remodeling. Demolished.
300 million dollars should be used to restore it back to it's original state.
No one is above the law. I thought.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:41:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Barnhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House shows a total disregard for the historical significance of the “people’s house”. He destroyed the rose garden and turned it into what looks like an outdoor food court. The occupant of the White House is there temporarily. The house itself is a lasting legacy to American history and democracy. Restore the East Wing!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela DeVito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a very troubling matter for America. No demolition should have begun without approval from congress. It is the People's house, not the current president's. It is traumatizing to see parts of our history destroyed because of a demented egomaniac.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BECKY BURNS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the comments of others and reiterate: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization

project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Southwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Poppers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please immediately stop the construction of the ballroom. This project was not approved. This is the peoples' house, and the people should have been informed and involved. I fear the West Wing will be next.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kate Friedrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Hinz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My primary question is how the modernization, aka destruction, aids the public good? The ballroom replacement seems to cater to mainly benefit political large dollar donors and potential foreign dignitaries. The vast majority of the public will never receive an invite to an event at the East Wing ballroom, so why are we allocating public land, and public funds for the construction and eventual maintenance of this facility? The respective political parties can construct their own fundraising facility on private land and we don't need this massive eyesore that benefits only the a few.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Pelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely, Virginia Pelley

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Dugan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House (and it does belong to We the People) was built as a symbol to the world that our elected President is a leader, not a monarch. It is an elegant, yet simple building built purposefully as a contrast to outrageously opulent palaces of kings and dictators. It is an ongoing representation that the United States of America has a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.
As an aside, we also do not need or want a Panera Bread outdoor eating area. Bring back the rose garden.

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Name: Alice Hrebella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose tearing down part of the white house and spending unauthorized funds on rebuilding. The founders of our great nation would be horrified that the rules were not obeyed. Noone is above the law. Follow the rules in place. Stop the project right now and leave it as it is. We have bigger problems in this country than making a larger dining room.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A national treasure was demolished. It should be rebuilt as it was with no input from anyone at the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jack Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT(!!!) support the proposed ballroom in any shape or form. It is a grifting project for the occupant of the white house, and these grandiose, inappropriate, and unnecessary plans do not have any support from me.
Now that he has destroyed the historic East Wing, the only solution is a modern replacement which captures the historic nature of what was destroyed. Nothing else is appropriate.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Koehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that does not have authorization, a credible architectural plan or actual funding in place. The demolition was carried out without permits or consideration for the people of the USA. I feel the building should be restored with any moderization to bring it up to code. A full architectural plan with approval from the historic society and other appropriate groups must be done before any work begins.
It is my opinion that Donald Trump should be required to pay in full for the demolition that was never approved.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Nelms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the unlawful destruction of the East Wing in order to build a ballroom ..
It is not modernization but erasure of historical design and totally inappropriate !!

It needs to be rebuilt following lawful historical preservation process and laws …

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Low
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The innocuous title “East Wing Modernization” does not come close to describing the unlawful, unpermitted demolition of government property undertaken by the president. I have little faith in this corrupted government, but I would have the east wing restored. Not one penny of tax money should go to rebuilding it. It should be rebuilt, to its original design with the president’s personal money and the money the oligarchs are “donating” to his unwelcome and unwieldy ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:40:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara McGregor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah P Southward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As someone who has a relative who worked for the National Park Services in historic restoration & preservation I totally agree with Anara Guard’s comment with regards to the East Wing:

“ I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The arbitrary destruction of the East Wing by this President is a disgrace. Once this Epstein-linked administration is finally gone, which, for the sake of our precious democracy and the stability of the world cannot come soon enough, the first act should be that the East Wing should is fully restored carefully and historically accurately to appear exactly as it was. OK, upgrade the systems and modernize discreetly. This desecration of the people's house is only one example of this administration's misdeeds and the restoration will engender a restoration in public trust in our federal government.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese M pflug
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I worked in DC during the Great March on Washington in the late 1960's. A little know fact, mostly obscure from history is "Resurrection City" where the Black People camped in a (made for this march) fenced area (I think around the reflection pool). Even tho it was a risk as a young single white female, I was able to talk to, but not take photos, with some "residents of this makeshift housing.

I remember how awestruck the whole area was with memories of how this government was built, bloody but with honor. Driving up to the White House reinforced the honor it was to witness history and reflect on the gorgeous HOME of a Free Society for its residents in the USA. . The tours at the time were only "walk around" the White house with a sheet of paper identifying the rooms on the building. This was truly a majestic work of art.

To see the total destruction of the East Wing, using our tax dollars, and now having the funding misrepresented, reminds me this not only desecrates the whole structure, it sends a message that women are worth less than men----and don't deserve a place to work, let alone welcome people from global countries. I also demonstrates how little respect trump has for the sacrifices (where he enjoys freedoms of financial rewards) for the hard work of women in all walks of life (the space race mathematicians). And while I believe he has fostered this contempt with financial rewards from Global entities, It's heartbreaking to so see this physical reminder of what all we have lost. And until recently HOW it was lost, with all the evil self enrichment. TY

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BARBARA MCLENDON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 74 year old American with ancestors going back to the Revolutionary War. I am not only saddened and disappointed by the actions of Donald Trump, but I am furious. He is not the owner of the White House nor any other federal building, agency, or monument in our nation's Capitol. All those belong to us, the people of the United States. And I will add, we the taxpayers.
In my opinion, he had no right whatsoever to do what he has done to the East Wing.The plans of the ballroom he has displayed look absolutely horrendous. If he wanted to make permanent changes, he should have first, gone through proper channels, and perhaps given us, the actual owners, a chance to voice our opinions. He certainly should not have all of a sudden brought in a wrecking crew to destroy an important section of the building. I was horrified waking up to that sight with no warning what was about to happen. He has already made the Oval Office and other areas of the White House resemble something akin to a cheap, gaudy brothel.Is there no end to the damage he will do?
I believe Mr.Trump should be held legally accountable for what he has done, not only to the WH, but The Kennedy Center and other buildings throughout the city he has decided to just 'take over'. It seems that he feels entitled to do whatever he wants, with no input from experts or others. I assure you I would be just as offended by this type of attitude or actions, if it was any other president, no matter the political party they were a part of.
Thank you for the chance to comment about this travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Barrial
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which began without proper authorization, required permits, or a formal design review. This is not a modernization effort but a wholesale destruction of an important piece of American history. I call for the immediate cancellation of the project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a disservice to every law-abiding American.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bekki Beverly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs:
This vanity project must be halted immediately. None of the destruction had been authorized, rather he had a wrecking crew come in during a government shutdown and wreck part of the People’s House that he had assured the Public would not be touched. No one is above the law, though he believes he is. Please STOP this immediately and let him use the $400 million he said he had in donations to rebuild the East Wing. Perhaps his wife doesn’t need an office as other First Ladies have, but it’s not his House. It’s the People’s House. He’s a temporary resident.
Please stop this vanity project and require the rebuilding of the East Wing to previous dimensions. For further generations.
Respectfully,
Bekki Beverly

Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nigel Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amy Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Carpenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As you know, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by We the American People. While it has been home to presidents since 1800, the current president at any given time INCLUDING NOW is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon. The president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is an appalling act of disrespect, and clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. The current state of the building is a disgrace that should never have been allowed to take place.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require the immediate reconstruction of the East Wing in full keeping with its historic design and size. Everything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion, at the full expense of the current resident responsible for defacement and destruction of public property.

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Name: Mary Beth Keidl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Charles Freid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ill-conceived project, has damaged The People's House. Whether the money for this fiasco comes from private sources or not, it should not be allowed to continue. Restore the East Wing exactly as it was.

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Name: Barbara Wand James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvette Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House by Trump. He violated the historical integrity of the people's house in razing it. And his desire to build a 90,000 square foot ballroom is an affront to American citizens. He did not get proper approvals, permits or go through appropriate procedures to destroy the White House. I oppose spending over $300 million to create the idiotic ballroom and want the East Wing restored to its original glory.

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Name: Linda Hensley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara Woltz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I agree with this comment by Anara Guard.

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In addition, I am offended by the occupant of the White House turning this entire country into a vanity project. His unilateral decision to vandalize the White House is offensive. Every other modern president had respect for the unique importance of the White House and consulted the Committee for the Preservation of the White House before making changes. It is infuriating that the care and respect of previous presidents has been obliterated in one year by this person who has no respect for history, the process of law, or taste.

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Name: Carlo Spirito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:39:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Koehnen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The impulsive, disrespectful and offensive destruction of the east wing should not be rewarded with the construction of a ridiculously bloated ballroom that only serves to flatter the current president and has little to do with the American people.

It's important to note that the demolition of the east wing, which functioned primarily as the first lady's office spaces and replacing it with a ballroom solely for entertainment purposes erases the importance of the role of first lady and/or in the future, the first gentleman. This was a reception area for the people. Historically many groups brought their concerns to the first lady in the east wing. The destruction marginalized the people and took away access. Building a ballroom would only compound this error. This ballroom should not move forward and the east wing should be restored. I vehemently oppose the construction of a ballroom. I strongly support the rebuilding of the east wing. The current occupant should also pay for the rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission,
I oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was done on such a fast track it caused outrage throughout the country that crossed all party lines. Of course, other presidents have made controversial changes in the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion.

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Name: Lori Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you- Lori Day

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Name: Jennifer Schroeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin WIlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please limit the size of the ballroom to ensure SOME level of grace and continuity with the rest of the White House. Limiting the size of the ballroom will ensure it is a little an eyesore as possible.

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Name: Sara Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Hickert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jeremy Gaston
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hallie Conrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a shame that an important piece of the American peoples' history has been destroyed. This was done without the proper permits and allowances and can't be undone. This is the people's house, not the current president's. There should be accountability for destroying national historical properties for private interests.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:41 AM
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Name: Diane Kochendorfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Diane

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Sandman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was able to tour the White House three years ago and was awed by its splendor, and proud to be an American as I walked through the hall of the East wing and into the many rooms whose walls have witnessed the history of our country! I am now appalled to see the pictures of what has been done to this beautiful house! It is the People's house, not the current occupant's house! He is a tenant with a lease for four years. If I would rent a house and tear part of it down without the landlord's permission, I would definitely suffer the consequences! Our country will survive without a gold encrusted ballroom, we the people want our house back!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Falin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing "Modernization" Project. It was initiated without proper planning, permits, authorization, or design review. The East Wing has immense historical significance and has evolved to become the official space for the First Lady of the United States. Its demolition is a great loss for this country, and its replacement with yet another vanity project for Donald Trump is reprehensible. I want to see this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored for its prior purpose. Donald Trump is not a monarch in need of a gilded ballroom, and he should be penalized for breaking the law and rules governing the people's treasures.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth McKnight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All Americans should be outraged by the Trump administration's unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Trump clearly believes himself to be an autonomous ruler--a king--with no limits on his power. Whether the country needs a giant ballroom is debatable, but Trump does not allow debate; he does what he wants without regard for the opinions of others. At the very least, the construction should be

halted and a thorough review of the project should be conducted.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Crowley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where else on the planet can a tenant decide to demolish a part of the residence in which he is a guest? This is The People's house and this demolition was done without permission, planning or approval of the homeowners. The White House must be protected from such impulses. As a part owner I want the East Wing restored exactly as it was. I would like protections set in place so no tenant can make any changes without approval of the People. We, the People, do not need or want a grande ballroom ala Louis XIV! Restore our House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

While in office, Donald J Trump has managed to run roughshod over our beloved constitution. Rather than going into detail as to his many transgressions, suffice it to say the man puts himself, his vengeance, and his vanity over the needs of the American people. This, of course is in addition to how he has turned his back on our allies and disrupted the liberal world order.
I do not claim to understand why he puts his own personal needs ahead of our county and our allies, but I do know that his every move is about himself, his greed and his ego.
Rather than seeking input or permission from your organization or the public, he went ahead and had the entire east wing (and the historical.Rose Garden) destroyed. Why would he make such bold and selfish moves without the courtesy that any other occupants of the People's House have acquired? Because he does whatever he pleases without consulting anyone. He consistently abuses the privileges of his position. He is unqualified and incompetent and seems to try to make up for his deficiencies by building monuments to himself or slapping his name on other people's monuments.
If you give this man permission to make over another national landmark, i.e., the White House, then you are encouraging his lawlessness and ego.
I hope this committee will insist on having the East Wing rebuilt and stop another attemp by DJT to destroy our country and our heritage bit by bit.

Patricia Lewis

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Burnham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to using any public or private money to build the proposed East Wing White House Ballroom. It's ugly & a waste of resources and money, that should be directed toward relief for the citizens that are suffering from lack of benefits and services ended since the current administration has come to power.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: donna wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. We also were told that no changes were to be made, then the building was ripped down, wantonly disregarding any of the wishes of the people who OWN it: the people of this country, not one person who lives there

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion

Date: 2/17/2026 9:38:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Long Nguyen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this terrible project and waste. Please stop this from happening. Thanks.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gallentine William
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rajani Vaidyanathan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi, the white house is the the people's house. The presidents who live there are it's care takers, this is a basic respect to be accorded. And one of the main tenets should be do not destroy. The second part to my objections I have is with the funding of this project, by private donors which is classic corruption. So this needs to stop, rajani

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Name: Peggy Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, provided to an elected president to use during his term of office. No permanent alterations can be made to this structure without the consent of the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:48 AM
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Name: Laura Lupovitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is bad enough that the felon in chief destroyed part of a historic property that belongs to the American people. Do not let him cheapen the space by turning it into a monument to himself. Use the power you have and stop this project now.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:49 AM
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Name: Linda Tarant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen and taxpayer, I am opposed to this abominable East Wing project!
The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original beauty immediately.

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Name: Eiren Caffall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Matthew Stuczynski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Terrible erasure of American history to build a collassal building that will overshadow our beautiful, beloved and historic White House that wa smenat to represent democracy and the people and purposely NOT be grandiose like the planned ballroom.

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Name: Robin Burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project will destroy the aesthetics and proportions of the People's House, our White House. In its place will rise a tasteless white elephant monument to one man's monstrous ego. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of the East Wing was a complete razing of American History. This project must be cancelled - that is the legal, moral, and right thing to do. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former aesthetically pleasing and useful design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed and not penalize those who broke the law is an affront to every American citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This president seems to think he owns this country. Tearing down our history and adding his name will never make him great.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Lincicome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not done with permits. Just extremely offensive to the people of this nation. Force 47 to put back the original building.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:42 AM
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Name: Cynthia Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I also question the intention of those who are supposedly funding this project. It is not a modernization project, and I question the need for this Ballroom. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Faris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written feedback on the White House Ballroom project. This project should be immediately stopped and the East Wing restored, and any money pledged by large corporations and wealthy individuals until a proper and transparent process is developed and followed. The White House is the "people's house" not an opportunity to buy influence. A ballroom for large events could be procured and secured at multiple venues around Washington DC, that are both accessible, securely, historic and cost effective…we use them all the time for large events at inauguration events. The massive ballroom proposed by the President is out of scale, a vanity project and not an appropriate use of scarce resources. Donations are not transparent and are used to buy access and influence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann English
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing tear down. Now that it is down, it should be rebuild with modern technology but at the same foorprint and overall design as the original. A wing should not dwarf the White House. If a better bunker needs to be built, build it but leave the visible part (the East wing) aesthetically intact. We the people don't need a massive ballroom that is a vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Singlestar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a heart breaking destruction of American history. When looking at the destruction I am reminded of August 24, 1814, when, during the War of 1812, the White House was burned down. It was an act of terrorism on American soil. Today, this project is no different. Initiated without any permission, the project failed to take any of the necessary steps to proceed in the first place.

The White House has been significantly destroyed of its grandeur. It has the appearance as if a bomb exploded. This is the people's house. It does not belong to any occupant of the White House. Not only was historic preservation far from the mind of the occupant in this alteration, but it is clear from news reports, that none of the necessary steps were taken to proceed with such a project.

From a security standpoint, it is also appalling. Who authorized the workers? Do they or any of the construction companies have ties with a leader of another country? Might the walls include listening devices? It is clear that the Cold War never ended. Instead, it morphed into something else altogether. The destruction of the White House may well be part of that plan - to undermine the confidence of Americans in their country.

This has nothing to do with modernization, such as putting in more efficient heating or air conditioning. This was not predicated on the concept of making a LEED building in the same design or with the same footprint. It is an ego project. It does not have my support.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Atkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the demolition of the East Wing was executed without proper review and documentation, I highly oppose any construction other than full restoration of the East Wing of the White House. Modernization of the existing bunker could be accomplished without adding a ballroom. Any ballroom construction must go through proper channels and approval by Congress before even being considered. The White House is a national treasure that must be protected.

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Name: Sarah Burns Feyl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I used what was above:
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The founding fathers specifically created a small house, because it was the people's house, and they were rejecting the grandiose and ostentatious palaces of the monarchies in Europe, The liars who did this illegal action should be charged with desecration and destruction of public property as no one should be above the law. It should be restored to the size and scope of the old East wing or at least something that matched the size and scope of the West wing.

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Name: Rob Goldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kelly Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stacy Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patricia Duren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Boshart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project conflicts with the rule of law in a number of ways.

The East Wing, as it existed, was a national treasure. It was part of the institution that the American people have built to house our government. It was built over time as a part of the living history of our democracy.

The destruction of the East Wing was against the law. We have processes for the renovation and reconstruction of our historic structures. None of these processes were followed. Many parts or our government utilize a "notice and comment" process to explore the impact of potential changes. No input was sought by this administration.

Trump acted as if he has plenary authority over the building that belongs to all of us. He does not have such authority, As has become clear, our system does not have mechanisms in place to address a chief executive that abuses their authority. All those that have previously held that office have maintained at least some respect for the rule of law. Trump respects nothing, and has seeming disdain for the rule of law.

The East Wing Modernization Project, as presented, is against the law. We have processes for the design and planning of federal buildings, and extensive design review processes when constructing our national monuments. Again, none of these processes were followed. Again, there was nothing resembling a "notice and comment" process, and no input was sought by this administration. Generally, the Trump administration's response to any input or criticism trends toward the aggressively hostile.

The East Wing Modernization Project is an abomination. It dwarfs the White House, placing our landmark in the shadow of Trump's Gatsby-esque ego project. It's purpose is opposed to the principles of democracy: Trump is planning the atrocity so he can continue to rule by socializing with billionaires.

I believe that the East Wing Modernization Project should be rejected, and the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before Trump destroyed the people's property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie McMickle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Kates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ellen Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on building an unasked for ballroom on the former East Wing of the White House. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The East Wing should be built for the PEOPLE and for the PURPOSE of governing and administering to the citizens of the United States, to whom this building belongs. Thanks.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:37:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ellery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million--or ANY amount--on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Don Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Wile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carrie Kotal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this wasteful spending. The portion of this building that was razed with no oversight or plans should be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Melissa Giannini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kendra Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Burnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that the East Wing needs to be restored. This beautiful building once held the women's offices. I'd like to see them returned.
As a homeowner, I can't do anything to my home without a permit. Larger projects will include the use of a contractor, blueprints, site plans, permits and inspections. None of this was done.
And while I do not reside in the White House, it is the People's House, mine, my neighbors, my family's

house. Our opinions should not just be mandatory but welcomed and appreciated.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:36:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Correia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens of this formerly great nation.

It is well past time to reign in the current demented occupant of our White House, remove him from office, and send him to prison for the remainder of his days.

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Name: Maria Olive
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Drye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want our White House restored to its former self. The East Wing belongs to the American people. No plans were submitted, no proper requests were made. Those responsible for the destruction of such a symbol of the U.S.A. Need to be held responsible financially and legally. The current president has NO RIGHT to destroy an historic landmark. If we truly need a ballroom, plans need to be submitted and not approved until after the East Wing is restored to it’s former beauty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sean McKeown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was pulled down without following the official process, and we should not be rewarding that disregard for the law by saying "oh well, it is done, we might as well let him rebuild however he wants." No one is above the law, especially not the President, and the East Wing should be rebuilt to its prior design rather than allow this travesty of a "modernization process" to go forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:36:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nissa Dahlin-Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design for Trump's Ballroom is much too large for the site, plus its relationship to the White House is aesthetically overwhelming, to say the least. The White House should remain the prominent structure and NOT a ballroom. Additionally the massive 38'-40' height of the ballroom is ridiculous and will destroy any feeling of intimacy in a dinner setting and be difficult acoustically. It could easily be lowered (ballrooms are typically 12'-30' max) to help mask it's outlandish size, inside and outside. Add on the astronmical cost for heating and cooling this massive space, which also has extremely limited usage. This whole unnecessary project will be a burden to me, the taxpayer. I urge the scaling back of this monstrosity with sensitivity to the site and the White House. I also urge restraint on the massive use of gold that Trump has shown elsewhere.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Aldrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:36:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zach STILLITTANO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: William Donnelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rae Reuille
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaye Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a certified Historical Preservation specialist, I oppose the allocation of $300 million to this project, which was initiated without the required authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is a full-scale demolition of irreplaceable American history. I am calling for the project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design in accordance with current Historical Preservation standards.

No entity is exempt from the laws and procedures that safeguard our historic resources. Allowing this project to proceed without proper review, transparency, and public engagement would undermine the very preservation standards that exist to protect America's heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:35:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Sprott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this project needs to be stopped until it is given a thorough review and approval as required by law and has congressional approval as well. President Trump and the people who are financing this have no right to do only as they wish with something that belongs to the American people. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:35:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Ballweg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the $300,000,000 to build a too large ballroom. It looks bigger than the whole White House! If people want to give money , use it to help Veterans!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:35:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tony Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:35:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Wiegman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly and completely oppose the spending of $300 million on the euphemistically named Eat Wing Modernization Project. This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is the peoples house, not the occupants.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing re-built and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Kihn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Wendorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the so-called East Wing Modernization Project which has already destroyed the East Wing of the White House so a massive, unnecessary ballroom will be built. This is nothing but another effort by Trump to glorify himself and invalidate our American traditions and symbols so he can create his own. He has already gilded up the White House to look like an Arabian palace and leveled the beautiful Rose Garden to look like a beach resort patio. He is doing this project without any authorization whatsoever, the way autocrats tend to do everything. I think he should be held accountable and made to fund the rebuilding of the East Wing to look as close to the old one as possible. He doesn't own the White House; supposedly, We the People do.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:35:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Sutton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom addition to the White House will dwarf the official residence. The White House has been a symbol for the country and the huge ballroom addtion will place it as a secondary building instead of keeping it as a prominent symbol. A more sympathetic design should be considered. Any addition should not overwhelm the residence, the residence should be the primary focus on the grounds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gwendolyn Judy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:34:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Bremer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this huge project that was undertaken without proper permitting and at the expense of the history of the people's house. The east wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt as it was and restored to original glory. Shame on those who chose to destroy without permission. It is the people's house not the property of DJT.
Signed
Laura Bremer
Traverse City MI

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Name: Kathy Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gloria Herman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am quite concerned and don't believe the addition of a 90,000 sq ft ballroom to the White House should be allowed to go forward. It was very reckless of the President to bring in a wrecking crew and destroy the East Wing with all its history. He didn't have proper authorization to take this upon himself. The White House is the people's house and not owned by any President. He is a temporary resident there and therefore should not be allowed to make such a drastic change to begin with. The planned structure is quite large and will diminish the size of the White House in perspective.

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Name: Kate Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Full stop. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the systems we have put in place to ensure that decisions are not taken to serve one overinflated ego bent on revenge, retribution, and gilt framing.

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Name: Anne O'Donoghue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Viveca Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Vanessa Nunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against any change that eclipses the main body of the White House. Any changes need to be in alignment with the Commission requirements.

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Name: Paula Fike-Daum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The old East Wing of the White House was an architectural and historical treasure. There is no need for a huge ballroom on this site. The old East Wing must be completely restored out of respect for its history and value to the American people.

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Name: Brittany Blass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laurie Yanacek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without proper authorization permits or design review. The huge ballroom planned is all out of proportion with the White House and would be an eyesore. I would like to see this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Sandlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't a modernization of the structure, but rather a destruction of American history. I oppose this project on the people's house, which was initiated without proper authorization, design review, or permits. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt, restored to its former design. No one in the United States is above the law; to allow this project to proceed and not penalize those who broke the law is an affront to law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Claire Anton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To use another's excellent comment that speaks directly to how I feel in this moment. "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Paula Sweeley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally resent the savage destructive j of "OUR WHITE HOUSE" by Donald Trump. That house embodies the precious history of our country, and it has been destroyed by a man who cares only about himself. Now it can never be restored to its original state, but the damage done needs to be repaired as much as possible and the planned ballroom dismissed.

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Name: Bill Brightman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Renae Rebechini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project immediately!!! Nobody is above the law. Thank you!

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Name: Juliane Kohlisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

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Name: Paul Duguid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an unnecessary vanity project and complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Any government project of this scale and impact, both financially and historically, must abide by the law and processes governing such work. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding, tax-paying Americans. It is a shame and embarrassment that any administration labeling itself a "law and order" administration would flout, ignore, and break the law at

any moment it serves its interest. What lesson do we give our children by setting such example?

Date: 2/17/2026 9:33:10 AM
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Name: tatiana schnur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support spending $300 million on this project because the administrations started it without legally required authorization, permits, and design review. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The public owns this house and changes need to be approved by us, the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:33:04 AM
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Name: Susan Henning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I demand this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is the People's House and proper channels were flagrantly ignored when the East Wing was destroyed. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Toni Meador
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,

I am using another's words, but they fit my sentiments 100%. This project is an abomination, along with his renaming of the Kennedy Center, his paving of the Rose Garden and his myriad other narcissistic threats for grandiosity.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Toni Meador

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Name: Mary Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I also oppose the title of the project. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:33:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Kasten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and the East Wing should not have been decimated without going through the proper channels. It feels like a part of us has been bulldozed. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sherri Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jocelyn Frazier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It was unnecessary and illegally started without the review and consent of the people.
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorisation, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalising those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It's an offensive, arrogant, and hideous misuse of taxpayer funds which should be used on infrastructure, not one man's crippling vanity. Shame on everyone involved in this project.'

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Name: Jean Godwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. It is a vanity project. Restore the East Wing and modernize it.

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Name: Michael Dare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely everything Donald Trump is doing to the White House is despicable and must be stopped.

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Name: Bettina Berch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: jinx gollam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated without proper authorization, necessary permits, or any design review. This is *not* a modernization project but a total erasure of American history! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jamie O'Brien Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julie Feilner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this project. The East Wing was torn down without proper approval. The plan for a hideous ballroom, no matter where the funds are obtained, must not proceed. Also, where have those donated funds gone?

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Name: Erica Jed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a giant ballroom! Compile the previous functions of the East Wing and reconstruct an architecturally appropriate replacement.(at Trump's expense, if possible!)

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Name: Linda Zimmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this ill conceived project by Donald Trump. He is trying to erase our country's history and cover everything in his tacky gold paint. This is the People's House, not Maralago and he has no right to do these things without permission! He was not elected King.

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Name: Ted Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on replacing the White House East Wing with a ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 9:32:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Bergstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction that has happened to our historic East Wing. It should never have been demolished and it should be restored to its original design. I understand the need for structural modifications when safety is a concern but this is not the current situation.

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Name: Pamela House
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing which was undertaken without proper review or approval …. the destruction of OUR history on a seeming whim of the current administration. I am also opposed to the construction of a giant ballroom which would completely modify the footprint of the White House grounds without an appropriate review process focusing on the need, cost of operation, size, and the architectural plans. Whether the initial funding for the proposed construction is private or public, the owners of the property … the citizens of the United States … should have input through the legally designated process.

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Name: Pam Bockes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of public property is rooted in greed, disregard for regulations, and the quest for ever more adulation on the part of a rogue convict who has ascended to a position where his unlimited power can destroy property, people and principled precedent. This "project" is symbolic of the fact that destruction is more easily accomplished than the building and maintenance of a system designed to create and preserve democracy- a process that requires intelligence, patience and respect for others' welfare, all sorely lacking in the regime under which we are living . Please stop the destruction.

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Name: Nancy Plevin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stronly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is an outrage. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those

who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:57 AM
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Name: Penny M Briese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ladies and Gentlemen, I write to you today to question the destruction of the East Wing in order to build a golden edifice to one man's ego. The East Wing has historically been where the work of women was done. Women like Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie, Kennedy, and most recently, Michelle Obama. These are women who changed the world. Women who worked tirelessly to make this a better world for women and girls. Don't be fooled into thinking that Mr. Trump simply wants a place to hold parties. He is making a statement that women are less than, mere object for men to grab by their genitals, something for which he will forever be known. As a veteran, and more importantly, a female veteran, I stood on that wall and defended this country from foreign enemies. Never in my lifetime would I have believed that I now have to beg my leaders to defend us all from a domestic one. As an American, I ask that you stop this insanity and restore the hallowed hall where great women worked for every one of us. The children of the future deserve that much from you.

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Name: Christina Blagg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rich Nassisi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this so called modernization. The East Wing was destroyed without valid authorization. It was illegal. And it destroyed history. I want it restored to its original specifications. No ballroom. That would be a travesty.

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Name: Catherine Goldschlager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One only needs to look at the tabletop mock up of the proposed ballroom to see that it's way out of proportion to the existing, remaining White House. Please deny approval for the unneeded ballroom and return the property to its former status. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:31 AM
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Name: Laurie Sherrod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should be forced to replace the East Wing of the White House to it's original blueprint- and he should be required to pay for it (without grifting Americans) since he tore it down without permission. Taxpayers should not fund the replacement or a ballroom when we have thousands of sick homeless people. Our homeless and poor people should come before the millionaires.

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Name: Kathleen Caliendo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the plans for the ballroom are hideous and I am so mad that the east wing was torn down. We DO NOT NEED or WANT a ballroom near the White House-the PEOPLE'S house! I think it was a sin to start demolition and construction without approval. STOP this atrocity! STOP trump from destroying everything.

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Name: Carol Zhou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as it was. A ballroom is not what is needed. Better to provide offices and conference rooms for conducting the nation's business and interests..

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Name: Lauren Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: S. Janet Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an attempt to erase US history. I want to see the East Wing restored and rebuilt to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:18 AM
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Name: Susan Thetard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a strong supporter of the National Trust and historic preservation, I am stunned by the demolition of the East Wing. Demolishing the historic East Wing of the White House without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight clearly violated the law. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it. No president owns the property.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require any reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain its historic design. Anything built on the demolition site must match the style of the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and it must be subordinate in size

I urge, further, that any reconstruction be funded only with appropriations from Congress and that no private money be allowed for this project. The American people own the land, not any one president or any

corporation seeking to buy favor. Do not reward a lawless president.

If Congress does not approve funding, and if a design keeping with the building's historical character cannot be achieved, the land should be left vacant.

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Name: Caren Timmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I oppose the spending of any money for this project. There were no proper authorizations, permits, or design review prior to demolition. This is a complete tear-down of American history in "OUR" house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory. No One is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be just another slap in the face to law-abiding Americans.
Regards,

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Fredericksen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very opposed to the unlawful destruction of the East Wing, and plans to add a gaudy ballroom that will not benefit the American people in the slightest.
This whole project makes no sense, unless it's perhaps a mechanism to collect bribes. Are these the people whose names have been redacted from the Epstein files? Because if not, I can't think of any reason that makes sense why such a chaotic and destructive project is moving forward.
Is this new bunker where traitor Trump wants to try and hide the next time he tries to overthrow our democracy?
Please put a halt to this insanity and let the American people weigh in on what happens next. At a time when our government is cutting programs and safety nets that benefit millions of people, there is almost zero support for this insane waste of money to build something we do not need or want. I hope Trump is held accountable for this and his countless other crimes.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Emerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:31:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elise Dickinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not happen.

The East Wing was Stolen, demolished and destroyed by an inept government.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: GEORGIA MORGAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to proceeding with this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, without permits, and without design review. An icon of American history was bulldozed in a day, with no concern for furnishings and fixtures of historical, cultural, and monetary value. It is not a modernization project at all. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mizelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I visited Washington D.C. when I was 5 years old, my family won a radio contest to see Reagan's Inauguration. I have no memories of seeing the White House. I have visited D.C a few times as an adult, but have never been able to see the building in person. I have always wanted to, and was just devastated to see it desecrated so violently and disrespectfully with no warning.

This iconic building holds the history, hopes, dreams, blood, sweat and tears of so many generations of Americans. From the enslaved people who literally gave their lives to build it, to the countless staff, housekeepers, politicians, families, visitors, artists and writers, foreign dignitaries, so many people have walked the halls of the People's House over the centuries.

What President Trump has done to this irreplaceable structure is unforgivable. Through his hubris, impatience, pettiness and vitriol he has managed to destroy an entire wing of this building that does not belong to him. This building belongs to all of us.
It needs to be restored to it's previous condition, along with some kind of a plaque that describes accurately the laws and procedures that he and his cronies violated when they vandalized the White House so catastrophically.

He, his enablers, accomplices and criminal enterprise need to be held accountable for his many crimes.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Demake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Lago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of money, no matter how attained, on this project, which was clandestinely initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tania Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for many reasons. It was the peoples house and demolished without any say from the people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: melissa raak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. (Its funding is shady, and it imposes a future cost for maintenance onto TAXPAYERS, whose representatives had NO SAY IN CREATING!) I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KayCee Bucher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chant Macleod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a 'modernization project,' it is a vanity project designed to appeal to one man. I ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Gutierrez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the WH ballroom:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Cadwallader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the East Wing has been "modernized" into oblivion, against the letter of the law and the specific wishes of a vast majority of the American public, I propose it be replaced with a temporary shelter for the homeless veterans this administration continues to neglect. This shelter should be temporary until housing is found for every homeless veteran in the United States, or until the current administration is driven from office, and a newly-elected rational President-elect restores the East Wing to it's previous glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ernst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the rewriting of history and to the renovation of historical buildings by the United States Government. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Weil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vivian Joltes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it is an ostentatious nightmare. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all

law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Petrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore this to its original version.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Esther-Marie Emslie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty, especially given that it was done without any of the proper, required authorizations, permits or design reviews. This is not a modernization project but rather a blatant attempt to erase a part of American history. There is no viable need or reason - other than one man's ego - for a ballroom in its place, especially in a city like Washington D.C. with so very many options available, and it is a massive slap in the face of the American public to waste $300 million plus on a project like this in the face of so many people losing their livelihoods, the rising costs health insurance, housing, groceries, gas and generally the cost of living.

This project needs to be canceled immediately, and equally as importantly, the Administration needs to be held liable for attempting to avoid or sidestep following proper procedure. Nobody, including the current Administration, is above the law. Allowing this project to go forward will not only flaunt proper procedure and safety regulations, it will open the door wide to a slew of private businesses and contractors doing the same; should this project be allowed to continue, a dangerous precedent will be set that will be difficult to impossible to stop ballooning nationwide. After all, why should anyone else follow the law / obtain authorizations, permits or design reviews if the President himself does not do so?

No-one is above the law, period. Permitting this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law will make a mockery of our entire judicial system and will be a flat-out affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:30:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Earl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ABSOLUTELY NOT. NO OTHER WORDS BUT NO.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. I do not think the proper procedures were followed, the proper permits were pulled or any advance notice was given in tearing down the East Wing. In addition, the plans I have seen as proposed would make the beautiful White House look ungainly and out of proportion.
Thank you. Susan Griffith

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Toney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Mathison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If restoration is not realistic than a proper design needs to be submitted and voted on to replace what once was. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Waldron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am distressed that the east wing was torn down without a real plan, without care, and without review.
If additional space for events is needed, please reconstruct the east wing and any additional space in keeping with the size and architecture of the Whitehouse.
It is an affront to the American public that any one individual can visit such destruction on the symbols of our great country on a whim.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely against the East Wing Modernization. It is destruction not modernization. Trump,is ruining everything that is sacred to our country

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelly Brunette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Dewees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Martha DeWees, DVM

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Huck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC File Number: 8733
Applicant: Executive Residence at the White House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rodney G Perry, ASID, NCIDQ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After recovering from the initial shock of the rampant destruction of the East Wing, like so many architects designers historians preservationists plus average Americans, it became obvious that the current administration truly thinks that America is a kingdom and the POTUS is king. Not so!

The White House, as well as ALL government buildings belong to the People of the United States. We have commissions, laws, covenants and rules in place to take care of the maintenance and preservation of our beautiful and historic public spaces.

I am totally against this rampant destruction. It must stop!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project shouldnnot proceed without congressional funding and approval.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an front to our laws and traditions.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tristan Curry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project!! Reject this proposal, I urge you

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Knowles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction and so called modernization of the East Wing. History is being destroyed to make one man happy. What is torn down cannot be easily replaced once he's out of office. And not asking for authorization is blatantly tyrannical. We serve no king.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Robison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Chafin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is NOT a modernization project. It's a demolition of our history. Lack of permitting, the rising cost of it, and the blatant indiscretion of it all is embarrassing. The current occupant has the misconception that the White House is his house to do with what he wants. The White House is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and should be respected as such.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Cosgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

I think that in all fairness, since the demolition was never authorized by anyone that the project should do as much as it can to restore it to its previous state including restoration of all decor and antiquities that were housed there.
I believe once it has been restored as much as possible to its previous condition that then conversations can begin about how to make changes.
This is our home and we were never consulted via our Congress/ our voice therefore, the only fair resolution can be restoration to its previous condition.

Thank you
Kathleen Cosgrove

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rjd Ralston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.

The lack of transparency and planning prior to demolition speaks to the issues with this for this project.

There was no need for demolition. The current administration should sue the company that demolished it without proper authorization and permits.

There should be a project submittion noting the needed improvements for the East Wing. A historical architecture firm brought in to address the concerns and make a proposal.

The US does not need a grand ballroom when we can't even take care of our people.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:29:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Marsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Mcdonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of the Whitehouse needs to be rebuilt and restored to its original beauty, no gold , no giant ballroom, nothing but its original state. And the Rose Garden as well!
Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryann Egbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you,
Maryann Egbert

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying citizen of the United States, I was shocked and disgusted with the tearing down of the east wing of the White House.

I understand the need for upgrades to the east wing: it needs to be restored along the lines of what was originally there, reflecting the history of the building, and in sync with the overall design and purpose of the people's house and gardens.

It is not a billionaire's playground!

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Name: Dennis Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Delinda James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Patrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like most Americans, I was devastated to see the East Wing of the White House being torn down without any consultation with your committee or the Historical Society. I absolute oppose the spending of $300-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This cannot rightly be called a modernization project but more of a vanity project for the President. What a purposeful destruction of American history. It is also very significant that it "is being paid for" by people and corporations with a view to influence our government. Please cancel this project, and find a way to rebuild the East Wing, restoring it to its original design. Laws were broken and properr proceedure ignored. It would be an affront to all of us to perrmit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law. Please stop it now.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY CARLSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julia Sell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Orwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The simple fact that the East Wing of the White House has been demolished without any of the requisite discussion, debate and consideration of precedence is a travesty. As a citizen of the United States of America, I am registering my opposition to proceeding with the construction of what appears to be a combination of a vanity project and a corrupt pay-for-play opportunity for the ultra-wealthy.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Loke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please STOP this project. The East Wing was torn down without oversight, authorization, and against the will of the people. History has been blatantly disrespected and destroyed. Private funding for one man's ego project does not excuse this project from proper review and approval. We don't need a gilded ballroom to host events for the rich and famous around the world that will be a place that the average American citizen will never benefit from - we more desperately need to feed, clothe, provide health care, and house Americans. The President may not be using tax dollars to fund the project, but what about future expenses to manage and run this huge monstrosity of a building? This vanity project is illlegal and a slap in the face to this country's citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy McCurley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration had no right to tear down the East Wing and we do not need an eyesore ballroom on the people's house. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalind Rochkind
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The modernization of the east wing should be to rebuild it to its original design. I oppose the building of a ballroom in its stead. This is the people's house and its history should not be destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:28:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Baim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Lacey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not opposed to improving the White House. Given POTUS went about this without input or approval was wrong. The construction must stop. The required review and approval should progress. This does not mean Trump gets to control the review or approval. It should be independent. In addition, the funding needs to be scrutinized in a non-partisan manner. . This should not be controversial

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Vickers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No work or changes to the White House should ever be done without approval from the Commission. No building alterations/construction should be done without thorough review and approval by the Commision and authorized by Congress.
The recent destruction of the East Wing is an affront to the American people. It is also highly questionable about the cost of $300m to build a ballroom. No ballroom would cost that much.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peg Eitl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully, I do not support the ‘modernization’ being considered by this administration. The White House is the people’s house. It does not belong to current occupants. It never has. I do not share the current occupants taste and frankly am offended that he feels he has the right to ignore historical preservation. Please help us protect our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Fitch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Docia Boylen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit this comment to express serious concern regarding the reported removal of the existing structure on the East Wing of the White House and proposals to construct a large ballroom in its place.

The White House is not merely an executive residence. It is a historic and architectural symbol that belongs to the American people. Any significant alteration to its structure should be conducted through a transparent, well-documented process that includes consultation with preservation experts, historians, architects, and appropriate oversight bodies. Decisions of this magnitude warrant careful review, public accountability, and adherence to established historic preservation standards.

The reported removal of an existing structure without a clear and publicly understood process raises concerns about precedent, stewardship, and respect for national heritage. The integrity of the White House complex must be preserved with deliberate care rather than altered through unilateral or expedited action.

If reconstruction or restoration is undertaken, it should faithfully replicate the original architectural character and historical design of the East Wing. The White House has long reflected restrained elegance and classical design principles. Any additions should align with that established aesthetic and avoid ornamental embellishments, including gold accents, that depart from its historic tone and dignity.

Congress has an important role in ensuring that changes to nationally significant properties are handled with transparency, fiscal responsibility, and respect for historical integrity. I urge careful oversight of any proposed construction and a commitment to preserving the White House in a manner consistent with its architectural legacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christie Devine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:25 AM
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Name: Frannie Moulton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Koble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modetnation Project because it has been demolished without going through proper channels, and has demolished a part of our history. A President, though leader of our country, still needs to obey laws and submit projects to Congress before going ahead on his own. The lawlessness needs to be stopped.

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Name: Stephanie Wade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions on this project, which was initiated without congressional approval, proper construction authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled! The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Allowing this project to proceed is another degradation against the Constitutional rules of executive authority and law. Permitting this project is a slap in the face to all American citizens

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Foreit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.\u-4 ?
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $450 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:27:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sharon stanley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Stein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Sundblad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as a concerned citizen.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Vagg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vigorously oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was handled too quickly and caused outrage throughout the country that crossed all party lines. I recognize that other presidents have made controversial changes to the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion. I respectfully urge you to deny approval for this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Bottorff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Putting in a giant ballroom is a travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill McGowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the demolition of the East Wing and its replacement by a ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Marchello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Delcina Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house. The President and his family are temporary residents and they do not own the White House. The upkeep and maintenance of the White House is financed and fully paid for by the citizens of the United States. In other words, the People should have input regarding the demolition of this historic building that was built by slaves centuries ago. The sitting President should not be permitted to unilaterally make a decision to tear down and rebuild in his image a ballroom while he and his family are temporarily residing in the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Barbour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled, as were most Americans, when I saw a wrecking ball taken to our beloved East Wing. No consultation with you, no adherence to norms, no permits, no input from the American people, no thought of the enormous amount of money it will cost, nothing but the whim of one person. There are some reports that, now, he wants the East Wing to be even bigger than the White House itself. This will forever alter the character and stateliness of the White House. Please do not allow it. We, the people, do not need it. Nor do we want it. Please ensure that the East Wing is rebuilt as it was and preserve the nature of the structure. While you are at it, restore the Rose Garden. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Skafte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is a monstrosity.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Wanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to continue would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Childress
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Goldblatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:26:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hobe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please stop the proposed project of the East Wing of our White House. The destruction was not legal and certainly caused environmental issues due to the materials used when built.
The East Wing must be rebuilt as designed so many years ago.
When that project is complete let us bring back the Rose Garden.
Thank you,
Kathleen Hobe

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: joan Fitzsimmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty of our American history. Where are the guardrails for keeping the current administration from painting the White House gold. Our president is NOT an architect, he has no semblance of knowing what in the hell he is doing. Stop this now

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rande Trueax
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to stop the ballroom project and to rebuild the East Wing of the historic White House. The demolition should never have happened. Please stop this unnecessary ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Lochner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Bashir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitchell Mary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to comment on the East wing project. Obviously something has to be done since it's already been destroyed. I think the new project should not be bigger than the White House. It should have offices and maybe a room to have state dinners. It does need to be a room that can seat 1000, I think 500 would be fine. It does not need multiple crystal chandeliers or any of that horrible gold embellishments. It needs definitely be in scale with the White House. Thank you, I do hope you take into consideration the American people when you make this decision, not just the desire of a President who is accustomed to getting his way.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Malm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want the ballroom project to move ahead. It's a disgrace to history that the tenant of our house was allowed to destroy a wing of it. The east wing needs to be restored as it was and billed to the currant tenant

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Malinda Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design. Those who broke the law should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The current president does not have the right to remake or rename public buildings to flatter himself.

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margot Boyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project, but rather an obliteration of American history, capitol architecture, collaborative planning, and the rule of law.
This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design insofar as possible.
Those who authorized and carried out this project in defiance of rules and laws regarding changes to US Government property should be investigated, and charged with crimes and violations where appropriate, from the highest official to the lowest functionary.
To permit this project to continue, without full investigation of the destruction of the East Wing, and penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is an affront to those who built and maintained the White House, those who have worked there, and all of us who have

helped to pay for its maintenance.

The NCPC should do everything in its power to collect and preserve information on this act of wanton destruction, and to ensure those responsible face justice. Rebuilding the East Wing will be the work of years or decades, but that should be your goal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Aagaard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project which will cost over $300 million and has destroyed a historic treasure. There was no proper permits or authorizations and no design review. The American people own this building and should have had a say in its being demolished. Please vote to restore this wing to its previous design and purpose.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine McPherson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This unauthorized destruction must be stopped! Our country’s history is being destroyed by one egomaniac and Congress has allowed it. The Rose Garden is already gone . If we can’t even preserve and protect our beautiful landmarks how can we preserve and protect our Democracy? Enough is enough!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Casebere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I HATE that the East Wing was destroyed. I HATE that the president is doing things as though the White House and other federal buildings and lands are his personal fiefdom, ignoring the established procedures and protocols. .... I would prefer that the East Wing be restored to its original configuration and uses. In lieu of that, restore the original footprint and put a ballroom in it. Keep the symmetrical balance of the White House. Keep things in proportion. .... The White House is the People's House. Remind Trump that it's not his. It's not a copy of Mar-a-Lago; it's not his personal palace.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:25:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harold Reiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a pure act of Presidential ego and a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronnie Daldos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Regards,
Ronnie Daldos

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Hauser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The egregious actions by the president to destroy what belongs to the American people cannot go unchecked.

The scale of the proposed big ugly ostentatious ballroom should not dwarf the People's House.

There are so many questions:
Was there hazardous materials exposed during demolition and not handled properly, asbestos for example

The president claims this will be paid for by rich donors, but the American taxpayers will be responsible for the upkeep, maintenance forever.

The president has made the Oval Office gaudy and cheap looking, and not dignified and I suspect the big ugly ballroom will be the same.

It is not our aesthetic for the American People.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sylvester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the East Wing “modernization” project! This destruction of the original structure was a colossal mistake committed by the worst “so-called” president in US history! Its funding by tech so-called “elites” is a massive capitulation or bribe by them for the mob boss “president” to let them be lawless & deregulated! I STRONGLY OPPOSE!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. Further, models I've seen are ugly, completely overdone. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who broke th law should be penalized.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cotterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Violette Hutchins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Zieger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Wijtyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I antringly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie Chang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. I vehemently oppose the narcissistic, illegal, vainglorious rebuilding project being undertaken by the current administration. Besides being a beautiful and historic national treasure, the White House is a symbol of peace, stability, and the democratic transfer of power. Remaking the East Wing in one president's image is an act of vandalism of the highest order.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Langen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was unnecessary. Starting with the demolition, done when he promised his ballroom would not touch it. He cannot be trusted with this project. The money is sourced from people expecting favors, and we never needed a ballroom, there already was one. This is just a way for him to steal more money, and would have been better to help people with healthcare, and ask his buddies to fund that rather than a ballroom that most of us will never be allowed to step foot in. Please stop this project and let him look at the destruction until he leaves office. Then let a competent administration handle it.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Wattson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please use your authority to stop this illegal and stupendously unwise exercise in extortion and personal aggrandizement. The White House belongs to the American people, not the current president or his network of wealthy friends. We the people should be included in such a consequential decision through established procedures, rather than shocked and insulted by this unprecedented and shameful abuse of power. There must be accountability and consequences for this if we are to support the values embedded in the Constitution and our democratic norms.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully request that everything possible be done to stop the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and to restore this historic building to it's original state. The teardown and obscene planned replacement is illegal and done without the consent or planning by the proper entities.
The White House belongs to the people of the United States. Any changes should have been carefully considered and executed by legal means, reviewed by professionals honoring it's historical significance.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Ruffing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully oppose the destruction of our country's historical buildings anywhere, but especially in something that means so much to to every American, This was a vanity project simply to make the home to Presidents for generations a TRUMP legacy because he was not able to slap his name on it like and office tower or hotel or th Kennedy Center. The fact that it was allowed to be destroyed without any proper historical review or permitting is a classic example of act first, ask questions or forgiveness later when it's too late. It's never too late to do the right thing. Average people have had to destroy renovations that were not completed according to historical or HOA guidelines in Old Town or other neighborhoods, this is a flagrant violation of any sense of decency or concern for history.

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Name: Elizabeth Guess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:24:02 AM
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Name: Thomas Krift
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Coletta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you most sincerely.

Katherine Lowe
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aviva Tauman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which is a razing of American history. The east wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is an upfront to all law, abiding Americans. Please do the right thing here.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Seth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY MONIES -- $300 -$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

It is nothing but a vanity project, slipped past Congress and the American people by an ego-ridden, narcissistic charlatan..I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Zenns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Veremakis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Ostrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is so upsetting it was that it was torn down without regard to history or procedure and how important it is for the new wing to comport with the rules for modifying historical buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Willow Berthiaume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Dusek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:23:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Van Nostran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Primmer Maria Primmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Carine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with dignity. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, the individual responsible should be held accountable for cost, rather than the American taxpayers. To remove space previously used by the First Ladies is an affront to all women.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Brearley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom at the site of the demolished East Wing of the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was carried out on the whim of the current president and did not follow the

guidelines set for the 'Peoples' House'. I sincerely hope that the continuation of this unsanctioned project will be blocked.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Erin Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Margaret Pennell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:42 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie WALCZAK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am profoundly opposed to the illegal destruction of any portion of the White House. The current president thinks he does not need permission to destroy the People's House. Please tell him he is WRONG and that no one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Beebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project in its current form and hope that it can be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Dillingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:21 AM
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Name: Jan Dillingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Prins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and ask that the east wing of the White House be restored and returned to its original state. The deconstruction of the east wing was undertaken without the proper permissions and as a law abiding citizen of the USA I am horrified at the lack of accountability placed upon those responsible for this breach of policy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Grothoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Marlette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Chrissis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am using the words of Andrea Cervini (with permission) because she says it perfectly:

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved

preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carissa Gigliotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this construction project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history to make way for in a shrine to opulence to pad the ego of one person. This unlawful project is not befitting the People's House nor the democratic process. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be to put a rubber stamp on criminal behavior. That cannot be allowed no matter how it is packaged and disguised. I want this project canceled immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antoinette Mainey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this ridiculous demolishing of the Whitehouse. This is the "people's house" and not some playground for the rich. This is a historical landmark not just nationally but Internationally. It needs to be restored to the original structure/architecture.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sweet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
Please stop this unauthorized reconstruction of the People's House. It needs to be reconstructed to its former standard, and this administration should be heavily fined for having destroyed it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:22:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Basile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization Project", which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Querfurth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this project should be shut down until it goes through the required steps for a project of this type. This is the people's house and we need to have a say in the process. This administration has broken the law in beginning this project without acquiring the proper permits or authorizations. The people who have broken these rules should be held accountable and prosecuted. Thank you for consideration on this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystalinda Buebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront

to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Wetzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JOAN DUFFY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it ridiculous that this project is called ‘‘East Wing Modernization ‘‘. It is the East Wing travesty! No President should be allowed to make any substantial changes to the White House without authorization of a strong committee of Architects and Historians. The East WIng should be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monique Albright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to

reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: catherine vanoflen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project because:
I believe it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I request:
the cancellation of this project, and
the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
And it would be extra helpful if it was paid for with $ from those that broke the law and not tax payer $.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Komisar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many of my fellow architects, I oppose this project as shown. To quote another opposer, "the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." I agree with that statement.

Thank you for upholding lawful procedures.
June Komisar,
Architecture Professor

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Wonneberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

While teaching United States history for 26 years I had the privilege of presenting our nation's history with a sense of pride in our traditions, a respect for the rule of law, and deference to the principles to which our society has aspired. The National Historic Trust is charged with the responsibility of preserving and adjudicating the process of of maintaining our architectural treasures. The Executive Mansion and the grounds that it stands on are more than a house for the sitting President to occupy. It is a monument, a museum, a piece of our past that exists to honor and remind us of the trials and tribulations we have endured as a nation. The current administration seems to think the property belongs to him, and not the people. No President has the right to make changes to the people's house without first following the steps created to protect that history. We have seen atrocities take place as our treasured monument has been gilded in tacky gold trimmings and our treasured historic Rose Garden has been paved over. The destruction of the East Wing was the last straw. This abomination has to stop. Our treasured Executive Mansion needs to be restored. Stop the ballroom nonsense and rebuild the East Wing and Rose Garden!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Kittredge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million spending on this project, which was started illegally without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Allowing it to move forward would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is not modernizing our house; its a razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Additionally, those who broke the laws related to this project should be penalized.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Feuquay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:21:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nobody I know has ever been to a “ball”.

We the people own this house. Not D Trump.

I find this project an appalling affront to the citizenry.

Please stop and reverse it.
Jeff Mitchell
US Citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mastenbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Azucena Laduke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Tipton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Hennessey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Doe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the People's house needs to be restored. This project was begun without proper authorization and without approval of the American citizens. The $300 million plus was not approved by the owners of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Blackburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Opposition to the Proposed East Wing Modernization Project

I write to express my clear opposition to what is being described as the “East Wing Modernization Project.” As it currently stands, this proposal appears to represent not modernization, but the unnecessary and potentially irreversible alteration of a historic national site whose significance extends beyond any single administration or moment in time.

The White House is not merely a residence or office complex; it is widely understood as The People's House, a symbol of continuity in American civic life. Decisions affecting its historical structure and character should therefore be undertaken with transparency, public accountability, and meaningful public engagement. To date, it is not evident that such standards have been met.

There has been insufficient public disclosure regarding the scope of the project, the budgetary framework, or the final design intentions. Major changes to historically significant federal property should not proceed without clear explanation, open review, and appropriate oversight. The absence of these elements understandably raises concern among citizens who view preservation of national heritage as a shared responsibility.

Accordingly, I respectfully call for the project to be paused pending a full public accounting of its purpose, costs, design, and legal authorization. If any procedural or legal irregularities are found, they should be examined through the appropriate investigative channels. In a constitutional system, accountability is not punitive — it is protective. No individual or institution stands above the law, and public trust depends on that principle being upheld.

Protecting our history is not an act of nostalgia; it is an act of stewardship. The decisions we make today will determine what future generations inherit as their national story.

Robert Blackburn

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: richard aven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Regards,

Richard C. Aven

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Name: Rosalia Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Shore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No new "ballroom". It is a travesty.

Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was before it was illegally destroyed. The White House is the People's house.

Rebuild the East Wing. Correctly.

Linda Shore

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:24 AM
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Name: Shawn Ramsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history for the ego of one man. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by those who purposely destroyed it. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:21 AM
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Name: Margaret K Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonya Quamme
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Sadly this project is an insult to all Americans. The brutal destruction of The East Wing was done with malice, through the ego of the sitting president Donald J Trump.... The brutal destruction of this historic building, the White House which belongs to the people of the United States not one person. . Donald J Trump had no authorization to proceed with the destruction of the East Wing nor did he follow protocol that is mandatory.... He is not above the law... The brutal destruction of the East Wing erases so much history ...It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history, to fill his ego, as done with many other projects by Donald J Trump to erase history especially the history of persons of color. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully Sonya Quamme
Wisconsin

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Francher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its original footprint and purpose. This is the People's House, not a permanent residence for the current president of the United States (let's hope). A grand Ballroom is not in keeping with the essence of democracy and concern for the citizens of this country. The fact that this wing was destroyed without proper regulatory oversight compounds the insult to the American public. It must be rebuilt to in keeping with the rest of the building structure and size.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What trump did without approval was a crime. We do not need a ballroom monstrosity while Americans suffer so badly.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is more than a building, it is a symbol of our leaders who have brought America through wars, hard times, and given peace and hope to the people. Ours is a country of the people, our leader should represent all of us. The White House is symbolic of that relationship.

I respectfully ask that the East Wing renovation not move forward as currently planned. The White House is not meant to look like a grand palace in the way that the current administration would like. This is not a monarchy where leaders have no obligation to the people. Return order to the People's House. Restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Oldanie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As someone else has so wisely and eloquently written already "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/17/2026 9:20:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Crickenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly opposed the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House and oppose the proposed replacement with an enormous, hideous ballroom that is unnecessary and out of all scale with the rest of the building. This administration should be forced to rebuild the East Wing with the previous scale and design at the private expense of those responsible for the destruction. Those responsible for the illegal destruction of the East Wing should be fined for their actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allen Batson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it mat concern,
Do not let the grand ballroom project go through. It is an abomination. The President had no right demolishing The People's House. Stop this construction and also the construction of the triumphal Arch that has been proposed. Both would be eyesores that are against the will of the American people and are only for the aggrandizemet of the current president.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Curry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of this beautiful part of our heritage and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:44 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Dushin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Barsness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was sickened by the destruction of the White House east wing. This is not a private residence to be destroyed or altered at the will of a selfish president. This is a historic building cherished by the American people in its original form. All our other presidents have respected this residence offered to them while they were in office, and if changes were instituted, they were approved before they were made. This is the ultimate affront to the American people. It should be restored to its previous condition at once and paid for by the idiot that did it.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:35 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Schiesher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done without appropriate oversight and approvals.
The WH is the people's house not a private residence of the president.
The money to rebuild is dubious at best, money laundering at worst.
This project should be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Bakacs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the demolition of the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara veldhuizen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. this was done without proper permits, public comment, or professional guidance. please restore the East Wing to its original construction.

and stop any future actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacob Killian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was and remains illegal from inception on multiple grounds.

Get congressional approval as required by law.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Rennick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B Geishen Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose the unaithorized destruction on the East Wing of the White House for the purpose of building a massive "ballroom," spending of over $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, notices, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, in balance with the historic design and purpose of the people's house. To permit this project as currently proposed is legally questionable and an affront to all Americans. If a "ballroom" is needed, build it somewhere else!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Felsenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cipolla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun without required approvals and is a desecration of a historically significant building. Please do not allow this project to proceed, and order the East Wing to be restored to its previous condition. No gold, no ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:19:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Winkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one should be able to tear down the people's house. It is not a Trump property, it belongs to us, the people. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Short
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can’t support pouring $300 million into a project that skipped key approvals, permits, and proper design

review. Calling it modernization doesn't change the fact that it wipes away an important part of our history.

This plan should be scrapped, and the East Wing should be brought back to its original look. Rules exist for a reason, and moving forward without consequences for ignoring them sends the wrong message to everyone who plays by them.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Woodbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mark Dornblaser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalie Metro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. It's a destruction of our national heritage and a waste of our tax dollars at a time when many people are financially struggling. Why does the President need a luxury ballroom when many people are having a hard time buying groceries? I hope the materials were kept when the building was destroyed, they could be used to rebuild it as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raye Manuele Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing was a deliberate desecration of the White House. No ballroom should be built. Rebuild the East Wing only modernize it.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Prystal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kristy Randolph
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Name: Samantha Tanner
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Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa McClelland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing was destroyed without proper channels giving permission. This is not a personal home to the president, it is a historic home belonging to the people. It should be remade as it was on the president's dime, not tax payer money. He had no right to do this. Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat McGoron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:18:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Cochrane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the ballroom building plans, which did not go through the regular approval process.
Please restore the East Wing as it was, as the demolition did not go through the regular approval process.
Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dave Wieber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Carrier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be denied the demolition was done without prior approval and at the whim of one person who assumed the power to do whatever he chooses. This is at total odds with my understanding of how a nation of laws is supposed to work. If we are to be a nation of laws, we need to act accordingly. As for what to do, now that the old structure has been destroyed, it might be most appropriate to leave the carnage and name it after the responsible person.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmine Profant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Curtis Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people and that's why we call it the People's House. It is unsettling that such substantial alterations to the 225-year-old People's House are being undertaken without a historic-preservation review (and seemingly without the involvement of any historians). It is clear that the disregard for history is a defining trait of President Trump's second administration. The East Wing's lineage reaches back to Thomas Jefferson, who added covered walkways linking the residence to service buildings and framing the gardens. The current form began in 1902 under President Theodore Roosevelt and was completed in 1942 under Franklin D. Roosevelt. The East Wing historically housed the Office of the

First Lady, but it seems that nothing has been done to protect the history of women's contributions to the presidency. By bulldozing the structure, Trump is effectively erasing women from the history of the White House. Despite Trump behaving like he owns the White House, he is merely its tenant and just the current resident of the People's House.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia ROGERS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was undertaken without going through proper authorizations and without review by the National Planning Commission. This is the home of the US President and it not a personal abode in which the sitting President may do whatever he or she likes. I am opposed to this project and recommend that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Less is more. Please use reason when rebuilding the East Wing of the White House. It should never have been destroyed, but a monstrous ballroom would be absolutely ridiculous. Americans hope the White House will be home to many different individuals in the coming years, many who will be conducting the nation's business, not hosting dances. Please, please, no more monstrosities in our nation's capitol.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Sitzes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing modernization is a fancy term for bulldozing history to build a ballroom aka one man's extreme vanity project. Jacqueline Kennedy and Harry Truman would be appalled if they were still alive. They spent a lot of time and effort to maintain and restore the history of our country's house. That's right. It isn't Donald Trump's house to renovate at his whim. He tore off a huge chunk of our house and I am outraged. As a

citizen of this country whose ancestors fought in the American Revolution, I hate to see those principles of We the People become yes, Dear Leader. Do not bow to his pressure and restore our house. Thanks

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Barnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please, please do not allow this to happen. It's a complete disgrace to our history. This regime is trying to erase the history of our country and privatize everything.

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thank you so much.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Stanton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Consent by Kathy Stanton October 23, 2025

It feels like rape,
like a public rape.
A single backhoe tearing away history --
breaking the people's house,
one crushed wall at a time.

You will say, "Renovations have happened before."
I will say, "But, with consent!"

Where is the invitation from the people;
the permission, the plans,
the reason, the purpose,
the answer to the question, "Did the people ask for this?"

One ego decided.
Decided that America wanted it.
She had always wanted it.
She always wanted to dance --
dance away the night --
drunk, dressed in gold,
the way he likes her.

One ego needed to break things --
Only temporarily satisfied,
until the next urge
to take and break
what does not belong to him.

I cry for the rape of the people's house!
I cry for the demolition of what was,
for what can never be again.
When, in the future,
I look at his ballroom,
standing out of balance,
awkwardly perched over the past,
I will see only the memory
of what was taken
without consent.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Gewing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanna DeFazio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of the East Wing was a reckless egotistical act and the perpetrator should be held accountable for disgracing the White House. The East Wing should be restored to its original architecturally pleasing form.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Knox Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Samuels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for hearing my concerns about the illegal “ballroom” planned to be built by this administration. This is the People’s House, not Donald Trump’s private club house adorned in gold. It was a travesty that he had the east wing torn down. It must be rebuilt in a historically appropriate way that honors America’s history and gives hope for our future must be the only direction this project thinks. One menicing individual individual should not make this decision. Please act for all Americans and deny this lawless plan from a man who only cares about himself, not the country, it’s history or its citizens.

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Name: Susan Lyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm tired of this President doing things without working within the law. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was disgusting. Maybe that money could be used for more useful things like feeding children, infrastructure, Medicaid, etc. If there's no money for those programs, how is there money for this. I don't believe the wealthy donated money, it's all bribes. He's been trying to erase history, or whiten it. The East Wing held so much history. Please stop him. It's not right! He needs to be reined in and this would be a start. Don't let him tear apart our symbols of our democracy. \u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ?

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Name: Susannah Fishman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Gene Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it permanently changes what all Americans have come to know as the people's house. It belongs to all Americans not one man. Yes other presidents have made minor changes and improvements but nothing that destroys the beautiful architecture of this historic building.
These projects must be approved by the NCPC! Please deny this project and return the east wing to its original architecture.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:17:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Kearney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot support a $300 million expenditure on a project initiated in total disregard for legal protocols, permits, and reviews. This is an erasure of our heritage, not an upgrade. I am calling for an immediate cancellation and a faithful restoration of the East Wing's original design. If we allow this to proceed without penalties, we are sending a message that the law doesn't apply to everyone—and that is an insult to every law-abiding American.

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Name: Linda Cosgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern,
I am an American citizen. I have taken my children to see the White house, and explained the significance of the building to them, that this is "the peoples house" belonging to all of us, not solely the person residing there. The destruction, unauthorized, was unacceptable. The plan to build a monstrous addition is unacceptable. It is my opinion, as a taxpayer, that the East Wing needs to be replaced as it was, perhaps

with some interior updates, however, the exterior needs to be of a scale and scope matching the existing building, and pre-existing structure. Despite the "reassurances" that money will come from private donors, which intimates influence from these individuals/corporations not representative of the American people and it's National monuments.
There is a saying, "there is no accounting for some peoples tastes" it is not considered to be a compliment. The White House should reflect good taste and values, not the ostentatious choices of a single person.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Cosgrove

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Name: Annie Oosterwyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing demolition is unlawful and a disaster. I do not approve of my tax money being spent for Trump's unhinged self-aggrandizement. He should be required to make restitution for all injury done to OUR HOUSE!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Pritchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the east wing restored to its original design.

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Name: Mary cairns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: SHAWN BATES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allison Bates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: anne wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christie Haack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This a gross and atrocious use of tax payer money and greed. It is unnecessary and a misuse of funds. Stop

this at once and come up with a better and more modest plan for this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of American history is horrifying. The east wing should've never been destroyed. No golden ballroom should be built, it is not necessary. I believe it is only wanted to leave his Mark on the White House. D. Trump needs to be held accountable for tearing down the east wing he went about it the wrong way and did not use proper channels for this he needs to be held accountable. No one is above the law. I believe what needs to happen is for the east wing to be rebuilt as it was for the historic preservation of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Meg Bardwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Glenn Jerome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for many reasons. Regardless of who is funding the project, it did not get proper authorizations or historical review. The White House is a historical building that belongs to the citizens of the US, not to Donald Trump or the companies who have paid bribes for this project.
Based on historical precedent, no president has the right to make changes that radically modify the structure other than for acute necessity. There is no benefit to the American people for a ballroom so the president can throw bigger and more lavish parties at our expense. What gave him the right to destroy our heritage? What's next? Lincoln's head replaced with Trump's in the Lincoln Memorial or the Washington Monument razed for a golf course? Please stop this project and restore the East Wing to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:15:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is The People's House, and the current occupant has gone ahead with demolishing the East Wing as though it were HIS personal property and not the property of the people of the United States. The complete disregard for legal channels is typical of the current administration. The planned "modernization" would dwarf the White House itself, and would serve only as a monument to one man's ego.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Mcroberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: LUANN FERRON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Cheung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. I urge you to put a stop to this project, which was initiated without the proper Congressional authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, particularly the President of the United States!

What has happened to the East Wing is outrageous and it's up to the NCPC to put a stop to this.

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Name: Christopher Adamo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Pagano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our American history, on our 250th anniversary no less. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it is a disgrace. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:15:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Paul Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This has been an embarrassment. I'm uncomfortable with the fact that this work proceeded without the required congressional authorization, and the grift—implied or real—implicit in seeking private monies for this expense undermines democracy. Please require that the East Wing be returned to its former, historic self.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:15:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Adkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed $300 million White House ballroom project.

This undertaking was reportedly initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate public design review process. Such actions raise serious concerns about transparency, accountability, and adherence to the rule of law. No public project—particularly one involving a national historic landmark—should proceed outside established legal and procedural safeguards.

The White House is not merely a residence; it is a living symbol of American democracy and history. Alterations that involve the destruction or irreversible modification of historically significant structures, including the East Wing, are not modernization—they are erasure. Preservation of historic integrity must take precedence over aesthetic ambition or political preference.

At a time when Americans face pressing economic and social challenges, this project reflects misplaced priorities. Attentions should rather be directed toward initiatives that strengthen the well-being of citizens,

not toward projects that compromise our national heritage.

I call for:
1. An immediate halt to the ballroom project.
2. A full investigation into whether proper legal procedures were followed.
3. Restoration and rebuilding of the East Wing consistent with its historical design.
4. Accountability for any officials or entities that authorized or advanced this project in violation of applicable laws and preservation standards.

The principle that no one is above the law is foundational to our republic. Allowing this project to proceed without consequence would undermine public trust and signal that historic preservation statutes and permitting requirements are optional rather than binding.

The White House belongs to the American people—past, present, and future. Its preservation must reflect respect for our shared history and for the laws that govern us all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Spaulding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Goff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel this ballroom project! Part of our White House was illegally destroyed and needs to be rebuild as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Hepp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is totally unneccessary and it represents something even more troubling - the erasure of a chapter of American history with the razing of the historic East Wing of the White House. Instead of using the funds (which have supposedly been raised by tech companies bribing our corrupt president for favors), they should be used to rebuild the East Wing and restore it to what it was, an historic part of the "people's house." This president had no right to destroy the East Wing without proper authorization!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra vanBever-Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant of our people's White House is consistent in his drive to rape, plunder and claim our country and our thoughtfully designed and historic structures. His attitude is to quietly rush, destroy and shock. As he moves to repeat, we grieve.

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Name: Mary St John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt following the previous floor plans This is a historical part of the People's House, the White House. The East Wing was torn down without permission. We need our complete White House returned to it's normal state.

Mary St John

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Name: Lynn Joslin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alyisen Gisleson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the ongoing demolition of the White House East Wing. This unauthorized and unilateral action by President Trump is a grave overreach of executive power and must be halted immediately. The East Wing, built in 1942 during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency, is an integral part of our nation's history. Its sudden demolition, announced by Trump administration officials as happening "within days," is a significant expansion of the initially proposed ballroom project. This drastic change from the July announcement, which promised not to interfere with the current building, is alarming and unacceptable. The $300 million project, funded by Trump and private donors, lacks transparency and proper oversight. The White House's claim that they aren't required to submit plans for review because only demolition has begun is a dangerous precedent that sidesteps crucial public review processes. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's call to pause demolition until legally required reviews are completed must be heeded. This action is not just about a building; it's about the erosion of our democratic norms and the abuse of presidential authority. The White House belongs to the American people, not to any single president. Trump's unilateral decision to remake a historic part of our national heritage without proper authorization or public input is deeply troubling.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chelsea Fort
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is a sham and an embarrassment for the American people.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. The White House belongs to the American people.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:56 AM
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Name: Judith Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will write comments about this every day…….this tearing down of the East Wing is a travesty and unlawful. The Historic Trust is in charge of the People's White House…..not a single president. It should be restored to its former glory er self.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Amchin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project to add a structure to the white house, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That's the East Wing was demolished without input from citizens is tragic. This project should be canceled. The proposed ballroom is an eyesore out of proportion to the existing structure.

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Name: Mary Bellamy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Upgrade the bunker, but please restore the above ground East Wing to its former grace and glory. It was elegant and functional. The country doesn't need a ballroom and, if it does, build it somewhere else and in accordance with laws and regulations.

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Name: Deirdre Dowdakin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the building of a grossly oversized ballroom attached to the White House following the destruction of the east wing. This destruction was not properly vetted and reviewed. Any building or rebuilding plans going forward need to be subject to oversight by the relevant authorities not by presidential edict.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne MURRAY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kat Kingsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the America.
All presidents rent the White House, the people's house. No renter would able to get away with unapproved destruction of a building they are renting. Hold everyone involved accountable including President Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane VAN HEKKEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The initial project was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It destroyed a significant part of our American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyson D'Alessandro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. This $300 million (which is the third or fourth upward revision of the budget) project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project and the destruction of American history. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, allowing for some modernization in wiring, plumbing, and ADA access. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:14:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doug Menchhofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having been on the design team for improvements to the East Wing HVAC system many years ago, I was

fortunate enough to survey the wing from stem to stern, climbing into such areas as the attic (while wearing a 3-piece suit), and the Secret Service's subterranean quarters. Our time there was nothing less than reverential, as we were acutely aware of the historic significance of the building in which we were trusted to perform our services.

Nothing about this new project is justified. The shocking loss of the East Wing has come about through the petulant actions of a man whose only desire is to make a mark on history, seeking negative attention if he cannot achieve positive endorsement. By choosing to destroy the symbols of our nation's history in complete disregard of the District's regulatory processes, this project will stand as a monument to the whims of a fascist, befouling the concept of the People's House. Restoration of the East Wing to its original form is the essential course of action that is now demanded by the magnitude of its significance and by the corrupt actions that have brought us to this moment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Cratty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was done illegally, proposed plans were not submitted to the appropriate agency for approval and the ONLY person who wanted this ballroom was doing it as a vanity project!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:13:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I write to respectfully urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject, or substantially redesign, the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House is not merely a functional government building. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a civic symbol belonging to the American people. Since 1800, its architectural integrity — defined by proportion, restraint, and classical balance — has conveyed stability across generations of change. Any alteration must therefore meet an exceptionally high standard of compatibility and preservation.

The proposed addition does not meet that standard.

At 90,000 square feet, the ballroom would exceed the scale of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. Historic preservation principles are clear: additions must be subordinate to the original structure in both scale and visual impact. This proposal instead risks overwhelming the historic composition and altering the character of one of the nation's most recognized architectural works.

Expanded event space may be desirable, but necessity alone cannot justify a permanent alteration of national heritage. The solution must respect the White House's historic hierarchy, materials, massing, and setting. There are viable alternatives — including smaller, detached, or visually recessive structures — that

could meet functional needs without compromising architectural integrity.

Federal review processes exist precisely for moments like this. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts, and Congressional oversight should ensure the outcome reflects long-term stewardship rather than short-term convenience. The American people deserve a solution guided by preservation, not enlargement.

As noted publicly, citizens must have a meaningful opportunity to shape this decision. I respectfully ask the Commission to require a design that is demonstrably compatible in scale and subordinate to the historic White House — or to withhold approval until such a proposal is presented.

The White House has endured because each generation chose restraint over reinvention. This generation should do the same.

Thank you for your consideration and for your stewardship of nationally significant places.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristam McMenamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Pearlman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any construction project proceeding without the appropriate review and awarding of all required permits. I believe the proposed ballroom is an unnecessary expenditure of funds and would be an eyesore. It would be out of proportion to the existing White House. I would like to see the East Wing of the White House reconstructed to match the previous facade and the interior constructed to be a modernized version of the original rooms. Nothing should be done that would not conform to both the legal requirements of building at this federal site and the historical significance of the White House (People's House).

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Name: Kathy Acuti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gloria James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shirley Lumpkin
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Name: Mary Y Hicks
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Name: Catherine Siemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I am deeply concerned about the about the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House, and the plans to replace it with an outsized ballroom which will disfigure the original building.

The current occupant has been known to show little to no regard for history or architecture. The historic Bonwit Teller friezes in NYC, promised to the Metropolitan Museum of Art but instead destroyed to save costs, during the construction of Trump Tower, is only one example.

The talk of government efficiency and cost cutting seems to only apply to social programs, and not unnecessary construction. Presidents finish their terms and are followed by new presidents, but a building like the White House is there for the long term, and should not be altered at the whim of a single officeholder.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Siemann

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Name: Jenny Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project. It is not a modernization but a desecration of our history to please the whims of one person. This is not what the public wants and I hope the next president tears it down to restore the historic nature of the White House. I loved touring this wing, all the history and decorations. Bigger isn't better. This was not done properly and is just one of the many abuses of power.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:13:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Harmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that the Trump Administration demolished the East Wing of the White House without authorization or review. In my state, county, and municipality even there are review processes, permits, and requirements that must be followed prior to any demolition. Above and beyond that, this administration has destroyed a National Historic Landmark and National Park, on a whim...not only with this demolition but with the gaudy and gilded interior decorating of the rest of the White House and the destruction of the Rose Garden for a Mar-A-Lago patio.

If any other resident anywhere in the country didn't follow these guidelines there would be fines and other consequences. This administration needs to be reminded these properties are not theirs...but ours. We the people. The demolition cannot be undone, but the ballroom build needs to be stopped and the East Wing rebuilt at the personal expense of the administration and/or the "private investors" funding it...not one cent of taxpayer dollars should fund this outrageous abuse of our historical places.

IF, we need a ballroom, for "national security" purposes then, as a taxpayer, we the people should have the opportunity to see all of the documentation from National Security requests for such a project to justify it as well as all of the required reviews, testing, environmental impact, etc.

This should have been a project years in the making in conjunction with National Security officials, Congress, the National Trust, National Parks, and the people of the United States...not a whim. It is absolutely shameful.

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Name: kim fisher
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Name: Cheryl Salazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

For more than two centuries, the White House has functioned as both a working building and a powerful national symbol without a structure of this scale. The absence of a grand ballroom has not prevented it from fulfilling its ceremonial, diplomatic, or operational roles. Before permanently altering one of the most historically significant buildings in the United States, we should ask whether this addition is truly necessary.

My concerns center on historic preservation, architectural integrity, and proportional scale. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed addition would exceed the size of the Executive Residence itself. Additions to historic landmarks should be subordinate and compatible with the original structure. A ballroom of this magnitude risks overwhelming the historic building rather than complementing it.

There are also broader considerations of cost, symbolism, and taxpayer impact. The White House belongs to the American people. Any significant alteration should reflect restraint, stewardship, and respect for its historic character. Major changes to a National Historic Landmark should occur only when clearly essential and thoughtfully designed in harmony with the existing architecture.

Finally, I strongly support a robust public process. Decisions of this scale deserve thorough review and meaningful public input before irreversible changes are made.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to reject the proposal in its current form.

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Name: Julia Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Building a ballroom that dwarfs the White House in size is abhorrent to me. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Johnstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am so sad that the East Wing has been torn down for a vanity project. This country isn't about gigantic projects to honor a president before he dies. This country is about honoring people who have contributed to the country and made it better. It's also about recognizing contributions of our First Ladies. Tearing down the side of the White House where they worked is dishonoring their contributions to this country and leaves them outside of history. We do NOT need a bigger ballroom. We have always been a place of refuge not a place to show off. We need the east wing back. We need Jackie Kennedy's rose garden back. We need our history back! I'm just a regular everyday citizen of the United States of America greatly saddened by this turn of events but I don't think I'm the only one.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:12:26 AM
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Name: Sara Bellaire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Without following proper procedure there is no way of knowing if this is a modernization project or a complete razing of American history. As a homeowner I'm not even allowed to install a fence in my own yard without proper documentation, consent from neighbors who border my property, and approval of the style, color or height from my HOA and their management company. No one in this country should be above the law or permitted to ignore it. For the sake of preserving our national history and the continuation of upholding a rules-based society, please consider holding everyone to the same standard. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

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Name: Ginger Walker
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Name: Carol Lopez-Bethel
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Name: Linda Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction was a criminal act. It should be punished by not allowing the White House to have ANY control over the rebuild. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's plan is out of step, out of scale, and out of bounds. Please follow established protocols to come up with a new design and rebuild in a manner consistent with the existing structure. Tasteful, not tacky, please.

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Name: Evette Hartig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Gruber
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Name: Amanda Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose this project. The funding for this project was not obtained through proper channels, is not desired by the public, and is an affront to our national history.

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Name: Jax Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing back to what it was. It used to have symmetrical balance, both in architecture as well as intention -- a place to work, and a place to restore.

This "house" belongs to the people. It should never have been torn down without our consent.

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Name: Antony Galbraith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest. The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.
Donald Trump has no business erasing our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:11:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne DiLorenzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leah Lloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It's disgusting, offensive, arrogant, and a hideous misuse of taxpayer funds which should be used on infrastructure, not vanity. Shame on everyone involved in this project.

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Name: Scott Knitter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chelsea Smith
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Name: Alyce Callison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to this entire project and its appalling price tag of $300 million. This desecration was launched without appropriate permits, design review, or authorization. This project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt according to its original design. I further object to any money toward the upgrading of a bunker below the wing. All those responsible for this destruction should be penalized to the full extent of the law for this national disgrace.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:11:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the construction of a Multi million dollar ballroom at the White House on the site where the East Wing used to reside. It is a tragedy that the East Wing was destroyed without following any of the proper procedures for permitting, design, or funding. This is an attempt to erase history at the whim of a man who does not own the house he is destroying. The White House belongs to the People of the US, not those who inhabit it temporarily. It must be treated with care and all the laws and rules in place must be followed to protect its beauty and majesty.

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Name: David Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a designer with 40 years of experience including design of over 20,000 square feet of classical art galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, I oppose the design and construction currently planned for the new ballroom. It is a pastiche or travesty of classical architecture, out of scale to the historical White House, and will be judged in architectural history as bad design, and a monument to politically motivated poor judgement and weak aesthetics. The White Hoise is a symbol of strength, national aesthetics, American architectural history and tradition. This addition flies in the face of all that and undermines these heretofore cherished values. Do not build it.

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Name: Maureen Morrissey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was done on such a fast track it caused outrage throughout the country that

crossed all party lines. Of course, other presidents have made controversial changes in the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion. I live in the northeast among many historic homes and buildings and we "regular people" are not allowed to make any structural changes to them. This fact alone is what caused such shock and fury among many of us; but the worst part is that the plan for a gawdy enormous ballroom with gold fixtures would make a mockery of the sacred people's house. The commission should not green light this plan; it would signal approval of this unquestionable abuse of power.

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Name: James Flint
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Projects such as the East Wing Modernization ought to conform to accepted procedure in both their planning, authorization and execution. It does not appear that this has been done. In addition, if there is actually the need for such a structure, I don't see why it must be adjacent to The White House. It would be better if it were not visible from the White House grounds.

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Name: Pamela Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project will dwarf the People's House. I object to to the scale and style and to the fact that Mr. Trump has moved ahead with this, ignoring procedures of approval that all the rest of us have to abide by to build anything. All the talk of being better stewards of our money palls in the face of the cost of this project. We hear that it is all donated, which is an obvious set up for conflict of interest. Plus Mr. Trump has a history of treating building trades unfairly, and since there has been no oversight of this project so far, it is clear that he feels empowered to act with impunity in this case too, just as he has already done with the Rose Garden and the demolition of more of the White House than promised.
Please try to stop this destruction of our history, heritage, and beautiful capitol city.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:11:07 AM
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Name: Mary Maybee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unneeded and wasteful of taxpayers dollars all to stroke the ego of an unworthy president who demonstrates at every turn the only things he cares about is self-promotion, making more money than he AND his family we ever be able to spend in their lifetimes.

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Name: Susan Donk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joy Schloemer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It is not lawful or respectful of the American people. This is one person's dream and it is wrong. This was torn down illegally and Donald Trump should be charged with a crime. Whoever lets him get away with this should also resign from their positions. No permission was sought and none given. Just the will of a man who has poor self esteem and judgement.
I understand that modernization can happen without destroying the history. One man's ego and disregard for history and laws is not how we do things. If this is not stopped, what is next?

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Name: Mary Jo Duffy
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:10:46 AM
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Name: Jeanne Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be stopped immediately. It never went through proper channels. The building should not have been torn down to begin with. as an American citizen. I want the east wing restored to its original beauty, and I want the person or a person‘s responsible for tearing our building down with without our approval punished by whatever is possible as a deterrent to keep this from ever happening again. If it’s determined this is some kind of a ballroom is absolutely necessary. Then a different location should be found for that. The People’s White House should not be disturbed from its original conditions with the exception of maintenance and upgrades were necessary. The structure should remain and should be restored now that it’s been damaged so badly.

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Name: Josette Vest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is an insult to history , an insult to our government and just a blatant abuse of power.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine LaMarche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Restore it to it's harmonious state and if there is a need for a new bunker submit the plan. It's known.

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Name: Jolene Smyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition never should have happened.
Restore the East wing of the people's house back to it's original form .

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachael Byron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Rachael C Byron, DVM
Blacksburg, VA

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Name: Bruce Glick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kenya Lewis
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Name: Jeff Mjaanes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project! The cost is one America cannot afford; at a time our government says there's not enough funds to operate National Parks, fund public broadcasting and a myriad of other initiatives for the public good, spending $300 million on this project is frankly absurd The project was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No President of the United States owns the White House; the people do. This is not just razing a portion of a building but is a complete razing of American history, tradition and trust. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former state! Any future modernization should be undertaken with appropriate consultation (with the National Capital Planning Commission, Commission on Fine Arts and Congress), obtain proper permits and ask for public comment BEFORE a single brick is moved. To do otherwise is a dishonorable abdication of duty to the American people, and anyone who disregards this process should be held accountable.

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Name: Donna Schlinkman
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Name: Constance Brunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I write to express my strong opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. What Trump has done is a complete travesty, and he should not be abetted in his vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:10:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Mancini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this project going forward. It's a huge waste of taxpayer money. The East Wing should be restored and the funds for the original demolition and subsequent restoration should be paid personally by Mr. Trump since taxpayers did not authorize any of this.

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Name: Tanisha Carden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Frances Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should

occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Pearl Mottel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the east wing restored to it’s original building

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Name: Michele Osland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored back to its original design. Trump should not be rewarded for destroying the White House. Let's face facts, he is going to go down in history as not only the worst president but the most corrupt. Anyone that supports him in his disgusting deeds will also go down in history as a coward, so please do the right thing for America.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Azuma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the "East Wing Modernization."
This project was instituted without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not modernization, but a reckless demolition of American history with no regard to the environment nor preservation of historical design and aesthetics.
National Trust for Historical Preservation procedures MUST be followed, including historical, architectural and environmental assessment.

I disagree with the lack of transparency in the funding and oppose the spending of three hundred million dollars from private donors, for favors we don't know anything about.
The White House is the People's White House, not the property of whoever is the current occupant, to dispose of as they please.
I desire that with proper assessment and guidance from the National Trust for Historical Preservation, the East Wing be restored, keeping the outward appearance, maintaining the historical design and size in harmony with the main building, with modernization to the inside, while preserving historical and architectural integrity.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Costello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization " of the former white house ballroom! Trump is destroying our history and totally disregarding protocols for any construction. I'm in favor of rebuilding just as it was! Andrea Costello, [redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clifford Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and donors fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Cronin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been demolished. Restore the East Wing.
Thank you,
Lorraine

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Hanratty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission

RE: East Wing Modernization Project

Dear Commissioners:

I oppose spending any of my tax dollars on the "East Wing Modernization" project as it stands now. Spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is a travesty. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I further believe that those who ordered this vandalization should be fined in an amount equal to the cost of restoration.
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
Sincerely,
Kathryn Hanratty

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: TJ Domek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project. It was initiated without the proper permission or oversight and has destroyed a chunk of American history that is irreplaceable. I believe the east wing of the people's White House should be restored as closely as possible to the original that was destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:09:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Spaine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I objected to the East Wing being torn down. Since it was torn down without any oversight or permission, the law was broken. Therefore, I wish the building to be restored to the way it was prior to the unlawful destruction. My only change would be to use environmentally safe materials in the restoration. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unlawful razing of the East Wing of the people's house to build a corporate donor-funded ballroom. My objections are three:

(1) The East Wing proposed ballroom distorts the architectural intent of the White House historical design, and specifically erases the role of women in society in the original design. The WH East Wing historically represented the influence of the First Lady and of women in society, reflecting the architectural ideas of the 18th and 19th centuries to represent women's cultural space in east wings of large structures. The ballroom plan effaces this crucial historical intent and undermines centuries of American tradition.

(2) The proposed ballroom is architecturally and philosophically unsuitable for the executive mansion of a democracy. The ballroom will dwarf the main building and West Wing, architecturally spoiling the balance and cohesion so essential to the White House's design. Moreover, the proposed ballroom is clearly modeled in its architecture and design aesthetic on monarchical palaces like Versailles and the palaces of autocratic rulers. This subverts the intent of the White House to uphold democratic norms, not monarchical or dictatorial ideas about executive power. The proposed design is ugly, crass, and tacky. The excessive use of gilding and flourish, as part of the conscious mimicry of monarchical architecture, makes the White House look cheap and tawdry. It is inappropriate for the executive seat of a free democracy, and also just nouveau riche tacky with its gilding.

(3) The process for demolishing the historic East Wing and the Rose Garden was undemocratic, unlawful, and illegitimate. It violated laws, norms, and courtesies. The Administration that violated these laws and vandalized the White House should not be rewarded with a continuation of its plans.

Please oppose and prevent the ongoing damage to the architectural and historical integrity of the White House. Stop the destruction.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Kruse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a United States citizen I am opposing the White House remodel proposal. this is a waste of tax payer money and has no benefit to the people of this country. The president does not own the peoples house and all laws and permitting must be adhered to

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lora Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Lora Cox

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Malia David
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to this project and devastated as an American citizen and tax payer at the horrendous nature of this project. The destruction of this was illegal and the entire process should have involved historical societies, the public, and a transparent process through congress. The plans for this reflect the ego and narcissism of the current president and are horribly out of architectural alignment with the existing properties. I urge you to stop this and create a qualified group of architects and historians to create a modest and aligned addition that reflects America not Trump and his gaudy gold filled flattery conference room.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:08:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Suzuki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly oppose this project that was begun without proper permitting, review, authorization, or design review. By directly and blatantly avoiding due process for this project, the administration has repeatedly shown their lack of respect for well-established and necessary preservation laws and practices regarding historic buildings. The project should be canceled immediately and appropriate recourse taken. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vanessa Stolarski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project. This plan reflects misguided priorities, poses environmental and historical risks, and represents an irresponsible use of federal resources at a time when national infrastructure and public services face much higher needs.

First and foremost, the proposal fundamentally undermines the historical integrity of the White House complex. The Executive Residence and its grounds are national historic landmarks. Adding a large-scale ballroom would disrupt the original design balance established by James Hoban and further developed under Thomas Jefferson and Pierre L'Enfant's city plan. Any structural addition of this magnitude risks altering the layout and aesthetic continuity of one of the nation's most significant heritage sites.

Past preservation studies by the architect of the capitol and the National Park Service confirm that substantial new construction at the White House site poses immense technical challenges. The building's historic masonry, aging foundations, and complex utility systems make it highly vulnerable to vibration, subsidence, and water infiltration, all common byproducts of heavy construction. These risks could cause irreversible structural stress or microcracking within heritage materials that cannot easily be repaired without compromising authenticity.

Additionally, any attempt to "blend" new design elements into the mansion's 18th- and 19th-century fabric would produce an architectural contradiction: modern intervention disguised as historical continuity. Such "pastiche preservation" undermines the credibility of national landmarks by blurring the line between historic conservation and aesthetic imitation. Conversely, a consciously modern addition would clash visually and ideologically with the White House's architectural language, a visual intrusion on the National Mall's historic vista and the L'Enfant Plan's axial harmony.

Beyond aesthetics, the project also risks setting a deeply problematic precedent. Once the perimeter of the White House complex becomes open to major new construction, it invites further encroachment and erosion of historically protected zones around Lafayette Park and the Ellipse. This undermines the guiding preservation principles that have kept the White House both functional and historically intact for more than two centuries.

Coupled with its extravagant cost, questionable necessity, and disregard for environmental stewardship, the ballroom project symbolizes aesthetic overreach rather than thoughtful stewardship. The White House does not need grander entertainment space, it needs continued respect for its role as both a functioning seat of government and a living artifact of the nation's architectural heritage.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to reject the White House ballroom project in the interest of

preservation, architectural integrity, and public trust.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bob Kellum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project borders on the absurd. An illegal process has excluded The People. Stop the project now and institute a process to restore the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LaNae Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending towards the ballroom project and want that to be cancelled. I would like the east wing to be fully restored to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Kollar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former

design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to us all.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Vasen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. And perhaps more so, it is a violation of the trust of We the People.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Garrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the east wing of The White House project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I support cancellation of this project, and support the East Wing being rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:07:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Wieringa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House without the proper oversight and planning

that is required. There are proper channels that were totally ignored. Any new construction should go through an approval process to assure the continuity of design with the existing structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Koester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I'm glad the NCPC exists, and that there are standards and procedures which must be met by any and all projects. We see now why these procedures are so important -- to protect our priceless historic landmarks from careless destruction and ill-conceived design. Please stand up to the brazen lawlessness of this administration and protect the White House, the People's House!

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Libby Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This East Wing renovation did not get plan approval or approval from congress. Now this once historical part of the White House sits in rumbles. I ask that this demolition be stopped permanently. This is the Peoples House not a house to be brought by the highest bidder. The history in the East Wing is gone forever and this is a travesty. I ask that it be transformed back to its former glory. This is the Peoples House. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARJORY RUSSAKOFF
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete RAZING of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Tehon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Slocum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, it was begun without proper oversight and continues to be a concern for misuse of spending and disrespect to the building's meaning.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Solow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My mother, whom we lost last year, was a good government activist and raised me to believe in the American democratic system. She loved visiting Washington, D.C., pointing out the monuments and the White House -- the People's House, as we were encouraged to think of it. Plans by the current occupant of the White House to "modernize" the East Wing are wasteful, ill conceived and unauthorized. They represent, not pride in our country, but vanity and vengefulness. If there is to be a modernization, it should be done with the proper permissions and with the greater public in mind. The bulldozing of the East Wing at the orders of the current president has not only damaged the entire aesthetic of the structure, but is a permanent loss of our collective history. It is an affront to Americans like my late mother, who respected that history and the democratic process.This expensive and unnecessary project--which is a monument to corruption and inequality--should not be allowed to proceed one inch further. Polls show the majority of Americans oppose it. I urge this Commission to do so, as well.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D. Scott Hoilman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the corrupt funding and lack of oversight in this project. The president cannot unilaterally rebuild the People's house with no input from the rest of the government. Nor can the president fund such modifications to the People's white house with private funds. I fully reject the process by which this has been done. Get approvals and reviews, president trump is not a king and should expect oversight in his TEMPORARY position as president.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Longman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“We the people” vehemently disagree that one individual (Donald J. Trump) should be allowed to run rough-shod over protocols for any modifications of “the People’s House.” We do not want a gold-encrusted, larger-than-life ballroom tribute to an egomaniac President that will significantly marr the appearance of the White House into the future. Please block this building project and require the perpetrators to restore the original appearance! - Karen A. Longman

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my disapproval of the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House for a plan that was not approved through the existing channels for White House structural changes, Congressional funding and National Historic monuments.

The was unprecedented destruction, for a tatty, unneeded ballroom that will not be built, because the current occupant of the White House treats people and buildings exactly the same, as objects to be destroyed. Our American landmark is now a wreck, both inside and out. Rebuild the East Wing as it was. This is not Donald Trump's property - it belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Nairn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Reich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sick about what was done to the East Wing of the WH, the people’s house. A wrecking ball taken to all that history, for a vanity project. I think it should be restored to what it was. The people’s house, not a vanity project for one man.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:06:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecilia Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here is a completely rewritten version in your own voice, keeping the message but changing the structure and language:

History should be preserved, not bulldozed. Our historic buildings are not obstacles to progress. They are the physical record of who we are as a nation. We learn from them, and we pass those lessons on to our children so they understand their heritage, their identity, and the importance of respecting the past. To destroy such a place is not modernization. It is an irreversible loss.

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project. Reports indicate it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or full design review. This raises serious concerns about process, accountability, and respect for established preservation standards.

This proposal does not represent thoughtful modernization but rather the removal of a meaningful part of American history. I urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored in a manner consistent with its historic design.

No individual or institution should be exempt from the rule of law. Allowing this project to proceed without addressing potential violations and not prosecuting those involved would undermine public trust and set a troubling precedent.

Sincerely,
Erica

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Benney Basque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked to learn that the East Wing had been demolished before review and public comment for the project. While the President is a temporary resident of the White House, it is the House of the People of the United States, and major changes without our consultation is an eggregious breach of trust. The requirements for this kind of project are clear, and no one is above the law.

As to the project itself, I understand that modernization of the buildings is necessary for security and convenience. However, I fail to understand why such a disproportionately sized and foolishly lavish ballroom has anything to do with the work the President and their staff are asked to do. We elect our officials to work for us in a fiscally responsible manner, and this is outright waste. Private funding does nothing to alleviate the long term implications of repair and maintenance on something this big and useless. To say nothing of the implications of fraud that come from a select few financing an undertaking in this way. I want to see a reasonable and responsible design for a historically sympathetic building that won't cripple us in cost and upkeep.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who are responsible for this desecration of the East Wing should be held responsible - this is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars and these people should lose their jobs and receive financial penalties.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was irresponsible and wrong to tear down our house! Please stop this administration from just putting up anything else Willy Nilly. It should be fully transparent what is built there next and match design wise with the existing White House. Stop this President from JUST DOING THESE ACTS OF CHAOS.

Thank you.

DAVID CASE

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma Hambrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very unhappy that our beloved East Wing has been torn down. Its purpose is much greater than any ballroom. Please rebuild and I pray the furnishings have been properly stored and can be returned. DJT and his wealthy benefactors should pay for this rebuild not the taxpayers! Thank you for asking for my opinion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda Barrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization?? How about vanity grift?? This project needs to be shut down and all the "donations" to build it should be dispersed to worthwhile, HELPFUL charities. This is an abomination.

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JOHN SNELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Along with many other Americans I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yol Swan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history and a waste of money. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Rathke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It should be restored back to the original design.

Judith Rathke

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the totality of this project. Any further action to build a ballroom for the current administration to party inn must stop. This demolition of the East Wing was not approved and is in violation of the rules established on historical public buildings. Restore the East Wing to what it previously was. Stop destroying the America the majority of “we the citizens of the US” know and love. The people of the Us own the White House. As the owners, we loudly stand up and say, we don’t need or want a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:05:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Wintermute
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is our White House- the people of these United States. It does not belong to any one president, and to initiate changes of this magnitude without proper authorization, without soliciting the opinion of the people, is nothing short of criminal. This hideous boondoggle must be stopped immediately, and our White House restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Kulow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary McGinnis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be replaced as it was. It should never have been destroyed. History should not be allowed to be destroyed and replaced. Those who destroyed this building should be held accountable. This is a building for all United States citizens, not just one person residing there temporarily.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Burkeen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing was demolished without proper authority and proper channels. History was destroyed. Rebuild the East Wing to reflect what was lost.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith vanBever-Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for inviting comments about the "East Wing Modernization Project."

I currently live in Chapel Hill North Carolina, but from 1996 until 2023 I lived in Alexandria, Virginia; and for a good number of those years I worked in Washington, DC, just blocks from the White House. When I took the metro to Foggy Bottom and then walked to my office at the intersection of NY Avenue and 14th Street, I passed right by the White House. I always, every day, experienced this walk as a true privilege, that I could casually pass by such an important national treasure on a daily basis. Every American, and most important the people who live and work there, must recognize the historical significance of this building and contemplate change with caution and a respect for the past as well as a hope for the future.

Systems are in place for this to happen. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) was established to ensure that any changes to the White House (and other important buildings in the capital city) are considered thoughtfully and reviewed with careful attention to the legacy of these treasures as well as the needs of their occupants, current and future. It is not the goal or practice of the NCPC to present an obstacle to needed updates and modifications. Instead, this group is positioned to review with a broad and informed perspective any contemplated changes and their effects on the buildings and landmarks that belong to the American people.

This so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" has complied with none of the review requirements that serve as guardrails against just the type of ill-conceived project that is currently underway. This project is a slap in the face of every American, and although the current president believes that it fulfills a need, we cannot really know if it does because the strategic review process was bypassed completely. Frankly, I am sickened every time I see an article about this project, which many of us consider an absolute travesty. I can only hope that the next president will promptly solicit private funds and work with the NCPC to restore as far as possible the design of the east wing as it was before the demolition. (And while I have your attention, double ditto for Mrs. Kennedy's Rose Garden.)

What has happened here is not political or partisan. It is a reflection of the contempt that the current President holds for national treasures such as the White House, and for the informed perspective of the members of the NCPC. He is the chief executive of our country, but these buildings belong to all of us. In short, my comment is this: STOP. Reverse course and submit to the review structures that are in place. This is the way to ensure that our most important historical landmarks retain their beauty and significance for the generations that follow us. We owe this to each other, and to our children, our grandchildren, as well as to the many previous occupants of the White House who have treated it with the reverence and respect that it deserves.

Respectfully,

Judith A. vanBever-Green

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: angel grillone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemarie Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, including the East Wing, is the People's House. Policies and protocol should have been followed BEFORE it was torn down. It must be restored and those who ordered the demolition should be heavily fined. We are a land of law and order and that must apply to all persons. We cannot tolerate a two-tier system of "laws for thee but not for me." Also, funding from the rich creates a conflict of interest. How will this be managed?

Date: 2/17/2026 9:04:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucille Lo Sapio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East wing modernization project for multiple reasons. Firstly, there was no legal justification for destroying the historic east wing of the White House. Secondly, the plans that have been submitted are unacceptable not only because they overshadow the actual White House, but also because the cost is ridiculously high. Thirdly, asking foreign governments, corporations and individuals to donate to pay for this project opens the door to incredible opportunities for corruption. American people overall disapprove of this project and wanted to stop immediately. I am among those people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:03:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dot OConnor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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There was absolutely no need for this "update" other than it being a pure vanity issue for this President.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:03:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celeste Hasselbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:03:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Dixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

As an American, I was horrified to see the unpermitted destruction of the East Wing begin in fall 2024. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as an act of caprice.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It is owned by the American people and has been a temporary home to presidents, while in office, since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a legally a tenant of the White House, whose interventions are limited by law and should be limited by respect for the people of the United States.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:03:06 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Horner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All I ask is that Congress steps up and makes our so-called leader follow the constitution and follow the rules. He is running free and causing so much damage. And you have the ability to stop all this madness.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leanne Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and U.S. President's have the honor to live within its walls only with permission of the people. President's are only temporary residents for the 4 year terms they serve. No one person has the authority to permanently deface our White House, the People's House, or any part thereof without a full-review with the necessary historical commissions and experts at preservation of our historical sites. The East Wing must be restored to its previous construction as true to the past heritage and historical significance it held before it illegal and unconstitutional demolition by the current resident of the White House. Also, all reparation costs should be paid for up front and personally by Mr. Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Houghton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should pay for complete restoration of the East Wing out of his own pocket. The people of the US did not agree to the demolition, and they should not have to pay for the restoration.

And then Trump needs to insist that his wife occupy her office and actually do something noteworthy and of value to the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to urge this commission to halt the proposed construction of a ballroom, and return the east wing of the white house to its original form. This destruction of the People's house is illegal and disgraceful!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Grau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hanssen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
E. Hanssen

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight was a travesty and a crime.

It's hard to set a value on this crime because in destroying this asset, the president broke not only laws but also the trust of the American people.

We urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require any reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain its historic design and size.

We urge, further, that any reconstruction be funded only with appropriations from Congress and that no private money be allowed for this project. The American people own the land, not any one president or any corporation seeking to buy favor.

If Congress does not approve funding, and if a design consistent with the building's historical character cannot be achieved, the land should be left vacant.

Richard and Sheila Miller

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edna Elkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How is President Trump allowed to tear down then East Wing of the "People's House" without any approval? The Rose Garden? What funds is he using to do the work?

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Hamborsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rousseau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the reconstruction of the East Wing as the history of that historical section is being erased. You cannot help but think that it was revenge from Trump to his wife because she did not want to live at the White House full time and took away the First Lady's Office. There is a lot of speculation why he is doing this but, it's not for the people. Stop him from ruining the historical monuments in DC!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Meadows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored, or at least replaced with a building in keeping with the size and proportions of what's left of the White House. A giant hugely expensive structure will be unsightly and is too great a temptation for corruption.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charity Giboney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Windhaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Everett Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our democracy depends on an intricate balance of power to operate smoothly . When one person does not respect the balance he puts the entire system at risk. If allowed to proceed, the system will collapse because balance ignored or not exercised leads to the death of the system

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Blocksma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am also concerned the White House says it will be paid for by corporate donations, which looks like more influence peddling to me. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored in a design and scale that fits with the rest of the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:02:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Ohanlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was in tears and horrified when this President demolished the Rose Garden, effectively spitting on Jackie Kennedy's green legacy. I was doubly horrified when he demolished the East Wing. How dare him?! This is not HIS house. It's the People's House. I am totally against a ballroom being built. I want the space to have offices for the First Lady (not this first lady, who obviously partied with Epstein). How disrespectful of him demolishing space for a First Lady's work.
Please do EVERYTHING YOU CAN to stop the build for a ballroom and rebuild the East Wing as it was, with any renovations to modernize services.
Also, please find anything that was saved from the demolition and keep it until this admin is gone, and set up a display at the Smithsonian of how it was built, demolished, and rebuilt FOR THE PEOPLE.

Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacob He
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Ferrone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is an outrage that the East Wing was destroyed! And that it was done illegally is just one aspect of this nightmare. Nothing of the planning for this monsterous ballroom was submitted properly, and the fact it will be much bigger than the White House is an absolute disgrace!

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Holdeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Even the hap-hazard designs that have been presented by the White House design team do not fit with the historic structure of the White House residence. If completed, the new construction will destroy the appearance of the People's House, forever. There was no process or

thought and it was all done behind closed doors and without the consent of the people! It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Presidents update the White House to add to the history, a bowling alley, a basketball court, movie theater, gym, etc... At no time has ANY President destroyed complete sections of the White House for none other than personal gain. Harry S. Truman did a revamp of the interior for updates; however, this did not take away from view of the People's House. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. To be absolutely clear, I would be saying the exact same thing regardless of what political party was in control of the White House. Republican or Democrat.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Hailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vigorously oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It was not undertaken to improve the form or function of the space. This is an affront, a vanity project for the current occupant and a complete razing of not only a significant portion of the People's House, but also of American history. To allow this customization of the People's House for one man is to send the signal that he will be remaining long after the current term has expired and that We the People approve of this. I speak on behalf of millions of Americans when I say that We most certainly do not approve of any occupant staying even one day beyond what is allowed by law. We do not approve of this vanity project. We did not approve the destruction of this most cherished symbol of America and American life.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and all generations to come.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Handmaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Dellinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

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Name: Mary Dunn
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Pfeffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House?

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Howard Bass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You can call this a "modernization project," but it's not. This is another desecration of the People's House, which is not Donald Trump's private residence but belongs to the American people. This is a monument to his ego that, if it's built, I hope will be torn down by the next president. If the White House needs modernization, there's a process that is required, but the current resident has ignored all of that because people let him get away with it. This current occupant of the White House has destroyed a historic part of the building and proposes to replace it with an unneeded structure that will dwarf the original building. I strongly object to this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Seavey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:14 AM
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Name: Michelle Minson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tara Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:11 AM
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Name: Ruth Einstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Additionally, this project is in part funded by private donors and is essentially a front for bribery and influence peddling. American governmental structures should only be built using taxpayer dollars, which are allotted by our elected representatives, not solicited in a pay-to-play scheme.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:01:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chalice Wilkerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disappointed that I even have to comment in an attempt to stop this lawless desecration of the people's house by an out-of-control narcissist with the power and lack of moral restraint granted by a spineless Republican Party, self-censored media with billionaire owners seeking favors, and cruel MAGA supporters. Since when do we allow these assaults to go unanswered? Are there any guardrails left? I hate the stenchni
of fascism surrounding this "renovation".

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Bax
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tramp must replace the East wing, pay to rebuild it.
He had no right to demolish it for a stupid ballroom that means nothing to Americans. Stupid is as stupid does.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cat Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house, not Trump, not GOP. The people. The people say NO.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:45 AM
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Name: Lee Trampleasure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Fulton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on THIS project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want THIS project canceled, and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design-and same size. It should not tower over the White House.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marti McKenna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose spending $300+ million on this project, which was initiated any authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: patricia bansch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LESLIE HIEBERT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope the destruction of the East Wing by Pres Trump is halted permanently and the rebuilding is removed from political influence. The best thing would be to have potential designs be submitted by whoever in the public has an idea, have them vetted by qualified professionals, and one selected for use. Or just rebuild what was destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Kligler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I object to the ballroom because the president did not go through a review process, he's destroying a historic portion of a most important building, he's wasting donations on something we don't need when we need affordable health care, food supplements for low income, affordable housing, and a return to common decency.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Bostelmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am one of the millions of Americans that are horrified to see the destruction of the historic east wing of the White House.

TRUMP arrogantly and illegally decided to tear it down. HE did this without authorization, without design review, and without going through a permitting process.

This is yet another example of HIS dishonest bullying approach to life and HIS erroneous presumption that HE is above the law. HE is not.

The exorbitant cost of this unnecessary project will be yet another of TRUMP'S inflicted financial burdens on tax payers—this is another of HIS gilded vanity projects….it is disgusting…and our elected officials should be outraged.

HE needs to be personally responsible for assuming the cost of restoring the east wing to its former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Golden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHLEEN SERAPHIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the ongoing project involving the total demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House and the construction of the 90,000-square-foot ballroom.
While I recognize the administration's stated goal of modernizing the White House infrastructure, the scale and execution of this project present several grave concerns:
• Destruction of National Heritage: The East Wing, largely shaped in 1942, is a symbol of American history and a critical part of the White House's classical design. Replacing this historic structure with a massive ballroom—nearly twice the size of the original mansion—permanently alters the architectural integrity of the "People's House".
• Lack of Transparency and Oversight: This demolition reportedly proceeded without the requisite public review by the National Capital Planning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts. Transparency is vital for any project involving national landmarks.
• Conflicts of Interest: The use of hundreds of millions of dollars in private donations from major corporations and tech giants raises alarming questions regarding potential "pay-for-play" influence on the highest office.
• Public Access: The closure of public tours for the estimated 10,000 weekly visitors denies American citizens access to a building that belongs to the public, not any one administration.
I urge you to halt further construction and subject the current plans to a full, transparent review process as requested by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and members of Congress. Our national treasures must be preserved for future generations, not sacrificed for temporary modernization.
Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of the American people.
Sincerely,
Kathleen Seraphin

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyla Lahaie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of those who initiated it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 9:00:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Duane Swacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Stephanie Volk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DIANA MCGINNESS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a symbol of democratic restraint, not a monument to imperial excess. To transform the "People's House" into a venue for gala ballrooms is a fundamental betrayal of its history and purpose. It is neither a luxury hotel nor a convention center, and it should never be treated as one—especially when the District is already teeming with massive venues like the National Building Museum, Union Station, and the Commerce Building.

The following principles must remain non-negotiable:

Preserve the Modesty of the Republic: The White House was deliberately designed with restrained Georgian aesthetics to distinguish it from the palaces of Europe. Its modest scale is a physical manifestation of our values. Expanding it into a sprawling estate destroys the very symmetry and architectural integrity that define it.

The President is a Tenant, Not a Monarch: The occupant of the White House is a temporary guest of the American people, not a King. No President should be permitted to mutilate the national heritage to suit their personal tastes, regardless of who is footing the bill.

Restore Architectural Symmetry: If the East Wing must be rebuilt, it should be reconstructed as a mirror to the West Wing—matching its size, shape, and placement. The East Wing was utilized by the First Lady since Eleanor Roosevelt. It should be returned to that function. The current First Lady may have no use for it, but she won't be there in three years. And while you're at it, replace Jackie's Rose Garden!! I hope those roses were saved!

We must stop treating the most important building in the country like a billionaire's renovation project. It is time to return to the original vision of a functional, balanced, and humble residence for the executive branch.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: linda McGuire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Rabone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Foertsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I would like to see the involved decision makers and donors fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House, and cancel this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Wildermuth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. To spend $300 million on this project while the average American household struggles to pay for basic necessities like groceries, electricity, and healthcare is unAmerican.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Janssen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christina Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

This project was was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Razing American history is not "modernization". The project needs to be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The payment for the rebuilding should fall directly on the person who authorized the East Wing's destruction and not the American people, as we did not agree to the razing of the East Wing.

No one - not even the President of the United States - is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalization to the one who broke the law would be another affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Moore Laura Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is an atrocity and the destruction of the existing east wing was illegal vandalism of public property. We need transparency around "donations" to the ballroom. We need those responsible for the destruction to fund the faithful restoration of the east wing as close as possible to the previous design, overseen by experts familiar with it and including a transparent process and transparent funding. We need a stop to any and all redesigns of government property without a public process.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Zahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the president broke the law by tearing down an historic building on a whim, without getting permission to do so.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The person responsible for the desecration of this historic building needs to be fined or jailed for vandalism.
https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gerdes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original design. We don’t need or want a ballroom. The President should not be rewarded for tearing the East wing down without permission from Congress or the proper agency.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I would like this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 8:59:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hearron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is a blatant example of the sort of behavior we would expect of an egotistical tyrant in some foreign oligarchy. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with the cost covered by all the ill-gotten gains that Mr. Trump has reaped since assuming office. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Diane Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathryn O'Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sharon S RUSSELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Erasmus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for too many reasons to list but mainly since one person decided it wasn't necessary to go through the correct channels due to his arrogance. I do not like the gaudy changes being made to the people's house. It needs to stop and stop now! It seems accountability has been thrown out the window. We don't need to be spending money on changing names and decor but put it toward helping the vulnerable and those struggling. Please stop spending money on these grandiose projects that are reshaping the look of our country.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellie Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Stop the ballroom plan immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Babcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should not have been destroyed and someone should face appropriate penalties for not obtaining the proper approval and going through the proper process.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Lu Mattson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was an unlawful razing of part of the white house. Anyone doing this besides the tyrant of the white house would have been arrested. Per his usual lies, rather than private funding, the taxpayers will be on the hook for the costs. No one should be above the law. The east wing needs to be replaced and the replacement paid for by Trump personally.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pegg Hislop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was both shocking and illegal. It is part of the People's house. If it needed modernization, why wasn't it planned, permitted, and discussed? Additionally, what are the private donors getting in return for their donations?

The replacement building should reflect the original architecture and compliment the existing structure. It should remain in proper scale to the White House. And absolutely no gold gilded surfaces anywhere. Reign in this nonsense.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Himmelheber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored to its former look and purpose. The ballroom proposal is a vanity project which was unlawfully initiated and an affront to those citizens who follow rules and procedures.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Moira Ashleigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending of $300 million on this project. A project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project, of a historic property, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, no one owns the Whitehouse, it is the people's house. Our country needs to penalize those who broke the law: the funders, the instigator, the contractors, and the architect. To allow this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:04 AM
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Name: Charlotte Yano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Reisner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental

assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:58:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natasha Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Dorman-Hickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing of the White House is a tragedy. There was no input from members of the public nor the entities that are in place to protect our architectural treasures. I'm sure there are thousands upon thousands of people in our country who literally felt sick at the sight of bulldozers razing this beautiful structure. I believe this was done in this manner so that objections could not be made prior to the destruction. We are left to object now after the fact.

I definitely oppose spending $300 million (or whatever figure it might cost) on the giant ballroom that has been proposed. This project had no authorization, no design review, and no permits in place. Tearing down our architectural history is a form of arrogance in today's governmental world that I don't recall ever previously witnessing.

I and many, many US citizens want this project to end now. I want the East Wing restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, not me, not you, not any office holder in this country in any capacity.

I support the National Trust for Historic Preservation's efforts to mitigate the damage that's been done and to rectify it as soon as possible.

Nancy Dorman-Hickson

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Bricker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is not the Trump White House. This is not a monument or memorial to any one person. This is the People's House, built by slaves and inhabited due to the vote of the people. He has no right to alter it. He has the responsibility to protect and care for it. He has abdicated that responsibility just as he has abdicated his responsibility as president of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorreen Keating
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings

I, like millions of Americans and people all over the world was completely gutted by the demolition of the white house east wing!
The Ballroom is completely out of scale and necessity for the "people's house" I was fortunate to tour the white house when I was in high school in the late 1970s. The plan for the east wing featuring a huge Ballroom is completely wrong! Not only is ballroom huge but dwarfs the footprint of the white house. And will require tremendous maintenance costs! Heating, cooling, cleaning and security and more! Any renovations need prior approval of Americans and demonstrate real needs not the whims of an elected president who has a limited term of residency.

Thank you

Lorreen Keating
PO Box 1364
New London NH 03257

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Halvorson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million in this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete razing of American history not modernization. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Best
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Jolly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is with a great deal of sadness that it is necessary to write this comment. No one is above the law. The East Wing should be rebuilt with reasonable modernization. Please do not reward his bad behavior. And please, for heaven’s sake, don’t let him put his name on it. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.

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Name: Jera Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Erin Freeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanette Doolittle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unlawfully commenced assault on our history and don't believe it should be sanctioned or continued, but that the East Wing should be rebuilt and the ballroom project shelved. Abuse of our history and our legal and moral processes and procedures should not be rewarded. Thank you. ☺\u-497 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Albrecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: M Fernald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and destruction of items that belong to the American People. I want this project canceled. Any money needs to be spent on rebuilding the East Wing to restore its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:57:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Greenfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have been tolerated in the first place Stop the destruction of our buildings and history I don't know if the East Wing can ever be duplicated, but we should try and the expense should be born by Trump himself
It is sickening to see this scar on ourbproperty

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Hoglund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's House so one person should not be making the decision regarding major changes to it. No one else who has lived in the White House has mentioned the need for a ballroom. The White House should not be altered to feed one person's enormous ego. It is ok to say NO to this President despite his 2-year old tantrums and his bully behavior, or maybe even because of it.
Let this idea go through the normal process these things go through with a thorough assessment by impartial decision makers.
Personally, I vote no on allowing this to proceed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Hume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the ego and grift of one corrupt individual. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, despite what he thinks that is reinforced by the corrupt agents around him, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Franklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO GOLD. No one is above the law and to permit

this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Cecchini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Kulbick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Ballroom project. I am against the building of an enormous ballroom to satisfy the whims this administration. This serves no purpose for most tax paying Americans. I'd like to see the East Wing returned to its former beauty, and now that it can be rebuilt, modernized and improved so that it will serve generations to come. All improvements to historic buildings should have oversight before beginning and should be approved by the proper channels. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brad Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US Citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and destruction of our national landmarks. I want this project CANCELED immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who are breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Betty Morgan

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerin Gould
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The person who destroyed the east wing illegally should be prosecuted, not allowed to replace our national monument with his gaudy, Russian whorehouse replacement while raking in kickbacks. Stop this monstrosity!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis McCluskey-Titus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to object to the East Wing Modernization Project which was undertaken without prior authorization or approval and has already led to the partial destruction of one of the most recognizable buildings in the world. To destroy the symmetry and grace of the White House, the PEOPLE'S house, to satisfy the whims of a single individual using funds donated by would-be oligarchs eager to curry favor and consolidate power, is not only an aesthetic travesty, but a betrayal of the foundational principles of our country. I urge you to stop this illegal project, and restore the east wing which was taken down in an unparalleled act of vandalism. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Crider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: P M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:56:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my displeasure regarding the East Wing renovation. This portion of an historical building needs to be restored to its original condition and any design changes need to be carefully scrutinized for authenticity in keeping the historical character of the building. This belongs to the American people and to allow one administration to destroy the historical character in the name of modernization is a travesty that should not be tolerated. Please preserve our history especially in light of celebrating our 250th year of freedom.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheree Cobernus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project that brings glory to the people for which it stands, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project must go before the citizens of the United States for approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julienne Fish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Mr. Trump's expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natasha Houghten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:55:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Canitano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlette Buescher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Dolan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the planned White House ballroom. A 90,000 sq ft ballroom is unnecessary. There are ample event spaces in and around Washington, including the Convention Center. The scale is entirely not in keeping with the White House. An extension off the side should not dwarf the main house. Additionally, it is not in keeping with the history and original design of the White House. It was designed to be the people's house. Grander, more palatial designs were rejected in favor of something more modest. This was considered more in keeping with a democratic republic rather than something that looks like it was built for a royalty. The design of this ballroom makes a mockery of that idea. Please do not sign off on this design in its present form.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Hotaling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda Roberson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending the $300+ million on this project from dubious sources that may be questionable. The project was initiated without proper (or any!) authorization, permits, or even a review of the design, Modernization? Oh please! It's the complete destruction of American history. The project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. We don't need a ballroom, especially one that dwarfs the White House. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing and prosecuting those who broke the law would be egregious, and an affront to all Americans. NO BALLROOM!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hertzog
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Archer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Big waste of money and damages the White House to make a small man look big!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Sornberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to express extreme disapproval of the president's tearing apart the East Wing of the White House for a ridiculously expensive ballroom. The East Wing should be restored to its former state, and Trump should pay for its restoration personally.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessie Tobias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization Project". This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the White House — the AMERICAN PEOPLE'S HOUSE — rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Keely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East wing and expense of constructing a "ballroom". None of which alligns with the law, review and permit submission requirements..The president exceeded his legal authority, destroying history and tradition with a bulldozer! This is not the American way. The people's house represents our shared democratic values and they are more important than Trump's vanity project. I can't add a railing to my deck without a permit from the township..there needs to be some accountability for the president's authoritarian overreach.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization project. It is a project to destroy a functioning, historical space in the White House without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Permits and requirements for review and zoning exist specifically to prevent this type of destruction at the whim of one individual. This project must be stopped and the structure must be restored to working order. Further, those who broke the law in permitting this should be punished. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:54:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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All my life i have been told this is The People's House. Please cancel this project. No American wants this. NO AMERICAN WANTS THIS. PLEASE STOP THE ASSAULT ON THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. At the very least let the American People vote on this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa McCauley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvette LaCroix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:38 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Miner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a giant ballroom to replace the former East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Killewald-Dobbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Mangold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The grift of the POTUS is mind-numbing...the current standards set forth by this governing body must remain...my ask is that GSA clear the tract, and let it remain as a grassy knoll reminder of the corruption of this administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pasatricia Neary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Restore this damaged historical building!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Paigr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any construction on a ballroom. The East Wing was unlawfully destroyed by this administration. The only construction that should be approved is rebuilding the East Wing as it was. The monstrosity proposed would be a slap in the face to America and dwarf our beloved White House. Thank You

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not meant to modernize; it is an erasure of history in pursuit of vanity. Permits were not properly obtained, historic, PUBLIC goods were disappeared, and demolition was conducted without review. We are a country of laws and respect and this follows neither. Please STOP this destruction of the People's House and restore the East Wing and the dignity of the Office. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Burwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:53:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Nail
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the President, it belongs to the people. The tearing down of the east wing without prior approval is on trend for this administration…. Please do not validate this bully behavior. Please approve to rebuild our beautiful east wing and return the White House to our country…. She will stand past leader & party. Please do not allow the actions of this administration, vandalizing our government home, to go unnoticed & unpunished.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Postol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Hageman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is absolutely illegal and anti-American! Restore the East Wing back the way it was before. The United States does not have a palace. We have a WHITE HOUSE for THE PEOPLE NOT the criminal POTUS.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicky Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on this project done without the proper permission. OPPOSE.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Fish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun without proper authorization. I do not approve of 300 million being spent in this way. It needs to be stopped and the east wing restored to its former design and historical significance.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Carozza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the renovation of the East wing without any prior approvals and review. This is the people's house and the demolition, done without review and planning seems to violate the National Historic Trust Act. It's an affront to democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: thackery binks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Kurtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the building of an out of scale and unnecessary ballroom on the former sight of the East Wing of the Whitehouse. I believe the destruction of the original East Wing was done illegally and is a complete front to the American people who own this structure. Any construction on that site should be to return the East Wing to its former scale and operation. Those involved in its destruction should be prosecuted to the fullest. What world do we live in that this is allowed? This is the people’s house!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: joseph mantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Wtf. Stop and go back the way it was .

Date: 2/17/2026 8:52:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: tamika binks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Selina Bean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Melcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry DeZarn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the east wing ballroom and want it restored to it's original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susi Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I sincerely ask that this expensive, wasteful, and ridiculous project be abandoned. At a time when the economy is so bad, when children are hungry, when jobs are nonexistent, when elders are at risk, when the reputation of the country is faltering because Fascism is in control, we cannot let such a privileged project waste resources. We already are a laughing stock to the rest of the world. This is literally "fiddling while Rome burns!"

Money should be spent on Education, on Infrastructure, on restoring Civil Rights, on continuing Medical research, on ensuring that Veterans, our Elders and our Children are thriving. Not on the greedy elite who are blind to the needs of the people.

This government should be serving the people, "We the People", not just the wwalthy. This project is a travesty and should be stopped. The national treasure that was the East Wing is already destroyed. The Rose Garden, the prize of DC, is disgracefully paved over. What a shame! Do not build this tacky, insulting project. Believe me, the real people all over this country are watching closely.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not, personally, have an issue with an indoor event space as part of the East Wing, but I don't think it

needs to be the giant behemoth that is being planned. It seems to be way out of proportion to the rest of the White House around it. A symmetrical appearance, matching the West Wing, would be nice.
Thank you for allowing comments.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Curl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the construction and any advancement of the East Wing Modernization (ballroom) Project. It's astounding that this was allowed to even begin. Please work to restore the East Wing to its original design and finish. While you are at it, bring back the rose garden too.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Overton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have the east wing rebuilt in the style it was prior to the demolition. If possible, I would like the people responsible for the demolition punished to the full extent of the law. The same people should be held accountable to pay for the rebuild.

Save the integrity of the east wing and the White House. No ballroom in the manor that has been proposed by the Trump administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary basile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in support of holding Donald Trump accountable for following the legal process of approval for the East Wing Modernization Project. The process was put in place to affirm that the White House belongs to the people, not an individual President. This is a blatant abuse of executive power and he must be held responsible.
Thank you,
Nancy Cowan

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannette Langan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was commenced without proper authorization. I want the East Wing restored to what it was, with proper attention to period design and finishes.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Henson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of America's house is not about a ballroom, it is 100% a vanity project. There are MANY suitable ballrooms in DC if needed for an event that won't fit in the current White House event space. I would like to see the east wing restored to its former glory at the earliest possible time. Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: petar peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:51:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project going forward. It has ruined American history, and public access to the people's house of America aka The White House.

Stop this project immediately from going forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Millard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lexie Schlessinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: TJ McCabe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Hendricks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ballroom project. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and glory. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. The person who caused this should be tried for destruction of government probes at the earliest opportunity.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ellyn bder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: michael yung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the administration's plan to replace the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom. The White House is the American people's house, an historical structure that should not be rebuilt at the whims of an individual. The demolition that has already taken place without authorization is a travesty. It is my hope that the ballroom plan is denied and the East Wing is restored in keeping with its proper appearance and function.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:50:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Barrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, the People's House. There are procedures in place for the restoration and renovation of historic buildings, and none of these procedures have been followed. This, in itself, sets a bad precedent. One person's whim is not justification to destroy this significant building and to replace it with a monument to his ego.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission assert its authority by stopping this unlawful project, and restoring the East Wing to its former state. No one is above the law. The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States, not to any temporary tenant.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kasye Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:53 AM
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Name: Pam Hohlbein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sabrina wenske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Dooms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project at a time when there are far more urgent national priorities and critical infrastructure needs demanding attention. Roads, bridges, public safety systems, disaster resilience, and community investments across this country require funding. Choosing to allocate this level of taxpayer money to this effort reflects misplaced priorities.

This building does not belong to any single individual or administration — it belongs to the American people. It is part of our shared national heritage. Decisions of this magnitude must reflect stewardship, transparency, and respect for the public trust.

There are established legal processes, permitting requirements, and design review standards specifically created to protect our national buildings and historic assets. Those safeguards exist for a reason. They were not properly followed here. Ignoring these procedures undermines accountability and weakens the very systems designed to preserve and protect public property.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without consequence for bypassing required authorization and review would set a dangerous precedent. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored in accordance with its former design — through lawful, transparent, and properly reviewed processes.

Public resources deserve public accountability.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Worthingron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gene Fisseler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many proud, tax-paying American citizens, I oppose every aspect of this project. It was initiated without the required authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. Instead it represents the unlawful razing of my America's history. I request that this project be canceled and that and East Wing of the White House be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one in this country above the law. No one. Permitting this unlawful project to proceed is a joke.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Holt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this the East Wing Modernization Project is a misnomer. This demolition was the wanton destruction of the People's House by a petulant tyrant trying to make himself immortal. The house that MY tax dollars paid for, along with every one of my fellow citizens. No historical review, no environmental consideration, no meetings, no consensus, no request from taxpayers to do this awful thing.

I DO NOT SUPPORT any new construction on this site, unless it is to rebuild EXACTLY what has been destroyed. This tyrant who is in temporary residence does not own this property. He will move on. He has NO RIGHT to do this. We The People object, loudly and consistently.

I request the National Capital Planning Commission to demand reconstruction of the East Wing consistent with its historic design and size. And please collect restitution from the tyrant for the cost of doing so.

Thank you,
Stephanie Holt

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Joy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not “modernization” whatsoever. It is razing our history for self-aggrandizement and vainglory at the least and bribery of elected officials (executive branch) and the faction they represent at the worst.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law— not the SCOTUS Six, not what they granted immunity to.

To permit this project, to not penalize those who broke the law is law-breaking itself and an egregious national identity affront to all law-abiding Americans in this country.”

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Duffy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: julie light
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Willette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the East wing being torn down to build a ballroom or any other structure.
The Building belongs to the People. A historical building that has been significantly damaged by the Trump & administration whom began knocking down walls illegally. There was no consult with the historical society nor did Congress approve such an action.

Stop the wreckage!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B Bitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgia Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS. What a horror show. The East Wing belongs to ALL OF US. Not just Trump to glitter up with his ugly gold decor. Please, it sicken me what he has done. The East Wing, a historic part of the White House has been wiped out and lay in rubble, like so much of our government under Trump. The 'private' corporations funding this should be ashamed. How un-American can you get?

Trump should be made, with all the money his is making off the Presidency, to rebuild the East wing EXACTLY as it was, on his OWN dime. He did not ask permission, he did not ask the AMERICAN PEOPLE if they wanted to rip down the East Wing and put in a Palace like ballroom? Mmmm. Kings? No KINGS in America!!! STOP THIS

Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Chiki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:49:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sarah hammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Noonan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a disgrace and also illegal. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

If you don't take action, you are complacent, make no mistake.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacob Fenske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump's vanity project at the White House until the present administration agrees to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few instances of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be an example where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Jake Fenske
Tax-paying voter in Gresham, OR

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samuel Collier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is this the best we can do with our resources
What a shame

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgette Mihaljevic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the east wing of the White House was done without proper procedure or authority. Please restore the east wing to the same size and basis as it was, with any energy saving modifications needed. I also believe the person who authorized the illegal razing should be held accountable, physically and monetarily, for destroying this national monument. This was unconscionable and should not go unpunished.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: molly pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Schnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in Portsmouth NH. A neighbor down the street took it upon himself to change his porch without permitting the project. He is now in the process of tearing off what he did without a permit. I can tell you, because we have lived in several places, that that's how this country works. I was always taught that nobody is above the law, not even (and maybe especially) the President. Yes, some renovations don't require permits, but ripping down a historic building is not one of those! Our President has spent his life avoiding consequences, and look at what he is. Look at where our country is because nobody stopped this willful child. We are hated because nobody has the spine to say no. You have the power on this one project (and other such) to follow the laws that everybody else has to abide by. Do your duty.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:48:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Eckel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this so called “modernization”!!!
Cancel the project and rebuild the east wing to its former design
This orange turd is not above the law and cannot destroy our house without following the rules!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law, and this project should be canceled.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deone Hemler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no way he should have been able to demolish our building without permission. He should be told to build it back the way it was. He needs to be stopped before he does any further damage.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S York
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of this wing of the White House was a horrifying crime against the American people. I am

OPPOSED TO THIS GROSS ABOMINATION OF A BALLROOM. Restoration is what is needed. Not the trump grift center. Disgusting.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. While it is important to update and improve facilities to match with future needs, procedure and oversight outweigh vanity. This project, as is, should be canceled and redesigned for the American people. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Lael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required
National Capital Planning Commission
approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property.
It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this Agenda.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johnny Loper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a lawyer, and I have spent my whole life playing by the rules. It angers me to see people who ignore the rules and try to impose their will on others from a position of power. For that reason, I think this project should be stopped dead, where it is right now, and not proceed unless and until the White House can prove

that the project has been properly applied for, vetted, and approved as required by law. If that doesn't happen, the appropriate entity should bring suit against those responsible for a tear-down done without proper authority, and those responsible should be required to pay for the restoration of an appropriate East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerrie Bunting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Throughout our nations history, Presidents have added their own touch to our house, the White House. However, never has one demolished an entire section, much less with zero permits or approval by the historical committee. Complete disregard for standards, norms, and regulations.

The autocratic ego to do such a thing is only shadowed by the numerous lies told to this nations people with regards to how much this project would cost. Skyrocketing costs point to another complete disregard of humility, respect, and scale.

Yet another lie told to us was that the project would not disrupt the integrity of the original structure. Obviously, an absolute lie.

Lastly, who pays for this egomaniacal project is nothing short of quid pro quo. Monopolizing corporations and billionaires give money for the project in order to gain favor from the President. Disgusting and illegal.

The White House is the people's house, not a canvas for egos and desires for grandeur.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Ann Wheelock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samuel Finken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I’m ok with this corrupt government enshrining their complete disregard of the People as long as we specifically name it Trump’s Jeffery Epstein memorial scam project

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Misha Longo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop destroying history with every decision that you make. We get it. You’re a pedophile, but you don’t need to put your name all over the place and destroy what was beautiful and created by other people.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I join with many Americans: I firmly oppose the spending of $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization Project", which was unethically initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and disgraceful razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design."

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Hoffmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $00 million on this project, wjocj was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was wrong to tear this building down and I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design! No one is above the law and those who broke the law should be penalized. It is an affront to law-abiding citizens not to do so.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Cof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Day,

I am writing to oppose the East Wing Modernization Project illegally implemented by the Trump Administration. Proper permits were not sought or granted. Established legal avenues were ignored. The People's House has been demolished for naughty.

Please halt all further degradation of our historical landmark. Please restore the wing to its former state.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Bissette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel this atrocity! Return the East Wing to its historic beauty. The current resident has no authority to make the changes he wants to make.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Smart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the building of any type of “ballroom” on the site of the former historic East Wing of the White House. A part of our national history has been unlawfully torn down and I want it replaced at the destroyers expense! I’ve designed many projects around the country that were on the National Register and I know the level of detail that is required and the stringent requirements of the Commission. What has been done, in this wonton act, is a crime against our country and must be remedied!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jayme Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:47:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Langston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing "Modernization Project" because it is an affront to the American People that the East Wing was torn down without proper authorization, permits or design review. The proposed ballroom is obscenely too large compared to the main White House building, and the cost is outrageous - whether paid by private donors or the taxpayers. This project should be cancelled and a thoughtful and balanced plan to restore the wing should be undertaken over the course of the next few years. The East Wing should be dignified and historic, not gaudy and gilded. This is the only acceptable way forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shaun Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and

home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: danielle hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i oppose the destruction of the EAST WING it violates the classic beauty and the american theory of building...please do not have ourr white house vandalized and unbalanced by some GARISH oversized ballroom with no taste and classic beauty...

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liene Kukainis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing the existing structure down without required permitting and very rapidly to prevent halting the process seems like a terrorist act to destroy our history and the stability of The White House as a symbol of democracy. I think it is criminal and deserves criminal charges. And the last thing we need is a ballroom built in Trump style without the input of congress to restrain his golden touch. My social circle and my

relatives are horrified.

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Name: Sally Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sally A Kilgore

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Schwab
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire move of modernizing the East wing is a travesty to the American people. This is America's house, not the president's house. Anything being done there should be approved by the American people, especially when part of it's being destroyed. This is an unnecessary thing that's been done. It is billing taxpayer dollars for something we did not approve. And all further construction should be ceased and desisted. Any further actions with regards to the Eastwing construction should be voted on by the American people. It is our house and it is ours so not a four year president.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas McGovern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump ordered the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and further has directed that it be replaced with an enormous ballroom, reportedly to be built with funds donated by companies (many of which do business with the government) as well as from other private sources (including ones that asked for anonymity). I am familiar with federal appropriations law and believe that use of private funds for this purpose likely violates the augmentation of appropriations doctrine, which prohibits executive agencies from taking outside funds to supplement their budgets, as well as the Antideficiency Act.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has consistently held that executive branch entities may not expand their operational resources beyond what Congress has appropriated unless a statute expressly authorizes them to accept and use outside funds. This principle is reflected in numerous GAO decisions,

including those addressing the acceptance of gifts, donated services, and construction related contributions. For example, GAO has repeatedly concluded that agencies may not accept gifts of money or services without statutory authority, and that accepting such contributions constitutes an improper augmentation of appropriations. GAO has also emphasized that capital improvements to federal property—such as renovations, repairs, or new construction—require explicit congressional authorization and cannot be financed through private donations absent a specific gift acceptance statute.

The Antideficiency Act reinforces these principles by prohibiting agencies from obligating or expending funds in excess of or in advance of appropriations. GAO decisions interpreting the Act make clear that using donated funds or services for construction projects without statutory authority can result in both an unlawful augmentation and a potential Antideficiency Act violation, because the agency would be obligating resources that Congress did not provide.

It also appears that no existing gift acceptance statute provides the White House or the Executive Office of the President with an applicable exception for privately-funded construction projects. While certain statutes authorize the acceptance of gifts of minimal value, foreign gifts, or donations to affiliated nonprofit entities such as the White House Historical Association, none clearly permit the President or the Executive Office of the President to accept private funds for structural renovations or new construction on federal property. GAO's decisions underscore that, in the absence of such statutory authority, the acceptance or use of donated funds for a project like a ballroom would constitute an impermissible augmentation of appropriations.

Accordingly, this project should not proceed without legislation making appropriated funds available for this purpose. The use of appropriated funds also will mitigate the apparent and/or potential conflicts of interest raised by the possibility that accepting these private donations will lead to "quid pro quo" actions by the Trump Administration to benefit these donors.

Finally, the size of the proposed ballroom addition will dwarf the main residence, and the design appears too grandiose and more appropriate to some European royal palace than a wing of the residence of a U.S. President.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Neale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Process is important in government. It allows for all parties involved to understand the series of events and steps that are needed in order to move something forward. Our legislative and judicial branches are run solely by process. The process and rules that these two branches of government follow allow the American people to understand how our elected officials are working for us, with our best interests and to understand when and how our voices were heard in the process. It also allows us to understand how our tax dollars are being spent.
The project to modernize of the East Wing of the White House did not follow long-established processes for approval. Destruction of the East Wing started without proper permitting or approvals. The plans had not been reviewed nor approved. I understand the project is slated for private funding from wealthy business owners who have a vested interest in earning favor with the White House. The way that the East Wing was torn down was illegal and did not follow established law or protocol. The plans, that have not been properly approved do not fit within the current scope and historical significance of the People's House. A ballroom that would be used only a handful of times a year is out of congruence with the White House, our seat of Executive Power for the people of America. It is we, the taxpayers who own that house and while upgrades and some personalization are within the realm of reason for a President, completely tearing down a wing of the house without following established protocols and approvals is illegal.

If we don't follow process and we act with impunity, the ground rules and protocols that have allowed our country to thrive for 250 years will be lost and we will lose trust in one another and the rule of those who hold elected office.
I request the East Wing Modernization Project be halted, denied, and that the original East Wing be rebuilt to original standards.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Razing the east wing was against the law. No one is above the law. Restore it to what it was, not a boorish ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Rosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing restored to its original design. There shouldn't be a gigantic ballroom that does not fit the federalist architecture of the White House complex. The property belongs to the American people and no president can ignore that.

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Name: Carisa Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jill Mathaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House belongs to WE, the People and it has been demolished by one person who never took into account the beautiful history that many of us treasure. Please demand a rebuild and restoration so that we can have peace in our souls when we see OUR White House.

With respect,
A citizen who wants our country back.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma Willingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlaine Bernier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing of the White House restored to the way the exterior looked before it was torn down. I want trump to pay for it since he destroyed it.

Marlaine Bernier

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Raps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified at the destruction of the east wing of the White House. I'm more horrified that the east wing will be replaced by a mammoth ugly ballroom. Please don't allow this monstrous ballroom to be built.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Fernandez-Carol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's start at the beginning: the name of this project is inappropriate. The East Wing of the people's house was demolished by a president with disdainful disregard for American history, law, and ethics. The demolition occurred without needed authorization, permits, or design review. Any monies, public or private should be spent rebuilding the East Wing under its former design -- not be used to aggrandize and influence a man who has failed to respect the dignity and boundaries of the office to which he was elected and who seems unable to accept his own mortality.

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Name: Mary Bo9rgsmiller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,
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Please stop this project immediately !
Mary S. Borgsmiller

Date: 2/17/2026 8:46:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Strangfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a horrific destruction of the people's house, done without any required permissions. No huge golden ballroom! Rebuild the elegant East Wing, just as it was before.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Brs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully oppose this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Rosenman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Condon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I also oppose the changes made inside the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jayne Dunnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the ballroom. I do not believe that the design that I have seen is compatible with the overall design of this iconic structure. I am also angry that the historic east wing was torn down without forethought or permission. It is an insult to the prior First Ladies that this wing was chosen to be torn down. I do not believe someone should be rewarded for this transgression.
Thank you.

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Name: Stephanie Byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennifer Schindlbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has not gone through the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Therefore, the project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be restored to its former design.

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Name: Devery Stubbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Peggi Parkhill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julieta Ozan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was undertaken without appropriate authorization, required permits, or proper design review. This is not a modernization effort—it amounts to the wholesale destruction of an important part of American heritage. I urge that the project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or entity is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a disservice to all Americans who respect and follow the law.

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Name: Judith Rothrock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mike Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michele Albion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts on the East Wing Modernization Project.

It goes without saying that the East Wing should not have been demolished. It represented one hundred and twenty-three years of history, that was wantonly destroyed without authorization or reason. As an American citizen I am ashamed and think that it should be left as it is, a symbol of our broken nation. When, at some time in the future, a proper plan can be put into place with historic preservationists and trained architects who understand and respect history and scale, then the East Wing should be rebuilt.

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Name: Valerie Silensky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Charles Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I've had to jump through more hoops to put a new roof on my historic home. I cannot believe this happened. There is no way the appropriate permits were gathered and the administration and the demolition contractor should be forced to use their own money to restore the East wing to what it was. No

taxpayer money should be involved. No one can claim they didn't know or they were doing what they were told. There are way too many regulations in place in DC to claim ignorance. My friends put in new replacement windows on their house on The Hill and had to pay a lot extra to make sure they were wooden on the outside. The laws are not only meant for the non-elites. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. Otherwise, our country doesn't work.

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Name: Judy Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kimberley Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Philip Shenton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Not only do I oppose the expense—which right now is $300 million—and the plan to build an oversized “ballroom”, I instead would insist on a restoration of the historic design of the East Wing of the White House at personal expense of Donald Trump. Trump needs to restore every brick and every tree. The demolition and current work at the White House was done illegally and Mr Trump should have to rectify the damage without the aid of taxpayer funds. Build the bunker, restore the security areas, and then rebuild the East Wing to the grandeur that it was. We, the people, do not need a ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:45:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shonda Folsom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have seen the new blueprint proposals for the East Wing of the White House. I am not in favor of this design.

First, I have to say, I was shocked and upset with the destruction of the former East Wing -- especially without prior planning and approval. Does anyone know what happened to the artwork that was previously located there? Have those things been preserved by anyone with historical artifact training? We have so many other problems in our world today, but seeing the gaping hole in the side of the White House still hits my stomach with a visceral reaction.

I am glad the new plans do not make the ballroom addition taller than the White House main wing. I think that was a good change.

However, I think the East Wing needs to be proportionate in size to the West Wing and not so large as to dwarf the main wing of the White House. Washington DC was built on such neoclassical symmetrical lines. The plans for the new ballroom allow the structure to be asymmetrical and heavily weighted to the new build instead of keeping the historic building as the main focus of the structure.

Please send these blueprints back to the drawing board for something more symmetrical to the existing building (instead of weighted toward the ego project of the sitting president).

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Name: Julie Rios
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Vanessa Fry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annaliese Noack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was not properly reviewed and approved prior to the start. The White House is the People's House. How dare you. The White House is a National Park and a National Historic Landmark, and should not have been changed in this way. I do not consent to my tax dollars being used for this desecration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Guerin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merrily Orsini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Visiting the White House with my grandchildren for Christmas in 2024 was a special highlight in our lives. I oppose the building of a non-historic massive ballroom that overshadows our beloved White House. I also would like the East Wing restored to historical accuracy.

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Name: Rosemary Frain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Seeing what was done to the people's House was extremely sad and I want the National Trust for Historic Preservation to be consulted and involved in this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Linsell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build a ballroom onto the White House. Honor the scale and dignity of the building as it has evolved since it was built. It is a national treasure and also a symbol of our country. The destruction of the east wing was done illegally. Don’t reward the shallow motives that drove its abrupt demise. The building will endure long past its current occupant.

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Name: Katey Harris
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Name: Meredith Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which prioritized and facilitated visitors and the work of First Ladies. It is a travesty that the workplace so important to women like Lady Bird Johnson- arguably the first modern first lady, who centered advocacy on behalf of the American people and conservation - was summarily destroyed. Valuable artifacts and structural pieces that might have been re-sold or re-incorporated into a future building were destroyed under this administration's eye in the most irresponsible and historically/financially wasteful manner. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, well the administration maintains that this will be paid for out of private funds, there is no promise that the American people will not be saddled with the upkeep of an ahistorical monstrosity – there has been zero transparency about the immediate demolition costs we've paid or the projected long-term costs that the taxpayers are entitled to know.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Barragato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper permits, authorization, or design review is not only unprecedented, it is erasing a part of American history. This is not modernization but the sudden whims of a president who refuses to abide by the laws and regulations of our country. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Addie Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As a professional archaeologists and professor in the field I understand well the regulatory framework under which these kinds of project can and cannot be undertaken. This "project" was done without proper permissions or permit, or the will of the property owners - the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and rebranding in the name of our current president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I understand that renovations might be needed for modernization and updates. This is to be expected. But no one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to all of us who abide by rules and ethics in our professional careers.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Hibbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It saddens me to see the destruction of the East Wing. All the history, gone. We do not need a ballroom as large as the White House. It's ridiculous that this has happened with no oversight anywhere, just free reign. Please do the right thing, no ballroom, we are not in an era of time that we need a ballroom. The White house should have a balanced look. I'm not an highly educated person, but I know individuals paying for the teardown are buying off our government officials.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Esther Wheeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending the $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, to whom the White House itself actually belongs.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:44:03 AM
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Name: Hillary Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Mantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was unlawful vandalism of a historical treasure. I vehemently oppose the construction of a ballroom and beg the powers that be to demand a full restoration of the East Wing. Any thing less would be a failure to the American People

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a project that was pushed forward without proper authorization, permits, or meaningful design review. This isn't "modernization." It's demolition disguised as improvement. You don't erase part of the White House and call it progress.

The East Wing is not a blank canvas for anyone's personal vision. It is part of the architectural and civic history of this country. If changes are made, they should be lawful, transparent, and respectful of that history.

No administration, no president, and no donor is above the law. If rules were bypassed, there must be accountability. To allow this to proceed without consequence sends the message that power overrides process and that's not a precedent we should normalize.

Cancel the project. Restore what was altered. Follow the law. That's the baseline.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara LHeureux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I am writing to urge you to cancel the so-called east wing modernization project. This is a misnomer because what this project is actually doing is erasing our history. I am heartbroken to see the People's house razed without any authorizations and I beg you to put an end to the un-American ballroom project.
Thank you.
Babara L'Heureux

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathren Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Van Houten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require any reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain it historic design and size. Anything built on the demolition site must match the style of the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and it must be subordinate in size

Demolishing the historic East Wing of the White House without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight clearly violated the law. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it. No president owns the property or its buildings.

The president broke not only laws but also the trust of the American people.

If Congress does not approve funding, and if a design keeping with the building's historical character cannot be achieved, the land should be left vacant.

Lori Van Houten

Date: 2/17/2026 8:43:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Preston Plous
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and its replacement with a garish structure that did not go through the legal processes necessary for approval. The project should be cancelled immediately and the funds donated should be used to restore the East Wing to its previous condition. There should also be legal penalties for those who decided that the law does not apply to them.

The President does not own the White House. We do. He merely occupies it rent free for a specific period of time. We should have a say, through non-partisan commissions, in what happens to the White House

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Pantzis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I sincerely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Melton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think we should spend $300 million on the East Wing modernization project. This was initially started without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is so sad that the East Wing was destroyed in the dark of night to hide its destruction from the American people. The history in that building was destroyed too. It is our house, not the occupant's house. The President is just a tenant for a little while.

I would like this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its original design. I would like those who initiated the destruction to be held accountable - no one is above the law. We must all follow the laws in this country. What a sad day to see the hole where the East Wing once stood.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Szabo-Nyeste
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was illegally initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a barbaric destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the PEOPLE'S house rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding US citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Wry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the Commission:
I am writing to formally record opposition to the $300 million "East Wing Modernization" project. This project, which has already resulted in the demolition of a century-old landmark of American history, was initiated in flagrant violation of federal preservation and oversight laws.

1. Lack of Proper Authorization and Review
The administration bypassed essential legal requirements before commencing demolition in October 2025. This project proceeded without filing necessary plans with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) or the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and without conducting required environmental studies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Furthermore, it lacked the congressional authorization required for major modifications to federal property.

2. Erasure of American History
Labeling this project as "modernization" is a gross mischaracterization. It is a complete razing of a historic structure that served as the base of operations for First Ladies for decades. Replacing this history with a 90,000-square-foot ballroom—which is nearly double the size of the 55,000-square-foot White House itself—permanently disrupts the classical design and historical integrity of the Executive Mansion.

3. Accountability and the Rule of Law
No individual or office is above the law. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who bypassed statutory reviews is an affront to all law-abiding citizens. The use of private donations to fund this project has been opaque and raises significant ethical concerns regarding transparency and accountability.

Requested Action:
I request the immediate cancellation of this project and a court-ordered "Cease and Desist" for all remaining construction. I further call for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original historic design. We must not allow the "razing of American history" to stand as a precedent for future executive overreach.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Difelice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was done without proper approval. Please return the East Wing back to its former building. This should also be paid for by the person who authorized it. Meaning Donald Trump from his own funds. He is ruining the interior of the White House and when we get rid of him he should also pay to restore the building and grounds to the beautiful place it was before he ruined it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:42:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Somers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that this should not have gotten has far as it has. This is not Trump's personal house it belongs to the people of the United States. He would have consequences and do we not have better things that we can spend $300 million on. The money that is being wasted is a travesty. Can't believe that people think this is okay by any means.
Sincerely,

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharla Harpole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Feehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Im so disheartened by the unnecessary and unAmerican improvements being made to the White House. We are not a culture that is paved in gold, but that's what everything is physically becoming. The White

House used to be a people's house, but it's resembling a dictators castle at this point. How does one president get to undo the work and legacy of every other presidency? The rose garden, the ball room, and he Kennedy Center. He just wants to slap his name on everything and make it tacky and golden. Never mind at the expense of taxpayers who wanted history to stay preserved versus made into a mockery.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carin McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I believe the cost should be privately covered by the Trump family, who wrongly initiated the project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:41:21 AM
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Name: Lisa Krift
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stephanie Baram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud citizen of the United States of America, I ardently object to the dismantling of the East Wing of the people's house, our White House. This destruction was done without the proper consultations and permits. The White House does not belong to a particular administration, it belongs to the people of the United States. I demand that the East Wing of the White House be reconstructed according to its original historical architectural plans. We do not approve of a ballroom the overshadows the people's house.

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Name: Sarah Carlton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Manda Clancy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and all that participating in the destruction of the seats Wing should be held accountable. The new plans for the ballroom are not what America needs. They are not aesthetically pleasing or in balance with the structures already there. America doesn't need a ballroom for donors to ingratiate themselves to Trump. What we need is the East Wing back.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom project which was destroyed without the proper procedures, consulting, authorization, permits, or design review. The country's history was destroyed in an afternoon and without discussion. We The People are the owners of that house. We elect someone to stay there temporarily, rent if you will, while they are working for us. The spending of $300 million on this is absolutely outrageous! This disaster has put our country at risk with the construction and security challenges at a space so important. It has exposed secure areas and information that were below ground, and it's likely allowed areas to be compromised if we take into consideration how things are being run at the current time.
Being that the site is absolutely destroyed, we have to just move forward. I have recently saw a concept drawing if I remember correctly from our official historical architectural department. I remember it majorly scaling back the project and making the building balanced with the West Wing. The design flowed with historical elements from our iconic White House.
Being this is Our House, it would be fun to actually be able to be involved. An online public vote on the final

design would be a fun idea. This could help the public heal after such a traumatic destruction of such a historic space.

As for the laws that were broken with the demolition of the property; no one is above the law. Those who moved forward and gave the instruction to demolition the site without proper permit must be penalized personally to the full extent of the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Lorango
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of an outsized bemouth "modernized" structure to replace the East Wing that was so unceremoniously smashed to bits before the American citizens knew what was happening or able to oppose its destruction. The proposed building hasn't been properly authorized with permits or design review. The gaudy replacement structure would dwarf The PEOPLE'S HOUSE in a visually grotesque fashion. The $300million cost is supposedly to be funded by wealthy donors whose underlying intents are unknown & could be nefarious. Everything about this project has been haphazardly thrown together without regard to any sort of historical significance, guidance from proper planning commissions, or just plain old common sense.

At this point, we're left with a gaping hole where a glorified building once stood so I understand the need to build a structure in its place. Please STOP the present race to build a ridiculous monstrosity & reduce the proposed footprint of the new build to create something aesthetically pleasing & historically accurate.

Additionally, those that broke the law to smash The PEOPLE'S HOUSE should be held accountable-legally, morally & financially. NO public funds should be used to replace such an unnecessary, tasteless, vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s disgusting what the president has done to the WH ballroom. He had to put his stamp on something because no one will remember him for being a good president. He’s all about himself. Go back to Mar-a-Lago.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Selby Dorgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 17, 2026

Commissioners,

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The White House is the people's house, and the current administration does not have our permission to make changes to the property without our approval.

Selby Dorgan
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Schulte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly reject the idea of spending $300 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or reviews. This is not a modernization effort; it essentially eliminates a piece of American history. I advocate for the cancellation of this initiative and urge that the East Wing be restored to its original design. Upholding the law is essential, and allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated regulations would betray the values of all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Bukrinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Fite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing should be reconstructed primarily as it was, before Trump razed it illegally. I think a portion of it should be left as it looks right now, and incorporated into a museum on authoritarianism /government overreach/democracy education. It would be a wonderful addition for the public to tour.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled and horrified at the removal of the East Wing of The People's House - our White House. It and our beautiful Rose Garden have been ravaged. Vote NO to the proposed ballroom. The current administration is not allowed to do as they wish without prior approval, proper vetting, research, and sensitivity to history and design. Please stop any further damage and restore the original structure!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:40:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LuAnn Fraulo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing

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LuAnn Fraulo

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the existing East Wing without legal authorization is an affront to all Americans and a ransacking of our national history. The East Wing should be returned to the aesthetic and function consistent with the rest of the White House and its grounds, and those responsible for the illegal initiation of the current project, including the president, should be penalized appropriately.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:53 AM
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Name: Kent Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cory Stephenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Sudholt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a history buff. The East Wing harbored a lot of history. That is now gone because a vain man wanted his name on a monstrosity.

I do not want my tax dollars feeding this guys ego. In fact, those who destroyed the East Wing without permits should be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Bulldozing the East Wing, part of the people's house, was a heinous act. It was initiated without any approvals or guidelines all in the name of one sick individual who is set on destroying the history of this country.
The East Wing must be returned to its original state and those who tried to destroyed it must be held accountable.

Cynthia Wells

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:27 AM
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Name: Jessica Smith Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

I do not enjoy watching my children see their countries legacy destroyed by a man who says he loves his God and Country but does nothing by the book. He didnt even put his hand on the Bible for Pete's sake.

Can we be frank and honest with one another as a country about how this makes us all feel. How bad it has been for moral. How angry everyone is with our president. This project should be halted immediately until someone who genuinely appreciates and understands history can approve the budget, the construction, and the necessary contracts. Without these we are citizens watching our often bankrupt businessman president do the same thing to our wonderful country. I do not consent.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: suzanne weirich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Suzanne

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:17 AM
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Name: Sarah Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why does the White House need a fancy new ballroom, will it be open to the public? All this money can be used for other projects that will actually benefit the public - for example maintenance of national parks and monuments.

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Name: Steven Deasy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Bridi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Two years ago I was privileged to get tickets to tour the White House. I remember the beauty of the East Wing an d what was left of the Rose Garden. There were pictures of former
Presidents and their pets along the corridor which gave me so much pleasure to see. To think that all of that

is gone and that my grandchildren will have no opportunity to enjoy “our House” makes me sad beyond belief. Pres Trump tore down this part of our country’s history with no permission in order to collect bribes from businesses and men who want to support his power for their own gain. Please find a way to restore the East Wing and make those who destroyed it legally responsible. We the people want our House restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Haskins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project which razed a portion of a historic building without review, permission or comment. It is not within the president's authority to circumvent the rules by which all Americans are supposed to abide. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its historic appearance. It is the people's house, and the temporary residence and work space of any president, and the current president should not get his way while breaking the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary McPherson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t allow this project to proceed. It is not historically accurate and will destroy the beauty of the original White House design. Plus we will be a laughing stock all across the world.

Mary A McPherson

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:39:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Maier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project of replacing the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom. I also feel that the east Wing should be restored at the expense of Donald Trump who had no right to tear it down

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cara Heckler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Pursley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of the source of funds. It was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and an expansion out of proportion to the original structure. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Adam Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom expansion would be the size of the original white house, block the views of the historic building, be almost useless, and set a president that any president can do whatever they want to historic buildings. I am honestly shocked and appalled that this organization allowed for the demolition in the first place. Along with the rose garden, which is now a sad pool deck. This is an awful plan that should never

have started, and should not be constructed.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caren Thorner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please vote against this project. The demolition of the East Wing is reprehensible. Trump is a temporary resident of the White House and just like a renter he cannot build or demolish something he doesn't own and without the owners (all US citizens) permission. The ballroom is not necessary

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction was illegal and an affront to the America people, who own the White House. There were no permits issued, and no due diligence. No permission. This was vandalism!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House belongs to every American. The loss of so much history without oversight is an insult to the generations of Americans who looked to the White House as a symbol of our country. It should be restored and respected. Every item of furniture belonged to the 300 million Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne OD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Peterson-Roe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a decimation of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing ALL those who broke the law would be an affront to every law-abiding American citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:38:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janet Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:51 AM
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Name: Jesse Winkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is heart-breaking to see the ruins - and to anticipate the replacement - of a once-beautiful piece of our heritage. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelli Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put back the way it was before demolition! Please no tax dollars to restore. Let's have a White House that is respectful and welcoming to all.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Beery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the creation of a ballroom is the space occupied by the East Wong if the White House. My understanding is that proper approval and permits were not acquired prior to the demolition of the White house East Wing. The construction of a ballroom is an insult to everyday Americans. This vanity project

must be stopped!!!

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Name: Hannah Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with this project. I want our historical East Wing restored to its original design.

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Name: Michael Voissem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly believe that the East Wing should be reconstructed as it was, and no additional additions be allowed. The Whitehouse is a national monument that should never be molested for a political gain, or as a personal structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie McGann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the new ballroom project. The East Wing was demolished and plans made for the ballroom without submitting the proposals and without the consent of the public and proper channels. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt as it was before.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Limberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without permits, comments, due process, or historical preservation is a travesty and violation of the trust of the American people. Spending hundreds of millions of billionaires' dollars to build a gigantic tacky monument to ego would be another. The East Wing should be restored or rebuilt into something in keeping with the spirit and actual needs of the White House to function for the real American people, not just a glitzy showcase for the super-rich.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:37:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Boyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica DeMoulin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Thomas Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I request that you stop this $300 (or is it $4-500) million project to build a ridiculously huge and unneeded ballroom next to the White House.

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done illegally and in secret without the proper authorization and the involvement of the organizations which exist to protect all changes to the buildings and monuments which are owned by the people of this country.

I would like this Trump ballroom vanity project stopped. And I would like the East Wing of the White House rebuilt.

Trump's actions were outrageous and did not follow the legal procedures required. And I would like him personally to pay for the East Wing rebuild - as he is responsible for its destruction.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Braswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Klemm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was extremely shocked when I saw the photo's of the East Wing being demolished. I understand there is a procedure for renovating our House, and it was not followed. I also understand the need to update our House from time to time--the needs of a President are ever changing. But thoughtful review, skilled

architect drawings with a consistent plan for our House are needed. I am asking for procedures, reviews, budget considerations all be a part of this new build. I reject the proposed $300,000,000. It is absolutely insane to consider this a real project. Thank you.

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Name: Nancy Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Rev Andrea Stoeckel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why must HE just go ahead and do this with no rhyme or reason? Therewas already a ballroom (pictures show many scenes) and just because FOTUS no longer lives or works in DC- for whatever reason - doesn't give him anymore power to destroy history without permission from those in charge.

But he did it And it can't be undone. When the work begins (if it ever does) it must be vetted carefully and overseen down to the smallest nail

I am heartbroken at the pictures. Don't let him do this to anything else

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Luce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Margaret Pruiett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has long by been a symbol to me of the strong democracy it has been my good fortune to be born into. Building this monstrosity will be a symbol of all we are losing and of the total lack of respect the current powers have for what is of value to the majority of the American people. Rebuild the East Wing. If there is a need for more space, a need determined by many and not a few, find a way consistent with a higher value than is currently shown. Our history does need to be preserved in every way possible, including in the structures that have stood with dignity for so long.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Summer Sights
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Viesselman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 plus (as the price tag keeps rising) million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The proposed ballroom will be an unsightly behemoth that will dwarf the remaining structure and the size of this site. The proposed structure will be used infrequently and will be hard to defend. Large crowds in themselves are also a security risk. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The president does not own the White House and doesn't have the authority to make changes of this nature. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:36:03 AM
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Name: Timothy Reigel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Since the plans were not submitted in advance for public input, the whole project should be scrapped. There is no need for such a large addition. Furthermore the ballroom being so close to the street would put anyone using it in danger. The Secret Service would have a more difficult task in protecting those within the walls of this building. The scale of this project will dwarf the main building and will not be aesthetically pleasing. It is a foolish idea to begin with and should be stopped. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaitlyn Wittig Menguc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. I have concerns about the history of the building, Donald Trump's administration stating this work workout proper authorization, and the for-profit companies contributing to this project and what they might expect in return.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This is not okay. It is my firm belief that this is a ego-driven partisan stunt from an administration that would have been livid had Joseph Biden's administration, or Barack Obama's administration, had done exactly what Trump's administration has. Enough is enough.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia McGowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was rammed through without proper planning, authorization, or funding. The "private" (corporate) donations open up the possibility of backroom deals & corruption. The White House is the "People's House". Literally taking a wrecking ball to it ruined an important historic landmark. Do not reward this hastily planned behemoth to be added on to our beloved, beautiful White House. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal removal of the old East Wing and planned construction of a huge ballroom is an abomination. The planned construction will dwarf the White House complex footprint and be a gaudy eyesore both inside and out. The project should be terminated and reconstruction of an east wing comparable to the old one should replace it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Didrichsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a history and civics teacher, I cannot tell you how disturbing it is to me that we are taking a building that is more than just brick and mortar and treating it as if it has not seen the evolution of our country, housed events that will never happen again, been a gateway and a touchpoint to our past. I know that things change overtime, but sometimes they shouldn't. Recognizing that the White House was built, burned to the ground, rebuilt, and been used ever since is not just a timeline, but a measure of who we are seems to have slipped from our collective consciousness.

Obviously, emotion is not enough to sway some people. History is not enough to sway some people. But aside from the phenomenally large price tag, and the fact that we are veering from our mission as a country to include all people in government when we allow a small group of people, who also have a phenomenal amount of money, to take over a national monument like the White House, there is the fact that this is not only morally and ethically wrong…but illegal. Without approval, permits, etc. all designed to make sure things happen in a way that meet the needs of "The People" we are taking the very reason we are a country and throwing it away. We split it from Great Britain because we did not want someone in power telling us what we could and could not do. We wanted the right to participate in our own government. When Washington was given the choice to become king and declined, he knew that we needed more control than a monarchy could provide. In our history, we have had good, bad, and mediocre administrations. We have had a few that broke the law. What we have not had is our government openly and disrespectfully declining to follow our laws to do what they want.
That is not an option the American people have to accept. You are our voice. Please do not let a building I dearly love, but a country I love more, be treated this way.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Hayter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project.
It was begun without prior authorization and planning. It is was begun without authorization of the American people. This project's goals are not respectful of our history or the American citizens.
The White House does not belong to president or to those with financial wealth. It belongs to the People of our country.
Please do not allow this project to continue.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anastasia Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and for this administration to fully disregard any public comment or historical input is a crime. This ballroom project is a vanity project with mal intent and goes against all founding principles our country. Stop this project now and start over when we have an administration in place which respects the people and the Constitution.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gaits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project dreamt up by a raging narcissist, as well as complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Pacheco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear committee,

As a Arizona resident, I am in opposition to the tearing down of the White House and the request that the administration is ordered to follow the rules and regulations required for permits and approvals to make such changes.

Thank you,
Sharon Pacheco

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Effie Afordakos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:35:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Welle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $3-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Furthermore, the individual(s) responsible for breaking the law in initiating this project without authorization need to be held accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty and potentially a crime.
The East Wing should be completely restored by court order in every aspect of construction and art and be charged to Donald J. Trump's illegally gained billions! Do your job and hold Trump's self-serving power grabs in check. STOP THIS NOW AND RESTORE THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE TO ITS HISTORICAL BEAUTY!

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Name: Elizabeth Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Neile Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Neile Grady Martin

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Name: Robert and Marilyn Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
NO TRUMP BALLROOM!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:34:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. It is unacceptable that our highest office cannot or will not follow clear and basic laws and regulations. This cannot stand.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input, let alone allocate PRIVATE donations to fund it. This is tantamount to pay-for-play politics.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and to preserve as much as we can of the peoples' house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laureen Francis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janet Hansson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Victoria Kallnischkies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Soisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Pauline Angelakis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom at the White House.

The ballroom project broke numerous preservation laws. These laws are in place to protect our country's natural and cultural resources.

For starters, the ballroom project did not have proper authorization, permits, or design review. I could go on, but you have limited space for comments.

I want this project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt to match its historic design and function.

Those that supported or funded this project also need to be held accountable.

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Name: J Mango
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project is a crime against tax paying Americans. End this absolute farce now.

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Name: Lisa Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Laura Ranfall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose demolition of the east wing and construction of a ballroom. The project was advanced without a proper review, including input from historians and architects. Further, the expense was not authorized by Congress and the private fund raising lacks of transparency and raises ethical questions. Please require a full restoration of this White House feature with appropriate historical and architectural improvements and require any ballroom proposal to follow proper review.

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Name: Erin Meagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

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The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This approach enables corruption at the highest levels and should not be supported.

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Name: Martha Withers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with appropriate modernization.
The exterior, at least, needs to reproduce the original. It MUST NOT overwhelm the original mansion.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding Americans

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Name: Mark Hasskarl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathleen Campopiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Alissa Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Who approved the original scope? How do we know OUR tax payer dollars won't be contributing to something we will never use or have need of? I strongly opppose the building of a humongous ballroom that will dwarf the original structure.

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Name: Cynthia Knowles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent and permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this project or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House.

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Name: Gaye Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: DIANE FEHON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Erin Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the 300 million that is proposed for this project. This project has been planned without proper authorisation and is not in line with the historical nature of the building. Please cancel this project and restore it back to its original form. It is the PEOPLE'S house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Blakemore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

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Name: Christine Welgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Diane Blaine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE THE CONTINUE DEMOLITION & ABUSE OF THE WHITE HOUSE without proper permission & protection.

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Name: Connie Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun without any authorization. The East Wing was a beautiful, historic part of the White House. It should be restored to an exact replica as it was in 2024. Anything less will allow the illegal destruction of any current historical building without consequence.

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Name: Karyn Schorr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like the Kennedy Center, this is one more abomination of a historic building that is the people's building. This building belongs to us not to King Trump. Anything that could be done to stop the gaudy ostentatious and outrageous construction of this wing… I implore my representatives to do

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Name: Eileen Curley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the ‘‘modernization’’ of the East Wing. As with so much that we’ve seen over the last year, this administration has complete contempt for our laws, history, and country. The East Wing needs to be restored as it was, the valuable contents located & returned, and the entirety of the cost to rebuild paid for by the members of this administration and not the US public. This is the visual representation of what is happening throughout our country and government, and it must be stopped.

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Name: Brad Balon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jody Regan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please disallow the construction of a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House stood. This brazen demolition of a piece of American history was perpetrated on the people’s house without approval of the demolition nor of a plan for the project. This was illegal. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, including an inventory of the White House artifacts and art collection and an accounting of where these pieces have been stored. Restore them before this family of grifters sells off our national treasures.
The White House has been an elegant and welcoming symbol our country’s pride and stature. It now has a gaping wound symbolic of our nation’s self-destruction. Help put us back on the restorative path.

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Name: Stephanie Laubner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is an American tragedy. It makes me sick to my stomach that Trump was able to just completely destroy an important part of Our White House. He destroyed it without any input from the people, like it was his house. According to Trump, "It was a poor, sad sight, and I could have built the ballroom around it, but it would not have been — we're building one of the greatest ballrooms in the world,". He added that it had "little tiny windows" and "looked like hell". What he is actually doing is erasing our history and preventing the people from being able to access our house. It was not properly authorized or permitted and should not be allowed to move forward. I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this boondoggle, which will likely exceed that amount. Please do not allow this ridiculous ballroom to be built and instead force the president to rebuild the East Wing with his own money (which is actually our money as he has been stealing from the people right before our eyes). NO BIGLY BALLROOMS!!!

Thank you,
Stephanie Laubner

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Name: Mateo Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nobody with empathy or love in their hearts wants a "baalroom" and no i didn't spell it wrong, we all know your evil ways. Jesus rules the earth.

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Name: Joanna Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

At the very least, please investigate the origin of the “donation” money being put forth. It should not be tax payer monies for an illegal project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:32:15 AM
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Name: Barbara Nozzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this wasteful, unnecessary and unapproved project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is a complete destruction of American history. Cancel this project.The East Wing should be rebuilt and returned to its original condition.This ill-conceived, destructive, ridiculous project is an insult to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:32:02 AM
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Name: Deb Childers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration should be penalized for tearing down this historic building without permission. It must rebuild the wing using their funds, not the public's.

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Name: Leigh Durbahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Andretich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
This is the people's house, not someone's private residence. The proposed addition is a grotesque addition to our White House, and we vehemently oppose it.

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Melanie Cohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is clear to anyone with eyes that the proposed building is too large for the lot, out of character with the surrounding area, and will be overwhelming to the existing historic buildings that surround it. I understand that the White House is an old building that does not have the space that we are used to in the contemporary era. If you want to build a monstrosity that will overpower the current structure in order to address a contemporary desire, I guess it is your prerogative. However, as a nation we will be loosing a setting that has been iconic and historically important.

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Name: Barb BridellThorpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project! Trump has raped our history and the property of thr American people by destroying this part of the Whitehouse. This money should be spent on the health and welfare of the American People. Not a worthless ballroom that the bulk of us will never see or use. Please think of the American People first!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:46 AM
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Name: Elizabeth Goodsell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please, stop the illegal renovation of the east ring for a ‘‘ballroom‘‘. I respectfully request that you stop the demolition and reconstruction, as this was done without any authority or approval from the appropriate organizations. The East wing must be rebuilt as it was to preserve this piece of White House and American history. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:31:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Costley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history by a president who wants to honor only himself. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all American citizens and the USA.

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Name: Alexandra Radbil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my opposition to spending $300 million on what I perceive to be not only an un-needed project, but one that has been undertaken without following the approved process for such a project. In addition, this project "destroys" a portion of American history for no good reason. I ask that this project immediately be canceled and that the damaged portion be rebuilt. The law must apply to all equally. If this project continues it suggests that our system of laws are don't have meaning, need not be obeyed and challenges those who believe in the laws to ignore those laws and the social contract that binds us together for a common good.

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Name: Richard Karcich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: joyce reeves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing as historically accurate as possible! Restore the historic rose garden and make this the people's house as it is meant to be.

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Name: Jackie Dicecco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, begun with out proper authorization, permits, design review, or respect for the historical significance of the structure. It is not a modernization project at all, but a destruction of American history. I want this project halted and the building to be restored to its historical beauty before the destruction began. No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law is an insult to all Americans. This is the people's house. It does not belong to any one person, thus there is a process for changing it that must be followed. It is becoming unrecognizable. And that is so very tragic for us all.

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Name: Kathleen Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project, and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Donna Karis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project to replace the East Wing with a ballroom. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. American history was razed. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tania Jennings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am worrying to firmly OBJECT to the continuation of the "East Wing Modernisation Project". There can be no justification for the destruction of the existing East wing and the proposed monstrosity of a replacement. The design touted by Trump and paid for through bribes to the president is not just abhorrent to anyone with good taste, it is blatantly illegal to use the construction of public buildings to funnel money directly to the president's personal bank accounts.

Not only should this project be stopped, the president should be required to rebuild the structure at his own expense. He bypassed all required heritage permits and sign offs.

The US needs many new structures to enhance our built environment, but a gilded ball room where oligarchs and those willing to pay to play with the president is not one of them.

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Name: Kathy Browne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the east wing of the White House after being told that the new ballroom would be built adjacent to the existing structure. So much history has been lost! I also object to the planned scale of the new ballroom which will apparently dwarf the rest of the White House. It is my understanding that the White House is provided for the sitting president to reside in while in office. It is not presented to him for molding into whatever vision he sees but must be preserved to be passed on the the next holder of the office. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: marcia dennis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the white House in proportion to what the original building was..if a ballroom is useful keep it to a reasonable size with NO gold..

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Name: Terry Talbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cynthia Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuilding of the original design and construction of the East Wing should be funded solely by Donald Trump.

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Nancy Teague
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Mulford Conklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was an illegal razing of a public building, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on this proposed project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review, OR PUBLIC COMMENT. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Let me be clear: deception was employed here. We were told the East Wing wouldn't be touched. What happened was illegal and outrageous, and there should be severe consequences. 100% of restoration funds need to come from ANYONE that authorized demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JENNIFER VOGEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my absolute disgust at the so-called Easy Wing Modernization Project. A piece of our history had been destroyed with zero regard for safety and cost (both financial and environmental). This project must be stopped and the East Wing of the White House should be fully, and accurately, rebuilt. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Sforza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing Modernization project should be stopped immediately and the East

Wing rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Kincaid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Douglas M Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place?

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Name: Amelia McGinnis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Peckham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sonya Capps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marian Strangfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:30:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Bergeson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be recreated to its design before it was unlawfully destroyed. This administration should not be allowed to erase American history.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Weidinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Commission should immediately stop all demolition of the White House East Wing. This project is an unlawful alteration of a national monument. The administration has not followed federal law by bypassing Congress and oversight bodies. The American people require transparency and the preservation of history, not a project done in secret. Demolition must cease until a full, open review occurs. The current occupants should not have a say in remodeling a historical building, it is the peoples house, not his. Although, he has gotten away with so much I doubt that our voices will have much effect going forward. Try to stop this monstrous project, Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariam Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The proposed ballroom is a gaudy, architectural monstrosity that ruins the symmetry of our formerly beautiful White House. No president owns this building. It was a national treasure and should have been treated as such. I would like for it to be rebuilt to its former design and approved by the appropriate committees. We are still a democracy of the

people, by the people and for the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Whitson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was done under the guise of just taking down one outside wall to expand the space.

We have since found out it was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. We were told there were "donations" so that it wouldn't cost the American people anything and now we find that either there was no money to do the project or that the "donations" have somehow disappeared.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and charge the president for its rebuilding.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim McGeever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. I oppose the building of a ballroom that is privately funded by small group of billionaires.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sharrron setlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

bulldozing the White House was and is a Crime committed by a lawbreaking, unqualified pretend president of the US

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Name: Angela Pratt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As we approach our 250th birthday as an independent nation, I feel that it is even more important to preserve our history. I understand that buildings need to be updated and brought up to modern codes, however tearing down such an historic part of our national identity without approval of the governing body in charge of our historic buildings is wrong. Building such a out of proportion ballroom is ridiculous, and destroys the entire look of the White House. The addition of all the gold medallions throughout that proposed building and within the White House is gauche. The White House represents both dignity and functionality, it is a residence, office and living museum. It was built in the Neoclassical style, but has never reflected a palace. I feel moving forward with any designs need approval of not only White House historical and preservation committee, Congress, and ncpc.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:29:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Kratz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without required oversight and is an affront to all citizens and stakeholders. The White House is the people's house. Those we elect as our representatives, answerable to us in a democracy, must demand an end to this travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Mercer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the tacky ballroom replacing the east wing. The east wing was torn down without proper authorization or permits. Those who tore it down should be held accountable & not rewarded for their actions. The project must be paused & evaluated before moving forward.

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Name: Ruth Szukala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Jean Canziani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anne Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the funding and construction of a ballroom to replace the historic East Wiing of the White House. The plan for the ballroom would have itof balance with the original design of the White House and the east

and west wing. The $300 million to construct the ballroom said to be contributed by large donors amounts to political payments to curry favor with the current president. The functions of the East wing would be overshadowed by empty space held hostage for large events. The work and needs of the East Wing need to be satisfied by its replacement to it's original appearance.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lora Dodd-Brosseau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop felon47 from destroying our peoples White House and our country!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Wolcott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sue Roessel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:28:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katy Clusen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House; therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Curt Parr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect the original history of the Whitehouse and return it to the state it was in at 2020. Cease upgrades and do not add a ballroom.

Thank you,

Curt Parr

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Name: Jonathan Keeton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Acita
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Corrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to approval for any plans submitted for reconstruction of the people's house. The destruction of the east wing without proper permits or forewarning, especially since Trump promised that no razing of the original structure would occur, should not be rewarded. I worked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation when restoring the Wilmot Mansion in Bethany Pa in the 1990's.- a building that was slated for demolition. I followed guidelines to the letter, and was awarded for outstanding achievement by the PA Museum Commission in 1995 for the project.
The president of the United States should be held to a higher standard than an average citizen when destroying an iconic historic building and offering only generic renderings in his proposal.
You have the power to put a stop to further desecration of this magnificent landmark, whose grandeur would be dwarfed by a gargantuan and unnecessary addition whose purpose is no more than an expression of unchecked authority.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction of the White House. It is an historical building owned by the people of the US. It is illegal for any administration to destroy it like this, with no approval from any governing bodies. Please

restore it to what it has been for decades and prosecute the person who made this destruction happen. Thank you. Lynn Cummings

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Corley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East wing of the White House for modernization to a ballroom. This was started without authorization. Trump needs to pay for the complete restoration with no gold leaf. American tax money will not be used.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Cooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to comment that I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Aurora Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thelma White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The West Wing was destroyed and a large gaudy ballroom lead proposed without any oversight by The National Historical Society. I oppose the destruction of our national heritage and the lawlessness of this administration that thinks they can run slipshod over all of the rules and regulations that were put in place to prevent this horrific destruction of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trinka Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its entirety, the East Wing belongs to We The People, NOT the current resident of the White House. You don't raze a building to the ground to modernize it.

What was done to the East Wing was done without approval from the NCPC, and it needs to be rebuild to exactly how it was before being demolished.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jana Cyrus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to original design. I am appalled that the ballroom idea wasn't proposed through appropriate channels.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:27:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly McVey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that we citizens should have had a say in the destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. It is not President Trump's personal property even though he treats it as such. He has destroyed a beautiful wing to turn it into nothing more than a monument to himself. Billions of dollars are being spent to change things to his fancy, while millions of Americans are going without healthcare. Our representatives need to stop this insanity. Tearing down and renaming things to suit one man's fancy is not America.

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Name: Mary Spangler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Barr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money at all on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Berlowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. The people do not want a ballroom. The people want the East Wing restored, and consequences for the people who tore it down without proper authorization.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renate Guilmette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Frawley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop project and restore!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ALEX ZENZUNI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dot Nary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and desecration of a portion of the People's House. I hope that original furnishing and artifacts were preserved before the bulldozing occured. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/
(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Kelvin Wannamaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Kolifrath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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As a citizen and a tax payer, I believe with every fiber of my being, that the East Wing, and the Kennedy Rose Garden must be restored, and that donald trump must pay the cost of restoring those treasures he illegally ripped away from the American people.

Thank you.
Diane Kolifrath
Raymond, NH

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenn Dwyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since I have no expertise on Ballroom dancing, and have not seen anyone engaging in Ballroom dancing since Tricia Nixon narried David Eisenhower, I simply ask- is this kind? Is this necessary? Is this conspicuous consumption for it's own sake?
Please count me on the "Wear it in, wear it out, make it do, do without" school of philosophy.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:26:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KARLA MATHWIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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As a citizen and a tax payer, I believe with every fiber of my being, that the East Wing, and the Kennedy Rose Garden must be restored, and that donald trump must pay the cost of restoring those treasures he illegally ripped away from the American people.

Thank you.
Diane Kolifrath
Raymond, NH

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Maldonado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Trump had NO right to take a wrecking ball to our beloved Whitehouse.
The Whitehouse is a National Park. The Whitehouse is owned by the American People and stewarded by the National Park Service. I say that We THE PEOPLE slap him with a HUGE class action law suit. He seems to enjoy lawsuits, give him this one!
Please, please show America that no one can destroy our national treasures.
Please halt Trump's lawless, grotesque ballroom.
Thank you,

Lisa Ward
Corsicana, Texas

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:42 AM
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Name: Arlene Zayne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be restored to its former proportions. The original White House itself must remain the focal point of the property. The historical use of the East Wing should be taken into consideration as the National Capital Planning Commission moves forward to undo the massive crime of tearing down a large portion of a very significant historic property that belongs to the people of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Bertone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 - $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:36 AM
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Name: Mike Kuhlmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amy Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandy Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am thoroughly opposed to the 300 million dollar renovation plan for the East Wing. We should be preserving history not bending to one egomaniacs whims. No gold, no extravagant ballroom. Stop the project and rebuild the East Wing to its former design

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was never authorized through the proper channels and must be restored back to the original design. Furthermore, as a taxpayer, I am strongly opposed to my tax dollars going towards the restoration of the East Wing. The people responsible for the unlawful destruction should be required to fully fund the restoration of this Wing to its former state without using taxpayer money. We cannot allow individuals to have the power to make decisions about our country's historical heritage without using the proper process and if they do, they need to face the consequences.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Mullavey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I HIGHLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcelle Crago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Also, if President Trump collected private money for this adventure, I would like all that money be used to fix his damage and since he went without a permit, I want him to pay for the damage out of his own pocket.

Sincerely,
Marcelle Crago

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Liss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that the East Wing of the White House is being "modernized." I am appalled that this historic building has been razed without any consultation. It is probably not possible to restore it but to replace it with a giant ballroom is unacceptable. And that this is being used as a way for rich business people to bribe the president is illegal and offensive.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the $300 million ballroom being proposed. To watch all proper process be ignored and allow this to proceed is the definition of "it's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission" and we cannot have that, especially when it comes to the White House, our nation's home. Whatever is built needs to be at proper scale and have a design complimentary to the White House-it must look like it was meant to be there. I urge you to hold this project to the highest and best principles of historical architectural design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:25:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Goulet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the construction of this ballroom. The People's house was destroyed without any prior approval or respecting of the law. History was destroyed. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly how it was and how it should be.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlyce Sommervold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nell Elder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing back to its original design. This vanity project is illegal and the person responsible needs to be stopped from making these kinds of irrational decisions just on a whim. Let's get some sanity back in this country and do the right thing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I am angry about the destruction of the East Wing of the people's White House. I am frustrated that one man made this decision without any form of oversight nor planning. I am also angry we were all lied to about the process.

I am oppose the spending of over $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our American history's
and building a vanity piece to honor what I see as corruption and lawlessness.

I want this project completely canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Amy Clark

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henry Schilling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Especially since prior authorization was not sought or obtained and because the White House is so synonymously important and recognizable as an historic building to America I request that further deconstruction be halted and the building be rebuilt as it was. Thank you .

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adele Crudden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not proceed with the ballroom project. It was initiated without proper procedures and permits or opportunity for public input. The project has already bulldozed history. Construction of an elaborate ballroom is inconsistent with the style of the White House. The expense is inappropriate and untimely. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Hester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ridiculously untrue branding for an embarrassingly ridiculous project. People are hungry, out of work, and more scared than ever of government and law enforcement because of stunts like this, meant to distract us from the destruction of our infrastructure and personal freedoms. Stop this illegal, unethical, expensive, and just plain stupid nonsense now.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Stucki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Lukens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump had no right to demolish the East Wing of the White House without the proper permission and planning and approvals. The house doesn't belong to him, it belongs to the American people. He's destroyed history and for obvious reasons he chose this wing to disrespect and ruin. He, or any President, cannot be allowed to build wings on to the White House without going through the proper channels. He has overstepped his authority. His ballroom is simply to satisfy his ego And turn the White House into Mar a Lago.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Naomi Wilensky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a a complete razing of American history! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:24:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirby Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,permits, or design review.It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored and its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Elghanayan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to address the shocking destruction of the East Wing of the White House. It is now a blight.
No plans were offered, reviewed or approved before the razing. Going forward, please be sure the new plans go through the lawful review process, in keeping with historical scale and design. Taxpayers should not be penalized for this blatant disregard of process and ethical standards.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Soule
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The only three things that should be done, with regard to this project, are the following:

(1) Bulldozing the construction to date to the bare ground.

(2) Dumping the remains of the demolition in the Tidal Basin.

(3) Re-sodding the ground so as to create a nice lawn.

Any other actions would be submissions to the will of a tyrant who, insofar as relevant here, cares nothing for the history of the White House insofar as it does not conform to his fascist view of the world.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Holtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review
Cancel the project because it is a history cancelling project, not a modernization project. Instead restore it to its former design & glory

Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Ramirez-Montagut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Respectfully
Monica Ramirez-Montagut

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Rubio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Rowland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:23:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shane Minch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this blatant disregard for history and the law. The original building should be restored and those in who violated the trust of the American people are penalized. They should at the very least have to pay the cost of the restoration. If this project is allowed to proceed it is only going to reward those that think they are above the law and that historical landmarks can just be razed at their discretion.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Rosengarden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Dwyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history replacing it with "a monument" to one man.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without further consideration of the goals of the American people vs those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Mackey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brian Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeannine Zabriskie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Angalet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (regardless of the source of the money) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is the peoples' house. The current resident is a temporary guest. This demolition and washing of our history is an insult.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Schuman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I say no to continuing this East Wing project.

I oppose the spending of $300 million and likely more on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a razing of American history. It is an ego-driven, political project without merit.

On behalf of today's citizens and taxpayers, students and scholars, and brave men and women who build this country, I want this project canceled. In recognition of the value of history, I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Maier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:22:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Rosenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When the president decided he wanted a ballroom, he chose to ignore the law regarding how to accomplish that goal. No one is above the law. We are a nation of laws which don't allow one person to destroy an historic building which belongs to the nation simply for his personal vanity. If there are no consequences to this blatant illegality, our democratic republic & the American people will be significantly diminished. I urge you to stop this project & enforce the law. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:58 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lynn Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current state of the White House is shameful, and any project to add an enormous ballroom is a waste of money and heritage. The White House should be restored faithfully and accurately to its historical footprint and every person involved in its destruction should be responsible for every penny spent in its restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Cirignano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Although I support the president in most of his decisions, this is one I disagree with.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vincent Fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the advancement of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all

law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Lotspeich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the founding of the NCPC the scope of Capital Improvements has been to design projects for celebrations of this Country and representations of all US Citizens. The current plans for the East Wing do not fit any of the long range goals that have been proposed for the Washington area. The current plans appear to be one person's deranged and narcissistic desire to honor one weak President and not the entire Country's Citizens. The Capital is and should remain the House of the People. Do not spend any money on the apparent Gilded and Gaudy Glorification to Donald J Trump's ego and focus on what the People want. More Celebration and Reverence to the People and no obeisance to a failing autocrat.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Rock-Zutz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing of the White House to its former glory. A ballroom is not needed, and the destruction of the East Wing was done without following proper procedures. The current plan would create a structure that dwarfs the rest of this historic building, which also goes against the requirements for making changes to the White House.
Follow the rules, and bring this project to a grinding halt!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not only should the East Wing be rebuilt but Trump should pay for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was not in need of modernization, and the destruction of the East Wing was not authorized by the proper authorities. The structure needs to be restored to its original design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Bidus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project moving forward in its current design. I respectfully request that the facade, at least, of the East Wing of the White House be restored to its appearance before the demolition, and that a study be undertaken of what would be the best use of the space within. I further ask that this project be required to follow the historic preservation guidelines, rules and regulations that apply to all federal buildings, which are owned by the American people, as opposed to any single individual or branch of government.

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Name: Jon Shumway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Priebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project, which was begun without proper clearances and approvals. Taxpayer money should not be spent on this monstrosity.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonita Meadow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of this project. Demolition took place without proper congressional authority. I do not approve construction of a huge, unnecessary ballroom to soothe someone's ego. The East Wing should be restored to its historic state. The cost of demolition and reconstruction should be paid for personally by the person who ordered this project without authority, I,e, the president, not by taxpayer dollars.

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Name: Mary Tittmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was saddened to see President Trump willfully tear down the East Wing of the White House without any regard for its national significance. The White House is the house of the people and the President's treatment of it as his own residence, to do with it what he wishes, is an affront to all of us.

I wholeheartedly support the rebuilding of the East Wing as it was, not as the current President might want it, but as it was before he took office.

If the people deem that we need more room in the building for official functions, then there should be a full, public process to make those plans.

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Name: Susan Gurnee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is a wide gap between modernizing a part of the American People's House and an opportunistic self-serving party room with a basement with no publicized purpose. Certainly renovation is part of every building's longevity- the self-serving use of such a large portion of a historic building is in the category of ludicrous and against all civic and cultural values and norms.
I wish to be counted as a tax paying citizen who is against the government's actions sinking into a "poverty of wisdom and understanding" of what this building means to our nation as a place of integrity.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:21:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Clausen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the eastwing of the Whitehouse.

You have a duty to see that the person responsible for the destruction repays (with his own funds) IN FULL for its immediate restoration to its former condition.
The same should be done to the bathroom facilities in the Lincoln bedroom.

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Name: Bonita Cote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has no guard rails. He does whatever he wants without regard to legality. The White House is the people's house. He destroyed part of it without permission. We the People should sue him to rebuild it where it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:20:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sydney Mago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge that we not spend $300 million on this project and that it be cancelled. It is not a modernization project. Its unilateralism is meant to offend, not a good basis for any building or undertaking. It rejects our history in a brutal, rude way. Let's commit to rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its original design and focus modernization on the interior. We cannot afford to turn blind eyes to ignoring and breaking the law, undermine rule of law by unilaterally rejecting authorization processes and rejecting best practices such as design review. The White House is the People's House - it belongs to the people not to its

successive temporary residents. We do not need imperial palaces.

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Name: Lori Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an erasure of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pat Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter,
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: bruce gavrin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern the white house is not trumps house it is the people's house . You cannot let him build a ballroom to honor
him to much history has been destroyed by him . Not one american dollar should. be spent on this

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ERIK DIX
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dyer Valinda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wrecking ball breaking up the the East Wing was a direct assault on Democracy and the People of the United States. It was symbolic of stripping integrity from the Peoplr of the United States of America. No Gold, No Billionaires, and NO KINGS!

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Name: Muriel Knope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing of The White House to be restored to its original status as much as is humanly possible. The White House belongs to the American people, not the president. There was no discussion or review of the demolition of the East Wing prior to its destruction. None of the rules, guidelines or protocols were followed. It was crushing -- both literally and figuratively -- to see this attack on history, memory and the rights of the American people. The name of this project is itself a form of gaslighting. This is not modernization. It is a vanity project of a wrecking ball regime. It represents the willful tantrum of a tyrant who has no respect for the citizens of this country nor our laws. The proposed construction is a travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is a real shame that so much history was torn down with no input from anyone who should have been asked about it. And that is now a piece of history that was essentially bulldozed so that a President can try to make the people's house into and huge glaring monstrosity.

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Name: Eva Eva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Chenelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House without appropriate consultation, and his grotesque plans for the absurd ballroom that will dwarf the remainder of the White House. This is the PEOPLE'S house, and we should expect a say in what happens to it. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:18:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Funk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the complete razing of the East Wing and the obliteration of American history. I want this project to be canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim CARR
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern -

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to rewrite American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead by those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Name: Jo Esman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kaitlyn Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed.
This project began with the demolition of a 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from this Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolition has already occurred does not excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that forces approval.
The funding mechanism raises serious concerns about institutional independence and conflicts of interest. A 400 million dollar construction project funded by corporations holding billions of dollars in current federal contracts with the administration overseeing those contracts creates an appearance of quid pro quo that undermines public trust. Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Lockheed Martin, and other donors are not making charitable contributions to American heritage. They are making investments in access and favorable treatment from an administration that controls their business prospects.
The scale of the proposed structure is inappropriate for the White House grounds. At 89,000 square feet, the addition would be nearly twice the size of the Executive Mansion itself. Renderings show a structure spanning approximately one city block, longer than the West Wing and more than half the length of the Treasury Building. This is not a modest addition to accommodate state functions. This is a fundamental

transformation of the People's House undertaken without the people's input.
Federal law exists for a reason. The requirement for congressional approval, Commission review, environmental assessment, and public comment exists because the White House is not private property belonging to any individual president. It is a national historic landmark owned by the American people and held in trust for future generations. No temporary occupant, regardless of political party, should possess unilateral authority to demolish and rebuild portions of this iconic structure without following legally mandated processes.
I urge the Commission to require full compliance with federal law before any further construction proceeds. This means completing comprehensive environmental assessments, obtaining congressional authorization as required by statute, and allowing meaningful public participation in design review before the project advances. The East Wing is already gone, but that violation of process should not be compounded by approving construction that perpetuates the same disregard for law and public input.
The American people deserve better than construction projects funded by government contractors, approved by Trump appointees, and presented as irreversible facts. We deserve transparency, accountability, and respect for the legal processes that protect our shared national heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Poindexter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million 'modernization' of the White House East Wing, which has resulted in the illegal destruction of a national landmark. This project was initiated without proper legal authorization or public oversight, representing a total disregard for American history and the rule of law. To allow this project to continue without penalty would be an affront to every law-abiding citizen. I demand the project be canceled and the East Wing be restored to its former state as a matter of historical and legal restitution.

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Name: Joyce Householder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would recommend that the East Wing be restored to it's original footprint and design. I oppose the construction of a large ballroom structure using any of my tax dollars.
The Whitehouse is the people's house not the personal property of a short term inhabitant. Please be responsible and respectful in your decision making regarding this illegal destruction of the people's house and proposed new construction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Struble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the 300 million dollar ballroom and the way it's being done. Rebuild the east wing to its historical specifications. It should not have been demolished in the first place. What Trump dis is a stain on the history of American and the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:17:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing of the White House was demolished in the first place. This is another disgusting abuse of power. That house belongs to the people of The United States of America and the proper channels to alter it were not followed. Restore the East Wing!!

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Name: Kristine Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Darby Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against having a ballroom added to the WH. Any renovations should have the approval of either Congress or a non-political board of citizens who can then oversee the project. I believe the current president acted in haste and without the input of the public (until now). A ball room of this proportion is unsightly and ugly. Please do not allow this to happen to OUR White House.

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Name: Ruie Whitecotton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having visited the White House several times in the last 60 years, I will always remember the incredible sense of awe upon entering the building. Most of those visits I entered through the East Wing, which sadly is no longer there. My heart broke when watching it be demolished. Please do not allow further desecration of the People's House. My wish would be the East Wing be fully restored and no ballroom be erected, especially one that abolished the style of our White House. Thank you for listening to a mere citizen of our Nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Uphoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Park Preservation Commission and NCPC, I can remember visiting the White House many years ago and seeing this wing as the welcoming area for visitors!

I have visited the area many times when on our National Legislative Conference for US Postmasters just to view the majesty of the White House . This is a house of the People's, and the President is just a temporary resident for his or her term in office. Bring back the splendor of the East Wing attached to the White House. Thank you.

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Name: Ron Schweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't this was a good idea at all. Leave it unbuilt until next administration

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Name: Kathy Shafton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Timothy Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be shelved until the people and organizations can decide what to do not the president it is not his it is ours.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leo Sciarappa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House is owned by the Citizens of the United States not by a sitting president. I object to any change to the structure of the People's House without a vote of the People.

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Name: Ellise Mayor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Ellise Mayor
Birmingham AL

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Name: Dee Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing this to oppose this project entirely. Our history in this country is being destroyed minute by

minute with the current administration's policies and practices. This defacement of the East Wing has been nothing short of a Dictator's Dream of the Whitehouse and property belonging to the American people. We cannot allow sole individuals to determine and destroy our heritage. This was not a decision to be made by this administration without any prior approval by the people of this nation. This doesn't highlight the values of the nation that we were founded upon and it doesn't represent what the people of this country stand for now. The White House needs restoring to its original condition and this needs to never happen again. One person should never determine the future of the nation. Please restore the White House and allow people to hope that we have not completely fallen into the hands of a Dictatorship.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Reese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Melissa Aills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Peggy McDowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cheryl Gaines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The bulldozing of the Easr Wing is a tragedy and a vanity project that was instigated without the people's consent or input. Do not proceed. This is a ridiculous waste of tax payer money at a time when we cannot afford insurance, rent, or groceries.. The scale of the current plan is outrageous and will diminish our beloved White House. All for ego. Please stop this travesty from altering our nation's finest property any further.

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Name: Karrie Ann Fadroski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Winkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lilly Mikol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was originally constructed, and stop this ridiculous construction of this expensive unnecessary ballroom.

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Name: Sandra North
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an abuse of power and a huge disservice to our democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is abhorrent that this has even occurred and that comments be necessary. I strongly want Historic Preservation be at the head of the planning, architecture and execution of the reconstruction of the East Wing. The Trump administration cannot be trusted to execute any of the above. However, ALL funding related to the East Wing, should be at the hands of Trump and not the taxpayers whatsoever since this is of his making. Put whatever legal means in place that you can.

It is imperative that you take control of this project.

Thank you.
Annette Smith
Pennsylvania

Date: 2/17/2026 8:15:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money, especially from private donors who might receive “invisible” benefits or favoritism, on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete affront to our American history and values. This is the people’s house, and the people did not ask for this. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to adamantly oppose the building of a ballroom to replace the east wing. The desecration of the White House by removing the east wing without prior approval and authorization should not be rewarded. As someone who has visited that beautiful structure, its destruction was a cancellation of our history and a desecration of the people’s house. I ask that the east wing be reconstructed in its original form, including original furniture and artwork, assuming it has not been destroyed. If there is a way to hold those responsible accountable, please do so within every limit of the law. Thank you.

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Name: Gretchen Gillis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 8:15:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Hertel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I 100% oppose the modernization of the East Wing. American history is being unlawfully obliterated . I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its original state.

Permission was never asked for or granted for the undertaking of this project . The White House is not the personal property of any sitting Presidents. Those responsible for this vile act should be held accountable and penalized for their actions.

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Name: Victoria Stahr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyndy Holda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission and I appreciate the opportunity in our democratic country to do so.

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any other amount yet undisclosed) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review or in compliance with NEPA. This project is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Joan Wick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Aaron Slusher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Toomey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this unauthorized project. The East wing shoud be restored and the normal, required channels must be used before any changes are made. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a vanity project and nothing more.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renae Perpetua
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

The East Wing should be reconstructed to honor the history of our First Ladies. We do not need a ballroom constructed with questionable funds to continue the grift of the current administration. God save our country\u-10179 ?\u-8625 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Brydge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project, done without proper approval. Restore our East Wing!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Ruzin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit my objection to this project. I wish for the East Wing to be returned to its original design and return artifacts and pictures that are historically significant. The White House belongs to the People and the fact that permission was not granted for it is unacceptable.
Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Dinwoddoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Spink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was prior to it being torn down without correct procedure.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Weston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The razing without proper permitting destroyed what was used in part as the Frist Lady's offices, was an unauthorized destruction and denigration of the important work First Ladies have done in support of the United States of America. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mrs Joyce Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My 8 yo grandson was so proud of the LEGO White House he built. It makes me so sad to look @ it now. I would never have imagined it would have been destroyed “ under the cover of the night” in my view.

I live in Coral Gables , FL & I can’t change the exterior of my house without going to the City for approvals. A historic home here can’t have its facade changed.

The White House is my house &, of course, historical. The destruction of the East Wing was a violation of the trust & standards we’d expect of anyone in our community. A person should not get away with such a violation.

The East Wing should be restored according to its historic appearance with moderations for safety & practicality like climate control.

A Ballroom should be denied until & if an architecturally appropriate design which will not destroy the beauty of our White House can be designed.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S R Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart stopped when I saw the East Wing being destroyed. That building does not belong to whoever is living in the White House. It belongs to me and you. The present occupants have a duty to care for it, but NEVER to tear it down.
It's obvious that Trump thinks he is going to live there forever. He is not. Nor will any future occupants
The East Wing must be rebuilt as it was before Trump.
And any money donated to him for the project is to be used for the rebuild. Any amount needed above the donation should be incurred by Trump and not this country's tax payers.
Also, there must be an order that no such destruction of Federal property can occur…ever. That includes the Social Security building.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Coate-Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: garrie doss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing was heartbreaking for so many of us I would like to see it rebuilt as it was

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The physical scale of this project will destroy the symmetry of the Federal architecture of the White House. No attempt has been made to fit this to the historical appearance or scale of the building. Please do not go forward with this.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Ricard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Tucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
This is The People's HouseI Rich in history and global importance! The current project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Quite frankly, I do not trust the current administration's taste in making "improvements" to our house. Especially after they turned the beautiful Rose Garden into a tacky Food Court. It is not a modernization project but rather another vanity project and an erasure of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support creating a $300M ballroom. Please just return the east wing back to how it was. This isn’t your house, it’s the people’s house.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of

American history, women's history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:14:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Van Develder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and nothing more than a vanity project intended to "glorify" the current president. I think this project canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for personally by the current president. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ida Lowrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House for the construction of a ballroom. This destruction is an attempt to erase history and insert an egomaniac's delusions onto the American people. From what I understand, this was done without proper permits and oversight by the proper people. Please stop the madness and return the East Wing to its original and proper place.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Vaughan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build a ballroom. Restore the East Wing of the White House as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and am heartbroken that the East Wing was demolished! The price is too much and the plan is an abomination and desecration of OUR capital. The fact that the original east wing was demolished without oversight of either l historic preservation or environmental review is evidence that construction will also run amok without the proper approvals and reviews. This is the Nation's White House. NOT the sitting President's. The renovations should remain in line with the existing scale and style. To have a "wing" built that is larger than the dome or primary structure is not only aesthetically inappropriate it is an ego project. The costs are a slap in the face of Americans given all the cuts we have absorbed And subsidizing with private (billionaire) "donors" is equivalent to bribery and favors to the President. Stop this abomination and let the National Trust for Historic Preservation oversee the plans and construction. Do we need a larger "Ballroom"? If so, then let's construct one that is in scale and style of the White House. There are plenty of "finishes" that the sitting president can contribute but please don't allow our house look like a clown show!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charissa Afshar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP this desecration of the American people's house. This act of destruction was perpetrated legally and with out the consent of the people . Destruction of our rich history to serve the whims of a felon president will be a forever marker of the day Americans lost their home , history and voice. RESTORE it as it was thru proper channels now.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please block Trump's plan to build the 400 million dollar ballroom.
He destroyed a part of the Whitehouse without permission.
The Whitehouse is a National Park. The Whitehouse is owned by the American People and stewarded by the National Park Service. I say that We THE PEOPLE slap him with a HUGE class action law suit. He seems to enjoy lawsuits, give him this one!

The plans rendering the ballroom he is planning will dwarf the existing Whitehouse and destroy the beauty of our beautiful, historic Whitehouse. His ballroom will be a costly mistake for generations to come.

Please,please do not allow him to proceed!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Hartley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an afront to law abiding Americans!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Uphoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Park Preservation Commission, I can remember we'll visiting the White House many years ago and seeing this wing as the welcoming area for visitors!

I have visited the area many times when on our National Legistive Conference for US Postmasters just to view the magesty of the White House. This is a house of the People's and the President is just a temporary resident for his or her term in office. Bring back the splendor of the East Wing atached to the White House. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Reddel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be stopped. Any construction done on the White House, the people's house, should go through an approval process. Now that it has already been altered, it must be returned to its former grandeur. Following the architectural design that was originally intended. Our country does not need an ostentatious ballroom to entertain former dignitaries or priveleged billionaires. It is a massive waste of our financial resources. Do not let them further embarrass the United States of America.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lavon Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's horrible that they tore down the east wing of the White House to build a ballroom that dwarfs the people's house! I think it's extremely important that the east wing be rebuilt and restored to its former glory. Those who had it torn down need to be responsible for the restoration since destruction was never

approved. Our current administration needs to learn they have to follow the law and do things accordingly. It seems the only way they will learn is when it hits their own pockets.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Boensch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the people's house, the White House, was initiated without proper authorization and permits. The project should be stopped and East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this to continue is an affront to all the law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If everyday citizens must obey the law and be accountable, so should POTUS.

NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Halverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:13:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Brook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the way in which Mr. Trump tore down the East Wing of the White House without adequate permission to do so. It is a blatant demonstration of his refusal to follow the rules long established by our government. The $300 M project will be way more, I am sure, and he has no permission by the American people to do so. It is money that can be well spent elsewhere and is NOT a priority in today's world. Shame on him!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Weldon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House has been attacked and a portion torn down without the consent let alone approval of the
American people. Please cancel this project. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Carbone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Without authorization and with no regard for historical preservation, President Trump demolished the East Wing of the White house. It is so tragic that we will be required to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to rebuild such an iconic portion of the White House destroyed without concern for such historical preservation. But we have an obligation to do whatever we can to reconstruct the East Wing and restore its funcrtion. Further, what we will never be able to do is to restore the craftsmanship and artifacts and materials that comprised the original building. I certainly hope we can see its restoration completed without regardless of the cost.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We must not allow this ridiculous project. Like so much this administration does, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or required design review. It is a thumb in the eye of those of us who respect American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt, restored to its former design and function. We

have always been told no one is above the law. Yet this project has been allowed. Those who broke the law this way present an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project must be canceled!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwynne Ness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Henson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed without permission and no accounting has been made of the historical contents. As an American Citizen, I want it put back . I do not approve of the idea to turn it into a ballroom. I think it is ludicrous to even suggest such a salute to wealth and power while also getting Healthcare, childcare, cancer research, etc. Please do not allow this unauthorized ego project to continue.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louisa Engle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, and on the facts that it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Guidry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new wing should not overwhelm the White House itself and should be subordinate to it. It should be reviewed and approved by NCPC BEFORE any construction starts -- what should have been done before demolition started. It should not be overdecorated with gilding and motifs. The White House and its grounds belong to the People of the United States, not to the president.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lytvinenko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was begun without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a travesty - the White House and its East Wing belong to the people of the United States -- not to one man who wants to create a palace for himself. This attempt to erase so much history of the USA is NOT a modernization project. It is one man's egotistical effort to destroy our heritage. Please cancel this project, and begin a new project to restore the East Wing -- as much a possible -- to its former design. No one -- NO ONE -- is above the law and those who broke the law must be penalized and their razing of the building reversed. We true Americans, who love this country and all of its historical treasures, are disgusted and insulted and ask that you return the White House to the citizens. Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Loichle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without proper permits, approval, or advance notice . Was/ is illegal activity.
My opposition against the building of a " Ballroom" or other non-conforming structure that does not meet the existing building designs that were in place before this unauthorized demolition of the East wing should be denied.

I fully support the reconstruction of the East wing to match the style and function of the building before this unauthorized attack on America 's history and historical buildings.

Any fines, criminal charges or other legal action related to this destruction of the East Wing or any other portion of the grounds or building , should be taken.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fearnley Fearnley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project - but rather a complete razing of American history. This project on "The People's House" was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project must be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Glauser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current process and planning process for the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House, or 'People's House.'

The current plans represent a loss of Historical Continuity. It disconnects with the White House's, and thus the country's, historical roots. Additionally there is a clear lack of transparency. The project proceeded without the typical independent reviews, congressional oversight, or public comment periods expected for changes to a federal landmark. Although a hallmark of this administration, it is clearly a violation of public trust and input. There is also an apparent disruption to the existing architecture. The funding for the project, boasted as a savings to the American public, is a farce as private donors, in a quid pro quo, have transformed this from the people's house to a private entertainment venue. And finally, historical preservation standards have been completely disregarded and have been condemned by national non-partisan architectural organizations citing the irreversible alteration of the historic fabric.

I request a halt to the project to allow for public engagement and proper review.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ariel Kaminski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:12:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucas Spalding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The manner in which the current president has acted toward this renovation is more like a slumlord's rather than a servant of the people. Cancel his plans, restore the East Wing, and let's do something to stop this would-be mob boss from damaging this country further.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Pedrali
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Pedrali
Nampa ID

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dee Commons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I definitely oppose spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. This clearly erases American history. The White House is “The People’s House” and belongs to all American citizens. By razing the East Wing is a slap in the face to the history of women’s contributions to the presidency.
This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be restored and rebuilt to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Giovanniello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I \u-10179 ?\u-9041 ? oppose the spending $300 million on this project , which was uninitiated without authorization , permits or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our American history.
I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Burnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the demolition and destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse! I want the continuation of this project permanently halted and the East Wing restored to its original size, style and historical significance.

Sincerely,

Tracy Burnett (a concerned citizen)

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Eddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It is not a modernization project, but is the destruction of the People's House without authorization, permits, or design review. The project should be stopped and the "donated" money should be spent to restore the East Wing to it's historical beauty.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hendy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this East wing Modernization Project! First of all, it was an unauthorized demolition of We the People's White House East Wing, not trump's! I demand it be rebuilt as it was and also stop the ballroom project that trump intends to build with no authority to do so.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:11:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hext
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a Senior citizen who is flabbergasted by the audacity and arrogance of DJT to ignore protocol and established processes to ‘renovate’ the White House , I beg and pray the East Wing will be restored to its full rebuilt state. I do not support building the ballroom that this current administration under a felon and convicted sexual assault offender unlawfully wants to build.
The White House belongs to we , the people, and not to any President.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a Senior citizen who is flabbergasted by the audacity and arrogance of DJT to ignore protocol and established processes to ‘renovate’ the White House , I beg and pray the East Wing will be restored to its full rebuilt state. I do not support building the ballroom that this current administration under a felon and convicted sexual assault offender unlawfully wants to build.
The White House belongs to we , the people, and not to any President.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Rago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I find the destruction of the East wing abhorrent. A new structure should match the architecture of the existing structure in style and scale. I'm also concerned about funding for this project

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Dibble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I oppose spending hundreds of millions to build a grand ballroom instead. I want the East Wing restored to its previous glory with modern conveniences but it should look the same as it did prior to being torn down as far as materials, decor, design and esthetics.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Sore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This new ballroom will dwarf the actual White House and be a complete eyesore. It is tacky & classless. The East Wing should be restored to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen DelMonaco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of this project. It has not gone through the proper channels of getting the Publix input, it is not gone through the house or sent it for approval and this is illegal.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Stephan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Stocksdale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the east wing was a tragedy. It should be restored to its original structure at the expense of the people who demolished it.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Kerns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with this project. The White House is supposed to be the house of the people and I am pretty sure he didn't have permission from the proper councils to even start this project. So much history has been destroyed since Trump's stay in the White House. It is a waste of tax payers money when so many people in this country are in need of proper health care and food, good quality food! I don't have a long opposition to give but this is my basic thoughts on this situation and I don't normally speak up but something has to give. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Atkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:10:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this trump vanity project. The East Wing was demolished without input from the American people. It is not trump's house. It should not be turned into another tacky trump pay-to-play project.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Clinch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear committee,

Over the years, I have taken pride in bringing my children, foreign guests and myself to the beautiful and historic White House complex. It has been a standing monument to the trials of our democracy and the American people's values of beauty.
The proposed building is a monument to wealth, and opulence. It lacks the average Americans simple and yet elegant architecture. Frankly it is staggeringly unattractive.
Please stop this madness.
With respect
Katherine Clinch

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Seavey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this spending.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lina Byland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original design and purpose. It was representative of the importance of the people who support the work of the President in representing us.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tricia Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this construction. The People's House was bulldozed without any permits, nor consent. This wanton destruction of federal property must stop. The historic items and materials of the east wing must be accounted for and preserved. This so-called modernization was paid for by bribes.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen reich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, even the president, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Deutsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sir or Madam:
We must correct the appalling destruction of the historic East Wing by refusing to allow a grotesque

monstrosity to be built on the wreckage. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Kirschenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is my house. I pay for it with my taxes. this man Trump has illegally destroyed part of my house against my will.. Please prosecute him to the full extent of the law and please keep him from destroying any other part of my home.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Lammert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:09:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Delia Lefebvre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Coale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The $300 million ballroom project, initiated without following the lawful process, should be cancelled and the East Wing restored to its historic design. This is not Trump's building to do with as he pleases; it belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Harding
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Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma Corrales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build a ballroom for millionaires on the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:43 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Gatewood-Keim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the "East Wing Modernization" project:

As a constituent and citizen of the United States Of America who taught and studied colonial American history for years, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review as is required.

In fact it absolutely is not a modernization project but instead a complete razing of and slap in the face of our unique shared American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Dr. Catherine Gatewood -Keim

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Crookham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Also, the expense to rebuild should come from the president's personal account, fines against him or from those that were supposedly to pay for the project, not from taxpayers!

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Schiavone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
In closing, the WH is the ‘‘People’s House’’ and We, the People are opposed to an unnecessary vanity project aka ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:08:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Eads
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please turn this project over a non-partisan committee with members who have studied historic preservation and landmark development. The East Wing's destruction was a terrible shame, and rebuilding on the site should not be one person's vanity project.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stop Just Stop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project other than to restore the East Wing to its original design. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. All costs are to be paid for by the current occupier of the White House.

I would also like anyone who is currently working on this project or has participated in the past to be fined for working without proper permits and excluded from government contracts for the next 50 years. The person "directing" this work DOES NOT OWN THIS PROPERTY AND HAS NO AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE ANY

MODIFICATIONS.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this “East Wing Modernization” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Etkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the spending of $300 million to construct a ballroom. The Wing was torn down without any approval. This president is erasing our history without any oversight. The wing should be rebuilt as it was. The People’s House, which will be standing long after this president is gone, should not be used as his personal playground.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:46 AM
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: BARBARA BREEDON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity. My comment is that I oppose the spending of $300+ million on the "East Wing Modernization" project. The demolition of the East Wing is a complete razing of American history. It suddenly destroyed historic federal property without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It would be best to cancel the 'modernization' project (ballroom) to allow the East Wing to be rebuilt & restored to its former design - - and penalize those who broke the law with the East Wing demolition, as would any American citizen be penalized for destroying federal property. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY public resources on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Whelchel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of our beautiful and historic White House wing. It is a desecration to the people's house . We must retain our historic buildings as part of this country's legacy.
The proposed ballroom is gaudy and unnecessary and is only intended to glorify one man.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Grams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Destruction Project. It was the done without informed consent of the people who own the White House. It is a criminal act if destruction. The perpetrator (s) need to be held to account. It is our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melina Garda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nikki Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: William Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be halted immediately. The policy of “beg forgiveness” vs “ask permission” on destruction of the People’s House should be considered a criminal act. The unlawfulness and willful disregard for democratic processes, and the current occupant’s history with autocrats and predilection for their methods make me very concerned for the potential for these adversaries to take this opportunity to install surveillance tools and otherwise compromise the security of the home for future occupants. Allowing it to continue under this administration is unacceptable.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Lund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, done with complete disregard for historic preservation, required permits and pre-existing guidelines, and in opposition to the wishes of a large segment of the American people.
A glitzy and crass ballroom cannot and should not replace the historic East Wing. The previous historic structure should be rebuilt in accordance with sound architectural principles and with the guidance of historians.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi McFarley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, as well as the defacing of other rooms in that same building by a President who believes he is above the law. I request that instead of spending $300M on a grotesque and gaudy monument to billionaires, the East Wing be restored to its previous grandeur. The fact that the original, historically significant East Wing was demolished without going through the proper channels should carry criminal and civil penalties.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Morton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe what has been done to destroy the significant historical East Wing of the People's House is a travesty and frankly criminal.
The destruction of the structure was done without going through proper channels, was not approved by the public, and the vanity ballroom plan disregards any esthetics to the overall White House structure - dwarfing the main building. I adamantly disapprove of moving forward with the construction of the ballroom and respectfully request, as a US citizen, that (while something that has been completely destroyed cannot be restored) our house be returned to its proper beautiful historical design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:07:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an assault on everyone that is in the United States. Our history just bulldozed without us citizens given the vote. It's our house not anyone personal citizens to do with what they will We need to stop this ballroom and have our history restored in some semblance of order. Also money spent for this project could be used to help advance education, science research and health. Somethings all constituent's can get behind.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Trumbull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please honor our history by rebuilding the east wing in a manner that reflects the majority of American people--simple, humble, and kind. ADA accessible. We're not out here throwing balls or hanging gold from the rafters.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: teresa mcgrath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

pls restore the east wing as it was before demolition....it's the right thing to do....

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Dias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Furthermore, it is an insult to the true owners of this property, The People, to destroy this important and iconic part of our history in order to construct a vanity project while also taking affordable healthcare away from millions of Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. Restore the East wing of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Gilland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was afraid that the administration would steamroll this ballroom project without any review, which it desperately needs.

For me, it gets down to one thing: trust. I don’t trust a White House that blatantly lies. You can’t build anything on that type of foundation.

The result would be a temple built to assuage ego instead of a structure to serve all Americans. Make America Sane Again.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Winsor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was an important part of America's history. It should be rebuilt to duplicate the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:06:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josrphine Isgro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its historic design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to law-abiding Americans.

This is an abomination

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Spitzmiller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Frangoulis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing restored to its originally beauty. The destruction done was illegal. The White House doesn't need a ballroom, it needs government that obeys the law of this land

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this project is a dishonest disgrace. the funding is shaky at best the scope is monstrous and the bunker below is cloaked in secrecy. and it was all done sneakily and without review.. please hold all accountable CANCEL this project and restore the East Wing

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robi Drell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the adults in the room,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Dr. Roberta Drell

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Centurelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored in proportion to the still existing White House so it maintains its beauty and balance. of course the infrastructure should be updated but the decor should be tastefully done in an understated elegant manner, no gaudy trappings. Get a decorator who can accomplish this.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In a democracy such a huge change to (destruction of) one of our precious national historical sites MUST be done after careful consideration and planning. The need and design MUST be approved before demolition begins.

In an autocracy the ruler can proceed as Trump is doing. I am shocked and horrified to see how one individual can act with such impunity in what I thought was a strong democratic system. We are weak, indeed - are we afraid to push back?

At this point there is some feeble push back to what Trump has done. However, it seems like he will succeed at last. And then, true to form, he will punish those who tried to oppose him.

The East Wing was a historical and loved structure. I want the building restored to its original form and purpose. And I want Trump to pay for the demolition he caused and the reconstruction that must now be done.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO your job and protection our nation's history.. I formally oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Time was not given for public review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and the gardens restored.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Aronson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My stomach turned over theormomg I saw what Trump secretly did to the beautiful East Wing overnight. How was this destruction allowed to happen? Were the furniture and artifacts removed to s safe place? Could no one see what was happening? Just so distressing to see the destruction. Trump should be required to rebuild and restore the East Wing with any money he collected from his donors and with his own billions. No taxpayer dollars should be used. And there must be strict oversight to assure any and all contractors are paid in full!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: jeremy tuke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbie Reggio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was started without input from the public. This is the People's House and we deserve to have our voices heard in opposition to the callous razing of history without planning or oversight. The East Wing must be replaced without a new ballroom. We already had a ballroom in the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberlee Shaffir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:05:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Macke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unauthorized project and the destruction of this historic house, which as a loyal, voting American, is MY house. The East Wing should be completely restored as it was and Donald Trump should pay for the restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Mihalek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Dolan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One man (Trump) should not be deciding on such a major addition. And construction should not continue until there is a final plan. Where is the business case for a ballroom that could host 1,000 guests? A ballroom that could host double the number of the old ballroom (eg 400) would be make more sense and be more flexible (small events in oversized rooms are not very inviting). Funding by private donors is totally inappropriate.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Witham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no way such a construction project should be undertaken in such an important, historic, revered building without the proper approvals and permits. It's the people's not the current president. Please stop this blatant display of self grandiosity

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clarity Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Dahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I propose this project be canceled and the East Wing be restored to original, approved design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Eccleston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vulgar vanity project that projects nothing positive about American culture. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

abiding, patriotic Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted and disturbed by the destruction of a historical building for a ballroom that is costing millions. The questionable donations should be going to restoring the original east wing to its glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:04:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Herbert Menegus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While supporters of the new ballroom promote it as being in the classical style, the addition betrays a lack of understanding of the guiding principle of classical architecture, namely, proportion. The ancients had laws governing not the size of architectural elements but the relationships of the parts to each other and to the whole. The height of a Doric column, for example, was limited by its diameter and was said to be a certain number of diameters tall. Similarly, Vitruvius specified the distance between columns to be a multiple of the column's diameter at the base. Each element of a building from architrave to base was thus regulated by reference to another element, lending harmony to the composition.
I see no evidence that the overall White House complex was considered when designing this bloated addition. While it has the surface trappings of classical architecture it betrays a gross negligence of its' guiding principle. The result, unfortunately , will be another instance of the tail wagging the dog.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ciel Dafford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a shocking outrage. Any regular citizen trying to renovate a historic building has to submit plans for approval and go through so much red tape. And the actual President just bulldozes the entire East Wing of the single most important historic building in our nation's history? Without planning? Without permission from the American people let alone historic presentation boards, etc? I'm just disgusted at the total local of decency and respect for the historic White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Conboy Russo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the PEOPLE's HOUSE. The current president should not have the right to make it his own without going through the appropriate channels … starting with permission of its citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Van Zegeren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Davie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

II was saddened to see the destruction of the East Wing. I value the historic buildings on the White House grounds. I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Repp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed ballroom addition to our White House and ask that this project be scrapped entirely and that the original historic East Wing be fully restored. The design for the ballroom is garish and entirely out of scale with the main residence, and the project was undertaken illegally without following the established process for making changes to this historic property.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:03:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mo SHORROCK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appose the East Wing Modernization Project. Please restore this historic building to its original glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charleen Hurley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To who it May concern.
Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built on the White House grounds. Please restore the East wing. Granted it probably did need to be upgraded probably the whole White House, but this ballroom is just nothing but a vanity project for a very vain man.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this ballroom! We need money for healthcare not ballrooms

Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Morgan-Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing does not need the be modernized - please preserve our nation's history and save our tax payer money for something that does not change our top house.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rowan Van Ness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Stern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was done without proper permits, and no design project review.i oppose the spending of $250 million or more on the proposed project. I would like there to be either a restoration of what was lost, or at least that the replacement be something representing our countries history! This was done against the law and those involved should be held accountable

Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kimel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:02:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the east wing of the people's house for the purpose of building Donald Trumps ego. His impulsive decision to raze part of this historic structure is an affront to the American people. It should be restored at his personal expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Stonebraker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million expense related with this project, which was not initiated with proper authorization, permits, or design review. "Modernization" is an incorrect description of what amounts to the razing of American history. I wish to see the project terminated, and the White House's historical East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit the project to proceed is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Wolfgang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing appalling. The current resident does not own the property—US taxpayers do. He has zero right to make changes without appropriate permissions and review. Furthermore, what happened to all the historical materials in that part of the White House? Have they been accounted for? Stolen? Destroyed? I want the East Wing restored to its original historical parameters. I do not want a horrendous and tacky gilded ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Staci Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is known - rightfully - as the People's House. It belongs to the citizens of the United States, who allow the individuals that they elect as their President to live there. Every President since John Adams has spent at least some time in residence (the period from 1814-1817, when it was burned by the British and rebuilt, being the longest period without), and all of them have understood the duty of stewardship that accompanied the honor of residency.

Until this buffoon.

Like the proverbial bull in a china shop, Donald J Trump demolished the East Wing, with its century-plus history, without consulting the NCPC, and announced his intention to erect in its place an eyesore of a ballroom that would loom over the White House proper, epitomizing his personal credo of style over substance.

A little man with a little mind and a desperate need to feel important is trying to slap his name onto anything that will hold still, knowing that he will soon enough be a footnote in history remembered only for what he destroyed. Bad enough that he has transformed the classic Rose Garden into what looks like the food court at a shopping mall and turned the Oval Office into a display of gold-painted Hope Depot castings. Better to pave the ruins and turn the area into a parking lot than to permit the construction of an undeserved monument to one man's bloated ego. Once a saner and more responsible head is in the White House, plans can be made for an addition that will serve and honor the nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy LaRue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, allowing for safety and other modernizations within the aesthetic framework of the original. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Dickinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is this project related to the Trump ballroom?
If so, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I'm counting on you to block the ballroom and restore the East Wing to it's former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Foerster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project"; it is an unauthorized demolition and redevelopment project. Modernization could have been done to the existing, historic structure. Since that's no longer an option, I suggest rebuilding the former East Wing as it was to preserve restore historic significance while "modernizing" it according to current building codes. The structure that the Administration wants to erect is a monstrosity and totally out of proportion to the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Milburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House.and replacing it with a ballroom. No one should be able to destroy and rebuild without proper review and authority. This is the People's House, not one man's house. Please stop this destruction, rebuild the East Wing and return the White House to its former balance and beauty

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Roller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tory Woldstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending on the proposed East Wing "Ballroom". I, personally, was appalled when I saw the demolition of the East wing, without any warning, proper planning, or approvals granted from stakeholders. I think that it is important that the government maintains and enforces consistent procedures when National resources that belong to the people of the United States are to be modified, especially in invasive and dramatic ways. I hope that a decision is made to stop this, and restore the East wing. And I think that the people of the United States SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY for the destruction OR the restoration of this National resource. I believe that those that damaged/destroyed it should be held financially responsible to repair it. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:01:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Lotspeich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is my understanding that the East Wing is where Joy happens at the White House which is I believe why this administration has done what it has done. It would be lovely to see the wing restored to its original

glory with proper and truthful representation of the history of "we the people". PS the Rose garden too. Thank you for your resolve in attending to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Gieseke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Grab
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern, actually all of us,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
PLease stop any and all abominations from this president

Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzette Tanis-Plant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of even a penny on this project, which was initiated without following the rules. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the initiation of a project to restore it to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Robles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Tonkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm here to plead with you to halt any further destruction or construction. Especially do not allow the Trump plan for renovation of the East Wing. We should all grieve the loss of this historic part of OUR White House that has been removed unconscionably and make careful considerations as to how we move forward in a tasteful, aesthetic, and reasonable way to honor what this building and OUR collective history represent.
Thank you,
Nancy Tonkins
United States Citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 8:00:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Tobin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction that occurred with the White House to build a ballroom. This was unnecessary and done without approval of the Historic Preservation Society. I will never forget touring the White House and feeling so proud of our nation's house. Just because the present President's wife doesn't want to do her job as First Lady doesn't mean you change a historic building I believe it should be restored to its original purpose.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:59:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Pulikkan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the East Wing is a tragedy. Our history is precious including the White House. This is the "People's House" and not the home of any single man or woman. This needs to be restored with proper oversight of its historical importance.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:59:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cliff Coletta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a tribute to one man's ego and vanity. This project should canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:59:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hubbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "East Wing Modernization" and the razing of historical buildings of the Peoples House without proper channels in place. The buildings that were torn down should be restored to their original structures.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Brenner-Fricke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louis Cadle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Bevan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States of America were founded on principles of restraint and conservative values in direct opposition to the excesses and arrogant disregard for the needs and interests of the common man. In that spirit the architectural values of The White House have always reflected that restraint.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Winkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't modernization. Tearing down history without even a nod to what the people want is horrifying. It needs to be rebuilt as it was, and the thief in chief needs to pay for it personally. A ballroom is unnecessary in today's politics, and the entire project is inappropriate. Put it back.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House was not authorized, and it was a reckless waste of taxpayer money and an assault on our history. I urge you to prosecute these responsible and to require that the East Wing be fully restored, using private donor funds, to its former design. No one should be above the law. Our country dies not need to serve the ego of the President. Instead we should should be preserving the legacy of the peoples' White House..

Date: 2/17/2026 7:58:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robilee Foreman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:57:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daisy Bassen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people

who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Miriam Sincell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project at a time when there are far more urgent national priorities and critical infrastructure needs demanding attention. National parks, public welfare systems, disaster resilience, and community investments across this country require funding. Choosing to allocate this level of taxpayer money to this effort reflects misplaced priorities.

This building does not belong to any single individual or administration — it belongs to the American people. It is part of our shared national heritage. Decisions of this magnitude must reflect stewardship, transparency, and respect for the public trust.

There are established legal processes, permitting requirements, and design review standards specifically created to protect our national buildings and historic assets. Those safeguards exist for a reason. They were not properly followed here. Ignoring these procedures undermines accountability and weakens the very systems designed to preserve and protect public property.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without consequence for bypassing required authorization and review would set a dangerous precedent. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored in accordance with its former design — through lawful, transparent, and properly reviewed processes.

Public resources deserve public accountability.

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Name: Martha White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because proper steps and guidelines in place were not followed in the renovation of an historic building. There is none so iconic as the White House. While something must now be done to heal the scare that has been left, please ensure that the resulting addition is similar in style and historically accurate and not a giant abomination that overwhelms the rest of the building. And, to be far, this should come out of Trump's pocket, not taxpayers'.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:57:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the cost of the person who inappropriately tore it down. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:57:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Disylvestro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project! I don’t think a dime should be spent!

The total destruction of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was done on a whim and the costs, already unaffordable, will only increase.

NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to every law abiding American Because this is not a modernization project at all - but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. This is the sentiment I hear from all I've spoken with - regardless of party. No one is buying it - so please shut it down and rebuild the east wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:57:16 AM
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Name: Juliet Cooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing of the White House w/o oversight is a travesty. Were the historic objects contained cataloged and stored properly? Additionally, the ballroom that is currently planned is an abomination. It's ugly, oversized, and absolutely doesn't fit with the historic character of the rest of the WH. This project should be put on indefinite hold until an administration is elected that can restore and/or upgrade the east wing in a legal way that follows financial and review procedures that this administration routinely ignores. The White House is owned by US taxpayers, not any one administration.

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Name: David McConeghey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing was illegal and it's "replacement" was illegally financed and built only to satisfy the greedy dreams of a man who never should've been elected to ANY office, much less the Presidency!

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Name: Christina Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Doug Stowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There's nothing modernizing about the destruction of American history to create a fanciful ballroom to serve the
ego of an American president who does nothing but destroy to rebuild in his own glorification. I am totally against this project and Trump should be held liable and contemptible for the destruction of property without proper authorization.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:56:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Plourde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no "modernization" about this project. The White House is historical and belongs to WE THE PEOPLE. The East Wing was destroyed without any input as you are asking for here. I actually cried when I saw it destroyed.--it's like our history was being torn down too. It was bulldozed without permits, It needs to be rebuilt to its former historical glory and significance. A large off-balanced ballroom on one side of the White House will be gaudy and dwarf the building--it's not something most people would consider for a renovation for their own houses.

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Name: Sharry Mikell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lori Broughton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In the words of another that I agree with.
“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Lori Broughton

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Name: Bridget Faricy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House shows a disregard for the preservation of historical buildings and of the processes employed to preserve and protect them. It was an outrageous act by a man hell bent on glorifying himself rather than considering the needs and desires of the people.
The notion that a giant ballroom should be built is preposterous. The people must be engaged through a thoughtful process to first determine what is needed and after that, the form should follow the function.
Please don’t let this architectural abomination move forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:56:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money for a project that went forward without any permits or approval by Congress or the public. This is the People’s house, not any one person or family. They are temporary guests and need at the very least Congressional approval to make changes.
First they destroy the Rose Garden and now the East Wing!
I believe they should pay, out of their own coffers the monies it will cost to restore the East Wing to its former glory.

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Name: Barbara Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding citizens. This is the people's house not the current president.

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Name: Carmen Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: the destruction of the White House East Wing --
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Name: Robert Mangano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House stands as both a home and an institution — a physical expression of democracy, continuity, and humility in public service. Every renovation, from Theodore Roosevelt's modernization to Truman's reconstruction, has served practical or safety-related purposes. None were intended to glorify a particular president. The building belongs to the nation, not to whoever temporarily occupies it.
A "Trump ballroom" would twist that legacy. It would commercialize the presidency, literally turning the people's house into a gilded stage for private galas, political favors, and self-promotion. Beyond the aesthetic absurdity, the ethical implications are staggering. Every fixture and furnishing in the White House must reflect the republic's dignity, not one person's brand or vanity project.

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Name: Sage Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clarissa C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I oppose the razing and now the rebuilding of the east wing without oversight by the national trust for historic preservation.

The building of this historic annex needs to follow guidance from the NTHP as to it's scale and style honoring the original structure that was irrationally torn down. Anything that diverges from recommendations and guidance from the NTHP is unacceptable.

The White House is a building for the people not for one individual president. The funding for the project should not but used to curry favor with the person in office. It is important the building continues to represent an unbiased and true simple design that does not refer or reflect one person over another.

Again- I insist that this nee annex have a smart and respectful scale in comparison to the rest of the building. That it honors the guidance of the national trust for historic preservation.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:55:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Snow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this abomination of a project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: MICHELE Bilak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The renovation should architecturally align with architecture of White House. It could be a more modern but must fit architecturally. It should be elegant and not gregarious or gaudy. It should not exceed size of main structure. It must meet the approvals the current authorized committees before finalizing any of the changes

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The “East Wing” no longer exists to be modernized. Its wanton destruction is an abomination, as is the mad would/be king who ordered its destruction. The White House dies NOT belong to the current resident; it belongs to the people of this country. It is a symbol of our nation. I am heartbroken that it was destroyed, and absolutely furious that there haven’t been repercussions for anyone involved. Please do not further desecrate the White House by allowing the obstruction of the Trump vanity project referred to as a “ballroom”.

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Name: Kimberly Daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project which impacts the legacy of America, of why DC was designed the way it was, is a vanity project. It was done without permit, review, or approval. The east wing was destroyed without any consideration for preservation of any historical architectural items. The project at this scale should be stopped. In restoring the east wing, a ballroom could be accommodated on a much smaller scale. Any addition to rebuild the east wing, should not over shadow the true symbolism of the White House abd should keep the design in balance

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Name: Courtney Kleinschmidt-Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sue Briney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for opening this up to public comment.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with internal modernization as necessary.

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Name: Amy Fuentes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that this administration razed the East Wing of the White House without consulting or going through the proper channels is appalling and incredibly frustrating! They are treating this project as if it were a renovation of a private home, rather than one of the most historic buildings in America, and not to mention, it belongs to the people! They had no right or legal standing to do this! Years of history and national treasures turned into a pile of rubble! They should not be allowed to demolish public property without public consent! Please let them know that the people are disgusted at their continued abuses of power. First they ruined Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden, then the East Wing…he slapped his name on another man's memorial and then shut it down…where does it stop????

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Name: Kelley Stanford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sharon Subjin
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Name: Anna Quackenbush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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US is celebrating 250 years of history this year, while destroying their actual history. USA is a young country - 250 years is a very short span of time for a country. It should be that much more important to preserve that history and historical buildings, not demolish parts of them. White House is one of the most recognizable building in the world and I will never understand why the current occupant decided to demolish part of it or why he was even allowed to do that. No one that actually cares about the history of one's country would ever willingly choose to buldozer it. East Wing needs to be rebuild to its original version and the destruction of it should be a criminal matter. I also don't understand why the public comment is happening AFTER destruction took place. This should have been prevented from the beginning. Also, the current occupant of the White House should be forced to pay for the rebuilding of the East Wing. The company that was hired to destroy it should also be prosecuted and charged for restoration costs. A strong message needs to be sent to businesses that think they can help Trump in destroying any historical properties. That part is especially important now that Trump is talking about renovating the Kennedy Center.

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Name: Ha Bond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this proposed structure. It would result in the privatizing of the people's house. It's unnecessary and stupid. And probably illegal to boot. Stop this project!

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Name: Lauren Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stephanie Wainer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The grandiose ballroom proposed by Donald Trump undermines the architectural integrity of the White House, whose neoclassical aesthetic depends on proportion, restraint, and historical continuity.

A grand, ostentatious addition disrupts that balance and damages the building's authenticity as a carefully preserved national landmark. It replaces principled preservation with spectacle, imposing Trump's gold obsession onto a structure whose dignity rests on elegance, not gilded excess.

The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission must draw a firm line and reject any proposal that trades the White House's historic integrity for ostentatious spectacle.

"A grain of gold will gild a great surface, but not so much as a grain of wisdom." — Henry David Thoreau, Journal, 1852

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Dietz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the EAST WING is destroying a little bit of each of us. Our hgistory is not some kind of vague interpretation...or opinion. Our history is our legacy and our heritatge. It is something we all share. The EAST WING was part of the very bedrock of who we are and how we define ourselves. No! to the ballroom. Too many Americans are suffering right now with high costs and insurmountable bills, so that hundreds of millions for this monstrocity are literally a slap in the face of our citzenship.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:54:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Wesley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

WE DEMAND THE LAWS BE FOLLOWED!

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Name: Jacquelyn Forsht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree either plan to build a ballroom where the perfectly beautiful and Historic East Wing once stood.
The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was before this illegal and unapproved demolition occurred.
The perpetrator of this vandalism of our White House needs to be prosecuted and made to pay to replace the East wing and our rose garden!!

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Name: Miriam Duff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review.

The White House does not belong to the current resident. It belongs to the American People. We deserve a voice in its "modernization" or, more accurately, razing and replacement.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Stop this project, and restore the East wing to its historical design.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenica Polifka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mark Zelinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please prevent a huge ballroom from being constructed on the site of the White House which would overwhelm the main building itself.

Thank you . . . Mark Zelinsky

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:53 AM
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Name: Jennifer Mojica
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any public funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Caroline White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the trump ballroom.It's a complete waste of money and not needed.It will cost taxpayers money for upkeep and probably for construction.Make trump and his donors rebuild the East Wing as it was before it was torn down.
HE HAD NO RIGHT TO DISTORY THE EAST WING.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There's no reason this project should move forward as proposed. At a minimum the project needs to go through a formal public analysis in which alternatives, including rebuilding the historic East Wing as it was before the illegal destruction, should be considered. All power the NCPC has to require a proper process should be used to ensure this project does the house of the people justice.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Trout
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House without proper procedures was disgusting. The White House is the people's house, not Mar-a-Lago North. This project should be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb McCully
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project.
It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project, but a horrible razing of American history.
No one is above the law, and to go ahead with this vanity project is breaking the law.
I want this project stopped, and the East Wing built back the way it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:34 AM
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Name: Jennifer Ausbrooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump did not have the right to tear down part of the peoples house, and than charge us to for the.project.
As with everything he has done, it is for his own agrandizement and it's a disaster.

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Name: Jean Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sheri Andresen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house, not one man's fancy. restore it as it was with all the history, class and dignity without out all the cheesy gold

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Millholen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to what is happening with our East Wing. He never should have torn it down to begin with without the proper authorization. So there it sits devastated which is so heartbreaking to see history destroyed. Now the project is $400M and are the donors still on board? I hope not.
Please do whatever you can to stop the completion of this project into one person's desire for a grand ballroom because WE THE PEOPLE don't approve of it at all. Restore it to it's original beauty if at all possible.
I thank you in advance for listening and hope you can fulfill my wish along with so many other American's.

Maria C. Millholen

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Name: Thomas Lawler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Samara Bilyeu-Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which is really just a Donald Trump Ballroom vanity project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It involved razing the historic East Wing without proper protocols. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kapra Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I was aghast when I saw the destruction of the east wing without approval or warning. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with no increase in size or girth. This proposal is an affront to the rest of the building and causing an enormous imbalance in scale. This is the Peoples' House. It is not a developers dream home. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey OLeary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am requesting that the East Wing be restored to its original state. The 300 million dollars should be spent on this restoration. This project was illegally started without permits and any approvals. Stop this project

Date: 2/17/2026 7:53:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely no ballroom! A waste of money, obnoxious, and an affront to an historical building, the people's house, not Donald's.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Crook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronda Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Ricky Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is not personal property intended for each president to waste millions of dollars destroying our countries architectural history and integrity. That is why each project must receive approval prior to any destruction of government property. This project should be halted

immediately and the remaining monies used to restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The persons and/or organizations that were responsible for destroying historic property without permission should be fully and financially responsible for the restoration of the East Wing and any other portions of White House property and grounds. This should fall squarely on their shoulders to restore what was improperly ruined.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:52:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHARINE RICHARDSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This action by the current WH occupant is completely illegal and in very poor taste. The Rose Garden was a test and he was not called out on it. PLEASE don't let that happen here.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:51:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Warburton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my hope that this project is denied. The White House belongs to everyone and is simply the temporary residence of the current president, who should not unilaterally be allowed to destroy a section of it and then build an addition to it, for whatever reason, just because he want to.
The White House is a national treasure and the East Wing in particular was. Its destruction was painful to see and done without proper approvals.
I don’t know if it’s possible to rebuild the East Wing the way it was, but it is certainly possible to not cause more damage. I urge this project not be allowed to go forward. Our history is more than any one person and what they want. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:51:36 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: denise Knapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:51:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Howells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How does Donald Trump have the right to destroy The People's House while bucking rules, codes, regulations and protocols?
Congress?
Bueller?
Anybody?
EVERYBODY?

Date: 2/17/2026 7:51:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Stump
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

American values are not reflected in the grand ballroom plan. Our nation has humble roots, and our greatest leaders have put the interests of people ahead of personal greed. We are the Stars and Stripes, not gold and glitter.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urgently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated with no proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization , permits, or a design review. It is a complete razing of American history, not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and purpose. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Pendleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Blanpied
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unnecessary and history-destroying project

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who are breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Barbera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply saddened by the shocking demolition of the East Wing of the White House. So much of our history has been lost by that destructive action. The White House is the People's House and the destruction of the East Wing without the consent of the American people should be seen as a crime. I am strongly against building the Ball Room Trump wants. It is a vanity project for a man who never wants to leave. Any project to replace the East Wing should create spaces for doing the work of government and if they do build a gathering space (I do understand the need for larger events) it should make sense in the context of the location and be planned by people doing it for love of country not love of money. I am appalled at how Trump is trying to guild the White House to make it resemble a royal palace. Please stand against this awful unamerican vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Vogel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

That was the polite boilerplate, this is fury. The White House is the People's House. It is not a tennement to be scraped to the dirt and rebuilt as a gold-washed pantheon to the highest bidder. Gone is the history. Gone is the craftmanship. Gone is the sense of proportion and modesty that generations of Presidents have held. That president razed century old memorial trees for mulch, he smashed history to inflate his ego. The

White House and grounds were held in trust and this president has violated both that and the law by his actions. Not only should any further "work" on all federally controlled properties be stopped, but that man should be forced to pay for the restoration, down to the trees, out of his own pocket.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shaw Lockhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House was unlawful. It should be restored within historic guidelines and not turned into some unnecessary vanity project of a ballroom. The White House is not just a building that the current resident can change on a whim. It is ‘‘the People’s House’’ and should be treated with respect. No notice was given. No permits or permission were given. No guidelines were followed.
This is a travesty and a slap in the face of the American people and its history,
Please stop this ballroom construction from going forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction by the president of the east wing of the people’s house for a ballroom — without going through the proper channels nor asking for public input, is a metaphor for his entire presidency.
I am against what the president is doing and would like for the east wing to be restored to its original form (and the rose garden too, for that matter.)

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Ballou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States has been founded on he principal of rule by the people. We elect officials to carry out the Constitution for the betterment of all people. The official residence, therefore is the People’s House. It is not a palace of kings and emperors. It should be adequate and secure enough for official business and proper Constitutional exercise of authority. It does not need yo be glamorous. It should not flaunt wealth. I oppose this project. It should be terminated without delay.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Chavez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

It is with a heavy heart as a citizen of the United States I watched in dismay the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. My wish is all work be stopped and the building be restored to its original state and architecture. I do not approve of this project nor the $300 million contribution from unknown sources.

Sincerely,
William A. Chavez

Date: 2/17/2026 7:50:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Owen Dell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make Trump rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was in every detail, at his own personal expense. And make him do it now.

Owen Dell
Corvallis, Oregon

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. This is not a modernization effort—it is the wholesale destruction of a significant piece of American history.

I call for this project to be immediately canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or entity is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated legal requirements would undermine the rule of law and disrespect the millions of Americans who abide by it.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Clem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jewel Kling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the use of $300 million for this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review, and it should not be described as a modernization. The project would erase an important part of American history. I believe it should be canceled, and that the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. Respect for the law matters, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability would undermine that principle.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Martz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I must protest this project from the beginning to the final outcome. We the people had no say in this deconstruction. Proper channels were not used before tearing down our legacy. The entire project is a travesty and an affront to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adrienne Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of $300M being spent on a ballroom that was not approved, permitted or put before the National Historical Preservation Committee. The president had no approval to demolish the East Wing for the purpose of building a ballroom that would be almost twice the size of the White House. I respectfully request that the East Wing be rebuilt to restore the White House as it was before the unauthorized demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Hartenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have memories of visiting the White House as a 12 year old. The images of the building are indelibly imprinted on my mind. More importantly, the proportionality of the structure symbolizes the Founders' proportional plan for our American democratic republic. No one person or governmental branch should be allowed to unilaterally alter this all-American symbol without oversight. Hasty, uninformed changes do not serve the public and in fact, are in service only to the whims of the individual. The people deserve and in fact, demand representative oversight for this and all other planned alterations of or introductions of public structures in the Peoples' Capitol. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Olken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is an attempt at self-aggrandizement that razes America's actual history.
The project must be cancelled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law. Permitting this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Fritsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it is an irresponsible use of tax payer dollars. The irresponsible and inconsiderate actions of the so called President show that he is not capable of making decisions on behalf of America. The demolition of hiistory and disrespect is apparent that he cannot be trusted to build a quality and appropriate addition.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Hammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegally commenced East Wing Modernization. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. And received through a process of illegal bribery used to promote corporate agendas instead of citizen agendas. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history In a politically motivated way, a way that erases history as he erased the rose garden as well. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. And Donald Trump held accountable, as well as all of those complicit in the bribery that resulted in this donations to a ballroom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

Americans Who are respectful of our history and those who died so our nation may live. Instead of strangling our nation with illegal bribery and massive corruption.

Don't be part of the corrupt, stand up to Donald Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane CALLAHAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits or design review. I want the East Wing returned to its original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Sullenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is desecrating the White House considered a modernization? I vehemently oppose this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:49:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Lefevre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This started as an unsanctioned vanity project that quickly pivoted to a destructive hissy fit. Restore the East Wing to its historic status.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Fairchild
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Giarla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Just the name itself is a lie, this administration does not want to modernize the East Wing! They have destroyed it and want to build an abomination in its place! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Badigian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:48:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Boorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project and a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nannette Titus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Coletta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy McMillan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm horrified by the callous disregard this President has shown to the necessity for getting necessary permissions and permits and planning this project in a way that respects the historical significance and architecture of a residence he has permission from the people to inhabit for a few years. I pray the commission will stick to its guns and require him to make sure he does going forward. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its former design and paid for by President Trump, not with government funds. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I urge you to put a stop to this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

I oppose the spending of $300 million (and likely much more) on this project, which was initiated illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above

the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

DJT should be fined and made to pay for the restoration of the East Wing!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Harrison

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Mullen Kuehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Like so many Americans, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was shockingly initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and disgraceful razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design."

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Gatley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Capriotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project as currently planned is entirely too big for the location, overpowering The White House. The current process is chaotic and hidden from the American people. I agree with the statement from the AIA: “ We recommended a project governed by the highest standards of design excellence: a qualifications-based selection of the architect, alignment with historic-preservation standards, full transparency in funding and procurement, proportionality of design to the existing complex, and collaboration with expert practitioners to safeguard longevity and public value.”

Date: 2/17/2026 7:47:11 AM
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Name: Mary Dodd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Additionally I urge the Planning Commission to trace and secure all the furniture ad artifacts that were contained in the East Wing. If they have been "stolen" by people who work at the White House, they must be returned under penalty of law. If they have already been sold then I urge the thief be required to pay recompense as well as punitive damages.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:46:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayla Coates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeanne Lebow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gayla Coates
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Name: Allison Kelly
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Name: Vicki Kwiatkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a military spouse and proud American, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anne-Sophie Divenyi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a registered architect who has worked on many projects that include additions to historic buildings. It is always of utmost importance that I consider the criteria that make each existing part of the project culturally, aesthetically and technologically special. How the addition fits in with the existing structure is important as well which means that the scale of its new addition is important.

The proposed ballroom addition that will take the place of the former East Wing is an abomination. It appears to be dropped into its site from another planet: too large, too gaudy and turning its back on what makes the white house special in its site as the centerpiece, literally and figuratively. This project must not be allowed to proceed. I suggest that the original East Wing be rebuilt as before or replaced with a more sensitively scaled and considered addition.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:45:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William McKim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization

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Name: Monica Babcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Haeger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support having the east wing rebuilt. We do not want a ballroom. We want our original White House back make them rebuild it with his personal funds. I feel that he took advantage of the government shut down to

get this done he did it during the first government shut down, and everybody was concentrating on that and not on what he was doing, and I feel like he should be held accountable by having to replace it and serving time

Date: 2/17/2026 7:45:18 AM
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Name: Deirdre Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ruth Callahan
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I propose the President (or his supporters, such as the people who offered to fund building a ballroom for him) pay for the restoration of the East Wing to its former historical condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:45:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon McKim Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million dollars to build a ballroom, and a bunker, that will dwarf the historical White House and change the entire structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:45:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bridget Brann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO to the Ballroom!! The People's House does not need a huge gaudy ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissia Dailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million + on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Wilfong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Willson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the madness destroying OUR (not his) White House. The current President does not respect history or beauty nor does he have the right to spend OUR money without OUR approval on projects like this. You can end this insanity now.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Givler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was very appalled and saddened by the destruction of the East Wing of The White House. I implore you to restore it to its original state with modernizations within to be used as it had before. Cost should be provided not by the taxpayers, but by the person who implemented the destruction!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 71 year old taxpayer who lives in Indiana.

I opposed to this project, which was started without having been properly approved. Now part of our history has been destroyed because of the vanity of one person who thinks he's above the law.

I would love to see the East Wing of the White House restored to the condition it was in before this destruction. This government does not need a massive, gawdy, gold plated ballroom.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:44:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Seroussi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I am writing to demand that fixing the East Wing of the White House immediately be turned over to appropriate supervision like The Historic Trust and a fully non-partisan group of experts.

This is the creation of a historic structure, there should be no rush and the design and decisions done with wisdom and humility. A giant gaudy ballroom is not functional for our country's primary needs and is not representative of American values.

It was destroyed with no oversight, no planning and with impunity, let's pause and return to the correct process and rebuild a useful and stately wing that has the multiple uses that were enjoyed by prior first families and white house visitors from all over the world - the first ladies' office, the movie theater, beautiful architecture with the long sunny indoor hall, and plan for the future with other spaces.

I am appalled at what was done, let's make it right.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: irene battalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing destroyed without public input or official approval. It was an important historical building. The country doesn't need a huge ballroom. It needs to have the East Wing restored to it original state. The White House and its contents do it belong to the President but to the American people

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan OConnor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which has not been approved thru proper channels. It appears to be so large as to detract from the beauty of the rest of the structure. I'm concerned that the East Wing was razed without appropriate oversight and environmental protections. I would like the East Wing restored to former beauty, with a nod to preserving its history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Messner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked with the demolishing of the East Wing without permission. The amazing history of part of " The Peoples House" just lay in rubble based on 1 man's whim. It felt like a huge violation. I understand that renovations to all parts of the Whitehouse are ongoing, and expensive, but the should and have been carefully planned out. The demolishing of the East Wing, violates our history
should be rebuilt to it's former historical style. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Mabee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose President Trump's ballroom. To the extent possible, please restore the White House and

also the rose garden.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:43:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project cancelled. That's OUR house, not the felon's. He did not get proper authorization, permits, etc and we do not want or need a ballroom. The east wing needs to be rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I would like to add that DJT has no love for this country, the things that make it great, its history, and clearly its future. His choices remind me of what a small child would do with power and everyone with even a speck of influence should be working to keep this individual in check and accountable.

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Name: Janet Ghio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rick Hawksley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a preservation architect involved with local and regional buildings of historic significance, I respectfully submit that the East Wing of the Whitehouse be restored as faithfully as possible to its configuration before it was unlawfully demolished. Any additional space or functions must be accomplished in a way that respects and affirms the historic structure.

I regularly submit to, and have previously served on, boards of historic and architectural review in order to endeavor to respect the integrity of historic buildings and historic districts.

The current administration has violated its oath of office to defend and uphold the constitution and to faithfully execute the law. It must not be rewarded with post facto approval of lawlessness.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:42:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Weidman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regardless of who or how this project “west Wing Modernization” is paid for, it should NOT be completed. It was not started with proper permitting, planning and approvals. Rewarding this behavior with approvals to proceed sets
a precedent that neither you or I want to witness at its end. Our White House is a National treasure whose state and status needs to remain untouched! Leave Only Footprints.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:42:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhoda Rudd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The White House is our house. No one, not even the President, has the right to demolish this building without permission. $300M on vanity when people are starving & homeless.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:42:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Buczkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was undertaken without authorization or secure funding. I do not support the alteration of the White House (the people's house) without appropriate ADVANCE public comment, review, and permitting. This building needs to be restored to its original condition at the expense of those who damaged it without authorization. The demolition crew was aware permits were not in hand for the work they undertook and should be held accountable for this violation of basic construction policy.

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Name: Colette Daubner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: kathleen mazza
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Bowling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not authorize this project until it has gone through the proper studies and analyses. This project as currently proposed is an abomination.

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Name: Nancy Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melissa Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't believe that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without a hearing in Congress or a permit. There needs to be a committee from both parties and experts to demise a plan. This should have never happened.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:49 AM
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Name: Rose Arnone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the so-called East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, on top of destruction of the original East Wing with no oversight or authorizations. This is the People's House, it does not belong to the current president, not a property that he owns. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former

design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janet Verch
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It wasn't Trumps house to destroy, it belongs to the people!

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Name: Vince Luckey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rebecca Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any redesign of the East Wing of the White House. The current inhabitants of our White House demolished this historic building without authorization, safety standards adherence, or consideration of what this building meant to the people of the United States of America. I would prefer that it sits there-as is-until another President is elected who will honor our traditions, follow the rules and the law, and act with decorum and respect for our 250 year history. It will remind the world that we are dealing with unprofessional, petty, impetuous leaders who are unable to handle their emotions appropriately to lead a nation. Only after they have been vanquished from office must we rebuild-to the exact replica of what was there before. Like the Twin Towers, let the absence of the East Wing remind us all of the dangers brought to our homeland from within.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Markene Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the east wing back the way it was!
We do NOT need a gold ballroom!
Stop trying to erase & rewrite history to fit your narrative!
Stop breaking laws!
Stop acting like a 4 year old having a tantrum!
Play by the rules & laws this country was founded on!
Put the East Wing back the way it was!
Put the Rose Garden back the way it was!

To all elected officials- if you don't support & uphold the laws of this country, expect to be voted out!

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Name: Rachel Bye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely, Rachel Bye

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Name: Rosalyn Bandy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: LISA GARDNER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Natalie Casper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I am particularly upset that private funds of so few, who are also mega millionaires and billionaires, were solicited in a project to alter the People's House without the participation of and approval by American citizens and taxpayers.

As an educator, I guided students learning US history and realized its profound value to our citizens. What we do not remember, we repeat. We cannot erase any aspect of the United States' amazing history, especially in this year of celebrating its 250th anniversary.

No one is above the law. No one. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing everyone who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Lems
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In this 250th year of our republic, we should celebrate what we have built, not tear it down for a vanity project, which is I believe the basis of this $300 million boondoggle. Please cancel the project. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:41:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Marston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unauthorized project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Wiley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like so many other Americans and as a history major who honors our past and the wisdom of George Washington, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Marciano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members:

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Signed,
Catherine Marciano
Astoria, NY

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:48 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Buckley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am glad that President Trump is having this built. Long, long overdue! To think the United States, the most powerful country of the free world, would not have the capacity to host large important state events in nothing but a tent with porta potties is astounding.i applaud the President for his forward thinking.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Kuennen-Asfaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am aghast at the prospect of spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Something has to be built because the East Wing was destroyed without permission. This is not a "modernization" project but rather yet another attempt to make a personal mark on our historic White House. The whole "ballroom" should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of those who ordered the destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for considering this input.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andaree Ceresa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Rosing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any funds on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. Starting and stopping should convey how mismanaged this project ia. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with spending any money to turn what was the east wing into a ballroom. The east wing was torn down before any of the proper avenues were persued before making changes to a historic building. Instead I think the east wing should be rebuilt to its prior design. The rebuild project should be funded by Donald J Trump who orchestrated the shameful destruction of a historic building and current representation of our seat of government.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:40:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Broderick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:39:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Jaeger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very disturbed that the historic East Wing was destroyed by DJT. Please do not replace it with anything! Anything would be another slap in the face of democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:39:54 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures -- that means the president is a temporary tenant is limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is in clear violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not just undertaken on a whim by the current president who again had no legal standing to do so.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:39:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steph Rosch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its former glory. No one is above the law and we need to make sure we take care of our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:39:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Broderick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Scales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: T. Lavery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have lost a great piece of history, those who were behind this should pay the price, in every which way possible.
Same goes for the rose garden

Date: 2/17/2026 7:39:01 AM
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Name: DENISE SPEICHER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The submitted ballroom design would be completely incongruous with the existing White House and the proud history of the space.
I want this project canceled, and for the public to be able to review a set of design proposals that would place a modernized office space on the original footprint of the East Wing. The New East Wing should include significant design elements similar to the Old East Wing, and several historical markers commemorating the important events in American women's history that took place in the Old East Wing. East Wing renovation project. The White House is being remade into something the American people do not want!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:38:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Kirkpatrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required and is a blatant attempt to obliterate American history and to feed the ego of a very disturbed person masquerading as our president! I strongly oppose building Mr. Trump's grand and garish ballroom and ask that you move instead to restore the East wing to its former design. Please act to return a national treasure and landmark to the American people. Thank you for your consideration

Date: 2/17/2026 7:38:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the building of a ballroom on the White House grounds. This is a disgraceful vanity project and must be stopped. I understand that the razing of the East Wing was done without the proper permits or any input at all from the NCPC. The ballroom is also planned to be built without the legal permits or permissions required by law. I want the East Wing rebuilt and those responsible for this atrocity held responsible by the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Swanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robin Kimbrough-Dibble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Pierik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:38:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lackey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the current East Wing "Modernization" plans and proposed construction. The demolition of the existing East Wing--carried out under cover and without authorization--exemplifies very aspect of this project. From a ballroom to an "event center", this is a travesty of what the White House means to the people and government of America. As it currently stands, this is no more than a vanity project not in keeping with the architecture of the White House or the values of the people. The dubious and opaque financing, with escalating costs and no apparent oversight, should be enough to stop this project. More importantly is the total lack.of architectural approval or oversight. The current design reflects the imperial and authoritarian vision of one man; dwarfs and belittles the elegant statement of democratic ideals that the White House has always conveyed to the world. It reflects no proportional usage need. Stop this misguided vanity project NOW. If a ballroom facility is needed it must be reviewed and approved by UNBIASED commissions. The original design of the East Wing must be restored or at bare minimum incorporated into any new design. Any ballroom structure must reflect the design ideals of the White House and be in direct proportion. Stop this architectural an moral travesty now!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:37:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Kolozsvary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and the building of a ballroom at the White House. The unilateral razing of the East Wing is a crime in itself. I was always told the White House was the People's House. A ballroom is a naturally exclusionary place for the wealthy and connected to gain access and has nothing to do with the people. I am sure "the people" are not invited. The White House is a very nice house the people of the US give to their employee, the President, for his or her use while they are working at their job serving the entire country. Formal ballrooms are for kings and queens and rich people who go in for that sort of thing. The President of our democracy is just a temporary position and does not confer upon one the

right to raze and build important public structures with the stroke of a pen. The fact that it is being paid for with outride donations is equally outrageous and wrong. Private individuals and companies with business before the government cannot be currying favor with the US president by "sponsoring" public buildings that rightly are the purview of the American people. The fact that this is even being considered is so wrong. I can only imagine the outrage if a democratic president had just decided to take a wrecking ball to the East Wing on his own whim.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:37:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing is just plain wrong. It must be stopped.
It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And do not name it after DJT.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:37:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allyn Jerome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project which is destroying a part of American history. This is not a minor or necessary update like modernizing plumbing. There were no authorizations or historical review, and the ballroom will add no real value for US citizens.
I want the East Wing restored to its former design. This president has disregarded the law and put his own petty needs and gaudy preferences above the rights of the citizens of this country. This is not his White House. It belongs to us. He does not have the right to destroy it. Please stop him before he tears down the entire building.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:37:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Bonnoitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete removal of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an offense to the United States and all its citizens, past, present and future.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:37:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Keville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Dickinson-Veltman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please review the desecration of the White House East Wing and restrict any further demolition until an investigation on the matter of which it was carried out. Once that investigation is completed then if there are legitimate donors to assist with constructing (including the cost of demolition) the East wing back to its former glory. Taxpayers should not be paying for said demolition and reconstruction of the East Wing!
Plus a consideration could be made to incorporate the Kennedy Rose Garden for an addition to the East Wing area !
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:36:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Brzozowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:36:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The only spending authorized should be to restore what was destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:36:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaime Stowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project which was mitigated without proper authorization or permits. I wouldn't call it a modernization project—instead it is a complete destruction of our history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its historical design. No one is above the law. To permit this project would be an affront to all law abiding Americans. The president should face consequences for destroying the People's house. The United States has rules and they were completely trashed with this vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:36:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Colborn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any dollar amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:35:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project will change the entire visual impact of the White House and its' grounds. The East Wing should

never have been destroyed without public input and review by preservationists. Please stop this "project" and restore East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:35:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McNulty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I too oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I too want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Gill-Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This is a country with rules, laws, and procedures. What Trump and his administration is doing is illegal and immoral.

We must stop this project and insist on following the law. We must take back our government.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:35:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Peckham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Timothy Oleksiak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it concerns,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I believe this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is a travesty of history to create a vanity project based on flawed process and procedure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamre McGinnis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house. Respect and care for the People's house must be taken. Do not let special interest and/or political groups influence decisions.

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Name: Karen DeVries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Meredyth Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having once been to the former east wing; I doubt we could ever repair or restore it to its former shall we say beauty? A “ball room” is unnecessary.
Do I dare say that in an overall slap happy demolition of such grace? I do. And whatever anyone can do to restore any shred of elegance and again, beauty, would be crucial for continuing our historic heritage. If not leave it desolate and empty-we’ll wait.
Thank you for your consideration to this matter!

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Name: Carol Garner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Harvey Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the desecration, without authorization, of the people's house, by our wannabe king

Date: 2/17/2026 7:34:15 AM
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Name: Joy Rohde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project funding.
The destruction of the East wing was a shocking display of “break things first, ask questions later” - akin to crashing your Toyota Camry and asking for an Escalade replacement,

Not only were the actions illegal and should not be rewarded with “build whatever you want”, but just the phrase “modernization” strikes me as wrong. The White House is a building of historical significance and the understated beauty of the East Wing is in complete disregard in the new project.

Rebuild the East Wing in its original intent. We should not spend 300m of the people's money on this embarrassing homage to fundraising.

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Name: Kathy Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Chiarello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: MaryLynn Gonsalves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am still perplexed and dumbfounded as to how Trump was alllowed to demolish the East Wing in the first place, much less build an ostentatious ballroom as a monument to himself. He is a tenant of the People's house, not the owner. And now, in typical Trump fashion, he doesn't have the true funding to follow through on his narcissistic plan, just as many of his past failed real estate plans unfolded

Moving forward, the plan should be to restore it to its 2024 state at his expense. Additionally the Rose Garden should be replanted. Any court in the nation would side with the landlord and that is We The People. Not the ungrateful tenant living there for free.

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Name: Sarah Kimball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:33:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon McWhorter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to register my opposition to spending $300 million on the East wing ballroom. This project is a desecration of our history and is totally unnecessary. I would like to see the east wing restored to its former glory and putting a stop to this horrible renovation.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:33:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doreen Milcarek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Does the president know the difference between right and wrong? He has no RIGHT to make this unilateral decision and it is WRONG to desecrate the People's House in this manner.

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Name: Judy Moriarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:33:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm against the East Wing Modernization project. First it wasn't approved. Second it's unnecessary. Third it doesn't fit with the design of the White House.

There are rules and the rules need to be followed!

Thank you for your attention to this matter
Valerie Tucker

Date: 2/17/2026 7:33:01 AM
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Name: Linnea Valdez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't a modernization project and must be cancelled. Razing the entire East Wing was a complete affront to law-abiding citizens. I may live far from DC in Minnesota, but my thoughts and my energy are often directed to DC. I teach history and current events and I work very hard to manage my federal tax payments. Two significant reasons why I oppose this plan.

Allowing this plan, is a complete disregard to the people's house and the history attached to it. What happened to the contents and all that made up the East Wing? The East Wing must be restored to its original structure and decorum with modern mechanics.

Perhaps not much of public funds is planned to be spent on this project, but that is wrong, too. It is an historic, public building, a national historic landmark. Protocol should be followed in the management and upkeep of it. No single president should have the power to raze and rebuild any part of it at will.

Put a stop to gross demolition of American history, a building that belongs to our nation and no one person,

and use public funds to rebuild it to its original form with modern mechanics.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Kolakowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending one penny of tax payer money for this project. The project did not go through proper channels and should not proceed. It should be built back as it was so history will not be erased. This is the people's house and the people should have authority to oversee anything done to its house.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Graham Musynske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Talecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on a White House ballroom. This “project” was undertaken without official oversight, review, or approval. The East Wing should be restored as it was and the president and applicable associates should be charged with destruction of property. Thank you for keeping the White House the People’s House.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Pogorelc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all. What's been done is a travesty and an attack on a cultural institution. It's wrong. Please put it back the way it was.

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Nutting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the government’s spending of $300 million without authorization, permits, or design review for new construction. I also oppose the tearing down and destruction of the east wing of the White House without public knowledge or permission.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Raveling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Kilmartin Carreño
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This demolition did not go through the proper channels and protocol. This is classic pay for play and needs to be stopped. The east wing should be rebuilt and the rose garden unsaved and replanted. This is not trump's house.....it belongs to us. He is just a very unruly temp employee.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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My husband and I had the pleasure of visiting DC for the first time in the Fall of 2025 and touring the White House. We are both saddened that a reckless administration was allowed to simply destroy American history. Please stop this madness.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Rury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing of the people’s house to its original design!! I oppose the tearing down of any federal building without proper review and permission.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Broderick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C. Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Read Karsell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

We do not need a ballroom. It NOT money worth spending.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:32:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Hankins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, including the now demolished East Wing, is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE. The current administration has overstepped all legal regulations to destroy what is not his to destroy. I respectfully submit that the ballroom project be stopped and that the East Wing be rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Noris Weiss Malvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Emy Gore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Julie Callard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julia Constas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this wasteful and destructive project that is merely Donald Trump's ego project and does not advance the White House in any way. I oppose any further destruction of the White House which was started without any proper permissions. Please put a stop to this pointless waste of resources.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret OReilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing belongs to the people of America, not the president. No project to change our building should be allowed without the express authority of the groups that have been in place to protect and preserve it. Trump's plans for private funding take that building away from us.
Please restore the power to correct entity for renovations and changes to our American house.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Dulude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization debacle is a travesty that symbolizes the destruction of shared American heritage. The illegitimate way it was undertaken flies in the face of laws that all other Americans are required to follow. No single person is above the law. The project is a desecration our way of life.

The incorporation of funds raised by select individuals currying the favor of a lawless, tasteless person who calls himself President is abominable. The project must be immediately stopped, its ugly grass scar a testament to a shameful period in our history. I oppose the spending of a single cent on it. This project must immediately be returned to the National Capital Planning Commission to propose appropriate care for what used to be “The People’s House.”

Date: 2/17/2026 7:31:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Jenningsj
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East wing to install a ballroom. The White House is The People’s House and should be treated accordingly. To use the East Wing for self-aggrandizement is disgraceful,

shameful and disgusting. Trump should be held financially accountable for restoring the damage he has done.

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Name: Mary McCandless
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project for many reasons: the people's house was not Trump's personal residence to destroy (though looking at the interior and the gaping hole he didn't get the memo), the White House is part of our American legacy and should be treated as such, and he committed the destruction without national review or oversight as all other presidents have done when making changes. This is a travesty from a cultural standpoint, a financial waste, and the unbridled gall of a narcissistic leader who spits on the fundamental concepts our country was founded on. I'm beyond sad at what he has already done to destroy this home of the American people. Please stop this disaster and make the perpetrator of the crime pay to make it right.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Mazziott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration has already done enough damage to the country , please let us not enshrine it further by annihilating the integrity of the White House structure, it is time for clear heads and seeing beyond the current madness. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spend $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. IT IS TRUMP SATISFYING HIS EGO AND LAUGHING IN THE FACE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS!!!! I want this project canceled. I WANT the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Ethridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Frith Barbat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was illegal destruction of national property. I, and millions of others, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Setliff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East wing rebuilt. Do not allow Trump to continue this insane project. He and his family should have to pay for the rebuild.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Hospers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern

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Name: Jennifer Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an insult to every law abiding American citizen. Please refuse any change and demand the building be returned to its pre-demolition state.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Mackie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the vanity project of a tyrant. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Debra Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project- the White House is the people's house and the current occupant is a temporary tenant, who is supposed to care for it, not attempt to turn it into his own vanity project.

The razing of the east wing without proper permits, planning or congressional approval is appalling. Please

permanently block this from moving forward and enact the proper procedure to restore the east wing, this attempt to attack the people's home and erase the proud history within should not be allowed. In addition, these illegal actions should have consequences.

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Name: michael kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project" - it is just another branding attempt by our disgusting, increasingly UNpopular president to permanently memorialize himself. The destruction of the East Wing without authorization or review was blatantly illegal and remains so. STOP this unpopular vanity project immediately and restore the East Wing to its former state, please.

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Name: Holle Brian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sharon Loder
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Name: Judith Toth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am distressed that the east wing was torn down without proper authorization or permits. I believe it should be restored to what it was. The History of our country is being destroyed by not changing the design of the White House. Everyone needs to act within the structure of the law. Please restore our beautiful White House back to its original design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Kranhold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million for the modernization project of the White House. The White House belongs to the people and any money spent needs to be for restoration and preservation of the historical aspects of the East Wing. We must not lose the beauty and history of what that wing of the White House represents.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Harrop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is little more than a vanity project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasure of American history by a lawless administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Crago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without any permission, permitting, or review processes. It is a desecration of the People's House and represents an egregious disregard for history, the law, and architectural standards.

I suppose whatever actions can (and must) be taken to stop this project and to restore the East Wing to its former position as part of the White House. This lawless president must be stopped wherever and

whenever we can.

Please know that there are millions of Americans who oppose this project, as well as allies around the world.

Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:30:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat DeHerrera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not destroy our history. I oppose tearing down the East Wing and replacing it with anything. The destruction should be left as is, and designated as a disaster site

Date: 2/17/2026 7:29:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

United States citizens do NOT need a ballroom that they will never utilize. It would be used by the ultra-rich and campaign donors.

Please use the space for civil servants and elected officials to perform duties that actually benefit Americans.

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Name: Audrey Westerfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Remen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing to the former design and size.
This project which has been correctly halted did not have required permits etc.
The proposed ballroom was greatly out of portion to the existing White House.
This project should be rethought regarding purpose and size.
The Historical Foundation for our historical buildings should be in charge.

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Name: Steven Fore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Thomas Pileggi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dale Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or a reasonable facsimile that is proportional to the White House and West Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karolyn Kruger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched in horror as the East Wing was torn down without notice or permission. As the demolition continued with architectural drawings showing a massive building completely overshadowing the White House , I was appalled. We do not need a huge ballroom. What is the use plan? Is it to be a venue for UFC or cage fights?Are there to be pop concerts and Turning Point USA rallies? Its potential uses are beneath the decorum of the people's house. This monstrous building is supposedly funded by private individuals basically paying bribes to the current administration. The funding is not transparent and no one seems to know where they are. Transient residents should not be able to deface or alter US monuments and assets. That includes the bizarre addition of gold leaf to every flat surface in the White House.

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Name: Mary Jo Maggio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project as it was initiated without permits or proper review. It

is not a project to update and modernize, as it is a complete erasure of our house's history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing built back to its original form. No one is above the law-especially not the POTUS who is supposed to be a beacon of the law.

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Name: Helen Rovito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Holly Krueger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

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Name: Kenneth Haden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a natural born American citizen and tax payer, I am opposed to any Capitol improvement projects that detract from the grandeur of the historic White House. The East Wing modernization project plans, as proposed and rendered by President Trump, do exactly that; they overshadow the existing White House facade and focus attention on the proposed ballroom.
I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing with no input from the planning commission or the American public. I am in favor of abandoning plans for the construction of a ballroom, a monument to a twice-indicted felon, in lieu of restoring the East Wing in a design that duplicates the original structure as closely as possible.

Thank you

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Name: Leslie Sprott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing was an abomination, and allowing the project to continue would be a travesty. This project should be canceled. The American people should not have to pay for the president's vanity project. I would support using those $300 million to restore the East Wing to its former design, inside and out.

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Name: Liz Weinstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Timothy Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing was a criminal theft from the American people. It robbed us of history, tradition, architecture, and significant piece of our collective story at the peoples' house. This gaudy ballroom has no place in the White House complex nor in downtown Washington. The project must be stopped and the perpetrator behind it must be required to restore the East Wing out of his own personal funds. No president should be allowed to get away with this reckless and dangerous behavior.

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Name: Anne Bowers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judith Havens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea that any one person could knock down a portion of the People's House is abhorrent and that a ballroom would be built is a spit in the face to all Americans who are suffering from current economic policies. I suggest downsizing the current plans to the original footprint of the east wing and designating it as a public meeting place where the people of this country could actually meet at scheduled times with currently serving Whitehouse officials, state representatives and all those creating policy for us. Perhaps a lottery for groups or individuals wishing to address public policy could be instituted. It's time we had a clearer say in the direction our country is headed.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:13 AM
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Name: Laura Pritchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that a new building should be built using the same footprint as before . The new building should certainly be modernized and updated but it should serve the same basic purpose as the original building.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna DeSante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The rebuild will be inconsistent in scale and design with the White House itself and will unbecoming of the historical nature of the American people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:27:03 AM
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Name: Heidi olander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project. The money could be used in much more productive ways for our nation. Aesthetically it will overwhelm the "Peoples' House". And it was done illegally without any regard for history. I would like to see it rebuilt in the original design

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Name: Julie Muir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original building.

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Name: Kimberly Denise
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Name: Susan Jones
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Kinsella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the White House proposed ballroom addition to replace the demolished east wing. The demolition was done without any authorization or pre approved replacement. It was a historical part of the people's house. Now that it has been illegally removed, the people should decide the replacement. A ballroom larger than the current White House will be a monstrosity that must not be allowed. I am 100% opposed to a ballroom replacing the illegally destroyed east wing.

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Name: Hazel Huey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans for the ballroom must be scrapped and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design, and while they can't do anything about the ancient trees that were cut down, new trees need to be planted.

The idea to build a ballroom is ludicrous. The White House was meant to be the president's home and his

place of work; it was not meant for giving Versailles-like balls.

Respectfully,
Hazel Huey

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Name: Kim ANVINSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: R. Wilson
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Name: Sue Courts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand the East Wing project did not go through the appropriate process of approve but in fact was action taken by those elite and those who believe they are above the law.This is NOT the America we want … this is NOT a process we in America want as part of our White House. Please assure us this monstrous mess is reassembled the American way to show the generations that follow us … we are a democracy and we value the order of law in this country.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:26:11 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Hope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:26:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Escoto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "modernization" project wholeheartedly. The White House is a national treasure and an iconic representation of our democracy around the world. To destroy a part of it for a vanity project of a man who has already altered many of the places on the grounds Americans treasure is insulting to us all. This destruction of the East Wing without any discussion or consultation with historians and members of boards with oversight of changes to our national properties, leaving it in rubble is despicable.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bridget Tison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Goodness, what a misnomer of a project title! ‘East Wing’ may be right, but ‘Modernization’ is all wrong.

Of course the timing of this destruction of the White House is highly problematic and the plans for a gigantic, grandiose, wasteful, behemoth of an addition is egotistical, impractical and an insult to the American people.

Stopping the construction of the eyesore of the ballroom is the correct move. How you rectify the damage done is its own next problem.

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Name: Roy Leban
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It would be nice if the East Wing hadn't been torn down without authorization, but it's too late for that.

The new East Wing of the White House needs to be a wing of the White House. This means that it must be both smaller and shorter than the White House. It must not visually overwhelm lthe White House. It needs to be built to match the aesthetics of the White House, and with the sensibility of what the government and country wants, not what one particular occupant of the White House likes. This means not gilding everything in gold leaf, real or fake.

It is also super important that none of the money used to build the new East Wing is taken in the form of a bribe to the current Oval Office occupant.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Phelan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a tragedy that should never have happened. I oppose the spending of any funds on building a ballroom and support the allocation of all funds to rebuild the East Wing completely as it was... full restoration... to return the White House to it's proper status as representation of the people of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Faye Pember
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs:

My heart broke when I saw the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This destruction was authorized by a single man without any public input.

To allow the construction of the ballroom he wants would be to reward that behavior. Any parent knows that this is the wrong response.

We can’t rebuild the East Wing, so we should use the space for something beautiful … maybe a garden dedicated to all the immigrants who founded this country.

Thank you for your time.

Faye Pember

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Aaron Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennifer Steele
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Name: Barbara Mustard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Stillman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this “modernization project” go through. The demolition of the East Wing was done without notice, and without authorization. It is a National Historic building, and yet this destruction has been done! We the people do not want or need a massive ballroom that is bigger than what remains of the White House itself! It is a vanity project that serves no real purpose in advancing our American values or the aesthetic values of the White House. We are appalled that this has happened, and we object to any plans to move forward on a ballroom. We would much rather see the East Wing restored, and our history preserved. Those who did this must be held accountable, and they are planning other such lawless construction in the DC area, including a giant arch near Arlington Cemetery. It is not in keeping with who we are, or what America stands for. We are not Las Vegas East! Thank you for your consideration of the peoples’ comments.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Hatler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" is a disaster. Please stop it and return the East Wing to its former structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gay lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This wreckage of the people's house without proper planning or authorization is an affront to all Americans.

This must not stand. You need to send a message that the corruption of accepting bribes to fund this ridiculous ballroom,which was not desired by anyone other than the occupant of the white house, is not a precedent that you are willing to allow. Rewarding the lawlessness, recklessness, and depravity of this action flies against every norm. The beloved East Wing should be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:25:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Feel free to use any of my commentary that I submitted earlier today as a starting point!

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $400M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

I'm also asking that Donald Trump be charged with restoring the property at his own expense or out of his pension.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: heather longino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Chin Aleong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the building of a ballroom that has destroyed the White House!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Bonoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. If I tried to do work on my house without the proper permits I would be fined and would be ordered to stop.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history just to appease a felon's ego I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. This is the People's House. I want the East wing rebuilt exactly as it was. There is no need for a ballroom that costs millions when we have Americans going hungry, unhoused and millions without healthcare. The administration needs to get their priorities in order and stop unnecessary projects.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Drynan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is devastating to see the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. It should be restored to its former glory instead of building a huge ballroom totally out of balance with the current structure. How did this even happen? I served on a local state park board and we could not even plant a seed of grass without going through lengthy state approvals. This is not OK.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Feitelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that Trump razed the east wing of the white house for a ballroom. There is nothing positive for America to come out of creating a ballroom where there were once offices for the first lady and historic and antique objects, and a visitor entrance. If you proceed with this project you should know that it will make Americans very angry. Procedures for review were not followed, so the whole project is criminal, essentially. Like everything else Trump does. And--a ballroom? For his wealthy friends? Where they will pretend that they haven't destroyed millions of lives??!?!??!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:24:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Medic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am dismayed by news of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Sabo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Garnetta Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization—it is the destruction of American history. I urge you to cancel the project and restore the East Wing to its original design. Allowing this to proceed without holding violators accountable undermines the rule of law and disrespects law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Tate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it commenced without regard to the history and national significance of our People's House. The White House is more than an executive residence. It is a national symbol, and as such, any alterations must be made in a thougtful manner. Certainly the construction of a ballroom that dwarfs the original structure is inappropriate both architecturally and symbolically. At the very least, significant effort is required to make this addition both compatible with and subordinate to the original structure both on the exterior and interior. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Cavanaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel the ballroom project and restore the East Wing to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:23:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaime Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Valentine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY BETH PINER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Scale this thing back, better yet, restore what was torn down. This country should be represented by this structure. I don't want to see a monument to a class of rich people that doesn't represent most Americans. It would be a false representation of who we are as Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Bynum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing project. It was started without any review or authorization. I believe it should be restored as it was in the interest of preserving our history. It is heart breaking to see this icon of our democracy defaced

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Scully
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former beauty and configuration.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:25 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mikal Brutzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn McClain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the NCPC:
Like many Americans (and others) I view this ‘‘project’’ as a degradation of our heritage. It must be stopped and returned to its original state. The destruction will be costly to repair but it must be returned to its original state, preferably at the expense of the perpetrator.
Respectfully,
Carolyn McClain

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Meeker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Slattery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bo Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against Mr. Trump building the East Wing at the White House. What he has done to the White House already is a disgrace! He makes everything about “him” and not the nation. Everything he does is gaudy! We are a laughing stock around the world, and his new building I fear will only make it worse. Please stop his exploits of our nation’s treasurers! Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:22:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Allison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without going through the proper processes is a travesty. This is not a modernization project, it is a monument to hubris. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored exactly as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teryl May-Lafalce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the people's house, the use of taxpayers $300,000 to destroy history, and the gaudy dance hall being proposed. None of this was done legally.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a proposed ballroom. I request that the East Wing of the White House be restored to its origin design. The action of destroying the East Wing was illegal, undertaken without required permission or permits. Tearing down the East Wing without proper permission or consent is an affront to Americans. The White House's historical value should not be altered at the whim of any sitting president. I am asking that authorization for a ballroom be denied and the East Wing be restored to its origin design. I do not know if this board has authority to prosecute for the illegal destruction of the East Wing. If it does, I encourage it to pursue prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sis Kinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to any more spending of this project, especially NOT $300 million! It was started without going through the proper channels of authorization, permits, or even design reviews. This is nothing more than an attempt to continue with the destruction of American history! I want this project canceled and would like to see the East Wing rebuilt/restored to the design that has been in place for years. To permit this project to continue without going through the proper and correct channels would be an atrocity and a slap in the face to all of the law-abiding citizens of these United States! NO ONE is above the law! Especially not the President! He has not followed the laws with regard to this project of his and he should be penalized as any other person would be and should be! STOP this project NOW!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Stryker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing on the White House, the People's House, was illegal, horrifying and senseless. No one wanted this done. The Trumps should have to personally foot the bill to cover the demolition and the rebuilding. It should be rebuilt under the NCPC's guidance with modernization as needed and sensible. The historic East Wing is, sadly, gone forever. But we can at least force them to rebuild and pay for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:21:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leia Hildebrand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Neither Congress nor the people of the United States of America approve of this despicable renovation. Save the White House to remain as it is and restore what has been desecrated by the President's self-serving ego. We owe it to our founding fathers to keep this country's legacy intact. Do the right thing, America.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: T Haney-Mough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The destruction of this historical portion of the People's House was unlawful and done by a vengeful man, who only cares about himself.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesia Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this East wing project

And the taking of bribes to build a huge ballroom

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Name: Elizabeth Kopetka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melanie Harris
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Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Gamble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Schuyler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing modernization project. The wing was torn down without proper input or oversight and the ballroom proposal is not proportional to the historic building the is the people's White House. The space should be rebuilt and returned to its original size and design.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Topel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It was wrong to tear down the entire East Wing without Congressional permission and oversight. In my opinion, legal recourse should be pursued.

Architecture is a form of art that reflects the history and culture of a society. A huge ballroom that overwhelms the existing White House is an affront to good taste . Trump says it will be paid for by " donations" but as we all know, donations come with strings attached. I don't want my countries' House to be built with tainted funds.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Delgado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million ballroom and the destruction of the east wing. I believe all of the normal procedures should have been followed and Trump should be held liable in a Bivens action so that he can finally learn a lesson about the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Gilmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I saw the after photos of the razing of the East Wing and cried; the people's house had been desecrated. The "renovation" of the Lincoln bathroom, the rose garden and the east wing are an affront to our shared

history. The blatant disregard of decades of protocol and regulation of constructional changes to a national monument and historic treasure is an insult to every law abiding citizen. How could this have happened? Reconstruction faithful to the east wing's former size, shape and historic architecture and decor must be done at the expense of those who destroyed it. If a ballroom is to be built, it should be done at a different site and faithful to current architectural renderings of other capital buildings. The voice of the American people MUST be heard and respected in dealing with a treasured symbol of our collective, national heart.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:20:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Huth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that such history was knocked down with absolutely no oversight. I think a modest updated east wing be built to replace it, but to have a gaudy giant ballroom is beyond unnecessary. I hope that you can get this fiasco back on a better track than it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:19:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To NCPC,
Watching the un permitted destruction of a historic American cherished property, was appalling. It must be restored to its former iteration with as needed structural upgrades.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Katz

Date: 2/17/2026 7:19:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Copelof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unauthorized destruction of the East Wing and the proposed building of a gigantic ballroom. The White House belongs to the people not just the current president. We do not need an ostentatious ballroom. None of the proper procedures were followed and this effort must be stopped. The administration should be required to rebuild the East Wing to the way it was before.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:19:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacque Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, gaudy, and the plan does not match the historic integrity of the rest of the property. It was razed with complete disregard for history and safety precautions for the presence of asbestos, lead, and other toxic materials. In its haste to avoid public comment or scrutiny and force through Trump's "grand palace," we have lost an irrecoverable piece of American history and wasted taxpayer money. Worse, there is still zero evidence that the "donations" collected for building the ballroom ever existed and didn't just directly enrich the President. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and an investigation into those alleged "donated" funds which should go toward the cost of restoring the White House and Trump should be held financially responsible for any remaining expenses to restore the building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:18:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the $300 million for this project. It started with no authorization, permits,nor a review of the design. It is not "modernization" but destruction of the iconic White House. Contrary to what the White House Administration stated- a ballroom was not wanted and needed by Americans. It was so upsetting to see the wrecking ball destroy the East Wing.

No one should be above following the law- The project must be halted and the East Wing returned to its former design. Security measures-upgraded electrical systems etc can be made for "modernization" but not a Vanity Project for an enormous ballroom to be used rarely- and by an elite few. The White House should remain The People's House".

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Mathis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diana Leggett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shayla Cruz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:18:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerel Riggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That house is not his. He did not take the proper steps. He doesn't take the proper steps for anything. He shouldn't even be in office. He should be arrested. He is a pedophile.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Radostitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing public comment on the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I write in opposition to the unlawful and irreverent way in which this historic building has been razed without authorization, permitting or public notice. I recommend that the White House and this Administration be required to follow rules just like every homeowner is required when they want to make renovations to their home. How can I teach my children that laws must be followed if the President/Commander-in-Chief refuses to do so, and does so both publicly and without remorse.
The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt to preserve its original glory, not as a tribute to one man's ego, but rather a tribute to ALL Americans - who own the building. I also object to private funding for a public building without specific Congressional authorization. Bypassing Congressional approval violates our deeply held Constitutional foundation of the separation of powers, which is one of the core pillars of our democracy.
Respectfully,
Rita Radostitz

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a project "for the people by the people." This is a project about the ego of one man. This is not about modernization. It is about a garish display of abuse of power. I want not only for this project to be canceled, but also the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It would also be in direct opposition of the will of the majority of the American people, which is the directive that SHOULD drive the government of the nation.

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Name: Casey Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Emily Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom.

Return the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their former state before they were illegally demolished without proper authorization.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:17:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudi Koston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the large project that Trump has planned. Firstly, the proportions are all wrong in relation to the White House. Second, are large facilities such as what has been planned really needed frequently enough to justify the cost? Granted, he says private funds are being used to erect it, but there will be maintenance, cleaning, heating and air conditioning needed for upkeep going forward. That will be the taxpayers burden.

Americans don't need or want palaces. That's what we fought against 250 years ago. Please don't let this project proceed. Rebuild something tasteful and in the esthetic of the original East Wing and White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even one cent on this ridiculous ego extension, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law despite the president's track record, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vincent Huckle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alumbaugh Kendi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

SImply put, a ballroom would be WRONG.
The White House may house presidents, but it is the people's house, not any president's castle!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Hartley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To all Commissioners concerned;

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Sincerely,
Claire Hartley
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maty rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It has been horribly traumatic watching the destruction of the East Wing. It is our house too, did you think no one would notice, or care?

Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alana Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that it was torn down in the first place is a travesty. Building a “ballroom” will only add insult to injury. This house is the people’s house, not to be rebuilt by the current tenant.

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Name: Robynn Hilliard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to the people, not the sitting president.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:16:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Crown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deb Topka
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Name: Nikki Pike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Giesler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project as the East Wing is a historic landmark and should not be demolished. I believe the project should be halted and the East Wing returned to its former state
Thank you

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Name: Lynette Willsey-Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Izzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed $300 Million ballroom project. I am infuriated that this administration razed the historical East Wing without following the proper protocols. The planned ballroom would overwhelm the existing White House; it is an inappropriate use of funds and public property. This is the Peoples' House, not

Trump's private estate. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:15:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC File Number: 8733
I'm a citizen of the U.S., a retired federal employee, someone who has visited Washington, D.C. to work in federal buildings and as a tourist and plans to do so again, and I am a daughter of parents who led groups of 8th graders to Washington, D.C. for many decades. My parents and I have experienced the awe that the architecture of our nation's capitol city inspires both directly and through watching young people have this experience. I believe that that the classic proportions within the design of each building and monument as well as the proportions among them are key to providing that inspiration and the realization that we are a part of a country that is thoughtful and does great things through careful, collaborative planning and perseverance.
I am greatly concerned about comments that this administration has made as to the proposed size and proportions for the East Wing of the White House, and I was profoundly disturbed by the demolition of the East Wing without proper consultation (e.g. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)) or a publicly-vetted, approved plan for replacing the demolished East Wing with a new one. As the NCPC reviews the East House Modernization Project, I urge the reviewers to carefully consider how the public will see and experience the modernization project from surrounding public spaces and from viewpoints used in photography and videography. The external size and proportions of the East Wing must be in balance with both the central structure of the White House and the West Wing. The East and West Wings must be subordinate to the central structure of the White House and the classical “golden ratio” of human design indicates that the ratio of the dimensions of the wings to the central structure should be approximately 1:1.618, i.e., the wings must each appear smaller than the central structure. In addition, the dimensions and features of the new East Wing itself should follow the golden ratio. Finally, the external views of the new East Wing should be in harmony with those of the West Wing.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this stage of the approval process. I look forward to seeing actual plans and scale drawings of the public views from multiple representative vantage points in the future.

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Name: Chris Olmstead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

No one I know likes the idea of a ballroom so as their voice I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:15:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This hideous destruction of the East Wing of the White House, is not about the American people and the "people's House", it is about satisfying the ego of an endlessly narcissistic man, with incredibly poor taste. I oppose this abomination!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:15:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Montgomery Ambrose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I reject the Trump Administration and it's attempt to change the East Wing in a horrific and terrible misuse of power. The Trump Administration fair to obtain the proper reviews or permits to destroy one of our nations finest architectural antiquities. Please block this misguided attempt of Donald Trump as he seeks to nationalize his name much like other dictatorial leaders of current and past government.

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Name: Chad Pearce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Chad Pearce

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Name: Cheri Holdridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen, I'm devastated that the East Wing was razed in order to add a ballroom. This is the People's House and the duly elected representatives need to decide how to recover the history and beauty of the White House now that this damage has been done. We don't need a huge ballroom that does not align with architecture of the existing structure. I support a new structure similar to what was there previously.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:14:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Caccia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. It is the property of the people of this country and Trump is a temporary occupant. No major changes should be made or nothing built without consultation and approval as according to law. It is not up to one man to decide what to do to the People's House .

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Name: Julie Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Schott
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Date: 2/17/2026 7:14:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Schroeder-Studer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Uma Mishra-Newbery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:13:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Botcharova
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sir or Madame,

I strongly oppose the continuation of the East Wing Modernization Project.

There are processes and procedures that everyone - even the President of the United States - needs to follow when making changes to Historical structures. There was no consultation or approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, and the funding for this project was ''sourced'' from individuals and companies - which strongly implies an intention to curry favors from the President.

Every aspect of this project was poorly thought out, poorly initiated and - as most of the President's projects - intended to make submission to his 'vision' inescapable simply by the speed with which he is willing to disregard rules he finds inconvenient.

I would like this project STOPPED.
The original East Wing structure needs to be replaced - NOT 'improved' according to the President's standards.
Repayment for the reconstruction should come from the President personally, not thrust upon taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Sincerely,

Susan Botcharova

Date: 2/17/2026 7:13:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Weems
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be cancelled and the east wing must be restored to its original design. This is a waste of money with no benefit to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:13:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was demolished for the vanity of its current occupant and without permits etc. The White House does not belong to the president, it belongs to the people and should be restored to its original design plus any structural improvements required. This should be paid for by the individuals who initiated and carried out its demolition, not by taxpayers.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:13:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shannon Kuster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Garnett Persinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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We do not aggrandize dictators in this country and that is exactly what this administration is acting like. Destroying American history and rewriting it to fit a false narrative is wrong.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:12:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ray Guidi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a criminal act to raze the east wing without planning and permitting.
The east wing needs to be restored in a tasteful and historic fashion.
All design and permitting should be done to oversight and accountability.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:12:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fatima DaSilva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:11:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendall Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is disheartening that the project got as far as it did before it could be stopped. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:11:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Hine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the unauthorized destruction of the people's house has already occurred, it must be rebuilt
It cannot be rebuilt to satisfy the whims of a dictator.
Built it so the outside looks exactly the same.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:11:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Naida Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House east wing should be restored to the way it was. Destruction of the east wing made the White House look asymmetrical and ugly. IF the ballroom can be built with private funds, and without destroying the previous look of the White House, then ballroom construction should continue. Those 2 caveats are important, using private money and not impinging on the appearance of the White House as it was before the ballroom project began.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My proposal would be to reconstruct the East Wing to match its original layout and design while adding modernization. If a ballroom is to be constructed, it should be done so as to minimize any architectural visualization to the original main White House structure. IT SHOULD NOT DWARF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE. If a 90k layout is unavoidable, perhaps it can be constructed partially underground as to not appear to be an add on to an already beautiful structure in our nation's history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JuliAnn Nisevich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed expansion of the East Wing of the White House. This project must proceed in full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to ensure the protection of environmental quality and the preservation of the site's historic integrity.

In accordance with NEPA, a comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be conducted to evaluate all potential impacts, including noise, traffic, air quality, and the preservation of existing landscaped areas. This review must also address cumulative impacts in relation to other federal construction activities.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, the project should undergo formal consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and relevant preservation authorities. The design must adhere to the established neoclassical architectural style of the White House, ensuring that materials, proportions, and detailing remain consistent with the original design intent and do not diminish the building's historic character.

The planning process should include transparent public engagement at all stages, with timely disclosure of findings and opportunities for substantive public input before final approval.

Thank you for your attention to these requirements. I expect the project to be executed with the highest standards of environmental compliance and historic preservation.

Sincerely,
JuliAnn Nisevich
Schererville, IN

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Eicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on East Wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D Over
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose any spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the White House rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Somer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this atrocity to go forward. I lived in Northen Virginia for 33 years and each time I arrived in Washington, DC, I got chills seeing the beautiful Whitehouse. This project represents this horrific administration and their disdain for the rule of law. And it will be yet another project that the billionaires fund so that they can continue to pillage off of our beautiful country. I beg you not to let this evil empire get away with destroying the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:27 AM
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Name: Tiffany Copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Summers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project that was done without following the proper procedure — the Antiquities Act included. This vanity project that has cost citizens not only money, but the history contained in the East Wing. The US is not a monarchy and we do not need or want a golden ballroom.
Please stop this project from continuing and restore the East Wing of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:02 AM
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Name: Kelly Antwi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:01 AM
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Name: Kathleen Pacella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:10:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nick Fischer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the $300 million white house ballroom. This project was started without proper approvals and permits and has destroyed part of our shared American history to cater to the ego of one man. No one is above the law this ballroom should be stopped and the East Wing restored to its previous condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela CHURCHILL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project stopped. It's a project that was initiated without following any rules regulations or processes to preserve this historical building. This "modernization" is an attempt to destroy history and create a building project to funnel resources and power to a select few billionaires and one person's insatiable need for aggrandisement. This is project has nothing to do with or for the American people, which is a direct confrontation to the time honored value of this historic building being the people's house. Stop this project now.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue O'Donovan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Nickerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires

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Unless of course you'd like to spend the billionaires money to build a free daycare center for federal and DC workers.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Legut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Meis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sinead Kasch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The proper authorization and review was not obtained prior to the destruction of our National history. This project should not only not go forward, but the East Wing should be returned to the original design. I cannot fathom how an administration could unilaterally make this decision without consent. The White House is supposed to be the People's House, its current inhabitant is temporary, but is making these irresponsible decisions without a second thought. Please protect the rule of law and protect our national monuments and history.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:09:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Gesmundo Marcinek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Renteria
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it did not go through the proper channels. It needs to be scrapped and start anew, and be rebuilt in accordance to the law and the original design. No one is above the law and not punishing those that did not follow the law is an affront to law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Moriarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing to be restored to what it was. Demolition was totally illegal. The White House belongs to the American people, not Trump. Period

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Vensel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending the money to build a ballroom. The East Wing was a historic part of the White House and destroyed without the consent of the American people. The proposed ballroom is not a good use of taxpayer dollars to improve the functioning of the White House but the vanity project of one man. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was to support office staff and a space to welcome the American people into the People's House. As President Trump destroyed it without the consent of the American People he should have to be the one to personally pay to rebuild it.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Piatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This project should be canceled and the East Wing restored to its original, historic design. This project was started without proper authorization or review and to allow it to move forward flies in the face of American values of fairness and equality. You shouldn't be able to do whatever you want, regardless of the rules, just because of your position.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:08:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Thomson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patricia Hyde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:07:29 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Meixelsperger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Werner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars (or any amount) on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who beoke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Ecklund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:06:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Al Eager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing of the White House that's being torn down for a monstrous giant ballroom by a mad king wanna-be.

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Name: Walter Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a veteran, an educator, and a mother, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without

penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who initiated the project should cover the cost of rebuilding and retiring the east wing with historical accuracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Goldenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since no approval was given before or after demolition, the person responsible for authorizing the damage to a historic building should pay for the repairs to make it exactly like it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Derek Southard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Greeley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like this project stopped--it was started without proper authorization and permission. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its historic design. The White House is the People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:05:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Laundon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Beddow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars for a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House once stood. It was destroyed and none of the proper channels for a "Renovation" were followed.This is NOT the proper way to treat ANY historic place let alone THE MOST HISTORIC PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES!!! It should be restored and returned to its original state without delay!!
Sincerely,
Tamara A. Beddow

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States and a Naval Veteran, I am appalled that the current resident of the White House felt he had the right to unlawfully destroy the First Ladies' Wing of the People's House. The White House is the People of the U.S. House, not any current resident. Once again, United States history is being erased. May this abomination be stopped and the People's House restored to its former condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:30 AM
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Name: Diane Santos
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Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Bateman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my strongest opposition to the unlawful destruction of the historic East Wing. This was begun with no oversight and no approval and is a desecration of one of our most iconic buildings. It needs to be rebuilt back to its previous form. The proposed “ballroom” is a grandiose and tacky abomination and grossly out of proportion to the iconic White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jordan Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:04:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Hodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can one person make a decision to destroy part of the People's House? This is heartbreaking and should not be allowed. We need to restore it as closely as possible to original.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:03:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Camille Bernier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allison Patel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:03:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denelle Balliet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree with spending $300 million on the Ballroom project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one person or even group of people should take it up on themselves to change and destroy a piece of our history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Corrin Finnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the new "East Wing modernization project". This is an affront to the history of the White House! It will change the image and all it stands for.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Anquetil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Anne Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing of the East Wing without proper permits and design review. The historical significance was not respected and work must be halted immediately. The East wing must be restored to its former state, with artifacts returned, and any destruction accounted for.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Beerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t consider the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed construction of a massive ballroom a modernization project, but I WOULD like to see the money that has been “donated” to the ballroom construction used to rebuild the East Wing, which was purposely destroyed before anyone could stop it.

Please do not allow that ballroom to be built!

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Rezvan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposal to build a "ballroom" on the site of the East Wing. The East Wing should be fully restored to its former footprint, with appropriate upgrades to electrical and other systems. The beauty and symmetry of the pre-demolition should be returned rather than weighing down the East side of the site and dwarfing the central, original, classic visual impression.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:02:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Signe Kastberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It is not the personal property of any President. Tearing down the East Wing was a travesty, and appears to be a vanity project that will cater to wealthy donors, not to The People of the United States. The current proposed building is a monstrosity that has nothing to do with We The People, and most of us will never see the inside of it other than on TV. I strenuously object to the building of a huge ballroom to serve the ego of the current resident of the White House and his wealthy friends. Any addition/change to the White House should very clearly be of, for, and by The People. Given the ballooning national debt, we don't need any more foolish expenditures. The claim that it will be paid for with "donations" is unsubstantiated. To "update" or "modernize" is reasonable (though not really a substantiated need). I think the East Wing should be rebuilt on the same footprint, in the same dimensions, as it was. Thank you for considering my opinion as a citizen and voter.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:01:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Seavers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was never approved and did not go through the proper channels prior to demolition. Nobody cares about a ball room. Please restore the white house to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Waldron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Father Tim Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that it is important to hold this administration accountable for destroying the historic East Wing. This destruction is against the law.
Fr. Tim Carr

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any money to be spent on a project that did not follow the legal process required for renovation of federal buildings. The East wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 7:00:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Creswick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our historic buildings are not for one person to decide to demolish. The East Wing of the White House was not on any proper list for changes or destruction. It needs to be restored. Any additional changes to the White House, or any other federal historic building, need to go through the proper authorizations and reviews that are set up by law

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Name: Linda Neilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:59:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Huffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: linda cetta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is not only ugly, out of scale and unnecessary, it is a mechanism for the rich to curry favor with Trump and make the United States an autocrat run oligarchy.

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Name: Laura Johnsrude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. The project was initiated without obtaining proper authorization, permits, or design review. Instead of being a modernization project carefully thought-out and considered by qualified personnel, the undertaking becomes just an effort to erase American history. I want this project canceled, and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. If the Commission permits this project to advance without penalizing those who broke the law, it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Berry Manter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a member of my local historic landmark preservation society I am appalled by the unprovoked and illegal destruction of America's White House. As a landlord, I would hold any tenant financially responsible for all damages incurred during tenancy, as well as immediate eviction. Mr. Trump should be held to these same standards.
The East Wing of property belonging to this nation should be fully restored with provisions to update specific and restricted to energy efficiency and the application of materials proven to both replicate and enhance durability.
Sincerely,
Berry Manter

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Name: Mary Gee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rosanne Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the historic East wing to its same historic grandeur.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:59:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Guidi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Maxim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Let’s face it, this is just another of Trump’s vanity projects.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: SERENA HINKEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an appallingly affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:58:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Haufler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the expenditure of tax funds for this project. The East Wing was torn down suddenly and without authorization or review. The proposed replacement is not modernization but rather a complete replacement that destroys history and does not align aesthetically with the White House- the People's House. I want any new building to be overseen by a historical review committee and uphold the highest standards.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:58:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carri Goodman-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:58:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Kirksey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project. It's a complete razing of history without proper authorization. Cancel the project!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:58:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Crawford Reidy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not elect presidents to dance in ballrooms. We do not live in the trump kingdom. Build the west wing back the way in was. The intend of the west wing was for the first lady/gentleman to work and enhance issues that matter to real Americans. An entertaining area could be included for dining and the arts within reason and at an affordable cost to the American citizen.

No ballroom,
Deborah Johnston

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Schlegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with all items accounted for. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: AM Duross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Actually I am horrified that he has been destroying the People's House, piece by piece. But the destruction of the East Wing for an unneeded and lavish Ballroom is the straw the broke my back. This is not a remodel or update, as former Presidents have done. It's a complete demolish with no oversight. His strategy, on so many things is, "Bulldoze first, litigate later."

Stop this project!

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trena Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this $300 million project. Period.

It was started without proper authorization, without the required permits, and without appropriate design review. That alone should stop everything. You don't get to bulldoze history first and ask questions later.

Let's call this what it is this is not "modernization." This is the complete razing of American history. You don't erase legacy and call it progress. You don't tear down something meaningful and dress it up as improvement.

And let's talk about the money. $300 million of public funds. Taxpayer dollars. Our dollars. If this project bypassed legal procedures, then someone ignored the law. And no one I don't care who you are is above the law.

To allow this to continue without accountability would be a slap in the face to every law-abiding citizen in this country.

Stop the project.
Review the permits.
Hold people accountable.
Restore the East Wing to its original design.

We cannot preach integrity and then look the other way when rules are broken. Preservation matters. Process matters. Accountability matters.

History deserves respect and so do the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Gore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Mielke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart is sad to see part of the American people's White House torn down to pieces. Another part of our history wiped out. Please be the voice needed to stop this destruction and bring back to original wing of our White House. Thank you.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Hasson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and the proposal to build a very large and useless ballroom. The White House belongs to the American people and is a sacred property. Tearing down the original east wing was an illegal action and desecrated this historic building. This beautiful building is a symbol of our history and our freedom. What is it for. Surely not as a tribute to our history. Building a ballroom for periodic state dinners? Fundraisers with fees going into the Presidents pocket? weddings for hire? State sponsored Wrestling events? This large ballroom a waste of time, money and my taxpayer dollars. Plus I cannot believe that all funds will come from private sources nor will the accounting of this

project be honest. I believe that those that tore it down did not have the right to do so, and therefore it should be rebuilt to original standards and size, and paid for by those that did not have any right to touch my building without properly following the law. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and the cost of the destruction and restoration should be borne by Donald J Trump personally and not by taxpayer dollars. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:57:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Rauen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the house that belongs to the American people was illegally torn down. I want it rebuilt exactly as it was before this illegal act took place

Date: 2/17/2026 6:56:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Hatler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently against the razing of the historic East Wing of the people's White House by the current president. It was done without review or preservation of the contents with a plan to build a ballroom funded by big tech billionaires in the name of a twice impeached, criminally indicted man who is steadily destroying every institution of the US government. I think that the East Wing should be restored as it was before this egomaniacal man took a literal wrecking ball and destroyed a part of US history, all in the name of slapping his own name on yet another formerly great American institution.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:56:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Mesner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review prior to the illegal demolition of the entire East Wing. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the ballroom project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:56:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Chidley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:55:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Merchant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Mr. Trump should have to fund the entire rebuild out of his own pocket and apologize to the citizens for his behavior. NOT HIS HOUSE! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:55:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on modernizing the East Wing. This project was begun without any authorization or feedback from the American people. The White House is a primary symbol of our country, a landmark, and should have been treated as such instead of demolished like it was an abandoned Montgomery Ward store. Restore it to its former footprint as a small symbol of restoring order and dignity

to our country. Again, I oppose the $300 million Ego ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Lapolla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Popkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:55:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luanna Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nick Ardinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernisation does not require blatantly illegal destruction. Without regard for the proper authorization, permits, or design review, American history has been tossed aside. Neither tax money nor donations should fund such recklessness. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:54:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brystana Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and we cannot permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.
Thank you for your consideration of this request, Brystana Kaufman
Voter and US citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 6:54:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Palmatier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of at least $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not at all a modernization project but

rather the complete destruction of a very important part of American history. I demand that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored exactly to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Harden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should not dwarf the scope of the historical White House. Its scale and level of opulence should blend in with the existing structure.

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Name: James Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lara Rutledge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was shocking and very upsetting to see the complete destruction of the peoples house.
I very much oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Kings need ballrooms and we don't have a king. I think this project should be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Lamison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wreckless destruction of the East Wing of the White House and building of an overly expenxive, gawdy ballroom called the modernization of the East Wing. Demolition and new construction must have proper approvals and permits. It is the "House of the People", not the mansion of one person and the approval for any changes must be made by the people's National Trust. This project must be stopped immediately and the East Wing must be reconstructed to it's former design and purpose. The disregard for the laws of this land must be treated equally for all No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Mullins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Finstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as I am concerned about the ballroom addition to the White House. The White House is an iconic symbol of America and my fear is that the size and scale of this project will dwarf the original portion of the structure. Also, considering we have seen terrorist attacks target iconic buildings, does it even makes sense to have a large gathering space attached to the President's residence? Wouldn't it make more sense to have such a space off site and bring one person (the President) to the throngs of people vs. bringing throngs of people to the President's residence? I do realize that it already is a very public space, but increasing capacity of event size to me just feels extra security vulnerability. I feel like it would better suite the needs of both the integrity of the White House and the needs for a larger event space to have a large public event space built nearby, but not attached to the White House. Not to say events can't continue to occur at the White House, but keep the invite list modest and exclusive. And rebuild a modern version of the East Wing to accommodate functions of the White House and return balance and scale to this iconic national treasure.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaimie Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the proposed expansion of the East Wing at the White House. Even if privately funded, the White House is not a private property — it is a historic national symbol that belongs to the American people.

Major structural additions to such an iconic and historically significant building should be approached with extraordinary caution and broad public transparency. Private funding does not eliminate concerns about precedent, historical preservation, or the long-term impact on the character and integrity of the building.

The White House represents continuity, restraint, and respect for tradition. Any expansion should meet an exceptionally high standard of necessity and public consensus. I urge decision-makers to carefully reconsider whether this project truly serves the institution and the country as a whole.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Toews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The continuation of this project would be an insult to the White House itself, to US history, to law-abiding citizens. It was started without any of the proper authorizations, permits, public discussion or debate. The budget is sketchy and the funding sources are unethical and opaque. The proposed plans are untenable and ugly. It is not a renovation or improvement, it is an illegal razing of a national monument to assuage one man's ego. I beg you to put a stop to this shameful and lawless abomination and restore the East Wing.

If I tore down my house in the dead of night and embarked upon a complete rebuild without seeking the proper authorization... I would be fined into bankruptcy. And I don't own a house that is a historical monument! Nobody should be above the law, not even the president. Please, do the right thing. Put an end to this destruction.

Thank You.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:53:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Tessier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To all:

I strenuously oppose the construction of a 90,000 square foot ballroom which competes with and becomes an eyesore to the existing structures, and was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and rewriting of American history. I want this project canceled.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design with only necessary updates for codes and appropriate ADA needs.

No one, including a bully, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please do not approve this project and further destruction of our historic treasures.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa O'Toole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the demolition of the East Wing reprehensible. No President should be allowed to destroy federal public property without permission of Congress or a vote from "We the People". President Trump should be fined and held accountable for this historically unlawful action. His actions are a stain on our country, democracy and his presidency.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leona Dalavai Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Ohland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of millions on this ridiculous project, which was improperly initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Kendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the people's house and no modernization should be initiated without proper approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without the proper authorization, permits or design review. The destruction of the East Wing erases an important part of US history. This destruction was unlawful and there should be consequences for breaking the law as NO ONE is above the law. Please rebuild the East Wing to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:52:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janeen Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the White House is an historic landmark and part of the legacy of this country. As the people's house, it should only be changed under careful scrutiny in keeping with historical tradition. A tasteless ballroom that only satisfies the current occupant should not be allowed. Keep the flavor and style that represents the time it was built.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Yewell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization? Would you "modernize" the Washington Monument? The Lincoln Memorial? What Trump is doing is not "modernization." He is trying to erase any history that does not have his name attached to it.

Do not humor this sociopathic egomaniac. Make him rebuild it exactly the way it was. Teach him that he does not own the White House, We, the people, do.

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Name: kent Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kim Roszkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, public accountability, and adherence to the rules for preservation of national historic sites.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. It should be restored to its former design and be historically accurate.

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Name: Brooke de Lench
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Maria Prasek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cynthia Boyle
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Name: Christina Peruski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the proposed East Wing addition is an abomination. It should not be designed to dwarf the White House structure. Its footprint should be smaller and the height lower. This "ballroom" wing will not be hosting 700-1000 person gatherings on a regular basis, so the design a structure that accommodates those numbers is ridiculous. (the old east wing should never have been torn down in the first place, one of the silly reasons being that women's heels sunk into the lawn in the tent set ups)

Bloomfield Hills, MI

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Name: Jen Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sara Teaster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and I want Donald Trump to personally pay for the reconstruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The day this building was torn down in such a violent and non-historical preservation context, was a sad day for America. I understand the need to modernize, but that is not what this was. The president should be found personally liable for the costs of damage and repair to this building.

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Name: Kathleen May
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Estes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my thoughts on the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. This iconic building, a National Historic Landmark and a cherished part of our national heritage, deserves careful consideration before any significant alterations are made.

As stewards of our historic landmarks, the public should have a genuine opportunity to contribute to decisions that affect such nationally significant places. The White House, owned by the American people and the residence of our presidents since 1800, must be preserved in a manner that reflects its historical importance.

The requirement for review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, along with compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and congressional approval, underscores the need for transparency and public input in this process. While I understand the need for expanded event space, the proposed ballroom's size raises concerns about compatibility with the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, it would surpass the footprint of the existing 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Any additions to historic properties should be subordinate to the original structure and maintain its integrity.

I urge the commissioners to prioritize public feedback in this process. As Carol Quillen wisely stated, the American people deserve "an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project." I encourage all stakeholders to consider the long-term implications of this addition and ensure that it respects the historic context of this important landmark.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to seeing how public input will shape this project.

Sincerely,

Ken Estes, Jr.

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Name: Judith Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diane Gustafson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kay Richey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michelle Cowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mark Cetta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. It is ugly, overblown and not needed. It turns the House of the People into the Home of the Oligarchs

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Name: Brittany LaCombe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rob Heegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Teresa Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is outrageous and needs to be stopped and those behind it fined the amount to restore the east wing to its original state. To include add on for and cost overruns that may happen.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Mohs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir / Madam,

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Yours sincerely,

Nina Mohs

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:53 AM
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Name: Kimberly Swoverland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing of the White House:

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding citizens. I was devastated the current administration destroyed the East Wing without consent. Please do not allow this injustice to continue.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:48:45 AM
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Name: Carrie Jasso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without effort to conserve its materials and history, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kathy Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plan for spending on an anticipated ballroom

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Name: Kay Scime
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Keely Kurtas-Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the

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Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt at an unnecessary monument. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be inexcusable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sirs:

What Donald Trump is doing to the East Wing is an abomination and un-American. The White House is not his property to with what he likes to satisfy his personal whims and 5th grade ego. It is an historic landmark that is the property of the American people. What is even more disturbing is that the wing was demolished under cloak of darkness before anyone made any attempt to stop it. When I put up a new fence in my yard I have to jump through any number of hoops with my Town before I can do anything. Permits have to be obtained; public comment is undertaken. Where in God's name were the checks and balances in this case? Why was our brain-dead subhuman President allowed to wreak havoc with government property and a National treasure without any input from Congress and other regulatory bodies? What's next? Idiot Donald removing the Washington Monument for his idiotic Arch De Triumph ripoff as a monument to himself? Checks and balances have to be ensured. Laws have to be abided by. Traditions must be upheld.

NO Dictators. NO Fascists, NO Kings.

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Name: Teresa Burris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the wing as it was. A part of us history

Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:03 AM
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Name: Gina Varlaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Bring it back to its former glory

Date: 2/17/2026 6:47:01 AM
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Name: Linda Spellman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose, this project as it simply is not a modernization project at all but rather a gross misuse of taxpayers money and loss of a national treasure. This is gross misuse of power and should be stopped immediately. The East Wing should then be returned to its former state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Boden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Applicant: Executive Residence at the White House. NCPC File #8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Ramirez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization project is an abomination. While I realize the damage is already done with respect to the destruction, the people's house should be preserved in accordance with the building's history and longstanding norms. We don't need a ballroom. We don't want a ballroom. We surely don't want one that is larger than the rest of the building and detracts from the importance of the center. Please stop the addition of the ballroom and restore the building in alignment with the norms and history it represents.

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Name: Karen Barthelmeus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historic places must be protected for those who come after us. I don't know who will come to enjoy a ballroom but it will not be the majority of people. Please restore the east wing of the White House to its original plan.
Respectfully, Karen

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Name: Cynthia Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patricia Pedersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it offensive to spend money on a project that was illegally initiated. I would rather that the East wing be restored and the perpetrators be prosecuted.

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Name: Jackie Campanella
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Name: Robin Posey-Blue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Welsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am so heartsick over the destruction of our beautiful East Wing of the White House. This is our history and should never have been able to be torn down without the approval of the people. I don't want a ballroom no matter who pays for it! I want to see our historic beloved East Wing restored to what it has been, reflecting all of those who have been there before, and the gentle touches that had been respectfully and legally made, rather than this total destruction of our beautiful history. Please, restore our East Wing back to what it was.

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Name: Donna Shepper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Thering
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lynne Attix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Peggy Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our current president wants to put his brand on everything he can manage so that he will never be forgotten. Tearing down the existing East Wing to build a huge ballroom named after him is an egregious affront to US citizens to whom the historical site belongs.

He did not go through proper channels to get permission to even approve the "concept". Now there is an eyesore, a glaring and ugly "concept" if his selfishness and huge ego. This glaring, wild affront to our senses must be stopped and rectified in the proper way. The public demands accountability. The grifting of our nation must be stopped COLD.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:44:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendra Meiklejohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Morales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, regardless of the source of funding, which was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. Bulldozing the East Wing was illegal and to permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a grandiose legacy to a man who wants to be a king. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Katherine Seale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House.
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Name: Kristy Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I whole heartedly OPPOSE a new ballroom at the White House. Trump demolished history, without consent or prior proper permits, on a whim. That is not his house, it belongs to the people of the USA. Trump will only live there for 3 more years. The history in the part of the building he obliterated can never be restored. But, we can fight to preserve what is left of the people's White House.

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Name: Debra Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chris Newcomb
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Name: Sharon Leach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was never any need for this utter destruction of the people's house. Given fund mismanagement among many other problems, I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: marcia williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. We do not need a wing of the White House to shadow the People's home. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgia Alvarez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the building of a ballroom. The White House is the people's house and was razed without consent
I want the East Wing of the White House rebuilt to its original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Parkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the demolished East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Milem Sarah Milem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:43:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Niblock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization Project," which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:42:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Alliston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to a ballroom being constructed on the grounds of the White House. The White House is the People's House and the people will never be able to use the ballroom. The East Wing of the White House, which was so callously torn down without any permission from the people, represented the history of the United States, and in particular the women who stood best aside the Presidents. We don't need a ballroom, we need our house restored to its previous status.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:42:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Matukonis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly agree with Anara Guard's thoughts previously shared with the NCPC. I oppose the president's illegal plans to replace the East Wing of The White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Further, since he has amassed more than one billion dollars in personal wealth since returning to The White House and in violation of the emoluments clause of the US Constitution, he should be required to pay for the restoration out of his own pocket. No tax dollars should be used to reverse his lawless affront to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:42:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caryn Stofko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I object to the supposed modernization of the East White House wing. Please return the People's House to it previous historic state. Stop the desecration of historic hallowed ground. There is no need for a behemoth ballroom!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Vandal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seeing the demolition of the East Wing made me physically ill. Please stop this vanity project and protect Washington DC before it's completely unrecognizable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Tsuruta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tony Schramm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam K
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law. President Trump should refund the American people for destroying history without an approved plan.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Worso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified at this devastation. I remained shocked and disturbed that the building was knocked down in the manner that it happened.

In my 32 years of public service, I built or renovated public libraries in local communities. The challenges, the hurdles, the complications of the processes were vast in scale due to them being public projects on public land with public funds.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorien Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or

the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:41:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shani Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending even a dollar - let alone $300 million - on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt as it was. We are the United States of America, and no one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:40:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diana Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:40:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Lindner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Donna Syx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ange Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Vander Poel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are no words in the English language that can adequately express my condemnation of this project. From the unlawful destruction of the East Wing to the building of an enormous, ugly 'ballroom', the whole project is a abomination and an affront to the American people. Anyone who has participated thus far should be criminally charged for destruction of public property.

This cannot go forward. The people are outraged.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy McClung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeannine Cutting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this complete razing of American history. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing

those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:39:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Putnam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I oppose any type of renovations on the White House East wing without any Congressional approval. The White House is the Peoples House not Trumps. Please stop this horrific project.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:38:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Lashoones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ellen Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, initiated without proper authorization, permits and design review, and want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, to be paid for by those who broke the law.

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Name: Kimberley Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Suzanne Meelhuysen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nicole Vachon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project moved forward without permission of the American people. This is a piece of history that I want put back to its original order exactly as it was. Do not allow this vanity project to move forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:38:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Farnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:38:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Del Rosario
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Evaonne Hendricks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against any renovation of the East Wing unless it is to restore it to its former state. I oppose spending taxpayer money so our president can charge money and exclude the American people from a building that belongs to US, not billionaires.

This building was a historic site, and it has been slated for expensive parties for President Trump and his effete elite friends.

If he wants to build something, let him pay for it out of his oen pocket.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:37:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monika Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:37:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Jonientz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild and restore the East Wing of The People's White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:37:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Fischer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern;

I wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,
T. Fischer

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Name: Annette Kossifologos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christina Yanez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Clements
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose to spending ANY money on the East Wing Modernization because it was initiated without proper permission. The perpetrators should required to replace it with their own personal funds.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:29 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Baxter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of an unnecessary ballroom at the White House. This project should never have been initiated. Any construction at this site should be to restore the original East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:36:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Ring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Richard Hollin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

WHAT MY WIFE SAID!
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Please stop this astrosity!

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Name: Michelle Lerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rebecca Chan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Cochran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this modernization project that has been undertaken without proper historic and environmental consideration. My father was an architect in DC for many years and he worked with the DC Zoning commission, the DC Preservation office, and renovated and restored many historic buildings. Projects must go through a process- there cannot just be demolition and rebuilding of whatever one person/ firm decides they want to build- especially with historic public buildings such as the White House (the People's house). This is a travesty- the way that this project was started is shameful and not legal. This has to go through the proper channels and have input from community, DC zoning, and historical input. The demolition has heartbreakingly occurred but the project must now be put under proper examination and consideration.

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Name: Lori Merton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Monica Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Matthew Bohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was done without the authorization of Congress or input from the taxpayers of this country. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.All of those involved with razing the East Wing need to face consequences for their actions.

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Name: R Glass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Claire Forcier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michael Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the steps taken so far to destroy the East Wing, which was undertaken without proper planning, permissions and funding. I wish it had never been started but now that the historic building is gone, I would hope that it might be restored as closely as possible to its original state. The cost of restoration should be borne by the Trump estate.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:34:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Brzozowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one asked for this remodel. Destroyed years of our country's history. Pretty sure the whole this is another embezzlement scheme by our president and his cronies. No one should have enough money to override the will of the people. To try and erase history. The White House belongs to the people of this nation not the current renter.

Please consider the history of this building and all it means to this nation. To let wanton destruction with no proper procedures or planning.

Sincerely,

Katherine Brzozowski

P.S. protect the children.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:34:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Stacy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this East Wing Modernization which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for protecting our White House from what I consider as an UnAmerican Traitor who resides there at this time.

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Name: Karen Kaza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Cessna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: donna Hollin
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Please stop this astrosity!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:33:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SHANE THANS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the permanent replacement of the East Wing of the White House with a large ballroom structure.

The East Wing was not simply office space. It was part of the architectural and historical fabric of the White House complex — a structure that belongs to the American people, not to any administration or private donor. Its demolition represents a profound loss of historic continuity.

Now that the original structure has been removed, the responsibility of the National Capital Planning Commission is even greater. The path forward should prioritize rebuilding the East Wing in a manner that restores its original exterior form, scale, and architectural character.

Modern structural upgrades and security improvements may be necessary. But modernization does not require aesthetic erasure. A faithful exterior reconstruction that preserves the historic appearance of the White House complex would honor both safety needs and national heritage.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

Reject any design that permanently alters the traditional scale and architectural harmony of the White House grounds.

Require reconstruction that restores the East Wing's historic exterior character.

Ensure full compliance with preservation laws and transparent review procedures.

Recognize that this site is a national symbol, not a canvas for stylistic reinvention.

The White House is held in trust for generations past, present, and future. Stewardship demands restoration, not transformation.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Thans

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Name: Julie Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy McIntire
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Mcclintock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the Eastwing to its former state. I oppose anything else. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:32:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The enormous cost of this project is but one issues.
Stepping on the prescribed legal process, evading transparency for a vanity project is outrageous.
The project should be halted and appropriately changed to restore the building design. The space will be modern (new construction) and historically sound.
These structures are held in the public trust.
And hands off the old executive office building.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:32:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing REBUILT and RESTORED to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:32:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lourdes Zarate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project of the historic East Wing. It was torn down and destroyed without the proper permissions and permits and without public comment or approval for this disgusting ego project

RESTORE the East Wing to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:32:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawna Lombardi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is an affront and the east wing must be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:31:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobby Dahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anita Becker
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the modernization of the East Wing. I do not agree that it is necessary. I believe the project is an erasure of American History, and would like the project to be scrapped, with the original east wing design plans rebuilt back to their former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:31:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current East Wing Modernization project represents a critical failure of the **Section 106 process (36 CFR Part 800)**. As a former historic preservationist, I am deeply concerned by the lack of transparency in the "Avoidance" and "Minimization" phases of this review. The administration has failed to provide a rigorous, public-facing analysis of non-destructive alternatives that could achieve modern functional requirements without the irreversible loss of historic fabric. This is not just a modernization; it is a procedural atrocity that bypasses the legal requirements for federal stewardship of a National Historic Landmark.

II. Failure of Requirements Gathering and Design Leadership

From my current perspective as a Research and Design Director, this project demonstrates a fundamental failure in requirements gathering. "Modernization" is being used as a blanket justification for structural demolition rather than being treated as a complex design challenge within existing historic constraints.

* **Neglect of Constraints:** High-functioning environments should be architected to work with the affordances of the original structure.

* **False Dichotomy:** The agency has presented a false choice between "modern utility" and "preservation," ignoring the possibility of surgical, non-invasive technological integration.

III. Demonstration of Historical Neglect

By prioritizing the convenience of the present administration over the long-term integrity of the White House, this project sets a dangerous precedent for all Grade I equivalent resources.

* **Loss of Character-Defining Features:** The removal of original masonry and the alteration of the East Wing's spatial narrative constitutes a permanent "Adverse Effect" that has not been adequately mitigated.

* **Stewardship Violation:** The White House is the "People's House," and the current "demolition of history" ignores the public's right to an authentic, preserved historical resource.

IV. Conclusion and Request for Action

I formally request that the reviewing bodies issue a **Finding of Adverse Effect**. I urge the Commission to halt further structural interventions until a full **Historic Structure Report (HSR)** and a transparent **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** are established to ensure that the remaining historical integrity of the Executive Mansion is not further compromised.

Would you like me to find the specific email address for the NCPC Project Manager if you prefer to send this as a formal PDF attachment instead of a form?

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Name: Laura Ferris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Suzanne Stute
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Name: Carmen Oelke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the stated ballroom plans. The size will draw the impact of just seeing the White House has on visitors to our capital. It should be a beautiful but secondary building,

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Name: Ian Schonberg
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Name: Janet Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the White House has history! That needs to be preserved! President Trump had no right to change it with the people approval! It should be rebuilt to as close of original as possible! And he could pay for it! The White House is the people's house!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:30:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nora Esthimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plana to replace the East Wing with a ballroom. Please rebuild the East Wing both to restore the beauty of our most important building and to maintain a process that will preserve history. We need a slow and thoughtful orderly process, not bulldozers. We need independent processes, not sure if to any single administration. Thank you.

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Name: Kaori Brahna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Hayden Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The choice of "east wing modernization project" is an affront to reality. I am opposed to spending anyone's money on this unnecessary and illegal destruction of public property for the toddler in chief to slap his name on what would likely be a bordello style room for him to continue his grift. Shame on you if you allow him to continue to mock the rule of law.

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Name: Michele Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a ballroom. This project was started without going through the proper processes. This is the people's house - the current administration is not above the law. At this point, the East Wing should be reconstructed as it was before. Eventually, I hope the Rose Garden can be restored as well.

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Name: Erin Callaghan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Heather Harding
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Name: Barbara Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" was undertaken without proper planning and over site. It was not "as advertised" and resulted in the destruction of American history. It is a "project" of self-aggrandizement and not something needed. The horror of watching destruction of the former stately East Wing was heartbreaking and should never have happened; certainly not without proper review.

The process should be reversed, the East Wing rebuilt and the architect of the disaster held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:28:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please Cancel the renovation of the East Wing. I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars which was initiated without proper authorization and permits or design review.It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History. Thank You For Attention To This Matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:28:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mara Kedem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending American tax dollars on this project, dollars which were not appropriated by Congress but instead stollen from the American people to use by Trump for his own self aggrandizement and also to erase American history. His taste is cheap and unwanted. Although now not completely possible, the White House must be attempted to be restored to its original state to reflect the taste and intent of its true owners, the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:27:50 AM
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Name: Melanie Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this construction being done without proper permits and authorization. It destroys a historic building and should be restored to its original plan. The ballroom does nothing for hardworking American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:27:46 AM
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Name: karin gabai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this whole thing. Kids are starving. The country is falling apart. What is going on!let him fund it.

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Name: Janice P
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Name: Paul Simmons
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I am further concerned for the workers who removed the existing facility (East Wing) and their health. I am sure that they were exposed to carcinogens that were not properly abated.

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Name: Victoria Macioce-Stumpf
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Name: Patricia Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Eastwing Modernization project and want it historically restored.

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Name: Krista Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Robin Robinson
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Name: Ted Beiler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Had I done this in my town, I would have been issued a "stop work order" and would be facing substantial daily fines from the city and/or county along with liens from the sub-contractors.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:25:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Ruzicka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this montrous vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a hideous example of the audacity of rich men stealing what belonged to the people.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:25:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Rockenbaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million, or a single penny, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donald Trump should personally foot the bill. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy` Brohawn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project should have been discussed and debated with elected officials and the NPS. Actions by the current administration have resulted in a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Kathy Brohawn
Baltimore, MD

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Name: Elisabeth Gruner
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Name: Rebecca Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Thies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and Park owned by the American people and which has housed presidents since 1800. Each president is a temporary tenant, not the property's owner, and is bound by law and public trust.

The unauthorized demolition of the historic East Wing—without review, permits, or Congressional oversight—violates both the law and the trust of the American people, who were denied any chance to comment on what should have been a proposal, not a unilateral act. This is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Duane Pulford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was started without following the legal guidelines. I want the restoration of the old East wing. The current plan for this ballroom is way too big for the White House.

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Name: Jenny Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. Violated our body politic. Far as I am concerned an impeachable offense.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:24:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Maust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American People.

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Name: Meghan Umlauf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Janopaul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope that the East Wing replacement can be an appropriate scale to the White House, not dwarfing it as proposed.
I suggest that the purpose remain as The People's Wing with accessible spaces for tours
A grand ballroom, which is only used periodically, could be located elsewhere.

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Name: Carla Boucher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennifer Brosious
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is NOT the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jack DeWolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm 100% opposed to this likely illegal attempt to circumvent all normal procedures relevant to such a project. Please use public funds to restore the East Wing to what it was. The planned project may be appropriate for a palace, but it is not for our White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:22:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Nowry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build this ballroom and restore the East Wing of the White House to its original purpose. This project is unnecessary and a waste of money.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:21:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Shoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am fully opposed to this project. It was begun without proper authorization and is simply not needed. At a time when many in our country are finding it hard to keep a roof over their heads and food on their plates, to build a ballroom which would strictly be used by the rich and those of the proper social statuses is appalling. I highly urge you to immediately stop this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:21:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mick Hoeltzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:20:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Cabiness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The East Wing was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:20:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Marie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:19:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people and should not be modified to satisfy the tacky taste so the current occupant, a convicted felon and likely pedophile, can throw parties for his pay to play politics "friends". Not only is the horrible destruction of the East Wing an eyesore, but it's a national security risk as well since the people who want it care only about protecting themselves and not average Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:19:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ileana Santiago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:19:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Paquet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was never authorized and it needs to be restored to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:19:21 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie Van Deusen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the 300 million dollar "modernization" project. It has never undergone proper review process before any work started. All work done to date is unauthorized. The only acceptable remedy is to return the East Wing to its original state.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:18:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Brandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow trump to build an ugly monstrous ballroom. He had no permission to tear down the east wing of the people's house to begin with. Please force him to rebuild the east wing as it was, and by the way, force his family trust to pay for it.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:18:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing concerning the planned White House East Wing "Modernization" Project. As I'm sure you already know, all such building projects are legally required to undergo a federal review process. This has clearly not been the case so far, as Pres. Trump ordered the demolition of the White House East Wing without any approval process. Such projects in Washington, D.C. are required by law to be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and to receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. None of this has been the case. Before even one brick is laid in the construction of whatever will end up replacing the demolished East Wing, as tax-paying citizen I demand oversight by congress and the above-mentioned agencies. It is a known fact that Pres. Trump and his administration are fond of ignoring congressional oversight, court orders, the constitution and so on. We must not let this continue to happen. The White House is the People's House, not the personal property or project of any single president or administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:18:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:18:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:18:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathlene Ingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and anyone that broke the law punished.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:17:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am affronted and horrified by this radical assault on America's house. The East Wing was pulled down needlessly and too quickly to have a review, and it must be restored to something that closely approximates the original. This gross assault on a symbol of America cannot just be rubber stamped.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:17:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Camp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump tore down the East Wing. That is not modernization. It is vandalism of our public space. He had no right. His ideas are grandiose and tacky and I do not support a ballroom in any way, shape or form. Use the donated bribe money to rebuild what was destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:17:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Roberson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern: I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I implore you to cancel this project, and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Morningstar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States~! He had no business destroying that property~! It needs to be re-built the way it was~! Part of our history~! I think he should pay for it, also~! Please do this~! Thank you for your time~!

Date: 2/17/2026 6:16:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Judith Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Alstadt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Schiller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. It was never approved by the proper design review. It is an attempt to destroy our shared history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt properly. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Woddail-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally destroyed and should be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:15:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the improper razing of the White House East Wing, esp having been done without the proper authorization & approval. No one is above the law. It needs to be rebuilt in its original form. There should be no guilded age ballroom.
Law abiding citizens want a law abiding government - construction included.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Bugbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of the East Wing by the current tenant of the People's House, without regard for public comment or criticism, is an affront to citizens and tantamount to the razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

Laurie.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirstie Dixon-Saxton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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That much money should go towards helping Americans like children, homeless, or the protection of our

environment for future generations.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pasha Vafaeenia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the East Wing Modernization project and to call for its immediate cancellation. It is deeply concerning to me that this initiative, which has already involved an allocation of $300 million, was initiated without the proper authorization, necessary permits, or the appropriate design review process.
This project, far from being a modernization, represents a wholesale destruction of an important piece of American history. The East Wing, in its current form, is a symbol of our nation's architectural heritage, and any attempt to erase its historic design would be an irreparable loss.
It is critical that we preserve and restore the East Wing to its original design, ensuring that future generations can appreciate the architectural legacy it represents. Furthermore, allowing this project to continue without penalizing those responsible for bypassing the necessary legal and regulatory steps would set a dangerous precedent. No individual or entity should be above the law, and to allow this project to move forward without consequence would be an affront to the principles of justice and accountability that form the bedrock of our society.
I urge you to take immediate action to halt this project and direct efforts towards the restoration of the East Wing. The integrity of our nation's history and the rule of law must remain paramount in all decision-making processes.

Please note: This ballroom, if built, will be widely known as the EPSTEIN BALLROOM.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:14:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Daly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Casey Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The raising of the East Wing is absolutely horrific. Mr. Trump has no care for the law or for history. He has destroyed "The People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:13:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I respectfully ask that the committee restored the East Wing to its original construction. How can one person decide to destroy our history?

Date: 2/17/2026 6:13:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nghi Le
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. No should be allowed to proceed with projects without prior approval from the appropriate bodies. This is the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:13:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Kerbein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, with shadowy funds, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:12:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Ellsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated outside of the established process and without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but demolition of history to be replaced with something far less. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans and a desecration of the People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:12:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Warburton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart breaks over the destruction of the East wing. While I fully understand that spaces need to be updated or modernized and a ballroom is necessary, the willful razing of the People's House is devastating. There are protocols in place that should have been followed. To allow the reconstruction to continue with no accountability would be to reward the blatant disrespect and disregard for the rules in place for updates. Where are the art pieces? Where is the furniture? What accounting took place of the artifacts that were housed in the East wing? Please demand this accounting. Please do not disregard the disrespect rendered to the East wing. Please demand an accounting. Please do not reward this destruction. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:12:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Keen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was both illegal and unconscionable. I oppose any construction other than restoration to its previous design. Donald Trump should be prosecuted for the destruction of property belonging to the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy MacCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Acadia Frost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design by Trump with his funds not taxpayer dollars. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alia Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:11:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Buck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Goldthorpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project moved forward without any permits and is not a ‘‘modernization ‘‘, but rather a destruction of a large portion of the People’s House.
I hope to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was, not as a gargantuan space which will dwarf the White House.
Please listen to the voices of the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Esther Lumsdon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a gilded monstrosity built using public money.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:10:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Doubleday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like this project cancelled and the East wing restored to its former status. This project is not in the best interest of the American people, whose house it really is, and was not agreed upon through proper channels but rather at the behest of one man’s vanity and self importance

Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:09:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana D Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:08:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Crews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:07:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Harsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:07:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Tsirikos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the " modernization" of the East Wing. This project is the complete destruction of our history and was started without plans or permission. No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue is an affront to every law abiding American citizen.
Please permit this project to be restored to its original specifications.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It appears that The Peoples House has failed to properly post about the potential neurotoxic dangers of the White House renovations. It's bad enough that we've have to deal with a rapist running the show. Time for big transparent changes America. EPA Lead and Copper Compliance must be mandatory for the safety and well-being of all. https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/revised-lead-and-copper-rule

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Espadas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:06:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kati Garrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:05:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alex Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:05:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Mytinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This isn’t modernization — it’s the complete erasure of a piece of American history.

I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above

the law, and allowing this to move forward without holding those responsible accountable would be an insult to every law-abiding American.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:05:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Sheldon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Quaglia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 6:04:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Morgenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I object to my tax dollars being spent to wreck the White House and build a garish, bloated ballroom that no administration has ever sought to build. I object to my tax dollars being spent to purchase and build monuments to our current president rather than fight homelessness, feed children, provide healthcare to those who cannot afford it, or help the American people who need it. Please do not spend money on things we do not need or want. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The whole idea is ridiculous and extremely wasteful when so many Americans are simply trying to survive and support their families as costs continue to rise and the administration perpetuates terror and stress on citizens across the country.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:28 AM
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Name: Pamela Sergio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump acted recklessly and without proper approval.

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Pamela Garvey Sergio

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Nees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How unbelievably sad that one man feels he has the power to destroy a beautiful part of our nation's history. Not only did he bypass the usual steps to make changes - he ran roughshod over all the processes and continues to do so. I am totally opposed to 300 million dollars going into the East Wing Project. It's another way he has stolen from the American people not only funds but pride in what our nation has always stood for. This must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the continuation of the ballroom and the destruction of the Easy Wing. This was done without the proper authorization and approval and is an affront to the American people. The East Wing must be rebuilt exactly as it was before and the ballroom must never be built. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:03:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marissa Hendrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It has never belonged to any one president, and it has never been acceptable for a president to unilaterally make changes to it as if it is his own private home.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without careful historic preservation, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:02:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RuthAnn Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against further construction of a ballroom for the East Wing. I oppose $300 million being spent on an unapproved and unauthorized project. This is a public building that serves the people of the USA, not a

random building for rich people, the surveillance toys of the current administration , and foreign guests. Private citizens cannot even perform a minute fraction of the magnitude for a project on their own homes without local permits, authorizations, and payment of fees. The history and future of our country is affected by this unauthorized demolition. Those who broke the law on this project need to be penalized, along with a cease and desist order on the work being done. The NCPC needs to decide how to restore a functional space for the work of our country. Thank you for attending to these matters.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:02:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Funderburk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of American history to stroke the ego of one man is deplorable.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KC Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing of the East Wing of the People's House. No public input was allowed or sought. The destruction of this historical building and the apparent vanishing of its historical contents is an affront to all Americans.

I want the East Wing restored to its original design and purpose. I want those who are responsible for this travesty to pay for the rebuilding costs.

Please be the guardians of our shared history and restore the East Wing.

Thank you,

KC Rose

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Packard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,
I am writing to plead with you to reconsider the scope and depth of the East Wing project. Please consider the historical importance of a place like this and resist the urge to modernize it at great cost and controversy.

Best,
Renee Scott Packard

Date: 2/17/2026 6:01:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Werling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please save our West Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 6:00:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Casey Simpkjns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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FDT!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Kronus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear whomever

I absolutely disagree with defacing the Peoples House at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC. I do not support a 300 million dollar ballroom while Americans suffer, financially.

Restore the East Wing and stop destroying everything.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julien Trembley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diana Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Margolis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Beasley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Herlich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the replacement of the East Wing with Trump's ballroom. This project was initiated

without the proper permits or design review and was a complete destruction of American history. I want it canceled and the East Wing restored. I want it restored by court order and by penalizing those who broke the law. Rebuilding should be charged to Trump's illegally gained billions.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Rehr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:56:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: IAN MONTGOMERY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a gigantic ballroom which will not just be huge and dwarf the rest of the White House, but which will cost an inordinate amount of money - seemingly to be supplied by people seeking influence rather than helping the people of our country. There has not been any due process or seeking of input until now. Meanwhile, the old structures have been demolished, without permission. These buildings are meant to reflect the ideals of "We the People." Gilded palaces do not do so. It is for a reason that we have the White House, not the White Palace. We have presidents, not royalty. We are our government involves representatives, not aristocracy. Congress meets in the "Peoples' House." No one ever asked if "We the People," wanted a gilded, massive ballroom. I for one, do not want what has been proposed by the current incumbent.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josh Niesse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional

oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Mattsson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom at the White House. I think the east wing should be rebuilt as it was. I also think the person responsible for tearing it down without permission should be responsible for the expense of the rebuilding.
I also think the rose garden should be recreated.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:55:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carlisle Rex-Waller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty. It represents not only the destruction of the elegant East Wing of the White House but a disdain for the history of the People's House. An estimated cost of $300 million is criminal for a project that was launched without proper design review, let alone proper authorization and permitting. This project should be halted, cancelled, and the East Wing restored to what it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:54:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Starlett Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Trenta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Modernization of East Wing project. None of the requirements for altering the White House were met. No authorization. This project is not modernizing, it is destroying history.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:54:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanna Bredenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the following statement:
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/17/2026 5:54:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million on this project and am heartbroken that the wing and rooms that our forefathers have used was destroyed. He did not gt the authorization to tear down OUR history and rebuild, not modernize, the East Wing. This should be rebuilt as close to the original design as possible. No one is above the law and to not be penalized is a slap in the face to everyone through the years who sacrificed their lives for our great nation. Do the right thing before this so called modernization project snowballs to the next and the next.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arthur Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri McAndrew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and another vanity project for President Trump. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

At a time when so many Americans are suffering due to skyrocketing food and medical prices, those funds should be used to ease our everyday life not appease the presidents whims.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:54:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Runnels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Regan Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Heather Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:53:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Morales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:52:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Millas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amy Booth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sid Colton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You must declare that this project was started illegally. You must declare that the East Wing must be rebuilt as it was prior to the destruction. You must declare that Congress needs to write a law with a severe penalty for such destruction of our Public Heritage by any person, pauper or President!

Thank you,

Sid

Date: 2/17/2026 5:50:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Wilkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:48:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Paradiso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:48:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Wilmot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the East Wing "Modernization" project, which destroyed the East Wing of the People's house without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This criminal behavior must not stand.
Joseph Wilmot

Date: 2/17/2026 5:47:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any project that proceeds without proper authorization, particularly this one. I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt to former specifications. I further ask that private money donated to this project be accounted for in accordance with law.

Furthermore, I object to changing the face of the White House in such a grotesque way.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian McGuire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing modernization project and the allocation of $300 million toward it. This initiative was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. Rather than preserving or thoughtfully updating the structure, the current plan effectively erases an important piece of American architectural heritage.

I am calling for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. The rule of law must apply equally to all parties. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine public trust and disregard the standards that govern responsible development.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:46:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary c christeson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Findlay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former resident of Washington, D.C., I am appalled by the demolition of our White House. We the People provide this gracious edifice to house our president for a four-year term. It is not bestowed as a gift. If not criminal, the demolition of the East Wing can only be described as selfish and thoughtless vandalism to further one person's ego. Please see that our White House is restored. This is not the time for the Commission to stand down. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:45:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Bohringer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: MeLissa Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elise Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the citizens of this country

Date: 2/17/2026 5:44:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Conlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Wilmot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I approve of the East Wing modernization project. I've visited the White House and its rooms are small. The expansion plans fit within the style of the White House, and will add safety for future generations gathering for special events.

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Name: Myrna Markakis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ingrid Lamparyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing revamping which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an elimination of our country's history and decorum. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-biding members of the populace.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Carl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: Opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project (Proposed White House State Ballroom) — Demand for Project Cancellation

To the Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission:
I write to you not as a partisan, but as an American who believes no individual — regardless of title or office — is above the law when it comes to the stewardship of our shared national heritage. What has been done to the East Wing of the White House is not modernization. It is the unlawful, unilateral destruction of an irreplaceable piece of American history, carried out without your approval, without Congressional authorization, and in open defiance of the processes your Commission exists to enforce.

I demand that this project be stopped. I demand that the responsible parties pay for the restoration of what was destroyed.

A Historic Structure Was Demolished Without a Permit
The East Wing of the White House stood for over 150 years. It housed the offices of First Ladies, wartime shelters used during World War II, and a Presidential Emergency Operations Center constructed to protect the Commander-in-Chief. In a matter of days in October 2025, excavators reduced it to rubble — before a single set of construction plans had been submitted to this Commission for review.

Federal law is not ambiguous on this point. The law explicitly holds that "a building or structure shall not be erected on any reservation, park, or public grounds of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia without express authority of Congress." No such authority was sought. No such authority was granted. The National Trust for Historic Preservation publicly called on the administration to freeze demolition and comply with legally required public review processes. That plea was ignored.

The administration's legal argument — that this Commission's authority applies only to "vertical construction" and not to demolition — is, as a former NCPC chairman of nearly a decade stated plainly, simply false. "If there's to be demolition, that's part of the project. The demolition element is inherent in the overall project. Demo is not separated from construction. It's part of it." To accept the administration's interpretation would be to invite any future administration to demolish any federally protected structure

and then claim that the law applies only once they begin building something new. That is not oversight. That is a loophole that swallows the rule entirely.

The Commission of Fine Arts — the independent body established by Congress in 1910 to provide expert oversight on exactly this type of project — never reviewed these plans. Instead, all six of its members were fired and replaced with individuals described by a White House official as "more aligned with Mr. Trump's policies." This is not how a constitutional republic treats its own laws and institutions.

The Scale of This Project Is an Affront to the Character of the White House

The White House itself is approximately 55,000 square feet. The proposed ballroom is 90,000 square feet — larger than the building it is meant to serve. At its proposed length, the new East Wing would stretch roughly a city block, longer than the existing West Wing and more than half the length of the adjacent Treasury Building. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has warned directly that this addition "will overwhelm the White House itself" and "may permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings."

The stated rationale — that the East Room's capacity of 200 guests is insufficient — demands scrutiny. When was the last time a sitting president needed to host a seated dinner for 999 people? President Biden hosted six state dinners, four of them outdoors using tents, a solution that generations of administrations have employed without demolishing historic structures. According to the project's own environmental assessment, options considered would have preserved the East Wing entirely and placed a new event space to the south of the existing complex. Those options were rejected.

What replaced them is a ballroom — with crystal chandeliers, gilded Corinthian columns, and gold-accented finishes — whose estimated cost has already ballooned from $200 million to $300 million, then to $400 million, since it was announced in July 2025. The President has spoken openly about wanting future presidential inaugurations held in this space. This is not a facility built with the dignity of the nation in mind. It is a venue built to the personal specifications of one man, on public land, with the historic record of this country reduced to rubble in the process.

The Funding Arrangement Raises Serious Corruption Concerns

The project is described as privately funded, but that description conceals more than it reveals. The administration has refused to disclose how much any individual donor contributed. What is known is that the donor list includes sports team owners, technology companies, media companies, and billionaires with active business interests before this administration. Senate ranking members have described the arrangement plainly: "The solicitation and acceptance of private funding for this project presents a profound risk of pay-to-play corruption. By substituting transparent, appropriated federal funds with opaque private donations, you permit" influence that the public cannot see, and Congress cannot audit.

Even the fundraising trust itself is reportedly collecting millions in fees from the ballroom fundraising effort. At the same time, its board is stacked with business leaders who stand to benefit from favorable treatment. This is not philanthropy. This is a structure that allows wealthy interests to purchase proximity to the President of the United States under the cover of a construction project, on the grounds of the people's house.

This Commission Must Act — Not Defer

It has been reported that some within this Commission believe approval is "a foregone conclusion." I reject that characterization as a capitulation to political pressure, not a legal or ethical judgment. The NCPC was created precisely to ensure that no single individual — not a developer, not a president — can reshape the federal landscape of the capital city without independent, expert, public review. That mandate does not evaporate because the person requesting approval holds the highest office in the land.

At least one commissioner has already stated publicly that the National Park Service "has been shut out of the most important planning decisions regarding the ballroom." Multiple commissioners have reportedly expressed private reservations but fear retaliation. That fear is itself an indictment of how this project has been conducted. An oversight body that approves a project out of fear has ceased to be an oversight body.

My Demand
I ask this Commission to do three things:
First, reject the ballroom project in its current form. It was conceived in defiance of the law, executed before required approvals were obtained, and designed at a scale incompatible with the historic character of the White House complex.

Second, require that the East Wing of the White House — a structure demolished without lawful authority — be fully rebuilt and restored. The American people did not authorize its destruction, and the American people should not bear the cost of its reconstruction.

Third, require that the costs of demolition, remediation, and reconstruction be borne by those who authorized and carried out the unlawful destruction of a historic federal structure, not by the public treasury.

The White House does not belong to any president. It belongs to the American people, and to every generation of Americans who will come after us. What was destroyed cannot be returned. But this Commission still has the power to prevent further damage — and to insist that the law means something, even when the person breaking it occupies the Oval Office.

I implore you to exercise that power.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:42:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Garbus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hollie Whalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is an unnecessary addition wasting supplies and monies.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:41:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Jungblut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a ridiculous project that will seriously detract from the grace and beauty of the White House. It's oversized and extremely expensive - and will be a blight on the nation's capital.

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Name: Margaret Hannan
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brooke Nakajima
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Sigele Hosmer
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Name: Mark Parry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Lalor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I am appalled at the current administration's plan for the East Wing of the White House. I do not wish for any such monstrosity to be built and connected to the White House. The new plans are ridiculously out of proportion to the Main Residence Building and have no business being built based on the whims of the current occupant. Please select real professionals who understand the scale and form of the District of Columbia and start again.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:40:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Maylen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have serious concerns about how this project is funded, the speed at which it started and the scale of the final wing relative to the rest of the building.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:39:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christi Largent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have deep concerns about this project. Not only was it not approved by Congress, nor were the proper procedures followed (permits, plans shared, etc.), but it unilaterally is destroying American History. The entire White House (including the East Wing) is historical property and belongs to the people. I am asking for this vanity project to be stopped and for the East Wing to be rebuilt in accordance with its original design and architecture.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:39:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this east wing project. This was pushed through without authorization, permits or any approval of historical building committees. It is not to modernize but to obliterate history. It is an affront to we the people and our country's history.

I want this unwanted "ballroom" stopped and rebuilt to what it was, with proper input.

Thank you, Julie Hoffman

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Gaylord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project that was started by President trump without proper authorization. This project has destroyed our historic Whitehouse and is totally unacceptable to me and to millions of Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:38:30 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Phyllis Stalkfleet
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Riche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in total opposition of this $400M modernization. It was begun without the proper steps being taken. The White House should always be the dominant structure on this property, not a large, overly ornate ballroom that might be used 2-3 times a year. The disregard for the history of this property and the processes put into place to prevent such destruction is appalling.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Ketaineck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am concerned that the Kennedy Center will face a similar fate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Reiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to object this $300 million project which was begun without the permits, zoning, or design required before hand. This is not an improvement but an erasure of American History. I want the perpetrators of this delusional act of destruction to be brought to justice. If this is allowed to go forward, it will be an affront to every American in this country and all lovers of history around the world.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:35:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew O'Donnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the space returned to natural woodland to represent healing this wound in our nation. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Hansson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Emily Hansson

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Name: Geri DeVergilio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Laffan
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Name: Monica Reyes
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sirs: please for the sake of pride and knowledge of future generations dont allow the indifferent destruction of history! We implore! We ask! We plead! The American people of future centuries will be grateful to you! May a true value of history and the path of our country guide you! May God Bless the United States of America and you who will make this decision!

JMJR

Date: 2/17/2026 5:32:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Williams-Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:31:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather McGovern
Project Name: Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division - Olney Support Center Area Development Plan
Project Number: MP318

I oppose spending money for a ballroom without requests going through traditional channels for design and work approvals. I oppose rewarding people who demolished the East Wing without permission from the people or their representatives by allowing a pet vanity project to proceed. I think nothing should be allowed to be done but to protect what is present now until after this presidency ends, and then non-patisan groups, with public commentary, can work together on a new plan for whatever will happen to rebuild the East Wing or create a new addition helpful to the American people, future presidents and their families, and shared goals.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:31:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bridget Piekarz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If this is the ballroom of wretched excess please count me among the millions of horrified citizens. The plans for a ballroom should be stopped immediately and restoration of the historic East Wing should commence instead. Please ask the grifting family to pay for it all

Date: 2/17/2026 5:30:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nike Bentley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom project on the grounds that the East Wing, the People's House, was razed without authorization or design review. Proper permits were not collected and this is an affront to law abiding citizens that must carry consequences. No one is above the law, especially when it comes to historical public spaces. Cancel this project and rebuild the East Wing to its rightful place. No changes without proper oversight.

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Name: Tom Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joyce Moore
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Name: Helen Jill Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a gigantic ballroom as extremely costly and unnecessary. It was unlawful for the East Wing to be bulldozed the way it was. No efforts to retain its historical importance were undertaken, which is also against policies in place.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Elzey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 5:29:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Raney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“Modernization Project”??? This is a travesty of obscene dimensions. The East Wing was a useful and proportionate part of the history of the White House. The proposd ballroom reeks of precisely the elitist, monument obsessed, and performative fascism that this administration is enamored of. If built it will remain as a monument to corrupt politicians and the death of American representative Democracy long after we are all dead. Is that what America stands for? I certainly hope not.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:28:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The razing of this historic building was done without regard to its history and without proper permitting and due diligence. The new ballroom is a vanity project and needs to be stopped. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its former glory and the money be spent carefully and with oversight to prevent corruption and abuse. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:28:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Rutz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:26:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Danos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do NOT allow this unlawful, unapproved, and unwanted destruction of the East Wing of the White House, the "People's House" to continue. Please do not allow this selfish monster to build an ugly ballroom, and especially do not allow him to name it after himself. This is absurdly narcissistic and against the wishes of the American people. Please save this historic architecture as much as you can at this point. I appreciate your efforts to stop this unlawful destruction of the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:24:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Yergin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

The White House wasn't intended to be a "castle." The Peoples' House has hosted a myriad of events and dinners in its history. It worked. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Respectfully Submitted

Date: 2/17/2026 5:24:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the planning commission:

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Hold these bad faith actors accountable for their unlawful actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:24:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Gruchow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to express the sadness and revulsion at the destruction of the East Wing without the prior authorization, studies, and procedures required. While the White House's history in this country is a

troubled one with its connections to slavery, civil strife, war, and being home to myriad anti-working class policies, it remains the People's House. Afflicted though that house may be with its history, rodents, and its need for repair, it stands as a metaphor for the complexities of being an American citizen. The White House is often one of the first things people picture in their minds when they think "America". It's an enduring international symbol of what humans can accomplish and how they might flourish.

The destruction of the East Wing is an attempt to erase parts of our shared history and to renovate and reconstruct an alternative history and mythology. The proposed ballroom not only insults the shared American identity and our collective memory, but it will in no way benefit the people who made the White House possible in the first place. The ballroom will not be a center for healing, intellectual dialogue, repairing relationships or to celebrate human flourishing. It will be nothing more than a monument to one man's ego, avarice, and addiction to decadence and authoritarianism.

Make no mistake, President Trump is not building a ballroom; he is building a throne room.

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Name: Mandy Mecum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Mandy Mecum

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Name: Susan Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Moshure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It appears that the East Wing of the White House was demolished, at the whim of Trump without consultation or approval by appropriate authorities. He is notorious for not paying his contractors and I fear we, the people, will be paying to rectify the situation.
As a citizen, I'd like to see the wing restored as it previously was. When he leaves, or is thrown out of office, I'd like all traces of his work erased. I'd like no vestiges of this dictator to remain as a reminder of the chaos he has created in this great democracy.
Restoring the East Wing will be a boost to the moral of the country...a reminder that democracy will prevail against those that seek to destroy it.
Thank You

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Starnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I have lived in the Washington area most of my life and been proud of my city and what it represents. The beauty of so many of its monuments and buildings. What has been done to the White House is an atrocity.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:22:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Durocher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not permit anything other than a rebuilding of the East Wing as it was. President Trump's vicious, narcissistic, unpermitted destruction cannot be rewarded. Any money he has raised should go towards the reconstruction and if it's not enough, he should make up the difference.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Feehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Everything about this obscene travesty makes me furious. The current resident of the White House is no conservative, rather a deranged, morally bankrupt extremist filled with delusions of grandeur. I will never understand how this has been allowed to happen.
How dare he!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Steinmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People of the United States. The “surprise” East Wing demolition was a national trauma! The East Wing should be rebuilt EXACTLY to its former glory. This would include all the furnishings that I am afraid are now fillagreed in gold and stored in a Mar A Lago restroom. The 2025 footprint of the People’s House should be restored.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Drew Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and the spending of millions of tax payer dollars on its completion. At its core, this project is clearly an effort by the sitting president to cement his personal aspirations for historical grandeur while simultaneously enriching himself through open bribery. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and to allow this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing of the White House should be restored to it's former purpose, and don't so at the expense of those that oversaw it's illegal destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:21:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Tilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper permits and authorizations. The destruction of this beautiful, historical building is shameful. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:20:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Byrd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project- which is in shambles already- this vanity project for trump is a disgrace- just like he is. I object to my tax dollars being wasted on his vanity project- which is already a disaster-

Date: 2/17/2026 5:19:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Tobelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Larochelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:18:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Roach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a homeowner and law abiding citizen, I am disturbed by the approach of this project. I must obtain permits to make even minor changes like windows to my house but the whole wing of the White House was torn down without approval or study? There seems to be no study of safety concerns done for this project. I would think that a look at the historical nature of this building would be warranted if homeowners across the country have to get approval from historical commissions for the residences that they actually own. This sets a terrible example for the nation and allows one regime to make decisions on what is supposed to be the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and major changes should be funded and approved by the American people, via Congress -- the Article I branch of our government.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or to a new design

approved by Congress. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Messersmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the Planning Commission,
I am writing to urge the Commission to halt any further funding or approvals related to the East Wing Modernization Project. The recent demolition of the East Wing of the White House — carried out without proper authorization, public transparency, or adherence to established federal preservation requirements — represents a serious breach of trust and procedure. This was not simply a structural alteration; it was the destruction of a historically significant component of The People's House.

Before any additional federal funds are allocated, the public deserves a full and formal accounting of how this demolition was permitted to occur, who authorized it, and why long\u8209 -standing federal preservation, review, and oversight processes were bypassed. Proceeding with funding under these circumstances would signal that compliance with federal law, historical stewardship, and public accountability are optional rather than essential obligations.

In addition to halting funding, I respectfully request that the Commission require the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. Full restoration is necessary to preserve the architectural integrity of the White House and to honor the historical continuity that Americans expect from their national institutions.

I urge the Commission to pause all funding and approvals until a complete investigation is conducted and a clear plan for full restoration is established. Our history — and the public's trust in federal stewardship — demands nothing less.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nia Brown-Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:17:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benedict Mercadante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a history buff and tax payer, it is disturbing to watch the current demolition of the East Wing. Certainly, the process alone used by this administration is enough to cause great concern and it needs to get back on regulatory track. My hope is that professional and institutional efforts are made regarding the required design issues and construction that must occur, due to this abhorrent demolition.

Regards,

Ben Mercadante

Date: 2/17/2026 5:16:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Boursier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This was a ghastly, affront to all Americans. It must be restored to the former design. No one is above the law and history must be respected.

Sincerely,

Catherine Boursier

Date: 2/17/2026 5:16:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Marino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to its former structure and design, immediately. The historic structure was torn down without the proper and required approvals, permits, or review process. Those responsible need to be held accountable and should have to rebuild and restore the East Wing using their own funds.

I vehemently oppose allowing this ballroom project to continue. It is an affront to the history of the White

House, the history of this nation, and the rule of law. Furthermore, the envisioned ballroom, with its massive size, will overshadow the rest of the White House structure, forever altering the look and significance of our nation's most symbolic and iconic building.

Letting this project proceed is a slap in the face to all Americans, especially those who founded and built this nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harold Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rick Holter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which destroyed a historic national treasure without the proper design, approvals, etc. I support rebuilding the East Wing as a restored version of its previous design -- using no money from private donations.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Boales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the destruction of the East Wing of the White House.

As a designated historic landmark, any significant alteration to the building requires proper review and approval under federal historic preservation laws and established oversight processes. Unilateral demolition or substantial modification without adherence to these legal requirements would raise significant legal and constitutional concerns.

If changes were undertaken outside of required approvals, the East Wing should be rebuilt to match the original architectural specifications in full compliance with historic preservation standards. Moreover, if

private corporations offered to fund related projects, restoration costs should not fall on American taxpayers.

Preserving the integrity of our nation's historic landmarks is not a partisan issue—it is a matter of respecting the rule of law and safeguarding our shared heritage.

I urge immediate transparency regarding the authorization process and a commitment to full restoration consistent with historic preservation requirements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Guzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:15:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Wecker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lizanne Estes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenessa David
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is wrong. This is the People's House, and the people do not want this.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:14:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dave Maloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maxwell Neely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Epstein didn’t kill himself

Date: 2/17/2026 5:13:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Carlsgaard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:12:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Killmeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for considering my comments as a taxpaying citizen of our fair and free democratic country,

Susan Killmeyer

Date: 2/17/2026 5:11:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: tommy mullins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

greetings. under no circumstances should the current administration be allowed to circumvent All the Laws

and approval steps to build ANYTHING.
Donald J Trump should be FORCED to pay out of his PERSONAL funds to completely restore the East Wing immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:11:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brooke Tomcsik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Beale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No addition to the White House should be larger than the Whitehouse. The proposal is an afront on the historical realation of the people of the United States to this now historical structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Flaherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not Trumps house he simply a tenant on this property and hopefully not for long! He has no right or the Authority to change anything. This is against the law! Oh right I forgot Laws don’t apply to him.
DISGRACEFUL

Date: 2/17/2026 5:10:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing did not need to be modernized. The East Wing should never have been touched without the proper review, planning and agreement of the public.

The East Wing should be restored to its original design.

Trump destroyed a huge piece of American history illegally and should have to fund the restoration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Adler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.The whim of just one man. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop this travesty!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Krienert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing was done without any prior permits or authorizations. It does not belong to any one President, but to the people of the United States. It is a historic landmark. The East Wing should be rebuilt with the historical architectural details. No ballroom should be added to the White House grounds at this time.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:09:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Cartan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I believe this commission was created specifically to prevent disastrous, shameful, unlawful and un-American projects like this. Please do your duty: stop this project and undo the damage already done.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:08:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Bogaert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:08:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Lambertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is the Citizens White House, and this historical building should be preserved accordingly. The proposed replacement does not in any way compensate, nor is it practical or necessary - but instead an abomination.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:07:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merri Korn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:07:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernadette Webre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified at Donald J Trump's having the East Wing demolished. He had no business destroying history on a whim without getting the proper approval and permits. There is no need for a giant ballroom when other venues in the D.C. area could serve the same purpose. The "Peoples' House" should be built back the way it was. I strongly encourage the Commission to block this ill conceived vanity project.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:06:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was razed with no warning, no authorization through proper channels. This act destroyed an important historical part of the White House. It is a desecration.

I'm asking for it to be rebuilt so that is is restored to its former appearance. We don't need taxpayer money spent on a ballroom. Those who broke the law in this destructive act should be punished according to the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:06:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renea Heinrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to express my deep opposition to the proposed construction of a new wing and ballroom of the White House. Like other projects of this nature that affect historical buildings that belong to the people of this country, a thoughtful and thorough review process and proposal should have been considered. No one person should be allowed to make decisions that permanently alter our national landmarks. Thank you for the consideration.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:05:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kent Corley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marcia Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:04:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Klink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A travesty

Date: 2/17/2026 5:02:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rene Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:01:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 5:00:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hutchison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 5:00:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jean ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the gigantic addition to the White House , or Trumps Ballroom.

The design is simply not cohesive with the rest of the White House and will be an eyesore.

The demolition of the previous structure was not approved,

The interior of the design is garish and does not reflect the values of Americans.

Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 5:00:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 4:59:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Supposedly, this project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:58:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda VanArtsdalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While parts of the Peoples House also known as the White House probably need to be modernized, tearing down the East Wing was not the right way. The wing needs to be rebuilt and the size should not be larger, be out of scale or distract from the overall design of the entire building. Restoring it would be ideal, but with internal modernizations.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:57:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Cornelisse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the addition of a ballroom to the White House. The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States and not to any individual or or polarity. What has been done to our White House is illegal and any further unapproved construction should be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:57:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Goodrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sybil Strawser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:55:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Poltrack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:54:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Soo Jong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Giordano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East wing to its original glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:43 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kath Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes to Federal buildings, grounds, gardens need to be approved by historical scholars. No President should have the right to put a permanent building designed by himself. These areas are part of our American history and need to be preserved and cultivated carefully. No President should have the right to destroy the legacy of a previous administration - all decisions should be made by your organization by vote and after careful research and planning.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Archer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money to build a ballroom, much less the $300 million obtained by specious means. This administration did not go through proper channels to obtain authorization to destroy the East Wing or to build a ballroom. This is the people's house and no president should be allowed to skirt the law for his own self-aggrandizement. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. It is important that this president and future presidents understand that they work for We the People and cannot act with impunity.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:53:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Halverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. While we cannot undo what has been destroyed, we can stop forward movement until the normal processes for any project of this size are followed. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

In addition, We, the United States of America citizens, are ultimately responsible for paying for this project. Relying on donors to fund this project without having the funds in hand is a reckless risk that the American public and elected representatives have not an opportunity to approve or authorize. The "pay-to-play" precendent that these actions have taken lay down a foundation where the rich and powerful will be left alone to make whatever decisions they want to champion and unfairly gain financial benefits.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:51:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelley Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Shame! Shame that this has happened in order to appease a gigantic narcissistic ego. The East Wing needs to be completely restored to its once beautiful and historically correct status.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:51:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Trump didn't right to demolish & destroy the peoples house. To deface our landmarks is against the law. tNo one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:51:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are plenty of large ballrooms in Washington DC. We do not need a national ballroom. The White House, our house, should be the focal point. No structure should tower over the White House.
Thank you,
Deanna M. Weiss
Coatesville, PA

Date: 2/17/2026 4:50:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Bronrott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. This is not a modernization effort — it is the irreversible destruction of an important part of American history.

I urge that the project be halted immediately, and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would be a profound injustice to law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:49:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannette Vincent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Instead of a ballroom, the east wing needs to be restored to its pre demolition state. Modernize the inside but it needs to be historically accurate. That is the people's house and the east wing was destroyed with no oversight and that should never have happened. The White House doesn't need a ballroom, it needs to be returned to its historically accurate previous state.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:48:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Nilsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I DO NOT want to spend hundreds of millions of American tax payers monies to renovate the East Wing and build a billionaires ballroom. THIS is being done without any approval from ANYONE! STOP stealing our money to create gold rooms, castles etc

Date: 2/17/2026 4:47:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:47:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Schenke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:47:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Jovick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:45:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Weiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East wing and the Rose Garden to its original condition. We do not need a Golden Ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:44:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara DiDonato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:43:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Kinkade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose demolishing the East Wing of the White House to build a ballroom. To me it is a needless expense and an affront to good taste. It has survived for 250 years without a ballroom and can easily survive another 250 more. I find this particularly galling because this needless ostentation is happening at a time when many average citizens struggle to meet basic needs
If Trump feels the need to hold a ball, there are several DC hotels that can suffice.

Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:42:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Robisheaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

As an historian, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history & replaced it with the fantasy project of a high end real estate developer. It is appropriate for a private estate, but not for the "people's house" that projects historical dignity to the public. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:42:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Bickford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have had the unique opportunity to visit the White House and my heart aches for the loss of history and the destruction done without due process and planning. I do not support spending $300 million to add a ballroom that has not gone through proper planning and permitting. One of the things that struck me on my tour was the American value of ingenuity and thrift of minimalism and adapting to make current structures work. There was a beautiful adaptation of each administration that could be seen. It built a story. I am angered and saddened that much of this has been torn off and lost in favor of an unplanned garish ballroom. Please do not allow that monstrosity to be built and hold Mr. Trump responsible to fix the damage caused.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:42:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Betts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good evening,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to stroke a mere human's ego so, I beg your finest pardon, but I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is supposed to be above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding and tax paying Americans.

Thank you,

Jennifer Betts

Date: 2/17/2026 4:41:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karlen Sanberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: L. Sheffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:39:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Gaynor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this act of vandalism done to The People's House and the tacky bubon that the D Trump wants in place of the East Wing. He has destroyed a significant part of National property, without care or permission.

Not only do I oppose spending 1 penny more on his vanity, but he must be required to restore the property with his own funds, and better still, his own labor.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:39:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jo Kolb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:37:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DArcy Downs-Vollbracht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be canceled. The East Wing should be restored and history preserved. No one wants a ballroom and proper, legal authority was never obtained for the project. The White House belongs to no administration but to the people. I am opposed to this destruction and significant structural change to the East Wing. Please stop it.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

My name is Sara Campbell and I am a project manager for a hospital doing primarily modernization projects. There is no scenario where this is a modernization project. This is destruction of historical property without the input of the owners.

I actually agree that there is a need for a larger space for state dinners, but destroying the East Wing for a golf club ballroom is not the solution. The rebuilding is this wing needs to be done with a proper OAC process with designs presented to us, the owners, before anything is built. Otherwise the administration needs to rebuild the wing as it was not charging taxpayers.

Also can there be a public disclosure of what happened to the contents of the wing and were any of the historical materials saved or was it all just bulldozed for ego?

Respectfully,
Sara Campbell, PMP

Date: 2/17/2026 4:36:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Eisenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thought we were draining the swamp and reducing unnecessary expenditures? This is not properly vetted,a waste of tax payor money, poorly conceived and an abomination to an important historical venue. Build in Florida if you like with your own Ill gotten gains from plundering the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:35:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Hayden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cindy Langston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with that restoration paid for by the private donations that were originally going to build it. This cost should not be born by the American people. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you and regards,
Cindy Langston

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called modernization project, which was begun without proper approval or notification. The East Wing should be restored to its former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynell Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, Planning Team.
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
We, the People, All of Us This Time, are the rightful owners of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. As such, it is fitting and proper to weigh in on the future of this property and its structures, a right that does not belong to the current tenant, whose occupancy is due to expire in January 2029.
However, since the illegal demolition of the East Wing calls for a plan to replace it, if it were up to me, I would propose that a mini nature preserve be "built" in its stead. You could call it the successor to the Rose Garden, another demolition of beauty that is now replaced by concrete.
That said, under no circumstances do I approve of a structure being built that dwarfs the original contours of the White House proper.
I trust that you will do the right thing by our beloved Executive Mansion.
Many thanks.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:33:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Karnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This East Wing’s destruction was conducted deceptively & illegally. It should be rebuilt with internal

improvements but external restoration to its historic appearance. Allowing the debacle now underway to stand decades ahead for one man's out-of-control, narcissistic policies & egomaniacal practices is a grave disservice to our nation.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:30:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannette Idiart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:30:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonya Wasson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi,

Please do not approve any plans for a ballroom that only serves as a vanity project for Trump and not as an enhancement of the People's House.

The East Wing was the heart of The White House that welcomed all people. Future plans should be for restoration of at least the previous functionality of the East Wing, preferably with a similar esthetic.

Please do not allow further destruction to this landmark.

Thank you,
Sonya Wasson

Date: 2/17/2026 4:29:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Chieco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This "project" if it can even be called that is appalling to say the least - no one is above the law yet somehow this building was razed with zero authorization and now is in a shambles about to be paid for by bribes from rich tech billionaire bros. CANCEL THIS PROJECT. Restore the old building and THEN go through a review of proposed plans. Shame on everyone involved in this.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:29:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Polant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East Wing was not something anybody asked for. There is no need for a ballroom...the White House is not a castle and it is not the President's personal home either. Keep it the People's House. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:29:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josephine Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresia Windling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an American citizen currently abroad; my voting address is in Tucson Arizona, 85748.

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:28:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Manley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that projects need to & must follow the rules for environmental review & public comment before beginning. In this case, that did not happen. But, this project should be stopped until those rules can be done.
The White House is an historic building that even more needs to follow these rules. It is one that belongs to the people of the USA -- not to any one person, not even a president. Yes, as a citizen, the president is allowed to provide input -- but not to take away the input of everyone else.
At this time, the historic East Wing is gone. It needs to be restored [& not paid for by the citizens -- who did not cause this -- but the person who illegally had it torn down & anyone he can get to contribute to that funding]. It needs to be compatible with the rest of the building & what it was.
It needs to be restored so it is compatible with the rest of the White House & compatible to what it was before. Needed upgrades to electrical. lighting, insulation, handicapped access & the like [to bring up to current standards] should be done -- but not to change the style just to make one person happy. And, they also need to follow required review procedures.
Excess adornments, such as gold plating being added to existing areas should also be removed. They are just gaudy, IMO.
Huge ballrooms are NOT needed at the White House. An area for small events could be OK; but for large events there already are many other locations in the DC area that could be used -- & that have better parking for those who attend, which is not available near the White House at this time.
Public comment may decide that some appearance issues should be done. [I am not recommending any appearance changes from what the White House was before the East Wing was demolished. But, I am just one person & my opinion should count when the comments are submitted.]
Pres Trump needs to be told by Congress that US laws apply to him also. If he wants changes to anything, he can propose changes that then would need to follow rules for review before they could be passed & enacted.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Glenn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is, and always will be, The People's House!
Trump cannot treat it like one of his loser real estate deals, like he is doing with The Kennedy Center.
Please stop the destruction now, before he goes after the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:27:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Sparks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm opposed to the tearing down of the East Wing and the loss of this historic part of the White House. It was done without the proper review, without the proper permits etc at the whim of one man. Even the President should be subject to the law. I am not alone in being outraged at this misuse of money.

It is bad enough that the lovely Rose Garden was paved over to make a patio and that the tasteful White House has been turned over to a golden mess of decor.

Not only was the existing structure torn down illegally, the proposed ballroom would overshadow our White House. It does not fit the aesthetic of the White House. It is not needed; large functions have accommodated for over a century. In fact the design is poorly planned and poorly conceived. The price tag has ballooned.
The sketches show a gaudy design not worthy of the people's house.

I want the East Wing be rebuilt to its former scale and former appearance inside and out. This never should have happened. Don't let the tearing down make this a fait accompli— which is what was intended.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:26:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House can only be altered with proper review and approval. Tearing down a section following the unilateral approval of the president does not accord with our nation of laws. Authorizing the new ballroom as a reward for this action only rewards this action.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:26:37 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacque Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. We do not need or want a huge gold palace for any president..
Please use these funds for the betterment of the peoples of theses United States. This project did not go through proper authorization. We need the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design. No one is above the law to tear down and build as they wish. Proper laws are for a reason.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:25:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walt Esquivel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
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Sincerely,
Walt Esquivel, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps, Veteran

Date: 2/17/2026 4:21:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Ludtke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jodi Manis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:16:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Croshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is so dismaying that the president of the United States has so little regard for the history and traditions of our country that he ripped down one of our treasured buildings without following any of the safeguards or allowing any public input prior to the destruction. Thank you to the Institute for Historic Preservation for doing what they can to demand that we do what we can to preserve the history that was lost there and restore what we can as well. We must remember this is the people's house into the future … not one president's.
I urge you to follow their recommendations and demands.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Holly Wallace

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was illegally destroyed by a would-be dictator who believes he is above all laws and regulations. That such an historic building was destroyed at this maniac's whim is incredibly sad and should be a criminal act. What we can have him do now is to build a ballroom in a replica of the East Wing with the same footprint, size and character of the wonderful building which he destroyed. (Let us not forget this so-called president lied publicly to the citizen-owners of said building, stating that it would not be destroyed, only renovated!) The inside of this replica can include a small-size ballroom in the character of the historic building's age and architecture. No marble and fake or real gold doodads, please! Do not let the precedent stand that this can be attempted again by him or anyone else.
Also, please protect the Kennedy Center before he attempts to do the same to this very different treasure of a building!
Sincerely, a loyal, patriotic American citizen,
Susan Torres

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Also, I have heard rumors that the hidden intent of this project is to build a data center underground. I understand that the US Government does not fully disclosure all of their projects if there truly is a national security issue associated with doing so. If this is true, is the National Trust for Historic Preservation informed of this scope?

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Malcolm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in principle, as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. An invaluable piece of American history has already been demolished. It must be restored--with such minimal alterations as are necessary to bring it in compliance with current codes--but not to indulge the fiat of a person who has repeatedly shown blatant disregard for American history. If a ballroom must be built, let it be built without destroying this historic East Wing, and let it be built in accordance with the traditions, laws, and procedures established for such projects. Restore the East Wing!

Date: 2/17/2026 4:15:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louis Wentz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, this project represents the lawlessness of an administration not the least bit concerned about American History, historic preservation, proper procedures, and fiscal responsibility. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete disregard for time-honored processes. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Hodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:14:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Tarbush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs,

I saw the following comment online, and it succinctly addresses how I personally feel about this blatant vandalism of a public asset.

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I couldn't state this better myself.

Regards,
Ed Tarbush
Cleveland, Ohio

Date: 2/17/2026 4:13:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Massey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization. This project was started without legal authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. Cancel this project, and have the East Wing rebuilt and restored exactly how it was. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:12:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Horoho
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:11:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marty Younts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this reposed project and infuriated that the demolition occurred without authorization.

The historic building that was razed needs to be rebuilt and restored exactly as it was before it was destroyed.

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Name: Amy Lenzner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:10:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ej Braida
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Name: Clare Hedin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:07:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Rundle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a $300 million modernization project but rather a wanton destruction of our American history. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, so this illegal project must be canceled, those who broke the law by negligently permitting this project to go ahead are an affront to all law-abiding Americans and must be held accountable for their actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:07:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie Stonebraker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirk Heflin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing of the White House and replace the plantings as well as possible. The ballroom is

inappropriate.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:06:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace R Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American living and working in New Zealand, I want to say that seeing the demolition of the East Wing, an addition built to
recognize, aide, and serve the First Ladies or partners of the President of the United States, has been both shocking and saddening even from this distance.

The People of the United States have been given no voice through this committee to approve the remodel of the historic People´s House. All protocols and procedures were as steamrolled as the East Wing itself.

The White House has always been a symbolic dwelling place. Children and people of all ages have been thrilled to visit and learn about its history. The East Wing, a place of productive and admirable work, has been destroyed and can only be remembered through photographs or stories of visits and visits.

More shocking is that the East Wing is planned to be replaced with a ¨party palace¨ for no other reason than to impress others. Whatever the cost, it would be ill-spent, no matter how it is gained because a ¨party palace¨ is a very poor symbol in these deeply troubling times.

One of the endearing attributes of America to the world has always been the gratitude and modesty of those who live and work in the White House and desire to serve their country to the best of their ability rather than put on a show.

Thank you for your consideration and the worthwhile work you do.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Kniffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please hold Mr Trump accountable for tearing down the east wing illegally. What an incredible loss of history. He is not above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:05:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LORI NEILSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

EDIT OF PREVIOUS TWO COMMENTS, SUBMITTED YESTERDAY (2/16/26)
SORRY ... THIRD TIME'S A CHARM!

I urge the commission to halt the construction of this monstrosity as soon as possible so the reconstruction of the East Wing, AS IT WAS, can be accomplished. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, NOT to the individual who currently (and temporarily) occupies it. I have walked in the halls and within the walls of the White House East Wing; to think of their destruction on the whim of one person makes me profoundly sad.

The unthinkable destruction of the East Wing was done because one person wants a glorious 400 MILLION DOLLAR ballroom to entertain his MAGA sycophants. As is usual, he is thinking solely of himself. The White House does not need a 400 MILLION DOLLAR ballroom and the people of the United States do not want one. They want their house to be put back the way it was, in proper proportion to the main structure. As to his claims that this ill-planned project would be paid for by "donations", I do not believe it. Somehow, somewhere, funds for it will come out of the pockets of taxpayers. I absolutely have no desire to have my tax dollars go toward ANY project that the current occupant wishes to build to glorify himself.

This has been such a colossal waste of time, money, and resources. It has scarred the beautiful landscape at the White House. It has been one more thing to bring unneeded stress to the American people. One person has been responsible for this and you know exactly who it is.

Please stop this project so that the reconstruction of the East Wing will be accomplished with proper oversight, permitting and consideration of historical context.

NO 90,000 SQ FT ADDITION and NO BALLROOM!

Sincerely,
Lori Neilson
American Citizen / Taxpayer for the past *55* years

Date: 2/17/2026 4:04:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose and am appalled by the unauthorized demolition of the White House's east wing. This was the destruction not only of a building but of the "people's history." It is a squandering of money--whether it comes from donors, where it can be considered bribes to the president, or whether it comes from the taxpayers.

I want this abomination not only canceled, but the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:03:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine McCartney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 4:02:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Sarro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Rogin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Surely, the sudden razing of the East Wing without public comment or official review is beyond the scope of one man's authority. Please use all applicable law to demand the immediate and full reconstruction of this historic structure. It belongs not to him but to all of us.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:01:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is disturbing that it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 4:00:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Rioux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:57:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Beasey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that has not had all of the proper permits or authorizations. The East wing of the White House should be restored to its former glory and the people responsible for this should be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:57:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:56:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Tuttle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely appalled by the wanton destruction of the People's House by its temporary occupant. It was done without consulting anyone or caring about anything. Restore the East Wing to its former footprint.

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Name: Catherine Laycook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and its intent contradicts the purpose of the presidential residence and facilities. The current president's order for unilateral destruction of the East Wing violated the law and pursued this project without the required process and engaging of public comment. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. National Capital Planning Commission should remain independent and make decisions based solely on the benefit to the District of Columbia and the citizens of the US. It should not be swayed by the political opinion or actions of any one person including the President of the United States especially when there is a chance that such a person could benefit personally or financially from such a decision.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:55:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not a palace. It is not a tsar's residence. The National Trust oversees this building because it belongs to us, the people, not to any president. I know that taste is subjective, but we all know what it is to be modest. A ballroom that dwarfs the White House is not modest, and I would say it is

tasteless and tacky. It sends a signal, perhaps accurately, that the United States government and all of its officials are for sale. While this may be true, I'd rather continue to think that we can change that, and a building is just too concrete a symbol that the ultra-rich are running things. Please stop the East Wing Modernization Project and restore the East Wing to its former size and uses. The Trump family can pay for the restoration, not the taxpayers. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:55:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the proposal of an outrageous ballroom nothing but grandiose dreams of a wanna be monarch. The East Wing was destroyed without consultation, permits or plans. This is a temporary residence for the President, and it is "The People's House." This is not a remodel, it's a fever dream of narcissistic proportions...along with a dramatic arch, renaming a living memorial after oneself, and wanting a bridge and a Nobel Prize. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored.
I would like the donated money returned to the billionaire donors as it is unreasonable to expect the donations wouldn't be influential. However, I suspect the donations have been pocketed by a certain entity who is considered"above the law."
My mother has dementia. She sometimes creates who timeliness of her past that are not true. When we left the neurologist office after her testing ten years ago, she went on and on about how well she did and how the doctor didn't know anything.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:55:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelli Holcomb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete demolition of American history. I want to see East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historic design.
Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action.
Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
We need to preserve our history, and restore the East Wing to its former glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:54:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimbrough Leslie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House isn't merely the residence of the President of the U.S. It is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, property of the the people of the United States and the official presidential residence since 1800. The occupant at any point in history does not own or have authority to alter the White House or its contents except for minimal changes in style or display that must be reversible. Any current president is only a temporary tenant limited to what he or she can change by the law and respect for all of the citizens of the nation.
The recent demolition of the historic East Wing without any review, permits, or Congressional oversight was done clearly in violation of the law. It is also a violation of the trust of the people. There was no time or means provided for public comment on what law and custom dictated be only a proposal and not a blatantly unauthorized illegal destructive act done without prior approval transparency, or adequate warning.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require restoration of the East Wing to a state as near to its historically approved design and size as possible. Any new construction on the site of the demolished wing must be faithful to the original style, structure, and size of the original East Wing of the nation's executive mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:51:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Ghaderi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:50:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Roberson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot vehemently oppose enough the spending of $300 million on this project, which was done with no regard for American history, zoning, r discussion with the American public. It must be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. It is the people's house, not a pet project for an administration who has the gall and thinks it has the right to do anything it pleases unchecked and paid for by our tax dollars.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:49:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Robin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce MacInnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to this $300 million project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but is instead a complete destruction of American history. Please register my demand that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen MacInnes
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Name: Hope Underwood
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Also, release the Epstein files!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Marquardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million dollars to build a ballroom. The project is unauthorized and the destruction of the East Wing is a criminal act that has destroyed a historical building. I entreat the powers that be to halt the project and restore the White house to it's former historic structure to the best of the engineers and architects ability. Those responsible for this unauthorized destruction should be held legally and financially accountable. Thank you. A voting American patriot.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Silcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:44:14 AM
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DeeAnn Gieseke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want a Eastwing restored to its original design. The modernization was not authorized prior to its demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:43:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Banks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed $300 million expenditure on this project. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort, but rather a complete removal of American history. I respectfully urge that the project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who failed to follow established legal and procedural requirements would be an affront to law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Glenn
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Name: Alison Eisinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a scandal and a scam being perpetrated on the American people. If the National Capital Planning Commission is to claim any legitimacy as an independent government agency, with subject matter expertise and fidelity to steward the public's financial resources and our nation's history, you must halt this spectacle at once, issue fines, and refuse to permit further actions to damage the White House or advance the megalomaniacal delusions of its current occupant and his sycophants.

The mission of your agency is "to preserve and enhance the extraordinary historical, cultural, and natural resources and federal assets of the National Capital Region to support the needs of the federal government and enrich the lives of the region's visitors, workers, and residents." It is apparent that your agency has failed to preserve the extraordinary historical...resource of the East Wing of the White House because you were apparently not consulted, notified, or asked to review any plans whatsoever before wanton destruction began. The region's visitors, workers, and residents are under assault by people who are literally and figuratively attempting to dismantle our constitutional democracy and representative form of government. HOLD THE LINE. Do not approve any further actions in this mad and wasteful project. Issue fines, and DO NOT GIVE IN to narcissists, bullies, and cretins.

Thank you for your attention to this disgraceful matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyssa Schaffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Russin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

NCPC

This idea is making a travesty of one of our national symbols, What a sad and laughable decision it would be to go ahead with this project.

Sincerely,
Ellen Russin

Date: 2/17/2026 3:38:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Analisa Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Esteemed Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I ask you to hold the Trump Administration accountable for its unauthorized partial demolition of the existing East Wing of the White House and to require it to cease construction of the privately-funded East Wing Modernization Project until and unless it successfully undergoes the rigorous design review and permit-granting processes required prior to altering an architectural landmark of such singular importance to our nation's history and identity.

I do not oppose architectural modifications to the White House or other historic public buildings. However, I do share the specific concerns expressed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in its October 21, 2025 letter regarding the Trump Administration's proposed construction of this White House ballroom:

"While the National Trust acknowledges the utility of a larger meeting space at the White House, we are deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.
Owned by the American people, the White House was designed by Irish architect James Hoban, whose winning proposal was selected by President George Washington. The building respects Georgian and neoclassical principles. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation's ideals."

The Trump administration has claimed without evidence that its so-called West Wing Modernization project will not compromise the architectural integrity of the White House. Furthermore, it has embarked on this project as if its private funding sources rendered it immune to oversight from Congress, the NCPC, or other institutions of the federal government.

The demolition of the East Wing and proposed construction of a 90,000 square foot ballroom in its place does not constitute the only instance in which the Trump administration has acted to obfuscate American history and subvert the norms of federal government that undergird our democracy. At this juncture, I ask that you require the Trump administration to redirect ballroom project funds to the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing to its former design under the direction of non-partisan historic preservationists and cancel any further building until you deem that restoration complete. To allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who have broken the law would be an affront to all law abiding

Americans and future generations.

Respectfully,

Analisa Taylor, PhD
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 3:38:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise and Robert Crespo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not harm our history as it is the people's house, the work should be submitted properly not ripped up to add a too large and not needed ballroom. The people do not want this.

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Name: Belinda Tarin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christoph Kull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This protect lacks all legal basis and has not gone through the proper review process. If I want to do construction as a private person I have to follow laws and rules. This applies equally to the government and the POTUS. Nobody is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:33:57 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wynne Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the Trump destruction of the East Wing with no permission granted from the proper channels or communication with the owners of the White House, The American people. The money he has solicited is part of his ongoing selling of access to billionaires, not for the benefit of the citizens of our country. Its a bunker not a ballroom and we want no part of it. Its a painful metaphor for his destruction of our democracy and it must be rebuilt with modern modifications that make sense for the future. Thank you for your efforts to rein in this destructive decision and return it to a respectful and historical building that it was.
Sincerely,
Wynne Cook
[redacted]

Date: 2/17/2026 3:33:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this tacky ballroom. I want to see everything restored to its original state. This is a historically significant building and should be preserved.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abby Wong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marian Calhoon
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We don't need, nor do we want, more shrines built to egos, particularly not those paid for by Americans who wanted no part of this in the first place. To continue with this vanity project as is would be to further stain United States history.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:26:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal is a narcissistic disgrace. A hideously ill proportioned idol to a tyrant's toddler ego. The People's House destroyed by the combined arrogance and fear of billionaire oligarchy and an embarrassingly ugly manifestation of our national shame.

I beseech you not to approve.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Busch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT approve of the East wing of the White House being torn down or a ballroom put in.

They're destroying history & has no bearing just cause the now standing President (Trump) thinks he can do whatever he pleases.

This building is a historical landmark/monument & should not be disturbed for 1 persons pleasure I don't approve of all the gold he's put in either

This should have gone to the public for approval & the specs & everything approved BY the PEOPLE of the US.

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Name: Candy Haymes
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vanessa Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is troubling that the People's house was razed without public input and support. The East Wing and the gardens represented long American traditions and should have been given more care and consideration. I would like to see opportunity for the American people to have more input into what happens in this space. Those who are responsible should also be held to account for any violations.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:20:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Tagney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: The East Wing and the "East Wing Modernization Project".

Far from a modernization project, we've seen the outright demolition of "the heart of the White House" which was, absolutely, a slap across the faces of law-abiding Americans who treasure our history and traditions.

Without a word to anyone charged with the preservation of our heritage, and after telling the public that his "ballroom" would not impact our White House, Mr. Trump went ahead and bulldozed. Where—and for that matter—if the contents were preserved and stored, no one knows.

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever amount is stated today) on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Harville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As the 'People's House,' the White House must prioritize historical stewardship over personal aesthetic shifts. I advocate for the restoration of the East Wing's original exterior dimensions and architectural style.

Modernization should be strictly limited to essential infrastructure: security enhancements, updated telecommunications, and universal ADA accessibility. All modifications must adhere to established protocols for historically sensitive landmarks.

Furthermore, the proposed ballroom expansion should be rejected; the resulting traffic congestion would negatively impact the surrounding historic district including Lafayette Square and Pennsylvania Avenue pedestrian access. Any need for expanded event space should be met by utilizing existing venues elsewhere in the city.

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Name: Kathy Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Personally, I am overall opposed to the ballroom. However, if there must be one:
1. Size. The size should be proportional to the size of the White House. When people see this complex it shouldn't "slap you in the face" because of its size.
2. Style. This is The Peoples House, and the style should reflect the people, this country, and what makes us unique and special to our citizens. It should be elegant, softly beautiful, and make a subtle but at the same time strong statement. It shouldn't be gaudy or look like a pretend historical European structure. It doesn't need to glitter. It should blend with and complement the White House. While one style will never please everyone it should please the average American more than billionaires.
3. Name. Again, this is The Peoples House and the name should reflect that.
4. Miscellaneous. Bathroom designs need to reflect women's needs. This includes quantity, size, asthetics.
5. Future. The design and style of whatever is agreed to now needs to also consider the future and what needs and changes might become evident at that time. It should support growth and change.
6. Cost. This ballroom is part of The People's House. It isn't supposed to be "bought" by private individuals or businesses. Perhaps it should be delayed until the budget can come through other means. The people of the United States should be able to feel proud and invested in whatever is or isn't built, and some of that comes from our investment in the future.
7. Summary. We may be stuck with building something due to current circumstances, but in the end I deserve the right to be proud of this structure, of it's design and functionality, of how it reflects on our country. I deserve the opportunity to support this build. I deserve the right to think of it as belonging to The People.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to let you know what I think regarding this.
Respectfully,
Kathy Walton

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose approval of this project in its entirety. The demolition of the East awing was illegal and should be returned to its original state.

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Name: Kelli Rose Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. It violates federal law by bypassing required reviews, including failing to obtain authorization from Congress, neglecting environmental assessments, and omitting approval from the National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts. No one is above the law - this project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is not modernization, it is destruction and desecration of American History and The People's House.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:18:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned that significant changes affecting the White House East Wing reportedly occurred without transparent public review or adherence to the normal planning and preservation protocols expected for a historic national site. Decisions affecting nationally significant properties should follow established processes and allow public input before irreversible actions occur. I urge the Commission to ensure that any damage or alteration be fully reviewed and, where feasible, restored to preserve the historic character of the site. Accountability and transparency are essential so that public trust—and public resources—are respected.

The White House complex is part of our shared national heritage, and changes to such historic structures should involve clear public process and preservation oversight. Historic national sites do not belong to any single administration; they belong to the people of the United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Royce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to cancel this "modernization project". I vehemently oppose this plan, which was initiated without any authorization, permits, or design review.
This "modernization project" is, in reality, an erasure of American history. The East Wing must not only be rebuilt and restored to its former design but financed by the person (Trump) who initiated this criminal act of destroying what is ours, the people's house.
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Name: David Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Heather Peters
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Name: Antonio Romani
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Name: Susan Scheck
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roseann Rayes Krane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How sad to tear down a part of our history. It is painful and pathetic to know a fake tore it down for his own pleasure. Give America back to the citizens!

Date: 2/17/2026 3:12:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joshua Maloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

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Thank you,
Josh Maloney
Oakland, CA

Date: 2/17/2026 3:11:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hensley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Frankly, the demolition of the East Wing was done without authorization and against the wishes of many Americans. I can't imagine being a tenant in any house and ordering demolition without the permission of the building owner! As for a ballroom…with all the large hotels in the Washington DC area, this would be seldom used and a burden on the taxpayers for maintenance and upkeep.

In my opinion the East Wing should be replaced, with appropriate modernizations, to its original form and function. And, in all candor, the bill for this project should be paid by Donald Trump from his PERSONAL WEALTH so it will not burden the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:10:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Orr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be restored to The People's House. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:09:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Radebaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for helping restore faith in democracy. The statement below was written by another, but I wholeheartedly agree. What was done was a tragedy and an injustice to the United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liza Chigos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is part of an effort to systematically destroy the history of this country; and to distract from the criminal activity of this administration.

The American people deserve full transparency and we are not getting it. Our tax dollars are being squandered and that needs to end.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed $300 million East Wing project. It appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or required design review, and that is deeply concerning. Projects of this scale—especially those involving historic public spaces—must follow established legal and regulatory processes.

This proposal is not simply modernization; it represents a significant alteration to an important part of American history. I urge that the project be paused and fully reviewed through the appropriate legal and public channels. Transparency, preservation, and accountability should guide any decision of this magnitude.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:05:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The reconstruction should be paid for by the person who ordered the demolition without proper permit, not American tax payers.
No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans like me and the millions of Americans who are disgusted by this demolition.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House which was undertaken without regard to current laws on destruction of historic sites.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Muir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:04:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janna Silverstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm furious about the East Wing Modernization project. The president has already razed said structure without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. He has, in effect, started a project to erase any history that has come before him. And I ESPECIALLY oppose the spending of $300 million of tax payer money on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is The People's House, not Donald Trump's memorial. Please stop this project before any more damage is done.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:03:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hylle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission:
I am appalled at the blatant disregard for due process, the "people's" opinion, and the arrogant attitude the trump administration has regarding the destruction of the East Wing, and the building of a vanity project in its place for trump that the United States certainly doesn't need. This project must be stopped and our East Wing restored to its former design so that we can preserve our history. This unauthorized destruction of our property must be stopped and the perpetrators penalized.

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Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:02:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Mick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount on the so-called East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for entirely by Donald J.Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:02:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yael Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 3:02:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arch Currie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of ANY money - regardless of origin - on the "East Wing Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 3:01:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Chapek-Carleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Totally opposed to the proposed ballroom. It is a frivolous concept, anti ethical to the purpose of the White House, and must be scrapped. The Eest Wing should be restored, modernized as necessary, but restored. And renovations must follow procedures in presenting concepts and approvals, obtaining necessary permission and supervision.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:57:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Cooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:57:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the white house should never have been demolished without appropriate approval by the agencies with that authority. I find the idea of a ballroom or bunker or any "modernization" requested by the current administration to be unnecessary and a ridiculously tone deaf waste of taxpayer money. Please restore the East Wing and make the administration pay for it with their donated funds.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:57:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cora Nally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you,
Cora Nally

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Tihista
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's too large...it will overshadow the White House. It should be reduced in size.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:56:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eleanor Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it was started prematurely without waiting for proper authorization, permits or design review. This is not a "Modernization" project but rather a complete razing of the East Wing and American history! The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law to take it upon themself to destroy what belongs to the American people without our say-so. Those who broke the law and permit this project to go ahead should be penalized to the full extent of the law as it is a

slap in the face to all Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:56:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Newkirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is a vanity project and a waste of money. Trump did not through congress and demolished historical buildings.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:55:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanie McKim-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this plan which changes the look of the nationally owned White House. There were no enviromental studies done, no public opinion asked, nor were we the taxpayers asked about how we felt about spending that ridiculous amount of money on a project that more disfigures one of our nationally recognized buildings, that's been a home for our President and their families to use for over 200 years. We have so many other seriously pressing issues in our society at this moment that need funding that it's almost a sacrilege to spend it on something so frivolous. Please turn down the appropriation of any funding for this project or reduce the amount of federal monies used to a reasonable amount, we most certainly need a golden gilded ballroom for any reason. Thank you for listening to one of the thousands of "We the People".

Date: 2/17/2026 2:55:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Pollock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Teresa Brookover
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Name: Jamie Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:54:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Egidio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for your efforts to save the East Wing of the White House

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

May the East Wing be restored and respected.

Elaine M Egidio

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Name: Michelle Wilcox
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Name: Michelle Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Norman Wald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Bourne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:53:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francine Marie-Sheppard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the people was incredibly disrespectful to the people as well as offensive and illegal. We demand a prosecution of the law, along with an accounting of historical objects lost inside and the consequences the law decides, such as the rebuilding of the East Wing at the cost to the perpetrators. It's extremely unlikely that the perpetrators will admit error far less issue an apology, but the consequences and punishment should be proportionate to the crime and not a slap on the wrist to an administration that feels it can do anything with impunity.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:51:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Hudgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Holland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Perkins
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendal Tipper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please Please stop this atrocity.
I don't believe that any of the proper reviews and analysis normally associated with a project of this magnitude have been sufficiently addressed. If they had, I am dumbfounded that any changes at all would have been permitted.
Thank you for your kind attention to me, and to our national history.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:46:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Nelson-Beard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:45:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Kelm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:45:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Love
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without proper authorization or permits was a disgrace.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:45:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Braithwaite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly object to the east wing modernization project at the White House. This is a historical building belonging to the people of the US. To completely bypass the Congress and the people and with little planning and oversight. This massive ballroom will overpower the rest of the people's house in Washington DC. This project should be stopped immediately, canceled, and returned to its former size and design. This is a gaudy plan run wild. A Vanity project. No, no, no and please find a way that this could never happen again.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:44:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Herb Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a desecration of our heritage. It is simply an ego-driven attempt to re-create the White House site in the (tasteless) image of a single man's vanity. This MUST be stopped!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:43:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Campeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, the proposed addition is a grave concern because the executive branch broke the law by beginning construction without filing plans with the National Capital Planning Commission, by not seeking an environmental assessment of the project, and by declining to seek authorisation from Congress.

Second, the proposed addition appears to significantly extend into the landscape south of the existing East Wing. This impacts not only the layout and configuration of the buildings, but also the surrounding landscape that is equally important to the historic character of the White House and the President's Park (including Lafayette Park and the Ellipse). As such, any changes to the White House grounds should be carefully deliberated and involve appropriate landscape experts.

Third, the proposed 90, 000-sq-ft ballroom would dwarf the main White House, at nearly double the size. Additional, it is unclear how it will impact other architectural details of mansion.

Finally, without Congressional oversight and the guidance of exports in history and architecture, the proposed ballroom threatens the historical, political, and architectural integrity of the White House, possibly even resulting in authoritarian monumentalism, a result that would buttress individual egos eroding the mansion symbolism as The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Martinsons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Executive branch must obtain approval from congress for making major changes to public property. The current administration has already gone too far in completely destroying the east wing. They (he) must have prior authorization from congress before taking further action. This president thinks he is a medieval monarch who can do whatever he wants, and he can't.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:43:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners:

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

All reconstruction costs should be paid for at the personal expense of Donald Trump, plus hefty fines levied. All work should be done by contractors hired through the standard processes for such work, with no ties or influence by Donald Trump, his family, businesses, or supporters.

In addition, the offending White House occupant should be prosecuted for breaking the law. He mist be accountable to the people of the United States, whose historic property he has wantonly destroyed.

Sincerely,
Michelle Anderson
American citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 2:43:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Strauch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was. No gold added anywhere.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:42:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Byington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:42:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannette Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Disgraceful tear down of historical proportions(East wing ballroom) to satisfy the the illusion of grandeur for trump.

Rebuilt it the way it was !!!!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:42:01 AM
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Name: Linda Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brian Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 2:41:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition of this peoject. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julie Salek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House stands as a visual representation of our nation's identity. When its legacy is dismantled without transparency or lawful process, it mirrors the broader instability and division many Americans feel today.
The decision to spend $300 million on a project undertaken without proper authorization, permitting, or design oversight is deeply concerning. What is being described as modernization is, in reality, the erasure of American history.
This project should be halted immediately, and the East Wing restored to its former design and historical character.
Accountability matters.
Restoration matters.
To unify and move forward, we must recommit to preserving both our civic and physical institutions and return our nation to a foundation grounded in respect for history, law, and shared purpose.
History is watching.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:39:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Herndon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is a waste of $300 million. It was started illegally without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Not only would this project destroy a huge piece of American history, but it would be a complete eyesore totally out of place with the rest of the Whitehouse. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Contrary to what the president may think, no one should be above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I can't even build a 4' fence in my yard without getting a permit, so why should this president get to just unilaterally demolish part of the Whitehouse?

Date: 2/17/2026 2:38:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon gadonniex
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josefa Simkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: William Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Toth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Greer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can hardly believe that this president was allowed to have part of our national heritage razed to the ground with no review of plans. There were no plans to review in the first place!
This president never has understood that he is a public servant who resides in the White House at the pleasure of the People. The People are Sovereign, yet he treats the White House as if it were his own property, and not ours. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, with minimal changes as might be needed for some small modernizations, designed and executed by a third party unaffiliated with the president, paid for out of this president's personal accounts, with damages in lieu of prison time to be assessed by an independent judicial committee, and paid into the Treasury of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:36:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Yutzy Glebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Even here it is being called a "modernization project" when it was rather a complete razing of American history which was apparently carried out without consideration of which functions (e.g., security facilities) would be destroyed in the process and required in the interim. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It would set a dangerous precedent for future administrations both in regards to the wanton destruction of public property without due process and the insidious influence of private donations to buy influence and attention. If any private funds are used in this project, they should come from those responsible for the destruction, but only to fund construction underseen by independent architects and engineers who can ensure that the new building follows all safety and construction protocols.

Sincerely,
Ellen Yutzy Glebe

Date: 2/17/2026 2:36:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Terrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. In addition, the party responsible for authoring this demolition must be held accountable for the cost of reconstruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:34:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should NEVER have been started. And my fear is they'll get 1/2 way done and demand taxpayer dollars to finish it. I'd much rather have the history that was in the east wing than a new bunker and a gold plated (bleh) room to honor a president who has done more damage to our history, infrastructure, and democracy. PLEASE stop this lunatic and his hairbrained project!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:33:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Goka Huynh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can this just happen without any sort of checks and balances? How can a building just be destroyed unilaterally? What company was hired? Who made the contract? I live in a historic Eduardian house, and if I destroyed it to build a grotesque monument to myself and my own vanity, I would face consequences, I'm not even sure what they would be but there would be something. Why am I held to a higher standard than the President of the United States? If this is how it's going to be, can we just be truthful about it? There are laws for all of us to follow and obey, and there is a class of people, including but not limited to the President, who do not even have any laws to follow, who are never held accountable, and who can do whatever they want without consequences. The building was not his to destroy; it is ours, all of ours. We the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:33:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The preservation of our history is paramount to understanding what the United States is. Our museums, our National Parks and our structures all tell the story of America. Its important that it is cared for, cherished and carefully managed.
Therefore, I wish to state that I oppose the construction of a $300 million, 90 thousand square foot ballroom that was initiated without the proper reviews, permits and authorization that is required by law. This project should be stopped immediately and the finds that were donated used to restore the East Wing of the White House to its original appearance.
The White House belong to the People of the United States, not the temporary occupant each President is. It is the Peoples House.
Not only should this project NOT go forward but those who violated our laws and defiled our history should be prosecuted.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:32:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vandy Roadifer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history that makes me ill every time I think about it the destruction of the East Wing. I cried when it was pulled down with complete disregard for the storied history of the building. I remember my first and only tour of the East Wing during a high school trip to Washington DC and the awe I felt when I first walked in. I'm not alone in this despair. The White House, including the East Wing, belongs to all Americans, not the person who occupies the office of the president. I want the modernization project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory. No one is above the law, especially not politicians, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding, patriotic Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:31:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Lilienthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Laudeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Goodwin-Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susie Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Melissa Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:29:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Tompkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in complete opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an utter destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:27:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Hinkson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (in private bribe money)on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump has no unilateral authority to destroy the People's House.

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:25:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Walters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:25:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Fairclough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee,

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely , S Fairclough

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Parks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:25:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Beiswenger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:24:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Calhoon-Dillahunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, owned by the American people, NOT the president. As a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, it belongs to the public and is maintained and protected by the public. The president is only a temporary resident. one allowed to occupy the space at the will of the people in order to SERVE the people.

The recent destruction of the historic East Wing, without review, permits, or authorization--and without Congressional approval or public consent--not only violated the law; it violated the people's trust. Its reckless demolition to, of all things, build a massive privately-funded ballroom, erases an important portion of our history and disrespects the democracy it symbolizes.

I implore the National Capital Planning Commission reject the President's plans for a new, huge White House ballroom. The President's lawless actions--from razing the East Wing without review or permits or adherence to historic preservation laws, to ethically questionable, if not corrupt, quid pro quo private fundraising--must not be permitted to stand. No one is above the law!

Additionally I strongly urge the NCPC to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its original historic design. At minimum, any new construction on the demolition site should be required to match the style of the original structure of the Executive Residence, including being subordinate in size. Further, any reconstruction or new construction should be PUBLICLY funded through Congressional appropriations to ensure the White House remains owned by the people. Barring Congressional appropriation for reconstruction, the land should remain vacant until such time as Congress approves funding AND (re)construction has been fully vetted and authorized through appropriate legal processes.

Moreover, given the potential public health and safety risks related to the unauthorized demolition, the NCPC must mitigate any remaining health and safety risks at the site and ensure that workers and DC residents are compensated for any health issues that arise from this illegal action on the part of the administration.

Restore the people's house for the people, and re-establish the White House as a National Historic Landmark (in its entirety) and as a symbol of democracy and public good.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:24:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Hartigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of federal property is a serious crime.
The people who planned and participated in the destruction of the East wing with no formal review or

permission should be prosecuted. The East wing should be restored to its original design. This should never have been allowed to happen, and must be rectified.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: edwin veltman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

During a time when the incumbent president is preaching austerity, to add one more gilded obscenity to the gaudy, tasteless mess that all the historic federal buildings have become is utterly wasteful, frightfully designed and by no means necessary. And when you add the extreme condition of all of those factors, it's really just gross.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:24:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Bagus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has selfishly, unlawfully desecrated our Historic, coveted White House. The White House is the legacy of the people. It is not Trump's to destroy as he has done countless times, where he has taken something special and destructively altered it at a whim. He leaves in his wake massive degradation. This is what he has done to the People's House. He must be stopped. The People's House must be returned to its original splendor.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lita Semrau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect, I know that construction projects take time and planning. This project has none of that. If a historical property owned by the citizens of the IS, it should be throughly vetted before any demolition begins. The existing building should have been throughly documented. The architect should be vetted before any work begins. Then the addition should designed to match the scale of the existing historical building and not overwhelm it. Please do not allow the prosed project to proceed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Hembd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Also, there should be an investigation into where this money, that many consider bribes, is. That money should be used to restore ALL employees back to the National Park Service and restore ALL National Parks' historical information, at the parks, back to the way it was before being whitewashed and sanitized. Monies to restore the East Wing back to the original state should be paid for by the temporary occupier of the Whitehouse, Donald J. Trump, Sr.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:22:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Kahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that President Trump has decided to proceed with this project without securing permission from the National Capital Planning Commission. I am horrified that he has already destroyed the East Wing of the White House. Not only should this project be halted, but President Trump should be personally responsible for funding the restoration of the East Wing as it originally existed. No one is above the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Greenfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patricia Kahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Patricia Kahn
Tenants Harbor, Maine

Date: 2/17/2026 2:21:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Olsson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:20:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the house of the people of these United States. Any significant changes should be planned, discussed, and debated They should not be begun lightly or without proper regard to the tradition of public input in public projects and with respect to the rich history of the White House itself, and the historic role it has played in our country.
Seriously, for many of us, it would be impossible to add on a room to our houses in the city without a lengthy approval and permitting process. Seeing the hasty destruction of the East Wing feels reckless and a personal project rather than a project of the people.
Traditionally, many of the First Lady's efforts would find their home in the East Wing, and this important role should not be forgotten.
Please, let's stop the destruction and have a public conversation about what the goals are, how to accommodate its previous role, and whether or not the new features are really necessary and warranted.
Let's make sure the home of the people is representing our citizenry in the best possible way.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Sutton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:19:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Mink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the people’s house and such projects to the people’s house should NOT be approved without the majority consent of the people’s representatives through congress. No one is above the law and to permit this

project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:19:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:18:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Blackman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the White House East Wing should be rebuilt to the exact specifications that it was prior to the unlawful destruction of it. All furnishings that were in it prior to the unlawful demolition need to be returned to their original locations.
The White House, both the East and West Wing as well as the grounds belong to the American people. None of it belongs to any president, current, past or future. It is government housing that is provided by the American people. It is and will always be THE AMERICAN PEOPLES HOUSE.
DJT wrongfully decided that he wanted himself a newer, larger ballroom instead of the East Wing. He did not ask his bosses, the American people, for permission. He asked no one for permission. He acted like an unruly tenant and violated the rules in his lease.
The majority of Americans want their East Wing rebuilt. We do not want new, bigger ballrooms. DJT needs to remember that the White House is NOT his home. It is his TEMPORARY, PART TIME residence.
PLEASE, do not allow him to change anything else about the PEOPLES HOUSE.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:18:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Blatchley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:17:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian[9] DEGIOVANNI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this modernization go forward. The East Wing needs to be returned to the beautiful historic space that complemented the design of the White House. Tearing down the East Wing without any oversight was illegal & the modernization project must be halted immediately!
Sincerely,
MARIAN J DEGIOVANNI

Date: 2/17/2026 2:17:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmen English
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing is heartbreaking. The fact that it was done without congressional approval is illigal. When America is experiencing food insecurity, the Whitehouse is sending a clear message of " Let them eat cake." It's a really bad look.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:16:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Herzner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose spending any amount of money on this project that has destroyed the East Wing of the People's House. It was initiated without notice, authorization, proper permits or planning. I want all construction or further destruction to cease immediately until it can be restored to its former design with the proper approvals and architectural planning.
The fact that this so-called project was started in such manner is an insult to the people of this country. All those who had a hand in this should be faced with all civil and criminal penalties that may apply.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:15:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Meader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely astounded and horrified that the current administration has already destroyed a part of our national heritage without permission or permit. Furthermore, I am thoroughly opposed to any rebuilding without very careful review is done to ensure that it is done in keeping with the historic character of the White House. As far as I am concerned, the current plans involve an abomination completely out of character with the dignity, beauty, and historic nature of this place.

Sincerely,

Dr. Belinda Morrill Meader

Date: 2/17/2026 2:15:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxanne copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete erasure of American history, and not the first time This Felon has destroyed a precious part of this historic building .
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:14:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: NJo Tufts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this stopped and the East Wing rebuilt! This is the people's house, not the private property of any one man! Proper historical and legal protocols were ignored and the funding is anything but clear. Mara Lago decor does not fit the White House and building a ballroom for the elite while millions of Amercans struggle financially is ridiculous at best, and disgusting in the statement it represents!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:14:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization:

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Concerned Citizen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the ballroom design, which is excessive and unnecessary and simply being done to fulfill the egotistical desires of one person. It was initiated without the proper permits, authorization or design review. It is not a modernization, it is a gutting of what was formerly “the people’s house”, which is now becoming an outlandish and garish copy of some autocrat’s palace. I would prefer that the East Wing be rebuilt to its former elegant design, which complements the rest of the White House architecture, with the bill paid solely by Donald J. Trump with morality checks to ensure no corruption in where the funding is coming from.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Weih
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this colossal waste of money & desecration of our country's historic & iconic buildings, landmarks, monuments & heritage, especially with this huge & gaudy ballroom which will make the whitehouse seem insignificant when side by side. Truly distasteful.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Shaughnessy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear US Authorities and Commissioners,

I respectfully oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely yours, Timothy Shaughnessy

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as no reviews or permissions were granted before Trump decided to tear down the East Wing for his ridiculously outsized golden ballroom. The White House is the People's House and not his to desecrate. It needs to return to the state it was before Trump made changes and he and all companies involved need to be fined for illegally caused damage AND pay to have it restored. It is a National Historic building and needs to be protected. The Rose Garden should be restored too!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:13:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not the current resident. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:12:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Silvia Grossmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:12:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Egiziano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The WH belongs to the American people, not to a president to do with as he pleases. The current occupant tore down the East Wing without legally required authorization. There should be no ballroom or other "modernization". It should be rebuilt exactly as it was before he had it demolished.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:12:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project but a Trumpification project. To tear down American history and replace it with a gaudy hangout for the ultra-wealthy, let alone to spend $300 million and break any number of laws in doing so, is a slap in the face of every American. I demand the ballroom project be halted and the East Wing restored as closely as possible to its previous state.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:11:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michel Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:11:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and purpose. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans - We the People.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:11:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary estes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:11:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm deeply concerned about the East Wing "Modernization" Trump ballroom project. The White House is one of our nation's most important historic landmarks, owned by all Americans and a symbol of our democratic traditions. Major changes like this should not proceed without transparent review, full compliance with federal preservation laws, and meaningful public input before irreversible demolition occurs. The East Wing should have never been demolished and those responsible should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

The demolition of the historic East Wing and construction of a much larger, privately funded ballroom raises

serious concerns about bypassing established review processes meant to protect national heritage and ensure accountability to the public. I urge the Commission to require full historic and environmental reviews, enforce compliance with NEPA and the Commission of Fine Arts and National Capital Planning Commission standards, and ensure that future decisions uphold the integrity and legacy of the People's House rather than expanding it without broad public consensus.

If this project is allowed to continue as is, what's to stop the Lincoln Memorial or the Washington Monument from being toppled? We have guardrails for a reason, they must be respected.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:10:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katje Sabin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Katje Sabin

Date: 2/17/2026 2:09:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elysia Hodges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:09:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing being turned into a ballroom regardless of who is paying for it. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was originally. This is the people's house and it was demolished without our consent. He doesn't own jt!

Date: 2/17/2026 2:09:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Garcia-Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to spending millions of dollars to build a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. Those who illegally tore down the east wing without permits and approval from Congress should be made to pay for the rebuild of the East wing to its former design and structure. An independent group should oversee the rebuild to ensure it is historically preserved.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:09:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Brodsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the historic building has already been irreversibly destroyed, I believe that space ought to be converted into a 24 hour childcare facility for Whitehouse employees' children. Specifically the staff running the building and household, rather than the govt officials.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:08:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Guy Shultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:08:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Dresser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I would like to register my disapproval of this project. It is in violation of historical preservation rules, is unnecessarily large and inappropriate for the White House. It is also too expensive for a little-used function hall.

Please discontinue funding and all progress on this project except for repairs to the demolition which has sadly already taken place.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Dresser

Date: 2/17/2026 2:07:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Damashek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:07:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Morgan Wessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Stuber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose every aspect of this project, there was no proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law, and those who broke the law should be punished as any other citizen guilty of violations like these would be.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Brazeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:06:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Fulmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing White House demolition without the President and his team following the proper approvals and the spending of at least $400 million dollars to complete the project. (First it was $200, then Oct. 2025 it was $300 and finally Dec. 2025 was $400 million.)
And the “donations” used to fund it are just forms of bribes. The American people did not ask for this ballroom!

Trump is out of control. This is the people’s house, not his. He is erasing our history and the wing needs to be restored to its original specs. Sadly, it will never be the same.

And the Kennedy Center…remove his name and do not allow the gaudy arch he is pushing to come to fruition. Can’t believe the historic Rose Garden was allowed to be paved over either.

There are so many more important issues that need to be addressed. Please stop this ballroom construction!

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:05:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Wake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand in firm and unequivocal opposition to this unlawful $300 million — and now reportedly $400 million — demolition and replacement of the White House East Wing, a 123-year-old national landmark that belonged not to any president, but to the American people. This project was carried out in defiance of legally mandated review processes: it proceeded without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without review by the Commission of Fine Arts, without a public comment period, and without required congressional authorization. That is not modernization — it is the willful destruction of shared American history and heritage, compounded by deliberate contempt for the law.

This project must be stopped, and those responsible for bypassing federal preservation law must be held fully accountable. The National Historic Preservation Act exists precisely to prevent decisions of this magnitude from being made unilaterally and in secret. As the National Trust for Historic Preservation has rightly argued: no president — none — has the legal authority to demolish portions of the White House without any review whatsoever. The law is not optional for the powerful. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would set a dangerous precedent that those in positions of authority are exempt from the legal obligations that every other American institution must honor.

I demand the immediate halt of all construction activity, full compliance with all required federal review and public comment processes, and the restoration of the East Wing to its original historic design. The American people deserve accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law — not a fait accompli built on rubble.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:04:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How could this happen? There's no respect for historical architecture and usage, much less the law. A very addled dementia patient is trying to relive what he remembers of his glory days and billionaires are throwing money at him in order to get favors in return. It's shameful. Make it stop, please.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:04:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Savage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historic building and an important symbol of American heritage. The destruction of the East Wing without proper approvals and without the input of the American people was a grave error which can best be rectified by rebuilding it to its prior specifications. The East Wing should be restored to its role as headquarters for the First Spouse and their projects, not turned into a ballroom.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the dismantling of the East Wing to be rebuilt by a President who thinks he is a king building himself a ballroom. This is the people’s house. Permission and policy were not followed. Destruction of the east wing of the Whitehouse should be stopped. It should be restored to its former glory. Bring back the rose garden while you’re at it. The cost should be covered by Trumps personal funds.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:03:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Johnsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the People's House was an absolutely abomination. A President has the honor of living in the People's House, and not the right to tear any part of it down. "Modernization" was a false pretense and despicable false pretense and should not have been even started without the appropriate permissions, approvals and approval of Congres..

Building a gigantic ballroom using massive "donations" is simply a major grift operation to curry favor and "favors" with the current occupant of the White House, and a gigantic ballroom that far exceeds the size of the White House is absolutely vulgar and should NOT have been initiated without the approval of Congress and all other appropriate permission.

Best regards,
Leslie Johnsen

Date: 2/17/2026 2:02:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Blau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:02:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Clapham Dayton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount of tax payer dollars or what could easily be viewed as bribes from wealthy people, on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and abiding by those processes matters for the people's house. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Our original East Wing was beautiful and historic. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:01:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Almos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:01:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martine Spann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design, paid by the party(ies) who initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Michaelis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very distressed at the way this all happened.
I can't understand how we got to this point .
Please have your committee take over this project.
I cant believe it is torn down.
Please do not let anything else happen without going through the proper channels.
Thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Cupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Iris Otero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose to the use of $300 hundred million dollars to build a ballroom that dwarfs the rest of the White House. I
The East Wing should be returned to its former status and up to code with the original Jackie Kennedy O. Rose Garden also restored.
The destruction should have been stopped to wait for approval from this entity.
This is the people's house, not the private property of the current or any president.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Tibbetts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my concern for the destruction of the east wing, by Donald Trump. I am concerned that he has not followed the laws for historical building by tearing down the east wing.
It is my hope that this. All room can be stopped and the east wing can be restored to its original form.
Donald Trump is boat above the law. Do not reward him for his wrongdoing by allowing him to continue his destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 2:00:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Durst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Considering what the White House represents, I do not think the addition of a wing in the scale discussed

would be cohesive or sympathetic with the surrounding buildings. The fact that this was attempted without any planning permissions is also beyond the pale. The damage should be repaired. The bad actors should not be rewarded for their actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:59:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Elias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Blicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. A huge ballroom is a

gross addition to the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:58:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Talbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This obnoxious rebuilding of the East Wing needs to stop. It should have never been allowed to be destroyed. Restore it to a similar build as to what was there.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:58:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudette Azevedo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Justina Starobin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. I would like the exterior to be restored identical to its prior design. I especially oppose the enlargement of ballroom accommodations as there is no need to convert the white house to a party venue.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:57:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Slaughter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the so called East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:57:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that this project has been illegally done without proper review or permits or oversight. This project must be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and those who violated the law punished.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:56:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Firstly, I am appalled the destruction of the East Wing happened in the first place. They should have stopped it before demolition began.

Currently, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I think the current president should be impeached and forced to pay for the rebuilding. It was his reckless. Disregard for the people's house, that caused all this horrible destruction in the first place.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:56:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Hoose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leah McGlauchlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:54:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris ONiell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:54:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Koenig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I kindly ask that you review the requests of the citizens to stop this project. Sadly, the desecration of the People's Wing has already proven to be a failure.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.

Our country has strived to follow the democratic principles that it was founded on. We have not always been successful but it has been the goal of many, many citizens, leaders & Presidents. There is little evidence of that in this current POTUS's plan. Follow the rules. Be a leader that we can be proud of.
https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Little
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:52:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miwa Nishi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

M Nishi

Date: 2/17/2026 1:52:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Stokesberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing is a travesty, especially since it was done with no adequate review by any of the entities that are delegated to oversee such projects.
Rebuilding the entire wing exactly as it was is the only solution to retain the history of the entire building. Yes, it's fine to update the electrical, plumbing. HVAC, etc. However, the rest of the construction needs to reestablish the historic ambience that has been destroyed.
The project needs to be overseen by experts in American history, architecture, and decor. Both my husband and I worked in professional positions at the Smithsonian Institution, and we know that experts in historical reconstruction need to oversee this project.
Thank you for correcting this infringement on one of our most important shrines.

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Name: PJ Nutting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Matijasic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom. Please have the East Wing restored. There wasn't any attempt to get approval for this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LindaBanister Banister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our President and minions have become complete barbarians in their assault our own history. Rule by decree (executive orders) to bypass normal procedures of project approval. Now we have an opportunity to comment, months after the East Wing was bulldozed? Who will follow the funding to insure not a dime of taxpayer money is used? What procedures for competitive bidding are being followed? This is a multi million dollar vanity project! A ballroom that will be larger than what remains of the White House. This is simply a dog marking his territory!
I object to its continuance.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loren Moss Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This obscene ballroom project was not approved through legal channels. This is the destruction of history. I want the east wing rebuilt, exactly the way it was before. It never should have been torn down.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:51:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Karotkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Kathleen Letellier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:50:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Townsend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:50:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nellie Bracho
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yall should not build a ballroom!
That is The People's house!
Trump never should have destroyed it.
Put it back!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rana Barar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the illegal renovation of the East Wing. Processes for making improvements to historical buildings exist for a t reason. They should be followed every time.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:12 AM
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Name: Nancy Ritzenthaler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:49:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bunny Drueke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Pawlak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:48:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juanita Johnson Kohli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project. Demolition of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Juanita Johnson Kohli

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Church
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: TERRY MANDEVILLE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom proposed by Mr. Trump to replace the East Wing of the White House was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of the historic domain of a succession

of First Ladies of the White House without review or approval was premature and ill advised. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:47:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Kozdeba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It's a disaster and an embarrassment.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Yozawa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neal Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the East Wing modernization project. This destruction of a historical building belonging to the American people, not the President, was done without proper approvals and without notifying anyone in advance.
The east wing needs to rebuilt back to the last addition. The Trump administration doesn't get to dictate what is done to a building he only lives in for a few years and dies NOT own.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: I Storey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is also not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Presley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been demolished. Updated perhaps but not turned into a pile of rubble. This is the Peoples' House, it belongs to us. Protocol should always be followed as in the past and was totally disregarded. I do not want to see a ballroom erected, I want to see the East Wing rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:44:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Randy Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The beautiful East Wing of the White House, rich with culture and history, is no more. One person, no matter how powerful he is, should have the ability to do this. There must be channels to go through to ensure that this is a sound project? After all, this is the people's house. I implore you to take the actions necessary to reverse this ghastly "solution."

Date: 2/17/2026 1:43:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit this comment as a citizen and co-owner of the White House — a National Historic Landmark held in trust for all Americans — to object to the East Wing Modernization Project as currently conceived, and to demand conditions if construction proceeds.

The Demolition Was Institutional Vandalism

President Trump authorized the destruction of an 80-year-old historically significant structure without public notice, without congressional authorization, and without legally required reviews. The public was not notified. We were not asked. The administration demolished first and sought permission later — a brazen inversion of the rule of law that governs every other federally significant building in America.

The Process Was Deliberately Undermined

Rather than comply with established review requirements, the administration packed the NCPC and Commission of Fine Arts with political loyalists lacking expertise in architecture or historic preservation. This is not good-faith compliance. It is regulatory capture in plain sight.

The Scale Is Wrong

At 89,000 square feet, the proposed addition is 60% larger than the White House mansion itself, which is 55,000 square feet. A structure that dwarfs the People's House does not complement it — it overwhelms it. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has said so directly, and they are right.

The Inspiration Is Wrong

This project began as Trump's 15-year ambition to build something resembling the gilded spaces of his private clubs. Mar-a-Lago is a private resort. The White House is a democratic institution. They are not the same, and they must not look the same.

The Funding Raises Serious Ethical Concerns

The project cost has ballooned from $200 million to $400 million. Private donors include Apple, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Meta, Lockheed Martin, and other corporations with billions in federal contracts and regulatory exposure. The appearance of purchased access to the White House cannot be dismissed.

IF THIS PROJECT PROCEEDS, THE NCPC MUST IMPOSE THESE CONDITIONS:

The new structure must be smaller than the 55,000-square-foot White House mansion in footprint, height, and visual mass. The President's house must remain the dominant structure on its own grounds.

The design must reflect the Federal neoclassical architecture of the White House — the same restrained classical vocabulary, white palette, and dignified proportions established by James Hoban's original design. It must read as a respectful companion, not a monument to personal ego.

There must be no ostentatious ornamentation. No gilded interiors, no gold fixtures, no Mar-a-Lago aesthetic. The finish standard must be that of the White House State Rooms — historically informed and publicly appropriate.

Full public design review must occur before vertical construction begins. The American people were shut out of the demolition decision. They must have genuine input on what rises in its place.

The White House belongs to all Americans — not to any president, not to any donor, and not to a developer's private vision of grandeur. The NCPC has both the authority and the obligation to ensure that whatever is built here honors that truth.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Tropiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a public treasure belonging to the American people, not the current resident and thus no changes should be made without input from the American voters! As a a National Historic Landmark and National Park, all regulations and approvals should be followed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Armenta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:40:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Bodkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (a vanity project for a corrupt president), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

thank you

Date: 2/17/2026 1:40:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen S. Yates Yates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I heartily oppose the replace of the East Wing that is underway. Even though public funds are not being spent on it, we know that all dealings with President Trump are transactional. In other words, any of those who donated to this project expect to be compensated with political favors. Those favors may be far more costly than any monetary transaction. They involve selling our government to the highest bidder. Also, given this president's penchant for all things gaudily gold, the affront to the historic integrity is not acceptable.
Please put an end to this boondoggle and demand that the East Wing be restored to its original elegance.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:40:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karherine Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an Oregon filmmaker who moved and restored EIGHT 100-year-old Victorians, a Gothic Italianate, and a 4-square American because they are so important to save as inimitable works of Art; and because they hold so much HISTORY! The first one my Mom was born in, built by my Great Uncle in 1890, and the new owners were going to burn it down. I just went to save a tiny piece of it for my Mom- and then they gave me the whole house for $1.00 USD. It will last another 100 years, because it was made with clear old growth wood for it's balloon frame, had wood floors, 12" x 12" solid wood beams underneath, and was lovingly and painstakingly finished with flair and beauty including gorgeous ornate window pulls. You cannot move a modern house. It isn't built well enough.

The permits to move them and restore them were mind-boggling! It just does not seem fair that someone can burn or tear down any of these houses, let alone without a permit! It feels like some sort of violation of our past. But to tear down part of the WHITE HOUSE? Are you kidding me? Just like I reveled in learning about these old houses and the craftsmanship it took to build them, and how well they are treasured now- this hearing will go down in infamy if it choses to allow this violation of the White House, our country's pride and joy.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:39:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Trubee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the reconstruction plans of the East Wing!!! The demolition alone was unlawfully done without proper authorization or permits. To allow one man's ego to erase history for a vanity ballroom, is an affront to the "People's House", and egregious insult to the people of this country!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:38:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Heninger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated with no oversight or official input from Congress. It should not have been allowed and it should be halted. The modernization is about updating the previous underground bunker to sequester the President (the ballroom crap is just distraction). While government security is important, allowing the current tyrant to act with impunity on this means the possibility of a secret bunker that not even congress may have access to. I don’t want a dictator to have a bunker. Without oversight this is not security, it is dangerous. Congress must stop this project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:38:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daphne Kisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:38:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: October Santerelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has no permission or permits, irreparably destroyed our history without any input, and will cost taxpayers a hideous amount of money. It threatens the health, safety, and history of our country. 47 is temporary, and his conduct will result in this 'modernization' being removed again in the future. Let's not waste the money or time.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:38:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Earl Nissen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Capital Planning Commission,

I write to comment on the East Wing Modernization project.

I oppose the idea of building a $400 million ballroom. It would have limited use for the funds invested. In specific, the ballroom would not be used for perhaps 90% of the time.

Instead, I ask for a 2-story working space which would be used daily. The top floor would restore the offices for the First Lady. The first floor would be a public space to showcase America's leadership in democratic ideals, helping other nations, and arts and culture. It could be branded to show America will lead the world for the next 250 years. I would agree to any building design which matches the architecture of the West Wing and White House.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:53 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myryame Montrose-Elder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any other amount not authorized by Congress) to create a huge ballroom (whose plans were not submitted for appropriate approvals) in lieu of the prior configuration of the East Wing where guests and school groups were welcomed to « the people's house ». First Ladies who actually lived in the White House and took their responsibilities seriously had offices convenient to the president's Oval Office. No wrecking ball should have been used without prior appropriate submission of envisioned
« renovations » a term used cavalierly when one acknowledges the scope of the envisioned changes. This is an unnecessary, wasteful vanity project that does not serve the American people. Please do not permit this project to continue.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:36:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elena Elena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the Trump family and his benefactors. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:35:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners:

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Sincerely,
Karla Sinclair

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Karla Sinclair

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Name: Carole Madigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pete Mohney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Breshears
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Madame/Sir-
I am a licensed architect and engineer. I have worked in building design - much of it for the GSA, the National Parks, and other federal agencies - for 34 years.

I understand the carefully regulated review and approval processes put in place to protect our heritage of culturally significant buildings and places. This heritage is our birthright, and the government is obligated to protect these buildings and places on behalf of the US citizenry.

I categorically oppose this project, which was initiated without the legally mandated permits, authorization or design review. This is in NO way a "modernization" project but instead a complete obliteration of our history and heritage. I demand the immediate cancellation of this project and the rebuilding of the East Wing in is former state.

I would never dream of undertaking a professional design and construction project for a private entity and - especially- for a public agency without moving through all the required permits, approvals and reviews. Nor would I be allowed to do so. The perpetrators of this project are no different. And they are NOT above the law.

Cancel it now.

Thank you.

John Breshears

Date: 2/17/2026 1:34:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vikki Rennick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project - nor any amount - which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The funds donated should be used for the rebuilding. The administration and president is not above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:08 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an unplanned, thoughtless, destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Natalini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE this project 100%. This is our house and no permits or approvals were given for this project. This is also a piece of history and I consider the demolition of such history as robbery.

This must end NOW and any money earned (bribes anyway) can pay for rising health insurance costs for those in need!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:33:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meghan Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Gedelman
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Creating a $300:million dollar ballroom is totally out of line. Donald Trump had the East Wing of the people's house demolished with no approval. He has destroyed a historical structure.[9]

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Name: Citabria Gullett
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Name: Jeanette Phillips
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Hello.
I am writing to confirm my stern objection to this project. The "East Wing Modernization Project" will dwarf what remains of the original White House. I object paying any of my tax dollars to finance it, even though Mr.Trump has said it will be paid for by his supporters. I do not believe him.

There is no possible need for a ballroom of this exagerrated size unless Mr. Trump starts inviting the general public as guests, which I seriously doubt.

I resent strongly the illegal manner in which he ordered the demolition of the original East Wing, without requesting permission and performing the demolition without warning, thus making it impossible to prevent. Mr. Trump does not obey our laws and makes a mockery of being a law abiding citizen.

I thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Cordially,
Jeanette Phillips

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Name: Marilyn Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Rebuild the original East Wing, because it should have never been torn down. The White House belongs to the people, not the temporary resident. I also believe that Donald Trump should be made to pay to rebuild it since he tore it down without the approval of Congress.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:31:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Krushas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this $300 million project because the demolition was begun without proper authorization, and because the proposed ballroom is garishly big, as well as the fact that that kind of spending needs to be guided by congress.

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Name: Dave Shulman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the required authorization, permits, or review. It is, among other things, a hideous destruction of American history. I cannot imagine anything more anti-American than this. I and I believe the vast majority of Americans want this project canceled, and to have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. How could something so vile be allowed to proceed in a democratic republic? And how dare such an abomination be called a "modernization project"?

Date: 2/17/2026 1:31:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris Kent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and insist that all further destruction cease and the East Wing be restored to its original design. There were no permits sought, permission requested, or approval from We the American people to destroy Our House. There must be an investigation into who ordered and where the money to fund this has come from.

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Name: Nicole Amuzu
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlette LeFevre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing demolition was a travesty. Please restore to its original design and continue to protect its historic history.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:30:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sasha Courtade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Flett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the People's House was done carelessly and with no regard for the history contained in its hallways. Further destruction must be stopped and efforts to rebuild halted until a review can be done and approval sought by Congress. The current occupant is nothing more than a renter. Changes made while inhabiting the People's House should be required to be reviewed by both historians and preservationists. Determination of additions, renovations, and/or expansion of the footprint of the White House should not be left to a failed developer with no taste.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:28:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy McClone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom project should not be allowed to continue. The President does not have the authority to act unilaterally in this instance. Donations should be used to rebuild and modernize the East Wing as it was, not to build a ballroom. Or the land should remain as it currently is. A reminder to US persons of the consequences of our votes.

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Name: Amy Harris
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Name: Judy Cooper Lyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the "ballroom" in place of the East Wing, which should not have been destroyed. It was an immoral, horrid act that never should have been allowed and which should be restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Murry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the building of this ballroom. I feel the destruction was done to the East wing in an unlawful way without consideration by Congress or Historical and Preservation committees in Washington DC. No President should have the power to tear down a significant historical part of the White House whose design was asymmetrical to the West Wing without any oversight. This is the People's House and doesn't belong to one man regardless of who is paying for the project. The design for it is not a modernization project but an ego filled slap in the face to the American Public. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the same exterior design and any security needs for the President can be modernized at that time. Any ballroom built

for use by the President and future Presidents with outside funding should be done on other government property. As far as the name....Congress needs to pass a law that ensures any President can not put his own name on any federal buildings while serving as President. It's an abuse of power.
Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:26:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francis Guinan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop construction of the grotesque ballroom Mr. Trump has illegally ordered into existence. A ballroom befitting a royal palace has no place in the Executive Mansion. Such a project is counter to the businesslike decorum and simplicity required of the residence of the American Chief Executive. There are no kings in America and the trappings of royalty are in conflict with the concept of popular government enshrined in the Constitution.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:26:31 AM
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Name: Mary Denver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has no business progressing. It is purely a vanity project that we, as regular citizens, will have to ultimately fund. As so many are fighting to stay afloat, this is a grandiose project with no reflection on what we Americans need or want.

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Name: Dolores Perez
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Name: Pat Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a mean-spirited attempt to erase American history.

Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law.

As much as is possible, I'd like the East Wing to be restored to its former design and asthetic. Please consult the The National Trust for Historic Preservation and determine how that can best be done.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:25:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Russ Rowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I intensely oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the construction of an unnecessary "Ballroom" in its place. It has been clear from the beginning that this gaudy waste was an attempt at further self-aggrandizement by President Trump and of no benefit to The People of The United States of America. I would also like to know if the hundreds of millions of dollars claimed to have been pledged or donated to the project were actually given and if so, to whom and where the money is now? If it disappeared into the private funds of the president, I demand he be prosecuted for this embezzlement.
The current president is not above the law and did not have permission or authorization to destroy one of our cherished buildings representative of the history of our great nation. I demand that the ballroom plans be cancelled and the East Wing be fully reconstructed EXACTLY as it was before this offense to our nation took place. And I demand that president Donald Trump pay for this full reconstruction out of his personal funds. Please take whatever action is necessary to return the East Wing to its important place in our history and make sure that Donald Trump pays for the damage and repair.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:25:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I saw that President Trump had ok’d tearing down the East Wing of the White House, I thought of when I was able to see the very special home of our presidents when I was in eighth grade.
Our teacher had done a beautiful job of teaching us about the three branches of government and how they held each other in checks and balance.
And now, some fifty years later, it pains me to see the White House violated just as the systems of checks and balances is being violated.
Please hold President Trump accountable for tearing down a part of the White House. Please hold him

accountable for doing so without respecting any process in place.
Both my twelve-year-old self and my 62-year-old self want to see the White House restored using the 300 million dollars of donations by wealthy Trump supporters.

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Name: Susan Posey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this project as it resulted in the destruction of the East Wing and the size of the ballroom will shadow the Whitehouse. I would like to see the ballroom plans abandoned and the rebuilding of the east wing.
Thank you
Susan Posey

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Name: Tami Henvit
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Respectfully,
T Henvit

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Name: Monica Schwalbenberg-Peña
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an abomination, a vandalism, and a destruction of American history and of the People's House. This grotesque project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former condition. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bobbi Elias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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No, just NO!

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Name: Mary Donovan
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Name: Ana Rule
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated by breaking the law, without

the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law (and destroyed a part of the house that belongs to all Americans) would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I want the East Wing restored. I do not approve of the destruction of the people's home.

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Name: Rolana McCafferty
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Name: Cheri Russell
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I am opposed to this project. This project was initiated without proper design review or permits. No one should be allowed to do a project like this without proper permits in place. I renovated a house in California and had to go through design review and the permit process.Why should this project proceed any differently? The East wing should be built back to It's original specs. . The White house does not need to be modernized. This is an attempt at erasing history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clare Padgett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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There isn't a need for a ballroom, as events of that size, including ballroom dancing (?) are not frequent enough to warrant a dedicated space. There is enough real estate nearby in DC to create a ballroom or similar to be used by any Presidential Administration.

While the East Wing is restored to its historic design and size, please also return the Rose Garden to its previous botanical footprint, rather than a paved outdoor food court.

Thank you for taking on this battle on the behalf of the American people.

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Name: Todd Sickafoose
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Name: Paula Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To those it may concern,
I'm thankful you are looking at this matter of the destruction of a part of the White House that the President says will be a New luxurious
Ball Room. Who wants this? Who wants the cold trim? Only President Trump?
This is obviously an afront to move fort with destruction before seeking some input from the Congress/the People. The American
public has no desire for this.
There are so many needs in the USA that involve the personal needs of people. I want funds assigned to those rather than this
unasked for project.
Let us redo it back to what it was. Making it strong and historic as possible.
Thank you,
Paula M Smith
Blaine, Wa. 98230

Date: 2/17/2026 1:19:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Aller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The sitting president has no right to destroy the East Wing. It was a national treasure. It needs to be restored to as close as possible to its original configuration and his family needs to get billed for the work. There is no way we need a ballroom, especially one that’s 3 to 4 times the size of the White House itself. We have pediatric cancer research being cut, and as a pediatric oncology nurse I just want to know if I

should be telling the kids we can't afford to research a cure for them because our president needs to stroke his ego by building something no one cares about.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rumsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty. It's a vehicle for corruption as well as a massive unauthorized alteration to the White House.

It should be stopped and the White House should be restored, using the slush fund intended for the "ballroom."

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Name: Anthony Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While acknowledging that additional ballroom space may be desirable it cannot be allowed to occur in violation of the legal requirements for authorization, permitting and design review. The present design at 90,000 sq ft dwarfs the existing building footprint. Any addition to a historic property of this significance should be conducted through a transparent expert driven process that follows the law and provides the required public accountability.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Dolores Andersen
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Name: Kathleen Anderson
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I also oppose this because we will end up spending another $300 million destroying the new ballroom. Because, as soon as T is gone, most Americans will not want anything to do with him.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Clarry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am stunned that the destruction of the East Wing of the White House (the People's house) can occur without any questions, application for a permit or any approvals other than Mr. Trump wanting to do it. I mean every citizen would have to apply and receive a building permit to proceed or face penalty. He doesn't even own the building he destroyed and planned to erect a gigantic building on the people's property not his. This project should be shut down and a bi-partisan commission should be established to determine how to move forward with restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dian Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Name: Shannon Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a travesty that the East Wing was bulldozed with no public input and no thought for preserving US history. What would Jackie Kennedy say? I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:17:51 AM
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Name: Jane Walster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project is without authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasure of history. I request this project be cancelled, and the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:17:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Willa Jessee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Gifford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to let you know that I oppose adding a ballroom to the White House grounds. I especially oppose this project because it was done without proper chanels and permits or proper authorization. I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and it should be built back exactly as it was before the unauthorized destruction. The current administration believes they are the law and they can do what ever they please with the people's house, but they are not above the law and should be held accountable for

these unlawful actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:16:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mathew Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump cannot simply be allowed to break things and shrug off the fact that he never got permission to do so.
I've visited the East Wing twice, and I'm PISSED that the president has destroyed it. This is no renovation--it's a self-aggrandization project. He's demolishing U.S. history and building a temple to himself.

Cancel this project. Stop its funding. Rebuild the East Wing as it was. I don't suppose Trump, given his job-related immunity, will ever really face responsibility, but at least we can stop him from ruining the People's House and feeding his bottomless ego.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karalyn Kuhns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy McCoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Alan Hedler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anna Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the thoughtless demolition of the East Wing of The People's House, and staunchly oppose the grotesque mockery of decorum and good sense represented by the gaudy, overblown, gilded airplane hangar that the current administration proposes to replace it. For god's sake, don't add insult to injury. The greatness of our government rests with We the People -- and the People deserve nothing less than full restoration of the grace and dignity of our historic House!!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:15:02 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Beardsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:14:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Hall-Cochrun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: David Shelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing demolition was as horrific to see as it was illegal, without proper permits or approvals. I think I speak for many Americans who want accountability for this lawless demolition of an historically-significant building. I want the East Wing to be built back, EXACTLY as it was. There is no justification for this complete disregard for the historical significance of this beautiful building. Anything less than complete restoration, would be a travesty. I also demand that Trump personally pay for the restoration out of his own pocket since he is responsible for this desecration. Taxpayers should never pay for the whims of a tyrannical president who sees himself above the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this pressing matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernadette Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What was done to the East Wing was a desecration. It should be reconstructed as close to the original as possible, updating any wiring and such for modern communication and electrical needs. The American people do not want an expensive ballroom that only benefits the oligarchy. We want a functioning government that works for the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:14:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Schreiber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Ribinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want it replaced and not at our expense but at the demolishers expense! Nothing was done appropriately- no permits it demolish . Huge vandalism!!! The vandal needs to exactly replace it!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:13:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ward Whipple
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing is right in line with both of Trump's terms as President: wanton destruction, driven by greed, with no thought for decorum or the rule of law, and absolutely no concrete plan for a solution.

Therefore I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Any and all repairs must be financed by Donald Trump, his family, all government officials who have aided and abetted him, and the billionaires who have benefitted from his tax cuts.

In America, no one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:13:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Benotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of any money on this project. It was initiated to be a distraction by the current administration in a attempt to prove their unilateral 'power' without the proper authorization, permits or design review.

The power belongs with the People and I believe enough people oppose this 'modernization project'. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit the project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you,
Julie Benotti

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Hente
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Keel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very sad that the East Wing of the WhiteHouse has been demolished and I do not want a ballroom built. We need to stop this project. Thank you Kathleen Caldwell

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Worthley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Crall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an historian, I was flabbergasted at the destruction of the East Wing and angry it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the $300 million project and want it canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is the people's house.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled post haste, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We see you!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Claasen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leonard Bernstein
February 13 at 5:00\u8239 AM
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"One doesn't work for effects, and one doesn't set up in the artist business. One studies and learns and works and thinks to develop oneself as an intelligent, sensitive, and aware human being: and out of the always-increasing resources of intelligence, sensitivity, and awareness, the human being makes music."
-Leonard Bernstein, April 1967

Kitsch comes to mind when viewing the guiding aesthetic slathered over The Executive Mansion thus far. The 'Ballroom' as rendered is a monstrosity; A Mausoleum of poor taste.

Kitsch is fake art, expressing fake emotions, whose purpose is to deceive folks into thinking they feel something deep and serious. The gaudy gilding of the Oval Office to a comical level is one thing. To birth a ballroom of such magnitude is another;
a mind bending horror of sickening Kitsch.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:12:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolynn Goetze
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:11:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Perry Kendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people's house is The White House~ owned by the American people and necessarily, respectively stewarded by our National Park Service.

What this president has done to our house, in his two terms, is so destructive and heartbreakingly awful most especially for our nation's cumulative history~ I can not begin to to express how devastating that disrespect and disregard it is.

Make it stop! Repair and restore our home now!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:11:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:10:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laine Romagnola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:10:46 AM
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Name: Joseph Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the wasteful spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review as required by law. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to suit the whim of one man. I want this project canceled, and OUR East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead to satisfy the lawbreakers would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:10:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Wohlers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Susan O'Neal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All changes like this should co through proper channels to consider the history of the building and how to properly honor that in how any changes are made; both in how the process is followed and then what the scope of the change is. No change taken should overwhelm the purpose of the building and its mission in the first place, that is always primary. The White House is so much more than a place to have epic balls, there had been a ballroom and there was no need for a more elaborate one given the size of our Executive Mansion and way that things are organized here. This is something that can always be elsewhere. Destroying things without clearance or a plan was without need or excuse; especially as the underground facilities had been renovated recently.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Heinsohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Armour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Most Americans don't want a ballroom. We would like the East Wing restored to its former glory and those involved in this illegal demolition punished.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Popp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing and associated gardens rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:08:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jcfoglietta@yahoo.com Foglietta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the trashing of it in the first place I also oppose the entire project. This was illegal destruction of a national monument. I think Trump should personally pay for the reconstruction of the area. The East wing as it was before he without any consent from anybody tore it down. This man is out of control.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:07:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Cutaia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled that The People's WhiteHouse was demolished with no approval by the People!! Destruction of an Historical building without approval is so very wrong! No one wants "a ballroom"!

Date: 2/17/2026 1:07:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janeé Trotman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carly Fredericks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has been initiated without proper procedure, respect for American history or regulation of any sort. Beyond its bloated $300 million budget, it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Despite what may in the current administration may believe, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anastasia Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The extremely distressing demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight and without any account for the important historical objects that kept there, is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is to submit my objections to continuing with the building of a ballroom or any other structure without formalized submittal of plans to appropriate authorities. These plans must include design and government funding of any structure(s). This includes a "new" East Wing if decided upon.
Any funds donated towards destruction of the East wing and Con struction of a ballroom should be applied towards the final, formally app roved project. If congressional involvement is legally required that avenue should be pursued.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Blaisdell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as it is currently proposed. While investment and improvement can be positive, this project raises serious concerns regarding cost, priorities, transparency, and long-term impact.

First, the financial burden appears disproportionate to the demonstrated need. In a time when resources are limited and many core services require attention, committing substantial funds to this project risks diverting money from more urgent community priorities.

Second, the justification for the scope of modernization has not been clearly established. It is not evident that the proposed upgrades are essential rather than cosmetic or aspirational. Major capital projects should be driven by necessity, safety, and measurable public benefit — not by aesthetics or expansion alone.

Third, there has been insufficient opportunity for meaningful public input. Projects of this magnitude deserve robust community engagement, clear cost projections, contingency planning, and transparent communication about trade-offs.

Finally, large modernization efforts often bring unforeseen cost overruns, disruptions, and long-term maintenance obligations. Before proceeding, decision-makers should carefully consider whether a scaled-down renovation or phased approach could address critical needs without incurring unnecessary expense.

For these reasons, I urge reconsideration of the East Wing Modernization Project in its current form and encourage a more transparent, fiscally responsible, and community-centered alternative

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the Trump administration's unauthorized utter destruction of the East Wing & the obscene plan to replace it. This project does not have the required authorization and is a desecration of The People's House. Stop it now. Trump should be held liable for the complete restoration of the East Wing as he is solely responsible for its destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholly oppose this project and ask that the East Wing be rebuilt to its former specifications, including modernization such as ADA specifications. The White House is the people's house, and does not need such a large addition. This should be paid for with Donald J Trump's personal money, as he is the one that illegally authorized its destruction. Thank you for this opportunity for comment.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Rash Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any funds, public or private, on this project, which was abruptly and illegally begun without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project that erases our American history and heritage. The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to any president, and any proposed changes must go through proper channels and must follow the law. This project has done neither. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:06:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Amsden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Minor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want to have this project canceled. The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and a stain on the history of the United States.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want the person responsible for this desecration (Mr. DJ TRUMP) to foot the bill for the restoration. No

one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angie Scharbau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it is not modernization but the complete erasure of US history in the people's house. This was instigated without review, permit or lawful review. Spending 300 million on this when our economy tanks is not acceptable. Private funding of this project without review or oversight by congress is not acceptable. I want the entire project scrapped and the East Wing returned to its prior existence entirely.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Ollard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an erasure of American history. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stella Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the East Wing of the White House destroyed without any regard for the rules and regulations that determine how, and when, White House changes are permitted. (I'm also appalled at many other changes that have occurred with this administration. The gold embellishments are gaudy. I'm particularly appalled with the personal opinions applied to plaques, and placed beneath the pictures of past presidents. That is so weird!)
I'm not a fan of the plans for a golden ballroom either. I don't care who is paying for it, because they will be paid back with more favors that personally benefit them. I think this administration continually makes decisions that they have no right to make. It's like laws and rules don't have any meaning to them. I also think they should be made to pay for fixing the problem that they created. Why should taxpayers have to pay to fix this problem that they willfully perpetuated.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:05:16 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Heedles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tenoch King
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Name: Erica Neils
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Name: Ruth Cannava
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kunka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Please rebuild the East Wing in a similar style and size to the rest of the White House with only necessary upgrades.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom with very questionable funding sources, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. 300 million dollars is entirely too much for what seems to be a vanity project for the current administration.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Horne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This plan is outrageous. The Trump administration claims they are saving money and yet they demolition the East Wing, a part of our collective history, without permission. They claim the ballroom will be paid for by big tech. That is a payoff, if it were to happen. But as it turns out, like Mexico paying for his rediculous wall, there is none but taxpayer dollars. As one of the contributors to taxes: NO BALLROOM! Make him pay personally to restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to formally submit my dissent and dissatisfaction with the development of the East Wing. Not only do I not want his name enshrined on our public property but the massiveness of the structure diminishes the historical, iconic nature of the values it should continue to represent. I do not agree with Trump's representation and the diminishment of the country values, norms and traditions. There has been no consideration of the people in how they want the People's Home represented. The White House and surrounding areas are not Trump property for him to play with. This should stop now.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elis Imboden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
E. Imboden
New Orleans

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Lanterman Lanterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is gross. Destroying part of a historic building for the aggrandizement of an ignorant, narcissistic rapist is gross. Stop it.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Oswalt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending $300 to $400 million on this project, which was done without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law including the president and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to law abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:04:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bradley Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current proposal for the east wing replacement should be subject to a standard review before going forward. The existing east wing was torn down without proper permits, proper funding, or proper oversight. The tear down appears to have been illegal, and a major overstep on the part of the people who directed it. The finances for the project should not in any way, be privately funded, as the opportunity for corruption and conflict of interest is high under a private funding scenario. It is not clear that a new structure was needed or warranted, but now that improper demolition has occurred, the design and scale of the new structure should not equal or overshadow the scale of the White House itself. A hierarchy of entrance design should promote the White House proper as the primary structure. There should be no naming of the structure of any kind that associates it with any individual. To be clear, the people's house has been usurped by an authoritarian who has acted unilaterally, inappropriately, and apparently illegally. The person who illegally directed the demolition of the east wing should face criminal charges. No one person may decide to tear down the White House. It is equivalent to a terrorist bombing the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Courtright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Wilkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the People's House, not Trump's personal residence. Its ownership is the American People. Your agency has been tasked with protecting the American People's legacy as it is represented in historical buildings, monuments, and memorials. Please remember your purpose and stop this project in its tracks.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Lile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the East Wing of the Peoples' House, unapproved and with no regard shown in following the rules, should be canceled and the the East Wing should be rebuilt. It is a travesty to all citizens who value the historical symbolism the White House holds for our nation. Thank you for accepting comments.
Nancy Lile

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason T
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this ballroom construction take place! This will be a huge mistake.

The construction of an enormous ballroom is a complete waste of taxpayer money and absolutely out of touch with reality. A ballroom to serve future presidents with lavish parties is the opposite of what the American people want. We expect our leaders to conserve our tax money. This will be a true example of waste and abuse. No President has ever needed it and no President should ever expect such exorbitant opulence. Money should be spent on things that everyday Americans need and can take advantage of.

This ballroom will cost millions every year just in catering alone! How will this look to the average single mom working to feed her children, or the combat veteran with no roof over his head?

In addition, even if the cost of the current construction is covered by donors or businesses, those funds will dry up eventually and the American people will cover the costs to furnish and maintain it for generations to

come. This is not for the American people, it is for the President and those in power to enjoy while the rest of us pay for them to live the "lifestyle of the rich and famous". The construction of this ballroom only serves to show how the government is out of touch with everyday Americans. When future Presidents use the ballroom, it will only cause division in our country as people from the opposing party look on it with disgust and outrage.

Please end this travesty!

-Jason

Date: 2/17/2026 1:03:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Roe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of the construction of the ballroom and want this project to end immediately and restore the East Wing of the Whitehouse.

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Name: Cindy Rhoades
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Sadler
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelly Fauver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern

I appreciate your oversight and some semblance of integrity in this matter.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely
Shelly Fauver
Law-abiding American

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Sorensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Firstly, I don't actually oppose renovations, per se, or some projects that beautify the grounds or, for instance, put in toilets or whatever. I do object to "modernization." Why does the White House have to be modernized? It's a historical site. If modernization is the goal, why haven't new presidents just ripped the whole thing down every 4-8 years and built some kind of, I don't know, tower of glass? A bubble in the air? A space pod? Modernization is not the point of the White House. Secondly, I don't support the building of a ballroom that, face it, we all know I will never be invited to because I don't have enough pay to play, even though theoretically it's my house too. Thanks for the space to express my opinion. -LS

Date: 2/17/2026 1:01:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Blindt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this “construction” to go ahead. It’s a gross misuse of funds and seems to be a glamor project.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:00:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Todd Schall-Vess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose both the goal and the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the building of a 300-400 million dollar ballroom by D Trump. This destruction of the East Wing was done without a permit or legal authorization to do so.
I am using this opportunity to demand that D Trump be made to completely rebuild the East Wing to its original form, inside and out, without any personal preferences for modifications or embellishments.

Date: 2/17/2026 1:00:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Sansing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any federal funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Zubke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel the “East Wing Modernization” project and return the White House (aka The People’s House) to its former state.

At a time when hundreds of millions of dollars could be used to fund health care, education or honestly just about anything else, why are we spending money on something that didn’t need to be altered and that did not go through proper channels? Do you remember Trump saying originally that the construction was just going to be adjacent to the east wing? That is not at all what happened.

At minimum, please show our government, our country and the world that we don't completely let our president run amok and expect him to follow the rules. I would rather the project were cancelled all together but at least if he did things the right way, I wouldn't be so frustrated.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Sidel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to see a 90 thousand square foot ballroom attached to the White House. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in its former configuration. It never should have been destroyed.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lasseigne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the east wing in the exact same design as before. I am upset that this project was not done through the proper process. History has to be preserved properly. I don't think we need a large ballroom. We need public education for all children.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janeanne Rockwell-Kincanon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Furthermore, I urge the NCPC to demand payment for such reconstruction by the current tenant of the people's house.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Naten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project as it was done without proper authorization. I want the building restored to the original, inside and outside. This is our house -the people's house. It does not belong to the tenant in the Whitehouse. We do not need a huge ballroom. We already had one. This needs to be restored as it was originally, as well as the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:59:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CATHERINE TOMLINSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir/Madam:

I oppose this illegal tear down of the East Wing. No one was advised about this in advance, no one voted on it and it was not legally approved. DJT is trying to leave his mark on the nation by putting his name on everything he can and by illegally building a ballroom. It costs too much money for his vanity projects. Not only that, but the ballroom would dwarf the White House. I'm completely against it. We, the American people, are STRUGGLING! We have more important items which need to be addressed and he's not doing it as the President. I can't wait to vote him out. I hope they erase all things Trump when he's voted out. Cathie Tomlinson

Date: 2/17/2026 12:58:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my opinion on the destruction of of a piece of the people's house without the permission of our citizens.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Diane Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am heartsick and furious at the wanton destruction, without regard to our history or heritage, of the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Ocmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project, which was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or a formal design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is the destruction of a piece of American history. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to continue without holding those responsible accountable would be a serious injustice to law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:57:18 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Staci MacCorkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $1, let alone $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without proper authorizations, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Accountability matters!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Shebek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many American schoolchildren if the last sixty years, my first visit to Washington DC with my immigrant parents, naturaluzed years before I was born, awed and inspired me. It led me to study American Government at an Ivy League school, inspired me to be active in local and national politics. The gathering of tours in the East Wing allowed us to revel in the human side of those honorable men who served our nation as presidents through dark, challenging and uplifting eras.
I oppose the illegal destruction of our dignified history. Today, the only women who lived in the White House as adults were our first ladies, where their historical and admirable work were enabled in their East Wing offices. The installation of the proposed massive structure, not focused on the task of serious work of the presidency, not designed with thoughtful review and consideration were ruptured with bulldozers. We were assured not a taxpayer dollar would be spent. But our property was destroyed. Whether the destruction came as a result of terrorism or ego, the building should be restored to its former elegance and function. We should consider the restoration of France's treasured Notre Dame cathedral as the proper way to revere our history.
This was no accidental fire. The president who believes his executive authority has no bounds but his own morality, whose administration defies judicial orders cannot be allowed to tear down our symbols, or our democracy to build gawdy reception halls for the connected and privileged.
I oppose this project and call for the restoration of an appropriately sized wing to continue to welcome our students hoping to experience the history made in the adjoining house of the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Sanford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to allowing Trump to have anything to do with the rebuilding of the East Wing. Not any unnecessary ballroom meant to dwarf the Whitehouse with of course Trumps in gold! I don't believe Trump will actually pay for the building with donations and he never intended to. But Trump lies to the public on a regular basis. Since undoubtedly Trump plans to stick the cost on tax payers, it certainly shouldn't be any design

Trump approves.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tari Takara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been torn down for a ridiculous vanity project the current occupant of the white house initiated. The White House is a historical structure and there were no reviews or plan approvals made before it was destroyed. The White House is the people's house, and now has been damaged without review or consent. This "project" is all about keeping the mentally failing occupant busy while his team of ghouls ruin our country. Please rebuild the East Wing as it was before. There is no need for the degrading of our people's house, and no need for the extravagant and gaudy "ballroom" with the underground bunker.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:56:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mika Stratton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the project currently labeled as the 'East Wing Modernization Project.' In its current state, this project cannot be considered a 'modernization'; rather, it represents a complete razing of American history. The demolition of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design reviews, and without following the legally mandated channels required for changes to our nation's most historic residence.

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars—with recent estimates reaching $400 million—on a project that bypasses federal oversight and public input. I demand that this project be canceled immediately and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former historic design. The preservation of our national heritage should never be sacrificed for architectural vanity. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law to initiate it is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe DeAloia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a veteran and I oppose the spending of any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design after the current president leaves office. A president is not above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing him for breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully
Joseph F DeAloia II

Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:50 AM
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Name: Elizabeth Hawkins
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Kliman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project, it is being done with no consideration to the history of the White House and the East wing. This is not Donald Trump's property, it is the people's . Proper channels, planning and approvals should have been done before anything happened. Where is all of the history that the East wing contained?

Date: 2/17/2026 12:55:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Donnelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners,

Razing the history of America for a vanity project funded by bribes is the very antithesis of what our Founders strove for. Kings galavant through palaces, Presidents provide governance and guidance to WE THE PEOPLE. While there is no way to halt the destruction of the East Wing, there is time to pause and begin the proper process to make changes to the home of the American People with respect for history and respect for the future. All work on this project should flow through well-established planning, review, and permitting processes. Anything less is not only a dereliction of duty but an insult to ALL Americans who respect our values, institutions, and traditions.

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Name: Valeria Campa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Frank-Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jill Chesler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, (or probably even MORE by the time it would be completed!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Not to mention, this is the American peoples' building....ANY presidents are merely temporary tenants during their terms. They have absolutely NO authority to just do as they please!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:54:28 AM
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Name: Kristine Conlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored. Under no circumstances should a ballroom that is totally out of proportion with the rest of the White House be constructed. The names of the "donors" should be made public. The president has no right to make such an appalling decision on his own.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Bonanno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment
Barbara A. Bonanno

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Name: Lisa Sabatka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Take you
Lisa Sabatka
Just a law abiding citizen

Date: 2/17/2026 12:53:11 AM
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Name: Kathey-Lee Galvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Despite any wishes, restoration clearly isn't likely, so at a minimum this project should go through a more fulsome and transparent concept/planning process. Maybe something in concept, building, and final outcome that doesn't encourage grift and plundering the public coffers or venal marketing of merchandise.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:52:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bob Tregilus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi -

Please restore the East Wing to the state it was in on October 19, 2025--before it was maliciously destroyed without National Capital Planning Commission approval.

Furthermore, Clark Construction Group, LLC, of McLean, Virginia, should be investigated for the demolition of government property without proper authorization.

Bob Tregilus

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Name: Alison Westermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dolores Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judith Tucker
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Schorsch
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1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW belongs to the people.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keri Schrock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was done without the proper authorization. Even if taxpayer funds are not going towards this, there are many more important things that rich donors could pay for that would actually help the American people, such as fixing roads and improving schools. The ballroom does not do anything to improve the lives of average Americans and during a time when people are struggling financially it is in extremely poor taste to build this ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Hopson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose the creation of a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House once stood.

For decades, the iconic silhouette has been a symbol of the United States and the government created by our Founding Fathers. The current administration demolished an important part of our history without

proper permission or permits -and no one stopped them. Allowing this new project to proceed will change the White House from a symbol of our democracy with its system of checks and balances, to a symbol of when our leadership let us down and gave in to authoritarian rule.

Instead of a ballroom that no one needs and no one asked for, we need to rebuild the East Wing, restore the White House, and send a clear message to the President and the rest of the world that no one is above the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Floyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Carole J. Floyd

Date: 2/17/2026 12:51:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Soeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, whether built with public funds or private donations. The East Wing was razed without the proper authorization, permits, or a design review. From the publicly released architectural renderings, I find the proposed ballroom to be tacky and hideous. If built as designed, the White House, once known as the "peoples' house," will resemble instead the garish palace of a tinpot dictator. The demolition of the East Wing was nothing less than the illegal destruction of government property. As a result, we lost an essential piece of American history, leaving us with nothing but an ugly patch of dirt. The ballroom project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this ballroom to be built would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one, not even the president, is above the law. And he doesn't own the White House. We do.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:50:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Scott Kincaid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design to exist once again in proportion with the original design of the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:50:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thea Levkovitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Erica Nataren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Further, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kitty Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed project does not have prior consent and authorization. I oppose it and request you move to deny its completion.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:49:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Cavanaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I strongly oppose the spending of 3 million dollars on this project that was illegally to destroy in the first place by the criminal regime at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington DC. This was initiated without proper authorization, permits or review of design. In no way was this a modernization project but it is a complete razing of American history. I demand this project cancelled immediately. After cancellation We The People demand the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original state.
Please bear in mind NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW and the person/people that ordered this destruction broke the law and shall be held accountable. If this project were to move forward this would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. This criminalization this “administration “ has done is illegal and unconstitutional.
Please stop this and do the right thing by rebuilding the East wing to its former glory.
Thank you for your attention on this very serious matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary McLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kim Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: LISA Arends
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against yhe spending of 300 million or even 1 million on this ode to Trump. The American tax payers can barely make ends meet. This awful project should be halted. No ball room! Clean ip the mess and seed some grass.

The project was not approved by congress, and a penalty shoukd be applied to the President and all who forced it.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:48:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Bressler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President had no right to tear down our building. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. A new independent committee should be put into place to determine how to respectfully rebuild the First Ladie's office to best fit with the style and feel of the rest of the white house. The White House is the people's house and should not project excessive grandeur as Trump intends. The

White House should not give off the effect of an elite class. Furthermore, I believe Trump should have to pay for it since he tore it down illegally.

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Name: heidi guillermo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is an effort to erase history .
Under normal procedures, this project would (should have been submitted with complete plans to the appropriate architectural authorities (Planning department and appropriate historical board) (not a committee hand chosen by the building's destroyer) and have them approve the plans BEFORE any work (or demolishment of the current structure) proceeds. This process obviously did not happen.
Any new structure should be not allowed until the normal process happens and any structure built without these safeguards should be red-tagged or demolished.

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Name: Cindy Klassen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kitty Daley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please preserve what’s left of the White House and prevent the construction of a monstrously sized ballroom. Theodore Roosevelt is turning in his grave. Abigail Adams could hang laundry from the entire

Continental Army in that ballroom. It is completely out of proportion with the rest of the White House.

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Name: Emily Earhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing has been the location to meet Gold Star families in a quiet location. A ballroom, echoing, is not the same. While school children might be able to gather in a ballroom to start tours, it is not appropriate for Gold Star families. This is a huge loss for our country.

And yes, I am a descendant of Veterans, with Gold Star family members.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:48:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing needs to be put back to its original design in keeping with its historical status. Having it torn down to build a ballroom is absolutely abhorrent. This is part of the peoples' house and nothing was reviewed or put through the proper channels before it was torn down illegally. Something like this cannot happen again. And we need to fix this immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:48:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Addams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Proceeding in the destruction of American history and destroying a portion of the people's house without following proper procedures and permitting is an affront to all Americans. No one in our country is above the law and proper punishment should be meted out to those who have broken the rules. The East Wing should be restored at the sole and total expense of the offending party or parties.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:47:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Bass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Susan Schierts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Austin Fogelquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it concerns,
I strongly oppose the project as it has not met the merits or processes needed to meet the National Historic Registry guidelines. It is an affront to the established review and permit processes that every president has abided by since the inception of the NPS, NHR, and the preservation society.
The price tag is also suspicious as it already exceeded the proposed amount of 260 million and raised to 300+ at the time of this posting. The other reason I oppose is that a cherished monument the house of the people known as the White House has been marred and irrevocably altered without outle consent. The current occupant did not make this ballroom choice for the masses, he made it for himself and has not chosen to alay fears and concerns and instead boasts like he intends never to leave which is another concern yet not directly a concern to this particular problem.
Please rescind and stop all efforts to change the white house footprint and demand the white house current administration submit actual plans, actual bids, and all other necessary paperwork to ensure it meets the established process and requirements. Otherwise suspend the project indefinitely and order the White House be repaired and restored to its original footprint.

Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:47:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Baldwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It was heart-breaking and shocking to see the demolition of the historic East Wing! As it happened without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight, it is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Sincerely,
Ruth Baldwin

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Name: Mary Waller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House belongs to the American people. Its residents are temporary guests, expected to maintain the property's original condition, not to make radical changes without permission, not to take a wrecking ball and demolish one-third of the structure. I want the building restored--made whole--and those involved in the destruction held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:47:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated by a convicted felon without proper authorization. Please cancel this project and restore the people's White House to its former state. The criminal who initiated it should be penalized for his actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt, and restored to its former design, at the total cost to those who instigated this demolition. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Jahnke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination! It is without permission. It needs to be stopped and then completely restored to its original form. Please. Stop this!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:27 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jayne Mundell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From what I have read the East Wing has been overdue for repairs for many years. I think the remodel and the ballroom will be a wonderful addition to our beautiful White House. I thank President Trump and all of the donors who are contributing to this project. I will probably never get to travel to Washington, D.C., but I am looking forward to seeing photographs and/or videos of the finished addition. I know it will represent our nation well and be used for many, many years to come.
Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Young MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is NOT a modernization of the East Wing, it was churlish destruction , a vanity project and wanton disregard for history, regulations or the will of the American people. I oppose any project that is so gaudy and large that it dwarfs the People's House. Please do NOT accept the plans as they have been submitted.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meridith Baier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:46:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stefanie Rollo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down any part of the White House should never have happened - just like all the other recent destruction in this country. The White House belongs to all of its citizens, not any temporary leader. We should have the final say about what happens to it. It is our history and our present and our future. It wasn't meant to be a stainless steel sideshow. Please restore it to its former design and glory - or at least keep any uncaring hands from destroying it. They are trying to destroy this country - its land, its resources, its national parks, its tradition of freedoms, its sense of decency, its promise to all whether high or low. Please don't let them destroy our symbols too.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Mercier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing was done under the darkness of night and without prior authorization or review by any agency concerned about historical preservation or architectural design. It is a $300 million mistake and should be rebuilt as a wing, and not as a monstrosity of an oversized ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:31 AM
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Name: Elizabeth exter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Herman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "East Wing Modernization" is illegal vandalism and should be stopped. "President" Trump committed illegal destruction of the People's House and is using the ballroom as a money laundering project.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:45:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Nance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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And for HOW MANY DOLLARS??? Insanity. Stupidity. Un-American. Greedy. Selfish. Shameful. Disrespectful. Childish. And utterly against what THE PEOPLE ever wanted for our country. And to top it all off, FOR A PETTYFILE?!?!

Shame on all of you. Your names will forever be tainted, your children's children's children will never find peace for the choices you've made and the destruction and chaos you unleashed upon our systems and our country. Shame. On. You. All.

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:44:41 AM
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Name: Judy Seils
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rachael Pettus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carey Acker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction and "modernization" of the East Wing. The President does not have the authority to tear down a part of the historic building without approvals. His actions are unacceptable and frankly, disrespectful of the history of the White House. It should not be funded or approved by private donors. A grand ballroom isn't what we need!!!

My Great Grandfather, Reverend Henry Hopkins was appointed as a Chaplain in the Civil War by Abraham Lincoln. Our family has roots in the beginnings of this country. I am not in favor of Donald Trump's actions.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:43:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Stull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart is broken by the absolute destruction of our historic East Wing, a place I have walked and admired. To have it so callously destroyed without permission is such a slap in the face and to now find out that the money supposedly from DJT and his billionaire buddies isn't there is criminal. I do not want $300 million to be spent on this project. What I do want is for the East Wing to be rebuilt with modernization as needed to restore it to its previous design, with permits and authorization as any other person in this country would be expected to have. No one is above the law, not even the man currently in the White House. I believe he and the companies who tore down a historical building without permits, who would have KNOWN they needed permission, should all be punished for this act of destruction of our American history.

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Name: Estelle Monaghan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ruthe Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing the wing down was done without planning or consideration. A ballroom for corporate and political elite funded by US corporate elite is inappropriate on the White House grounds. The East Wing should be restored to its former condition, which was beautiful. Rebuilding it as it was could restore America's faith in the Peoole's House.

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Name: Kitty Riggenbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Annalyce LaSource
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Annalyce LaSource

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Hoadley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Illegal & Unauthorized demolition of OUR White East Wing took place while the Government was Shut down. There was no public input, no planning just one man Demolishing public property in an opportunist scheme to raise Millions in Contributions from his Cronies. Short of Mr Trump being arrested and criminally charged, he should be held responsible and his properties encumbered until he has personally paid for the full & complete restoration of the East Wing & Rose Garden

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Name: Sarah Albertson
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Name: Kate Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my deep anger and frustration with the development of the east modernization project.

The White House is a historical building, that is not owned by the president. There are proper permits and procedures that work, violated or flat out, ignored in the rush to tear down the building. As someone who does construction work, I find this incredibly frustrating if I did that, I would be probably bankrupt by the time that I was done paying off the violations and fees.

Is strongly encourage this project to be canceled. And like any other violation, I believe that the funds raised already for the project, should go to rebuilding the torn down building exactly as it was to begin with.

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Name: Christopher Lalley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donald Bundy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Debra Ahillen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's critical we act now to stop The President's illegal act to destroy the People's House.
Our history matters. This house matters.
Therefore, I strongly loppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hawkins

Date: 2/17/2026 12:42:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gus Mcduffie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this illegal project. Please stop it now and demand it be restored to it's original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:42:01 AM
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Name: Sandra Bever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm strongly opposed to the building of a ballroom to replace the East Wing. The project doesn't have the proper permits. Nobody is above the law; proper permits and regulations need to be applied. The building has no budget and there's no plan for how to maintain it or pay for it other than a vague "donors will pay." It is all so unserious, unsustainable, and unacceptable. I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt using its

original design.

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Name: shannon johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerly,
Shannon K. Johnson

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Name: Ann Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Dionne
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This is the PEOPLE'S House, NOT TRUMP'S!!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Dunlap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The U.S. White House is one of the revered structures of our country, and belongs to not one individual, but to the people of the United States. It should be returned to its former symmetry with the East Wing echoing the design of the West Wing, and the beautiful visitors' entrance at the West Wing. I believe the West Wing also included a lovely ballroom which has always provided sufficient for Presidential functions in the past, and there is no reason for additional construction to be added to the White House to take away from its appearance.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Westmaas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and its replacement with an expansive, ornamental ballroom.

The White House has long reflected constitutional restraint and civic purpose. Converting a utilitarian, historic wing into a grand display space shifts the character of the People’s House from functional governance to personal spectacle. That is not a neutral architectural choice — it is a symbolic one.

Equally troubling is the reported demolition prior to full preservation review and public oversight. Constitutional government depends on process and guardrails, especially when altering National Historic Landmarks held in trust for the American people.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to exercise strict oversight over all remaining work and ensure that future actions honor both preservation law and the civic dignity of this institution.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ocampo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I put a small concrete patio in my backyard last year. To get it done, I had to have the village come out, see the plans, see my yard, take pictures, and before concrete was poured come out again to approve the framing, drainage, etc.. To think that the entire east wing of the people's house, the White House, can be torn down and an unnecessary ballroom be built is ludicrous, and needs to be stopped. We have three branches of government, and checks and balances, and NO ONE is above the law. We don't need a ballroom, or want a ballroom, and the historic east wing needs to be restored to the way it was. This should NOT be paid for with taxpayer money, but with the money of whomever decided to ruin it without permission. If I had put in the patio without permission, I personally would have paid a fine.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ronten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the proposed East Wing Modernization Project is an abomination to the structure and beauty of the White House. It is nothing more than a vanity project for the current administration. The historical significance of the White House will be destroyed by this monstrosity. Thank you so much for your attention to my opinion as an American Citizen.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Mazzarese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Mo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This destruction and desecration of American history and complete disrespect for proper process, procedire and law is against what our country stands for. This project must be stopped and the East Wing must rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Gordon-Magnus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump's vanity project at the White House until the present administration agrees to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few instances of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be an example where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Melissa Gordon-Magnus
Tax-paying citizen and independent voter in Portland, OR

Date: 2/17/2026 12:40:09 AM
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Name: Emily Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joan Byron
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:38:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Pemberton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Todd Jackson
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated by a convicted felon without proper authorization. Please cancel this project and restore the people's White House to its former state. The criminal who initiated it should be penalized for his actions.

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Name: Annie Cardinaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlene Walker-Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any amount on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Simply put, it has nothing to do with modernization. The only impetus seems to be self-glorification. It should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:55 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million for this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Feleciai Favroth
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Cassidy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300-$400 million (estimates from the White House have varied) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As it stands, the proposed cost and plans are not aligned with any legitimate building standards.
It seems obvious that this was not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with oversight by a qualified and trustworthy team appointed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:37:01 AM
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Name: r a
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Above all, the White House is the House of the People. The East Wing should be rebuilt to the same size it was before, in the same architectural style, and certainly not named after the sitting president. Only a very insecure man would need it to be named after himself. Naming it after him would be a tell-tell sign of just how utterly insecure he is, and I'm sure he wouldn't want everyone to think that about him.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:36:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Padgett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the much needed Ball Room.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:36:42 AM
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Name: Denise Checchia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The costs to rebuild be paid by the person/people responsible for the unlawful destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:36:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Licker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy Maun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what is currently expected to be over $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, and permits. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete demolition of our American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. Over 56% of Americans opposed its demolition. No one is above the law. This project was given the go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:50 AM
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Name: J Steinbacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sharman Nichols
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Name: Sabina Magliocco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ellen St. John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shoshana Kordova
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:35:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juanita M Smart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We cannot allow our nation's historical architecture to be demolished or changed at a whim! The White House is "the peoples'" house; it does not belong to Donald Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madelyn Spirnak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Sadly, I fear that the U.S. taxpayer will fund this frivolous project. There are so many more worthy causes that would benefit the American people.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myra Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this formal public comment in strong opposition to the proposed $300 million expenditure on this project. Based on available information, the project appears to have been initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design and historical review. Such a significant undertaking should never proceed outside established legal and regulatory processes.

This proposal does not represent a modernization effort but rather the complete destruction of an important piece of American history. The East Wing holds architectural and historical significance that should be preserved, not erased. Public funds should not be used to support a project that disregards legal requirements, transparency, and historic preservation standards.

I respectfully request that this project be immediately halted and canceled pending a full and transparent review of its authorization, permitting, environmental compliance, and design approval process. Furthermore, I urge decision-makers to pursue the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing to its original design and historical character.

No individual, agency, or contractor should be above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for any failure to follow proper procedures would undermine public trust and set a troubling precedent for future projects. Our shared history and public resources deserve responsible stewardship, lawful process, and full transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment and for your careful consideration of the concerns raised.

Respectfully,

The Jacobsons

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Lettice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing ... the rose garden, etc. are all part of the legacy of the White House -- simplicity. elegance, and tradition. Each President and his/her family has the privilege of living there -- they are tenants. The White House belongs to the American people and the National Capital Planning Commission is the steward. Not only should the ballroom be cancelled, let's charge the President and his family for the cost of reconstructing it ... especially as have personally made exhorbitant amounts of money ... personal gain and abuse of the office.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hadskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a licensed Architect, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Every other large building in the country needs more review and due diligence than this one ever got from the get go.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens of the United States. It’s current state and process is also a rather poor symbol of how our government works to the rest of the world.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:34:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The East Wing was torn down illegally, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Juli Faulkner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michel Shadowens
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Acketman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am assuming this is related to the destruction of the east wing of the White House. I fully agree with your halting the building of the ballroom. I feel that it will overwhelm the existing White House and it is a completely needless addition. I would like to have the original Eastwing restored using the funds that were set aside for the ballroom. If those funds are not available then the current administration should be held responsible for financing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Ramirez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What an abomination the proposed grand ballroom! To have lost a beautiful historical East Wing and to even consider placing a gigantic ballroom which would tower over our elegant White House is such a travesty, not to mention the horrific destruction pile to be tolerated in the interim and the cost that will ultimately be charged to taxpayers is beyond ghastly. Please put a stop to this insanity intended as a

nothing more than a grand gesture by Trump to Trump. Do we need a ballroom? Probably not. But even if one believes we do, that is NOT the place for it!
Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Ramirez

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Name: Katherine Pritchett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose construction of a gigantic ballroom attached to our house (The White House). Instead, monies raised should be used to rebuild the East Wing within its former footprint with changes only made with approval of the proper facilities committees to enhance accessibility, efficiency, safety and security issues.

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Name: Kimberly Corcoran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Springer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was torn down for such shallow reason. Our country's historical places should be preserved. I am also against the enormous size that would dwarf the White House. To think that no proper procedure of permitting was done on any level is ridiculous. Please consider trying to recreate the original building.
This is something Americans need to be proud of. Not embarrassed when the rest of the world watches and scratch their heads.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:33:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jalilah Byrd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this right now! Do not waste our taxpayer dollars on this when ppl can't afford food and housing! SHAME!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Taggart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Glenda Gande
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marilyn Bellows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Pavelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has been an unmitigated travesty from before the start. Demolition should not have occurred without oversight, planning, or permission. To allow the project to go forward would reward the illegal and immoral actions taken so far. The East Wing needs to be restored to its previous footprint and usage. Anything less is an insult to the American People.

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Name: John Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to any standing president. It belongs to the Country. I am unalterably opposed to the remodeling and rebuilding of any part of the White House including the current East Wing project.
I urge the President to reconsider this project and to order that the project be halted and the East Wing be restored to its historic design.
At the same time I urge Congress to act unanimously to oversee the East Wing project and any other projects under consideration.
Sincerely,
Peter Barnett
Greenbank, Washington 98253

Date: 2/17/2026 12:33:00 AM
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Name: Sergio Rivera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing of the White House, the people's house, was demolished without warning or review is a travesty and symbolic of the distain that the current occupants have for our nation, our traditions, and our laws. The East Wing was a part of our history that has now been irreparably lost. There is no need for the proposed ballroom, so large that it will dwarf and unbalance the official residence, yet another temple to one man's ego and arrogance. I demand that the ballroom project be stopped and that the best architects and engineers be engaged to determine how the damage can be repaired and the White House restored to glory.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:48 AM
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Name: Kelly Graml
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your efforts to restore a small bit of dignity to the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Masck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judy Barron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nathan Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lucinda Glen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to everything America is. Letting Trump build this monstrosity after breaking every law, rule, and norm about how we deal with publicly owned, historic properties in this country, is an insult

to every law-abiding American. Do not reward Trump's lawlessness. Make Trump put the East Wing back as it was, with his own funds. Then we will talk about whether Americans need or want a ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Delaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I visited the White House several years ago with my family and am glad we got to see the East Wing before it was illegally torn down by the current president. It's appalling to me that he was able to do that without approval. I strongly oppose the addition of a 90,000 square foot ballroom that would be nearly twice the size of the White House. It doesn't matter who pays for it - we don't need it. And even if taxpayers don't pay for it, we will be paying for the maintenance of it and for all the events that are held there. There are many other things we can do with that money. NO BALLROOM!!!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary-Carol Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the construction of a massive ballroom. The White House is neither a hotel nor a resort, and it does not need a ballroom! It is "The People's House," owned by our Government, not by the current occupant, and it is maintained by our tax dollars.

The approximately $300 million price tag is being funded by billionaires intent on currying favor with the current Administration, which is highly unethical. Furthermore, the project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather the arrogant desecration of OUR collective property and history.

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and function. Given that this project was undertaken in violation of the law, it must not be allowed to continue. No one is above the law, and those who broke the law must suffer consequences.

Construction of a ballroom must be halted immediately, and the East Wing of OUR White House must be rebuilt.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:32:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Friedson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Judi B Friedson
Louisville, Colorado

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecilia Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the rebuilding of the East Wing as it turn down without proper authority or process. The president has skipped protocols and ignoring Congress. Therefore, stop this process completely until a full unbiased committee can assume management of this project without any chance of mismanagement or abuse. Do not proceed with the rebuilding of the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:31:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Luke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Bryce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sherrill Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. It is not a modernization -- it was the destruction of all that was there and an erasing of the associated history. It was done without the proper permits, review or transparency. Those responsible should be held accountable and fined in proportion to the cost of rebuilding the structure as it was prior to the illegal destruction.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Lloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was begun without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete removal of American history. I urge you to cancel this project, and restoration of the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Underwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Before one more thing is done here this administration must account for any artifacts lost in the razing of the East Wing of the White House and repay the American people in full whatever is necessary to repair, replace and/or compensate them for their loss. End this boondoggle now and rebuild the East Wing and Rose Garden.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Bisbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ballroom! Trump destroyed American history that our founding fathers worked hard to build and preserve. Yes, it was slaves who started building it; but it shows the history of this country. President's only occupy the house that is owned by the citizens of this great country of ours.

With the destruction of the east wing, he took down beautiful old trees that were planted by our former President's. He destroyed the great craftsmen ship of the building, along with spreading asbestos to those that work there and into the community.

No ballroom that is suppose to be funded by billionaires, that does not make it the people house any longer.

Stop the building of the ballroom!

Renee Bisbee

Date: 2/17/2026 12:30:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Satyavati D'Antoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this horrible project halted and the East Wing restored to its original design and the Rose Garden restored and replanted as First Lady Kennedy created it.

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Name: Megan Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Paige Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/17/2026 12:28:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm totally disgusted, as a 55 yr old citizen of this country, that this idiot can come in and just plow away History. Please PLEASE hold him and his BUSINESSES accountable!!!!! Thank you , Taxpayers!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:28:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Bellows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:28:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Kliesen-Maravetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the building of the ballroom. It is not 'modernization', ; it is the erasure of history. And it lacks the permits and approvals required by law. The East wing should be rebuilt. Those involved in this illegal travesty should be prosecuted.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:28:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Lirones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Blevins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project.

As a history buff, a fan of historic architecture and a taxpayer I am offended by everything about this project. I have read that Trump broke the law when he demolished the East Wing of the White House under cover of darkness and without authorization. Are you suing him? If not, you should. The White House, including the East Wing, belongs (belonged?) to all of us as Americans. This is not Trump's private property to rape and cheapen.

The proposed ballroom must not be built. Instead, the East Wing should be recreated. The new ball room plans that I have seen are worthy of Albert Speer: poorly done and an assault on good taste and proportion for the site and the personification of fascist architecture.

This travesty must not be built and if it is, a future administration must tear it down.

Sincerely, Tim Blevins

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Selby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regardless of where the money originates, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I do not want the tacky, ostentatious style preferred by Donald Trump to be included in any parts of the rebuild.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Brock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing. I do not believe the nation needs an enormous ballroom, and if we did, this was certainly the wrong way to go about it.

The President must be made to realize that this is not one of his properties. The people of the United States have a prior, future, and altogether stronger claim to it.

The National Capital Planning Commission has the heavy responsibility of protecting our national heritage, preserving it for future generations. There were guardrails in place against this vandalism, and there must be consequences when those guardrails are ignored.

Please require the restoration of the East Wings to its original dimensions and character. If appropriate and within your purview, also take whatever additional legal actions you can to demonstrate that such unilateral and ill-considered actions will not be tolerated in the future.

We have no king, and the White House is our house, not the President's palace.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:27:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Broughton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the Eqst wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dee B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We the People will not support this abject corruption and demolition of Democracy.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Keefe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project, which was not approved before demolition took place. It literally razed the historic building without any thought as to the law or regulations that protect our historic structures. It should not be approved, merely because the Administration believes they are above the law. The proposed expenditure is a waste of $300 million. Make them rebuild it with its historic features and proportionality to the White House itself.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Okeefe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without any regard for its environmental impact and without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want the historic trees which were wantonly destroyed by this lawless project replaced as closely and thoughtfully as possible. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Logan Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Public Citizen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. The demolition was a travesty, amounting to an erasure of a piece of our shared history. That, as well as the changes to the Rose Garden and other proposed demolition projects, are being done without proper review, public comment, permits, or approvals. These buildings belong to the people. No one should be allowed to unilaterally make such changes to public buildings. Any changes must go through the proper review process. The public must be able to comment and be heard. The proposed "ballroom" building would dwarf the White House both visually and symbolically, and should never be built.The East Wing should be rebuilt as it looked.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Quinlan Bettenhausen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. Trump and his people had no right to tear down The People’s property. He should also pay not only the tear down but the replica rebuild from his own pocket.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:26:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:25:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonia Rahman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:25:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Prostak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

Date: 2/17/2026 12:25:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Cavalli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending any money on this project which included the destruction of the East Wing of the White House illegally done without any permission or consultation. Nothing should proceed without proper inclusion of actually knowledgeable experts from the historical commission and also relevant oversight. This should not be done as a personal self-aggrandizement by the president.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:24:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmen Karnuth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make this administration follow the laws. Demolishing the People's House without proper authority is reckless, disrespectful and abusive. At the very least, they should be paying for its restoration without tax payer dollars.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:24:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Regards
Karen Ish
California

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:24:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Salter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is a formal public process for making significant changes to the peoples property. This administration has no respect for the peoples property or for the laws of the land. It seems that if there is a law governing an action, this administration plays dumb and/or chooses to violate it at will. I am saddened by the willful destruction of the East wing without so much as a question to citizens of the once great USA. What happened to the proposal of an idea and the opportunity to provide public comments? I didn't want to see the east wing demolished. I'm sure that I'm not alone.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:24:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken McGlothlen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not consider building a "ballroom" spattered with gold for the use of this President and his weathy

donors to be “modernization,” “necessary,” or even particularly American.

The White House does not belong to the President, who had an obligation to go through the NCPC before razing and erasing this part of American history. Not one penny should go towards this purported ballroom; no money, time or effort should go towards anything but the restoration of the East Wing to its former design and purpose. Modernization can take place, of course—I’m sure building codes have changed since it was originally constructed—but it needs to be restored to its former, rightful state, and not made into another tawdry, garish trophy at the hands of someone who has become rather infamous for not asking before taking destructive liberties with that which does not belong to him.

The administration did not for a moment consider getting the proper authorization for this heinous destruction. No public design review was ever floated, and as far as I know, not one permit was obtained before his frivolous, self-focused orders were carried out. This was conduct unbecoming of a President, or for that matter, any public official whatsoever. To allow this ridiculous “ballroom” travesty to continue unchecked would be an affront to every law-aiding American, and to allow what has already taken place without some sort of penalty for breaking the law is equally offensive to those who uphold American law, long-established tradition, and the gravity of the office that is so capriciously occupied at the moment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Sawin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be cancelled and the destruction of the East Wing documented, investigated, and prosecuted. Having private (?) funding doesn’t mean you get to break the law and destroy public property and waste government (i.e., taxpayer) resources.
A non-partisan commission should be appointed to study what space the future occupants of the White House actually need--which is surely not a grandiose ballroom. Once that has been determined, let the commission propose a new design that reproduces the old East Wing on the outside and provides useful, updated space for the presidential or vice-presidential or first lady's staff on the inside.
Until such time as a responsible non-partisan group has submitted a practical plan that you can approve, let the space remain unfinished in remembrance of the wounds that the Trump regime has inflicted on the nation, its people, and the world.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:24:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J. Harley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:23:38 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Oko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:23:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Kolton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with other citizens when I say that I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but rather a vanity project that ignores and disrespects American history and tradition. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:23:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raquel Michaelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While there have been many thoughtful renovations and upgrades to the White House over the years, never once has there been an act of deliberate, Illegal destruction like this.

The actions taken by this administration bypassed legal procedures meant to preserve our national heritage. This is The People's house, not a private residence. It has up untill now, been seen as something precious, a symbol, a treasured piece of history.

The wing should be rebuilt, using the original exterior footprint. The interior can be reconfigured to meet modern needs, but should be decorated in a dignified manner.

The money supposedly donated to create that unnecessary ballroom, should be used for the restoration. It should NOT come out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

Please block any further dessicrations, both to the White House itself and other buildings of historical significance. It's shameful that the laws are being ignored.

As a final note, it is my understanding that the contractors hired to do the demolition have not been paid. If they have not been paid, the person who gave the order should be held responsible for paying in full. (And I do not mean the lackey who made the phone call.)

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda VanHouten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% opposed to the spending of $300 million on this completely unnecessary project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but glory project and rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled in its entirety, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Reeves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the Trust of the American people who were

given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Procopio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As a civil engineer working on land development projects, I would be laughed out of any city office in America (and probably fined and penalized) for attempting what this administration did - allowing a contractor to demolish a historic building with no process or oversight, no approved plans, no review. This is absolutely not a modernization project, it's a complete demolition of a key piece of American history. I am one of many people in America who wants this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, meeting current codes and regulations as all other land development projects in America are required to follow. No one is above the law, and to allow this project to go ahead, without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, companies, and giver bodies that take part in development projects nationwide. This is not a political issue it's a practical one. Please, listen to the people, and follow the law, setting a better example than has been set for this project to date.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:22:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Rosenleaf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I feel an obligation to speak out against what has happened to the East Wing of our White House (the People's House). The damage that has been done illegally and with only phantom promises of backing funds for a ballroom is beyond horrifying. I believe that the East Wing should be restored to its former beauty at the expense of the man who with no legal authority caused this damage: namely Donald J. Trump. No one should be above the law, but consistently he has acted as if he can ride roughshod over every rule and law that he has come across.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:21:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ram Hariharan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

I am writing out of concern about the recent East Wing project. The thoughtless destruction of this building before proper planning and adequate comment demonstrated disrespect for the tradition of the White House as the People's House, treating it more like the private mansion of an aspiring King.

While I have no objection in-principle to an appropriate meeting place for future Presidents to host visiting leaders from other countries, I don't think that this building should dwarf the existing White House. It should be designed in line with the existing architecture of the White House, connecting with its history.

Further, when the time comes to fund it, we, the American people, should be responsible for its construction. It should not be funded by extortion or bribery from wealthy benefactors who seek favor (or to avoid punishment from a vindictive President).

Please consider pausing this project to do it properly, in line with American history and the tradition of this building's title as the People's House.

thank you,
Ram

Date: 2/17/2026 12:21:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Duvall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization"? The East Wing has been destroyed - that's not "modernization".
The law needs to be followed. Plans need to be approved by professionals, not the whims of a president.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:21:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Aylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Kearney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edgar Jaynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be meticulously returned to its exact status before the destruction. It's my White House and I want it back. Trump had no right to destroy it without the Commission's approval of the project. This nonsense and ruination of our heritage must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: T Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Ashkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this ballroom project. The East wing should never have been torn down. It was a part of history and belonged to all the citizens of the United States. The relevant laws were not followed. I believe it should be rebuilt basically as it was but up to modern codes.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:20:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ClayOla Gitane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project in its entirety for several reasons. First, it has been carried forward without the proper permits, reviews, or surveys, including public input for a publicly owned building. Second, part of the history of the White House has been erased without consideration for its importance. Third it is not at all clear that a large ballroom is needed at this site, especially as a substitute for what was already there. Fourth the ‘‘modernization‘‘ is being handled on a private basis without the expertise of historians or designers who serve the common good. I want the wing restored in its entirety to its former state. I also want an accounting for what happened to all the historic items that were removed from it.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing "modernization" project reeks of graft from the beginning. The demolition of the East Wing - without any permits, proper authorization, or design reviews is unconscionable. It would be appalling even if it was a much less important public building - but to raze the East Wing of the White House without proper authorization is untenable!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, even if it is from "private" donations, because these are more bribes than donations and that also reeks of graft.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its design prior to destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is setting an incredibly dangerous precedent.

Sincerely,
Melinda Bell

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Fasig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a voluminous expensive ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. There is no real need for such an overextended building proposal and the White House is a national historic landmark which Trump has already destroyed part of by eliminating the East Wing. There is no proper authorization for this building endeavor.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginny McNeill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
There should be consequences for tearing down the East Wing before approval.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Duckwitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to the blueprints of the original structure. Trump did not get proper authorization to destroy the East Wing and needs to be held financially responsible for 300 hundred billion or more for its restoration. As a taxpayer, I do not want my money spent on this craziness. The laws need to be enforced in this country, particularly where the entitled rich think they are above all laws.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charity Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No! I am against spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is a historic treasure, not a building lot for a senile developer to exploit.
I oppose this razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:19:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was no permit to tear down the East Wing. It must be rebuilt exactly how it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:18:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toña Aguilar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying, United States citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laura Vess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Arzoomanian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leilani Wilmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization is a colossal waste of the taxpayers' money. Inflicting damage to the White House just to satisfy one person's ego should be a criminal act. If this had gone through all the official channels, it never would have happened. The lie about "not damaging the existing building" is especially egregious!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:18:07 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:18:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim DeCoste
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to approval of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without warning or approval shows complete lack of respect for the history that took place there and a disregard for not only the law, but the American people, whose house was ravaged. The President does not own the White House, but is a temporary resident. The American people own it, and care and consideration needs to be taken with our property. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It should never have been destroyed in this way. No amount of money from tax payers or outside donors should be spent for anything other than full restoration. No-one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-biding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:17:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Badley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:17:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Masters Boes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HISTORICAL WHITEHOUSE' EAST WING!!! This fascist regime has NO RIGHTS to have destroyed a National Historic building!! ENOUGH!!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:17:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Ann Newberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this blatant, lawless, destructive power grab by the Trump regime. The East wing of the White House, like the White House, belongs to We, the people.
Before anyone spends any of the alleged donors alleged dollars to build His ballroom, the illegal damage must be rebuilt with Trump funds. Also, the source of the funds used to destroy and haul away the rubble must be identified, and paid back to taxpayer-funded accounts, assuming that they were plundered.
Environmental damage to the dump site must be rectified, also with Trump private funding.
There is so much wrong here. Wrongs must be righted and the rule of law upheld.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Galati
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was started without the proper authorization. I want the original East Wing to be reconstructed as it is a historic landmark. No sitting president owns this building and should not be allowed to destroy any of it. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Signe Swenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Kirsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lise Petroski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lunaea Weatherstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or a reasonably proportioned alternative.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The nation's capital and the People's House must not be playthings for an insatiable real estate mogul who occupies the Oval Office.

Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Ciernia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely agree with Anara Guard when they wrote that they "oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

We continue to claim that we're a nation of laws. Prove it by following the law.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: rosemary hegarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the ballroom needs to stop. it was not authorized and trump does not get to make permanent change to the structure without approval by historic society. 300,000,000 for this -NO NO NO

Date: 2/17/2026 12:16:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Angerhofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing. This action, without any consultation with the National Trust, is an abhorrent waste of money because it has brazenly obliterated a historically significant American structure. The lawless bulldozing of the original East Wing is an affront to the American people, and work should be halted immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:15:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abby Patthoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:15:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Rogerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that our National memorial know as the
“People’s House” should be rebuilt in its original design. While they have the opportunity to upgrad to more modern systems - electrical, hvac, security, minor updates, it should be back to its original look. And the man responsible should have to donate the cost of the East Wing restoration as well as the Rose Garden rebuilt. It is not his place to turn the Prople’s house into one of his ornate bordello style palaces. It’s just a rental for him. It’s not his house

Date: 2/17/2026 12:15:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Yemm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should be cancelled. The East Wing should be restored and the administration responsible for the destruction, fined and made to pay for the restoration. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to building a giant ballroom that will be significantly out of proportion to the White House. I also don’t feel that the tearing down of the East Wing without plans, oversight, or permits should be rewarded. The White House is the people’s house and belongs to the whole country, not just the current occupant. I feel strongly that anything built to replace the East Wing should be properly vetted and be built with an eye towards its long-term use and needs along with proper architectural consideration, not simply built at the whims of Mr. Trump.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Hannan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wreckage of the East Wing of the White House. This project was not initiated with the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather the President seems to have perceived a need that was not real. He destroyed a place of national significance on a whim; attempting to erase American history. I want this project completely stopped. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and glory. No person or administration is above the law. Those who broke the law by proceeding without proper authorization should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Please respect the desires of all law-abiding Americans who were content with the East Wing as it existed. Please restore East Wing.

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer McGee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Houses with far less significant historical context are not allowed to be altered. The president is an occupant, a temporary tenant, of the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Americans across the country are struggling and a gilded ballroom is an affront to We the People.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Carl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is not a modernization project, it is a vanity project. It was not launched according to any legal processes, making it completely illegitimate and a waste of my taxpayer dollars. On a personal note I am heartbroken that such an important part of American history was illegally destroyed on the whim of a president with no regard for either history or legal processes.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Parker Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to oppose the $300 million demolition of the East Wing. This project was never properly authorized — no permits, no design review, no public process. Calling it "modernization" doesn't change what it actually is: tearing down a piece of American history.
This needs to be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. The law applies to everyone, and letting this slide without consequence sends a clear message that it doesn't. That's not acceptable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:14:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Feldsine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at no additional costs to the American taxpayers. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:13:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and an attempt from our despotic president to build a shrine to his vulgarity. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mechele Witt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:13:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Berner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Thank you,

Marc Berner

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Name: Donna Kearley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Dietz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:13:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Atherton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design."

The White House is a monument to the values of the American people as a whole, and their vision of honorable leadership. The imperialistic opportunism of one tenant must never be allowed to overshadow that rich history, or to squander the resources that ordinary people trust will be used to make every American life better.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:12:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alisa Norlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. DJT should have to pay the bill to restore the East Wing to its original design.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $millions on this so-called "ball room" project! Shockingly, the tearing down of the East Wing was done without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project,." It is nothing more than a gross, ostentatious vanity project! Shamefully, it has destroyed an important part of American history. This project needs to be CANCELLED and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. DO NOT allow this project to go ahead. Those who broke the law should be held accountable.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to block Trumps version of building a ballroom. He needs to use the money to rebuild the east wing as it was. Shame on him for having the original torn down!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

Greetings to you from the Centennial State! It is an honor to have the opportunity to provide input on this important project, especially in this year of the 250th anniversary of the United States and 150th birthday of my home state of Colorado. I am a member of the Jefferson County Historical Commission here and work as a professional historian and preservation consultant. I was the first to be professionally certified in historic preservation in Colorado, by the University of Colorado Denver, with a particular emphasis in architectural history. In 2023 I was awarded the Historic Preservation Medal by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and am myself a descendant of persons who fought in the Revolutionary War and pioneered the American West. The White House is a landmark of the highest historical significance to me and to the country and it is with deep reverence to the history and future it represents that I provide these thoughts to you today.

Your proposed ballroom design strikes me as a beautiful one. I myself would’ve recommended it use this type of reimagining and rearranging of various elements of the Executive Residence, with certain differences so never to be confused with original construction and be architecture of its own time too. It is likewise imperative that neither this nor anything else upon the White House grounds ever dominate or contest the Executive Residence in height or as the focal point because the Executive Residence is what people around the world commonly consider to be the White House. It is not just the home of the President; it is the physical embodiment of the Presidency itself. If it is subordinated, so might seem the President. Therefore it is best for new creations like this be made to compliment and enhance the original. While it is important for the White House to be historically preserved well, it is also important for it to be able to function with vitality, so it may most effectively continue in its historic use, and thereby be preserved well in spirit as well as in body.

The Executive Residence emphasizes verticality in its architectural nature, especially its iconic south portico side, therefore it is well that the Ballroom emphasize the horizontal in nature and be spread out. I would've recommended its use of Corinthian columns and pilasters as the White House draws upon the Classical Greek and Roman orders of these columns, and while the Doric and Tuscan might've looked too plain (and therefore shoddy), the Executive Residence uses Ionic, and Corinthian is the next highest order. I would've also made them fluted in contrast to the smooth of the Executive Residence. Below the main level I'd suggest making the pilasters of an inferior order, as Roman design uses an ascending order for its columns (Doric-Ionic-Corinthian), though one might consider a plainer Corinthian version for these. I recommend the use of stone below the main level, like the Executive Residence does, though where the original uses rough faced stone trimmed with smooth faced stone I'd encourage reversing these in the Ballroom, possibly beveling the smooth stone for added effect. I also recommend its grand staircases utilize stone up to the railing cap, as it not only would look beautiful but I have seen this used very effectively in design including in my hometown of Golden, Colorado's historic Territorial Capital.

I'd suggest for the exterior sconce lighting, since classical design never really envisioned such things, one might consider something symbolic. I'd suggest making these a variant of the design of the torch of the Statue of Liberty. Torchlight would've been common in the White House's early years (or in antiquity), and it could make for great symbolism here. However, such a design cannot be too plain, for you don't want to inadvertently evoke the torches the British used upon the White House! Yet reimagined, even in lantern form of design, can also evoke something else, elegant, orderly, symbolic that the flames might've burned the White House but they could not consume it. No matter what I definitely encourage the use of complimentary accent lighting, direct and indirect, inside and out, here and everywhere else at the White House, for this can really enhance a historic place in ways one might not even imagine! Even places as old as St. Peter's Basilica and the monuments of ancient Egypt are enhanced well by it.

Fine and fun little touches around a place, Easter eggs if you will, can help make a place architecturally special. For instance, if actual gold is to be used architecturally, use gold from each state of the union that produces it. Likewise for marble (including Colorado's own that Washington has already used so beautifully), and other materials. A ballroom is meant to be a showplace; let this one be a showplace of America. One can also place neat representations from throughout American history, and being a ballroom even our history of such occasions, especially at the White House. In a way it's too bad the Greek pediment of the north portico doesn't have statuary representation within it that tells a story like the Parthenon did, and it would architecturally upstage the Executive Residence to do so here, but there may be opportunities to do so elsewhere in the building, inside or out. One could use mosaics, I've thought of stained glass, and artistic clear glass also can.

Looking upon the grounds, the plans seem in conflict whether the driveway lines upon approach to the Executive Residence are to be maintained or edged inward by the elements of the Ballroom structure. I'd encourage maintaining these lines to the extent possible; anything that looks improvised might seem ad hoc, shoddy or lacking quality; anything that makes a lesser impression also can reflect upon the Presidency. One can maintain them through landscaping if not in practical use, though it is significant to consider what sightlines one sees along the driveway upon approach as well, whether one's view of the White House stays on point or becomes distracted.

One thing folks don't so often think of is what various photo angles visitors are going to use all around here, and some may not be what come to mind right away. I'd encourage paying good attention to the staircases because groups of people are going to want their pictures taken upon them, or the President descending in company of other world leaders, and countless additional possibilities. Many will view, and take their photos with, the view from the interior towards the Executive Residence. Movies will be showing this from many angles. From within the ballroom one must be attentive to its camera angles for viewing, recording, lighting, as if it's a professional convention center or arena. Yet because they are in proximity and on the same level, and because it could be quite special to be able to do so, I myself would enable the East Room and Ballroom to be able to be used in tandem. In that respect I'd encourage the Ballroom draw to an extent upon the East Room in its feel and decor, not as a copy but to compliment and enhance each other.

A last small but fun idea, if one might ever like, is folks might like to consider installing an organ inside the ballroom. My own mother is an organist and I have been immersed in the instrument all my life, and have seen firsthand how they can enhance a public space for many different kinds of events, from churches to arenas to public event halls. It can be beautiful, offer a varied or unique experience, and even come up with music fast in a pinch when other options just aren't available! Quality electronic instruments can be acquired at reasonable cost and take up smaller space than one realizes, and can be concealed beneath and rise to a stage. It might seem peculiar to bring up such an idea now, though it's likely best at this part of the planning stage if one needed to take special measures to include one!

I hope these ideas are of use to you! The White House is a powerful, important, beautiful and historic place. It is America, and it is important that it present America well. I wish you and the President the best in your endeavors and am happy to talk further should you ever like.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Schul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Jahoda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans for the East Wing that I have seen are ridiculous and garish. The size of the "development" and the gold on gold embellishments don't speak to the idea of The White House being truly The Peoples House. If it no longer is, it should be renamed the Presidential Palace.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:11:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Sande
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appaled that the president demolished the East Wing of the People's House - the White House, with no permits, no permission. This is OUR house!
I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of

American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karl Andina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Becky Vandegrift
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janet Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Ewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the tenant's expense. The White House belongs to taxpayers and Presidents are tenants who get to live there, while in office. Tenants don't have the right to make dramatic changes to properties without explicit approval, regardless of how the project is funded. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a travesty.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Hendrix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It has been painful to watch as the White House and its grounds, one of the most revered American monuments, has been razed with complete disregard to the historical importance of the site. The destruction of the East Wing was done without proper authorization, and our history cannot be rewritten by the whims of an overreaching executive. The White House is our shared history, and it should be preserved as such.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chandler Bradford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Goldish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this unlawful travesty of destruction immediately. This project has cost us, the TAXPAYERS, hundreds of millions of dollars without proper authorizations, process and oversight. The East Wing's historical significance has been forever marred, and the "ballroom" is a gawdy embarrassment of an idea, let alone finished project.
Stop this ballroom project immediately and assign proper oversight to repair the East Wing damage now, before more expense is wasted for a garish, ostentatious result that we Americans do not want!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition at the White House was a travesty and a betrayal to all the citizens of our country. The White House is not the personal property of Trump. His blatant disregard for standards and norms is completely unacceptable. No other president has seen a need for a gigantic monstrosity of a ballroom. The rendering I've seen is so completely off scale as to make the White House look strange. The classic design and a sense of symmetry should be restored. The frankly gaudy addition of multiple gold decorations in the interior needs to go. His destruction of the rose garden was another bad move. Mr. Trump is free to decorate Mar A Lago anyway he pleases but he should keep his hands off our White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:10:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Lake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my concerns about the plans to convert the demolished East Wing of the White House to an enormous ballroom. I was devastated to learn that the East Wing was was torn down with no permits, no oversight, and no warning. That was the part of the White House where my grandfather once dined with Richard Nixon. I implore you to halt the construction of the proposed ballroom. It is not fitting with the original design and will tower over the existing White House. The plan to fund it with private

donations is an opportunity for quid pro quo. The People's House should be retored to it's original form. There was already a ballroom in it. Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerra Partney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Byron Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was ill conceived and poorly executed. Like so many things with the current administration, they break things before they even have a plan to implement. Not only should the East Wing be restored to its former state, the costs should come directly from Mr. trump, who acted without authorization and destroyed the people's property. Had it been anyone else that destroyed federal property they would be in prison.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Volpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any funds for this "modernization"of the East Wing. It's an outright crime the dismantling of OUR HOUSE. The East wing should be rebuilt at the full, personal expense of Donald Trump, returning it to the exact specifications of the prior structure.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Minott Kerr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:09:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Michelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of the source of the funds, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Boyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kaitlin Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Gentz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without the proper permits and authorization is absolutely abhorrent. This is no 'modernization'. It needs to be rebuilt, and NOT with taxpayer money.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Gill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot support spending $300 million on a project that began without proper authorization, the necessary permits, or any genuine design review. This is not progress—it is the deliberate destruction of a treasured piece of American history. I demand that this project be stopped immediately and that the East Wing be faithfully rebuilt and restored to its original form. No individual or agency stands above the law, and

allowing this unlawful project to continue without consequence would betray every American who believes in justice and accountability.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:08:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Denise Ryan

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Name: Leslie Goldberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Vance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing this statement in opposition of spending $300 million on the White House East Wing Ballroom. This project was initiated by our current president and his administration without any authorization, proper permits in place, or design approval. The ballroom is nothing more than a vanity project that will allow the president to brag and boast about what he has done for the country. The project needs to be canceled and the former wing should be rebuilt out of President Trump's pocket, not the American taxpayers. This president has continually done whatever he wants on a whim without regard for our country's checks and

balances, courts, historic registries, or even our Constitution. He is not above the law, nor is he a king or God. He should be held at the same standard as everyone else and there should be retribution for his selfish actions. The White House is his TEMPORARY home, it is not his property to modernize or update and he should not be touching anything inside or outside of the property without proper permission and approval.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Cail
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without consequence would be an affront to our laws and our history.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelli Hooker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of millions of dollars on a gaudy ballroom in place of the historic East Wing of our White House. I understand this project was initiated and the East Wing demolished without the proper authorization or permits. I sincerely hope this project is canceled. So much of our history of our White House has been destroyed but the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design as much is possible. The individuals that broke the laws, and accepted private money, including the US President, should be penalized and fined to the fullest extent of the law. I believe that we are still a law abiding country and those who violate our laws must be held accountable. To continue this horrible project is an affront to those of us still believe in justice and good taste.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked to see images of our nation's White House being destroyed without proper consent of the American people using the processes our government has put in place to preserve the historical significance of this building and others that we all pay taxes to maintain. The White House and the East Wing should be restored to it's previous state honoring the architectural integrity of its original design. Any cost associated with restoration must be charged to the individuals and firms that broke the laws and codes for changing this building without permission. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to exert full authority in pursuing legal recourse on this issue for this restoration process.

In summary, do NOT change the East Wing from its original design until it is restored to its previous condition and grandeur at which time, any entity wishing to modernize the East Wing should be directed to follow the process all such projects and their organizations follow to make changes to the American People's property.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:07:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Myrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Guillemette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First and foremost, any modifications done to the East Wing did not comply with policy and procedure. Destruction of the East Wing was a sacrilegious undertaking by a crazed individual. It is quite apparent that absolutely no thought or consideration went into this maniacal project. Mr. Trump is attempting to erase our country's history across America and even more so at "OUR CAPITOL"! By tearing down the East Wing, he has eliminated any semblance of the history of that wing of the White House, its memories, decor and significance to the people. Mr. Trump's idea of decor is opulent, gaudy gold with a hint of bordello. The continuation of this project should not be allowed and Mr. Trump needs to provide valid documentation that the costs of this destruction of the East Wing were indeed paid by his wealthy supporters. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Donna L. Guillemette

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Linville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a U. S. citizen and tax payer. This project is misnamed, because the East Wing of the White House was demolished on orders from the President, who did not have the authority to wreck a part of the people's house. There was no review or permits or plans submitted. The White House exists to provide a home for the President and his or her family, a plectrum to meet and receive foreign dignitaries, and a place for the President to have an office to direct the work of the administrative cabinet. Demolishing a working part of the structure to replace it with a Ballroom that has not been planned or approved seems selfish and frivolous. And for the President to claim that it will be paid for with private donations to him suggests the worst kind of grift, or pay for play scheme. Because this so called modernization has not been reviewed or sanctioned, and especially because the need for a giant ballroom that dwarfs the rest of the structure has not been established, I am opposed to this project. It should not be approved as submitted. It needs to be stopped and plans must be made to restore the former East wing to function as a working section of the White House.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: glenna cole allee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why is the illegal tear-down of the East Wing/People's House being called a "renovation"? Why was allowd to happen? It was an illegal demolition! And the wasteful use of 300 million dollars to construct a hideous garish tasteless ballroom for fascists is also a crime.

We need everyone who is supposed to check this kind of criminal activity to stop sitting on their hands, and to immediately apply the full force of the law to prosecute those who allowed this illegal demolition to be committed. They need to immediately demand full payment for restoration of what was destroyed, and full compensation for all the historic art and architecture destroyed. Fines need to be levied agaimst all parties complicit for destruction of irreparable national properties.

It is simply outrageous that the whims of a madman have allowed to go unchecked. Restore the People's House immediately.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Leake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a very special building to most Americans. Trump had no right to destroy the east wing. Or the rose garden. Or all that tacky gold paint in the Oval Office. Please stop that ridiculous ballroom addition, and make trump pay for restoring everything he has destroyed with his corrupt and incompetent desires.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Cuzzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, NO MATTER WHO PROVIDED THE MONEY, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history to serve the egomanic currently IN the position of president and with no thought to the broader and longer term interests of history or the country. The ballroom will dwarf and unbalance the elegant White House - the House of the People - and violates every rule and guideline of preserving the history we are so proud of. The House of Lincoln, of Roosevelt, of Reagan and of Obama. A house where every hallway contains echoes of history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, regardless of who is funding it or how much it costs. The funds promised to BUILD it can be repurposed to UNDO the damage. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and desecrated OUR House would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:06:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Alvarez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Blithe Milks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not only is this an ill-conceived affront to our history and our laws, it will be poorly done by the lowest bidder because no one with any conscience would work on it. Beyond being a collosal waste of money, when so many of our people are in need, it is unnecessary. No one wants to visit us anymore. The pedophile residing in that house has made the entire nation worse than a laughing stock, and lower than pitiable. We garner no respect. No one other than the felon in that building and his lowlife friends (marks) will use the disaster of a "ballroom". Please, for decency's sake, restore what little dignity we have left and restore the people's house to her previous configuration.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:05:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dina Samfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of even one cent on this heinous project, which was initiated with no authorization, no review, and no permits. This is not a modernization project—it is the destruction of our American history. This illegal project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:05:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn’t a modernization project. It’s a monstrocity, and future generations will view it as a monument to a would-be dictator whose murderous second term was the darkest era of American history, and who went to prison for his misdeeds.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:56 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Greenfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Gelernter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I mean, where to even begin. Tearing down half of the people's house, without permission, for a tacky, fake gold-plated vanity project while the rest of us struggle to pay our bills. This is a disgrace, a punchline, and I look forward to the next president gutting and repurposing this stupid, stupid ballroom.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Barrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump. I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper review and authorization. It is not a modernization. It was complete destruction of a part of American history. There is no need for a ballroom, especially one the size that he is attempting to build. This project needs to be terminated immediately and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Pixley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal destruction of the East Wing for a wanna be dictator's ego project should not be allowed to continue.

Any all and all measures to punish this administration and restore the East Wing to it's previous stature must be taken.

All environmental laws that were violated in it's destruction must be rectified at Trump's expense.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Hoyler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Ballroom and reconfiguration is long overdue. This is the people's house, and while I have no problem with the project continuing, I believe a design group should have some input. However, this cannot be done through the usual governmental
oversight that adds years and cumbersome requirements to the project. Just please, limit the gold leaf everywhere.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Quest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ka Higgin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of the White House was illegally destroyed. The perpetrators of the destruction should not be able to build whatever they want in its place. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, without all the unnecessary and wasteful additions that have been suggested. Somebody should be facing sanctions for their illegal, destructive, and costly behavior by destroying a national historic building.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Berube
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project and would like to see the east wing rebuilt as it was in its entirety to restore the historic relevance and preserve it for the future. I believe the East wing was unlawfully destroyed and I would like to see President Trump and his administration face legislative consequences for their heinous acts against our country. Oh and release the Epstein Files in their entirety.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:04:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Champine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Merriman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the East Wing project as currently proposed, as it fails to meet the criteria for historic preservation and modernization. The project circumvents Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act by proceeding without a transparent design review. The East Wing should be consistent with the architecture of the rest of the White House rather than towering over the original, central building. National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements, including updated electrical and safety items, in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. The cost of such restoration should be born by the person(s) who authorized the destruction, not by the taxpayers.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is a complete travesty and must be stopped.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ciavonne Carol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on a supposed renovation of the East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the people of the United States and not to the current occupant.Further, this project did not go through the proper vetting procedures, nor were the contractors approved through normal channels. Any destruction/construction should be halted and any "renovation" should consist of building the East Wing back exactly as it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: shana bernstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t support allowing the east wing project renovation to continue as it was done unlawfully, without going through the proper approval process. This is the people’s house, not Donald Trump’s house—he is just a temporary inhabitant and needs to follow the same process and go through the same channels as anyone else seeking significant changes to such an important national symbol . There must be oversight and I urge you to stop this process and force it to go through the same process as anyone else. Otherwise I fear we will end up stuck with a gilded monstrosity that will far outlast Donald trump’s Presidency.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Peck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:03:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Roach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the building of a $300 million ballroom. It is not needed and was done without proper authorization. I would like to see the east wing returned to it's how it was originally. It is a disgrace that it was even done. This is a slap in the face of the American people whose house it actually belongs to!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Roach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Mergen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national historic treasure and should never have had parts destroyed without the Trust's approval. We can still rebuild the East Wing to the way it used to be, although we will never again be able to walk on floors that former Presidents, their families, dignitaries and award winners trod.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead an ill-fitting substitute for the graceful addition the People's House had. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Beall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this wasteful project. Stop this and restore the east wing to its prior design.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Ammerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for letting me comment. I can't understand how the project went on so without being stopped. Put it back. Put back the rose garden as well. Why was one person allowed to make these decisions.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wilhelmina Indermaur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I vehemently oppose the proposed $300 million ballroom construction on the grounds of the White House. This project is a waste of funds, regardless of the source, which have been reported to be private donations. This is the People's House yet this project was put forth without following any of the proper procedures. Where are the permits? Where was the design review? Who is authorizing this? The demolition of the East Wing has already been a devastating loss to a beautiful historic site. Do not ruin it further by building an unnecessary, distasteful, and overly aggrandizing ballroom in its place. It's an embarrassment to the American people. The 90,000 square feet of space that are to become a ballroom could be something much more meaningful to the country. I believe the East Wing should be brought back. Reconstruct a visitor's entrance and social office, as well as the Office of the First Lady of the United States. Those offices have much more meaning to the nation than a ballroom that will largely go un-used and do nothing for the common American citizen.

Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project must be stopped. It is destroying an iconic American Landmark. The changes being made bypassed legally required reviews and fail to respect the historical legacy of the white house.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Hamacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

What is happening to the White House and the East Wing under Donald Trump is deeply troubling. The White House is not a private residence or a personal brand platform — it is a historic institution that belongs to the American people. Every president serves as a temporary steward of that space, not its owner.
When changes are made that prioritize personal image, political messaging, or self-promotion over tradition, preservation, and respect for institutional norms, it undermines the symbolic integrity of the presidency itself. The East Wing, traditionally associated with ceremonial functions and the First Lady's initiatives, represents continuity and public service — not partisan spectacle.
The White House should reflect unity, stability, and democratic values. It is meant to be preserved, respected, and maintained in a way that honors history and the American people — not reshaped to serve individual ego or political grievance.
Regardless of party affiliation, Americans should expect their president to treat the White House as a shared national trust, not a personal stage.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Cartwright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the exterior of the People's house to what it was. The inside can be upgraded, if done in a manner that reflects and enhances the building's history. The outside should be meticulously restored - period.
Over the past 40 years I have owned and restored ten historic homes & commercial buildings. Everyone understands they are a priceless part of a city's infrastructure - and never should be demolished! They may have temporary stewards who come and go (like President Trump), but ownership belongs to the people - past and future.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dyana Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding this project. I write in vehement opposition to the planned ballroom.

The White House has always been the people's house. It is not, and has never been, the vanity project of a singular President, nor their own wants or desires. Beyond tearing down the East Wing - an unimaginable historic loss - there are policies and procedures in place that have been completely ignored. This egregious abuse of office, one of many, should be stopped immediately until public input, along with the proper channels, can be followed.

Thank you again.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:06 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan England
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the scale of the East Wing Addition in not appropriate in context to the White House Residence. By choosing to set the cornice line equal to the Residence, the designer is diminishing the significance of the Residence. And from many view angles, the proposed East Wing massively dwarfs the Residence. I do not believe that this is an appropriate design choice and that the height and apparent scale of the proposed addition should be reduced.

Aside from the question of scale, I find that the proposed addition is thoughtfully detailed and responds appropriately to the existing architecture and site.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:02:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bert Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is a shame that this historic building was damaged. There was no need for this and it was done without proper authorization. As a U.S. citizen and veteran my hope is that the damage can be stopped and the White House repaired and returned to its former historic condition.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Sasak-Lindholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is part of the history of the US that The White House is “the People’s house”, a symbol of our democracy. The President resides there solely during the term in office. Because it is such a visible and important symbol of history, any major change must have been subjected to a comprehensive review, with a scrutinized plan for construction. The sudden and total demolition of the East Wing by the current resident of this historic building was done without care or compliance with procedure and protocol and must be condemned and remediated for complete restoration to its historic condition. Like so many others, I am outraged and disgusted by the lack of accountability for this destruction and I implore you to determine it must be restored. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KC DiG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm absolutely opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than a modernization project, it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, now, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the people's house. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any changes to the East wing of our White House, unless it is to force Donald Trump to spend his own money to repair every inch of what his administration ripped down. There was no national conversation about these changes to our White House, no laws followed, no environmental impact reports done, prior to the destruction of our national treasure. Please do not allow any changes made to the East wing of the White House, except to order Trump to fix what he has broken! Thank you!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Leopold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this travesty now. Restore the East wing. And Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Labberton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly object to this “modernization” project. It has not been properly conceived, scaled, designed, and it is a pet project of a willful, egotistical President. Please stop this project and rebuild the East Wing.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Patton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I WANT THIS PROJECT CANCELED AND THE EAST WING REBUILT AND RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Nancy Patton
Elizabeth, PA 15037

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project violates the architectural integrity of the White House design. It's meant for personal aggrandisement, not for US citizens or serious goverment business. It started without proper authority or respect for the processes put in place to protect buildings that are part of our national heritage.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The phrase "Modernization Project" is a misnomer. The East Wing was wrongfully and unconstitutionally demolished. The president had no authority to do this, no permits, no design review, nor any other protocols. It was a complete razing of American history and a breathtaking act of executive overreach. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the president's own expense, by Congressional and/or court order if necessary. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gilbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to the people, not to the current person residing there.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gordie Felger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is no "modernization" project. It's a vanity project that was not properly authorized. The East Wing of the White House has been destroyed. Now it's just a massive hole in the ground with a gaping maw in the side of the White House. The People's House. Our House. Destroyed without our consent. It must be rebuilt according to its original design. And those responsible should be made to pay the cost.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angi Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Saraceno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-Abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:01:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Ulbrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the desecration of the East Wing of the Whitehouse. This project has nothing to do with modernization. It is stripping away the history of the most important house in our country. This project was initiated without following the law. The East Wing was being torn down without the proper paperwork, permits, or design plan was submitted let alone approved. The project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing needs to be restored to its original historical self. No one should be allowed to break the law and rules this way, and it is a slap in the face to the American people and history to allow this to move forward.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: michael rumsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a vanity project by Donald Trump. The wing should be rebuilt as it was before it was torn down illegally. He should be prosecuted for this crime with all his others. If we need such a building it can be built off site or rent buildings that already exist. Don't give him something else to put his name on.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Noethe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project and consider the destruction of the East Wing a travesty. I feel very strongly the East Wing should be reconstructed as before, allowing for upgrades in technology, use of space, as long as plans are approved according to law.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Mansueti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose proceeding with the plan to redo the east wing of the White House

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to oppose the $300 million travesty to the east wing of the White House. This razing was done precipitously, without proper authorization, permits, planning.
The White House belongs to all the people, not just on a whim by a current occupant.
Please restore this to its former glory. Thank you.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Peric
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can it be that a person can start destroying a Federal Building?
This is insane! What about the history of the East Wing?
I am so upset that NOW we get to comment. I do not want a tacky ballroom of any size. Restore the East Wing the way it was.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Totland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one should be allowed to initiate a renovation project without proper oversight, authorization, design review, and permission. I want the East Wing of the White House restored to the way it was before it was illegally destroyed. No taxpayer money should be used for the complete restoration.

No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan hastings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that this demolition should have gone forward without the advice and planning from the proper people, including the National Historic Trust.
There should be no further movement on this project until all the proper agencies and groups involved are completely on board with the final plans and informed.
If the demolition was done without proper permitting, the responsible people should be held accountable.
Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Paspalis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law, and an affront to the people of this country and common decency. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible

in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Additionally, I would urge a complete inventory of every item that was in the East Wing and its current whereabouts.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a big ballroom. I want the east wing to be restored. I am sick of having our capital ruined by tearing things down, names placed where they should not be. I am also concerned that the Kennedy center will be torn down. Please make it stop!

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Drabek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Marten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an architect. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Marten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an architect. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.\u-4 ?

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
As a citizen of the United States and someone who has paid taxes for more than 50 years, I oppose the spending of $300,000,000.00 on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am requesting that the project be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, especially the exterior elevations. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/17/2026 12:00:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Ringberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should not have been torn down. I do not want a ballroom- I want the east wing to be restored. The actions taken were illegal, and whoever chose, and took action, to destroy this property that belongs to the people should have to pay for restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meridee Kortan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow President Trump to build anything and shame on him for treating the history of United

States like garbage. I have no interest in seeing a gold monument to facism sitting beside our White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andi Wittwer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending more money on this project at the People's House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a razing of American history.
I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of whoever ordered it done. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
And return the rose garden while you are at it.
Thank you.
Sincerely Andi and Ron Wittwer
Hayward, WI

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY monies above the cost to the treasury of replacement EXACTLY as it was before the destruction done on this project. A destruction which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any ad hoc or volunteered monies collected for the destruction and different proposed construction as advertised as existing to the public, must be put in the US treasury in funding dedicated for the National zoo electrical project and the national museum of natural history wireless projects. Any remainder to reduce the national debt.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all and set a terrible precedent. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Malee Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

No new ballroom for law breakers!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Noland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Brugler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also insist that the person responsible for this illegal and unapproved demolition needs to be held fully financially responsible for the restoration. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Mendez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is not owned by those who temporarily live in it, and those individuals do not have the right to destroy something so important to our heritage. The White House is owned by the people but that does not give me the right to destroy it. Same applies to the president.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Blandford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The spending of $300 million on this project was initiated without ANY proper authorization, permits, or design review. And where did this money actually come from?? This project was a complete razing of American history. I want it canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It was total destruction of history that can really never be replaced or rebuilt. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clu Carradine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an absolute desecration of American history,

And that history belongs to the American people.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is OUR house.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Calia Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the approval or spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but instead a complete razing of American history, and a tacky one at that.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Preferably, I would like Mr Trump to be held accountable to the same laws, policies, and procedures ALL American citizens are subject to.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an educator who has taught students for 35 years to respect all United States national treasures, historically significant structures and architecture I absolutely do NOT support the construction of a ballroom on the White House property. Like so many others, I felt that the destruction of the East Wing destroyed a historically significant building that, under the protection of preservation policies and laws, was an illegal act. To replace it with a “ballroom”, and in doing so further damaging the historical aesthetics of the White House grounds is egregious.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Schuette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building belongs to the American people and is part of our history. It is not Donald’s building to destroy. This was done illegally and the East Wing must be restored. We do not need a ballroom paid for by billionaires hoping to gain favors from Donald Trump! A ballroom of that size would be completely out of line with the history and architecture of our capital
Please put back our White House. No Kings. Please do not let him besmirch our national White House It is not his!!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Spohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:58:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Maupin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Haydel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review!

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Tavenner Bonsall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House. It is being funded by private donors who are receiving political favor in the form of policies and this is "The People's House," not up for sale to the highest bidder. We will not have corporate sponsors the way sports arenas do.

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Name: Michelle Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. The $300 million spent on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Daniel Knowland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Taxpayer Dan Knowland

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Grymes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. A total razing of American history cannot be referred to as a "modernization" project. I want this project canceled immediately. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want Trump to pay for the cost out of his pockets.

No one is above the law. It’s time that Trump was reigned in. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Susan Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare you destroy the people's house. It needs to be rebuilt to it's original state. Stop being such an incompetent racist and rapist.

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Name: Deborah Gravel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Reilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners,
I am writing to oppose the ballroom proposed for the East Wing if the White House. This project dwarfs the original building and its price tag is enormous. The history of the East Wing is being obliterated to appease one man. This is not a project that is either needed or wanted by the American people. Please require the restoration of the East Wing to its former self. Breaking the law should not be rewarded and our history should be preserved.

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Name: Valerie Olafson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I finished my MS in Historic Preservation in 1996, and have used that knowledge to place buildings on the National Register. I was horrified when I saw the demolition beginning and couldn't believe it wasn't being stopped. All past administrations have gone through the proper channels when building an addition to one of D.C.'s historic buildings. This regime bulldozed history without a thought of history; it is a travesty. This cannot go forward.

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Name: Mary C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million (which would probably end up being more!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. this project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: sharon Ballestero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carole B Dahlem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop

this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we can give our comments on this project.

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Name: Joshua Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Fust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cindy Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that any individual would have the audacity to begin demolition of a historical monument

with no permission from legal channels and no input from American citizens. It makes me fearful that more historical American monuments could be destroyed on the whim of one egotistical person. PLEASE make this stop!

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Name: Chris Underwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debby Vajda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elise Plumley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any additions to the White House need to reflect the current architecture and that it is the people's house, not a palace for a king. It should not be more ornate than the Capitol building. No gold accents, limit the varieties of marble to match what is already there (Georgian marble, I believe). Everything needs to be ADA accessible with modern wiring and safety standards, but should match the aesthetic of the White House before President Trump took office. No part of this building should serve as a monument to any person or party. And put a rose garden back in.

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Name: tasha berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: T Grannis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been allowed to occur to the historic East Wing is a travesty. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This was initiated by someone with an inflated ego of self importance, who further lied about the funding. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Bay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, it was irresponsible and illegal of the current administration to do irreversible damage to the East Wing before seeking comments. That is not President Trump's personal real-estate to demolish as he sees fit. There should be repercussions for breaking the law. It's bizarre that it even needs to be said.

IF a ballroom is required for formal White House events, which I am not convinced is true, it should be in keeping with the esthetics and proportions of the current building. Under no circumstances should the proposed ballroom mirror the gilded vomit the President wanted in the Oval Office. It should be timeless and tasteful.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Name: Susan Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marj Hulin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Angie Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People of the United States. The demolition was conducted on the instruction of a rogue President who overstepped his authority, deliberately and blatantly disregarding the protocols put in place to protect The People's House. His actions have destroyed irreparably an important piece of our nation's legacy and history. His plan to build an extravagant unnecessary gaudy ballroom, in the face of such financial suffering of the citizens of this country is tone deaf and little more than an exercise of arrogance and self aggrandizement. It must be stopped. He must be stopped. The appropriate professionals, historians, and contractors must be consulted and permitted to carry forward with any plans for reparations for what has been done.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Buckingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The 300 million dollars slated to build an unauthorized ballroom on the WhiteHouse, the People's house must be stopped. It is not a necessary update, but a vanity project. I insist that the the wind of the White House be rebuilt to appear as it always has prior to the illegal bulldozing of the building. This is an historic home , part of the US history and it belongs to us, the people!
Thank you,
Jill

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Name: Michael McGovern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the White House East Wing back as it was before the current president desecrated it without authority or legal right to do so.

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Name: Becky Milner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Chris Shea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That ballroom is hideous abomination and will desecrate hallowed ground.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Weichert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is really upsetting to me that the East Wing with so much history and where I have actually stood has been taken down for President Trump's big, huge ballroom! It appears that the ballroom will dwarf the actual White House and overpower it in appearance. It is supposed to be filled with gold which is not representative of the American people. And the public whose money will more than likely have to go into it to pay for it will never be allowed to step into it. That is true even though he says that it is being paid for by donors. Remember, Mexico was supposed to pay for the "wall"! He acts as if the entire White House belongs to him! iI does not and instead belongs to the people of this country. He thinks nothing of spending our taxpayer money to do what he wants when it is simply not his! He never gets anyone or any group's opinion to see whether anyone else wants the same. Part of the reason that he is doing this is so that it can have his name on it! He keeps on spending millions of the public's monies on these kinds of projects! In the meantime, we have people in this nation who are going hungry, don't have shelter and won't have any kind of health care because he has taken away their ability to pay for it. He doesn't care in the least about taking care of the people and about preventing disasters for them because he has raised prices by putting arbitrary tariffs on so many countries. He keeps saying that the countries pay the tariffs, but that is not true! He should have learned that at Wharton Business School! We people in this nation pay the price of the tariffs. He got Qatar to give him a plane for "free" that we taxpayers will foot the bill for to retrofit it. It probably won't be ready for use until he is out of office, and then he will take it with him. All of that money will have been spent for the necessary security apparatus, and then it will have to be taken out to be used as his private plane! His priorities are totally screwed up! We need that entire White House complex to be representative of the American people and not the few who have all of the wealth!

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Name: Rand Little
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reign in this lawless destruction of the PEOPLE'S house! I strongly oppose the pay-to-play donations by billionaires to fund the $300 million estimated construction costs on a ballroom built upon the demolished east wing of the White House. This project -- especially the rushed demolition of the East Wing took place without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is a vanity project for the current inhabitant who believes he is above the law, and certainly above the little people,(I mean citizens) whom he believes are no more than peasants in his kingdom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without abiding to proper protocols and existing laws is to rubber stamp the idea that historic preservation no longer matters and any future president could simply tear down the entire white house to "modernize it" in favor of whatever architectural style that person deems appropriate and preferable.

Please do the right thing and reign in the lawless actions of the out-of-control megalomaniac who is the embodiment of the bully in the china shop.

Thank you,
Carol Thompson
Novato, CA

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Name: Deborah Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jean Mankamyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the building of the new ballroom. I agree the required authorization to alter an historic building was bypassed, along with the proper permits, which are reason alone to stop the construction of the new ballroom and whatever is planned for beneath it. In addition, it's an abomination and an affront to the "People's House" to deface the Federal Style building with garish and inappropriate additions and adornments that detract from its historical design. Further, Donald Trump should have to pay for the cost of restoring the White House to its original design and size.

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Name: Steven Boatman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Peggy Stenehjem-Titus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While these words were written by someone else, they voice my thoughts and feelings exactly, so I will use her statement to express my feelings on this issue.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Additionally, if we let it to continue to move forward, it will only embolden him to continue to ignore laws and do whatever he wants. Please do not allow this to move forward.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Allison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because it changes the character of a national historic site that belongs to the people of the United States. Major changes to this structure should take place through the required process of transparent review, not unilateral action. Demolition should not have begun until there was a full and transparent review of the proposed renovations and a careful accounting of historic preservation guidelines and plans.

Further, this $300M project, whose cost has already expanded several times since the East Wing was demolished, is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration. This private funding creates, at the very least, the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust. One can easily imagine that donors to the ballroom might expect ready access to the sitting administration.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Mary Hosier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Suarez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was a travesty only eclipsed by the proposed huge ugly obscene grotesque ballroom. Please stop any further demolition and building. We support your efforts to keep the integrity of the People’s House. Thank you in advance.

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Name: Barbara Koenen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Nuessmeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be stopped and the East Wing restored to its former state. This is a lawless vanity project of the current president. He destroyed a piece of our history, recklessly disregarding the proper procedures for initiating a review of a proposed reconstruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nadine ginzberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t want our money spent on this project. The East Wong never should have been torn down. It should be rebuilt to its original design.

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Name: Carl Weston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Words fail to describe the disgust I see in this current administrations actions to destroy historic White House structures and replace them with a gaudy ballroom that this country has no need for. This is all about a man child whose ego has no bounds. Please force those involved with the destruction of part of the White House be held accountable for restoring it to its former condition, and tell the group of ultra wealthy looking to buy access to this administration through funding his vanity project to take their money and shove it.

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Name: Raymond Sparkman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the basis of its destruction of a part of our common national heritage, in order to build a massive structure that is out of place architecturally. It is also said to be intended to cover an underground bunker, which suggests that there should be more clarity around the full intended use of the structure.

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Name: Steven Marchese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Virginia Ruger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It just sickins me to see what happened to the East Wing of the White House. Do not let the permits go through and restore it to the way it was.

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Name: Kirsten Madden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kelcie Santiago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this East Wing Modernization Project because it was begun illegally, with the sudden and complete demolition of the East Wing of the United States White House, with no authorization or proper permitting and review process. This bad faith razing of the People's House without regard to its place in American history must not be allowed to continue with a costly and massively oversize ballroom meant to tower over the White House. Please cancel this proposal and have the East Wing rebuilt to its former design, and paid for by those who had it torn down with no respect for its historic value.

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Name: Beth Benjamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the National Trust to end the $300 million project to modernize the East Wing, which was undertaken illegally without proper authorization, and to restore the East Wing to its former design. We must not reward those who operate outside our laws. Indeed, those who break the law must be held accountable and pay the price. Please restore The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this lawless unneeded project.
It wasnt properly studied. It wasn't properly proposed. It wasn't properly permitted.
And trump was aware that it wouldn't be approved. He lied and duplicitously torn the east wing down. He has slapped American in the face.
He should be arrested for destruction of National property.
I would like to have our eastwing rebuilt just the way it was. I suggest the funds for the restoration be taken directly from Mr. Trumps account. He and his friends and family appear to be successfully bilking. The United States presidency of a considerable amount of grift.
I would like to see the White House made whole.
Thank

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leonore Tiefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It is owned by the American people. The current president at any given time does not own the WH. The president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits or Congressional oversight is a clear violation of the law. The American people were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Layne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe strongly that all renovations on government buildings follow the procedures and rules for approval prior to the demolition of any type. The fact that the East Wing modernization project is to be privately funded does not change the fact that appropriate procedures were not followed nor submitted to the NCPC for approval. I would not want any "modernization projects" started on other government buildings, monuments, or public buildings without approval from the NCPC.

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Name: Catherine DiMento
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the East Wing Modernization because for one thing it will overwhelm the rest of the White House. Secondly, if that much money can be donated or come from some other accounts, it needs to go to better use than building a 90,000 ft.^{2} ballroom.
I also believe Trump doesn't think he's going to ever need to leave the White House. There's no reason for him to try to continually have parties there.
Far too many Americans are having a hard time just getting by from day today there's no reason for a ballroom!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Pipgras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

No one but the President wants this. No one. Period. No one has been asking for it for a hundred years. No one. What was done to the people's house is not just shameful, it is a disgrace to America and our history. It must be stopped. The White House East Wing must be rebuilt to its former state. Those responsible for this MUST be held accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Dennen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darla Davies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I must protest the 300 million dollars being spent on this project. Which was initiated without proper authorization, design reviews or permit's.
Tearing down a historic site was just wrong. The monstrous design of the ball room over shadowing the White House is an insult to the people and history of this nation. Please stop the madness and rebuild the East Wing .
I ask the you hold those responsible for this crime accountable. No one is above the law.
Thank you for your time.
Darla Davies

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:49:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Montague
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It would be a crime to destroy the architectural integrity of the White House by building a wing which would dwarf the main building. That this project was begun in secrecy with no oversight or approval is illegal and it should be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Fader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plans for any ballroom in place of the East Wing.
It's a waste of time and resources that could be used for actual needs. I oppose any project which has the sole purpose of stroking the ego of the worst person currently (or ever) in our government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Justine Ickes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the once-glorious White House East Wing is a travesty! The demolition was illegal! The White House belongs to the U.S. American people. As such, U.S. citizens should have a say in any future construction. I thank the National Capital Planning Commission for honoring its extremely important duty and for taking every measure to safeguard this national treasure. I demand that the East Wing be re-constructed to its former grandeur - to how it was prior to the illegal and unnecessary demolition. I also demand a formal inquiry be launched to determine the whereabouts of all the furnishings, artwork, and other artifacts that were inside the East Wing at the time of its demolition. I also request that, should any of these furnishings, artwork and other artifacts be located, they be safeguarded by the National Capital Planning Commission and / or archived in a safe place until such a time as they can be returned to the East Wing.

Thank you again to the National Capital Planning Commission for doing your job.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Bjornson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Planning Commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens!

Sincerely,
Michele Wolfe MEd

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Name: Rebecca Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Gauntlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this awful ballroom plan go forward. The East wing should be restored to it's former

historic glory. No single person has the right to make the decision to change a building that belongs to the American people.
Thank you for reading.

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Name: Kristin Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The demolition of the East Wing and this project were initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization, but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I believe and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Christine Mallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The group responsible for destroying what previously stood has demonstrated elsewhere in and around the White House, an absence of taste and indeed, pronounced trashiness in decor. Please put a halt for all plans those in that group on our treasured national site. It is the People's White House, not the temporary occupant's.

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Name: Richard Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a total mess the president has made of the White House! This plan violates the integrity of the original design with a bloated exercise in self-aggrandizement. The whole thing is totally out of proportion. Waste of time and money. Restore what Trump tore down and bill him for the work.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cici McLay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, to be paid for by those who torn the original East Wing down without permission. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:49:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Chiarolanza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absofuckinglutely not! The East Wing was torn down illegally. The monstrosity being proposed should be rejected immediately! We are not a monarchy and do not build palaces! Not to mention the work would never be paid or paid through private donations which is suspect at best. The people demand this not go forward!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Thatcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was started illegally. I suggest that the old East Wing, now that it has been illegally razed, be replaced with a historically and stylistically compatible wing to once again house the offices of the First Lady/Gentleman and any other needed facilities. But NOT a gold-plastered ballroom!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:48:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Knox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit that the actions by the President were illegal, and that the East Wing be restored to it's former appearance and use. I believe the action of tearing down the East Wing without authorization or

respect for the historic and cultural significance of the White House was an egregious crime.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Cotman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:48:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cinde Pettey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project is a vanity project and was started with no oversight. It should have followed the same process other building renovations previously did. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not the president. Based on how the former East Wing was razed without approvals, you cannot trust this administration to continue with this project. Rebuild the East Wing, add a larger banquet room if absolutely necessary, but skip the gaudy memorial to Donald Trump.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:48:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clinton Michael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The recent unauthorized renovation of the East Wing under Donald Trump's direction represents not only a blatant disregard for preservation protocol, but also a direct assault on the very mission your organization was founded to uphold: the protection of America's irreplaceable architectural legacy. It is imperative the Trust demand that Mr. Trump personally bear the full cost of restoring the East Wing to its historical integrity — a responsibility arising squarely from his decision to circumvent proper review channels.

The East Wing is not a private asset to be altered at whim; it is a living piece of national history. Every molding, fixture, and design element is bound by federal preservation standards precisely to prevent impulsive alterations that erase cultural memory. By proceeding without approval, Mr. Trump not only destroyed the trust embedded in those channels but willfully usurped the authority of heritage stewards. Such disregard mocks the countless preservationists who fight, often thanklessly, to maintain these symbols

of our shared past.

Furthermore, using taxpayer funds to correct damage resulting from personal vanity would set a catastrophic precedent — rewarding recklessness at public expense. The individual responsible for unauthorized changes must finance their reversal. Anything less telegraphs that wealth or celebrity grants immunity from heritage law. Accountability is the cornerstone of preservation ethics; restoration on the taxpayer's dime would be a betrayal of that principle.

The National Trust has repeatedly demonstrated its independence in the face of political pressure. Now is the moment to reaffirm that legacy. Require Mr. Trump to underwrite the restoration completely and transparently, supervised by certified preservation experts. Let this serve as both remedy and deterrent, ensuring that no future occupant — regardless of title — treats our nation's architectural treasures as a stage set for ego.

America's historic sites are the physical chapters of our democracy. To allow them to be rewritten or erased through arrogance would be to concede that history itself can be bought. The Trust must not permit such vandalism to stand unchallenged.

Respectfully,
Clinton Michael
Roseburg, Oregon

Date: 2/16/2026 11:48:41 PM
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Name: LUTHER ALLEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannie Berwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is not modernizing the building; it is destroying it. The building belongs to all of us—the People of the United States. It is a part of our history. The project did not comply with any of the requirements or procedures put in place to protect our nation's architectural heritage. Please do not reward the brazen defiance of our laws and processes by approving retroactively this horrible destruction.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:48:24 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Moody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible.

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca McClintock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:48:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Weimar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The American people were not consulted, nor do we want nor need for there to be a gigantic, gaudy ballroom in this historic building, owned by the people of the United States. It is not necessary to the appropriate usage for which the building was intended. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: NATHANIEL BROWN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot say it any better than Anara Guard, so I will recommend her comments:

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

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Name: Mary Atkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judith Forney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sean Poremba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Shoults
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing about this makes America better. Not one tax dollar should go toward this. He ruined a historically important building for no reason. We cannot replace what has been destroyed. I cried when I saw what had been done. It should be left as is until this administration is gone.

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Name: Christina McCain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eliza B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No president should skirt the law and destroy historical landmarks, but this president did. Now he has proposed a gargantuan addition that is out of scale with the rest of The People's House. And it does not properly blend with the remaining historical structure. The project must be stopped. Then proper historical architects brought in to redraw the plan to proper scale and style to restore what once was. This large a ballroom is wholly unnecessary and must be stopped. What is built should look to the future and understand that The People's House must be restored to represent the country, not one egotistical person's whim who temporarily holds office.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Birman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored completely to its former historic grandeur. Any monies spent must be for restoration. The millions of dollars raised to build a “ballroom” must be used in the reconstruction.

A concerned US citizen and proud shareholder of The People’s House.

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Name: Stephanie Stein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Redfern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed Eat Wing Modernization/ballroom. The East Wing was torn down without the correct authorizations. It was a historic part of the White House and should be rebuilt to restore the White House to its original condition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlyn Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, with supposed plans to replace it with something that has now grown into an at least $300 million project to construct an unneeded ballroom that will never be of benefit to the majority of tax-paying Americans, was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this unnecessary project. Though the project supposedly may be funded by “private donors”, this essentially just provides an opportunity for said donors

to bribe President Trump or others in the current government to give them favorable treatment in some way (quite possibly benefiting them financially beyond what they donate). I want the project cancelled. The East Wing should be rebuilt according to its former design, which is in keeping with the remainder of the White House and its surroundings. No one is above the law. Those who broke the law to cause this project to be initiated should be penalized, possibly including requirements to pay fines sufficient to cover the costs of repairing the damage caused. Not to do so is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ricarda Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East wing Modernization!

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Name: Janice Nargi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this so-called "modernization project." The East Wing has been demolished. The only way to "modernize" it is to rebuild it completely, to original specs, with perhaps added structural integrity and security. The project being planned by the current administration is a vanity gold-leaf ballroom that would dwarf the actual White House and serve as nothing more than a grotesque monument to the current occupant.

The White House is not a private residence. It is a national historic landmark that we, the people ALLOW a person to work and reside in for four years by electing him or her as president. We do not have kings. No individual can legally alter "the people's house" in any significant way, let alone destroy one of two major wings - the one that served as the public's entrance, FOTUS's administrative annex, and emergency shelter and command center.

I hereby demand that any considered renovation and funding be subject to all legally required steps necessary for approval or disapproval. This would involve but not necessarily be limited to oversight by Congress, the National Archives, and whatever national historic preservation agencies control the White House and all of its associated land and properties.

I am sickened by this administration's reckless and cavalier attitude toward our sacred history and landmarks. As a taxpayer, I absolutely do not want any of my money going toward the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. Rather, I want ALL planned demolition, construction, and rehabilitation projects proposed by this administration to be halted immediately. (That includes his ridiculous "arc de Trump" and "renovations" to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.)

Instead, I propose that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former glory. Furthermore, if laws were broken when it was demolished without prior approval by appropriate governing bodies, then those who violated the law should be at the very least removed from office and at most prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Those people and agencies who have the authority to stand up to autocracy must do so. We, the people have the voices, but you, those who represent us, have the power to act on our behalf. Please use the power we gave you and stop this rogue administration from destroying any more of our history. Thank you, and good luck.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:46:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leanne Hollingsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the already occurred DEMOLITION of the East Wing of the White House. This is an abomination to our history as Americans. I oppose the building of a ballroom of any nature, no matter who is paying for it. Rebuild the East Wing!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:46:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Lakes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to constructing a ballroom based on the ego and whims of the current occupant. The east wing of the White House may need renovation and updates, but it should never have been completely demolished for a tacky ballroom. The supposed new plans were never submitted for approval. Any change to the White House should be consistent with restoration of the People's House. No ballroom, and Trump should pay to restore the White House to its historical glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Mulqueeny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Olivia Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House used to be. This "project" was undertaken without the proper process or permits. It's unacceptable to think that the People's House could be unilaterally changed in this manner.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing was a travesty. How dare the current administration assume they had the right to do so. I'm against spending another penny and any further damage to the White House. There was never any proper authorization, permits, or design review put in place. It's a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump and administration need to be held accountable.

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Name: Maria Hennessy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine Burnette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I approve of the East Wing Modernization Project, which is being funded by donors. The USA needs a ballroom, an event space, that is comparable to what other nations have when hosting events. Having a ballroom in the White House is very appropriate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, not the president's. It represents US dignity and has always been treated with respect. It must continue to be respected not destroyed.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Trisha Steidl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eileen Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alexandra Harpigny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House in order to construct an overpriced unpermitted ballroom that will likely never come to fruition. The cost of the destruction and current construction / demolition of this part of the White House is highly concerning and should not have been allowed to happen without consultation with historical agencies and communities. More should be explained about what happened to the belongings that were once housed in the East Wing and ensuring they are not in a certain bathroom in Florida or something.

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Name: Sarah Wallbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Werhel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or review. The name is misleading because it is not modernization but erasure of
American history. Cancel this "project", rebuild the East Wing and restore it to its original design. To permit this project to go forward rewards disregard for the law and is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Slowik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,
The East Wing destruction occurred at the direction of Donald Trump. Despite being president, he acted outside of established protocol and regulations to destroy the People's House in a manner not seen since the British attack of 1812. This was not for needed repairs or updates, but so Trump could feel like a king. This action is illegal and immoral. Please seal off the destroyed area and rebuild only when Trump can no longer be involved.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Slowik Sinkevics

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Name: K C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was also without the consent of the American people! It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alicia Kearney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald J Trump has turned part of the White House, the Oval Office, into a golden replica of a whorehouse waiting room, we, the people, did not deserve to have another part of our heritage and history, the East Wing, summarily destroyed by this man. He cannot be allowed to replace the East Wing with another glittering obscenity that will be a direct affront to the entire nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Phipps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any funding amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anna Ashcroft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Watson-Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of history is appalling. Every touch to the White House - the People's House - has been done with the consent of the representatives of the people & has sought to elevate & enhance the beauty & elegance of the space. The current president in his mania for self branding has followed none of these practices & standards. Money has been wasted. Please seek to redeem it by a return to those standards, as soon as possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Cantwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Trump is doing to the White House is an abomination! Not just the East Wing, but every other garriesh thing he has done to the White House!! Nobody wants Russian Oligarchy decor!!!

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Name: Pam Lauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was not properly initiated as authorization, permits, nor design review were properly approved. I want the project ended and the East Wing restored to its former design preserving American history. Allowing this project to continue is in breach of the law. No one is above the law; not holding those accountable for ransacking the House of the American People is a slap in the face to all law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Kleh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not an “East Wing modernization project.” It’s a demolition so that Trump can build a ballroom to entertain his high money donors. This is the desecration of American history. The normal channels for submitting plans were never done. This is way beyond the scope of any improvement or addition.

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Name: Suz Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Houston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The total destruction of the East Wing of the White House affected me deeply. It felt as though I were watching the jets smash into the World Trade Center on 9/11. As though this were the end of America.
The White House is The People's House--OUR house. That this president decided--without consulting US or anyone for that matter--before tearing it down in front of our eyes was shocking! That nobody could stop him was even more shocking and frightening: if he could do that to Our House, what else could he do?
I do not want his massive, $400 M golden ballroom constructed over what was the East Wing. The drawings are atrocious. It dwarfs the rest of the White House--OUR HOUSE. Already beautiful trees and the Rose Garden are gone. I do not want him to continue with this vanity project.
I would like HIM to pay to have the East Wing rebuilt with the same footprint, providing a visual balance for the White House. If he wants the interior reconfigured for a ballroom, then that could be considered--but nothing else should be done per his orders until and unless The White House Historical Society and the NCPC and the National Park Service and an architectural review board approves the plans.
Thank you for opening up your review to The People. I appreciate very much what you are doing and wish you strength and courage.
Regards,
Pamela Houston

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky O’Keefr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

When I saw the footage of the demolition of the East Wing of The White House, I felt sick to my stomach. I felt like I had been punched. I am not being dramatic when I say that the destruction seen on television was horrific.

Tearing down such an important part of such an important building is shocking. Not going through any proper procedures is also shocking. This is a huge loss.

The need for such a large ballroom is certainly not a need. In no way is this project one that makes sense.

The plans for this ballroom have grown already and will ruin the integrity of the White House. The size alone makes the White House appear smaller. It ruins the silhouette of the White House. It looks like it doesn't belong. It is just a giant add on.

Please make sure this project does not move forward. Please make sure that The White House's East Wing is restored.

Thank you for listening…and, please help!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:44:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Grombach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:44:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Racich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's OUR HOUSE! You CANNOT tear it down without OUR permission. We have NO KINGS in Our COUNTRY.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen OGrady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Bezy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the building the ball room and want the East wing rebuilt to its historic plan. Trump should not have tore it down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Brunner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

This project was initiated with complete disregard for proper procedures. And an insulting level of disregard for the history of a piece of United States history that belongs to the people - NOT to any temporary

occupant of the White House. The White House belongs to the People of the United States of America, NOT to a temporary person sleeping in a bedroom there.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to ALL law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the destruction of one of our nation's most historical building! Did these changes go through the proper vetting and commissions? Why so much destruction in the people's house? Was there any public comment? That makes me furious!

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Name: Rachel Nielsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it concerns,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Thank you

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Name: Carol Ambruso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any new construction that is not a serious attempt to restore the East Wing that was bulldozed without the consent of Congress and without following the protocols and rules that apply to modernizing government structures.

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Name: Tom Lear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Heath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project that was initiated without any proper authorization, public input, or project review. It's an erasure of our shared history and an attempt at self aggrandizement by a president who can't be bothered to actually work for the good of the people of these United States.

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Name: Cory Herron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Leslie
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Name: Laura Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is an affront to “We the People.” The White House is part of our collective history as a nation and there are processes in place before changes are to be made. We must not let anyone do what they want and assume permission later. The current occupant needs to know that he cannot unilaterally make these decisions - auctioning off shares for a new ballroom to the highest bidder. These are not the ideals upon which our country was founded. In the name of tradition and not destroying things that aren’t yours, please stop the insanity of essentially giving permission when it’s done. Additionally since the demolition was completed without permission full restoration should be funded by those who made these poor decisions, not the taxpayer.

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Name: Susan Herold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I was appalled when I saw the destruction. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law!

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Name: Chris Classen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katie Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Look, the Trump administration had no right to destroy something that didn't belong to them. There is a process for making changes to places like the White House for a reason. And the prooper process was not followed. And I'd like to see this Administration start having consequences for not following the law. They are not above the law, so please cancel the project and make Trump restore the East Wing with the money he supposedly had for "his ballroom" and they should have to pay fines for breaking the law.

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Name: Maryann Counts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Theresa Stifel
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Name: Katherine Ross
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Name: Lynn Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Allis-Whitmoyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dee Bylsma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Dee Bylsma

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Name: Kathryn Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolyn Hebert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose further desecration of the peoples house with the building of a monstrous ballroom that will dwarf the White House, waste millions of dollars, was never approved or properly permitted and whose funding is highly questionable, and ask that the East Wing be restored to its original design..

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Name: SANDY GILMORE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vanity project of Trump's destroyed a national landmark. The footprint for new construction should go back to the size of the original East wing with appropriate architectural details. It should return to its original use. The ballroom should be located elsewhere.

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Name: Melissa Linn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Millie Harsha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Brame
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so opposed to this project! It is a disgrace that the East Wing was knocked down without proper protocols being followed. And the ballroom design is not in keeping with the style of the rest of the

building. It should not be larger than the rest of the building! This is the people's house. No president should be able to destroy out history and our house. What a disgrace!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. It was initiated far too quiclky and haphazardly without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Kristina Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: J Rivera
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Name: Stacy Ruiz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Richard Rodstein
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Name: Susannah Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is desecration, not modernization. I don’t want the billionaire bribe ballroom. Restore the East Wing.

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Name: Tommie Wasserberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maria Winchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million (regardless if the funds are private or not) on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and all the contents/artifacts put back in their original places. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Thank you
Frank Preston

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Name: Shae Irving
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but the destruction of American history. I urge you to waste no more funds on this project. Please cancel it and restore the East Wing to its former design. Further plans should be evaluated through proper channels before any work is performed. Allowing this project to continue unchecked would be an affront to law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Emily Livadary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project, which began with the illicit destruction of a beloved historic building belonging to the American public, without notice or approval or even review. There has to be accountability; people can't just bulldoze priceless architectural artifacts on a whim and then be rewarded with carte blanche. No one asked for this ostentatious and unnecessary ballroom. I would rather see $300 million used to help average Americans. We can never recover the original East Wing thanks to the president's audacious belief in his own infallibility, but it would set a terrible precedent to allow this project to proceed as planned.

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Name: Laughing Womyn Ashonosheni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want this rebuild and restoration paid for by those who illegally ordered the demolition. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cristi Dawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christina Lay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Fuoti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged by the destruction of America's historic building. The Trump administration did not go thru the correct channels and lied the BALLROOM would be built without damaging any buildings. Why are we trying to stop this now before the building was demolished?
Congress is not doing their jobs to have 3 equal branches to keep a check on each other. The immigration policies are inhuman, the vendictive nature of firings the helpful programs here and around the world gutted.
Accepting million dollar aircraft from other countries. Selling America to the highest bidder. This is not my America.
Sincerely Linda Fuoti
I VOTE

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leon Rubis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's vanity project is a corrupt, hideous, illegal monstrosity. He should be required to rebuild the East Wing, perhaps with modest improvements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emmett Hoops
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Modernization Project for several reasons, which I enumerate below.

1.) It was done without consultation with the relevant agencies, both public and private, having an interest in the historic architecture in the District of Columbia.

2.) Funding sources for this effort have not been publicly voted upon.

3.) No evidence has been provided to substantiate claims of unsuitability of the previously existing East Wing.

I trust the work will cease until all three of these items are satisfied.

Emmett Hoops
Saranac Lake, New York 12983

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Heine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project should be canceled (and should never have started to begin with), and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is not only offensive but also ensures that it will happen again.

If we want to protect our historic landmarks—and our laws—we have to enforce the latter, and that means punishing those who break them, no matter who they are or what title they currently hold.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Graninger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the overnight demolition of the East Wing. That action destroyed a place made up of large and small moments in the history of our nation.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this grossly misrepresented modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

To permit this to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Mraz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying American citizen, I oppose this $300 million dollar project which has been initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project. If it were, the East Wing would still be intact and plans submitted for the improvement of the existing wing. Instead, the wing was torn down completely without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission or the National

Park Service.

I want to see this project cancelled entirely, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with honest improvements to the structure, not vainglorious golden ballrooms. No one person is above the law, and to permit the project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding citizens of the United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Chaffee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American taxpayer, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, Amy Chaffee

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Name: Madison Hash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I also believe it to be absolutely irresponsible to spend that much when Americans are struggling to afford housing and basic necessities. While I , an educator of 8 years, am counting dollars and cutting everything that isn't a necessity out of my budget, the president thinks a 300 million dollar ballroom is okay? That is maddening.
This country is becoming an embarrassment. Do better.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Berry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose the ‘modernization’ of the East Wing. This project ought to be halted and the East Wing restored to its previous structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Sol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Scher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper review or authorization. It is an attack on the “people’s house” and our country’s history. I want the East Wing rebuilt to match its former image. Its destruction should be halted and Donald Trump charged with the desecration of a historic landmark.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Faaren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, do not allow this monstrosity of a ballroom to be built. It is not at all in keeping with the "People'sHouse" it does not show care for neighbor and egalitarian values that many feel are still important in our country.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Kenoyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of one of our principal U.S. landmarks and iconic buildings. As an American taxpayer who was horrified to see our people's White House destroyed so unceremoniously, I urge you all to have this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you for reading my concerns,

Michelle Kenoyer

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Name: Sharon Keenan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have my Masters degree in Interior Design with a concentration in Historic Preservation from Virginia Tech. For the life of me, I can not understand how any of the demolition of the East Wing was allowed since not ONE of the proper channels nor paperwork was filed for this project. There was no feasibility study completed either. I was blown away that the National Trust for Historic Preservation or several of the other Historic Preservation groups within Washington DC did not file any emergency lawsuit to halt this demolition until the courts could rule on the legality of this Historic building, the People's House or White House, was being removed without ANY of the proper chain of command or permits being filed with the organization that is responsible for this structure!

I really do not care who is paying for this "new ballroom". This is not this President's decision to make! He does not own this structure, the country owns it! He is merely a temporary resident, and his opinions and

wants should be treated accordingly.

I am completely in agreement with Ms. Guard's comment on this matter: “ I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The laws of our great country apply to all, including the President himself!

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Name: Jamie Dack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lara Wheeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project and vehemently oppose taxpayers money going toward it. The East Wing destruction happened illegally without required permitting and without public input and the only thing that should happen in this space is that the President should out of his personal assets pay to restore what he destroyed. It is not a modernization project it is an autocratic power grab and tribute to his ego.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JOSEPH SECONDER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit these comments as a private citizen. While I currently serve in elected office as a city councilor, these views are my own and do not represent the City or its governing body.

As both a citizen and long-time public servant — including decades of service in uniform and in local government — I believe each generation serves as a temporary steward of the nation’s most significant

public places. The White House is not simply a functional complex; it is the People's House — a symbol that belongs to the American public rather than to any temporary occupants — and its physical form reflects continuity, stability, and shared national identity across administrations and eras.

Because of that significance, actions that result in the removal or destruction of historically recognizable portions of the White House should never occur without robust public engagement, appropriate permitting, and clear legal authority. In this instance, no meaningful opportunity for public input was provided before decisions affecting the East Wing's historic character were made. Decisions involving nationally significant landmarks should be grounded in transparent processes that reinforce public trust and demonstrate that preservation values have been fully considered alongside modern functional needs.

I am concerned that the loss of the East Wing's historic character represents a departure from those principles. Modernization and security needs are legitimate considerations, but they should be pursued in ways that respect historic context and architectural continuity rather than replace it.

I also oppose the expenditure of substantial taxpayer resources — reportedly in the range of $300 million — to advance a design that alters the historic character of the site, particularly if accountability for prior actions has not been clearly established. Even if private fundraising or donor support is proposed, the long-term maintenance, operations, and stewardship of any new construction will ultimately remain a public responsibility for generations to come. Funding source alone does not resolve concerns related to historic preservation, design compatibility, or long-term public cost.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to pause further advancement of the current design, step back to allow for robust public engagement, and ensure that any future path forward reflects meaningful consultation with the American public and appropriate advice and consent from Congress. A thoughtful reset in process would help restore public confidence and allow consideration of alternatives that better preserve the East Wing's historic character and continuity.

I further urge that the East Wing be rebuilt or restored in a manner that reflects its former design and historical accuracy. Restoration would affirm a commitment to stewardship, accountability, and continuity, demonstrating that modernization can occur without erasing elements that hold enduring meaning for generations of Americans.

How we care for the People's House communicates how seriously we value history, institutions, and the public's role in shaping both. Future generations should inherit a White House that reflects continuity of purpose as well as continuity of design — a place where necessary evolution occurs thoughtfully, transparently, and with respect for legacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Seconder
City Council Member, Dunwoody, Georgia (personal capacity)
U.S. Army Major (Retired)

Date: 2/16/2026 11:37:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorthey Kraus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This was done without proper permission. The White House is the People's house, not the private property of a would be king. An over done gilded ballroom is not needed. The White House is not a palace, it represents that our government is

for and by the people. The East Wing must be restored to fit the existing architecture of the entire building. While they are at it, restore the rose garden. Thank you.

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Name: Gloria Morkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Mansfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing belongs to the PEOPLE of the United States, not to the President. Please halt the destruction and restore the East Wing to its original form and purpose. No ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyssa Askani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janice Rubin
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shel Tozer-Kilts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed ballroom is unnecessary, outrageous, and an obscenity. Rather than build this unneeded monstrosity, REBUILD THE EAST WING AS IT WAS!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethany Vann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the haphazard demolition of the East Wing, and the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on a vanity project for the President. While I understand his fear that the bunker in which he might need to cower, should there be an uprising against his tyranny, is not to his design specifications, I abhor the casualness by which he flouted federal law, demolishing irreplaceable national history. To permit this construction to go ahead would ignore the seriousness of his actions, and give the baby his new toy after he has already taken a sledgehammer to someone else's - for the White House is NOT his to do with as he pleases. Letting it go ahead without repercussion is an insult to the American People: That is OUR House.

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Name: Janice Langlinais
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: JoAnne Russell
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Bromm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing needs to be restored to its former state at the expense of Donald Trump who illegally destroyed the people's house all while lying about the details. and Furthermore Donald Trump should be arrested and investigated for the donations he received to start the project to see if they were indeed bribes for favor and he should be prosecuted and imprisoned as any other citizen would for any and all crimes discovered through the entire project. And contracting companies that participated in the East wing destruction should be tried, fined and punished for illegally destroying public property without the permitted permissions.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristina Farina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the spending of $300 million dollars to replace the former East Wing of the White House with a new ballroom.
The White House should not be transformed into an event venue as it is an important symbol of our

nation's history, democratic traditions, and institutional continuity. Each wing of the building reflects decades of architectural evolution and historical significance. Altering its structure in such a fundamental way risks diminishing its integrity as a national landmark and a treasured piece of American heritage.
The East Wing in particular had long served important functional and ceremonial roles. Despite the cost, the architectural history of the East Wing needs to be authentically restored.
The White House belongs to the American people, and any significant structural change should have been approached with the utmost respect for our traditions, the building's legacy, our laws and transparency. I respectfully urge decision-makers to put an end to the destruction of a piece of our history and prioritize preservation over expansion.
Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:35:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey hauserman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am truly upset about the illegal take down of the east wing and I support rebuilding it to its former historical glory.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:35:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Kamins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law and a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal. While sitting presidents have historically renovated and improved the White House, it has been with purpose. This is a 300 million dollar ego trip started by destroying without a final plan. Outrageous.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:35:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron Rothbart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. There was no public discussion. It is not a modernization project but rather a radical rebuild without any recognition of the cultural significance of the previous design. It is illegal and should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt

and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kay Standish-Zandecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plan for the building of the ballroom that resulted in the total destruction of the East Wing. I support a rebuilding of the East Wing as it was prior to the unpermitted destruction of this historic wing. No permissions were ever sought or granted for the outrageous razing of the East Wing.

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Name: Aubrey Whitley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara East
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Name: MaryJoy Macalintal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jean Walsh
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Name: Louise Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Charles Byron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Any change to the White House should be carefully reviewed by historians, architects, and the public. The destruction of the prior structure without these controls taints this project profoundly. The White House does not exist to serve the whim of the President.

The appropriate steps now for this project are to 1. Stabilize the structure; 2. Stop any further work. 3. Initiate a new project with Congressional approval that begins with publicly-ageed goals, structure, and timeline, to define an appropriate way to recover our national treasure from this UTTER DEBACLE. Next there should be a criminal investigation of the officials who approved and abetted the destruction of the original building.

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Name: Kim Fusch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Hypes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: victoria keith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my concern at the destruction of the East Wing of our White House. It was a lawless move committed arbitrarily by the president. Without public input from the populace or from historic preservation committees as required by law. The president is not above the law, and he should not be allowed to proceed with this oversized and inappropriate remaking g of our beloved East Wing. Just reconstruct it as it once was.

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Name: Heather Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Karle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the destruction of the East Wing. Oversight by the legal and proper authorities is necessary to restore the East Wing and make the White House - the people’s house - whole again.

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Name: Lauren D
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melissa Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Heitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back! Restore the East Wing! Stop trying to erase history - especially without permits and oversight.

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Name: Tauney Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the idea of a ballroom disgusting, and the expenditure outrageous while most people are living

paycheck to paycheck. I know that anything Trump builds will not be architecturally in line with the rest of the white house. I am horrified, that the original east wing was already ripped down, before this project was appropriately approved. This is like watching the lead up to the French revolution in real time.

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Name: Cynthia Elders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the annexing, building, and construction of the ballroom on the former site and other adjacent grounds known as the former East Wing of the White House. No proper building permits were obtained prior to the sudden, unannounced razing of this historic US East Wing, a building which was part of the White House, an historic landmark of the American People. Furthermore, since the current President did not conduct due diligence in obtaining permits to change the East Wing, but claimed to have donations to cover the costs of said ballroom construction, it is suggested he use his own private funds to restore the construction of the East Wing to its historic parameters. His monies should be encumbered and construction should begin immediately with said permits and the cooperation of historical society and building experts.

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Name: Diane Jarvis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to vehemently oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding citizens.

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Barchman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East wing of the White House to its former use, configuration and location immediately. Do not use taxpayer monies for this restoration. The destruction of the East wing was an act of vandalism which must be restored to the American people. Your prompt and satisfactory restoration work may forestall your liability and punishment for vandalism.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Schreur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project but destruction of a part of our history without the approval of the people nor following proper channels. Leave the place empty and put in gardens. I am absolutely against any money being spent to replace something that was illegally and improperly destroyed in the first place.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:32:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Poulton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this desecration of our beloved White House and restore it go its previous dignity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Twilliger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so totally against this new ballroom. Comments copied from another concerned citizen.

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Robyn Pipkin Pipkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a project that should be undertaken. It should be stopped in its tracks. No construction should take place until a plan is approved through the established process by people who have all the information

and will consider public comments on the project.

The destruction of the East Wing is distressing, as it was done outside the established process, and the building of a ballroom to seat 1000 people would be a travesty. President Trump is a tenant, not an owner of the White House, the PEOPLE's House. President Trump should be presented with a bill specifying a firm payment deadline for all destruction to date. Plus, he should be presented with a bill to fill the site, level it, and seed it with grass seed so the scar of the demolition is minimized and further trauma to the nation is prevented.

I do not think there should be a ballroom at all. It is not the site for a declasse megastructure to soothe someone's ego. I'm sure future First Ladies would like to have an office to use. Perhaps they will have a voice in what could be built for their use without being outlandish, outrageous, or ugly, as the current plans are.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment. It is a shame that the public couldn't provide input before the historic East Wing was destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Cross
Project Name: Four Corners Temporary Fencing Project
Project Number: 8746

I object to Trump’s destruction of the White House. He does not seem to understand that the White House is the People’s house for the President, not The President’s house. President Obama understood this distinction, because he committed to follow OUR United States Constitution, as is required for ALL U.S. CITIZENS. Trump is a criminal and needs to be impeached.

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Name: Sandra Norfolk Norfolk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you!

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Name: Ellen Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.” Gerard Koskovich

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money on the ballroom vanity project known as the "East Wing Modernization Project."

This was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review on historic land. How arrogant that anyone would do something on historic land without proper permission. Just ignorant. And, arrogant.

The east wing demolition is not a modernization project. It is a complete destruction of American history. It does not go unnoticed by me that it is the destruction of the space important to First Ladies. To women.

This project should be canceled immediately. The east wing must be restored to its former design.

No one is above the law including a president and his billionaire friends. Presidents should be leaders and role models. What sort of a role model is someone who destroys an historic property?

To permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Courtney Van Ess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the statment written below is written by Anara Guard, I wholeheartedly agree with her words. While change is inevitable, that change must go through the proper channels and should not be used as a way for

the ultra wealthy and corporations to buy favor with the President of the United States.

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Name: Joyce Broka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project as proposed. The complete destruction of the East Wing without historic and thoughtful oversight was an illegal act and a tragedy for the country. A garish, gold-gilded monstrosity of a ballroom as proposed would be an embarrassment. The East Wing should be restored with careful, historical expertise.

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Name: Toby Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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T. Welch
Skokie IL

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Name: Cheryl Adam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After looking at the drawings and scale of the proposed east wing, I believe it is way too large for the scale of the White House. It should match the existing design and scale of White House and not be so overwhelming.

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Name: Roisin Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the changes being made, as well as the ones proposed, that are destroying the priceless history that is the East Wing of the White House. Procedure and even law were not followed, resulting in unrecoverable loss of portions of one of our nation's most important historical landmarks. This is beyond reason and has no precedent. Furthermore the damage already done must be remedied as much as possible.

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Name: Larissa Spellman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathy Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the ballroom project for which Donald Trump destroyed the East Wing of the People's House. He had absolutely no right to do so without going through the proper channels to have the project approved. It's $300,000,00 that could be better spent doing something for the people he's supposed to serve. This is strictly a vanity project to draw attention to himself, will likely cost far more than the projection he stated and will be an eyesore. Please stop this horrible monstrosity of a project.

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Name: Eileen Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete annihilation of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Gotthelf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the currently proposed massive ballroom on the White House grounds.

I support the restoration and modest expansion of the East Wing, keeping the White House as the dominant building on the grounds

I suppose the restoration of the Rose Garden.

Thank You.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:31:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Siegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project!
Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). It proposes to replace the East Wing with a coliseum-sized structure, labeled a ballroom, that will be almost double the size of the of the rest of the White House and destroy its architectural heritage. Please stop this project ASAP and rebuild and restore the historic East Wing to its former design. Thank you.

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Name: Cheryl Craft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is so sad… We were not asked, and we had no say so. We cannot go back and undo what has been done. We understand that the ballroom was small, but to build something in that location that is larger than the actual White House is just ghastly and obnoxious!
This is OUR house-WE The People. Where does it stop? What will be next? I am not going to list all of the locations that the current president feels he needs to put his name on and trademark. I don't care if it has been privately funded. And what if when he's out of office we find that the funding is not there? Again, we cannot undo what has been done, but we can stop it from moving forward before it becomes an even larger nightmare. We need all of our elected officials to find their moral courage and their back bones again. If you stand together, you cannot be taken down. The majority of America is not happy and you need to stand up for us again. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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Name: Pat Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Growing up in Washington DC and northern Virginia, I have a storehouse of memories - as a child watching my Dad perform with the US Navy Band during summer concerts at the base of the Capitol steps, parades, inaugurations as well as touring with out of town relatives wishing to take tours of the White House. The Washington of the late 40's through the late 60's which I knew is a far cry from 2026. The razing of the East Wing saddens me. But the way in which it was demolished without recognition of its history and no attempt to even consider running the idea through the proper channels in the first place angers me greatly. This project should be stopped. The wing should be reconstructed using those "private donations" not taxpayer monies. This country does not need a grand ballroom (or a copycat Arch of Triumph for that matter) that will be the exclusive use of billionaires while 99% of Americans figure out how to buy groceries vs medications.

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Name: Angela Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is far beyond any reasonable time frame for the American People, represented by their elected officials, to hold those in power responsible for believing and behaving as though they cannot and should not be held to the same laws, rules and expectations as those they serve. No one should be above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The question of whether our laws hold up to the pressure of the entitlement of the wealthy deserves a swift and bold answer. I pray you have the fortitude to deliver one.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Dana Gurnee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump's plan, if realized, will be an eternal embarrassment for the American people. It will be a reward for depraved and selfish behavior. It will be ugly. It will be a shameful waste of money and resources. It is a challenge to overstate how sad and awful this situation is.

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Name: Lindsey Hink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The donors to this project are obviously trying to buy favors from corrupt Trump administration. The last thing this country should be focusing on is this greedy old fool's golden ballroom or ego.

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Name: Adriana Kleiman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Benjamen Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of a single dollar of taxpayer funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I demand that this project be canceled, and the people responsible be held accountable for having the East Wing faithfully restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:29:43 PM
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Name: Elizabeth Josephson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Removing the east wing and the offices of the first lady for a completely unneeded vanity project diminishes the role of the first lady. Doing so without approval by anyone diminishes the roll of historical preservation, congressional authority and basic human decency
The east wing should be restored to its prior use with any modernization needed, but physically should look the same. If should also be paid for by the person who authorized the demolition.

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Name: Ian Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom as an addition to the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was illegal, and all resources should be used to restore it to its previous design with modern electricity, insulation, and all other upgrades as available and appropriate. The proper permitting, design, and construction bids should be undergone as soon as practicable. Thank you for your attention to this matter

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Name: Jillian Cherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jillian Cherry
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Name: Margery Ellefson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely no ball room. East wing should have never been torn down. He did not get approved. Trump is a bull in a China shop. We don't need a balloon. He is a destroyer of we the peoples house. Not his house.

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Name: Valerie Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shannon Latta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Parkhurst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I like the proposed Ballroom. I like its security element. I like the size and that it will appear to be part of not apart from the White House. I like that there will be a place for dignitaries and other to celebrate with bathrooms close by. I hope there will be 3x’s more stalls for women wearing fluffy dresses than men wearing suits.

God bless the United States.\u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ?

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Name: Stuart Snider
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Signed, Stuart Snider
Arden, CA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Gunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm so disappointed at the delay in stopping the demolition. But here we are. Please stop the ballroom. The white House is not a resort, a golf club, a convention center or a hotel - it does not need a ballroom that dwarfs the main part of the house. It does not need such a large space to entertain the mega rich who are trying to buy the office. Please don't allow this project to continue. It is the People's house, not a DC version of Mara Lago.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:29:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JESSICA LOCKE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission:

Watching the destruction of Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden, and the lawn covered in concrete, and then the promise that the East Wing would not be touched...and then they bulldozed it before our eyes...I have never been so sick at the lack of respect for our historical buildings, our HISTORY! There is no reason on earth for a BALLROOM twice the size of the original White House. No reason for the expense. He had no legal right to destroy it, and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt EXACTLY AS IT WAS before. We, the people, are being robbed of our tax dollars right and left, and getting NOTHING for it. PLEASE STOP THE DESECRATION OF OUR MONUMENTS AND BUILDINGS!

Sincerely,
Jessica Locke

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Name: Donna Hacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jane Schwartz
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Name: Suzanne Painter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It has been said that a large room is needed for White House events, and without the ballroom, events must be held under tents on the lawn. If that is indeed a valid reason (which I am not in a position to judge), it seems there is no need to rush this project. I am deeply grieved by the destruction of the East Wing without public comment. I would like whatever replaces it to be balanced with the rest of the building and as modest in scope as possible. We should not have a palace. We should have a house. The addition should avoid the trappings of royalty and recognize the democratic nature of our country.

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Name: Lisa Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kara Jewell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Strickland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not happy about what has happened to the East Wing of the People's House. I believe that the lawful processes to demolish the East Wing and then replace it with a new Ballroom were not followed. The White House has never belonged to the elected President, but instead it belongs to We The People !!! It is a resident for their use only !!! Please stop this waste of money and put an end to the construction of an unneeded ballroom. And have the current President pay for the rebuild of the West Wing to its former glory like it was before he ordered it demolished without following requirements to do so. Very Respectful Martin Strickland

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Hoyt Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a law abiding American citizen I find it outrageous that the current occupant of the White House has had the East Wing demolished and hauled away to a trash heap as if he were the owner of a piece of private real estate.

The rule of law, if it is to mean anything, must find an adequate and appropriate remedy to this crime. At a minimum, the project must be halted until the damages can be completely analyzed and proposals for restoration properly solicited. Then an appropriate fine or other penalty can be determined and imposed.

Only then should any proposal for remodeling or substantial revision of the White House be entertained by the proper authorities. In the meantime, the wreckage should stand as a monument to the State of our Union under the lawless rule of a delusional autocrat who has not been checked or balanced by the independent branches of our government.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Sollitto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The CASE
- In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 6166, transferring "public buildings and public parks of the National Capital" to the Department of the Interior and National Park Service. (NPS)
- Roosevelt's intent was clear: to protect the White House and other national landmarks from the "wrecking ball" of short-term politics.
-While later administrations narrowed this interpretation, treating the White House Residence as a "special case," this carve out has never been tested in Court.

The PROBLEM
- Recent demolition of the East Wing and redesign of the Rose Garden demonstrate how unchecked presidential authority can erase history.
- Without judicial clarity, presidents may continue to redesign or demolish parts of the White House and add monuments like the Arch according to personal taste, undermining its role as a shared national heritage.

The DEMAND
1. Judicial Review of Executive Order 6166 to determine whether the White House residence is legally under NPS stewardship and if so the proceedings to build an oversize ballroom larger than the residence is unlawful and adjustments need to be made.
2. Congressional hearings to investigate recent demolitions, future monuments and ensure accountability.
3. Legislation explicitly placing the White House under NPS authority, closing the loophole that allows unilateral presidential redesign.
4. Public transparency in all future renovations, with binding oversight by preservation experts.

Finally, The White House belongs to the people. It must be preserved with reverence, not redesigned at the whim of any occupant. Roosevelt's vision should be honored; the law must be clarified to protect one of the nation's most iconic buildings and the District of Columbia.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Taylor Traicoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot support spending $300 million on a project that moved forward without proper authorization, permitting, or design review. This goes beyond modernization—it represents the dismantling of an important historical structure. The project should be stopped, and the East Wing returned to its original design. Accountability is essential; permitting this to continue without addressing the legal violations would disregard the principles that govern us all.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ballroom that over shadows the WHITE HOUSE for one man's ego.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: John Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Teresa Moreland
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Name: Jody Quimby-Karlen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Shrauger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has been such an iconic symbol of this country. What the president is proposing with this gigantic ballroom does not fit the iconic nature of our beautiful White House. If the American people had been asked about this, I am absolutely convinced it would've been a resounding no. The East wing does not belong to this president or any other. They occupy it for a period of time. It has been a symbol along with the rest of the White House, to the American public. The giant ballroom will dwarf the main portion of the White House that has symbolized the history of our nation. Losing the iconic east wing was bad enough. This is the people's house. This does not belong to one person or one family or one administration. The people of America want our gracious and historic Eastwing back.

Please, I and everyone that I know, ask you to please keep our White House with the taste, the history and the majestic historic style that our four fathers built.

Thank you for considering my comments and for saving this majestic piece of American history.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Vetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The gauche & tasteless ballroom is an embarrassment and an affront to the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lona Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The modernization project began in an completely unauthorized manner. This president or his cabinet should not have the final say in the rebuilding of the East Wing, including any underground facilities. Historical experts and others who tradionally give expert input on restoration projects on the White House should have final say. Pres. Trump's and his family's approval must be subservient.

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Name: Suzan Flammang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending any monies on the destruction of the United States White House. The razing of the East Wing to build an extravagant ballroom to satisfy ego and false pride is reprehensible in its entirety. I demand that the East Wing be restored to its former glory as a representation of the People of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Cutting Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an afront to law abiding American citizens. No permit no design plan submitted. The White House is the people's house not the president's private property.I want the East wing restored the way it was. history is important

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sydney Traicoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the $300 million being spent on this project, especially given that it was initiated without the necessary approvals, permits, or design oversight. Rather than modernizing, it effectively erases a significant part of our nation’s heritage. I support canceling the project and restoring the East Wing to its prior design. Upholding the law matters, and moving forward without consequences for those who bypassed legal processes would send the wrong message.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pati Egan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing for a very unnecessary ballroom. The correct permits were not obtained. No Congressional funding was secured.
Thank You

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Shengold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization," it's an unauthorized desecration of a beloved building. I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I am one of many, many Americans want this project canceled immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

While you're at it, bring back the beautiful Rose Garden, and remove all the tacky gold bling that the Grifter in Chief has slathered all over the walls. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gelbrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose allocating $300 million to this project. It moved forward without the necessary legal approvals, permits, or a transparent design review process. A project such as this, to the People's House, should have been a transparent process with multiple stakeholders involved. That did not occur. What is being described as “modernization” is, in reality, the dismantling of a historically significant structure. This effort should be halted immediately, and the East Wing should be reconstructed and restored to reflect its original design. Proceeding without consequences for those who disregarded established legal requirements sends the wrong message and erodes trust in the rule of law that all Americans are expected to respect.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary Saylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was a project that was not done with the proper authorazations, permission, nor was anyone asked if this could be done to THE PEOPLES HOUSE. The ones responsiable for this wreckage and those who ordered it should pay to replace it with the historic wing as it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:26:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Clemens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is not a modernization project. That $300,000,000 could be spent on projects that are more worthy. As an historical building that belongs to the people it should be preserved for generations to come in an historical fashion. The rooms in the White House have adequately served presidents and dignitaries for years. This is an unnecessary project!

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Name: Gloria Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project is a slap across the collective face of the American people and must be stopped. The audacity that one would think they have the right to tear down an entire wing of a house that they do not own is bad enough, but to plan to replace it with a kitschy vanity project is beyond belief. Throw a tarp over the mess until the people can vote on what should be built there. If anyone starts whining "this is a matter of national security" they should be told that the time to have thought about that would have been prior to sneaking bulldozers on site, before dawn, to plunder and pillage our East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Clawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the ballroom addition to the White House. Trump tore down the East Wing of the White House illegally, with no permits, no consultation and no regard for the history and integrity of the PEOPLE'S house. He had NO right to destroy our legacy!!!

I want to see the East Wing restored, as it was.

And NO ballroom!!!!!!!

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Name: Janna Treisman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to go on record opposing the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those

who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The scope and design of this project does not comport with what I and my fellow Americans hold dear.

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Name: Margaret Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jason Neidleman
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Traicoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose allocating $300 million to this project, which began without proper authorization, required permits, or formal design review. This is not a modernization effort—it amounts to the destruction of an important piece of American history. I believe the project should be halted, and the East Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to proceed without accountability for those who violated legal requirements undermines the rule of law.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:26:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Elkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to construct a new ballroom on the former grounds of the East Wing of the White House.

The White House is not merely a functional residence or event space—it is a historic symbol of American democracy. Every structural element and surrounding ground carries architectural, cultural, and historical significance. Altering the original footprint of the East Wing area to accommodate a large new ballroom risks diminishing the integrity of a site that belongs to the American people.

Preserving historic spaces is not about resisting change; it is about safeguarding the legacy and symbolism that define our national identity. Major structural additions, especially those that significantly alter the grounds, should be approached with extreme caution and broad public consensus. Once historic land is altered, it cannot be restored to its original context.

Additionally, there are practical considerations. At a time when many Americans are concerned about fiscal responsibility and the prioritization of national resources, investing in a new ballroom may appear out of step with more pressing public needs. The White House has long hosted state functions successfully within its existing spaces. Expanding in a way that alters historic grounds sets a precedent that future administrations may continue, potentially eroding the site's historic character over time.

I respectfully urge decision-makers to prioritize preservation, transparency, and public input before moving forward with any construction that would permanently change the historic landscape of the White House.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tess McG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed ballroom. This is part of a historic federal complex, and changes of this scale must follow proper preservation, authorization, and design review processes.
The project should not be driven by any individual political figure or private donors. Decisions about demolition and reconstruction belong with the appropriate preservation authorities and federal planning agencies. I urge the NCPC to halt this effort and ensure that any work on the East Wing is handled through the proper legal and preservation channels.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Vetscher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Brogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a lifetime citizen of the United States of America I very strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required, as well as a total disregard for our country's history!
It is not a "modernization"project but rather a pet project of the initiator that entails complete destruction of American history simply because of narcissistic whims of the current President who sits in the White House. I want this project canceled forthwith and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens. This blatant destruction & disregard for our country's history MUST be stopped NOW!
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participate/guidelines/
(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deniz McCoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. No president has the sole power to destroy it or to build any new addition to it without consideration of proper oversight. The White House is a National Treasure. The destruction of the west wing was a crime and we should be made whole by the current president.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Bors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Zackin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or a legitimate design review. That alone should be enough to stop it.

This is being described as a modernization effort, but it is not modernization. It is a complete razing of an important part of American history. That distinction matters. Words should not be used to mask the scale of what is being done.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Major structural changes to historic buildings must follow the proper legal process, with transparency and oversight. And people who try to undermine established policy and legal precedent should be held accountable.

Please act swiftly to protect both the integrity of this historic structure and the rule of law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Livingstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to express my sincere and disgusted opinion with what is being planned after the demolition and what is planned for the East Wing. To call it a modernization project is clearly false. The $300 billion dollar project for a ballroom to be used only by Americas elite is unacceptable! Not to mention in poor taste. That the original was demolished without authorization should be criminal. Has anyone even seen an accounting or plans for this new monstrosity
which I understand is proposed to be large than the rest of the main structure? Why hasn't the public seen the plans? This is the Americans house, not Donald Trumps. He's done enough damage already! Please halt this travesty?

Date: 2/16/2026 11:24:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arjuna Greist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donald Trump shouldbe legally required to fund this restoration. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Jeanne Lund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: George Silva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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George Silva
Whittier, California

Date: 2/16/2026 11:24:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Demoss Melissa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the need to comment on the Eastwing ballroom project. I believe this destruction was an illegal action as this is a historical federal building. There are rules and regulations in place for any construction or remodeling projects that are planned for any historical federal building. The commission that is in charge of these changes in DC did not receive any notification of any distruction plans, any submitted construction plans or budget. Since this is a historical building there are a lot of considerations for style matching and the products used. Another consideration is the fact that this is the "People's House", we the people were not made aware of or had a vote to change our house. My hope is that the perpetrator who destroyed the Eastwing has to pay for the construction to restore the White House to its previous glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is unneeded and completely out of scale with the remaining portions of the White House. The scrape of the East Wing was done in an irresponsible manner. Trump should personally be held responsible for this travesty. This thoughtless approach to the project, without any historic preservation consideration, angers citizens. Construction must not move forward. Instead, there should be a reevaluation of the site and designs with experts as is typical of a major landmark project. An accounting into funds donated for the ballroom should also take place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the tear down of the East Wing and the proposed $300 million budget. The tear down was done without congressional oversight and without review by the National Parks department as required. It was a reckless action fueled not by a desire to improve, but to destroy American history in a childish show of bravado, a "look what I can do" temper tantrum.
This is not something the taxpayers should pay for. It should also not be funded by private companies as it is obviously a quid pro quo for the president and a way to line his pockets. Instead the cost to rebuild it as it was should come out of his own pocket. It's only fitting considering the Trump family made $1.3 billion grifting off the US this past year.

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Name: Sandra halladey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the project being allowed to continue as it did not get the proper approvals. It should just be cleaned up until someone who respects the rules and has better taste can do something with the ruin

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Name: Brian Laberge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Name: Elaine Romanelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fervently oppose the spending of one penny more on 'modernization', much less $300 million in taxpayer funds. This destruction was begun recklessly, without any of the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project. It is a wonton razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing *rebuilt* and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ting Barrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty! Stop it and put the East Wing back the way it was!! And charge those responsible with everything possible under law. I am SO ANGRY!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:23:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matina Bevis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ellen Ruckert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing should be rebuilt according to the original footprint. The wiring and bones should replicate what was there. There is no need for a ballroom!

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Name: Susan Marcinek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Hi, there. I oppose this project, as it was not initiated with the proper permits, approvals, reviews and oversight. How aa project is conducted is just as important as why it is undertaken. The White House is the people's house and should be restored to its former glory immediately.

Thank you

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Name: Nancy Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park owned by the American people. Its demolition without review or permits and without Congressional oversight was illegal. The American people were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Julie Chamberlain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing was a historic part of our nation that was destroyed without authorization. I believe it should be restored to its original structure.

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Name: Adrian Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am concerned its going to become like a mar lago, and epatiwn island

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Name: Donna Staten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Neumann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy McQueen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Emily Barr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or likely more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I respectfully ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, accepting "donations" to get this project done potentially compromises the entire project as donors could believe they have special access to the President which could easily lead to corruption and mismanagement. Thank you for considering a US citizen and taxpayer's point of view.

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Name: Sarah Conte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rae Hudspeth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tracy Heffron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house - this administration's ballroom project is not only an attempt to provide an elitist space for billionaire supporters to gather and gain access to the seat of power, but it has destroyed a piece of history.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Trump and the contractors who proceeded with this unauthorized project should personally bear the cost of restoring it. That should not come out of tax payer dollars.

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Name: Shelley Knepper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been horrified to watch this project undertaken without proper planning, design review, and consideration for the history of this public property. Additionally, I take no comfort from statements that it is being built through donations solicited in the way they have been, as sums of money such as those are rarely given without expectations of favor.

If, as some speculate, there is some need for construction like this for national security purposes, then let it be done through the proper channels, with money allocated from the proper budgets, and with less slap-dash planning than seems to be happening at present. Such a significant addition to the architecture that marks the center of our government should be taken with greater consideration and the fact that it has gotten this far has been shocking to say the least.

Please halt this project, restore the White House as best as can be for the time being, and assure that no one person can deface our national symbology like this again.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Kocurek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been taken down! It should be restored completely to its status before Trump touched it! The ballroom is unneeded and unnecessary. What has been done is horrific and only for one man's vanity. I say no to the ballroom and bunker he is trying to build. No other administration would have done this or gotten away with such destruction.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:21:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Langford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Gentlepersons,
I strongly oppose allocating any funds (public or private)—especially sums in the $300–$400 million range—to this project, which was initiated under false pretenses, without proper authorization, required permits, appropriate design review, and likely more checks and balances on a secure and historical site than I would even know about. This is not a "modernization" effort; it is the destruction of an important piece of American history.

I implore you to cancel this project and require that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. I understand and agree with regular maintenance and upgrades for safety and to keep in line with appropriate improvements. However, I do not agree with secretive, inappropriate, outlandish, and totally unnecessary construction just because. No one is above the law, and allowing this work to proceed without holding accountable those who violated legal requirements would be an insult to law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:21:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jill cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M - $400 million project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Ryder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam at the National Capital Planning Commission,

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Respectfully,
~S.A. Reed
Gloucester, Ma

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Read
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: tessa wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed $300 million expenditure on this project. Based on the information available to the public, it appears that the project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. Such omissions raise serious concerns about transparency, legality, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

Moreover, this initiative has been described as a modernization effort, yet in practice it represents the complete destruction of a significant piece of American history. The East Wing is not merely a structure; it is a cultural and historical asset that deserves preservation and restoration, not demolition.

I respectfully urge you to take immediate action to halt this project, conduct a full and independent review of how it was approved, and pursue accountability for any violations of applicable laws or procedures. I further request that plans be developed to rebuild and restore the East Wing in a manner consistent with its original design and historical significance.

No individual, agency, or contractor should be permitted to circumvent established legal and regulatory processes. Allowing this project to proceed without consequences would undermine public trust and set a troubling precedent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Tessa Wallace

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Name: Stacia Nordin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard's comment:
“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Zdenek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the creation of a ballroom at the East Wing of the White House. It makes no sense and will seriously impact the historical integrity of the White House.

The White House should not be allowed to develop it given the total disregard of standards of quality by the Trump Administration. It is all about unbridled ego, and not the views of the public. Stop the Steal!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Renfro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this vanity project for a president who is a convicted felon and probable sex trafficker and pedophile. Do we really want this monument erected in his name to be something he can be proud of while we look back on his presidency with shame?

No, please restore the East Wing to its historical purpose, prevent this “pay to play” project, and stop an idol being built for the glory of DJT and not for America itself.

At a time when people can barely afford groceries, rent, and energy, this is a slap in the face of its citizens. It’s very, “We have money for extravagance but not your necessities.”

It will be a stain upon the People's House of when a president was so out of touch with the actual citizens, that he disregarded their needs for his ego.

Please stop this project and make a new plan for a useful place that the people can have a say on.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Vogelsang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. This is a desecration of a national monument. Pease stop it.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:20:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Pelky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit my concern regarding The East Wing Modernization Project. President Trump assured us 3+ months ago that the Big Beautiful Ballroom would have NO impact on the East Wing. It was to be built near the East Wing but not attached. Then shortly after the wrecking crew showed up and the demolition began. President Trump was elected on the platform of immigration reform, fixing the high prices (shrinkflation) and getting rid of government waste. Nowhere was there a discussion of taking such drastic measures on physical structures, regardless of WHO is paying for it. There are protocols in place to make changes or updates in a thoughtful process. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 was instrumental in developing the framework for preserving these hallowed historical places. These historic buildings belong to the people of the United States, and at no time should any one person commandeer these places to conform to their single vision of what they desire. Respectfully, The President of the United States is but a tenant in these buildings. The power of Executive orders alone should be reserved to prevent or correct situations needing immediate attention only. Now it seems that this project is running into the problems that you would expect due to poor planning. Someone may have been familiar with large construction projects in past business ventures. That does not equate to being able to hijack federal property to suit an individual's whims. This is OUR country! I feel that The National Register of Historic Places would have been best in ensuring minimal damage being done to our treasured spaces. We need to return to having thoughtful discussions on how best to preserve or enhance our landmarks. Two heads are better than one. Discuss the objectives that we want versus need. The world watches us. I'm not sure our great country commands the great respect we once had. Let's please be thoughtful and bring the right people/groups to the table going forward. Thank you. Diane Pelky, proud to be an American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jessy Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but a complete razing of American history. This project should be cancelled immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Gaffney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rathera complete razing of American history.

I request this project be canceled, the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalozing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Hoyt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vulgar, oversized project, which moves forward without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and \u-

10179 ?\u-9143 ?restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Phillip Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stefanie DeVooght Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is definitely not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Thank you for your time and energy by looking into this travesty that has happened right in front of our eyes.

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Name: Lori Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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their actions.

This is the People's House. This is not, nor should it become a vanity project or tribute to any single person.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Busch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the people's house to build a ballroom that is a vanity project for the president and will further erode our faith in government by allowing the wealthy "donors" to expect special favors and treatment from our immoral president, who sought them out for his own benefit. Enough destruction!

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Name: Marsha Bates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled the East Wing of the People's House was destroyed without permission. A gaudy ballroom which doesn't compliment the rest of our beautiful mansion in architectural design, size or decor is deplorable. The East Wing complex should be rebuilt in the same style with updated technology and purpose. The Beautiful Kennedy Rose Garden should be put back as well. Our President is not omnipotent and these changes should never have been made without going through the proper channels and without permission being granted.

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Name: Sue Troyano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, our White House has been destroyed by Trump. Trump never applied for the correct clearances to tear down this historical building. I dont recognize it anymore. Trump thinks it is his house, but he is wrong, it is the peoples house. Trump thinks he is the king and can do whatever he wants. He is not a king. He is delusional, cruel and selfish. Starting with how he treats the White House to how he treats us, the citizens of the United States.

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Name: Sharon Hirschhorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Keri Wade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing is criminal. This project is a corrupt front for the president to further enrich himself and sell out our security, all at the taxpayers expense. Stop this project and follow historical preservation protocols.

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Name: Cheyenne Bure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ellen Willis-Conger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Just as he has destroyed Democratic norms and international alliances. I oppose the spending of $300

million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Carpenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that this administration took it upon itself to destroy a portion of our historic Whitehouse without so much as a "by your leave" from the American people or its duly appointed representatives. I believe this abomination of a ballroom should be halted immediately and the East Wing immediately be restored as closely as possible. We do not need corporate America "owning" a piece of the people's house by virtue of their loyalty payments to this administration. Please do not allow this vanity project to continue.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:18:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Adcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Spending $300 million of bribes to build it is corrupt.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ronald Trimble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Francesca Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The disregard that the current occupant of the White House has demonstrated toward History, proper permits and procedures, and the actual OWNERS of the building - the American People - should be enough to stop this "modernization" in its progression. This is self-serving at best, or a way to enrich himself with ... "donations", at its worst. Either way, shameful.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of the current WH dweller.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carole MacKay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I felt nauseous when I first heard Trump’s idea of crushing the East Wing to build a ballroom. The White House isn’t a castle. Trump is not a king. We don’t need a ballroom. What we need is strength to stop people to thoughtlessly destroy centuries of our history. I’ve heard of the East Wing my entire life. Of the stories of our lovely First Ladies conducting business there. Looking at that pile of rubble behind OUR White House fills me with shame. It needs to be restored to exactly how it was before he, without any permission or legislation of any kind, ripped away our past. It won’t stop if somebody doesn’t step up to stop it. While this is just one of the many things he discarded without a second thought, this is by far the worst. Please, please stop him!

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Name: Wendy Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Kind regards,
Wendy Ferguson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Wilkening
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without any of the required authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Vanessa Utell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dr. Angela Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president's proposal for an East Wing ballroom--larger than the current Executive Wing--is a grotesque misuse of executive power, signalling an utter lack of concern for historical context or architectural symbolism. This new gilded ballroom is intended as a gathering place for the allies of the administration, who have little or no interest in civic nationalism, in American historical traditions, or in architectural and urban context. As a longtime historian of American culture, I strongly oppose this plan, which is a desecration of the White House and its significance as the seat of the executive branch of the republic. The scale, and the symbolism of the planned addition serves mostly the personal ego of the president, who has proven again and again to have little to no knowledge of the founding documents of the republic, much less of the appropriate scale and symbolism of architecture in the nation's capital. If built, it will make the presidential seat the butt of jokes, and add to the growing international contempt currently focused on the man in the White House. All this will be at his expense--not a bad thing actually-but will also furnish new evidence for authoritarian regimes around the world of the hypocrisy of a president who claims to be the

leader of a republic but acts like a dictator. Dictator Chic.

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Name: Debra Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Shame on all who could have stopped this but didn't.

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Name: Burke Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remember the East Wing of the White House!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Galadriel Billington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose everything about this "project." It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nora Mccarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Topic: East Wing of the Whitehouse

I was outraged to see the East Wing of the White House destroyed without permission or even consultation. The White House belongs to the People of the United States, and not to the temporarily elected occupant of it.

It is your responsibility to halt the project now, and have actual historical architects see if the East Wing can be restored or renovated for its original purpose. No ballroom, no pseudo-palace, and no spending "bribe money" or spending taxpayer money on this nonsense.

The President should be personally responsible for the cost of both the destruction and renovation.

Please do your job, whatever bullying may come your way.

Thank you,

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Name: Cecelia Segurson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East wing to be restored to its original condition. Trump bypassed all the permissions he needed to gather in order to destroy the Rast Wing. He has ruined the symmetry of the White House. His design is an abomination. Please don't allow this ballroom to be built.
Cecelia Segurson, San Francisco, CA

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Name: Athina Levesque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the East wing, as it is superfluous and unnecessary, a waste of taxpayer dollars

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Name: Constance Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump doesn't own the White House, we do. The American people should have a say in what is done with the now destroyed East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Marlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cecelia Segurson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Cecelia Segurson, San Francisco, CA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Diane Olson-Baskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, especially felons, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katrin Smithback
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Candace Kreitlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 Million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elinor Kumpf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing modernization project. I am disappointed that this project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or a design review. This project should canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisken Dus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, at the cost of $300 million of taxpayer money. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding and tax-paying Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bret Marnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the members of the committee,

It seems clear that the East Wing demolition and ballroom plans were done without going through the

proper process. In fact it seems the correct steps were deliberately eschewed.

When developers in my city skirt the local regulations and demolish existing buildings or cut down protected trees on a property they wish to develop, stop work orders are imposed as a penalty to the rogue developers. Sometimes these stop work orders extend for years as punishment. If there is no penalty imposed on those who do not follow the rules, if our regulations become meaningless suggestions, then what is the point of any of it?

Please prevent the destruction of our historic norms. Please return the rule of proper process to our Capitol, and its buildings and monuments.

Stop the White House Ballroom project because it was an illegal demolition of the East Wing, and the plans as they exist are far out of scale to the remaining property.

Thank you,

Bret Marnell
Glendale, CA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zachary Elliot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

Any updates to the White House should be cleared with a plan. Accepting private money for a historic public building like the White House seems to nearly guarantee choices outside the public interest.

Regards,
Zach

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Nigrelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not only do I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, I oppose the project itself and the way it was executed—without the proper authorization, permits, or design review—and at the whim of a president who hasn't shown a bit of interest in preserving the history of the people's house. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory. Permitting this project to forward is akin to allowing this administration to thumb their noses at the law not to mention good taste.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie McMillian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Delores McClean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original footprint with modifications that may bring it up to code or current standards. Demolishing this historic National landmark is an affront to the people of America and represents the current Administration's perspective of governing this nation.

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Name: Mandu Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or spending any amount of American citizens' tax money on it. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a

modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It needs to be paid for by the personal funds of Donald J. Trump, who had no authority to tear down any part of 'the peoples' house.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Huff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. In addition, we have a healthcare system that is failing, armed ‘agents’ terrorizing our streets, so many school shootings we have lost count, a country in chaos, but this is where $300 million is going?!?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danny Vinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very, very strongly oppose this massive destruction of our nation's White House, and am quite angry that it was allowed to happen to this point without any legal restraint.

As a citizen, a fiscal conservative, and someone who values stewardship in our national interest, I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was before this unethical and illegal destruction. Our nation is not a second-rate shopping mall to be treated so poorly by a failed businessman and descendant of a racist slumlord.

This so-called 'project' is an abomination. Our nation demands that the White House be restored at once, paid for by those who allowed the destruction to happen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Brugman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To title the destruction of the East Wing of the White House a "modernization project" rather than what it is --a vanity project of one man --is appalling. This historic structure belonged to all Americans, and was to

have been protected by law and custom. Those who are responsible for razing it should be accountable. Our national treasure cannot be restored now that it is a big hole in the ground, but whatever might be built there in the future must be properly designed, permitted, and reviewed by the responsible agencies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The shocking, unpermitted demolition of the East Wing of the White House has destroyed one of the most historically significant structures of our country. The limited preliminary plans for the replacement are wholly unsuited for "the people's house" and are a cartoonish rendering of a childish fantasy of how "rich people" live. Gold fixtures?

Take this unplanned opportunity to restore and modernize the East Wing, keeping it faithful to the overall historic design of the building. And please do not change the name.

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Name: Alyson Gullette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am and have been against the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed Ballroom which would dwarf the White House and ruin this historical building! This project began without any prior approval, and it needs to be stopped! I believe the East Wing of the White House should be restored as it was originally. Do not allow this illegal project to continue. This is the People's House and we should have a say on what is done to it, and any proposal to change this building should go through the legal process!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of part of The People's House was illegal and immoral. Also criminal. The person(s) responsible need to finance the complete and historically correct rebuilding of the building.

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Name: D. Bouta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Cortese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is appalling. Stop the destruction of the White House.

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Name: Ellesa Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josephine Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Theodore John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and the current president should pay for it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerstin Barndt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Wayne Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I strongly oppose the recent destruction of a portion of The White House and the grounds of the property. The current resident has no right or legal authority to destroy a sacred public monument, rightfully known as The People's House. His consistent disregard for process and his total lack of respect need to be addressed. This destruction needs to cease and the structure needs to be restored to its former condition. Ideally, there would be fines and penalties. I would support this resident being treated and held accountable as would any tenant be.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura McKinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history.
Therefore I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law. to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lolita Rathburn Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete demolition of American history and violation of policy, process, and the law and should therefore be canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its prior footprint and design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Patricia Albers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not a billionaires' country club. Not a palace from which the president rules. Not a property to be demolished and rebuilt according to one man's whims. The White House—the People's House—should embody the ideals of republican democracy including integrity, stability, and simplicity. It should reflect American history. Major changes should be made only after careful reflection and planning, with architectural historians playing major roles.

The proposed 89,000 square foot ballroom does none of that. Almost a city block long, it's an eyesore that disrupts the building's classical harmony and destroys its character. As for the gold encrusted interior, it smacks of self-aggrandizement and Gilded Age patronage and corruption. "Everything in the White House must have a reason for being there. It would be sacrilege merely to 'redecorate' it," said First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy. "It must be restored—and that has nothing to do with decoration. That is a question of scholarship."

The ballroom that President Trump proposes is inappropriate for the iconic structure where he temporarily resides and from which he is supposed to serve the American people. It should not be allowed to go forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stefani Stella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a $300 million dollar ballroom monstrosity. There aren't the proper permits, a historical review of the plans or the public's input.

This McMansion of a ballroom would dwarf the White House and isn't to scale.

Its the People's House and isn't wanted or necessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Roper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and mockery of the American people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Tax payers should be reimbursed for this unlawful and disgraceful act of destruction to The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANE BISTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. DUH? How was this even possible that the demo started? Where is the oversight? Please restore to condition prior to the illegal and unethical demo that occurred. On behalf of my fathers before me who fought back to the Revolutionary war against a king beside George Washington and my other heritage as a first nation member.
Respectfully,
Jane Bister

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Name: Richard Boyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was done without the proper review, approval or design overview. The East Wing was destroyed without the approval or consultation of the appropriate authorities. The East Wing should be restored to its former state and Trump prevented from making any more impulsive decisions without the input of the people and their appropriate agencies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Jankiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in agreement with Anara Guard's opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project in that I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I also want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States of America.

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Name: Don Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Bueno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susie Atkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am requesting that the Former East Wing of the White House be restored to its former self. I DO NOT support the use of my tax dollars to continue in anyway with this project. I am extremely upset that the East Wing was destroyed without any of the proper vetting, and opportunity for public input, after all, the White House is "The Peoples House," and I am one of those people. Please do not approve any additional funds and please put a stop to the current project. My ideal outcome would be for the current administration to pay for the complete restoration of the previous East Wing in its entirety.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James French
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a terrible destruction of an historic building, and should be restored to its original design. Such arrogance and hubris, and so disrespectful of “the People’s House.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Medina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I think this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the current president. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of thr East Wing was a travesty born of vanity and ego. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and is the temporary house of an elected official, not the palace of a monarch to be modified on a whim. Not only must the garish ballroom project be scrapped, the East Wing should be rebuilt at the expense of the party or parties responsible for its destruction. The tax payers should not be burdened with the costs of someone else's knowing disregard of the law and proper procedures. It is no different than if any other host were to have a significant portion of their home destroyed by a guest. The host would be entitled to the reconstruction of that which was destroyed, and the guest would be held accountable for it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Mathis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans

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Name: Eileen Kjorstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Kirchberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

$300 million for someone's ego is beyond ridiculous! Started without the proper authorization or permits. No one is above the law!
Someone needs to be prosecuted and it needs to be rebuilt!

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Name: Barbara Dreyfus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a very proud American and greatly cherish the magnificent historical buildings and monuments of our country. They are a testament to our history and the sacrifices made. I am appalled and enraged by the destruction of the East Wing without the proper review, permits and justification. An oversized tacky and gaudy ballroom is neither needed nor desired by most Americans I know! I implore you to restore to building to its original historic status! The destruction of our cherished heritage must not be allowed to continue!
Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:12:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Wingo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any money, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, including the space beneath it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Mattson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel East wing renovations.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerry Shea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no right to take a wrecking ball to our history. Please stop the ballroom, which is an unnecessary project that is all about his ego and vanity. We the people deserve more than that. Please restore the east wing to what it was before, functioning administrative offices to run our democracy. Be true to its original design in concept. The American people deserve this.

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Name: Julianne Sevening Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its original state.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:40 PM
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Name: Jean Jacques Credi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jocelyn Champagne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is part of an historic monument. It is part of the White House, also known as the People's House. President Trump has no authority to tear it down or to tear down any historic monuments. The East Wing must be restored to its original architecture.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with the proposal to build the new Billionaire (Trump) Ballroom vanity project.
While you need not cry over spilled milk, the destruction of the East Wing, by the current tenant in the White House, Donald Trump, is beyond anything I ever imagined.
To let him build his ballroom and bunker should be stopped immediately.
The future of the White House needs to be handled by the Owners, the United States Citizens.
Investigation of Trump's actions, destruction of our property, possibly laws broken, needs to happen now, including fines and/or prison.

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Name: Michele Markell Michele Markell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's house that the president lives in temporarily. It's not in his purview to knock down part of the White House (or pave over the rose garden) without permits or authorization. The ballroom should be stopped and the $300M used to rebuild the East wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wink Harner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, the East Wing ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to remit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I further object to soliciting funding from private donations which would create exclusionary access to what should be public access.

Please cancel this project and move to restore the East Wing to its previous historic form and footprint.

Ms Wink Harner
Portland OR 97233

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wayna Dominick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Nicole Lai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Terri Coop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that this vanity project was undertaken without any sort of Congressional oversight or any involvement of the national historians is an abomination and insult to the people of the United States. The ballroom project must be stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design and plans. The "modernization" should be limited only to infrastructure improvements such as advances in wiring and plumbing. Otherwise, the East Wing must match the current White House in color and style, and photos of the structures that were destroyed. There must be no additions or changes that are not transparent and disclosed to the public. Also, all other projects, such as the destruction of the bathroom in the Lincoln bedroom, must be stopped and subject to public comment and Congressional oversight. This is not trump's playpen. It is our collective historical heritage. Terri Lynn Coop

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:11 PM
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Name: Sye Rodgers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Claire Birk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carey Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, even if the money is donated. Doing work on government buildings with donations from corporations for favors is distasteful. We do not need a grandioose ballroom of this scale that we would then have to entertain more people on the american taxpayers dime. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The new design should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Savage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this frivolous million dollar project, of which had no approval of design, concept or interpretation to the People's House. It must be restored to previous condition exclusively financed by the personal assets of Trump, Donald — the convicted felon who seeks personal gains above all else, including the country he is elected to serve.

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Name: Elizabeth Clepper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Elizabeth Clepper

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Name: Linda Chell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think spending $300 million dollars to build a new ballroom is terrible. The plans as Trump has shown make the ballroom too large and is a terrible eyesore. Trump tore down a piece of history without going through the proper channels of approval. I think the East wing should be rebuilt back to its original design and if he still wants a ballroom he can renovate another building nearby if a ballroom is really necessary. Trump should not be allowed to change anything else within the White House and in all of DC for that matter… It is the people's house and is a part of our history. Trump has no respect for history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Shure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Delfosse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, the commission should insist upon review and approval of all less invasive interior modifications, paying special attention to the effect on existing infrastructure and impact on buiding systems in addition to dedign and architectural elements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Frederickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a brutal and senseless erasure of our shared national history and heritage. It has been forced through recklessly, irresponsibly, and without the consent of Congress or the American people. It is a shocking waste of resources, a desecration of shared culture, and a vulgar display of contempt for the people of the United States of America. This project should be halted immediately, and the East Wing of the American People's House restored to what it once was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyle Lisle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly feel this whole project should be stopped and sent to a design review board. We should not be allowing ego projects to be perpetrated on Federal lands without Congressional oversight. The proposed "ballroom" is an insult to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project and its destruction of American history. The East Wing belongs to the PEOPLE, not tech billionaires and not the President. This project was undertaken illegally and must be stopped, and those who broke the law must be held accountable.

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Name: Diane Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing, because I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. The tear down of the East Wing makes me feel cheated as an American, and that this was done without the approval of all of us. It is being done for the selfish wish of an American President wanting a ballroom. They never got proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project needs to be cancelled, and the East Wing restored to its grander. History should "never" be erased, and this needs to be fixed. This was unlawful, and people should be held accountable.

Thank you so kindly for the opportunity to submit my comment.

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Name: Adele Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully request this project be stopped.
I am so saddened to see part of our history being altered in such a destructive manner, absent any clear plan or oversight.
It is more than disturbing that changes of this magnitude were allowed to proceed at a breakneck pace without any public input or appopriate review.
This project is utterly disrespectful to the beauty and elegance of one of our Country's most iconic places and is not in any way accomplishing any sort of meaningful restoration. It is, instead, a full scale demolition derby, fully out of control.
It is equally distressing that taxpayer and other funds are being used to finance this project when there are so very many more urgent issues facing our Country.

Please take whatever action is needed to stop this absurd desecration.
Thank you,

Date: 2/16/2026 11:10:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Dalonzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As most Americans we were horrified that such a historical building would be torn down without any warning. If so, we would have said No! As we also say now to his Arch de Trump. This monument of the White House was built by slaves and created to be the People’s House. Tearing down Kennedy garden and other modifications should be monitored and regulated. Further, this is a grift by Trump. Where is the accounting of the money? Where is the $400M and who is responsible for it? Make Trump pay for White House be restored to its original state and not funded by taxpayers for his mismanage and fraud waste and abuse of taxpayer money and absolute no to his Arch de Trump. It’s a grift .

Date: 2/16/2026 11:10:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Travis Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination, full stop.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:09:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Koehnemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Deny permits. Restore East Wing as historically built.no ball room.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:09:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear East Wing Committee:

I strongly oppose the proposed demolition and replacement of the White House East Wing associated with former President Donald Trump. This project is being misrepresented as modernization; in reality, it constitutes the destruction of a historically protected structure undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or required design review.

The East Wing is part of the White House complex and America's shared national heritage. It is not a discretionary or symbolic asset subject to unilateral alteration by any individual—past or present. Bypassing established preservation and planning laws demonstrates disregard for the rule of law and undermines public trust.

The National Capital Planning Commission exists to prevent precisely this kind of abuse. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal, cancel the project in its entirety, and require that the East Wing be restored to its original and historically appropriate design. No former president, including Donald Trump, is above the law, and approving this project would set a dangerous and unacceptable precedent.

Respectfully,

Michael Sanders
Livingston, Montana

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Name: Wendy Piatkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gina Colby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project and am putting in my formal request to restore the East Wing to its original state. To simply wipe out the entire wing dedicated to the women of the White House without proper authorization is criminal. We cannot continue to let this leader just walk above the rules, regulations and laws. Please stop this billionaire ballroom from further destroying our historic landmarks.

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Name: Pat Christianson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Pontious
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this $300 million dollar travesty of a project cancelled. This desecration of the East wing of the White House was undertaken without design review and without permits. The current design is out of scale with the main building, overwhelming it in size. This is not an addition the serves the needs of American people, most of whom are horrified by this project.

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Name: Amy Clinkscales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support all efforts to preserve the history of the White House. No ballrooms, no casinos, no sports, and definitely no sex trafficking stalls. How it is rebuilt should be left to the discretion of historians, architects who specialize in landmark buildings, and Congress.

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Name: Susan Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any money being given to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing was destroyed without any legal oversight or hearings. It is an illegal project and should not move forward. The only money that should be used on it would be to rebuild it exactly as it was before. Anything else sends a message that people who are currently and temporarily in power can destroy national monuments and heritage at will.

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Name: Alison Pruett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this project that was initiated without proper review, permits, or authorization. It's been done at the whim of a wannabe dictator and is not for the betterment of the American people or for the people's house.

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Name: Kristin Ward Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not only should this project be stopped but the contractors who tore down this building with the permission and permits they knew they needed should be prosecuted, as should the man in charge. No one gets to tear down national monuments, not even the president. Fill it in, plant some grass, and let the proper groups decide what happens next. For now it can be a park.

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Name: Pam Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House back to its original plan. The White House does not need a ballroom-especially not one of the proposed size. The East Wing should not have been demolished without first having been approved as to the purpose and final plans approved.

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Name: tara stepenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled and furious that that the current occupant of the White Houses wrecked our people's house illegally, treated our property as though it was his, and I'm still furious that there's been no accounting for what happened to all the stuff inside, and there was no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc. And the idea that this grotesque bonfire of the vanities oligarch ballroom would rise up like a giant goiter on the neck of democracy..

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And I understand there was to be a bunker below (perhaps the primary reason for the destruction of the East Wing.) When the East Wing was destroyed without authorization and proper consideration, i felt that a dagger was dealt to our nation - a sign that we as a nation were done for by corruption, disrespect and disregard for what our democratic republic stands for - it was a symbolic torching of our nation.

east wing modernization - what a misnomer - i was going to swear and didn't

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Name: Malinda Browning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Kathy Duarte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leslie Anne Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Jones-Romansic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. A decision to drastically alter the historic white house is a public decision that requires proper oversight. It is the Whitehouse NOT Trumps house.

Furthermore, it is clear that this project is one of many influence peddling schemes that the Trump administration is using to monetize the presidency and expand the influence of the Executive branch. I want this project canceled until proper review has taken place and anyone associated with the project who broke the law held accountable.

Sincerely,

Mona Jones-Romansic

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Name: Casey Ehresman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shawn Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARADEL GALE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This whole venture is a travesty. The East Wing was torn down without permits or review. This illegal action should not be rewarded. The plans for the "modernization" are god-awful -- totally out of scale for the rest of the area. And we do not need gilded ballrooms in the people's house. Please require the East Wing to be rebuilt as it was with only structural changes the strengthen the wing.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:08:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Combs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to this project, regardless of who is paying the $300 million price tag. It was not properly authorized, issued permits, not did it undergo design review. This is not a modernization project, it is a total obliteration of all the American history and artifacts that were integral to the East Wing. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing should be reestablished and rebuilt as close to its former design as possible. This was a lawless destruction of the people's property and to let this lawlessness go ahead would be an insult to the American people.

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Name: Frederick Iverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebekah McCall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Retzloff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of OUR Whitehouse, the Jackie Kennedy rose garden, and planned

changes to other historical places, especially without approval is unacceptable. We demand the restoration of these places. They are part of our history.

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Name: Deb Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization

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Rev Deb Brown
Traverse City, MI

Date: 2/16/2026 11:07:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Ruddock Bleed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is the peoples' house and it has been vandalized.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeannine Bottorff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It is heartbreaking.

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Name: Janette Massaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Drew Templeton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be canceled, I strongly oppose spending $300 million of our money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Clearly this is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

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Name: Deb Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the “modernization” of the East Wing of the White House. My tax dollars should never have been used to destroy it. And private donations to rebuild it are only offered to buy favors from the present administration. These donations have no place in the rebuilding. The demolition was done without proper permits and procedures. The people of the United States own the building and the present resident of the building had no legal right to demolish our house. The design should remain the same when it is restored to what it was before the illegal vandalism of our national landmark.

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Name: Emily Cassell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deb Sobeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for your attention this matter. Please, please do the right thing!

Respectfully,

Deb Sobeck

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Name: Sharon Golding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the “modernization” of the East Wing.” This is an abomination that was done without approval or permits. Stop it now.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Bloechl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing was short sighted and illegal. It should be rebuilt and billed to the the the

47th president who illegally had it demolished.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:07:01 PM
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Name: D S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:07:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Piergallini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plans for the ballroom that Mr. Trump has had drawn up after he illegally destroyed the East Wing! He should have to rebuild the East Wing to look the way it used to look. He had no right to destroy it, it's not his property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Dietrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I concur with the following statement:

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:06:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbie Webber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri T
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:06:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Rainwater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think that the East Wing should have been torn down. I think putting up a ballroom larger than the White House is a ridiculous aesthetic choice.

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Name: Debbie Handlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is a reason that to change federal buildings there is a process. The White House belongs to the Americans and not to the president and he does not have the authority to change the building by destroying the East Wing. He should have to replace that wing immediately at his cost. The ballroom would diminish the White House and should not be built. Please stop his unlawful overtaking of this construction.

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Name: Julie Coffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Whitney Erin Boesel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, too, oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I, too, want this project canceled and want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Vandenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a federal building often called the People's House, because it belongs to all of us, not to any temporary residents. Major demolition, refurbishment or construction should always, always go through the proper channels that strive to represent all citizens, past, present & future. It was with great sadness many watched the East Wing be destroyed. It felt like robbery, not remodeling. Whatever is built on that ground should reflect all of the US, not just a few wealthy donors or current politicians. As a structure that represents our country and as one that serves all citizens, I highly object to a new edifice that would be accessible to a limited demographic, or one whose purpose does little to represent our rich history of many presidents and administrations. Our national monuments, of which the White House figures prominently, should reflect the very strength, sacrifice, wisdom, diligence and ethics that represents all of us united in upholding our Constitution. When I've visited the National Mall, the memorials for our wars, for

our great statesmen, it evokes such profound respect. I ask that what is built on federal land as part of the White House complex be as moving as the World War II memorial, as inclusive and illustrative as the Vietnam Wall, as inspiring as the Lincoln Memorial. None of them are about wealth or opulence, they are about honoring our sacrifices and commitment, about upholding the values of the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. We the People must always be incorporated into the sentiment of our monuments. Thank you for considering what Americans have to say.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Weston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom at the White House provides a supersized eyesore. The size is so great that it overwhelms the prime building, the White House. Georgia O'Keefe would have removed it from her landscapes. The gaudy interior design is an afront to our heritage. It is more regal than plain old American practicality. The White House complex will be out of balance. Please stop this monstrosity and eyesore. Stop! Stop! Stop! FYI: The White House is not a palace!

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Name: Kate Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 11:06:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jayne Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the razing of the historic East Wing of the People's House, solely for the purpose of stroking trump's ego. He had absolutely no right to damage OUR house without seeking our permission. This project needs to be halted and the East Wing restored.

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Name: Marc Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Kincannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: carol feldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Chris Allan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very much oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:05:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Sewell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not modernization, it is the destruction, without any attention to official protocols, of a building and contents that belong to the American people. It is a disaster, with no clear plans and an utter disregard for the regulations. The East Wing should be restored exactly as it was before this destruction began.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Allyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not "modernization". It is unauthorized demolition. It is disrespectful to the American people, to history, to past presidents, to decency. To allow it to go forward would be a travesty and an insult.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robin Alberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart broke when I saw the demolition of the East Wing. How can one man just destroy history like that? With no permission or input from the American people. That is our house. Not his house. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt using as many of the original materials as possible with the money he was going to use to build that monstrosity of a ballroom.

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Name: Nathaniel Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kelsey Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Hagen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to go on the record of my opposition of spending $300 million on this project that was initiated without proper authorization, design, and permit approval. This is not a project of modernization of the East Wing, but it was rather a razing of the Peoples House.
I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original glory. No one is above the law and this project was an improper use of taxpayers money and a complete vanity project of the current occupant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Mottl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am voicing my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This was falsely described as a modernization project but instead it is a demolition of our American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Due to the failure to obtain proper authorization/permits and design review, I oppose the spending of any money on this clear destruction of the People's House. The intentional and heartless erasing of our Country's history that was contained within the White House and around the exterior of the White House is an abomination. All those who took part in this illegal activity should be held accountable and be held financially responsible for returning the White House to how it was. While returning the East Wing to its previous design, I would be supportive of ensuring it was brought up to current building codes. Please take the appropriate steps necessary to return the People's House to its previous design and return our history to this Living Museum.

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Name: Anonymous Anonymous
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has been haphazardly executed without any regard for the legal process and approval of the citizens. One getting voted in as the president of the United States does not mean that the elected president can do anything they want. This project is being built with private donations which in turn is a conflict of interest, there was no bidding process and the biggest donors are not doing this out of their hearts. They are buying their ability to have lobbyists who are not told "no" for requesting personal laws being changed, removed, or created for their personal gain.

The current president has said multiple times that a ballroom has been wanted since the inception of the White House; if a ballroom was truly wanted it would have been built years ago. This is not the president's private residence, it is a temporary residence for the duration of one's tenure, in this case the White House

will be occupied by the next elected president starting January 20, 2029.

I have worn the uniform of this country for 12 plus years and deployed multiple times and would do it again in a heartbeat. This project has absolutely nothing to do with patriotism or love for the country. This project is not being built as a benefit for country, rather it is being built for the current president and his administration who have demonstrated time and time again that they only care about themselves and the select few billionaires in the country. This project is simply a bragging point for the president so he can one up other countries and add one more bragging point to his resume.

All legal rules and regulations for modification of the White House should be followed to ensure that all Americans are shown that everyone regardless of rank, position or title are required to obey the laws of this nation.

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Name: Bettie Pomeroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Beth Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you

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Name: Elaine Moise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please do not allow what was the East Wing to become a glitzy Las Vegas inspired disaster!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:04:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Cornelius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should have to follow the instructions of the National Preservation Commission for restoring the East Wing of the people's house with his own funds. He should be held in contempt for destroying any property,artifacts or art that is not recovered due to destruction or theft.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Fournier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was horrific. History was illegally wiped away at the stroke of a pen.
Allowing a $300 million (or is it $400 million now?) gargantuan boondoggle of a ballroom to be constructed in its place would destroy the aesthetic of (what's left of) The People's House. We cannot allow one person's egotistical fever dream to turn our capitol city into a garish circus of oversized, over-decorated buildings and 'triumphal' arches.
What must happen instead is the complete reconstruction of the East Wing and the restoration of its historic contents - and therefore its status as a paean to the work of First Ladies such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Laura Bush. Please make it so.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cori Saversky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hell No

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Name: Heather Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Schlosberg
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Name: Susie Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Finley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I was shocked when I saw the news that the East Wing of the White House had been demolished: without planning, without permits, without authorization. This is a clear violation of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as rapacious plunder.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. This is OUR history, the Peoples House.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:03:53 PM
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Name: Tammy Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Gentling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished in the first place. I want to see it rebuilt as it was before demolition.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:03:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alanna Walen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Sue Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:03:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Linnenburger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but instead is a demolition of a historic building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I would also like a full accounting for the money that was claimed to have been collected for the building of this project, and a return of those funds to wherever they came from. If the funds cannot be found, criminal charges must be pursued. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Pacheco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build it back. We don’t need an over priced ballroom. And put back the rise garden as well.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:03:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Washburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lori Fairchild
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maureen Whittemore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Krueger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing. The East Wing was demolished without permission and guidance and that lawless behavior should not be rewarded with a grandiose and out of proportion vanity project. This is the people's house and "improvements" should follow proscribed channels and approvals.

I would encourage you to seek proposals for reconstruction of the East Wing in a manner befitting the history and stately beauty of the White House.

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Name: Mary Laf5
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judy Camarota
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The way East wing has always been traditionally for the first ladies office and her staff. Obvious President Trump does not hold that position in high regard. This project was fast tracked without proper permitting or decision-making. This must be stopped. All Donald Trump wants is to copy other terrorist countries would dictators that have fancy ballrooms to show them off. The east wing is part of history. Once again, he is trying to erase history to elevate himself. Despite the fact that I love Donald Trump, this is not OK to destroy the iconic East wing that has been used to develop projects and important messages for the people. Please stop the construction and restore it back to its original state. Thank you.

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Name: Carole Olefsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tracy Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jacqueline Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project totally. The building was beautiful as is, and he should be forced to restore it. It was not his, it is still not his. It belongs to the people. It is part of our histore. HE HAD NO RIGHT TO DESTROY IT.

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Name: Elsa Saeta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. While the original materials and design features were not salvaged and will have to be replicated, the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Anything else is an attempt to erase important elements of the American narrative.

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Name: Paula Silverman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sally Heidtke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Lockwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He east wing was illegally torn down. It needs to be restored to what it was and then ALL other destruction of the White House and other buildings need to be left alone.
Thank you,
Nancy Lockwood

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Burkhouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No President owns the White House. The current occupant has illegally destroyed the East Wing without obtaining approval or permits. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its historical condition. The American people strenuously object to the wanton destruction of our House.

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Name: Jackson Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. It is a needless massive expenditure of money for the U.S. Government, and was initiated without any of the appropriate regulatory or permitting processes in place. The construction of a new ballroom should be immediately terminated and what once stood as the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt just as it was. I unequivocally oppose the expenditure of $300,000,000 on this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Cavalenes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed ballroom project. No one has requested this monstrosity. The fact that the East Wing was destroyed with no approvals thru the proper channels is mind-boggling. The money “needed” would be better spent helping the less fortunate. The structure should be rebuilt to its original size, making any necessary structural or safety upgrades, as long as it’s not a monstrous ballroom only the elite will ever see. Thank you for asking the people to participate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyson Buckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: David Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Gower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was wrong. Make it right. Rebuild the East Wing. As it was. Spare us the bad taste.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorri Angier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to President Trump's so called modernization project. He has, without input from anyone, demolished an entire wing of our beautiful, historic White House. This is nothing more than another vanity project for the President. The new wing seems to be overwhelming the current White House. I would like to see the East Wing restored to it's original state paid for by the President personally.

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Name: Sue Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be canceled and the proper channels followed to rebuild the east wing in a manner befitting the history of the White House. The president must be fined for illegally demolishing the people's

house. It is not his to destroy while he temporarily lives there.

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Name: Andrea Mullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Langston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joseph Sepanek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization is a misnomer. There is no more East Wing. Our ego driven president had it torn down so he can create a temple to himself. He did so without the necessary approvals or review process. Any ongoing construction needs to be halted immediately so a full review can be done. Whatever is bult there should not be larger than the White House. To do so would be to diminish the stature of the White House. The former East Wing was a functional building and it needs to be so again. If the president wants a massive ballroom, I'm sure there is property close by that he can obtain and build something on. He needs to follow the law and understand our history. His razing of the former East Wing was neither lawful nor in accordance with the history of our capital.

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Name: Susan Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marvin Pflaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In NYC, the Art Museum made a deal with Trump who was tearing down the Bonwit Teller building in order to build Trump Tower. The deal was to preserve the friezes near the top of the building. Instead of abiding by the deal, Trump had the friezes destroyed. He's not a builder but a destroyer. Trump should never have demolished the East Wing of the White House. It's not his property. The East Wing needs to be restored and Trump should pay for it. If he refuses, put a lien on Mar-a-Lago.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:01:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erika Klimecky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible

in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Ackerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jody Prince
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Val Anne Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. The People were not consulted about this horrid and unnecessary project. The East Wing is/was a historical building and should be restored to its former glory. The American People do not want this extravagance and I can assure you if it ends up being approved and built, we will pressure Congress to make sure it's razed when this joke of an administration has been relegated to the dustbin of history.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:01:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Leonhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As you know, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to Presidents since 1800. The President at any given time is not the owner of the property nor the structures thereon; each President is, rather, a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form, and subordinate in scale, to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Please stop the madness!

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Name: Elisa Plauche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design by those responsible for destroying it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

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Name: Jennifer Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners, I strongly oppose the continuation of this project. A project that was initiated without proper design review or approval, amid unresolved preservation concerns.

The collection of private donations at the request of the current administration appears to be influence-seeking and/or preferential access and undermines public trust.

The White House and its grounds are not the property of one administration, and any modifications must follow the same oversight standards of any other important federal project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name: Kim Sather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project, for all the obvious reasons—-mostly lack of adherence to the rules and regulations to first, destroy an historical legacy and then to build a monstrosity in its place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Dobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my understanding that the White House belongs to the American people and not to a president. Please stop any further destruction to the White House. We've lost the East Wing and need to stop any more destruction to our White House.
Thank you for doing the right thing.

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Name: Mary Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not in any manner a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Phyllis DeWine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing of the White House to build an unnecessary and Gotti ballroom for the current president's billionaire friends is a travesty of justice. It went above the law and did not get approval from any of the sources that should've put it to the test. Please cancel this abomination. And force the administration to rebuild the east wing and it's original form.

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Name: Pete Coombs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project failed to meet even the most clearly written laws and it should be discontinued immediately! Any and all expenses to return the site to its original status must be borne by any and all who "authorized" construction to begin!

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Name: Corynne Courpas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing was an act of disrespect toward the First Ladies who have worked there.
Restore it and return the Oval Office to its splendor with real art.
We do not need a ballroom nor does the American public want it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Dzamov
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I do not trust this project has been done in keeping with typical methods and standards designed to preserve and honor our country's cultural, historic, and architectural heritage as there has been no transparency or oversight or planning that we should expect in this kind of project. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or, at the very least, to undertake the rebuilding in such a way that follows the standard planning and review process that is required for this kind of project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Caroline Voillot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars without tracing their source or where the money is going on this project, whether private or otherwise. This is not a modernization but the erasing of the East Wing and the legacy of all the First Ladies in history, among many other historical events. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and after a lie since it had been said that the White House would not be touched. The fact that the proposed ballroom would dwarf the existing White House building is another affront to the legacy of the presidential office. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:00:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Graber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified and saddened by the sudden destruction of this piece of American history without legal authorization, review or consideration of the contents of this historic people's house. The East Wing must be restored to it's previous design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Billiet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this project. The White House is the people's house. We were never consulted, Congress was never consulted before it was destroyed. The East Wing was destroyed without any input or oversight. The proper procedures have not been followed. The East Wing must be rebuilt as it was with the only changes being those necessary to bring the building up to current codes and technological needs. Aesthetically, it must be rebuilt to the former design inside and out.
This whole fiasco is an incredible waste of our tax dollars.
Deb Billiet

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Name: Kasi Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Swann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Judith Felsten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing's destruction and grandiose reconception proceeded without public notice, public or professional review, or of course any permits and historical evaluation. Nothing was salvaged to commemorate the original East Wing's importance in national events. The design is disproportionate and poorly integrated into its architectural and outdoor environment.

Also the extent and functions of the underground elements of the project need public review. If it's a survival bunker for billionaires, it doesn't belong on public grounds.

This project is a sinkhole for funds extorted from billionaires notorious for avoiding public accountability. Their contributions are obsequious fealty to their ruler. More bluntly, the President extorted gifts from them; he uses their fortunes to control them. Quite a trick, really. The money belongs in the federal treasury; these contributors are renowned tax dodgers. The result is a useless airplane hanger trimmed in gold leaf, a tribute only to excess. It won't serve the public, as the White House is intended to.

The historically admired East Wing was a joy to look at and think about. It was the background of many important events in my lifetime. The "modernization" is an illegal vanity project, and the design drawings look like it. The new design brings to mind quite frankly, the ruins of the Roman Empire.

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Name: Katherine E Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Hendrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disturbed by the destruction of the historic East wing of the White House. I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom attached to the People’s house in the United States and I demand that the law take full effect to penalize anyone who destroyed this historic home without the proper paperwork and public comments. I want to see the East wing rebuilt to it’s former glory, working to restore it’s beautiful historic value to the people of the United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you

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Name: Marianne Neuwirth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is an impulsive and unwarranted embarrassment to our country. Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:59:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Di Filippo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its original purpose ! If the current administration wants a ballroom let it be built somewhere else in the district at non government expense!

Regards
Philip C Di Filippo

Date: 2/16/2026 10:58:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaline Coman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any construction on this project should be immediately halted until and unless a hazardous waste assessment report has been submitted to the appropriate bureau on the demolition, and disposal of the materials of demolition, Possible asbestos exposure among many other possible hazardous material is possible. No report has been published on either the demolition or where the material has been disposed of. Asbestosis is a serious chronic lung disease that is a result of asbestos exposure and leads to serious health problems in people who have longer-term exposure, and sometimes does not transpire until many years after exposure. Many also suffer high blood pressure, heart issues and scarring on the lungs. Stop proceeding on this project until an appropriate study has ben conducted. Thank you.

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Name: Beverly Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Chambers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather destroying the house of the people, not the President. Let's try and save what little American history we have. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It's all around not very cool.

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Name: Tiffany Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ainsley King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an extreme waste of tax dollars and resources that should be put towards the American people. Shame on everyone participating.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any modernization of the East wing of the White House other than technical upgrades that will improve its accessibility and environment (now that it is in ruins). I propose that the entity charged with its maintenance be given exclusive control over the project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American, I am very upset about the destruction of the East Wing especially the plan to make it into a ballroom. The East Wing should not become a "trophy project" for the current President. However since the current President took it upon himself to have the East Wall destroyed without proper authorization from the correct channels, he should be made to personally pay for the cost to make the East Wing "whole," (i.e. structure approved prior to the demolition).

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Name: Shelby Sprague
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If the public had been informed that the East Wing was to be razed, I would have been first in line with questions. But it appears that the current administration feels that it did not need permission - that old saw about it being easier to ask for forgiveness than permission doesn't apply since the president never apologizes - to tear down a building that belongs to the People. The White House is the People's House; it does not belong to him nor to the billionaires who pledged to rebuild it in a vainglorious effort at self-aggrandizement. What should have taken years, public hearings and input, public displays of models, historical review… none of these were given consideration. It is shameful that a piece of our history was so ceremoniously destroyed. It is shameful that billionaires who hoped to curry favor with the president and his administration would be a party to the destruction of our mutual history. I want this project stopped - cancelled. Modernization should have meant updating the HVAC or electric or plumbing; not the wholesale razing of history. Shame on everyone attached to this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joshua Dowling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply against this project which violates both the spirit and the letter of the law. Also, it will look ugly.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glori Zeltzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Engle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any further expenditure on this project unless it is spent to restore the People's house to it previous design. The destruction of the East Wing was made without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It has been a complete razing of American history. I want this "modernization" project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Presta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kari Ramirez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This was a blatant attempt to erase history, not a modernization project. I as an American taxpayer want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would fly in the face of all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Muriel Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million ballroom project. As someone who had the privilege of visiting the people's house in 2021 I find it reprehensible that the east wing demolition and subsequent ballroom were not approved through the proper oversight commission. Private funding for the project screams of the 1% bowing to the current president's bullying tactics, favoritism, and obvious self-centered ego.
All parts of the White House belong to the people NOT to an authoritarian president. It is clearly an ego driven project without forethought of all the American people's input.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Stover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national historic building. The east wing should be rebuilt in a manner that is consistent with the historic era of the original building. That includes size, scale, scope, architectural style and decor. It should be done in a manner that is respectful of US tradition and history. It should be modernized in its amenities, but not in style, decor or scale. It should be scaled so that it does not overshadow the main building. It should be a size that meets actual needs based on fact, not imagination or ego. It should be decorated in a style that is classic and historic, not gaudy or trendy, and will not look outdated within a decade.

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Name: Sigrid Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a registered voter and supporter of all our Nat'l Parks, i am disgusted and 100% opposed to Donald Trump and his billionaire sycophants having any ability to redesign and construct an alleged renovation, let alone reconstruction of the East Wing or any other parts of the White House buildings. He has taken away the rights of the people of the USA, most importantly our Representatives in Congress, to participate in the planning and process, allowed his own egregiously bad taste to decide how this project will look for years, long after he is gone and fallen from grace. By attempting to convince us that his 'friends' are paying for the costs of the proposed monstrosity, he is pocketing their 'donated dollars' and the taxpayers will be stuck paying the preponderance of those costs and maintenance.
It is way past time for the Congress, the Courts, and the people to say NO loud and clear to this egocentric maniac and let him know that he DOES NOT, have the power to override the processes and procedures established over 250 years and neither the public's property nor the people will stand for it.

Thank you for hearing and acting on behalf of the country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Riss Rivera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Stam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is essential that the National Capital Planning Commission has the power to protect and preserve the historical architecture of the District of Columbia. An enormous ballroom larger than the White House is not justified as it diminishes the historical building's visual importance. The East Wing must be restored to its footprint before it was torn down, and all plans must be approved by the Commission.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Coello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m opposed to unauthorized construction of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. I want to see it restored to its former footprint and design. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Romero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHRYN WINTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been a locally appointed and elected government official and have observed politics closely for over 50 years. Never have I seen any government action as brazenly illegal, corrupt and irresponsible as the overnight destruction of the East Wing. Every government action I ever participated in required authorization, design review, permits and public participation. This wanton public destruction involved none of the appropriate legally required procedures.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, a misnomer as a modernization project. It is a complete razing and destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:57:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Simone Kiere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Sarkar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the property of the federal government - not the current occupant of the White House. If changes were made illegally, and I believe that they were, then the cost to repair the damage should be charged to the current tenant, i.e., the president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Ratcliffe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so saddened by what has happened to the people's house and the East Wing. It is not right and a complete disregard for the law.

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you and please, please do the right thing. Stop this madness
Respectfully
Megan Ratcliffe

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Crowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Louyse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned SOLELY by the American people and home to presidents since 1800.

Therefore, the president is not the owner of the property, rather, the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition – not modernization – of the historic East Wing sans review, sans permits and sans Congressional oversight is a clear violation of the law. This project was undertaken illegally, and is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not a fait accompli.

The National Capital Planning Commission must immediately regain control of this "project." and the commission must require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and proportions. Anything constructed on the demolition site moving forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:57:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Froehlich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ELLEN KUSHNER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like so many Americans, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was shockingly initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and disgraceful razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Sincerely yours,
Ellen Kushner

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne García
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Everyone in the US has to abide by zoning laws, permit applications and all the red tape… The president is not above the law.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is rather a complete razing of our American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:57:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Mclean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Bohan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is The HOUSE of THE PEOPLE- I hereby demand this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.\u-4 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million project to rebuild the East Wing that is currently underway. Not only was this done without proper authorization, permits, or design review, the proposed design is aesthetically offensive and demonstrates a flagrant disregard for the dignity and historical significance of the East Wing. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design, preserving the architectural legacy of our great country.

Even more disturbing is the misuse of funds. Millions of taxpayer and donor dollars are being diverted to an extravagant vanity project that could instead feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and provide medical care to the sick. Worse yet, these funds are being used to curry the favor of the current administration, turning philanthropy into political influence rather than public service. It is unconscionable to treat the people's house as a stage for courting wealthy and powerful donors.

The demolition of the East Wing should never have occurred and stands as yet another example of the poor judgment we have repeatedly witnessed over the past year. Allowing this project to proceed despite legal violations sends the dangerous message that some are above the law. Every law-abiding American deserves to see our shared history respected, not erased, and our resources used to serve the public good rather than vanity projects.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Newton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Emily Fogel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kealy Howell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Chavez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the construction of a huge ballroom and building on the site of the East Wing of the White House. This project is not a modernization project -- it is a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Furthermore, the cost of this project, estimated last I saw at approximately $300 million, is an outrageous use of tax dollars, while the private companies that are contributing to the project in a corrupt process to receive favorable treatment on their own endeavors.

While I strongly prefer a rebuilding of the East Wing to its former design, at an absolute minimum any construction should fit the scale and design of the rest of the property. It should also be designed to support the functions of government and leadership of many individuals over decades, rather than based on the designs and taste of one individual who has less than three years of his last possible presidential term.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Yeary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Nation deserves to have the East Wing of the White House restored and for justice, in the illegal damage and destruction to Our House, without going through the required protocols. No one is above the Law and our nation has rules.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Fortin-Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Attention:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Herding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to this so-called “modernization” project and the spending of $300 million of funds (bribes!). The demolition of this historic building was initiated unlawfully and carelessly, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. This “project” must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, Margaret Herding

Date: 2/16/2026 10:56:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and it symbolizes more than the wishes of a single man. Changes to such a historic structure should be undertaken carefully and with the input of people who understand its place in our history. In addition it shouldn't be overwhelmed by construction of the proposed ballroom that, according to the publicized plans, is of questionable taste. Spending $300 million dollars on a structure that is gaudy and dwarfs the White House is a poor investment. The fact that the East Wing was destroyed without the proper reviews and approvals is shocking and the perpetrators of this act should be required to the East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:56:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Mudge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to spendin millions of dollars on this vanity project while we have Vets living without housing or hhealth care.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Gathje
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project for multiple reasons, particularly due to lack of proper authorization, permits, or design review. American history has been razed illegally, and the only proper response is to hold responsible those who have broken the trust of the American people. Without proper design review and transparency for funding, the only appropriate response would be to leave the space empty or rebuild the East Wing to its former design--with the project paid for by the offending parties.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Huddleston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was demolished without proper permits or authorizations or completed plans for its replacements. The replacement needs to be properly planned and designed to blend with existing architecture, and not be an oversized building dripping with gaudy gilt decoration. My great uncle was an architect who worked on the renovation of the White House during the Truman Administration, and he must be turning over in his grave!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Mcpherson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the renovation of the East Wing of the White House. This project was not approved, no one is above the law.
It disrespects the process which is how projects are done in this country.
I would expect any further work be stopped and the East Wing put back the way it was before it was demolished.
This action by the current administration is not only an insult to the American people and your committee.
Stand up for what's right!
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:56:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Fine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:56:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Dalton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am quoting Anara Guard because I cannot say it better myself:

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Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:55:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Mader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mindler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any money being spent on this project as well as opposing the project.
It was started without proper permits, authorization or design review.
The project should be canceled and the East Wing be rebuilt - funded by those responsible for not following procedure.
This is an insult to all law abiding citizen. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:55:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One would think “the greatest builder/developer in the history of the world” would know that in order to demolish an historical building, or any part thereof, would require at a minimum, a permit.
I am thoroughly disappointed, disgusted and deeply saddened that a building that stood since 1902 was destroyed only to feed the ego of a hardened man with no regard or respect of its importance to our nation. How could anyone not hold in reverence such a beautiful building.
I truly believe and hope that this matter will ultimately be resolved with the reconstruction of the East Wing and the total and complete restoration borne entirely from the Trump family members and any and all entities of same.
Thank you for allowing citizen input regarding this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia May
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm very concerned about this project which was begun without any oversight or approval. As an important historical building which belongs to the coot this country and not a single man, proper oversight and design approvals should have been in place before work started. From this point forward, accountability and oversight should be firmly in place before more damage is done.

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Name: Elle Hollrah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Bleakley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House must be rebuilt and restored to the condition it was in when it was illegally destroyed. No ballroom should be built.

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Name: Jack Wrixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Edna Avtia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carrie Christie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With respect tothe project called East Wing Modernization:

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Name: Karen Fonkert
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Name: Donna Zuroweste
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Donna Zuroweste

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Name: Debra ONeill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and spending any money on a ballroom. The project did not go through the appropriate process for determining its feasibility or whether it would destroy historical structures. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it is an important historical structure that is important to the American people.

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Name: Tracy Wallerstedt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Francie Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY Money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, AT PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXPENSE. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Francie Jordan

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Name: Sandra Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Betty Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People’s House . Now and Always . Residents are living there temporarily . Now and Always . There is a formal approval process to make ANY changes to the People's House including grounds & gardens . Now and Always .
Current White House resident took it upon himself to tear down the east wing of the People’s House . NOT his house . This is illegal . This is unacceptable .
Said resident should be fined and required to restore the East Wing of the People’s House at his expense .
All work must be approved by and overseen by established approval process .
This restoration should rightfully include the Rose Garden . That was also destroyed by same temporary resident .
PEOPLE’S HOUSE!

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Name: Deborah Wiggin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored! The American people did not authorize it's demolition and do not want a ballroom in place of a demolished piece of our nation's history.

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Name: Kathy OLeary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Strongly object to the demolition of the East Wing. The plans for the ballroom do not reflect the history of the White House nor or polity.
Please halt the desecration.
Kathy O'Leary MD

Date: 2/16/2026 10:54:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Hack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people, not by Donald Trump, felon. He violated the law and showed, as usual, massive disrespect for the American people and their house, in which he temporarily resides. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight was clearly a violation of the law, for which he should be prosecuted fully once he is out of office. His actions also violated the trust of the American people, who had no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent rape of the law, our property and our history. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Thank you. Stop this cretin with his dime-store "gold" decor, taco bowl sense of authenticity and burned-steak-smothered-in-ketchup tastes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Franklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this unauthorized project and request that the Project be cancelled. The East Wing should be restored to its prior historic condition.

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Name: Kimberly Breivogel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission, this message is to strongly oppose spending $300 million on the supposed East Wing Modernization project, which was begun at the whims of the current occupant, without due deference to the history and significance of the building, interior and exterior, and the contents therin. The proper authorization, permitting and design review were not undertaken by the current occupant and, due to that, and the sheer hubris of it all, the project should be halted. Ideally the East Wing can be restored to its former design and the contents returned to the White House from wherever they have been taken. Not even the President is above the law and to allow this misguided ego project to go ahead without penalizing the lawlessness would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: david turecamo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee members, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you
David Turecamo

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Name: Kenneth Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing to accommodate the construction of the obtrusive ball room was not approved by well established procedures, and therefore, it must be stopped and the East Wing should be restored at the expense of those who financed its destruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I oppose the spending of $300 million on the supposed East Wing Modernization Project. This was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It totally erases our history and was never authorized through the proper channels. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: K Crane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erin Duffy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on a ballroom. I am for replacing the east wing that was razed without authorization to its former structure. The White House belongs to the people and I was shocked and emotionally hurt by the destruction of it.

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Name: Alec Kercheval
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history that is disrespectful to the American people. I would like this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and failing to penalize those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The president is a civil servant, not a king.

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Name: June Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 on this ballroom, which was begun without any proper authorization. This is not the president's personal property to do with what he wants. It is the people's house, and I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design! No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:53:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cilicia Philemon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. This showed a complete lack of respect for us, the American people, and for the peoples house.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Thank you,

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Name: Pamela McKee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project," which would be an effort to bring an existing structure up to modern code/energy efficiency/accessible for wheelchair users, etc. This is a complete razing of a historic structure, without a thorough planning, comment, and permitting process. Buildings on the national register are held to an even greater standard when it comes to modification.

This is a $300 million travesty and must be stopped.

The building must be restored to its historic design.

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Name: Cheryl Nellis Nellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Cheryl Nellis

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Name: Dena Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't know if I am doing this right but I have to try. The plans that I have seen for the East Wing are abhorrent to our common trust. The project is entirely too large and actually dwarfs our beautiful White House. We have always prided ourselves in being a humble people and what has happened to that beautiful structure this past year is tragic. We do not need nor want a ballroom of such size and grandiosity. Everything that Trump is doing to the house screams ostentation. I don't understand why one man has the audacity to ignore hundreds of years of our culture. Please do not allow the suggested structure to be built.

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Name: Maia Kaarrella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Halt the project.
Have the design go through strict reviews.
Keep “donations” to set up a blind without attributing it to specific organizations or individuals.

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Name: Annie Kavanagh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please implement recommendations of historical and architectural commissions to restore the East Wing to its original construction. No gold.

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Name: Pamela Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's the people's house, not Donald's to do with what he pleases. People need a say in it! Historic places need to be preserved.

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Name: Graham Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing was a travesty. Erecting a bloated ballroom for the President's rich friends and donors has no place on Federal land that belongs to all Americans, especially while many citizens are having a hard time making ends meet. It is Trump's equivalent of " Let's them eat cake".
Any attempt at building a ballroom will be subsequently torn down when a new administration is in the White House because the people will demand it as a way to heal the wounds this country will have suffered.
We have all seen the way Trump has desecrated the revered Kennedy Center. Don't let the history of DC be further destroyed.

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Name: Rebecca Arthur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disappointed the White House was bulldozed and harmed. The White House is the people's house. To allow the construction of a bribery based ballroom in place of the East Wing is an assault on decency. What is the value of process and policy and historic buildings if they can be unilaterally destroyed on a whim for one vain man's fragile ego. What a tremendous loss for the American people. If this project is allowed to proceed with no consequences for the clear disdain and disregard for policy, procedure, historic preservation, or the people's will then you can be sure it will not be the last national treasure to be destroyed for Trump's personal unhinged need for glory.

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Name: William Maher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Anna Lena Phillips Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lauren Cobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Russ Truman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project and restore the East Wing of the White House to its original design.

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Name: Dianne Crews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am distressed that the East Wing was destroyed. Doing this to the White House without approval is totally illegal and the project should stop. Restoring the East Wing to its original construction should be done at the President's expense!

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Name: Diane McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million project of the East Wing Modernization. This project was initiated without proper planning, historical preservation review, permitting, or budget review and approval. I am saddened by the construction zone that the people's house has become.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:51:33 PM
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Name: Tanya Huang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a renovation project but rather destruction and complete reinvention of a historic structure that belongs to the US citizens not a single individual temporarily housed in the building for 4 years. I protest the enormous amount of money already spent without permission or oversight and demand they cease and desist further demolition. The architectural changes should not significantly change the exterior appearance; this is desecration of our united history.

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Name: Susan Pergrem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Latshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m writing to submit my comments on the east wing modernization project. From its outset this has been done outside of all legal statutes, historical convention and review, and public will. This project must be stopped and returned to its proper jurisdiction. There should be no precedence set for gilded projects funded to curry favor with the sitting administration. There should be no precedence set for looking away while our historical sites are destroyed by individual decisions. This destruction of the East Wing and erection of a gilded monument to the super rich are anti- American and should be investigated and prosecuted for all related crimes and corruption. Return the donated monies to those that hoped to curry favor with this crop of corrupt politicians.

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Name: Gail Wilkie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Holly Fanning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michael Kilty Newburn
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Name: Elizabeth Alvelo
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Name: Seth Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is said better than I could write myself.

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Name: michael rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yes. I want the east wing modernized not a stupid ball room. I want the bricks found and reused in the rebuilding of the east wing to its original foot print and design. Why would this structure be demolished? it should have been dismantled and sold at auction. This is one of the least intelligent moves by any president especially this grifter who could have sold each window for tens of thousands. I will like to see the companies that will contribute millions each for rebuilding and the preservation of American History and not just greasing the palms of the grifter in chief. Thanks

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Name: kim norwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Meghan Humlie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sue Jiru
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dan Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joyce Heithoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cindy Feyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose dedicating $300 million to this initiative, especially since it moved forward without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. Rather than improving or updating the structure, it effectively erases a meaningful piece of our nation's history. I urge that the project be stopped and that the East Wing be carefully rebuilt to reflect its original design. The rule of law must apply to everyone, and permitting this to proceed without consequences for those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine the principles that all Americans depend on.

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Name: Lee Thornbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gail Armand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The occupants of the White House are essentially guests. No guest has the right to demolish a wing of the house. The razing of the East Wing was a travesty. I believe the current occupant of the White House owes it to the American people to fund the restoration of the White House, and to do it now rather than build a monstrous gilded palace in its place. The East Wing should be restored to what it was before the ill advised ballroom project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doranna Durgin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, and cannot be revised at the whim of any current administration. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mark Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Emily Zilber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jan Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal razing of the historic East Wing of the White House was an assault on our Democracy and our history within the People’s House. So painful to see this occur, and no oversight, no consequence. The

sitting President did not ask for or receive approval for his personal narcissistic project. The plans must be stopped now and the East Wing should be restored to its pre-Trump condition.
So appalling. Embarassing. Please do not allow his destruction to continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for inviting public comment on the unwarranted, unwanted, unauthorized, and illegal demolition of the important historical structure that was the East Wing of the White House. That it was arbitrarily razed is just shameful. I sincerely hope that your commission is able to recommend (or demand) to either rebuild the East Wing or an evolution of it, or to build some tasteful structure instead of a temple to the debauchery of the current administration. Thank you for working toward goals that are in keeping with the general public of these United States.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:49:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: T. Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject these plans. The demolition of the historic East Wing, which dates back to Thomas Jefferson's presidency, was carried out without proper public notice, environmental review, or the rigorous preservation standards that should apply to our nation's most iconic building. Replacing this irreplaceable piece of American history with a $400 million ballroom—even one funded by private donors—sets a dangerous precedent that personal preferences can override our collective heritage and the legal processes meant to protect it. The White House belongs to all Americans, not just the current occupant, and decisions of this magnitude deserve transparent public input before demolition occurs, not after the damage is already done. I urge the Commission to halt this project and require a comprehensive plan to rebuild and restore the East Wing to preserve our national heritage for future generations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Klay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in support of unnecessarily modifying a historic, landmark building on the whim of an insane person. Thank you for working to stop this.

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Name: Susan Brenner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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My jaw dropped in disbelief and pain at the sight of the East Wing destruction. This so-called modernization project must not go forward.
Susan Brenner
Portland, OR

Date: 2/16/2026 10:49:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Curran-Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

They have completely destroyed the historic east wing and the plans are completely out of proportion with the rest of our White House.

I request that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Courtney Lark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Needless destruction happened without proper protocols and permissions. History was destroyed for a project that was not deemed necessary and now the clean up will cost even more money from tax payers. It is the duty to stop this project from any further continuation and immediately implement a reconnaissance effort to correct the wrongs.

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Name: Margaret Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal is an assault on the White House. The demolition was done without proper authorizations. The proposed building would overwhelm the remaining structure and serve no useful purpose. It would become an eyesore. The East Wing should be rebuilt at the expense of the person ordering its destruction. and with proper authorizations by appropriate bodies before reconstruction is commenced.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Coy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: ALICE BELOUS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a United States citizen, I object to the Modernization of the East Wing of the White House project for the following reasons. The destruction of the East Wing was done without permission. The funding for this project has been given by corporations rather than the American people. This is "our" White House, not to be owned by for profit businesses that cut deals with the government.
The new project will create a building that will tower over the rest of the White House. The characteristic personality of our historic landmark will be forever changed, and not in a good way.
My hope is that any future work on this project will be delayed, and then examined by vetted architects to design sophisticated plans that bring value to our White House.
Promises of transparency in Washington is currently a joke. Please restore confidence in your decisions by considering the American people's wishes. And please communicate those decisions clearly.

Thank you,
Alice Belous
Austin, TX

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Name: Ronda Grimsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Glodich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tania Appel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bethany D
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million* on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

*I further oppose the way these funds were raised- by private parties seeking to buy access and favors from the current occupant of the Oval Office.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, as well as anyone with functioning eyeballs.

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Name: Jennifer Alm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Larry Dolfin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cathy Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

How could the East Wing be demolished without any oversight?

As a nation, are we responsible to finance the restoration? Where did the money from the wealthy donors go? Is there any oversight?

How can one man create so much damage in so short of a time? Will the POTUS be held responsible for this damage?

Date: 2/16/2026 10:48:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project and completely restore the East wing . We the people feel this is a hostile attack on our country's history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Holm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Selena Maytum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly condemn the current Administration's plans to create a giant, gaudy ballroom on the East Wing of the White House. The fact that the existing East Wing was torn down without study, plans, surveys, etc. is already an absolute tragedy. My family and I have visited the White House and I have had

the honor of walking through some of those areas in years past. There is absolutely NO REASON why it should have been torn down. We as a country do not need a giant, gaudy ballroom attached to the people's house. If a President should wish to host an event, there are plenty of spaces to do so. Attempting to overshadow the White House proper with an East Wing addition that would dwarf it in size and scope defeats not only the look of the building and its historic place in the architecture of early America, but it also sends a message that partying with donors is more important than doing the actual governing of the country. This cannot be allowed.

I implore the planning commission to do all in their power to restore the East Wing to as much of its former size, scope, and purpose as possible. You have already allowed a travesty to occur with the demolition. Do not allow the rebuild to be a pockmark on our nation and the DC landscape.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed work. Instead, the East Wing should be restored to precisely its former condition at the expense of Donald J. Trump and anyone else who chooses to donate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Ludwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is a complete razing of American history.. It is not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Teri Micco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Governmental Architecture acts as a living symbol of what we affirm and what we prioritize as a Nation. A Ballroom — built not by We the People but by Corporate donors seeking to curry favor with and influence

the President — is now symbolic of our most important VALUES. And, for a Ballroom to be disproportionately huge, dwarfing our nation's core House while destroying the symmetry of the design speaks volumes. Do we value lavish, garish spectacle over the enduring dignity of the architectural heart of our Democracy? Is this lopsidedness meant to convey to the People and to the World the lopsidedness of our vision, values and goals?

Beyond all this, have the workers been exposed to hazardous materials in the demolition, including asbestos? Are the grounds contaminated? What testing and clean-up is taking place? Is there a danger that hazardous materials have been carried by the wind into neighboring people's lungs or into their dwellings or workplaces? Is this kind of recklessness what we stand for as a nation? Will the project be properly permitted and supervised going forward?

Finally, to disrespect the People of this nation by razing a wing of our House without our voices being taken into account, without following all the rules and protocols designed to maintain the integrity of our most sacred symbol is heartbreaking and sickening.

Please do not approve any design that does not honor the symbolic meaning and importance of the People's House in every salient detail.

S i n c e r e l y ,

T e r i M i c c o
Former Professor of Art and Design

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:47:42 PM
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Name: JANE LOVSTUEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
The destruction that has been done is an insult and injury to this historic landmark. The "person" responsible should be prosecuted as would anyone else who destroyed a national treasure.

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Name: Sandina Robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that The White House has been desecrated with such haste as to make one wonder what was behind the current inhabitant's decision to destroy it. The demolition of the historic East Wing - without review, permits or Congressional oversight - is clearly a violation of the law, historic preservation regulations and building codes. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on the "People's House".

I urge you to act immediately to stop this egregious violation of our democratic institutions and practices!

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Name: Erin Maidlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of the White House ballroom, and the $300-400 million dollars it would take to build it. This is not modernization, it is an overstepping of powers and the elimination of a wing of the White House where First Ladies throughout history have entertained guests and held office space. The demolition and construction were done without taking the proper steps, and it appears there is no money to build the ballroom.

In a time when Americans cannot afford basic human rights, it is tone deaf to propose a ballroom for billionaires at the cost of everyday citizens.

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Name: Daniela Ribbecke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to wasting money on a ballroom that we do not need or want. This project was started without appropriate authorization and is a flagrant waste of money at a time when Americans are struggling. The history represented in the East Wing matters, and the fact it has already been destroyed is a slap in the face of our history. This project does not represent the American people. This must not be completed as planned.

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Name: Doranna Durgin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeanne Hageman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of more than $300 million - the costs just seem to keep going up! - on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but egotistical authoritarian megalomaniac's attempt to destroy all that this country stands for. I demand that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Action must be taken to punish those who did this without any pre-authorization. Today the East Wing, tomorrow the White house????? Will his friends pay for the "remodel" like he says, or will it rather be just like Mexico is paying for the border wall??? In other words, we the taxpayers will pay for something we bever wanted, never asked for and were never consulted about). We are not stupid!! It is you job to take action and rectify this abomination!

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Name: Denise Tedaldi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Ellen Lundstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the White House East Wing, was done totally without any legal authorization and any further construction should be prevented. However it is to be rebuilt/restored, should be done through

proper channels under proper, lawful authorities. Complete monetary restitution should be made to those proper authorities,for the cost of destruction and rebuilding costs by the guilty party, the current resident of the White House, the People's House, not his private property.

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Name: Jeanette King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump has assumed the position that he owns all that which belongs to the American people in multiple moves taken recently.
The most egregious is the demolition of the East Wing of the White House without regard to the historical preservation or value to all Americans.
To summarily destroy the entire East Wing without permits, plans or approvals, to erect what appears to be nothing but a gaudy rally hall, is both offensive and outraging.
He should be stopped and the donated funds used to rebuild the East Wing as it was and should still be. He also needs to be instructed of the regulations in place and informed that his tenancy in the White House is for a limited time.
Thank you.
Jeanette King
An American (by Birth) Taxpayer

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Name: Richard Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Richard Fox
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Name: Richard Joltes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it's a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christy Scherf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good evening!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please restore the history of 'the People's house'!

Thank you for your time!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colin Sachs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who initiated the project, up to and including the President, must be held accountable for the cost of the restoration from their personal wealth (no tax payer money, no corporate or wealthy individual donations) as the FINE for violating the law and destroying the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karey Trenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern;
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you, karey

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Name: Daniel Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was Initiated by an ignorant fool & bumbling incompetent with no knowledge or understanding of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Likkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the White House should be restored to its original condition to preserve the history of our country. Taxpayer money should not be spent on changing a historic building without proper approvals. The damage to the East Wing has been done, and now we must restore the historic building that was torn down improperly.

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Name: Erin Eggenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Burmylo-Magrann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely against this project!!! It should have stayed “AS IS!” It is history! No rebuilding!!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:46:20 PM
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Name: Andy Field
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Never in American history has anyone let alone the president of the United States decided on their own to destroy a massive piece of American history without any review or permission from Congress. Even if this is funded by outside donors, the president would be indebted to them for building this monstrosity of an

oversized ballroom. It destroys the symmetry of the peoples house it should be done with congressionally allocated funds not campaign donations were the donors will certainly require or insist on favors for their donation please say no to this and instead restore the Eastwing to its original form

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Name: Jon Coward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I copied from a friend but I can't say it any better this.
I oppose the spending of any funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with available funds. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Segal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Janson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Catherine Petter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is unacceptable that this project should proceed simply because machinery came in and destroyed the building. Instead there should be accountability for those who broke the law (fines and other penalties under the law) and the building should be rebuilt according to the original specifications.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:46:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Edminster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, some modernization can occur, but the footprint should be the same. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janet Buhlmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Landes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of the ballroom. The east Wing should never have been destroyed. The plan began without proper permits or authorization. Please cancel the project and restore the East Wing to its former design.

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Name: Kristi Keoughan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Victoria Helmke
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Name: Adrienne Retief
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an architect and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke

the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rachel Warden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the so-called "modernization project" of the East Wing, as it has not gone through any kind of review, was not started in good faith with any kind of effort to preserve what was already there, seeks to dwarf the existing building rather than complement it, and has not gone through the legally required channels for bidding, permits, and historical preservation. To allow this project to go through as currently planned is disrespectful to the American People who are the true owners of the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:45:48 PM
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Name: Stephanie O'Shea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: SHANI AHEARN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Suzanne LaBerge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This must be halted. The east wing of the White House was demolished suddenly, without the required steps, including public comments, mitigation of potential hazardous materials and in direct violation of the law. The East Wing is gone, but it must not be replaced by a ballroom that is planned to be larger than the White House itself. It is only for the aggrandizement of a would-be dictator. Please do everything to stop this flagrant act against what is supposed to be the People's House. I took a photo when I visited DC in June 2024. That view is gone now and I mourn it and all else we have lost.

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Name: Tracy Krechevsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Heather Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Elizabeth Gay Lannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This horrifying project was poorly thought out and poorly performed. The finished product will overshadow the People's House. This project has broken my heart and my faith in the government to do what is right.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and just as I wouldn't let anyone destroy part of my personal residence, no one should be able to destroy or change any part of the White House without oversight or permission.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carla Happel
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Name: Rachel Mellinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This felon of a president has to be stopped by all means. Putting his name all over stuff he has no business claiming and destroying our historic White House. Shame on him. He should also have to pay to fix all of his destruction.

Thank you, Rachel Mellinger

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Name: Truman Fenton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction and redesign of the East Wing, at least the visible portions, should be subject to citizen input and Congressional guidance. The house is not owned by the President but by the people. I enjoyed visiting Versalles, but have no interest in such a palace in D.C. Marble, plaster, painted trim, and wall paper

would make wonderful spaces. No need for gold everywhere. We need not prove our wealth by flaunting it.

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Name: Gifter Today
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be rebuild exactly as it was on the day Donald Trump took office. The rebuilding of the East Wing should be completely payed for by Donald Trump. His name should not appear anywhere on this building.(or any other)

Date: 2/16/2026 10:44:44 PM
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Name: Carole Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: cindy domasky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people, object to the demolition of our White House.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Cindy Domasky

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Name: Jocelyn Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the proposed remodel of the East Wing of the People's house for the purpose of a ballroom. The manner in which the demolition took place before conservation, review, permitting, and oversight is unacceptable. The house should be rebuilt according to the relevant statutes, committees, and conservationists who should have been a part of this project all along.

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Name: Patrick Cousins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was done without proper authorization, and now the proposal to build a ballroom that completely dwarfs the rest of the White House is appalling. Spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a ballroom that the American people do not want and cannot use is completely out of touch, wasteful, and above all in bad taste. I oppose this shameless monument to one man's insatiable ego.

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Name: Heidi Burklund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Deborah Becker
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Name: Shelly Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the east wing ballroom project. The destruction of the wing without proper authorization and funding is against the law and Trump and his administration should be held accountable. The wing should be replaced with a facade that is identical to what was destroyed.
No one is above the law and I ask you to hold the line.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:44:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Scanlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done without proper authorization or approval by the temporary tenant (not the owner, not the sole decision maker) of the White House. It is essential that you put a stop to the appalling construction and restore the American people's house to its former and complete integrity.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:43:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenessa Kenway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many who have posted comments here, I fully concur with the following appraisal of the project: The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Julie Pitzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: T Rounds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one really understands what was intended by this project. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and

the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Judi Luciani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. The unforgivable destruction is inexcusable. Any ordinary protocol was obviously not followed. And now what do we do about it? How do we fix it? We need to stop this an excuse of a president from doing anything more to that building. We need to put someone in charge who will respectfully restore the People's House! Please!

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Name: Karen S Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. What to do now. Stop the project and find a compromise that respects the White House with a new design that fits its scale and elegance. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ann Feitelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that Trump demolished the East Wing. The US does not need a ballroom! We need science, vaccines, education, free and fair elections, our national parks preserved, etc. Trump seems to want to destroy the country. Please do not participate in his madness. What needs to be done on the East Wing is to restore it. No ballrooms! No razing of history! No ICE! Trump's destructiveness is an affront to all decent Americans. Please conserve the East Wing.

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Name: Cynthia Montzingo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Martha Ashley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money to build a ballroom the U.S. citizens don't want or need. I demand that the project be cancelled, and the east wing be completely rebuilt.
The demolition took place illegally, without proper channels, revues, or procedures. All people responsible for implementing its demolition should be charged and arrested. They should all be held responsible for the cost of both the demolition and the restoration. Taxpayers should not pay a single dime for any of this.
The fact that it happened so quickly, with no one stepping in to stop it is surreal. There is more protection for a historical building in my small town than there is in our nation's capital. This is disgusting, and it needs to be rectified.
Sincerely,
Martha Ashley
DeLand, Florida

Date: 2/16/2026 10:43:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Donahue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, particularly women, in the form of First Ladies. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Denise Donahue

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Name: Molly Barks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a tax-payer and American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robin LaRoy
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Name: Dana Brodsky
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Name: Daphne Robinson
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Respectfully,
Daphne Robinson

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Name: Susan McPherson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I, Susan McPherson, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I, furthermore, believe what was done without consent, permits etc... is beyond deplorable and President Trump should be held accountable for this unforgiveable action.

Susan L. McPherson

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Name: Sarah Felicelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jim Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Repair the east face of the White House. Remediate the destroyed grounds and plant them as a east rose garden. Forget, the ball room or golden statues or any other waste of tax payers money. Later down thd road when it no longer reeks of narcissistic behavior and monuments to one's self it may be retooled for the actually needs if the nation. It can then be looked at as a structure named after say Carter or Kennedy. Someone worthy of an honor.

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Name: Marleen Pringle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Catherine Johnson
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Name: Elena Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Trust:

The desecration of our national treasure, our national landmark, is a violation of the soul of our country. To call it the East Wing Modernization Project is an insulting misnomer at best. The perpetrator must be

personally held to account. He must be made to repay all of the cost of accurate restoration and must be prevented from doing any further damage to this or any other national property.

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Name: Maren Madore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is absurd. No one who actually pays taxes wanted any of this. It's inappropriate to have gone about it this way. Knock it off.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East wing and the rebuilding of a modernized ballroom. It is inappropriate to destroy our historic buildings without public approval. I am urging you to build back the East Wing as we should preserve our country's heritage.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jo White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:14 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janel Hafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the remodeling project of the east wing of the White House that was illegally initiated by a president without the authority in an effort to draw attention away from his pedophile status. He should be held responsible for fixing the mess he made and not by turning it into a gaudy ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Erskine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Irvine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against the destruction of the East Wing and allegedly planned construction of the Vanity Ballroom.

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump's vanity project at the White House until the present administration agrees to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few examples of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be one of the few examples where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing, as it was before the Lyin' King Dictator Don the con tRump destroyed it for his ego tribute!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Dimi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

IT SUCKS!!!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:41:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Tibor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in order to inflate egos. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:41:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Benjamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the East Wing modernization project. It was demolished without following due process or the law and should be rebuilt exactly the way it was before. Respecting tradition, history, and the law is very important to our country.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:41:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peg Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a new East Wing let alone spending millions of dollars on this ... Trump should restore it with his own funds. He has consistently used destruction to get what he wants ... This is not his house, he should be accountable to any damage, just like any tenant ...

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Neal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun without proper authorization and permits. It is a destruction of public space and an historically significant building. The “ballroom” is over budget and funding is questionable. The project needs to be stopped and the East Wing should be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Burk Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Wincik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be rebuilt just as it was. This piece of the people’s house was a part of our collective history and was destroyed illegally and without the consent of the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:41:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Litterer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jen Gall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Kidd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer OR donor money on this project. I do not agree with this project moving forward in any way, other than to restore it to its original design.

This monstrosity was initiated impulsively without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. An attempt by one clown, to enshrine himself in our collective history as someone great to be remembered for great things, when he is anything but that.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:41:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Shelvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Yvonne Sening
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gena Vargas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:41:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Slobodkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that the demolishment of the East Wing was done without any authorization, approval by Congress, or given notice to the citizens of our country. I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We don't need a huge ballroom that would dwarf the rest of the beauty and history of our White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:40:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the 300 million dollar ballroom that was planned with no permission or permits of any kind! Completely illegal.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:40:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caity Gladstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am utterly disgusted at the destruction of American history without any regard for the proper process. Mr. Trump has plenty of ballrooms elsewhere in the country. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was.
The White House belongs to the American people and we do not consent to any of these “planned” changes.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:40:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystina Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard's comment and will repost it here.

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Name: Betsy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debbie BENDEVER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gillian Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing and the unwanted ballroom vanity project. Donald Trump already has a gaudy ballroom at his Florida golf motel and exactly no one is clamoring for one in Washington, a city with plenty of space for grand events. I could not believe it when he took bulldozers to the East Wing, with NO authority to do so. He is a disgrace, as is his idiot ballroom project.

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Name: aviva bobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: G. Maximilian Zarou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kathleen Mizak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Farrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the east wing on the grounds that it was done illegally. The country doesn’t need a giant ballroom. It needs the east wing restored to what it was.

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Name: Marissa Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the unlawful destruction of the East Wing and with it restored to its original form with all it's glory.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Bischof-Bockbrader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Phyllis Marsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Bland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's already terrible that the East Wing was destroyed, the proposed ballroom is historically inaccurate, the design overwhelms the graceful design of the White House, and we do not need a tacky banquet venue in the people's house. This is a malignant narcissist who is desperately trying to build himself monuments. Absolutely not.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sunny Knauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that this demolition was done without adequate permits. What are the real plans going forward?

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catharine Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible

in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Basso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing and restore it carefully without the new proposed ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:42 PM
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Name: Jessica Pehrson-Preciat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brad Bechtel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patrice Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Engelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in strong opposition to the construction of a ballroom where our historic East Wing stood. This building belongs to the people of the United States and was wrongfully altered without proper permits or historical review. Construction of a ballroom should not proceed without following the lawful procedure for alteration of historic government buildings. It is not concordance with the style of the rest of the building, nor does it represent a building fit for a government for the people of the United States. Our government and its representative buildings are not meant for the glorification of one man but for its great citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie to O'Neill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen I oppose the unauthorized razing of the East Wing and the construction of a massive ballroom. Any recomstruction of the demolished wong should only occur with the oversight of the proper authorities.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: De Aaon Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a desire to create a resort-like atmosphere within the government. Neither is appropriate for “the People’s House.”
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design including any grounds that were impacted.
To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on this project, which exists due to the illegal and unpermitted destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Please restore the East Wing to complement its symmetric opposite, the West Wing. The expenses for this restoration should be levied as fines on the perpetrators within this Administration who are responsible for the destruction of this historic structure. Proper protocol is observed for even smallest modifications in municipalities across the globe. Surely it is required here, where a National Monument is involved. The will of the people of America deserves consideration, just as it did earlier when this amateurish misadventure began. Given the proper procedure, if such an ungainly addition is deemed necessary, proper siting, preferably elsewhere, could adequately accommodate the need. Located elsewhere, even on the White House grounds, (but away from the existing White House,) a large event Center/Ballroom, such as proposed, could be acceptable. Please see that it is professionally designed and decorated and not a product of the whims of the current occupant/Administration. In this unsettling era, the American people need the moorings of tradition to retain their balance and sanity.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jesse Starkey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project from proceeding. There are rules and processes, aimed at preserving both the physical and moral structures of our society. The blatant disregard for those processes shows a deep distane of our country and it's true past by the current administration. Please stop the building of the ballroom! Follow procedures moving forward. No one should be above the rule of law.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:38:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Michael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated by the crass destruction of the People's House by the current administration. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lauren Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: John and Sharon Parrotte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Umhofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

By demolishing the East wing without proper authorization Donald Trump has erased the historical contributions made by many former First Ladies. He has ignored aspects of the East Wing that accommodated people with different abilities as if the White House is intended only for a select few with wealth, power and connection. It is the People's House and it carries every honor and sacrifice made by Americans over 250 years. Modernization must not remove those contributions or erase the Americans (born and naturalized) who have worked there, and visited there as well as those elected to serve the public there. Restore what Trump has destroyed and enhance what is needed to provide a safe environment so that the work of the United States can be conducted there.

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Name: Robert Mealy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Large scale renovations to "the People's House" should be decided on by the people, or at least by the experts they entrust who understand architecture, design, and historical context. I am disgusted that the president demolished the East Wing without proper permits, review, etc. He has terrible, tacky taste and the gaudy depictions of the ballroom look like something a tin pot dictator would design. Saddam Hussein or Idi Amin would be right at home with all that cheap looking gold detailing. The scale of the proposed ballroom would overwhelm the White House and the West Wing. He should not be allowed to do any

construction in all of D.C. without proper design review and permits. I was in awe of all the beautiful buildings and historic architecture when I visited Washington D.C. No president should be allowed to remake our shared history on a whim, solely based on their personal taste, or lack thereof. He is a visitor, not the owner of the White House. Please ensure that the East
Wing is reconstructed in manner that fits with the rest of the White House, in a subdued, tasteful manor that befits American History. The White House is not Versailles.

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Name: Nancy Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Vicky Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Don Faxon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tom Conry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The last time there was a White House renovation project on this scale was during the Truman administration. Plans were drawn up, openly debated, submitted to Congress, budgeted, and democracy prevailed. That is the way we do things in America.

In contrast, what has happened to the East Wing is mere vandalism in anticipation of a vanity project. It is corruption on a scale we rarely see in U.S. history, but which has become depressingly commonplace in this administration.

Thus, I, along with the most Americans, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American

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Name: Jennifer Sage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit this comment in strong opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project and urge the Commission to exercise its full oversight authority.

Based on publicly available information, it appears that demolition and construction activities may have been initiated without completion of the required federal planning approvals, historic preservation reviews, and permitting processes. If accurate, this would represent a serious violation of established statutory and regulatory requirements governing alterations to nationally significant federal property.

The White House complex is subject to federal preservation law, including review obligations intended to protect historic resources and ensure transparency and public accountability. These requirements are not discretionary. They exist precisely to prevent unilateral alteration of nationally significant structures without proper scrutiny. Any action taken outside of those legal frameworks would be unlawful.

If demolition or structural alteration proceeded prior to required approvals, that conduct should not be retroactively legitimized by allowing the project to continue. The fact that a sitting President may be associated with the project does not exempt it—or him—from compliance with federal law. No executive authority overrides statutory preservation mandates or the jurisdiction of this Commission.

I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. Conduct a full inquiry into whether all required approvals, reviews, and permits were secured before demolition or construction activity began.
2. Halt further work pending confirmation of full legal compliance.
3. Decline to approve any after-the-fact authorization intended to cure procedural violations.
4. Require restoration of any demolished or altered portions of the East Wing if such actions occurred outside lawful authorization.

Allowing a project to proceed after potential legal violations would set a dangerous precedent and erode public confidence in the integrity of federal planning oversight. Compliance with preservation law and regulatory process must apply equally to all parties, regardless of office.

The rule of law and the protection of our national heritage demand nothing less.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Christa Faiver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kevin Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debra Barr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House (“the people’s house”) was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which It is NOT a modernization project but a desecration of an American historical landmark. No one is above the law - not even the President of the United Staes - and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.\u-4 ?

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Name: Cynthia Goldberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, Cynthia Goldberger, a citizen of the United States of America, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Beth Langan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Mary Beth Langan

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Name: Anne Jacobs Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a farce to call the wreckage of the East Wing of the White House an intent to modernize. The Trump agenda is to erect tacky glitz and plaster gaudiness as an homage to his ego. Americans DO NOT want an obese monstrosity as an homage to his bloviating stature.NO to a ballroom!! Our economy is crumbling and Americans will continue to suffer due to this administration's distorted priorities bent on increasing the riches of the billionaires and millionaire classes at the expense and ruination of the middle class. Redirect funds to support Americans, not pad the coffers of the wealthy and build a golden tomb for the soul of America.

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Name: Kristin Lovelace-Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission-
I very strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Please follow plans laid out by The National Trust for Historic Preservation. They should have been consulted before anything was changed in the first place, and they are the best source for maintaining the historical integrity of buildings in Washington DC such as the White House.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kristin Lovelace-Ross

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Name: Karen Lovelock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Molly Dwyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of taxpayer money, supposed $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with money funded from those that destroyed this wing of America's house. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding United States citizens.

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Name: Catherine Benedict
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare he. Destroy this wing without permission from the various govt. agencies responsible for oversight. I don't care that rich people have "donated" funds. Plus the man has no taste. I don't want anymore fake gold crap in the White House. Who needs a ballroom. I doubt that Trump even dances, What a sad waste!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Kearney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose building the "Ballroom" that this current President has proposed. It utterly violates the historic integrity of the original building and will massively dwarf it. It will forever ruin the charm of the

People's House.

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Name: Pam Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing of the White House was done without proper authority and against historical preservation. I oppose the spending of any funds to build a ballroom in its place.The east wing should be restored fully and those responsible for its destruction fined.

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Name: Debra Genco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As far as I've known you must submit proper paperwork any time so much as a light is changed when making changes to anything that is owned by the people.
This is the peoples house and the proper channels were not gone through to totally tear down and destroy the East Wing of the White House, the People's House.
This arrogant president thinks he can do whatever he wants to whatever building he wants to change destroy without going through proper channels. Whatever he's building underground below this so-called ballroom concerns me.
Please put a stop to this! He is not above the law and should be stopped! Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Sara Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What right did he have to tear it down in the first place. It is the people's house and the people had no say in it. I think it needs to be restored to its original condition. Thank you.

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Name: Stephen Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lucy Gazarik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot convey how appalled and upset I was to see the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. Without following the appropriate procedures to have a change considered for the People's House, the man who currently holds the position of President ruthlessly and selfishly and unlawfully tore down a part of American history and heritage. There was no submission of planned proposals or request for permission. Like everything else this demagogue does, the demolition was done by the decision of one man - Donald J Trump. His hypocrisy knows no bounds nor his obedience to law. He is a man without morals or scruples. Please rebuild the East Wing as it was and send him personally the bill.

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Name: Jens Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is clearly not a modernization or renovation but has been a total demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight. il is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal. It was done without having a plan to force the American people into accepting a vanity project for the current administration to distract from the mishandling of more pressing issues - and it will be a sore reminder for decades to calm. Stop it now!

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Name: Sonna Ludlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hideous memorial to Trump's ego. It has NOTHING to do with our national identity. When he's gone, I hope it's turned into an immigration welcome center.

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Name: Kathryn Dawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stephanie Soloff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY MONEY, regardless of its source, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with approval by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Conklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing back to its former glory. This horrific demolition was undertaken without

permits or a design. The proposed “ballroom” is a stain on the people’s house. Restore the East Wing now!!!
Thank you.

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Name: Maria Muzio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie McGough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The use of private donations runs the risk of companies and individuals donating to curry favor with the current administration. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Taiye Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Mary Mulkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of a 90,000 sq ft ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House. It is much too large, and will destroy the classic symmetry of the White House, which has already been destroyed by the unlawful demolition of the East Wing. Please do whatever you can to prevent this monstrosity from being built. Your country thanks you.

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Name: Lisa Yambrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marjorie Njaa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this horrendous project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This vanity project is unneeded, unlawful and absolutely, appallingly ugly!!

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Name: edward mulcahy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jane Middleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. Cover with a tarp and put down sod. Restore in the future.

NO BALLROOM

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Name: Barbara Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which has been undertaken without proper authorization. I oppose spending $300 million to build a ballroom no one wants or needs. I would like to see the East Wing restored to its original historical condition. And this should be paid for by those who violated the process in the first place
Thank you,
Barbara Haas

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Name: Carolyn Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Phyllis Arends
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose following through with the plans to desecrate the history of the East Wing of the White House. A new building should be an exact replica of the one that was illegally destroyed.

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Name: Susan Wachtman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marianne Kirsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carla Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tara Verna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Macnak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project, and rebuild the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Ordinary citizens are expected to follow the law, and it should be no different for the current administration.

Thank you.

Judy Macnak

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Name: Holly Keich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing with concern regarding the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. While I was shocked to see the destruction of the East Wing, I am grateful to be able to provide comments regarding reconstruction as should be the case considering that the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park owned by the people since 1800. While expanded event space may be needed, any additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The building should be reconstructed allowing for modest additional space for required events, but maintain the dignity that the White House deserves. It shouldn't be an ostentatious ballroom that represents only the elite. It instead should be representative of all the people, historical and present, that make up the United States of America.

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Name: Eden Anker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stephen Lavoie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. It should should be East Wing Regeneration Project. In which the the East Wing is reconstructed with modest improvements from the destroyed portions of the White House, the People's House. Unflinchingly initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law.

Cancel this project canceled, and rebuild the East Wing to its former glory. I applaud the gallant effort by National Trust for Historic Preservation take a stand.

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Name: Victoria Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josh Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This ballroom is a disgrace to the American people. It is ugly, unAmerican and unwanted. Do not under any circumstances build a godawful ballroom in homage to a wannabe dictator. America does not indulge fascists, and we should not now.

I oppose any and all efforts to build an ugly and god-forsaken ballroom in honor of or under the direction of a pedophile protector.

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Name: Terresa Cawthra-Cornelius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, even if it is privately funded by billionaires. This property belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project that should never have happened right at the time when our 250th anniversary as a nation is unfolding . I want to see the ballroom plan cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former architectural design (and obviously, state-of-the-art updates to it, as needed). The East Wing was used almost daily by citizens who toured the grounds, as well as by First Ladies and their staff. Even in the most busy of years, the White House only hosts banquets 4-6 times. We do not need this banquet hall! I am personally disgusted to see the projects that my tax payer dollars, my parents' tax payer dollars, and my grandparents' tax payer dollars being destroyed, taken down, or erased around the country for no meaningful reason. And this demolition, one in a city that is a living symbol of democracy, is a spit on the face of Americans in so many waysl No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop it now, and go through the legal and appropriate processes of returning the White House to its former grandeur.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:32:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aliceanne Zaras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at no cost

to me or other citizens who are the owners of the property.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for making this opportunity for dissent and oversight open to all of us who feel we no longer have a representative voice in Congress.

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Name: Jonathan Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Chenoweth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed East Wing Modernization Project and the construction of a new $300 million ballroom. This project has moved forward without full transparency and proper review. The East Wing is part of our nation's history and should be preserved and restored, not replaced. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and require full compliance with all legal and historic preservation standards before any further action is taken.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.I oppose the spending of $300 million on this travesty. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtenay Verret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm deeply disturbed how this project has been initiated with no approvals, accountability, or plans to take care of the historical artifacts or otherwise. This is an affront to the American people and there must be oversight and accountability.

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Name: Debra Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historical building, I oppose the creation of a ballroom and want the East Wing rebuilt to its original design. This is the people house, it doesn’t belong to trump, his destruction of this building within comment or participation by the public was arrogant and reprehensible.

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Name: SALLY OCONNELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the peoples' house, so the people should have a say or a vote on what changes are made to it. When Jackie Kennedy brought the White House back to its historical origin, she did it with extensive research and permission for all the changes and improvements she made. Let's hope and demand all the correct steps are followed in the remaking of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janell Bakke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
It is so sad our East Wing was destroyed right before our eyes, with no one seemingly able to stop it. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Cruz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pat merkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this illegal abomination to be built. I would like to see the East Wing restored to its former glory. I am American citizen. I pay taxes. I was horrified to see this historic structure destroyed before our eyes with NO prior approval. It belongs to us the American People. The president is a temporary resident. We do not need an ostentatious, gilded building to represent us!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom design, which is excessive and unnecessary and simply being done to fulfill the egotistical desires of one person. It was initiated without the proper permits, authorization or design review. It is not a modernization, it is a gutting of what was formerly "the people's house", which is now becoming an outlandish and garish copy of some autocrat's palace. I would prefer that the East Wing be rebuilt to its former elegant design, which complements the rest of the White House architecture.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Lacasse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely and wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding US citizens. The White House is the people's house, it is our house.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:31:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Glanville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it concerns:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Marquez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am wholeheartedly against spending millions of our dollars on this project, which was initiated
1. With no authorization,
2. With zero permits, and
3. With no design review or frankly even a concept.

This is not a modernization project. It is instead a grift from the felonious occupant of The People's House and an erasure of our own American history. This project MUST be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This house belongs to the American People, not to someone with zero regard for historical significance, as evidenced by the cheapening of the Oval Office. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:31:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Herdt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending of $300+ million on this project. I am not comfortable with a federal building being built with private « pledges » that may never be realized. It's mind boggling that the east wing is simply missing before any agreement, plan approvals, or permits were in place. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design under the control of the ncpc. Don't permit this rebuilding as currently planned and without penalizing those who broke the law. That would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Froberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:31:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was before being destroyed. There are ballrooms in other buildings and we don't need one in the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley [redacted]
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Little
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abby Michaleski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending, never minc $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is sickening to see our history destroyed. There being no consequences for this illegal and despicable act is an affront to our country. This is the people's house and we deserve better. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Rector
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julianne Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million (which seems an under-estimate at this point) on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a monument built to our current president by our current president. An ego build, NOT of any benefit to the American people. It is a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former dignity and design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Whipple
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Where are all the portraits of former First Ladies being stored? Were they also destroyed with the East Wing?

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Name: Steve Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laura Yamashita
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Hoskisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joy Gehner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Margaret Schmucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Rougle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was torn down illegally without consulting Congress or the people. The White House is the people's house, not the current occupant's.

Therefore it should be built back exactly the way it was and paid for by the current occupant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ware Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my dismay and disgust at the proposed 'ballroom' for the White House.

From the scant information available, the proposed 'ballroom structure and east colonade is oversized for the space; will overshadow the white house proper; and disrupt the importance balance and flow what used to be a lovely promenade between the white house and the treasury department building. The architectural style of the ballroom is imperial and inappropriate.

The vista of the white house complex from the ellipse will be destroyed. The previous architectural design highlighted the mansion itself, and set the east and west wing additions in the background. The proposed design will do the opposite: feature the ballroom and downplay the executive mansion.

The proposed design seems to eliminate any access for the public for tours or for the business of the first lady.

The ballroom would complicate the use of the south lawn for helicopters, formal reception of guests, and press.

I am very disturbed by the lack of any required process, particularly public input and non-partisan expert professional oversight of the project.

The security elements of the plan are improperly and shockingly public. The discussion of these elements in the media is a security risk of itself, but the lack of barriers to external visibility is more troubling. The site is wide open for anyone to view, especially with available aerial technology.

The proposal to site future inaugurations at the white house misses the point - the congress hosts the inauguration of the president. It is not handed from one president to the next as a white house handover.

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Name: Lori Forster Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all the law abiding citizens of our beautiful Unites States.

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Name: Marcie Keever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: JOSEPH SEMON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing to make way for what has been described as a "Golden Ballroom" represents, in my view, a troubling shift away from preserving the historical integrity of the White House.

The East Wing has long served functional and symbolic purposes within the Executive Residence complex, and it should be restored to its original configuration and footprint — updated as necessary for security and modern operational needs, but respectful of its historic character.

The White House is not a private estate or a campaign venue; it is a national symbol that belongs to the American people. Constructing a grand ballroom risks blurring the line between public service and political or donor entertainment. If large-scale receptions or celebratory events are required, Washington, D.C. offers numerous distinguished venues that are specifically designed for that purpose and can accommodate far more guests without altering a historic national landmark.

Preserving the architectural integrity and nonpartisan character of the White House should take precedence over any personal or political ambitions. Any changes to such an iconic building should be guided by long-term stewardship, transparency, and respect for its role as the people's house — not by individual vanity projects.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Ordway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Modernization project" my ass! OUR PRESIDENT DOES NOT NEED A GOLDEN BALLROOM WHEN AMERICANS ARE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOD AND HEALTHCARE

Date: 2/16/2026 10:29:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of US taxpayer dollars on this project, which was initiated without the

proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The destruction of the Rose Garden has been a travesty but the East Wing can still be fixed.
PLEASE!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Pennycook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is the People's house not one persons and not a party pad for the rich and famous.

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Name: Lauren Hendry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Kopka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled and devastated about the tearing down of the east wing of the people's house. I do not understand why proper entities let it happen. It took days. Where were the gate keepers??And now what? There should be no ballroom atrocity nor bunker for the King. What will be done? Quit being complacent!!!

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Name: Lisa Roden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A massive renovation on a historic, nationally significant building like the East Wing should have been approached with respect and care. It does not belong to a president or a party. It belongs to the citizens of the United States. This kind of project should be considered carefully. It was ridiculous to destroy the existing structure with no approved plan moving forward. Just before winter. Movi NH forward, I hope that architecture and historic experts will work together to fix this terrible mistake by a selfish administration.

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Name: Caredwen Foley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not the property of any single President. As a National Historic Landmark, it is owned by the American people. The unpermitted demolition of the East Wing is not just illegal; it is an insult to the nation, its rightful stewards. The demolition, or any major alterations, should never have been undertaken in the absence of a robust public review and approval process. I beg the Commission to order restoration of the East Wing consistent with its historical scale and style.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn DeFeo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for the following reasons:

The ballroom is excessively large and ostentatious.

The building torn down was done with out review or permits
Donations to this project place the president in â compromised position in decision making involving donors.
Please stop this project and restore the grounds to a suitable condition.

Sincerely,
Dawn A. DeFeo

Date: 2/16/2026 10:29:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryle Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million Ballroom project. The government does not have the right without authorization to destroy historical White House property. Nor does it have the authority to authorize the $300 million project. Please stop this project from continuing.

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Name: Reisa Latorra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy MacCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tanya Priber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project to alter the People's House, and the spending of $300 million, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or required design review. To proceed would be unlawful, and in this country, no one is above the law.

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Name: Ron Lesniewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Freeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started without proper permits or design review, and I oppose spending 300 million on it. It

is not modernization, but rather the destroying of history. I want the project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restore to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. No one is above the law.

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Name: Kara Weintraub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This country doesn't need a gaudy disgusting ballroom that is even worse than the look that the current administration has brought to the Oval Office. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alison Sayers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: MaryMargaaeet Cash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janice Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The American people were lied to about the "East Wing Modernization."

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and not acceptable to the American people who were lied to about the destruction and the addition of a ballroom to the current President's desire to follow no laws.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and the current President and his staff, donors and anyone involved in illegal actions that have destroyed the East Wing must be penalize - they broke the law.

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Name: Kathleen Gogarty-Gajan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Adrienne O'Leary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am furious at the current administration for illegally tearing down the East Wing of the White House without authorization. The White House is the People's House - not privately owned by the Trumps. Tax payer dollars have been spent to destroy it and now, unfortunately, tax payer dollars will need to be spent to clean up this mess and restore it to its former glory. The East Wing doesn't need "modernization". We want the historic east wing back the way it was. And while you're at it, restore Jackie Kennedy's rose garden. What Trump is doing to the White House (and the entire country, to be honest) is a disgrace to the United States of America.

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Name: Regina Mallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the $300 million ballroom renovation to the White House. I believe the White House as a public building should be restored to its original state. This was not approved and is shameful.

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Name: Kathleen Dobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to this project, which was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. This is not a modernization effort—it is the wholesale destruction of an important part of American history. I urge that the project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the rule of law and disrespect every law-abiding American.

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Name: Sharon Sprague
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to all Americans not just one.

It is a history lesson and each of its pages must be protected and preserved.

The destruction of the East Wing, where First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt had her office, should never have happened without the approval of Congress AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE! We have lost an important part of our history because of the vanity of one man who finds no importance in the story of the United States and those who built it.

FURTHER RUINATION OF OUR HISTORICAL MONUMENTS MUST BE STOPPED before America has no past and only a lopsided tale of its present and future.

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Name: Mary Easterly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Peter Styx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I am a retired architect, and were I to have participated in such an egregious violation of the historic preservation and legal permitting process, would have had my license suspended and been subjected to additional penalties and litigation. This was a blatant disregard of well known review and approval processes and anyone involved in the proposal, development, review, input, or approval of this destruction should be criminally charged.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of DJ Trump, the person responsible for this crime.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Hogue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project. Restore the East Wing.
I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The White House is the People's House. Whether private [questionable] funds are used should not matter. The project never should have happened in the first place. Please show this administration that we have rules and protocols that must be followed. Enough.

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Name: Linda Engstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Cesare DiRienzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just because the current administration doesn't believe in history doesn't mean the rest of us don't. Just like calling this a "modernization" project is an affront to the English language. It's an erasure of history. It's also an erasure of both the spirit and the law of this representative democracy when one person can unilaterally destroy property that belongs to the people of this country, not to the current occupant of that property. This should be rebuilt as it once was.

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Name: Jane Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house. If there is to be a “renovation” it needs to be voted on in al 50 states at the next election
If it gets approval, the historical society and whomecer they work with determines the design and features. No one wants our elegant house to renovated by a mad man who this early bordelo is classy. This is an obscenity.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:28:10 PM
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Name: M Summers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Natalie Nielson-Riep
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building a 300 million dollar ballroom in place of the East Wing. Instead, the East Wing should be restored. The White House is the people's house. It is not meant to be used for entertaining the wealthy at the expense of our history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: margaret staeheli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I don't care if allegedly donors are paying full cost of demo, design, permitting, construction and inspection. Frankly doubtful. It is obviously not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former scale & design after a full review process and with 80% sustainable design, materials and lifecycle costs. The people should not be saddled with a costly building to maintain. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Challinor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It was never meant to have pretensions to be Versailles or any aspirations of monarchical grandeur. What is being proposed is completely out of scale for the function of the building historically and today. The Ballroom appears to provide a play space for the rich and famous, gilded and towering over everything to which it can be visually compared. Please do not approved this architectural catastrophe. The U. S. is a republic, it should look like one.

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Name: Patricia Dooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our country needs many things - a grotesquely over-sized ballroom is not one of those things. The destruction of the historic East Wing of the People's House was done without any notice or approval from entities that protect the historic buildings in D.C. Where does this heedless destruction of our historic buildings and the very character of our nation's capital end?
Please stop the building of this personal boondoggle and consider a reconstruction of the East Wing, paid for by Mr. Trump.
Perhaps all of the billionaire donors for this vanity project could instead donate that money to real needs in D.C., directed toward the welfare of the people of D.C.
Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Name: Marcia Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Marcia Marshall

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Name: Laurie Lehmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Ann Holtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janice Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the East Wing project that Trump started should be halted. He didn't go through the proper approvals for it and Trump should have to restore that section to its original way, plus the funding for the entire destruction and reconstruction of this project should be paid totally by Trump himself, not donors or taxpayers.

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Name: Michael Muzzy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that a historical building was torn down without ANY of the required SOP being followed is beyond outrageous, it's criminal. I demand that the ballroom be restored to it's previous condition immediately.

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Name: Lindsey Van de Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Frances Prus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in order to buy favor of our deranged president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Rachel Kupfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gutting of the People's House is a travesty. History was destroyed to make way for a gluttonous ballroom that the people neither need nor want. Without proper planning, without proper notice to the people who rightfully own the house, the current occupants made a decision to circumvent the opinion of the people. Stop this nonsense, we don't want it, we don't need to spend the money, and there is no building that would be left standing after he leaves that the people will not want removed.

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Name: Donald Faxon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been deeply involved in Federal compliance, the Section 106 process, and Design Review intended for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for more than thirty years. My work has involved my skills in Art, Architecture and Design. I have never been a person of wealth, privilege, or

enjoyed special opportunities but instead serve the people of the United States and so have worked - labored - hard to earn my expertise in this area and therefore assert that my dedication to the Nation's history and health is unimpeachable.

Like many historic resources, the East Wing of the White House consisted of areas and layers of history representing its entire history during the 20th century, and therefore no photography or "retroactive" Historic American Building Survey (HABS) descriptions can possibly substitute for the total loss of historic integrity that a complete demolition has caused this wing of the White House.

Further, I believe that the kind of arrogance and ignorance already displayed by the currently contracted architects, engineers and contractors who would demolish such a structure without public permission ensures that they are not suitable to carry on any work at this site. The American people did not elect to have this building assaulted by the well-off, nor should they have to live with the resulting fiasco that is being planned and designed by these claimed professionals or pseudo academics. Therefore...

THE DESTRUCTION THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD REMAIN TO BE INTERPRETED AS A MEMORIAL TO ITS HISTORY AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT SHOULD NO LONGER BE A SITE PROPOSED TO ENTERTAIN THE WEALTHY WHO DESTROYED IT BUT RATHER DESIGNED AS A TRIBUTE TO THOSE EVERYDAY AMERICANS WHO HAVE WORKED FOR THE COMMON GOOD IN OUR NATION FOR MORE THAN 250 YEARS... AND THOSE EVERYDAY AMERICANS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS FROM ASSAULT BY FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS,

A commission of good and decent caring Americans from a diverse ethnic, socio-economic class, and education level of backgrounds should be assembled to ensure this memorial is created and held to these standards. - Donald M. Faxon

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Name: Lisa Hildebrand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Denise Jackson-Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Jyoti Ramakrishna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am shocked at the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, without any authorization through proper channels. I would like to submit that it be restored to it's original historic state. Thanks for listening.

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Name: Nancy Brant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: amy kruse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this so-called project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It complete destroyed American history. Cancel this project, and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all Americans.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wanda Sieber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because protocol was not followed in this project, we need to fine those who initiated it.

Build this back to its former glory.

Do not build a bunker and ballrooms here

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Name: Ralf Wilkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The whole project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in order to satisfy the current president's vanity. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Casper Dunks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project!! tRump proceeded without authorization. Destroying history is abominable and he seems to do it Alot! Put it back like it was but updated. Not the gawdy gold filigree decor.

It’s the Peoples House!! Humble settings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Miner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. The East Wing, a part of history of the People’s House, was destroyed without proper input and congressional approval. I want the East Wing to be restored to the original design.
Thank you for allowing the people to comment.
Susan Miner

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Name: Gari Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Park
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Though relatively insignificant when compared to many other atrocities this administration is inflicting on the country, this is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer dollars which could be used to actually improve the lives of Americans rather than abide yet another toddler-like wish of Donald Trump.

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Name: L Robin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

There are few things in my 70 years as an American citizen that shocked me to the point of feeling physically ill. The unregulated demolition of the East Wing is one of them.

I was shocked that this structure was destroyed without any authorization, permits, historical review, or feedback. I strongly oppose the proposed "ballroom" and want to see any further movement on this vanity project cancelled. In an ideal, sane world, the East Wing would be rebuilt and restored to its original design: one which serves the public, restores the aesthetic symmetry of the White House (the people's house), and respects the historical use of the East Wing. I recall touring the White House as a teen and was in awe of its classical, simple beauty.

Please, please consider ceasing any forward momentum with this project. Bonus points for restoring the Rose Garden and Kennedy Center.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Brenda Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Bergmark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully call on the National Capital Planning Commission to mandate reconstruction of the East Wing consistent with its historic scale and design. The White House belongs to the people as it is both a National Historic Landmark and a unit of the National Park System. It has served as the residence of U.S. presidents since 1800, but no president is the owner of the property or its buildings, but a temporary occupant whose authority is constrained by law and by an obligation to honor the interests of the public.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without proper review, required permits, or Congressional oversight is unlawful. It also represents a breach of public trust. Any future construction on the site should be architecturally compatible with, and secondary in prominence to, the original Executive Mansion. The American people should have be given an opportunity to weigh in on what should have been introduced and evaluated as a formal proposal and they should be given the opportunity now that the East Wing has been demolished.

Thank you

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Name: Mary Horan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Wetzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allegra Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a desecration of our national treasure!! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kelsey Winter Winter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am greatly disturbed that Trump bulldozed the East Wing of the White House without any thought for its history or permission from the appropriate bodies. We do not need a monstrous, tacky ballroom that will overshadow the original structure. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was prior to this desecration and this administration should keep its hands off the People's House.

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Name: Stephanie Dark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sheila Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any public funds to construct this ballroom. The project was started without any appropriate and legally required review and without allowing public comment. It is unnecessary and wasteful and a symbol of the contempt in which the current administration holds the American people and the rule of law. I demand that the East Wing be restored to its original purpose and design at the expense of those responsible for its destruction, beginning with Donald Trump and any contractors who knowingly participated in this unlawful destruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it infuriating that this administration just decided to destroy a portion of the White House that held and still holds valuable historical significance. There are proper procedures to be followed if renovations are needed to historic buildings that were not met by this administration. Simply bulldozing the entire East Wing was not justified. The destruction of this portion of the White House was done to satisfy the ego of the sitting president and his wealthy donors without obtaining permits or design approval. As a citizen of

this country, I demand further destruction of any White House buildings and grounds be halted and any construction of the unnecessary ballroom come to an end. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Harry Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious that the East Wing of the White House was demolished. The action was inexcusable. Worse yet is the planned building of a ballroom which use I do not see the need for. I believe that the East Wing should be replicated in its exterior design. It is also an excellent opportunity to modernize the utility on the interior.

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Name: Barbara Brutschy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Swan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump destroyed the East Wing of the White House without people's input. He should be held responsible for rebuilding it with his own private funds.

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Name: Bill Catambay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel a deep concern regarding the allocation of $300 million for this project, which seems to have begun without the essential authorization, permits, or careful design review. This effort isn't one of modernization but rather a profound alteration of our cherished American heritage. My hope is for this project to be halted and for the East Wing to be lovingly rebuilt and restored to its original beauty. Thank you, and God bless.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Fink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing!

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shoshana Finacom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Name: Beth Crespan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-400million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Manson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suggest an immediate halt to this $300 million project. It was launched without proper authorization, permits, or any real design review, and calling it a 'modernization' is not accurate —it's the destruction of American history, plain and simple, in favor of one person's vision. It is paid for by a few billionaires, and it feels like it is a takeover by them of the White House, which should belong to all Americans.

This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing should be restored to its original design or a design reviewed and approved by ordinary citizens as well as the committee. We can't allow anyone to bypass the rules just because they have the funding; letting this move forward without accountability is an insult to every citizen who follows the law. Let's do the right thing and protect our heritage.

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Name: Janine White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, historically accurate renovation. No one is above the law. I am required to get permits and approvals for my building projects, so should anyone wanting to do anything to the awhite House. Those who went forward with the destruction with complete disregard for historic preservation need to be penalized. And while the proper restoration of the east wing proceeds, the rose garden should be rebuilt as well.

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Name: Jennifer Hussey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Andrea Maier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the demolition of the White House. The White House is ours, not his. I beg you, do the hard work of saving it from Trump's desecration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharron Leinweber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete distruction of American history. I want this project stopped immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
This administration is NOT above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be one more slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:25:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Mayberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DJT had no right or legal authorization to tear down We the People’s house! I support it being restored to its previous condition paid for by DJT. The taxpayers had nothing to do with this nor did Congress

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ingrid Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or a design review. This is a vanity project, not modernization, to the peoples house and since it was not vetted in any way through proper channels it violates every law and norm. It should not be allowed to continue, and the East Wing rebuilt back to its former footprint. Those who acted with impunity should be held accountable.

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Name: Donald Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. After the improper demolition of the East Wing. Proper procedures, including consideration of funding, should be followed to determine what will become of that space. The money pledged for construction of the ballroom are thinly disguised bribes intended to curry favor with the current administration.

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Name: Megan Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should not have been torn down without public comment to begin with, and attempting to put up a ballroom in its place is a slap in the face to the American people. I don't care who pays for it, it's the people's house. Restore it to its original purpose, not a gaudy party room for the elites. What a waste of taxpayer money and an abuse of trust.

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Name: Melissa Lavender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of these United States, I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount really) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a desecration of the People's House at the hands of someone who more of us voted AGAINST than voted FOR. The sight of the East Wing being bulldozed broke my heart and made me feel like vomiting. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go

ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Gottesman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Wenonah Hlavin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsay Lovejoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and destruction of a historical footprint. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design—truly modernized, if it must be, to provide proper office and staff space. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Hoidge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset by the razing of the East Wing. I want it restored to its original design and purpose, now.
Janice Hoidge.

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Name: Julie Dugger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was sickened and horrified to learn the East Wing of the White House had been torn down without the consent of the public or representative due process.

I am in my fifties now but still distinctly remember going to Washington D.C. and visiting the White House as a high school student. Touring the city, I felt a sense of awe at the public buildings where our nation's government is housed, our laws are made and administered, and our representatives serve. The US government's buildings are the people's buildings.

They should not be torn down or redesigned by a megalomaniac President with corporate donors and extremely bad taste.

The offenders should be prosecuted for this destruction of the people's property--all the way up to the top.

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Name: Jessica Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (East Wing Modernization Project), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Priscilla Finch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Deborah Beisel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why was this project even started? It's using funds that are from outside donors. And friends from the taxpayers. This was not an authorized change to the White House. Congress was not involved. The East Wing should be restored to its original state. This is a violation of the house that belongs to the people of the United States. No one wants this.

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Name: C. Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in Maryland. Every year my mother would drive me to Washington to visit the landmarks there, including the White House. While I never got to go inside, just seeing it was a reminder of the importance and dignity of the office of the presidency. I'm nearly 70 now & I still remember those trips.

The demolition of the East Wing is devastating. It's not just the aesthetic, although that of course is a major consideration. It's the absolute abandonment of respect for our history. It's the entitlement of the current resident thinking he can just destroy something, illegally, and replace it with a hideously expensive, enormous eyesore, to which We the People will never be invited, simply to satisfy his ego.

I vehemently oppose this "project" and wish for the East Wing to be rebuilt to the same design President Roosevelt had built.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak out .
Sincerely,
C. Cooper

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Name: Mark Winslow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this illegal project and do not wish it to be allowed to go forward. It is an affront to every

decent American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maggie Topkis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I profoundly oppose the spending of a single dime on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Regards,

Maggie Topkis

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wayne Richeleau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that what has been done so far and what is proposed is abhorrent. While it may be true that the East Wing needed improvements, the demolition of the historic structure is criminal. While the destruction cannot be undone, whatever we, as in We the People' build in its place should bear some architectural and visual features that reflect the new wing's heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosanna Lovecchio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to oppose spending $300 million on a project that was illegally started without the proper application, permits, design review, hearings, and approval. The action taken was gross misconduct and blatant disregard for the law that resulted in the devastating destruction to a historic landmark. It should not be supported. I propose this project be rejected and require the East Wing to be restored to its former design.

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Name: Lucy McKenzie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: LUCILLE ANDERSEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

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Name: John Deming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Denis Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot put into words how offended I am that our elected President lied about his plans and then destroyed the East Wing without regard for the opinion of the U.S. people - this is not something we asked for or feel was needed.
Since it is already demolished, something should replace it but NOT a gaudy 90,000sf “ballroom”. It should be replaced with a structure that does not exceed the size of the remaining building and which is similar in architectural style inside and outside. It should be a building that can meet a variety of needs which could include a “ballroom”-type space for hosting State dinners but also smaller functions, meetings and administrative activities.
Shame on you, President Trump. I was a life-long Republican until you and your immoral cabinet took office. Now, no Republican will get a vote from me unless they have a proven, squeaky-clean track record of serving their constituents rather than blindly following demagogues.

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Name: Lois Bukowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dawn Daly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Meehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am submitting this public comment to express my outrage and deep alarm at the demolition of the White House's East Wing — an act that appears to have been carried out without prior consultation, approval, or proper procedural review by this Commission or other required federal advisory and oversight bodies!

The East Wing is not just another building — it is a historic component of our national presidential residence, with over a century of history and significance for the office of the First Lady and for the people of the United States. That the structure was razed in 2025 to make way for a "presidential ballroom project" without prior review by the Commission that exists precisely for this purpose is abhorrent.

This is not a trivial oversight or a bureaucratic technicality. If federal planning and historic preservation requirements were ignored, that constitutes a serious breach of public trust — especially when the entity responsible for oversight was not given advance notice of such a drastic alteration to a landmark that belongs to all Americans.

Demolition of a historic government structure without transparent procedural review sends a dangerous message: that process, legal safeguards, and accountability can be sidelined when political expediency demands it.

I demand that the Commission do the following:

Publicly document whether any statutory review, environmental analysis, or historic preservation compliance occurred before October 2025.

Explain why the Commission was not consulted before demolition began, and make that explanation part of the official record.

Hold accountable any parties responsible for circumventing established review and approval procedures, including executive branch officials who facilitated the unreviewed demolition.

Ensure that no further irreversible actions on the White House complex proceed without full, transparent compliance with the law and robust opportunity for public input.

Taxpayer dollars, national heritage, and the legitimacy of federal planning processes demand nothing less than clarity, accountability, and corrective action.

Thank you for your time,

Anita Meehan

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Griego
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Shavlik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Bee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It’s destruction was done illegally.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Spreitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The building of a massive, privately-funded ballroom is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the vanity of one individual. The proposed "modernization" would dwarf the current White House. The White House is the People's House. This project should be canceled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design, in harmony with the current White House building.

Finally, the use of private funding obtained through presidential request is inappropriate for any renovation of the White House. It presents opportunities for quid pro quo dealing on the part of the current administration and further opportunities for graft and corruption. This project should be halted immediately.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Ingraham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like my voice heard in opposing the racing of the East Wing of The White House; a historical building that belongs to the people. The destruction was done without consulting or approval of historical society. The funding was not approved. The East Wing needs to be restored to its original state with necessary improvements that do not detract from the original purpose and beauty.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:23:11 PM
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Name: Christine Rizzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax payer, I am concerned about the destruction of the East wing of the People's White House with no indication that the historic materials, furnishings, and architectural features were preserved. Construction of a ballroom is a vanity project of the current occupant of the White House, and is not in the best interest of the people of the United States. Do not allow construction to proceed.

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Name: Katie Olmstead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kim Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Paula Stoeke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly disagree with the concept of creating a modern, gilded, over-large ballroom in the East Wing. The concept is a travesty and a history-destroying ill-advised affront to the beauty and elegance of our White House. We, the people, own the buildings and are rightly given an opportunity to voice our opinions about

these sorts of ego-driven changes to our sacred and revered architectural structures. I vote an absolute no. No ballroom. No modernization by the current administration whose taste level appalls.

Thank you for soliciting our comments.

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Name: Catherine Matthieu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Regan Westra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lauren Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This act is a complete abomination of our historical White House. It’s is not trumps home. It is just temporary housing for him

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey McArdle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: BARBARA CAREY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a Washington State voter and concerned citizen, I would like to add my comments about the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing.

I want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was pre-Trump, with original decor, pictures and furniture restored, but now with modern, hidden mechanics added in the rebuilding process. I want to see it done prior to our nation's 250 Year Celebrations. And paid for, not by working Americans, but by Trump and his family and any of those who contributed financially to the idea of building an obscene ballroom NOT wanted/asked for by Americans.

The East Wing is just one part of all of the Federal government's public buildings owned by The People of our great nation, not by one man and his family, temporarily living in the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne LeMay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: FRANCIS BRADY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are good reasons why we have rules and processes when it comes to renovations to historical structures. Unfortunately, some in high places do not elieve those rules apply to them.

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Francis Brady - Concerned citizen of Madison CT

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Skinner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m submitting my comments in regard to the White House East Wing Modernization proposal.

Anara Guard's comments reflect my thinking perfectly.

Along with many of my fellow Americans, I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this ill-fated and poorly conceived project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and scandalous razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former perfect design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Just say no to Trump’s ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Plebani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was initiated without the appropriate approvals or respect for the People's House. The construction should be stopped and the original structure restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:07 PM
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Name: Jeanie Zatkulak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jessica Foster
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Name: Amy Stern
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Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Hamilotn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any amount on this travesty that is being called modernization.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The White House is owned by the American people and has been home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures upon the property. Rather, the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. All old buildings have meaningful materials and contents, and that was not just any old building. The idea that all the paneling and tilework, the doors and windows, fixtures and molding, and all the rest was either looted or trashed is profoundly disturbing.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Oliveira
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To The Planning Commission:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history, which was sickening to watch. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Karen Oliveira, Concerned US Citizen

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Moreno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the US, I vehemently oppose the renovation of the East wing to a ballroom. This is the White House, the home of the elected president, who is only in this House for a maximum of 8 years. One president out of 45 should not dictate the outcome of such a large endeavor. We do not need to spend 300 million on a ballroom that only the elite will ever enjoy. This is the People's house and should remain under our wishes. This a tremendous amount of money that should be used for the benefit of the people and not a playground for the elected officials of or country..
this project need to be paused and there should be a lot of debate over the future of the property. This is

not a popular project out here in the real America. Please do not allow this to happen.
Sue A Moreno

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Sue A Moreno

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Name: Cindy Ciaccio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully request that this project is not permitted to continue forward as it was not done in accordance with current laws regarding the preservation and changes to our national sites. The White House is not a building that any random president can make major changes to. I request the current president be required to pay to return the White House to its original status by rebuilding the East Wing as it was. We do not need a ballroom paid for by billionaires.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bartosh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Lisa Bartosh

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Dale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the Ballroom project and rebuild the East Wing to its previous glory! Please also make sure Trump has to pay for this rebuild out of his own pocket and Americans don't pay a penny! He tore it down with NO approval and now he should rebuild himself using his own money!!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Ritter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nobody is above the law, and the White House is owned by "we, the people!" Plans must be submitted for review and approval, and environmental impact studies must be conducted. President Trump does not have the right to circumvent the process, and none of his subordinates, colleagues, or billionaire donors do either.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Russ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,
I would like the East Wing to be rebuilt respecting its original design and function. The found the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing an affront akin to an assault on the White House itself. This is more than a building, it also represents American history as well as the ideals we Americans hold dear.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Jill Russ

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Strauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending hundreds of million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history to install an underground bunker for billionaires. I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of anyone and everyone involved in the demolition. No one should be above the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to law-abiding citizens who build within zoning laws.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:07 PM
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Name: Ellen Buelow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hardesty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing was razed for.no good reason, and this wanton destruction of American history should not be allowed to stand in the specious name of "modernization."

I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Sanders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the over $300 million to be spent on the East Wing Modernization project. This project was started without the legal and proper authorizations, permits, safety evaluations and precautions, nor design reviews; e.g., asbestos abatements and protecting the surrounding communities. The destruction of the East Wing was an affront to our country. It wantonly razed US America history without cause. I request cancelation of this project and for the East Wing to be restored (rebuilt) to its deign as of immediately prior to its horrific destruction. Those who ordered and participated in this destruction should be penalized to the fullest extent of the law. They should also be held monetarily accountable for the restoration rebuild, not leaving this burden to our taxpayers.

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Name: Wen Cass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America. As a historic building, it should never be subject to the whims of anyone residing there, sitting president or not. No gold embellished ballroom is needed. Restore the East Wing of America's White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Wheeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: nl frigerio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing being rebuilt as ostentatious oversized hulking building which diminishes the White House itself. This was done with no oversight and it's an embarrassment to America to have destroyed it and having the leftovers sitting there for months on end.
Certainly there are enough protocols And talented people that a decent plan could be drawn up and executed in a balanced and tasteful way where all Americans could be proud of the project.

No oversized ostentatious ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mika Stilwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen of 35 years , I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amy Ritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and total razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its glorious former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We, as Americans, will not stand for the destruction of our most treasured history.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tuchel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica McCaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Osburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanette Colter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Reger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joie Ritger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:20:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Pyrch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Regular Americans need to get permits, follow regulations and often seek community input when they want to build or renovate. And for good reason, as no building stands alone. So it is utterly galling, it is infuriating, to see the East Wing being razed without going through any kind of process. It is not the President's private property but the people's house. It needs to be stopped and all who have participated in this expensive debacle and design crime need to be held to account. Thank you for inviting our comments.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project. It was not initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Oma Mary McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose both the building of the Ballroom and the East Wing Modernization Project to the White House, which, in fact, belongs to the People of the United States of America. The White House is not for President Trump to destroy. These projects were not properly authorized. I also believe President Trump should be made to rebuild the East Wing back to how it was, plus, replace the grounds around the White House where it was destroyed by the building of that monstrous Ballroom at his, President Trump's, personal expense.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Rivard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this assault on the White House. The money mixture is illegal as well as the process. It should not go forward because a man with dementia says it should.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Ector
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY MOFFIT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deep concern about the destruction of the East Pavilion.
It is shocking and I am strongly opposed to this abuse of power, to destroy our beautiful national architecture is a crime against future generations of Americans
I plead with all of you — please do everything possible to stop this and repair the damage done. It is time to build a positive community together

Thank you,

Mary

Mary Moffit, PhD

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Sigler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To completely raze the East Wing of the White House which is rich in history, and to replace it with a ballroom that is projected to be larger than the White House is not a modernization project. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead would be an shameful insult to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Malaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BILLY SPELLINGS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Kyriakopoulos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount on funding on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Enough is enough already.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Meredith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million expenditure on this project, which began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization but the erasure of American history. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its original design. Allowing this to proceed without accountability would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Poppleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:16 PM
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Name: Heather Carkuff Joson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Sittig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with the updating of the East Wing of the People's House or The White House! I believe the White House is a historical unifying location in the United States which should be preserved and not destroyed!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Ranger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I believe it was not a renovation but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want the project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not even Donald Trump. If you allow this project to go ahead without penalizing him it will be a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lael Parish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending a dime, let alone the projected $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Preferably at the instigater's personal expense, since he did not ask for or receive permission to tear it down in the first place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Lael Parish

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lindholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are stewards of the White House … the President does not have the power to start a project like this without approval from the preservation society. Please stop this project immediately!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:17:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Whisnant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katherine Schmitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kelli Patin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Dupuis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House belonged to the people, not to the president. I am asking that the East Wing be rebuilt in a manner that is true to its original design, while including modern safety updates (no asbestos, etc). Please do not let our country’s history continue to be bull dozed.

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Name: Marvin Batte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. The Ballroom as currently designed is inappropriate. Nothing should be built until a appropriately sized (single floor above ground structure that does not distract from the beauty of the mansion and which passes all the normal review process by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and any other required approval procedures.

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Name: Laura Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this project is ill advised. It should have undergone a full planning review as a historical building.

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Name: June Gallant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it very troubling to let one person take a wrecking ball to a National Building, with so much history. This project never had a hearing, approval or even a conversation with the appropriate committee let alone the American People.
He is destroying so much history. It is unconscionable. I'm sure it is unconstitutional. PLEASE STOP THIS wrecking ball and have it rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Elizabeth Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the callous disregard for processes and protocol before the president bulldozed the people's White House. Stop him and make him adhere to congressional oversight.

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Name: Janet Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Margaret Leach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It's an abomination that the East Wing has already been destroyed. Nobody needs that ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Devon Whittaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing and any installation of a massive ballroom at cost to tax payers. I request that the miscreant who destroyed this portion of our historic White House be required to return it to it’s original state. This is a shameful attempt to make the American people pay for a vanity project of no value

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Name: Aimee Lambes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing. It is APPALLING that this administration is running roughshod over the institutions

and traditions of this country.

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Name: Karla Carnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending our tsx dollars for the East wing mess. Please stop and reconsider the need for this project.
Sincerely
Karla Carnes

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Name: Phylis Fuchs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Shawboose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janis Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The Peoples House not Donald Trumps house! He has redecorated? the Oval Office until it now looks like a Bordello in a Madam's fever dream. He has made a mockery of past Presidents portraits.Time and again we hear "he can't do that" but he does without consequences. But destroying the East Wing on a whim to salve his ego was so hurtful and unbelievable that it still doesn't seem real. History should not be bulldozed, hidden or covered up. History is to be learned from, studied and appreciated so that mistakes will not be repeated. Please rebuild the East Wing as it was originally (hopefully the contents were carefully stored somewhere) and add a plaque for future generations to read and learn that the United States did not have a king or dictator who was all powerful.

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Name: L Robin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are few things in my 70 years as an American citizen that shocked me to the point of feeling physically ill. The unregulated demolition of the East Wing is one of them.

I was shocked that this structure was destroyed without any authorization, permits, historical review, or feedback. I strongly oppose the proposed “ballroom” and want to see any further movement on this vanity project cancelled. In an ideal, sane world, the East Wing would be rebuilt and restored to its original design: one which serves the public, restores the aesthetic symmetry of the White House (the people’s house), and respects the historical use of the East Wing. I recall touring the White House as a teen and was in awe of its classical, simple beauty.

Please, please consider ceasing any forward momentum with this project. Bonus points for restoring the Rose Garden and Kennedy Center.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Brenda Ebel Kruse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Katie Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the demolition and restore the design/ history. You all are trying to erase history.

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Name: Erica Estes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing and am aghast that it was torn down without permits or any kind of consideration for the people of this country, or the history contained within the building. Building a gold plated ballroom on tax payers' bill is gaudy and honestly offensive when millions suffer without basic healthcare. The East Wing should be restored to its former beauty, and those that destroyed it should be the ones to pay for it.

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Name: Kim Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this illegal and unecessary project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history and procedures. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the rule of law, and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to American citizens.

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Name: Giulia Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it has been initiated without any proper procedure, comment or

review. The White House is not the private property of any occupant. It is a historic government building and should be managed accordingly. I wish to see a complete and total restoration of the East Wing.

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Name: Joel Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The White House is the PEOPLE'S house, NOT Trump's house. He has no right to make changes without permission.

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Name: Susan Smyth-Edstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rachel Broten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The mysterious nature of the source of funding is also questionable - the people's house is not for sale to billionaires!
It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The architects and construction companies who destroyed the people's house also need to be held accountable.

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Name: Angela Zywicki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. This is the people's house and the people did not consent to raping of the house.

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Name: Susan Golden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:16:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Ehly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a ballroom, as it was never authorized and is erasing US history. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its former beauty & history. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:16:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of one of our National Historic Buildings is a criminal act. It must be stopped and reversed.
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Name: Elizabeth Dauch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Win Grace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The name of this project is complete double-speak. This destruction was done without proper authorization - illegally. It should be restored to its former status, and not a cent of taxpayer money should be spent on this.

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Name: Angela Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: FRANCISCA SMITH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I and others are completely against this modernization of a historic building. This should not go through.

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Name: Lorrie Rainville
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Name: Greg Cagle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed plan for the East Wing "modernization" is a ridiculous monument to a single man's ego. How does it benefit the people of the United States of America? A BALLROOM? Really? This is so dumb I don't even have the words for it.

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Name: Michele Teichman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to We The People
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Name: Muriel Peavler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please turn every bit of planning and rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House over to the Historic Committee who are in charge of The White House.

This house belongs to the American People. Restore it for their use and in their name.

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Name: Jan Springer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sincerely asking that the potential $300 million for the completely redo of the East Wing be tabled. I am appalled at the devastation done to the East Wing. My husband and I took our now grown sons to visit there many years ago Such history. Such traditions.

Please do not cave to the current political. Please do the right thing. Think of your legacy.

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Name: Amelia Straton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with making changes to the historical White House at the demands of one person. The wing and rose garden should have been left as it was. Trump will only be president for 4 years and for him to destroy a historical building that won't even be completed before he leaves offices is ridiculous. Please consider the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Wilkerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization is a travesty! There was no public discourse but a unilateral action by the White house in the destruction of the East Wing. We were told private funds would build the new ballroom. Now the funding seems to have disappeared and I do not believe that my tax dollars or those of my fellow Americans should be used to create the dream of marble and gold that the current administration wants to build for it's own aggrandisement. I feel the same way about the proposed Trump arch. This is not who we are as a country! Please do not use my tax dollars for these projects. I am a middle American senior citizen, we pay our taxes over the years as we can not do all the fancy tax loop holes that the wealthy use to avoid taxes. I feel that tax dollars spent for this take away from so many worthwhile programs that help everyday citizens. Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gridley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope consideration will be given to stopping this project that stands to destroy a beautiful part of the country's history. Any "modernization" project should involve thorough and thoughtful planning along with the proper approval. Please don't allow history to be destroyed based on the whim of one person.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Stamler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a "modernization" project, but an obliteration of part of our U.S. history. This project should be canceled; the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous design (and to modern building codes, obviously). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am one of those, and take extreme umbrage at the damage — physical, historical, and emotional — that this rash destruction has caused.

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Name: Kathleen Sanuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wasteful spending on this project. We do not need a ballroom, we need the wing to be restored to what was there. Thank you

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Name: Laura Gemperline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully object to this project. This was pursued without any formal proposal or planning. Clearly the goal was to steamroll it through before anyone could object, similarly to the approach taken with the rose garden and the Lincoln room bath.
Money was recommended to be wasted on a ballroom that was not vetted to see if there was even needed or if so, how to properly incorporate it at an appropriate size and scale relative to the building structures. This comes off as a vanity project versus a needed project. It is irrelevent if it was being paid for by other sources. It still requires an opportunity for public comment.
This is the people's house and it has been defiled. The east wing should be restored to its original design. Any future work, anywhere in DC, that impacts the landscape of our nations capital should be thoughtfully considered and appropriately planned for.
I appreciate your consideration of my input as a taxpayer and a citizen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House belongs to the American people. What has been done to it defies reason, pride and taste. No one is above the law and no part of legitimate, responsible caretaking has been observed with regard to this project.

Restore the East Wing to its previous iteration and protect it for the rest of time.

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Name: Ron Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be built back exactly as it was. Trump should pay for it out of his personal money. If a President wants, or feels, he or she needs more space, or wants changes to the White House they must follow the steps to be taken.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Genevieve Radniecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop Trump from erasing history. He does not own the white house. There will hopefully be many

presidents after him. Please conserve a bit of white house history. Stop all the pageantry. Trump is not a king.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:14:26 PM
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Name: karla BAUR
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO!! TO THE BALLROOM AND YES!!! TO REBUILDING THE EAST WING WITH MR TRUMP PAYING FOR IT SINCE HE HAD IT TORN DOWN WITHOUT LEGAL CLEARANCE
THANK YOU,
KARLA BAUR

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Name: Carol Grasis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michael Smola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300 Million dollar project. This is a historical building that has been torn apart, with no real plan to rebuild. It is criminal. This should have been approved by voters, sent thru architectural and historical review before anything else happened. The East Wing should be restored to its original design.

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Name: Pam Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this madness. I cannot believe the audacity of this administration believing they had the authority to to do ANYTHING to the WhiteHouse without prior approval. This is OUR property, belonging to the citizens of this country. I have been appalled that this was not stopped prior to the East Wing being demolished. It is an incredible travesty and should not only be stopped, but should be rectified by rebuilding this landmark to it's original condition. Just like any other meaningful landmark building that suffers untimely destruction from fire, etc., it should be restored to its original state. And since this was a purposeful act of destruction and consecration of a National landmark, those involved should be charged and punished, as if it were arson or the like. Shameful.

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Name: Diana Herald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even though I live in rural Colorado, our great country's heritage is important to me. We took our children and our grandchild to Washington D.C. to make American History come alive for them. The White House is a national treasure with so much of our history imbued in its walls. I was devastated and felt wounded and violated when the East Wing was razed. Please rebuild it to its former size and proportions.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:14:09 PM
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Name: Angela Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rose Norris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of proposed ballroom dwarfs the White House. The audacious decor is a slap in the face to the many Americans whose very lives are now threatened by government cutbacks. This ballroom is an extravagance for the rich and famous only. By token of its excusive nature it should not be allowed to be built.

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Name: Jan Wyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Megan Blackard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is "The People's House." It belongs first and foremost to American citizens, who paid for its creation and pay for its upkeep with our taxes. Furthermore, it is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. It is a key part of our country's legacy and is not a personal mansion for the whims of a current, temporary leader.

It is a travesty that the historic East Wing was demolished. It would add further insult to rebuild it as a monument to one man's ego.

As an American and therefore rightful partial owner, I am writing to demand that it be reconstructed and restored as closely as possible to its historic appearance before the demolition to help the people of our

nation feel connected to our history and remind visitors to our nation's capital of our commitment to democracy. Restoration of the East Wing, as it was, would demonstrate our respect for our democratic heritage and our rejection of the idea that kings or autocrats should ever rule our country.

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Name: Rev. Dr. Stephen Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the current project being undertaken like a handyman's gig job without thoughtful visioning and design and careful craftsmanship. This is the people's house and the people represented by the planing commission, congressional representatives, architects and historians, and even ordinary citizens should be engaged in every major project that will forever transform this historic iconic building. Much damage has already been perpetrated upon this historic structure. Now is the time to stop the crime and destruction and restore a solid transparent planning process, and an expectation of an outcome worthy of the nation's executive mansion. Not to mention to get control of a ballooning budget and underhanded funding sources that will almost definitely leave the American people picking up the tab.

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Name: kathryn bilyea
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Name: Brenda Cain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Our White House is a national treasure that belongs to all of us. It was demolished without anyone's input or plans. The amount spent to build a new monstrosity is staggering and should be used for the people of the US. Also, this is unnecessary, we have used the old one with success for many years. I do not want the people's house to become a big party zone. Smaller gatherings for diplomacy make more sense. I want the original building to be returned as it was. I want the person who ordered the demolition to pay for this. The

law was broken and allow continuous law breaking by the president, who should know the law, is an affront to all of us who do follow and respect the rule of law.

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Name: Marlee brice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was a key part of the White House complex which is called the people's house. This was destruction of our American history that should never have occurred. I would suggest that this East Wing be rebuilt in the same footprint and in the same style as it was originally. This should be done with all the plated electrical, etc that is needed. he decor should be as it was originally. NO GOLD like this administration would definitely add ad nauseam
This destruction was devastating to so many who care so deeply about this country.
The reconstruction should be a replica of what this beautiful building was before the destruction

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Name: Wendy Bowersox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of 300million dollars on a ballroom. The assault and demolition to the historic White House property is an affront to history and the peoples' house. Such destruction should not be allowed at the whim of one president. Such changes should be well planned and thought out and should take into consideration the overall esthetic and history of the property and safety of the President and 1st family.
An addition of that size and scale is unnecessary and will ruin the esthetic of the existing structure. OUR White House, OUR Presient's home should not be overshadowed by a garish, oversized monstrosity of a building for NO needed purpose or gain.
This will NOT benefit this country or the Presidential residence. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THOS PROJECT!!! The East Wing should be resored.

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Name: Sharon Beavan
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without congressional approval or funding sources clearly identified to ensure taxpayer money does not go towards this fool's errand.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Christine Aanderud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed ballroom is HUGE. It should only mimic the footprint of the demolished East Wing. The gargantuan ballroom is inappropriate and does not maintain the historical design and integrity of the White House.
Nowadays, ballroom dancing is the preferred genre only among people over eighty years old in the United States. The need or existence of ballrooms is passe. There is not a need for a ballroom at the White House. This is 2026. Evaluations should be done to establish what need or function really is necessary for that space.
Silly, old, eighty-year-old wants a ballroom. Ridiculous.

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Name: Diana Keohane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I stand in strong opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project,.
I am frustrated that the East Wing was demolished without authorization and without giving we the people a chance to weigh in on whether we wanted our house and its rich history to be be razed. Now I am speaking up. I want the construction of the ballroom cancelled. I hope the East Wing can be restored back to it's form. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jan Hermanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States does not need a giant ballroom. The current plan does not reflect the dignity of the White House. The destruction of the East Wing for one individuals vanity project was inappropriate. While the previous East Wing can't be restored, it should be replaced with something of similar design and scale.

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Name: Teresa McCloskey Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the destruction of the east wing to be re built he has no right to tear down any part of the White House it's The People's house and we don't approve of its destruction!

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Name: Mark DesRochers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee,
Acting first and not asking for forgiveness later is not how our government should ever be run. The destruction of the East Wing for another vanity project, destroying part of The People's House, is illegal, immoral and completely unnecessary. Do better because this is unacceptable. And if you're simply collecting letters to create a database of those against the administration, bring it.
Mark DesRochers

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Name: Marianne Neuwirth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Monica Bosworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I agree with the following statement:
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I am 100% against this.
Thank you,
Monica Bosworth

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Name: Janice Drum
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Name: Andrea VanDenBergh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at this monstrosity that is bigger than the White House itself. Please stop this.

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Name: Jill Koslosky
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Name: Christy Shultz
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Name: Cheryl Lovell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been destroyed without the public's knowledge and consent, it should be restored at the expense of the people who destroyed it.

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Name: Valerie Belon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any public or private funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Monica Walk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is The People's House. It needs to be restored to the exact specifications it was before the illegal demolition. No additions of gaudy gold. And no ball room and no increased size. Restore the East Wing.

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Name: Dana Howie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been devastated that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without proper planning or oversight, and now looks like a heap of concrete. I would like to see it restored, at least as much as possible, to its original condition. History should not be demolished. I hope you will consider my request. Thank you.

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Name: Loradona May
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is offensive to Americans. The demolition was done without permission or proper protocol. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be restored to its former design. The White House is not a president's personal toy to play with, break, and abandon. It is called the People's House because it belongs to the people of the United States. One person does not get to unilaterally decide to demolish parts of it for their own purposes. Restore the East Wing, and do so at the personal expense of the Trumps.

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Name: Paula Grieb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing and the grounds to its near former self. The demolition and the grandiose ballroom are designed to hurt the American people and destroy history. That is what authoritarians do.

Thank you.

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Name: Elizabeth Pringle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House belongs to the American People, not Donald Trump. How DARE he demolish it! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Charles Lord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House belongs to We The People and not to the occupants of the White House. The current resident has unlawfully destroyed the historic East Wing for personal reasons and as a citizen of these United States I DO NOT approve of the construction of an inappropriate oversized and grotesque "ballroom" even if it is "privately funded" (which I believe to be a scam). President Donald J Trump should have to pay OUT OF POCKET to restore the East Wing to its original condition as it was before this illegal destruction.

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Name: Mary Medjo Me Zengue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joyce Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending money on this project to build a new ballroom. I am for restoring the wing to its original glory, with any needed updates as determined by the Commission. #47 had no one’s permission to tear this this wing down and has no one’s permission to build a ballroom. STOP HIM from doing so. Thank you

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Name: Jeam Roman
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Name: Lori Quinn
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Thank You

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Name: Nancy Seward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying citizen, I vehemently oppose spending even a penny on this project, other than to restore the East Wing to an accurately and correctly historical re-building of the East Wing of the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was done illegally- without any reviews, permits, design or environmental reviews, authorization from the agencies that oversee the Historic Preservation of our National Buildings. Those who set forth this destruction need to be held accountable for the complete cost of restoring it. The shameful action of this vanity project by Donald Trump and his minions needs to stop immediately. Restitution is called for.
No one is above the law, or rules and regulations that govern our national treasures. I urge you to move forward on correcting this slash and burn action. Sincerely,
Nancy Seward

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Name: James Raffensperger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Using un-accounted private funds for this project is ripe for corruption and bribery. This project was started without proper permits, planning authorization or design review. This is destruction of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the money returned to the donors. I want the East Wing of the White House rebuilt, returned to its former design, and purpose. To permit this to move forward in the current plan is an affront to law abiding Americans who must go through proper channels to get work done. The East Wing of the White House, the People's House is to important to be replaced with an over sized ball room.

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Name: Barbara Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this east wing project- this is a monstrosity to make the White House no longer look like our historic building

This is the people's house and presidents are only residents for their term and any additions need to be okayed before going ahead just because they want - NO need to have a huge ballroom- even if the billionaires who fell to donate money to this construction- they will not have access to this addition and neither will trump.

Say NO to continue the huge addition it needs to be scaled down down to compliment the White House

Thank you for taking on this project to STOP his plans

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Name: Tara Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is completely unnecessary and a waste of time, resources and energy. It is destroying a piece of history. Not to mention that I seriously doubt this grotesque ballroom is going to be available to the public in the way the East Wing has been.

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Name: Melissa Bialowas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. I believe it should be rebuilt and restored to the former design. I feel this was a huge waste of money and for the very few events that need a large ballroom, the tents are a fine solution.

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Name: Debra Luhrs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a leading political power in the world, we need to have a ballroom that will showcase the white house. We need a space for entertaining, which is something we do on a weekly basis that actually speaks volumes for our decorum. I do hope this project is allowed to continue on.It's about the future, not trying to glorify a past. As a leading nation, among others, we need to have a space to entertain our dignitaries, when they come and are at the white house. The fact that it's being paid and funded by supporters is even better as tax powers.Don't have money to spend on something at this time.

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Name: Kathy Purcell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing demolition should've never started! The project has not been authorized. This is the people's house and it should be returned to what it was previously before it was demolished.
Do not let it resume.
Thank you.

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Name: miller rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I resent that I can only comment on this project after the East Wing has been torn down.

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Name: Marelise Beckmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The $300-$400 Million expansion is not wise in an economic time when this president has caused1.17 million job cuts.
I do not approve of the size of this project, 500 Guests would more than double the size of the former East Wing.

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Name: Colleen Mycoff
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Name: Ellen Frye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the east wing was an illegal attempt to turn the people's house into a vanity project for a corrupt president. The wing should be restored with any changes to the original design made in compliance with the law. Any artifacts that were not destroyed should be restored. The cost of the restoration should be charged to the current president who is responsible for the travesty.

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Name: Molly Bredenberg
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Name: LORI NEILSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

EDITED COMMENT TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN COMMENT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED

I urge the commission to halt the construction of this monstrosity as soon as possible so the reconstruction of the East Wing, AS IT WAS, can be accomplished. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, NOT to the individual who currently (and temporarily) occupies it. I have walked in the halls and within the walls of the White House East Wing; to think of their destruction on the whim of one person makes me profoundly sad.

The unthinkable destruction of the East Wing was done because one person wants a glorious 400K ballroom to entertain his MAGA sycophants. As is usual, he is thinking solely of himself. The White House does not need a 400K ballroom and the people of the United States do not want one. They want their house to be put back the way it was, in proper proportion to the main structure. As to his claims that this ill-planned project would be paid for by "donations", I do not believe it. Somehow, somewhere, funds for it will come out of the pockets of taxpayers. I absolutely have no desire to have my tax dollars go toward ANY project that the current occupant wishes to build to glorify himself.

This has been such a colossal waste of time, money, and resources. It has scarred the beautiful landscape at the White House. It has been one more thing to bring unneeded stress to the American people. One person has been responsible for this and you know exactly who it is.

Please stop this project so that the reconstruction of the East Wing will be accomplished with proper oversight, permitting and consideration of historical context.

NO 90,000 SQ FT ADDITION and NO BALLROOM!

Sincerely,
Lori Neilson
American Citizen / Taxpayer for the past *55* years

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Name: DANIEL KAISER
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Name: Lori Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “modernization”’is a travesty. It should require permits and prior approval, not the weird fantasy of a mad king. Please stop this destruction of the people’s house. Thank you.

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Name: Sheri Henderson
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Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Hershey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on the East Wing project while the Trump regime is in office. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Those responsible for tearing down the old East Wing shouldn't be involved with ANY new construction, but be prosecuted for criminal destruction of government property and endangering national security.

For our own SAFETY and NATIONAL SECURITY, all work on the new building MUST BE CANCELED until saner

people are in positions of authority. Then the new East Wing should be designed and rebuilt with full committee oversight, to fit comfortably within the overall White House framework.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When the President of the USA, without any authorization, decides to destroy a part of OUR White House, then it is incumbent on us to speak and to protest.
I do not want a new ballroom. I do not want to spend any money, let alone $300 million (!), on this President's personal folly. And I want all the people involved in destroying the East Wing and those who agreed to fund its destruction held accountable.
Please stop the East Wing Folly!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on it. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:10:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Penick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LA Malay-Koehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Foecke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project! It was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of an important part of American history! I want the East Wing restored to its former design. The White House is only a temporary residence for the president. No one is above the law! To allow this project to continue without consequences for not following approvals that are required is an affront to law abiding citizens. The proposed ballroom would also overwhelm the White House! It would destroy the historical design. We must also remember that this is the people's house. It is not supposed to be a party space for rich supporters. The money for any construction should come from tax dollars not from those who are trying to buy influence. President Trump should personally have to pay to restore what he has broken. There must be consequences for this unapproved and unlawful destruction of the People'! s House!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henriette Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Brodarick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartbroken and outraged at the destruction of important national architecture and history. It is a huge overstep for any sitting president to make such a destructive and wasteful change, not to mention how out of touch it is with the lives of the citizens the White House should reflect. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of important American history. The First Ladies of both parties have been the soft power behind the presidency for over two hundred years and with the destruction of this wing that history is diminished and disrespected.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I respectfully ask you to represent the interests of all Americans and stop the construction of this monument to gaudy, unchecked greed and restore this historical wing to its former condition.

Sincerely,

Sue Brodarick

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Kalkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, especially one that respect the history of the space. Instead, it's a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead rewards the initiators who broke the law and would be a disgrace to the People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. Rather than a modernization project, the sitting president has taken a wrecking ball to all the White House stands for as a symbol of America. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and tore our house down would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

My husband was stationed at The White House from 1966-1969 while he was serving in the Army and has many memories of working in the East Wing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Marx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen FitzGerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started without any authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing them for breaking the law would set a precedent for a direction in which law-abiding Americans do not wish to go.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Merrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modifications underway at the East Wing of the White House. This is the people’s house and

there are rules and procedures to follow regardless of the funding source. Work on the project should be stopped until a proper design review can be completed to insure modifications maintain the dignity and stature of the entire property.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Cinquegrani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. This administration had no authority to destroy the East Wing of the People's House. It should be reconstructed as soon as possible at the sole expense of Donald J. Trump.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Swiz Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without the proper authorization. I am against spending the $3 million to build Trumps ballroom and want the East Room restored back to the way it was
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 10:09:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Downing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization project. It is a slap in the face to the American people. The White house is OUR house. It is not owned by the current occupant. There were no plans to 'modernize' the East Wing; the current pictures of the location prove this. The Capital Planning Commission needs to demand that the East Wing of OUR house be returned to its original location as an addition to Our White House; not a huge, gaudy, unusable monument to the 47th president. It is beyond credulity that anyone would assume to have the right to tear down 'the People's house'. Do not allow this to happen.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lymarie Amato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Gunderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariann Carias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing to its former glory. No one has the right to demolish a historical building without authorization. No one!
And while you're at it, return the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Mozingo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million to replace a perfectly good East Wing on the White House. The project was started without authorization and was to be paid for by virtual bribes by the extremely rich. The people who started whis project must be held to account and must pay to have it restored. The law breakers that destroyed part of The People's House must be penalized for breaking the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Staub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing of the White House project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project, and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Kathy Staub

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriam Avins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project completely razes a piece of U.S. history. This project should be canceled, and the site restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Huff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Jeffery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to state my opposition to this project. It is a destruction of a landmark that is vital to the history of the United States and should not be allowed to continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin DeWispelaere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Osment
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma Steele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose pouring $300 million into a project that was launched without lawful authorization, without required permits, and without any legitimate design review. This is not modernization—it is the outright destruction of American history. This project must be stopped immediately, and the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or agency is above the law. Allowing this to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a direct insult to every American who plays by the rules.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Gerlach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

We don't want fascism.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:08:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Dillow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that this construction has moved forward without any oversight. This house belongs to the people of the United States of America and should NEVER be demolished to appease a narcissistic, ego maniac who cares nothing for the national treasures of American history. The East Wing should be restored to its original form! The construction of this ugly ballroom should be stopped!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Steckler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Cosgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing. It is a historic place in a historic building and should have had Americans vote on it before touching it, as it is the people's house. It has been home to all of our presidents since it was built in 1902, and is particularly special since it is the First Lady's particular wing. The audacity of the current administration to destroy this beautiful country's presidential home, among everything else, is an outrage and tragedy. He had no right.

Release the rest of the Epstein files, unredacted, prosecute them ALL, and abolish ICE.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Reader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I would like to share my thoughts on the destruction of the White House. I appreciate the chance to submit my written comments and hope they will be considered. I have borrowed some of my language from other persons, but I agree with every word.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

In fact, I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Nicole Reader
Orinda, CA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is the “people’s house,” and is not meant to be a gilded palace for one would-be king.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hauser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I consider the White House as a historic treasure. Any and all changes or updates should be done with the consultation of the appropriate historic planning commission. If the representations of the proposed exterior is correct, this new addition will dwarf the other areas. I also have grave concerns about the provenance of the funds to complete these changes, which should be transparent.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with oversight by properly credentialed architects and historians. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens. This is OUR house, not the house of the current resident.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hengstebeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. The demolition was done without Congressional approval, without public commet, without following proper procedures, and without any oversight. In short, the demolition was illegal. The american people do not need or want a giant ballroom, and allowing the project to go forward is just condoning illegal behavior.
Accepting donations from billionaires for the building of the giant ballroom suggests that favors will be expected in return.
Build it back the way it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Henn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I still remember visiting the White House with my parents when I was six years old, a small town Ohio girl, standing in awe at the pillars, the white marble, the beautiful gardens. It was the year after JFK was assassinated and my father felt it was necessary to come to DC to pay our respects. He put on his suit, my mother wore her best dress, a “Jackie” sheath dress with matching jacket and pillbox hat. We drove most of the way in one day, stopping at a motor hotel in Virginia, arriving bright and early the next morning. We spent the day touring. The East wing, my dad explained, was where we would enter. The President worked on the other side and he was a very busy man. They gave me a little plastic “presidential seal” as a souvenir. The guard smiled down at me. I remember him giving my dad a wink. I thought they might know each other! I tucked my hands in my parent’s hands as we walked around. I felt like a princess. Since then, I’ve been back, many times… for different reasons. To take my daughter there, to peacefully protest, to pay honor to fallen presidents who had lived there. However, now that the welcome mat is gone, when will I be allowed to return, when will I want to return? It will never be the same as the first time I walked in that East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of this unlawful project! The East Wing should be rebuilt and those who ordered the razzing of the East Wing legally charged!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Blazich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to all of us. The demolition shown was performed without proper review and permission. I think the East Wing should be restored and any alterations be taken through permission process. (All other changes done without review, such as the rose garden, should be taken through the same process. Future projects must be taken through a process that recognizes the principle that the White House is for all of us.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Lytle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the building of a ball room. This project is a waste of tax payer dollars. The president is out of touch with what is best for the American people. The economy is the priority, not a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meagan Bay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express how distressed I am about the euphemistic ‘east wing modernization’ project. It is no such thing. The Trump administration believes it can do anything and get away with it. For that reason alone it should be denied. But more than that the East Wing is most associated with the work of the First Ladies. All that history wiped away on the whim of this one man is heartbreaking. I can’t help bit believe that this was the opening salvo on his war on women and their contribution to our great democracy. Everyone has to keep saying no to him and stop him destroying history he doesn’t care for. He has to follow the law like everyone else. Please insist that the East Wing be restored to its previous beauty, and prosecute all who destroyed it in the first place.

Thank you
Penny Hill

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celia MaGilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: winn wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Soares
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of the proposed ballroom project to replace the East Wing of the White House. This project is unnecessary - the White House already has a ballroom. In addition, the scale of the proposed ballroom is out of keeping with the scale of the existing structure: "At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure." Contrary to what some people believe, bigger is not necessarily better.

In my opinion this project is just another of Donald Trump's vanity projects, like putting his name on the Kennedy Center, and look what happened to that. Now it's shuttered. Everything that man touches withers and dies. The way he has redone the Oval Office makes it look like a cheap imitation of Versailles or a fancy Las Vegas whorehouse. Presidents come and go but the People's House of the United States of America will stand till this country falls. Please don't deface this beautiful building imbued with our nation's history by allowing one man to trash it merely in order to feed his insatiable ego.

Thank you,
Nancy Soares
Ashland, Oregon

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored according to it historical design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In 1999, because of a sad event in our lives, my family and I were honored to visit the People's House, by invitation of my mother's congressman, Ray LaHood. After meeting Representative LaHood and chatting, we embarked on the "Member's Tour" of the White House. We were able to chill out in Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden and caught a glimpse of Buddy, the Clintons' dog. The entire experience was an unforgettable

one for us "regular" Americans, and I remember it vividly even though it was over 25 years ago. Now, I am deeply saddened and angry that the entire East Wing has been razed, carelessly demolishing "bricks and mortar" and the sacred spaces they sheltered.

I completely and whole-heartedly share Anara Guard's thoughts and feelings, as expressed: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Jannusch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was prior to the unlawful destruction by the current administration. It complemented the White House architecture perfectly.
We The People do not need, nor want, a monstrously gigantic Ballroom. For what? And who? Trump's billionaire cronies?
We wish you could restore the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden to its glory and beauty. We never needed a concrete patio in its place.
We The People were so very proud of our glorious White House before all the gaudy gold filigree. It looks like a bordello.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly La Rock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization project but an egomaniac’s fantasy. The East Wing did not need to be gutted especially without the proper historical review and the voice of the people being heard about Our House!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vivian Tedford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending even a dime to build this monstrosity paid for primarily as an act of bribery to the “dear leader” is

un-American and a slap in the face to the rule of law. The East Wing should be restored based on history and function, not at the whims of a narcissist.

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Name: Victoria Milne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The fact that the East Wing was destroyed is not a reason to allow new construction of a ballroom the grandiose size decided by the current President.
He leveled the East Wing by fiat , without discussion, let alone permission. The cost is enormous and for it to be offset by private donors does not make it an ok substitute for the East Wing, known historically as the " heart of the house". Instead , having ripped out the heart, it would become nothing more than a place where Trump would campaign for more money and curry favor of political allies, its future under the next presidents not of concern to him.
I've read several memoirs about the White House written by former White House ushers and other personnel , all describing the purpose and activities of the East Wing over the years. To erase that history and intent of the East Wing without permission of the people and allow the ballroom to be built, is to twice steal their ownership of the People's House from them.
How can we expect people to have faith in their future when access is further denied them in order to privatize a vanity project? It is not a palace or castle of a monarchy, it is a symbol of the past, present, and future of the United States. Any president, past, present, or future, is a house guest, not the owner. We are.

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Name: Michael Wahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I oppose the spending of $200 million (and purportedly increasing another $100 million or more) on this project that was initiated without proper planning, process, review, care or approval. I believe the original structure should be restored meticulously and care taken to ensure all completed razing is safely and properly disposed of, instead of the dumping that appears to have occurred. The risks of environmental contamination need to be minimized and remediated. This project and how it has been carried out thus far is very much repugnant. It is unacceptable. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Metz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:51 PM
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Name: Christine Ratcliff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alina Keebler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset about the destruction of the East Wing without the proper processes, historical considerations or permissions. I am equally upset that there has been no proper design process for the construction of a new building that is too big and too out of proportion to the existing building and that will have to be heated, cooled, and maintained 365 days of the year even though the ballroom space will seldom be used. All this is being done at the taxpayers expense, directly or indirectly. The federal government should set an example on how to properly follow established processes and regulations. Allowing this attack on our heritage to continue without consequences for those who initiated it is unconscionable.

We the people are the owners. The current president is just a tenant and under all tenant-owner agreements does not have the right to make changes to the premises without permission or consequences.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Jo Bayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When you live in government housing, you must get permission to make any changes to the property. You don't own it. I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House. Please restore it to its historic condition. Reconstruction should be paid for by the person that ordered the demolition. Sincerely, M.Bayer

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Name: Caryn Stardancer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly voice my objection to replacing the East Wing of the White House with an unneeded and disproportionate ballroom. The former structure had historic significance and was built with proper permissions, permits and funding, which this disgraceful project has been undertaken without. The East Wing should be restored to its former configuration and the current President should be censured for its wanton destruction

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Name: PAMELA LITTLE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to spending so much as one dollar more on the construction of this planned monstrosity! The White House belongs to the American people, it does not belong to this president. The scale is an abomination and will only relegate the People's House to a "GARAGE ADDITION"! This cannot move forward as planned. The destruction of the East Wing was illegal and allowing this construction to advance is complicit in the illegality of the destruction. Please, you all know in your hearts this planned ballroom is ugly and should not be built. Will you stand up to this president and say no?

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tami Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Ketcham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the modernization of the East Wing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Wigal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on this project. It has not sought proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a vanity project and ignores not just the policy and procedures but also American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former glory. In the

American republic, not even the President is above the law and to allow this project to proceed without holding accountable those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
All citizens are expected to follow the laws and regulation and set procedures. The President is NO exception to the rules.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Glaser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in a historically cohesive manner. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Grotheer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Scrivner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project. The tear-down of the East Wing was done without permission or clearance of any kind! No proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Denise Dennis Shyffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He broke the law!!\u-497 ? He didn't get permission from Congress!!\u-497 ?He ignores the constitution!!\u-497 ?
The wussy ass lickers need to find some balls and use the 25th amendment to get rid of him!!\u-497 ? He has turned our democracy into a laughing stock around the world for the “excrement” he pulls!!\u-497 ?\u-10178 ?\u-8914 ?\u-10178 ?\u-8927 ?\u-10178 ?\u-8914 ?\u-10178 ?\u-8927 ?\u-10178 ?\u-8914 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Ellet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked and horrified at the sudden and unapproved destruction of the White House East Wing last year. That's THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, owned by the American people while housing presidents for the last 225 years. No president has ever been the owner of the house or its land. Its demolition sans review, permits, or Congressional oversight was and is a clear violation of the law, on top of being a massive betrayal of the trust of the American people's entrusting it to the current president.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Put the White House back into the people's hands, please. It's the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William LHerault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People’s house. This is not a choice. Trump was legally able or proper to make. I trust a national Park service or whatever entity really has domain over the White House or the Congress to make appropriate decisions. This is a disgrace. Stop it and stop it now.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Herring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
Rebuild the East Wing! The destruction never should have happened.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: anita schackmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Holloway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I entered the White House on a visit through the East Wing years ago. It was a very exciting day and I was proud to enter the People's House.
I am horrified that the East Wing was destroyed without notice or approval from the mandatory agencies nor the people.
I do not want an unnecessary ballroom put in place of the East Wing of the White House.
This destruction is a violation of the peoples' right to have a voice as to our house.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsay Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Mandl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom plan is an abomination.
US history has been razed, the East Wing must be restored to its previous design.

A ballroom is an embarassing shameful affront to every US citizen.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Pavish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and respectfully request its cancellation. I also request the East Wing of the White House to be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Sobczak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Killacky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the east wing of the White House should be rebuilt exactly as it originally was. This is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project of the White House. This project radically changes a national landmark and was done so without following appropriate processes for design approval. The White House is the people's house and a residence. It is not a retreat center or conference center. There are many places that an ballroom may be built that honors our nation's heritage and history.

Sincerely,
Timothy Hanson

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Apolloni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the planned expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The stated size of the planned ballroom is drastically out of proportion in relation to the rest of the building, and if built as currently envisioned will be an eyesore. I want this project canceled and I want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Barsotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without consent or review, or even proper environmental procedures. Nothing should be built until the next administration so that this one is not rewarded for destruction.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A project of this magnitude should have been presented for approval to the people of the United States. It is the people's house not the sitting president. Any president residing at the residence is essentially a renter.
As a homeowner I am subjected to permits and processes before approval. I expect our national home to be no different.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juanita Bromfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
As a nation we need to preserve and restore all historical relevant buildings and structures for future generations, not destroy. Especially for what is basically a vanity project of the current President / administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kiri Solberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. this is a terrible affront to history of public officeholders. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:05:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Lewinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, including the Rose Garden. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law insults all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Welty Peachey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project because it was done unlawfully and without proper consent. This is the People's House, yet it is being treated as though it belongs to one person. Please restore it to its original, historical building.

Thank you!

Andrea Welty Peachey

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Couvertier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This teardown of the peoples house was done with no approvals, no ability for the public to comment and it destroyed a historical space. It should be restored to the former East swing everything built right back and right back the way it was..

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Storm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

To the people who care about respecting the law,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandon Calleja Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Akre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment speaks my opinion, as well as hers:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Bach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because it was taken without securing any proper steps. The East Wing is an historic building, which belongs to the American people, and it was demolished on a whim to satisfy one man's desire.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kara Sternhagen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Tew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the President. It is the property of the American people. Its demolition did not go through the proper channels. It is an historic building. Donald Trump had no authority to alter it in any way, shape or form. His so called Gold Ballroom would dwarf the White House. It should not be allowed to move forward and Donald Trump should be required to restore it to its original state at his own expense.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lindstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It should be treated as such. The destruction of our history is unforgivable. It should definitely not be replaced by the atrocious, gilded monstrosities of a ballroom that overpowers the structure of the White House itself. If it could be restored to its beautiful, original form, that would be the best solution. If more space is needed, a small addition or an added lower level could be built to accommodate bigger meetings.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:18 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Dilworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the building of the ballroom at the White House. This our house and nobody asked us if we wanted the East wing destroyed to build a ballroom. I want it stopped and the East wing put back to its original state. Thank you Kathy Dilworth

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lani Lybrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition and this ridiculous $300 million ballroom. It was not properly vetted or authorized nor needed. Those that believe they are above the law should be punished for their actions. This is the people's house. It should be rebuilt as it was before.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eli Rigatuso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ray Valek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump is a treasonous pedophile and his building must be stopped!!!!!!!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:04:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy de Beyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the current plans. The East wing should be rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey McNamara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:03:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Reeve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose appropriating even $1 to the East Wing project. I refuse to call it “modernization” when it was straight vandalism! This was a theft of the People’s history and the decision-making authority of the powers that be.
There needs to be a full restoration of the original design, including the lower level.
This was not a legal action of the presidency and charges need to be brought with the expectation of personal restitution.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:03:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marialys McClellan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I proudly protest the planned building of the grotesque and architecturally inaccurate addition to our White House, the People’s House. The East Wing was destroyed without any of the required permits or reviews or permissions. This is so very wrong and should not go unpunished.
The East wing should be restored to its original design ASAP. The laws broken should be added to the list and prosecuted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Peacock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I do not approve of the desecration of the White House which belongs to the American people, not a sitting president. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Elaine Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a sad day when the east wing of the White House was torn down without any discussion or approval by the taxpayers. Please restore the east wing to its previous state. This is a presidential overreach that is unconscionable.

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Name: Roxanne Chesnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank You,
Roxanne Chesnes

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Name: Valjean Lueking
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing was destroyed without congressional approval and there are no funds to be found for it's modernization. Although private donors have announced they have interests in donating to this project, no funds have been shown to exist. Private donors will also be expecting to receive favors in the form of legislative actions which will benefit their bottom line. I am against building a new East Wing Modernization Project, the East Wing should be totally rebuilt to it's historical past. The money for that should come from the president and private donors who said they would pay for the new construction of the East Wing. This demolition was totally done without going through the proper channels.

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Name: Don Matt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please receive my suggestion that the current President’s proposal which was preceded by an egregious act of destruction should be answered with denial and with consequence. Refuse this desecration of the People’s House.

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Name: Rita L Baldwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am opposed to spending any funds on a ballroom, an unnecessary addition to a building that was already complete as well as beautiful. Part of our history as a nation has been destroyed, and I want it rebuilt as it was before its wanton destruction, a destruction carried out with no official permission. The White House belongs to the people, not to an individual, and there should be consequences; otherwise, future presidents may think they can destroy our national heritage with impunity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Scaltreto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Friends,
I am writing to express my opinion as an American citizen regarding the East Wing project. I am horrified that the former East Wing of the White House was razed without permission from the National Parks Service, historic preservation commissions or other oversight boards. I believe that the East Wing of the People's House must be restored to its former state. Building a monstrous ballroom as a tribute to the worst president in our nation's history is offensive, a tremendous waste of taxpayer money and an affront to the architectural integrity of historic Washington D.C.
Warmest Regards,
Dawn Evans Scaltreto

Date: 2/16/2026 10:03:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I write today to share my thoughts on the East Wing Modernization Project. I wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated by this administration without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project for the current president. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its exact former design at no cost to the American taxpayer; to clarify, Trump should pay out of his own personal pocket to restore the East Wing, not the citizens. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Leslie Smith

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Name: Anna Engelsone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mindy Steffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I in no way support a ballroom for the White House. It should be reconstructed back to its original state using trumps money. He illegally did this destruction so he should have to pay to bring it back. What a sad thing to do to the people's house by a man who does not care how he shows up in this world.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacki Edens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Armor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a class A contractor in Virginia. I specialize in historic restoration and preservation. I follow the law.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would make everything the rest of us contractors, who follow the law and authorisation process,

meaningless.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gephart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the tearing down of the East wing modernization project of the Whitehouse. There was absolutely no reason for it and I demand it to be rebuilt to its natural existence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: VICTORIA LYALL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on replacing the East Wing of the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Tearing a historic building down and replacing it with an ego project is offensive. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every American who ever had to get a building permit.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending $300 million on a project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Valentino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abigail Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Wamsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I guarantee that if someone did this to a governor's mansion in any state in the union, they would be held accountable and prosecuted. The fact that they applied the "just do it and ask for forgiveness afterwards" (and they didn't even do that!) credo makes it even worse. The last time I checked, this is the People's House and there are supposed to be checks and balances & even laws to prevent this. Please stop this!

Regards,
Steve Wamsley

Date: 2/16/2026 10:02:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urgently and strongly object to the conversion of our historic "people's house" into a playground for oligarchs. This project never received proper approval and permits. The East Wing should be restored to it's original design. Allowing this project to advance would give permission to those who wish to blatantly flaunt our rules and regulations. The Capital Planning Commission was put in place for a purpose. You need to guard against grift, personal aggrandizement, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. While upgrades and new facilities may be necessary, to deface and tear down the space where elected leaders and first ladies have hosted countless domestic and foreign dignitaries, without seeking the required authorization, is an abomination. Hold those accountable for violating the public trust by making them pay for restoring the East Wing to it's original design and require an accounting for every single object taken from that space. These are not any one person's possessions to be hoarded or sold off, but rather national treasures which require appropriate stewardship by true civil servants. Please stand up to this obvious overreach and protect the architectural, cultural, and historic integrity of the White House. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Dettmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not go ahead with plans for a grotesque and excessive ballroom. Take time to match the grandeur and history of the rest of the building, as it was before Trump cheapened it with gilded gewgaws, trophies he didn't win, and ugly signs naming the rooms. It's too late to save the East Wing or follow proper procedure for deciding to destroy it, but there is still time to avoid compounding that mistake by rushing into something hideous to inflate the ego of one man rather than represent the entire United States with a well thought out, beautiful wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Foord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our beautiful White House..... the People's House..... should be restored to it's original footprint, with whatever modernization that is necessary for safety. This alleged 'ballroom', if permitted, would destroy the symmetry of our historic home. Clearly the President knew that destruction of the East Wing would not have been allowed had he followed the proper protocol to apply for it first. If permitted to proceed with his plan, he will likely see this as a green light for him to do additional damage to our national treasures. The Administration can find an alternate property in Washington DC on which to build its 'ballroom'.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is The People's House and this wing was razed without proper authorization and review, or agreement by The People. Allowing this project to continue is an offense against law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Mayfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am requesting the East Wing be rebuilt to its former beauty and nix the plans to build a massive ballroom to feed the massive ego of this president. What a waste of money that could be used to build facilities for the homeless, feed thousands of hungry families & restore healthcare in rural communities!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump illegally had the East Wing of the White House demolished without going through the proper, legal steps to do so. The plans for a massive ballroom is a disgrace. It is for his ego and nothing else. He has destroyed the Rose Garden and als did not follow the legal procedures to do so. The White House is the people's house and it can not be destroyed by a President who refuses to follow any rules and procedures.

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Name: Barry Karow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I view the changes to the East Wing to be collateral damage due to a war. Rebuilding after a war often does not mean returning to what was but rather a need to replace what has been damaged or destroyed. I fully support any replacement modernization to be undertaken only after the Commission has fully considered the options, plans and costs of the construction and with the final approval being made with and by the Congress of the United States.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Milton Uyeda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed ballroom project for the East Wing. It would be an architectural abomination beneath the dignity of the country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Chaillet-Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending anything on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people. The perpetrators of the crime against American historical heritage should be made to pay for the damage they have caused, to account for all furnishings and decorations that have traditionally been housed or displayed in the east wing, and pay to rebuild the east wing in its entirety with absolute deference to its original design and include modernization steps which contribute to safety, sustainability, and moden practicality(only if absolutely necessary).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Seib
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born in DC. You have a huge responsibility. Please force the lawless creature who tore down the East Wing without going through correct channels to now follow the correct process. I am against the plan and feel the proposed monstrosity should be required to adhere to much more conservative standards. Please make sure the scale of this stupid idea does not overshadow THE PEOPLES' HOUSE. Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sara Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the east Wing was demolished in its entirety without any sort of public process. I, as an American citizen and tax payer, do not consent to a giant, gaudy ballroom being built in its place.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Bateman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose any and all spending on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It cannot be described as a modernization project because it completely destroys a vital piece of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. True patriots uphold American history and the law. Those who broke the law to start this project without proper authorization, permits, or design review, must be penalized and have their positions in government revoked. Moving forward with this project without holding lawbreakers accountable would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and a desecration of American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Jae Labrecque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above

the law, and permitting this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jess Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Bullock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

As a citizen of the United States, I am heartbroken by the thought that there has been no accounting of the furnishings and art inside, or apparent conservation of the historical and valuable materials used in its construction, such as the fixtures, tile, stone, wooden panels, etc.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is our House - it belongs to us, the American people!

Sincerely,
Hilary Bullock

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 , permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It broke my heart to see the East Wing destroyed, especially with no opportunity for citizens to express an opinion. I want the East Wing rebuilt before any ballroom is considered. The disregard for history must never be accepted.

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Name: Randie Hilliard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MADELINE Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally agree with a comment I saw before coming here. It could not have been written more succinctly, so I am submitting it as my comment.
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."
Please have history restored, and those who caused this devastation held responsible.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Galiardi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million “ballroom” that is being proposed. The plans show an oversized ballroom that would overshadow the White House and is nothing more than a vanity project. President Trump did not follow the regulations, he is a tenant and not an owner of this property. President Trump should also be required to restore the East Wing as close to the original that he illegally tore down.

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Name: Mike Connaghan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 10:01:04 PM
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Name: Noreen Lehfeldt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, the East wing must be restored to its original as much as possible. It's a travesty that it was destroyed but it should be treated as if it was a natural disaster that destroyed it.

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Name: M Lisan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for accepting my comment.

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Name: Mary Hackett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Mary Hackett

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Name: Gretchen Tefs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Victoria Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US Citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete ERASER. of American history.

I request that the project be CANCELLED and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. IT IS SIMPLY WRONG to permit this project to go ahead without following the proper processes and permits. We are law-abiding citizens who follow the law - and our elected officials of the USA should ALSO be required to follow the law.

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Name: Anne Hinze
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: marta williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Bernhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Kim

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Name: Jennifer Barnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Noelle Lindenmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money let alone $300 million on this project. This projectwas initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of the "People's House"

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Henry Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization. It's destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Every participant and planner connected to this project should be investigated for a fraud perpetrated on American culture and the American people.

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Name: Mary Anna Sullivan
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Name: Cynthia Dietrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jana Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The submitted ballroom design would be completely incongruous with the existing White House and the proud history of the space.

I want this project canceled, and for the public to be able to review a set of design proposals that would place a modernized office space on the original footprint of the East Wing. The New East Wing should include significant design elements similar to the Old East Wing, and several historical markers commemorating the important events in American women's history that took place in the Old east wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DJ Ambruso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am borrowing the eloquence of another, so that my sheer and utter disgust with the current administration does not impede the attention that should ne given to halting all their works.
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Name: Phyllis Guster Guster
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Name: Susan Torgerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing is not supposed to be modern. This is the people's house. it is not meant to be tweaked on

the whim of one person. It is a national treasure, and must be treated as such with the voice of the people.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Bradford Bradford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it has been a travesty to the American people that our leader has pushed forward a destructive plan for the White House without going through proper legal channels. This project should be stopped in its tracks and the American people should insist on the rebuilding and renovation of this beautiful, historic and purely American building! What a colossal SNAFU!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cher Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eve Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit to you for your careful consideration that the way the Trump administration approached and destroyed a historical building without due process and without consent. Thisshould be considered a white

collar crime that will have penalties and fees. All efforts should be made to return the edifice to the original intent of aesthetics and grandeur to compliment the White House identity. Do not leave this project, in any permutation, in the hands of the Trump administration who has proven themselves to be unethical, non-transparent and incompetent.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brooke Beard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An affront to the "democracy experiment" which is a better for all of humanity experiment than the one this current administration has planned and begun to enact for our future. Who made the destruction of The People's House reality should land them prison immediately. Restore and stop this madness.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caren Fontes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shelley Dolley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The destruction that took place without proper review or permits is illegal and those responsible should face legal consequences. There are appropriate systems in place to protect against improper and feckless actions that were ignored. This is incredibly irresponsible.

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Name: Angela Miller Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the trashing of the East Wing without authorization. This historical building which is part of our history, was summarily razed at the whim of one. We the people respectfully ask that it be rebuilt and be restored to its former place on the grounds of our nation's capitol.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Dunbar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently OPPOSE this $400 million project and the destruction of the East Wing of the White House which illegally destroyed part of nation's history. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Loge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house and the east wing should be returned to what it was before demolition. It is no place for a giant Trump vanity project. It's not his house, but belongs to the American people.

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Name: Tess McKeel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Lampasona
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe anything the current administration is planning will be gaudy, crass and corrupt. The White House is not the king's palace but a house of and for the people of the United States. I fully support updates and am very saddened that you let the West Wing be destroyed instead of being enhanced or updated. The integrity of our nation should not be tarnished with the ostentatious ballroom being planned by this president. Already I am seeing our very house be destroyed and would hate to see this path continued.

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Name: Lisa Dagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Pam David
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this seriously misnamed project. The East Wing was a significant part of our shared American history, and the current occupant of the White House had absolutely no moral or legal right or authority to tear it down. If the issue is the modernization of the East Wing its scope should be in rebuilding the East Wing as it was, with modernization only addressing accessibility issues and the like. There is no need for the monstrosity being proposed - it is an insult to all Americans who honor our history and wish to preserve it for future generations.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:59:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Char Conger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom on the White House. This is an embarrassment to the people's house. Full stop from this abomination of an administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the East Wing Modernization Project. Destroying the East Wing without approval from the Historical Society input/authorization was inappropriate. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was or at the very least with input from the Historical Society.

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Name: Anita Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Robin Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. A portion of the people's house was destroyed without any discussion, rulings, permissions or permits. This is not a modernization project, it is destruction of our history to build a party room for a man who will only be in the house temporarily. Please stop the construction and rebuild the East Wing to preserve The People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carmen casado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for many reasons and would like the east wing restored to its original design as best and as soon as possible. The destruction and demolition was done in a hastily manner without going through the propped channels and process. The “modernization” is an erasure of the history of the that part of the White House and an egregious act of desecration of something sacred to all Americans.

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Name: Michael Grattan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This standard comment, that I cut and pasted sums up how I feel. However, it only scratches the surface. We did not elect a king. This administration is not above the law. It should abide by the law, the rules and if it fails to do so, then those responsible should be held legally and financially responsible.

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Name: Jennifer Harrison
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Name: LORI SAN MARTIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of one dime, let alone $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Lori San Martin

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:08 PM
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Name: Lisa K
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing project should continue. The changes will add value and be used for years to come. It

provides a safe space from the chaos of DC and weather for many events. Best of all not using tax payer dollars. Time to keep moving forward.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:04 PM
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Name: Craig Wiesner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,

As a veteran, a long-term public servant, and someone who cares deeply about our country and how I expect our democracy to function, I was horrified by the sudden destruction of the East Wing of the White House which occurred with no public notice, no discussion with Congress, and no input from this commission. I urge you to carefully consider what to do in the wake of this destruction and not turn part of the "people's house" into a mockery of what our founders and countless generations have built here in the United States. We do not need the grandest ballroom on the planet. We need a place where the work of the people can continue. Thank you!

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Name: Eduardo Pelegri-Llopart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing building feels like a greek temple that is o to upstage the White House. The center of attention of the collection of buildings should continue to be the White House. There is no reason for such a big new building, and certainly there is no reason for the ornaments that are just calling for unnecessary attention.

Bigger and flashier is not necessarily better and in this case it is very much worse.

Deny this project as is. Start over.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:02 PM
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Name: Diane Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom that had no prior approval. Donald Trump MUST learn to follow the rules (law). He shouldn’t be allowed to do whatever he wants! The East Wing should be rebuilt to restore the integrity of the building. There is no earthly reason for building a ballroom of that size for that price tag!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlton LaBelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on the Ballroom. Get historical guidance in restoring East Wing back as inexpensively as possible.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Leonard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300 million project. This was initiate it without the proper authorizations, permits, or design review. There are rules to be followed by everyone. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to prevent this project to go ahead without a punishment is not fair to all the law abiding citizens.

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Name: M Leask
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Borsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the East Wing was done without input or approval. The White House is the People's House and requires approval and vetting before any demolition or construction can be done. As an American citizen and retired military officer, I am incensed at this disrespect and destruction of an historic building. Stop the ballroom project! Insist this President pay to rebuild the East wing ! Hold this Administration accountable!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:33 PM
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Name: Silvija Moess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Merrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its original glory for the sake of our great American heritage. To do anything else would be a travesty and a stain on this generation. No kings.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:27 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: maryon attwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of 'our' American and cultural history. Please cancel this project in it's entirety.

The East Wing of the White House must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This national monument belongs to the people of the United States - not to a single person.

I suggest that the President be fined and that he use the contributions he has received/pledged to rebuild the East Wing as it was before it was so brazenly destroyed.

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Name: Nancy Soeder
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Maker
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Thank you,

A Very Concerned American Citizen

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Name: Nancy Henkenius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Remember the East Wing!

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ALL DONATIONS ARE TO BE USED FOR REBUILD OF ORIGINAL DESIGN!

(Photo: PBS)

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated brazenly and without the proper authorization, permits, or review. This historic building was marred by a temporary resident with total disregard for the rules and processes required for the change. I ask that the project be canceled, and the money "donated" by corporations to fund this monstrosity be used to restore the East Wing to its previous state. Allowing this project to continue rubber stamps the "act first, ask for permission later" approach.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House and unapproved plans for a $300 million ballroom need to be stopped. The East Wing needs to be restored to its previous state. Any and all changes need to go through the appropriate channels.

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Name: Sasha McCoy
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Name: Margaret Kirwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President does not have the authority to change The People's House, or any portion therein. The sitting president violated the rules and should be instructed to restore the East Wing to its former state. He should be fined the cost to restore. This violation was deeply disturbing to me.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judi Johnson Boehm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the what happened to and is going on with the White House west wing, a historic building - The People's House. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Parrott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply object to the construction of a ballroom where the East Wing used to be. The East Wing should be completely restored, using the money contributed for the ballroom, and the perpetrators of the destruction without permits should be punished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending tax pyer money to build a stpid ballroom. I would like the money to be spent rebuilding the East Wing as it was. No permits were sought nor granted. This lawless president sis not above the law.

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Name: Kathy Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission,

We, the People, do not want or need a ballroom in the People's House.

Thank you for your consideration,
~Kathy

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Name: Mildred Gerver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was totally heartbroken when I saw on the news that this administration took it upon and destroyed a huge part of the people's house. Everyone that was involved with the destruction should be fully prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and be made to fully fund the rebuild of our house to the closet replica as possible.

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Name: Joann Takehara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand In opposition to the ballroom construction plan that was not reviewed or approved by established processes. The historical East Wing needs to be rebuilt using the funds collected for the ballroom, augmented by Mr Trump himself as part of his fine.

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Name: Sara Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Frances Shelby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marie Petry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christian Rosado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Hargrave
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have lived in the DC metro area for 30 years, and hope to live here another 30. The White House has been here for over 200 years and hopefully will be here for another 200. It is the people's house, visited by citizens from around the country and guests from around the world. The current president should not be allowed to destroy its beauty for his own self-aggrandizement. Please just build it back in a shape that makes sense with the original scale of the building. Then prosecute the people who tore down a national treasure.

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Name: Jana Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a retired GSA project manager/building manager/preservation specialist. I oppose this project with every fiber of my being. To disregard the guard rails that have been in place for decade to make sure any understanding of a national historic landmark building is in the best interest of the building, the history and the nation. It is a shame that private interests are being promoted over the good of the nation. This building as proposed is going to drawf the white house. The Peoples House. And I question the cost of the project as well. This structure will not be in keeping with the sensitive nature of Washington DC and must stop immediately. And involve all stakeholders.to review and comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marty Cowden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a borrowed comment as her (Anara Guard) words say it better than I could....
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

P.S. Please hold person(s) responsible for the destruction of the East Wing accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Hourihan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a razing of American history to “the people’s house” and not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki McGillin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the "East Wing Modernization" project which has neither applied for nor been approved as a renovation of a historic building. No one is above the law. The White House must follow the same rules expected of the rest of us. It does not matter where the funding is coming from.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Hoggatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. In addition, the proposed design is out of character and scale with this historic building, freighted as it is with meaning and symbolism. To dwarf the original building is a travesty.

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Name: Louise Sportelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The renderings I have seen of the proposed rebuild of the East Wing are hugely out of scale with the rest of the White House. The need for a huge ballroom, that will sit empty most of the time, seems to be overblown. Presidents have managed without a facility of this sort. If there is a real need then it should be incorporated into a rebuild of the East Wing as it was before. Please do not allow this to go forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Sutherland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyric Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members,
I am writing to oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want the President to be accountable to the disaster he made of the People's House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.
E Pluribus Unam,
Lyric Wood

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing about this has been done correctly and with the proper approvals and vetting. Please restore the East wing with its awesome sense of history. It’s a travesty that the destruction was allowed. Please restore our White House to its former splendor.!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Shown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently have and continue to oppose this outrageous project. This “ ballroom” is another monument to a very needy and mentally unstable man and is a travesty of ignorance to the great
History and design of the original White House and especially the East Wing. Restore it now and require this man to personally pay for the restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vilhelmsen Sherrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cynthia Morelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At this moment in time, there is no East Wing, so it cannot be "modernized". It was razed without permits, design review or proper authorization. The history of the East Wing apparently was destroyed with the physical building materials, as we have not had any accountability for any of its safe keeping. The demolition was likely initiated by our current president, and I say he is not above the law, and he, along with all who aided in this destruction need to be held accountable. Reinstate the East Wing, using the $300-400 million that was supposedly donated to the current president - who I believe has stated that he "controls" those funds.

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Name: Neal Sumerlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Adele Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to the people's house!!!

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Name: Valerie Berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of anything on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Malayil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was. Such a historical site should never have been torn down in the first place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Woodbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Writing to object to the razing of the East Wing. Normal citizens cannot build a backyard fence or shed without a minimum of oversight. How is it possible this administration could tear down the entire wing without so much as a discussion from constituents or historians or anyone? Do not build a gold-gilded ballroom. It is not who we are as a nation. Put back the history of our nation's white house. Worry about feeding, insuring and housing your constituents who are struggling. Let the billionaires rent out Maralago if they need a golden ballroom for donors receptions.

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Name: S J
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bonnie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the idea of a grandiose ballroom. Gold and marble are not needed and are offensive to many. It should be something that the average American can connect with. Any art should be inclusive and symbolize unity.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Mullino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to submit my desire to see the East Wing restored to its previous configuration. It was torn down without authorization and does not belong to the President; any president, it belongs to the people. There should be no opportunity to get around the rules by playing "do now and ask permission later" kind of games. The funds to restore it should be taken from the money raised to build a ballroom.

While I understand that the White House might not have all the amenities of a more modern, grander building, the White House should strive in it's own way to reflect that the inhabitants are not greater than all, that the position is temporary and like the people who make up this country, sometimes you have to get creative to accomplish your goals. I.E tents on the grass.

Please do not approve any attempt to change the architecture of the White House, and request the East Wing be rebuilt to the previous blueprint.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:55:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Peck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the "East Wing Modernization Project", which appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or design oversight. Rather than a true modernization, it represents the destruction of a significant piece of American history. I urge that the project be halted and that the East Wing be reconstructed and restored to its original design. No one should be above the law, and allowing this to proceed without consequences for those who bypassed legal requirements would disrespect every American who follows the rules.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Nunan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This was motivated by the bottomless ego of a emotionally stunted and increasingly senile wanna-be autocrat with the taste of a Third World dictator.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the physical embodiment of a stain on American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Double
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a private ballroom, to replace the West Wing of the People's House that was illegally demolished.
This administration needs to rebuild the wing to fit with the rest of the house.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:55:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ilene Semiatin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and its East Wing are the property of the American people. If we need a large entertainment space, and if the People approve it, and after it's properly vetted, permitted, and approved by the parties who control our purse strings (Congress), then we can step ahead and renovate at this level. This is not just a modernization. This was the razing of a public building without any public oversight. Whether publicly or privately funded (and this had BETTER be privately funded) it should not have happened without oversight.

At this point I don't know what choices we have. I don't think tearing it down and trying to rebuild is a decent option either. But it should be the president's duty to secure private funding to finish what he started, and to cover any supplemental costs it will take to maintain that new wing for the first 10 years at least. We didn't ask for it, we didn't vote for it, and we should certainly not have to pay for it.

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Name: Erin Piateski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Boggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has been the visible center of the government of the United States as well as a symbol of beauty and honor for over two hundred years. Despite undergoing repairs and vast interior reconstruction for safety and durability it has retained elegant and beautiful architecture throughout. For a current resident of the White House to alone determine that the East Wing needed to be turned into a massive unneeded ballroom, without permission or agreement of those who should have been consulted, it is inconsistent with the long-held policies and principles of our government. Not only is the construction going to be asymetrical and unattractive it will put great pressure on the budget due to both its size and its reconstruction at a time when funds are not available for legitimate projects.

It is yet another example of making changes that are not only unnecessary but visually offensive. The removal of the Rose Garden and then paving the lawn to accommodate tables and chairs was an insult to the historic plantings there and was only a hint of the revolting and disrespectful destruction of the East Wing.

What is next? Will the floor beneath the White House East Wing become a rock solid safe place for the President and others to plan further destruction of the symbols and safety of the United States? These changes are not only insulting to the White House, they are done without the approval of the citizenry and the government itself. They should not happen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Levi Caudill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeff DeMello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: J Berry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. It was begun without proper authorization, planning or permissions
As a tax paying US citizen I demand this project be halted and the east wing rebuilt to its former specifications.
This project is an affront to all Americans

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Name: Terrie Silverman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathi Janssen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Britney Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,

As an American, I am deeply disappointed in the lack of oversight on this project and this administration. I certainly could not renovate my home without a permit from my city. How is it possible for someone to demolish part of one of this country's most significant buildings without proper congressional oversight?

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Britney Stark
Minnesota, USA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Dewey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Goddard Dale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president does not own the East Wing and the doesn't have the right to demolish it and build his ballroom without the consent of the National Park System. It should be restored to its former configuration.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Magali Le Bouder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The East Wing has disappeared and should certainly not be rebuilt at a size that will dwarf the rest of the white house. Any new construction needs to go through the proper challenge for review, cannot be bigger than its original size and should reflect the diversity of the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Foust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart breaks every time I see this destruction. It should be rebuilt to replicate the original. And this comment includes that concrete abomination that used to be a beautiful garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Sturgis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this proposed ballroom project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Antoun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the cost to Donald Trump from his personal wealth. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Reardon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but in actuality a complete razing of American history. I am baffled as to why legal charges have not been brought. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Furthermore the cost of that restoration should be paid for by Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House should be investigated for criminal action. It does not belong to a particular resident(president). It belongs to the people of the United States. Lawful evaluation and protection of our historic heritage and property is just that-lawful. The destruction was not. Any funds received need to be used to rebuild and restore to historical style and significance. Any excess needs to be paid for specifically by Trump, not our tax dollars. We do not need a ballroom like that at “our” White House. Please make your decision appropriately. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Heldreth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump tore down the East Wing of the White House without getting any approval or input, as is required. This is the people's house, and Donald Trump is a temporary occupant. Frankly, this destruction should never have been allowed to happen, and the East Wing should be rebuilt to the state it was before its destruction. I want all building halted until a proper approval process is done. I want public input on the purpose of any new structure; in my opinion, a Trump ballroom vanity project is inappropriate. It also has been reported that donor money for the ballroom has disappeared, or never materialized. This needs to be investigated to determine if there was fraud, and if the president is benefitting financially from this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dwight Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Carmichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it an odd combination of surreal and demoralizing that decent Americans' time and energy is being spent in this forum to protest the reckless, pointless and illegal destruction of the historic East Wing of the People's House and the further insult of a proposed three hundred million dollars for an unplanned, undesigned ego massage of a building atop its wreckage. Please consider that while not all people will find the information to opine here, my voice represents many.
In profound disgust, E. Carmichael, citizen.

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Name: Nancy McGarvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Vicki Wehrmann-Sorensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please!!! No new East Wing or gaudy ballroom!!! We don't need an opulent, over-the-top ballroom or underground bunker! Put a stop to this desecration of land idea that POTUS has come up with!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:53:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Karen Meyer
Orange Park, Florida

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Dupont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Kristine Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on this project, initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, none of which seems to have been carefully documented or preserved. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and footprint, including the historic gardens. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is innappropriate for any US President to build temples to himself. Even Richard Nixon didn't do that. It is even more inappropriate to knock down a storied "First Lady" wing of the White House. Any project of this sort must originate in Congress, be funded by Congress and signed off by the President, and after the courts have dealt with any legal challenges that arise.

Additionally, it should not be funded by billionaires that Trump seems to be blackmailing for what he knows about them raping children. It is for this reason that there are three branches of government.

I vote for restoring the East Wing and along with it White House scale and symmetry. Reject this dance hall for the architectural atrocity that it is

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Fullick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m really opposed to spending $300 million on this project, especially since it appears to have been started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This isn’t modernization — it feels more like a complete erasing of American history.

I believe the project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to move forward without holding those responsible accountable would be an insult to every law-abiding American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Latifa Kropf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission, I do not want the $300 million dollar ballroom built. The $ should be spent to put the east wing back the way it was. The white house is the people's house and should represent the citizens of the US. The president and first lady have a lot of leeway in interior design and the design of the grounds but to destroy a part of the white house should not have been allowed to happen. Please put it back to the way it has been for over 60 years.
Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Shaffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing, don't "modernize' it! The white house was beautifully designed and in balance, a historical home (with gardens) that somehow got bombarded by heathens. NOBODY has ever wanted a ballroom there! Where did the president get that strange idea? We the People do not want a Palace sitting in DC. The White House has served as a lovely, stately and subtle residence for all our presidents just fine - and the future ones deserve to reside in history with them. It is not an entertainment facility, nor meant to be one. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sloane Birke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Borrowing some language below that I agree with completely. There is no authority to do this and we need to shut this ‘‘project’’ down immediately. This is the people’s house, and not this presidents personal property.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ela Dupont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ute L Vilfroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is unnecessary, cost prohibitive, and procedurally improper. The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its previous condition.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:53:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas MacLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charmaine Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The White house is not private property to be demolished and redesigned as a sitting president wishes. It is the public property of all citizens of the USA. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project to modernize the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is also not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The president of the USA demands that illegal immigrants be deported because they broke the law yet here he is breaking the law conducting illegal construction without the approved permits. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Saucerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To characterize this project as a 'modernization' is a travesty - it has been a wholesale destruction of sacred American History. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent desecration.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Glance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse and am appalled that history was literally destroyed before our eyes with no authority or approval to do so. This is a waste of taxpayer resources and a blatant insult to the American people who built this country. Something needs to be done to hold the responsible parties accountable and they should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. If for no other reason other than to set an example that the USA won’t stand for this kind of foolishness and that modifications to historic structures must come through the proper channels.

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Name: Peter Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patti Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I would also like all commentary plaques removed from former presidents' portraits. It is America's house and all of our former presidents should be treated with dignity and honor.

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Name: Christine Roll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathryn Yonka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't let Donald Trump build his gaudy ballroom. Not only did he not get permission for it, but he tore down a piece of history to do it, also without permission. I'm in my 80's and I don't want to leave this horrible legacy for my children and grandchild. We deserve better from a president than all this law breaking and corruption!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It is owned by the American people, not by any inhabitant of the White House. The East Wing should never have been razed without review and permits. The American people should have been given an opportunity to comment before any action was taken. The demolition demonstrates disrespect for our history and for the populace. The National Capital Planning Commission should, first, reconstruct the East Wing as it was and, second, cancel the plans for a grossly out-of-scale building on the site. Anything constructed in the future must be compatible with and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Velina Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mirta Arazoza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ann Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and believe that the east wing needs to be rebuilt in the same footprint and style that it was. Please do not let Trump make this into another gold studded ugly building the support his ego driven agenda. The East wing had historic relevance and I cannot believe what has happened to it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Langlois
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any amount of money, from the government or private donars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Minnotte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marybeth OConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization and violates DC code. Additionally, there is no way a ballroom can be built for that price unless there's more funds from highly favored billionaires. Even so, I am entirely opposed to the continued plans for any ballroom. Use the money to reconstruct what was there.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrie Martindale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any money at all on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The WHOLE historic building, representing over a century of American heritage, was completely demolished.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I want all future projects of any kind to be carried out by following the guidelines that are in place.

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Name: Gail Ash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law,a nd to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Donnigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of the Landmark HIstoric district in Savannah, Georgia I find it especially regrettable that the current administration believes it is not accountable to the same standards and processes of historic preservation that is required of and adhered to by all other applicable citizens. Persons who reside in historic homes of distinction and particularly one that is owned by the American people have an obligation to preserve and protect such national treasures for future generations. It is a privilege and an honor that is not be taken lightly nor assumed that changes to particular personal preferences can be made as opposed to what would best serve the American people for generations to come. In sum, I would respectfully request that the administration be required to follow and uphold the same preservation guidance and standards set and meant for all Americans, without exception, as well as to draft a considerate modernization plan that is deemed acceptable to the American public.

Respectfully,
LD Donnigan

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Elwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alice Yeh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Saskia Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former White House intern, I was particularly dismayed upon learning that an important part of our nation's first house had been unceremoniously destroyed with zero regard for its historical significance and zero adherence to the legal process that exists to oversee structural and architectural changes to the White House. Because this destruction was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and the creation of an oversized ballroom. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored, with any truly required modernization undertaken appropriately and with the legally required oversight and approvals in place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathon Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It belongs to the citizens of this country. Donald Trump unilaterally decided that he did not like the East Wing and he wanted it replaced. Without following any of the laws involved in altering historic landmarks he had the East Wing destroyed. Illegal acts should not be rewarded. Trump has lost the privilege to be able to decide what gets put in place of something he defiled. Under no circumstances should this project move forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Tiscione
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also oppose using any “donations” for this project. That is rife with probability for abuse.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ana Cervantes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Chisholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I'm sick and tired of Trumpf acting as if he owns the White House, rather than viewing as it is, his temporary home. He has utter contempt for the Constitution of the United States and the rule of law.

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Name: Barbara Truemper-Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The indiscriminate and needless destruction of a building of historical significance is wrong. The East Wing is part of the "peoples' house" and as such should not have been touched without the peoples consent. Modernization can happen without complete destruction.
But now this cannot be easily rectified.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this nonsense project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Heyl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I greatly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the building of an oversized garish ballroom. The project was not authorized and is illegal. It must be shut down and the East Wing rebuilt to the exact standards to which it was built.
No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:51:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Soucie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

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Name: Kristen Bryson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbi Antonazzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed new East Wing is a monstrosity. It is ungainly and dwarfs the main building. The huge ballroom is totally unnecessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:51:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Castillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Sheppard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. In every city, town, or municipality, there are laws to be followed with any new construction. No one… no one is above the law.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project. I believe the East Wing should be restored to its previous condition.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:51:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BOBBY LEWIS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Falls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: ELIZABETH KUZMA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I don't care that he's getting donations to redo the East wing this is historical and we don't need it he's ruining everything about the White House making it into a dirty whorehouse with all the golden crap. I hope they undo everything he did and spent taxpayer money on no Arch either. Stop doing the stuff that the most unpopular present ever was tells you to do.

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Name: Julie Jacob
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

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Name: Jo Ann Gruber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 16, 2026

Subject: East Wing Modernization Project

Dear National Capital Planning Commission Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed addition of a 90,000 square foot “ballroom” to the White House, a National Historic Landmark and a unit of the National Park System. The White House belongs to the American people; presidents are only temporary stewards for the duration of their terms.

A structure of this scale would be wholly incompatible with the historic character of the White House. A ballroom nearly twice the size of the existing residence would overwhelm the original architecture and violate long standing preservation principles, which require that additions to historic properties remain subordinate in scale and respectful of the original design.

I urge you not to permit such a disproportionate and inappropriate addition to the people’s house. Protecting the integrity of our national heritage must take precedence over any temporary occupant’s preferences.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber
Eagle River, AK

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Name: Glenna Bobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom. This project was started without any authorization. Not only authorization, but no permits or reviews. I request this project be stopped immediately. As an American citizen, that house is ours as a nation, not Trump's to do with as he pleases. I demand the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former glory exactly as it was before he unlawfully demolished it. No one is above the law and to allow this to continue without punishment is a also in the face to all law-abiding Americans.
Calling this a modernization project is despicable. Stop gaslighting us. We are not idiots.

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Name: Doug Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The East Wing belongs to We The People no just trump! The project was initiated without authorization as if it was someone's personal property. The ballroom and history was destroyed without consulting We The People. Cancel the project and rebuild the ballroom as it was.

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Name: Martha Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need the Epstein-trump ballroom. It is hideous, low-class, and overpriced. Return the Eat Wing to its former glory. And fix the Rose Garden, too, while you're at it. The White House looks like a trailer park.

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Name: Nancy Hanlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Nancy Hanlon

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Name: Judy Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathy Melvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing for a unnecessary $300 million ballroom. This was done without the necessary permissions or permits and certainly without the approval of the American public. The East Wing should be restored immediately!

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Name: Susan Lundquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the destruction of the White House East wing and it's replacement with an enormous gilded ballroom. One of the wo derful things about our history is that there are no government palaces or castle. Ours is Government of the people. A golden ballroom does not express our heritage or our ideals. Please restore the East Wing to it's former size and function.

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Name: Jeremy Haack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed structure to be added at the East Wing is disproportionate to the rest of the building. It dominates and overshadows the rest of the building. It also seems unnecessary. What would be the level of use for the space? It seems that this is just an attempt to make the White House like other properties that the current occupant already owns and not about making it more accessible or usable by the people.

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Name: Cathy Doucet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Erin Drain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Candi Cooper-Towler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Rackett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

The White House is not eligible for any president to remodel at will. Any additions or renovations should be monitored by historians and other professionals to preserve the integrity of the building as well as its history. As precious history has already been irrevocably lost, we must halt the East Wing Modernization Project.

These should also be consequences for violation of established processes.

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Name: Craig Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The management and preservation of the White House are overseen by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The White House is considered a national park site and is owned by the American people.

Trump has no authority nor legal ability to destroy, modify or replace any portion of the White House, and he certainly has no authority to build a new building/wing or other appendage to the White House without explicit Congressional approval.

The solicitation of private "donors" to fund this travesty is simply a move to side step and avoid respecting Article I of the Constitution that gives sole "power of the purse" to Congress. Trump's "design" for a ballroom is nothing more than a vanity project being foisted on the United States citizenry, and it must not be allowed to stand. If Trump wants to build a monument to himself with his billionaire donors, he should wait until after his term is complete and take the money to build something on privately owned land, not on a part of one of our most honored national parks.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a mandate by a President that is ignorant of the Constitution, and shows no respect for it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy McClure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As with others, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amanda Fraioli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO. Executive overreach at its finest. Illegally started. Illegal to continue.

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Name: Carisse M Berryhill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Denise Levering
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marsha Healy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I felt as if someone punched me in the gut when footage of destruction of the East Wing was televised. I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its classic, beautiful design (not gaudy like the oval office). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: John Overstreet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. Trump tried to bully his way to tearing down the HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE without any regard for rules, norms, and even laws. That has been his way for most of his life and that is what you would expect from a convicted felon. We, the people, think differently. We respect and honor those buildings that stand for what's good about America. Building a gawdy ballroom only feeds Trump's insatiable need for self aggrandizement.

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Name: Aurolyn Luykx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American I OPPOSE this project, which is not in fact a "modernization" of the East Wing (which no longer exists). Not only does the private funding veer into serious conflicts of interest, the destruction of the East Wing and planning of a ballroom in its place was was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or environmental review. The disdain for our nation's history as well as its laws is despicable. To permit this project to proceed would be to reward lawlessness and graft. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its prior specifications and the cost deductible from President Trump's ill-gotten gains.

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Name: Barbara Hudgens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened by the destruction of the East Wing, especially since it was not done with properly approved plans and authority. The president does not own the White House, it is the people's house. I believe the 300-400 million in donations (from the oligarchs or Trump himself) should be used to rebuild the East Wing as close to the original as possible. A historical committee can evaluate any possible changes that might be added during the rebuild. Our country does not need a huge gaudy ballroom.

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Name: Renate Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jacqueline Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The devastation of the East Wing is heartbreaking and the imposition of DJT's taste on historic buildings is obscene. Please put an end to this before it goes any further.

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Name: CAROLINE/ART BAIHLY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Dockery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was begin without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project without penalizing those who broke laws to initiate it should not be tolerated.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:49:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Barrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kim Manitta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Joy Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was appalling to me to watch the East Wing being demolished with no regard to history or procedure. Please put limits on the reconstruction. Please rein him in. It's physically and emotionally painful to watch him demolish everything that is good in our country.
Also, please allow all living First Ladies to have a say in the design of the new East Wing. Except Melania. Thank you.

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Name: Patricia Sheffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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You STOLE HISTORY! You stole the very place that our most beloved First Ladies made their mark towards the betterment of us all. You stole the experience that we enjoyed of walking through the same corridors that Jackie Kennedy and Eleanor Rosenthal once graced. This is an absolute betrayal to our society to our history and absolute reverence of such dignity and grace it reflected. You did this WITHOUT PERMISSION

and this cannot be allowed to be turned into a vanity project for one man who has zero respect for our country, it's laws, it's past and what that represented to us all. No person has the right to disrespect this amazing part of our shared history. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to it's former glory.

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Name: Suzanne Dull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beth Weidner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing of "The People's House," with no review, permitting or authorization is a travesty! I object to my tax dollars being spent on construction of a giant ballroom that would dwarf the historical White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Judith Mendoza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a disgrace to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marie Ihnen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sandra Boe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to the Ballroom that was never approved! Restoration of the White House must go through official process and procedure.

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Name: Carolyn Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a "modernization" project, but an obliteration of part of our U.S. history. This project should be canceled; the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous design (and

to modern building codes, obviously). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am one of those, and take extreme umbrage at the damage — physical, historical, and emotional — that this rash destruction has caused.

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Name: Vicki Smaridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the razing of our White House East wing was done without authorization and needed permitting. It is a disgrace that this administration took it upon themselves to destroy our Historic White House. No ballroom should be built and the structure should be reconstructed as close to its original design without tax payer funds.

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Name: Ashley Steeve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathleen D'Souza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would like the East Wing restored to its pre-demolition state. There was no call to "modernize" it in the first place, and I don't trust whatever vision for the project to be anything other than heinous.

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Name: Peggy DeWitt
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Name: Julia Figg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against building a ballroom that is planned to be built over the old site the East Wing used to occupy. I am also against having private donors fund a ballroom or any structure that is to be built over the old site of the East Wing. The White House is the People's house, not a billionaire project. Trump should be sued for the cost of what ever is going to replace the East Wing. What was done to the White House was illegal and horrid.

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Name: Milora Johanns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" should never have happened. The deliberate destruction of the East Wing was horrifying. As history was bulldozed, it made me physically ill. While at times updates are needed, the history of our country must also be considered. Paving over the rose garden so lovingly developed by another first lady was just a start. There are other places for a ballroom. When has this president needed an area this large? Please do not allow this farce to continue. Bring back the East Wing and the national treasures housed there

Date: 2/16/2026 9:48:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin O'Neil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

There's been no accounting for what happened to all the stuff inside, and there was no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thanks for listening. --Kevin O'Neil

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Name: Linda George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of this so-called "modernization" project. The East Wing has been destroyed, not modernized. I believe that we try to restore as much of the historical East Wing as possible. A huge building that will dominate our White House is not in this country's interest.

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Name: Amanda Hannis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judith Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Deborah Berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed for any modest improvements. I do not believe that this was a modification project. Ideally,I think the people who destroyed the East Wing should pay for it not the taxpayers. The White House belongs to WE THE PEOPLE ,not one person.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:48:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robbin Keenan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This "project" should be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: cynthia scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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East Wing Modernization????? My god, destroy hundreds of year cultural landmark in US history using the 'reason' modernization. I notice the project name has changed. instead of building a 'big beautiful gold ballroom that presidents have all wanted (no they didn't)' without going through all the reviews required is sacrilege.

He was so determined to 'remake' the White House to his Mar-a-lago image that he demolished without notifying Congress or National Preservation committee. Only a person who knows what he is doing is wrong would do something like this.

I haven't seen if paneling, paintings, flooring, etc have been removed and stored or he just destroyed. He is only known for destruction and that will be in history books as a horror.

He has destroyed the Rose Garden. He installed two HUGE flagpoles. He ripped up grass and pour a concrete patio. (you know, like Mar-a-lago). He put his name on the Kennedy Center; which is also illegal as something like that required Congressional action.

I say the 'ballroom' needs to be stopped. I think trump should be required to rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was, using historical records to try to make it so. I also think the concrete patio needs to be removed. The Rose Garden should be restored. The flagpoles should be reduced to a normal size. His name needs to be removed from the Kennedy Center memorial to JFK.

I am so horrified by all his illegal actions I don't even know how to address them all but this 'ballroom' needs to be stopped! If nothing else, the site should be cleared and planted with grass so later administrations can rebuild the East Wing.

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Name: Laura Houston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Donahoe
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Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House as it was before the wrecking ball destroyed it.. It. Is a symbol of our nation, and needs to be restored to its original state. It belongs to the people of the United States.

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Name: Janell Holas
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Name: Douglas Spalding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Trump’s capricious destruction of the East Wing of the White House is NOT a modernization project. it’s an illegal, immoral, ill-advised, unwanted ode to his ego. bad behaviour should not be rewarded with an “Oh well,” “Olé,” and permit to proceed. the East Wing must be restored ASAP to its architectural and historically accurate former state.

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Name: Ann Broomell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ruth Bachman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Crystal Walts-Paulin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Dawn Dunkelberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michelle Belan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the East Wing in all its magnificence has been destroyed. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a slap in the face to all Americans. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jimelle Rumberg, PhD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history on an historic landmark. I therefore am requesting this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Do not permit this project to continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Wertz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project because it was done without proper authorization and was done as a self-fulfilling demonstration to satisfy the president's ego. I am an American for all of my life and am frustrated that persons in a position of power are allowing this type of behavior to continue!

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Name: Evelyn Deverell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose permitting the "East Wing Modernization". The expense involved in the destruction off the East Wing, the cost of permitting and fees, the 3 or 4 million dollar cost to build the proposed 'ballroom' are all

unnecessary and should never have needed to even be considered.
I believe that the demolition work was conducted illegally and the proposed ballroom is unnecessary, not needed and excessive.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Billy Womble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending $300 million on a project that bulldozed its way forward without proper authorization, permits, or design review isn't "modernization" it's arrogance with a price tag. Let's call this what it is: not an upgrade, but the reckless erasure of American history dressed up in bureaucratic spin.
You don't get to ignore the law, tear down heritage, and then expect applause. The East Wing wasn't some disposable eyesore it was part of our architectural legacy. Flattening it without due process isn't progress; it's vandalism funded by taxpayers.
Cancel this project. Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its original design. And hold accountable every official who thought the rules didn't apply to them. No one is above the law and pretending otherwise is a slap in the face to every American who actually follows it.

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Name: Kelly Quinn
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Name: Christina Galin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The WHITE HOUSE, OUR house, is not a forever home for anyone. Trump, didn't care, from day 1, and just did whatever he wanted. He has ruined the White House, and the surrounding landscape, ignoring

everything.
He should be made to put it all, painstakingly, back, including the inside, to how it was. It is not his to change - EVER. MAYBE, private living quarters, but that's it. There are years of historical structure beyond damage, that needs to be brought back to original.
That awful grand ball room needs to be stopped, in it's tracks, from EVER happening. He NEVER got permission, nothing to do it. He thinks he is Supreme ruler and no body can stop him. YES, we can!!!

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Name: Kate One
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judy smith
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Name: Louise Guerin
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There's an old adage that states that's it's easier to say you're sorry after the fact instead of asking permission. This current administration has done neither. To take it upon themselves to destroy a historical portion of The People's House for some gaudy, giant facility - something else he can rename for Himself - is an overreach that must be addressed. It was not necessary. It's offensive to every previous occupant of that house. That one person's need for spectacle, gilding and ostentatiousness can go unchecked is infuriating. I urge the NCPC to ensure that the East Wing restored to its previous proportions as well as all of the historical items that were removed/destroyed in the process.

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Name: Laura Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Allison Rowland
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Name: Michelle Millstone
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Name: JANICE MUNDEE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House renovation project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Megan Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing (and the rest of the White House) belongs to all of us - we the People. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kendra Sowers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the destruction of the East wing of the White House project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Robinett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished without proper permits and permissions. I would like it restored to its former glory.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:46:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Dinerstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

This project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I am a former federal employee and cannot comprehend how the administration razed the East Wing of the People's House without following appropriate procedures and legal processes. Someone must be held accountable.

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Name: Cathy Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Ann Broadstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have no descendants of my own but many many nieces and nephews and I am hopeful of a great future for all of them. But because I am from a large family with a deep history in this country, going back to

settlers who enlisted in the Revolutionary war, I am especially interested in preserving history. The White House, in all its aged glory is a relic of our glorious past and should be preserved as such. Please consider all reasonable repairs before demolishing our past.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Whittington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% opposed to the east wing modernazation project of the White House. I am amazed that anyone could have it torn town without permits, permission from Congress and many safeguards it is the peoples house, NOT Trump's. He just resides there during his turn. The millions of dollars that have already been spent and what it will take to repair what he has destroyed is in thinkable. Stop this nonsense now!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. There was no proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is just destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: MB Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kathy Marcello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer I highly object to the project to build a ballroom in the prior location of the East Wing of the Whitd House.
1. No legal procedures were followed and no proper permits were obtained for this project. I need permits to build a fence in my yard.
2. The president initially stated the cost would be $200,000,000. Now it's up to 300,000,000. His justice department wanted to indict Jerome Powell for remodeling cost overruns.
3. It is probably just the usual ignorance of American history, but a proper respect should be given to our national architecture and buildings. It is an affront to our history and national legacy. Dont want to hear about the addition of the east wing decades ago— it was done properly.
4. In our current economic doldrums this is sickening. Our country needs rational foundation and leadership, not Presidental vanity projects in search of a new wall to place the president's name. Look what this name has done to the KENNEDY CENTER.

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Name: Colette Miranda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pam Mancuso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: david cliber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please do not allow this disgraceful monstrosity to be built. A ballroom bigger than the White House itself is a huge ego trip for Donald Trump. We have never needed a ballroom for 1000 people and never will. It doesn't represent the people of this country it is something for oligarchs

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Jarvis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the building to its former historical origins. No ballroom. That is unamerican

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Name: Jill Thomley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. It owned by the American people and has been the formal residence of presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; rather, the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without even a pretense of proper review, without permits and without Congressional oversight, is clearly a violation of the law. It is a also violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal rather than perpetrated as a violent fait accompli. What has happened is not truly "modernization" of the structure. It is vanity run amok, and a slap in the face to all the first ladies who

accomplished so much in those spaces. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Arlene Szalay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Bollman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the wasteful spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Donald Cupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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No reason was given for this other than everybody wants a ballroom. Who is everybody?, cuz I could care less about the addition of a ballroom. What I do care about is the demolishing of the rules and norms that have made the US a world leader since the end of WWII. The east wing represents stability and legacy to

me. Why was it demolished with a plan to move forward? Who really wants a ballroom?

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Name: Brenda Reimers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Borrowing the language because it succinctly states my position:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

From me: Amen!

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Name: Amanda Greatwater-Ramsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am speechless and honestly don't have the words to describe how horrified I am about the destruction of the East Wing. This building belongs to the people of the United States and it is unconscionable that it was destroyed at the whim of the current "resident". Please stop this abomination and stain on America.

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Name: Deborah Rutkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This should not be at the expense of the American people, but at the expense of the person who initiated this project.

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Name: Roberta Starnegg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Zell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brian Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I believe that to proceed with anything other than a rebuilding of the former east wing, exactly as it was, would be a capitulation to the wreck less whims of anyone that is shameless enough to try a similar act in the future. A plaque should be installed to tell the story, including how the tax payers were made to shoulder the rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARTINA Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this personal vanity project. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a disrespectful destruction of American history, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I ask that this project be canceled, and that instead the East Wing be instead rebuilt and restored to its former design, with legitimate modernization of outdated components. No one, including the president, is above the law and to approve this project would be to provide official approval for an unlawful premptory action designed to shoot first and ask questions later. This project is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: S Chin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This corrupt project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law according to the constitution. Please do the right thing and stop this administration from doing any more harm to our nation.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:45:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Elander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express concerns about the manner in which the East Wing has been razed and will be modernized.

I do not doubt that the East Wing would benefit from some modernization, as technology, security, staffing, and other requirements have evolved over the years and modernization of some of those elements could

serve the American public well.

However, the way the current Administration has chosen to tear down the former structure leaves no doubt that:
--the Administration has not fully scoped out the requirements for modern, efficient operations;
--the Administration has not followed the law regarding changes to publicly-owned buildings owned by the Executive Branch (not by the current officeholders)
--the Administration has indicated they intend to ignore tradition and custom to create a garish facility not in keeping with the elegant style preferred by most Americans.

I urge you to hold the current Administration to the rules and traditions appropriate for an enhancement to The People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:45:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Churnovic
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

I don’t think we need a 3 billion dollar ballroom when our country can’t afford food for poor children and the elderly. We want our WH back it’s the people’s house not any president’s house ! Presidents are temporary residents not the owner , restore our house , now !

Date: 2/16/2026 9:45:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marla Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel the ballroom. It was razed illegally. I want the East Wing rebuilt to the way it was. This is the people’s house, NOT Donald Trump’s. The people don’t want an expensive gaudy monstrosity. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:45:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecilia Shultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Deborah Grady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,

Deborah A . Grady

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Phalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Hutton-Corr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project as it stands, which was initiated without the proper input, authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but an ego extension. It represents breathtaking disrespect the American people because it is our house and our history. I not only want this project cancelled but want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. That the East Wing was destroyed in this way is offensive and allowing the project to go forward would be disregarding laws and regulations and what our country stands for. People who ignore and break the law need to be stopped and held accountable, whoever they are.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:44:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Gold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the proposed budget for the ease wing expansion. It's at best a pedofile defender's vanity project with no true oversight and a ballooned budget at a time when people are having trouble affording food.
Stop allowing this chaos.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should never have been demolished. Once history is erased, it cannot be recreated.

The proposed design does not reflect the architectural language or spirit of the White House, often called "the people's house." This building represents continuity, tradition, and shared national history. The new plans feel disconnected from that legacy.

History was lost in the demolition. I urge the committee to reconsider the direction of this project and prioritize preservation and architectural integrity moving forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Poe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A am strongly opposed to this project. It is a travesty that this has gotten as far as it has without the appropriate authorization. Please stop this destruction of the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:44:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie Whitlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Michell Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Michelle Smith, I am 48 years old, and live in Harrisburg, PA. Growing up within driving distance of DC, I have visited numerous times, and every single visit included the standard stops - the monuments and the White House. Once I had children, I made sure this became a standard in their lives too.

But then the fences went up. And it felt less friendly. And it felt less and less like The People's House. And now it is not our house at all. It is gold and gaudy and walls are labeled and a president's photo has been replaced by an auto pen. The Rose Garden is now cement. And worst of all, the East Wing was actually demolished with no permission, no thought to law, to history, to cost to the people in tax dollars or in our hearts.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before. Exactly as it was before, as historically accurate as possible. Trump claimed he had the money to rebuild it, if that is true (which I doubt) that money should be used. If not, President Trump should have to pay for it himself. He alone is responsible for the destruction. If he does not have the money, a lein should be placed on Maralago, his businesses, etc.

Additionally, there need to be limits placed on what each President can do to the People's House and more of it must be passed through you. We are paying for his gold to go up, and we are going to have to pay for it to come down. It is senseless waste. Your group must have more control and a non-partisan historical focus on keeping the White House about America and not a President's personal home. The residence is one thing, but the rest should be under your control.

Please take the honor of the White House back. Rebuild it to its beautiful standard. Create new, strict rules for what can be done by each administration. Force changes to go through your committee with heavy penalties for evading rules. And most of all, hold Trump financially accountable for this senseless travesty of ego. American citizens should not have to pay for his temper tantrum.

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Name: Mary Ann Schaefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally object to $400 million dollars being spent on a gilded ballroom. The White House was built in a classic yet simple style to represent THE PEOPLE. It was never intended to be a palatial building because our president is supposed to be a representative of THE PEOPLE, not a king. The president has said the building is being paid for by donations from billionaires. It would be so much better for THE PEOPLE if that money was used to help reduce the cost of health care or groceries. It may be true that THE PEOPLE's House could use an event center, but what is proposed is ridiculous as it destroys the classic look of the White House. Please reject this plan and keep the White House a symbol of THE PEOPLE, the everyday people of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenn Brendel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project. It was begun without the proper authorization, without permits, without design review. Also it isn't a modernization project at all. It is a total demolition of a historic wing of a historic building that is part of American history. This project should be canceled, and the vandals who proceeded with it without authorization should be assessed the cost of restoring the East Wing to its former design. President Trump shoved this project through because he believes he is above the law. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult and a violation to our history. Millions of law-abiding Americans find it deeply offensive that this president thinks he can break laws and destroy the fabric of America history without consequences especially during this historic anniversary year.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Parra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to all Americans. Donald Trump destroyed a historical building without coming through the necessary channels in obtaining authorization, permitting and design approval. I am in favor of abandoning the ballroom project and using any funds to restore the East Wing to its original design as part of our American history. Whatever funding that was obtained should be used for the restoration as well as funds from the man who destroyed the East Wing. It is America's house, not his house.
Thank you
Nancy Parra

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Penz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I WANT THIS PROJECT CANCELED, AND THE EAST WING REBUILT AND RESTORED TO ITS FORMER DESIGN, AND PAID FOR BY THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION!

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on a ballroom we don't need and we were not consulted about. I would like for the East Wing to be rebuilt to its former function and historical correctness.

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Name: Nicole Kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been begun without the preliminary planning and approvals needed for even much smaller and inconsequential projects. It is a glaring affront and injury to the American People that the PEOPLE'S HOUSE was suddenly subject to razing, with imagery like that of bombs having decimated what was once a beautiful and balanced landmark and icon. What more apt metaphor for this travesty of a false administration could there be? This vapid vanity project should be immediately suspended and the perpetrators and willing parties fined for their unlawful acts and participation and the East Wing should be returned to its former glory.

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Name: Kristen Blizzard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alison Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Liz Lester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chera Nall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Selene Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Quincy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. Like many Americans, I was horrified to see the East Wing demolished without proper authorization, permits, or public input. I would like to see this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its previous design. There should be penalties for starting this project and destroying an important building owned by the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Sheppard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Cadwallader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel the East Wing Modernization Project and restore the original East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:44:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kalkofen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly opposed the spending of 300 million dollars on a project that was not properly approved through the appropriate channels. This is a major piece of American history, and belongs to the American people, not the President. I would ask that it be cancelled and reparations made for the damage by those responsible.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:44:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mae Timmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the concept and the cost of this $300 million project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please lusten to the many many of us who are strongly opposed to the destruction of the people's house.

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Name: Kathleen Pulver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building a gigantic palatial ballroom on the site of the East Wing. It was poorly conceived and property and landscaping was destroyed with no permit. The East Wing should be rebuilt and the person who destroyed it should bear the cost.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Reem Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sara Hammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sara Hammer
Sykesville Maryland

Date: 2/16/2026 9:43:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Vreeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hopefully everybody is writing to your office to do everything possible to stop this horrendous project.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Suzanne

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Name: Barbara Melton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Reinhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The interior of the east wing may be modernized but the original design should be followed. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop this project NOW!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Serena Schodt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Tenants are not allowed to damage buildings. Mr Trump is simply a tenant of the White House. His lease expires in 2028. We expect OUR property to be returned to the people in the condition it was received in.

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Name: Robert Zyskowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judd Judd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a retired architect from Minnesota who spent 40 years designing the construction and rehabilitation of numerous historic landmark government buildings including our State Capitol, Judicial Building, History Center, and scores of others around the State, all requiring reviews by State authorities for design consistency with historic detailing and functional purposes. I was also the Chair of the BETEC Council for the National Institute of Building Sciences in Washington DC. The National Capitol Architect was on our Board. I am appalled with the reckless, careless, unauthorized devastation of the East Wing of the White House. Please restore the original East Wing by a responsible Team.

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Name: SaraJane Munshower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Brew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Especially not through a corrupt "donations" process. It is not a modernization project but rather a corrupt vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - at Trump's own expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kari Bender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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That is our house, not his.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was begun without proper permits and without following our laws. This project should be funded by taxpayer monies and not corporate sponsors. And I oppose any of my taxpayer money being spent on anything not specifically designed and approved by Congress and the Historical Preservation society. Please push to prosecute those who desecrated our historic building so callously.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:43:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Staub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been a resident of DC suburbs since moving to the area when I was 6 years old. I have been to DC countless times with family, friends, on my own and with students. I have stood at the gates of the White House, in awe of its beauty and what it represents. The People's House. Our house. It belongs to the country and its citizens, not to Donald Trump - a temporary resident. The demolition of the East Wing is absolutely tragic. This man, who never faces any consequences for any actions, should be held accountable for this tragic and irreplaceable loss.

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Name: Kelly Stallings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kristi Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
Kristi Smith

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Name: Jane Melvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern.
I am submitting this comment to express my strong opposition to the proposed renovation of the East Wing of the White House and the construction of a large ballroom on the White House grounds.

The White House is not simply a working building for any single administration; it is a nationally significant

historic structure that belongs to the American people and represents our shared heritage. Any changes to it should therefore prioritize public interest, history, respect, transparency, adherence to established historic-review processes and care.

Rather than substantially altering or expanding the East Wing, decision-makers should focus on historically responsible improvements. Things that are necessary as building codes change and as the building ages - like modernization of electrical and mechanical systems, safety improvements, and accessibility in compliance with ADA standards where feasible — can and should be undertaken in ways that preserve the building's established exterior dimensions, architectural character, and historic integrity. Previous administrations have demonstrated that sensitive modernization can be accomplished while respecting preservation principles, and that process should continue to guide future work.

If additional large event space is genuinely needed, it would be more appropriate to construct such a facility elsewhere in Washington, D.C., rather than permanently altering one of the nation's most important historic sites. It is particularly concerning that the administration is taking buckets of money from private companies to fund it. There is ZERO reason for a 90.000 square foot ballroom which would be run at the public expense. Government should not be in the event management business and large ballrooms should be the domain of the private sector.

Equally concerning is the perception that significant changes have proceeded without sufficient public transparency or adherence to customary review procedures. The White House is the people's house and decisions affecting our shared history should reflect careful consultation, established preservation standards, and respect for public trust.

I respectfully ask the National Trust for Historic Preservation to ensure that any modifications remain historically sensitive and consistent with the long-standing stewardship responsibilities owed to this landmark. They should be careful and respectful, not the whim of one person.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Sincerely,
Jane Melvin, Citizen
Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LORI NEILSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the commission to halt the construction of this monstrosity as soon as possible so the reconstruction of the East Wing, AS IT WAS, can be accomplished. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, NOT to the individual who currently (and temporarily) occupies it. I have walked in the halls and within the walls of the White East Wing; to think of their destruction on the whim of one person makes me profoundly sad.

The unthinkable destruction of the East Wing was done because one person wants a glorious 400K ballroom to entertain his MAGA sycophants. As is usual, he is thinking solely of himself. The White House does not need a 400K ballroom and the people of the United States do not want one. They want their house to be put back the way it was, in proper proportion to the main structure. As to his claims that this ill-planned project would be paid for by "donations", I do not believe it. Somehow, somewhere, funds for it will come out of the pockets of taxpayers. I absolutely have no desire to have my tax dollars go toward ANY project

that the current occupant wishes to build to glorify himself.

This has been such a colossal waste of time, money, and resources. It has scarred the beautiful landscape at the White House. It has been one more thing to bring unneeded stress to the American people. One person has been responsible for this and you know exactly who it is.

Please stop this project so that the reconstruction of the East Wing will be accomplished with proper oversight, permitting and consideration of historical context.

NO 90,000 SQ FT ADDITION and NO BALLROOM!

Sincerely,
Lori Neilson
American Citizen / Taxpayer for the past *55* years

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Name: Deb Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed Ballroom addition to the White House. The East Wing of the White House was demolished without any of the checks and balances that are in place to protect our Historical landmarks and buildings. Trump is a resident of the White House, not the owner and he dies not have the authority to do this without approval.

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Name: Debra Hope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing is a national tragedy. The proposed ballroom monstrosity must not be built unless it follows all proper approvals and the funding is 100% transparent.

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Name: Patricia Peiffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Ann Brauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current project for the East Wing of the White House which is full of so many memories sacred to our nation. It was torn down without permission and should be rebuild in a design as similar to the former design as possible so that it does not overwhelm the White House itself. This rebuilding should be started immediately so that it can look respectable for the 250th anniversary of our country.

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Name: George Kando
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Name: Heather Wende
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This should be restored to its former property. It is absolutely ridiculous that this was knocked down without proper approval. This house does not belong to the Trump family. It belongs to the United States and it should represent what it was previously unless President Trump went through proper channels to get the approval to build a ballroom we do not need a ballroom. We need people to be fed and housed in America right now. Going forward with ballroom plans is a slap in the face to ordinary Americans, who are struggling under this regime.I

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Name: Heather Pacheco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to voice my opposition to how the destruction of the East Wing has been carried out in an "act first, apologize later" way. The action taken to destroy the East Wing is illegal, plain and simple. It should not be allowed to proceed, but should be stopped in its tracks, with restoration of the historic house required. Is "no one above the law" true or not?! What's more, the grotesque building plan is antithetical to what "the people's house" should reflect. Stop. This. Monstrosity. Now.

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Name: Valerie Royed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please, restore the East Wing as it was.

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Name: Steffy Trousdale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, based on the destruction of historical landmark status conducted without proper permits, proper authorization, and lack of care taken with historical items that were remived and are no longer to be found. This has to stop!

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Name: Pamela Dillion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lori King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose the modernization/renovation of the east wing of the White House. It was a part of US history. It should not have been destroyed without going through the proper channels. The White House belongs to the American people. This just should not be happening.

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Name: James Rostar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stephanie Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House has been destroyed without proper oversight. The East Wing must be fully restored to its state before the illegal demolition. Allowing the continuation of this pet project ballroom will permanently alter The White House, the People's House, beyond recognition.

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Name: Reem Butler
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Citizens

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Name: Kristi DeSerpa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine Martner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people’s house. It was torn down without permits or permission. It is a crime and the current resident should be charged. It needs to be rebuilt as it was at the president’s cost.

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Name: Anne Vinyard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was reprehensible. It was not out of character for the Epstein administration to do this. It needs to be put back and the perpetrator of its destruction should be arrested.

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Name: Jill Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the rebuilding being paid for by private corporations. There needs to be oversight and transparency. Donald Trump should pay out of his own pocket to restore the East Wing as he is started this process illegally. While the White House does now need to be fixed since Donald Trump allowed the entire wing to be removed, the replacement should be in balance with the rest of the White House. If a ballroom is needed it should be built elsewhere. The White House is the People's House. It should reflect the values of the hard working, common, everyday American's who make this a great nation.

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Name: Emily Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization project but rather a tragic and complete

razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nicole Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Even the name is a misleading lie! There was no prior authorization, no public planning, no architectural or historical review, just lies and destruction … the most egregious that the ballroom wouldn't even touch the east wing! Now the east wing no longer exists and the scope and cost estimates of the project have grown exponentially. This project must be stopped, and the mess cleaned up at the personal expense of those who recklessly pushed it ahead.

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Name: Virginia Lazar
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Name: Mark Mironer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strong oppose spending $300 million on this ridiculous project. I am furious that this wing of the People's House was destroyed without permission. We do not need it further desecrated by this ridiculous project.

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Name: Kimberly Puri
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Name: Penny Schumacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please respect the history of the East Wing of the White House.

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Name: Marsha Eisenberg
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Name: Allison Dowty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to constructing a ballroom in the place of the already demolished East Wing. The White House is a national symbol that belongs more to the people of this country than the

individual temporarily occupying it. Priceless history was destroyed with little consideration for what that history represents for the people of this nation. Building a ballroom larger in scale than the buildings lived in and built by our Founding Fathers undermines this country's past and sets the wrong tone for our future. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its previous glory.

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Name: Margaret Sams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Fathke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The raising of the East Wing was a travesty on United States history. To tear it down with no input from the public was also a slap in the face to most Americans. My heart sank when I saw what the president had done. The ballroom design is overbearing, gauche and grotesque. I insist that the East Wing, the People's House, be built back to its original architectural design.

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Name: April Zhang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I agree with Anara Guard's comment:

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Name: Tobias Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was not sanctioned and is being horribly executed. Please restore the East Wing according to prior design.

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Name: Denise Der Garabedian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project other than to restore the East Wing to it's original design. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
I would also like anyone who is currently working on this project or has participated in the past to be fined for working without proper permits and excluded from government contracts for the next 50 years. The person "directing" this work DOES NOT OWN THIS PROPERTY AND HAS NO AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE ANY MODIFICATIONS.

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Name: Eli Anrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This ballroom build is an absolute abomination. We all know that the destruction the WH east wing is illegal and did not go through proper planning procedure, because it would have been rejected out of hand. Nobody in the US wants this, not one person in the national capital region wants this except for the presidential overlord. This cannot be allowed to happen and must be rejected.

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Name: David Spizale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am required to obtain an approved building permit for any work done on the home I own.
It is beyond belief that the proper authorizations and permissions were not obtained by the administration for a public building of such significance. For this action to be allowed represents a remarkable escalation in the unilateral powers of the presidency. Certainly major alterations to the White House are of concern to every citizen of the U.S.
The structure should be rebuilt to its prior specifications.

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Name: Cindy Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What President Trump has done at the White House by tearing down the East Wing, a part of the People's House, is horrible. This is not his house. He is a temporary resident. He destroyed the esthetics of the house and his plan for a ball room do not fit with the architecture of the area. Nothing about this project has been done legally. He did not get the proper permissions to tear down the existing structure. His statement to the press on TV said that the ballroom would not be attached to and would not disturb the original structure. Then he just tore down the East Wing. He did not get the plans for the new structure approved. He thinks that, just like everything else, he can bully his way to get what he wants, another vanity project that I sm sure he wants to name after himself. Please stop this travesty, this complete disregard for the rules, and the erection of a building that will not blend with the architecture of the White House and surrounding historical buildings. Thank you for your time and attention. Cindy Howard

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Name: Kate Whitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am very against the building of Yrump's golden ballroom. Many of the donors were defense contractors who were "shaken down" for quid pro quo. This project (and any project) that over hauls the people's house should be reviewed by the proper Historical agencies for approval first. Having a ballroom which will dwarf the main structure would be ugly and send the wrong message about what the purpose of this building is- the location of the executive branch of a democracy, not a party room. It should be rebuilt with the original offices and purposes in mind. Trump should also not be able to name it after himself (or any other governmental building) as naming should be agreed to by Congress. Once a person is no longer serving. This is standard practice. Please stop the building of the big, bad ballroom before it is too late. No one is above the rules.

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Name: Karen Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please do not complete the reconstruction of the historic East Wing of the White House. This is the "people's house" and to do what President Trump wants to do with it would be a national tragedy.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Name: Diane Hepburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Brenda Hoge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Theresa Commean
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They should take the money for the ballroom that isn't going to happen anyway, because the court ordered it to stop. They should rebuild the Eastwing exactly the way that it was before because Donald Trump had no right to demolish that East wing he did not go through the proper avenues he did not get the proper permits. He just did it willfully. That is not his house that is our house and it belongs to the American people the East wing needs to be rebuilt as soon as possible, and Trump should be made to pay for it out of the money he got for the ballroom. He said he had all of the entire funds for the ballroom. Tell him to use it to rebuild the east wing

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Name: Jason S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is both a historical and societal travesty, carried out by a career criminal masquerading as president who is destroying our democracy and monuments for his own edification and enrichment.

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Name: Joyce Iwasaki
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Name: Christina Cowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would like a bipartisan solution to this. While I object to the way it was handled, the East Wing is no longer and it's my understanding that something bigger for political gatherings has been needed by Presidents from both sides of the aisle. In its place I would like a thoughtful design that captures what used to be there and keeps in mind the extra space needed. This should go through proper planning and historic design, input, and checks and balances with bipartisan oversight and input. I reject Trump's current design and plan.

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Name: Greg Power
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elaine Berkenwald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a zoning and land use attorney. Before any significant construction, my clients have to obtain permits from a number of government agencies. Often, in New Jersey, one has to get a permit from the municipality, the county, and if the land abuts a state highway, a third permit from the state transportation service. Often multiple approvals are required. In the case of a historic structure, the local historic commission approval would be required. Approvals also must be obtained from the local sewer authority. Demolishing a significant part of a building without a permit is a crime. The municipality would issue a STOP WORK order immediately.
This demolition was done without a single permit. All work must cease. No work should be permitted until all necessary approvals are obtained.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzette La Plant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I unequivocally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I choose our country and our history over one man's inflated selfish ego.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Skogen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
Because it is OUR house, it should not be privately or corporate funded.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt, restored to its former basic design with only necessary modernization .
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Name: Carolyn Loughry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is now being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" which is interesting since President Trump continually calls it his ballroom. What is being modernized? The entire structure was torn down, not modernized. We want the East Wing, rebuilt as it used to be. No ballroom.

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Name: David Penzo
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Name: Shawna Nansel
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Name: Lauren Taggart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anne Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently disagree with spending $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled immediately. It was initiated without Congressional approval, and without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an outrageous erasure of a previous, beloved, and historic public landmark. It is in no way a modernization project. I want the East Wing - that we the American people own - rebuilt and completely restored to its former glory.Those who broke the law to move ahead with its demolition need to be punished to the fullest xtentbof the law. I am outraged at this desecration of the people's house, and call for its complete restoration as soon as humanly possible.

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Name: Robin Chalmers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump has no respect for history, for laws, for people. He has made a mockery of the United States of America, and We the People do not want anything to remember him by, especially his destruction of places and memories that Americans cherish. He has gaudy tastes and nothing turns to gold in his hands. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathryn Albert
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Name: Kathryn Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose a ballroom and demand that the East Wing be restored. I will not have my money pay for an unauthorized, disgraceful affront to the law abiding American people.

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Name: Susan Church
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people and is a historic landmark. Tearing down the east wing without authorization is wrong. The people do not need a gaudy ballroom to entertain billionaires. I want the remodeling stopped and the east wing restored to the way it was.

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Name: Monya Ringler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sharon Lovell
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Name: jane lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is heartbreaking to have our history gutted for an ostentatious ball room that Donald Trump says "everybody always wanted". That is not true, we want our beautiful historic white house as a tribute to America and our history- not replaced by a monument to one man and billionaires.

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Name: Linda Blondeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kent Forrester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see a study of why the White House needs a grotesquely oversized ballroom. I live and work in the Washington, DC, area, and I can't remember the last time the White House sponsored an event so large it needed to rent outside space. I consider it not just an ethical and aesthetic travesty, but a completely unnecessary one.

I've also not seen anything in the public plans about how the Secret Service plans on handling security there. There doesn't seem to be much space allotted for screening visitors or for security personnel. Such needs should be paramount in planning any changes to the White House.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which has not received the proper authorization, permits or review. The demolition destroyed a century of American history. No accounting of the artifacts within it has been made. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing completely restored to its former design. The project as put forth by the administration is an insult to all Americans.

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Name: Robert Primrose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debbie Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House belongs to the American people and this administration isn't trying to modernize anything they are trying to re-write history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to permitting the East Wing Modification project. This is a complete rebuild of a historical building that was illegally raised. It should be rebuilt as it was at the expense of the perpetrator. Those who were involved in this illegal destruction of public property need to be persecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Name: Jessica Rudman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marjorie Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300,000,000 on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of important American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Culp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please restore the East Wing to its originality.

Thank you, Mrs. Culp

Date: 2/16/2026 9:38:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Lowenbein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern:

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Sincerely,
Adam Lowenbein

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Name: Sarah Balmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is suppose to be the people's house. We the people did not and do not support the lawless destruction of the East Wing. Most certainly not to build a ridiculous, out of scale, over-priced and gaudy ballroom. The beauty of The White House has always been its understated elegance. Please stop this grotesque project.

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Name: Tracy Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. The purpose is to house a president, their family and the necessary workings for the executive branch. It is not a palace.

The White House was designed to be modest to reflect that a president is of, for and by The People. A president is not king or royalty.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace what was destroyed. It should maintain the size, design and symmetry of the original.
The current president, a temporary resident, has billions of dollars. He is free to build a ballroom at any of his properties not at our historical building.

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Name: Melody Shimada
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Name: junior sailor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the Ballroom project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete RAZING of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginny Provost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the Insanity of Destroying History!

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Name: Lauren Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Kim Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Bandy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the East Wing to waste huge sums of money on a gaudy and unnecessary ballroom is disgraceful. The bypassing of legal processes to change the People's House was wildly inappropriate and should not be excused. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its previous condition before the disrespectful and shameful behaviors initiated by the sitting 47th president.

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Name: Lisa Greenman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and I am opposed to this proceeding in any fashion. This crass, grandiose effort was undertaken lawlessly, without proper authorization or design review. It is not a "modernization." It is a razing of American history to serve the boundless ego of an autocrat with no regard for American values or traditions. I ask that this project be canceled and the East Wing restored.

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Name: Tiffany Williams
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Name: Debra Sjoberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was. It was illegally destroyed so the person who ordered its destruction should pay to rebuild it. This is a historical structure that is part of the people's house. As such it shouldn't have been destroyed without approvals including permits. A huge ballroom isn't needed. The White House has hosted many large gatherings with the use of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alissa Byersdorfer
Project Name: Washington Dulles International Airport Master Plan
Project Number: MP10

Please do not rename the airport after Trump! We fly in and out of Dulles multiple times per year and even if inconvenient we might switch airports over it.

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Name: Laurie Fritsche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marci Ameluxen
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Name: Malcolm Murchison
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Gilbertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because it lacks proper authorization, permits, or design review. I would like the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its previous design, before it was illegally demolished. Those who broke the law by demolishing the East Wing should be held accountable for their actions.

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Name: Paula Byrnes
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Name: CAITLIN SCHWARZMAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unpermitted destruction of public property is an affront to law abiding citizens.

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Name: Janie Main
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Name: Maggie Wyneken
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Name: Cynthia Warner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the People's House to its original state. The "modernization" project is simply a vanity project of the current occupant of the White House. It is not what the people want.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:38:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this was wrong for Trump to tear down our East Wing and please don't let him build it back. I don't trust anything he says. Please don't let him do any more damage to our White House please.
Thank you
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Name: Virginia Muns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To all members of the commission:

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Name: Crystal Holdeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the continuation of the administration's plans to place a $300 million ballroom in place of the East Wing. No plans were submitted prior to demolition of an historic landmark prior to demolition, clearly making the act illegal and an affront to the people of the United States. The White House belongs to the

taxpayers and citizens of the USA not its occupant, therefore NO actions should proceed without citizen committee oversight and ALL proper documentation including costs (no matter where they claim to be coming from) are made public and reviewed by historical architects. WE own that house and WE have a right to see ALL the plans and monies before another single stone or shovel of dirt is moved.

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Name: Cristi Colony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Allison Michna
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Name: Sylvia Malizia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having worked for a local preservation group in New London CT this project has been a travesty of the process that the Trump administration should have followed, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all

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Name: Julia Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

A U.S. Citizen

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Name: Stephanie Evan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is not Trump's property.

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Name: Emily Blum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project cancelled and the Wast Wing restored to its former design.

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Name: Heidi Bonner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is the People's House and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Kimball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation because I believe that we need to protect important buildings and architecture, especially the White House. I applaud their suit against the Trump administration which destroyed the East Wing without notice, permits or permission. The construction of the new ballroom should not proceed on this vanity project until all due diligence is done—-if it is not too late. An important part of America's history has been destroyed for no good reason.

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Name: Alissa Byersdorfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Trump should be punished for tearing down the historic building without warning, public comment or a fair assessment by historians. Do not reward him by approving plans he is shoving through without due process.

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Name: Ron Steen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Swaha US
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose every aspect of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a "modernization project" but rather an obscene disgrace, a complete razing of American history and a demonstration of corrupt Administration overreach unlike anything previously seen in this country.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.I not only want this project canceled, I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Donald J Trump's PERSONAL expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding U.S. Americans, and a demonstration to the rest of the world that we are now 100% willing to abide by the dictates of a corrupt, demented, racist, malignant narcissist pedophile authoritarian dictator. Grow a spine and Just. Say. NO!!!

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Name: Susan Julian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the proposed building of the giant gilded ballroom that will be bigger than the White House and request the rebuilding of the East Wing as it was. We need to preserve the People's House!

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Name: Cheryl Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pamela Gish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed $300 million project, which appears to have moved forward without the appropriate authorization, permitting, and preservation review required for historically significant structures. This is not a modernization effort — it risks the irreversible loss of an important part of American history.

Historic preservation standards are clear. Projects involving significant or landmark structures should follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which emphasize:

• Preservation over demolition whenever feasible
• Repair rather than replacement of historic materials
• Restoration based on documented evidence, not redesign
• Protection of original architectural character and craftsmanship
• Review by preservation authorities and public oversight

When demolition or major alteration occurs without this process, cultural heritage is permanently lost.

I urge that this project be halted immediately and subjected to proper legal, preservation, and public review. The East Wing should be restored in accordance with recognized historic preservation standards and documented design, ensuring its architectural integrity is retained for future generations.

No project should proceed outside the rule of law. Allowing work to continue without accountability for procedural violations would undermine public trust and the preservation protections designed to safeguard our shared history.

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Name: TONI BARNETT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As writer Anara Guard has stated so succinctly: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: mitchell liswith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the Ballroom project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anna Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States of America does not need a throne room. We are a democracy and our president should be humble and respectful of the people's house. Americans are being denied food, house, and healthcare while the mad wannabe king builds himself a palace. This project must be denied.
Sincerely, Anna Gorman

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Name: Sandra Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Naomi Schiff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,
I object to the unpermitted and illegal demolition of a historic property of which I am an owner: the West Wing of the White House. If this kind of demolition of a historic wing of a local property were carried out in my neighborhood, a stop-work order would be posted and the owner required to rebuild in kind, filing plans and having them reviewed by historic planners.

I also request a complete inventory of salvaged items, destroyed elements, fixtures, historic ornamentation, and other contents, with information on where the materials ended up. Full HABS (Historic American Building Survey) documentation of the West Wing should have been updated and must be on file with the Library of Congress.

I may only own 1/343,000,000 of the West Wing, but nonetheless I am an owner. Please safeguard my property. Thank you,

Naomi Schiff

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Name: Jen Laumeyer Laumeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

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Name: Aaron Loudenslager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Matthew Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but a razing of American history.

I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was and all who broke the law razing the original building to be prosecuted. No one is above the law.

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Name: Susan Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katie V
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Administration's plan for the East Wing needs to follow all law, regulations and policy. The National Historic Trust as well as other entities have processes regarding historic properties.

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Name: Kathryn Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jay Zeilenga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this Wing of the White House restored to how it was before Trump destroyed it.

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Name: Mary Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't let this project continue. It's stealing history from us. The east wing should be restored to its (as close to) original state.

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Name: Jill McChesney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Portier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judy Seely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Onosun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history whose only purpose is to feed one man's monstrous ego. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt, and the People's House restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitzi Schnackel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the planned $300M for this project as it currently stands and the project should be cancelled. The East Wing was demolished without proper funding, plans, permits or approvals. Any funds spent on the White House should be to return the East Wing to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hoagland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Zirbes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when the East Wing was demolished without going through the proper channels through NPS, to build a $300M vanity project for Donald Trump.
The damage has already been done to the building, but the East Wing should be rebuilt as the functional building it once was, not as a gaudy ballroom that is a waste of tax-payers' money. Do not allow this to proceed!

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Name: Brent Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to formally express my opposition to the $300 million expenditure associated with this project. Based on available information, the project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. Such procedural failures raise serious legal and ethical concerns that cannot be overlooked.

This undertaking has been characterized as a modernization effort. However, in substance and effect, it constitutes the complete demolition of a significant element of American heritage. Projects involving historically important structures demand transparency, strict adherence to regulatory processes, and meaningful public oversight. Those standards do not appear to have been met.

Accordingly, I respectfully call for the immediate cancellation of this project. Furthermore, I urge that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored in a manner consistent with its original architectural design and historical character.

The rule of law is foundational to public trust. No individual, agency, or contractor is above the law. To allow this project to proceed without proper review and without accountability for any violations would undermine public confidence and disregard the principles that govern responsible stewardship of our shared history.

I request a full investigation into the authorization and permitting process, public disclosure of all relevant documentation, and appropriate corrective action.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent Sherman

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Name: Phyllis Breedlove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Chipps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Sarah Messer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Summer Beach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT want a large, unnecessary, unwanted ballroom built where the East Wing of the White House stood. This is the PEOPLE’s house, not Trump’s house. It was torn down illegally and without the permission of the American people. I want the East Wing rebuilt and the White House restored to what it is supposed to be.

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Name: Janet Shouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an ordinary U.S. citizen, and I oppose spending of $300 million (or whatever the current price tag) on this project, even if ALL the money is donated by tech billionaires. The destruction of the East Wing was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The ballroom project is not a modernization project, but monument to a gargantuan ego and a complete erasure of a part of American history. This is the people's house. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to

its former design in its entirety, preferably with costs charged to the current resident since he is the one who destroyed it. No one SHOULD be above the law in this nation. To allow this destruction and the new ballroom project to proceed without accountability and without penalizing those who broke the law would be an outrage and a kick in the face to law-abiding Americans throughout our nation. Please restore the White House and the East Wing. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Keddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I — as part of we the people — object to the destruction of the East Wing. It was an unlawful and immoral act against the citizens and rightful owners of that building. It should be restored as it was: design, art, furniture, and such.
In addition, the modernization project should be investigated for criminal and unethical acts. Given the sizable monetary donations from private companies and people and the lack of planning for the project, it seems like a front for policy favors.
Shame to those responsible for the destruction of the East Wing!

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Name: Rick Teplitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC Staff,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Rick Teplitz
Los Angeles, CA 90045

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Name: Bea Caraway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the east wing should never have been destroyed, it should now be rebuilt adhering as closely as possible to the original design, but with all appropriate modern wiring, HVAC, etc. The ballroom that the president wants should not be permitted. The one(s) who ordered the east wing to be destroyed should be held accountable for the destruction of not only the building but also of the historical objects within it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: AnneMarie Erwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To NCPC:
It was shocking to see the East Wing destroyed overnight without any thought to the impact to all Americans regarding 'their'house.
The White House is a unifying monument , visited by all , rich in the history of all the presidents who held office and respected the history of our country.
If it truly needed an update and restoration , it should have been done with thoughtful consideration by professionals and with respect to its history and events celebrated within over the decades. Here we are anticipating our 250th anniversary and at least a third of the White House is in rubble. A disgrace. Every state should be recognized by contributing to the effort. The nation should have a voice in the use and design. Sorry it is very upsetting that this could be something just thrown together to appease a single person's ego.
Please save the White House!
Sincerely,
Anne Marie Erwin

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Name: Melissa Geary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Detchon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the current president had the temerity to just demolish the historic east wing without review, permits, Congressional oversight or apparently salvaging any of the historic details. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people. The current president is not the owner of the property, and this demolition is clearly a violation of the law. It is also a violation of the American people who were not given any opportunity to comment on what would best serve our interests, not the current President's ego.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and in scale to the original structure of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Oglesby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The lawless destruction of the East Wing broke my heart. As a retired Senior Foreign Service Officer I had occasion during my career to visit the White House. It felt such a privilege to enter the East Wing of the people's house by special invitation. I cried when I saw the rubble.

As a citizen who served, I would like to see the East wing restored to its previous state. Mr. Trump should cover the expense as the crime of destruction of federal property is his. Presidents may reside in the White House for 4-8 years when elected to do so by the people. That does not bestow permission to violate rules governing the preservation and renovation of our cherished White House. Restore the traditional building. Make it whole.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:34:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: REBEKAH FUGIT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity for the public to submit comments regarding the East Wing Modernization Project. I strongly oppose the current plans for the East Wing. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. As it has been for decades, it should continue to function as the office space for the First Lady and her staff, official functions and social projects and remain the official visitors entrance. There is no need for a gilded ballroom that can hold 1000 people.
I sincerely hope that the members of NCPC considers deeply the thoughts and public comments for this

project.

Rebekah Fugit

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Name: Cranford Keith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keep building a beautiful ballroom. We can’t let those self inflicted with TDS keep America from reaching its greatest potential.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KRISHNAN CHITTUR
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is absurd. We shouldn't be standing by while Trump, by unilateral fiat, does whatever he wants. This should be subject to proper review by QUALIFED professionals, not suck-up sycophants.

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Name: Mary Costello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Persun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see this project completely stopped and the East Wing returned to its previous grandeur. This ballroom is a vanity project with no historical or aesthetic value whatsoever. I am appalled that the East Wing was destroyed with no forethought or regard to the history of our White House and that the plan for the ballroom apparently was developed through donor dollars that are questionable from an ethical standpoint.

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Name: Ann Johanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored to its former glory & the east wing modernization project discontinued- it's a pity that the wing of the White House that was used traditionally by the First Lady was destroyed- just because our current First Lady has no causes to prioritize doesn't mean future ones wont

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Name: Katherine Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm horrified that the president of the United States has destroyed a historical portion of the people's house! I thought there were hoops to jump through before you could demolish something like that. A building that has been preserved all these years is now a pile of rubble. I would like the government to restore the East wing and stop this nonsense about a ballroom. We don't need a ballroom. We've gotten along just fine without one all these years.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Coon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down. Please do not reward this illegal behavior. We do not need an oversized ballroom. We need to restore the people's house. Modernize the old design, sure. This can be an East Wing Modernization- but keep it to the size and footprint of the former east wing. And insist

upon the proper process for approving plans to amend our most precious American building.

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Name: Suzanne Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should be scaled back to be in alignment with the current White House structure. The White House is a symbol of our democracy. The addition should not overshadow the facade of the iconic front entrance.

I am outraged that the East Wing was torn down without proper planning, permits or oversight. The cost for the replacement wing must be contained to replicating the original wing, with upgrades for security as deemed necessary by the proper authorities.

The cost and plans proposed are outrageous, unnecessary, and an insult to the citizens who are expected to pay for this ill conceived project.

The White House the “people’s house” and should never be demolished at the whim of any president. It is the White HOUSE, not a castle.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Suzanne Martin

Date: 2/16/2026 9:34:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Pitino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the so-called “East Wing Modernization Project.” The East Wing should never have been demolished, and it should be rebuilt replicating the original design. No golden ballroom!
Most urgently yours…

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Name: Lorene Cangiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the construction of a gaudy, pretentious, ballroom. I concur with Anara Guard's statement: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a

complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Chris Hayashida-Knight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled by the lack of care and planning the current administration has been willing to engage in on this unnecessary vanity project. The building should be restored to its original design with non aesthetic improvements made only if deemed necessary by unappointed professionals.

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Name: Philip Lauman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Modernization is plumbing, decor, etc., not a complete tearing down. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Stratton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Delfausse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shauna Rhone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unwarranted destruction of the White House's East Wing is an affront to history and without support from American people and visitors from around the world.
It should be restored to its original state.
In addition, any projected plan to expand destruction of any other area of this historic and symbolic building must itself be destroyed.
It is called "The People's House" for good reason. However, none of us were consulted nor allowed input as to any renovation or reconstruction.
Please save Our House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:34:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine McDade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It has destroyed a piece of the People's House without clear need or consideration of cost or preservation. I would like this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. We are a nation of laws and those laws protect all of us. The original destruction violated those laws and the project should be to restore the historical design, with any modernization completely reviewed per the laws that apply.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Byersdorfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination and a stain on the Capitol, as well as a waste of my tax dollars. It should not go forward. Any modification should be managed by a group of architects and historians, not the sitting president.

Kindly,

Joel Byersdorfer

Date: 2/16/2026 9:34:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Mather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, not a palace for the occupant. I vehemently oppose spending $300+ million on this unlawful project — razed without proper authorization, permits, or design.

Please cancel this project immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrea Mather

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hiller Deppe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission

The destruction of the East Wing was nothing less than an act of vandalism. The people's Capitol was destroyed with no approval or oversight.

The only solution is to halt all construction and order that the East Wing be replaced as closely as possible to its original configuration.

All historic articles must be recovered and returned to the premises, if they have not already been destroyed.

This restoration must be financed by the "donors" who promised the money for the ballroom. If they can't be made to pay, DJT must foot the bill through his vast wealth, which has been multiplied through the family crypto currency schemes, also illegal.

This is a complete travesty and everyone with any common sense or decency knows that it is indefensible.

Linda Hiller Deppe

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was a beautiful representation of US history and should never have been razed without authorization or permits. Rather than building a tacky ballroom, we need to rebuild the East Wing as a sign that nobody is above the law and that the American spirit will not be repressed by powerful men who feel they can do whatever they want whenever they want. Jail those who break the law, and restore the East Wing and the Rose Garden as a tribute to the Constitution, which is currently being trampled.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Mckinch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I do not support the building of the ballroom

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcy Fuentes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project feels like the elite in the hunger games winning favors with their dear leader and it does not demonstrate American values. We are sick of vanity, we would like to afford groceries, housing and medical bills.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Artino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Knighten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JW Alden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an assault on our national heritage and an attempt to eradicate more than a century of American History. In this structure, lives were lifted up, stories were weaved into our national identity. It was not some useless appendage, without purpose or warranting a place in our national identity. It was our gathering hearth, where light, and life and the humanity of this most august office in the land could put on display its warmth and charm. To rip it down so thoughtlessly, to literally tear at the fabric of our most historic residence is to lay waste to who we are, to steal our voice, our choice all for the vanity of the current resident. I object.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Kain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and any new design and construction be halted until all proper and legal conditions are met. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners
I am writing to protest the destruction of the White House East Wing before the Trump Administration obtained review and approval of the project. The plan itself is horrible and will destroy the classical look of the White House. Given that the construction is being funded by billionaires, the White House will no longer be a symbol of the American people, but instead will be a constant reminder of the current autocratic oligarchy. Under the current administration, it only makes sense that the law is being flouted (so far with the silent consent of the National Capital Planning Comission) while one of America's dearest national treasures is being horribly mutlated on the whim of a criminal President.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Flores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Once again we were lied to and the east wing was demolished without permission or permits. This is the

people's house. NOT the current tenant's. Do not allow a ballroom or anything else to be built. It needs to be restored how it was and the monies used need to be paid by trump himself or his billionaire buddies who are trying to buy favorable treatment.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Toninato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no right to knock down this historic peace of our nation to build a monstrous ridiculous ugly ass ballroom. Especially one with a bunker underneath! The White House is the people's house and Trump shouldn't have cart Blanche to do whatever he likes with it! The Preservation Society should have to approve and help plan any builds and attachments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Adkison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the changes to the east wing. It never should have been destroyed in the first place!! This building does not belong to any administration and the destruction photos break my heart. Absolute NO on the ballroom!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryanne Johanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where are the permits and authorization is for tearing down a famous historical building? The parties responsible need to be held accountable and reimburse the American people for the damage done and reconstruction. Please vote to hold those responsible accountable and deny approval this travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eleanora Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit a comment stating that I oppose building a ballroom in place of the East wing of the white house. The East Wing offices should be rebuilt as an upgraded and architecturally consistent office space for the use of the first lady and her staff. A ballroom at the White House is unnecessary. There is plenty of meeting and event space in Washington DC the president does not need his own private event space.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Gerton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara GOLDBERG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one has the right to destroy history that we the people own. I am opposed to this project and am asking that the East Wing be restored to its previous status. It is so important to set precedent and to stand for what is right.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hellmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Braley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the current administration's vanity project, which was knowingly initiated without the proper authorization. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design AT NO COST to the American public, and at full cost to those who intentionally circumvented the system in place to protect our heritage. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Smalley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

While multiple presidents and their social staff have indicated that a modern ballroom is needed to adequately host diplomatic events, this is not the appropriate way to accomplish it. There is a process to be followed to modify The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose the spending of any money on this project, which is without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Tearing down American history for this monstrosity of a ballroom is completely unnecessary. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to the previous quality. No one is above the law, including the president. If you allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current President's plan for tearing down the East Wing (and the destruction that has already been wrought) are both horrifying and illegal.

Although the White House has served as a temporary home for incumbent US Presidents since 1800, this National Historic Landmark and National Park is owned by the American people. No US President is the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight was clearly illegal. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing back to its former size and design. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Cathy Radke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, like thousands of fellow Americans, have great concerns about the destruction of the east wing of the Peoples' House- the White House. Ignoring the procedures required such as acquiring proper authorization, permits, as well as building design review is an affront to the People and the rules by which this nation was conceived. No one… absolutely NO ONE is above the law and to not only allow this project to continue but to expect Americans to support this illegal process AND support spending at least THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS is a total slap in the face of every law - abiding American. This is not modernizing the White House. This is a complete razing of AMERICAN HISTORY. I am unabashedly OPPOSED to this project and any continuation there of. I want the East Wing project halted immediately. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its ORIGINAL DESIGN and its glory. Again, NO ONE is above the law and to continue to endorse this project is a total affront to the AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Dummer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: James Satt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending anything on the desecration ofcthe east wing father people's White House. The demolition was performed without proper authorization and violates both laws and common human decency. I request that donor funds be used to restore the east wing, and that persons responsible for this crime be held accoubtable

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Name: Jan Knox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Dines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Timm-Sirignano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Hubka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reconsider and scale down the proposed expansion of the East Wing of the White House. The physical form of our most iconic civic buildings has always carried symbolic weight, and the White House in particular stands as a visual expression of the American character. Its proportions, restraint, and human scale have long communicated the virtues we claim as a nation: humility in power, stewardship rather than excess, and a belief that public institutions should remain accessible to the people they serve.

A significantly enlarged East Wing risks undermining that symbolism. While functional needs evolve, the architectural message of the White House should remain grounded in the principles that have guided it for more than two centuries. A more modest footprint would still allow for necessary modernization while preserving the clarity and dignity of the historic composition.

Scaling down the expansion would demonstrate a commitment to thoughtful governance—one that values efficiency over grandeur, prudence over spectacle, and continuity over unnecessary enlargement. In an era when Americans are increasingly sensitive to the size and scope of government, the built environment should reflect a disciplined, measured approach.

I respectfully ask the Commission to champion a design that honors the White House's historic proportions and reinforces the values that define our democratic identity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Welle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather complete demolition. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Keck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I found this paragraph online and it perfectly describes my feelings about the shocking destruction of the east wing of the White House and how we should proceed.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann McDuffie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the use of any donated or public funds to destroy history and “modernize “ the East Wing of the White House. It is particularly disturbing that none of our elected officials have been part of approving these changes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Giovanna Di Chiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to spending of $300 million on this destructive project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and national heritage. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former structure. I also want to know what happened to all of the materials that were in the building. This is not "modernization" it's total destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrie Nagel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated and undertaken without the proper authorizations, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an ugly, complete razing of what was beautiful American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory, at the personal cost of Donald Trump since he has no authority to destroy the structure of the White House, the people’s building; it does not belong to him. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Bergmeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American.

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Name: Mary Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am hopeful this disaster will be corrected.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the tearing down and rebuilding of the east wing, which was done without permission or oversight. This building belongs to the people, not Trump, and he had no right to take this action without full permissions and permits. I oppose the building of a ballroom when we are not funding basic needs for our citizens and innocent people are being detained and kept in subhuman conditions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Sabri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that President Trump did NOT follow proper protocol when he decided to demolish the East Wing in order to build a ballroom. He was supposed to get permission from the National Capital Planning Commission, which he didn't. It does NOT make me feel any better knowing that Trump plans to get private funding for the project. While tax payers will not be left "holding the bag", any corporations giving money for this should be seen with suspicion as it begs the question, "What will President Trump give them in return?"

Every time President Trump goes against the law to get what he wants, I shake with anger!

Thank you for your time,

Judy Sabri

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori de Ravello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset about the illegal destruction of the people's house. The east wing should never have been demolished and the y vetted and unsupported plans for Trump's ballroom should not go forward. The historic east wing should be returned to its former state.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Smart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Cutcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It is a waste of resources and has damaged the historical significance of the White House.

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Name: Liza Alexander
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Name: Margaretha Lauman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Denise Connelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cindy Thacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done without proper review or authorization, without citizen input and without regard for the historic significance of the White House. The cost of this project is out of scale and inappropriate. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored with respect and adherence to historic preservation standards. The White House is the people's house and the people are not well served by wanton destruction and overindulgence in personal gratification.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Gardecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review!! It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history!! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design!! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!!!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Beckerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an historic institution that belongs to the American people. It was supposed to be protected as such. Yet, no discussion was brought to the people. The bull dozers just arrived and began their destruction. And hearts broke across America.

Not only should the destruction be halted, but those responsible for breaking down the walls and the law should be held accountable. No one is immune from the law.

I want to see this building restored according to its original design.

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Name: Michael Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without permits, proper authorization or design reviews. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored and rebuilt to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luisa Gerasimo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law. This project was considered and a crime against our shared history. No permits. No permission. No saving of property that could have value.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sierra Polsinelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through public forums and transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom that had not gone through any known design review which is to be funded largely by private donors, this neglectful demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. Historical aspects of this building are now gone forever simply to appease the unchecked whims of the current administration.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, which belongs to the citizens of the United States and not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight and follow the standards in place and expected of every other historically significant project.

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Name: Terri Spaeth-Merrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300,000,000 on this ballroom project. It was initiated without the correct authorization, permits, or design review.

It is a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Terri Spaeth-Merrick

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Kamaka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project which is falsely billed as modernization of the East Wing. There is a process in place for any changes to the White House and every other historic building. The process was not followed, the National Historic Register was not consulted, there was no archiving of the hundreds of historic artifacts in the East Wing prior to its complete demolition! I demand that any further work be stopped immediately and all funding be rescinded pending a full investigation.

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Name: Elizabeth Kamaka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kellyn Nahas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending unauthorized monies on this project, it was started without proper permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history and no one asked for it. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding US citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Franco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adele Badalamenti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Peace!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyral Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Crane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Crane

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Park
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant ,whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. The destruction of this property should be seen as a crime and the person committing it should be convicted and imprisoned.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated solely by the Trump Administration without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, the costs of which to be paid for by whichever administrative agency ordered the East Wing to be razed.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Karen Peterson

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Name: Renee Flower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount, whether the sum is $300 million or more (from any sources) on this so-called “modernization” project, which was initiated without proper authorization, design review, or permits. The current Whitehouse occupant illegally demolished a wing of the people's house and treated our public property as though it were his personal private property. Even projects proposed for private property require planning review prior to the issuance of demolition and building permits.

Is there an itemized inventory of what was inside the demolished structure? Was a photographic record of the structure and its contents created prior to wrecking the building? Have any of the historic materials, including fixtures, tiles, stone, furniture, windows, doors, flooring, paneling, etc., been preserved?

This is not a modernization project. The term “modernization" suggests simply updating an existing building to bring the structure up to current building codes or to install new carpeting and drapery, apply new paint, and perhaps install new plumbing and electrical components. What has taken place instead is a brutal razing of American history. A public building has been demolished without review or permits.

This so-called “modernization” project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with the full expense of restoration paid by those who illegally destroyed the historic structure. No one is above the law and to allow this project to continue forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abidingAmericans and to the history of our nation.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:30:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roseanne Grey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lelia Lingenfelter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any modernization or rebuilding of the East Wing without public input, and thorough planning and building reviews (keeping historic preservation in mind). I wish the current administration to be held accountable for the indiscriminate destruction they have caused to this portion of the Whitehouse.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Lim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of our shared American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Christine Lim

Date: 2/16/2026 9:30:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Mugler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- This is the people's house for this administration to think they can do whatever they want to a house that belongs not a to all of us without the proper process would be an affront to all the values that this country was built upon.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:30:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Clutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Then and only then should the project be submitted for authorization and design review prior to work beginning. To allow this level of destruction without the proper permissions is unconscionable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The restoration should be paid for by the parties responsible for the demolition and not the taxpayers.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celi Trepanier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because the East Wing of the White House was destroyed with disregard for the laws protecting this historical structure. The White House is not a personal structure but a public testament to America's freedom and focus on democracy paid for by American citizens. The president does not own the White House; the people of our country do! I want the East Wing reconstructed to its former historical glory. I only wish the Rose garden could be restored also. If the President is allowed to make such major changes to this historical structure, will a president also be allowed to make drastic changes to the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, the National Mall, or other historical American structures?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia McMicken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be restored to its previous beauty. We need to preserve the history that is/was the East Wing.

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Name: William Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie V
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop private billionaires from overriding historical preservation on the WH.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Amato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

America does not need a balllroom, Americans need affordable health care, affordable groceries and living conditions. We will never step foot in this ballroom. Please replace the East Wing.

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Name: Kay Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monique Quesada
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am scandalized that the East Wing has been demolished and a part of American history erased without a thought for the preferences of the American people or respect for the review and approval procedures. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design, and all future changes to the White House should be halted and submitted to the review process as set out by law.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:30:03 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Lamonica
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write today to strongly object to the East Wing ModernizationProject which, undertaken without prior authorization or approval, has already led to the partial demolition of one of the most recognizable buildings in the world. From its earliest days, Washington DC was scrupulously designed to project not only a sense of awe, but also a sense of grace, beauty, and symmetry. To destroy the symmetry and grace of the White House, the PEOPLE'S house, to satisfy the whims of a single individual using funds donated by would-be oligarchs eager to curry favor and consolidate power, is not only an aesthetic travesty, but a betrayal of the foundational principles of our country. I urge not only a halt to the project, but a restoration of the wing which was demolished in a monumental, unparalleled act of vandalism. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Name: Laura Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Bayrd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore it exactly as it was. Use the funding collected by donors to build the garish monstrosity and not a dime of taxpayer money. There should be enough to restore the Lincoln bathroom as well, and remove every shred of tacky that is currently cheapening our historic and revered people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose a ballroom being built. It is against the law what the Trump administration is doing. Build the East Wing back!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mckee-doak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the improper demolition of the East wing of the White House. I likewise oppose construction of a massive ballroom that has never been needed. Rebuild the East Wing so it matches previous facade and bill Trump personally since he ordered demolition without required approvals.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Brune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am writing in opposition to the Trump ballroom project and the fact that the historical East Wing was destroyed without any opportunity for public comment and public input into any alternative. If I understand correctly, there is some type of organization in charge of our national heritage in these matters, and they were not consulted, and did not consent. The East Wing as it previously stood was part of our national heritage and national history. I think it is important to preserve the history of the White House as this reflects our history as a nation. I believe the original East Wing should be restored. I am also concerned about the financial resources for the project. This is public property and a public treasure, and I am concerned that private donors for the ballroom project would be either directly or indirectly seeking political favor for their significant financial contribution. These type of matters need to be handled properly to assure no impropriety or even the appearance of impropriety.

I myself have visited the White House. It was many years ago, when I was a student attending a university in Washington D.C. I was moved by the history and significance of all that I saw, and I felt this was a living museum, blessed by the weight of history and the import of the decisions of the Presidents who lived there, and the events which took place there. This building, including the wings, should continue to be, for all of the people of the United States, and any changes should be properly vetted and agreed upon. Any one president is a temporary visitor, the White House belongs to the generations of Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Wilhelm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition should never have been started until the entire project had been approved. And no way should this project have been approved without sign off of all pertinent parties. If this is allowed to proceed, anything from now on will be subject to the corrupt whim of the President. We can then write off this brief 250-year attempt at American democracy as a good try, but there will be no second chance. Checks and Balances don't work when the President controls all three parties.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Herrelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former state. It was wrong Ontario without going through proper channels. We don’t need a ballroom that most Americans will never see the inside of. We want our history back.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Francisco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is most definitely not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design in full — with no “special” ballrooms, or basement bunkers.

The last time I checked, we have neither kings nor emperors in this country. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernice Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To: National Capital Planning Commission

Re: East Wing Modernization Project

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Suess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my objection to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Any other response is tantamount to rubber stamping this lawless attempt to distort the character of The People's House.

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Name: Wanda Potter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, also, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lynn Noel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tanya Binuya
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Name: Karen Mesmer
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Name: Sue Ellen Tuttle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization Project
File # 8733
Comment from Sue Ellen Tuttle - [redacted]

I'm strongly concerned that the project 8733 as presented at Jan 8 meeting of National Capital Planning Commission (1) physically overwhelms the White House (and I already thought this before I heard comments in this meeting) and (2) fails to provide ADA accessibility in a meaningful, equitable way.

I am also concerned that there is an overall plan that includes additional projects (West Wing and others on the campus) but the Commission (and public) are being provided information on a piecemeal basis instead of the framework of the overall plan. Starting with the big picture would be much better.

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Name: Joyce Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing belongs to the people and is not the property of a temporary occupant of the White House, whoever that may be. Razing the building without approval needs to be addressed or the people of this great Republic will have given away the keys to the future. Please don't let that happen.

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Name: Donna Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel strongly that this project should be halted and the East Wing returned to as close to original as possible. Not only is it far beyond what President Trump originally told Americans it was going to be in both size and cost; It seems to be a lot more than a modernization of the East Wing. It is my understanding this proposed project was not done according to legal requirements, as so many things in the Trump administration seem to be done. Proceeding with a project of such magnitude that has not met legal parameters sets a dangerous precedent. Laws seem to have no meaning to this administration. It also feels like an insult to the American people and an unnecessary extravagance for someone who seemingly has no sense of what the average person in our country lives like.

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Name: Alexandra Houck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Carpenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was done without getting the correct approvals and done horribly. The only East Wing change I support is restoring it to the way it was before with no gaudy ballroom attached.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erika Mork
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project was launched unlawfully without the necessary approvals, permits, or design oversight. This is not a modernization effort—it amounts to erasing a significant piece of American heritage. I call for the project to be halted and for the East Wing to be reconstructed and restored to its original design. Allowing this effort to continue without holding those responsible accountable would be an insult to every law-abiding American. This is not how we do things.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brooke Kafka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am both angry and heartbroken over this project! I feel like it was a desecration of the beautiful White House.
Transparency, obviously was not very forthcoming from this president, many of us woke up to find it was already being destroyed,as I'm sure millions of Americans did.

We heard him talking about the big beautiful ballroom, and the next thing we know it's all being torn down. No rolling out the plans, no heads up, no what do we think about this?? Nothing just rip it down.
That is the American people's house, not his, we pay his wages, we pay to keep that house looking the way it looks. And now we're being forced to pay for a ballroom we knew nothing about, and probably most of us didn't want.
Heartbroken only word that I can come up with. Besides the fact that I shake my head at what he has done.
And as long as I'm on a roll, let's talk about the rose garden. Sickening.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Holland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's a terrible project! The removal of the East Wing without any advice from any Architect, demolition expert or even advice from the governmental agency in charge of our valuable buildings is completely wrong!
Was there lead testing? Were lead abatement procedures followed? Were people working in the building exposed to toxic products?
In my opinion this project needs to be halted immediately and rebuilt in the original way.
Thanks for giving me an opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myron Roach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the peoples house and not Trumps play thing, The historical significance to many Americans is real, and should be respected. In other words,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sara L'Herault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original design. Do not let this project to go on and demolish a piece of history when we are celebrating 250 years.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:28:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Morrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a "ballroom" at the expense of the east Wing of White House. Spending $300 million on this project, donated by billionaires is simply another vanity project for trump and which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Not one of us could begin a project of this magnitude without permits and authority by a temporary resident.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and one of our historic buildings. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also want trump to pay for the rebuilding and if his personal assets need to be seized to pay for this, then seize them. Our taxes and social programs have already been stretched to the limit or dismantled to pay for his ego.

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Name: Gail Allison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wasteful spending of $300 million on this project. It was not authorized, didn't have permits or any input on design. It is the people's house, not a personal property for the current or any president. It was done for the ego of one person and has severely damaged the history of OUR White House. This project needs to be canceled and the structure restored. We have protocols for a reason and NO ONE has the right or authority to single-handedly rip up monuments at will. The people responsible for this destruction should be held accountable both monetarily and lawfully.

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Name: Rod Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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National Capital Planning Commission
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

He charged that the members were presented with a fait accompli instead of being called to a meeting to discuss the policy change.
— Daniel Thomases

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:28:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay O'Neal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Regardless of where the money comes from, the project was never authorized or permitted.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:28:48 PM
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Name: Ameta Macaluso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Foote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Linda Branam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition was done without permission, cost tax payer money, and was never about modernization. The East Wing should be returned to its original state at Donald Trump’s personal expense thru fines. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Vore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled so that the damage to the East Wing's architecture can be studied and recreated in a manner that is respectful to this nation's great history. To permit this project to go ahead would reward those who just tear down historical properties first and ask for permission later. It would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Otto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the unauthorized spending of taxpayer money for the unauthorized demolition/modernization of a place of significance in American political history. I implore you to restore the East Wing to its former approved design and to prosecute those who have illegally ordered the damage that has been done. Additionally, I explore you to sue those same bad actors for the cost of the necessary repairs and restoration.

Sincerely,
Lynn Otto
Citizen

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Name: ANNE GUNDERSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you

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Name: Liza Burney
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Name: Kathrin Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Angela Paradis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The private funding scheme is nothing but a pay for play bribery funnel that corporations are using to buy access and influence regulators. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a cheapening of our national landmarks. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:28:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Sayre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Sincerely,
Debora Sayre, DVM

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Name: Robert Berkman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the east wing retired exactly as it was. This was done illegally with no permits or proposals. Fuck the Trump bitch.

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Name: Elizabeth Braun
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Name: Eric Blomberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was unauthorized, not approved, not reviewed, and completely outside the bounds of National laws and procedures. It should not be allowed to go forward without meeting the requirements for such a thing. In fact, the East Wing should be restored instead.

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Name: Ann Robinette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Venitia Oswalt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kristin Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Suzanne Dulaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose a ballroom attached to the White House where the East Wing once stood. The scale of the proposed ballroom, the operating costs post construction, and the security risks it poses are all concerning. Statutory changes to better protect the White House from future illegal demolition/substantive alteration, and removal of objects should also be sought. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Name: Jenny Maddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Virginia Navarro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Oldright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want the contents of the former East Wing accounted for to ensure American history has not been stollen by this lawless administration. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laurie Hauschild
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose Donald Trump’s proposed ballroom because he only temporarily lives in the White House and doesn’t own it, so he was completely in the wrong when he ordered the East Wing destroyed. And we certainly shouldn’t be rewarding someone for the destruction of a historic public building. Please make sure that oversight means something again and insist that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Rhiannon Held
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I intensely oppose this so-called "modernization" project. It is all about self-aggrandizement for someone who considers himself a king when the United States was specifically founded to opposed kings and their palaces. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, a connection to the people's history of the United States, not a false king's pride.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Macri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having taught American History for almost 40 years and having had the honor of decorating the White House for the holidays in 2015, I revere the Executive Mansion and the architectural balance and symmetry it exhibits. That included the East Wing which was demolished in 2025.
I have followed closely the proposed replacement for the demolished wing and the creation of what is termed a ballroom but more closely resembles a convention center. I am adamantly opposed to this plan. The beauty of the White House will not only be eclipsed by the new construction, it will be hidden from view from certain vantage points.
Please do not approve this proposal. Rebuild the East Wing as it was.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:27:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Aune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Perrine Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, rather American history was destroyed with no plans or approval. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Those who destroyed the historic East Wing need to be held accountable..

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Name: David Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the "East Wing Modernization Project." I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without going through the established process of proposal and review. The brazen demolition of the East Wing of The People's House without our consent is absolutely unacceptable. I want the ballroom project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:26:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Noel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of this portion of the White House should never have happened because it was not approved by the proper channels. This building belongs to the people of the United States. I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt in its previous footprint and style with necessary modernization and great respect for its history.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:26:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Vimont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I join with many others to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

History has its eyes on us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Dove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the People's House is an affront—to history, to aesthetics, to ethics, to law, to fiduciary responsibility, and to common sense. No temporary occupant has the right to make unilateral decisions about such a space. This is hallowed ground. At the very least, it warrants review and process—not bulldozers in the night. The "modernization" plans should be scrapped, the ballroom and reception rooms restored. Restoration, not renovation.

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Name: Kelly Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Molly Brown
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Name: Dinah Fewell
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Calling the demolition of the people's house a modernization project is like calling for the Statue of Liberty to be put in a mini skirt and high heels. This abomination is not modernization , it's an ugly erasure of American history and complete disrespect to this nations people who cherish the real history of this nation. Nothing about this atrocity is respectful or proper. No permissions no permits, no following the rules. If my house is on the national historic registry, I have to have permission to change the paint color, this awful man has destroyed an American treasure that WAS NOT HIS to destroy. Make him put it back EXACTLY as it belongs and make him STOP!

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Name: Juliane McAdam
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Name: Melanie Hoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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When I heard that I could comment in the ballroom being built in the White House grounds, I realized that I needed to comment. But it took me awhile to find the right place and then to find the appropriate project to comment on. What is being called the East Wing Modernization Project should be called what it is being called by the President - "The Ballroom the likes of which no one has ever seen".

This project is an affront to everything I've been raised to value about being an American. I value our heritage with all its glory and its dark periods. As a military brat, the current project clearly is being undertaken without proper planning, authorizations, permits, or design review. This project should be canceled. The East Wing rebuild and restored.

It is just awful what is being done to American institutions and the historic White House grounds. It is a shame that MY tax dollars are paying for this. It is almost worse that private funds are being used to partially fund the project and that these funds BUY access to the occupant of the White House. Our democracy should not be for sale.

I am a law-abiding American…the President and his administration should follow the law too. This project is a disgrace and shameful beyond words.

Cancel this colossus abomination.

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Name: Patricia Teunisse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot understand how the east wing of the White House was torn down without any process or review. To see it, flattened without explanation and without any legal ability to stop it from happening without proper oversight, is in my opinion, a stunning tragedy.

Where are all the historical objects, documents, photos, and artwork? Are they being stored someplace? Were they just thrown out with the trash? Please do everything in your power to hold this administration to account.

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Name: Julie Beman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Michelle Hecht
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Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. It is the people's house, not a palace for a king to do with it what he chooses. It is also an American history museum, housing the history of all past presidents and their administration. No president is the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
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Name: Kathleen Schmitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am in agreement with the spending of $300 million on this project, it will provide a secure, safe and beautiful gathering place for attendees. We have needed a larger venue in which to host formal events including state dinners. A place that is not only functional but one that can provide security for all. I see it as a lovely addition to our beautiful White House.

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Name: Barbara Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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MAKE NO MISTAKE THE REBUILDING MUST BE PAID BY DONALD J. TRUMP THE PERSON WHO DESTROYED THE STRUCTURE.

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Name: Jeff Angevine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is an insult to our heritage, and all for the empty ego of one man. Rebuild what was torn down! Improve it since we have the chance. But we don't need a ballroom for the rich elites. I can't even believe I have to write this. .

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Name: May Rebischung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House does not belong to Donald Trump. He is a temporary resident and he has no right to destroy the east wing, we do not need a ball room at the White House. The Right Wing must be restored to the previous footprint and floor plan.

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Name: David Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to make it known that I am strongly opposed to the construction of the ballroom and in favor of restoring the East Wing as it was. I find the destruction of one of our national landmarks alarming and horrible.

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Name: Alice Liu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jill Covey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Trish Phifer
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The White House belongs to We The People. Our consent was not obtained.
Thank you!

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Name: Jenny Caneen
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Name: Chuck Strom
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Name: Sara Matlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose spending any funds on this project. President Trump destroyed he East Wing with no proper authorization, permits, preservation, or design review for a replacement. He turned historic artifacts into dust. The East wing should be thoughtfully rebuilt with input from the agencies that are designed to hold impulsive executives in check. The President is an elected official who is not a king and not above the law. He should be held accountable for the harm he has caused and the laws he has broken.

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Name: Deb Pike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored wits former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Monaco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions of tax payer money on this project. It was demolished without authorization, permits, or any review of designs. It is a complete erasure of American History. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! To allow this to continue under these circumstances and without penalizing those who have broken the law would be a slap in the face to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Emerick Emerick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the people’s house! The unrecoverable expense is coming out of our pockets - the people of the United States. Please stop the dismantling and spending on an unnecessary gold ballroom. No one is above the law!

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Name: Darlene Giblin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laurine Fabrick
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I object to the scale of the proposed East Wing, especially as it was originated without the proper design and heritage review!! The latest iterations of the plans show an addition that completely dwarfs the original building and is so disproportionate and UGLY that it would bring shame to all Americans. These plans MUST be amended to ensure that the architectural integrity of the original design of the White House is balanced (at least from the front or facade view of the entire building). It is absolutely imperative that the design and improvements be fully vetted by architects sensitive to the historical legacy of the White House, along with experts who can ensure that security features and public access and accommodations will be fully reviewed and considered.
Thank you.

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Name: Mary Mccarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Clayton
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Name: Jennifer Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project for the current president. We do not need a ballroom that will remain empty most of the time. We need a functioning White House. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt for use by those who work at the White House.

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Name: Nancy Naumer
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Name: Therese Velde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is a bad project. We do not want it or do we need it. It was not approved. It should be stopped and

rebuilt to the original condition, paid for by the president.

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Name: Laura Labovitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is unjustified. It was illegal to demolish the East Wing in the first place.
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Name: Catherine Kouns Born
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this blatant vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review as required.

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Name: Wendy Ruhde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever amount the current administration is aiming for) to build in the East Wing space. This project was not approved by any legal channel and Trump merely bulldozed it down. Instead, efforts should be made to return the East Wing to its previous iteration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: James P. Shuman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction and desecration of the White House by Donald Trump. The White House belongs to we, the people and not to him. Please stop the construction of the unnecessary ballroom and make Trump pay to rebuild the East Wing as it was .

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Name: Holly Peterson
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Name: David Holper
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Name: Alissa Quinlan
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Hedges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lesley Gullion
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I also oppose any renovation or tear down of the west wing without proper authorization, permits etc. Please return the people's house to it's former glory.

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Name: Sarah Van Hoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Danzer
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Name: Sylvia Amorino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design!! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Margaret Dearing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the creation of a ballroom to replace the East Wing. For the record, I also oppose the racetrack and wrestling venues.

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Name: Heather Prestenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing because I opposed the construction of a ballroom in place of the historic East Wing of the White House. This is the people's house and a historic landmark. Any catastrophic and drastic changes to footprint of this landmark should have been reviewed, approved, and supervised to protect the sanctity of this historic building. I would like the East Wing restored and the plans for an obnoxious ballroom blocked to protect the history of the White House.

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Name: Keri Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jo Vance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Trump had no authority to tear down the East wing of the White House. It should be rebuilt and restored to it's former state. And the idea of the useless ballroom should be scrapped.

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Name: Patricia Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 65 year old U.S. citizen who grew up thinking that The White House was a living historical museum. I

was confused and horrified when I saw the bulldozers ripping off the East wing. I had thought there were tight controls on this museum of our history. For one person to take control and raze a part of our history shocked me. I think he should be held accountable and restitution to the building should be made. If the President needs a ballroom it does not need to be attached to the White House and could be built elsewhere. The ongoing, unauthorized gaudy accoutrements he continues to add to our White House is cheapening it and I am anxious for someone with historical taste to once again be in charge.

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Name: Diana Strong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete bulldozing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Further, spending this kind of money on a vanity project to "update" the White House is an insult to hard-working citizens who could use that money for health care and education.

The current administration is not treating this as the "people's house", and the current inhabitant is not acting as though he has any intention of moving out, as the Constitution guarantees with presidential term limits and the checks and balances that are intended to ensure a peaceful transfer of power.

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Name: Andrea Cenna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the people’s house. Any sitting president is merely the steward and should not be making unilateral decisions to destroy history. This is absolutely shameful. The money being used for this project can go so far in helping fight hunger, homelessness, and many other urgent issues that we have in this country. I implore the powers that be to stop this insanity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Howes-Schied
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an historical building that 47 has given no respect, unsurprisingly. Nothing should be done without approval by the correct committees/Congress/The People.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:23:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Pond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Suzannah McFarland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose spending any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I want to be proud of the White House in its representation of the people in this country, yet the people were not consulted when the proper channels were ignored to steamroll the demolition of the figurehead of our government.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:23:10 PM
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Name: Peter Clements
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that anyone, even a president, should be allowed to destroy the history-any history- of our great country. The East wing holds our shared history. Please force its restoration.
Lisa Rone

Date: 2/16/2026 9:23:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Potter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Feuling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this so called East Wing Moderation project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Speckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lindsey paris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on this project , which was initiated without the proper authorization , permits, or design review . It is not a modernization project , but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:22:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loraine Vivier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose anything other than rebuilding the East Wing in the original scale and style. I was heartbroken when I saw the destruction ordered by the present administration. The lack of respect is astonishing. I hope there is a way to make funding come from the people who came up the idea to pay for the replacement.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello commissioners,

After lying that his pet project would not touch the East Wing, the president razed this historic building without seeking review or permission from anyone.
The president resides in the White House, the people's house, as a guest. He is its temporary steward, not an emperor or king who can act on any gold-plated whim.
My family toured the East Wing in the late 1990s, taking with us a foreign-exchange high school student from France. I along with most Americans were truly shocked and saddened to see it demolished.
I urge you to block all work on this ballroom, which is to be paid for with $300 million in bribes to this corrupt president.
Please require that the East Wing be rebuilt.
The gilded-ballroom scam belongs in the dustbin of history. It can't possibly be viewed as an East Wing 'modernization' project.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Hoffman

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Coates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Gerrard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully oppose the “East Wing Modernization” project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Spending $300 million of tax payer money to raze the historical significance of the East Wing is both offensive and wrong. I want this project cancelled for the East Wing to be restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:22:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Diamond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is mislabeled as a "modernization" project. That isn't what it is at all. It's a vanity project undertaken without proper permission by the most corrupt president in all of American history.

The White House belongs to the American people, not to the president. Trump had no authority to order the East Wing to be demolished. He should be required to fund its restoration personally and to account for all objects and materials from the original.

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Name: Julie Bugaj
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the White House should not have been demolished without proper review, planning and most importantly authorization. This new renovation must be halted, and a plan must be made to restore the east wing that aligns with the law and history of the space.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY MCREYNOLDS-PELLINEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Demolition of the East Wing of the the White House complex was done without review or permits which should be cause for penalties. The 'Modernization Project' proposal does not fit the design concepts of the White House, which historically has always been meant to be 'The People's House,' not a forbidding mansion for the rich and influential. Any new construction should fit the history and concept of the original space.
Thank you for allowing my comments.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:22:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Malloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please CANCEL this project, rebuild the East Wing restore the White House to its former design. Any money donated toward this project should be used in the restoration. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the People's House would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Sorrentino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the condtruction of Trump's ballroom. Restore the East Wing as it was originally. And the rose garden, too, while you are at it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the .

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden destruction of the beautiful East Wing of the White House without prior authorization from those who are responsible for such decisions has been a shocking affront to the owners of that historical house—all American citizens.
This destruction has been not only reckless and wasteful, but those responsible for it assume, apparently, that taxpayers are okay with spending the millions of dollars necessary for replacing it with a huge (and probably gaudy) ballroom.
Although the Trump administration claims that all monies for the ballroom will come from private donors, I am concerned about what those obviously wealthy private donors will expect in return for their contributions. The general public will most certainly pay a price.
This Trump ballroom smacks of wealthy elitism and conspicuous consumption. That is not what our White House is all about. This project should not go forward. The East Wing should be reconstructed, and those responsible for its unlawful destruction should foot the bill—not American taxpayers.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Wissinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be thoughtfully updated and re-established - and the ballroom fiasco abandoned! This entire demolition project has been a showcase of over-reach, destructive tendencies and self-fulfilling grandiosity - plus a huge waste of money. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Kara Trummel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol High
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs: I oppose the 300 million dollar East Wing Modernization Project.
Thank you, Carol High

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Goncharoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "ballroom" is an atrocity and should not proceed. The subsurface shelter can be updated without this monstrosity above it. Rebuild the East Wing in proportion to the rest of the structure and in the same style. I can imagine nothing less compatible with American ideals than the proposed memorial to one man's inflated ego. If a larger meeting space is needed, there is ample room on the grounds to build something appropriate, following the established process and guidelines.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Cherubini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this “modernization” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a in modernization project but rather a complete razing of a piece of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is not one person’s house to do with what he or she pleases. It is a historic building and any updates or changes should be thoroughly vetted to preserve its history and character. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, the “we the People” who all have a stake in this house and its history. .

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Name: Steph Ban
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of U.S. history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nicole Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katie Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is not merely a functional government building; it is a living symbol of American democracy and continuity. Major structural changes to such a landmark should undergo rigorous constitutional, legal, architectural, and public scrutiny. Circumventing established processes, including congressional oversight, National Historic Preservation Act review, and consultation with preservation authorities, undermines the rule of law and sets a dangerous precedent for future administrations.

Beyond the procedural concerns, this project raises serious fiscal questions. At a time when Americans face economic pressures, rising national debt, and urgent infrastructure needs across the country, allocating $300 million to a ceremonial ballroom expansion is fiscally irresponsible. Public funds should prioritize national security, veterans' services, disaster preparedness, border security, and critical domestic infrastructure before funding luxury event spaces.

There are also national security and operational risks to consider. Major structural changes to the White House complex require careful integration with existing security systems, blast mitigation standards, and emergency protocols. Rushing or bypassing established review channels could create vulnerabilities in one of the most sensitive facilities in the world.

Additionally, the architectural integrity of the White House must be preserved. The East Wing and surrounding structures reflect decades of carefully balanced historic design. A large-scale addition risks permanently altering sightlines, landscaping, and the historic character of the grounds. Once altered, these changes cannot simply be undone. Preservation of American heritage demands restraint, not expansion.

There is also the issue of precedent. If one administration can unilaterally initiate sweeping structural changes without proper review, what prevents future administrations from reshaping historic federal landmarks according to political or personal preferences? Institutional guardrails exist for a reason - to protect national symbols from short-term decision-making.

For these reasons, I call for the immediate cancellation of this project. Any work already initiated should be halted pending full legal review. The East Wing should be restored and preserved in accordance with its historic design and applicable preservation laws. No individual or administration is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability would erode public trust and diminish respect for our constitutional processes.

Our national landmarks belong to the American people - past, present, and future - and they deserve protection grounded in transparency, legality, fiscal responsibility, and respect for history.

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Name: Paula Feldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this appalling project, which is an affront to all Americans. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and is not a modernization project. Instead, it is a complete razing of an important building in American history. There was nothing seriously the matter with the East Wing of the White House. To build a huge ballroom while children and our most vulnerable are being deprived of food and medicine is stunningly insensitive and shows how out of touch this administration is with the needs of the American people. This vanity project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former historical design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:22:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I worked in the AEC industry for decades and projects cannot proceed in this manner. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all. I am appalled that the East Wing was allowed to be demolished in the first place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Kovens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy Boivin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I lived in the DC area for many years. During that time, I visited the White House many times to see this beautiful building where Presidents have lived since John Adams. Yes, there have been renovations to the building, but never the destruction such as the East Wing by the current president. This is a travesty for a the history that has taken place in the East Wing since it was built. Supposedly many of the current president's friends are paying for this after he had it bulldozed without proper authorization. He wants this ballroom to look like another tacky room such as those at some of his other properties. This should be stopped and the current president should have to pay to have it restored. I do hope your committee will take this into consideration .

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Name: Laurie John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely appalled at what is happening on hallowed ground. That piece of property is owned by the PEOPLE, and I don't believe the people have had any say in what's going on. The President seems to think he can do whatever he wants and his monstrosity will not be able to be undone if it is allowed to continue. Something that blends in better with the White House instead of overshadowing it would be much more appealing. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:21:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those.

There is public space available nearby (at the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space. The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.

The original Georgian style of the White House is intentionally symmetrical. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It should not occupy a larger footprint nor should it exceed the previous East Wing in height or other dimensions. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. The occupant of the White House should not be allowed to trash the People‘s House by plastering it with fake gold and gimcrackery of all kinds. The current occupant should be required to remove everything he has added all at his own expense.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:21:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Wisniewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment on this is exactly how I feel about this affront to or legacy.
She wrote, and I concur:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

And, I would also like to know why there is no accounting for all of the historic artifacts which were in the East Wing.

Thank you for considering my comment as a citizen,
Pat

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Name: louisa Dyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

gross & illegal use of taxpayer money, not to mention no one wants it except those profiting by it! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nalani Warde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Margaret Sitison
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Name: Penelope Mahood
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Thank you

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Name: Rebecca Boerger
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Name: Zee Losey
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Date: 2/16/2026 9:21:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional

oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Kristin Peterson

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Name: Janet Fish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Peggy Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the this project going forward and request that any funds used go to restore the original design prior to this Administration. It is the peoples' house; not the President's house. He is only a tenant.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:21:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RD Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ABSOLUTELY NO "ballroom" addition or any other alteration or addition to the White House!!
The now destroyed East wing should have to be restored back to it's origoinal apearance.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:21:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Snow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to any funding of the East Wing Project. This project was illegally initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Steven Lipsitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tracy Harvill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Seth Truby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please do everything allowed by law to stop or delay Trump's vanity project at the White House until the present administration is forced to abide by public process and appropriate agency oversight, review and collaboration. The illegal East Wing demolition shows a blatant disrespect for the government itself and its existing protocols.

There are so few examples of accountability for this rogue regime to the principles of public service, separation of powers, and constitutional law. Let this project be one of the few examples where a democratic government and its damaged institutions can still hold in check the unbounded hunger for power of a would-be autocrat.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not any of its temporary residents put there by the voters.

Seth Truby
Tax-paying citizen and independent voter in Portland, OR

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Name: Tracey McLaughlin
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Name: Holly Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is an egregious breach of the law and an affront to the American people. We are a representative democracy and the White House is the people's house. We are not a fascist oligarchical dictatorship. Please do not waste our tax dollars on this illegal disgusting architectural abomination!

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Name: Webb Wiggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

By whose or what authority is this project allowed?

Have all proper channels been followed for this project to become approved? Has the project been approved? By whom?

Its size alone is far too large to be in proportion to the main White House.

Will the construction companies be properly vetted to insure no unintended (foreign) elements be incorporated?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Welker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should be charged in full to pay for the repairs, and put in jail. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Kosarko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I opposed the destruction of the East Wing. I oppose building a ballroom in its place. The whole project was initiated without proper authorization. It is a grotesque attempt to erase history and to subdue the dignity of the People's House. I want plans for a ballroom to be cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its former design.

No one is above the law. If we permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law, we would be saying the President of the United States is above the law and that he can erase our collective history. He cannot. This is MY house.

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Name: Stephanie Jamison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lori Coulson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Ruth Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been destroyed by this regime and it needs to be replaced with the necessary guidelines and people need to be imprisoned for their role in the destruction.

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Name: Mary Shortino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop. This project was started without regard to law or design. I oppose the razing of American history and the astronomical budget should be used to restore the east wing to its original condition. I oppose the unilateral decision making of this administration. The White House is the people’s house and its demolition is a travesty. Put it back.

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Name: Douglas Klostermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architecture graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and as an American citizen, I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of priceless American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the White House rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ellen Rauch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project. No proper authorization, permits, or design review were done. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I work for an architectural design firm, and historical architecture is important to the history of this wonderful country. And the rule of law is even more important. No one has the right to disobey the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: B Burdett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Su My
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow the toddler in charge to continue with his tacky activities regarding the White House. All of his taste is in his mouth. Not a single United States citizen is in favor of this project. At least nobody who receives nothing from supporting the project.
We the People are against it.

Thanks
Oh and require the toddler to repair the damage. Including replanting the rose garden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Munoz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It has been a vehicle to destroy a part of U.S. history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding U.S citizens and residents.

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Name: Karla Kauk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at the reckless, impulsive destruction of the East Wing. The failure to submit this change for review and approval through established channels and to arbitrarily decide to build a ballroom in its place is absolutely inexcusable. The expenditure of $300 million dollars to complete construction is excessive and the funding by wealthy corporations and individuals implies the expectation of future favorable treatment to the donors. Nothing about this project is good. My wish is to have the East Wing rebuilt, to appear as closely as it appeared prior to the destruction and thus restore the design and integrity of the people's house. In a perfect world, this would be entirely funded by he who destroyed it without authorization.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Judith Julian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without any legal authorization. It should be rebuilt AS IT WAS before the unauthorized destruction, and the cost of rebuilding charged to the person or persons responsible for its destruction. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to the current occupant. Any changes to the building should be properly vetted and approved by the proper authorities. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shauna Bridger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid in funds by the GOP. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern --

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, Rebecca Mann

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Name: Katie Niehaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project", which is not a modernization project. A part of the People's House was torn down without notice or proper procedure. This is the White House, not the President's (any president's) personal property. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original design.

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Name: Melissa Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in opposition or this project continuing. It’s an unnecessary waste of tax paper money that did not go through the proper channels, permitting, etc. Decimating parts of our nations’s history because one narcissist would like yet another shiny gold trophy is inexcusable!

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Name: Ellen E Joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars (whatever their source) on the construction of a ballroom that will dwarf the White House in height and scale. I am outraged that the historic East Wing was destroyed without reference to any historic preservation standards or ordinances and would like to see it restored as closely as possible to its most recent form.
I gather that the WH needs a larger facility for large state occasions and believe that plans for an appropriately-scaled structure should pass through regular channels for approval--channels that include politically-neutral experts in architectural history and the history of the WH complex.
I am not an American historian (my field is European history), but as a champion of preservation and appropriate review of changes to historic landmarks, I was devastated by the lawless and rapid destruction of a building that has witnessed so much of our nation's twentieth-century history. Modernize the interior spaces, sure, but do not allow the current president to erect a garish monument that would dwarf the White House itself without serious review and the imposition of tasteful, historically appropriate, constraints on its scope and scale.
Sincerely,
Ellen E Joyce, PhD
Beloit, WI 53511

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Name: Melissa Critchley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Terri Weiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction is inexcusable. Trump has no right to destroy the property of the American people without any due process. And the oversized monstricity he has planned must not be allowed on our land. Please do everything possible to rebuild an appropriate wing to the White House without his inappropriate ballroom,

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Name: Monica Meier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cathy Sabol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing one stood. The White House belongs to the people, to the national preservation trust. It was destroyed without proper authorization and is an affront to everything that history stands for. That beautiful historical building has been destroyed without permission to serve the ego of just one man. Honor the legacy of the White House. Do not permit this I saw of the ballroom to be built.

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Name: Donna Pehowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am feeling heartbroken over the destruction of the East Wing! We don't need a ballroom! History was torn away without consent! That is the people's house not the current presidents. So much money that could be used in helping Americans with day to day living! So much is happening without going through the proper protocols! I don't know one single person who ever said "I wish we had a ballroom at the White House! I disagree with a lot this administration is doing and destroying history is one of them.

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Name: Tina Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which never went through the proper authorization, permits or design review processes. It is a complete razing of the most important historical living artifact of our country. It does not belong to the current occupant, it is the People's House and is to be used by the current elected President and his family during his term of office. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If allowed to continue wrecking this building to glorify himself is allowed, it is an affront to all Americans, past, present and future and a desecration of our country. Anything constructed on this demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. All of the paneling, tilework, fixtures and molding along with everything else must be located and replaced. Where did all the china cabinets, dozens of sets of state dishes, etc... disappear to? That needs to be investigated and any nefarious actions to the people's property must be prosecuted as well. Thank you for allowing we, the people of the United States to have our say on this critical project.

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Name: Peggy Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the this project going forward and request that any funds used go to restore tge original design

prior to this Administration. It is the peoples' house; not the President's house. He is only a tenant.

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Name: Sharon Ponton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The National Trust for Historic Preservation is standing up for the people. The East Wing should never have been destroyed! We the people own the people's house and must be heard!

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Name: MIKE KRUPNICK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a licensed architect and apply for permits and design review as a profession. It has come to my awareness that the proper authorizations, permit and design review was not done before our president ordered the demolition of our East Wing of our White House.

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all professional architects and all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anne Babineau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by the people who demolished it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead

without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Hahne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was illegally torn down without the approval of the appropriate agencies. A ballroom would desecrate the space, be completely out of character with the stateliness of the White House and would be a monument only to this corrupt administration and those who support it. Additionally, it would not be a place for the people as the White House was intended to be but would be only for those who are wealthy enough to curry favor with our hypocritical politicians who care only about themselves and maintaining their own power rather than the good of the American people. The ballroom should not be built and the current president should be personally responsible for restoring the destroyed East Wing.

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Name: Pamela Eddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project because it was undertaken without proper authorization and oversight as required for such a project to the people's house. This is not the sitting president's personal property or home, it belongs to all of us and our posterity. It is our history. should this project go forward, any president will be able to make any and all changes without prior authorization or oversight by the proper organizations, jeopardizing history and our institutional buildings. Thank you.

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Name: Judy Pollack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe creating a ballroom to replace the East Wing is in the best interest of our country. The wing should be replaced as it was as much as it is possible. A crass over the top and overwhelming ballroom as proposed by Trump will be an eyesore and embarrassment for as long as it exists.

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Name: Nancy Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The administration had no right to tear down the East Wing in the first place. Arguing that prior administrations made changes is a false flag - President Trump demolished the East Wing, he didn't renovate it. Any further construction should first re-create the East Wing as is was. Plans should be submitted for approval. it is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

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Name: Elizabeth Steilkie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose any rebuilding of the east wing other than its original historical form. Anything less would be an insult to our ancestors who immigrated here. Thats their house and our house. It should be restored exactly as it was at the expense of those who unlawfully dismantled it. My ancestors came here from Germany Ireland and France. My gret grandparents house is a state historic monument in Tarrant County Texas-the Bidalt House.i am forever grateful that they journeyed uncertain what awaited and brought their future here each and every one .

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Name: Denise Fuson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennifer Eckert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Vickie DiSanto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom connected to the White House. The former East Wing was well-designed and had a rich history. Contrary to what the current resident of the White House has said, I never heard anyone say "The White House needs a ballroom." The current "renovations" to the White House have been gaudy and extravagant. The East Wing should be restored to its previous form and the ballroom project should be scrapped.

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Name: Alison Hughey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sandra Zepeda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am want the East Wing returned to it original design and use. The people's White House does not need a huge ballroom.

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Name: Jack Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Vikki Burris-Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beth Pogatchnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I venomously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits, or a design review. It is not an updating project but rather a complete demolition of American history. I want this project stopped and canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Rae Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Oh, what a sad thing to see - all that rubble, the rose gardens gone. Yes, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

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Name: Virginia Zawacki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The appalling obliteration of the historic East Wing without Congressional debate or oversight was unlawful. I don't believe this project should continue. The "donated" money should be used to rebuild it to its former dignified state.

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Name: Seana Hallberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this. Trump destroyed and demolished without using any of the proper channels. The American people want healthcare, safe schools, environmental protections and Trump to stop doing whatever he wants without proper authorization. This East Wing was not his to destroy. This should have been properly restored and persevered if that was his desire. I hope this can be stopped. This is the People's House not Trumps mega billion ballroom with bunker.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:19:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to spending any money on this unauthorized project which was started without any review or authorization, unlawful, disgraceful and the .east Wing should be restored to what it was.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express opposition to the razing of the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing was/is a piece of American history. This project was started without permits, design consideration by qualified parties, or authorization from congress. Please cancel this project, and if at all possible restore the East wing to its former state.

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Name: Jessica McDougall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the money donated for the ballroom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Timothy Rood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Bonita Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to Donald Trump. He is a temporary resident who does not pay rent. Taxpayers do. It belongs to every American.

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Debra Aschaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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As a taxpayer I don't want to be on the hook for all of the future costs of this ballroom: Heating/cooling, security staffing, janitorial staffing, maintenance and so on.

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Name: Kerry Busch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Hilary Somers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debra Prestage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending the 300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It was not a modernization project but a complete raising of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing completely rebuilt, and restore to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead, without penalizing those who broke the law would be an front to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Valerie Wicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has started without regard to legal process or historical implications. It should be canceled & the East Wing restored.

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Name: Marlys Brimmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the reckless demolition of the East Wing by tRump to make a bunker and ballroom for only the wealthiest people. Make him rebuild the East Wing up to code but historically accurate and he must cover all expenses.

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Name: Elizabeth Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the entire East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It was undertaken without even a modicum of feedback from interested parties. The White House and its wings belong to the people, not to one single person. I suggest this project should be put on hold while it goes through a formal review process. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Emily Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Additionally, any construction should be paid for by the people who ordered the illegal destruction, not taxpayers. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to both history and all Americans.

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Name: Kiira Koester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot support the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of our history in order to build a super bunker. Do better, y'all.

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Name: Janice Regan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Christina Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bonnie Girvan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should have never been allowed. This is the people's house destroyed . We need to stop this and further destruction of our beautiful White House. No other president has ever done this kind of damage, and it was done illegally. No matter who the president is the White House represents all of our history and future. So sad.

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Name: Ryan Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cathy Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was done without proper authority and did not follow historic guidelines in order to have permission to do so. It is an essence just destroying history that has existed for centuries… American History. Our history—Not for one persons edification.

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Name: Chris Chimera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project regardless of source, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Cantwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I resent the East Wing being demolished. There was no approval for this and I don't believe anyone should be allowed to change the White House without proper approval, this is OUR house, the president is there temporarily.

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Name: Cheryl Slack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cressa Perish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a most extravagant, wasteful, self-serving, ill-planned and unnecessary project by a narcissistic POTUS who wants to get his name on as many buildings as possible before he leaves office. I understand there was no appropriate protection against exposure to asbestos as it was started. There are many more important ways to direct this money toward serving the people of our country who will never set foot in what will likely be a very tacky structure covered in fake or real gold so he can entertain other authoritarian heads of State such as Putin and Orban.

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Name: Linda Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Paula Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My husband & I vehemently oppose the addition of the ballroom. The structure proposed will desecrate the White House. The plan dwarfs the existing structure & in no way enhances or beautifies the White House. Secondly, proper channels were not followed for razing the East Wing or building the ballroom. Personally, we believe something of this magnitude should be put to a vote for all US citizens to have a chance at a say in it. It is after all -- The Prople's House. Paula & Ron Peterson -- Proctot, MN

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Name: Amy Morsman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Catherine Mabee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the tearing down and re-designing of the east wing of the White House. This building belongs to the PEOPLE of the United States and is on loan to the individual selected as president for the duration of their tenure. It is not the president's house - it is the United States' house. No proper building permits were filed prior to this destruction. In every way it is a horrifying visual of the total disregard for law and order that this president is bestowing on our country. No one is above the law- that includes the laws requiring proper permits for building and re-zoning.

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Name: Cathy White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you

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Name: Madeleine Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply against the project as presented. It does not respect the intention of our country's founding fathers who eschewed grandeur. The projected addition is out of scale and dwarfs the original building. Please do not approve this.

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Name: Jacquie Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jody Seay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this debacle totally and completely. The White House belongs to the American people, not to whomever occupies the Oval Office at the moment. Demolition of the East Wing happened without permission, without permits, and without any consideration for what the American people wanted, nor the history behind this iconic building.

After-the-fact denial of this project doesn't really help a whole lot, given that the American taxpayers will be paying to clean up this mess created by Donald Trump. Whatever moneys he managed to fundraise for this project should be used to clean it all up and put it back together the way it used to be. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Kendy Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello -
I oppose the spending of $300 million on th East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project is an example of presidential over reach. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.
Kendy Rossi

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Name: Michael Faxon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build it back like it was. Trump has no right to do this to the White House—the peoples' house!

Thank you.

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Name: deborah halstead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who authorized, and participated in, destroying a Historic Landmark must be made to pay the cost of restoring it, not the American people.

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Name: Kelly Costanzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tammy Repine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any amount of money for a ballroom project. The East wing was torn down and this project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans! In addition, the President and anyone involved with the destruction of the east wing should be charged with destruction of public property and fined the costs for both the demolition and the rebuilding of this historical building.

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Name: Heather Conlon Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heather McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judy Dove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its predemolition state as soon as possible. The unauthorized, illegal and wanton destruction was done without the knowledge of nor the consent of the People's historical groups entrusted with the maintenance and preservation of our nation's valued and esteemed treasures. All involved in the desecration of our house should be criminally charged for the wanton damage of historical structures to fulfill an apparent egotistical purpose that is at odds with the law of the land and our historical values.

Thank you.

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Name: Mary Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I walked through The East Wing of the Whitehouse in 1982 as a tourist and will forever recall the deep sense of history and reverence I experienced with my best friend from college. We were both in awe and thought about the First Ladies and their staff that made that wing of The White House their office. The People's House should not be altered without our consent and rigorous professional oversight. Going forward, extreme care and expertise must be undertaken by experts and historians not sycophants and egoists. Please repair this wound respectfully and help heal and unify our Nation. Thank you.

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Name: Russ Maddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, and all who I know, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Allowing this administration to continue their crime spree is absolutely unacceptable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Wertheim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East Wing of the White House should never have happened without the proper input from the American people, permitting and authority. The White House is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE — NOT the property of the temporary occupants. I oppose spending of $300 million taxpayer dollars without recovering it from whoever broke the law to tear it down in the first place. I want the East Wing rebuilt and

restored to its former design and historical accuracy so that we can have continuity of history. To do otherwise would be a stain on the American story. There should be proper and strong accountability from those that tore the place down in the first place

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Name: Mara Fulmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I was absolutely horrified by the actions of the current occupant of the White House, treating this national treasure with such disdain and disregard for its value to the American People.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Designing spaces that are consistent with the previous uses and designs for the spaces that were once housed in the East Wing. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,
Mara Jevera Fulmer, Ed, MFA, MA
Another citizen of these United States

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Name: Mirtha Leslie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My request is simple. Please restore the East Wing. It was painful to watch part of our history demolished with no consultation or approval.

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Name: Nicole Beeman Stanclift
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Furthermore, the private funding of this project raises concerns about corruption and special treatment that the donors will undoubtedly wield over the occupants of the White House. We have already seen that favors can be bought with this administration and is the case of the jet from Qatar and the new military base given to that country on American soil.

This ball room is a bribe and must be stopped.

With all seriousness,
Dr. Nicole Stanclift

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Judith Rosowicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without any proper authorization. This project should be cancelled and every effort made to rebuild the East Wing to reflect the history of the building and of our country.
This project looks like an expensive boondoggle with no real need.

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Name: Ida Noll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It is an erasure of history. I am appalled that the National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) have totally disregarded the guidelines and rules relating to Historic properties that illustrate the heritage of the United States. It’s shameful and a real affront to the American public.

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Name: Dianne Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leah LaCivita
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is just a way for billionaires to curry favor with a narcissist. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Cancel it immediately. If one dollar of the taxpayers dollars is used for this garbage, even more people will hate it than already do. No one gets to raze the collective history of the united States of American, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding residents.

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Name: Melanie Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A total waste of money. It's been torn down already (who approved that?) so we do need to put something there. But a ballroom? Who needs that? It's anachronistic and sends a horrible message. What about a greenhouse and botanical garden? Grow flowers, fruits and vegetables and give tours. We could have areas that represent the flora and fauna of every state. Maybe something along the lines of the California Conservatory of flowers at Golden Gate Park. This would be especially fitting after the destruction of the Rose Garden.

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Name: Gail Esker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jan Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was distressed when the West Wing of the White House was torn down without proper paperwork and approval granted. We have lost more than a wing of the White House; we have lost the history of the structure and the loss of the respect for American History.

I do not want the Trump Ballroom, it does not belong on the White House property as it is a Trump structure not an American property!!

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Name: Sharon Metzler-Ruth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jane Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a colossal and crass monument to corruption; bribes from the filthy rich, to the filthy rich. No one is above the law and to permit this project

to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Hohler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

The proposed ballroom for the White House is completely out of scale to the existing building, and would not be an appropriate addition to this historic structure. In my opinion, it would be a complete eyesore because it would overshadow the existing White House. The symmetrical East and West Wings were/are extremely functional, as well as pleasing to the eye.

Additionally, I am vehemently opposed to the idea of tearing down our national structures on the whim of one person, and without the proper input of the national historical people's involvement.

And how necessary is a ballroom anyway? We've managed to entertain people from across America and across the globe in the existing structure. I think the East Wing should be replicated and rebuilt (with the necessary updates to building codes as required by law). But no further or larger construction should be made to the White House structure.

Thank you,
Sue Hohler
Norwalk, Ohio

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thanks,
Mary Christensen

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Holloway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Massing should not overwhelm existing building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosann Pysh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all to call this debacle the East Wing Modernization Project is an attempt to mislead the American People. This is an ill conceived project which includes the total demolition of the historic East Wing without requesting or receiving the proper authorizations. Additionally it was estimated at $400M and now is estimated at $300M. In any event this is an unwarranted and unnecessary expense when this administration has embarked on a total annihilation of our federal government without the usual efficiency studies supposedly to save the A.erican taxpayers huge sums of money. This maiming and defacing of the People's House (the White House) must stop. Any further money spent must be used to totally restore the East Wing to its former historic glory and the miscreants must be brought to justice for scaring our People's House. Please do not approve this project as it is currently proposed. We are counting on you to do the right thing by restoring the East Wing and preserving our history for us and future generations. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese Wolford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Therese Wolford

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: judy melanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just ridiculous.

An abuse of power and unnecessary project for Trump to boast in his position of power.

Where are the checks and balances to stop the demolition of an historical government building. The East Wing should have never been demolished and whatever is built in its place should be regulated and to preserve the integrity of the White House campus. The next leader of the free world likely doesn't want an elitist party room covered in gold.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the remodeling and expansion of the East Wing. It is historically significant and was torn down without permission or permits. Our government should not be spending millions for an illegal vanity project. Trump's illegal move should not be rewarded. Rather he should be fined and required to pay for The East Wing to be restored to what it was (exactly) before he had it torn down.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emma Draves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition and destruction of the East Wing.
I want further destruction canceled - and for the East Wing to be rebuilt to its former design.
To spent $300 million of tax payer's funds on this project is obscene. THe work to rebuilt and restore shoudl be paid directly from the Trump estate as this work was undertaken by him without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Robert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ~$300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Layfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, and am devastated that the east wing was demolished before proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's destruction of history.
want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cody Brandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Curtin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Megan Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Couvillon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House belongs to the American people and is not the personal property of the president.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Starcke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was also begun without review of potentially hazardous materials in the existing architecture.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Sandberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to continuing this build, which has not followed any of the laws and regulations that govern construction. It desecrates our Capital building; President Trump seems to have forgotten that this is the people's house and he is not free to tear down and destroy our National past.

Please stop!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Gapsis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Caroline Blauwkamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the continuation of this project as currently planned. It is not an improvement or enhancement but rather the destruction of history. The East Wing should be restored to its original dimensions and architectural style with necessary functional updates to meet modern codes. The original symmetry and Georgian style needs to be kept so that the White House will continue to be a beautiful building that all Americans can be proud of.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Clouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not wish the construction of a huge, gaudy, gold ballroom to continue. I was stunned by the disgraceful demolition of the east wing without proper authorization or planning. Please restore the "People's House" in the most respectful way possible, under the usual rules and processes. It is not a palace for a king!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The renderings submitted depict a structure that is completely out of proportion with the White House.

Additionally, the National Park Guidelines were developed to be followed - so structures would be built with consistent parameters - and the designers of the ballroom did not adhere to the guidelines. They should be required to submit new designs that follow the guidelines. Lastly, the demolition of the East Wing took place without congressional approval. That is unacceptable.

I live in a community with an HOA. The HOA has certain guidelines that I must follow - and I knew that when I moved into the community. If I were to thumb my nose at building guidelines, landscape faux pas, or encroach upon my neighbor's setbacks, I would be going against the HOA policies, and I would incur fines. Why should our President not adhere to the guidelines set forth by the NPS?

Why do rules not apply to him, yet they apply to me?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Morrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House must stop. It is an act of wanton vandalism on the part of the president that aims to erase history. The president has also refused to seek the necessary permissions from federal authorities to demolish the East Wing and so this must be halted immediately.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kara Spinnato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300 Million dollar project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josh Pachter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous design. Donald Trump's wanton, unauthorized destruction of this piece of American history was an abomination and must be reversed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Chaffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any of the taxpayers money on this $300 million project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one even the current selfish president is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who are breaking the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherilyn Draper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Joseph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of a monstrous ballroom and the destruction of the East wing of the White House is and was a mistake of historic proportions. The East Wing should be rebuilt and returned to its rightful historic place. If the country requires a venue for state dinners it can be done through proper channels and at a proper location. It should be done with an eye to the dignity of the office and with oversight on the design

and location.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Blackwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged like most Americans that Trump literally took a wrecking ball to the East Wing of our Whitehouse destroying property that does not belong to him. I also don't like the fact that his billionaire friends are supposedly paying for a gaudy ball room that the American people did not ask for. This project needs to be stopped and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Isaac Faibisoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the "East Wing Modernization Project" The White House belongs to the people and what makes it great is that, while it is a very nice house, it is, when it comes down to it, a relatively plain house. The President lives there. The President is "first among equals" in a nation where even the President is not above the law, but is rather a citizen, elected by the citizens in order to carry out the wishes of the constituents. We don't have kings, czars or royalty and the White House should not portray royalty or gaudiness. It should remain a house of the people, representing the common folk that make up the US.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Wilkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Fotou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I GREATLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this horrendous act of destruction, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this VANITY project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Murphy Naughton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a well-established fact that Trump has no taste, and this giant monstrosity of a "ballroom" is completely tasteless. Drawings of the completed building show that it completely dwarfs our historic White House, ruining the symmetry of the classic building. The East Wing of the White House must be rebuilt exactly as it was to restore the classic appearance of the People's (not Trump's) house.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Scanlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project. It
Was started without the proper permits or authorization to say nothing of funding. THe East wing is an important piece of history, especially for women. The structure should be restored to it former condition as much as possible. The finding if it can be located should be used for that purpose.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Kershner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our nation’s historical architecture has been demolished to the horror of most Americans. We are a 249 year old country with traditions and rules. It seems that both good taste and laws are being ignored! Why??

Ugliness and pomposity reign supreme. Shameful and crude! Awful.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Szostak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.. Even if the project is not paid for by taxpayer money it is financed by Very wealthy men donating only to curry the favor of the President. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, The Trump administration must rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: C Poda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Keli Jacewitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie Seefelt Lesieutre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is entirely a vanity project, and I want this project canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing should be returned to original footprint to maintain historical significance.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine McNally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No! I wholly and completely reject the project of a $300 million ballroom. This is the people's house, not Mr Trump's. The old east wing needs to be rebuilt to historical standards. No to a palace for more grift and scandal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Carson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Very sad to see Trump bulldoze the East Wing with out permission or any thought of preservation. We do not need to spend tax payer money to build the monstrocity perprosed by Trump. I think he should pay to replace what he destroyed in his temper tantrum.

At this point what options are most needed, office spaces, not ball rooms.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dominic Quintana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

Donald Trump's destruction of the East Wing looked like the aftermath of a terrorist attack, because that's what it was. How disgusting that Donald Trump was able to do what the 9-11 hijackers wanted to do, but couldn't accomplish- the destruction of our White House.

His reckless destruction of one of our enduring national symbols was both enraging and heartbreaking. There are certain parts of our nation which belong to all Americans, and are symbolic of our commitment to democracy and to the rule of law under the Constitution. The White House is one of those things. Donald Trump has defiled the people's house in unspeakable ways, both figuratively, and now literally.

I demand that every legal means be brought to bear to not only stop the grotesque, self-aggrandizing abomination of his "ballroom" from being constructed; but also that the East Wing be re-built in its entirety, down to the inch, to the way it stood before the impulsive destruction of Donald Trump.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Fappiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sydni Neves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello -
I oppose the spending of $300 million on th East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.
Thank you.
Sydni Neves

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Aherne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project at a time when there are far more urgent national priorities and critical infrastructure needs demanding attention. Roads, bridges, public safety systems, disaster resilience, and community investments across this country require funding. Choosing to allocate this level of taxpayer money to this effort reflects misplaced priorities.

This building does not belong to any single individual or administration — it belongs to the American people. It is part of our shared national heritage. Decisions of this magnitude must reflect stewardship, transparency, and respect for the public trust.

There are established legal processes, permitting requirements, and design review standards specifically created to protect our national buildings and historic assets. Those safeguards exist for a reason. They were not properly followed here. Ignoring these procedures undermines accountability and weakens the very systems designed to preserve and protect public property.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without consequence for bypassing required authorization and review would set a dangerous precedent. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored in accordance with its former design — through lawful, transparent, and properly reviewed processes.

Public resources deserve public accountability.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Dorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please prevent more destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse and restore it to the important and historic residence it is. This is the people's house, our house.
I toured the East Wing with my adult daughter 2021 and it was a wonderful experience. You can feel the intelligent influence of the First Ladies and their staff at work. The history displayed is thoughtful in its layout, and wonderful to witness. The tour was an experience I won't forget .
I was sickened by the thoughtless and violent destruction of the East Wing and its history. Please restore it for future generations.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Halloran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexander Moffat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave the White House alone! Don't let one egomaniacal wanna-be dictator vandalize the White House with his ugly, poorly conceived, disrespectful, tasteless monstrosity of an ball room. Lets have someone with historical architectural credentials decide how best to fix the unpermitted destruction that has already been done.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the The East Wing without the approval of Congress was an abomination. The White House belongs to The People of the United States. It does not belong to any one person. It's not the property of the Current President to own. He only has occupancy. During his current term. I want The East Wing to be rebuilt to his original glory. Thank you,

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Melody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kannenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original size and style with electrical, safety, ADA updates including restoration of the Rose Garden. No ballroom, no glittery gold features.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Ware
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing as it once was. It should have never been allowed to be torn down in the first place.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Langlois
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Megan Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Nazareth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

By no means should the party who unlawfully destroyed the East Wing have any role in its reconstruction except for paying for it from personal finds.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Niels Leppert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is of absolute necessity that the East wing project not be allowed to proceed as planned. It is a grotesquely oversized proposal which totally disregards the vernacular of the site and the elevations of the existing White House.

If it is critical to the nation's interest to have a ballroom addition, it must be drastically reconsidered and re-drawn so that it fits the scale and historic context of the site.

If allowed to go forward in it's current buffoonish scale, it will only end up being torn down in short order when a new administration with a far more respectful sense of aesthetics comes to Washington.

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Name: Ammie Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged by the reckless decision to spend $300 million on this project, especially considering it was started without any proper authorization, permits, or thorough design review. This is not a mere

modernization; it’s a blatant destruction of our American history, a sacrilege that cannot be tolerated. There are important and valid reasons there is a review process and one of those is protecting the public trust. The historical preservation and responsible design and execution of any proposed changes to the White House, "the People's House," falls under this umbrella as an important symbol of the American Experiment. I demand this project be canceled immediately, and the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its original, historic design. No one should be above the law, and allowing this lawless act to proceed without consequences is an insult to every law-abiding American.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Newberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Pringle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose any amount of money, taxpayer's or other, on this project. This project was illegally started without going through the proper procedures and channels ALL other projects go through. This is the people's house and any changes to it should be done with care through the proper process and approvals. This is not one person's house to destroy on a whim. I respectfully request that this project be stopped and the 1942 version of the People's house be rebuilt as it was before it was unlawfully tore down. Thank you, Leslie Pringle, American Citizen and Taxpayer. February 16, 2026

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Krumholz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Stolze
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Terrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House and proposed plans to build a ballroom or similar structure in its place should be stopped immediately. This is a vanity project proposed by the current administration that has no purpose and addresses no current needs. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to the same footprint and plans as the original edifice.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Plunkett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am personally very disturbed by the actions being taken by President Donald Trump to change the White House, the People's house of the United States, into a different building. A project of this size requires input, review, authorization, and approval at several levels before it can be started. What I just said is a matter of the law of the United States, and not just my opinion. It is clear that Mr. Trump has quietly made plans for this, and then rushed the project to a point where it cannot be undone. This was not an accident, but rather a plan to make his will come to pass rather than following the law.
It is my strong recommendation and appeal that the project be stopped at this point and submitted to the proper steps. I realized that the East wing has been destroyed. But what takes its place should be decided properly, rather than have a gilded ballroom designed to entertain wealthy people and foreign governments who capitulate to Mr. Trump's whims.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:50 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Also, what the heck happened to everything that was inside the East Wing? Where is all of that historic furniture? The paintings and other works of art?

PLEASE stop this travesty and recover EVERYTHING that has been lost.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Boone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do your job! Without our true history and laws we are nothing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Harman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of those who chose to demolish it without following the established procedures.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Stern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Wittig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House by Donald Trump and his enablers is an abomination. The tearing down of an integral section of the People's House is both a symbolic and literal act of the Trump Administration's ongoing assault against American Democracy. I want this "modernization" project cancelled and for the money allotted to go to restoring the historic East Wing. One of the many projects, We the People, must undertake to restore our Democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judah Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am also opposed to spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project! They are razing American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Judah Nelson
Mesa AZ

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - or leave it as is in its demolished condition to remind Americans of Trump's destruction of our country. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Fappiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth VanderMeer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Krista Forrester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am requesting the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt to its original plan and Donald Trump charged for it. It's disgusting that this project was started without the proper steps and needs to be cancelled. Our country has more important things to be concerned with than building a gold clad ballroom.
Respectfully

Krista Forrester

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonné de Blas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As we all know, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park which is owned by the American people, and has been home to presidents since 1800. In no sense of the word is the current president at any given time the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion

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Name: Linnea Attenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people

who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount frankly) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history as a vanity project for Donald Trump. There are also considerable legal and ethical questions about the funding for this project, including where the supposed collected "donations" are being held, and what promises were made or access was granted by or to Trump in exchange for huge companies and mega donors to provide funding for it. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of Donald Trump personally, as he took the action to raze the East Wing without any oversight, and the American people should not have to foot the bill to have it restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Verstraete
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Priestner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aura Lester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the destroyed East Wing of the White House. The destruction of the People's House without proper permissions should disallow the President from rebuilding it as a ballroom. The money should be spent to rebuild the East Wing, as a historic piece of American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Gartung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history via cash bribes from wealthy business owners courting favors from Mr. Trump. I respectfully request this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Sally Shields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For copy/paste:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:12:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Noonan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this pathetic vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this abomination of a project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlin Sawyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you,
Charlin Sawyer
Concerned American

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Johns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy-Elyse Neer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is ridiculous and a waste of time and money. put it back the way it was, and restore Mrs. Kennedy's roses while you are at it!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:11:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Traci Marquardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Putnam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun without any of the standard protocols for an historic building renovation. It wasn't being renovated, it was RAZED. To move forward with this 300 million dollar expenditure is an affront to the American public (as it could easily be spent elsewhere) and sets a dangerous precedent for disregarding the rules, protocols and regulations required for maintaining an historic building.
As a historian, I am stunned that this has progressed thus far and the damage is immense. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing of the House (The PEOPLE's House) to be restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:11:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Commission Members:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This Project was launched without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. There has been no accounting or review of what was on the inside that was razed. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Erinne Wasalski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-Abiding citizens. None of us asked for this and none of us want it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Doud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The total destruction of the East Wing was illegally done. The lack of congressional approval, destruction of an historical building, destroying of historical artifacts, was done 9nlyto feed someone's ego. This is yet another national disgrace. Following through with plans that are also not legal should not be allowed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the current project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt with input from a bipartisan group that is committed to preserving our history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without the appropriate input and review process would be an affront to all law-abiding

citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickee McFarren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely protest and oppose the spending even ONE SINGLE DOLLAR ($1) on this 'East Wing Modernization Project'. It is a PAY TO PLAY TRUMP PET PROJECT. This project has not been authorized, budgeted, permitted or approved by any recognized democratic process. This new-build project must be canceled, and all funds submitted by (drooling-in-anticipation-of government cooperation for donor's benefit) corporate sponsors applied to the rebuilding/restoration of the East Wing to its former historical design. Any other funding needed for the restoration should be paid for by Trump personally.
Also, all who participated in any way with the destruction of this historical building shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:11:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James McLane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like this project cancelled. The demolition of the East Wing was done without authorization or approval. Plans were not submitted for review before the demolition began. The destruction of the East Wing, which was the property of the American people, was a criminal act.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Flores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marilyn Drury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Steve Scharf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this to move forward. Besides the correct legal and otherwise process was not followed…. This is not the right of the president to fix his desires on the house of the people. It is not his personal property.
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 9:11:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lou Ayres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Desecration

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
It is also just another vulgar attempt by this sitting President to remake the Peoples' House in his image.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
The restoration cost should come out of his pocket, since he and his family have made millions since he took office.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Angie Elizandro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pat Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the White House East Wing.
This should not be the vanity project of one person's idea of an "improvement" of the People's House.
There are avenues in place to request any improvements or modernization of this historic, PUBLIC building.
Please follow the guidelines in place for modifications of this special building.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:11:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Sutliff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop any further work on this ridiculous project. It serves no purpose other than a space to allow the present administration to inflate its valueless self worth.

Robin Sutliff
Chattanooga TN

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Robin Sutliff
Chattanooga TN

Date: 2/16/2026 9:11:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquie Sjostedt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:10:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Heitkamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I question the necessity of a ballroom on the White House grounds. Particularly, one the size and scope of what is proposed. If one is built, it needs to fit with the historic character of the people's house and should not overshadow the existing structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Leonard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unauthorized tragedy that cannot be allowed to happen. Not only did the President not go through proper channels…imagine that…but the entire project is totally out of sync with the rest of the White House. It should be put back as it was.

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Name: Susan Pessemier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Beth LevySmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Andrea Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anita Hund-Wantland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Stanley MINER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:10:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick O'Hara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I submit this comment in strong opposition to the expenditure of $300 million on the destruction and replacement of the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or the transparent design review process that federal law and long-standing preservation standards demand.

This is not a modernization effort. It is the complete razing of a historic structure that forms part of the architectural and civic heritage of the United States. The East Wing is not merely functional office space; it is an integral component of a nationally significant historic complex that symbolizes continuity of government and respect for institutional history. Demolition under the guise of improvement undermines the preservation principles that federal agencies routinely require of states, municipalities, and private citizens.

Allowing this project to proceed despite procedural violations would set a dangerous precedent. Federal planning and preservation laws exist to ensure accountability, public participation, and careful stewardship of shared national assets. When those entrusted with public authority bypass these requirements, the appropriate response is enforcement—not retroactive approval.

I urge the Commission to cancel this project immediately and require that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design, consistent with historic preservation standards and lawful review procedures. No individual or office is above the law, and permitting this project to continue without consequence would be an affront to the rule of law and to all Americans who are expected to comply with it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment and for your responsibility in safeguarding the nation's capital and its historic character.

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Name: Rachel Keeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. It is also a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been a proposal, not a violent fait accompli.
The current design for a massive ballroom is not a modernization project, but a display of contempt for the dignity of the government and the people it serves. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

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Name: Terri Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robin Webet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project because it is unnecessary. In addition, I understand it wasn't done with the proper review and permits, and the public had no say in whether to make such a major change to the people's house. It appears to be a vanity project and perhaps worst of all, one designed to curry favors from the current administration if one donates money or services to its construction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Bokermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The East Wing never should have razed. It needs to be rebuilt and paid for by the persons who violated the public trust, not the American citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who authorized the illegal demolition would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to all the American presidents who served before.

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Name: Ron Rifkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michell Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million on the East Wing destruction and oversized ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review by the current President. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, of the People's House. I want this project stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Laws are laws for everyone. Especially if the House does NOT belong to the current occupant.

Michell Smith
North Arlington NJ 07031

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Rothberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maylene Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and glory . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Leslie Foretich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Madson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very strongly oppose the building of this ballroom. It was destroyed without any of the appropriate approvals, permits, or planning. Donald Trump had no right to demolish the East Wing of the White House for a personal vanity project. It needs to be restored to its original design fitting with the rest of the building. Ideally, the person responsible for its demolition should pay for its restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louisa McMurray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I too oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump and his administration must face the consequences of their actions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: deborah halstead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. No one is above the law

and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who authorized, and participated in, destroying a Historic Landmark must be made to pay the cost of restoring it, not the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Pough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, in part as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Suzanne Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The erroneously named East Wing “Modernization Project” is in fact an ego-driven glorification project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In a time when Americans are seeing sky-high food, insurance, education, and other costs, the spending of $300 million on this unnecessary vanity project is ludicrous - and this historic building should not be sold out to the highest bidders who are trying to garner favor with the current Administration. The East Wing is part of the People’s House - all People, not just multi-millionaires and billionaires. This is not a modernization effort, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Krehbiel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project started without following the legal process. It is an abomination destroying the White House! I strongly oppose it and want it stopped with restoration of the East Wing to its original condition!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lu Ann Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beckie Geffre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the destruction of the entire east wing of our White House. One would think that the President of the United States would know better than to destroy a piece of history, especially when he DOES NOT OWN IT. He does not have the wherewithal to realize that it would be illegal to do this. He does not care, so he proceeded to bulldoze this part of the people's house. It needs to be replaced immediately and it needs to be restored exactly like it was before it was torn down. And the cost of this restoration project needs to be taken right out of the presidents pocket.

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Name: Jo Schumacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, it is a travesty that the East Wing of the White House was destroyed.
Secondly, it is a piece of USA's history and a place for our First Ladies to meet and utilize.
Thirdly, it has NOT gone through the normal processes of authorizartion, permits or design review.
It should be rebuilt as it was originally before it was razed.
I vehemently oppose to the spending of $300 million on the giant ballroom project.
Listen to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and stop this ballroom project now. It needs to be rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita La Cour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing ballroom project should be cancelled and the East Wing restored to its historical beauty.

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Name: Becky Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Matisha Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose any spending for this project. This is not a modernization it is vanity. This project did not receive the approvals or authorizations that are required and as such everything that has been done to date was illegal. I want the East Wing restored to its original state and I want everyone involved in its demolition held accountable for those unlawful decisions and following illegal instructions. As a law abiding, tax-paying citizen of the U.S., this is an affront to all that we represent. This is the people's house and the people have spoken loudly on how we feel about these horrific actions.

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Name: Judy Hatcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this 'modernization.' The historic East Wing has been bulldozed without the typical authorization, permits, or design review required for any public project using public monies. There was no justification for bulldozing the People's House without due process. This is another of the President's glitzy vanity projects. I hope that this ill-conceived project is halted and the East Wing rebuilt and restored.

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Name: J. G. Secondari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Eat Wing of the White House needs to be restored to its original state. The construction of a ballroom is not beneficial to the historical nature of the People's house. The current occupant of the White House does not possess the authority nor the consent of the American people to defile this historic property.

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Name: Lila Kingfisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Hilary Schenker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Bulldozing a part of our history and culture with no authorization, at massive taxpayer expense, is an abomination and must be reversed immediately. The president does not own the White House. Billionaires and companies should not be allowed to buy favors by paying for this absurd ballroom. Build it back the way it was and preserve our history.

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Name: Brien Samuels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Valerie Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Cobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this renovation project. I do not believe that companies have gotten nothing in return for these donations. This project would be a permanent reminder how our country has handed over to corporations the right to buy into politics. It will be a reminder of the cuts to necessary programs that many Americans desperately needed. Stop this project.

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Name: Emily McAdoo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was outraged at the demolition with no planning, review or permission. The White House is the temporary home to presidents but owned by the American people. Its restoration should be demanded and proper plans submitted for any alteration from the original.

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Name: Deborah Olmsted
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. No money from citizens/donors should be accepted. Make Trump pay to restore it to the way it was. He had no authority to tear it down.

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Name: Teresa Catucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or a

full design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is the destruction of an irreplaceable piece of American history. I urge that the project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its prior design. No one is above the law; allowing this to proceed without accountability for alleged legal violations would undermine public trust and disrespect every law-abiding American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Montrose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Heidenreich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what is known as the modernization of the East Wing. It was destroyed without the proper permits and authorization and it must be restored at the expense of Donald Trump, not the taxpayers.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barb Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Collman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project and would like it stopped as it was never ok'd or even requested through the proper channels to begin with. It is a part of our American history and it has been unlawfully destroyed.

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Name: Suzanne Morrone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Kreml
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Trish Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the ‘East Wing Modernization Project’, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing - - those who broke the law - - would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Put a stop to this flagrant misuse of funds and power.

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Name: Barb Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cathy Gaul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ten words or less. We have many needs in this Country it’s not a ballroom!

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Name: Paul Witter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mechele Guindon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Emily Feeback
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the plans for the East Wing renovation/ ballroom project as communicated by the current President.. It should be rebuilt and restored to a state that reflects it's previous appearance & function. The White House is the people's house and so should not be subject to the design and destructive whims of an occupant without going through appropriate approval and funding processes. The destruction of this historic structure was accomplished under the cover of darkness with no required steps taken for review, approvals & funding. Those responsible for this disrespectful destruction of The People's House should be held accountable and this part of our history restored to its original state at the time it was destroyed. There is no need for a garantula sized ballroom. There is a perfectly beautiful and useable ballroom within DC should one be needed. Also private donors carrying favors are not appropriate. The funding process should be transparent and under the management and control of an independent organization. Thank you the opportunity to share the perspective of a concerned citizen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah K. Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Someone should be penalized for breaking the law. What occurred was a complete demolishing of a major part of White House history. To allow this blatantly illegal project to continue would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens. The White House belongs to all of America, not just to one man.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:07:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been razed and the new ballroom is unauthorized. The White House is the people's house and the people didn't consent to these brazen actions. To allow this project to go ahead would be a betrayal to all patriotic and law-abiding Americans.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a tasteless razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to honor its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I believe the perpetrator of the desecration has broken the law and should be punished.

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Name: Jeanne Yohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: E Haack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop any building on the location of the former East Wing until it is approved by Congress. The East wing should be replaced by a new East Wing that blends with the architecture of the White House. Ball room plans should be flushed down Trumps' Mara Lago gold toilet.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:07:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Olstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal spending of $300 million on this project. Initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, it is not a modernization project but rather an end run that trashes protocol in place to preserve history. I want this project not only canceled, but also a complete rebuilding of the East Wing, restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:07:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Updyke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history for the ego of one administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The White House belongs to the American people, not the elected representatives who merely occupy it for a short time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Babiar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Banta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michael Howland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This $300 million project, pushed by the Trump administration and its billionaire backers, was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization—it is a vanity project driven by personal ego and the destruction of American history in service of powerful interests. It should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to continue without accountability would be an affront to every law-abiding American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Cebulla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee,
I oppose this project. The tear down of the East wing of the White House did not follow the proper protocol and were done without the proper permissions. They have destroyed valuable history that I care about.
I ask for a restoration of the East Wing.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Olstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal spending of $300 million on this project. Initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, it is not a modernization project but rather an end run that trashes protocol in place to preserve history. I want this project not only canceled, but also a complete rebuilding of the East Wing, restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project. This is a travesty: No authorization, no permits, no design review, and ripping down the East Wing first and asking permission later? Not lawful and should not be permitted to continue. This is not a modernization project, but an erasing of American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt, modernized only as necessary to bring it up to current codes, and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sabrina Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Catherine Diers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cathy Marczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Aureal Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Fallis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pamela Grossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Schulman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rick Frederick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a patriotic American l oppose the construction of this ballroom. I want to see the East Wing restored as it was to preserve our history. Please do not allow this unauthorized project from moving forward. I also believe that penalties should be imposed in anyone involved in this horrible mistake. Thank you!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:05:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which never went through the proper authorization, permits or design review processes. It is a complete razing of the most important historical living artifact of our country. It does not belong to the current occupant, it is the People's House and is to be used by the current elected President and his family during his term of office. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If allowed to continue wrecking this building to glorify himself is allowed, it is an affront to all Americans, past, present and future and a desecration of our country. Anything constructed on this demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. All of the paneling, tilework, fixtures and molding along with everything else must be located and replaced. Where did all the china cabinets, dozens of sets of state dishes, etc... disappear to? That needs to be investigated and any nefarious actions to the people's property must be prosecuted as well. Thank you for allowing we, the people of the United States to have our say on this critical project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Van Allsburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As Anara Guard has previously commented so eloquently and completely:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

And I would add, having had the privilege of being a long-term student in France, the rest of the world rarely intentionally obliterates buildings so fundamental and intertwined with its legacy and history in this fashion, nor does the majority of this country. They modernize the interior and update the structure in conjunction with safety/current building codes and IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DESIGN ESTHETICS OF THE ERA IN WHICH THE BUILDING WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT!!!! The man that has initiated and inflicted this anathema on A BUILDING THAT HE DOES NOT OWN had no right to take this action in the first place and should not be allowed to continue this process nor be mollified by being allowed any further participation in this process. I would hope that you prosecute him, but we've seen how little regard and respect he, and the people around him, have for law or for following it.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak my mind. Regards, Kim Van Allsburg, Bothell, WA.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pam Pizarro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Prochaska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Trump can pay for it.

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Name: SABRINA KIHNE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending $300 million on the East Wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather wonton razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expenseof the responible party(s) who instigated the destruction from Pres. Donald J Trump , down. . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke

the law would be an affront to the nation .

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Name: Ronee Kozlowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vigorously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaitlyn Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted that the current administration once again is attempting to circumvent the law, policies, and procedures we have in place.

I urge the Commission to ensure the Trump Administration does not move forward with yet another vanity project, destroying more of our history with tacky overtures.

I encourage the Commission to halt this project and restore the East Wing to its historical purpose and relevancy.

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Name: Janice Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eileen McKee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Aloha,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this crazy project. The American public does not need a ballroom that they will never get to enjoy. The East Wing was the "People's House." Enjoyed visiting there, especially during Christmas time, and it should not have been destroyed. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project; it was the complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Mahalo for accepting and reading my comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Jamieson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should have never been destroyed. It belonged to the entire country. It is the people's house and no one person had the right to do with it whatever they wanted. Do not build a ballroom. Rebuild the East Wing. Include a multi-purpose center/ballroom in proportion to the rest of the White House if qualified people's representatives decide it's really needed. There should also be an accounting for the historical artifacts that were in the East Wing before it was demolished. Please do not allow the proposed ballroom to go forward. Please take time for the best plans that these buildings and the American people deserve.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million of tax payer money on this project, which was initiated without the

proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the American peoples White House; each president is only a temporary occupant. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the presidents expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leslie Sladky-Hillman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing did not need to be modernized and it certainly didn't need to be torn down without permissions, proper permits, etc. It is a violation of the trust we the people are supposed to have in our elected officials...to follow proper procedure. I am opposed to a ballroom. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to it's original form, and DJT needs to pay for it out of his own pocket. The economy is bad for regular people and he wants to spend MILLIONS on this little glamor project? Shame on him and shame on the people who are just doing his bidding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House—the president resides there by grace of national election, held every four years. The president is a temporary tenant in our house, which is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; as a temporary tenant, the president's actions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tyler Ochoa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 to $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Wale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an egregious project. It is a sham and corrupt. It is being used to funnel bribes to the President. It was done unsafely without following due process. Please do not approve this outrageous project.

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Name: Marybeth Reardon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to let you know that I object to the destruction of the Eastwing of the White House. There was no prior authorization by the proper committee. It was just destruction of property of United States of America. The president had no authorization or right to destroy history. Please stop this construction. Please clean up this area and propose plan and budget for something that will match the White House and return some history.

PS please don't let him build an arch on the mall. That's another project that should be properly authorized.

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Name: Ariel G
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the destruction of history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Sellers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We The People oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Steve Schack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Melanie Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely and totally opposed to this project. This was not approved in accordance to laws that are in place to protect and prevent this sort of abuse to “our” house. It belongs to us all and not the current residents. It should be restored to its original design with any necessary improvements for technology compatibility.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Zarrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ask that this project be cancelled and the east wing be rebuilt and restored to its former beauty, size and layout. So many other things require attention and this unnecessary, unsightly and ill fitting addition does not fit with America’s house.

This project did not go through the proper channels of approval. Please stop the project now.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marguerite Catron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One of the most American things about our nation's capital is its scale and light. Each monument around the National Mall and nearby reflects the dead person it honors at a scale that fits with the whole. Not necessarily humble but sufficiently remarkable to cause quiet awe. The White House causes pride because of its beauty and place withn the whole. The vistas from it and of it are unobstructed and an American can stand awestruck on the Mall, grateful that we do not need a Versailles or Arc de Triomphe to honor our heroes or leaders. This new building is a silly thing that no one needs at this self-glorifying scale.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:04:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANET FLECK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It feels like it the razinf was done with the "asking forgiveness rather than permission" version of doing projects that are iffy. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. (keeping in mind things that needed fixing etc.) No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This isn't the premise this country was started on - to just 'do what you want'. We are still a democratic Republic, aren't we?

The White House is OUR house. The President is allowed to live there, but its OURS.
Stop this project until it is approved by the appropriate people. Forty-six presidents have not needed a ballroom or a gigantic bunker. And if we do need a ball room. - it does NOT need to be attached to the White House!

Janet

Date: 2/16/2026 9:04:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Catching
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Elfstrand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to 47. It belongs to We The People of the US. I know he is thinking of staying forever. We are not having that!
He acted without seeking approvals, and is using it to get bribes from his big private contributors. 47 really can't be trusted. He is trying to tie it to the "hidden" Situation room, that renovations have to be completed, because it is a "matter if National Security".
Please do not approve the Ballroom! It makes me gag just to think of it and all it stands for. Please require him to pay for restoration.
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheral Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Modernization project. It is being done without regard of any input by those tasked with the preservation of our historic monuments of which the White House, The People's House, is the penultimate example.This has been undertaken without approval or funding and the project seems to increase in size and funding. It is merely the exercise of one man's ego.
I urge the immediate stop work order on this abomination to our nation's capitol and the restoration of the East Wing to its former state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ANNETTE GILSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ana Yoder Coulter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to move forward without holding those who broke the law accountable would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Martignacco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have lived in the United States my whole life. Here I was born and raised. For the first time in all my decades in this country, I was able to visit the White House in person on a trip to DC a few years ago. I was in awe, amazed, and so grateful for the opportunity. I feel so deeply saddened now, knowing that this temporary resident in our nations/my nation's capital is treating it with disrespect and complete disregard for what all of the owners, who are we the people, want for it and our nation. I am so tired of watching this one man trying to put his name on everything, to acquire everything for himself, and to tear things down and build monuments to himself. It is disgraceful and embarrassing. The greedy narcissism needs to be reined in by those who represent the people and have the voice and the power to do so. I implore those in a position to do so to make it stop as quickly as possible. \u-10179 ?\u-8625 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8196 ? Please! Please stand up for what is right. Please protect the beauty and the great representations of the real history of our nation.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Feeback
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of

American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Skinner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of this unnecessary project. It is a waste of resources at the absurd expense of over $300 million. Worse, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of one of the most important symbols of our nation. I am a U.S. History and Government teacher. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law in this country, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens, our constitution, and our nation's founding principles. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Pescatore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
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Marjorie Pescatore

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Kennelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the $300 million east wing ballroom project. This was started without appropriate authorization, reviews, permits, etc. It is completely unacceptable and unlawful. This must be stopped and people held accountable for what has happened so far.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalyn Western
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This man should not determine our national mall. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a travesty. Please stop this.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Weiskittel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million (or more!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House belongs to the American people , hence the name ,'The People's House.'
Such utter and complete destruction of the East Wing - without following any rules - flies in the face of all Americans and preservation standards.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens.

Thank you,
Kim. Edwards

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Danze
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thanks to the fine democratic support of the people thru The National Trust for Historic Preservation, I as a U.S. taxpayer vehemently oppose your spending our funds of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Shame on this current administration. Shameful.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Higle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am enraged that this "modernization" is being done without input from representatives of the people. The White House is the house of the PEOPLE- not subject to the whim of a King wannabee. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. American history is far more important than a ballroom!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandi Tenfelde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt at the personal expense of the current occupant of the White House and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Bengston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I am writing to state my complete opposition to this awful (and unlawful) "project" which is designed to benefit a few privileged folks at the expense of the historical part of the "people's house" that was illegally razed. I will borrow the words of another commenter as they reflect my opinions eloquently:

The proper process for a building project of this magnitude was not followed. The East Wing was precipitously torn down before the process had even begun. The private donations to fund it are opaque and smell of impropriety. I am against the building of the oversize ballroom which will dwarf the White House, and I am angry that the president treats the White House as his own, rather than belonging to the citizens of the United States.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Timm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, PLEASE stop the building of the ballroom!! This project was undertaken without using the proper channels or proper authorization. It should never have been allowed, but of course we have a felon heading our country, who doesn’t care about using proper channels and pushes through things that he wants done

without proper authorization. He must be stopped. He must be stopped from making this worse than it already is! The White House belongs to all of us. One man should not be allowed to make unilateral decisions and changes to a building that doesn't belong to him!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Andree
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY MONEY on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete DESTRUCTION of American history and The People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt (using the money donated by billionaires for the ballroom) and restored to its former design and structure. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This president has done so many unconstitutional and illegal things already so prosecuting him for this crime against the American people will have to get in the line. But it will be worth the wait to see justice brought. In the meantime, please make sure that the East Wing is restored to its former beauty and function.
Best regards, Barbara Andree

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy McKelvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm an US Citizen who, like many others, opposes the spending of $300 million, or any other additional amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and intentional razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It's being done without proper oversight and seems to be just a vanity project for the current occupant of the White House without any input from either historians or anyone who ought to be guiding a project like this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Oakes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha OConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Do the right thing.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment on the Demolition and Proposed East Wing Modernization
Submitted for the Administrative Record

Introduction and Standing

I submit this statement as a citizen of the United States and as a retired federal professional with over three decades of public service experience in federally funded infrastructure, historic preservation, environmental compliance, and statutory oversight. My concern is not partisan. It is procedural, legal, and civic.

The White House complex is a nationally significant historic resource owned by the United States and held in trust for the American people. The demolition of the East Wing warrants careful examination under applicable preservation and environmental law.

I. Statutory Preservation Obligations

National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108). Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment. Implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800) require identification of historic properties, assessment of adverse effects including demolition, consultation, and mitigation.

National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C)). NEPA requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement for major federal actions significantly affecting the human environment, including cultural and historic resources.

White House Preservation Act (Pub. L. 106 580). This statute reflects congressional intent that the White House be preserved systematically under formal oversight mechanisms. Major federal construction in Washington, D.C. traditionally involves review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts to ensure architectural integrity and continuity.

II. Character and Cultural Significance

The East Wing historically served as office space for First Ladies, ceremonial and reception functions, and as a public-facing entry for visitors. Its architectural scale reflected dignity and civic symbolism rather than spectacle. Replacing such a structure with a substantially larger entertainment venue would alter institutional character in ways that preservation laws exists to prevent.

III. Stewardship and Constitutional Trust

The White House is federal property. It does not belong to any officeholder. The President is a temporary steward of a permanent national institution. Public stewardship imposes heightened obligations of compliance with preservation and environmental law.

IV. Questions for the Administrative Record

• Was Section 106 consultation completed prior to demolition?
• Was NEPA review conducted and publicly disclosed?
• Was the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation afforded opportunity to comment?
• Was review conducted by the National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts?
• What mitigation measures were implemented to preserve historic materials? If the materials were preserved, where are they?

V. Civic and Moral Considerations

The White House represents democratic continuity and shared national ownership. Alterations or destruction that dramatically change its historic character should be approached with transparency, humility, and fidelity to law.

Conclusion

Federal preservation law ensures that historic resources are not altered without deliberate and transparent consideration. As someone who spent over three decades working within federal systems, I respectfully urge full public disclosure of the legal and procedural steps
undertaken in connection with this project. Institutional integrity depends upon adherence to process.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven M. George
February 17, 2026

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Schulik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in opposition to the destruction done to America's beautiful White House.

The destruction of the Rose Garden is horrific, as is the demented razing of the East Wing. This is far beyond restoration or renovation. This is the wanton criminal act of a demented madman who thinks he will be a monarch for life and is determined to build as many tacky, tasteless edifices as a memorial to himself as he can. He must be stopped, now. This will be something that denigrates the building, and diminishes it's historical value.

This is not Mr Trump's home. This is America's home. I don't care how much phony gold gilded baubles he hangs in the Oval Office, that can all be remediated once he's gone. But the willful destruction of the structure itself is horrific. Can the East Wing even be rebuilt?

A ballroom is not needed at this point. It is to impress other oligarchs, not the majority of American people.

Prior residents of the White House seemed to support elegant parties and state dinner in the existing White House. Especially after Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's tasteful renovation.

To willfully destroy an American Landmark used to be a felony. While that doesn't stop this lunatic, and his slimy bottomless pit of lawyers....you must stop him now. Next will be an arch. Where? Will he willfully destroy the Washington, Lincoln, MLK or the Vietnam Memorials? When does it stop?

I think of how excited school children would get, for a class trip to The White House. For his 8th grade class trip, my great grandson's class will be visiting Boston. D.C. is NOW considered unsafe, and we're not talking about the ghetto anymore.

I'm 81, and disabled. But I still march. I believe in our magnificent Constitution, and it is incumbent on all of us to protect everything that makes our democracy workable. I cherish our Federal buildings, and seeing them denigrated is so demoralizing. We have to keep hope alive, and it's things like our wonderful White House that encourage us to keep on believing in America's promise, especially during the dark times.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Kriebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission:

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Sincerely,

Richard R. Kriebel

Date: 2/16/2026 9:02:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Kucinski-Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This must be fully funded by Donald Trump and his supporters. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Laura Langton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: B. Grysko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, I submit this statement regarding the proposed construction of a ballroom as part of the White House East Wing Modernization project.
The White House is not merely a functioning government building—it is one of the most significant historic properties in the United States and a symbol of national identity. Historical record demonstrates that nearly every major construction or modification to the White House and its grounds over the past 235 years has involved congressional authorization and formal oversight. Even comparatively modest additions were reviewed and approved through established processes. This longstanding practice reflects an understanding that alterations to the White House demand exceptional restraint, transparency, and adherence to preservation principles.
While the East Wing has been demolished, reconstruction is not synonymous with expansion. There is no demonstrated necessity requiring the addition of a 90,000 square foot ballroom. The proposed scale appears disproportionate to the existing Executive Residence and risks altering the architectural balance and historic character of the White House complex.
Section 106 review is not a procedural formality—it is a safeguard designed to ensure that historic integrity, scale, and character are preserved. A ballroom of significant size would represent a substantive change rather than a sensitive reconstruction, potentially diminishing the historic context of the property.
For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to carefully evaluate reconstruction within historically consistent dimensions and function.
Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

Date: 2/16/2026 9:02:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denese Estep
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The only way the East Wing should be rebuilt is with the same blueprint as the one that was torn down because of a whim. Whim because it was without forethought, permission, building permits, approved plans, and without funding.
It should NOT be allowed to be built without approvals of the correct commission, engineering specifications, approved plans, funding that is in place, and strict monitoring.
His history of building is to cut corners on safety, defy regulations, & to make a mockery of it all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Vestrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To All Concerned

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The destruction of the East Wing of the people's house without congressional approval, and the people's approval was and is against the law. No permits were filed, no concern about potential hazardous materials that could harm any of the workers. A blatant disregard for environmental preservation and historical preservation was shown. The East Wing needs to be restored to its original state with the entire expense coming directly from the presidents pocket not the tax paying dollars of we the people. The president is at complete fault and in violation of the destruction of the east wing and he should pay from his own pocket to rebuild it to its former glory. The president should also be heavily fined financially for the distruction of the east wing.

Thank you.
Linda Vestrich

Date: 2/16/2026 9:02:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trisha Dart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US Citizen I am opposed to a 300 million dollar ballroom project. When I heard the East Wing was

destroyed and done so without proper channels I was so angry. I do not support a ballroom. I demand that the East Wing be restored to it's very glory. The White House is rented by the President from the American people and without proper approval changes should not be made. The US doesn't need a ballroom. However future first ladies and first Gentlemen need an office. Restore the East Wing to its glory and refuse any future projects by Donald Trump. Restore America's History.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anastasia Platt lubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been torn down President Trump had no right to do so. It is the people's house not his house. No one wants this big ugly ballroom. It should be restored along with the Rose garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:02:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Delaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Nance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane French
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Name: Sandra Bushnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am opposed to the current plan to add a ballroom to the White House. This project and the demolition of the East Wing was begun without the necessary steps. The East Wing should be rebuilt. A ballroom of that size and scope is ridiculous and not needed.

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Name: Amy Kipar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This entire thing is a vanity project for a man who attempted to incite a riot and overthrow the transfer of power after losing an election. He did not do any proper permitting or public comment prior to destroying an entire wing of The Peoples' House. This should have nothing done but the restoration of that which he destroyed. There is no world in which that man should be allowed to do a single thing just because he wants to. He is there to serve The People and to be a caretaker not a destroyer. Restore the East Wing. Ballrooms are not in the public interest.

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Name: Cynthia Coleman
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Name: Carla Parkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Vose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this project. No one should be able to tear down a part of the people's house without having gotten design review and congressional approval. Even if outside money is paying for it, which I highly doubt, the White House is the people's house, any president is just a temporary resident and has no right to decide what to demolish. The east wing should be restored exactly as it was and on President Trump's dime, not taxpayer's.

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Name: Susan Everson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the historic building

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Name: James Carnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laurel Lowery
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Name: Kimberly Currie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sorry but we do not need a national ballroom when so many cannot afford food or housing. When we have solved childhood hunger and veteran homelessness, construction can begin.

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Name: stephanie van housen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Pat Weinstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julie Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It is important moving foreword to replace the demolished East Wing, that we the people, have input on the replacement building. The design imagined by the current President seems to meet only a narrow spectrum of possibilities to replace what the East Wing housed. Funding for any replacement by an uncommitted group of private benefactors is NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY NOW OR FOR THE FUTURE. The White House and all its grounds are not the property of rich oligarchs or any political party or this current President. He was totally out of line demolishing the existing structures including the bunker. Exactly how all that happened and was funded MUST BE INVESTIGATED. Erecting a huge ballroom MUST NOT proceed without public comment plus immediate and constant communication with this Committee. I understand that some of it must be confidential if not secret. All the more reason that the current President must not be the driving force directing what will be built. Please take control of this project immediately and use the mandates that you have to block any further demolitions OR remodels this President launches without due process.

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Name: Claudia Travis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is hard for me to fathom the ludicrousness of allowing this "modernization" to occur. From what I have read the proper steps were not followed. It would seem that we all must jump through the same hoops and

no one is above the "law" so to speak. It is a tragedy that needs to be returned to design prior to the destruction of the east wing.
We, as a nation, allow too many historic structures to be destroyed...as they go so goes our history.
Please, please, please so what is right. Surely 300 m could be used in a better way.

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Name: Jacqueline Grubelnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its original form, at Donald J Trump's expense. His destruction of historic buildings/landscapes, without consent, is unacceptable. There are so many more projects (infrastructure, homelessness, hunger, medical care, etc) on which to spend time/resources than a ballroom.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Howard Bierbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Howard Bierbaum
Portland, OR

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Name: Lauran Epstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Weil
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Name: Susan Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Brittany Stirewalt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on a project that was not submitted with correct permits or any design in place. It is a project that has destroyed part of our American history. I want the people's house to be restored to its former glory instead of the disgusting pit is currently is as of late today. No one is above our government's law and command. It is a horrible stain on our country the way the White House has been razed. Why would the people of the United States feel obligated to follow the laws anymore if the current administration does not feel the need to at the highest level. Please stop this corrupt project and bring the people's house back to how it should be.

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Name: Sandra Starland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michele Camardella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Leah Wojda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The new plans show a monstrosity that will dwarf the White House, which is the people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

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Name: Brian Kliesen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the current administrations plan to build a large ballroom where the east wing of the white house once stood. It is time to return the east wing to its previous look and function, with increased efficiency and security. It is important that the White House, which represents the United States, be symmetrical and return to its original look. A ballroom detracts from the architectural elegance of the building, makes it appear lopsided and is unnecessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,
When I saw the rubbled remains of the East Wing of our White House, my heart was broken. My family and I visited the White House 55 years ago on a tour. This has remained in my memory for all these years and I was so sad and so angry to see the destroyed wing and the destruction of our American history. This was done illegally. It was done without permission. It was done without any type of approved plan in place. My understanding is that the White House belongs to the people of the United States and the President is but a temporary tenant and caretaker of this historic property. This is no different than if I had leased a home from a landlord and proceeded to desecrate and destroy said property without approval from the owner of the home. As such, I would be legally liable for damages and required to make restitution to the owner of the property. Please don't let this illegal action go forward without a cease & desist and a plan to rebuild and restore a cherished part of the history of this country.

This is not a political issue. This is a legal and moral issue.

Thank you for your consideration,
Donna Long

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Name: John Lentz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello
Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this project.
I grew up in the Virginia suburbs and walked, drove by or visited the White House many times. I remember the first time I heard it called The People's House, understanding that we the people oversaw construction of this building and that whoever was elected President was granted temporary residency there for as long as their Presidency lasted. When I visited our House, I was proud and in awe of so much history that resided within the walls.
I don't think I can adequately convey my horror to awaken one morning and find that the current resident had somehow authorized complete destruction of the historic East Wing, seemingly to fulfill a personal whim of a grand ballroom twice the size of the original structure. I understand that the demolition, which occurred apace, may have been undertaken without an oversight review or building/demolition permits. And, what was the fate of all the historic furniture, artwork and mementos that were in the East Wing?
The current Resident has just over 2 years remaining in his second and therefore last term. Drawings I have seen of the proposed project are totally out of character for the our historic structure. I have no problem with upgrades to our House that improve comfort, efficiency and/or utility. I do, however, strongly object to the unpermitted destruction of the previous East Wing and to the proposal to replace it with a monstrosity of a ballroom.
The People's House is not a vehicle for anyone's vanity project.

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Name: Jill Haimes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joy Youngs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

THIS entire project is illegal, like everything else this administration has done. THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, NOT the presidents house. The PEOPLE should have a say in what is being done. To destroy this historical space and all that was in it without any clear plan, any approval is WRONG. I oppose the spending of $300

million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cass Markovich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this 300 million renovation project. I want it stopped and the Trump family reimburse the funds already spent. It was not properly approved and I do not want my tax dollars spent on this absurd project. STOP THIS NOW!

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Name: Sheril Bechard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: James Custer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it is an illegal destruction of an historic building.

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Name: Nancy Kinzinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I WANT THIS PROJECT CANCELLED AND the East Wing REBUILT AND RESTORED!

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Name: Shanna Calvasina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Freels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sara Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a ridiculous waste of funds - I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: James Avens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization Project,
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This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Nobody is above the law and to allow this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be a travesty and an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you.

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Name: Sarah Law
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Kirkendol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laken Sisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Laken Sisson

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Name: Catherine Howorth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Additionally, the spending of such a sum on this project while people in this country struggle with rising bills, loss of jobs and increased housing insecurity is a slap in the face. The White House is a place where those in it should be serving the people of this country, not displaying their riches and their power in the building of new walls only the elite are allowed to enter.

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Name: Seth Maser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathleen Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathy Bennetts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Idalia Roman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the giant ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Diane Fenster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Maggie Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Kent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Grimes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Poly Prime
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop any further destruction of the East Wing. It was never authorized. It is destruction plain and simple. It is another ego stroke of DJT's. STOP!!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:00:13 PM
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Name: Kathleen Hull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed project for multiple reasons. First, this project was initiated (and demolition of the East Wing occurred) without proper oversight, planning, review, and authority -- on that basis alone it should not move forward, as illegal actions should not be rewarded. Our collective history was destroyed without due consideration for the historic values embodied and reflected in the East Wing. Second, the proposed structure is of a scale and design that is inconsistent with the setting and aesthetic of the White House and surrounding grounds and monuments. That is, the proposed building will undermine the values

that distinguish the White House as an historical structure and landmark. Third, the use of private funding for this endeavor will result in a lack of checks and oversight if the project is allowed to proceed and raises the specter of influence and grift to the entire endeavor as a stain that will not be washed away over time. Finally, there is no need for such a structure on White House grounds. If the need for such entertainment space exists, it should be built elsewhere, following all relevant laws and regulations pertaining to potential adverse effects to setting and other values in any location so proposed.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:00:09 PM
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Name: Melanie Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: kellie Bowker
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Name: Patricia Ilges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jillian Blume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this a modernization project is absurd. This was complete destruction of an important American historical landmark. There was no discussion, no authorization, just one man's need for his own satisfaction. I think that the destruction of the East Wing was criminal and should be halted immediately and the East Wing rebuilt. When you add in the continually rising cost of this project, and the fact that people are struggling to maintain housing and food, this project is an embarrassing stainon our government's operation and concern for its citizens. Not only do I think that the project should be stopped and the original structure rebuilt, but I also believe there should be fines and other consequences for going ahead without authorization.

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Name: Marilyn Santiago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.
Marilyn Santiago

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Grossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kellie Finn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It is owned by the American people and has served as a home to all presidents since 1800. Never is the current president at any given time the owner of the property or the structures thereon but rather serves as a steward to the property of the time they are in office. The interventions to the land and the buildings are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing happened without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight. This is clearly a violation of the law and an insult to the country. It is also a violation of the trust of the American people. We were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal. Rather the East Wing was demolished one day and now sits in ruin.
I advocate for the East Wing to be restored to its historic design and size and urge the National Capital Planning Commission to oversee the project. I also advocate that any further 'work' done on the property or buildings go through the proper channels before demolition.

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Name: Lauren Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the addition of a giant ball room to the White House. It will not be architecturally harmonious. To have torn down the East Wing without review and agreement was an egregious abuse of the public trust. I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt in as historically accurate a manner as possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kopischke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very strongly object to anything but the complete restoration, on Donald Trumps dime, of the beautiful historic east wing of the White House. It was illegally destroyed for a vanity project that makes no sense and is completely out of scale for the existing property. The White House belongs to us, the people of the United States and should reflect that, not the ego of a megalomaniac who is intent on destroying anything beautiful and artistic in this world. Please require it be restored to its previous glory.

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Name: Naomi Sansi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leslie Lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to spending any public funds on this horrific project. This crime against architectural integrity and the history of this great country was initiated in secret and with lies -- without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. 47's narcissistic tribute to himself isn't a modernization project at all, instead it's a tasteless razing of American history. Please cancel this disgusting strip mall-esque project, and require the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. In America, no one is above the law and to allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing all who disregarded the law and American history is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Joanne Comerford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Avnet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Stop the atrocities now!

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LInda Legman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that destroying the White House is another attempt to destroy our history by the man who declared himself to be, "Dictator on day one." Multiple laws were broken in destroying this historic building. It must be returned to its original design and I believe the funds should come from Donald Trump's personal money. He can sell the emolument clause defying $400,000,000 plane to pay for it.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Fayle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How sad/angry/aghast I felt when I first learned of the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gipson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's deeply offensive that this erasure of American history is now being framed as "modernization." I want the East Wing to be restored to its former design.

Furthermore, permitting this project to move forward given the many laws that were broken at its start would be an affront to law-abiding Americans everywhere.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Markus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million East Wing project to build an unnecessary ballroom.

The administration didn't follow the established law or protocols before destroying part of the most historic building in our country. Besides the unlawfulness, it is a moral travesty as well. The amount of history destroyed without care is appalling. This is The People's House, not the President's to do with as he wishes for another vanity project.

I believe the $300 million, if it even exists, should be used to rebuild the East Wing back to its original, historic state.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Fuller-Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its entirety. It was illegally initiated -- without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Despite the bland "modernization project" designation, it has already involved tearing down a part of the People's House, and the proposed monstrosity of a ballroom is more appropriate for a 19th-century potentate than the President of the United States.

I call for this project to be canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored. I am not averse to an actual modernization project -- if the First Lady's office needs better security or if the window treatments need replacing, so much the better. But everyone involved in ripping apart the White House should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

In America, all people are created equal, which means that no one is above the law. To allow this unpermitted and thoughtless gouging out of American history to move forward would be a violation of that most sacred truth.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its former stature. Trump's ballroom is a disgrace to the country and people. There is no excuse for not enforcing regulations on a President and administration. What they have done is disgraceful. Restore the East Wing.

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Name: Karen Heuler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Wouldn't it be nice if we had a system of checks and balances to protect our laws and our institutions? Take the East Wing--who approved this? Belonging to which committees? Is it really true that this nation is run by a lot of gutless bureaucrats and one nasty, vindictive, egotistical person? I don't believe it. I believe we are a diverse nation that respects the law--or I used to believe it. I can see that isn't true now. Let's put up an arch, let's carve clowns on Mount Rushmore---all of this is a disgrace. I'm waiting for the day when we are all bankrupt by the unwillingness of his own party to stand up for anything.

I always thought the White House was beautiful in its symmetry and dignity, Can we turn it back to what it once was? Can we turn America back to what it once was?

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Name: Cynthia Chastain-Tong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Terry Cardwell
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Name: Kevin Long
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Respectfully yours,
Kevin Long

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Name: Joseph Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rubie love
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel this project now! it's a shame it was demolished in the first place. find out what the point of destruction was, what was in that building that needed to be permanently gone? don't use my tax dollars for any further "projects" like a ball room or gold plated decor.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the East Wing project. It was wrong for the East wing to be torn down, and much history was destroyed. I think it should be rebuilt as it was, and tax papers should NOT have to foot this bill. I am tired of this administration's reckless and thoughtless destruction,!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Parrish Holder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In regards to Trump’s ballroom, I believe it should be restored to its original plan and footprint. I also believe Trump should be held accountable for desecrating a national treasure and peoples house in the most expedient manner in a public Congressional investigation into the missing millions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Etsy Fleischer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs and Madams, As an old citizen who has been involved and interested in historic buildings and history, I unapologetically am vehemently opposed to the destruction of the East Wing. It is a betrayal of our country's history!! As you know it was done illegally. Who hired the demolition crew? Doesn't demolition require permits? Is the demolition company negligent? And the Rose Garden!! Shame, shame, shame. I fervently urge you to reconstruct the East Wing. If need be with updates but still in keeping with the original style. Do not, do not, DO NOT let the abomination known as Trump's Ballroom to be built. It is an atrocious plan; even architects think it is unworthy to be built. AND the money with which to build it!? No. Not the corporations who want to buy favor. Why was there no immediate stoppage of the carnage? Perhaps there needs to be a first responders team to stop the work at first wrecking ball swing so that you do not wait until after the destruction, Keep America. Thank you.

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Name: Jeannie Bush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At his own expense, Trump should have to restore the East Wing to its original footprint. In addition, he should be held accountable for his illegal actions in destroying this historical section of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia DeValue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law. The East Wing of the White Hiuse was destroyed without permission and the plans for a $300 million ballroom that will dwarf The rest of the White House is not in this country's best interests.
The current resident of the White House doesn't own the building and should not be demolishing and rebuilding.
I feel that the government agencies that have control over the federal buildings shouldn't be overrun by one president's loyalists. Please do not allow this project to go forward without a bipartisan consensus on the rebuilding the People's House. Do not allow one man destroy this country's infrastructure and destroy this historic building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Milly Haeuptle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michael F Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty perpetrated on The Peoples House. This is a travesty perpetrated on the United States.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Ballroom being built by Donald Trump is a symbol of dominance not democracy. It replaces the East Wing which was torn down without proper permits or permissions. The White House does not belong to the President who inhabits it during their term, but to the country and the American people. That is why there are rules, regulations and a specific process that the White House was supposed to follow. I applaud the National Capitol Planning Commission for holding a hearing on this matter. And I agree with the National Trust for Historic Preservation who I understand has led the charge for studying this project and perhaps stopping it.

It is my understanding that laws were broken and that over 300 million has been spent. The ballroom should not be built. I would love to see the East Wing rebuilt. We do not need a ballroom.

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Name: Mary Diamond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (the Rose Garden too, while you're at it). The US needs many things, but a gold-encrusted ballroom isn't even on the list. I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which had no proper authorization, permits, or design review. Seeing the history of our nation razed for someone's whim should not be allowed. No one is above the law, so I was told. Do not affront law-abiding Americans by permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tess Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, in its entirety is the People's House. The East Wing should be restored to its originally state.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carsten Goebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Madams, dear Sirs,

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Any sitting president is a resident and caretaker of the history of this monumental building. Any alterations need to follow the property review and approval processes and not decided on the whim of one individual.

With kind regards
Carsten Goebel

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Name: Tracy Byrnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House, without proper permits, authorizations or oversight, demonstrated wanton disregard for regulations and the law. The subsequent $300 million tab to create a ballroom under the guise of modernization, is a project I oppose and one that must be cancelled. I support the restoration of the East Wing to its original design and function and appropriate consequences for those who were responsible for the unprecedented and shocking demolition. No one is above the law in this country, including those in power.

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Name: Susan Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Troutman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was a part of history and should never have been torn down. Why are we only allowed to comment after it was? It was illegally torn down and should be rebuilt and restored as it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Glidden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unpermitted and unanalyzed project. The $300 million price tag is ridiculous, and a waste of taxpayer dollars. (Don't try to convince me that its privately funded.)

Trump needs to pay for restoring the East Wing with his personal funds.

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Name: Heidi Kinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cathie DeLongchamp
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Name: Gena Pugh
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Name: Patricia Delaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Burmeister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money, let alone $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a travesty that such an historic building was so callously destroyed. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. In addition, the self glorification spending by the president is a slap in the face to the many Americans struggling to make ends meet.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff N
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thoroughly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. On top of being initiated without the

proper authorization, permits, or design review, it should not take priority over much more pressing needs. And, calling it a "modernization" is intentionally misleading, as it is not a modernization as much as it is a usurpation of public space.

I, like millions of other Americans, want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:09 PM
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Name: Thomas Champney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very disappointed that the current administration chose to destroy the historic East Wing of the White House with no public input. This was not appropriate in a representative democracy. There should have been a public comment period and a chance for all voices to be heard - especially since once it is destroyed, it cannot be recovered.

Now that it is destroyed and there is a plan to replace it with a massive ballroom, there should be public input on the design and naming of the new structure. I would suggest that it be named the Barack Obama Ballroom to honor the first African American President.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:06 PM
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Name: Canyon Bowden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disappointed that the destruction of this historical building was allowed to proceed without proper permitting or review. No one is above the law and the White House belongs to the people. Did anyone check for asbestos? Were any architectural elements salvaged? Where are the furnishings and Art being stored that were in this space? The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edna Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people.. The current president is not the owner of the property or the structures . He is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. (Although he is not following the law)

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. You must not allow this president to do whatever he wants with limitations.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aden Erskine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The language that is used in this project, calling it a "modernization", is deliberately misleading. This is not a modernization but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. I should not even have to say this, but clearly the current President of the United States needs to be reminded of this fact. He does not own the country, his is a public servant.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. The President, once again, DOES NOT OWN THE WHITE HOUSE AND DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMOLISH HISTORIC PEICES OF IT TO DO PERSONAL VANITY PROJECTS TO STROKE HIS OWN EGO. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO REMIND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THIS FACT.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. Personally, I believe the only proper course of action from this point would be to reconstruct the East Wing exactly as it was pre-demolition. However, if you are dead set on entertaining this child's vanity projects, then at least ensure the extension will actually serve a purpose and not just be an ugly, authoritarian monument to a single billionaire pedophile cannibal's desire to have his cock sucked on by the American people. We do not need a gold-plated ballroom in the white house. Keep it historic and practical.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Weinstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Ramos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is outrageous that the current administration in office tore down the East Wing without any notice - the White House belongs to We The People! I oppose the spending of $300 million (and more!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Thornberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose STRONGLY both the destruction of the historic East Wing and the erection of a bunker and obscenely huge “ballroom” by the current occupant.

The only thing I endorse is the restoration of what was destroyed. Down to the smallest detail.

I am a FURIOUS AMERICAN CITIZEN and there are MILLIONS MORE LIKE ME. As will be become apparent.

Thank you.

KMTBERRY

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Name: Kathryn Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending the People's money on this project that the People did not agree to, or want, or need. This project is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of the People's history, the history of the United States. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project must be cancelled, and the East Wing must be restored to its former design. Any changes to the

People's House must be decided by the People. Because the People were excluded, the Russians should be responsible for the restoration expense since the President has more ties to them than to the People. No one is above the law. To allow this project to move ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to The People of the United States.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Baughan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending the 300 million dollar East Wing White House project. The White House is the people's house and does not belong to one person. I hope it is returned to its original style and the so called modern project is cancelled. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Korniak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Trump's unprecedented, unpermitted, senseless destruction of the historic east wing of the White House — the people's house. I oppose any and all plans to construct a ballroom or any additions Trump conceives. Trump demonstrated a complete disregard for due process when he unilaterally demolished the East Wing and believed he was above any review and permitting process — despite his access to appropriate counsel in such matters. Rebuild the East Building as it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Barelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a capricious and underhanded destruction of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people for whom our laws are meaningful and important.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Slattery Mcareavy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in an historic district in Dubuque Iowa. We renovated late 1800's rowhouse. We followed the rules, we got the permits. We went to the meetings. We converted a rowhouse to something that will last generations into the future. We are

Middle America.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of America.

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Name: Robyn Slattery Mcareavy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in an historic district in Dubuque Iowa. We renovated late 1800's rowhouse. We followed the rules, we got the permits. We went to the meetings. We converted a rowhouse to something that will last generations into the future. We are

Middle America.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of America.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laural Thrailkill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Bradfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bonnir Pfeiffelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a utterly brazen razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and an investigation into what is being installed on the sublevel. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, the true owners of the People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:23 PM
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Name: Beatrice Camp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization" is a misnomer, considering that the historic East Wing was torn down without any consideration or public comment. The replacement build was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. When I listened to the January meeting of the CFA, the goal of the newly appointed members was encapsulated in a comment about giving the President what he wants. It's time to consider what the American people want, which I'm pretty sure is not a $300 million behemoth that overwhelms the White House. Those responsible for tearing down the East Wing broke the law; this project should not move ahead.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Lynn Cabbage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to replacing the historic East Wing of the Whitehouse with a $300 million "grand ballroom" that only feeds a malignant narcissist's ego. He has wiped out decades of history in order to build a ridiculous vanity project. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original glory. He is a lawless abomination that must be reined in; do not let him get away with this.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Lundeen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m outraged by the destruction of the White House Property and grounds being committed by Trump. Hold him accountable to the law and to the public.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Walters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The new structure should be of a size that is proportional to the remainder of the White House and West Wing. There should be no overwhelming gold filigree, providing an understated elegance and formality. The grounds surrounding the new addition should be a reflection of past First Ladies. Beautiful gardens with walkways would honor these great women who served our Country. The building should reflect the history of the East Wing in a respectful manner. I wish that the idea and comments were proposed before the demolition. Please keep a tight reign on the design elements and proportions. I would have been more enthusiastic about a renovation project than a demolition.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Lemble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this project the East Wing Modernization is offensive. I strongly object to this vanity project, whether it costs one dollar or $300 million. It was initiated with the unauthorized razing of an historic building that belonged to he American people, not Donald Trump personally.

This is not a modernization project. Rather it is a total razing of American history to construct an awful gilded monstrosity out of character and scale with the White House.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront

to those who respect history and the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michy Ayanna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because this project was initiated without without the proper authorization, I am opposed to its continuance. It not needs appropriate congressional approvals, it also needs design review if it is going to be lawfully permitted. It does not appear to be a true modernization project but rather an unfortunate erasure of beloved American history. The best solution is to cancel the project and to require restoration of the East Wing to its former design. Since no one is above the law, to permit continuance of this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be a belittlement of American values and trust.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leanna Finnegan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the destruction of the East Wing that was done without the authorization needed! I want my taxpayer money to go toward rebuilding what was there before and not a gaudy gold ballroom in adoration to Trump!

Leanna Finnegan…American Tax Payer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shanna Preikschat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As long as there are United States citizens without a roof over their heads, The Orange King Pedophile should not be allowed to build anything larger than a bird house.

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Name: Kim Deitzler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Vickie Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This construction was never approved by the people.To modernize a part of history should have been the decision of the people,not a short time visitor who is not qualified to be there in the first place.It should be restored to its original blueprint.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Raynard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project for several reasons:
* It will dwarf the rest of the building and look ridiculously out of character with other architecture in Washington, D.C.
* As designed, it will have a negative visual impact on other historic and deeply important memorials and structures.
* The project was begun -the former East Wing demolished- without congressional approval.
* It represents an unnecessary expense and a "solution" to a problem that doesn't exist

Like so many actions by the current administration, this is another example of unilateral action taken in service of self-aggrandizement rather than in service of the good of the country. In a democracy, decisions are supposed to be made in consultation with interested and affected parties. That process is sadly lacking in everything the current administration undertakes and we are the ones who pay the cost, both literally and figuratively.

Respectfully,
Mary Raynard

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Name: Mary Kramek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is still the people's house and as such, the rules that govern any changes must be clear and considered sacrosanct. I oppose the plan to make the East wing as a playpen for this administration. It has historic meaning to the American people. This should be preserved. I do not approve of the demolition without having gone through the process of historic preservation. This wing serves the next generation of Americans, not the current administration and should've honored and preserved assuchfir the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Armerding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Hurst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was illegal. The size of the project is totally inappropriate. I stongly object to this project.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the so-called East Wing Modernization project. The illegal razing of the East Wing was an affront to the American people and an act.of cultural terrorism. The plan for a gold-plated ballroom to commemorate the most criminal president in the history of the Republic is utterly without architectural merit and is a giant middle finger to ideal that isthe United States. The East Wing needs to be restored to its former state, paid for by President Fanta and the spinless, un-American, lickspittle billionaires that have pledged money for this project.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Violeta Jimenez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Szuba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply saddened by the loss of the historic East Wing. In my opinion it should be restored to the way it was before it was erroneously torn down. We do not need a "modern ballroom" at the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Onorato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My small town has a vigorous zoning board approval process so it is hard to imagine how the East Wing could be torn down without some public approval process. Are there no controls left in Washington to protect our history or is everything up for sale with the right amount of cash. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which appears to be initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Tingley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. And no one wants an unauthorized ballroom subsidized by billionaires when many Americans struggle to just survive. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. If you have a say about the proposed “Trump Arch” or Kennedy Center debacle these too need to be stopped. President Trump is a TEMPORARY TENANT in the PEOPLE’S White House and should not be able to alter raze or ruin places that belong to the American people!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Donovan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Siskind
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people own the White House, a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, home to presidents since 1800.

No president owns the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by US law.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits, or Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law.

In addition, the American people were not given an opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal before our National Historic site was destroyed.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size, and issue the order with strict repercussions for any further illegal, unpermitted

actions.

Anything constructed on the demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ericka Stutler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Dills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely oppose spending $300 million+ on this ineptly conceived and illegally executed project. It was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review which an alleged real estate developer should be familiar with if they aren't afflicted with dementia. IT IS NOT a modernization project but rather an illicit, complete razing of American history for a narcissistic vanity project. It likely rises to a criminal act which the convicted felon perpetrator should be well aware. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, not even a sex offender, is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:52 PM
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Name: Su Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steph Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unapproved destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House, aka the People's House, is a travesty. It's a blatant attempt to place Trump's name on yet another garish building. The physical D.C. landscape should not suffer due to the whims of a power-hungry president. Thank you for accepting public comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Blodgett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House East Wing was destroyed by this president illegally and shockingly! He appears to have no sense or respect for getting approval to change things at the White House. He has marred a part of our country's historic home. It is appalling but just one of many acts of destruction of this current administration.

Please hold this administration accountable for this shameful act. Restore it to its former self.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Mankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Christopher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored to it's previous design. The project was initiated without the proper approvals. A portion of the White House was intentionally destroyed, just as if someone had set fire

to it. While this can't be undone, I don't believe we should reward the inappropriate act by moving forward with a ballroom. The money raised for the ballroom should be returned or put toward restoring the East Wing to it's former historical value. Those responsible for putting the illegal destruction into action should be fined an amount at least equaling the reconstruction cost.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederic Glantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing was torn down without prior approval to construct a massive ballroom that would dwarf the White House itself. There is no need for a new ballroom, let alone one of such a monstrous scale. I would very much much see the construction of the ballroom stopped and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original use.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Sommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and all other federal properties are held by our government in trust for the American citizens. No single individual, even if that person happens to be the current occupant of that facility, has the authority to make changes of a permanent nature to our property. I urge you to consider taking these steps:
1. Deny approval of the plans to build a ballroom or any other project requested by the current administration. They have demonstrated their lack of trustworthiness- believe them.
2. Seek payment for the costs of rebuilding from the President in his personal capacity. The American people should not have to pay to restore what he illegally destroyed.

3. Appoint a commissioner to oversee the reconstruction of the former East Wing.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Galen Hazelhofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the destruction of the East Wing in order to build a ballroom. We don't need a ballroom and the destruction of the White House was done without any approval at all, either congressional or architectural. It's devastated right now and I want it restored to its former condition.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:55:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Eastman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alexandra Loizzo-Desai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Hink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Watching the bulldozers tear down our history made me sick to my stomach. This is the people's house and it has been desicrated. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Patricia Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Far from a modernization project, we've seen the outright demolition of "the heart of the White House" which was, absolutely, a slap across the faces of law-abiding Americans who treasure our history and traditions.
Without a word to anyone charged with the preservation of our heritage, and after telling the public that his "ballroom" would not impact our White House, Mr. Trump went ahead and bulldozed. Where—and for that matter—if the contents were preserved and stored, no one knows.
I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever amount is stated today) on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shan Morrissey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This project has been undertaken without appropriate review or consideration by the organizations that are in place for exactly that purpose. The White House is "the People's House", not the personal home of the President, to do whatever he or she wishes. Any modifications to the East Wing should undergo proper review, and if it does not confirm to the standards, it should be rebuilt as it was, with the person responsible to pay for the reconstruction as it was done without permission.

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Name: Karen Ratzlaff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We abhor the destruction of the East Wing. This work was outrageously undertaken without consultation with proper authorities regarding demolishment, design review or permits. This White House belongs to the people of the United States. The current occupant has only the right to temporarily occupy this space. The current occupant is obligated to return this historic building to its previous condition with close attention to all details. It is urgent that this work begin as soon as possible with no delay. All costs are to be absorbed by the current occupant and none by the American taxpayer.
The current occupant must submit a work flow schedule as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

All Americans

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Name: Bette Stiens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project damages the scale and proportions of the White House. The proposed new construction will dwarf the remaining historic, original building. The fact that this project began without consultation with this body, without regard for thr established processes is shameful.

The White House, the Peoples'House, is meant first to be a home for our President, not a garish banquet facility that only the rich, well connected can enter.

I oppose this "modernization" project.

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Name: Jay Dubner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This needs to be approved through normal procedures. If funds are needed, they need to be appropriated by Congress, after approval, and before any construction is initiated.

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Name: Michael Bainbridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or any amount, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I authorize spending whatever amount is necessary to rebuild the East Wing of the White House as I visited the White House 58 years ago and it was a beautiful and grand place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Megan Wonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gina Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the new East Wing Modernization Project. The destruction of the historic East Wing was abominable! The President acts like he owns the White House. I would like to remind you that it’s the people’s house! Trump works for the people we don’t work for him! He needs to be told that the gigantic ballroom that’s bigger than the White House isn’t going to happen!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump destroys everything he touches!

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Name: Bonnie Shannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I object so wholeheartedly. The plan is a travesty! Ugly. Overwhelming. Dishonorable. Disrespectful. And it will ruin the ambiance of Washington DC.

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Name: Vicki Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE! NOT THE PROPERTY OF THE CURRENT RESIDENT!!!

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Name: Kathy Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The amount of history, china, precious objects that have been lost is unthinkable. I am stunned that any contractor or person would do this!

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Name: Karen Ponger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Holly Mattison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Pezick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed new East Wing as depicted in drawings is too large relative to the existing remaining White House. The new East wing should be an actual "Wing" of the White House. If it's too large the White House will become a wing of the East Wing, which would be very unwise and architectural garbage.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:54:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna DiCello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir/Madam:
As a citizen of the United States, I am writing to register my strong objections to the destruction and rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House. This is the People's house, and does not belong to any one President. History must be preserved and honored, and the proper historic channels should have been consulted/should be consulted for any further restorations. This should not be a vanity project of any one person.
Thank you for your time-
Respectfully submitted,
Donna DiCello

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: kristine Sligar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Mcleish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is a travesty that the East Wing was destroyed. As a tax payer who always felt pride in the "people's house " I am disgusted by this administration's total lack of accountability and stewardship of this precious building. Where are the safeguards that stop the destruction of our nation's history? Use the money Trump extortion money to rebuild it EXACTLY as it was and put the rest toward the debt

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Kentgen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild it to it original specks, architecture. Our history. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to express my thoughts

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Name: K Karmen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am married to a former contractor. There is NO WAY he would have ever done demolition without proper permitting ahead of time, even if it would have spared him paperwork headaches. Why? Because he is law abiding, in stark contrast to the Occupant of the White House, who clearly believes that he has an imperial prerogative and is not subject to pesky laws. I staunchly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans—including contractors like my spouse.

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Name: Karyn Had Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Skinner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Daniel Skinner
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Lanier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing and White House belong to the American people, not the current occupant, who believes that he is above all laws and regulations and rejects the considered opinions of experts. I urge you to preserve this historic moment and block this insane project, designed for the aggrandizement of one man's ego.

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Name: Deidre Weeks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: gail engstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Virginia Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Rena Hernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Lemke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission members,

Please do all you can to stop the construction of the Trump Monstrocity Ballroom on the site of the former White House east wing. The presence of this proposed building will dwarf and detract from the historic, symmetric beauty of the White House. It may be true that a larger, grander space is needed for Presidential entertaining. It may even be the case that our First Ladies should have better office space. There should be no disagreement, though, that this scheme is not the proper way to accomplish these aims.

Sincerely,
Alison Lemke
Newton, Iowa

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Winch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to Trump's "East Wing Moderization Project" as he is unabashedly destroying American history and undertook this scheme without proper authorization from the National PLanning Board, as though he is above the law. This is a horrible precedent for future residents of the White House as well as being an affront to the architectural integrity of the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment on the Demolition and Proposed East Wing Modernization
Submitted for the Administrative Record

Introduction and Standing

I submit this statement as a citizen of the United States and as a retired federal professional with over three decades of public service experience in federally funded infrastructure, historic preservation, environmental compliance, and statutory oversight. My concern is not partisan. It is procedural, legal, and civic.

The White House complex is a nationally significant historic resource owned by the United States and held in trust for the American people. The demolition of the East Wing warrants careful examination under applicable preservation and environmental law.

I. Statutory Preservation Obligations

National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108). Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment. Implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800) require identification of historic properties, assessment of adverse effects including demolition, consultation, and mitigation.

National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C)). NEPA requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement for major federal actions significantly affecting the human environment, including cultural and historic resources.

White House Preservation Act (Pub. L. 106 580). This statute reflects congressional intent that the White House be preserved systematically under formal oversight mechanisms. Major federal construction in Washington, D.C. traditionally involves review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts to ensure architectural integrity and continuity.

II. Character and Cultural Significance

The East Wing historically served as office space for First Ladies, ceremonial and reception functions, and as a public-facing entry for visitors. Its architectural scale reflected dignity and civic symbolism rather than spectacle. Replacing such a structure with a substantially larger entertainment venue would alter institutional character in ways that preservation laws exists to prevent.

III. Stewardship and Constitutional Trust

The White House is federal property. It does not belong to any officeholder. The President is a temporary steward of a permanent national institution. Public stewardship imposes heightened obligations of compliance with preservation and environmental law.

IV. Questions for the Administrative Record

• Was Section 106 consultation completed prior to demolition?
• Was NEPA review conducted and publicly disclosed?
• Was the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation afforded opportunity to comment?
• Was review conducted by the National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts?
• What mitigation measures were implemented to preserve historic materials? If the materials were preserved, where are they?

V. Civic and Moral Considerations

The White House represents democratic continuity and shared national ownership. Alterations or destruction that dramatically change its historic character should be approached with transparency, humility, and fidelity to law.

Conclusion

Federal preservation law ensures that historic resources are not altered without deliberate and transparent consideration. As someone who spent over three decades working within federal systems, I respectfully urge full public disclosure of the legal and procedural steps
undertaken in connection with this project. Institutional integrity depends upon adherence to process.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven M. George
February 17, 2026

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Name: Sara Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its exact former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ellen Sugg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Destroying a part of the people's house which was in daily use to make room for an enormous event space, which would dwarf the rest of the structure, and would be used occasionally is nonsensical. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historic design. The cost should be paid by the persons responsible for this mess. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gayle Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

Hell no! I am adamantly opposed to spending $300 million of our tax dollars on this disaster. This is an example of a dictator circumventing the rules to force his will on this project. The commission should enforce following the rules, including requiring proper authorization, obtaining all necessary permits, and conducting appropriate design review. or design review.

Those who have high-jacked this project will destroy American history and erect a "monument" completely out of scale with the location. As a taxpayer and citizen, I DEMAND THAT THIS PROJECT BE CANCELED. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This should be done at the President's expense since he has squandered and destroyed a public federal building that was built by our tax dollars.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Susan Rutherford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Freedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of the estimated $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and approval. This plan is not a necessary modernization project; rather, it is a incomprehensible razing of history for the narcissistic validation of a single person. This project is absolutely not for the people. I expressly communicate my want for this project to be cancelled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its previous design. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:53:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Glick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% opposed to this unnecessary and ostentatious ballroom, which was planned and commenced without following the strict federal protocols required. I am heartsick that this rogue undertaking destroyed the historic East Wing without consultation, permits, or permission.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as historically accurately as possible and this ballroom cancelled. Allowing this project to proceed would only reward intentionally and blatantly ignoring proper procedures and breaking the law.

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Name: Karen Guerra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not for the American people, but rather for Trump's billionaire buddies. I oppose the

spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is travesty and a complete razing of American history. Cancel this project. Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raymund Gallian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing, as reverentially shown by Jackie Kennedy. Deny Trump's callous, illegal destruction of this public asset for private aggrandizement.

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Further, the "Ballroom" design is a grotesque, oversized royal fantasy, oozing with Trump's ego and vanity. Designed based on the Tsar's throne room, complete with the throne, and imbued with the aspirations to total power. Putin still uses it for that purpose, and we all know what a lapdog Trump is for Putin. Sadly that's the only "me too" Trump understands. Plastered with the same tacky gold curly-ques he has coated the Oval Office with, even the design sketches are an appalling eyesore.
Cancel it. Don't allow it. Put the people's house back in order. Demand an accounting for every item in the East Wing, and for every dollar wasted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Ramsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ellen Oman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Yogi Hendlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alice Flather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Hello,

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Alice Flather

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Name: Anne-Marie Horvath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please restore the structure to its previous size/design. The People's House does not need a ballroom. Please restore the rose garden while you're at it.

Thank you

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Name: Janet Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, because it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Starry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I totally oppose spending any amount of money on this project! The initial destruction was completed without going through the legal process required. It seems like those responsible thought they would destroy everything and then would be free to do whatever they wanted afterwards. I am tired of rich and powerful people thinking they do not have to follow the laws and guidelines that other citizens have to follow. I believe that in order to send a clear signal that everyone has to follow the legal process, the construction should be halted and the previous East End needs to be restored.

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Name: Lisa Anselmi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Bayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the illegal desecration of this building. I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this terrible project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but the complete destruction of American history and dignity. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Our laws are clear and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law with the senseless destruction of one of our most important places would be an affront to this country, our history, and all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Joanna Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I'm seconding a comment made by another opponent of this project: Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Jeremy Ayers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: barb weindling
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Name: Emmy Zartman
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Thank you.

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Name: Kelly Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the destruction of the beautiful East Wing of the American people's White House. Please require this historic structure to be rebuilt exactly as it was. This president does not own America, and his administration should be required to follow the laws.

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Name: Anthony Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose this project in concept and design. A ballroom is not needed for the White House. Such a plan is an affront to American values of democracy and the purpose of the residence that the East Wing once served. Instead of squandering resources on a vanity project, the White House should be restored to its original glory and the East Wing to its function as a residence.

Any such project should pass a legal and permitted design review and not be hastened into shoddy reality by an administration unbound by law, etiquette, and process.

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Name: Sally Then
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Deborah Cleaves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The nation's money must not be spent on this project. A felon illegally pulled it down destroying the nation's house. Despite being president he had no right to destroy the house provided by the nation. He neither owned nor rented it. Nor does he have the right to demand this monstrosity be built to replace what was there. Instead he must repay the public fisc for the entire cost of demolition and rebuilding and the new building must comply with all required laws and regulations and subject to the approval of the legal authorities which do not include anyone in the administration including but not limited to the

president, the vice president, or anyone reporting to either individual. This plan must not be approved.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the purported plans for the Eawt Wing!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The project was initiated without proper authorization, destroyed important history, and seems to have been merely a way for the current occupant of the White House to aggrandize himself as a "builder" as well as a means of takng in money.
Return our history to us!!

Similarly, I am deeply opposed to building any type of a grand triumphal arch at the end of the Mall which would dwarf the other monuments placed there.

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Name: Leigh Bonner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Victoria Cassano, MD, MPH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was invited to an event in the East Wing several years ago. I remember walking up the gracious entrance, and down the halls with rooms filled with history and magnificent furnishing. The razing of this historical venue to build a gaudy, self-aggrandizing "monument" to a would-be dictator, is reprehensible. The fact that it was demolished without the proper authority is unconscionable. I have lovely photos I took of the portraits of the first ladies in one of the parlors. I hope that the furnishings and these portraits were

preserved, along with the other magnificent works of art. I believe that the East Wing should be restored to as close to the 1942 version as is practicable, and that the furnishings and portraits that graced its halls and parlors.

As an Occupational and Environmental physician, I find the fact that proper containment of asbestos, and other hazards at the site was not achieved in the demolition, will make the restoration of the site extremely expensive, and has risked the wellbeing of the workers, and those passersby who unwittingly inhaled asbestos fibers that became airborne in the demolition.

I believe that Mr. Trump should be forced to pay for this out of his own pocket, and restore the peoples' house to the people, without the use of their tax dollars.

Thank -you,
Dr. Victoria Cassano

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Name: Carolyn Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I support returning the East Wing to its former historical state.

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Name: Mark D. Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Rebuild our history. Don’t let the dictator build his vanity project.

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Name: Frederick Gassmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I don't support the unlawful destruction of the historic East Wing. I do not support the construction of a ballroom in it's place. The ballroom is a vanity project that will not benefit the Nation. The proportions and intent of the "peoples house" was to show digified restraint and not imperial excess.

I support a full and independent investigation and criminal.prosecution of all parties responsible.

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Name: Richard Friend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Lanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction and razing of American history. I insist on this project being canceled, and the East Wing being rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melanie Hack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tammy McLane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am appalled that the East Wing was destroyed without permits or any oversight of historic design, tiles, furniture, etc. I support restoring the East Wing to its prior design. We the People did not want a modernization of this East Wing. In addition, I expect those who broke the law to be penalized.

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Name: Desiree Shupe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of this great nation I had someday hoped to have time and opportunity to visit our capitol and all of its historical structures. Now i'll never get to see the East Wing as it was, and I may not even live to see it if it ever winds up restored. Surely the President could have found a room to decorate with spray-painted garbage and dance in if he wanted? He has stolen the East Wing from the entire United States of America! We demand justice, accountability, and that the East Wing be restored for our progeny if not ourselves!

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Name: Chara Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judi Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

There is much to be considered of the history behind the construction and uses of the East Wing of the White House.
From Teddy Roosevelt's construction of the wings through first lady Lady Bird Johnson dedicating the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. It has been a beautiful, exceptional area for receiving important guests.
After roselyn, Carter moved her offices to the East Wing, becoming the first presidential spouse to do so, Congress passed the White House Personnel Authorization Act creating the official office of the First Lady. Every first lady since then has utilized the offices as they have gone about implementing important programs for the people of our great country.
Aside from the value and history of the East Wing, there is absolutely no need for a giant ballroom in the White House. It is the people's house, it is the house the president as he serves the people of thls country. It is not a building for just one family to adorn with gilt and self-agrandizement. Especially considering that by law they will no longer be in residence when it's completed.
I would urge the commission to deny any further building of a"ballroom" in the space left after the obscene demolition. But rather the funds allocated to that construction be used to re-beautify that section of the people's house and recreate offices suitable for use by future First Ladies and their staffs.

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Name: Kathy Nawrocki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please do not allow this dramatic change to the Peoples house continue. It was begun without any permitting or funding or input of the people. It is a tragedy that an arrogant man is allowed to raze the White House. Please require that it be rebuilt to what it was from his personal funds . We don’t need a golden ballroom.

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Name: Anita Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House IS the People’s House. I remember my visit to the White House as if it were yesterday. It represents so much more to me than being “just a mansion” where the current president lives. It is a house of history and in many ways the home of the protectors of our democracy. It is a national treasure!!

It is an abomination that one, self-serving, self-important, and thoughtless individual could so callously order it to be partially demolished. Those actions are an affront to every citizen of the United States.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Please, please use every resource in your power to stop this renovation and any further damage to The

People’s House.
Thank you!

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Name: Darleen Mendoza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, the People, oppose the spending of $300 million (or any funds) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want Trump to personally pay for it through garnering wages, imposing taxes,or any other manner legally acceptable.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: ANN ROSEWALL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a minister I am a proponent of open dialogue, discernment and discretion when considering any contentious project.
The East Wing Project never engaged public comments until after the demolition occurred. It is appalling in a country where freedoms of all kinds are championed, that neither we nor our elected representatives! were given voice about destruction and reconstruction. The lack of thoughtfulness is an affront to the knowledge and creativity endowed by our Creator.

We are created equal. When the president declared the East Wing should come down, he claimed a position of "better than" which he does not hold. He is not outside the laws of the United States and yet behaves as though he can.

I oppose this new model for the East Wing and support a simpler design that fits aesthetically with the rest of the building.
Thank you.
Rev. Ann L. Rosewall

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Name: Terri Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I absolutely am repulsed by the plans P t has in mind to replace his illegal rip off of our country's heritage building. Words can not express my disgust. I rather see empty grounds where the building once stood and wait for the day his criminal act of destruction without permission results in a prision sentence along with all other crimes he will be accused and persecuted for. Destruction of our country from the inside out and its heritage has stained our image and moral fiber. His gaudy plans are disdainful.

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Name: Vivian Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the $300 million being spent to create a ballroom that will eclipse the White House. The project is being done without being approved through the proper channels that ensure the historical integrity remains intact. Restore the East Wing to its original beauty

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Name: Deana Kiker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beth Dardine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Imagine someone taking a bulldozer to the Pantheon in Italy, The Eiffel Tower in Paris or heck the Pyramids in Egypt. And yet while we the USA is much younger you literally managed to bulldoze one of the most significant buildings in the USA! because ? You wanted to dance? Please stop destroying our country and defacing our building!
Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Beth Dardine.

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Name: Joanne Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions on this project. It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; it is a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alan Eglington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Dear Committee,

The White House belongs to We the People, we are the landlord. To make changes to it there is a process. DJT didn't bother with that process. Just went ahead and bulldozed history without including we the people in advance. And he did it all to create an out of scale, huge, grotesque, monument to his ego. And to force a lasting legacy to himself on the nation. And he chose to do it at one of the most historic residences in our nation. Indeed a national historic treasure. He's only a temporary occupant. He had no right to just demolish the historic east wing. Especially by just going ahead and arrogantly doing it. As if we the people don't exist or count. It's an insult to we the people, and our nation. Please do not give him permission to continue this out of proportion monstrosity. I'd like to see the east wing rebuilt, and restored, as best as possible, to how it looked before, within reason before.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit a comment.
Sincerely Alan Eglington

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Name: Larry Joe Galyon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Is past due. The current facilities are totally inadequate and an embarrassment to our country. For example state dinners are cramped and limited as to the number of people who can attend. I applaud those who are contributing to this modernization of the White House's ability to properly

host international guest and dignitaries. Please expedite this project for the sake of our dignity.

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Name: Judith Sofranko
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Name: Susan Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong objection to the construction of a massive ballroom on the former site of the east wing of the White House. Building a structure that is out of character with the present building would be an insult to the history and the beauty that is the current people's house. Additionally a massive ballroom designed to entertain the ultra rich is contrary to the spirit of our country and does nothing for the people. If built with tax payer dollars I believe it is a poor use of taxpayer money. If built with donations I believe the opportunity for corruption is high. Please do not approve this project rather insist that the east wing be rebuilt exactly as it was but perhaps with improved more environmentally friendly systems.

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Name: katherine thorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Katherine Southard
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Name: Laura C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beth Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of the East Wing modernization project. This project has not followed protocol and the

east wing has been destroyed prior to proper approval. Furthermore, I am not in favor of building the ballroom as planned. Design is not appropriate and it is not needed. Please vote to stop this project.

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Name: Porschia Wilson
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I absolutely do not understand how the construction of this monstrosity was even allowed to begin. Why DESTRUCTION of the PEOPLES HOUSE was allowed to move forward and history erased like we are allowing a LIMITED TERMED politician to use this space as his palace.

STOP THIS

Date: 2/16/2026 8:49:50 PM
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Name: Robyn Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been pulled down. The renovation was not properly authorized and I have to wonder if the entire White House is now contaminated with asbestos which will have to be remediated. Furthermore, I demand that President Trump be forced to return the money he has taken for this project and the proceeds used to restore the East Wing of the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dolores Witko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m against this project, there’s no reason why this should be done. Our tax money should be spent on helping Americans not on ballrooms

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Kulas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Crisman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is America's house, and to have torn down the East wing without planning or consulting historic trust or congress is unthinkable.
This administration has no regard for process or tradition, and this must be stopped before more damage to America's heritage and common property is done.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryAnn Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with current proposed ballroom design. It Is not in compliance with the historic architectural design of the White House, it needs a consensus vote from Congress and not the personal opinion of our current elitist administration

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Dontanville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the violent, thoughtless, illegal, and corrupt actions of the current administration in tearing down the East Wing. Please, please do not build a monstrous, gaudy, Trumpian ballroom in its place. Please rebuild something similar to the original, or at least harmonious with the adjacent historical building, and proportional to the nearby structures.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Fineran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It is a disgrace what Donald Trump is doing to build or name historical or public facilities to himself. He is undeserving of naming any US with his name.
Sister Shirley Fineran

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Name: Jennifer James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated by the destruction of the historic East Wing. I have no words. On any structure moving forward, the first step should be to restore the facade, and the entire building if possible.

I oppose the outsized ballroom altogether. It is not in the nation's interest. It is a monument to one man.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Schatzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, in it's totality. It was initiated without seeking public feedback, nor did the President and his administration seek the proper prior authorization from congress and/or other governmental bodies which may have been required. Additionally, to my knowledge they dod not seek in advance the necessary permits, or design review. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. If the donors no longer wish to be involved under that premise, then the President should be on the hook for the $ to restore it back to what it was. By all appearances this was a highly illegal vanity project that no one was asking for other than the President.

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Name: Karyn Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the continuation of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Besides the cost and the way that cost is proposed to be covered, the project was begun haphazardly and without thought of the significance of any change to the White House. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Danelle Witte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laurie McKinzie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Clisham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It isn't a modernization project but rather the utter destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Peggy Rainville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Watts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Krista Grace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing did not and does not need to be modernized. I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project. I also object that it was started without the proper reviews, authorizations, and permits. I want this project canceled and this historical building restored to its former grandeur and original design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to continue without consequences for those who broke the law, is offensive to all law abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:49:00 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Thank you for upholding both history and the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Minges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was heartbreaking to watch happen and my young son asked “why is no one stopping him?” Indeed. I want to know that answer too.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please stand up for this piece of democracy.

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Name: Sono Aibe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For any reconstruction, it would be important for it to be a green building that generates its own energy. US-produced state-of-the-art recycled building materials could be deployed, and the building should be designed to provide comfort from extreme heat.

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Name: Lisa Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeanne Albertus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allison Sokohl Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled that he destroyed the East wing and feel it should be restored. No proper planning was done in order to do what he proposed as a vanity project, that would ruin the beautiful symmetry of the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Howell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dilys Tosteson Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support any spending to modernize the East Wing of the White House. It should be restored and the perpetrators of this disgraceful defacement of a national treasure should be punished, fined and charged for the restoration.

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Name: C Jessie Christiansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: cathi harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Cruchfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition and associated underground construction at the White House.

First, any prior demolition or alteration of the East Wing should be fully reviewed for legal compliance and historic preservation standards. If changes were undertaken improperly, the East Wing should be restored to its original condition in accordance with federal preservation law and the long-standing responsibility to protect nationally significant historic structures.

Second, the scale of the proposed addition is deeply concerning. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom complex would rival or exceed the scale of the historic Executive Residence itself, fundamentally altering the proportions, character, and historic integrity of the White House grounds. The White House is not a private estate; it is a public symbol of the nation's history and democratic institutions. Its architectural balance and restrained dignity are part of that symbolism.

There has been no demonstrated operational necessity for such an expansive and grandiose addition. Existing federal facilities in Washington, D.C. are more than capable of hosting large ceremonial events when required. Constructing an oversized ballroom and underground structure would represent an unnecessary and disproportionate expansion that risks permanent harm to a historic landmark.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to:
1. Ensure full transparency and legal review of any prior alterations to the East Wing.
2. Restore any improperly altered historic structures.
3. Reject the proposed ballroom addition in its current scale and scope.

The White House belongs to the American people, and its preservation should take precedence over unnecessary expansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margy Ohring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to American history. It had no permit, no design review, no authorization. Spending $300 million on this is a disgrace and an affront to every American tax payer. It should be stopped immediately and the East Wing should be restored to its former condition. This should be against the law and the perpetrators should be punished.
Thank you.
Margy Ohring

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this bastardizing of the beautiful East Wing. STOP it now please!!!

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Name: Elizabeth Bartom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dabrina Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, and the demolition of its historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight--not to mention without the opportunity for the American people to weigh--is unlawful and anti-democratic. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be restored to its former condition. Its demolition is an outrage. No one is supposed to be above the law in the United States of America.

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Name: Patricia GIROULT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Talia Hazelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Talia Hazelton, and I am a proud American citizen. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Criminals do not deserve ballrooms, they deserve to spend their time behind bars. This project goes directly against the values the White House has stood for over these many generations.

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Name: Penny Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DJT told us what the demolition of the East Wing of the White House was for and it wasn't a Modernization Project. I do not support spending a dime on a ballroom to stroke his ego. I want this project cancelled. The only modernization that I want done to the East Wing is to restore it to its former glory. What he did without proper authorization, permits or design review is criminal. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The ballroom is unnecessary and will completely overwhelm and dwarf the people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Mary hertert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Maureen Hogg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Miriam Dickler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When my husband and I were renovating our home, we had to seek permission and approval from the city in which we live. Changes to the people's house should be more stringently overseen than those to our private home. The White House is not a home, it is a government building in which a president resides for the duration of his or her term. There is no mechanism for an individual, including the president, to unilaterally make sweeping changes to this historic building.

There is a massive financial and cultural cost to this action, and it should not be permitted to proceed as proposed.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sherry Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop

this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

The East Wing modernization project isnt going to modernize the east wing; it's to build a gold plated monument to Trump's ego. It's disgusting. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Ian Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Gulian-Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or required design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. IF there was a necessity for a 'hideout' for government officials below ground, this certainly could have been accomplished by a different means.
I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which should be paid for by the person who ordered the demolition without a proper permit.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans like me and the millions of Americans who are disgusted by this demolition.

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Name: William Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is "the people's house"; it belongs to all of us, not just the current occupant. This project should be canceled; the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:47:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy McKenna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal building of a ballroom for the use of the "elite". The White House is the People's House and should reflect that in it's structure and purpose. I would like to see the East Wing restored to it's former, beautiful proportions. That this was done without approval and ignoring all precedent is (another) stain on this presidency. If the government cannot afford to provide for the people in terms of healthcare, social safety nets, etc, then we cannot afford this. We do not want it. A president does not have unilateral authority to destroy public property on his whims to build a monstrous temple in which to worship him. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:47:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern: It’s so troubling how our historical buildings are being transformed without proper oversight and planning. For one, I strongly oppose the construction of a huge ballroom where the White House East Wing used to be. It’s a waste of major proportions! The E. Wing served a unique purpose

for the First Ladies and the future should continue to support the works of those to come. We are a proud nation built on humble but ever lasting truths. We don’t need ostentatious party rooms to send messages of mockery to the poor in our country. The money making ties, so called donations, only weaken the integrity of a democracy. Rich donors don’t go ‘‘unpaid ‘‘.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending tax payer money on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or a design review. The unlawful destruction of this historic building is a travesty and it should be rebuilt and restored to the previous design. Those who caused this distraction should be penalized and should pay for the restoration.

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Name: Liz Loizos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "East Wing Modernization Project" that destroyed a full wing of the peoples' house was done without review, permitting, planning, safety and health evaluation, or any of the processes in place to prevent exactly this. Were any of the national artifacts or historical objects even preserved?? We don't know, because we the people were never allowed to even know about this, let alone give our input--until now. The ballooning cost of this ballroom is ridiculous and exorbitant.This project needs to STOP, NOW, and the East Wing needs to be restored to how it was. I don't mind historically accurate and safe remodels, or the bunker being upgraded if that is truly needed, but just willynilly taking a wrecking machine to a national landmark and historical building with the attitude of "easier to ask for forgiveness than permission" is a deep betrayal of the trust that a president owes the US people. It was wrong, and that wrong needs to be righted.

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Name: Carolyn Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Monique Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding the East Wing Modernization Project.

Although the East Wing has already been destroyed, it was done without regard for the historical nature of the building. It was done without permits from the National Park Service or any national historical entity. The People's House does not belong to it's current occupant, and should not have been tampered with.

I am writing to inform you that I oppose any further construction on this site unless the plans have been fully approved by the National Capital Planning Commission, and in agreement with the White House Historical Association and any other historical or governmental entity that has jurisdiction over it.

Sincerely,

Monique Rubin

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Name: Sharon Toth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the peoples house. It’s not Donald Trump‘s ballroom. Please shut it down and restore it to what it once was, the people’s house. My 13-year-old granddaughter made her first trip with school from Florida to the White House and what she saw was an administration no longer working for the people.

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Name: Jackie Steven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rachael Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernadette Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Good evening, first, let's address the title you have imposed on this comment section; it is not a modernization project, but a complete and unlawful destruction by a "renter" for the next few years without the permission of the owners. We the people, and our duly appointed administrators, were completely removed from the process. I understand that many may have wanted a larger space, more accommodating for state functions, yet none of them bulldozed without thought an historic building. The current inhabitant of the White House cares for nothing beyond his own glory and grandeur, needing gold and glamour to prove his worth. The building should be updated, back to its original design but up to current standards, with maybe some more space added (but not up to 900 people!) and the sitting President should have no say in any of the decisions, especially when it comes to the bunker provisions. He should in no way be allowed to know how future presidents will be provided protection.

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Name: Debra Chase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donita Franques
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Rebuild OUR East Wing!

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Name: Colleen Curry
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Name: Mary Ellen Isaacs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House belongs to the people, and is not "owned" by its current occupant to be treated as his "pet project", or to feed his ego.

The fact that this project was started without the necessary reviews and authorization is wrong and un-American. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Autumn Zehren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please know I oppose the modernization of the East Wing of the White House. This is "the people's house". It does not belong to any one person or president.

The building that was torn down was full of a rich history of American traditions and memories. It is sad it is now gone.

The funds to build this new building are exorbitant and unnecessary. I understand some of the funds come from private entities, but these entities could have put those dollars to use in much better ways to help society and the people. If any safety features of the previous building needed to be updated, that could have gone through the appropriate process and funding.

However, the tearing down and current plan to rebuild has not gone through the appropriate processes. I am appreciative of the ability to now provide feedback, but it is unfortunate that the building has already been torn down. Moving forward, all rules and laws related to demolition and rebuilding need to be followed whether they fall under, state, or federal laws or ordinances.

I would like the East Wing rebuilt as how it was. Again, if safety features are needed, then they can be remodeled or added when the building is rebuilt. Historical architects and anthropologists can help to rebuild the building to capture how it was and ensure that all the memories that were created there previously can still be seen if the people were to walk those halls again.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:43:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. President Trump has violated all of the preservation rules regarding the White House and is intent on making it a shrine to himself. It is supposed to be the people’s house and a place where history lives. Not a monument to one man’s ego and poor taste.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Keiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No citizens are in agreement with this project. Restore it aa it was.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bella Dadivanian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is ludicrous in my opinion. It doesn't look like a modernization project, but rather an attempt to alter American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who broke the law by starting it without proper authorization process, must be penalized. It is People's House after all!

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Name: Matthew Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its entirety., It was initiated on the whim of one person without legally required study, authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and is a grotesque vanity project without any architectural merit and/or sensitivity to its historic surroundings, and that will not serve the broader public or public interest.

This entire scheme must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to the rule of law itself.

I appreciate your attention to this comment, and hope you will uphold the principle that the law applies equally to everybody.

Matthew A Fox,
Seattle, WA 98115

Date: 2/16/2026 8:43:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kelly Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the destruction of the historic East Wing of what is supposed to be the People's House. It's bad enough that this project started in the first place, why should we allow this obviously unfit president continue to be rewarded for tearing down something he didn't have permission to wreck? I want to see that building restored to its former glory, and people in office who will actually respect the laws and our nation's historical buildings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Dellinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this modernization project, which will waste $300 million during an administration that claimed it was going to save us millions. This was carried out without proper authorization, and should be restored to its historic self. No one is above the laws and regulations of our great nation.

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Name: Larry Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I think building a ballroom is fine, since there isn't one at present. However, the scope should be drastically reduced in scale. It should not have its planned opulence, and it should be less than half of the planned size.

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Name: Susan Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michelle Mavres
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Name: Laura Hennessy
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Name: Kristina Thorpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect our history, we are suffering from the moral grief of the loss of it. I ask that the East Wing be restored and that no more historical buildings be changed in any way.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Thorpe
Dunn Loring VA

Date: 2/16/2026 8:42:52 PM
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Name: Steve Curry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the Whitehouse to what it was before the current administration destroyed it.
This is the People's House not a private residence to be renovated at the whim of the current occupants.
We do not need a ballroom.
Please have the property restored to its previous condition and purpose.
Also please hold accountable for the damages to this property those responsible. Accountable both fiscally and criminally as appropriate.
The American taxpayers and every American citizen are the victims of this vandalism.
Please right this wrong sooner rather than later.

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Name: Luanne Gritton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Langer-Gault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and an egomaniacal monument to personal aggrandizement. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at President Trump's personal expense (NOT from any "donated"/extorted/grifted funds). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cynthia Voss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am diabolically opposed to the demolition of the East Wing of the People's House, and the construction of the proposed ballroom by this president. He chose to destroy it and despite the fact he knew he needed to go through the process, he chose instead, to take a wrecking ball to the structure. This is not his house to do as he pleases…he's merely passing through. His legacy will be of destruction and chaos!

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Name: Jim Boyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the east wing and proposed ballroom. The White House is not a hotel. Its status as the people's house should not be diminished for such a garish vanity project. It is in the nations interest that work should begin to restore the East Wing to its prior status. It will save the next president the need to raze the proposed obscenity. Sincerely yours. Jim Boyle-Nebraska

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Name: Amy Asselta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michele Horn Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Barbara Crow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As someone else said, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Furthermore, Mr. Trump has caused extensive damage to the building, and HE, not his donors, nor his acquaintances, should be required to pay to have it restored to its original condition.
The White House does not belong to Mr. Trump, it belongs to the people of the United States.

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Name: Donna Morgan Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Hedy Hollyfield
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Name: David Manuel
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Name: Erin Ely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

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Regards,
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Name: Marilyn Jones Armstrong
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Name: Joan Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on replacing the East Wing with a ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design or review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. It is our house not his! Thanks you

Date: 2/16/2026 8:42:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan McKinzey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored, as it was demolished without permission or oversight by the appropriate authorities. The US does not need a ballroom that will overshadow the White House and adds nothing of historic value to the People's House and grounds. Put it to a vote - of the people - if necessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Daniel Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am offended by the rough shod treatment the building and rules and regulations have been flaunted! I want the East Wing put back in its outer shape, with modernization for its infrastructure. We cannot let the ballroom plan go forward!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:41:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Ayers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The razing of the East Wing should never have occurred and all effort to correct that error needs to be made. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stacey Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Terri Newton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project as proposed, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the USA.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Rybski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, to be paid for personally by Donald Trump and not by taxpayers. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:41:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing may have needed modernization, but taking a wrecking ball to a historic building is not the way to do it. A careful, thoughtful, and properly planned and vetted update of the building would have been a far better use of tax payer funds. If any funds are spent on this project, it should be to restore the previous building as much as possible while updating it to modern electric and other utility needs. Funds should by no means be used to build a massive vanity project of a ballroom which would likely be plastered with the logos of its corporate sponsors.

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Name: Inga Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah L
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing being razed without any studies or anything is a slap to the face of the American people. The white house belongs to the people and the fact that the current administration felt the need to destroy it is disgusting. We don't need a gawdy gold bigger than the white house ball room with that imbecile's name attached to it. The sooner we can forget about the con man the better. No ball room! Restore the East wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:41:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Tuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it is a destruction project. Our building has been destroyed along with a lot of the history that was in it. All this was done without official approval, submission of plans or adequate funding. It is an unconstitutional attack on the peoples' house and those responsible should be held accountable. The East Wing should be rebuilt.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:41:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Sargent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any changes to the East Wing. We should be celebrating American history, not replacing it. Restore the East Wing to its former condition.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:41:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Brahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has been demolished we clearly have to replace it with something. I support whatever is decided upon by going through the usual traditional design, approval, and funding process. Please do not allow Trump to run roughshod over the long established way of doing these things.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:29:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Schlicht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is The People's House. It belongs to us, not the occupant of the White House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ashish Kumar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathleen Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money from any source to replace the East Wing of the White House with any other structure. The East Wing was demolished without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but a project to gratify one very sick man's ego through aggrandizement and glorification. Destruction of the East Wing was a razing of American history. Replacing it with anything else would be an erasure of our nation's past. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The persons who authorized the destruction of the East Wing and who intend to move forward with a new construction project without undergoing the proper reviews, authorization, and permits need to be penalized for breaking the law. No one is above the law. To do otherwise would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Teresa Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. AND I WANT IT PAID BY TRUMP! He torn it down without permission! He should pay for it to be rebuilt!!!!!!! Also the Rose Garden needs to be return to the way it was too. ALSO PAID by TRUMP!!! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lili Keeler
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Name: Sandra Fithian
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Please take whatever legal action is possible to stop the spending on this project; initiated unlawfully and "at his own expense" without the proper planning, review and authorization from Congress demonstrates once again the recklessness of the current administration and the occupants. It is not a modernization project but rather an ego-induced razing of American heritage. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at no ones expense but his own and the so-called donors we must insist he identify. No one is above the law. As the project is currently at a stand-still, penalizing those who broke the law is, again, the least the NCPC should do.

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Name: Sara Van Asten
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Name: Jennifer Turvold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly object to tearing down the east wing. It was done without permission and was a major historical site that should have never been torn down. It should be rebuilt EXACTLY as it was at great personal expense to those who tore it down. All the funds that were donated should be returned.

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Name: Shannon Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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-Dr. Shannon Rose Riley

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Name: Mary Sherman
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Kind Regards,
Mary Sherman

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Name: Melissa Plotsky
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Name: Laura Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The shocking destruction of the East Wing without any planning or oversight by Congress or other agencies is appalling. The proposed "ballroom" is hugely out of proportion to the White House itself. It needs to be designed by architects independent of Donald Trump. Trump should be personally responsible for the destruction of the East Wing.

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Name: Michele Borkoski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project has not been submitted or approved by Congress or the citizens of the United States! I want the East Wing restored! I want my history back. I want my rose garden back!

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Name: Archer Israel
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Name: Kathy Hoover
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Name: Kenneth Kirby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This wing should not be replaced with a ballroom by the administration that tore down the East Wing without authorization. The $300M pricetag is obscene, for a structure that will be out of scale with the national treasure that is the White House. A subsequent administration should replace the East Wing. This administration's paving over of the Rose Garden and tacky redecoration of the Oval Office proves that they do not have the requiste good taste required to make these modifications to The People's House. Let them spend the next three years looking at the ruins they have perpetrated upon the DC landscape.

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Name: Chris Gleason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly object to this obscene project. This “modernization” project was willfully initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House and East and West Wings belong to The People and the current President and staff are tenants. The current President is not above the law and needs to pay for damages done just like any tenant. Cancel this project and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design.

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Name: Dawn Minemier
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Name: Rebecca Russell
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I think the ballroom should NOT be bigger than the White House. I think it would be ugly and dwarf the White House and ruin the appearance of the White House. It would make the White House look like an after thought, or addition to the ballroom rather than the other way around.

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Name: Jen Gillespie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Timothy Farnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I consider the unapproved demolition of the East Wing of the White House to be a travesty, not only because it is dismal architecturally, ruining the symmetry of a national treasure, but also because it seems to be an attempt to turn the people's house into a party house or convention center. The aggrandizement of the individual in the White House is totally contrary to the traditions and spirit of the United States of America, but tradition and spirit seem to have no standing our current administration. I encourage the National Capital Planning Commission to halt all current construction on the grounds of the White House, and implement a plan to restore the White House to its former grandeur.

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Name: Andrea Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Valerie Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the proposed ballroom. It is ridiculous to spend money on this vanity project. The White House belongs to the people not the current occupants. The proposed building will dwarf the size if the original building. It distorts the symmetry and beauty of the structure.

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Name: Teresa Kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Celia Adamec
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Name: Maria Hensley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Washington's plan for the White House made it small to show humility and in line with whether The People's House needed to be. Small & humble. Built for the people, 98% of whom are not rich. This ridiculous ball room is in direct violation of what Washington intended for the White House.

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Name: Amy Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joda Totten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. The People's House belongs to the people and is entrusted to appropriate and knowledgeable conservator. The wanton destruction without consultation with the appropriate authorities is criminal. Restore tge East Wing to its former glory. A President is a tenant, not the owner. We, the

people, are the owners.

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Name: Kyle Kreager
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Name: Wendy Bromfeld
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Name: Deb Crowley
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Name: Elizabeth Lucey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed the construction of a 3 million Ballroom where the East wing of the White House used to stand. This is not a renovation, it is a destruction of American history that has not been properly approved through the correct channels. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous historic glory
Respectfully, Elizabeth Lucey

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Name: Drew Maris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is The People's House, not Donald Trump's house. He acted without legal authority. He is OUR tenant. He has destroyed the owners' property. For this and many other reasons, not limited to those cited below, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally Donald Trump should have liens placed against his real property to reimburse The People not only for direct costs, but also for pain and suffering.

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Name: Sandy Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an affront to the American people to see part of the White House changed in this way!!! It’s disgusting. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bridget Bart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the continued modification of the East Wing after this part of The People's House was demolished. It is a true disrespect to many of the historical First Ladies (i.e. Eleanor Roosevelt, Laura Bush, Michelle Obama, Jill Biden) who utilized this wing for a multitude of personal uses and to serve the people. Although there is an exemption for the White House, every other President has respected the essence of the people's house and the preservation of history and the voices and opinions of the people of this country. I do not wish to see this continued diabolical disregard for everything we have been fighting to change in the US. Thank you.

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Name: Carolyn T
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Name: Elisa Braver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather destruction of an important American historical building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and

restored to its former design.

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Name: Rebecca Driscoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House?

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I also find it appalling that billionaires are attempting to buy the White House and Trump

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Name: Janet Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.The current occupant wrecked the people's house illegally, treated our property as though it was his, and there's been no accounting for what happened to all the items inside, and there was no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc.

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Name: Wendy Jedlicka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose any spending on the East Wing project not connected with full restoration. The project was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The proposed "modernization project" was initiated under false pretenses, with the American people straight up lied to. This enlargement project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one — is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is a corruption of everything our country is supposed to stand for. Money to restore the East Wing needs to be paid by those who participated in this insult to our country, and not the U.S. taxpayer.

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Name: Hammett Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the proposed East Wing demolition and ballroom construction project.
The East Wing of the White House is not merely government property—it is a sacred trust held on behalf of the American people. Jacqueline Kennedy understood this when she fought to preserve our nation's historic architecture and founded the White House Historical Association. The East Wing has hosted historic events from suffragist meetings to civil rights gatherings, from state functions honoring world leaders to moments of national mourning and celebration.
This project bypassed established processes that exist precisely to prevent impulsive decisions about irreplaceable historic architecture. The absence of proper authorization, environmental review, and design oversight is not a minor procedural matter—it represents a fundamental failure to respect both the law and the public trust.
Three hundred million dollars spent to destroy American heritage and build a private event space funded by billionaires is not modernization. It is vandalism dressed in contemporary language.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal and require that any future work on the East Wing follow established legal procedures, include proper public input, preserve the historic structure, and serve the genuine needs of the American people rather than the social ambitions of wealthy donors.
Our national heritage deserves better than this.

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Name: Jane Laskowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly object to the "modernization " of the East Wing of the White House.
This was begun without the proper procedures . This is a distruction of our history..completely unnecessary.
The proposed size and decor is outlandish.
This project appears only to satisfy the Pesident's ego.

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Name: Nancy Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a representation of our countries history. The White House should be treated with respect and dignity and reverence for those that inhabited the premises prior to the current administration. The proposed ballroom is a vanity project that will inevitably look tacky and out of place with the existing structure. I believe that the East Wing should be restored to it's original design at the expense of those that destroyed it.

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Name: Carla Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I greatly resent that the President thinks he can act without consent and constraints to please his whims. To destroy the East Wing and build a ballroom that isn't even financed not only degrades the People's house, it also stomps on its historical significance. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored back to its original plan. I also think that the President should pay for the reconstruction.
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Name: Dundee Lackey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. (It may also be a really shifty grift straight into the president's family coffer, as are many of his "self" and crowd funded projects.)

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Name: Shelby Wolf
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Name: Gillian Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am very opposed to this project. It should be treated like a project conceived by any other American citizen or American government body: it should have proper authorization, permits, and a full design review. The demolition should never have happened without any of those pieces in place; it should never have happened without a review of how to preserve as much history as possible. Discussion of a new wing needs to be as transparent as possible -- including ensuring that any donors are not getting "pay to play" benefits that most Americans cannot afford. Instead of a buildings Americans can be proud of, part of the People's House, it will be an enduring monument to the hubris of one man. No one is above the law. Those who broke the law to get this far with it should be penalized just like any other American building without authorization or permits would be penalized.

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Name: Susan Kunkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to us.

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Name: Sherry Zeilstra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing. We do not need a gilded ballroom to keep the orange baby happy. This is a travesty and it should be stopped, with the building rebuilt to it's original design as close as possible.

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Name: Glenyss Carney
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Name: Jennifer Suits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My heart broke when the East Wing came down so suddenly, and at the direction of one person. The White House is supposed to be the people's house. It is one of the most significant pieces of architecture which tells the story of our history, good and bad. I don't know what you can do now that it is gone, but a lavish ballroom is not in keeping with a house for the people. I'd rather see administrative offices than a gaudy ballroom.

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Name: Jennifer Janssen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anne Merydith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The concept of an enormous ballroom beside our White House gives the false impression that our government is more interested in partying than governing. The White House was never intended to be a palace.

And bring back the Jackie Kennedy Garden!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Sloane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the.project entirely!! The People's House is so important to me and the American people! I want myself and my grandchildren to be able to look at this amazing building and no that they are a witness to the history of this great country.

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

This is our building, the American people’s building, and it belongs to history and our future generations. It is NOT a ballroom!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Carlisle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, as it completely destroyed American history without any input from the American people. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalty is an insult to all law abiding American citizens.

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Name: Pamela Borso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose spending any money on a ballroom.

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Name: Donna Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hereby oppose the spending of $300 million in taxpayer funds on this East Wing project, which was initiated out of spite, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather the complete razing of a part of American history. I want this project canceled, I do not want a secret data center constructed and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this unauthorized project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:26:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Auman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed expenditure of three hundred to four hundred million dollars for the ballroom project. The White House is a historic public institution, not a palace, and alterations of this scale should reflect its civic and architectural significance. This proposal does not represent a modernization effort, but rather a substantial and inappropriate alteration to a nationally important historic structure.

Any project affecting the East Wing should be subject to proper authorization, permitting, and rigorous design review consistent with established preservation standards. Given the building's historic value, the

East Wing should be restored and maintained in a manner that respects its original design and character. And the cost must be borne completely by the sole perpetrator - Donald J. Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Laflamme
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.
Sincerely
Susan Laflamme

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Name: Sharalyn Longthorne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly support the modernization of the West Wing; however, I urge that any replacement closely reflect the architectural character and historical integrity of the original structure prior to demolition. The West Wing was more than just a building — it represented a specific design era and carried significant historical and aesthetic value.

Modernization and preservation do not have to be at odds. It is entirely possible to incorporate updated infrastructure, safety standards, and modern functionality while still honoring the original appearance, scale, and architectural details that made the structure meaningful to the community.

Rebuilding in a manner that closely resembles the original design would demonstrate respect for history while responsibly planning for the future. I encourage decision-makers to prioritize architectural continuity so that the new West Wing reflects both progress and preservation.

I strongly oppose a larger, more extravagant building & bunker.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Proctor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Proctor

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: theresa doss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please halt the ballroom project!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, AKA The Peoples House, is not a real estate project. It is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

I am confused as to how congress, all of whose members must be fully aware of the history and significance of The People's House, Stood quietly by as the current occupant took a wrecking ball to the historic East Wing without review, permits nor Congressional oversight. This is a clear violation of law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and must undergo the legal processes consistent with the building's provenance.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hayley Furcean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: BARBARA WALSH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Dudra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Pelletier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing is an assault on American History. It was destroyed without proper authorization and no consideration for its historical significance. I demand it be restored historically to its former state. We the people do NOT need a ballroom!!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:26:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryan Wanosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing, as it existed, was a national treasure. It was part of the institution that the American people have built to house our government. It was built over time as a part of the living history of our democracy.

The destruction of the East Wing was against the law. We have processes for the renovation and reconstruction of our historic structures. None of these processes were followed. Many parts or our government utilize a "notice and comment" process to explore the impact of potential changes. No input was sought by this administration.

Trump acted as if he has plenary authority over the building that belongs to all of us. He does not have such authority, As has become clear, our system does not have mechanisms in place to address a chief executive that abuses his authority. All those that have previously held that office have maintained at least some respect for the rule of law. Trump respects nothing, and has seeming disdain for the rule of law.

The East Wing Modernization Project, as presented, is against the law. We have processes for the design and planning of federal buildings, and extensive design review processes when constructing our national monuments. Again, none of these processes were followed. Again, there was nothing resembling a "notice and comment" process, and no input was sought by this administration. Generally, the Trump administration's response to any input or criticism trends toward the aggressively hostile.

The East Wing Modernization Project is an abomination. It dwarfs the White House, placing our landmark in the shadow of Trump's Gatsby-esque ego project. It's purpose is opposed to the principles of democracy: Trump is planning the atrocity so he can continue to rule by socializing with billionaires.

I believe that the East Wing Modernization Project should be rejected, and the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before Trump destroyed the people's property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I am against the “modernization” of the East Wing, which was razed without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is the People’s House and what the current administration did was vandalism and illegal. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former size and appearance — nothing larger. Trump should never have been allowed to crush the historic East Wing, the heart of the White House according to Betty Ford, just for his own enrichment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Jolley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing to be rebuilt according to existing plans. President Trump had the entire wing destroyed in order the make a ballroom, without obtaining permission. The White House belongs the The United States of America, not to any single President holding office. It is not acceptable to allow the current President of the US to make such a large change to any part of the White House without any input from American citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen McCauley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Further, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Fambro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One of the first things that invaders do to demoralize citizens of their target territory is to demolish art and architecture that holds the soul of the people. This is what the demolition of the East Wing feels like - an attack on the very spirit of our people. The White House is the People's House. It is an historic site that has represented the heart of our democracy throughout most of our history. To tear it down without any kind of consultation/hearings/permission was obscene, and to construct a ballroom in its place - even more so. Ballrooms are symbolic of royalty and wealth, privilege and personal power. This stands in opposition of the intentionally humble nature of our White House. It will be bought and paid for by undeclared donations from people seeking influence, and dramatically change the iconic structure which is historically protected. As a taxpaying, voting citizen - I demand to see the planned ballroom denied, and the East Wing restored to its previous con! tours.

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Name: Patricia Homer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern.

Anara Guard's comment is perfect, as she says, and I agree:

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.”

Thank you,
Pat Homer

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Name: Susan Decatur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Holly Barber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Sudler, MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? Where are they now?
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Morrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom of the size and scale proposed. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is space for large gatherings available nearby.

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update infrastructure and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making necessary but historically sensitive changes.

The White House is not a palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often pleasantly surprised at its human scale. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of the White House is not a king; the president works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. No occupant should be able to rebuild it to their own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

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Name: Coraline Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has not been fully approved. It's a destruction of the people's house, and needs to be returned to its formor glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanne Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this ‘project’, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Yet another example of this administration’s utter disregard for the law, policies, and procedures.

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Name: Pam Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Cynthia Maxim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so-called East Wing Modernization Project. I believe it is an intentional destruction of historic public property, undertaken without proper oversight or review. Not only should it be stopped immediately, the East Wing should be restored to its former condition and the parties responsible should be punished.

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Name: Lise McGuinness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of any further money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by Donald Trump, not American taxpayer money. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:25:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members,

I opposed the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates, at the very least, the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved

preservation concerns. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you.

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Name: Marie Nance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored to its former beauty.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:25:38 PM
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Name: Laura Baalman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an affront to the dignity of the office and this country to tear down a historic building that belongs to the American people without our permission. I want this project halted, and the East Wing restored. I want those responsible to pay for it.

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Name: Dianne Dunham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Although the project is supposedly funded by private donations, I am concerned that the donors will expect special favors in return.

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Name: Heidi Witte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
My name is Heidi Witte and I am a concerned American citizen.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. That money could have been used to benefit Americans in so many other ways. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Best ,
Heidi Witte

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Name: Kathy H.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeannie Petrosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Melissa Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, but an illegal, unapproved destruction of a significant portion of the People's House.
I oppose spending a single dime on this project, let alone $300 million. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design reviews. The razing of the East Wing was an attempt to erase American history.

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt, restored to its former design.

No one is above the law; to permit this project to move forward not only offends law-abiding citizens, but encourages further destruction of federal buildings which tell our story - the story of "We the People."

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Name: Mimi Fron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished illegally without permits or safety measures, and I am opposed to any money spent on an antiquated ballroom. Any money spent should be to restore the East Wing as it was. It is the People's house and one person does not get to decide how to paint a wall, make renovations, or tear down a historic building. The President resides at the People's house as a guest and is a tenant. We, The People are the landlords. Full restoration of the building as it was and upgrades to whatever was beneath it for security measures is the only path forward.
Thank you for your time.
Gail

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Name: Mary Troy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm am writing to oppose the East Wing modernization project. There is no need for a ballroom. There is plenty of space within the White House to host diplomatic events. If a bigger space is needed, there are plenty of event spaces in the area that can be rented. The East Wing should never have been knocked down to begin with. It should be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Laurie Daily
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The funding for this project should not come from taxpayers without appropriate reviews and approvals, nor should it come from private individuals or corporations, as that would be perceived as political favors and encourage corruption.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia M Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing. Donald decided to wreck it so completely and so abruptly, without consulting the People or going through the proper channels. Please keep up the pressure to stop any further progress on the bunker and gigantic, gaudy ballroom. The renovation plans do not reflect the needs of the United States of America, and the gross display of wealth at a time of economic uncertainty, cutting funding for science and support to those who need it, is unnecessary at best and nefarious at worst (taking bribes in plain sight).

Signed,
A concerned citizen

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Name: GAIL BRAINERD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 (or $400 or whatever it is) million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. PLEASE STOP THIS VANITY PROJECT!

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Name: Elise Chinavare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lolita Rothfuss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not about modernization; it is the unlawful destruction of part of the historical People's House. It was begun without design review, appropriate authorization or permits. I believe this project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the money that was supposedly donated to build a ballroom. If the ballroom is allowed to be built it will signal to those in powerful positions that they are above the law.

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Name: Reed McMillan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: JILL HANSEN
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Name: Jennifer Gemmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Barbara Jaquish
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a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to REQUIRE RECONSTRUCTION of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Jonathan Senchyne
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Name: Andrew Rosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is less of a modernization project but than a complete razing of an important piece of American history. Please cancel this project, and ensure that the East Wing is rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sandra Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop destroying and defacing America s historic buildings. The White Housev does not belong to Trump and his billionaire cronies. It belongs to our country. This is an outrage

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Name: Sara Willig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this was done sans respect for the white house. bulldozed history all for one classless mans ego. no one i know wants another ballroom in White House. please be against it and restore the East Wing

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Name: John Dunbar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cecelia Otto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ann Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Promises were made and broken to keep the East wing intact. This was destruction, not modernization. The scale diminishes the White House and is an affront to the citizens whose house it is. There is no excuse for this wanton destruction undertaken without review or consent by any government agency. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: TIM MERRILL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Pedophiles and convicted felons should not be able to build ballrooms or any other monuments to themselves.

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Name: Lenore Chinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As an American citizen I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Carol Savonen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Margaret Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Teresa Grettano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please oppose this project. The White House belongs to the American people, and we have had no say as to what happens to the East Wing or any other part. It is as if I let my cousin visit and he decided to tear the back half of the house off to build a pool. Illegal, unnecessary, inconsiderate, obnoxious. Please have the East Wing restored to its previous structure with consequences for those responsible for its destruction. Thank you.

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Name: Karla Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Frances Chester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the insanely expensive ballroom project that was conceived by the current administration and President. This is not a modernization, this was a wrecking ball and unpermitted travesty.
The East Wing should be rebuilt because it has an important history.
The fact that this work was done without permits and Congressional and Senate approval means that it's been done wrong.
If I built something on property in Seattle where I live without permits they would make me tear it down.
This is "the people's House" and such major changes need to be legal, and voted on by Congress. Anything else is authoritarian.
I'm not a writer and hope that I have made my opinions clear.
No Ballroom financed by billionaires attached to the White House.
The current President should have to pay for the rebuild of the East Wing. He's the one who tore it down.

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Name: Vivian Gaits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Margaret Wright-Cleveland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was allowed to adopt the following words. They accurate express my understanding of the role of the White House as property of the people and my sentiment that reconstruction of the historic East Wing is necessary. As a citizen and voter these are my wishes.

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Name: Susan Eilenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million expenditure on this project, which was initiated without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization project; rather, it's a complete erasure of American history. I demand the cancellation of this project and the reconstruction and restoration of the East Wing to its original design. Completing this project would destroy the historical imagery of the people's house and serve no purpose other than to promote riches that don't exist in our country. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a grave insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Beth Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry DeFrancisci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of a significant historical national symbol. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marian Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even one dollar on this project, let alone $300 million. It's not modernization, it's destruction of American history, initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project should be canceled, and replaced with the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing to its former design. The White House buildings are not owned by their occupants, they are heritage and belong to The People. It's appalling that this project was even considered by the president, let alone for him to try to ram it past proper procedures through appallingly illegal, literal destruction. No one is above the law. If we allow this project to proceed, especially if it's without accountability or penalty, it would be an affront to all those among The People who are law-abiding citizens..

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Murrell-Haunold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this plan that destroys the history of our White House. The destruction should be stopped, and returned to its original condition immediately.

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Name: john mabey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janet S Quick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This project is not a modernization of our Whitehouse but has completely destroyed what was there with intentions of replacing it with the vanity project of one man. The design models shown to the public so far, have been totally out of scale with the rest of the building and out of character with the stately presence of the original Whitehouse. It has trashed our American history, not preserved or honored it.

Our elected leaders should work and live in buildings that accommodate official government functions with the dignity of the offices they hold, but also spaces that honor our nation's history and remind those office holders that they are privileged to be the temporary servants of the people. They are not kings and lords

chosen to rule over us in gilded palaces.

I want this project to be canceled, and any money already appropriated to it be used toward rebuilding and restoring the East Wing in keeping with its former scale and design while allowing for updated mechanical and technical infrastructure within that framework. All artwork and historic furniture and fittings that were destroyed or that still exist must be accounted for.

In future, there must be stringent laws and restrictions on what changes can be made by any sitting president or officials to any historic building without approval by a non-partisan independent review board. Criminal charges, including jail time and fines should be established for any future infractions.

In this case, legal charges should be brought against those who planned this project and began the demolition without proper authorization. Fines should be equal to the cost of rebuilding what they destroyed and come from their own resources, not the taxpayers' funds. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for allowing for public input in this matter.

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Name: Dawn Wynd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a total waste of taxpayer money.It was not approved by congress.The legal permits and approvals were not attained , which is law.The project should never been started until the aforementioned items were done legally.Ban any future construction and sign charges in those that violated the process.

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Name: Kathy Hopwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It breaks my heart that the East Wing was destroyed! I grew up in DC and have taken many a tour of the White House during my school years. Such amazing history in all of those walls and the surrounding grounds! I learned so much from this institution of our government on those tours. This was THE place that We The People could claim as OUR House where OUR government did its work to serve The People of Our country.

The fact that this destruction of the East Wing was done illegally, without any proper authorization, any permits or even a design review just boggles my mind! I truly hope that the good people who are making these decisions honor this building - and our country - by restoring it to the original design instead of adding an outsized over inflated ballroom that will dwarf the White House making a mockery of it. Please do not build something that was so illegally instigated, is so utterly unwanted and would only serve to state that Our House has become completely broken in its promise to The People Of the United States.

Thank you for looking deep into your hearts to rectify what was done to East Wing.

Kathy Hopwood

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Name: Bev Gavenda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kimberley Heinrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like for this project to be cancelled. It did not go through the proper channels of being reviewed and approved, getting permits and everything else one has to do to build a new structure. There should be fines and penalties for tearing down the historical East Wing without going through the proper channels. I don't want a gaudy, gold-filled "ballroom". I don't think it is appropriate in the current time when everyday people are struggling to house, feed and clothe themselves.

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Name: Natalie Hendrix-Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Brudos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I cannot believe that the criminal responsible for the destruction of the people's house, the entire East wing, is still in office. No permits, no permissions, just bulldozers like a tantruming child. NO I don't want anyone to proceed with this "modernization" project. I want it restored, rebuilt, and I want the people responsible for the destruction to pay for it.

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Name: Kathy Bowerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Regina Magnuson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it did not go through the many legal requirements of review at any point and I also oppose spending money and time on something that is of such low importance in terms of the infrastructure needs of the United States. Finally, when rules are broken in one area, what is to stop rules from then being broken elsewhere in our country by others.

The lack of transparency is quite shocking. And I'm a former Republican.

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Name: Barbara Eklund
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Name: Ellie Mackintosh
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I'm furious that there's been no accounting for what happened to all of the items inside, and there was no conservation of the historical and valuable materials it was made of--the fixtures, tiles, stone, paneling, etc. And the idea that this grotesque bonfire of the vanities would rise up like a giant goiter on the neck of democracy. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Suzann Beckett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot object more strongly to the allocation of $300 million (or even $1.00!) to a project that was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or basic design review. This was a wholesale destruction of a significant piece of American history and I'm tired of hearing it compared to a pool or a basketball court. Even to call it "modernization" is a form of gaslighting which is quite disturbing.

I demand that this project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

We have to enforce the law. We have to honor our past. We absolutely have to follow the rules when it comes to buildings and monuments owned by the US Public. Allowing this project to proceed without

holding accountable those who destroyed it (essentially in the dead of night), would be a profound failure. We cannot reward those responsible by letting them avoid accountability or installing an unneeded and unnecessary ballroom. The rule of law is not optional, and it cannot be selectively enforced. Your decision will make or break public trust. Please do the right thing.

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Name: James Callaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please require all renovations to go through an independent commission, not beholden to the president. Members should be nominated by both parties and approved by 2/3 vote of Congress. This is only temporarily one president's house. It is permanently the house of the people. One person should not be allowed to make such drastic changes.

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Name: Georgette Beadnall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jackie McCuskey
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I am completely opposed to this project. The proper permitting and reviews were not held prior to the demolition of the East Wing, the people's house, our American history. It does not matter that it will be paid for by billionaires. It is an affront to the American people. The proper historic preservation groups need to be involved if this project is to move forward, now that it was demolished without permission.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: dale gladden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was absolutely horrified by the blatant disregard for the laws protecting the historic structure known as the East Wing of the White House. This residence belongs to the American people, not to any person. Not even the president should have unilateral authority to modify any part of the people's White House without review of duly authorized, independent, organizations which have been empowered to protect our historic capital structures. It should be restored as close as possible to the East Wing which was unlawfully destroyed. If this administration is allowed to destroy the East Wing, what is to stop them from destroying the entire residence, and replacing it with something totally horrendous.

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Name: Tina Jones
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I am very upset that this building was razed with no oversight, no permits, no approval by Congress, and apparently done on a whim.

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Name: Edward Sampson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is utterly important that this project, initiated illegally, must be stopped, and the east wing be rebuilt, and restored to its original formation.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:23:02 PM
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Name: Susan Knoedel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Terri Guillory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing against building a huge “modern” ballroom addition to the White House. I’m very sad that the historical East Wing was destroyed. I understand if a larger space is needed, but this should be done while preserving the original look and appearance of the White House. This should be the “people’s house”. Not a gaudy Trump Palace. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: An Moonen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. While constructing a formal ballroom is in fact a more appropriate solution than temporary event tents on the lawn, it must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Dutra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First and foremost, this project should have never have happened without the proper authorization. The

White House belongs to the people of the United States…many are angry. Watching the demolition was gut-wrenching.

That being said, I appreciate allowing the people to comment on the remodel of the East Wing. There should be no gaudy gold on structures. There should be representation of all our former Presidents of the USA. This remodel should be the people's not the current administration's.

Rumors are flying that under neath the ballroom Mr. Trump is doing his own thing. Could you clear-up the plans for the space under the East Wing Addition.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Thank you,
Julia Dutra
I have served my country with three years in the US Navy. I was in boot camp when President Kennedy was assassinated. I loved my country.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Perkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen and a taxpayer, I oppose the governmental spending of $300 million on this "modernization" of what was the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete erasure and physical razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or one of similar size and scope.
Years ago, when I took the tour, I was amazed at how small the White House was. A secret service member who was on security detail in the State Dining room overheard me commenting in the size of the room to my sister and said to us, "remember this was built at a time when we were rejecting the monarchy and the founding fathers didn't want something ostentatious and grand, because this house, was to be the "people's house". "
When the bulldozers and excavation equipment ripped the East Wing off the people's house, laws were broken and lies were told. No one should be above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing the liars who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans..
Honor what our founding fathers wanted. Honor what was planned when America said NO to giant and ostentatious spaces, and restore the East wing to something that closely matches the West Wing in size and scope and harkens to what was destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Raben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. The East Wing should never have been demolished and most certainly should not be rebuilt as a self-glorifying, gilded palace ballroom. It should be reconstructed

and restored as closely as possible to its of-the-people appearance before the demolition to help the people of our nation feel connected to our history and remind visitors to our nation's capital of our commitment to democracy. Restoration of the East Wing, as it was, would demonstrate our respect for our democratic heritage and our rejection of the idea that kings or autocrats should ever rule our country. I am appalled and personally offended by this careless and thoughtless demolition.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hunziker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Butterfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let Trump make any more changes to the White House or any other building under the purview of the National Capitol Planning Commission. His plans are a national nightmare. The stress of watching what he does is literally making me sick by exacerbating my chronic illness that is triggered by stress. The changes he has already done are not what the American people want. He doesn't understand that he is temporarily living in the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Sperry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Vicki Sperry

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy O'Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that our current president and his cronies razed this historic part of our country's White House. What happened to the contents? The artifacts? The history of this once beautiful wing? Please rebuild it and bring our people's house back to the stately space that it once was. No golden, tacky ballroom!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Maloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you!

Kevin Maloney

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Name: Kamla Cusick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tami Neilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort; it is the complete razing of a historically significant part of our national heritage. The East Wing has stood for generations as a tangible link to the early 20th\u8209 -century vision that shaped this institution — a physical reminder of continuity, civic purpose, and the architectural ideals of its era.

Watching it be torn down under these circumstances feels like a profound loss. It is not only the destruction of a building, but the erasure of a piece of American history that belonged to all of us.

I am calling for this project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated legal requirements would be an affront to every law\u8209 -abiding American.

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kat Maye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with

its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Talanian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilynn Edell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the rebuilding of what was a perfectly fine beautiful building before Trump decided on his own to change things and destroy the building. Trump should pay for rebuilding this site himself. Not public dollars.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of the building for pure destruction. As a person who works near Atlantic City, I have heard many stories about the lack of reimbursement, repayment, or ability to complete projects brought to bear on anything the current President begins.

They are erasing American history. You need to cancel the project, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: RACHEL MCGRUDER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project," which would authorize construction of a new ballroom on the grounds of the White House.

The White House is not merely a residence or event venue; it is a symbol of our nation's history, continuity, and democratic values. Alterations to its historic footprint must be approached with restraint and with deep respect for architectural precedent. The proposed ballroom is, by all accounts, too large in scale and inconsistent with the established character of the Executive Mansion complex. Such a significant addition risks setting a troubling precedent for future expansions that could gradually erode the historic integrity of this national landmark.

Beyond concerns of preservation and precedent, the fiscal implications of this project are equally troubling. At a time when the nation faces pressing budgetary constraints and competing priorities—from infrastructure to veterans' services—it is difficult to justify the substantial expenditure required for a new ceremonial space. Taxpayer resources should be directed toward essential public needs, not toward expanding event capacity at the Executive Mansion.

Many Americans value the White House as it stands and would prefer to see careful restoration and preservation of the original East Wing rather than a dramatic modernization. Protecting and restoring existing historic structures reflects both fiscal responsibility and respect for the building's legacy.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the proposed ballroom construction and instead prioritize restoration efforts that honor the historic character of the White House grounds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel L. McGruder

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Liddell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bill Spee
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Name: John Warnke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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well as disgusting.

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Name: Angela Klontz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara Kvasnicka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jen Troutman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Dulak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, safety or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and an insult to its populace. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amanda Berry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, done without consent of the American people. Despite the fact that the East Wing project should never have started, I would like this project canceled as it stands, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Leary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see videos of the heavy equipment destroy a part of our great nation's history. The White House has long been a recognizable symbol of our country. Today, the East Wing serves as a metaphor for the crumbling wreckage of our Constitution and how quickly one person can decimate an iconic building that belongs not to him, but to the people of the United States.

If the true reason for a renovation is to modernize the underground home of the Presidential Emergency Operations Center, that is somewhat understandable. That work, one would assume, could be done without such drastic measures. I would imagine architects with experience in such renovations could come up with a much more reasonable design that would not cause such devastation. However, if adding a more secure "bunker" with the latest (and possibly futuristic) top-secret technology is a ruse to construct a

golden ballroom that costs many millions of dollars, the plan is highly unacceptable to much of the American public. If this demolition was done without permission or oversight from any federal agency designated to make such decisions, it should be restored to its former glory as soon as possible with funds from the one that ordered the destruction.

I feel sure that my opinion is shared by many across our country. As most of us have been taught as a young child, you do not take something that does not belong to you and if you break what you took, you fix it or find someone who can. I certainly hope this broken "toy" can be fixed so that the "cracks" can become invisible, like they never happened.

Thank you for your time.
- Just a concerned citizen from rural North Carolina

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Z
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose any project except the exact restoration of the historic East wing, as it was before the unsanctioned destruction enacted upon it by the correct administration. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darren Guyaz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is incomprehensible that this would even be allowed to happen.

Sincerely,
Darren Guyaz

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:41 PM
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Name: H Jaroslaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Scott Silva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your time,
Scott Silva

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Name: Alicia Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project to "modernize" the East Wing of the People's House.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Thank you for gathering public comments on this important matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonja Denn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was an irreplaceable part of our nation's story. For generations, it held the footsteps, memories, and quiet moments of history being lived, not just recorded. It belonged to all Americans — a shared landmark that carried our collective identity and the stories passed from one generation to the next. Now that it has been demolished, the loss is felt deeply. We haven't just lost a building; we've lost a piece of our shared heritage.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Gerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition and proposed new structures of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300+M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates the appearance of influence-seeking and preferential access. That appears no different from illegal bribery and it must not be tolerated in our public buildings, and least of all in our highest office. It undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. That alone is cause for a full-stop until thorough reviews are completed.

I am asking for clear disclosure of ALL donor funding, as well as disclosure of environmental and design review, and full public accountability of this public office structure.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Erin Leigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Seeley Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am incensed by this reckless, callous disregard and disrespect for the People's House. The White House does not belong to its intermittent residents. I am hopeful that The National Trust for Historic Preservation will be able to stop this and prohibit the current occupant from laying any more waste to our public buildings.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Moreover, it would encourage the current administration to believe it can continue to destroy public buildings to suit the preferences and whims of the President, who is, and needs to understand that he is, a TEMPORARY occupant. He was not given this building; he was granted the use of it for the duration of his limited tenure, for the convenience of the public, not for the convenience of the president.

Temporary occupants of a space that doesn't belong to them are expected to leave the premises in good condition, virtually the same as when they arrived, or pay for restoration of damages. Mr. Trump, not his donors, nor his excessively wealthy acquaintances, should be required to pay to have it restored to its original condition.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:18 PM
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Name: PJ Marlowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. It is a travesty that this project was undertaken in the first place, a gross disrespect to the American people, and clearly a violation

of law. I understand the White House is a
National Historic Landmark. US Presidents may live in the White House, but they do not own the White House. The people own it. The people were not consulted on this project. There has not been congressional oversight or proper permitting.

Please, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to immediately halt any further demolition, and require reconstruction of the East Wing that will be in keeping with the historic design of the White House.

Please do not let this terrible affront to the American people continue.

with regards,
Deborah Page

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jimi Seville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people want our East Wing back! Please get rid of this gauche monstrosity of a building.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Goodnight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am amazed that a temporary resident felt empowered to destroy a portion of that residence. Trump does not own it.

If any orher renter did that, they would be thrown out and sued.

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Name: Meryl Ann Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The horrifying East Wing project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, this is a travesty and an affront to all American citizens! It is clearly not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and even appears to have been initiated as punishment to those of us who love our country!! This is bullying and abuse, on so many levels, emotional as well as physical!!! I want this idiotic ballroom project canceled, and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as well as the Rose Garden. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is unbelievable that this could

even happen.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:21:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million east wing “modernization” project. This is the people’s house, and the destruction of property was done without any approval or review through the appropriate channels. I do not support the current vanity project and strongly encourage the commission to not authorize further destruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Seggel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oblect to the destruction of the East Wing with no notice given to the American people; it's supposed to be ours, not the property of any one President. There has been no accounting for the contents that were inside or what was done with it apart from bulldozing, and we were not given a voice in the proposed replacement, which sounds to me like a repulsive vanity project that says nothing about us and a lot about only one man. Rebuild and restore the original as best as can be done, and incorporate a memorial reminder that this was a big mistake we must all prevent from ever happening again. It's just one thing on a long list of them but it's an important one. Give it back to the people, we did not consent to this.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:20:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Clemons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: tatia prieto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Calling it the "East Wing Modernization" project is an affront. What can be modernized when the Eat Wing is already rubble? The development of a ballroom in its place is a terrible idea. We the people have no need for such a thing. Restore the actual East Wing instead.

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Name: Kelley Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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In addition, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The demolition of the historic East Wing without proper authorization, design review, or permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent take over.

The west wing, the active office of the executive branch is around 33,000 square feet. The east wing was around 16,000 square feet. What is built at the site of the unapproved destruction of a National Historic Landmark should not be anywhere close to the 90,000 square foot proposal. The White House is not a castle or palace and a ballroom should not loom over the purpose of this working monument.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Garyet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the remodel of the East Wing of the White House. It is erasing history to fuel the ego of a narcissistic head of state, supported by is ultra-wealthy cronies. Return the East Wing to its former beauty!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Parris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one should have the power to destroy American historical sites without Congressional authorization. Return the East Wing to its original design!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Renee Miron-Alimpich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dana Lanier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I wish the East wing remained, I don't believe a building bigger than the rest of the Capitol needs to be built. Make it a functional space again. Not a ballroom. While Trump may want dances, this isn't normally what presidents want. This building should be for all upcoming presidents. But whatever is designed, just none of that ugly gold everywhere. It's extremely tacky, and not at all presidential.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project conflicts with the rule of law in a number of ways.

The East Wing, as it existed, was a national treasure. It was part of the institution that the American people have built to house our government. It was built over time as a part of the living history of our democracy.

The destruction of the East Wing was against the law. We have processes for the renovation and reconstruction of our historic structures. None of these processes were followed. Many parts or our government utilize a "notice and comment" process to explore the impact of potential changes. No input was sought by this administration.

Trump acted as if he has plenary authority over the building that belongs to all of us. He does not have such authority, As has become clear, our system does not have mechanisms in place to address a chief executive that abuses his authority. All those that have previously held that office have maintained at least some respect for the rule of law. Trump respects nothing, and has seeming disdain for the rule of law.

The East Wing Modernization Project, as presented, is against the law. We have processes for the design and planning of federal buildings, and extensive design review processes when constructing our national monuments. Again, none of these processes were followed. Again, there was nothing resembling a "notice and comment" process, and no input was sought by this administration. Generally, the Trump administration's response to any input or criticism trends toward the aggressively hostile.

The East Wing Modernization Project is an abomination. It dwarfs the White House, placing our landmark in the shadow of Trump's Gatsby-esque ego project. It's purpose is opposed to the principles of democracy: Trump is planning the atrocity so he can continue to rule by socializing with billionaires.

I believe that the East Wing Modernization Project should be rejected, and the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before Trump destroyed the people's property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mara Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm beyond heartbroken over so many things that Trump is doing it's hard to pic one thing !!!! He should not be able to just tear down the East Wing without permission of the people !!! A ball room ?? My poor folks on meals on wheels need help !! Not sure we can recover after this mess !!! I've got to have hope for my grandkids that we can do better !! I'll never understand how we got here or why anyone would vote for this !!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catriona Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucille Maghrak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This statement sums up my thoughts on the East Wing of the presidential residence in Washington D.C.

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Porter-Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand w the comments already made so eloquently. This is an ego driven travesty.

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard:

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Name: Stacy McPherson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that it was allowed to get this far. I would like the East Wing to be restored to its former status (pre-Trump razing).

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Name: Cheri Harkleroad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ms. Charlee Glinka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a poke in the eye to the American people. It destroyed a part of our history in order to replace it with a garish eyesore. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please stop this project now. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kent Miles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "Modernization" project was undertaken without any of the required planning or legal authorization. The demolition of East Wing was an illegal act. The perpetrator should not be rewarded by giving permission to complete his plans. He should be required to rebuild and restore the East Wing to the original condition. He has profited enough from his graft that he can afford it

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Schafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: cindy rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: KATHRYN WILLSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was tore down without permits, discussion, or knowledge of the people, We, the people were told that there would be not change to the White House. In order to blend in with it's surroundings. I believe he East Wing needs to be built as it was before demolition. In addition, the paintings and furniture that were in the East Wing needs to return to the rebuilt building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you

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Name: Carol Keiter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is an unconscionable and negligent obliteration of history. The destruction of part of the rose garden is unacceptable as well.

Thank you, Carol Keiter

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Veach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million expenditure on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort — it amounts to the complete destruction of American history. I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this proposal because it was initiated illegally. History was destroyed.

All the proper procedures were ignored, and the purpose was never made clear to the people, whom the White House belongs.

Having Tech Billionaires dictate and fund this project is wrong. This is the people's house, and it is the people who should choose what next.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:19:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Larsen-Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the ballroom. Restore the West wing to its former glory

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KAY CHRISTIANSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic and beautiful wing was torn down illegally w/o any consultation or care to the National Historic Committee. The "renovation" should be done in the same tasteful design as the pre-existing style. Our Present Congress has ignored many things that have been done to our government facilities. It is too late now, you cannot put it back together. I would like to see the new ballroom done in a tasteful way, vs the gausch plan in existence.
Also the American people need to have a constant assessment of the cost.. and cost overages (there will be many) .. WE should not have to pay any money for this disaster.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Hammerly-Drascic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Monika Wengler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ball room, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

If a new building is permitted, I expect that it will be thoroughly scrutinized to follow rules and restrictions for the locality and that it will not be allowed to overshadow the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginny Ritchie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition of the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The East Wing has been a cherished piece of American history for over 100 years. It is particularly important to women's history as this part of the White House has traditionally been used by the First Lady for events related to her work. The fact that it was torn down without any consideration of the processes in place for historical properties shows utter disregarding for the history and laws of our nation. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ginny Ritchie
Hagerstown, Maryland

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: David Savage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janine Trudell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The people responsible for this destruction need to be held accountable.
Nobody is above the law. Nobody.

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Name: nancy henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenna Goldsmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good evening,

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Sincerely,
Jenna Goldsmith

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Name: Susanne DiVincenzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rosemary Kokesh
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Name: Amanda Hogrefe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Frances Vandal
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without preservation of the original materials, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal open to review by the public.

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:19:09 PM
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Name: Nicole Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Ballroom project is completely unnecessary for the White House and the people of this country. It only serves the elites. The money could be better spent serving our citizens. Everyone that inhabits the White House is a public servant. This project seems very very self-serving

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Name: Diana Reiman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amelia Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose building a White House ballroom. It isn't free because corporations are giving bribes disguised as donations. Modernize the East Wing to house the same departments as before it was torn down without review.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danita Lloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to share my opinion. I must say I absolutely unequivocally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Brianna Flagg
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catharine Beyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear members,

I oppose what is laughingly called "East Wing Modernization" because I don't live in the 18th Century when

kings spent millions of taxpayers' money to build gold-crusted ballrooms where the rich could play with their rich buddies while normal folks were unable to buy bread. The White House does not belong to any individual president; it belongs to the country. Trump is merely passing through. And if his previous building projects are any example, he is likely to stiff the workers and pocket our money on the process. Please cancel this horrendous project. Please restore the East Wing to what it was before Trump took a bulldozer to it and please make him personally pay for the full cost of the restoration from one of his off-shore Venezuelan oil theft accounts.
Thank you,
Cathy Beyer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole McGranahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:18:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: cynthia walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Escovitz
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Name: Mindy Baransky
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The White House belongs to the people. It is and always has been the people's house. The presidents who come and go are simply 4 year renters. Sometimes they get to extend their lease. No owner would allow a renter to demolish their property. Stop this insanity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wenoah Veikley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: KAY CHRISTIANSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Also the American people need to have a constant assessment of the cost.. and cost overages (there will be many) .. WE should not have to pay any money for this disaster.

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Name: Sara Schnaitter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization Project:

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Wickel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:18:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Cortes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned that this project got no pre-approval, and that demolition was done seemingly without anyone from Congress being notified. The proposed structure it far too large. It dwarfs the size of the main residence. It's ugly and ostentatious. The new ballroom needs to be in keeping with the character of the original structure, and it needs to be built with the understanding that it is not Donald Trump's personal residence. He is a temporary resident. His taste, such as it is, should not permeate the entire thing. The White House was originally designed, not to be a palace. That choice was purposeful. The founding fathers

didn't want anything that reminded people of a king's palace. We are a democracy not a monarchy, and they wanted that reflected in the architecture. It is the temporary residence for the current democratically elected leader of this nation, nothing more. While President Trump may enjoy gold, tacky and gaudy his opinion should not be the one that wins out. Why you ask? Because he will only live there less than 3 more years, that's it. The people will have to live with this for significantly longer than that. If you were a landlord, and someone signed a 3 year lease, set in stone, would you let them make decisions about significant changes to the structure of the home, of course not. The current president already destroyed Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden, and let's not get into the disaster that is the Kennedy Center. how many more permanent changes are we going to let this temporary resident make?

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Name: Michaelynn Magac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Sanderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with common sense modernization integrated. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every tax paying citizen in this country.

Thank you,
Gina Sanderson

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Name: Elise Keeling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Merry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on building a ballroom and encourage the mandatory requirement to restore the east wind as it was

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Dzubay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The demolition was done without permit and appropriate consent. The plans have never been approved through correct historical agencies. Funding by billionaires is absurd and clearly shows private citizens are buying our government leaders. The East Wing should be updated as needed but rebuilt in its original plan/current rendering. This administration had no support or permission from the people of this country to ruin our White House. Thank you for allowing my comments!

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Name: Bettina Pearl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:18:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Molinari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the $300 million proposed to “modernize” the East Wing of the White House. The historic East Wing was razed without permits, permission, design review or consultation with Congress. The construction of a ballroom is clearly a vanity project that is not needed. I mourn for the historical destruction of a part of the White House, which, is not the property of any Administration or President but belongs to our country. Please oppose funding this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenni Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. This is not a good way to spend this money. Spending the money to recreate the East Wing as it was would be a better use of the money than making a new ball hall.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:18:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Beth Carlson Starns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, done completely without the proper authorization, permits, or design review needs to be immediately stopped. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and an insult to all citizen owners of the White House. It is the American Peoples house, not one presidents design experiment.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was not authorized by any historic or legislative review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:18:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffini Sorcic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed ballroom project associated with the White House complex.

This project—reported to cost between $300 and $400 million—represents an extraordinary misuse of resources. At a time when Americans face real economic pressures, directing hundreds of millions of dollars toward a massive, non-essential construction project is indefensible.

More troubling is the manner in which this project was initiated. Major structural changes to the White House complex—particularly those affecting the White House and the East Wing—require proper authorization, permitting, historic preservation review, and design oversight. Any attempt to bypass those legal and procedural safeguards undermines the rule of law. No administration, no official, and no president is above those requirements.

This is not a modernization effort. It is, by all accounts, a dramatic expansion that would overshadow and potentially alter the historic character of the White House itself. The East Wing is part of the architectural and symbolic integrity of the White House complex. Demolishing or substantially altering it to accommodate a grand ballroom risks erasing important elements of American history rather than preserving them.

Additionally, the prospect of private donors or corporations funding such a project raises serious ethical concerns. Large-scale financial contributions tied to proximity to power invite the appearance of "pay-to-play" politics. Even the perception of impropriety erodes public trust in our institutions.

The White House belongs to the American people. Its preservation should reflect transparency, legality, and respect for history—not personal legacy-building or political spectacle.

I respectfully urge the appropriate authorities to cancel this project in its entirety, restore and preserve the East Wing in accordance with its historic design, and ensure full accountability for any legal or procedural violations associated with this proposal.

Respectfully,
Tiffini Sorcic
South Jordan UT

Date: 2/16/2026 8:18:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Rea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen for the full seventy-four years of my life and a twenty-six year USAF veteran, I was appalled to see such an important part of our American history to be razed without any input from the American people. Not only was the building lost but so was its contents including priceless and irreplaceable artifacts of American history. I ask that the Commission not approve any further construction on this site and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to it's original condition as much is possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Field
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the replacement of the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom. Please restore that wing, which held important offices of the Office of the President and the First Lady, and return it to its historical role. We do not need a ballroom attached to the White House. It is the People's House, as the president serves the people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chalmers Rachel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is a very poorly sketched out monument to a self-aggrandizing egotist. The entire project is corrupt.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:17:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Hazell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacki Crowther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wept as I saw photos of the demolition of this beautiful, graceful, historic building. I am opposed to this unnecessary, wasteful and gaudy "Modernization project." As a US citizen I am asking that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to it's former design.
Thank you.

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Name: Jim Lockhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Handlin
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Name: Lulu Belle
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Name: Christina Sunstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the project of building a ballroom in place of the illegitimately razed East Wing. It's a shocking and dreadful waste of money and an affront to the legacy and culture of our nation.

I would support a project to rebuild the East Wing to its original design, reusing any recoverable materials from its demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Schoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We really don't need a ball room for this country. This is the peoples house and now it is half ruined. This needs to be rebuilt just as it was and the rose garden needs to be restored as well. Trump needs to be impeached and imprisoned for this unforgivable desecration of a national monument.

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Name: Mari Walbridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Denny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to funds on this project. This is the People's House and neither permission nor permits were granted. I want this building to be returned to its original architectural design with the only possible upgrades being to make sure it is environmentally sustainable.

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Name: Elena Fracassa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Fasse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by what this administration has done to the White House, the People's House. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom which will only be used by wealthy oligarchs, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Everyone who is involved with this illegal project should face the consequences of breaking the law.

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Name: Jacquelyn Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janice Hammerstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law. Their are processes and laws around demolition and construction of buildings, which all people and businesses must follow to ensure the public safety and preservation of history. This includes the president and the white house. They must be held accountable for breaking the law with the unsanctioned demolition of the east wing of the white house.

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Name: Dennis Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore East wing to its original design.It is outrageous to cut health care and food subsidies for the poor and then spend money to make Trump feel important. The man is sick! The White House belongs to the people ,not him.

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Name: Fred Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore this to what it was. We don’t need no stinking ballroom with a pedophile’s name on it! This is the people’s house, and he shouldn’t have destroyed it. Best approach is to borrow from the catholic church: bury him underneath it!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:17:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tia Kuchik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the asinine and unnecessary ballroom project, which was

initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

It's absolutely disgusting what Trump is doing to our national historic sites and parks, due to his flawed ego.

Thank you,
Tia Kuchik

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Name: Danille Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be cancelled and the destruction of the East Wing documented, investigated, and prosecuted. Having private (?) funding doesn't mean you get to break the law and destroy public property and waste government (i.e. taxpayer) resources. Let the space remain unfinished in remembrance of the wounds this regime has inflicted on the nation, its people, and the world.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:17:09 PM
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Name: KAY CHRISTIANSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Also the American people need to have a constant assessment of the cost.. and cost overages (there will be

many) .. WE should not have to pay any money for this disaster.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to do all in its power to halt or significantly scale back President Trump's proposed ballroom project. The destruction of the East Wing was done without authorization, which should disqualify the project in any case. Please assert your legal role and shut down this travesty of an addition. Thanks you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:17:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: casey miner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Teater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was honestly utterly shocked to learn that the current president - a temporary resident of the White House and its caretaker and historical steward of all within it on behalf of The People during his time there - razed an entire wing of a historical building with no proper process, public input, or presumably legal review. At the very least the Congress should have been consulted as a representative of The People and, by extension, The People's House. I live an entire continent away, but the White House is a hugely meaningful symbol of the country, and of obvious immense historical significance. To treat it like some kind of personal fixer-upper as though no one else matters but the desires of the current president to have an enormous ballroom, is both a huge collective insult and a further tear in the fabric of one of the last remaining symbols uniting this increasingly fractious country.

I urge the National Capitol Planning Commission to find a way to mitigate this grievous error and establish a process whereby the trust of the American public can be regained going forward. Please understand that the damage done has been real, is vast, and must be attended to by those in a position to have a voice in this that clearly none of the rest of the country have.

Thank you for the important work you do in overseeing this process.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:17:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Kling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Christy Kling

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Name: Susan Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Oppose this project and horrified that anything at White House including East wing can be demolished without any public ! The demolition of public property without proper what's a word for legal permission should be punished! It is an edifice owned b fy the public should not be subject to one persons decisionDEPLOABLE. the present administration is turning the people's house into a cheap looking garish attempt echo a castle\u-10179 ?\u-8655 ? Stop this

Date: 2/16/2026 8:17:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Wiley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. This administration has demolished part of OUR history and OUR White House. The current occupants are temporary, sort of like renters. They shouldn't have the ability to destroy part of the building.

They did this without permits, without regulatory approval, and without public input. This is illegal.

I want the East Wing restored back to the way it was, at the occupant's expense. I want the occupant punished in some way, to help them understand that the White House belongs to the people on the United States. It does NOT belong to anyone who lives there for 4 years at a time.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:16:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Dahler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was started without soliciting comment from the public, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and without any input from The National Trust. The White House does not belong to the President to do whatever he wants with it -- it belongs to all Americans. This is an affront to our nation's history and to the original beauty and symmetry of the people's house. I want this project canceled immediately, before more damage is done. The East Wing should be restored to its original design and no further abominations of our national properties be allowed.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:16:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Lineberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it's original, historical state before it was bulldozed. The United States does not need a Presidential Ballroom.

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Name: Susan Sundberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Yokin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have found it abhorrent that the historical East Wing of the White House “the people’s house” was torn down without warning or right, to build an unnecessary ballroom. I oppose this so-called Modernization project and hope that this project is blocked from going forward

Date: 2/16/2026 8:16:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being funneled into this project, which was launched without lawful authorization, proper permits, or any legitimate design review. Calling this a modernization is misleading — it is, in effect, the destruction of a historic part of our national heritage. The White House is the people’s house — it belongs to We the People, not to any president — and no administration has the right to remake it unilaterally or outside the rule of law. This project must be stopped immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and faithfully restored to its prior design. No individual or office stands above the law, and allowing this unlawful effort to proceed without consequences would be a direct insult to every American who expects accountability, transparency, and equal justice.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindi Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House for an unnecessary and grotesque ballroom. The East Wing must be fully restored to the historical building it was before it was destroyed by DJT. The White House belongs to The People and it is not DJT's property to destroy. DJT must be forced to foot the whole bill for the rebuilding and restoration and he can't scam companies and his Cult to pay for it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Pimentel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever amount, no matter what the source of funding) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:16:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Breen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched with horror as the East Wing was demolished, breaking all promises for conservation President Trump had uttered. Then he rolled out the plans for the ballroom, a building forced upon us without any adherence to protocol or approval. The ballroom dwarfs the White House, a historic symbol of our country. The People's House. My house… now looking like a guest house on a resort with a large, main building hosting weddings. This is not a symbol of the USA. It is a tasteless monument to greed. Please stop this project immediately.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelley Sennstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and the East Wing should never have been demolished. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this frivolous ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history by a temporary resident. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project. It was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project! It is rather a complete destruction of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Regorrah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. I oppose spending 300 million+ dollar on a project that was not approved through the correct processes. This project needs to be stopped. This is a such a shame to have destroyed the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Valice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Representatives:

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. IF there was a necessity for a 'hideout' for government officials below ground, this certainly could have been accomplished by a different means.

I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, which should be paid for by the person who ordered the demolition without proper permit.

No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans like me and the millions of Americans who are disgusted by this demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: S C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to a pose the ballroom that is proposed to be constructed over what once was the historic east room. This project was initiated without permits, without the permission of the American people or the

White House preservation Society or any other historic preservation Society that is supposed to regulate these things. Two allow this project to go forward, does not consider the fact that this was started without permits or any other legal mode.

I feel sick to my stomach when I see that the historic Eastwing was just demolished with no thought to the history or concern for what the American people might think. This project should not go forward.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:16:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Andersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Bobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and the "ballroom" is an affront to the citizens of this country, most of whom are suffering from this administration's negative actions on their finances, the collapsing heath care system and human rights that are being ignored or repealed. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, I do not believe any projects dealing with public buildings should be undertaken with privately donated funds, because that form of funding is unstable and can be withdrawn at any time, based on the donator's financial situation or whims, leaving a huge mess (as we currently have.)

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Name: Maeve MacSteves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ill-considered project was started without the proper approvals, reviews and input from the public. A significant part of history has been destroyed and I support the complete rebuilding of the East Wing back to its original design. I strongly oppose the construction of the privately-funded ballroom, as well.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to modernizing the East Wing of the White House to prop up the ego and vanity of Donald Trump. The destruction of that historic structure without permit, or any thought of conservation of a building that is a historic public landmark is a travesty. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original specifications. Or left destroyed as a monument to the United States great folly in electing Donald Trump and as a dire warning to future generations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia von Kugelgen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Seymour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this a "Modernization Project" is like calling the Challenger disaster a "Parts Reallocation Holiday."

The East Wing was DESTROYED. Without approval. Without Review. Without authorization. This is beyond wrong.

The President thinks he is a king. He is not WE HAVE NO KING and never will. His destruction by fiat of this priceless piece of American history should not stand.

The East Wing should be REBUILT EXACTLY THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE. If we can't preserve this piece of history, at least let's recreate it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Savage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm disgusted with the way the East Wing was razed without any input from taxpayers, permits, or design reviews. I oppose spending $300 million on building a garish ballroom to appease one man's ego.

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was. I want traditions and history honored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elise Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Polly Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate the opportunity to register my great disapproval of the East Wing project. It is wrong at every turn.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine Shraga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please slap down this illegal and outrageous project. Trump argues that since private individuals are paying for it, he can do whatever he wants. Horsefeathers! It is the people's house and Trump is merely a temporary tenant. He has no right to ruin this beautifully proportioned treasure with this hideously oversized addition. Thank you for all you do.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Stamas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please build the East Wing back the way it was or update it as needed. However, no ballroom please. We don't need a ballroom for the elite to party. It's the people's house.

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Name: Tiffany Rittich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Boudreaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to request the ballroom project be halted and the east wing be rebuilt to its original glory. It is outrageous that the east wing was destroyed without any input from your organization or without any of the requirements. It's not being built with private dollars it's being built with bribes, these tech oligarchs will expect something in return. Amy such improvement projects should be built with public funds following

all protocols to avoid even the appearance of corruption.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Toal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that this President continues to leave a trail of destruction in our country, and capriciously order the East Wing of the White House demolished. This savage act of destroying a vital piece of our heritage, our history and the "people's" house is deplorable! I realize that presidents are expected to make minor changes in the decor as is their privilege when living and working in the White House. However, it is a slap in the face of every American to viciously destroy what we hold dear as a symbol of our democracy and the history held in the rooms that Trump does not respect or revere. Trump has created a garish display of the very worst example of who America is and what we hold dear. Please, please take steps to hold the administration accountable to abide by the laws and procedures that have been established for the proper order of power! I fear the "bully" attitude exhibited to the world has tarnished the American reputation for decades to come. What a sad legacy is being enacted for our children and generations to come!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Schwachter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Fehrs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against President Trump's plan for the East wing of the White House. It represents his singular vision and his expedited destruction of the original East wing was never properly approved. The White House is Trump's home for a temporary period. It is not the American way for this to be another vanity project for him. Ballroom gatherings are for a select few. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the original style and be used by the First Lady, her staff and visitors to a White House. It should reflect the America we were once proud of.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Annette Windhorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, proportional for the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have lived my entire life in Montgomery County, MD, taking day trips to DC throughout the years to visit museums, enjoy DC restaurants, and take in festivals, concerts, and sporting events. I have often, over 48 years walked up to the gates of the White House to see it's beauty and meditate on its historic significance.

The day that Trump demolished the East Wing of The People's House, I sobbed.

Who gave him the right to behave worse than any tenant of any rental property? How can he get away with that?

There has to be some accountability. Some sense that Democratic principles mean something and dictator wannabes won't win. That we can expect and enforce decorum, decency, and respect for the law.

Please demonstrate that that still exists by doing whatever is in your power to enforce.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Hughart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KRISTINE LOGAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kelly Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing - without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight - is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Jean OSullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not even one thin dime should be spent on Trump‘s ballroom. Destruction of the east wing of the White House was not done with permits or architectural planning or design or authorization and it’s still a mystery what happened to the contents. The project has not followed legal guidelines. The destruction of the east wing did not follow legal guidelines.

This was destruction. The ballroom project needs to be canceled, and the East wing needs to be restored to its former glory. Investigations into who allowed this to happen who ordered this to happen and who participated in its happening are overdue.

The idea that this is a renovation is an insult to America.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Knutson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Allie Truitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The “ballroom” is hands down the most awful addition to the White House. The horrific destruction of the rose garden was bad enough but the destruction of the east wing was just on another level tragedy. This ballroom idea makes the White House sound like it’s a kings palace and not “the people’s house” this is not trumps house, it’s a lease.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Sorensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was launched without review from the proper agencies and organizations. There was no review or planning. The funding is mysterious as to where the money came from, where it is kept, who has control of it or anything else. It was a total shock to see a section to one of our nation's iconic buildings torn down with a bulldozer on a whim.

Please stop this construction and demolition. Impound the money this is supposedly "donated." Let the proper commissions and historic planning authorities take charge.

We are horrified about how this got as far as it did and must be put to a stop and the damage restored. Nothing should be torn down or built without proper review.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Swafford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a great loss to our most iconic national treasure, the White House. It was done without any consideration by the planning commission. The current president seems to think he personally owns every federal building, but he's wrong. These historic buildings belong to the people of the United States, and they should be preserved for those who come after us.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Crivello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marcus Hendricks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toby Zichterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump must be stopped from building his vanity Ballroom as a token to himself. Especially when he will be using taxpayers dollars as he pockets the donations from other countries and billionaires. Nobody wants the

Trump Ballroom other than Trump. Trump claims that they United States been wanting a Ballroom for 150 years as if he was around for a150 years to know that. Trump is expected to renovate the John F Kennedy Cultural Center most likely to tear down the John F Kennedy Cultural Center as he did the East Wing. Trump will most likely build his 250 foot tall Arc de Trump in place of the John F Kennedy Cultural Center. Trump needs to be removed from everything that has to do with Washington DC and that goes for the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If President Trump wanted ballroom, at the very least, he should have remembered he is a "renter" and the American public is his landlord. There was and is a proper way to make changes to "our" home. Permits should have been secured, bids taken and plans submitted. The Whitehouse is an important historical structure (all of it) and should have been treated as such. In place of a ballroom what he took down should be replaced.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:15:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mandy Catron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Dayian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. Not only was there no proper authorization, no permits, and no design review, it is an egregious attempt to erase American history. This is the People's House, not private property. Allowing the destruction of this wing of OUR home is unacceptable. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Deborah Conway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its former glory.

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Name: A Wanek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mark Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Seidl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is an unnecessary use of funds, and is not in keeping with the rest of the people's house. It is a monument to greed and pettiness. Thank you.

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Name: Janice Beall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mandy Dimon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bruce Rieder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of an undetermined 100's of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Combs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Aesthetically speaking, the replacement for the East Wing of the White House proposed by the Trump administration is a disproportionate eyesore that will destroy the beauty and symmetry of the entire campus. Even worse is the lawless behavior of the Trump administration in destroying the existing East Wing--of the People's House--with no approved replacement plan. It's an ugly vanity project with no useful purpose other than to glorify one man, who has demonstrably gaudy and vulgar sensibilities. Approval of the Trump administration's project will become a source of infinite regret once Trump leaves office.

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Name: Erik Sather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

300 million for a project that is not needed while destroying the east wing is just a shame. Whether or not of the money comes from donations.

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Name: Candice Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Catherine Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing destruction without proper authority was just the beginning of over stepping and disregarding rules. It's a disaster. Please stop this project. The public deserves to be heard. No ballroom. Better way to use my tax dollars.

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Name: Robin Gitelman
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Name: Dawn Hykan
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Name: Paul Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the remodel of the east wing of the White House. As far as I'm aware due process was not followed for this project, which means that a $300 million expense is being incurred without required permits, design reviews, or authorization. The White House is one of the most iconic and historically significant landmarks that this country has, and to alter it without proper process should never be allowed.
Thanks for your attention,
Paul

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Name: Laura James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julianne Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Rudden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Fran Kaback
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the people's house. Any sitting president is merely the steward and should not be making you collateral decisions to destroy history. This is absolutely shameful. The money being used for this project can go so far in helping fight, hunger, homelessness, and many other urgent issues that we have in this country. I implore the powers that be to stop this insanity.

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Name: Caprolyn Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American woman, I am heartbroken and enraged at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This building does not BELONG to the President, but rather, it is a historical building that belongs to the AMERICAN PEOPLE.

The East Wing was the location of the history of our nation's First Ladies. Where are the historical artifacts from the East Wing? Why were we, the PEOPLE, not given an opportunity to speak or give an opinion before tearing our house down?

I do not want a $400 million ballroom erected in it's place. I want it RESTORED, and it's contents returned to their rightful location, so that future generations of American children can learn about our nation's amazing First Ladies, as it was intended.

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Name: Edwin Wack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was shocked by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The destruction was undertaken without input from the public in any way. It violated the requirements for construction/destruction of a National Monument. The person responsible should be in jail until the East Wing is restored and paid for 100% by that person. Because the area is above the White House bunker, and degrades the security of that bunker, the person responsible should be considered a National Security risk and prosecuted accordingly. All that aside, I feel that there is absolutely no need for a "Ballroom" at the White House. The area should be restored and improved to better allow public access. The everyday citizen will never set foot in a "Ballroom" and there is no need to reward this crime by allowing it to proceed.

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Name: Lauren Macke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I wholeheartedly disagree with this destruction of the people's house. The White House belongs to the people, not any one person, and there are rules and guidelines on how to alter the space. None of that was honored, and there has been no reprimand to his actions. Until someone is held accountable, historical objects secured and the proper channels taken, this project shall not proceed. Since none of these things would be realized under Trump, the project should be cancelled.

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Name: Susan Wiste
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that it is a travesty to tear down part of the White House on a whim. There is no need for a gigantic ballroom and/or a bunker underneath what is a planned garish edifice that does not correspond to the architecture that we all know and love.

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Name: Madeline Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Punish those who assaulted our national treasure. Find out where the contents went and bring them back.

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Name: Charlotte Wilkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have

agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the

I oppose the spending of $300 million the East Wing reconstruction to an unneeded ballroom. Additionally, no authorization, permits, or design were review. The tearing down never should have happened and that piece of history is gone along with everything that was in the East Wing most likely. I want this project stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above law and those who broke the law should be held responsible.

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Name: Dorothy Paige
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Trump did not receive permission and lied and destroyed our history. He claims he was funding it and he lid about that too. He is an idiot who acts like a Russian tsar or worse yet a dictator and fascist. He needs to repay any funds that he absconded with and reimburse taxpayers for the damage he caused.

He is a destroyer of history and he should be held accountable and not be allowed to sue everyone he is jealous of.

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Name: Shelley Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I love the White House and my heart is broken that it has been partially destroyed. Rebuild it as it was!!

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Name: Diane Gage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs and Madams,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

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Name: Sheila Umbright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Jennet Lacey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was not vetted through any government committee. There is a concern about the demolition not considering any safety guidelines. The scope of the design is not cohesive with the rest of the White House. There needs to be a process for making decisions.
Stop this project before it does any additional damage.

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Name: Susan Terris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Donald Trump does not own this property - We, the People of the United States do. He treated our property as if it were his. It never belonged to him, and if I have anything to do with it, it never will.

DJT must pay out of his own earnings to restore the East Wing. Taxpayers must be reimbursed for the damage done and the rebuilding.

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Name: Roz Weisberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ENOUGH! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

MAKE THE NONSENSE STOP.

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Name: Cynthia Hendrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and a vanity project.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Saleigh Strohl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jacalyn Pike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathleen Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gregory Schmelig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its most recent form other than with modern technology, electrical and safety systems. Thank you!

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Name: Janey Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project but a destruction of a landmark revered by thousands! How was this even allowed? There was no authorization, permits or proper approved design. No one approved of this except for trump. History has been razed! The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its former glory, no ballroom for ogliarchs! The administration is destroying the history of America bit by bit. I oppose spending $300 million. Those who are allowing this should be penalized! No one is above the law but some believe that they are. Stop yet another madness in America! Stop the destruction NOW!

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Name: Nancy Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t understand how our national historic buildings are being took apart with permission from who. No proof of where the money is coming from. This president has gone way beyond legal means. Please stop it. Restore to the original beauty

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Name: Tom Huntington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom project is an appalling abuse of power and must be stopped so the East Wing can be restored (rebuilt) to its former appearance. What's been done already is disgraceful but the planned ballroom will be a travesty.

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Name: Heather Marquez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Rakofsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing because I want the so-called modernization project of the East Wing of the White House to be canceled. It was really the destruction of the East Wing and of American history. Spending $300 million on this project is obscene and it was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I would like the East Wing to be rebuilt in a way that honors the original design and history of the White House. I feel it is imperative to penalize those who broke the law while permitting and destroying the East Wing.

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Name: Penny Leff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history, the office of the first lady and a well-designed wing of the people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The people responsible for this unlawful razing should be charged with the crime and should be charged for the reconstruction.

Thank you for your review of this appalling travesty.

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Name: Dongi Huss
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an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Tanya Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the east wing of the White House harmed an historic building- and without the proper permissions and authority. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and what has been done to it is horrifying. This needs to be stopped and the building repaired to its former beauty.

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Name: Anne Sandstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reckless razing of the historic and cherished East Wing of the White House is not modernization, but desecration. With no regard for worker safety, no thought to environmental or human hazards, no input from government agencies that should be involved in a project of this scale, and a complete disregard for the historic and national significance of this structure, the President ordered a wrecking ball taken to the East Wing much as a toddler might topple building blocks.
The only reasonable course of action, given the circumstances, is to rebuild the structure with careful and detailed attention to replicating the original as much as possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Corr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at NO expense to the United States taxpayers. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cynthia Gamble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It's a disgrace.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want the Rose Garden restored please.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Greenblatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The submitted ballroom design would be completely incongruous with the existing White House and the proud history of the space.
I want this project canceled, and for the public to be able to review a set of design proposals that would place a modernized office space on the original footprint of the East Wing. The New East Wing should include significant design elements similar to the Old East Wing, and several historical markers commemorating the important events in American women's history that took place in the Old East Wing.

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Name: Elisabeth Obrien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I would respectfully ask for the proper environmental and design review given that the White House belongs to the American people.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Chris Karnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi, I want to object to the east wing ballroom construction. We dont need seating for over 900 people and a ballroom that dwarfs the capital. How would the ballroom be staffed? Event staff? Full time? part time? Maintenance? How will it pay for itself? Ive read there are about 4-6 state parties per year and only about 2 are 400-500 people. If you have a smaller dinner of about 100 they will be lost in a building that large. I see this as a want issue not a need issue. If you have a large party of over 400 put them in a tent like most large gatherings. Tents can have flooring. We dont need an eyesore that looks like a hotel ballroom. Please decline the ballroom request. Thanks for all you do!

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Name: Martha Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Valerie Bonner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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How dare he? A tenant in a leased house decided to demolish a third of it. He didn't ask permission from the owners - the American people - he just razed it. What happened to all the historic contents inside? Anybody's guess. What happened to the historical materials used? In a landfill somewhere. The First Lady's office? Apparently First Ladies are not nearly as important as entertaining in a grandiose fashion. Can no one control the rogue occupant of the White House? Can no one reign in him, reminding him that he is not the supreme power of the land; that he is one of three branches of government that answer to US citizens? I would say a pox on his house, but it would only be two-thirds effective.

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Name: Susan Steffen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As we can all see, It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of U.S. architectural history in the service of one man's desire to be a monarch.

I want this project canceled, and I would like to see the the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

In addition, no one should be above the laws of a democracy. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every homeowner in the United States who has properly permitted their own renovation projects, who has toured the White House, or who has followed the rules for creating aesthetic joy on their own property.

We don't live in a monarchy, and no one who briefly occupies the White House should have control over the *people's* building.

Thank you for your time.

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Name: Claudia Khan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The razing of the East Wing was a wanton destruction of our history. The proposed replacement has not received the required permits and/or approvals.

The White House is the PEOPLE's house, and as such, any changes or so-called "modernization" of it should be approved by the PEOPLE.

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Name: Jamie Vient
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

This project must be stop and get the nessesary permits required to do work on the Peoples house! This administration is doing work and destroying many historical landmarks! T-Rump does not have cart blanc jurisdiction over our buildings! Keep your eyes out. I am sure this administration will destroy the Kennedy center in order to get his Arc Di Trump put up in its place! This man is possibly the worse human being and should not have his name on a piece of dirt, let alone historical landmarks and buildings!

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie M. Vient

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Name: Maureen Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not deface any US monuments including the White House that destroy property belonging to the people at the sole direction of the office of the president.

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Name: Nancy Moscone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Margaret Temple
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see the destruction of the East Wing of the Peoples House. The sheer audacity of the current resident to destroy a historical addition to the WH is unbelievable. Please have it back to rights and prevent this sort of lawlessness from happening again.

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Name: Laura O'Neill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Molly Russo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rob Stretter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, not any one American president. I strongly object to the illegal demolition of the East Wing for a garish vanity project. We must not allow such flouting of our laws and norms. Please do whatever you can to restore law, order, procedure, and dignity to White House renovations.

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Name: Lindee Dorsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not approve of the destruction of the East Wing or the money being spent to build a "ballroom". This project did not go through the proper checks and balances either, which are there for a reason. Every

administration should be held to the same standards, and this isn't it.

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Name: Teresa Franklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathleen Ahearn
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Name: Shelley Bacon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

Please oppose the building of a very expensive ballroom where the East Wing used to be. "Modernization" of the now destroyed East Wing area may well be needed, but creating a place where only the rich and famous will be served does not speak well of our country and our government, which should be for "all people." We work with homeless people and people in recovery. We daily see places where public and private funds could go a long ways in helping create and sustain faith-based recovery programs (such as the men's and women's recovery houses we recently opened in our small town in NE Washington State) and helping create and sustain affordable housing, something sorely needed throughout this nation. I feel the $3 Million that will be spent on this extravagant building, even if it comes from private funds, is a waste of money. The upkeep of this facility will rest with the taxpayers for generations to come. We didn't ask for it. We will never use it. I would like you to stop this project if at all possible.

Thank you for listening.
Shelley Bacon, Republican

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Name: Juanita Brooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing of The White House should be rebuilt to its original design. So devastating that it was destroyed!

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Name: Stacy Wagner
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Name: Mary Hobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing was razed without proper authorization, without proper permits, and without proper design review. The funds earmarked for this project must be spent rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its former design. All those who broke the law by illegally initiating or participating in the destruction of the historic East Wing must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This is the People's house.

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Name: Anna Fizyta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kate Arbogast
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "project", which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. This is not a building "modernization"; like the previous paving over of the historic White House Rose garden, it is a complete erasure of America's history. And a desecration of the people's house by its temporary occupant. I want this project cancelled and the West wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one should be above the law, so to permit this destruction to continue would be unbearable. And permitting those who broke the law without penalizing this corruption... would disgust this American. Please stop this on behalf of the American people.

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Name: SYBIL SNOWDEN
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Name: Margaret Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged by the disregard for process, regulations, and the disrespect for the history of the White House. Please restore the East Wing (and Rose Garden!), modernizing primarily for current building standards, adequate electric and connectivity, and sustainable building practices, but otherwise respecting original plans and aesthetics. If possible, make Trump personally pay for the destruction and the reconstruction of the East Wing and other disrespectful and non-environmentally sound decisions, based on scientifically proven studies.

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Name: Jane Cline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior of the East Wing as it appeared before its demolition. Interior should be restored with modernization of the former interior design. Funds provided by those pledging money to Trump should be used for the restoration.

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Name: Carol Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a remodeling. It is the destruction of the entire East Wing of the White House — "the people's houses." The process for such a demolishing was not followed and should not be allowed. A ballroom is not needed there.

The East Wing needs to be reconstructed in its original style.

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Name: Adam Groff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jean Gillette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolyn Wetzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project continuing. Sadly, much damage has already been done.

Due Process in this country should include having a plan in place before the destruction of a property such as the East Wing of the White House. And Due Process should also penalize those who ignored laws and standards and chose to move forward with irreversible steps without necessary approvals in place.

Pledges of Financial Support from businesses without any transparency raise many more concerns about how this project is theoretically being paid for. Moving forward without full understanding of what will be done, who is in charge of changes, how it is funded (with full disclosure) and assurances that it won't continue to be a plan that expands on the whims of one person is unacceptable.

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Name: elizabeth (betty) malmgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am among those outraged that this project was started and damage done without proper review and process. The current president should not have the power to remove American history, buildings and icons. The White House is the People's House. Safeguards must be followed. History must be honored and celebrated. Please, please try to undo this damage and restore what was lost. I do not want my tax money spent on a ballroom personal vanity project. Thank you for taking action on this outrage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Strauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty in every sense of the word. The American people, who own this house, we're given no choice in the matter. Historical building destroyed for the ego of a tyrant. We do not need a $400M ballroom. We need lower costs of living, universal Healthcare and a president who respects and defends the Constitution. This project MUST be stopped and trump made to pay for the restoration of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Deacon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project destroys much important history and is not a modernization project. I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sandi Boyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this proposed desecration of the historic wing of the White House. This is the people's house and undertaken on a whim without public input. Please put it back the way it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Beach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's time for an upgrade. Whatever President Trump and his team has laid out is fine with me.

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Name: Pamela Rutkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed with no input from anyone. There is no reason for a large ballroom only to satisfy one person's ego. The East Wing must be replaced with its original design or a design that is pleasing and is more closely aligned with the rest of the Ehite Housr.

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Name: Ann Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my strong support for ensuring that the rebuilding of the East Wing remains fully consistent with the historic design, scale, and architectural character of the White House.

The White House is one of the nation’s most important and iconic civic symbols. Its proportions, materials, and understated elegance reflect values of continuity, stability, and democratic stewardship. Changes to the East Wing should reinforce, rather than disrupt, this harmony.

Specifically, I urge that future plans:

Respect the existing scale and proportions of the White House complex, avoiding additions that would visually dominate or diminish the historic structure.

Use materials, detailing, and architectural language that complement the original design.

Preserve clear visual relationships between the East Wing and the main residence.

Prioritize preservation and thoughtful stewardship over expansion driven solely by short-term functional needs.

Seek guidance from preservation experts and uphold established historic preservation standards.

The White House belongs to the American people. And we, the people, expect it to be treated with reverence and with the greatest of care to maintain its architectural and aesthetic integrity.

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Name: Janis Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Francis Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please permit the redesign of the East Wing. Many Presidents have remarked about this necessity and have desired a place to adequately entertain guests! At present we require many guests to use portable potties; the president of France, the King of England.

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Name: Mimi Zeiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Roxanne Mountford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Donnelly Bader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly oppose the inaptly named East Wing Modernization project, which was started without proper authorization, permits and design review. It is, in fact, NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a part of American history - a building that belongs NOT to the President of the United States, but rather to its people. We only loan it to the president for his or her use for a period of four to eight years; it is not his or hers to with as he or she pleases. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing of the White House - the people's house - to be rebuilt and restored to its former condition. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Pb Finn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Terry Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop this project.

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Name: Amanda Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project – at first, I thought maybe it was a good time to update the White House. However, after reviewing the project plans, I can see this is more than an update. It is not the right size for the space and the cost is too high in a time of government cutbacks.

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Name: Anabel Schafnit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore my East Wing please.

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Name: Eileen Gunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of this project. It was never properly authorized. No design review was held. It was initiated in an unseemly manner, apparently with the intention of affronting everyone who cares about the history of our country and respects legal process. Please rebuild and restore the East Wing of the White House.

Regards,
Eileeb Gunn

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Name: Mia Wyman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project under any circumstances. I would love to share this comment which was posted previous because it precisely states my own opinion on this matter. I suppose I would just add that, with the suffering in our country at the moment - from the high cost of medical care to all the programs that help those in need which have been decimated by this administration - even considering a project like this is despicable. I suggest, the National Trust order the East Wing fully restored and paid for personally by the president.

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Name: Susy Struble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending a dime of taxpayer money on this hubristic project that's trying to erase OUR history. Stop the work and RESTORE the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edna Lassiter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Renovation as the project was started without the proper review, permits or authorization. The East Wing, prior to demolition, was a part of our nation’s history and as such deserving of the approval of the nation. Because the East Wing was summarily destroyed I object to any new structure being built on the site other than restoring the East Wing to its original historical beauty.

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Name: James Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

I further urge the National Capital Planning Commission to pursue litigation against the current occupant of the White House, to recover expenses for the restoration of the East Wing.

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Name: Melissa Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been appalled to see the East Wing of the White House destroyed at the whim of the president, and flaunting all existing rules for historic buildings. I wholeheartedly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead an affront to American history and the rule of law. I want this project immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law (and continue to break the laws) would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please put the brakes on this criminal behavior

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Name: paul baeckel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: LJ Standley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose construction of a massive ballroom, whether funded by taxpayers or by those seeking to curry favor with the president. I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt so that future First Ladies can have space to conduct their work.

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Name: Karla Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a travesty. The White House belongs to the People of the US, not to trump. He should never have been allowed to start this mess, and now look what's been done. A piece of the nation's history has been slaughtered on the altar of trump. Put it back. Restore the East Wing to what it was before his stupidity and NEVER allow anyone t do anything like this again without a National VOTE.

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Name: Dan Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Risa Browder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proper process for a building project of this magnitude was not followed. The East Wing was precipitously torn down before the process had even begun. The private donations to fund it are opaque and smell of impropriety. I am against the building of the oversize ballroom which will dwarf the White House, and I am angry that the president treats the White House as his own, rather than belonging to the citizens of the United States.

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Name: Darby Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Peterson
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Name: Mary Prince
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are SO MANY more worthy projects to spend $300 million on (or is it $400 million now?).
He is selling Presidential influence to billionaires, a million dollars at a time.

But first, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The People's House was partially razed, live on TV.
The aim of this project is not modernization, but the erasure of previous history to put a faux gold veneer on an ego project.
This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to a reasonable design.
As anyone who deals with the government and history would tell you, deliberation is expected for changes to a historic building.
No one is above the law. They tore down the PEOPLE's HOUSE!
To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an insult to the American people.

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Name: Kaitlin Lougiu-Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ross Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In every place I've lived, changes to historic buildings require prior approval. The fact that demolition took place without proper consideration in unconscionable. The current occupant should be required to pay for full restoration.

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Name: Joyce Gonzales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel it disgraceful that the Rose garden and part of the historic building was taken down. I don't think it was legal. But if it was, it certainly was unethical. The ballroom needs to go definitely does not need to have gold in it. It's demeaning to our history and the American people.

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Name: Jo Trust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let trump destroy any part of the White House or take over any monuments. Impeach

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Name: Mary Pendergast
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this huge ballroom addition that dwarfs the beautiful and historic Peoples House. And aghast we lost the East Wing. A ballroom can be vuilt elsewhere, but the Women's wing needs to be at the White House.

I say a hard NO to this ugly, oversized addition,7 and yes to a restoration of that wing with any needed modern upgrades and accessibility improvements. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:10:37 PM
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Name: LAURIE MEYERS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project. It should be rebuilt as it was with some monderazation.

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Name: Nancy Lynn Goldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Grabarczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Sasha Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Jenny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kristy Drobny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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For me, a “grand ballroom” is entirely inappropriate for the American executive branch building. A ballroom is a display of excess, wealth, power, elitism, and performative grandeur. That’s the domain of royalty and the like… not a temporary public servant. The executive is not a king. The president is a servant. The White House is the People’s House not his personal house to do with as he wills. How he can get away with just bringing a wrecking crew and demolishing a whole historical building, a wing of our great house with no oversight and no repercussions is beyond me. It should be built back as it was to spec and modernized within those confines, and Trump should pay for it with his own money, lord knows he’s made enough off of this presidency to do so. We cannot allow a wanna be dictator who is an employee of the United States People to do as he wishes with no input from historical societies and the people he serves. Our governing documents start “We the People…” the White House is ours as a collective. In this country, we have fought and won against Kings who would try control us, this should be no different!

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Name: Lucretia Torva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am using someone else's comments because they say exactly what I want to say:

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Thank you

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Name: Paula Fargo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It was illegal for President trump to tear down or massively change the White House without input from the historical preservationists or congress or the people of this country! He has already broken his oath to protect the constitution and follow the rule of law. He should be required to put the east wing back as it was at his own personal expense. He should also not be allowed to make any changes to the Kennedy Center which is a memorial to President Kennedy. His name should not be included on Kennedy’s memorial! His name should not be included on any memorials to other presidents! He must be held accountable for all the laws he has broken, including the Constitution!

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Name: Margaret Kroehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strenuously oppose any construction in place of the historic East Wing. The demolition and redesign were enacted without following the proper process and with corrupt fundraising activity. The project is not modernization but as self-serving and self-aggrandizing construction serving only the interest of Trump, not the American people. Any legitimate project should follow the traditional review and approval process. I urge this body to prevent any further work on this or any other alteration projects on the White House until such a process has been completed. The original and historic East Wing should be restored as closely as possible to its most recent form, and the cost for that restoration should be borne by Trump personally and the other private parties who contributed funds to the unapproved and unofficial project accounts.

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Name: Becky Hausmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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For copy/paste:

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Name: Walter Carlip
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of this national historic treasure was a horrible travesty. I agree with a previous comment, which I quote:

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Name: Laurie Draper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design including decor. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Laurie

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Name: Robin Cardwell-Mullins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laurie Marx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It's the people's house. It's history. Build it back the way it was

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Name: Rebecca Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at the haste with which the White House's East Wing was demolished, and without any accounting for or preservation of its contents and materials. I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

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Name: Heather Esposito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It would have been nice if the public comment period had happened before the East Wing was bulldozed.

I would have liked to see a design that represented the aesthetic the founders had envisioned instead of this ridiculous gaudy ballroom meant to show opulence while a significant portion of Americans struggle to make it paycheck to paycheck. I do NOT approve of this project nor the "donors" buying favor in a government that should work FOR the common man. And not for the billionaire elite.

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Name: Cheri Van Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julia Markel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to add my name to the list of people who see the White House as a home for rent to the President of the United States by the people of the United States.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Respectfully,
Julia Markel

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Name: Debbie Kirkpatrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kay Silver
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Name: Paul Patton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House in this manner is a destruction of American history. The White House belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump nor the technology billionaires that seek to fund a giant ballroom to replace the current East Wing. I want this project to be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to a national landmark that belongs to all of us. Thank you.

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Name: Rachel Birckel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I want this project canceled.

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Name: Carolyn Kitchin-Kofahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the peoples house/White House was destroyed arbitrarily and without any notice or buy in from any body or officials with any legal authority. There was no structural reason to destroy it, only an arbitrary decision by the current resident (not owner) that he would prefer to have a 300 million dollar ballroom instead! This project needs to be stopped immediately, and the east wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt to replicate, as much as possible, what was destroyed - without the personal taste of the residents considered. They are, after all, only temporary residents in the White House, not owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Steven Berkson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As EVERY one of you knows, the fact that this is on the agenda, at all, is an absolute travesty.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This has been such a heartbreak, and I never even got to visit the East Wing. But that is no matter, it was so clearly a treasure.

Please hold EVERYONE accountable.

Steven Berkson

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Name: Pam Claeys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amy Morris
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Name: Brenna Haskins O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for the East Wing project. This initiative appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. While it is being described as modernization, it instead represents the irreversible destruction of historic American architecture.

Historic buildings are living witnesses to our national story. They embody craftsmanship, artistic vision, and the cultural values of the generations who came before us. Once demolished, authentic historic architecture cannot be recreated — it can only be imitated. The loss is permanent, not only structurally, but culturally and symbolically.

Preservation is not about resisting change; it is about stewarding our shared inheritance responsibly. We hold these landmarks in trust for future generations. To dismantle them without lawful process or public accountability erodes both our architectural heritage and our civic integrity.

I urge the immediate cancellation of this project and a commitment to restoring the East Wing to its former design and historical character. No individual or institution is above the law. Upholding established review processes and preservation standards is essential to maintaining public trust and honoring the legacy entrusted to us as Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Marty Keyes-Goodemote
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Name: Patricia Migas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tear down was done before any authorization to modernize.
This is another action by the current administration to ignore processes that have been in place since the capital of the United. States was moved to Washington DC

What needs to happen is restore the dignity of the White House.

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Name: Julie O'Rielly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project.
It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Looney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Nancy Looney
White City, Oregon

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Name: Kaelyn Hadley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the commission to Deny this application! Stop the destruction of the White House and order tge seat Wing to be rebuilt.

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Name: Ronald Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please order the East Wing of the white house to be rebuilt to its original specifications. The demolition and planned grotesque ballroom were not permitted nor were procedures followed. This erasing of our history is unacceptable. The new proposed ballroom will dwarf the white house and should be considered a national embarrassment.

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Name: Anita Lambert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Felicia Ballard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was horrified by the razing of the West Wing. Such a foolishness to indulge somebody's ego. Our history is important please restore the West Wing to its former glory.

My preference would be that it looked just like it looked before it was torn down. A colossal waste of money for sure, but that is the hallmark of this administration.

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Name: Janet GRAY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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No funds should be spent on the project as it is currently envisioned. The very existence of this project is legally suspect. A wing of the People's House was demolished, and the work has proceeded to date without proper authorization, permits, or design review. "Moderization" is a misnomer; this project is a razing, not just of a building but of the history we as Americans share. The project must be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored as it was. Those responsible for the demolition are not above the law, no matter how high their office. To allow this project to continue, while failing to hold those who launched it accountable, would be an insult to the people of this country and its constitution.

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Name: Cindy Svec
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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How is it that all projects on national and historic treasures must undergo a vetting and planning process to ensure that history is preserved, updates are done with an eye to preserving our history and national treasures, EXCEPT for the one that is attached to the White House. The East Wing WAS a valuable piece of our collective history. Just like the Rose Garden. But the temporary occupant of the White House thinks he has the authority to bypass the laws and customs of our country. This is the dude who claims to be the “law and order” president.

The destruction of the East wing is a crime. Please do not compound that crime by allowing a “ballroom” - a monument to vanity - to be built. We need to restore the East Wing and reject any proposal to add a ballroom.

Thank you.

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Name: Lisa Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Stephenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Teri Donahue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project. It was first sold as $200 million and it quickly doubled.
I think Americans should be able to vote on this.

Since Trump has taken ownership of the Kennedy Center why not use the Kennedy Center for events?
The Trump-Kennedy Center is only 10 min from the White House and has parking.
I don't believe there is adequate parking for an event this size at the White House.
I don't think proper historic consideration has been reviewed.
I think corporate funding of this project is a conflict of interest.

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Name: Laurel Nolan-Ingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amber Thurman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy McCullough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I join millions of others in opposing the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Brittany Young
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Name: Margo Norman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I highly disagree with Donald Trump's enormous ballroom project. It saddens me that he tore down part of the people's White House. He should not have the right to decide to destroy our historical building. The scope and size of his ballroom is obscene. WE DO NOT WANT IT!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:08:47 PM
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Name: Angie Channell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose the spending of a single penny, much less $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the funds that were donated, or by billing Donald J. Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Betsy Hooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a project only one person wants, and yet it was begun without proper review of historical ramifications, aesthetic design, the huge budget, usefulness, and logistics, and not authorized through proper channels. I'm strongly opposed not only to the specifics of this destruction and new construction, but also to the attitude behind it, that an individual office holder is beyond the rules and procedures that apply to everyone else; it is a terrible message coming from the Office of the President. Please stop this project in it's entirety, and hold those who approved it financially and legally responsible for restoring the damage they've done.

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Name: Cynthia Qualich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing “Modernization” Project on the grounds that it has - without any public input or Congressional oversight - erased historically significant structures. As the East Wing is property of the people of the United States, it is not subject to the design whims of any single person. It must be restored to the way it stood in 2024 with as much of its historical contents intact as possible.

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Name: Doug Cottrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was torn down without authorization. It should be restored to its state prior to its destruction. There should NOT be a ballroom at all.

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Name: Carrie Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of the East Wing Ballroom. The historic East Wing was destroyed without proper permits or plans, taking with it a large price of our history. The Monstrosity that is being planned, without proper permits or discussions will be an abomination, dwarfing the People's House, all for the vanity of one man.

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Name: Victoria de Monterey Richoux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing was demolished by the current administration willfully ignoring the legal process, so their ballroom should not be built, as that would give implicit approval to the scofflaws, and encourage future breaches of facilities rules. Instead, the East Wing should be restored quickly and carefully to its most recent iteration before demolition.

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Name: Samantha Kealey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on the modernization of the White House's East Wing. This project was initiated without the proper paperwork, prior authorization, design review or congressional approval process. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its previous design. The White House does not belong to the president of the United States, but rather to the people of the United States. To permit this project to proceed would be an affront of the American people and Wood would be in fact, illegal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wayne Leeds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Theresa Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The size, scope and cost of maintenance for the proposed new ballroom is not necessary or wanted. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project did not go through the legal process and this administration should be held to the same standards of all previous administrations. Also, this project should not go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Chelsea McCracken
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Name: Jayne Rubenfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a member of the Closter Historic Commission, I I am tasked with the preservation of historic building. When learning of the then proposed demolition of a section of The people's House, I immediately checked preservation guidelines and was shocked and dismayed that the White House, Supreme Court and congressional building are exempt from Section 106 review. Along with the American flag the White House represents America both here and around the world.
To have one man unilaterally deciding to alter a building that has stood for decades should have never been allowed . It is up to you to right this assault on our national treasure. I implore you to rebuild the west wing or at minimum oversee the construction for an addition that is sympathetic t the White House.
Thank you for your time and I would appreciate being kept appraised of your hearings.

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Name: Julie Missing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Susan schweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How sad it is that the East Wing was destroyed without proper authorization. We don't need a grotesque ballroom. The damage is done. Redesign the east wing with a classy (not gaudy) replacement that well represents the people's house. Thank you!

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Name: Tammy Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Krishna Fogle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want to see the law upheld by cancelling this project, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without holding those who broke the law publicly accountable and penalized, would not only be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, but also an act of complicity by not calling out this wrongdoing and doing what is necessary to end it.

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Name: Patricia Giese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respecting our nation's history, I am appalled by the wanton destruction of the White House for the purpose of adding an unnecessary"ballroom". While the cost of restoring the east wing to it's previous state may be alarming, it must be done. If funds are needed for restoration I am sure the American people will chip in. But first, the person who demanded the demolition needs to commit to fund the cost of restoration before any additional public funding are solicited. The rule in our house is "you broke it, you fix it".

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Name: Melinda Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kevin Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a U.S. Citizen and voter, I oppose the planned East Wing replacement with a Ballroom. While I am not opposed to a ballroom for use by the executive and other branches, I am opposed to the manner and disrespect of this process to the People's House, up to this point. I strongly encourage the Commission to return the East Wing of the White House to something befitting both the history of the location as well as the architecture and scale of the rest of the White House complex. To build a ballroom of this scale and proximity to the People's House, sends a message that this is not a working location for the Executive Branch but has become a grand palace for billionaires and the elite. May you do your duty and return this house to the people, ALL people, and not just those who prefer to lavish themselves with luxuries at our financial and democratic expense.

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Name: Julie Good
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rebecca Mcvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please be so kind to represent me by rejecting and cancelling the "modernization" of the East Wing. Surely millions of people have entered (this casually destroyed building) as they began their White House tour. Those memories of charm, nostalgi, and connection are sullied by an unauthorized destruction of the entire wing. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of how it is intended to be funded. The White House should reflect the stately but humble beginnings of this nation--one without gild and excess. This project proceeded without proper authorization, permits, or NPS design review according to media coverage. No single person has the authority to initiate and/or fund any such project as a personal preference for grandeur. As I understand it, no permit or NPS advice was sought for this project; de-construction equipment simply showed up, interrupting dreams and fond memories of the East Wing. Please cancel the project and hold accountable, by formally charging, all those who broke our tender laws for preservation of our national history.

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Name: Leslie Cardone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the Modernization of the East wing into a ballroom, It should be restored to its former profile and uses. Ihave also heard it will not be funded by billionaires but by we the people's tax money. I say no no no.

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Name: Beth Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What a disgrace to the history of the building.

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Name: Lorenda Lillard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the use of tax dollars or donor funds on this project. This project was started without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is an erasure of our history in favor of a vanity project. I want to see this project canceled and have the East Wing restored to its former design. This project is an insult to all law-abiding, tax paying Americans.

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Name: Pam Claeys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Wynne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diane Statt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no right to tear down a piece of the White House. I am tired of him doing what he pleases without regard to tradition and norms. A ballroom is not necessary, rebuild the east wing back to look like the original.

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Name: Lewis deSoto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House is a crime without a purpose except for aggrandizement of the President's ego. His ego will perish someday and so will the history of this amazing building that witnessed so many epic events in American history. The process of its destruction met no standards or public comment. The plans for the new building are grotesque. The GSA should endeavor to restore the building as it was with improvements to efficiency and security and the ballroom should never be completed.

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Name: Bailey Spencer-Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Hall
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Name: Sean Branney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCP Commission:
I wish to hereby give my full-throated and emphatic objection to the planned "Modernization" project of the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the consent or input of the people who own the East Wing of the White House, i.e. the citizens of the United States of America. Its implementation was initiated with a callous and cynical disregard for history, due process, or respect for existing rules, regulations, or aesthetics. The only thing that could make the demolition of the East Wing worse would be to allow the construction of the planned ballroom in its place. I hereby voice my request that the East Wing be rebuilt and that the plan and implementation of such plan be done with due deference to the building's extraordinary history and the architectural aesthetics that give the buildings of our nation's capital a sense of dignity, grandeur, modesty, and gravitas. The building that was torn down belonged to the people; any building that goes up in its stead must likewise belong to them.
Sincerely,

Sean Branney

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Name: Karen Ishii
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Glenn Deutsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: David PENDER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its previous state with construction of at least as high quality throughout.
Donald Trump should pay for the rebuilding as he is responsible for its (illegal?) destruction.

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Name: Pamela Chavez Hutson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild to the original specifications. I do not approve the new balloon without plans etc. It is an eyesore.

Respectfully,

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Name: Stephen White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the allocation of $300 million for the project being described as the "East Wing Modernization," particularly given that it appears to have moved forward without the necessary approvals, permits, and formal design review. This initiative should be halted immediately, and plans should instead focus on reconstructing and restoring the East Wing in keeping with its original architectural design. The rule of law applies to everyone. Permitting this undertaking to continue without consequences for those who bypassed required procedures would undermine public trust and disregard the standards expected in a nation governed by laws.

In defense of the rule of law, Stephen

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Name: Betsy Kramer
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Name: Stacey Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the President’s destruction of the East Wing of the White wand the blatant disregard of

the law. No one is above the law. People who participated in the destruction of public property should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt to reflect what it was at the time of demolition with upgrades to new codes where applicable.

Thank you.
Stacey Stewart
Beaverton, Oregon

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Name: Benjamin Lenzner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a terrible approach to any type of renovation of the White House or for that matter, any public building. The current administration should be ashamed of themselves (surely an emotion that have an inability to feel or understand). The project should be cancelled and the East Wing renovated back to its original beauty with the support of a bipartisan architectural commission. The Trump administration has done enough damage nationwide in all sorts of ways. Let's stop this while we can. Humbly submitted, Ben Lenzner

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Name: KIMBERLY BROWN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carrie Love
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Continuously Outraged by this Administration,

Carrie Love

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Name: Cynthia Ballew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. Just please no. This $300 million dollar project as a result of the unauthorized tear down of the beloved and historic East Wing is a heartbreaking travesty of justice. It needs to be rebuilt and the people responsible made legally accountable.

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Name: Cheryl Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you so much for all that you are doing to fix the damage that has been done to our historical Peoples House. My hope is that something similar to the original East Wing can be constructed and the First Ladies portraits will have a place of recognition again. There was so much history in that hall and those rooms. I can't actually believe that the need for a seldom used ballroom outweighs the importance of the work that was done in the East Wing. Please don't let a massive oversized ballroom diminish our White House. I don't think adding a second floor to the West Wing to balance the ballroom is a legitimate fiscally appropriate solution either. Two wrongs don't make a right.
Thank you so much for helping us save our most important historical building ~ our White House.

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Name: Kate Snow
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Name: Christine Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Brandy Hastings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Lisa Rustemeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was demolished without a vetted and approved plan in place. The White House is the People's House. The time for approval and comments should have been before the wing was destroyed.

Therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The despicable act caused taxpyer money to be needlessly wasted and the funds should be restored to U.S. citizens, to the account from whence they came.

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Name: Christine Barr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American taxpayer, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is not the president's house; it belongs to the citizens of the USA, and it should be treated as the historic entity it is.

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Name: Joan Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michele Engstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law.

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Name: Marcene Toma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make an addition that is more appropriate in size and scale, as well as decor appropriate to the style of the White House…..no gold and mirrors…save that for Versailles

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Name: David Brass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Respectfully,
David Brass

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Name: Laura Abrahamsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the Rose Garden while we're at it. The White House is the People's House, not a Trump property.

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Name: Michelle Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elaine Haley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Debra Ingebretsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount, regardless if it's funded by taxpayer dollars or donations, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathleen Haehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing and surrounding grounds rebuilt and restored to former design. Those responsible for the destruction of the East Wing and surrounding grounds should be fined and be responsible for the cost of the reconstruction.

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Name: Dani O'Shea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jean Burr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original design. To have it torn down at the whim of the President without approval is a crime. The White House is the People’s House not The Trump House.
I remember touring it and walking past the Rose Garden which is gone now and seeing the different rooms. Don’t allow Trump to build a ballroom of gold!

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Name: John Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Somewhere there's an explanation of how the current President came to believe that he alone could choose to tear down the East Wing and replace it with a $300 million ballroom designed, no doubt, to reflect his ostentatious personal taste. though I haven't bothered to chase down that wretched tale, I'm sure that other presidents would have consulted any number of experts and, perhaps, the public, before embarking on such a significant re-making of the „People's House." That he failed to do so is just another expression of his arrogance and contempt for democracy. I suggest that any further work be held to the strictest standards by the government body created to oversee such projects.

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Name: David McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be killed in its entirety for several reasons:
First, the demolition of the White House East Wing occurred without proper permitting and public notice making it essentially an illegal destruction of Federal property. That behavior should not be rewarded.
Second, the proposed structure is not in architectural harmony with the existing building, dwarfing it in proportion and clashing with the historical style of one of the United State's original public buildings.
Third, financing for this project was not approved or appropriated by Congress and the proposed donor financing is not transparent and riddled with potential conflict of interest and waste, fraud and abuse.
Fourth, management of the proposed project is poorly defined and much appears to be placed beyond Federal control, including competitive selection of contractors making the entire proposal questionable with regard to acquisition regulations.
I urge you to kill this project and begin the process of investigating how the decisions leading up to this application occurred without necessary public review and comment for possible criminal violations. I also urge the planning commission to initiate an independent process for restoration of the damaged structure that is in full compliance with law and regulation and that places the burden of cost on President Trump, not on the taxpayers.

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Name: Kathryn Wikman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Graycin Miranda Banks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Connie George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been allowed to be destroyed! Proper guidelines were not followed prior to the razing of this historic building. Rather than allowing a vanity ballroom to be built, the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was designed. This is the People's House and the People did not want or need a huge ballroom. Just because the current occupant desires it, is not a justification. Procedures for modification of historic structures were not adhered to. Trump lied about the ballroom not touching the East Wing. He never had the authority to proceed with his plan. This must not happen!

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Name: Judy Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history; the White House does not belong to the current occupant, but to the American people, and we have had no say in the destruction of this part of our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cheryl Burkhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not Donald Trump's house. It belongs to the American people. To proceed on an unneeded ballroom without approval from appropriate authority is a crime. Please stop this action and restore the Whitehouse!

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Name: Diana Sales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the east wing modernization project

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Name: Judy Agnew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this

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Name: Geeta Ramani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even one penny on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Every time I think of this travesty, I am appalled. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sonya Howell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing destroyed part of our history. This was done without following the guidelines out forth in any project to the White House. I say leave it as is for now, until we have a President who honors our history.

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Name: Julie Kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Daniel Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You need to cease work on this desecration of The People's House and restore it to it's original state. This was and is an illegal endeavor that benefits no one save the rich donors of Trump.

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Name: Sheila Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jenifer Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Project? What a farce! The East Wing was demolished by a petulant narcissist trying to get the heat off him for the Epstein files. I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt to the same specs as it was before being torn down by a king baby.

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Name: MARJORIE DALEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The action that resulted in this project was a gross miscarriage of power. There was no thought, let alone proper authorization, permits, or design review. Our history was lost, and while not replaceable, is repairable without sacrificing our history. The East Wing must rebuilt and restored to its former design, not built on the grandiose dreams of a madman.

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Name: S H
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing rebuilt, restored to its former design.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "modernization" project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The proposed "modernization" is ridiculous and a complete waste of money, regardless of where the funding was supposedly coming from. If that kind of money is going to appear, it should be used to fund the investigation into ALL those who have been involved or complicit in the massive fraud and abuse that has been perpetrated by Trump and his lackeys.

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Name: Mary Bachmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No,No,No & 300 million + NOS! The White House belongs to the American people NOT rich men seeking political favors from the person in the White House! The tear down of the East Wing was done with no discussion, lies about the projects intent & followed no required reviews. You MUST NOT allow the ballroom project to proceed.

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Name: Michael O'Reirdan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Kupernik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Maria Joy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robin Eliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Myrna Flahart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I also believe any contractors involved in the demolition should be heavily fined, as they KNOW the processes required before destruction and construction.

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Name: MG Jacqz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people which we lend to presidents as both home and office while representing the United States. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The horrific sudden demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of an East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Carlita Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jacqueline Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in a historic district in my town. Buying or living in a house here means I accept the guidance of the historic commission and agree to abide by the strict approval process. Failure to adhere can have big consequences including returning the property, at my expense, to the former status. And / Or fines paid by me to compensate the loss of what I ruined in our historic district.

The White House belongs to WE THE PEOPLE and should be under the guidance of the commission assigned

Please do not shrink from you role in protecting the public property and history

Concern: even this web site is calling this a modernization effort. Modern needs can be met without destroying prop

Thank you

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Name: courtney malley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, it's not a modernization project; they destroyed the entire East Wing without permits or notice and want to spend $300 Million for an ego project for the current president. It's shameful the way they went about this and they should be forced to use that donated 300 million to rebuild it as it was. Bad behavior should not be rewarded . They decided to ask for forgiveness rather than permission because this president thinks he is above the law.

If there is anything left over from that 300 million, it should be used for reparations for all the damage ICE's illegal search and seizures caused.

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Name: Brenda Landis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this demolition of the East Wing stopped and the former East Wing restored to its former condition. This project was begun without the proper approval from Congress and is illegal! There is no need for this proposed extravaganza of a ballroom. No one is clamoring for it except for Donald Trump. We do not need more of his grandiose ideas!

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Name: Cynthia Cyrul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The destruction of the East Wing and all proposed future projects designated for the White House including the grounds and gardens must be legally approved, authorized and with full transparency of funds. The White House is a symbol of our country and stands as a testimony to our history and democracy. It is the People's house. No one should have the right to demolish and desecrate it. We must protect, preserve and restore it with every means possible.

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Name: Susan Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Esteemed National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing in opposition to the current plan to turn the illegally destroyed East Wing of the White House into a ballroom. It is a sacrilege and betrayal of the American people that this historic wing, where so many First Ladies led programs that improved the United States for the better and provided soft diplomacy abroad, has been torn down. I strongly urge the Commission to take control of the restoration/modernization project to ensure that a team of historical experts, architects, and education specialists, working with the park service and with public representation, lead the development of a plan that is in better keeping with the purpose and history of the White House. The American people are not interested in ballrooms. They do want to visit this cherished landmark and learn more about the history of the great events that have occurred there and the leaders who did them. No one person has a right to make the decision to destroy American history. I respectfully ask that the NCPC ensure this project is done according to the exacting standards that are the hallmark of your work and that have led the preservation of our national history.

Very Respectfully,
Susan Douglas
CMSgt (ret), USAF

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Name: Antoinette Ceccarelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing was unlawful and unpermitted. It should not continue as a ballroom, but rebuilt as the Eastwing and anyone who participated in the destruction of it should be punished and charged with the rebuilding cost.

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Name: Jane Staveley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper review and permits. The destruction of the East wing is tantamount to the destruction of American history. I am heartsick to see what has happened and I want to see it fully restored.

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Name: Teri Cooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: David Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This thing is an abomination and an affront to the American people. The White House is tthe Peoepl's House.

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Name: Amanda Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: S Spell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on this destruction of our national heritage.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: John Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sara Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This wing of the White House should be restored to its earlier glory. This current president, without permission, decided to tear it down without acquiring and filing the correct permits and build a ballroom. The demolition was done without any congressional oversight and has left a gaping hole where history once stood. The current occupant of the White House is not the owner of this property; the citizens of the USA are. I hope that the National Capital Planning Commission will rebuild and reconstruct the East Wing according to its historic blueprint.

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Name: Laura Tyson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, it is unconscionable that our east wing of the White House was demolished without any announcement of how the contents inside were preserved (or destroyed, which I only assume is the case). Early 1900's construction was sturdy and irreplaceable and the hastily designed, unnecessary gaudy ballroom to be built in its place is heart wrenching. A cheap, quickly designed structure full of one man's cheap, gaudy taste will embarrass us all and we will all result in regret once this horror show of a presidency is finally over.

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Name: Kathryn Spahr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

There should also be an accounting of any furnishings, art work, etc that were in this demolished piece of the White House.

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Name: Joel Shelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original design or something approximate and in proportion to the executive mansion. The destruction of this section of the White House without any public comment or consultation process of any kind is abhorrent and should not be legitimized by this body via the approval of a monstrously sized ballroom funded by private entities without the consent of the American people.

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Name: Wendy Sarno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Wendy Sarno
St. Louis, MO

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Name: Lisa Vickers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of this vanity project, undertaken without the advice and consent of the Congress or American people. Permission should be denied with the bribery funds given used to rebuild the wing and restore the gardens.

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Name: Noel Franz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Alexandre L’Eveille
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jane Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project. It destroys a portion of an historic building and would replace it with a giant gaudy ballroom that was not approved prior to the start of demolition. This ballroom would not be in proportion to the original building and would "stick out like a sore thumb". This needs to be stopped and the East Wing should be rebuilt using the original floorplan.

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Name: Michael Hewitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This and future projects need to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt as designed. The furniture and other objects removed during the destruction need to be returned to the American people. The No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Chaplin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the building of a ballroom. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please cancel this project.

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Name: Laura Lara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was an Army brat and lived in base housing while growing up. I remember being taught that that the houses never belonged to us and that we couldn't put a thumbtack into a wall without repairing it when we moved out. I'm now 69 years old and appreciate historic buildings. I am aghast that a president would willfully destroy an entire wing of the White House without any approval. Although it won't be historic, I want the east wing to be reconstructed to approximate what was taken from us.

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Name: Laura Waldhier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tom Vanni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The American people didn't vote for the construction of the Trump-Epstein Ballroom! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: susan horn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Debbie Rider Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this modernization that was not legally approved through the prooer channels. The White House is the People's House and the people should have had a voice in this. Besides that, what did they do with everything that was in there? This is a travesty!

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Name: Melinda Boudreaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please do not let the current administration continue to upend our history and destroy what has been built. Please stand up to the lawlessness and the authoritarianism of this administration.

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Name: Alison Howard Yilmaz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: William Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The former Republican strategist Rick Wilson published a book titled "Everything Trump Touches Dies." The White House is no exception. His destruction of the East Wing is a travesty. It is not his house, it is the people's. He should be required to restore it to its original form, at his own expense.

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Name: Bob Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding moral and ethical Americans.

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Name: Lalah Manly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laurette Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Laurette Carlson
[redacted]
I am a registered NH Voter

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Virginia Stodieck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am confused as to how you modernize a historical building that is no longer standing. I have looked at the renderings of this project and find it to be an abomination that would dwarf the elegance and symbolism of the White House. These buildings were built to house the government employees to complete the work for the American people. To build such a frivolous monstrosity that will be used for a very narrow populace of the American people is bizarre. There are tons of alternate locations that it can be built at, but next to the White house is not one of them. I want the history and purpose of the East Wing restored before one more cent is spent on a ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Orosco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Treichel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump had no right to tear down the east wing to build a ballroom on the grounds. This is “ the peoples house” our historical east wing as well as grounds are protected. He should be made to rebuild the east wing. As far as the ballroom that area of the grounds should be landscaped with a meditation garden so that he may pray we forgive him for this gross injustice to the citizens of our country. Shirley Treichel a citizen since my birthday day 8/1/1949

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Callas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Feldman, MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:
I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing - because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration, which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration. Major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth Feldman, MD
Evanston, Illinois

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Matter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this Trump vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

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Name: Cynthia Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully suggest that the Tech bros get their bribes back, and the East wing be restored. The building of

a golden ballroom without prior approval or normal protocol is bad enough. Spending huge sums on a vanity project which the American people have not requested while Americans are losing healthcare, Medicare, Veterans support and global respect swell as dealing with skyrocketing costs is unconscionable. The Easy Wing was a beautiful historic part of the White House that the American people cherish. Even Donald Trump understood that testing it down was not going to be approved - evidenced by his promise that it wouldn't be touched followed swiftly with a secret demolition. It's time to stand up for right and say no more! And while you are at it, could we please get JackievKrnnefy's elegant rose garden back instead of the Panera wanna be food court. Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Wickham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. No president is the owner of the property or the structures thereon; instead, the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The proposed "modernization project" is in no way modernization of an existing building. The East Wing has been completely razed. American history has been razed alongside the building itself. Finally, the East Wing contents, which include historically relevant and culturally meaningful materials, relics, and other items, have been trashed or spirited away as a result of the destruction of the East Wing — a travesty on its own.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight clearly violated existing law. Moreover, it violated the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require full reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Allowing this project to move forward as proposed despite the violations of law and the public trust would be a blight on American history and a slap in the face of the American people. This must not be allowed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Popoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the east wing being replaced by a ballroom. The East Wing should never have been destroyed. Contributions to the monstrousity being purposed should be used to reconstruct the East Wing to its former state.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sabine Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Convery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Gleason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the planned changes of the White House's East Wing. It is being executed without proper design review. Aside from it being done against the will of most citizens, the design seems over sized and gaudy. It would be a shame if the project is allowed to proceed by dictates of a man with such poor taste.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Gingerick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: W.P. Ridgely Schlemm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I too oppose the spending of $300 million on this so called project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored exactly to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of this country.

With some respect,

R. Schlemm

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Brzuska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or any amount large or small for that matter, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not even the president, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It’s a shameful, heinous act and a direct insult to the population. I demand it to be canceled and restored without any kind of additional structures, especially not the proposed ballroom.

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Name: Jackie cherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American citizen I eel outrage that some ego-driven conman just bulldozed part of the White House. No other president would have ever considered such a sacrilegious action! It's disgusting how Trump thinks it's his property to do what he wants when it belongs to the PEOPLE. He didn't even go through proper channels so this should be considered vandalism and destruction of public property. Charge him with that crime or Impeach him now!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Redmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gena Cline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I want to express my (widely shared) outrage at the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of The People's House. I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Liz Suber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was done without proper consideration for the history of the building. Correct procedures were not followed. The project is a vanity project that is completely out of control. In no way should this monstrosity be bigger than the White House. He has desecrated the White House which does not belong to him. Let him destroy his own properties.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Blakely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this “modernization” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My daughter spent much of her short life working in historical preservation in LA, GA, and TX. I am appalled as I know she would be by the loss of the East Wing and some of its furnishings. The East Wing must be restored as it was. It is a part of our history and should have never been demolished without proper consideration and proper procedures to protect the workers from asbestos and other harmful debris. Please enforce the rules and regulations regarding the need for review of projects of this nature and return to us, the people of the US, the dignity and gravitas of OUR White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you,
Toni Thompson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley McGee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Andrea Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of the law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Blaszkiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project which did not follow the process for review and approval. Allowing the project to continue sets a dangerous precedent that anyone can destroy our historic buildings without following the law. What will be next, the Lincoln Memorial? The Capital Building? This illegal action should not be tolerated and must come with punitive damages and restitution. These historic sites belong to the people of the United States, not any one person who resides there temporarily. Our laws and processes exist for a reason. Allowing these destructive actions to continue would make our laws and processes meaningless.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Lampi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am echoing the comments of Anara Guard when I say that, "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a

modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I also oppose ANY construction, redecoration, additions or razing of the White House and its grounds.

Sincerely,

Debbie Lampi

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Name: Michael Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 76 years old. Since I have been 18 years old, I have devoted my life to investing in and doing the construction on the preservation of historic buildings.
The illegal action taken with the East wing of “our house” /The White House by President Donald Trump is a blatant criminal action.
1. I call on all rational citizens of the USA to demand that this action be ceased immediately and that the the White House be restored to the condition it was in one year ago.
2. I also demand that Donald J Trump be held personally liable for all financial costs of restoring the White House to its former condition.

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Name: Amanda Nicholls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose allocating funds for this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a total destruction of American history. I call for the project's cancellation and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing the lawbreakers would be an insult to all lawful Americans.

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Name: Colleen Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose what has been done to the East Wing of OUR House, not the President's house. The people own the White House in its entirety. There was no planning commission, no review, no oversight, nothing. The

historic site was demolished without a thought to any need for permits or regulations. I oppose all further renovations and buildings on this site other than a restoration of the East Wing to what it was.

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Name: Sherry Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, surely there must be some means by which this “modernization” of the east wing of the American people’s house can be stopped in its tracks. This house does not belong to a president or to his billionaire cronies. The people, through their representatives in Congress have not agreed to this. Please, do something.

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Name: Madeleine Howenstine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the elegant East Wing of the People's House without consultation and proper authorization-much less the approval the people needs to be appropriately addressed and the wing needs to be rebuilt with the same elegance it used to have. Whoever proceeded with this destruction without permits and proper authorization needs to be prosecuted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Hurault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It which was initiated without any authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history, and destruction of a building that belongs to all Americans. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restotestimony to red to its former design. I understand that it was in need of upgrades, but it should not be necessary to obliterate our history in order to do that. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Having the proposed monstrous "ballroom" in that location would only be a monument to the exploitable weakness in our democratic system and a huge "come and take it all" to the Oligarchs and Autocrats whose appetites have no respect for the rest of us.

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Name: Sharon R Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Courtright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stephen Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on the so-called East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. In my view, this is not a true modernization effort.

I call for the project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be an affront to every law-abiding American.

For accountability and transparency, Stephen Wagner

Date: 2/16/2026 8:02:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Kenealy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

In the fall of 2024, Americans watched in HORROR as the east wing of the White House was demolished. Earlier that year, President Trump has said the ballroom would be next to the White House. He was not calling for the demolition of part of the White House.

Nothing the President did followed the correct channels. No plans were submitted to the board before the demolition began.Donald Trump just thinks he can do whatever he wants with no regard to protocols and laws.

I am asking as a tax payer that this project be STOPPED and that the east wing of the White House is restored.

Respectfully,
Cindy Brouse Kenealy

Date: 2/16/2026 8:01:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Zak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And, the repair/restoration should be done asap.

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Name: Beki Lincks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, Beki Lincks, a VOTING CITIZEN, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Rotenberger
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Name: Christine Oakes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Leah Dockstader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joanne Stahlmann
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Name: Anna Siefken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE have the east wing restored to its previous beauty! I loved visiting at the holidays. The SCALE of the new planned expansion is not in line with the historic nature of the White House. Let's keep this the people's house by blocking construction of an expensive ballroom.

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Name: Margaret Morneau
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No vainglorious projects while people starve!!

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Name: Cheryl Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this ballroom project cancelled and desire that the East Wing be restored to its original form. This president disregarded the procedures to get plans approved, he disregarded the historical importance of the building, and he lied about even having the money to replace the wing. We absolutely DO NOT need a ballroom that seats 1,000 people! Waste of money, costs of HVAC would be a monumental cost to our taxpayers.

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Name: Beth Jezek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Whitehouse belongs to the American people... NOT TO THE CURRENT RESIDENT. Trump had no right to destroy 30% of the Whitehouse. The ballroom project must be stopped and the East Wing must be rebuilt with Trump's personal money. It must be rebuilt under the direction and by the design of the appropriate historical agencies and commissions.

Regards,
Beth Jezek

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Name: Linda Lanza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, I want the contents of the original East Wing accounted for, catalogued, and re-installed in the restored East Wing of "the people's house".

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Name: Karen Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kelly Hiatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shirley Garreth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe spending so much money on such a gaudy ballroom is right. I also believe tearing down the east wing without prior authorization is illegal. It should be rebuilt like it was, so future generations can see the historical beauty of our nation's white house. No one wants a ballroom.

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Name: Pamela Wilmot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project,
It began without proper authorization, the demolition was done without appropriate mitigation in place (i.e. asbestos) which also indicates a lack of design review all the way down to a lack of proper permits.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and properly modernized so it can be enjoyed for decades to

come.

Thank you -

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Name: Rebecca Litchet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melinda McRae
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be immediately stopped. The destruction of the East Wing in the first place was illegal, ignoring review policies permits and even toxic debris disposal. The proposed replacement is an abomination that destroys the historical nature of the site, which belongs to the country. It is bigger than the actual White House. It, too, does not have the proper permits or approvals. Additionally, the funding mechanism of "donations" is nothing more than pay-to-play shakedown for corporations to gain political favors. Everything about this project is wrong and it cannot proceed. Rebuild the East Wing on a proper scale, in consultation with historical associations and the planning commission. This is a vanity project of the current president and it will be torn down once he is gone; save everyone the hassle and don't allow it to be built.

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Name: CARA SHAW
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the building of Trump's ballroom in place of the East Wing. He destroyed part of the people's house without permission or plans. It needs to be rebuilt exactly like it was, using the money the billionaires gave. Any excess expense must be paid out of Trump's own pocket. He has done nothing but benefit himself, his family and his friends while destroying our great country and he must be stopped from moving ahead on this project.

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Name: Susan Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather absolute destruction of our beautiful, historic East Wing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the People's House and it needs to be respected and preserved with a newly built East Wing exactly as it was prior to demolition.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:01:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Mead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Thomas Ehlinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the East Wing of the White House was a wasteful, selfish, insult to the US and all US citizens. At a time when the country is in turmoil, when health care is unreachable by many, when our children are poorly cared for and poorly educated, the last thing we need is an immense ballroom which serves no significant national interest. No matter what party's representative is occupying the White House, such a tasteless, wasteful, vandalism or our nation's heritage is scandalous. It is a gross and decadent monument to a monumental ego.

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Name: Katherine Bray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Tiffany Trent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It would also be great if those who break laws are given proper justice for their crimes against the American people rather than being allowed to continue in the highest position in the land with absolutely no consequences.

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Name: Frank Martignetti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The unauthorized demolition that took place is a crime against the American people, the owners of the People's House. The proposed project is inappropriate in size and scale, and the use of private funds from unnamed donors is a conduit for influence pedaling and violations of the Emoluments Clause.

Work on this project should cease immediately and a panel of architects, historical preservation experts, and career government professionals should be convened and given binding authority to guide what happens next. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who

broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alisandra Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is part of our history! It not the property of one man, and should not be subject to that man's wishes. It is OURS, and any proposed changes should be subjected to a stringent architectural and historical review.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:01:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosanne Luzarraga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this preposterous waste project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a vanity project and a total erasure of a part of American history. I plead with you to cancel it and instead rebuild the East Wing rebuilt in keeping with its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Amber Munck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House. The People do not concur with tearing down our history and lavishly spending our tax dollars on unnecessary modern rooms that will not reflect the history of this grand building.

Please stop this.

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Name: Raymond Buckingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Paula Penrod
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

No one needs a Ballroom. Trump needs to build back the East wing the way it was, be never be the same, so sad, heartbreaking, he took apart of history and just destroyed it. How he wants to redo the Kenny center. Please Stop that now. He needs pay for the east wing rebuild. He wants to destroy all historical buildings and history. He is the worse president ever and deserves nothing.

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Name: Barbara Gillingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chuck Vaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the 300-400 million dollar ballroom. This is not a modernization of the East Wing- it was an illegal destruction.

I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was.
Chuck Vaux

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Name: Roxy Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I also believe the person who illegally tore this down should be the one to pay for the restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it's a demolition of American history along with what is good (and LEGAL). The East Wing should be restored and those responsible for illegally destroying it should be prosecuted.

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Name: Rebecca Kubler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sandi Strasberg
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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Kellett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because it was undertaken without clearance or public comment. I saw the design sketches. The addition would be way too big in proportion to the existing White House buildings. It adds nothing culturally, historically or practically to the American people who are the true owners of this house!

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Name: Claire Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern aka every American!

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Thank you
Claire Matthews

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Armanda Janjigian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: PAMELA KEDENBURG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and don't feel it should progress. It was done without the required approvals and authorizations. It seems to be poorly planned and not something that will enhance the beauty and usefulness of the "people's house". I would prefer to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was.

Sincerely,
Pamela Kedenburg

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Name: Laura Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the historical East Wing of the White House in order to spend $300 billion without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is a travesty. Please bring a halt to this maddening power grab by the current administration to a halt. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:00:39 PM
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Name: Laurie San Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It is unacceptable that this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and especially that it was taken on with the complete disregard and respect of American history. I want this project canceled. I want no sign of one administration destroying the legacy of our past, and limiting the potential of our future. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katherine Fogleboch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jason Cotton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American People didn't ask for this. Nobody is clamoring for this $300 million vanity project to stroke one man's ego. I oppose this demolition of history that was done without review or authorization. Stop this destruction and restore the East Wing to its former condition.

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Name: Katherine Durack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Hess
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Name: Kathy Travous
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Thank you for your time.

Kathy Travous

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Name: Roberta Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Shelley Martinez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people's house does need a 90,000 square foot ballroom! That is not Donald Trump home and he has one right to destroy history for ego! He destroyed the Rose Garden please don't let him build a gaudy ballroom!!

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Name: Debra Dadgari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Robert Goodman
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No one wanted this, and if any work is to be done the is administration needs to follow the rules, so that THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE is treated with respect for all the generations to come, and not the whims of an out of control would-be dictator.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Specker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300million on this project.
This project so far razed American history.
I think it has been done so far illegally.
I lived in D.C. when my dad was at the Pentagon and I am disgusted by this destruction of our White House.
I want the East Wing restored to its former design.
Those who broke the law to destroy Our Property should be penalized, these law-breakers offend me and everything my family sacrificed a normal life for.

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Name: Alaina Fisher
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Name: Bonnie Woosley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The travesty this project brings to the American People's Whitehouse is horrific. It destroys hundreds of years of history and does so without getting permission from any of the proper authorities. It is a slap in the face to all Americans and needs to be stopped and immediately returned to its former glory. And that should be paid for by the perpetrators of this crime
Thank You

Date: 2/16/2026 8:00:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I was 11 years old in 1980, my parents took me and my sisters to see and tour the White House. It is a very precious memory to me. Now, I am saddened and disgusted by the destruction that was done to the East Wing of the White House, which is not any president's personal property. Donald Trump had that demolition done without any authorization or permits, and without taking care to preserve historic fixtures, materials, artwork, etc. I believe it should be fully restored to its 2024 condition at his personal expense. By no means should a gaudy ballroom be constructed.

I would think that ANY sort of renovation that an occupant wanted to do to the White House should have to pass through a careful assessment and approval process — just as a pastor isn't free to renovate a parsonage without permission from the congregation; a faculty member living in university housing isn't free to renovate without permission from the university; and a common ordinary renter isn't free to renovate an apartment without permission from the landlord. If any such occupants destroyed the housing in which they were living, and which they did not own, they would have to pay the cost of full repairs. That should be the case with Donald Trump as well. No one should be above the law. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:00:24 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Louis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of the ballroom in the site of the former east wing. Thie east wing was destroyed without any public review, authorization, or permits. This is the people's house, not President Trump's personal property to do with as he pleases. The east wing should be restored. If Mr. Trump thinks a ballroon is necessary, he can go through the proper channels and, if approved, build it somewher it will not ruin the profile of a beautiful historic building.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:00:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A. Bovee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the reported destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the proposal to construct a $300 million ballroom funded by private technology companies.

The White House complex is not merely an active executive residence; it is a designated National Historic Landmark and a property of exceptional national significance. The East Wing, though constructed in the twentieth century, forms an integral part of the historic composition and functional evolution of the Executive Mansion. Alterations of this magnitude raise substantial concerns under federal historic preservation law.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), federal agencies are required to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment (Section 106). Demolition of a contributing historic structure within a National Historic Landmark complex represents one of the most adverse effects possible under the statute. Such an action would require rigorous review, documented analysis of alternatives, and meaningful consultation with preservation authorities and the public.

Destruction of a historic structure without clearly demonstrated necessity contradicts the core preservation principle of avoiding adverse effects where feasible alternatives exist. Rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, or sensitive expansion are long-standing preservation strategies encouraged under federal guidelines and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Wholesale demolition should be a last resort, not a convenience.

Equally concerning is the proposal to replace the structure with a $300 million ballroom financed by private technology companies. Even if privately funded, the project would still constitute a federal undertaking on federal land, thereby triggering NHPA review and other applicable compliance requirements. Private funding does not exempt a project from preservation obligations, nor does it diminish the federal government’s duty to steward nationally significant historic resources.

Moreover, introducing a privately financed ceremonial structure into the White House complex raises governance and ethical concerns. The White House is a public symbol of democratic government, not a venue for corporate patronage. Accepting substantial funding from private technology firms for a permanent structural addition risks creating the appearance of undue influence, preferential access, or

symbolic branding within a national monument that belongs to all Americans.

From a preservation standpoint, such a ballroom would also alter the historic setting, feeling, and association of the property — key aspects of integrity under preservation law. The White House grounds have evolved carefully over more than two centuries; major new construction must be evaluated not only for utility but for long-term impact on historic character.

Federal preservation policy is rooted in stewardship — the obligation to pass forward historic resources unimpaired for future generations. Demolishing a contributing structure within a National Historic Landmark and replacing it with a privately sponsored ceremonial hall undermines that principle and sets a troubling precedent for other federally protected properties.

I respectfully urge the National Park Service and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to ensure full compliance with all preservation laws, to demand transparent public review, and to prioritize rehabilitation and preservation over irreversible demolition and privately influenced development.

The White House is not simply a building complex; it is a living symbol of constitutional continuity. Its stewardship requires restraint, legality, and unwavering commitment to the public trust.

Respectfully,
A. Bovee

Date: 2/16/2026 8:00:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Eicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. A thoughtful review and all the proper plans summited to the correct people such as to Congress. It also should have been put on the ballot in every state and province for the people to decide.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Prible
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House East Wing project has moved forward in a reckless, uninformed way, both symbolically and literally taking a wrecking ball to a process that is supposed to center the priorities of the people. This approach isn’t about modernization; it’s about ego. Instead of safeguarding the historical integrity and public significance of the White House, the project has been driven by the desire to make a mark rather than to be a responsible steward.

Updates matter. So do oversight, transparency, and collaboration.

Once again, a privileged few have shaped the outcome while the public has been sidelined. Whether the concern is democracy, preservation, or responsible management of public property, this project should be transferred to a neutral, collaborative body. It must be handled with fiscal discipline and never at the expense of funding essential government services.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katrin Venema
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the above project due to the fact that it ruins the architecture of the White House. It should be restored to the way it was and the person responsible for the reckless destruction should be fined

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Valladao
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Mitchem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this project. The demolition of the East Wing of the White House should never have taken place. I urge to please prevent this exercise in gluttony and avarice. It is anathema to who we are as a people to indulge in such garish excess. Please restore the East Wing to its former design and say no to what is invariably another grift by this president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this presidential pet project as being an affront to the history of our nation, an appalling assault on The People's House, and a misappropriation of $300 million to sate a president's vanity. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bridgette Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of any money on an unauthorized, unpermitted, unnecessary "modernization" of the East Wing. This is clearly a vanity project for the current president and a destruction of our White House, that belongs to the people of the United States. The only money spent should be to restore the East Wing to the size and design present prior to this illegal razing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Ann Hauenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens, and to the very principles on which this great nation was founded.

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Name: Chondra Rankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kelly Thompson
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or ANY millions) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Greg Fuess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tom Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Tanzillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In regards to the East Wing “modernization “, more correctly titled as rebuild, I strongly disagree with the project as it is. To make the unapproved demolition of the East Wing more palatable, the Executive office has included improvements to various parks surrounding the White House grounds. These projects are not related, and should not be included in the rebuild of the East Wing.

In addition, this project is for an ever-expanding ballroom, whose use will be limited. Offices and smaller use spaces were demolished but are not being replaced in any form, nor recommended for replacement in the future. Historical artifacts previously displayed in the East Wing are now in storage without plans in this new “wing”.

The demolition was hastily thought out and accomplished and the rebuild is much the same. What use, other than a grand ballroom, will we have? I would rather have the empty ground than have this monstrosity built.

Julie A. Tanzillo

Date: 2/16/2026 8:00:05 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Harbel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Dunigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Thank you for taking comments from the people about the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Pineda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please help preserve our White House and our history for the American people. It belongs to us.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with

its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:59:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Sudman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope you'll stop the illegal east wing "construction" project. The administration has already trespassed on an historic building with its destruction without review. Please stop this nonsense.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:59:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Lyttle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Many years ago, I was contracted to do some special event work on the south lawn. We attended meetings in the East Wing. These beautiful rooms were respected. We all knew how fortunate we were to be able to represent our companies and to be asked to participate.
The idea that remodeling these rooms was not discussed and planned with staff and Presidential Historians is wrong and those who involved should be punished.
Please stop all construction until experts, preservationists, and White House Historians can be involved with planning the rooms' restoration.

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Name: Disne Pearl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with this project. It proceeded without the proper process called for by law. No one is above the law. The original East Wing is part of the our country’s history and needs to be restored to its original status. This is a matter of respect for our nation and the law

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Name: Carl Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mindy Kurtzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally object to this project being built without proper authorization from Congress, permits or a design review from a restoration committee. This $300 million could well have built a smaller project while truly modernizing the East Wing without having destroyed the historical value as well as its antiquity. We were told by the president that the East Wing would not be destroyed and yet it was- another lie from this administration who doesn't care about procedure or the law. Or the truth. A smaller project would have cost much less and the leftover monies could have paid for health care through the ACA for some time. I

demand as a taxpayer that the East Wing be restored to its former glory and that the entire project be canceled. Whoever razed the East Wing without permission should be tried and punished as its destruction is an affront to all Americans. Restore the East Wing to what it was before it was ruined.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Doughtie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the design of the proposed ballroom even though I did think a larger space for events might be warranted. The enormous building that is proposed dwarfs the actual White House thus eliminating the lovely lines of an historic building that belongs to the American people. Please stop this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rod Richmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.
This is part the the people's house, not king's keep.

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Name: Carolyn Malmstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brandon Dudley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Isley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this “project” being completed or advanced. The White House is an institution and not a part of a hotel chain and the unpermitted destruction of any portion should not be left to the whims of the current occupant or any other for that matter without proper consulting, pre-planning, and permitting.
The project produced no blueprints, confirmed budgeting, or artist rendering and appears to to offer as much architectural value as an automobile scrap yard.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen DeTellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With many thanks to Anara Guard: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and

restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: John Choat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this travesty, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of priceless American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke our laws law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nathalie R
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brian Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No congressional review, no public comments, just a wrecking ball and bulldozers. I don't care if it's not going to cost taxpayer money. The ridiculous $300M cost is being funded by trump sycophants as bribery money. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history in favor of a vanity project coated in gold spray paint. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be sympathetically rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stefanie Kready
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. If the White House is supposed to be “the People House,” why weren’t the people given any say before the demolition occurred? This should have been voted on by Congress first before any demolition was started.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Denita Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: DonnaJoy Hawley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House to be replaced by a non approved project of undetermined size and design. Not to mention that it was originally listed as fully funded when in fact it has no funding at all. I have had the privilege of visiting the White House on three separate occasions to tour the Christmas decorations during the Biden administration. The beauty, history, community and spirit of this country and the holy season were on full display for thousands of lucky visitors. I am heartbroken that others will no longer be able to enjoy that unique experience. This disaster must somehow be remedied in a controlled, responsible, and thoughtful manner.

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Name: Heather LaVarnway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christina Castro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I echo the words of another concerned American:
"The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
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Name: Connie Kadwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this illegal project. The tearing down of the East Wing was not authorized and caused great emotional harm to those of us who believe in our country and the rich history of the White House. Please do not allow a “ballroom” to replace our national history, we do not need a ballroom, we need to remember who we are and where we came from, do not allow our history to be errased.
Thank you

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Name: Barbara Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Kraut
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Name: Andrew Favreau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the proposed East Wing Modernization project.

The East Wing of the White House is not simply a functional annex—it is an integral part of one of the most important historic sites in the United States. Any intervention at this scale should prioritize preservation, continuity, and restraint. As currently proposed, this project appears to go well beyond modernization and risks permanently altering or erasing historically significant fabric that cannot be replaced once lost.

I am deeply concerned that the scope, cost, and intent of this project are not aligned with established principles of historic preservation, transparency, or public accountability. Major changes to a National Historic Landmark should be subject to rigorous review, full public disclosure, and clear authorization before any irreversible action is taken. That standard has not yet been met.

The White House belongs to the American people. Decisions that affect its historic integrity must reflect the highest respect for the law, for preservation standards, and for future generations. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the current proposal and require a plan that recaptures what has

been lost.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:59:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Hultquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This plan for a ballroom addition to the White House is an obscenity. It is a bloated and vulgar architectural statement, which represents Trump's ego more than a real need.

Furthermore, this President had no right to destroy an historic element of the people's house.

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Name: LuNita Bock
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Name: Tracy Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop! The people's house is being demolished against the will of the people! We need an accounting of all historical artifacts from within the east wing and a rebuild back to historical standards. Do not move this project forward without proper review and input!!

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Name: Eryn Utz
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Eryn Utz

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Name: Brent Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should be stopped immediately. No permits, no authorization and too costly. Nothing should move forward on any of these projects. They are a huge waste of taxpayer money.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:59:04 PM
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Name: Cynthia Rollins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It is a complete demolition of a beloved wing of The People's House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

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Name: Jordan Franklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is both a historical landmark and the physical embodiment of America. To raze a portion of its structure for your whims is both a slap in the face to both your predecessors and America itself.

If you are truly about to"America First", you would preserve the White House and not make it an unfortunate byproduct to your insatiable vanity.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:58:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been destroyed. I strongly oppose Trump's planned ballroom..

Date: 2/16/2026 7:58:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express distaste for demolishing the East Wing of the White House to create a tacky gold ballroom. The White House is a historic building that is resplendent in U.S. history. This history needs to be carefully restored—if not to what was there when Trump tore it down, then to some previous and historically relevant time period. If it is not to be the offices of the first person, perhaps it could be reimagined in other, historically appropriate ways. The proposed ballroom is too big for the site and inappropriate. The White House will outlast the current president and should not be Mara Largo 2.0.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Ann Green, Bala Cynwyd, PA

Date: 2/16/2026 7:58:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As far as I'm concerned the destruction of the East Wing happened illegally and without Congressional or public approval. We still don't even know what has been preserved historically and there are pieces of this building that are gone forever. The East Wing should be rebuilt to reflect what it looked like prior to this illegal action.

No ballroom should be built without historical preservation approval, Congressional approval, and public approval.

It's also devastating to know that trees of historical significance were removed and can never be replaced.

The White House is owned by the American People not any one person.

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Name: Jennifer Staring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Brown
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Name: Donald Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s the people’s house. Without our permission, our house has been destroyed. I would like to see it restored.

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Name: R Parsons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Craig Duckett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Donald J Trump and his band of enablers have done (and are continuing to do) to the White House (the Peoples' House) is travesty, and most likely criminal. Donald J Trump and his enablers have destroyed the East Wing without approval, in order to erect a "ballroom" designed merely to feed his pathetic ego. This "I'm Above the Law" and "I Don't Need to Follow the Law" attitude in regards to the White House needs to be addressed, and Donald J Trump and his enablers thoroughly rebuked.

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Name: Terri Fuller
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would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Best regards,
Terri Fuller

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Best regards,
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Name: Jessica Greenwell
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The fact that I even have to submit this is disappointing. This is NOT the government i was taught about in school, or raised to believe in and participate in.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:58:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s such a shame what our current president did to our White House. How could this happen? He needs to be help accountable for the destruction of the East Wing. It’s just shameful. WHY does this man think he can do whatever he wants without any consequences? I am just so infuriated.

Happy Presidents Day
(NOT celebrating today's Current President!)

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Name: Elizabeth Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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As an archivist and Ivy League faculty member, I find it appalling that the People's House has been desecrated and I mourn the history of our great nation that was wantonly and willfully destroyed. That act was a crime against the American people, and this body can begin to rectify that wrong by halting this criminal construction and rebuilding the East Wing as it existed.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ellington Parker, MA, MLIS

Date: 2/16/2026 7:58:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jasmine Tokuda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Terri Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the blantant disregard of the guidelines normally followed by past presidents when making changes to our nation's home. I believe these guidelines are in place to maintain the sanctity and historic value of the building. The ballroom project should be stopped and the wing restored to its former beauty. It makes my heart ache to think of the history lost when the wing was destroyed! It should never have happened and we must stand up to this kind of flagrant disrespect.

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Name: Keiko McCracken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Pat McDougall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I think a ballroom would be lovely, one that is as tall as the White House is inappropriate. I believe that there are standards that should be applied to this project in terms of how it works with the White House. The size and scope of the project is too big and would destroy the historic significance of the current structure.

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Name: Allison Bosco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that the tearing down of the East wing is not morally or legally correct. I feel that, as a person who is living in "The peoples house" should not be allowed to renovate without approval from his landlord, the American people

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Name: Brenda Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of a gaudy ballroom that will eclipse the entire white house. I am opposed to tge racing of the east wing. They did more than level a building, they erased history and they did so without the required permits or permissions. The east wing should be rebuilt as an exact replica of the original.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Estabrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It lacked the required authorization, permits, and design review. A consistent architectural rendering has not been presented. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is a national treasure belonging to the people, not to any president during their term in office.

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Name: Becky Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Justine Burt
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Name: Dana Rozelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

During my visit to Washington, DC, I made it a point to see the White House. Standing before it, I felt immense pride in the United States. However, ever since the East Wing was destroyed, I have experienced a deep sense of sadness. It's difficult to grasp the idea that a part of our history is disappearing.
I am strongly against allocating $300 million to this project, which began without proper authorization, required permits, or a thorough design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is a complete demolition of an important piece of American history. I urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. Upholding the law is essential, and allowing this project to move forward without holding those responsible accountable would be a disservice to every law-abiding American.
Thank you for listening to a concerned American.

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Name: Lee Milligan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American, I was horrified to hear of the administration's plans to construct a ballroom that, while connected to the White House, would dwarf it, communicating that wining and dining the rich and powerful were more important than governing to the benefit of all. I was further horrified to see the destructiontion, without review or permission, of the historic East Wing. Please prohibit any further work on this project, start the reconstruction of what has been razed, and put in place mechanisms to prevent this from happening again.

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Name: Gladys Hayhurst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on building a ballroom where the East Wing was. This was not approved by the historical planning commission for the White House. I propose the East Wing be rebuilt exactly as it was without using any taxpayer money. Personally I think that President Trump should pay for it with his own money since it was his idea to tear it down.

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Name: SHANNON WILKOWSKI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine Rule
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I oppose this project. It was not done with any kind of proper authorization. This is not Trump's private home, to do with as he and he alone wishes; it is our house, asbwell as the seat of our government. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Franco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The White House is the people's house and no president from either party should make major modifications without the consent, approval and rigorous input and planning of all supervisory authorities.

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Name: Elizabeth Ansell
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Name: Sylvia Nachlinger
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Thank you,
Kelli Kennedy

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Name: Elisabeth Helenek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is indefensible and a blot on our National Identity. Please stop
the razing of this beautiful part of our history. I ask that it can be rebuilt to its former glory.

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Name: Renae Wacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kerry Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million East Wing project. Here's why:

They broke the law. This project started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. That's not how government should work.

This isn't modernization. They're tearing down American history, not updating it.

What I want:
- Cancel this project
- Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its original design
- Hold accountable whoever authorized this without following the law

No one is above the law. If we let this go forward, we're telling every law-abiding American that rules don't matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:57:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Berning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tank you for allowing comments.

I am against this plan for the White House, it has not been planned with support from the people of the country, nor organizations dedicated to the history and architecture of the country. The building is being rushed through, rather than planned with consideration for what could be used, if anything at all is needed. Obtaining funding from select donors, aligned with the president versus with the project, is detrimental to achieving an outcome that will be wanted by the country.

Amy

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Name: Eleanor Hoppe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is grievously appalling what has been done to the White House for no imaginable reason. Wanton destruction.

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Thank you.

Eleanor Hoppe

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Name: Samantha Sullivan
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Name: Stephen Sellers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have visited Washington, DC several times and always with strong emotions regarding what I see as the sanctity of the place. I often tear up and have a lump in my throat when viewing the monuments, the museums and the White House. There is a sacredness to the place. A place that honors America—all of America—and the sometimes arduous path it took us to get where we are today.
In my view, physical changes to any public space in Washington, DC should be taken with great care. Careful planning with public and professional input from experts should be garnered before moving forward on a project. With the East Wing project, I do not think we have lived up to that standard. There is no sense of place or proportion in a proposed building adjacent to the White House. It diminishes and overwhelms rather than enhances the existing structure. Change and expansion are fine, but only when done so with more care.
Let's go back to the drawing board.

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Name: Suzanne Trahan
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This entire property belongs to ALL of us and any president is just a temporary tenant. It's physical structure should be changed only thoughtfully and with respect for its history and with an eye to the future. It is the People's House - not one person's to change forever without any accountability

Date: 2/16/2026 7:57:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Barth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was initiated illegally without proper authorization, permits or design review. Cancel this project and require the East Wing be restored to it’s former size and design.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:57:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carol borden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing of the White House (the People's House) is an illegal travesty upon all Americans to build an abomination "ball room". I hope this can be stopped and the White House can be restored to sanity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Felicia Busch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The destruction of the east wing of our White House was a certain violation of law. It's a historic tragedy. I don't know what the most appropriate action is for you. The only option that is absolutely unacceptable is the construction of any ballroom of any size or cost on that site. Period.

I see other comments requesting it be rebuilt exactly as before. That's not in our best interests either. Surely upgrades were on the wish list. It's up to an experienced group such as yourselves to determine what

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Name: Jane Gfrerer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kacey Llano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on "modernizing" the East Wing, the East Wing of our White House which was torn down without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a proper project, but rather a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored as it was. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those

who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Metz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for taking comments on this project.
I heartily oppose the spending of $350+ million (and growing!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and whatever upgrades are necessary to make it an efficient and environmentally sustainable wing for offices, etc. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is America's White House, not Trump's.
Thank you for your time.

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Name: Jana White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carolyn Riley
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Name: Audrey Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to what it was before it was demolished and with no tacky gold color.

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Name: Veronica Lagunas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you to the NCPC to stop this abhorrent overreach of Executive Power on demolishing a portion of our White House. It was absolutely appalling that this Administration believed that they could move quickly and unilaterally to destroy the People's House without any discussion or following systems put in place for people's safety and opinion. It is unacceptable that the demolition of the East Wing was done in such a half hazard, careless manner. The fact that no checks and balances were allowed is even more offensive. If a Ball Room is erected, it will become a source of contention for majority of our country. It should not be allowed to be built. The raising if monies for this Ball Room is also questionable. The East Wing should be restored as the Rose Garden that was also destroyed without public comments. An absolute shame.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Thorington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 81 years old. In my entire life I have ever felt as personally violated as when trump destroyed the Rose Garden and the East Wing. I feel that these belonged to the citizens of the US and the destruction he caused was an open attack on each of us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: catherine musson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cynthia Hoftiezer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes, ensuring new structure is compatible with and does not compromise visual and historic integrity of the White House building and grounds. Include complete catalog of historic and cultural resources impacted by project and demolition. Also include environmental impact, with particular attention to lead and asbestos.

If a ballroom is needed, provide justification and construct it elsewhere in the city.

Make entire project transparent to public, including, but not limited to: justification, cost benefit analysis, complete project budget (including soft costs), funding sources, design, bidding process, selection process, and construction.

The White House is the people's house.

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Name: Rita NAU
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the idea of building a ballroom at the Whitehouse. I have visited the East Room and feel it should be rebuilt to the same specifications. Trump removed our history for no good reason. Please rectify this issue.

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Name: Tony Janisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Caroline VanHarmelen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this disastrous project, which has already been destructive of history, tradition, elegance and beauty — with no proper planning, discussion, permission, or oversight. The East Wing should be restored to what it was, and in any case the construction of this monstrous and inappropriate ballroom should not be allowed to proceed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Rivers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former state - in line with the historical patterns and legacy of the rest of the White House. Do NOT build a ballroom. Do keep the White House balanced and something fitting as a continued legacy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharen Topham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary McMillan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Winifred Legerton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Sarah McQueen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the building of a ballroom. We are no longer in a world that dances and dines. We need a people's house that is welcoming to students, diplomats, and tourists. We need a balanced structure that separates a warm home from the stoic monuments. There are other places to hold a large gala. The White House needs to be preserved and no more torn down. I would support a rebuild of the same size with different interior or a nice lawn, perhaps a rose garden. We lost that too.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:56:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: L.A. Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this president's destruction of the White House. Stop Donald Trump's planned construction of a bloated replacement of the East Wing with a ballroom over a security bunker. Stop all construction. Recover any public funds he spent. Sue him for the cost of building a replacement.

The president's destruction of the east wing of the White House violates existing regulation and law. Other commenters will have enumerated these.

Thank you.

L.A. Murphy
Philadelphia, PA

Date: 2/16/2026 7:56:15 PM
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Name: Virginia Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing us to submit a comment!

I'd love to see the East Wing simply modernized.

This means modernized offices for the First Lady, a grander entrance for the public, and a state-of-the-art movie theatre that can sit up to 100 guests. Also, perhaps a small garden adjacent to the public entrance.

Perhaps a small kitchen annex and a formal sitting room for the First Lady to entertain any guests she may have.

What's most important is to stay true to the current architecture of the White House, keeping the modernized East Wing in accordance with that architecture. Also, the new East Wing MUST NOT OVERSHADOW the actual White House in size.

And please, NO tacky gold decorations on the walls, doors and windows!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:56:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rathjens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount of money, actually) on this project. I oppose this project completely. It was initiated without proper authorization, without permits, without design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. The destruction of the East Wing without regard to history or existing / ongoing usage is appalling. The White House is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE, the AMERICAN PEOPLE'S HOUSE, and not the property of whomever the current, temporary occupant happens to be. The current occupants are living there only by the graciousness of the American taxpayers. We do not take kindly to tenants willfully destroying our property! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (and that should be paid for by the criminals who destroyed it). I also want a full accounting of what happened to the contents of the East Wing -- what happened to the furnishings, the artwork, etc? Where is it now? Who absconded with it or destroyed it? No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:56:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jade Deyo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it utterly ridiculous that the proposed building at 90k square feet is larger than the White House itself at 55,000 square feet. I also do not believe private donations are going to pay for the new building. US taxpayers are going to have to pay for something we will never even see, let alone use. The former east wing needs to be rebuilt to the former specs. It should have never been torn down before permission was given.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:56:06 PM
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Name: Daniel Borengasser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sharon Brookhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of "The People's House" was appalling. No permission, no public discussion. I, respectfully, request nothing be built on this space without Congressional approval.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Baier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on the ballroom project at the Whitehouse. It is illegal!

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Name: Leslie Charles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the White House East Wing because it was done without any authorization, permits, or review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former configuration.

Presidents have no right to wantonly and recklessly desecrate The People's House. This national insult should be stopped and reckoned to its former condition.

Thank you for considering.

Leslie Charles

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Name: Paula Leider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. The demolition of the East Wing was done without proper approvals or oversight. The White House and all federal property belong to the American people. To be allowed to destroy and rebuild without proper permission violates the rights of all Americans as an affront to the rule of law, separation of powers, and the constitution of the United States. To allow the project to move forward as is essentially permits the president to continue to operate outside of the law established by the constitution, congress and separation of powers. No one is above the law, not even the president, no matter who has been elected.

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Name: Jim Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I saw this comment about the East Wing Modernization project, and thought to myself" Yes! that is exactly how I feel about this. How does Trump get to make decisions like this on his own? Multiple laws about codes, permits, permissions, design reviews, etc. were broken and those in charge of this should be held responsible.

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Name: Margaret McNamara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Amanda Jessee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Berini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the East Wing project.

I am opposed to spending any amount, let alone $300 million, on this so-called modernization project. This is the peoples house, enad this wanton and sudden destruction was started without authorization, permits, or a design plan for review. It is a destruction of our history, and it makes one wonder if it is perhaps a way just to move our money around in ways that are not transparent.

This project should be cancelled, and the wing rebuilt and restored to what it was. I believe any other path makes it seem that we are not all equal in the eyes of the law.

Thank you,

Monica

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Name: Kathryn Bonney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The actions is this administration are illegal. The White House destruction must stop, the unauthorized damage repaired and the property returned to original condition with no further modifications allowed. These United States are better than this behavior- the actions of President Trump are an embarrassment to our country and its people.
Any steps to prohibit this group of renegades from further efforts is justified. The money involved to restore the Kennedy Center will be astronomical.

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Name: Therese Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Getz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original size/style. Trump should be charged for destruction of government property.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:55:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Falcetto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the people's house not the house of one person and I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Obviously there could be areas that need updating but it should be restored to its former glory. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a lifelong Washingtonian and American citizen, I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I find it unconscionable that we don't even have information on what has become of the contents of the rooms that were demolished. The White House does not need a facility large enough to host an inauguration - those take place at the Capitol. Please put a stop to all work on this project.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:55:28 PM
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Name: Lynn Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is known as The People's House. I oppose the destruction of the historic section known as the East Wing. This was done suddenly and without the will of the people, or approval of plans submitted to any of the governing entities. We the people say NO to a ballroom, and ask that they replace the East Wing as it was before the unlawful, unauthorized demolition.

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Name: Lawrence Bales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The entire White House is the PEOPLE's House... thus does NOT belong to one arrogant individual that has NO regard for the law and thinks he can do anything he so desires without consequences.

Best regards,

Lawrence

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Name: Bethany Cockburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Estelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Merkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing modernization --
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history due to a racist, narcissistic and lawbreaking President! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Karyn Merkel
[redacted]

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Name: Barbara Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jana Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Binert-Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, whether it is from the federal government or private donations. This razing of American architectural history was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Dianne Braden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that anyone, even the president, could arbitrarily raze part of an historic building is criminal. What is next? A spa at Mt Vernon? Historic preservation is fundamental to our country and its understanding of who and what we are. A ballroom? Surely you jest.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:55:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine McNamara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The title of this project is insulting to all American citizens. "Destruction" is the operative descriptor. I oppose the spending of $300 million (at last report) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Its destruction was a lawless act, and its perpetrators should face consequences. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing them would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, including myself.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:55:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Gullotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am asking that the commission please consider halting this illegal destruction of our White House. Proper channels were not utilized from the start. Permits were not obtained, and federal review was not done. The

president does not have the power to desecrate/destroy this historic protected landmark. The United States is better than this. Please require the administration to stop construction and restore the White House to its full previous grandeur. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:55:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would have liked to have objected to this project before it commenced, but I can't. The historic East Wing of The White House is unceremoniously GONE.
There is a certain sacredness in the buildings of our government, especially The White House. I have seen more than 65 years of the history of our nation. History should be preserved by people entrusted with its care and protection through non-partisan institutions.
The White House is OUR house, not its occupant. Please stop this project and restore the East Wing, if possible.

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Name: Catherine Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of this national treasure is devastating. It was unnecessary. I am totally against spending my tax money on a building that is purely a Trump vanity project. I look forward to the day we can restore lawful order and hopefully rebuild what has been destroyed by going through all of the proper procedures. Bring back dignity and respect to the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Michaels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Beste
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Baer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Christine Lanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendra Stoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Shufro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million for a project that was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The president has already marred a historic building and now plans to proceed without permits, without meaningful public input, without a vetted team of designers.

Its destruction was a slap in the face to all who pledged their minds and muscle to build the East Wing.

If our Congress wants a ballroom-- or some other addition to the White House-- let members of Congress propose it, study it, get consent, seek permits, and use public money for a house that belongs not to President Trump but to the American people.

Please block this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Daily
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one I above the law. The demolition and violation of the People's House without permit, review, or public comment is a disgusting reflection of the lack of accountability this administration operates under. Rebuild our House and properly penalize those who broke the law.

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Name: Karen Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Andrea Wharton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: RJ Teter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of my taxpayer dollars to build a ballroom that provides no benefit to this country beyond stroking the ego of a corrupt politician and further defaces our historical seat of power.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen McCracken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Norman Coppola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Jeffries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Building a ballroom adjacent to the White House which will overshadow the peoples house is unacceptable.

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Name: Tawny LeBouef Tullia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I am so very upset that the history and the importance of this symbol of our shared history has been

callously torn down. No preservation. No respect for our shared histories. Unforgiveable; truly.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Chap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our 250 year existence as a republic should be honored and cherished. The complete destruction of the White House East Wing by Donald Trump and the commencement of an immense White House ballroom, without sufficient study or review by experts, indicates blatant disrespect for the people's house and for the citizens of the United States. Americans are proud of the White House but Trump has tried to personalize it to his taste alone. While not everyone will agree with me that the excessive gold paint and geegaws he has already added are tacky, I believe the majority agree that the decor should remain as timeless and traditional as possible.
The ballroom project should be immediately halted until architects and historians can determine:
1. The manner in which any additional space for whatever purpose can be added to the White House. Do we want to establish a precedent by which any president can increase the footprint of the White House for any reason?
2. If an addition is approved as necessary and beneficial how should the final design be determined? Professionals, no presidents are best suited to keeping the overall look harmonious.

The East Wing should immediately be reconstructed. Donald Trump lied and assured the public that the ballroom would require only minor modifications to the East Wing. His promises are meaningless so the ballroom project needs to be halted until the conditions outlined above are met and the East Wing is once again intact, in as close to its original appearance as possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Garrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Holly Hennessy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the travesty!
That's OUR house he has destroyed without conscience or respect for protocol.
Enough!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:54:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BEN Marts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Steven Kalisz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see it restored to its previous condition, it was such a beautiful site.

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Name: Annika B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned citizen and someone greatly appreciates history, I wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Randisi-Hooker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without effort to conserve its materials and history, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president, residing therein at any given time, is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. The Whitehouse is "the People's House".
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Jennifer Goltz-Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret McMenamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to you to express my extreme opposition to the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is completely disturbing that the current Administration had the audacity to raze the East Wing, and along with it our American history. The project needs to be cancelled, we do not want a ballroom, instead we want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

This is the people's White House, and the people deserve to have a say on how to proceed with this complete travesty brought about by a lawless Administration.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

M. McMenamin
Charleston SC

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JON KIP
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: John McDermott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was not done with proper planning, authority, or guidance. The use of 300 million dollars is obscene, The East Wing should be rebuilt to its former design. It is the people’s house, not the current president’s toy.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:54:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Diede
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jessica Mariglio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Margaret McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this illegal project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sharon Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project—it's a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Instead, rebuild the East Wing as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bree Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the razing of the East Wing of the White House without regard to historical or administrative propriety. This project must stop
Immediately and not proceed until approvals from all historic committees and clarity on funding are obtained. The White House does not belong to the current administration, it belongs to the nation and her people.

Thank you
Bree Schultz

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Name: K. Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather McCurdy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamemtly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of

American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt under the independent authority and all decisions to be made by the National Trust for Historic Preservation restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose this project and feel it should be stopped immediately. Restore the White House to its original design.

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Name: Melissa Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mark Indictor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Heather Bourbeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Rodenbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, for cause. The project was initiated without the proper consultations, authorizations, permits, or design review. The razing of the East Wing took place without the proper consultations, authorizations, permits, or review; indeed, it is our understanding that the contractor who executed the work has not been paid for the work, either. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with the $300 million set aside for the project, plus any additional pledged monies the President secured in support of the so-called "modernization." No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:53:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elyse Warns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, nor the wish of the American constituents. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former stately design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House, which was initiated without legal authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasure and attempted re-writing of American history, an offense and insult to every prior President or President's family who occupied and worked in the space. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people, not any current or past temporary resident.

I want this grandiose project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want the artifacts that may have been destroyed when the wing was razed restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thus, instead of the American people footing the bill for restoration, the persons responsible for the harm should be held liable and required to pay.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:53:32 PM
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Name: Sherry Behnken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the those who do follow the law.

THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ABOVE THE LAW!!!

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Name: Susan Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Tabata
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Bromelkamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the funding and implementation of this project. My understanding is it was not approved throught the proper channels and given enough input on the proposal. I believe this project should be cancelled and the former design restored to its original historical intent.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:53:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. How this sad excuse of a President just “decided” to build himself a Grand Ballroom is not only wrong, but should be illegal and land him in Prison, He had NO RIGHT to do this. The White House belongs to the people of America…. NOT DONALD TRUMP. He destroyed public property. If you or I did something like this without permission we’d be in Prison for a long, long time.
This project should be stopped and the East Wing should be restored at Donald Trump’s Own Expense. His properties should be seized to restore what he destroyed.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:53:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaylyn Monceaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrie Guzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:53:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Symes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Baucom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenously object to this project in its entirety. Trump had no permission to take a wrecking ball to the people's White House. He has zero respect for tradition, for anything except what he wants. We the people should have been allowed to give our opinions on this before he arbitrarily tore down the East Wing. And now he wants to use OUR taxpayer dollars to fund this. What he's proposed is so oversized, so gaudy, and horrendously expensive. The East Wing should be restored to the original and that is the only course of action that I support.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia coyne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to strongly communicate my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is the People's House.

Respectfully,
Julia Coyne

Date: 2/16/2026 7:53:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Mandigo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. This is nothing more than a vanity project. Restore the original East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Schuyler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was illegal. Hold Trump accountable, otherwise his law breaking is normalized and his disregard for the American people reinforced.

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Name: Patricia Ericsson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "Modernization Project" which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a razing of American history and an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! Please stop this lawless destruction of our National heritage.

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Name: Sarah Ciras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:52:55 PM
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Name: Sandra Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

In the meantime, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require a complete accounting of the current whereabouts of all the contents of the East Wing prior to its destruction as well as all historical materials that were used to construct the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Schuchman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Plus the design is a tacky disaster. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Metcalf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a 300 million dollar ballroom. The project was not approved by Congress nor the proper permitting authorities. Furthermore, I would request the East Wing be rebuilt and restored as closely as possible to the original structure using the donations for the ballroom. The People's House deserves to be protected from further unauthorized construction projects.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myra Hirschberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Kathleen Lisle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to replacing the historic East Wing of the White House with a ballroom that is the pet project of one man. Neither public money nor private money (given to exert influence on public matters) is acceptable for financing the destruction of history. Please do not allow this project to go forward. Instead, the East Wing should be restored, as closely as possible to the design of the original.
Thank you.
Kathleen Lisle

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Brunet Relyea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cynthia Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make this project go through proper authorization channels such as design review, permit processes, historical evaluation of materials and items taken.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be rejected. It is shocking and outrageous that the East Wing was destroyed. It is an ill conceived vanity folly, undertaken without proper review, permitting or consultation with historians or experts. It is a tragic mistake of epic proportion already, but the monstrosity proposed would be an obscene affront on a precious national monument. The property should be restored within reason to its pre demolition proportions. We do not need a ballroom. Donations must be returned and 'benefits' to donors investigated.

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Name: Steven Brodsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to make my opposition to the East Wing Modernization project. I feel that since wasn't a project that was submitted to or approved by the Committee nor was it approved by the people of the United States & the fact that it is apparently being paid for with Taxpayer funds, this Administration should have went about this through proper procedures & channels. I don't not feel that we need a ballroom that

holds 3-5 hundred people . We have already lost our beloved Rose Garden, which now looks like some sidewalk cafe & feel that spending $3-400+million to entertain the President's personal friends is not in the best interest of this Country. I wish to see the East Wing restored to its original state as much so as it can be. Thank You for allowing me to express my feelings and thoughts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Schulman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. Emphasis on the word temporary.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. It is, in short, a hideous national tragedy. And, what has become of the objects inside? They belong to the people.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Anything less is a travesty.

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Name: Jamie Hackenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I passionately oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing

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Name: Christina McGann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design down to the outlet covers AT THE COST OF THE INDEPENDENTLY FUNDRAISED MONEY, AS REPORTED BT OUR PRESIDENT. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Emery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original footprint and dimensions. This is the people's house, our house, and I don't believe we need a massive structure constructed in its place. The proposed ballroom is out of scale to the existing structures and will destroy the historic significance of the East Wing.

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Name: Lee Terpening
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mike Stover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing is opposition to this project. This is a blatant attempt to change the character and aesthetic of a historically classic design. It is also a ridiculous attempt to create a monument to a wanna-be dictator and needs to stop.

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Name: Jan Hepworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Where are the national and historic treasures that were bulldozed? And how do we get those back? This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history by those who think they are above the law and can do whatever they want. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans as well as those who care about preserving our history and heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Polita Glynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Lee Ann Howlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I'm so glad I was able to see the East Wing as part of a White House tour many years ago. I feel very sad that so many other Americans may never be able to do the same.

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Name: Betty Kobierski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please listen. We need history to speak to us for generations. This East Wing Project will destroy that part of our national pastt, never to be reclaimed. Listen to us. We the American people want a voice in this action.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Gurbuz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Epplen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was devastated to see the People's House demolition project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project and an affront to American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I oppose any spending on this project that does anything but restore.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Linda Jellison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was never announced whether the existing artifacts and furniture in the existing East Wing were removed for preservation before the bulldozers came in to destroy it.

America doesn't need a ballroom. Our country has many more important priorities that should be attended to before deciding to build an ostentatious replica of Mar-a-Lago or some shrine for the elite billionaires to party in.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gretchen Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project" in itself seems like a phrase straight out of Orwell's 1984. The East Wing of The Peoples' House has been razed without public plan or notice at the whim of an authoritarian who has been given no consent from the people of the United States to destroy this architectural history. Likewise, he has no consent to replace it with a project whose design has been only vaguely presented--vaguely, that is, with the exception of the promise of its grotesquely outsize proportions.

Trump has bulldozed the East Wing to create yet another monument to himself. Do not let him also bulldoze the NCPC permissions apparatus that would keep him from accountability in similar actions. I want this project canceled. Rebuild the East Wing and restore it to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by destroying this building would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Suzanne Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300M on this project. The very understated title of this project should include the word ‘unlawful’. The initiators who illegally destroyed the historic East wing should be held accountable and the project should be cancelled. The East wing should be rebuilt to mirror its’ original elegance.

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Name: Jeff Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former glory, as much as can be done. The monster has demolished history but we can put it back. Please do so.

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Name: Dale Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Billy Wilkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or any legitimate design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is a full-scale demolition of an important piece of American history.

I am calling for this project to be canceled immediately and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or agency is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without consequences for those who violated established legal processes would be an affront to every law\u8209 -abiding American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dawn Dare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this 300 million dollar ballroom. Also am horrified by the destruction of our East Wing of our White House.
I want to see the East Wing restored to its previous historical glory.

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Name: Loraine Ramirez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the construction of trump's useless ballroom. Restore the East Wing to its former size and use. And go through proper, established channels.

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Name: Martha Farlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the project. I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! It is wrong to permit this project to go ahead. The individuals who broke this law should be penalized.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Ott-Chartier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of taxpayer dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ellen Datlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This a shameful act perpetrated by a person with no taste and no civic pride.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Roberta Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project due to the fact that it completely changes the look of the White House in an ugly way. It is so large it almost overrides the main part over the White House

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Name: Brandt Marilyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project . This wing of the People's House was destroyed without permit and without submission of a plan . The so called “modernization “ is not a plan , and would have been possible without destruction of this wing. The plan for a large ballroom is not part of my American Vision. It is the vision of an Oligarch , who decided without presentation of choice , to the citizens of the United States, to proceed with pursuit of his dream. I support a rebuilding plan to restore the People’s House to its original footprint and to be paid for by the person who decided to destroy part our American Heritage.

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Name: Kimberly Carnahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in precise, unvaried keeping with its historic design, size, appearance, and materials. Restore to the reconstructed East Wing all of the properties and artifacts originally found therein. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion and must appear to be as organic a part of the structure as the original building.

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Name: Julie Goodnight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to $300 million being spent to destroy the East Wing of the White House and replace it with a ridiculous ballroom.

As an American citizen my experience of this was we were told that it was in discussions. Then we heard that the ballroom would not even be touching the White House it would be off to the side somewhere. And then one day I woke up and the East Wing was being destroyed. I do not think that every law, tradition or norm was followed when this happened. At a time when our country pretends to find crime an extremely important policy I am distressed at the thought that the highest leader and his staff feels that he is above the law. That is the people's house. I do understand that renovations have happened in the past but in my 67 years I have never watched something like this happen. This is on a completely different level and is very upsetting to see it happening with no oversight.

I think the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous design and then maybe somebody can discuss a ballroom that doesn't involve destroying our historic White House.

Thank you for allowing comments on this subject.

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Name: Trudy Ray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of the planned ballroom. There has been no official review of the proposed project. There is no clear proposal for how it will be paid for. It's size and design, as published to date, are out of proportion with the existing structure of the White House proper and the West Wing. Please consider objecting to the building of this addition. If possible, replace the original East Wing with a structure that mimics the original.

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Name: Killian Orion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I categorically oppose the expenditure of $300 million on a project that was initiated in clear violation of the law—without proper authorization, required permits, or a legitimate design review. Labeling this effort as "modernization" is a misrepresentation; it is the wholesale destruction of American history disguised by

bureaucratic language. This project must be canceled in its entirety, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or institution is above the law, and allowing this illegal action to proceed without accountability would be an affront to every law-abiding American and a dangerous precedent for the Commission to endorse. The National Capital Planning Commission should reject this project and uphold its duty to the law, the public trust, and the preservation of our shared national heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this unapproved destruction of the east wing of the White House. It does not belong to the president. He or she is the caretaker. This was done without approval or authorization. It needs to be restored. At the very least, if a ballroom was absolutely required it could have been done within the original wing.

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Name: John Sapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!!

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Name: Diane Dezelan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ooppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public

accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kat Silcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Faber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Melissa Hinkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing without any approval or process was a travesty. The American people own the White House not Trump. We want it restored to what it was. No $300m for a ballroom!

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Name: Jill Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christine Holeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No Ballroom, and no outside donations buying favors. Only historically accurate yet modernized for safety needs, tech needs, and working ability to offices needed similar to original East Wing use, planned out with Congress passed plans abiding by all laws already pertaining to how this would have been and should have been done. Funded by the people, This is The People's House not a playground for favoring billionaires.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:51:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kriss Lawyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this 300 million project to the People's House! This demolition was completed illegally with no project design, no permits and no authorization from the commission.
This project is clearly not wanted nor needed by the American people, thus administration is only temporary, they have no authority to do this.
Please return this part of the White House to its original design keeping historical artifacts and history in place.

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Name: Jonathan Crosby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed $300 million expenditure should be rejected. This project moved forward without the necessary approvals, permits, or design oversight, and its continuation would legitimize a process that ignored established legal safeguards. Rather than representing thoughtful modernization, the plan effectively erases a significant part of America's historical legacy.

I call for the project to be stopped immediately and for the East Wing to be reconstructed and restored to its original design. Upholding the rule of law requires accountability — proceeding without penalties for those responsible for the violations would undermine fairness and respect for the law among the public.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:51:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dina Brisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project continuing in a rushed fashion without oversight, permits, Congressional approval, a detailed budget of costs, disclosure of the source of funding, complete architectural deawings, additional public input, an outline of the finishes for the interior and exterior, a construction schedule, and solicitation of public bids for the work. In other words: follow the legal process that every other project of this massive scope has had to follow. I also oppose the East Wing being larger or taller than the West Wing. The premature and unauthorized demolition does not constitute waiving appropriate protocols. A good project does not suffer from taking the time to follow the rules.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:51:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Golden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the illegal destruction of the East Wing of *our* White House. It should be rebuilt to what it was to the degree that this is possible, and no ball room should be allowed.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:51:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brooke Jennings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Cielica
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. Proper permits were not obtained. The East Wing should be restored to its previous standard.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Albright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let Trumps ballroom be built. He does not own the White House. Restore it to its original East Wing

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Name: Robert Ehnat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing and now the estimated spending of $300 million on this vanity project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project of the current president. I want this project work halted immediately, a new design review submitted through the proper agencies for review and approval.

Further more, fines should be levied all all the parties that had a part in the unauthorized demolition of a historic building

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Name: Caren Catterall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White house is destruction of our history. Given that the administration did not get the required permits and input, it needs to be put back to its original configuration. Letting him get away with this will only encourage his unlawful behavior. Or let the people have a say in what happens with the peoples house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Camille Kvenvold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I did not write the below, but it so clearly covers my sentiments that I do not see a reason to rewrite it.

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Date: 2/16/2026 7:50:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penelope Breslin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Wilbur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, which started with the rapid demolition of the East Wing of the White House without the required input from groups that control destruction or remodeling of historic buildings, should be stopped. Trump solicited funds for this project from very wealthy individuals who are correct to believe they have purchased influence,

No president should be allowed to destroy large swaths of the White House without getting the input required by law. And no president should be allowed to sell favors to fund his favorite projects.
Stop it now.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:50:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Taylor Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a major part of the White House. The White House is officially the People's House and the

President is a short term tenant. Tenants do not have the unauthorized permission to remodel the house. This total disregard for the White House is a major overreach of the President's authority and cannot be condoned. Allowing this major distruction that obviously was planned well in advance is an insult to the people of America. Immediate and severe penalties need to be brought against everyone involved in the planning and execution.

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Name: Michelle DeBerge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Gaylord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am diametrically opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed ballroom
This is an administration that is illegally and without proper review or consent changing the incredible history of our countries architectural and cultural past and creation
This must stop and this is an important place to draw the line
Please have the Wing restored
The Rose Garden restored and garnish the salaries of this administration to pay for it
Thank You
Joseph Gaylord

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Name: Kelly Godar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, those who broke the law and brazenly tore down the East Wing should have some responsibility to fund the rebuilding.

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Name: Mary Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Aimee Hilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose allocating $300 million to this project, which was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. This is not a modernization effort—it amounts to the destruction of a significant piece of American history. I call for the immediate cancellation of the project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing

this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated legal requirements would be an injustice to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Deborah Stojevich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He tore down the People's House without permission! File charges and fine him for rebuilding!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Byersdorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom project. The East wing is historic, it needs to be rebuilt the way it was. If Trump wants a ballroom, he can find another spot and go thru the process to do it legitimately. We have lost a national treasure...done on the sly with no input from the people who own it...TRUMP does NOT own the White House buildings. He needs to follow proper proceedures.

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Name: Ginny Lawing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jon Kochavi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It is costly. It was begun without proper authorization, permits, or design review. That is wrong -- the White House belongs to the American people, and the occupants are merely custodians for a period of time. I would like the project to be halted, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I would also like to to see the people who made this illegal decision to begin work to reimburse the American people for their mistake.

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Name: Susan Tauzin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Kimberly Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC,

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Sincerely,
Kimberly Weber

Date: 2/16/2026 7:50:19 PM
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Name: Kathy Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of more than $300 million on this project. Which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Having spent my entire career in the construction business, I know that this is absolutely inexcusable, incorrect and inherently dangerous.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and rebuilt going through all of the proper channels. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rene Dierker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leslie Blackman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mark Hiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not real estate owned by the President. It is the People's House. That the East Wing was demolished at the whim of Donald Trump was a slap in the face to the People. The renderings for the ballroom are yet another slap. The ballroom will dwarf the White House and emphasize entertainment and wealth for the few. The renderings suggest the ballroom will look like an ancient Roman temple. We are not Rome. The president is not an emperor. Donald Trump should be held accountable and made to build an exact replica of what he so brazenly destroyed..

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Name: Yvonne Scrofano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the sitting president. It belongs to the American people.
For that reason alone, the reported destruction of the East Wing under Donald Trump is indefensible.

The presidency is a temporary assignment. The building is permanent national heritage. Any significant alteration to the White House complex must meet an extraordinarily high threshold of necessity, transparency, and respect for historical continuity. Personal preference, aesthetic rebranding, or political symbolism do not meet that standard.
The East Wing is not decorative excess. It houses the Office of the First Lady, serves ceremonial and public functions, and forms part of the architectural and institutional integrity of the Executive Mansion. Its demolition — if not driven by clear structural necessity — represents an alarming assertion that a president may reshape national symbols to reflect his own will.
That is not stewardship. That is entitlement.
The White House has endured war, fire, structural reinforcement, and careful restoration. Those interventions were made to preserve the institution — not to project personal dominance over it. The distinction matters.
Allowing substantial destruction or reconstruction without compelling public interest sets a dangerous precedent: that future presidents may treat shared civic landmarks as extensions of their own legacy-building projects. The White House is not a branding opportunity. It is a constitutional symbol.
The Commission's role exists precisely to prevent unilateral executive overreach in the stewardship of the nation's capital. This is one of those moments where that responsibility must be exercised with clarity and resolve.
No president is larger than the office.
No administration is larger than the Republic.
The American people deserve transparency, restraint, and reverence when it comes to the preservation of their house.
I respectfully urge the Commission to scrutinize this action to the fullest extent of its authority and to reject any proposal that prioritizes personal ambition over historic preservation and institutional continuity.

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Name: Toni Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trying to erase our history and heritage is unacceptable. This should have been stopped when the equipment arrived. The House belongs to the people and this individual!

I also can't imagine 200 important people wanting to be in the same room. No amount of security could protect that many important people.

Not to mention there are so many other problems that need addressing monetarily. This is a travesty for our country.

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Oberliesen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm totally against razing the White House's East Wing for a grandiose ballroom that takes away from the original historical design that was originally conceived for the East Wing. This would be a slap in the faces of American citizens. In addition it's totally without merit and a cost to taxpayers.

I sincerely hope we the taxpayers will stand up and be counted.

Nancy Oberliesen

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Name: Mary Ripley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Jacqueline Francoeur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beverly Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original structure. The people's house does not need a ballroom.

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Name: Pamela K Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Maria Hein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the construction of a ballroom in place of the historic East Wing of the White House. Instead I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was. This is the People's House. The East Wing was razed illegally. Further, private funds should never be allowed to finance construction of historic properties that rightfully belong to the citizens of the United States. The destruction of the East Wing was an appalling example of the hubris of the current occupant of the White House. Do not approve a ballroom, particularly one that is completely out of scale to the remaining structure of the existing White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:50:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been razed. It was destroyed illegally, without permits and must be restored to its original condition. No stupid golden ballroom should be built in its place. The American people need health care and affordable education, not a gaudy golden ballroom. Restore the east wing!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:50:02 PM
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Name: NELL Nestor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300 million spending on this project which was undertaken with no planning or oversight. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt in its historical form.

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Name: John Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and Donald Trump's shakedown of donors to build a ballroom. This is not his property, it is the people's property. Let him put his tacky gold decor at his Florida club and restore the white house to its historic structure and design.

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Name: Kitchel Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pat Aistrup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this project. The spending of $300 million taxpayer monies to complete this project is unacceptable. It was a destruction of the people’s house done totally illegally. I support the rebuilding of the East Wing to its former glory and be an exact replica of this building to restore and capture

its former significance. This project was started outside of the law and should not be allowed to go further.

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Name: Troy Dolle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jacqueline Braman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Name: DS Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is NOT the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States. What the current president has done is dishonest, an authoritarian personal money grab, a purely narcissistic, egotistical action made to reflect his own legacy materially.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as

a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. All items removed from the building must all be reinstalled in the exact places they were stolen from. All speed must be made to rein in the illegal authority this administration has used to blatantly disfigure America's house.

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Name: Nancy Macdonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project with every fiber of my being. It is sacreligious to desecrate an American building with such a long history in this way. The project is grossly out of scale and is not an appropriate addition to the People's House. Furthermore, this is not a "modernization" project and has not gone through the proper reviews. Nor has it been agreed to by the American people.
Thank you for taking my comment into consideration.

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Name: Janet Fries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing needs to be completely rebuilt as it was before. All these changes were started without any permissions. I think I am in the majority with other Americans that they do not want a giant ballroom that dwarfs the White House instead of the east wing. Bring back the east wing

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Name: David Tornheim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. First the destruction of the historic Rose Garden and now this! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Beth Landmesser
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Name: Denise Morphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without going through proper channels was in direct violation of the law. Therefore, it should be rebuilt as it was with the proper ascetic balance with the West Wing. It, also, should not have anyone's name put on it because it has always been known as the East Wing. In the future I also hope that the rose garden will be restored to a garden. Thank you very much for your consideration and please listen to the American People on this matter

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Name: Bear Hartley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am unequivocally against this project. This is not a restoration - it was a razing of the People's House without permission, permits or historical preservation. No review, no consultation, no plan - an ill conceived vanity project. I want the East Wing of the White House restored - exactly as it was. I want Donald Trump held personally responsible - for breaking the law and paying for the restoration. There was a legal and considered path to modernization of the East Wing, this is not it. I don't want a ballroom for the elite, I want the People's House restored for the people.

No Ballroom. Restore the People's House.

Bear

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Name: Kathy Callahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Timothy Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project in its entirety. It was not properly reviewed or permitted. The people of the United States don't need a ballroom.

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Name: Deborah Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I was born in Washington DC and this destruction of the People's House is disgusting.

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Name: Anne Belov
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cassie Potts
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Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robert Toombs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing, a project that was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. It isn't modernization at all but a razing of history, our history, and the project should be canceled. Any monies collected should be dedicated to the rebuilding of the East Wing according to its prior design specifications. The people who initiated this project have broken several laws and should all be held responsible to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Parkhouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing. It is the people's house. Totally disrespectful to us the people how it was destroyed. Should have gone thru the legal process. It should have been reviewed and permitted. I woukd like to see it restored to its original size and historical look.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josh McGlasson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I highly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is an incredible overstep, desecrating a historic piece of American history without consultation of the elected representatives of the American people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to move forward would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its historical state. It was demolished illegally, and illegal actions cannot go unanswered, and certainly not rewarded. The destruction of the East Wing is a slap in the face to every woman in the United States. This female veteran wants to see it returned to it's rightful and proper state. This should be paid for by those responsible for destroying it illegally.

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Name: Nancy Johansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anna Lockwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can only hope that efforts to stop this ridiculous "modernization" are successful.

It's outrageous to me that the beautifully historic East Wing was bulldozed out of existence with no

meaningful oversight or protections. Memories of the destruction and the aftermath fill me with disbelief. How could this have been allowed to happen?

The East Wing has served an important function throughout our history that deserves better acknowledgement than unfinished, overpriced, badly proportioned, grandiose visions of gold plated everything. Our people deserve to have their tax dollars respected. Those in charge of this important restoration are public employees who need to remember that they are servants of the public, bound to respect and honor those who have come before whatever their political differences.

Humility and self restraint need to be part of any plan going forward.

The simple of the building that used to exist reflected quite a lot that is good about American ideals. Destroying it at a whim is totally in line with the poor judgment of those who seem to think the nation's house only exists as a backdrop for photo opportunities.

We must now rebuild it with a clear eyed awareness that the work we do will be a reminder to future generations that this nation deserves to survive and thrive because of our diversity and willingness to work together, not because one group in one moment of our history managed to force their judgements on everyone else. Heavy handed bully tactics do not reflect well on our government or ourselves, and it's beyond time for such behavior to end.

Much has been written about how times have changed, how our values have shifted, how we need to look forward, but it's my belief that the buildings surviving from our past have much to teach us about how to endure despite the pressures of the moment.
It is my hope that plans made going forward will be more prudent, respectful and aware of the centuries of historic events that have taken place on that site, and that will continue for generations to come. Our nation deserves better than slapdash cronyism, financial and structural mismanagement and bad judgement.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Gilpin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marynell Hinton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to this grossly misnamed "East Wing Modernization Project." From its inception, the

White House has been more than a building - it is an idea and a symbol. It was designed to be and has remained modest and unassuming in order to reflect the fact that the President is not a monarch who rules but a citizen who serves ... it is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. President Trump's callous razing of the historic East Wing was initiated without the proper authorizations, permits, or reviews - with no regard to history, public sentiment, or environmental safety. Clearly, the project is not intended to reflect or enrich our cultural heritage - no such discussions or explanations have been forthcoming. It exists simply for President Trump's further self-aggrandizement and the opportunity for wealthy individuals and companies to funnel money to him with little or no meaningful transparency and oversight. The fact that the cost of this debacle keeps ballooning along with the size of the building testifies to the embarrassing lack of both planning and purpose. Presidents cannot be allowed to unilaterally alter The People's House in any way they see fit. As mere custodians, they must receive meaning permission (not rubber stamping) before irrevocably changing the building and grounds. If not, what's to stop Trump or another President from simply pulling down the entire complex and using private funds to build a palace? No one is above the law. To permit this project to move forward as-is and to fail to penalize all those involved who broke the law would be an affront to everyday law-abiding citizens and to all that The White House symbolizes. I want this project cancelled.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Marie Koon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to the entire United States. That it was undertaken without proper authorization and with flagrant disregard for the history and meaning of this the People' house is outrageous and must be stopped. I demand the Eat Wing be restored as it was before this wanton distraction.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Dong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historical beauty of the East Wing, a part of the White House, The People's House, was demolished without the proper authorization, permits or design review. In its place is a proposed structure which will cost over $300 million. The new structure is unnecessary and all work on it has been done without proper authorizations, permits, or design review. Demolishing the East Wing was an assault on our American history and an erasure of part of our shared national identity. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Brenda LephartSlate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the east wing, I understand that it was in possible dis-repair but from everything I have read, Trump as usual did not take the proper steps to make changes to the Whitehorse structure. His claims that it will be paid for with donations by his friends seems to me as if people are buying favors from Trump. I am sure that if they want to make charitable contributions through the proper channels or to the department of Parks & Recreations which I believe should have been consulted prior to making any changes then that would be the correct way to do it. I oppose the tearing out of the rose gardens by Melania as well, those were part of the history of the White House, neither of the Trumps seem to have any respect for our history. I hope that something can be done t stop any more destruction to the grounds or the White House.

Sincerely
Brenda Lephart Slate

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Name: Laura Johns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beth Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reckless demolition of part of the White House is more than construction — it's vandalism of history. That building isn't just brick and plaster. It's a living symbol of the presidency, the people's house, and the continuity of American democracy. You don't "tear down a wing" of a 200-year-old landmark like you're flipping a hotel.

And let's be clear: any so-called "modernization project" should never have even been proposed — let alone put in motion — without full review by the appropriate historical preservation authorities, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the established federal preservation process. That exists for a reason. There are procedures, oversight mechanisms, and historical impact reviews specifically to protect irreplaceable landmarks from impulsive decision-making. Those avenues exist to prevent exactly this kind of damage — and they were treated as optional.

Modernization is not the problem. Responsible preservation with thoughtful updates is possible — it's done across the country every day. But modernization without oversight is just destruction with a press release.

Generations preserved that structure through wars, fires, and national crises. It survived the burning in 1814. It stood through Lincoln, FDR, JFK. Leadership requires stewardship. Instead, this was ego over legacy — treating American history like disposable property rather than a trust handed down to be protected.

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Name: Mary Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The modernization of the East Wing should have not taken place without careful review. The rebuilding should be done under careful review and through the proper channels. The scale and proportion are critical.

Thank you

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Name: Linda Segal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this craven vanity project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is the property of the American public, not any temporary resident, and as such must be treated in trust for its true owners. What has happened to the East Wing is not a modernization project but rather a tasteless expression of ego clothed in the complete razing of significant American history. I want this absurd project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elaine Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the use of any amount of money being spent to build a Trump ballroom where the East Wing was illegally destroyed. Since Trump illegally had it torn down, he should pay OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET, to replace the East Wing to the prior glory that it was. He destroyed a historical building which belonged to the people of the USA and needs to replace it with his own funds, not that of the American tax payers.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:42 PM
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Name: Neeci Packard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of the people's house was destroyed without going through the proper channels. A $300 million ballroom is not necessary to our country, not necessary to a president running our country. It is NOT his house to destroy & build as he desires, he is only a temporary resident. The East wing should be rebuilt with perhaps a smaller addition to host a large group.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen McClendon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing of the White House as it was. Make Trump pay for all of what he destroyed.

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Name: CHERYL RUTHERFORD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a Washington State voter and concerned citizen, I would like to add my comments about the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing.

I want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was pre-Trump, with original decor, pictures and furniture restored, but now with modern, hidden mechanics added in the rebuilding process. I want to see it done prior to our nation's 250 Year Celebrations. And paid for, not by working Americans, but by Trump and his family and any of those who contributed financially to the idea of building an obscene ballroom NOT wanted/asked for by Americans.

The East Wing is just one part of all of the Federal government's public buildings owned by The People of our great nation, not by one man and his family, temporarily living in the White House.

Cheryl Rutherford

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Engledow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the building of a ballroom in this location. I am amazed and upset at the sudden and unauthorized destruction of the historical east wing. It should preferably be restored to its original design and size. In no case, should the ballroom take its place.

Thank you

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Name: Holly Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, to alter the people's house, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Please stop this monstrosity.

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Name: Gary Chester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the People want the East Wing back the way it was... NO TRUMP BALLROOM.

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Name: JACQUELINE RUARK
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Name: Darla Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not go forward as planned. There should be significant time and consideration placed into the space & design, with multiple past administrations contributing thoughts on what space would be most valuable to the American people. Congress should be involved in approvals & funding. If nothing else, the destroyers of the East Wing should not be allowed or entrusted to move forward with the project. Their illegal action should not be rewarded with their choice of building. I have no faith that they will build something historically valuable.

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Name: Cheryl Collester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. No plan, no permit, no blessing from White House Historians. It's appalling what has happened to The People's House. I am asking that the 300 million dollar ballroom project be squashed because it was not handled the proper, legal way. The East Wing should be restored to it's former beauty.
Sincerely,
Cheryl Collester
U.S. Citizen and Taxpayer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Garidner-Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was unauthorized and an extreme waste of resources. The money spent to destroy a historical building without consent and without consideration of impact was irresponsible and sets a norm of erasure.

The East Wing should be restored with renovations for need of the people, not for the whim of a short term resident.

A bipartisan team of experts from archives, architecture, National Parks, and American history should be consulted as experts for design of the new East Wing.

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Name: Rebecca McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Colin Goldstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this so called "East Wing Modernization Project".

The project has not followed the law or gotten the proper permits.

It is just one mans vainglorious tribute to himself desecrating one of the most historic building in the USA.

It is sick, wrong and un-American.

Please make him stop and put it back the wya it was now.

That will waste less money than having to destroy it when the next guy comes in.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:05 PM
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Name: Rosemary Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support spending $300 million on this project, and I would like it to be rebuilt to its original specifications. The president doesn't realize even now that he is supposed to serve the people, not himself. He is careless and reckless with our nation and its landmarks. Stop the project and restore the East Wing. The president should pay for the restoration.

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Name: Marsha Pepper
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Name: Mia Blitstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brock Adler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic and beautiful East Wing of the White House was an excellent functional building for the First Lady's office, other administrative activities, and space for mid-sized functions of the executive branch. There are plenty of high quality governmental and private spaces within just a few blocks of the White House for very occasional larger functions, as well as the expansive and secure facility grounds for appropriate large tented functions.

The East Wing should be rebuilt largely as it was, but modernized, with flexibility to stay current into the future.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:00 PM
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Name: Cheryl Lumbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Part of the “people’s house” was destroyed illegally by a sitting president without following the legal processes for obtaining permits, permission and approval for the destruction of the East Wing and the required legal steps to build a “ballroom/bunker.” All of the White House is owned and maintained by “the people.” I’ve paid taxes for over 50 years for my house and if I followed the same path of destruction without authorization and approval, I would be heavily fined and likely arrested. In this country, all men / women are created equal and no one person, no matter their position, is above the law. I humbly request that the people’s house be restored to its prior state with financing provided solely by the perpetrator of the illegal destruction of our house.

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Name: Jean Leverich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Beth Cullinane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We all want to put our stamp on history. The East Wing Modernization Project expresses that desire. But the history here is more than the desires of one president. President Jefferson's colonnades were part of that history, drawing inspiration from Monticello, built by the people he enslaved. It carries with it the echo of Rome, Greece, and great empires. But since our Independence, we have never been anything but a Republic. And the people, under law, decide what will shape their house. The descendants of the enslaved are not all prospering as their ancestors dreamed. And the promise of the Republic is not lived by many Americans of all origins. For this reason, I strongly oppose the continuation of this Project. It is imprudent, wasteful, and unlawful. And I urge you to restore and preserve the East Wing to the state it was before this demolition.

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Name: SHAMMI WHITAKER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The National Park Service is responsible for managing the White House and its property, but have been completely shut out.

I want this vanity project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Moline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Deana West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear members of the commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of our shared history as Americans. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The law must be followed concerning this building and others which belong to the citizens of this country. If changes are to be made, the rules should be followed.

Thank you,
Deana West

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Name: Mary Meunier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This demolition is wrong in so many ways. Firstly, he had no right to destroy without authorization. Secondly, he denigrate women by destroying the First Lafy's office. It implies that they don't need to be included in the Administration.
Thank you.

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Name: Alicia Cruz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judi Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The design for the ball room, not only is not in keeping with the White House, but it is way too large and will dwarf the historic White House. Also, the person who started all of this did not obtain permission to do any of this. The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt, as much as possible as it was. This is the People's House NOT the personal home of the President of the United States. I grew up going to the White House occasionally , and it is heartbreaking to think what has happened to this historical building.

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Name: Margaret Wilbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing has been demolished by the current tenant in the White House. A proposed huge ballroom is to be constructed in the same area. From all reports that I have seen, I believe that it will overpower and, most concerning, diminish the stature of the current White House and West Wing. The East Wing complimented the White House and added a pleasing aspect to the building.
While a serving President can make small changes that do not change the overall structure, I do not believe that a temporary tenant should be able to drastically change the view of a building that serves as a symbol of our Nation. This Building is the very reason for Americans to have a Historical Preservation Society! Suppose the next tenant decides to build a 40 story tower in place of the original building!
As expensive as it might be, I would like to see the area returned to the same footprint as the original East Wing. There are numerous venues throughout Washington and the surrounding areas that are more than capable of hosting diplomatic parties and huge “balls”.
The expense of hosting an event at these venues is a one time expenditure. The proposed ballroom would leave the government with a “debt” to the donors and would leave taxpayers with the continuing cost of the maintenance of this rarely used and usually vacant structure.
Please deny the approval required to complete the monstrosity that has been proposed and require the East Wing to be rebuilt as close to it’s original design as possible.
Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concern.

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Name: Jackie Freimor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Claire Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cynthia DiDonato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the tearing down of the East Wing and the building of a ballroom. The White House is the people's house. Trump has defied all the proper channels to do both of these acts. He has neglected to consult us.

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Name: Debbie Wagers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Angrily Submitted,
Debbie Wagers

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Name: Lisa Gresham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding, tax-paying Americans. Thank you National Trust for continuing to challenge this administration's blatant disregard for law, process, the people it serves and our shared history.

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Name: Rebecca Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president is not, at any given time, the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing, without review, permits, or Congressional oversight, is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the Executive Mansion's original structure.

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Name: Kim Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I too oppose this new remake of the White House. I was brought up to believe that the White House belonged to the people - certainly not one man who decided to tear it down without proper authorization. The new ballroom will stand so much higher than the current building and doesn't fit in with the historic properties of the building. I suggest that our current President - who took it upon himself to do exactly what he wanted - put back the east wing the way it was. Then he could go about proper channels to build whatever he wants and not take it upon himself..

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Name: Barbara Bammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Vicki Federoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Maureen Peifer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of The White House.
No plans were submitted to or reviewed by Congress.
I demand as a citizen that East Wing of The White House be returned to its previous
condition as the historic repository and home to all presidents, not a reflection of the ego and greed of its current occupant.

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Name: Alice Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is America's house it does not belong to whomever the current occupant is. Please stop the
Is travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Saraya Uitvlugt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project! This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead an attack on a historical site that is lent to the First Family by the National Park Service. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. There is no reason that the whole East Wing should have been

demolished. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Lory Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. As a former judge and licensed attorney at law, I take particular offense at this egregious violation of the rule of law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. The history of our nation, and our legacy to future generations, demands that we take a stand against this violent assault on our revered "People's House."

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Name: Heidi Teter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ursula Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and gone ahead with with little regard to anyone.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Elaina Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to Americans that are held to a higher standard.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Gratto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please! STOP THIS! This is not what the American people want…..erasing American history to satisfy one person's ego…not to mention that the cost of this project is obscene…..it is a ridiculous ego project to satisfy one man. Please stop this project!

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and gone

ahead with with little regard to anyone.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha McFarland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to register my opposition to this project. I am heartbroken at the loss of history that has already occurred because it is obvious that this is not simply a “modernization”. The East Wing belongs to the citizens of the United States, not to any temporary resident of the White House. Please demand on behalf of all Americans that it should be restored and returned to its former footprint. I am angry and disgusted about this ballroom construction. Thank you for your attention.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gale Barr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Debi Kruse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount of money!) on the ballroom project. The United States doesn't need a big, huge Ballroom. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. And, it isn't even a modernization project, it's a brand new building! I was devastated when I saw the East Wing get demolished. That building was a part of our history and then it was just gone! In the best of all worlds, the ballroom build would be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. That would be an actual modernization project and I could support funds being used for that purpose, as long as all the legal authorizations, permits and reviews took place. Our president is not above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing the administration would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Chris Cagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the creation of a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Mehigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project anymore but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to a properly designed approved and appropriate design vs- with new properly selected contactors. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Terry Oden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a veteran (USN 1966-1969) who opposes the spending of $300 million — in bribes directed to the current residents of the White House— on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Corey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Thibeault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Andrew Bagge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing Modernization Project is a misnomer and should not be allowed to proceed. The destruction of the East Wing was done without approval and is an insult to all citizens of this country. We need to be protected from individuals who take the office and residency as their own and not as the property of the people. The integrity of the history of this building must be preserved. The 300 million should be used to rebuild and restore the original East Wing. This project would then be truly an East Wing modernization.

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Name: Mary Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It does not belong to the current occupant, but to the people of these United States. I object to the sudden and capricious destruction of the east Wing of the People's House in violation of the review and approval process that should apply. I object to the loss of the history contained in the East Wing, with no attempt to preserve the contents and materials. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No president should be allowed to wantonly ignore the

proper process without penalty.

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Name: B March
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the destruction of the East Wing, a symbol of our national heritage, destroying this important testament to democracy is the same as cutting off a limb from the body politic.

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Name: Diane Griffiths
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose spending any money on this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits, design review, or public input. This project should not have been started at the whim of one man, who ignored all proper procedures. The east wing should be restored as much as possible to what it was before it was demolished, with the cost of restoration to be borne by those who broke the law to demolish it. No one is above the law, and anyone who is or has worked on this demolition should be fined for working without permits and should be excluded from being awarded any government contracts.

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Name: Rebecca Palm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I highly contest and was shocked by the razing and destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This is the people's house that is to be respected, and treated with historic tenderness and protocol when changed in any way. I will repeat that it was shocking to see and shocking to learn the historic respect and ignored when the current administration went ahead without permission and tore our house down. Those responsible for this insult to the symbol of our country should bear the brunt of any and all prosecution of its destruction. The building shall be reconstructed in accordance to its former historic grandeur with respect to its historic value and its practical usage just as it was before its demolition.

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Name: Jeanette Cathy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The President did not seek permission from Congress to destroy The White House by removing The East Wing. He did not perform any abatement for toxic materials, and disrespected the importance of this historical bldg. Where are all the furnishings? The White House Belongs to The People and needs to be put back how it was along with the furnishings. Thanks

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Name: Jennifer Zelik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the unnecessary spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Walton Dornisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is a disgusting idead. Tearing down our history. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This narcissistic hog at the trough who happens to be president has no concept of what he destroyed. Embarrassing. Put it back.

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Name: Paula Hanes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Jo Ann Genrich Andre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the East Wing is a total disregard of its history. It should be restored as the East Wing not a ballroom. Then used for the functions of the spouses had made into .

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Name: Moria Vinay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million PLUS on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history all in the vanity and ego of one man. I, and my entire family, want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If anyone else had started a project like this within the government without the proper channels being executed, it would have been halted post haste. This is ridiculous to have continued and no "legal" stoppage of it.
Make it stop.

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Name: Susan Pasini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Judy Coady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not an East Wing Modernization project. It is a garish, egotistical endeavor by one individual having no architectural or design credentials. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is not a private playground. It is a public, American, National Monument, owned and honored by our citizenry at large.
It is against the law for private funds to be solicited to alter one brick.
Prevent that.

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Name: Amy Sugihara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Blauvelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I am horrified to even have to submit this comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Fulcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is NOT modernization of the East Wing of the Peoples' House. It is brazen bastardization. If Trump wants a ballroom, it should be designed by the appropriate agencies and align with the character of the White House - inside and out - and definitely should not overpower the remaining, historic portion of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Todd Barr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I completely OPPOSE this action and I find it reprehensible that the President has already torn down the East Wing. Please stop this man from destroying our country and our sacred institutions.

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Name: Jamie Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Seglin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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East wing demolition sounds more accurate than modernization. I am totally opposed to the building of a ballroom. First of all, the amount of money spent on it could be used in many other wiser and more humane ways. Second, there has been no proper procedure followed as they try to build this. Third, the

esteemed history of the east wing is destroyed for the building of a structure that we do not need. This is supposed to be the people's house. It does not belong to the current occupant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolina James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: M Teresa de la Vega
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is nothing short of a vanity project, executed by the current president, who tore down the White House East Wing, assuming he could replace it with his own design. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It pained me to see American history demolished without any consequences or any consultation with any other branch of government or governmental agencies. It is the People's House, and it is/was our collective history. It was treated as though it was Trump's personal property. IT IS NOT!!! Please stop any further action or alteration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jack Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That this is called a modernization effort is a joke. I reject to tax payer money being spent on a vanity project for a single president with. I oversight

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Name: Letitia Berlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Letitia Berlin

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Name: Katherine Evatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the proposed construction of a massive ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House. It's an architectural monstrosity totally unsuited for the site. I'd like the see the East Wing and Rose Garden rebuilt. The citizens of the United States are depending on you to protect the White House -- the People's House - and prevent it and the surrounding grounds from being turned into a monument to Pres. Donald Trump's arrogance and ego.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia Oriani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this hideous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather razing of American history in favor of a gilded throne room for a king. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Suda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All planning projects need to follow protocol and this project has not. This is the People's House and we the people do not need nor want a ballroom. Restore the East Wing to it's former state and do not approve this "modernization" project.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronique Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Afternoon,
Members of the National Trust for Historic Preservstion,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Haywood-Cory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Sausser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

The White House does not belong to any one person; it belongs to us, the American people. By wantonly destroying the East Wing without going through the official process the Trump Administration committed an illegal and unethical act.

Most of the changes that have been made to the White House since January 2025 have been tacky degradations to the people's house. Some, like the presidential walkway between the residence and the West Wing, are egregious acts of partisan political trolling. No one wants or needs a huge ballroom that dwarfs the other buildings, and certainly not one designed by this President and his abysmal taste.

I hope the National Capital Planning Commission can find a way to slow this process down, and to develop a path for Americans to weigh in on what is actually needed, and wanted on the White House grounds. I also hope that someone was able to save for posterity the history and art of the East Wing before it was bulldozed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
An American citizen, residing in California

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Name: Ray Poloncic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Eggleston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. The White House is the people house, not the personal home to any who might temporarily occupy it. I want this project canceled, all materials that were blindly removed and thrown out returned and inventoried and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Rohlfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see "the Ballroom" project cancelled in its entirety, as it is grotesquely out of proportion to the rest of the White House. Also, whether intended or not, it's primary effect will be to constantly stir up bad feelings and remind the people of an extremely controversial period in our nations history. A new wing similar to what was destroyed should be constructed in that area.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Warshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this "East Wing Modernization Project. It was initiated without proper authorization, without proper permits, and without design review. It is in fact not a modernization project at all, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Livia Yeung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Katzowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Furthermore, I request an investigation into what happened to the contents of the East Wing before and while it was being demolished. Those items have historical and monetary value and belong to the people of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Tazelaar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Weiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House should not be up for grabs to the highest bidders and the “corporate donations” are huge conflict of interest. I am completely disgusted by all of this.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Morley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This $400 million, and escalating, project is merely a vanity item for President Trump with all the other items he believes he need to bolster his massive ego. As usual, he completely ignores the proper procedures because he thinks he has permission from his Supreme Court cohorts. What a shameful situation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Hannan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and in compliance with all modern safety requirements as well. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Evelyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

hello National Capital Planning Commission

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this stupid "ballroom" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization but an ill-conceived vanity project instigated by the President in a lawless manner. I would prefer the East Wing rebuilt and restored (as much as possible!) to its former design.

Furthermore, please remember that no one is above the law -- and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

thank you

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Name: Leslie Bezner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this modernization project and want the building restored with respect paid to the historical heritage of the building. Any expansion of the ballroom should be kept in perspective with the rest of the people's house. Please ban all gold foil.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Maag
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in opposition of the East Wing modernization project. This project was started without proper authorization and approval. There is no need for the "people's" house to have a 90,000 sq ft ballroom. Our government officials should be in the business of working for the people and not in the business of self gratification and entertainment. The White House is not a country club. History should have been preserved and should be restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roderick Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed building of a massive ballroom on the White House grounds. The East Wing was demolished without appropriate authorization or review by relevant authorities, destroying a structure which was of literal historical relevance. Whatever replaces the destroyed East Wing will likely be part of the White House for decades or centuries, and so should reflect the needs of future administrations. My understanding is that the East Wing, as it previously existed, served such a purpose, and so it should be re-built.

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Name: Michael Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its entirety., It was initiated on the whim of one person without the required study, authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to the rule of law itself.

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Name: John Pennington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the current plans for the site of the former East Wing of the White House. I am opposed to the construction of a massive ballroom costing hundreds of millions of dollars. Please cease and desist any further action related to this project. Please rebuild the East Wing with modern amenities and for the purpose it achieved prior to the illegal demolition.

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Name: David Woodruff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and insist the East Wing be restored to it's former condition. It was begun in opposition to proper approvals and regulations, and is not mordernization, but rather a vanity project.

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Name: Kim Thurn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marilyn Fylling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up during the JFK era and was entranced by the beauty of the White House and the first couple. Jackie Kennedy made the White House into a showcase for the people, for us. I am physically ill over the East Wing being torn down, losing all that incredible history, and being replaced with a gaudy ballroom that's larger than the rest of the White House. How they were allowed to destroy a third of the White House without getting proper permits or approval is beyond my comprehension.

Please don't let this project proceed. Please restore our White House's East Wing as it was before, a piece of living history for us in the United States.

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Name: Melissa Edmonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathy Gould
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sylvia Abshire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to its previous size and shape as it was a historical building owned by the American people and we were not allowed to engage in the process of determining its future. No one is above the law and the current administration by-passed all the laws and protocols established to protect our history for future generations. Please do not allow this administration to advance any new building projects of any size and scope on this ground unless it is returning the East Wing to its former historical glory. Just say no! Please. I thank you in advance.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Barber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many, I was sickened and saddened by Donald Trump's decimation of the East Wing of the White House and his utter disregard for the history it contained. He lives in "the people's house" and his bulldozing of a large portion of it illustrates his contempt for the American people and our shared heritage. Tragically, the East Wing is gone, but allowing Trump to further alter the White House with a vanity project that no one wants would compound the damage. Please stop him!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the demolition and proposed construction at the White House. Not only did the administration fail to follow proper procedures before demolishing the East Wing - this is a vanity project for our current president and not desired by the American people! Current plans for any construction should be denied and the White House should be restored to its former glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Amrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Clarissa Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the words of Amara Guard. No one should be able to simply decide to make a huge change, then take destructive action toward it without going through the proper channels.
I suggest the country uses the “donation” for humanitarian services. If the “donation” has not been made already, the public should know the East Wing was destroyed not only before getting approval, but also before getting funds.
He should be sued to pay for rebuilding it to its former condition.
The destruction has been appalling and very loudly says what he thinks of OUR house as well as US.
No “ballroom”.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Shuteroff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am categorical opposed to this. The East Wing had its own history, particularly for our First Ladies. The fact that it was raised without proper approval and review for historical perspective. The proposed ballroom is

an abomination and those involved in the project should be held criminally liable for the damage done to this country's house. The White House belongs to the people and it is not some glamour project to puff up a fragile ego.
Please require that the East Wing get restored to its original glory and halt the construction of the ballroom.
Sincerely,
Sheridan Shuteroff

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Name: Kellie Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's " plans" are a travesty, what plans there are. The new East Wing should be a remake of the old one that he torn down illegally. The First Lady's offices should be restored, as well as the public rooms. If there absolutely needs to be a "ballroom", then it should be about a quarter of the size that Trump wanted. It should not eclipse the White House, the people's house, in size or grandeur. The hideous Rose garden club that he built, and I use built loosely, should be ripped up and Jackie's rose garden should be restored. And please for the love of all that is holy, remove all the gold crap he's hung everywhere. I know I'm just one person, and my input probably won't amount to anything, but I appreciate the ability to input my opinion. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Mancinelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore to the original beautiful, historical wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I boycott companies that finance the destruction and desecration of the executive mansion to lick the boots of and curry favor with the current occupant, who is hell bent on dividing Americans against each other and destroying our democracy.

Donald Trump has abetted insurrection, pedophilia, rampant corruption, cruelty rooted in racism, and murder.

Stay away from this bullsh!t.

Thank You,
-Danny

Date: 2/16/2026 7:45:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Quien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm totally opposed to this project which is a destruction of American history and not a "modernization," in any sense, and was not authorized or properly approved.
The east wing should be rebuilt as it was and restored to its architectural and historic details.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the needless $300 million expenditure on a ballroom. No step swere taken to obtain the required authorizations and permits, and no design review occurred. There is no "modernization" occurring with this, just a wholesale destruction of a significant part of a historic building. This project should be canceled and the East Wing reconstructed and restored to its former condition. The individuals responsible for this unauthorized destruction should be punished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not only do I not want that ballroom built, but I want the East wing of the White House to be restored to its former glory. Trump had no right to have the East-wing torn down. He did not have permission nor authorization to do such a thing.

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Name: Laci Hizer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Ann Manheimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $400 million on this project, which is the most recent estimate of its cost per CNN's report of 2-14-26. This is particularly egregious since the funds come from private donors who, according to reliable news outlets, will likely be repaid with political favors and/or appointments. Moreover, the project was initiated without any oversight, design review, authorization, or permits. A 90,000 square foot ballroom is not modernization; it's a destruction of our country's history. The White House, the East Wing, and the grounds do not belong to any one president or one person -- they belong to the people of this nation. I call on the NCPC to refuse this project and restore the East Wing to its former design. If this oversized project proceeds as planned, it will be an affront to both history and the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I understand the need for a larger ballroom attached to the White House so that more social functions can be accommodated, nothing should overshadow the grandeur of the original/central/main structure. This means that the overall size and height of the new East Wing should not exceed that of the

central building. The new structure should also match the overarching style and design of the central building and West Wing. Anything other than that will draw attention away from the existing structures and introduce completely new elements.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been destroyed and we don't need a monstrosity of a ballroom.
I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and the Rose Garden returned to the design brought forth by Jackie Kennedy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: L. B. Rankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Banquet hall and other modern amenities are needed. Learning that state dinners are held on the lawn in a tent is embarrassing. The funds are not coming from tax payers. Go for it!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:44:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Mallard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:43:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Ziegenhagen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: elliott maltby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the allocation of $300 million for this undertaking, which moved forward without the required approvals, permits, or design oversight. This is not a matter of modernization—it represents the wholesale destruction of a significant part of our nation's heritage.

As a designer who has personally navigated extensive landmarks review processes, I understand firsthand the rigor and responsibility required when altering historically significant structures. Those processes exist for a reason: to safeguard the physical history that connects us to our past. The integrity of historic architecture is not an obstacle to progress—it is a public trust.

I call for the immediate cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be reconstructed and restored to its original design. The rule of law must apply equally to everyone, and allowing this effort to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the principles that law-abiding Americans rely upon.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Anstine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm horribly offended by the elected leader of our government blithely overturning the rule of law to stamp his own; not the peoples own ... image of what is acceptable on the People's House. I'm quoting this person who states far more eloquently than I can, how horrendous this is; and why the entire project should be taken away from the Trump administration and turned over to the proper care of the independent agency that can do the best they can to restore the wrong that has been done at the hands of Trump. "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and

to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Medina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This „project“ represents a complete subversion of the protection that should be in place for the People’s House. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
This project should be canceled immediately, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and those responsible for it’s razing should be brought to justice

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Mealy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American whose taxes have maintained the People's House, I am disgusted that this president has decided he wants to use our money erect a giant, gilded monument to his own ego. The design I have seen, which dwarfs the rest of the building, is a monstrosity, a thumb in the eye to everyone who sees the president as an elected servant of the people and not a king doing whatever self-aggrandizing thing strikes his fancy. I am not in favor of this project at all, but if it does go forward, I urge that it be in proper esthetic proportion to the rest of the building, and that the whole process be brought under control by the relevant administrative authorities.

Sincerely,

J. Webb Mealy, PhD

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ivan Kipniss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

To permit this project to proceed as planned would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Hickman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Hannula
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be allowed to proceed. This was done without proper permits or authorization. The contractor should also face a huge fine for doing work without a permit. One of the most beautiful things about Washington DC is the history in the buildings. Careful consideration should be taken when changing architecture. This was not done. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was when it was illegally removed. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Romansky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending and work being completed on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The rules apply to all of us and process helps ensure we get the best outcomes for our nation.

This not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaclyn Sagal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, sparing no expense and with utmost dedication to historical accuracy. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Ramstack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should be stopped immediately and zero dollars should be spent on something that was not authorized by the proper parties, voted on, reviewed, etc. This project is destroying American history and those who approved it should be penalized!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Iovannicci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your consideration,
Christine Iovannicci

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Glennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Wyman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a very concrete example of what happens when we have a leader who thinks he's above the rules that the rest of the country is obligated to follow. The White House is known as the "people's house." It is historically and culturally significant. If he wants to build a giant ballroom, he has the funds to buy virtually any real estate he liked and then built it on his own, privately held land--land which he would actually own and then continue to own afterr his term in office ends.

Most American adults would know you can't just do whatever the heck you want to do to a PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDING of which you are merely a temporary occupant. This must be undone immediately so as to stop distracting people from matters like the Epstein files, the illegal attacks on the populace he's conducting via poorly trained, armed, masked and dangerous border control personnel, and his constant grift.

He lives to thumb his nose at civility and the rule of law. Please exercise every bit of power you can to say that this action will not stand. It might just feel symbolic, but his constantly arrogant and deceitful messages need to be contradicted--loudly and clearly.

Thank you,
Katherine Wyman
A U.S.-born citizen and taxpayer

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Cullison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for many reasons. We are spending at least $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Money was promised but never delivered, so tax payers will have to pay to clean up the havoc. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Burch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Righter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abigail Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Hamm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The way this project was pursued is an outrage and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. What will be next. And, if the action is allowed to go unpunished and completed, it will be impossible to take any future action for similar behavior. It will se a horrendous precedence.

Dennis Hamm

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Name: Mary-Jane Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior as ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore the gardens, specifically the Rose Garden and lawn around the original East Wing. Avoid gilding interior surfaces throughout the entire White House, restoring decorative treatments to the style and overall decor as it existed prior to January 1, 2025.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house and not the private home of a President. The Living Quarters exist to meet the First Family's needs and personal style should not exist outside that particular space.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Travis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the spending of 300 + million dollars for the building of a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House once stood.
This demolition was NOT approved through necessary channels and should not have taken place. The East Wing must be restored to it's former design to main it's protected historic form and function.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Bickerstaff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and sealed up until 2029 at 12:00 Noon. At that point I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

FREEZE THIS PROJECT.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Letson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing. It was demolished with not authorization and should be the East Wing should rebuilt not replaced with a monstrosity of a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Pavlich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Croteau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or any legitimate design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is the outright destruction of American history. The project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be an affront to every law\u8209 -abiding American.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonia Mains
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition and rebuilding of an extravagant ballroom in place of our beloved east wing of the White House. The demolition of the east wing was conducted without following the proper process or procedures to remodel one of our most treasured historic buildings. The cost is an outrageous extravagance in a time when priorities should be taking care of our American people. The White House belongs to the American people, not the inhabitants. Therefore, this illegal action must be stopped, and the east wing restored to its former condition. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hoebel-Farley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Deming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom. The destroyed East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt as it was or with appropriate updates that still preserve the historic significance of the original building.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Ruygt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historical design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead when it did not have congressional approval or permits prior to the East Wing being bulldozed is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a crime. The wing should be rebuilt to look as it was with any needed upgrades to systems. It is the People's house! History was destroyed.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any further destruction of the White House and request that it is restored to what it was before the reckless damage was done. The White House is the people’s House, not the presidents personal property. There is a process that is set down to make renovations and improvements that this president has disregarded in hopes that once the damage was done he would be allowed to move forward. Also, this should not be funded in anyway by the people but by those donors who went along with the president’s scheme.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerri Slattery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight was a violation of the law and a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Jirasek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It was not a modernization project but rather one of destruction. This was a show of power over the people and OUR house by the President. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want to know who the 'donors' are (were?) an how much each one is offering - and the documentation showing that they understand this is a gift and there are no current or future favors expected from this donation for them, their companies, families, etc.

I want the East Wing rebuilt to its former design (with a lens toward using modern system needs for sound, lighting, & electricity.) Maybe the $300 million "from donors" would begin to cover that?

Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Knox Rowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money, certainly not $300 million, on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The super-sized proportions make the proposed ballroom more than twice the size of the White House itself which is a mistake any way one looks at it. Events that occur in a ballroom pale in comparison to the work that has been and does take place in the White House, particularly the Oval Office.

This proposed ballroom is definitely not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of our American White House history and an attempt to glorify the current occupant rather than promoting any gravitas the White House already has in spades. The East Wing was lovely and was completely adequate to use for banquets most of the time. When more people were going to attend a function tents were placed on the WH lawn. Tents were not only acceptable they were also budget-friendly - the cost was not hundreds of millions of dollars and the tents were removed immediately after events and no alterations to the building itself have been necessary in quite some time.

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former lovely, historic design. Though we have been told "tech bros" would foot the cost, we've been told untruths about just about every aspect so I do not believe that We The People would not have to foot the bill for this vanity project. To be potentially on the hook to pay for this travesty is an affront to all us law-abiding citizens whose tax dollars are used on so-called government projects often without our knowledge or consent.

Please scrap this project as the affront that it is and restore the White House to its former glory. You might consider having them remove the gaudy golden swirly faux Baroque bits that have been added to a colonial style building while you're at it. Tasteless and tactless.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Schott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the planned ballroom is an abomination. This is just one desecration on another desecration. This is supposed to be the people's house! Please reject this project entirely. Sincerely. Jim Schott

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Caspari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is unclear as to why the modernization of the East Wing seems to be rushed and not well thought through. The plans as they have been shared are out of all proportion to the existing structure. The size of the new East Wing should not dwarf the size of the Residence. In fact, the structure as proposed would also obstruct the view of the main building. The scope of the project as well as its cost should be cut.

As a matter of less importance, the aesthetics seem unoriginal. The mockups I have seen appear to be a cut-rate imitation of Versailles. Although the hall of mirrors at Versailles has its charms, for a such a momentous project, there should have been a process that would provide a few options for which the people could provide input.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachael Nolte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in Northern VA, I never realized the white house didn't have a ballroom. I absolutely love that it's getting one. Our country deserves a beautiful and dignified space to host leaders ofnother nations and events. I can't wait until it's finished and we get to see it.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitzi Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Madam or Sir

I oppose the spending of any further monies on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connye LaCombe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious that the East Wing was destroyed without permission to be replaced with a gaudy ballroom. Our National House does not need a ballroom. I want to see that money used to restore the building to its original architecture.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larraine Mahoney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The steps taken thus far (such as the demolition) were not done in accordance with longstanding rules, regulations, and laws. No individual, not even the current president, should be allowed to make such drastic changes without going through proper procedures.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sharen ogier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appose the completion of the East wing of the White House which was illegally demolished by the president D Trump
Promised funds have not materialized or had “disappeared “.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chelsea Townsend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom and any funding to make it happen. Given the demolition and ballroom project in many ways was illegal, the entire project should be scrapped. Especially given one of its real purposes was to rewrite some of our history. We should restore as much of the East Wing as possible to its original form while making practical modernization improvements such as better construction materials, functionality, and exhibits and/or plaques acknowledging the history of the East Wing and its previous tenants/purposes. These are the only acceptable “improvements” taxpayer funding should go to. Now is the time to correct the mistakes, and outright destruction, committed against the People’s House.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Doherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored and the ballroom cancelled. There were no approvals given or permits applied for or any oversight whatsoever for this abomination and destruction of a significant part of The Peoples House.
The ballroom project is an ego driven, unnecessary addition that dwarfs The White House in size and scope and serves no purpose but to make this administration feel powerful.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teddi McCullough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Persons,

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Teddi McCullough

Date: 2/16/2026 7:39:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Klinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This should be done in a proper way, not by hiring tech bros and rich buddies to do subpar work. The current inhabitant of the white house has not business in this project at all, since he was the one who initiated it's illegal and immoral destruction for his own gross gratification and false glorification.

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Name: Denita Strietelmeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300M on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but instead a razing of U.S. history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design (with modest moderization as necessary and practical to the regular use of the East Wing). Restoration funds should come out of budgets belonging to those who committeed this atrocity. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lonnie Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am disturbed by the razing of the East Wing of the White House, the People's House. Having been made aware of this opportunity to contribute my opinion, I must agree with my fellow/sister citizen who put her objections this way:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Hutton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am greatly dismayed by the wholesale demolition of the East Wing. I seemed to be a unilateral action, taken without proper historical considerations and in complete disregard of any established legal process. Perhaps it was the most expedient course for a builder longing to supplant our iconic public building with his own bigger than life legacy, but it was clearly unnecessary. Even the modernization project of the White House undertaken during the Truman administration, where the interior was completely gutted and rebuilt, maintained the historic building's facade. In addition, I fear that the gargantuan dimensions of the planned ballroom, grossly out of scale with the residence, will forever change the East Wing into a behemoth, rather than a coherent component of an architecturally balanced complex. Please continue to oversee this project to protect the integrity of our beloved White House. It belongs to our country, not a group of private donors.

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Name: Lauren G
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michelle Thompson
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In addition all persons who have failed to follow the law on this should be charged for the cost of this repair work to be done. And be responsible for all costs of the destruction. No matter who it is, president down to management company of the destruction teams, all should be charged and find accordingly. But the largest part of the responsibility should be at the top. He lied to us. He promised, and his spokespeople promised, that the East wing would not be touched at all. Yet they tore it completely apart. They broke the law and procedure rules of such changes, and need to pay every single penny of cost that this has incurred. The citizens of the United States should not have to pay a dime.

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Name: Renshin Bunce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it My Concern.

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Thank you.

Sarah Elaine Lawson
Big Stone Gap, VA

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Name: Amy Ludwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The current tenant, in addition, was publicly witnessed inciting an insurrectionist attack on January 6th, 2020, and should therefore have been disqualified from either running for or holding office; furthermore, all his actions and those of the nongovernmental underlings and the executive administration over which he currently presides have shown zero regard for law, regulations, court orders, rudimentary decency, the Constitution, fairness, or rational debate.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dara Wasserman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Margaret Hirsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens and to those who respect history and responsible design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Collier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Sellers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeanne Berlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Restore to East Wing to its previous design at least externally.

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Name: Jennifer Knoblock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to continuing the current plan to spend $300 million on this project. This project does not reflect the historic value of the most sacred house in this country, the White House. This respected house belongs to the people of the United States of America, not to the current or any president, who is only a temporary resident.

The East Wing was demolished illegally, without the proper permits and approval. To continue with the current plans for a ballroom is disrespectful to the American people, and shows that the rule of law is not valued. The president is not above the law. I demand that the project be changed to restore the East Wing to its historic former beauty and function.

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Name: Nancy Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammie Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As many others have and will state, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:37:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Losquadro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is an abomination! Stop it please!!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:22:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Ohm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I concur with Anara Guard who writes, "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was

initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Rick Gondella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a $300 million grand ballroom where the East Wing once stood. The level of brazen ostentation of the mammoth building proposed is completely out of line — and out of touch — with the spirit of a place where Lincoln once spoke to people gathered on the lawn, from an open window. The White House was intended as an antidote to the ornate and festooned palaces of Europe. It is, in its own way, quite a humble building. The plans negate everything the building stands for.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emma Wyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design under supervision of the National Parks Service. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Lauro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Otley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Lori Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope you will stop the hideous East Wing Modernization Project that completely destroyed our beautiful, historic White House. This ballroom is an affront to America. The vanity project of a wannabe “king”, gilded in gold and tacky in design. It was never submitted for proper approval nor approved as properly designed. We the people do not want this. Please make him restore the East Wing to its original form.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Wahlman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Siragusa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Edel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

In addition Mr. Trump should personally cover the entire cost of rebuilding the destroyed East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernadette Flowers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather but a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the Easy Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Janet Horowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled to see the People's House so brazenly attacked in the name of the one. I vehemently oppose the creation of a gilded monstrosity intended only to further enrich the rich. The only appropriate course of action for the National Trust is to restore the original East Wing to its previous grandeur.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Schwarz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Steward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is a travesty that it was destroyed with no permits and by-passing any laws and required reviews relating to it.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:18:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Vallejo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a disgrace to the People's House! How dare he or anyone destroy this and for what? Another room decorated with gold foil robbed from a Hobby Lobby? Why is this even happening?

All it is another project, which will never get done as the funds disappears into someone's bank account.

The East Wing needs to be restored , as much as it can be, to it's former glory.

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Name: Barbara Cormack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mayra Santiago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: C Bednarick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Taren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to urge you to use your full authority to reject the illegal demolition and reconstruction of the White House East Wing.

This $300 million project was initiated without the required permits, design review, or public oversight. It is not a renovation or a modernization; it is a complete and unauthorized razing of a historically significant part of the White House. Allowing this action to stand would set a dangerous precedent, effectively encouraging future administrations to bypass the legal processes that protect our national landmarks.

I strongly urge the Commission to use its power to deny any retroactive approval and demand that this project be halted immediately. Furthermore, I ask that the illegally demolished East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those responsible would be an affront to every law-abiding American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Schoemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This area should be restored as it is part of our USA history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Arrowood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the person who ordered it needs to pay for it! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:17:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Harter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 MILLION on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Here in St Pete Beach Florida, we are still rebuilding from the 2024 back to back hurricanes. WE HAVE TO FOLLOW PERMIT orders from our municipality, if we don't follow the rules...we are penalized.
No one is above the law and to permit this East Wing Modernization project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. "Rules for thee, but not for me"

Date: 2/16/2026 7:18:04 PM
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Name: Kip Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 'modernization ,i.e. the'ballroom' is an affront to everything America stands for. It is a vanity project of a lawless President, and does not represent the interests of averge Americans.

I oppose the spending of an estimated $300-500 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project, as currently being pursued by the President is ILLEGAL It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Lingo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have such fond memories of touring the White House as a child and with students. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or at the very least keep the White House smaller without a ballroom or new space. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am opposed.

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Name: Julia Algire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Kocher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commitee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and make my feelings known on the current status and future of the East Wing of the White House (the People's House).

I oppose spending $300 million on a ballroom project, a project that was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but is a complete destruction of American history. I would like the ballroom project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, President or otherwise, is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalty to those who disregarded the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak out.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:17:55 PM
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Name: Laureen Vonnegut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jen Papin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, give us, the people, a voice in regard to the East Wing nightmare. Nothing about this was done the way it should have been done. Where are the millions of dollars “donated” to this illegal and illegitimate project. This president did not, and does not, have the authority to do this.
This is the people’s house. And while we may not be proud of what is happening within its walls right now, I would like to think we will be again someday.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:17:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Mulhall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this presidential vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who flagrantly broke the law will be an affront to all law-abiding patriotic Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rubén Ortiz-Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For starters the name of the project is wrong and misleading. It does not have anything to do with "modernization" or modernity for that matter. It is the vulgar, rococo, neoclassical, megalomaniac, gilded fantasy of someone more interested in branding and his name than the country, culture, history, education, art and the democracy these things should imply or anything remotely noble. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Who needs a ballroom when citizens are being shot by government agencies like ICE? Universities are being defunded and censored while stupidity is being celebrated and in the case of this building and even worse in the Trump Arch is being monumentalized.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Stahelin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Cataldo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The President broke the law by unilaterally destroying the East Wing. He has no authority to completely take down a historic federal building. Contrary to his wishes, The People's House is not Trump's house.

If there actually is any donated Money, it should be used to re-build the East Wing to better serve The People, not an ego.

Finally, My feeling is that Trump broke it, he should pay to fix it.

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Name: Sandra Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am strongly opposed to and offended by the destruction of the White House East Wing. I am horrified that Mr. trump can wreak this level of destruction without consequence. I am strongly opposed to any and all plans to build Mr. trump a ballroom. I want to see the East Wing restored, and the ballroom plans abandoned. Ideally, at Mr. trump's expense, but the important thing is to stop the wanton destruction of America's most revered and distinguished architectural heritage.

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Name: Kathryn Howlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disturbed over the destruction at the White House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American Institution. The decision to begin the "project" without proper permits and review is a direct statement "I can do whatever I want and you can't stop me." This has to remedied and restoration begun. Also where is every thing he removed? Furniture,

paintings, art. Etc.
Kathryn

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Name: Cindy Frenzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I agree with
Anara Guard's comment:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Ginsberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper design review, authorization or permits. It is not a modernization project but rather a heartless razing of American history. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law and trampled on our traditions would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The project should be canceled and the former East Wing restored based on its former design at the expense of those who perpetrated this atrocity. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Roarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

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Name: Denise Goode
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Lapetino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this so-called modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete

razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Larry Sessions
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is not wanted by the American people and only serves the desires of an elite minority. Spending $300 to $400 million for this huge and gaudy ballroom — without any of the required review, authorization, or permits — just to stroke the ego of an arrogant, authoritarian leadership, its equally imperious enablers, and mesmerized toadies, is an affront to American sensibilities and ideals.

Touted as a modernization, it is nothing more than an ego trip on steroids for an administration out of control. It shows no respect for history, decorum, or the actual needs of the American people. It should be immediately canceled, the instigator rebuked, and a modest East Wing rebuilt and restored to its previous state... or otherwise, the area should be put to some purpose of actual value. To let this preposterous ballroom proceed as announced, especially while this administration cuts funding to so many programs of actual value to American citizens, is an affront to American values, its history, and especially to its people.

Cancel this obscene ballroom monstrosity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Pruitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:17:14 PM
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Name: Judy Fargo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down without prior authorization or approval. The country doesn't need a grandiose, gaudy addition to the White House that dwarfs it in comparison. If such a building project is needed, which I highly doubt, then it let go through proper channels and be built somewhere else, without tearing down a landmark structure.

I propose it be built back again, as it was before, at President Trump's expense.

Thank you

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Name: Carrie Taghon-Molloy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Schumer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design / funded by Donald Trump who was responsible for this unlawful destruction! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crist Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you,
Crist P Thomas

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catharine Leppert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't an East Wing Modernization project. This is the folly of a megalomaniac.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Do your jobs.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne McClain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an American citizen. I have visited DC a few times and as a child toured the White House. I am appalled

that the East Wing was torn down with no notice, no safety measures (possible asbestos contamination), and no regard for the historical and architectural significance of this part of the White House. Mr. Trump said that his proposed ballroom would not impact the East Wing. Then he turned around and destroyed it! The ballroom that is proposed to take its place is huge and will overshadow the White House itself. The ballroom doesn't "fit" architecturally nor does it serve the American people. It also appears to be an opportunity for buying favor with the president. Seems illegal to me.
I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to match its historic glory in every detail. It never should have been allowed to be razed. In fact, that was never allowed!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Stalpes Stalpes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donald Trump should pay for it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Auble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without effort to conserve its materials and history, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. As someone who's renovated a number of vintage properties and received awards from PACA for each one, I know every old building has meaningful materials and relics, and that was not just any old building. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Harlan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper design review, authorization, or permits,. It is not a true modernization project but rather a demolition of and assault on American history. This is The People's House, not a palace or a private club. This project must be canceled, and the parties who committed this outrage must pay for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insultt to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juanita Borton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To continue with this project as proposed is an afront to history and the rule of law. I strongly oppose this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Peruzzini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Prothero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and

home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerri Christie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing and the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this destructive and illegal project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by undertaking it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and set a dangerous precedent that would undermine other historic preservation, and continue to undermine the rule of law.

Thank you for your attention,
Kerri Christie
Phoenix, Arizona, USA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah DelMaestro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House. Not Trumps house to desecrate. Stop him at all costs!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Afrasiabi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dana Lockwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a project that moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization; it is the destruction of American history. The project should be halted, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to continue without consequences for those who violated it would be an insult to every law-abiding American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda LaBrosse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Kent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As EVERY one of you knows, the fact that this is on the agenda, at all, is an absolute travesty.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This has been such a heartbreak; and I never even got to visit the East Wing. But that is no matter, it was so clearly a treasure.

Please hold EVERYONE accountable.

Heather Kent

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Name: Teresa Mullady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic White House, The People's House, was devastated so Trump could have a vanity project which he will surely put his name on.

This proposed ballroom will overwhelm what is left of OUR White House and be more costly to maintain than than the East Wing. All of the money that building cost our country could have been used for many other ways to benefit the people that support our country through our taxes.

This devastation was at the cost of millions of dollars that could have fed millions of starving people across the world and for children here in our United States

I propose that building be removed and the historic East Wing be restored-- all at the expense of Trump and his billionaires

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Name: Joanne Gomez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our heritage was destroyed when Trump tore down the east wing. It belonged to the people. And was not his to tear down. Please make him and his “investors “ pay to rebuild the east wing to be the same as it was. Historically accurate.

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Name: Bill Boler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Rebuild as historically accurate as possible. Keep to original scale. Have Congress approve any final plans

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer MacSual
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No public money should be spent on this and private donations should not be accepted. Start to stop this has been an illegal project that has destroyed the balance of this historic public building. If anything it should be rebuilt as it was with no new bunker and definitely not the ridiculous enormous ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Cowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nope!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Chris Hood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing project is massively out of scale and I object to how it was rammed through without oversight. Please work to make the building like it was previously, without the ostentatious size.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Buchanan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern, PLEASE stop this project and restore our beloved East Wing to it's former state! This project was ill conceived and not properly permitted, authorized or approved! This is OUR house!

Thank you -

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Quilley Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or any amount!, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sneak demolition of the historic East Wing was a crime. I am in favor of a new East Wing only if an historic oversight committee appointed independently of Trump's administration is in charge. The architect should have had experience on historic buildings and be selected independently of the White House. Donations should be monitored to avoid interference. I would prefer the people's ballroom is paid for by the people rather than the donations go in Trump's pockets.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Widder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Ruck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Blake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the construction of a ballroom at the White House, Washington DC. The East Wing was a historically significant structure that is owned by the people of the United States. I understand that there was no legitimate planning and/or approval process. It is a travesty that any one person thinks that they have a right to destroy our national treasure and monument to our history. It is the people's house. I call on the end to any further plan to replace the East Wing with a bunker/ballroom, and to restore the East Wing and any surrounding plants and landscape to its former glory. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

The White House is not just an historic house, but a symbol of American government - a government of the people, by the people and for the people. No one person is the owner of the White House to do with what he or she wants. The occupants of the White House are stewards of the people's house. They are there to preserve and to honor the people who came before them and who will come after them.

To raze the East Wing without public comment, public planning and with no regard for the history and beauty of the building was a tragedy and a crime. The East Wing should be restored to its former design, and any modifications to modernize the structure should go through a rigorous historic preservation and restoration process.

Moreover, there should be independent oversight of the financing, contracting and execution of the rebuild. President Trump is the most corrupt President in the history of this country and the East Wing of the White House should not be another vehicle for his personal greed and graft. The project needs much more T&A, and not the kind he seems to prefer, but TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY.

Sincerely,
A concerned American Citizen
K. White

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judd Dotson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the plan to build a ballroom in place of the now destroyed east wing:
The east wing should be rebuilt. NOT a ballroom. The peoples house does not belong to this president. It belongs to us.

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Name: Susan Bourque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT support turning this into a BALLroom. Maybe you can turn it into a garden at this point. Maybe the next FLOTUS would like to design something patriotic. Do not reward the "end run" around the proper and legal process

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marnie Holland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding Americans. This current administration has no interest in preserving history. History plays an important role in understanding why the world is the wayit is today by providing context and tracing the origins of current societal structures, technologies, and conflicts. We study past events to prevent destructive errors that we made in the past.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juliana Sheffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Mikel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored it it's original glory. I am not in agreement with any need for a large ballroom. This building conducts the people's business and not an entertainment venue. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARCUS WEBSTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, OWNED by the American people and TEMPORARY home to presidents since 1800.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. Just like Walmart, he just barged ahead with demolition hoping we'd accept the sad loss of this important building.

I STRONGLY URGE the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Marcus Webster

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Vait
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:16:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Argabright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization, it is a complete razing of American history. I believe this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Perri Combs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned about this project as the east wing was torn down so quickly without review or permits. The White House is part of our collective history and changes should be thoughtful and deliberate. I ask that this go no further and that the east wing be rebuilt in a historicity accurate way. This has to be done within proper regulations and planning.
Thank you!

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Name: Jeff Trapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kristi Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
Please accept these comments regarding the East Wing modernization. First of all this historic portion of the White House was destroyed without any input by the American people, who consider this building a monument to our country. In order to assuage this concern the remodeling must preserve the buildings exterior integrity. The interior renovation to modernize the east wing is understandable BUT AGAIN, restoration must preserve it its historic integrity. We don't want or need a ballroom; what we need is to know that our image of our history remains unchanged. Many Americans have visited this site and want to share it with our children and grandchildren.

Think of it this way: when notre dame was accidentally burned it wasn't turned into the Sydney opera house. Its integrity was maintained so that future generations of French people could continue to enjoy the cathedral whose history dates back centuries.

Please listen to American voices. Vet American designers and select an American architect.

Sincerely,
Kristi Howard

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Name: Rosemary Milburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Zatko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former grandeur! Since the administration did not go through the appropriate channels for review and approval, the cost of this rebuilding should fall on them not the American taxpayer.

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Name: Tricia Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jessica Hitchcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think we have $300 million to spend on this renovation. I also think that the sitting president taking donations for that amount of money is an extreme conflict of interest. I'd like to see this entire plan scrapped, and we start over. I hate that the East Wing was torn down as it was - that was incredibly disrespectful and wreckless and a brazen disregard for the fact that the White House is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. But now that it has happened, I hope that we will work hard to make the best of this tragedy. What is built as the new East Wing should be in line with our financial realities, the archetecture and design of the main building; It should be accessible and practical; it should be tasteful and not flaunt wealth while our veterans and neighbors go without dependable meals and medical care. A group of wise people from both parties and some experts in applicable fields should work together toward a plan that is full of compromise and moderation.
What ever happens, it should go through the process that is in place for these sorts of things. Slow. Deliberate. Thoughtful.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Dixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to move ahead is an affront to all Americans and erases important and precious American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leland Sinclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal destruction of the East Wing and demand in be restored to how it was before it was torn down.

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Name: Sue Flint
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review, or consent of the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, not a ballroom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Tuominen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to building a ballroom for Trump. I believe the East Wing should be restored to it's former use at Trump's expense.

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Name: Jen G.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it should concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Destruction of the current structure began without proper authorization and without an approved plan or guarenteed funding in place. The approach unlawfully challenged the historic preservation necessity and processes in place to reduce the risk of devaluation and desicration of historic sites and our collective Ametican history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its complete former design allowing for select modernizations in regards to standard electrical, HVAC, communications, and technical security needs. No one is above the law. No individual should be permitted to break the law without penalty. No man should be allowed to alter the tangible or intangible historic markers of our collective American history.

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Name: Janet Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nina Handler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Julia Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ronnie Berrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. That’s a misnomer. I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project. It’s a total erasure of history. It was not needed and was commenced without the proper authorizations, permits or design review. The project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Jeannette Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't claim the following words as my own but I agree \u-10179 ?\u-9041 ? percent!!

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A ballroom has no place at the "Peoples' House". Please correct this illegal & disgusting action. Someone should be held accountable and personally pay for returning the East Wing to it the way it was.

Thank you

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Name: Rene Rylander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathryn Vaught
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marsha McWhorter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending a single dime of taxpayer money on this ill-conceived project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history replaced by a hub for billionaires and Trump's cronies. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design but with an upgrade to improved handicap accessibility. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. DON'T CAVE IN to 47 and special interests.

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Name: Deborah Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you

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Name: Hannah English-Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Frances Mallory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing and erasure of the East Wing with all the historic architectural features Americans love about OUR house. I have been fortunate to visit in person The People's House twice in my life. And while I have been more fortunate than many Americans I am disgusted and horrified that the current squatter is able to do what he does both inside and outside-- UNCHECKED. He is one of those folks that denies accountability at every step he takes and has an operating system that ignores the rules as his default mode that they do not exist for/apply to him. What he has directed to be done inside was bad enough. But to think he can just RAZE the East Wing is criminal and should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. His brazen disregard for The Peoples' House is an extension of his disregard for The People. Had someone stopped him in elementary school when he had others do his homework he would not be entrenched in the "I can do what I want to do" infantile cerebral processing stage from which he operates daily and we would not be here now. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and strongly urge you to triple fine him for that price tag, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. While modernization projects may be necessary for such a historical building, it should be done following the rules set by The National Trust for Historic Preservation. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Trump's cost. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please feel free to RAZE him as you go about correcting this affront!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:15:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernett Belgraier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending $300 million on this project, initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review, amounts to nothing short of a national obscenity.

It is not a modernization project but rather a defilement of American history to feed one man's insatiable and maladaptive ego.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-

abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cameron Schott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to state that I am opposed to the east wing being torn down without any oversight by the National Historical Society or approval of Congress. This is NOT Donald Trump's house, it is the people's house and what is being done to it is horrendous. Architectural plans should have been presented and discussed before one single brick was removed. The project needs to be stopped and the east wing restored!
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:15:43 PM
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Name: Melanie Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Parisa Tafti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was begun without permits, designs, or permission. It is a desecration of the peoples' house and the person responsible for it must be held accountable by being required to pay out of personal funds to restore it to exactly what it was before.

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Name: Megan Bent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Michelle Hogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Elected officials are supposed to represent the people, not their own interests. The American public was never asked about renovations to the East Wing of the White House, and now we are being told the work is being funded by interest groups and private companies. That raises real questions about who government decisions are actually serving.

This reflects an administration that appears more responsive to a narrow set of voices than to the broader public. Congress should also be held accountable for allowing this to move forward without stronger transparency and public input.

The White House belongs to the American people. It should not be treated like a branding opportunity or a place for personal design statements, especially by leaders whose time in office is temporary.

Shame on the pedophile in charge right now. Shame on you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Danner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been mortified that this administration took down the East wing without so much as a by your leave… It wasn't presented to Congress. It was simply destroyed. It is historical and could never be 100% replaced, but the ballroom as currently planned has no business being put in its place, ever! I believe the East wing needs to be restored as close as possible to what was originally there.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:15:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Rivlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to echo the below comments by Gerald Koskovich:
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Melinda Jodry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Committee: I oppose the spending of $300 million on the proposal to build a huge ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled. Since the honored East Wing was destroyed, I am in favor of a sensitive, compliant, economical rebuild of the wing to provide needed offices and other institutional requirements, with full review and approval per standard procedure. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:15:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Polson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was surprised at my dismay and sadness to see the razing of the East Wing of the White House. As the house of the people of the United States, this building has historic significance in each brick and board. Clearly renovations and modernizations happen at times, but this was done without the input of the people designated to preserve our history on behalf of the populace and is not a modernization so much as an utter demolishment. The people in charge of this project have a demonstrated history of poor building practices and a complete disregard for history. I hope the NCPC can reinstate the East Wing as it was before, rebuilding and recreating as much as possible the historically important details so we do not lose

them to gaudiness and gilded buffoonery.

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Name: Melissa Baldauf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore to former structure. The destruction is an abomination!

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Name: mimi boothby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A project like this should not be done without the approval of congress and the people.
They started it with no planning or notice whatsoever

It is a travesty

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Name: Brian Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Stop the destruction of our country

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Name: Carol Douglass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bobbi Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree with the destruction Donald Trump has inflicted on the east wing of the White House and encourage to the commission to require the complete restoration to the design which was destroyed. The White House does not belong to Donald Trump, he had no right to make changes without permission of this commission and the design which he has apparently chosen as an update is aesthetically hideous, out of scale and pretentious. The East Wing obviously must be replaced, but please replace with previous design.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:15:03 PM
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Name: David Tate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without any prior notice or review should not have happened. This structure was historical in nature and a prominent piece of The People's House. At this time, the proposed Ballroom plans should be scraped and the current Administration be forced to rebuild the East Wing in it's entirely.

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Name: Laura Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joy Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its final design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Sandra Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is illegal because it was not submitted for approval before demolition started. Trump has caused irreversible damage to a historical building, and must be held accountable. He should be required to pay for the restoration of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vera Kindred
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose replacing the East Wing with a ballroom.

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Name: Debbie Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gail Barrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary McDonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have been started and losing the First Lady's quarters and the safety bunker with no plans for replacement shows a total lack of any actual planning past a child's "I want it".

As for the project itself:
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Mary McDonnell
Minnesota

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Name: Rena Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been to the capital many times in my lifetime and cannot look at this destructive project on ‘our house’. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete

razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Judy Crowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There SHOULD NOT be a structure/building that is larger than the main facility - the WHITE HOUSE. Just because the current POTUS wants something (and named after him) for entertainment and doesn't even have the proper authorization from the country it should be the decision of congress. It shouldn't be built just because one person wants it. It belongs to the people of the country - not just one person who happens to be the current president. The history contained in the East Wing has already been destroyed without approval of anyone other than POTUS. Do we now have a dictator? I thought this country was a democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Cutting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tracey Fine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katherine Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The haphazard destruction of the East Wing is a clear violation of the trust of the American people as is the planned monstrosity of a replacement.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

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Name: Michael Bonkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to the use of private donations to fund this project with no nonpartisan group providing oversight to how the money is spent. I also object on grounds of historical preservation, architectural integrity, and coherent style

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Name: Laura Key
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House by Trump in order to build his vanity ballroom. It's bad enough he destroyed the Rose Garden. The destruction of the East Wing was done illegally and everyone involved should be prosecuted and made to pay for the damage and cost of restoring the site to its original state.

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Name: Marcy Lyon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Simonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julie Griffin
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Name: Kimberly Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would request the halting of the plans for the ballroom and respectfully request that the East Wing of the White House be restored to its original architecture due to its historical significance. I just watched the restoration of Mount Vernon and the work that was done to sustain and reflect the style and architecture of this home as a reference to future generations to understand our past. Please haunt further destruction of the peoples house, and insist that all administrations follow the protocols for renovations and additions as set forth by the people.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly E Hale

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Name: Donna Stuber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the people's house and do not allow trump to add another vanity project.

Sincerely,
Donna Stuber, PhD
A proud American voter and taxpayer

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Name: Jen Ruffner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: TOBIN SCHERMERHORN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mark Lange
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an embarrassment to our nation and ignores the grand history of Washington DC. No amount of gold spray paint can cover the stain this project has spewed forth from the pedophile in Chief.

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Name: Susan Haran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing this way it was—full of history and totally elegant.
To replace it with a tacky gold gilt ballroom does not represent the people of the United States…we fought the revolutionary War to get away from the pompous redcoats.
There are enough large venues in DC to hold balls as we have done forever and it helps with the DC economy.
Those ballroom dollars if they do exist can be donated for worthy causes,

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Name: Mary Hodder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project. It is instead the complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. And to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Everything should be put back the way it was. The white house belongs to the people, not the president.

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Name: Kathy Judd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

WE the people are appalled at the destruction of the East Wing and embarrassed fir our country at the ever-more-garish and -expensive plans for its replacement.

This huge loss of architecture, art, and history is a travesty. So whatever you can do on our behalf, PLEASE be strong and strategic to slow construction, impose rules and limits, honor the People's House as it and we deserve.

Thank you.

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Name: MaryEllen Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Building a gigantic, out-of-scale ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House is unconscionable. The demolition of the East Wing was done without getting any kind of review or permission and while ignoring the outrage of the majority of Americans. The money to build the ballroom seems to be coming from billionaires, which makes this a place for The Ultra Rich, not for everyday Americans. The mega ballroom is not being built in the spirit of the rest of the White House — we Americans owned the original White House, but we don't want any part of this mega-ballroom-monstrosity!

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Name: Julie Ann Neely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money on East Wing Modernization project, whether it be my tax dollars or

donations from the wealthy. No matter how this current regime tries to sugar coat his actions, Trump has ignored every regulation and law by unilaterally tearing down a major part of our American Heritage. He has made it clear that he will continue to ignore the American Constitution in an effort to establish a authoritarian fascist regime, and is using the most inhumane and destructive means to do so. This project is just one more act if destruction as he tries to erase our history and become a dictator. Trump is now trying to make Orwell's novel a reality.

Please stop him.
Julie Ann Neely

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Name: Paula Scharf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" project as the President did not go through any proper channels or reviews before demolishing the historic East Wing of the White House. He cannot be allowed to act in this lawless manner with our historic capital. I would very much like to know what happened to the contents of the East Wing. Was all the furniture, artwork and other government property destroyed with the building? If not, where is it? This would-be dictator needs to be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mullins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This was done without any discussion or consultation with Congress.
I strongly urge the Court order it be rebuilt historically correct.
Thank you,
Mary Mullins

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Name: Cynthia Jurs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above

the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Tarbet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I oppose the destruction of the East Wing. This destruction was done without the imput of historians. The plans have not been given to the true owners of the White House, the American people. I hope this travesty can be stopped.
Please!
Kathy Tarbet

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Name: Diane Brenum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to changes to the East Wing of the People's House. There was no approval for the demolition nor is there any need for a privately-funded playroom for wealthy donors or others making payments, potentially for favors in exchange.

I think it is imperative that the original layout be restored with sustainable energy modifications included as the only modernization. Additionally, every person who was involved in deciding to and implementing the demolition should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Tearing down the People's house for a dictator-like vanity project is not in the best interest of the People for whom the government should be working.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. It was sickening to watch the destruction. The administration seemed to know it was doing the wrong thing when it ordered government employees not to document the destruction from their office windows.

As a person of faith, I pray you will use your authority to protect Creation and our democracy. Thank you for your service to the People and to the rule of law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

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Respectfully,
Sheri Montgomery

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Name: Jacilyn Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, required permits, or a thorough design review. The manner in which the East Wing was demolished is inexcusable and heartbreaking.

This is not a modernization effort. It represents the wholesale destruction of American history and a profound disrespect for “the People’s House.”

This project should be canceled immediately. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its original design, consistent with its historical and cultural significance.

This should never have occurred. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be an affront to every law\u8209 -abiding American.

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Name: Judy Rooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to every square inch of this vanity project. The destruction was started without proper authorization. The plans call for an unneeded monstrosity that would dwarf the White House, creating an architectural eyesore. It a complete waste of the people’s money and resources.
This bad faith project should be erased from the earth and the much-loved East Wing restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Kral-Kueter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an illegal project that was initiated without following proper protocols and must be stopped. This is the erasure of American history and the building belongs to the people of the US—not the occupant. This administration should be forced to rebuild the East Wing to its original design using private money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Michalski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not feel that a ballroom should be built in place of the East Wing. It should never have been torn down. That was illegal, and I feel that Donald Trump should have to personally pay for the replacement/RESTORATION of the East Wing. His family business can afford to pay for that, and NO TAXPAYER dollars should be used. Please do not allow him to build that ugly, gawdy ballroom!

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Name: Shannon Kinzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carol Ashley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. Trump made a mockery of our government, our country when he demolished the east wing of the people's house. I oppose the $300 million to modernize the House. It needs to be restored to its former elegance, and Trump needs to personally pay for the damage and the restoration.

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Name: Lauri Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I live in Marshall, Michigan and am appalled that this historic wing was torn down.
Restore and Renew NOW!!!

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Name: Margaret Conover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States and is not subject to alteration by any one person. It is unfortunate and deeply disturbing to see what has been allowed to occur. I say " allow" as the current occupant has indeed been allowed to engage in every indecent and destructive whim that tickles his fancy. Let us move forward by removing all negative factors and ensure he pays for what he has done. Both judiciously and financially!

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Name: Laura Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gordon Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: JOANN COOKE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House used to be. This project was begun without proper authorization, permits, cooperation of Congress, citizen input, or design review. It is not a modernization project at all. Instead, it is a complete razing of American history. I want this whole project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shawn Lohay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to oppose ANY spending of funds on President Trump's vanity Ballroom project, whether the funds were donated, or not. His project was initiated by Executive decree without Congressional

approval, without oversight from the National Park Service, or from the Committee for White House preservation. The East Wing of the people's house was torn down without an any attention to the preservation of any part of it, including its original brick foundation, or parts of its interior. I don't think anyone knows what has become of anything that was inside those rooms.

To the best of my knowledge the permits necessary for this type of demolition were not pulled, there was little attention paid to the creation and disposal of hazardous waste, there was no prior architectural design review by the Commission for Fine Arts, nor was the Commission allowed to select an Architect. This is not a modernization project, but rather a completely unnecessary razing of our American History. I want this vanity project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I also insist ALL of Trump's unauthorized changes to the White House be restored, and all the grey marble and fake gilt crap be removed. I also oppose Trumps stated intention to build an Arc of "Triumph".

The President is not above the law and to permit this Ballroom project to proceed would be an affront to all Americans. He has destroyed enough already, please do not allow this monstrosity to be built. The President is not a King. The law and usual government processes must hold or this noble experiment will be lost.

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Name: Peggy Hardy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. The proper steps were not taken for approval and financing. I also believe that government buildings should be paid for from government funds, not private people or companies to prevent favortism. Rebuild the East Wing and maintain the historical integrity.

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Name: stephanie heilicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly and unequivocally oppose the plan to construct this ballroom and the $300 million being spent on a project that began without proper authorization, permits, or required design review. This is not modernization—it is the deliberate destruction of an important piece of American history. The project must be stopped immediately, canceled in full, and the East Wing restored to its original design.

No one is above the law. Allowing an unauthorized project of this scale to proceed without accountability would be an unacceptable betrayal of the rule of law and an affront to every law-abiding American.

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Name: Susan Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was devastating to watch as the East Wing was leveled. It was part of the People's House and it was coming down not out of necessity but to make room for one man's vanity project. Then I found out he didn't have permission or even pull the appropriate permits and I got angry because it's the People's House. He is a short term tenant in the overall scheme of things and the historical significance of the building should be far more important than one man's desires. Please reconstruct the East Wing as it was and restore The People's House. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Stilwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions on this project. It wrong it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

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Name: Lisa Loewen Loewen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Drea Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: DIANA ALEXANDER
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Name: Katie Binns
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Name: Debra Aldridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-Americans
Thank you

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Name: Mary Koenig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,

Mary Koenig
Tucson, AZ

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Name: Rebe5 Welsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to cover for the illegal razing of American history. I want this project renamed to reflect the truth truth: it's a restoration. The East Wingshould be rebuilt and restored to approximately its former design.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Do the right thing. The least you can do is name it accurately.

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Name: Maya Hammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It’s a destruction of history we see repeatedly in favor of the top spenders in America: reversing policy, cutting taxes on wealthy corporations, and making life less accessible for Americans. The East Wing demolition is no different. This massive project is a waste of time and money that will only benefit those wealthy enough to access it. Additionally, preservation is important! The more historic structures we destroy, the less we can revisit and appreciate from our past. History is unifying. We all share it, and the sooner we forget, the sooner we repeat its greatest mistakes.

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Name: Michaele A Blakely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition and new construction of the East Wing of our nation's white house. Besides this building being of historical relevance the demolition was done without the required permits and oversight of our historical society. The new plans have been treated with the same disregard to our laws and reverence to our history.

This man has deemed it totally unnecessary to follow any laws he feels gets in his way and the damage he has done to our nation is incredible. The destruction of the East Wing is a fitting metaphor and I hope there is some way to stop the construction of his ballroom and we can reconstruct the East Wing back to it's original footprint.

Thank you for your time,
Michaele Blakely
Carnation, Wa. 98014

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Name: Nick Viti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is atrocious.

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Name: Brenda Lijewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Our country is supposed to be a democracy, and the current administration needs to start behaving with that ideal in mind.

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Name: Tonita Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the East Wing Modernism that has started in Washington DC. This has already destroyed the history of our White House. This should be retored as was originally built. The ballroom should be at a different location or scraped completely. Tax payers did not approve this destruction or expense

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Name: Paige Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Susan Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one wanted a stupid ballroom, most of us will never even be able to see it, let alone use it. DJT is out of control.

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Name: Cheryl Cramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Preserve our history. We do not need or want a ballroom or the current administration to modernize the White House. It belongs to us not the president. Thank you for your efforts

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Name: Ellen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or maybe even $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Thadra Sheridan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: jamie heilicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urgently oppose the $300 million being spent on this project, which was launched without proper authorization, permits, or required design review. This is not modernization—it is the irreversible destruction of a significant part of American history. The project must be halted immediately. I demand its cancellation and the full restoration of the East Wing to its original design.

No one is above the law. Allowing this unlawful project to continue without consequences for those responsible would be a direct insult to every law-abiding American and a dangerous precedent for the future.

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Name: Hannah Bowton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How is this abomination even happening? No review, no finished plan, no care for the historical significance of the East Wing or even the White House, no public funding (and therefore no audit or accountability), just bulldozers and a giant slush fund? This would be considered brazen even in so-called Third World dictatorships. It is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE to preserve, not Trump's to destroy as he wishes. What he has done is criminal and a crime against the entire country, an attempt to erase history by debauching and debasing our national House like it was a casino. Please stop this insanity in its tracks! I know it will take time to rebuild what he has rushed to destroy, but we have to start somewhere. If you let him get away with this, what's next? Billionaire condos at The Lincoln Memorial? Gold plating the Washington Monument? There is truly no outrage he won't commit for his own vanity and profit. Please put a stop to this!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Duane Chattin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending on this project, without a specific appropriation by Congress. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of our cherished White House history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
I am also concerned about corruption since powerful oligarchs are allegedly paying for this abomination, in

exchange for what? Complete financial transparency is required, something sorely lacking so far.
I am also concerned about the scale of the ballroom since it will dwarf the White House itself. That is absurd. Everything so far indicates this is nothing more than a vanity project for the most corrupt and depraved President in history. It must be stopped now.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexia Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Alexia Cohen

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Name: Marcus Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jennifer Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Coppersmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Trump refused to go through the proper channels in order to demolish the East Wing and did so simply because he was in a rage and felt the need to destroy something. There were no arrangements made for asbestos abatement and now on top of everything else there remains the potential of significant contamination of rhe surrounding area.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. If any rebuilding were to be allowed, it should only be within historical limits minus the tasteless burlesque atrocities inflicted everywhere else.

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Katherine Leser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Marecek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million + on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. He is a renter, not the owner. The people own this house and it belongs to history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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Name: Jennifer A Woelke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I repeat what Anara Guard has said:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Keel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the new ballroom And 300 million dollars being spent on it. The plan never got proper approval and when rebuilt, should be kept in the style of history when it was originally built

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow a revision of the original east wing of the White House, except for those necessary for safety codes. The WH is an historical building, and as such, it should not be recklessly replaced or redone in a fashion which is not in line with the historical architecture. This house belongs to all of us, not one party or one man, but none of us were consulted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Hartig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to President Trump's plan for a ballroom. This is The People's House, not the President's property. I assume that some upgrades are necessary - energy efficiency, security, etc. and I support those upgrades. But my support is directly tied to restoring the East Wing to its original appearance. The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty, and a slap in the face to the people and laws of our great country.

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Name: Ramon Diaz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't approve this awful project. Instead, please find a way to recoup the $300 million+ that was wasted on this project (which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review) AND REBUILD AND RESTORE IT to its former design. As others have correctly pointed out, this is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I and countless other Americans want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Do the right thing. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:12:39 PM
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Name: Ada Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the unauthorized razing of the East Wing of the White House and subsequent, also

unauthorized, construction of a ballroom. This is publicly owned property and anyone, including the president of the United States, must use legally authorized channels to make architectural changes. Money's collected should be used to restore the East Wing to its previous specifications until such time as legally authorized changes have been PREapproved.

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Name: Marianne Deal Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Along with historians and millions of Americans, I mourned the loss of the East Wing of the White House. The stated purpose, to court and celebrate the richest of the rich is a poor use of the People's House.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Given this opportunity, the security and systems could be updated.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Paisner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stephen Weeks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing is a travesty. Doing it with no planning is a sin.

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Name: Dan Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this vanity boondoggle, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is certainly not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump can pay for it with a fraction of his corrupt money grabs. No one is above the law! To permit this project to move forward would be insane!

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Name: Wyman Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be halted immediately and the White House restored to its previous state.

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Name: Shay Barwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathryn Patrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My husband and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an absolute insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sally Boening
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is acting like a king, a life-long tenant of "the people's house." He has ruined the historic touches of earlier occupants, including many that have sentimental value for Americans (like the rose garden). On top of all of that, his taste is horrible. His decor looks like it came from a whore house. (Sorry, but that is what it looks like.)
As a temporary resident of OUR house, he had no business ruining it just to replace other, loved, presidents' contributions (that those previous presidents handled the correct way.)
Nobody wants a ballroom. Nobody wants millions of our tax dollars spent for this project. Nobody was asked for our approval. He spends our money without regard for budgets or laws. Trump should be personally responsible for all of the cost involved in tearing the place down AND all of the cost of returning the East Wing to its pre Trump state. (He should also be personally responsible for the costs of his illegally acquired jet from Qatar.)
Trump has made billions of dollars since he returned to the White House. He should use it to correct his illegal actions.

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Name: James Whalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original historic state!

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Name: Dorothy Frankel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not modernization. Not 1 check and balance of destroying this incredible historic site. It's appalling this was not stopped the minute Trump decided to tear it down, it went against all protocol and procedures. $300 million probably isn't even the amount, maybe $400 million. Trump doesn't know budgets..he doesn't know what's sacred. No do not allow him to build the new east wing. We do not need a ballroom. It's ridiculous. This is not a club, this is the United States, the peoples house is the White House. A minor change is ok for Presidents to do. But this wrecking ball approach is vile, vulgar and disrespectful to all Americans. He already has violated the White House, it must end now his biased direction.

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Name: Yvonne Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is a ridiculous waste of money whether donors or taxpayers. The destruction of the East Wing DID NOT go through proper channels and is an ongoing embarrassment of what this "regime" is all about. Not what is important to the American people but a vanity project for the worst and most unfit "president " in American history. SHAME!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Mosley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building belongs to the people not to Donald Trump. I oppose the East Wing being torn down and I oppose the building of a ballroom bigger than the White House. Please stop this unnecessary construction. Thank you.

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Name: Debbie Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

When the building is fixed, I want a committe formed to examine the architechtural integrity of rebuilding that which has been decimated. Sincerely, Debbie Stone, Shelton Washington 98584

Date: 2/16/2026 7:12:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elyse Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former member of an historic preservation commission in my town, I am appalled by the utter disregard for the history and importance of the East Wing of The White House. in addition to its destruction, what happened to all of the furniture, historical information, and memorabilia that was on display in the East Wing?

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Liney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an iconic historical monument. Like other historic properties, there should not be changes to the exterior. It is an abomination to tear down the east wing as was done by this administration. They should be forced to rebuild the exterior exactly as it was at no cost to the American people. They have violated this historic treasure. Interior changes can be allowed as long as the president is willing to pay for it out of his own pocket. He does not own this building. Like any rental property, he has no right to substantially change this building. He is a renter/ occupier and not entitled to charge the treasury for his changes and like all historic properties the East wing needs to be protected.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:12:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Behnke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to oppose the plan to build a ballroom on the site of the East Wing of the White House. This administration had no business tearing down part of the White House, it does not belong to any one President, but to us, the people of the United States. Each President is merely a temporary resident of this historic building. This building is not just stone and wood, but a physical representation of our entire country! They should not only be blocked from their ridiculous scheme to build an unneeded ballroom, but should be made to rebuild the East Wing according to its original design. And not use our tax money for this rebuild, but some of the cash a certain President has grifted since returning to the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:12:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janey Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure. Thank you.

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Name: Cheryl Fitzpatrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: jamie heilicher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urgently oppose the $300 million being spent on this project, which was launched without proper authorization, permits, or required design review. This is not modernization—it is the irreversible destruction of a significant part of American history. The project must be halted immediately. I demand its cancellation and the full restoration of the East Wing to its original design.

No one is above the law. Allowing this unlawful project to continue without consequences for those

responsible would be a direct insult to every law-abiding American and a dangerous precedent for the future.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:11:53 PM
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Name: Susan Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kara Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michele Bello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lauren Sefton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marian L Shatto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The deliberate destruction of the East Wing of the White House is heartbreaking. In no way is this a ‘‘modernization,’’ nor is it legal and properly permitted. The White House belongs to the people of our country, not to some mad king with delusions of grandeur. I want to see it be restored to its former use, structure, and appearance. And its restoration must be fully financed with fines levied on the person responsible, not with taxpayer funds.

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Name: Laura Kinzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Banks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support the construction of a ballroom as an addition to the White House. For decades I have marveled at images from State dinners hosted in other countries and the beauty of their facilities. It seems rather embarrassing to have foreign and domestic dignitaries being hosted in tents and provided with porta potties no matter how "nice" they are. I especially appreciate the fact that funding for the project is private. I also believe if this were any other politician that this project would be enthusiastically supported. Alas, of course because some people just can't get over the 2024 election results from Democrat voters, years long embedded bereaucrats, Media and elected Democrats House and Senate members there is ALWAY a whining problem that then gets trotted down to court. It's garbage behavior and embarrassing. Get the shuw on the road. It is a perfect example of why projects in Democrat controlled states and cities spend more time complaining than doing. Let's get this show on the road.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:11:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Wittenmyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project as it is not a modernization but a destruction of American History. This project was initiated without proper study and authorization by a temporary resident of the property. The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored to its original state without the use of taxpayer money. Only then should a study be made of the viability of a ballroom addition to the White House campus.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:11:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Schermacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against everything this project stands for and has tried to erase.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:11:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Berge Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and

restored to its former design with. No money spent on either the demolition or restoration of the East Wing should come from U.S. taxpayers. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Gunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ann Muirhead-Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Karsell
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Name: Rebecca Pittman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Douglas Stanglin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing/Ballroom project. It appears to have been done without proper authorization, permits or design review. Moreover, it was clearly conceived and promoted by one individual without airing the plans with the public. The White House is a public trust that is passed down from president to president. Great care must be taken to assure that any changes are broadly accepted, fit proper design for the area, and get a full hearing first. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for providing an opportunity for the public to speak out on this. I trust that you will do the right thing.

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Name: Donna Heil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.
Donna.

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Name: Linda Umstead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If a grand ballroom was needed, it should have been submitted properly for permissions rather than stolen after destroying historical.property. America does not need an emperor or king who can initiate imperial orders with impunity. Thank you for addressing this issue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Mayfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.
It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The design (that was not approved, as you know) will dewarf the rest of the White House and make our Presidential Home look like some second rate dictatorship.

Daniel Mayfield
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 7:11:25 PM
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Name: Cheryl Medlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and part of our national park system. It belongs to the American people. While it serves as the residence and workplace of the president, no president is the owner of the property or its structures. Any president is a temporary steward, bound by law and by public trust to respect the history and shared ownership of this place.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without public review, required permits, or congressional oversight represents a serious breach of that trust. Decisions of this magnitude should be presented transparently as proposals, with the opportunity for public input, not carried out unilaterally after the fact.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require that the East Wing be reconstructed in a manner consistent with its historic design and scale. Any future construction on this site should be clearly subordinate to the original Executive Mansion and compatible with its historic character, not in competition with it.

Respectfully,
Cheryl Medlin

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Name: Laura Bettencourt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is not being “modernized”. It was demolished in an egotistic pique. Without permission. Without approval. Without any thought to history or the wishes/thoughts of the American people who OWN IT.

Restore it to its original state. Or leave it as a rubble monument to the horrors perpetuated by this Administration.

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Name: Emily Fernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Liney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an iconic historical monument. Like other historic properties, there should not be changes to the exterior. It is an abomination to tear down the east wing as was done by this administration. They should be forced to rebuild the exterior exactly as it was at no cost to the American people. They have violated this historic treasure. Interior changes can be allowed as long as the president is willing to pay for it out of his own pocket. He does not own this building. Like any rental property, he has no right to substantially change this building. He is a renter/ occupier and not entitled to charge the treasury for his changes and like all historic properties the East wing needs to be protected.

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Name: Laura Bodine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Becca Knox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that adherence to the rule of law is what makes our country great. I feel that the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was to demonstrate our country's commitment to humanity's greatest achievement outside art, The Rule of Law.

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Name: Mary Prieto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen May
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Pratt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put history back. No tacky gold. This is our house. The peoples house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Wood-Babcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so offended by the razing of the East Wing without any permissions or reviews. Please rebuild and restore our house to its former glory. I would like to visit some day and know what it was like before the destuction. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, and do not want those who destroyed this piece of history to be allowed to move forward with this vanity project. They should be held accountable for breaking the law It is no.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ramona Gault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.(Credit Gerard Koskivich for permission to use his own comment here)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lorinser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe Trump should be billed for the entire East Wing building project. I see no need for the ball room.

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Name: Pamela Daws
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: James Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the damn ballroom.
Install urinals along all available space on the inner perimeter of the walls, all shaped in the likeness of President Trump's head, with the open mouth as the receptacle.
Charge one dollar per use.
I guarantee the National Debt will be ERASED in a week.
Thank for your attn to this bladder.

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Name: Leslie Berkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original glory. The People's House should not be a shrine to any single holder of the office and the office should not be in debt to corporate leaders seeking favor through their contributions.
Please return our processes to norms utilizing decision making powers of appropriate governmental institutions and Congress.

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Name: Elizabeth Nielsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Sincerely, Elizabeth Nielsen

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Name: Sally Huxtable
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ashley Zelvis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robb Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing modernism project should have had a proper review before the original was torn down. Now that it is already gone the new east wing should be in proper scale and proportion based on historically appropriate architectural standards.

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Name: stephanie holeve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than representing modernization, it amounts to the destruction of an important piece of American heritage. I call for the immediate cancellation of the project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the principles that law-abiding Americans depend on.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:10:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Duffell-Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a historically significant space for understanding The White House is the People's House. It is the entry space. It is the space occupied by women.

A ballroom is not a space for The American People. It is a space for only the most powerful people of the world and will only be used to further the denial of the rest of us.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Scheunemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size or to fully rebuild the East Wing, restoring it to its former design. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Debby Andell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Buckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

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Every old building has meaningful materials and relics, and that was not just any old building. The idea that all the paneling and tilework, fixtures and molding, and all the rest was either looted or trashed disturbs me a lot. If this was a normal presidency WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CABINETRY would be a major scandal.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Carole Gaeta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the construction of a gilded marble ballroom atrocity being built where the East Wing of The People's House once stood. The razing of the East Wing was done without following the proper guidelines and is an affront to the American people whole house has been defaced The East Wing must be rebuilt as it was and all other unlawful modifications such as the rose garden should be returned to their former state. No president owns this property. It belongs to the citizens of this country, The United States of America.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorianne DiSabato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The White House is the people's house, and this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a "modernization" project but a complete demolition of an American monument. I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Lorianne DiSabato

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Name: Lauren Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Andrea Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michelle Heller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its historical blue print. A ballroom that dwarfs the main house is totally unacceptable. Also, there is a ballroom already in the second floor.

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Name: Julia Morrisroe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: L Robak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli. We do NOT need a ballroom! Should our current President need one he can use his own, as he has done and continues to do many times.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Bonnie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled, outraged and saddened to see the East wing destroyed…especially with no discussion beforehand. Shouldn't it been presented to Congress for a vote before destroying a part of our historical buildings? Who gave Trump the authority to tear down a portion of our history to build a ballroom monstrosity in its place? I am totally against its construction. I encourage those who have the power to veto this whole idea to please do so! I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it as prior to its demolishing…the cost of which ought to be covered by President Trump himself, since it was his idea in the first place. If we don't stop these kinds of actions by our Apresident, I very much fear to think what building, edifice or monument might be next on his agenda!

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Name: Mike Budd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pat Greenwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Frances McArthur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Katie Dhuey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Katie Dhuey

Date: 2/16/2026 7:10:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Muchin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park - it was built for the American people, is owned by the American people, home to presidents since 1800, and is the people's house. The current president is NOT the owner of the property or the structures on the property. The White House (and its corresponding buildings/structures/gardens) is a permanent fixture belonging to US citizens; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits, public consent, or ANY Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing as it was, before it was torn down on a whim by this president, who wants to rebuild a monstrosity funded by payola from donors seeking favor. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion, with consent from American citizens and Congressional oversight.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Lowry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was wrong of this executive branch to demolish the East Wing building, no exception. Europe has preserved their historical buildings for thousands of years. The US is just a baby in comparison and it is a shame to erase historical buildings or anything else that preserves our legacy as a nation. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Laws were broken and when that happens there are consequences. Consequences for those who broke those laws.

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Name: Kara Danner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lori Wisniewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money, unless it is used to restore the historic structure, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an abomination.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:10:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Leahy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the Esst Wing for so many reasons, some of which I hope will be considered.
Primarily, the destruction was accomplished without the proper permits, as I have read in the media.
It was intended as a display of total disregard for funding, timing, design process, historical significance, and the questionable need for such an unnecessary ego statement.
Secondly, now that the destruction is obviously irreversible, someone needs to take responsibility for the appropriate redesign that reflects the context of the White House itself.
We should never ever have come to this point. It is of paramount importance that the proper authorities take back this project before it becomes an abomination.

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Name: Kim Flanigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

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Name: John Babor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Trumps design sense is somewhere between Russian Oligarch brothel and a Las Vegas trendy maximalist imperial feel. This is NOT what Americans want, this is not what should represent American's taste.This is for someone who wants to be a "King" and in America we do not have kings.
Trump should be impeached not only for his design sense but also his morally corrupt way of running this country.
FU DJT

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Name: Michelle Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this madness. It’s NOT necessary or warranted. The VERY minimum updates and restoration.

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Name: Jennifer Grabowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project. As the former East Wing has now been destroyed without permission by vandals, the question is what to do now. We cannot allow this project to go forward. To do so would be to support not only lawlessness but disrespect for our nation’s history. That house does not belong to the current administration. It belongs to the American people.
I would like a reproduction of the East Wing built in its place and I would like to see those responsible disciplined.

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Name: Daphne Batts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historical White House east wing should have never been torn down! The current potus should pay to have it restored from his personal grift funds. It should be the exact replica of what it was. The rose garden should be restored to just how Jackie Kennedy had it.

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Name: Elizabeth Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Denise Thomson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, instead a vanity project for the President. It has already destroyed American history. Cancel this project, and rebuild the East Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to American citizens.

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Name: Janet Bay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Valarie Dye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, possibly higher on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kerstin Palombaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: kimberley valentino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is absolutely outrageous!!!! Done because he “wanted it “ without any permits, congressional oversight and approval, and the amount is ridiculous!!!!! Believe me when I say, we don’t need it, but plenty of people need healthcare, food, and homes. Put it back the way it was. It should be historically preserved the way it was.

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Name: David Lerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Renee Simousek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathryn Mease
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bluezette Ada
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic east wing by the current President was unlawful. He did not go through the proper channels to have the east wing destroyed. It was an historical part of American history and now it is gone all due to his vanity. The current President should pay for the full restoration of the East wing without help from his billionaire donors. My question is, where are all of the furniture and pictures being stored? Or did he destroy those historic artifacts too?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shanley Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want an accounting of every dollar that was "donated" for this project.

Sincerely,
Shanley Miller

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Name: Susan Stein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

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Name: Carol Newborg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Tepper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Razing the East Wing (and the Rose Garden!) showed complete and total disregard for historic preservation, and the regulations for alterations to government structures.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and funds used to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amy Craft Ahrens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: DA Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Tahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lila Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a symbol of this administration's corruption and wanton disregard for democracy. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who care about the history and future of our country.

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Name: Katherine Troy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Further, continued destruction of our historic sites must end and I do not want my tax dollars going to honor the current President who is a thief, fraudster, rapist, and pedophile.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Flip Breskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Refuse to permit the ballroom and require that the East Wing be restored. Make Trump pay for it personally. Such a travesty!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:09:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Jessica Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. This project comes after tremendous cuts to healthcare funding. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project cancelled. No one is above

the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Albaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am highly opposed to building a giant "ballroom" for the cost of $300million. The east wing was illegally ripped down. The only worse atrocity would be to build some hideous monstrosity that would be built to try to fill the empty soul of one man. A structure that would dwarf the current buildings! This is unconscionable, especially as the project began with zero regard for the process or respect for the history of the Whitehouse. It is also clear that any building appears it would be thoughtless and a mess with many problems at the whim of a moldy brained narcissist.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Wirthlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather the destruction of a symbol of American history in order to satisfy the personal desire of a temporary occupant of the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Furthermore, I want any other projects affecting NCPC sites without the proper process to be canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project (or others) to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Courrier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this Donald Trump ego vanity project. The Gilded Ballroom plan and the East Wing's demolition were initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to satisfy the cravings of a malignant narcissist as a gaudy monument to himself. This "Epstein Ballroom" project must be cancelled in its current form, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. If an entertainment space is really needed, the mass and scale should be in alignment with the Secretary of Interior's guide for historical buildings.

Trump and company should be fined and locked up for the destruction they have caused! This whole matter was likely to serve as a distraction to wear down Americans into submitting to fascism, as well as providing the Trump Crime Family another avenue to solicit bribes from billionaires, corporations and foreign governments, like Russia, perhaps.

Also, the president appears to be determined to destroy the Kennedy Center because not too many truly patriotic citizens want to perform in or attend productions there since Trump slapped his name on it. Like a banana republic dictator, he installed a cabal of sycophants on the board to "Putinize" it.

If you can, please be proactive and put up legal and procedural roadblocks against this destructive nonsense.

Respectfully,
Ed Courrier
Macungie, PA

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Name: Janice Washburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Bonnie Yelverton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be restored, so that at least outwardly, and functionally, it is equivalent to its former version.

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharalyn Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this comment to express my strong opposition to the proposed $300 million expenditure for this project. The initiative was launched without the legally required authorization, permits, or design review, and therefore should not be allowed to proceed. This is not a modernization effort; it represents the complete destruction of a significant piece of American history.
Public projects of this scale must follow established legal and regulatory processes designed to protect taxpayers, ensure transparency, and safeguard our shared heritage. Allowing this project to continue despite clear procedural violations would undermine public trust and send the unacceptable message that some individuals or agencies are exempt from the rule of law. No one is above the law, and failing to hold accountable those who initiated this project improperly would be an affront to every law\u8209 -abiding American.
I urge the responsible authorities to cancel this project immediately and to commit to rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its original design. Preservation, accountability, and respect for due process must guide our decisions, especially when our history and public resources are at stake.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Deborah Cox
Concerned Citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leanne Berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom. The destruction of the East Wing was unapproved/unauthorized, had no authorization, proper permitting or design approval. We, the people of this nation, have lost history that was important to me and others. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, including the Executive Branch, has the ability to ignore the laws of the District of Columbia and/or this nation. Those who broke the law should be penalized as any ordinary citizen would be had they destroyed public property without permit an proper authorization obtained. Do the right thing. Restore the East Wing. Any modernization to the East Wing should consist of meeting ADA guidelines for new builds and renovations. The idea of a ballroom should be scrapped in totality. If we are concerned about waste in government, the destruction of existing building and creations of new buildings or monuments should be ceased. Maintain what we have. Any alteration to existing buildings must follow the proper channels of historic and architectural review, approval, and permitting.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Trimble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations

should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:09:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Ludlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This illegal project is just to satisfy the Oval Office Occupant's oversized ego. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is illegal, immoral, and is cause - in and of itself, to refuse to even consider.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt/restored - at the expense of those who ordered this illegal criminal act.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
There must be accountability.
There must be answer via our judicial system.

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Name: Caroline Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan M Bojanowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To me, tearing down a part of the White House without any overview or even allowing the public to voice their opinion is a huge sign that someone needs to reign in the very person responsible for this. A large part of history was in that section. I think it should be rebuilt exactly like the one before and more controls put on any further projects.
Sad to see our history being wiped out by 1 man.

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Name: Nancy Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Cahuas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

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Sincerely,
Sarah Cahuas
San Francisco, CA

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Name: Becky Levi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Rupe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In the interest of American history and the preservation of its significance for future generations, I encourage stopping any additional destruction of this historic landmark. The East Wing should be rebuilt to original historical design to include restoration of the rose garden and the replacement of the trees that were removed. If possible, this should not be done at taxpayer expense, but assessed to the individual who is responsible for causing the destruction of government property. If need be, confiscate personal property to cover restitution costs.

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Name: Melissa Slattery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in agreement with Gerard Koskovitch, who wrote the following. I intend for it to be emphasized here by my sharing it with permission, as my own statement in reaction to the savage and unlawful destruction of The People's East Wing:

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Name: Danae Falliers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the east wing was illegal and immoral. The unnecessary vanity expansion is not approved and should not go forward.

Furthermore I demand the Trump organization rebuild the East Wing and bear all expenses to bring it back EXACTLY how it was. This president has turned the country into a world wide laughing stock and is a disgrace

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yuri Weydling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary varco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project ,which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled ,and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious that this project was pushed through without procuring. The appropriate documents needed for a safe deconstruction. No environmental protections were adhered to, I read that the workers were exposed to massive amounts of asbestos, which will obviously cause them issues medical issues down the road the materials were improperly disposed of dust leading to contamination of the disposal sites. It is reprehensible that the President thinks he can just order something to be done without consequence without permission and without paying the contractors.

There were no firm plans that were approved or even submitted for approval. The so-called donors was another lie. I for one and sick to death of Trump‘s lies, manipulations and gaslighting of the American people. He is a convicted felon that belongs in prison.

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Name: Gloria Malanga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any dollar amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tim Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

2 points....
the overall interior decor should NOT be gaudy, min use of any gold/gold leaf
the size of the ballroom should NOT overshadow the white house itself
thank you

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Name: Janet Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million to build a “ballroom.” This project was started — criminally — without proper authorization, permits, or any design review. It is not a modernization project, it’s an appalling erasure of U.S. history.

Cancel this project and rebuild the East Wing to its original design. Then penalize those who broke the law. For crying out loud. This is absurd.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Yapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose anything being built to replace the original East Wing of the White House. There has been no public design review. There has been no study of historical context. We do not even have details on how much the project will cost, and how much private funds have been secured. This structure belongs to everyone in the United States. Any work done needs to be subject to public review and comment. And the project scope and definition needs to be appropriate for our times, and our needs. This project is one man's concept. Whether his concept is good or bad is irrelevant. We did not need a new building, and we certainly do not need such a large building. The project should STOP, and a thorough and throughtful design and review process should commence. And one possible alternative should include rebuilding the original structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ostrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the advancement of this building project. The razing of the People’s East Wind was completed without proper authorization. It should be rebuilt as it was, with the most historical accuracy as possible, and at the expense of the responsible parties. The vast majority of the citizens of the US have no interest in an ostentatious ball room even if taxes will not be used to build it, nor are we interested in the cost of maintaining such a structure. However, we do value the history of the People’s House, and while it is too late to rescue that history, a close reproduction of what was taken from us is the closest possible solution.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:43 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Holterhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but in fact a complete razing of American history. Please do whatever is necessary to get this project cancelled. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go forward without penalizing those who have broken the law would be grossly unfair and an insult and injustice to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caryn Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project . I am appalled that the east wing was destroyed. Please stop
This project. Thank you. Caryn Keller

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Janocko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharona Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather demolishes an important part of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I believe in the law and in the Constitution.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mild
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it unacceptable that this Ballroom project be allowed to continue. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. .The East Wing, a part of our National History should be restored, and the money which was raised for the ballroom, should be used to restore the East Wing. No one individual, president or not, should be allowed to destroy a part of our White House, without appropriate planning, authorization, and congressional approval.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Holcomb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump had no authority to demolish the East Wing of the White House. Now that it has been done, Congress should oversee a process of designing and building some appropriate structure in its place. It should be at Donald Trump’s expense. I doubt if a ballroom with a bunker underneath would rank high on a list of potential projects.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:35 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Devine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cried the day the East Wing was destroyed by one man without any prior authorization. Please, I beg you, stop this project and restore the East Wing as it was. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC Members,

I wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Percy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Selmanoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee,
The East Wing of the White House, The People's house was torn down illegally.
Prosecute the people involved in the illegal actions.
Design and rebuild the East Wing in a scale appropriate with the total design of the existing White House.
Sincerely,
Scott Selmanoff
Citizen

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Knipp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DENISE SHARP
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sili Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount of money on this project regardless of the funding source. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is a historic place and any projects to renovate the premises should have some oversight and representation from our elected officials who represent the will of the American people.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Garst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Zocharski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlynn Throckmorton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of so much as five cents on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley St. Cin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good afternoon, I just wanted to write in to say for the record that as an American taxpayer of the last ~25 years I do not agree to the demolition of the East Wing of the people's house, the White House. What's done is done, but if it were up to me I would rather leave it as is - but seal up the walls of the remaining structure that's there - than spend $300 million or any amount of money on rebuilding it to some lavish, out of touch, grotesque reminder of the whole affair.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BILL JACOBS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:08:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Fields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want Mr Trump to build a ballroom I would like to see the east wing replaced as close as possible to what it was before.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christi Whittemore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is not a modernization project but rather s razing of American history. Worse, the new structure will dwarf the White House and stand as an abhorrent (though fitting) memorial to Donald Trump. Please cancel this project and rebuild the East Wing to its former design. The White House is one of the country's most sacred symbols, and no one man has the right to remake it on his own. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to the history, ideals and citizens of the United States of America.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Em
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Roestel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Bridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

2/16/26 thank you for reading-

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or something similar, not a ballroom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I cried when I saw the footage of the destruction and take it very personal that this was in the way it was done. Make it right! Build it back!
Tiffany Bridge

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Name: MICHAEL LEVENTHAL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Bahe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Make it right! Return "The People's House" back to it's former stature. No sitting president has the unilateral right to destroy any part of the White House without authorization from Congress and following proper channels of preservation, careful teardown, and redistribution of materials.

Trump went too far and now he should foot the bill for the restoration of the East Wing in full. It was not his building to tear down.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bahe
Spring Valley, MN

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa ODonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Britton Trabert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million destruction of the East Wing, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or transparent review. This is not modernization; it is a reckless, irreversible, and illegal alteration of a historic, public building. I demand an immediate halt to the destruction and a return to the original design of the East Wing. As a former resident of Washington DC the reckless destruction of any portion of the White House, the people's house, is a disgusting royal excess that needs to be stopped.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Scherr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please put the east wing back in it's original shape. This should be historic preservation. No funding should be given for any ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Priest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization project for several reasons starting with the fact that the appropriate steps were not taken before razing the East Wing. Secondly the White House is the nation's and needs to be treated as the historical centerpiece it is, not a gawdy political ballroom to be used to honor anyone. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to the elegant style that it has been since being renovated. The Rose Garden also needs to be returned to its beautiful glory rather than a concrete patio. There are regulations and expectations to keep our beloved White House beautiful.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Waraska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comment is that this house is a National Historic Monument and should NOT be altered without going through proper process. This shows that he was hoping to get away with it without approvals. Put it back!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Stix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Patel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is the people's house, it does not belong to Donald Trump or his morally bankrupt, crooked cronies. It belongs to every citizen of the United States of America, and again, should be restored to its former glory. I also think all the tacky gold Home Depot trim he had added throughout the White House should be removed and the pristine white restored as well.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Godfrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris DeForest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing was filled with history and also a rare space where staff could relax and kids could visit. To demolish it without input from the American people is to destroy a piece of OUR house. Not going through the proper channels is breaking the law. It does not appear to be a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Kenedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was deeply saddened to see the East Wing destroyed, especially without following the normal process. Numerous citizens like me, with a sense of historical responsibility, are concerned with what happened to the contents of the East Wing. The fixtures themselves should have been saved. Deconstruction would have been the correct method, not razing by bulldozer.

Given the lack of proper procedure in removing the old building, I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We did not authorize our tax dollars for use in destroying this historic property, part of the People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Volz, AIA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a preservation architect with more than 40 years experience in the field, I do not support the east wing project for the following reasons:

1. The design is not in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and the associated Guidelines.
2. The project has not followed the required permitting and review processes.
3. The south elevation of the addition and connector is unattractive and too massive, and it visually overpowers the historic Mansion.
4. It does not appear that there are an adequate number of rest rooms for the intended occupant load.
5. Existing and new landscaping will not compensate for the excessive scale and massing of the additions.

Sincerely,

John Volz, AIA

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Name: Doug Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This East Wing destruction must be reversed. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt

and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Sad.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Methner D Min
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You've got to be kidding. A ballroom! When people are having trouble feeding their children, funding their schools, providing adequate medical care to children and elderly citizens. A ballroom! when we are erasing people are in the US for "better lives" and when we are funding erasing Palestinians and other's worldwide, and when we are recklessly injuring, deporting and disappearing US citizens as well as spending billions to "house" others.

I definitely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:07:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Diehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending taxpayer money for a “renovation” that lacks proper authorization, design permits, or public review. This is not modernization.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:06:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karol Corey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the funds that are supposed to support this project should be used to rebuild the East Wing back to its former glory.
It was a mistake that Trump made and he should pay for the restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:06:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by those who blatantly broke the laws concerning this historical building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:06:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Fay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Dr. Rosanne Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional

oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

In honor of Eleanor Roosevelt who carved out a co-equal partnership with FDR from her office in the East Wing - and all the First Ladies who came after her: including Betty Ford who advocated for the Equal Rights Amendment and Michelle Obama who advocated for military fanilies and children's health I demand it be reconstructed as a memorial to them.

If that is impossible, then certainly, no giant $300 million ballroom should be created in its place as that would destroy the memory of the work these mothers of the nation did for us - for free - for all these years.

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Name: Patricia Bermon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am one of the millions of American citizens who are flabbergasted and appalled at the reckless destruction of the White House East Wing with no regard to appropriate planning, required consultation with applicable authorities or oversight of the process. And by rights the President should be required to restore what he destroyed, at his own expense. But if in fact updated security features and even a ballroom would be beneficial, I appreciate having competent professionals, which I presume you are and hire, to do a proper analysis and develop a plan that meets the actual needs of the government and the public, not the fanciful notions of the president.
Thank you!

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Name: Peter Lefevre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The current president will be out of office in less than three years. There is no possible way a project of that size will be completed in time. While debates will go back and forth as to whether it is a good idea, the most likely outcome right now is the current president leaving office with a few acres of rubble where there used to be an East Wing.

This construction project won't happen. To pretend it's going to happen assumes that the president can focus long enough, that the next administration will support it, that the funding won't be challenged in court as a bribe, etc., etc., etc.

The project was begun without proper authorization, permits, or design review. it's defacement. Vandalism. The project will never be completed and should be canceled sooner rather than later.

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Name: Maura Amrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing to ask that the East Wing be restored to it's prior state. No president, just a tenant in a building we all own, should have the right to make these kinds of changes to federal buildings without going before the National Trust (and any other agency that has a say in this) for approvals. It was shocking to see this done with no warning, no hearings, and seemingly no environmental consideration for proper disposal of the building debris. No work of this sort should be done without protecting the historical integrity of the building, and also taking in the alteration to the landscape (the view being historical in its own way). The Rose Garden area should also be returned to its prior state.

Thank you for your consideration in this serious matter.

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Name: Susan Rogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately, we've learned that the current president feels he his above the law on all levels. He ignores protocol, tradition, and processes. The East Wing should never have been demolished. It needs to be replaced, but updated, to its former glory.

Do not let him ruin this, too.

Thank you,
Susan Rogan
Ironwood, MI 49938

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Name: Jessica Sarlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. What a heartbreaking fate for a historic building like the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: T.H. Merchant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was not approved through the proper processes. This is not a "modernization" project, but instead an erasing of history and a vanity project. The people do not need a ballroom. We need due process restored and the East Wing restored to its former condition. No one is above the law, and no one should be able to tear down a wing of the people's house without going

through the proper processes for consultation and approval.

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Name: mary krueger Attach a PDF file... No file chosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe that the proposed addition will destroy the People's House. It is out of proportion with the rest of the design - and most of "The People" will bever be inside the ballroom. If they need an event space - they can rent one - It is a waste of money - money that could be better used elsewhere. It is nice the White House is in a city - you can look at through the fence and imagine what's going on -it will look awful and not respect the history of the building. They should rebuild itvwas it was - on their dime

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Name: Cynthia Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am totally opposed to this absurdity! There are needy Americans to attend to.

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Name: Beth Appel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It seems odd to call this demolition the "East Wing Modernization Project" when it is, in fact, a demolition

and replacement. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project is not an improvement on what was the East Wing, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As for the President's ballroom design, I was shocked to see how disproportionate it was to the size of the White House. He's already ruined the Rose Garden; we should not let him further harm the beauty of the White House by building this oversized vanity project.

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Name: Michael Coronella
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Please say no to this abuse of the White House occupant.

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Name: Wilson Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million of our tax dollars on this project as it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" but the destruction of the East Wing of the People's House by a president who thinks he can circumvent the guardrails of historic preservation. This construction needs to stop until Congress can approve a plan that meets historic preservation guidelines.

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Name: Susan Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the $300 million waste on a gaudy ballroom that is not needed and restore the historic east wing to it historic beauty.

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Name: Tabatha House
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was distraught seeing a portion of the Whitehouse destroyed without oversight or guidance. The current president does not own the structure, he is merely a temporary resident with no rights to make structural changes on a whim. I urge those in charge to ensure our Whitehouse is made right in a way that is in keeping with the rest of structure and that no other projects are started till this catastrophe is made whole.

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Name: Gary Slavit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Like any other project, this project should have been subject to the proper reviews, especially since the White House belongs to the citizens of the United States. President Trump illegally desecrated this structure. While I believe that a ballroom is necessary, it should not come at the cost of losing any part of the exiting White House structure. This is not a modernization, it was destruction and quite frankly, vandalism. The East Wing must be rebuilt and returned to its original state and any plans for a ballroom must go through the proper channels to ensure the protection and preservation of the entire White House.

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Name: Mary Jane Stofik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Mary Jane Stofik

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Name: Kim Schenkelberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am requesting this project be halted as it did not go through the proper approval process of making renovations to the People's House. Additionally, it is unclear if those who donated to the project did so for self gain. Lastly, it has become abundantly clear that the person who is currently the president has the mental ability to make wise decisions not only for our country but in tasteful design and decor options. This project should not continue until the American People decide to move forward after we heal from the monstrosities we have been subjected to by this administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rev. Linda Lea Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong anguish at the destruction of the East Wing of the People's House.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

To think of how much this president has put our country into further debt for no other reason than personal ego. That he touts personal and corporate sponsors to pay for this, spending on this is further outrageous given what other needs we have as a nation (i.e. education, those who have seen health care spending double, bolstering clean energy etc.)

Thank you.

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Name: Jeana Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East wing was illegal and the public was not consulted. I want it scrapped and repaired back to its prior design. I also want to know how the various pieces of history and art were stored and cared for

in the process.

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Name: John Noel Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To the extent possible the Wing should be returned to its former look, with appropriate modernization for energy efficiency and internally for its most plausible long term use based on reasonable needs. The White House is owned by the people of the United States, not any tenant.

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Name: Thor Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of its source. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Pamela Embury
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Name: Linda Patlan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort—it amounts to the destruction of an important part of American history. I urge that the project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to move forward without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the rule of law and disrespect law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shirley Hale
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Thank you for your consideration.
Shirley Hale

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Name: Sally Duane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the east Wing of the White House and replacement with an un necessary and

gawdy ballroom. History is important to me and no President should be able to s drastically change the footprint in Washington DC

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Name: Michelle Blaeser
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Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I do not believe it is a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I believe that this project should be canceled and the east wing rebuilt to its former design I oppose spending 300 million on this project.

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Name: Kitty Hendrix
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It is of utmost importance that we not only halt the building of a structure that will dwarf and denigrate our beautiful White House, destroying it's historical significance and imposing a structure that celebrates pomposity over government but also is being funded by all who seek favor and profit from a corrupt regime who has little regard for the laws and regulations that are the foundation of this country. The White House is the People's House and stands as a testament to the generations that have fought hard to protect liberty and justice for ALL. Not just for a wealthy few.

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Name: Joy Curtis
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The blatant disregard for our history and demolishing the East Wing without proper approvals is shocking, disgusting and expensive. We, the people did not approve this! Fix this eyesore and time Trump.

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Name: Marie Manilla
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Constructing a ballroom for hundreds of millions of dollars is a slap in the face to most Americans who are struggling to make ends meet. This is a true "Let them eat cake" moment in the worst possible way. Absolute salt in the wound.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Gina Parnaby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to any one occupant or to a cadre of monied special interests currying favor. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Danielle Duckett
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Name: Gayle Lynn-Nelson
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Name: Deb Vanderpoel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, and its structure is historic and intentional. The unlawful destruction of the East Wing left DC with an obnoxious looking hole, but a huge ballroom that overshadows the rest of the White House is NOT the fix.

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Name: Trillium Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the new development of the East Wing as the project was not properly vetted before it began. Development has to stop and it needs to be restored to its previous expression.

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Name: Danielle Conger
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Name: Katherine Lucero
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Name: Ralph Tropf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this egregious violation of the East Wing of the White House, which was begun without the approval of Congress, without permits or any design review. The White House must be restored to its former design before the East Wing was demolished, and those who participated in its destruction must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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Name: CAROLE MILLS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Melissa Edwards
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Name: DENISE SHARP
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Name: Cheryl Mysliwski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Bardwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to a project that was initiated without proper review, approval or input. I live in an historic district -- if someone demolishes a structure without going thru the proper channels, they are required to rebuild it. That is what I'd expect to happen with the East Wing.

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Name: Delmar Guidinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration seems to think that they do not have to follow protocol or observe established guidelines. The East Wing "modernization" is a case in point. No request was made to the National Planning

Commission and instead of following proper procedures, the East Wing was demolished. I don't care if the funding for the project didn't involve public funds the White House is the People's House and not the private residence of any President. For the fact that the proposed monstrosity is out of proportion to the White House, is a clear indication that the proposed structure is not only in bad taste but is a clear indication how President Trump views his personal taste as the only thing that matters. Ever since the gilding of the Oval Office and cramming it with framed art and vulgar appliques, is a clear indication that his imperious tastes are out of touch with the historical architectural value of the White House. I have no doubt if the project is given the go ahead/approval, the West Wing won't be far behind. I would hope that the NCPC would put a stop to this raping of a historical landmark.

Thank you time
Very Concerned Citizen

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Name: Shana Hornstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Suzanne Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this absurd vanity project and want it immediately halted.

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Name: Sarahbeth Grossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization

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Name: Ruth Fram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project which will cost at least $300 million. Not only has the East Wing already by destroyed, but with it the American people have lost huge amounts of our own history. This was done without permits, design review and/or authorization. This project is the grandiose idea of one person looking for homage and absolute control. Please cancel the continuation of this project and rebuild the East Wing in its original design.

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Name: Lynn Justice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 75 year old American citizen who is furious about the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Furious that the people's house is destroyed without input from the people. Furious at the destruction of pieces of our history. The day the news reported the first bulldozer move against the East Wing I called the congressional switchboard to state my personal demand that the razing stop, and that only complete restoration to the original condition would satisfy me.I think that anyone who would do this should experiencing legal repercussions, for it was not done in compliance with rules, laws and procedures. And I think tight a clear rules need to be in place to prevent any future such efforts, with built in procedures to obtain people's input.
Thank you
Lynn Justice
Morganton, NC

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Name: Karen Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a giant, gold filled ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. I would like to see it rebuilt as it was before it was torn down. Tearing it down was unlawful and trampled on the sacred history of OUR White House. The White House is a symbol of our grace and beauty, and should be restored.

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Name: Glen Demers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ann Laatsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beth Worthley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This is not a ‘‘modernization’’ project, this is in essence a bribe from wealthy Americans (and likely non-Americans) to Trump, who wants only money and loyalty without a thought of American tradition and values.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for one person’s self-interests. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Vicki Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project the tax payers nor Congress approved this spending project. There was not a historical preservation committee at the beginning of the project. The destruction of the historical East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In fact, there is still not a workable plan or even concepts of a plan. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There should be no redecoration of this wing that is not in agreement with the time period of this house - no gold trim or crap on the walls. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The Trump family should pay out of their own money for restoration of the peoples house.

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Name: Steven Parlato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of the East Wing, in addition to being illegal, was an affront to all Americans. Given the history of misogyny and sexism perpetrated by #45 and his cronies, it is no surprise that so little respect would be afforded to the First Ladies' historical headquarters. To call this project—the construction of a gaudy self-indulgent ballroom—an East Wing Modernization is a further affront. Those responsible for the destruction of a national treasure must be held responsible. The creation of a senseless vanity project must be halted, and the East Wing must be returned to its former condition. Anything short of this would be a further abuse of the People's House.

Respectfully,

Professor Emeritus Steven Parlato

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Name: Donna Ball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I Vehemently oppose the way this project was begun. And I even more vehemently oppose spending their amount of money on a ballroom. This is something this country does not need. The process was undertaken unilaterally and without forethought. It should not be allowed to continue. Reparations of some sort must be made.

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Name: Lisa Kirschenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a project that bypassed all legally mandated oversight and will be built on the ruins of one of the most historic homes in the nation. The historic East Wing should be restored.

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Name: Dana Kroplick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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At a time when American citizens are suffering, the last thing that money should be going towards is a project mirroring the extravagance of monarchs and dictators. Those who are bypassing the procedures put into place should not be rewarded for their attempt to "ask for forgiveness, not permission." That sets an awful precedent. We have procedures and permits in place for a *reason*. If they get away with this one, they'll keep going. If you give this mouse a cookie, he's going to want much, much more than a glass of milk.

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Name: Annette Hodges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing needs to be rebuilt. It should NEVER have been demolished. Shame!!!!!

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Name: Lucy Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Donald Trump should be ordered to pay for the total restoration out of his own pocket.

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Name: Devorah Romanek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. It was Thomas Jefferson himself who wanted to make sure that the White House in no way resembled a palace. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion, in keeping with the idea that the president serves the people of this country, and that the United States is a democracy, not a monarchy.

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Name: Dana Humphrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the continuation of this project which did not get proper permits or approval. This is NOT even (as listed here) a modernization of the East Wing, the East Wing was completely razed to the ground! As an American citizen, I am deeply disturbed that this happened and that the supposed plans include a giant ballroom that would dwarf the White House. No President should be allowed to do any renovations without approval. This is the total estruction of a historical part of the White House and not a renovation. I want the East Wing fully restored as it was before. Thank you.

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Name: Linda Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stacy Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please read and consider this very important comment.

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Name: Anthony Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is simply no excuse for the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The White House has the status of a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
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Name: Miriam Newman
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Name: CATHY HOOLEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was supposed to be a ball room - which I opposem but how can it be called a modernization project? The intent is nefarious. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Victoria Ramming
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Name: Jessica Dillon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the east wing modernization which has progressed without proper permitting and without the public's input. The White House is the people's house and the razing was done unlawfully. I respectfully request that it be rebuilt to its former glory.

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Name: Edith Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: William Dunklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To all concerned:
As an American citizen, I am utterly appalled at the destruction of the White House East Wing, done with flagrant disregard for the legal and ethical processes any historic structure requires. That part of the White House was destroyed by fiat is beyond any rational explanation. The entire process needs to stop immediately and those responsible held accountable.

As a registered architect (Tennessee and North Carolina) with deep respect for historic design, historic preservation and new construction in historic styles, I am still further appalled by the tasteless, utterly unredeemable design proposed for the outsized ballroom. A large, new, multipurpose event- building in classical style for government functions would be a lovely addition to Washington D.C. but that monstrosity is an embarrassment.

Stop this insanity. The entire god-forsaken project needs to be scrapped and the East Wing restored, if not exactly to its previous design, then at least a replacement in scale and style to the now-lost structure should be the only acceptable alternative.

Sincerely
William S. Dunklin

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Name: Victoria Pitcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am against this renovation that was not discussed with the trust or anyone before Trump tore it down. And even though he says we, the tax payers, will not pay- we will in more ways than one. It is wrong the "donations" were made of $300 million dollars and rumors are it's well over $400. Please listen to the American people. We do not need ballrooms- we need healthcare coverage for all and actual affordable food and housing.

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Name: Leigh reveno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

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Name: Stephanie Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I formally object to the $300 million allocation for this project, which has proceeded in defiance of mandatory authorizations, permits, and design reviews. This is not a modernization but the unauthorized destruction of American heritage. I demand an immediate cancellation of the project and the restoration of the East Wing to its historical specifications. Allowing this to continue without legal accountability is a fundamental affront to the rule of law and all citizens who abide by it.

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Name: Kurt Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Though this is not my wording. I agree with this completely.

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Name: Pat Tompkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rita Diane Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was done without a review process from Congress or any agency with oversight of the historic buildings, There was no public comment or proper authorization for the wanton destruction of a believed structure that does not belong to the POTUS, but to the American people who granted him the privilege of occupancy and responsibility of respectful stewardship while in office. Indeed, his actions betray a promise not to touch the East WIng to build a ballroom that also has not been through a review or approval process. All of this has been shocking and, frankly, criminal.

I and many other citizens will only be satisfied when the East Wing is rebuilt and completely restored to its original design.

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Name: Leah Demathieu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which has had no permits or review. The project should be canceled and those who illegally demolished parts our house, the people's house, should be held accountable and made to make amends by restoring the structure to its former state and be held responsible for all costs incurred,

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Name: Shari Sheffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at trump's audacity in destroying the White House's East Wing. He had no right. It is past time that he is prevented from destroying places that belong to our country and its people, and he is held accountable.
I feel the 'ballroom' should be blocked, and the East Wing re-built at Trump's expense.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Archer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Tullio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this travesty, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: SA Seta-Tabb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What Trump is doing to the East Wing is criminal and without justification or going thru proper channels for approval. He treats OUR White House as his personal property to do woth it what he wants. He then lies about the need for the monstrosity he intends to build. He needs to be made to restore the East Wing to its original condition at HIS OWN PERSONAL COST for describing the PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

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Name: Jennifer Votava
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tari Lloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unnecessary and, for lack of a better word, foolish. The demolition of the East Wing was without any necessary authorization or approval. The East Wing was an important part of the White House (The PEOPLES House) with enormous historical value...much as the Rose Garden. The proposed ballroom is disproportionate to the original structure and does not improve the aesthetics whatsoever. Its purpose seems to be to assuage an ego. The proposed"modernization" will only lead to further demolition and "modernization" in order to balance the appearance of the overall structure. The People's House may need some renovation, it does not need a ballroom of this size and cost. The East Wing should be rebuilt as close as possible to the original. The ballroom is an insult to the every day American who struggles with the rising cost of necessities like food, gas, as healthcare....you know "The People". We say no, actually, HELL NO. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lee Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah T
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Chatterjee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having read and watched the available documentation and video I fail to see how this process is in stage 1

and yet the East Wing has already been demolished without permission and work is apparently going apace on a project that is in the very beginning stages of "review" and certainly hasn't taken even a preliminary step toward approval, by anyone, certainly not by the owners of that great builing, the American People. I understand that the current members of the Commission have been carefully put in place to make approval a likely outcome, but isn't approval still something that should be done first? Silly thought I guess. I also see that not only has the East wing already been demolished and the project been vastly enlarged, but now the West wing is under discussion to have a "modest" new story added for the sake of symmetry. Does that simple statement mean that the West wing will soon be demolished when no one is looking like the East wing was, as originally the East Wing was simply going to be "improved" too? Shame on all of you for this travesty on American history and American justice. I am ashamed that this has happened and that you have allowed it to happen and continue to allow it to go forward. It is such a sad day in the history of our Nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I adamantly oppose the replacement of the East Wing of the White House and construction of a ballroom in its place.

I cannot imagine a more apt metaphor for this administration’s disregard for law, its apparent conviction that the White House is a private palace rather than the “People’s House,” its grotesque grandiosity, and its disdain for the tenets of democracy than the images of the East Wing reduced to rubble.

I demand that this project be halted, and the East Wing be restored to its former state. Further, that the administration be enjoined from any other structural modifications to the White House or its grounds without the legally required authorizations.

The above provisions ought to be paid for by the billionaires who pledged to fund the destruction of historic public property, rather than by taxpayers.

Melinda Mueller
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Seattle, WA

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Name: Shelby Dobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have committees, preservation boards, and building laws for a reason: to keep rich history of out past. We also have separation from bribes or kickbacks when it comes to government to favor one while in office. Both of these things has been broken but this administration who thinks they are about the law. I'm sick of seeing architecture being destroyed for someone's "ballroom" that we have not needed for the last 250 years of our great nation. It is outrageous that we was a county need to build this, over other priorities that

need to be done to keep our county running (roads, telecommunications, electricity, housing, health care, and many other things). This project is absurd, and this projects needs to be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristel Hathaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing "Modernization"

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

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Name: Roberta Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Kurszewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America. It does not belong to the president to do with what he pleases. He demolished public property illegally and I am pissed. How dare you.

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Name: Suzanne Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing without review by any authority was an affront to our democracy. The proposed gilded ball room is not appropriate for this site and will represent degradation of our history and the white house campus. I am opposed to its construction and demand that the East Wing be reconstructed at the same scale as it was previously.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Picciano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Karen Billings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, in its entirety. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Harkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing followed by the planned erection of a huge (likely garish) monstrosity of a ballroom is a slap in the face to history and the respect for historic buildings.
A replica of the East Wing should be rebuilt on its former site. The cost should come from the money that would have paid for the ballroom.
Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nita Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An acquaintance of mine put this very well, and I borrow his words with his permission:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:03:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: john stokes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Silver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is ruining the people's White House - as a citizen of the United States of America - I was against the demolition of the East Wing and I am against a $300 million ballroom! I also hate the Oval Office being turned into a gold gilded mess!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Buty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House East Wing to construct Trump's vanity project is an illegal overstep. There are processes in place to petition to change public property and these were completely blown past. Normal consequences of destruction of historic properties include fines and jail time. No one is above the law. The White House is the People's House.

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Name: Jackie Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Scruggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing

rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing

those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARILYN GOULD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I want the demolition construction contractors held accountable as well as anyone who directed this illegal and non-permitted demolition of the peoples house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Cranch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization? Nonsense. More like destruction. Desecration. Distraction. Misappropriation of taxpayer dollars. A razing of American history.

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Cancel it, and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its historical glory. To allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:03:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: JM Pearz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our history and we the people who own the house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Brandon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. I respectfully oppose the construction of a structure of that scale, as it would significantly alter the proportions and visual balance of the historic Executive Mansion.

For over a century, the East Wing of the White House served both public and private functions. It was not only an architectural component of the complex, but also an important part of the public's access to what is often called "the People's House." As the entrance for tours and public events, the East Wing represented the connection between the presidency and the American people.

If restoration of the East Wing to its pre-2025 condition is feasible, I strongly encourage that approach. Should architectural salvage have been undertaken, original materials and design elements should be incorporated into any reconstruction to preserve authenticity and historical continuity.

If full restoration is not possible, any new construction should remain consistent with the previous footprint, scale, and proportions of the East Wing. A significantly larger structure risks overwhelming the historic mansion and diminishing its architectural prominence. Maintaining the established balance of the complex is essential.

Additionally, any new building should adhere closely to the existing architectural style of the White House complex. It should blend with and enhance the historic structures rather than compete with them. If any portion of the original colonnade foundation remains, incorporating it into the new design would provide a meaningful connection to the past.

While updates to historic properties are sometimes necessary, they should respect the character, scale, and public function of the original spaces. The East Wing was part of the lived and shared history of the presidency for generations. Its replacement should honor that legacy and continue to serve the public in a manner consistent with the White House's historic role.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Coolman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherrie Hahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

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Name: Angelica Boucher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing should be returned to its former design. It doesn't make sense to tear it down without even getting proper approval to do it. No one should be able to tear town historic buildings on a whim.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or Any funds - donated or otherwise - on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tara Cortopassi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Melinda Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wynn Wikman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose everything about the destruction of our history. This illegal action should not be allowed to continue and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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Name: Terry Lorant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Gerard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American PEOPLE.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Morley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the East Wing back to what it was prior to being demolished. Though, now with some modernization of electric and internet related things. Since it will need to be rebuilt, making it more green and energy efficient would be lovely. Do NOT build a ballroom that will be an eye sore and gives the wrong impression of the work that should be going on under that roof. Put the East Wing's rich history back in place. NO ballroom. Also, while you're at it, can the Kennedy Rose Garden be reinstated too? Thank you.

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Name: Nancy Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House. Permits, etc need to be submitted and approved. Where is all the furniture, artwork, and artifacts? I want that answered. Also, what favors are all these donors expecting.

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Name: Amy Light
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marilyn HYATT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Linda Sandsmark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "remodel" of the ballroom. Its unfortunate demolition should never have happened. If anything, it should be returned to the condition it was in last year, 2025.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cydnie Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the 300 million proposed to be spent on this project, which was begun improperly. I want it restored, as this building also belongs to America’s citizens.

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Name: Jennifer Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Blank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose both the demolition (without Congressional approval -it hit the public literally as a wrecking ball) and the construction of a ballroom. First, the cost is obscene, especially at a time when the Trump regime is stripping funding from SNAP, CDC, ACA, USAID, FEMA and other programs vital to the well being of our citizens and of the world; second, it will be unsightly and will overshadow the White House; and third - our country was not built to serve kings and emperors; a ballroom goes against everything the United States stands for, as do the gaudy gold embellishments that Mr Trump is plastering all over the People's House. Please make it stop!

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Name: Kayne Ferrier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house. The President is a mere tenant for the duration of his term of office. Tenants do not get to make significant changes to their residence without permission.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robin McAleese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people.

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Name: F W
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.

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Name: Nia Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project. The demolition of the East Wing and the disregard for the history of this part of The People's House. This was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or any sort of design review. Calling it a "modernization project" is absolutely wrong. What has happened is a complete razing of such a precious piece of our history. I want this "project" cancelled, and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to the original design. I have long dreamed of seeing The White House, and now I never shall. I believe that the law was disregarded and BROKEN by people who aren't interested in preserving history, and who seem to believe that laws do not apply to them. No one should be above the law. It would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans to permit this terrible project to happen. Thank you for your time, and I hope your support to stop this desecration of The People's House and historic buildings and landscapes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johannah Frey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any amountbor receiving "donations" for this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Elizabeth Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's difficult to find the words to convey how upsetting this is. This project was not reviewed or authorized and did not go through any kind of oversight process as far as I know. This is destruction of part of the people's house. The structure that will replace it is completely out of proportion to the original White House and erases much of our history. I believe this project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Zerban
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't a modernization project. It's a $300 million, unfunded, unapproved, unnecessary, vanity project. The proposition of which didn't follow proper procedures laid out in law. This project should be immediately halted and the East Wing be restored to what it was prior to its illegal demolition.

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Name: Tacy Lambiase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janine Latus
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a violent fait accompli.

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Name: Lezlie Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the ballroom project and request the East Wing be restored to its original historic state.

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Name: Marilou Heriot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I visited the White House years ago, when visiting DC from Oregon state. As I toured, I could imagine myself back in time. In my head, I could see our forefathers dining in the East Wing, as well as State Dinners that I saw photographed over the years - from Kennedy forward. In my opinion, a ballroom is unnecessary and tramples upon the history of “the people’s house”.

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Name: Patricia Schmid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Arnold Bradshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand in utter disbelief concerning the demolition of the East Wing of the White House not to mention the Rose Garden and the cutting down of healthy and historic trees. I assumed that the White House and grounds were governed by a separate entity that had the last word of approval and circumventing this process would be impossible. Apparently I have been sadly mistaken. For any individual to be able to impose their will without oversight on what should be considered a sacred trust is absurd and blatantly criminal.

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Name: Dawn Loring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Beth Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Semans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project as it constitutes a willful erasure of our nation's architectural

heritage. By demolishing significant portions of a landmarked structure for a massive ballroom, the administration is prioritizing temporary utility over permanent historical integrity. This project sets a dangerous precedent for the treatment of federal monuments and I demand the original historic building be reconstructed. I work at a historic house museum in a historic district and this flagrant disregard for the safeguards would never be permitted by the organizations and government bodies charged with enforcing them here.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stella Herzig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings

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Thank you.

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Name: Catherine King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Robert Remiker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an Architect with over 36 years of private practice in urban settings, many of my projects have been subject to review by public agencies, planning and zoning boards, building departments, landmarks commissions, and neighborhood interest groups. I have watched numerous other projects progress (and fail to progress) through the entitlements process. While sometimes frustrated by regulations, I have respect for the interests of those for whom the regulations protect. I have never witnessed such an unabashed

afront to established process and protocol. The demolition of the East Wing would never be permitted if the proper sequence of application, review, and approval had been followed.

While titled a "modernization project", the obliteration of the historical East Wing structure was performed with absolutely no regard for the historical significance of its Architecture and its Historical Record of events. The East Wing serves as a memorial to the memories of the individuals - political figures and private citizens - whose projects, events, and activities were held there. This has been obliterated. In my universe, I have been subject to laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations and would expect the same for all those associated with this project.

The wrongdoing here can only be rectified by canceling the proposed (unlawful) project. With a possible exception for non-public, and non-visible "underground facilities, the East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Sam Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hear ye, hear ye, a citizen of the United States wishes to be put on the record to oppose vehemently the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Sincerely, Sam Becker IV
Galveston, Texas

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Name: Jean Schumacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design is ridiculously out of scale, and the proposed solution of tearing down and rebuilding the west wing should go in the trash bin where it belongs. This entire project should never have been started - no one asked for this, and the project costs are astronomical. Since the east wing is no more, and something needs to replace it, a MUCH more modest structure needs to be built. The sketches shown in the latest attempt are at least actual architectural renderings and not AI fever dreams with staircases to nowhere and doors on the second floor that would open into thin air, they still lack any details that would justify either the cost or the immensity of the structure. This is not a $400 million structure, so something is out of whack.

Also, regarding the environmental issues: at what point will it be acknowledged that the reckless way in which the demolition took place needlessly exposed dozens of people to dangerous levels of asbestos, lead, and mold, and the continued state of the gaping hole will exacerbate this issue? Given the time frame of the demolition, I cannot imagine that proper studies were conducted, and mitigation performed, even on an expedited schedule.

The fact that the building was demolished without anyone giving the people footing the bill (the taxpayers) any warning, is beyond the pale. Expecting us to then pay for a gilded 900-person copy of MaraLago is a disgusting overreach. I hope this commission does the right thing and rejects this outright.

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Name: Anissa Ainbender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rachel Villaron
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Name: Gina Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Chris Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current modernization of the East Wing.
The project does nothing to enhance the existing building and is at best a vanity project for the current resident.
As with any project of this scope on a historic building no less there are many procedures and permits which were not followed or even applied for.
If I as a citizen tried this there would be an immediate halt to any work.
Unfortunately the East wing was demolished before anyone could stop it.
It is my hope that it can be restored to its former glory.

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Name: Patricia A Lundberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: June Persons
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Name: Jean Larson
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Name: Kevin HYATT
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Name: Skip Kadish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of the ballroom project next to the White House. It did not follow the proper procedure to be approved. It is aesthetically in poor taste. It is too large in proportion to other structures nearby. It lavishes poor taste inside with garish golden ornaments and fixtures. Instead, it should be scaled down and exude a humble feeling of a house welcoming common folks from a democracy.

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Name: Daniel Arnosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to it's previous state. At the very least, the White House should be symmetrical, just for aesthetic purposes. Also, the money could be better spent.

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Name: Julie Martynowycz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very distressed by the destruction of the east wing of the White House. I feel that if it needed modernization, the project should have been made public. New plans should make the rebuild seamless with the rest of the White House for visual balance and beauty. This is The People's House, not any presidents!
I feel the creation of a ballroom of the size trump proposes on the White House grounds is inappropriate; is there no where else in the Washington DC environs that can hold that monstrosity?
Please don't let this megalomaniac ruin the people's house!

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Name: Emily Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proper procedures were not followed in bulldozing the East Wing . I oppose this "modernization " .

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Name: Shirley Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this 300 million dollar project which was started without proper consent, furtively, without proper forthought, planning or financing. It has been a shocking loss to patriots who honor and respect our American history.
The proposed building is an unattractive behemoth that would detract from our beloved White House. I suggest we rebuild our East Wing as it was. The government can rent a venue as needed. It would be a thoughtful apologic gesture to the people from Mr. Trump if he would restore the Rose Garden.

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Name: Emily Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Vicki Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was not well thought out and the funding has evaporated. The ballroom was too big for the area. The best thing would be to reconstruct the East wing with updates. Nothing else at our White House should be destroyed.

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Name: Kevin Graves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m blazing mad that that hooligan demolished the historic East Wing. We must change the laws so that our reps and senators are the only ones able to touch our beautiful buildings. No one person making that horrible travesty

Kevin Graves
Ennis Texas

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Name: Dawn Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and a monetary enrichment for politician's and their friends. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

How much are we going to allow the Trump Administration to take from the American people while we stand by and watch while telling ourselves we are "patriots"?

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Name: Arlyn Lulewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Doehne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but the destruction of American history. Cancel this project. Restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robert Dudley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was raised in Alexandria, VA in the 1950s and during that time period I visited the White House many times and toured several times in the 1960s and 1970s. The White House is a symbol of the United States long history, both the good and the bad. During its existence it has undergone many renovations and upgrades. I wonder what John Adams would think of indoor plumbing, electricity, or Ethernet cable. These changes both the need for retaining historical significance as well as expansion of space as the number of people running/guiding our country.

I am oppose to the East Wing Modernization Project.for

1. The proposed structure does not fit in with the architecture of the existing building.
2. The proportions of the building are such as to diminish the historical and architectural significance of the white house.
3. ;The structure does not honor the history of the United States, instead it assuages one individual's insecurities.

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Name: Janice Fostakowsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project" which was initiated without proper authorization, permit process, or design review. It is not a modernization of the White House. This is the complete destruction of a historically important part of the White House. It's destruction is an erasure of American history. The White House is the peoples house and as a citizen of the United States I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. The people do not want a ballroom.
No one is above the law. I ask that you do not allow this project to move forward given the lawless way those in power destroyed the East Wing without permission or permits. Thank you for including my comments in your consideration.

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Name: Nancy Illman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: carolyn thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Darcya Landa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Lock up trump now!

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Name: Camillr Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Wanda Ackermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so heartbroken that this part of history was just destroyed without any authorization, without any plans... just on the whim of a madman who did this because he could.... we need to make sure this NEVER happens to any public building again... this is the PEOPLE's House ... not his ... the East wing needs to be restored to its full glory, what happened needs to be immediately investigated, those responsible need to be held accountable.

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Name: Ann Seely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This horrible project, ruthlessly detroying parts of our nation's primary historical landmark, should never have been permitted; it is an egregious miscarriage of destruction, performed by an overzealous maniac who needs to be removed from office.

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Name: Deborah Ebster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: The Modernization of the East Wing of the White House

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Name: Sherri Irvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by this project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Piirto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this project. Demolition of the East Wing was done without authorization or permits, lacking blatant consideration for environmental concerns, such as asbestos abatement. Asbestos abatement, "after the fact" must take place immediately. The footprint of the East Wing and adjacent grounds are now contanimated and must be rectified. No considerations have been made for the impact that a massive ballroom would have on the historic structures that make up The White House. Such a ballroom would dwarf the White House, leaving a shameful scare on our country's most significant historic building.

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Name: Sacha Meyer Kawaichi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is America's home! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Sacha Meyer Kawaichi

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Name: Arayanna Darst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathryn Henkens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was begun without any of the safeguards that the most basic private home remodel would require. And this is no private home. It is an historic government building. The destruction of the East Wing and the construction of a ballroom is an assault on American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Avery-Swan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has no right to demolish the east wing of the PEOPLES HOUSE

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Mociun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project does not reflect the American people. Its opulence only serves to boost the ego of our narcissistic president. He single-handedly erased part of our history without bothering to go thru any legal channels. This project should be halted immediately and the building either restored to its former state or renovated in a style that is both a reflection of the American people and legal. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:01:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this East Wing "Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I ask that this project be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also ask that you fully penalize those who broke the law on behalf of all law-abiding, tax-paying Americans. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:01:04 PM
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Name: Bruce Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Bruce Harris

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:54 PM
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Name: Andrea Ensign
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for reading my comments.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:01:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Ramsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT support spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The funding sources is also suspicious and smacks of oligarchs purchasing access to power. It is not a modernization project instead, it is a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Henley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that the current president could do the demolition of the East Wing of our White House without asking anyone or any organization first. I don't want any plans that he had to be followed through. I want the East Wing restored to its former beauty and an attempt to be made to match the historical significance of the building. I would also ask that the current president foot the bill for the mess he made of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Mawby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project completely as there has been ZERO transparency from the Trump White House on any step so far. My one and only question is if they even had a completed set of architectural drawings on what they intended to build before they rolled the bulldozers and razed the entire East Wing. At this point, I want them to pull funding from the current approval DHS budget and have a sum of 1 Billion Dollars set aside from that budget to rebuild the East Wing back to its former design. I do not want any money used from the private sector or money used from any political donors.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this. It wasn't authorized by congress or the people of America, who own the White House. We don't need a ballroom, and we certainly don't want private (undisclosed) donors buying their way into our symbol of democracy. NO!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Eftychiou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. Initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LaRita Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very much oppose this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project... it is instead but rather a complete destruction of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the "People's House," has a storied history that reflects the tumultuous years that followed the founding of our great nation. It is unique, irreplaceable, and of tremendous cultural and historic value to the American people.

Renovation over time will always be required to maintain older structures. Sometimes, this renovation is dictated by needs like personnel security or national intelligence, which require materials and methods not in keeping with the historical character of the building. When this is the case, the work should be carefully planned and executed so it can later be covered with appropriate facades and structures so that the appearance of the building remains in character with its historical origins.

This proposed project, however, is not something that must be done to modernize the building for safety or security reasons. It is being done to replace a historic wing with a facility that the current sitting President wants more. This type of project requires much more scrutiny before approval is granted. If every President modified the White House to suit their own whims, then the unity of the architecture and its historic continuity will be lost -- forever. The People's House will become a hodgepodge of conflicting and dissonant styles.

Moreover, an optional project such as this should be subject to strict architectural limitations to ensure that whatever facility is built, it is entirely in keeping with the architecture of the rest of the structure. If a modern office building were desired, for example, then by all means build one somewhere in the beltway. But do not demolish a one-of-a-kind historic building on a whim and replace it with whatever structure the current administration thinks is in vogue. The same logic applies to a ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Kirchner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed to spending of 300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization product but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: larry wethington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It seems we're a step too late by just now voicing concern over preserving our national heritage, given that a portion of the White House has already been destroyed. But despite the state it's in, every effort should be made to return it to what it was, exactly as it was, as seamlessly as possible.

Additionally, those who broke the law by destroying the national monument should be held accountable. In short, the Orange Menace and his hate-fueled band of sycophants should be prosecuted for this crime, though it may seem modest among their many daily assaults including brazen murder of American citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Malouf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that the East Wing was torn down without any public comment, the title of this is technically inaccurate. Sure Modernize the East Wing, but to do that you'll need to rebuild it first! It's horrific that any president could have torn it down. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with reasonable upgrades. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. A milder larger ballroom could be made but no need to overbuild.

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Name: Nina Carmel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Goudreau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in opposition to the East Wing modernization project (ballroom) that is being considered as an addition to the White House and would like to share my views. We are currently having financial difficulties in funding many of our current programs (i.e. Medicare, Medicaid, VA benefits, etc) and therefore to build a very expensive ballroom to the White House at this time is not appropriate. It is also not appropriate to have large corporations offer large amounts of money for the project since it could lead to "deals" for business ventures that would create a quid pro quo situation and exclude other businesses who did not give funds. In addition, the whole project is not appropriate for the site since it is substantially larger than the White House which should never be in the "shadow" of another structure. The White House is the main "feature" on this property and should physically be the focus when viewing the area. The whole idea that a president can, without any oversight simply decide to demolish a wing of the White House is inappropriate- this is quite an understatement. Every president in the past has had to have any changes to the original

structures approved in advance by the historical society in charge. To allow someone to simply act as though the property is his to change and demolish as he sees fit goes beyond any boundary set for presidents. There is a protocol and it needed to be followed by this president and others. The East Wing was historical and had meaning for many of its citizens and the people, past and present who spend their time working there meeting the needs of the American people. It was not his to destroy. We cannot allow this precedent to continue and there should be a formal rebuking of the actions that were taken. I believe that the original purpose of the East Wing should remain and a space redesigned to reflect that. The White House was never supposed to resemble a palace which is what our current president is trying to create.

Thank you for your time,

Brenda L Goudreau

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Ault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my concern over the desecration of the White House historical East Wing. My understanding is the White House belongs to the American people, not a sitting president.
I ask, why was this destruction ever allowed without any formal review from historical architects, preservationists or necessary federal agencies?

Additionally, as with much of current day political finances - I have concerns with the funding to this new $300 million project. Where is the transparency of the finances?

Limits to presidential power in the alteration of historical sites should never have been allowed to proceed and is a travesty to our American heritage.

I was once deeply moved by my visit to the White House many years ago, but now am only saddened as my grandsons will never have this experience of Americas history

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Parks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the history of this historic building, the rule of law, and the American people.

Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Finks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am appalled by the razing of the East Wing on a visceral level. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with environmentally friendly modifications to electricity and plumbing wherever possible. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs top stop. tRump never recieved proper authorization for this project. Restore the building and the rose garden to its original form before the MAGAs destroyed this. The tRump family needs to pay for all costs related to replacement.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurence Byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly encourage the committee to halt the construction of the current president's vanity project of an unneeded and architecturally inappropriate ballroom. The illegally destroyed East Wing must be restored-preferably at Trump's personal cost. Our history is at stake and must not be erased.
When all is said and done it is not his house to remodel radically. He lives in government subsidized housing as a perk of his job.
Please halt the project. Tasteless gold painting can easily be removed. An oversized monument to a failed presidency cannot.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Walters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Liss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Corinne Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing (part of the people's house) was done without proper permitting or consultation with the citizens of this country simply to stroke the ego of a single man. When I watched the demolition I also was struck by the lack of any kind of asbestos abatement present. Knowing when this structure was built, surely there would have been asbestos somewhere in it. Due its lightweight nature, there's no telling how far this could have spread. What about the debris and dirt dumped at the East Potomac Park Golf course? Won't that become a EPA clean up site. In addition to destroying a historic property, the public is now at risk. Hold the administration accountable and do not let the ballroom be built! Rebuild the East Wing!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Ward Denison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax-paying, US citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead is treason.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Smit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: NCPC File No. 8733 – East Wing Modernization Project
Public Comment for March 5, 2026 Commission Meeting

Dear Members of the Commission,
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed design for the East Wing Modernization Project (NCPC File No. 8733) due to its negative impact on the historic architectural character of the White House and its significant landscape.
The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties are clear that new additions to historic structures must be subordinate to the original building. The proposed ballroom addition is not subordinate. Its footprint appears substantially larger than that of the historic Executive Mansion, diminishing the primacy of one of the most significant historic buildings in the United States. Rather than reinforcing the architectural hierarchy of the site, the proposal competes with it.
The proposed new connector and East Wing are also out of scale with the existing West Wing and its connecting colonnade. The increased height relative to the West Wing creates an imbalanced symmetry. Given that the White House is a classically composed building, where proportion and symmetry are central organizing principles, this imbalance is particularly problematic. The lack of visual balance between the east and west components disrupts the carefully ordered composition that defines the White House complex.
Equally concerning is the impact on the historic landscape. The 1935 plan prepared by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., which remains largely intact today, established the spatial organization and circulation patterns of the South Lawn. The proposed addition encroaches into this primary open space. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards further state that new additions shall not destroy spatial relationships that characterize the property. By infringing upon the primary lawn and shifting the main pathway to accommodate the

addition, the proposal awkwardly throws off the symmetry of this central space and compromises the historic landscape framework. The South Lawn is not incidental open space. It is a character-defining historic landscape whose spatial order should be preserved.
For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to require a significant reduction in scale of the proposed East Wing addition. Any new construction should align more closely with the scale and height of the existing West Wing and colonnade, and it should clearly defer to the historic Executive Mansion as the dominant architectural feature of the site, and leave the South Lawn and its perimeter path intact.
Preserving the architectural hierarchy of this National Historic Landmark and the integrity of the Olmsted landscape plan should be paramount.
Thank you for your consideration of these comments.
Respectfully submitted,
Jason Smit

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Lichko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. Spending $300 million on a ballroom is a disgraceful use of funds.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Gallardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to constructing the proposed ballroom to replace the demolished East Wing of the White House.

This project was conceived and launched with no planning or oversight by Congress or the American people. There was no planning, no review of proposed plans, and no permits from any agency obtained for this project.

I am also opposed to funding this project with donations from wealthy patrons as these donations are ethically questionable and can be perceived as bribes to the sitting president.

I support rebuilding the East Wing to match its previous appearance but with modern and up to date construction such as energy efficient lighting, energy efficient HVAC, and modern and secure electronic communications capabilities.

Robert V. White
Highlands Ranch,Colorado
Native born US citizen and Honorably Discharged Veteran of service in the United States Air Force

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Tibbits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie G
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800.
The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:12 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Page
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mollie Quinlan-Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Our architectural history is important and following the established conservation and preservation regulations and laws is not negotiable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Trunzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hell9,

The project should be killed in its entirety for several reasons. First, the demolition of the White House East Wing occurred without proper permitting and public notice making it essentially an illegal destruction of Federal property. That behavior should not be rewarded. Second, the proposed structure is not in architectural harmony with the existing building, dwarfing it in proportion and clashing with the historical style of one of the United State's original public buildings. Third, financing for this project was not approved or appropriated by Congress and the proposed donor financing is not transparent and riddled with potential conflict of interest and waste, fraud and abuse. Fourth, management of the proposed project is poorly defined and much appears to be placed beyond Federal control, including competitive selection of contractors making the entire proposal questionable with regard to acquisition regulations. I urge you to kill this project and begin the process of investigating how the decisions leading up to this application occurred without necessary public review and comment for possible criminal violations. I also urge the planning commission to initiate an independent process for restoration of the damaged structure that is in full compliance with law and regulation and that places the burden of cost on President Trump, not on the taxpayers.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:00:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Ludwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project from moving forward. This president has not even considered anyone else or their ideas when he jumped into this. This is not what the American People want. I hope they can restore what has been destroyed by this ridiculous and careless administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:59:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Troy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it should concern:

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Demolition occurred without any approved plan, as required by law. This monstrous ugly ballroom replacement for the elegant multi-use East Wing is not a modernization project. It is a disgraceful complete razing of American history and does not comply with requirements for changes (including demolition) to federal buildings. I want to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans. The "do whatever you want and make excuses after" is shameful. The "donations " for construction are also abhorrent—a shameful pay-to-play scheme.

I truly hope this review process recognizes the attempts to skirt the law and regulations and puts an end to the construction of this massively outsized and completely unnecessary ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:59:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elysia Roscoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I rebuke the continuation of any project for the replacement of the East Wing until the demolition is investigated. This administration must put on hold any plans until any retroactive paperwork, permitting,

and legal action is taken to understand how the chain of command moved forward on the demolition with impunity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol McPhail
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the project stopped immediately and the present plans rejected and denied permanently as the administration and other involved parties did not go through the proper channels for the callous and unlawful destruction of the East Wing. In conjunction with this, all parties involved need to be prosecuted and pay reparations to rebuild the East wing to its former dimensions and historical presence. These parties also need to be fined heavily for actively working against the set requirements for building renovation and destroying an historic landmark.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:59:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Solnit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits, without effort to conserve its materials and history, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

This building belongs to the American people and should be built for all the generations of presidents and people yet to come, not for one current tenant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Rautmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Winerip
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose this project and ask that the East Wing be restored to its original state. The White House is the people's house - they had no right to tear it down.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:59:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriam Herman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of cherished American history. In addition, the alleged funding for this terrible project is suspect at best, and illegal at worst. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:59:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vaiva Bichnevicius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to a ballroom of any size or any cost. This destruction was done without proper review or authorization. If any construction is going occur, it should be to rebuild the East Wing to it's previous state, with only necessary upgrades (for efficiency, durability, etc). It could be a model for green architecture,

using solar power and sustainable materials... That would be lovely. However the character of the monument needs to be maintained

Additionally, because this was an illegal act, the perpetrator needs to foot the bill from his own resources, not from the tax payers.

It would be lovely to restore the gardens, too, if possible. Everything has been trashed, and it is truly an shame.

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Name: Joel Brouwer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a National disaster. Proper authorization permits and design review must be pre-approved before demolition of historic properties. Trump should be held accountable to rebuild what he destroyed, in accordance with historic preservation requirements.

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Name: Julie Burkey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

The criminals behind this atrocity and the destruction of US history and THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE need to be prosecuted and serve time for their crimes

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Name: Sue Tabor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Hample
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing is a terrible blight in our nation's history. This is the people's house, and it demands that renovation follows protocol. No single person has any right to change without review, and I am devastated that this action happened without proper review. This is a historic monument, and to disrespect the history is to disrespect the people of this country. I implore you to please take every necessary action to remediate and demand any presidential request be properly evaluated and processed. While a ballroom may be a reasonable addition to the White House, the current rendering is an abomination to the architecture of the White House, and should be immediately reversed.

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Name: Margie Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not vote to allow the destruction of the East Wing of our White House to be replaced with a $300M horrific ode to a narcissistic dictator. Donald Trump did this illegal thing under the cover of night, and against our codes of ethics and law. You must not reward him for this. Uphold our laws and self respect.
Thank you,
Margie Bradley

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Name: Louise Truett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (as well as the former Rose Garden). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its state in 2024.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kitt Mattingly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose allowing Mr. Trump to dictate the "goldification" of the People's House. He tore down the existing structure without oversight and that was a travesty. Any plans for the new building should be carefully vetted and only allowed to move forward with the approval of the American people. Please don't let him turn this important structure into a big tacky manifestation of his ego.

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Name: Leslie Hendricks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ginger Pressey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for receiving comments on this terrible and unlawful project.

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Name: Diane McClure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Amos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Over 50 years ago, I visited Washington DC with my parents. We visited and toured the White House and Capitol. As a young woman, I was thrilled at the beauty of the President's residence. The columns, the setting, the perfect balance of the East and West wings as well as the stories connected with the building itself fascinated me.

That building and its historical significance to the country and to me as a citizen made such an impression Many years later, I was asked to serve on our local Historic Preservation Commission. I couldn't help but remember my visit to Washington.
As I learned what was required for a home in a historic district to be changed, I grew
to respect the care and duty we were given as public servants. As
I write to you I remember too the importance of preserving our nation's historic home, perhaps the most loved and revered landmark in this great country of ours.

The current resident's decision to destroy the East Wing is, quite frankly, obscene. It is an insult and I wish it was considered a crime against all American citizens. If any of us were to destroy property belonging to someone else, we would be facing a court of law.
Respectfully, I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was using the funds donated to build one man's ball room.We can replant a rose garden, but it would be shameful to ask the citizens of this country to fund the repairs to our history. Should this not occur, I request that the National Capital Planning Commission step forward and take control of the design and development of any structure erected on the ground of former East Wing.

Thank you.

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Name: Natalie Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and a proper design and review process initiated. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: MIKAYLA PRATT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this!

Do not dwarf the historic People's Mansion with a giant gilded hall that will be used a few times a year.

If the White House must have a ballroom, can't it be put across the street? The EOB can use a little help. Or make a deal with Hay Adams!

Now that East Wing was unceremoniously demolished, can I suggest a new use for that space? The Rose Garden.

---Roger Black
[redacted]

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Name: Mary Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jillian Schweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty what has happened to the East Wing of the White House-the PEOPLE'S HOUSE to be clear. I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Billy Glover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was carried out without public consideration or regard for historical value. It seems clear that due process was not utilized. The subject building belongs to the people of the United States and not to the current occupant. The history of our nation cannot be erased. The NCPC should stand up for the historical value of the East Wing. The building should be restored consistent with its historical significance, style and size.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Hollingshead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lori Beal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the continuation of the east wing ‘modernization’ project. The destruction of the east wing was not properly approved and should not have been approved if requested. Instead, the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored along with the Rose Garden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Ritchie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose spending on this poorly thought-out, illegally implemented project.

Proper planning, vetting, licensing, authorization and oversight should be in place before any further action is taken.

Thank you,
Kevin Ritchie

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Casey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
I think the person responsible for the demolition should be required to pay for the rebuild.

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Name: Jennifer Dalton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Allison Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bettina Stammen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sheryl Varon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to us all.

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Name: Kerry Krieger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people, not to a one person in office

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Tiffany Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan Flugge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and under an unprecedented regime in the White House. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, only to placate one person. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and beauty. No one is above the law, including this administration, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Caspers Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be another affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne-Marie Read
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that this project ever became necessary. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Reinhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, regardless of whether the funding is from private donations of public funds. This project was rushed forward without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete obliteration of American history.

I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As a result, the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

The precedent of allowing national monuments to be altered without following the formal process of design submission, engineering and aesthetic review, public input, etc. is disastrous.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Siperstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional

oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlene Wynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the spending of $300 + million even if paid for by donations to this misguided renovation project. No one is above the law in this country and permits were to be executed before any machinery touched the East Wing. Demolition without proper permits or intent is against the law. Please hold those breaking the law accountable.

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Name: Margaret Rust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully request that every effort be made to halt this project. The White House is part of American history and should not be modified without appropriate review and approval. If possible, I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in its original design (with required modifications to bring it into current code compliance). The White House belongs to the people of the United States, and I thank you for allowing us to express our dismay at the proposed changes.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:58:16 PM
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Name: Amanda Aswegan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the tearing down of the East Wing. $300 million is an insane amount of money and it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design approval. It is not a modernization but a complete erasure of our American history.
I want the project cancelled and the East wing restored to its former glory. NOT a gold plated embarrassment to our future presidents and families. This is the peoples house and should be treated as though.

To permit this to go forward is an affront to all the law abiding citizens of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn List
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Fitch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm horrified and disappointed that our White house has been illegally dismantled for the ego of an administration who promised to be fiscally conservative. Please bar any further destruction and rebuilding. Put in a rose garden!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ROBERT MCKAY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million East Wing project. According to publicly available information, this project was initiated without the required authorization, permits, or design review. Proceeding with demolition or construction under these circumstances violates established federal preservation and planning laws.

The East Wing is a historic structure, and its destruction represents an irreversible loss to the nation's architectural heritage. Any project of this scale must undergo proper review, including compliance with preservation statutes and public oversight requirements.

I urge the responsible agencies to halt this project immediately, require full legal compliance, and pursue restoration of the East Wing's historic design. Allowing this project to continue without accountability would undermine the rule of law and set a dangerous precedent for future federal actions.

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Name: Patricia Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christopher Riggio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud U.S. Citizen, former United States Air Force Officer, and Persian Gulf War Veteran I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project at all, but rather a complete vandalization and razing of American history. I want this project canceled IMMEDIATELY, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It's an insult to me, fellow U.S. citizens, and our nation to call this project the "East Wing Modernization Project." The White House is the People's House, and Donald Trump has no right to desecrate our sacred building.

Kind regards,

Christopher M. Riggio, PE
Captain, U.S. Air Force – Honorably Discharged
Persian Gulf War Veteran
Civil Engineer

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Name: Kathleen Fortier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow the current plan for rebuilding this WH wing. It shouldn't have been torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileed Danas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its historic beauty. This project has razed a national treasure with momentous historical significance. It is beyond sad that this was done without any public input prior to the demolition.

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Name: Margaret Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This is the people's house and its being grossly mistreated as private property in this attempt at squandering $300 million dollars.

I do agree with updating the White House, as needed, but this is not needed. In these days of particularly difficult economic times for the vast majority of the nation, it is an affront, and a slap in the face, rather akin to Marie Antoinette's "Let them eat cake."

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joshua Essoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history by a president who is only intent on leaving his mark. In this case a stain. Who will be able to use this ballroom? Certainly not the American people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Vanessa Compton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Chloe Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my opposition to the destruction of the White House East Wing and the proposed ballroom. We don't need an enormous ballroom; this is a vanity project. The White House is the People's House; we don't want this ballroom. We would rather have the East Wing restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Stacy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca McDowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the unauthorized plan for removal of American History in the gaudy remodeling of the East wing of the White House. This important part of the people's house should be restored to its previous beauty because this project proceeded without proper authorization and without even a design plan. It's a debacle and should be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Krupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of government resources. It is unnecessary. I oppose further funding or time spent on this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Goodin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa McLendon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without authorization, permits or design review. The immense amount of money being spent on it is a travesty, and I am appalled that the East Wong was razed without any review or warning. This ballroom is not a modernization project but an erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Parsons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing about this proposed ballroom went through the proper review and approval processes. Just because the East Wing has been illegally torn down does not mean that the ballroom plan needs to be built. The east wing should be restored in line with the scale and purposes of the structure that was illegally demolished.

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Name: Jessica Hutnick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dianne Harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe that the changes being made to the East Wing of the White House will provide a wonderful space for President Trump and leaders in the future to receive guests, host gatherings of foreign dignitaries, and provide a beautiful and stately atmosphere for hospitality by government officials. I fully support this update since it is coming at no cost to taxpayers.

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Name: Linda Holderness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a native of Washington, I am deeply troubled by the loss of the beautiful and historic East Wing. NO president or person should have unilateral authority to destroy any precious historic building, particularly the most treasured building in our country. It's a shameful affront to the American people. Please don't let a gaudy, cheesy ballroom take its place. Please take this back!

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Name: Laura Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop this travesty of architecture and misuse of White House grounds. Obviously SOMETHING now has to be built as the Trump administration tore down the entire East Wing of the White House in a frenzy of unapproved destruction. Wiping out the First Ladies offices and other East Wing rooms was done hastily with not planning and no sense of the needs of the White House residents or staff.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead a vanity project for ONE resident. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt with respect to its past but also with an eye to future needs.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I understand that rebuilding will happen but please make sure that it happens within the law and within the sensible guidelines of the National Capital Planning Commission process.

Thank you.

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Name: Gloria Goodwin Raheja
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not merely a "modernization" project but rather a completely destructive razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a deeply offensive affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of so many hundreds of millions on this project. Actually I oppose the project in its entirety.

This project CANNOT proceed, as it was initiated without any of the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Seeing the complete razing of the East Wing, it was horrendous. It was sickening. I was like razing important American history that I care about.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law!! To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gail Ohara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump is the last person on earth who should be in charge of "aggressively" renovating the White House, Kennedy Center, Dulles Airport or any other important historical buildings. The White House is the PEOPLE's HOUSE and he should be held accountable for trying to sell it off to the highest bidder. Also who knows what valuable information was moved out of the White House in this process. STOP HIM. He has horrible taste and everything he puts his name on will be ruined by graffiti forever more. Please rein him in. He has awful taste and is waging war on everything good in this country.

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Name: Linda Helena Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Cain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Margaret Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the planned construction and return the White House and the grounds to their original design.

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Name: Cathlin Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was a travesty and an overreach by this administration. I do not approve of the construction of a ballroom on the White House property. As a tax paying United States citizen, I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt to the specifications used when building the original.

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Name: Stella Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project!!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:57:05 PM
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Name: Sara Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." Anna Guard

While these words above are not mine, permission given by the author to use them has been given and express my sentiments.

Additionally, this is NOT a monarchy where exorbitant amounts of money are spent to glorify a king or queen. Even in modern day England, this kind of thing would be frowned upon, not to mention that the

monarchy there would never be so vain nor blind to the historic significance of the People's House that it would be demolished in their honor.

Programs to feed the poor, care for the disabled and provide life saving financial asssistance for health care have been gutted. It is obscene that this is happening.

I trust that this commission will see the value of Ms. Guard's words and mine and do the right thing.

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Name: Dayna Stein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Neafus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantely opposed to all of the changes being made to the White House and specifically the comoplete destruction of the ease wing and proposed "modernization". There is no benefit to the American people to have a disgusting, European style ball room attached to this beautiful, historic building. I would like to se Mr Trump help responsible for returning the Ease Wing to it's historic presentation as it was before he ordered this travesty.

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Name: Susan Hayase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rebecca Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in the historic district of a small village in NJ. I am subjected to laws regarding the historic preservation of my home — at my own expense — and must seek onerous approvals to complete repairs or renovations. It is absolutely beyond belief that my 1910 crappily built home requires more public meetings and approvals than has occurred for the East Wing demolition project.

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Name: Laura Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Colleen Robinson Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this UNNECESSARY project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project! It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Thank you for hearing my concern!

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Name: Carl Asf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: E Jacqueline (Jackie) Smart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the east wing of the White House is a total abomination. It is our house, a house of the people. Trump had no right to destroy it without going through the proper channels. Please stop this wasteful destruction and return the White House to its original historical glory!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully oppose the spending of $300 million on this project as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dana Arthur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a project that has not undergone proper design review. The razing of the historic East Wing was not completed according to regulations in place for approval of such projects. The "modernization" should be summarily cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt to its previous historic specifications.

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Name: Jessica Glaser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Hancock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is an abomination! I oppose ANY spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Martha Kaser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An abomination. A slap at history and grace, done without public comment or input. The White House and capitol area are historical treasures that belong to all of us.
The increasingly expensive "ballroom" belongs in Vegas, not here. The loss of the East Wing is a physical manifestation of the loss of equanimity and balance that is occurring all over the government right now. (Just asking- who is the President going to get to perform/play in the new ballroom?)

He is a tasteless boor in every way, and he is spreading his dreck on all of us.

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Name: Brenda Albertz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: SHERRY Seta-Tabb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stephen Bucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Letitia Shapiro
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Name: Danielle Capillo
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Name: Angela Schmidt
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Name: Kirstin Bergman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I agree with

Anara Guard's comments:

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Name: Sharon Lofgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the people's house without having gone through proper channels. I submit that the money donated by the billionaires be used to rebuild the structure as it was before, allowing for some modernization approved by NCPC in advance of such action taking place. I also strongly oppose gilding every surface available! This is not a project that "everyone " demanded, it is another vanity project for Trumps ego.

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Name: Barbara Slansky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think what they are planning for the so called ballroom is a desecration of the formerly beautiful east wing. The building should be restored to its former status.

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Name: Andrea Lorenzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gregor Miziumski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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"It's easier to get forgiveness than permission" should not apply to the president of the United States or public buildings.

This is not the president's house, this is the people's house. I'm a builder, and I would be fined thousands of dollars starting a project 1% of this scale without proper procedure.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:56:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Shelburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop Trump’s horrible and destructive “modernization.” Americans need our history not gilded ballrooms.

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Name: BETTINA HUGHES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the $300million project on the grounds that it not only destroys our country’s historic heritage and record but it is not in the taxpayers interest to destroy the White House! There is no reason to think that this project is supported by taxpayers who need elected officials to work for the public good and not for an egocentric agenda

Date: 2/16/2026 6:56:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Clymer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending a minimum of $300 million on this project. The statement that this project will be privately funded through donors is nothing but a smoke screen. This project was started without proper authorization, proper permits, or any type of design review or oversight.

This is not any type of modernization project, but instead a complete obliteration of our nation's history. This project needs to be cancelled, with the East Wing being rebuilt in its former design, with the inclusion of the proper improvements to carry it another 200+ years.

Allowing this project to continue to move forward without penalizing all that broke the laws, would substantiate the belief that there are those above the law.

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Name: (Dr.) Claudia Dewane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Wrecking the East wing. Such a metaphor for the administration's continued wrecking our democracy. This destruction of the East Wing of the Peoples' House was done without the knowledge, involvement or approval of the people!

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Name: Jacqueline Digney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I DO NOT approve of the ballroom project even if it was supposed to be privately funded. Trump believes he has absolute authority to do absolutely anything. It is the people's house and his gold plated world vision has no place in DC. He is a child and needs to be slapped into reality and humility.

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Name: David Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed illegally. Stop any construction until a plan is approved by Congress. Make efforts to force the president to pay for his mistake. We do not want his gaudy garbage

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Name: Ellen Bloom
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Name: Jane Detweiler
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Name: Cynthia Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I felt the need to share my feelings about the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This damage has already been done, gone in the dust of history but, there is still time to renew the east wing, carefully and with forethought. Modernization is sometimes necessary, and every effort should be made, to create a space that respects the historical aspects of the building and creates balance. An addition that is too large will not be visually pleasing. Symmetry is key. I'm sure there are experts that can create a functional space, that is also historically accurate, and beautiful. It is more important to get this right, than to get this done. After all, the White House is an important symbol of our constitutional government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Ponne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you

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Name: Laura Atkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been horrified to see the east wing of the White House demolished. And I ask that no taxpayer dollars be used to build the monstrosity of the ballroom that is completely out of keeping with the White House. How is it that normal people can’t replace windows without getting permission and yet this current administration demolished part of our historic past without that permission. I ask that the previous Eastwing be rebuilt following it’s original guidelines and that proper assessment and preservation take place in any future moves to change the White House.

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Name: Cynthia Wyckoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of our nation's capital was torn down without any oversight. It should be rebuilt in its original design to reflect the beauty of the balanced design that has stood for so many years.

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Name: neil pregozen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cathy Espere
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Name: Jill Jonas
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Name: Robin Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No Trump Ballroom. If you'd like further explanation for why I feel this way, I've borrowed more eloquent words from a friend. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with

its historic design and size.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the approval of this inexcusable vanity project and the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Judith Brain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This grotesque project is an affront to U.S. citizens, our history, the design of our capitol buildings, and the architectural and cultural review process.

The projected $300 million to construct it is morally reprehensible when our government cannot guarantee health and safety to our people. Plus nowhere in the projected budgets have I seen anything that mentions the ongoing cost of maintaining such a structure. Its infrequent use for only major state events hardly justifies what is bound to be a huge expense. Talk about waste and abuse of government resources!

Please do whatever possible to STOP THIS PROJECT!

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Name: Carrie Antal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an unjustified razing of American history, carried out without the proper process meant to ensure the public interest is properly considered in making decisions that will affect the *PEOPLE'S* property well beyond the tenure of any one president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go

ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janine Rosche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any and all vanity projects that go against the ideals of our country. The east wing should never have been torn down as, historically, its soul was for providing service to the people. A ballroom designed for only the rich and powerful will destroy the pretense that the White House is “the people’s house.” I suggest people be held accountable for the destruction and design submissions from the public should be considered in the rebuilding.

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Name: Rose Culbreth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to voice my opposition the so called $300 million ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I wish to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is supposed to be above the law and just because they have money should not reflect on those limitations so to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Klo Ann Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want our history obliterated. Please restore the East Wing back to what it was. Please do NOT consider anything other than that.

Respectfully,

Klo Ann Curtis

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Name: MELANIE GAILUNAS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Emily Gabbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sharron Hedges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Citizens

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Name: Anna Ransome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is such an affront to the American public and calling it a modernization project is part of the problem. The White House is an historical treasure and an architectural history lesson. The footprint should never have been altered without congressional approval.
The East Wing deserves to be restored to its original architectural design, with all design elements, including trim, lighting and paint colors historically accurate.
If this travesty goes unchallenged it will set a terrible precedent for all our other historical treasures. What is next? The Lincoln Memorial or the Washington Monument? The National Gallery or the whole Mall itself?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was started with no permits, design review or approval. It is not an improvement but a demolition of a historical building and an affront to US citizens across this nation. I want this project cancelled and a plan put forward through proper channels to restore this wing to its former size and design.
No one should be above the law and the fact that this has happened is shameful. I hope you will be able to step and right this travesty before it goes further. Thank you for your work and your efforts in this situation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Cosgrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project; it is a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is the American people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda I Turcotte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I am so grateful for a chance to weigh in. I'm just a small-potatoes Grammy from New Hampshire, and my two cents is probably worth even less now that pennies are on their way out.

Please, please, please I beg you to do all that you can to restore the East Wing to its former condition. That was a vital part of our heritage as a nation and a people. Modernization is for technology, or for personal tastes if they run that way, I suppose, but the White House belongs to the people and the wanton destruction on that terribly sad Monday had all the appearance of someone acting out on a spiteful impulse rather than a decision which reflected any respect for its history and meaning - especially since reportedly plans were never submitted nor legal permission sought?

That wing embodied the warmer, gentler, more nurturing side of our national character, and its loss, especially in such a rapacious manner, feels like a violent violation of the caretaking responsibilities incumbent on those fortunate enough to reside in the People's House for their time of service.

I cannot fathom the cold-heartedness involved in its destruction, but I can understand and appreciate the astute and loving care you take of our historic properties, and I hope you get the chance to fully restore the East Wing.

Thank you for all you do. This wasn't any oversight or shortcoming on your part.

Sincerely,
Wanda I. Turcotte
East Wakefield, NH

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Louper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a monument for the most corrupt, destructive, and unamerican-acting president in our history I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Eyler-Pelletier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that was started without the appropriate reviews, approvals, and studies in place. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and not any one President. The East Wing demolishment was undertaken without any regard for anything or anyone and not as a tenant of a building, but the owner. A ballroom is not an upgrade to the existing structure and should only have been undertaken with the gravity a project of this scale demanded. Instead the East Wing was demolished without any regard for the history that was destroyed alongside the physical structure. Not only do I oppose the project, I believe the President should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Name: Rebecca Graff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jody Ondich
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Name: Linda Ofshe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I am appalled and sad that the White House, which belongs to the American people, is being destroyed by one man who is single-handedly ignoring the laws of our great country in so many ways. Please do not allow this terrible destruction to continue.

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Name: Lauren Byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marcella Missirian
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Name: Tiffany Hebb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Whitney Wetherill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I consider this an illegal usurpation of power, and an unjustified expense. Please do not do this, restore the historic building.

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Name: Marilyn Nathanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Andrea Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marijane Fix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Name: Lori Gieleghem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is an outrage and an insult to the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history by an out-of-control president who has no respect for regulations, rules, or laws. I oppose it; this project should be canceled immediately. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. The cost of this rebuilding should be paid for by the donations allegedly collected for the so-called "ballroom." No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Colleen Gillett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the lavish spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, This demolition was initiated without the required authorization, permits, and design review. It is mislabeled as “modernization” but is actually destruction of property owned by the American people. Rebuild and restore the East Wing. This project is not lawfully permitted and should not be allowed to proceed. There should be an investigation and anyone found to have violated the law should be held accountable and financially responsible for the reconstruction.

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Name: Lois Riden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Terri Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The destruction of this symbol of our connection to history is a sad tragedy.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is a violation of the law. This is the people's' house and no one should have the ability to unilaterally change it.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing. I would like to see the East Wing reconstructed in keeping with the original structure, modern convenience not withstanding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Kinkaid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened is appalling.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is

above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Marti Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cheryl Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathryn Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in an historic home in Charleston, South Carolina, and I'm very familiar with restrictions and limitations regarding repairs and maintenance following historic guidelines and limitations. While they can be inconvenient, they serve a purpose in maintaining the integrity of the city. The White House is the People's house, and as such represents the people's history to both United States, citizens, and people throughout the world. It is unconscionable if one transitory figure could make the decision to desecrate that space."Modernization" should be confined to upgrading wiring and plumbing, while rigorously maintaining

and preserving the original structure and design. Restore this symbol of national pride.

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Name: Elizabeth Schalk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was undertaken without proper protocol, without regard to historical preservation, and without the consent of the American people. It is a travesty that the East Wing was demolished, and it must be rebuilt and restored to its prior form.

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Name: Kathy Abram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Stop this insane dictator.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:54:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Polly Kenefick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the Trump ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Boudreaux
Project Name: Washington Dulles International Airport Master Plan
Project Number: MP10

Please stop President Trump from adding his name to yet another federal building!
Dulles airport, along with many other federal buildings, was named to HONOR an important figure in the history of the U.S.A.
POTUS must not be allowed to continue adding his name to federal buildings!
Thank you,
Kathryn Boudreaux
FL, U.S.A.

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Name: sharon miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be stopped and the East Wing restored and renovated to meet codes, of course. Not abiding by the approval laws for changes and taking a wrecking ball to the White House before any approval or even actions to obtain approval shows such hubris. This country does not need a 900 person ballroom with gold leaf and marble to prove greatness. The classless vanity of one man does not trump the class of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Spiese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current plan for the East Wing Modernization Project shows the new ballroom building is much larger than the Executive Residence...totally out of proportion! It's detrimental to the feel of the whole White House complex. It offends my sense of aesthetics. Downsize the new construction...please!

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Name: Marianna Seaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kouslaa Kessler-Mata
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Debra Dalton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying American citizen I was horrified at the destruction of the east Wing. The White House belongs to all of us. I am totally against the construction of a ballroom for the wealthy and hope that those who destroyed this will be required to rebuild it back to its original form.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:54:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Drury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing of the White House! No permission was sought for the destruction of part of the People's House. How could this have happened? I and many other citizens deplore the destruction and wish for restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeline Hendrix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project. I want to see the White House restored to its former state. This Ballroom keeps getting bigger and bigger as does it's price tag. It should go through proper channels and should not be connected to the Whitehouse at all. Trump pushed these plans through by passing all the steps that should have approved it. He then keeps increasing the size and cost. We do not need a Ballroom that seats 1000 people that would only be used a couple of times year. It started out with a capacity of about 700. Please stop it...

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheree Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commission,

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding United States citizens!

Respectfully,
Sheree Collins

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Name: Penny Brindley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project is a travesty. A piece of history was destroyed so that the current White House resident can brag about his completely unnecessary and ridiculous ballroom. Or so he can pocket the money and never proceed. It's bad enough that the Oval Office and much of the rest of the White House looks like a bordello. Enough is enough.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Teasley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I categorically oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which proceeded without lawful authorization, required permits, or mandatory design and historic-preservation review. This is not "modernization"; it is the unlawful demolition of a protected piece of American history. Proceeding after the fact does not cure these violations—it rewards them. The project should be immediately halted, cancelled, and the East Wing reconstructed and restored to its prior historic design at the expense of those responsible. Allowing this project to continue without enforcement or accountability would signal that compliance with the law is optional for those with power, undermining both historic-preservation statutes and the rule of law itself.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:54:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Matson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am required to get a lawful permit in order to remove a tree, fix my sidewalk or even to upgrade my furnace. Demolishing a historic building without any oversight or permit is clearly unlawful and should not be allowed to proceed.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:54:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathryn Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Gillwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is very concerning that appropriate reviews and authorizations were circumvented by the Trump Administration so that the President could have his way in what he claims is a modernization project of the East Wing. We all know that there certainly are approval processes that he should have taken before he totally bulldozed the People's House and the rich history surrounding it. I am thoroughly against spending hundreds of millions of dollars to complete this Trump pet project, especially given that it was initiated without consent of the people as well as the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project should be canceled, and Trump (not taxpayers) should have to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design and beauty. Trump needs to follow the rules and laws like everyone else...please hold him accountable for what he did to the White House. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:54:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlene Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. As you well know, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I promptly want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to comment on this tear down of our beloved White House East Wing. I am horrified at this destruction of our nation’s prized historic building. I see it as a dictatorial self-monument with no permission, historical or safety considerations. The architectural drawings for the re-build are hideous and oversized, without aesthetic merit. The damage must be safely cleaned up and the original design restored…please.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Witten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is more than an embarrassment, it is the physical manifestation of a dictator flexing unchecked power against the law, bypassing the proper legal channels to receive approval to completely raze an invaluable piece of American history. This project must be halted immediately and the property must be restored to its original form. This gross corporate monstrosity is a symbol of how far America has fallen. Halting the project would show the American people that the law still matters and applies to everyone, including the current commonster-in-chief.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Puffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of $300,000 for a ballroom. The East Wing was historical and to just go forth and destroy it without permission from anyone is abhorrent. The president doesn't have power to raze history And that is what he has done. Please stop this project and rebuild the East Wing to what it was before. You have the power to reign in this president and I ask you to use it. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terina Beckwith Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it is a symbolic action in the ongoing attempt to destroy democracy. The destruction of the White House East Wing had no authorization, permits, or design review and we should be penalizing those that broke the law. I oppose the spending of any amount of money in the creation of a ballroom the American people do not want. The East Wing, a part of the People's House, should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Aquilina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Buchbinder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: scot nortrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment regarding the proposed ballroom project at the White House.

The White House is not a private residence—it is the People's House and one of the most significant historic properties in the United States. Any major alteration to this National Historic Landmark must follow established federal preservation laws, regulatory review procedures, and transparent public processes.

I oppose the proposed $300 million ballroom project. Based on publicly available information, this project appears to have been initiated without the full and proper authorization, permitting, interagency consultation, and design review required for work of this magnitude on a nationally significant historic property.

Federal undertakings affecting historic properties are subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act where applicable. Additionally, projects in the National Capital region require review to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and federal design standards. These safeguards exist to protect irreplaceable public resources and to ensure that changes are deliberate, transparent, and consistent with preservation best practices.

This proposal does not appear to represent a thoughtful modernization. Rather, it risks irreversible alteration of historic fabric and character-defining features that embody American history. The East Wing and associated historic spaces should be preserved, maintained, and restored in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties—not demolished or substantially altered without due process.

No individual or administration is above the law. If proper procedures were bypassed, that failure must be addressed before any further action proceeds. Allowing a project of this scale to move forward without full compliance would undermine the integrity of federal preservation policy and erode public trust.

I respectfully request that the Commission:

Require full compliance with all applicable federal preservation and environmental review laws.

Ensure robust public transparency and consultation.

Halt further action on this project until all required reviews and approvals are properly completed.

Prioritize restoration and preservation of the East Wing consistent with established preservation standards.

The White House belongs to the American people—past, present, and future. Its stewardship demands adherence to both the law and the highest preservation standards.

Respectfully,

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Scherlek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't ruin the beauty of the White House, OUR House, with an oversized and unnecessary ball room. It is already heartbreaking to see the remains of the East Wing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Firkatian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I abhor that the East Wing was demolished without appropriate review. It should be restored with only

those changes which might make it complementary to the White House, code compliant, and accessible to all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Galligan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cedric Cheng
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyn Seesan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ted Stout
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people not the current occupant. Please stop the further destruction and demand the reconstruction of the east wing fully paid for by the man who destroyed it.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Valli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was started without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort; it amounts to a total destruction of American history. I urge for the cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one should be above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated the law would be an insult to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KELLY MARTIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The American people deserves better than the destruction of our history and buildings.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Kammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the so-called “East Wing Modernization” project, which was initiated illegally, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a “modernization

project" but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law. To permit the so-called "East Wing Modernization" project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and, indeed, to American history itself.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Fiengo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pritchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tyler Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It has been illegal in so many ways, and it is jaw-dropping how little accountability there was to all the standards that we were supposed to have about these things.

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Name: Lauren Hougen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eugene Atwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing was, besides illegal, an affront and insult to US persons.
If the east wing was rebuilt to modern standards and recovered and rebuilt unique architectural features, that would be the place to start, to even consider altering the design. What could be restored and why. Altering is fine as long as it follows the process which was supposed to keep nitwits from trashing the place.
When will the Rose garden be restored?
Sincerely
Eugene Atwood

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly O'Connor-Salomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It's wrong—don't let them do it.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Holcombe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

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I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Burseth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Trochessett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raymond Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to voice my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this illegal project. It was initiated in complete disregard of proper authorization, permits, or a design review by the proper agencies. This is obviously not a "modernization project." It is a bizarre, thoughtless and premeditated erasure of a beautiful, storied piece of American history in exchange for a foolhardy, bloated pile or unnecessary eyesore. Cancel this project. Use the fund instead to restore our beautiful East Wing, as it was before it was so callously destroyed. The expertise, technology and skilled craftsmen are available to accomplish it. Those who launched into this fool's errand should be allowed nowhere near it, and should be penalized for their destructive folly! This is an insult to every law-abiding citizen who has had to secure permits, permissions and inspections for any building, repair or modernization of their own properties. I am disgusted this is even necessary.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer NIchols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randy Bomer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wasteful spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project and an erasure of important American traditions. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or else a design approved through proper channels by a bipartisan or nonpartisan commission of historians, preservationists, and architects. Changes to the White House should not be undertaken at the impulse of one person only in that house for a short term of a few years, because they affect too many people across time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Fielding Maddison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Lockard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you, Kimberly Lockard

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Feltner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. This illegal project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:52:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Partin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East Wing is symbolic of destroying our history. It was done illegally and cruelly. I want it restored to its original beauty to reflect our heritage.

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Name: Lucinda Harms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tomar Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I consider the destruction of the East Wing to be an abomination, a totally reckless and illegal act - in fact, a crime against the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:52:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Mondz-Kleinman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this $300 million project. This did not go through the proper authorization process, including design review and permits. This historical building is being ruined to put in a completely unnecessary, lavish ballroom to serve the whims of the current president. This building “restoration” (more like a demolition) needs to be halted immediately. The East wing of the White House needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:52:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: THOMAS GAROFALO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:52:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sir/ Madam,
I'm a retired Naval Officer, and close student of history. I cherish our democracy for it's ability to move us away from flaws when we have effective balance of powers and open avenues for participation. The destruction of the East Wing on the whim of a single person who feels unaccountable is a symbol of what is wrong in our politics. The man who has transformed the White House into a Baroque Era bordello should not be allowed to dwarf the historical seat of our executive branch with a massive baroque excess.

OUR White House was, and should remain, a symbol of the neo-classical spirit of democracy, and the relative modesty of the executive branch in our constitutional system. The replacement of the destroyed area should be stopped immediately until a thoughtfully compatible structure in the same style, that doesn't overwhelm or unbalance the rest, can e reviewed and approved. It should not emulate a European

or other nations royal palace. What is the actual need for a 90,000 sq ft ballroom? It isn't a convention center for Presidents to entertain the wealthy and connected. And it should not be financed by a cabal of billionaires trying to curry favor with any single occupant of the peoples house. President Trump, and his father have used the tactic or preemptive destruction of cherished structures and arts before. Let's have a public vetting and compatible design for replacement consistent with the law, and the spirit of the place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Janes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Noel Cleland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified by the images that were displayed as the demo team moved into to destroy the East Wing of the White House. Without notification, without public discourse, with bids, and most importantly without a justification of why this Ballroom Project was more important than the historical value and function of the existing building. There are other facilities available in DC for hosting gala events, and considering the White House kitchen and staffing abilities cannot support the magnitude of the proposed celebrations.
I realize that there is no UNDO button to put the East Wing back, but continuing the ballroom fiasco is absolutely the wrong direction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the demolition and planned construction of the ball room. It has nothing to do with the benefits of the American people. I was under the impression a project like that required some kind of oversight which was completely deferred. Thank you, a concerned American.

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Name: Susan Burack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Arehart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tana Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lorraine Schuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300 million project that does not have proper authorization, permits or design review. It's a disgrace, erasing our American history. This project should be cancelled immediately and the East Wing restored to it's former historical significance at once.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Sizoo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was not legally authorized. It was a waste of money. Rebuild what was there. We do not need another ballroom at taxpayer expense. Put back what was there. No one is above the law and the current Pres did something wrong! Citizens say no to this project!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rich Hensel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Council,

I am writing in support of the consideration being held now as required by law. The destruction of a significant element so layered in the nation's history and culture. Consider the millions of people through media or the privilege of attending a tour or a cultural event with the First Ladies, and on. The serious violation constitutes malicious destruction of the East Wing of "The People's House" government property calls out for justice and the rule to prosecute the figures involved in what was generally a felony- before you even get to the violations of Secretary of the interior's standards for restoration, or new building additions. Tens of thousands people have been held to these standards for their project. For the administration to ignore every rule and laws as well as national American customs is unacceptable They must follow the review process fully comply or face the consequences.
Please do not allow a ballroom of the proposed scale as a renovation to go forward. The only acceptable option should be to restore the East Wing exactly as it was in its previous construction with modern HVAC and plumbing Accessible to the range of abilities people might need to work or visit it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, I hope my comments are useful.

Sincerely, Rich

Date: 2/16/2026 6:52:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randy Bomer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wasteful spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project and an erasure of important American traditions. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or else a design approved through proper channels by a bipartisan or nonpartisan commission of historians, preservationists, and architects. Changes to the White House should not be undertaken at the impulse of one person only in that house for a short term of a few years, because they affect too many people across time.

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Name: charlotte hardnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose everything the president has or will plan for the East Wing of the White House. Also, he should bear personal financial responsibility for its restoration because he had no right to tear it down --- no right at all. The Commission, with input from the public, should make the decision on the restoration of the East Wing. I also do not the restoration money to come from oligarchs/billionaires. It's the people's house and what does not come from trump's pesonal money, should be borne by tax dollars. No cheap gold junk on the walls, doors, etc.

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Name: Ellen Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the East Wing should restored in its totality. The proper consultations were not done, and proper input was not gotten. I am completely against this abomination of a project. The proposed ballroom looks tacky and will not blend well with the White House. Rebuild it and restore the East Wing to be exactly like it was before it was torn down without permission. It’s not his house—it’s the people’s house. The president just gets to borrow it.

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Name: Stephanie Corbin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Seitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's unconscionable that the "People's House has been so desecrated and DESTROYED by our current president. It is even WORSE that this man proposes a faux version of Versailles and a Disney theme park ride.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THIS!

DON'T BE SO COWARDLY AND DO IT!!

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Name: Cable Complin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dawn Scheffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Dawn Scheffer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Herstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an accomplished fact, and cannot be undone. But the proposed ballroom that President Trump to build in its place is an atrocity and an insult to the American people. There is no possible excuse for permitting this lawless and indefensible project to move forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Keiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing should stop. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.
The White House, the People's house, needs to be protected from mad projects such as this. The destruction is an obscenity. Make it end.

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Name: Carolyn Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Teresa Frazier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed construction of a ballroom on the White House grounds. The building and the rose garden must be restored to the same condition as before January 2024. The project was begun without proper review or permits and is unnecessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Crockett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project.
Everything torn down before this project was stopped was done illegally. This part of the White House is historical as was the rose garden!
Please stop the destruction of our history.
Thank you!

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Name: Susan Noonan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Margaret Burch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Margaret T Burch

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Name: Leah Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished.

The ballroom is an abomination, and the plans for funding are no better than bribery.

Please don't let the White House and its grounds be further desecrated.

Scrap the ballroom, and rebuild the East Wing to its former appearance, with any necessary security updates.

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Name: Marcia Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project MUST be at a scale and design in keeping with the existing White House. It MUST not dwarf the original building. The White House was never intended to be a palace in a European style. There should be no gold gilt or enormous chandeliers.

Please preserve “the people’s house” to the style and scale that is historically accurate.

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Name: Maria Daly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How utterly devastating will be the effect on American history and psyche if this ill-conceived, inappropriately designed, monstrosity of a project is allowed to continue. It is the equivalent of a big-box concrete shopping warehouse dressed up with gold lame, pretending to be modern - when in reality it is an ego project based on the whim of uneducated individuals. The American people deserve an East Wing that is culturally fitting, with a design that acknowledges the best of our history. One that is considered and fitting to host those we seek to pay compliment to. We, the people, deserve better. I disagree with this project 100% and for the sake of our national heritage and future, wish the East Wing to brought back to its former glory, not reduced in standing, image or design.

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Name: Heather Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without authorization, permits, design review, and public comments. Our national historic monuments matter to the public and should be preserved and treated with respect, not as real estate that can be destroyed on a whim by any individual. They belong to the people in perpetuity, not to any individual or any administration. Please address this grave mistake and fix it.

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Name: C.T. Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard and oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kristin Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project plan is a travesty and must be stopped. The criminal nature of the current administration shows in its flouting of the proper procedures, including going through Congress and respecting the historical significance of the building.

Please put an end to this reckless power grab and waste of money.

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Name: Robin Layton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a total waste of money. It was never properly vetted and is destroying an important part of US history and the White House. I think that the east wing should be restored as it was.

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Name: Renee Pityer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Todd Thorpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee,

What's happend to the historically important East Wing of the White House—The People's House—isn't renovation, isn't updating, it's arson, vandalism, lawlessness. The cavalier and negligent approach taken to the East Wing project would get any project manager in the business world fired, and their career would be ruined.

Renovations and updates must proceed through the proper channels, especially with a building of such singular public importance. That the current occupant of the White House felt no need to obey the law is not a reason to let his plans—are there plans or merely 'the concept of plans?—proceed.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Yours,

Todd Nathan Thorpe

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Name: Paula Rachal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all US citizens.

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Name: Karen Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michael Church
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to this project. It has been pushed through without the proper architectural review, or any meaningful public input. The various artists' renderings released to the public are inconsistent, some showing a large but potentially feasible addition to the White House, others a colossus that would utterly and permanently disfigure one of our most important national historic sites.

In addition, the information about funding for this project has been opaque. We are assured that it will not be provided by tax dollars, but we do not know which mysterious "private donors" are involved, nor whether they can be relied upon to cover the full cost, including the inevitable overages. We have no assurance that these donors will not represent corporate interests seeking the favor of the Administration or, much worse, foreign intelligence services seeking leverage of some sort.

The project as it has been presented to the public thus far appears to be ugly, overpriced, and under-planned. It also presents an obvious opportunity for corrupt practices or worse.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqui Auterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished without authorization from Congress and without permits. The president of this country should not be able to treat the people's house as his property. Why do we need a 300.000.00 dollar ballroom when people are unhoused and can't afford healthcare or groceries? The answer is that we don't. The billionaire donors should have to fund the replacement of the East Wing and restore the White House to it's prior state

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Name: Karen Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Geraldine Smiejan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandra Stixrude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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In addition, there must be a full account of the location and disposition of all antiques, artwork and documents previously housed in the East Wing prior to its unlawful demolition. This is the people's property, and if there has been theft or destruction of any piece, these must also be restored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maribeth Essig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorisation, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project, rebuild the East wing and restore it to its former design. No one is above the law and allowing this project to go ahead without penalising those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law abiding American citizens. Thank you

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Name: Melita Mulligan-Ferry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization of the East Wing will not affect my daily life much. I live in a western state and don't get to DC often. However, I was heartsick to see demolition of this historic wing of the People's House without proper prior authorization. (These controls are put in place for a reason.) I expect the East Wing was due for

renovation and modernization. However, I am unconvinced that the American people need a lavish ballroom to replace vital office space, including the First Lady's Offices.

I oppose this $300 million project. I question whether the proposed lavish ballroom will be used often and whether it is a wise use of the space? I am also concerned about private donations purported to finance this renovation. Perhaps this donor finance method was employed in the past? But at the least, this project's scope and hefty cost beg for independent governmental oversight, to insure that the players do not benefit from influence peddling.

Lastly, I hope that any approved renovation is congruent with the White House's historical style and does not reflect gilded ostentation. It should embody and blend with the understate elegance of the White House. Razing the East Wing without prior proper authorization and public input deeply affected many Americans. It was as if a part of our government was being torn away. Please approve plans that modernize the East Wing space but keep its historical integrity. If a ballroom is needed, please approve a reasonable multipurpose-type addition that meets the needs of those doing the people's business at the White House; and a plan that taxpayers can afford. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Name: Laurie Jefsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million, or more on this project, particularly because the razing of a historic building was down outside of the required process. The administration should not be supported and rewarded by disregarding established guidelines, licenses and permits.
It may well be that the White House would benefit by the addition of a larger banquet space. This should be done with proper planning and consideration of the fit with the existing structure. It is your job to assure this. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Boudreaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President illegally ordered the complete destruction of The East Wing of The White House, without consulting Congress or the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
The proposed monstrosity of a “ballroom” would be a lasting stain on the legacy of The People’s House!
Please do not let POTUS continue with this vanity project.
Sincerely,
Kathryn Boudreaux
Florida, U.S.A.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kapa Korobeinikov
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it. It will also set a precedent that the president and any official can breaks laws and not be held responsible. I can't break laws. Neither can a president

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Name: Kimberly Buckley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Mary Akers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project to alter The People's House was initiated without proper authorization, permits, design review, or consent of the American people. This is not a modernization project. This is an annihilation of American history. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. This unlawful project is an insult to law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Fleur Duggan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wholesale destruction of the East Wing and the nefarious plans to erect an unnecessary party room, or ballroom as some might call it. Normal planning reviews and vetting for historic and public buildings have been ignored when the original wing was destroyed without congressional authorization, reviews by the planning commission, or public comment periods. The perpetrators should be held responsible for the damage to the historic buildings, and made to replace them, at no cost to the government, with contextually appropriate structures that serve the purpose of the original property. These properties are not personal property or real estate that can be destroyed or modified to reflect the whims of whoever is in power at the moment. They should be protected for posterity by the congress of the United States for the sole purpose of community use and posterity. The destruction of these facilities without warning was a terrible affront to the very idea of a responsible public review process that should have been conducted. The proposed project is out of scale with the context of the rest of the White House complex and the resulting oversized structure will threaten the historic nature of the whole complex.

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Name: Amanda Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was taken on without the consultation and consent of the appropriate historic preservation committees. As the White House is a National Historic Site, plans must be approved prior to any construction or restoration work can be done. The demolition of the East Wing without prior authorization has caused damage to the White House and I request that the “renovation “ be stopped and the East Wing returned to its previous state.

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Name: Rebecca Christie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Houghton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After the horrible and unlawful destruction of part of our American history, the last thing any of us want is a huge abomination of a ballroom. Any money collected to build it should be put towards rebuilding, as close as possible, the building that was there for well over 100 years. We don't need future reminders of the horrible times we are living from a mentally disturbed dictator.

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Name: Betsy Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally object to the desecration of the People's East Wing of the White House. This was against the law without due review & research, and the resulting plan for the new east wing would dominate the architectural character of the White House. Please carefully review the proposed new structure for good taste and historical context.

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Name: Ann Rishell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
As an interior designer, I an appalled at the loss of the historic interiors of the East Wing.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rachel Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project should be kept in line with the class of the White House- traditional, clean, classy. It should not be an over the top space, decorated in a gaudy fashion, or bigger than the original building. Can we please restore a sense of dignity to the people's house?

Thanks!

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Name: Chrysti Clavey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathleen Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House east wing and planned Trump ballroom construction, without any input from regulatory agencies in charge of maintaining the structure and grounds, is an affront to the process our government put in place to protect its historical landmarks, the White House being one of the most recognized buildings in the world. Donald Trump has bypassed all regulations in order to build a gaudy monument to himself that has destroyed this national treasure. He must be stopped and told, in no uncertain terms, that he does not own “the peoples house and he cannot make substantial changes to its structure without proper approval from those agencies entrusted with its care. What he has done to the Oval Office has made our seat of power look like Putin’s vacation home.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roni Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Romanelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Annina Ruest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not the President. Even if it belonged to him, he'd need a permit to make changes to the building. But it does not belong to him and he cannot just demolish it. This project needs to be cancelled and the building restored. This is not a "modernization", it is vandalism.

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Name: Rachel Mariner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marty Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since this project was done illegally, it should be repaired ASAP. No one wants this gold tribute to our

present official. It will be another Louis 14 !!! Why was this historic building destroyed ??? Who needs a ballroom that holds 1000+ for all the millionaire donors????
It is sad \u-10178 ?\u-8846 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Huba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is erasing the history of our country. I attended the last Christmas that was decorated in a manner that respects our country. It is a travesty to destroy our heritage. The East Wing should be restored to its former glory and the Rose Garden that Jackie Kennedy made must also be restored. This is the people's house.

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Name: James Leasure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Karn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. I do not support building a ballroom. I believe criminal charges should be brought against the president and the demolition agent. This action was beyond contemptuous. The current president has NO understanding of tasteful design. His ideas are an affront to all who have come before.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Barone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in opposition to the reported demolition of the White House East Wing and the proposed construction of an 89,000-square-foot ballroom without full compliance with established historic preservation review processes.

The White House is not simply a residence or event space; it is one of the most recognized civic structures in the world and a symbol of American democratic continuity. Changes to such a historic and nationally significant site must be handled with transparency, adherence to preservation law, and respect for public participation.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has alleged that the project is proceeding without required review and public comment. If accurate, bypassing these processes undermines longstanding safeguards designed to protect historic resources and ensure that decisions affecting nationally significant landmarks are subject to expert evaluation and public input.

Historic preservation review is not a procedural technicality — it is a legal and civic safeguard that protects cultural heritage, architectural integrity, and public trust. Regardless of the merits of any proposed addition, compliance with federal preservation statutes and review protocols is essential.

I urge that all construction activity be paused until the appropriate review boards have evaluated the proposal and a public comment process has been completed. The integrity of our national symbols, and the rule-based processes that protect them, demand nothing less.

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Name: Barbara Longfellow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jan Heinitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its former glory, with updates to code. Trump and his minions should pay directly to the federal treasury, with accountability to the taxpayers, for the destruction of the East Wing as

well as additional costs incurred for the restoration. This is the people's house, one I have enjoyed visiting as recently as this past summer. No one person can break the law based on a narcissistic whim

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Greer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put it on record that I am opposed to a ballroom of over $300 million dollars replacing the historic East Wing of the White House. Our country has made it 250 years without a formal ballroom and the vast majority of Americans don't ever use a ballroom or ballroom dancing. It is imperative that the East Wing be restored and brought back to welcome visitors and dignitaries like it had done snice it was built. Thank you in advance for taking my comments into consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Bass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was before the unlawful demolition!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fleur Duggan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wholesale destruction of the East Wing and the nefarious plans to erect an unnecessary party

room, or ballroom as some might call it. Normal planning reviews and vetting for historic and public buildings have been ignored when the original wing was destroyed without congressional authorization, reviews by the planning commission, or public comment periods. The perpetrators should be held responsible for the damage to the historic buildings, and made to replace them, at no cost to the government, with contextually appropriate structures that serve the purpose of the original property. These properties are not personal property or real estate that can be destroyed or modified to reflect the whims of whoever is in power at the moment. They should be protected for posterity by the congress of the United States for the sole purpose of community use and posterity. The destruction of these facilities without warning was a terrible affront to the very idea of a responsible public review process that should have been conducted. The proposed project is out of scale with the context of the rest of the White House complex and the resulting oversized structure will threaten the historic nature of the whole complex.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,
I oppose the spending of 300 million or more donated OR taxpayer dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I am deeply saddened by this complete destruction of American history done without input from the American people. I am hoping this ballroom project can be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design without the gilded extras that seem to be appearing all over the rest of the White House. They go against the intent of our Republic, making it more like a monarchy in the style of Louis XIV, not, say, George Washington.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law in the destruction of the East Wing of the People's House and who would rebuild it to reflect their personal, not national, desires would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to the Nation.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Scaduto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: kayla starr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the tearing down of half of the White House without permission and the proposed massive "ballroom". What a travesty, when so many Americans are struggling to get by, in debt, dying from lack of proper medical care, going hungry and homeless. No one is above the law! Any money raised should be used to restore the original historic structure right away. Please keep me informed of your decision and timeline. Kayla Starr, Talent, Oregon

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is our house!! He has torn down the Kennedy Rose Garden. Now the East Wing. This needs to stop. Get rid of all the gaudy gold while they are at it!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: RITA LUCIDO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I strenuously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachelle casbeer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Baca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the complete remodel of the East Wing of the people's house otherwise known as the White House. This travesty was done with out the people's consideration and without going through the legal process. This was not only a failure of this administration but a failure to take into account that its history is our history. Not Trumps to make into a grotesque piece of tacky pimping of our house. We insist that it be
Add as it was and protections out in place to insure that this will never happen again!!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Schindehette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which began lawlessly— without proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is NOT a "modernization" project, but rather a complete destruction of a significant part of American history. In the name of all Americans, this project must be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No single person is above the law in this country, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who violated the law is both a tacit approval of this historic destruction, and an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Susan Schindehette
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Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Chaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why does one man get to decide the future of the People's House?

This should be a project reviewed and decided by many and not by one.

Our country is built on democracy and careful decision making taking into account all sides. This is NOT what happened for the East Wing. A travesty for our country.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project - it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely appalled at the gall of donald trump, destroying OUR WHITE HOUSE! Not HIS. OURS!! IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF THESE UNITED STATES. Not him. Not even the government, per se'. I DEMAND that HE BE HELD FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REBUILDING of this historic property that he had no right to destroy, remodel, or whatever he wishes to call it. NO RIGHT WHATSOEVER. And there MUST NOT BE ANY IFS, ANDS, OR BUTS ABOUT IT! The law is CLEAR! It is an American Property that belongs to the AMERICAN PEOPLE AT LARGE!! PLEASE MAKE HIM PAY!! And don't take any IOUs from him either. He needs to pay UPFRONT, IMMEDIATELY, IN CASH!! NO TIME PAYMENTS. NO EXCUSES! UP FRONT. WITHIN 30 DAYS. PERIOD!! PLEASE DON'T LET HIM DRAG YOU ON. DON'T LET HIM OFF! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:09 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Urbanus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal tearing down of the East Wing is a tragedy and a crime. No permits. No permission. No review. No hearings. History destroyed. For what? For a gaudy enormous unwanted golden ballroom? How about we rebuild the East wing instead? What a waste of money. Melania just had a movie come out talking about what she was doing in the East Wing. Now it's gone. Same with the rose garden. Paved over. Whatever this ignorant president builds, I want it torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia East
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard's comments: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." I would like to emphasize that any money collected for the project should go to rebuilding the former design of the East Wing. It was a "people's entrance" and should remain that way. I also oppose the spending of ANY money on building an unnecessary ballroom. Destroying our history and heritage is beyond the pale.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melisa Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit this notice in opposition to the proposed East Wing Ballroom. There are many reasons this project should not move forward. One immediate reason is there is no necessity for it. I find it odd that we cannot find funds to take care of our citizens but we can find funds to build a monstrosity that is nothing but a diversion and attempt to grift with and for oligarchs. The White House is the People's House. Which means it is partly mine. Will I be able to utilize or visit or attend events there? Will any non-oligarchical citizen? This project was started and acted upon prior to gaining any legal authority. A ballroom is not a matter of national security. It's just another way to steal what belongs to all. The White House is not DJT's house. He is a temporary tenant. Even regular homeowners must obtain proper licensing to build additions onto or begin demo or building their homes. Renters are not permitted to make structural changes without express written consent from the property manager/landlord. As a self exclaimed "real estate mogul," President Trump is aware of this. I am not okay with "Rules for thee but not for me."

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:03 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Eisele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a lifelong Washingtonian I will always support work to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure of our most cherished national buildings.

Changes proposed to the site of the demolished East Wing are not this.

Making a monstrously oversized ballroom adjacent to an 18th century mansion is unnecessary, extravagantly wasteful, and disrupts the visual harmony of the President's mansion, the Ellipse, and the historic vistas designed and laid out by L'Enfant.

I am writing with my real name here - taking the risk that speaking out will land me on one of this administration's grotesque and growing "enemies" lists. But you have requested comment. And I, as a public historian, who has filmed significant documentaries on this site, feel compelled to weigh in. Much good may it do.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Huba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is not the will of the people. It's not Donald Trump's house; it's the people's house. He has not gone through to proper channels and does not have the authority to build a ballroom. We are forever scarred by his destruction of the East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:50:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Zimmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project and would like the project cancelled. It was initiated without required authorization, permits or design review. The spending of $300 million on razing part of American history needs to be halted and the East Wing should be rebuilt to its design before it was demolished. Also, those who permitting this destruction should be penalized.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Bain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanean Lasater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the East wing to be bigger than our historic Whitehouse. It should be built to fit the beautiful Whitehouse.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Milstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the “East Wing Modernization” project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I also think that Trump should pay for the reconstruction, as he destroyed the East Wing without prior approval.

Sincerely,
Theresa Milstein

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Name: Carol Elwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marcia Dibble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Peddicord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Thetard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Respectfully,
Lisa Thetard

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Reece-Wrigley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose moving forward with any project affecting the East Wing without full authorization, permits, and public design review. The East Wing is a historic asset, and any changes should prioritize preservation, transparency, and compliance with the law. Please pause this proposal and pursue restoration that respects the building's historic character.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Royer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leigh Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Bertaut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanette Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this appalling project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Rosenquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a grand ballroom. It is the people's house, not a castle or palace. And the fact that the East Wing was torn down for no apparent reason, without approval is disgusting. The only thing I would update are those items necessary for safety or access, such as electrical and wheel chair ramps. Other than that, I would defer to those experts in historical buildings.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liza Rawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending over $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I oppose adding a building that diminishes and is out of scale with the White House.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and all the people who participated in breaking the law to destroy it penalized.

This was a horrific act of vandalism to the People's House.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to our history and all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Lombardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Kennemer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down without permission.
The White House belongs to the American People.
Trump did not have my consent to change a thing.
He did not have permission from anyone to do what he did.
He needs to return the East Wing back to its original glory.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Rost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: East Wing of the White House giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitchell Mills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am adamantly against the building of a ballroom for the east wing of the white house. Now that it's already demolished let's just build it back into a not modern version of what was already there please, we do not need our want ballroom!

Thanks

Mitchell Mills

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Isabel Freinkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Dorsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Gildersleeve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abbie Nissenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:49:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I am 82 years old and have never had a chance to visit the White House. I was planning a trip this year with my granddaughter and now feel so incredibly sad that so much history has been lost and our "People's House" has been desecrated in so many ways. Please do not allow this project to go forward and make sure the White House is restored to its former glory.

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Name: Kris Bordessa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Steinman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Keiter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. No. No. Just NO!

This has been a deplorable destruction of something that does not belong to the current president. Do NOT Proceed with "modernization." Restore the East Wing to its original design. This is the people's house, and it needs to be restored as it was so the people can use it again.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie Damico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

delay the ballroom,

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Name: Tammy Wade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and a vanity project for the current administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, preferably paid for out of the pockets of the administration who felt it was appropriate to demolish the structure without necessary approvals. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Viola Toniolo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Sturm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, donated or not, on this ballroom project. The East Wing -- a WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE -- was razed to the ground without authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is the erasure of American history using backhoes, bulldozers, and dump trucks. I want this project reversed, and to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored. American citizens deserve no less.

No one is above the law, no matter how much private money they throw at a project. No federal building is personal property to be destroyed at will. This project is illegal, and to allow it to proceed would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans who honor our nation's history. Please demand that the building be restored and the White House made whole again.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rochele Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing in opposition to the plan to build a large, tacky ballroom on the site of the former East Wing. The East Wing was demolished without prior planning, public discussion or attempts at preservation. The source of funding for construction of a new ballroom remains unclear, with some nebulous reference to "private donors" mentioned as the source. This sounds like an attempt to curry favor with the current administration in anticipation of advancing the donors' private legislative agenda. It is certainly a break from prior sources of funding for renovations to the People's House.
The drawings of the proposed ballroom are not in keeping with the architectural style of the White House. As far as I can tell, there's been no solicitation of any architectural firm of any standing to submit competing visions of the project for public review & comments. It looks like it is solely the product of the lurid tastes of

the currrent POTUS and will resemble a gilded outhouse patched onto the facade of the White House. It is an embarrassment to all of the citizens of this country.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslee Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the wasteful spending on the proposed vanity project replacing the unlawful demolition of the Historic East Wing. It is an offensive affront to all Americans that value our shared history. The only acceptable alternative is the complete and total recreation of the historical building that was destroyed by a mad man.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Winer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Royer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Osman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom must not happen. It will be an eyesore to the beautiful White House. The East Wing must be rebuilt, a gilded ballroom is the last thing this country needs.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susann Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Eileen Eno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Eileen Eno

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Name: Selena Liao
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was and is no need to "modernize" the East Wing unless it is to restore the wing to its former architectural design. The destruction of a historical building without proper review, preservation, or permits is appalling and no further taxpayer money should go to building a structure that does not respect the history of the place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andy Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or re-thought with a more careful eye toward what is appropriate for our nation's history. The proposed gaudy glitzy ballroom seems very far from that.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Jaeger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Fiumara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have lived Washington, DC for 27 years. It is my home and I take a proprietary attitude to what happens here because I am not transient. I oppose this project. I oppose the tearing down of a part of American history which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization; it is a tear down and rebuild in the image of a wanna-be-king, felon president.

I oppose spending $300 million on this bogus project, in fact, I oppose spending even one thin dime.

I want this project canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former scale and design. And, I want justice for this abuse of power. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is a travesty of justice.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjory Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
The American Taxpayers should not be wasting $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Richard Maxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in a more appropriate fashion, suitable for the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those

who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members

In regards to the East Wing Modernization Plan
I would ask you to deny the building of a ballroom on the grounds of the previous East Wing. Removing the East Wing with no plan reviews, permits etc is a disgrace!!!! No one should have the right to bulldoze a historic site period.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:48:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Brandewie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Amlen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zoe Elton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As Anara Guard eloquently put it, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Becca Mosier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BRIAN CARR
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project," which would authorize construction of a new ballroom on the grounds of the White House.

The White House is not merely a residence or event venue; it is a symbol of our nation's history, continuity, and democratic values. Alterations to its historic footprint must be approached with restraint and with deep respect for architectural precedent. The proposed ballroom is, by all accounts, too large in scale and inconsistent with the established character of the Executive Mansion complex. Such a significant addition risks setting a troubling precedent for future expansions that could gradually erode the historic integrity of this national landmark.

Beyond concerns of preservation and precedent, the fiscal implications of this project are equally troubling. At a time when the nation faces pressing budgetary constraints and competing priorities—from infrastructure to veterans' services—it is difficult to justify the substantial expenditure required for a new ceremonial space. Taxpayer resources should be directed toward essential public needs, not toward

expanding event capacity at the Executive Mansion.

Many Americans value the White House as it stands and would prefer to see careful restoration and preservation of the original East Wing rather than a dramatic modernization. Protecting and restoring existing historic structures reflects both fiscal responsibility and respect for the building's legacy.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the proposed ballroom construction and instead prioritize restoration efforts that honor the historic character of the White House grounds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brian Carr

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Lynd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do whatever is necessary to halt progress on this wasteful, unapproved abomination of a plan. Instead, the East Wing should be restored to its dignified glory. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Yacopucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Noe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been allowed to go forward. It completely bypassed the required review and is a reflection of how shameless, self-serving, and corrupt Donald Trump is. It should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before, at his expense.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Hotchkiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I quote Anara Guard because I cannot say it any better than this:
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

thank you,
Sara Hotchkiss
Waldoboro Maine

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: NEELEY DROWN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

As a lover of history and of the architecture in Washington, D.C. I urge you to reject the current plan that was started without approval by the President. The White House is not owned by the person in the office. Any changes needed should have been submitted and approved. The current drawings indicate that the president plans to build a ghastly ballroom that is even larger than the White House itself. The White House is not Versailles. It is the people's house and all architecture and decor should represent this fact, not the fantasies of a tacky man with delusions of grandeur and monarchic rule.

Please put a stop to what has been started. Reject the plans.
Thank you.
Neeley Drown

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenn McKinlay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this illegal demolition and reconstruction of the people’s house. None of this has followed protocol

and the persons involved should be held accountable. No one wants a ballroom that eclipses the White House. No one.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is completely unacceptable. That any part of the White House was demolished without going through the correct process. It is an extremely manipulative tactic. This is the people's house. It is not the decision of one person or a small group of people. It is also questionable what the money is truly being used for. It is something that is above board. Regardless, this part of the White House has been described as the heart of the White House. It should be rebuilt as much as possible to honor its history at the expense of Donald Trump, the destroyer. This should not be paid for by taxpayers. I repeat this should not be paid for by taxpayers. This whole process should be out of his hands or the hands of his friends or those that owe him something. As an American citizen and a lover of history, I am disheartened at this act. I think it is a blatant disregard for our country, our history and our values.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Freiland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Count me among the voices of angry Americans who oppose the building of a ridiculous ballroom where the historic East Wing of the White House used to be. The demolition of the East Wing was done without proper permits or authorization of any kind. What is sorely needed is the restoration of the East Wing as it stood for decades. There is nothing we can do to replace the historic trees that were planted in honor of two of our past Presidents. But we can restore the building itself --- as it should be, as it has always been!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Sanchez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhiann Wynn
Project Name: Glen Echo Management Plan Amendment
Project Number: MP312

To say I was horrified at the razing of the East Wing of the "People's House" would be an understatement. This was done without proper consultation, permits, authorization and is an abhorrent misuse of executive power. Nothing less than the complete rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing AS IT WAS before its destruction will satisfy--and even then who knows what historic and cultural artifacts were destroyed during its demolition. ALL the money supposedly raised for the palatial "ballroom" should be devoted to this restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ma Va
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and without regard for the historical importance of this building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Julien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Lesley Warren
South Dakota

Date: 2/16/2026 6:47:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Hanaman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.This is even more egregious than the paving over of the Rose Garden, which was bad enough in itself.

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Name: Anne Newton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am still angry that the historic East Wing was demolished with no regard to proper review and planning procedures. I certainly do not want to reward this action by allowing one individual to decide what happens next!
Do not build an out of size ballroom to dwarf our White House. If you have a gigantic ballroom, it would no longer be such a special privilege to attend an event there.
I would consider rebuilding the East Wing and replacing the First Ladies' office space. In any case, I hope for thoughtful review and a respectful decision.

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Name: Jana Colgate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bonnie M Arky
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Name: Colleen Remley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 75 year old American who prizes our shared American History. Not only was the West Wing torn down without any input from the citizens of this amazing country, but the plans for the replacement edifice do not pay homage to that history. Please do not allow the current plans to go forward.
Thank you

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Name: James L Burrows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object strongly to the razing of the historic East Wing and the idea of spending $300 million on a project lacking proper authorization, permits, or design review. Calling it a “modernization project” is a canard and a cover for personal aggrandizement and an assault on American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rebecca Boyden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jennifer Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michelle Gale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely yours,
Michelle Gale

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Name: Patricia Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Julia Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

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Name: Amy Nutig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our national capitol is not the province of one person, even if that person is currently President, and any changes must be undertaken for the public good, not to stroke one person's ego. I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sally Derevan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House which was done illegally without permits or permission from Congress. This is MY house, "WE THE PEOPLE" own it and must protect it.

History was made here and this project must be reversed.
Please cancel the project, and hold the people who ordered the horrific act responsible and see that they are appropriately punished,.

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Name: Meriel Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The entire wing was razed in what seemed like the middle of the night. There was no proper authorization, permits, or design review, and it blots out very valuable history, history which I, my children, and my grandchildren valued. It is a terrible loss to the people of the United States. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am so incredibly offended at this offhand treatment of a national treasure I hardly know where to begin, but a good beginning would be putting a stop to this travesty.

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Name: Tom Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an urban designer and land use planner in the San Francisco Bay Area, practicing for thirty years. I have been appalled to observe from afar the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. Although the imagery of what might replace the East Wing does not convey the type of building I would envision there, my primary issue is with the planning process (or lack thereof). For decades, rules have been in place to guide the planning, design, budgeting, and construction of such renovation or reconstruction projects. I am particularly upset by the fact that such a process has been abandoned for this effort. Additionally, the mish-mashing of public and private funds to achieve this project opens the door to the possibility for too much funny business. The White House grounds and environs should be treated with thoughtful respect, not funny business. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natasha Hernandez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the public.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Smead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kelly Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since when is it appropriate for a temporary resident of a government building to authorize tearing down part of that building and employing an unauthorized architect to replace it with a structure that dwarfs the original building? This proposed "ballroom" needs to be stopped and the East Wing replicated as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Barrios
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an unauthorized razing of America's history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (maybe with some updated modern features). To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who failed to get permission from you to proceed would be an affront to all law-abiding & tax-paying Americans like myself.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:46:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Schulte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the allocation of $300 million for this project, especially given that it was launched without appropriate authorization, required permits, or a formal design review. This is being framed as modernization, but in reality it amounts to the destruction of a significant piece of American heritage. I urge that the project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be reconstructed and restored to its original design. The rule of law must apply to everyone; allowing this effort to proceed without holding accountable those who bypassed legal requirements would undermine public trust and disregard the many Americans who follow the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Roll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in hopes that this ballroom is scrapped. It is disgraceful that the current administration circumvented proper procedure to ram this project down our throats. It was not wanted nor needed, and let’s face it, it’s just another fundraiser for the current president. Please end this madness and work towards rebuilding what was torn down.

Thank you,
Shannon Roll

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Davidsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I request that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design, or something very similar to accomodate structural and functional improvement as deemed necessary by independent and non-partisan experts. This is the peoples' house; it should not have been, and should not further be, altered without the approval of the people by and through their elected representatives.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Taggart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Gwyn Aubrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I mourn the lovely space destroyed.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:46:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: TRACY HARVEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing without the consent of the appropriate authorities was a disgraceful destruction of history and preservation norms. The proposed ballroom is unfit for the space and is a blatant scheme for bribes to Trump. The East Wing should be restored in its prior footprint and a new proposal for modernization submitted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Banks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Hnat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this madness! This is the destruction of a national treasure and it must be restored to its former state. If anything is to be changed proper review and approval must be obtained.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Reichert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Charlene King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The space being proposed is too large. It should be no larger than the East Wing which was previously demolished. The replacement addition should be in the same proportion as the remaining structures. It should preferably be a replacement of the East Wing. How many times a year would a ballroom be used as compared to the office space and exhibit areas which were housed in the East Wing? Huge waste of money! Donations given are nothing but bribes being paid to the current administration.

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Name: Jamie Whitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the destruction of the East Wing -

1. It was illegal & all participating parties should be held accountable with fine & jail time.
2. To not hold the President & all onvolved parties accountable for this illegal act would be an affront to all Americans. NO ONE is above the law.
3. The White House, including the East Wing, does NOT belong to the President. It belongs to the people.
4. The East Wing must be restored to its original form.
5. Any other illegal construction should be halted immediately & those buildings restored.

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Name: Deborah Meister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve or agree to spend $300 million on this project--The East Wing Modernization Project. Not only was it initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, it's makes a mockery of American history and the integrity of the National Capital Planning Commission if the project proceeds.

This project has nothing to do with modernization or useful space; rather what has occurred destroys everything the White House has historically represented--including tradition and good taste. Please cancel the project, stop it now. The intelligent thing to do at this point is rebuild the structure of the East Wing and return it to the more tasteful former design. Proceeding with this project will indicate that certain people with more money than God are above the law and can do what they want, when they want, to property they don't own or control. You must realize what a dangerous precedent moving ahead with the "East Wing Modernization Project" will be if it proceeds as indicated by it's present unapproved and illegal plan. Furthermore, establish the means by which those who broke the law by moving ahead without proper authority or permission will penalized. Thank you for all you do and for allowing the American people to submit our comments.

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Name: Robert Kitchens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: J. Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a unit of the National Park System, held in trust for the American people and serving as the residence of every U.S. president since 1800. The president, as a temporary occupant and constitutional steward of the Executive Branch, does not own this property. That office carries a solemn duty to safeguard the nation's history and to govern in accordance with the rule of law, democratic principle, and public trust.
The unlawful demolition of the historic East Wing, conducted without required review, permits, or Congressional oversight, constitutes not only a clear breach of federal preservation statutes but also a profound violation of the confidence placed in the presidency by the American people. The public was given no notice, no opportunity for comment, and no chance to defend a landmark that belongs to them.
I therefore urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require the full reconstruction of the East Wing, faithful in design, proportion, and materials to its historic form. Any future construction on this site must remain subordinate in scale and compatible in character with the original structure of the Executive Mansion, in respect for both the law and the enduring heritage of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eve Firor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartbroken by the totally illegal desecration/destruction of the East Wing of the peoples house. This is an iconic symbol of America to all Americans and the world. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Eve D Firor
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 6:46:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Wiebell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

Destroying the East Wing and building a gaudy ballroom is called the "East Wing Modernization Project"? DISGUSTING. The White House is the People's House and should not have been touched without congressional approval. Those "investors" giving $400 million to build a ballroom....where is the money go? Bribe's to our corrupt, felon President? I won't even get started on all the tacky third world dictator gold and demeaning portraits of past presidents in the White House and a concreted over Rose Garden from a con man who grifts Bibles (the hypocrisy!), shoes, and watches and has made billions for him and his family from the presidency. It's not his house.

I hope that when this evil administration is gone, the East Wing can be rebuilt and the offices that were there can return, like the National Park System.

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie Wiebell

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Weigant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and

allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cindy Laun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathy Schwerin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I did not write this, but agree 100% with these sentiments

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Name: MARY ELLEN COWLES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the

National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: B Dietrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Glass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project didn’t have approved plans prior to the demolition of the east wing. In no way should the behemoth ballroom be approved. The full normal process should be followed for such an important change to The People’s House!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was totally destroyed without any approval from the public, congress or senate. There is no need for a ballroom to replace it, and there should be every effort to replace the historic building. This is the people's building; it does not belong to any president.

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Name: Anita Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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At a time when American's are losing their healthcare, struggling to pay for lifesaving medications and face possible death because of this administration and congress's reckless inactions it is criminal to erect such an atrocity in THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.
It will be as unbearably unattractive as everything else their artless hands have touched.

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Name: E S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Philo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing. We do not need a ballroom. It would be nice to have the Rose Garden back, too.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Tompkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the $300 million expenditure allocated for the current project regarding the East Wing.

It is my understanding that this project was initiated without the necessary authorization, permits, or design reviews. Furthermore, the current plan appears to involve a complete demolition of a historical site rather than a modernization. I am requesting that this project be canceled immediately and that the East Wing be restored to its original design.

Proceeding with this project without addressing the lack of legal compliance would set a concerning precedent. I trust that the appropriate actions will be taken to ensure accountability and to preserve our historical landmarks.

Best regards,

Karen Tompkins

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Hairston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever it's up to now) on this vanity project. I am an architect with decades of experience in historic restoration and renovation projects. I've had to jump through more hoops for a simple rowhouse renovation yet I respect the system because I know it exists for a reason. This project was initiated without the proper permits, reviews, planning, or regard for the well-established channels for a project of such importance. We cannot continue to allow this administration to trample these norms and behave as though they are above the law. Let us remember that the White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Verna Kragnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on the design that has been developed. When the East Wing was torn down without appropriate authority it razed American history. The planned ballroom should be canceled and the building restored to its original footprint and function. The rebuilding needs to be supervised by prop authorities, approved by Congress and those who have broken laws held liable. No one is above the law and it is an affront to law abiding citizens for any other action moving forward that to rebuild what has been lost and follow all laws in so doing.

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Name: kate bremer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.The white house is THE PEOPLE"S HOUSE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Wilkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, to spend $300M on this kind of project is grotesque when Americans are struggling to make ends meet.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Tiedeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for the following reasons:

1. This would allow the spending of $300 million, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
2. It is not a modernization project, but rather an attempt to slap the current president's name on something else he thinks will aggrandize him.

Cancel this project. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be taken as permission to violate more laws and norms.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy goldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The only word that describes my feelings about what is happening to our historic White House and the East Wing in particular is the word appalled. This is the people's house and as such should have undergone extensive review before starting such an immense project. It feels like a slap in the face to Americans to unilaterally tear down part of the White House and start this ridiculous Project without the proper input. I urge you to stop this project as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Delmar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This will be a blight on ‘the Peoples House’ and should not e allowed to progress.

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Name: Diane Delmar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East Wing of the White House should never have happened without the proper input from the American people, permitting and authority. The White House is the PEOPLE’S HOUSE — NOT the property of the temporary occupants. I oppose spending of $300 million taxpayer dollars without recovering it from whoever broke the law to tear it down in the first place. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and historical accuracy so that we can have continuity of history. To do otherwise would be a stain on the American story. There should be proper and strong accountability from those that tore the place down in the first place.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Breanne White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project entirely, but especially at the cost of $300 million. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design after going through the careful review process. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginni Yarbrough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose funding and continuing this deplorable project. The project was never properly vetted or reviewed, properly permitted nor approved. I believe those that tore down the historic East Wing should be required to replace it at their expense without using taxpayer funds. The American people did not ask for this "modernization" to a cherished historic building. This is The People's House and does not belong to any single politician or political party, no matter what they may think.

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Name: Michael Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current plan such as it is, because its scale is completely out of proportion with the remains of the existing structure. Additionally. as an engineer recently retired from the steel industry, I know this is not following the steps that lead to a successful outcome. As far as I am aware, no actual architectural drawings or structural plans exist at this point. That process typically takes months if not years. Design development drawings at least should have been done before anything a major as the total demolition of the East Wing. This is, however, a vanity project for the current occupant of the White House, who has had many failures than successes in his commercial endeavors. I fear this will become one more of those failures.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Sundquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kurt Rebello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmen Oien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a travesty and denigration of American values. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Nathans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one

is, or should be, above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law to initiate it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, including myself, and hopefully this law-abiding commission.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Junejo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vanity (and bribery project) is an affront to the American people. It's destroying history and must be stopped. The People's House doesn't belong to the President.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geoff Malloway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Malloway

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop all development of this space. The White House and its enviro ns belong to the American people. Anytime major renovations and preservation of the building and its grounds were undertaken, Congress was consulted and approved the projects. The funding for this project should also be transparent. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Monichon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the people's house, not any individual.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robin Leguillow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project". It is an attempt on the part of a mentally ill president to put his stamp on everything around him, with no consideration of the expense or utility of his projects.
The White House is the People's House. Trump does not own it, and his actions in destroying it as far as he already has should never have been allowed to proceed.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katharine Maus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom financed by corporate tycoons with business before the government smacks of bribery. And what happens when we have a new president with a genuine, full-time first lady who needs her own office space? I support rebuilding the East Wing and, if necessary, including a party space that is architecturally proportionate to the rest of the White House. Although I must say that all this is far down on our list of national priorities, given our enormous debt burden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Piekarczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe this was torn down with no public input and no indication of what would be built. The East Wing should be restored in its entirety. A gaudy ballroom for the People's House is out of place and unnecessary. Bring back our history!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on the "East Wing Modernization Project".

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Even the razing of the structure was attempted with as little public transparency as could be managed.

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a pillaging of American history.

This project should be cancelled in its entirety, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

As an equally concerning issues, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Everyone associated with this incident should be reminded that our country follows the Rule of Law, and that we are loyal to our Constitution and not a single leader.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy HINZE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely
Tracy Hinze

Date: 2/16/2026 6:44:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Garrett Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the proposed ballroom project, which was not only unnecessary, but was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review required for modification of historical buildings. This is not Modernization (which implies fixing something that was broken) but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Apparently the money has been raised to build the ballroom so there should be plenty to rebuild a cherished piece of our history. I ran after President Johnson's beagles in the East Wing as my parents and aunt looked on from behind the ropes as a nice man in a suit gathered me up and returned me to them. I want my history restored. And, I believe that those responsible for the destruction of the original East Wing should be held accountable. Please stop this wasteful and unattractive project.

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Name: Kate JOSEPHS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be stopped. It's not a "modernization" of the historic East Wing - it's an obliteration of it. There was no authorization, or review, or permitting of this abomination that will forever destroy the symmetry of the White House while wiping out 125 years of history. It is an unlawful proposal and the perpetrators should be held to account. The American people did not ask for a gaudy ballroom. Rebuild the East Wing the way it was, and restore the contents if they have not already been trashed.

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Name: Linda Marak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project other than to restore the East Wing to it's original design. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I would also like anyone who is currently working on this project or has participated in the past to be fined for working without proper permits and excluded from government contracts for the next 50 years. The person "directing" this work DOES NOT OWN THIS PROPERTY AND HAS NO AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE ANY MODIFICATIONS.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julie Remold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the plans for an enormous new ballroom stopped and instead, a plan put in place to restore the East Wing that should never have been torn down to the footprint and function it had before the demolition.

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Name: NERYS POWELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I could not say it better myself so I am sharing Anara Guard's comments on this issue as I wholeheartedly agree with her:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Dawn Rudolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Companez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a razing of American history. I request that this project be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, without the use of any further taxpayer dollars. In America, no one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by initiating it in an illegal fashion, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with the restoration funded by those who illegally pursued this project - and at no cost the the taxpayers of this great nation. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Haverkamp-Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dagmar Ream
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be built back to it's former appearance. The proposed building would overshadow the White House.

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Name: Luann Prokop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I've been a hard working taxpayer all my life. Regardless of political party, I am totally appalled at Trump's decision to tare down the East Wing of the White House to build a ballroom. I beleve he has self made visions of grandeur. Comparing himself to Putin or as a King living in a palace. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and the president a representative of the people. Trump never went through the proper channels to even bring his idea to the table. It's wrong and he should be ashamed of himself.

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Name: Gail Gonyaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It does not matter if the money is from donations or taxpayers. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and total razing of American history. I want this project canceled! The East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. President Trump needs to follow the normal renovation procedures in any government building. They belong to American citizens and not his personal property do what he wishes.

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Name: ALICE BICKSLER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Mayhew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, without permits, and without design review.

It is not a "modernization project" but is rather a complete razing of the East Wing--and of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

To permit this project to go ahead, without penalizing those who broke the law by destroying the East Wing, is an affront to us all.

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Name: Erin DeGroot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million East Wing demolition. This project was launched without valid permits or design reviews, bypassing the legal standards every American is expected to follow. It is not an upgrade; it is a total loss of history. I am requesting that the project be terminated immediately and the wing be rebuilt to its original specifications. Proceeding without consequences for those who bypassed the law is an insult to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Debora Toro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a veteran, all I can say is the gut wrenching heartbreak is beyond words! Tearing it all down for personal gain is beyond the beyond!

Not to mention the pain he is inflicting on the whole planet.
PLEASE STOP HIM!!!

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Name: Peggi Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, a grotesque vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and the basic integrity of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE.
Private funding by billionaire followers is not how this nation's capitol or government is supposed to be run in our country.

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Name: Marion Wheaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Respectfully,
Marion Wheaton
Kamas, Utah 84036

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Name: Jackie Low
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely against this project. The East Wing of the White House WAS a monument to our history as it was. Trump had no right to take a bulldozer to it - with no approvals and no permits, no designs, no plans. I do not care where he says the money will come from. I say NO to this project. Let it stand in ruin and be rebuilt, as it was, when he is gone.

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Name: Penny Kellam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. This is not a thoughtful modernization effort, it is the wholesale demolition of an important piece of American history.

Public projects of this magnitude demand transparency, legal compliance, and respect for established preservation standards. Skirting these safeguards undermines public trust and sets a dangerous precedent. No individual, agency, or administration should be permitted to bypass the rule of law, especially when taxpayer dollars and historic structures are at stake.

I call for this project to be immediately canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and faithfully restored to its former design, preserving its historical integrity for future generations.

Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who authorized or executed it unlawfully would be an affront to every law-abiding American. Equal application of the law is foundational to our democracy, and it must be upheld.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandie Stoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Brandie Stoner

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Name: Sherrie Brindley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leslie Howe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this unlawful attack on the American people's house. This administration did not follow the correct procedures to gain permission to make ANY changes, much less tear down a piece of history! I oppose spending any funds except to REBUILD the EAST WING exactly as it was before it was torn down.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to proceed would be opening the door to future disregard of the rules and regulations guarding our nation's beloved monuments.

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Name: Kathleen Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against any taxpayer money being spent on this project! This was not done properly and all involved should be held accountable.
Absolutely NOT a penny. Make Trump’s family pay for it.
Thank you

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Name: Adele Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with this: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Furthermore, how much money are we going to have to spend from us taxpayers to erase all the damage done by the toxic needy ego of Trump and his minions? What a stain on this nation's history and landscapes and monuments to let his name be anywhere near anything!

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Name: Andrea Keyser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design rather than a gaudy ballroom. I was so proud to bring my kids and visitors on tour at the White House over the years where they could walk through the rooms that hold so much history. Although some of what was destroyed can likely not be brought back, I hope every effort will be made to restore the grace and simple elegance of the People's House.

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Name: Robert Chandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my profound objection to the destruction and desecration of the East Wing of the White House by Donald Trump.

We all know this is another attempt by Trump to ‘honor’ his ego and take over the property, the power, the history and the decency of the American people.

He must be stopped and forced to restore the East Wing to its former architecture, and the restoration should be paid for, in full, by Donald J. Trump.

Robert Chandler

Date: 2/16/2026 6:43:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I do not want the government to move forward with the tech billionaire funded / bribery funded ghastly East Wing Modernization project / ballroom. This was not determined by the people and this is the people's house. The East Wing should not have been demolished. The people, not just the oligarchs, should determine what goes in its place.

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Name: Charles F Whipple Jr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was a criminal misstep by a totally arrogant and corrupt president. The White House is NOT his house. He is an occupant like every preceding president. He completely ignored precedent and the law by pushing forward without securing the needed advice and permission to destroy the East Wing and attempt to raise money to "build a disgusting and un-needed ballroom." He should be arrested and prosecuted for his wrongdoing and sued PERSONALLY FOR DESTROYING THE HISTORIC EAST WING. He should be forced to cover at his own personal expense all expenditures incurred so far and to personally cover the total cost of restoration by seizing assets if necessary. He also needs to account for the 300 million that he raised from his billionaire friends to supposedly cover the cost of his proposed ballroom. He failed to get permission from the appropriate authorities, and he betrayed the American people for a personal and completely unnecessary development. The $300 million that he raised is missing and should be collected as partial penalty for his betrayal and wrongdoing. He should also pay taxes on that. Throw the book at this moronic asshole.

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Name: Fai Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Burnett
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Name: Anna Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project—that is replacing the historic East Wing with a gaudy over-sized ballroom—which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I am still heart-broken at the images of the bulldozers destrying this portion of the People's House down without warning or notification of any kind.

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Name: Jill Beber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Debra Goertz
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Name: SUSAN SKLANSKY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am very much opposed to spending $3M on the building of a ballroom in place of the prior East Wing of the White House. It was torn down without input from the American people. It is the peoples house and we don't want a massive ballroom. We want it restored to its original appearance and function.

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Name: Linda Hulbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I loved the beauty of the original East Wing and what is being built as part of the people's house is objectively in poor taste intended for the very rich.

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Name: Katherine Thile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed Ballroom building has too large of mass and footprint and will overwhelm the nation's White House, making it appear less significant.

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Name: Linda Elsberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is horrifying to observe. I strongly oppose spending 300 million on a ballroom. OUR Whitehouse is a historical structure that should never have been destroyed. Please restore it as closely to the beautiful East Wing that existed prior to this destruction. Thank you!

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Name: Eileen bromm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,
Eileen Bromm

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Name: Joseph Miskell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kathryn Trattner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Tamara Dowis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Slightam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project fully. Restore the east wrong to its former glory.

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Name: Joan Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and totally unnecessary. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. The People's House does not need this oversized addition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Kellogg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it's a vanity project for Trump. What's already been done with taxpayer dollars is appalling. A ballroom is a waste of public funds. Please stop this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a National Park Service career employee and TAX PAYER, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: DeeAnn Sisley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the plan to construct a large ballroom at the location of the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing ought to be reconstructed to its original state before it was unlawfully demolished. It stood as an historic monument, and the destruction of this building is an insult to all Americans past and present. Furthermore, those responsible for its demolition should face prosecution and be required to make restitution for their actions.

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Name: Leslie Quenichet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wayne Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without first undergoing a review was a terrible tragedy. The proposed ballroom should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former grandeur.

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Name: Debra Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East wing with no oversight was a horrible act, but any replacement should be thoroughly vetted by preservationists, historians and architects. An overwhelming out of scale building done with out expert review is a huge waste of time and money. It is a building owned by the people and needs to reflect this. No monuments to any living politicians.

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Name: Jennifer Strohl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jan Ditzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing for the construction of a " ballroom" represents disregard for all gov. mandates for approvals to "rennovate" government properties. Promises of reconstruction costs being made by various presidential donors illustrates the dominance of " billionaires" in federal policies. This is not LouisVI France.

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Name: Jean Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel this project must be canceled for multiple reasons:
* it never received the proper authorization to begin
* it is not needed for any state events
* the money spent on this project could be far better spent on American citizens
* this project is a clear example of a President exceeding his authority; cancellation of this project would

clearly demonstrate that NO ONE is above the law in this country.

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Name: Diana Obrinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Harris Avril
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My family and I fully and wholeheartedly REJECT the idea of a massive ballroom to REPLACE the East Wing of the White House.
The full demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House without any consultation of Congress and the National Trust (and it's responsibility of Historic Building Preservation) by Donald Trump and his administration is not only a tragedy it is a national TRAVESTY!
I agree with others who have written in to say I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for taking the necessary steps to restore what was literally RIPPED from that which has always been known as the People's House.
The same will be said of the Kennedy Center. Donald Trump should not be allowed to touch one inch without having FULL oversight be given to those legally appointed to perform any building upgrades.
Thank you so very much for working to preserve our American history!
Sincerely,
Leigh Harris-Avril

Rio Verde, AZ

Date: 2/16/2026 6:42:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Libby Nutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What the current president has done to the East Wing is an abomination.

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Name: Kristina Kimberlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this go. It’s a part of the AMERICAN HERITAGE that someone tore down without proper permissions. Do not spend millions of dollars on a”vanity” project for an incompetent fool.

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Name: Melissa Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300 million project, and here's exactly why it should be canceled. The East Wing demolition violated established legal procedures at every turn. No filing with the National Capital Planning Commission. No comprehensive environmental assessment. No congressional approval. No public comment period. That's not how federal construction on historic property works, or at least, that's not how it's supposed to work when everyone follows the same rules.

This isn't a modernization project. Modernization means updating systems while preserving the structure. What happened here was the complete demolition of a 120-year-old wing built in 1902 and expanded in 1942, along with the East Colonnade, the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, and several historic magnolia trees. You don't get to call it "modernization" when you raze the entire structure to the ground. That's reconstruction, and the distinction matters.

The procedural violations alone should halt this project. The National Trust for Historic Preservation filed a lawsuit citing violations of the Administrative Procedure Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. A

federal judge has already expressed skepticism about the legal authority to proceed. When your project can't withstand basic legal scrutiny, the system is working exactly as designed to prevent this kind of unilateral action.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark. It belongs to the American people, not to whoever currently occupies it. Every previous president who made significant structural changes worked with bipartisan commissions, consulted stakeholder groups, submitted to design reviews, and secured congressional funding approval. The process exists because the building matters, and shortcuts around that process set a precedent that any future president can demolish historic federal structures without oversight.

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom would be larger than the entire 55,000-square-foot White House residence. Architectural preservation experts have stated this scale would "overwhelm" and "permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design" of the original structure. Size matters when you're talking about architectural harmony and historic preservation.

The timeline demonstrates the problem. Plans announced in late summer, demolition commenced October 20 without warning, and the entire East Wing was gone by October 23. That's less than three months from public announcement to complete demolition of a structure that stood for more than a century. According to a Yahoo News/YouGov poll, 57% of Americans disapprove of this demolition.

I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to match its former design using the documented architectural plans that exist in the historical record. And I want accountability for those who authorized demolition without following established legal requirements. If federal law requires congressional approval, environmental assessments, and design reviews for construction on federal parkland, then everyone, including the President, must follow those requirements. No exceptions.

Permitting this project to proceed rewards illegal shortcuts and establishes that compliance with federal law is optional if you have enough power. Law-abiding Americans followed the rules. The people behind this project should be required to do the same.

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Name: Jarod Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I think it's an inappropriate expense. The unchecked power that led to the destruction of the historic east wing without the proper reviews needs to be stopped. Build it back on the president's personal dime since he bypassed the lawful process to update it.

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Name: Cynthia Hubler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project for the following reasons: the demolition and design was not properly permitted, the building belongs to the citizens of the United States yet they were not invited to participate in the decision

to demolish the East Wing, gutting the East Wing erases the history of all events that have taken place in this historical building, and finally, this administration does not need a huge ballroom for lavish dinners while citizens cannot afford doctors and medicine. This is a slap in the face of all working Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Hunsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dana Shin Shin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I can’t make a change to my home without getting the necessary permits . I feel sick that the White House was partially demolished with no thought . Someone needs to be held accountable .

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Name: Karyn Culp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Gaspari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Mary Setrakian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: charles andrew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. What has happened is an insult to the nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth More
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which is nothing less than the flagrant and lawless destruction of historic property belonging to the American people. Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Vaden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization but a wanton destruction of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Alison Quinion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My suggestion is quite simple. Put it back together exactly the way it was. I'm sure you have photos. I'm sure you have the original plans. Put it back exactly the way it was. It's historic. It was balanced with the rest of the White House. It was perfect for visitors and especially for the First Lady.
It was disrespectful to demolish it, without even a consideration for its historical significance. This is the people's house. The people of America are not about extravagance. We are a humble people. That is the character of the White House. It's not Maralargo. We are not Maralargo. The people will never be part of a massive ballroom. It's not in our culture.
The only way this can be addressed would be to return it to its original glory.This is the only way our country can begin to heal from such a desecration. I hope with all my heart that you will consider.
Sincerely,
Alison Quinion
West Hartford, CT

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Name: Christina Eure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want a historically accurate copy of the East Wing back. It is completely ridiculous that without any input or forewarning someone who works for the government for only 4 years can just schedule a wrecker & tear down a historical building on a whim. It should be criminal. Rebuild the East Wing & return all profits from this grifter presidency to the people.

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Name: Dr. Roberta Paikoff Holzmueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Leigh Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Billie Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am requesting the stoppage of this project to protect the heritage and beauty of our National White House. This is the White House of the people of our country and is a symbol of the history of our country, both the highs and lows. We remember the integrity and pride we have held for past Presidents who gave us enduring hope for our future. And we learned in school of the loss of our House to fire with the pride of rebuilding it to its glory. Please don't allow us to lose this great House where it cannot be reclaimed!

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Name: Melanie Kuyoth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the allocation of $300 million for this project, which began without the necessary authorizations, permits, or design reviews. This is not a modernization effort; it is a total destruction of American history. I demand the cancellation of this project and call for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated the law would be an offense to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: steve Westergaard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joanna Ambridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the size of this ballroom. It will dwarf the White House. This should have been done through the proper channels. Until that has been accomplished, further work on the ballroom must be stopped.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:41:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Brittain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In September of 2024 my wife and I visited Washington,DC to visit the many historical sites, the Smithsonian museums, tour the Capitol and the White House. We did this in apprehension that the magnificence of these places might not survive if Donald Trump was re-elected. It was very moving to enter the East Wing of the White House and to begin our tour walking past the Rose Garden (now destroyed) and to walk along a corrider framed by photographs of the daily lives of pasr presidents (were they preserved?, then to be led on a stately tour of the individual rooms of the East Wing.

Our choice to be proactive was rewarded with a last look at the East Wing before it was destroyed by an exceedingly vain figment of a human being.

The White House, the People's House, has now been partially destroyed. Donald Trump in Washington a stately ballroom has decreed. He tore down the East Wing without authorization. He's taking funds for his ballroom from rich people seeking government funding. The whole operation is quid pro quo. For the US Government to firther this travesty is criminal. When this administration and all of the supporters of its regime is defeated, I look forward to the call of all of them to justice. If Kubla Don's Stately Ballroom is built, at that time of justice it wiill be torn down and the East Wing of the People's House will be restored.

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Name: Barbara Eckert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was begun without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history.
This project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. There should be nothing additional built above, beside, or below.
The White House is the People's House. Any change should require the People's consent.
The cost for the restoration should not come from the taxpayers or any part of the Federal government.
The current administration is responsible and should be duly penalized. No one is above the law.

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Name: Kristin Van Ausdal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and entirely restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Emily Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount!) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sheryl Lilke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

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Sheryl Lilke
Madison, WI

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Name: Katrina Chappell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Hawana Townsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bonnie M Stafford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project. It does not have proper authorization and is a design nightmare. The Peoples' House deserves more. I want the East Wing restored to its former size. The current plans are unacceptable. The White House has already been altered by the current administration to look more like a bordello than a building of state. Please spare us this humiliation.

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Name: Jason Nord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Well let’s see… proper permits were not secured, our country’s history was destroyed, and the entire funding scheme looks more like bribery than anything else.

This is nothing but a disgusting vanity project, one that the United States people don’t want. This is The

People's House, not some place to court billionaires with high society balls. This whole project is as unamerican as you can get.

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Name: Sue Setliff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Strongly Against!

The East Wing demolition was done without permits, without asbestos abatement, without saving precious slate roof tiles, who knows what else was ripped out and dumped. To build a ballroom larger than the current White House is a ridiculous scheme to flaunt the disrespect for process, oversight, integrity and architectural design standards. The ballroom is not needed, a rebuilding of the eatery wing with updated security features and modernization is the only path forward.

Thank you

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Name: Guillermo Delgado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: William Neal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my vehement opposition to this project, which appears to have been initiated without any of the required review and approval process. It is a horrific affront to The People's House, and I humbly request as an American citizen that this project be immediately canceled and that the East Wing be meticulously restored to its prior design, using the funds already pledged as what could very easily be considered a bribe to the President of the United States.

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Name: Katie Gaffney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I strongly oppose moving forward with the proposed East Wing ballroom project at the White House (chatgpt://generic-entity?number=0).

While I understand the desire to expand or modernize facilities, this project does not reflect the priorities that many Americans believe should come first. At a time when our nation faces pressing economic, social, and infrastructure challenges, allocating substantial resources to construct a new ballroom sends the wrong message about fiscal responsibility and stewardship of taxpayer funds.

The White House is not merely a residence or event venue — it is a historic symbol of our democracy. Major structural expansions should meet a clear public necessity, not simply convenience or prestige. I urge you to reconsider this project and instead focus attention and funding on initiatives that more directly serve the American people.

I respectfully ask that this proposal not move forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Penfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Wernette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Frambach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No United States citizen, elected or private, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States.

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Name: PATRICIA STEINHAUER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely and firmly oppose the spending of $300,000,000 on this project. The project was initiated on a whim of the "President" without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is clearly not a "modernization" project, but rather a complete razing of a significant portion of the People's House and its associated history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, even the "President", and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kerry Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened by what has happened at the White House, the people's house, and other areas surrounding the Federal government, but especially, the White House. This is not the palace of a wanna-be king. They had no right to demolish the East Wing. I, like many, couldn't even look at photos without a slight upheaval in my gut.

I oppose the spending of $300 (or has it risen to $400) million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The expense to rebuild and restore the East Wing should be 100% paid for by Trump, NOT with taxpayer funds.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for standing up for the We the People.

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Name: Elizabeth Ranweiler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This administration has wasted an appalling amount of taxpayer money to destroy a historic building. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at no cost to taxpayers - the people who broke the law by going forward with the project without the requisite authorization must pay for the rebuild and restoration. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karissa G
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Keown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is

determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

I also believe that further renovations should be funded by Donald Trump NOT the American people. I also believe what has already been paid by the people for the construction/demolition should be returned to the appropriate U.S. government funds.

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Name: Joshua Gamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Name: Dietlinde Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't think a house needs a ballroom. If the president and that many people need to meet then there are lots of places in DC that can be rented. The increased security that would be needed to have hundreds of people meeting in the presidents home would be expensive. The president needs a place to live, not a mansion with a ball room. The president is not royalty.

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Name: Carolyn Kielec
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and Trump had no right to destroy the East Wing and leave it in ruins! The American people do not need a large and ballroom that will dwarf the White House and deface the property! The East Wing must be returned to its pre destruction state!
Donald Trump destroyed the building on a whim and had no legal right to change the property without the proper permits and reviews!
Please stop him and his administration from further destroying the look and historic character of this magnificent building!

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Name: Debbie McManus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would ask that the "ballroom project " started illegally by the present administration, be denied and the East Wing be restored to its former beauty and style. We have visited the White House numerous times with grandchildren and always enjoyed the beauty and history of the East Wing and would love to do so with our remaining grandchildren when the White House is restored to it's former beauty.

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Name: Katie Kutilek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Barbara Andrew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Hannah Bledstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laura Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending any money, let alone $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as in exactly what it looks like the day before it was destroyed.

It's also very important to not allow a bunker to be built underground from here, when they rebuild the east wing.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Denise Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom that has not been designed in coordination with National Trust for Historic Preservation. I oppose the spending of $300 million (whether it is private or public funds) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.

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Name: Jan Kimbrough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kim Rassa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $200/300/400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Furthermore, the claims that "the people" wanted this is wildly false (what do taxpayers care about a ballroom for elites?). The perpetrators should be prosecuted to the fullest extent if the law and forced to personally pay for complete restoration. Regular citizens are not allowed to damage historic sites without repercussions; the President and his cronies should also not be above the law.

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Name: Jeffrey Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Anne Frentsos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Georgia Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is nothing short of vandalism. Shame on everyone involved in the destruction of the People's House. Fix the mess and prosecute every person involved in this violation of law and public trust.

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Name: Lesli George Mitzner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a narcissistic project that would never have been approved, if done through the correct channels I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Deborah Stocks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Hubschmitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dale Eucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Burrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It is one of the most iconic symbols of the United States and a physical reminder that the power of this nation belongs with the people, not the occupant they elect from time to time. This project is an affront to that symbolism, taken with utter disregard for the orderly rules and procedures necessary to make changes. It glorifies excess in a time of national want, and converts the stately timelessness of the People's House into a grotesque event venue for flaunting wealth and privilege. To allow the renovation to continue would create a permanent monument to the willful contempt for the rule of law. The East Wing Modernization Project should be denied and the building restored to its state as of the day the unapproved construction began.

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Name: Lisa Glasgow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge the National Trust for Historic Preservation to investigate and hold accountable any individual who directed or authorized the destruction of the East Wing of the White House without proper approval and adherence to established preservation protocols.

The White House is the People's House. Its preservation, restoration, and any modifications must be conducted transparently, lawfully, and through appropriate review channels. Historic structures of national significance deserve careful stewardship that honors both legal standards and public trust.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Hildebrandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janet Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Dellinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my stream displeasure in the tearing down of the East Wing, and to replace it with a huge ballroom that will outsize the current White House. There was no thought to appropriate design or an appreciation for maintaining the historic value of the East Wing. This whole project was done without consideration of the correct process or without consultation with the Congress or even a request of public comments. I appreciate that this is being addressed by this committee, and I respectfully request that the East Wing be restored as it was in order to maintain appropriate historic conservation. Thank you for reviewing this, and I hope that you find that we can restore the East Wing to its previous beauty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Alessio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to reflect its former design. I want the national trust for historic preservation involved in the plans. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carolyn Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eliza Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can understand that modernization and changes to the White House may be necessary over time to meet the current and future needs of the property. That said, there is and should be a process to make these changes. And, the changes should be considered from multiple perspectives. As I understand it, major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts.

Demolishing the East Wing would be considered major, yes? The changes need to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. If the current President has undertaken all of this, it should move forward. If he or his administration has not, then a full review MUST be done.

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Name: Julie Roller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. We have lost so much within the East wing already! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bart Windrum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project—unauthorized, neither reviewed nor permitted. This is not "modernization" — what a perjury of language! It was a demolition. There's no modernization, as proposed it's a totally new, metastasized building. Jus cancel the thing. Now that it's demoed, let's start a proper process to determine an appropriate new building. Meanwhile, how about obtaining and cataloging every item that was in the demolished building for safekeeping? And, arrange to prosecute any and all who engaged in the demolition.

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Name: Robyn Waxman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gerald Pagac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled to see that the East Wing was torn down by the order of a president without going through proper review and approval. This was a blatant violation of law.

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Name: Cyndy Roy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead a complete razing of American history, history that was dear to the citizens of the US and future generations.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeanne Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stacey Luce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

This project did not have the REQUIRED correct authorization, permits, or design review.
It is NOT a modernization project - there is NO evidence of "modernization" needed.

It was done in SPITE, willfully DESTROYING HISTORY.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeff Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project is poorly thought out , ill-conceived and shameful. As an American, I want this reversed.

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Name: Renee Zoltowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to building a gaudy ballroom. I want the east wing rebuilt, exactly as it was. This was abomination and a slap in the face to the American people. Nobody has ever said that they wish the White House had a ballroom, only the man who is occupying it at the moment

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Name: Claire Shields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Using taxpayer (my) money to destroy a portion of the White House without notice or permission was an insult to the American people. It was a capricious, arrogant act of childishness. Damages, restoration, and fines enough to cover both should be put in place, along with sincere and repeated apologies.

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Name: Elizabeth Fegert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please preserve the integrity of the people's house and limit Donald Trump's lack of oversight. Please oppose this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dannie Marko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom project will overwhelm the space at the White House & is a monstrous addition. Trump ignored the rules and destroyed the East Wing without the proper authorization. Allowing this to proceed will result in this administration to continue its destruction of national monuments, buildings & other historical entities.

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Name: Linda Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project for many reasons. First, it's my understanding that the project was started without going through any review process. They didn't even apply for a demolition permit. It's also my understanding that, since the East Wing was on the National Historic Sites Register, there should have been an even more stringent review process BEFORE any demolition took place. The President and his staff are NOT above the law. They need to follow the rules and regulations just like everyone else.

In addition, I'm concerned about the cost of maintaining the proposed structure. Even if only private funds are used to build it, the taxpayers will be stuck with the cost of maintaining it.

Please do not allow this project to move forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Tolento
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East wing rebuilt the way it was before it was ripped down! Our history needs to be preserved!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McElwain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Morvan Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or review. The project should be halted until it is able to undergo appropriate review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). All proposals should be allowed for public comment, and subject to rigorous design review. The White House is a building which belongs to all citizens, and stands as a symbol of our democracy. Any change to it should be done by in a way that is sensitive to its history, and yet looking to its future for all, not just for the this of one. Additionally, it should have been sufficiently documented before any demo or change took place. There should be an immediate effort to document as musch as possible of what has been destroyed for public record.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maeona K Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No,no,no.. this was done without any consent of congress. It is a travesty and a bastardization of the peoples house. Stop it at once and restore it s it hs been historically.

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Name: Linda Rosche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I’m opposed to the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project, but a razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Naters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Garmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the descendant of those who fought for our form of government from the American Revolution to modern day, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara DeAngelis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Permits are required for projects that impact a historic landmark, which should have been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Office and its Review Board at a public hearing.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. In addition to being disrespectful to the American people, it has resulted in the loss of both Tangible and Intangible History. No

one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project is setting a precedent that is in direct violation of the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act, D.C. Law 2-144, and goes against restrictions and requirements of buildings on the National Register. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

The White House is the People's house; it does not belong to any one President, therefore, the proper authorizations, permits, and design reviews must be followed without exception.

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Name: kay favor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing without the voice of the people who actually own it is absolutely abhorrent. The only thing more abhorrent is to build a structure that dwarfs the White House itself. There should NEVER be a building on that property, of the people, that stands taller and larger than the White House its self. And just who foes this maniac think he is to destroy property than he is only a temporary tenant. Changes and additions made to the White House have historically been done in a way that can be reversed and certainly not destroyed the outward building its self. Even when Jackie Kennedy renovated it was done to preserve the history and not be a monument to a single habitant. Make trump pay to re-establish the East Wing, we won't need a ballroom for quite a while, nobody cares to come a-dancing.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:36:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Weiske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing should never have been demolished without said authorization, etc. It is not about modernization but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:36:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Aalderink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Dace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated illegally, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and those responsible for illegally razing the East Wing to be prosecuted for the crime. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Theresa Troth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Theresa Troth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Thieme
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East wing restored to what it was before Trump razed it to the ground. We do not need a $300 MILLION dollar ballroom. Those funds could be used elsewhere. Right now it's an appearance of a bribe for all the tax breaks the billionaires are getting.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:35:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THE BALLROOM!!!!! He's ruined our White House-don't let him do any more damage!!!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:27:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Laskow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. He has literally demolished history. History of OUR NATION. This is not right. This is not what the American people deserve.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:25:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Helms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing.The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. Changes to a national historic site should only occur through transparent review, not unilateral action with little warning. This $300M project is being funded by large private donations given to the current administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
There should be absolute disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House, "the peoples' house", is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any administration. Destruction of an entire wing of this building and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: James Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While is was not the most useful of places, and the White House needs a larger event space. This is not the way to go about it. Tearing down the East Wing by Pres. Trump without going through the proper channels was a CRIMINAL act. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was (with appropriate modernization of the construction but preserving the look and feel of the old) and the Trump family should be required to pay for that rebuild, plus a Billion dollar fine. He must be held accountable to the fullest extent possible.

Then there should be a significant process to establish an event space and more usable office etc. space.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Shulman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:13:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori DeAnda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:12:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Blase Sands
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose renovation of the east wing. This is a terrible waste of taxpayers money.

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Name: Wood Deborah Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the grifting.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kate Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As far as I can understand, this project was started without appropriate authorization, design review, or

permits. It represents a razing of American history, of what is (was) supposed to be "the people's house). I want this project canceled. I oppose spending of $300 million it. Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design (with appropriate environmental upgrades as necessary). The American presidency doesn't need a tacky, gold-encrusted ballroom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: EILEEN VALLES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Cismowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design approval. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current Administration had no right to tear down the East Wing. It is an historical site and needed to go thru proper channels which they didn’t do in their haste to destroy it.

I believe it should be rebuilt as it was.
All historical sites should be protected from this current Administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Brannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ellen Eades
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. Procedure was not followed, permission was not sought, review was not conducted, and the American people were not asked. The prjoect is ugly, unnecessary, and nothing but a sop to the vanity of a man suffering from late stage dementia. I am opposed to this project and hope it will not move forward. It will cost a ridiculous amount of money better spent elsewhere.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:12:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Griffith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lach Talley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose using $300 million of bribes on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Before DOGE fired me, I worked in the Department of Design and Construction

Management (DDCM) at NIH. The levels of studies and approvals from many different organizations (MNCPPC, Historic Preservation, environmental offices, etc, etc.) we had to get for every project was daunting. This is for buildings on a closed campus that generally can't even be seen unless you're inside the gates. This admin tore down part of the White House, without a single study, or permit. It's inconceivable that this was allowed to happen and that it's possible the project will continue without proper oversight. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:12:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Russillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bevin Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (for now) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its historic design and foot print. This was never a modernization project, but rather an erasure of American history to fuel the ego of one person. The taring down of the people's house with no permit or approval is unlawful and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is a dangerous precedent and not one that will go without deep consequences if this is not reversed and put right now. You owe the history and future of America. Do the right thing and restore the East Wing to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:12:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Samuels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House, not the president's. The people have not agreed to the razing of the East Wing of Our House and the Rose Garden. We have not agreed to the building of a personal place of

entertainment, in lieu of the East Wing, for this or any president.

The East Wing did not require renovation at all, and certainly not its decimation. Congress did not approve this nor have they approved funding for it. The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was, thus, illegal.
The entire East Wing and Rose Garden should be rebuilt as they were - with needed infrastructure updates to code, of course.
We the People want our house back….. in as good shape as it was given. Private funds from the donations for the ballroom project should be used for the restoration, or funds from those responsible for ruining Our House - not public funds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Rubinstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Suzanne Richman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I vehemently oppose building the East Wing to be larger than the rest of the White House. My preference would be to rebuild the exact structure that was there before Trump tore it down.

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Name: Jessica Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lloyd Plany
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

BUILD THE BALLROOM. WE LOOK LIKE 3RD WORLD MORONS PITCHING TENTS FOR HIGH PROFILE EVENTS

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Wallin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It would also embolden them to continue their campaign to erase any part of history that does not align with their narrative, as we have seen them do in recent weeks at several national monuments. We must not allow them to bulldoze America's past.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened by what has been done by an outlaw president . The people's house is being destroyed. Mr Trump has visions of grandeurs. He must be stopped . Rebuild the wing exactly as it was . Say no to Trump .

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to respectfully submit my comment regarding this project! I oppose this project on the following grounds 1) no plan was submitted and or approved 2) no permits were granted for this project) there was not a need to modernize this particular part of the peoples house.
I propose that it be rebuilt according to the previous design and purpose. The people that went forward

with the destruction of the peoples house are held accountable for the destruction!
Thank you,
Yvonne Davis

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Torgerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This demolition to the People's House was done without using the proper channels and the proposed replacement is also being put forth without proper review and consultation. I would suggest restoring the East Wing to it's former scale and design and enforce future tenants of the White House to follow the rules and laws in the future.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Shepard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Cote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The size and style of the ballroom is distasteful. It to large and inappropriate. We do not need the president to hosts parties for billionaires while average Americans struggle. Taking moneys from industry to build this inappropriate structure is a kin to bribery. This administration should not be rewarded for destroying a preserved historical structure. Reject this monstrosity and rebuild the east wing as it was.

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Name: Sanda Oslin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I associate myself with a previous comment, because it couldn't be stated better:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Laura Rea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to the proposed East Wing Modernization. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No consideration for the history of the existing East Wing has been show - just reckless destruction of part of the people's house. Rather than spend $300 million on a nebulous, and ill-defined ballroom, the East Wing must be restored to a design that has been considered by EXPERTS on this historical and significant structure.

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Name: Diane Hursh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Megan Thurkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm so disgusted by the East Wing having been completely destroyed under cover of last fall's shutdown. CONGRESS is supposed to oversee any changes to the WH, coordinating with the National Capital Planning Commission.

I don't want a single penny spent on a ballroom, a vanity project if ever there was one. I want the East Wing rebuilt, with the full input of the Commission and with the approval of Congress.

Sincerely,

Megan Thurkins

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: beverly williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

History and beauty have been destroyed for one person's ego. I heartily oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project", better known here in the real world as "The Trump Ego Project". He has destroyed the White House (i.e. the People's House) for his own aggrandizement with NO authority.

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Name: Cheryl Slover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Jess Hanlon
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project because:

1. It is unclear how this is being paid for. If it's all through private donors, currying favor with the President, then this is nothing more than corruption.

2. The scale of the proposed ballroom is outsized, destroying the classic symmetry of the White House.

3. There is absolutely no need in a democracy for a gilded ballroom, reminiscent of Versailles and a system of monarchy which the United States has never aimed to emulate. Who are the thousand or so guests who will have the privilege of attending events in this grandiose ballroom? Certainly only the well-heeled bourgeoise. This is not a project that speaks to most Americans. Most Americans do not feel a need for this addition. This is a vanity project for Donald Trump. This is not what democracy looks like.

Please do not approve this project. Return the East Wing to its former glory.

Thank you.
Debra M. Schwartz
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abby Schrader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I steadfastly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history—something that offends me as an historian. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one— not even the president, especially not the president, as he has taken an oath to uphold the US Constitution— is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Bethard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, begun carelessly and without appropriate permission. There is no evidence that it will be conducted on sound or appropriate lines. No project plan should even be considered until there is a full and complete accounting of the contents of the original East Wing including all of the artwork.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Todd Arbetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dolores Bilges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the furtherance of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization or permits. Things may be handled that way in the real estate field, but the People's House is not just another plot of real estate. This is not a modernization project. It is a project which destroys our history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Justin Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is completely unnecessary, and destroys a valuable part of American history. It should be canceled and the east wing of THE PEOPLE'S house rebuilt.

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Name: Jennifer Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Further, I don’t think that taxpayers should be forced to bear the cost of rebuilding the East Wing. Those who ordered this unlawful destruction should pay to repair it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This comment is to oppose the so-called “East Wing Modernization” project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization but razing. Adding insult to injury is the dwarfing of the White House remainder by the proposed oversized, megalomaniac East Wing design. Please cancel this project, require the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design, and penalize anyone associated with this project who broke relevant rules, regulations, or laws. Thank you!

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Name: Angela Mennitto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Bethany Saldana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Osterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom design and more importantly the way that the project was proposed and implemented.

Buildings of such historic significance deserve the proper planning and design process that is traditional to buildings of such importance. Blindly destroying 1/3 of the White House complex without going through the proper permitting (asbestos mitigation for instance) was a travesty and the rebuilding process requires that the same thoughtful process be followed as was done for every previous renovation on the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ruser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I strongly suggest this project be canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. The current administration has unlawfully undertaken this project!

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Name: Robin James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Gould-Kostka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely agree with Anara Guard’s thoughts about this illegal razing of public property:

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Name: Anthony Asaro
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Poll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna McDermit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Project as it stands now. This project needs historic review and input as this is The People's House. Money for this project should not come from investors who will garner favor from this administration. When it is rebuilt it needs to be in the architecture and scale of the previous building to host the necessary events, not grand showcases. There needs to be more transparency and there should be accountability for the demolition that was done without the proper authority.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Belding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to above-ground consruction of the extremely large ballroom. It is too big, it is designed hurriedly, and the interior is in very poor taste - not at all the interior that we want to show off to any visitors with sophisticated taste.

I cannot describe too vigorously my opposition to this hideous and grandiose 'Gold Elephant'!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beatrice Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I would like to see the East Wing restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lalioff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Emge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

To: ncpc
Re: Ballroom

February 16, 2026

I am writing with my opinion of the demolition of the East Wing for Construction of a ballroom.

I would have opposed both of these things if anyone had bothered to ask my opinion. A historic part of The People's House destroyed to make way for a a bawdy, audacious party house with no oversight or approval from any of the appointed agencies and paid for with questionable funds that were and are entirely unaccounted for is beyond belief! Please get yourselves together up there!

Sincerely,
Mrs Debra Emge.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Brueck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: GRADY WARREN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brenda DeYoung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Caren Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans for the East Wing are completely out of proportion to the existing White House. I do not trust Mr Trump's design plans and know that it will be gaudy and garish.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with structural upgrades. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was beyond appalled to watch the East Wing of the White House being razed to the ground. I would like to see it (and the Rose Garden) restored back to as close to original as possible even if it means costing more than that ugly ballroom. Washington D.C. and its federal buildings were all so dignified; I would like that back again.
Mary Lewis

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:54 PM
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Name: Fran Connelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a complete rejection of the will of the American people who were not consulted. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to all Americans not just its current, temporary inhabitant.

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Name: Kathryn Creux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jessica Pappas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Fasman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I greatly object to the recent demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed modernization and ballroom planned to be put in its place. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and has great historical significance in both its appearance and the fact that it was built by enslaved people; it is a monument to the work of those enslaved people. The White House holds the memories and artifacts of all of the first families who have lived there, and there are standards governing how it can be altered. Donald Trump does not own the White House, he is merely a temporary resident and will be gone soon, and no president has a mandate to change THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE to satisfy his taste. I find the changes he has made to the interior and exterior of the White House to be of poor taste; the White House is the history of our country, not a resort hotel to be covered in marble and gaudy, frivolous faux gold decorations. Trump has no respect for history, the previous presidents or the Constitution, and should not be allowed to make such huge changes to a beautiful and important part of our country. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and the ballroom should be abandoned.

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Name: Helen Effron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with this statement.

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The title of this project, and the project itself, is appalling. My heart broke to see the destruction and devastation of our nation's historic and iconic White House, a historic landmark known throughout the world. It is appalling that no compliance was done on this "project" neither am
I confident that historic elements of the building were saved, rather it appears they were taken to a landfill.

The Historic Preservation Act was put into law for a reason. We all have a vested interest in the historical and cultural heritage and resources of our country. I insist that the restoration of this priceless monument conform to all applicable laws and regulations, including the NEPA so that all American citizens can weigh in with our thoughts and opinions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: C Bacon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Stem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people did not ask for Donald Trump to demolish the East Wing for a ballroom. This is a disgrace. His plans are not feasible and it will never get done before he leaves office plus the price tag keeps getting bigger. We need to put a stop to it now! Please have him put it back the way it was. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Scally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a waste of money to cater to one person's vanity! The People's House is a piece of history,

and it should stand as such. Please cancel this project and use the people's money for projects that are beneficial to all of us and not destructive of our history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Oconnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas L Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than being a modernization project, this travesty is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Hunneman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: The East Wing and the “East Wing Modernization Project”.

Far from a modernization project, we’ve seen the outright demolition of “the heart of the White House” which was, absolutely, a slap across the faces of law-abiding Americans who treasure our history and traditions.

Without a word to anyone charged with the preservation of our heritage, and after telling the public that his “ballroom” would not impact our White House, Mr. Trump went ahead and bulldozed. Where—and for that matter—if the contents were preserved and stored, no one knows.

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever amount is stated today) on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer patino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would greatly appreciate the return of the former East Wing with no huge ballroom project. I'm not against ballrooms per se, but against destroying American history. There are plenty of places that a ballroom, even a huge one, can be built in DC.
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emelyne Woessner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jody Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The unauthorized destruction and the planned idiotic ballroom are an abomination. This is the People's House, not the Billionaires' House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Hartley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Patricia Mosley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because proper channels were not used and correct procedures were not even considered, much less followed. The White House belongs to all Americans and should be treated as such. The destruction already done is massive. The building should be restored to its original state. A ballroom may be needed and may even be a wonderful idea but the persons responsible for the current fiasco need to face severe retribution.

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Name: Martha Hostetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project (formerly the East Wing) which was initiated without the proper authorization permits or design review. It is not modernization but a razing of American History.
I want this project canceled and the East awing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

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Name: Jennifer Selix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The reckless destruction of The People's House was illegal and should be met with penalty, not passive acceptance. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa McQuillan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Anyone involved in the desecration of the East Wing should be prosecuted and held responsible for the destruction of such a piece of America. The White House is and always will be the People's House, and nothing should be done to it without proper channels.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Beard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i oppose this because it is illegal and unethical for any president to arbitrarily make any changes without congressional approval

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Name: Bruce Whitehill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the White House needs to be rebuilt to in its original form. There should be no Ball Room in the project. I think the Taxpayers should not be on the hook for the rebuild. I think the National Historical Trust needs to sue Donald Trump and all of the people on the Published Ballroom donors list to fund the project. In addition that same lawsuit needs to fund the rebuild of all historical memorials at our national parks destroyed by the fascist regime.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Mirra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House belongs to the people of this great country. The person residing in the White House has no right to tear down the White House. DJT can build a large ballroom at his own
Property. LEAVE THE WHITE HOUSE, the PEOPLES HOUSE, alone.

Sincerely,
Catherine M. Mirra

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisle Merriman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project," but rather a complete razing and destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law -- EVEN THE POTUS -- and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Frankly, the entire situation is beyond belief.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Friederichsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should NOT be built. If anything should be built, the East Wing needs to be replaced. History was destroyed without authorization.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Fallon James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. There will certainly be cost overruns, the current tenant has never built anything within "budget". Further, with the reputation of the current tenant, compromises in quality and craftsmanship are to be expected. For example, Corinthian columns of fiberglass or some other cheap composite instead of hand carved out of marble or limestone. That is beside the point though because I strongly oppose everything about this stupid vanity project.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marion Callis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
Marion Callis

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Jones-Leavy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money, including the estimated $400 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a vanity project by the current regime, not a modernization project, that completely razes American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine DeVoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Doreen Kelsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jessica Dickey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Hope Perlman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project offends me as a citizen. Demolition and rebuilding of the White House should be by democratic process, via authorization by Congress. This project should be reviewed and revised to be in keeping with the style of the White House, not built without regard for the existing structure or the history of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raina Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The fact that this part of the building was demolished without all of the proper reviews and authorization is UNACCEPTABLE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kent Wicker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the tearing down of this historic part of the White House. Please stop the funding now

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:01 PM
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Name: Nancy Zamor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, and for most of them I taught 1st grade. First graders absorb information, they are enthusiastic and impressionable. I taught them how to read, and they learned it very well! I taught them to love math! I taught social studies through stories that I read to them about the founding of our country. I read about early explorers and brave colonists. I read about Native Americans and their cultures and hero's. I read about their great (great great) grandparents and why they came here and the struggles they overcame. I taught about our struggles to remain one great nation through the fight over slavery, and that we made mistakes but continue to improve. I read about our Presidents and their efforts to make us a good and proud country. I taught them that we have in our capital historic buildings and the Lincoln Monument and reasons to be awed and proud.
I abhor what is happening in Washington, DC. The desecration of the East Wing is despicable and wrong. History is being replaced with cheap looking gold bric-a-brac that could dwarf our country's tradition of tasteful elegance. I implore you to stop this destruction and insist that the East Wing be returned to its original size and structure. Eleanor Rosevelt graced those halls; let's not cheapen the seat of our government.
Thank you. Sincerely, Nancy Zamor

Date: 2/16/2026 6:10:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Brucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing REBUILT and RESTORED to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. The White House is OUR HOUSE!!!

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Name: Terri Masterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and tearing it down without any regard, is an affront to our collective common decency. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Magill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this modernization. It is unnecessary and was initiated illegally.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Alix Maiden-Baillie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY money, public or private, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mark Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It’s not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want equal application of the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Rey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Also, as a 20-year practicing architectural designer, this wart of a design is an embarrassment to architectural precedent, grossly out of scale, lacking cadence in its relation to the rest of the building and it's surroundings.
Appropriateness must be weighed at its heaviest in relation to historical standards in this nation, given we are talking about one of the most relevant buildings in the U.S.
This construction project must be fully stopped. The fines should be placed directly on DJT, and the rebuild of the east wing as it was should also be a financial burden placed on DJT.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom structure the dwarfs the current White House and destroys the historical character and symmetry of the site. The East Wing should never have been destroyed without approval and input from the proper authorities and institutional knowledge. The current plan is an abomination and a monument to one man's hubris and disrespect for our country's history. Any new structure should be subjected to the review and input of an INDEPENDENT body not appointed by the President to ensure the character and history of the site is preserved.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice MacRae
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the money that is being spent on a ballroom for billionaires and their cronies. Though I know it is

a drop in the bucket compared to all the self-enrichment that many Republicans are experiencing, while many among us regular US citizens who are or were professionally employed stuggle to pay our taxes. Also, the end product of this renovation will be tacky, due to the lack of taste of the current resident--the grotesque gilding of the oval office, the removal of official portraits, the paving of the rose garden--are already bad enough. THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, and the White House should be a shrine to all who have served there and to the people themselves, not a place for Trump to host other billionaires and despots, while seeking to enrich himself. THIS NEEDS TO STOP NOW. Thank you and siincerely, Janice E MacRae

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Cannuli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom proposed is akin to Versailles. It is a waste of money and is an abomination due to its size and location.

Would have been better to knock out all the walls in the east wing for a ballroom if one is really necessary at all.

The scale is ridiculous. Completely ruins the People's House from an architectural standpoint.

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Name: Danielle Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a disaster. It needs to stop and the original East Wing must be rebuilt as it was. The hubris of some people is beyond compare when others in this country are struggling to buy food and the president wants to serve his cronies steak and lobster in a ball room.

NO! Just NO!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie O'Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was an illegal, unauthorized, criminal action. It is not up to a temporary resident of the White House to destroy the history and legacy of a structure that belongs to all American people. Please insure that the project to build an unnecessary ballroom is halted immediately and that the vandals responsible for this travesty are forced to rebuild The East Wing as it appeared in 2024. America takes pride in the history and tradition of Washington DC monuments as they represent our struggles to

build and maintain democratic institutions. No self appointed dictator has the right to demolish our legacy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A travesty to Americans and especially offensive to women that the current administration bulldozed our historic wing that honored First Ladies. That this was done without going the proper channels and laws. Please restore to former historic beauty and honor, The cost of this project is a waste of taxpayer dollars and without prior approval. The person(s) should be fined heavily and also personally pay forit to be restiored. A ballroom is not needed or .wanted, and us a slap in the face to historians and the American people. Please please please keep iur history intact

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Concerned Citizen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Mabrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom is absurdly large and would dwarf the White House proper.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Shechter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Alice Shechter

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clark Unger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House on the whim of one man, even the President, without any review or consultation, was totally unacceptable. That man’s plan to replace it with a ballroom - again without any review by any duly constituted body - is also unacceptable. The stated intention to build the ballroom using donations from a few wealthy individuals is nothing more than the acceptance of a bribe by the President. Please do what you can to derail and reverse this situation and make the White House truly “the Peoples’ House” again.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Wilkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In other words, entirely illegally.

It is not a "modernization project" but rather a razing of American history to rebuild in Trump's typically tacky image.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aleta McClenney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this project to proceed.

I oppose the use of the money. I oppose the destruction of our history. Please restore the East Wing and do not allow a project, that bypassed appropriate procedures and approvals, move forward.

The message this project sends is that someone can destroy historic spaces and ask permission later. That is a model of chaos.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the White House's demolition of the East Wing as well as all other public monuments and properties that belong to the citizens of the United States. Any demolition or "remodeling" or building of ballrooms and arches, etc. must go through the already-approved procedures and committees to ensure that the voice of the people prevails.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to taxpayers, to justice, to history.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down. It was done with no proper research, consultation or agreed on purpose. it was done at the whim of one man who doesn't think the rules of law should apply to him. He basically chose to trample on the agreed on history of America and single handedly destroy a piece of The White House, which belongs to the American people, not to a temporary President.

The funding for this project is basically a corrupt money for favors scheme. It is an embarrassment to law abiding citizens.

I do not support the building of a large, ugly and not needed ballroom, that will not even blend in the with design of the existing building. I urge you to find the courage to stop this construction and initiate an educated, professional panel of appropriate professionals to develop a sensible plan to recreate what was destroyed as closely as possible, with the addition of the most modern infrastructure upgrades.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:09:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacie Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the historical White House building back to its former glory. It is a travesty that this administration believes they are above the law and do not need to follow proper procedures and permitting. This is the People's house and should any major changes be approved it should be by the proper process and by the People. The original architecture and scale were designed for a reason and a giant gaudy ballroom is inappropriate. It was truly a sad day watching as the original wing was torn apart without any care for the decades of history born within.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Park
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a travesty that the historical building was torn down and done so without going through the legal channels at the order of someone who does not own the property. If something must be build in its stead, it should be of the same style and material as the original structure with the needs of future first spouses in mind. A cohesive design is imperative. For 200 years, we have done fine without a ballroom, entertaining heads of state and hosting gatherings without issue. There is no reason to build a structure that dwarfs the White House by comparison. That's tacky. If the use of a ballroom is necessary, there are plenty of venues around DC. Build something that provides space for government employees to work on things that help the American people. Ballrooms are for parties, not business, and giant parties are an extravagant luxury for people who aren't in trillions of dollars of debt, i.e. not the US government. I'd rather see these funds go towards something useful, like healthcare, or space for people to focus on work that actually matters.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Stonefield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ingrid Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to condemn the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I think it needs to be rebuilt as it was. It belongs to the citizens of this country. I see no need for a giant ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Zarbo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300M on this vanity project. No authorization was given by the

entities that oversee additions like this one. No permits were applied for or approved. The size of the proposed addition is wildly out of proportion to the White House. Law was broken at every step of this project. The National Trust should NOT allow this travesty of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE to go forward. The White House doesn't belong to any one president, although the current occupant clearly thinks it belongs to him.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Norden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely object to Trump's vanity ballroom project which he started without any of the required permissions from various government agencies. I demand that the east wing be rebuilt in the same footprint and manner as the building that was demolished. Furthermore, Donald Trump should be held responsible for all of the costs incurred to date, as well as for the reconstruction. None of this was needed, nor was it necessary.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Sears
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I highly object to the "modernization" of the East Wing of the People's House. No one is above the law, and it's apparent that our president has chosen to ignore the law and raise his own money (using others' money) to demolish and rebuild the East Wing of the People's House on Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC. The proper channels with submitting plans and obtaining permissions and permits have not been met. I could not have built my own house without going through the proper procedures and this president is not above those laws either, especially in a house that does not belong to him, but the American People as a historic place in our nation's Capital. Therefore, I urge the East Wing to be rebuilt, at the expense of those that have already pitched in funds for its demolition, to its former glory prior to its untimely demise.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan MacNaughton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Crompton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Paris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much against this project. The East wing was torn down before any discussion or public input could happen. I believe this project is unlawful. I would like to see this ballroom project cancelled and have the east wing rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Ribar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing remodeling project because this is a public building of historical relevance. The demolition was done without prior approval or going through proper channels and policies. The design did not receive review or approval either. Our east wing should be restored to its historical condition prior to demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The East Wing was razed without proper authorization, review, or permits. The project should be cancelled immediately and instead the historic building should be restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and donors should not be allowed to contribute to ego projects while destroying American history and without the consent of law abiding American citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Meacci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop using our tax dollars to stop destroying our history. Trump is a crook. He is destroys everything including now the East Wing of the historical White House. Stop! Please stop. Hold him accountable and make him pay for what he has destroyed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Schulte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Teresa Sanhueza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Our taxes should not go to fund the destruction of our history. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Maria Teresa Sanhueza
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Al Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the tear down of the east wing of the white house, the people's house to create a ballroom for rich billionaires who have donated money to gain access to power and favor by the impeached Donald trump. Il

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Iverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project that never went through the proper channels. This is not modernization, but an abomination.

Please see that it is returned to its former condition. Charge Trump, not us taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Corby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Ture
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern: I am opposed to the expenditure of $300 million on this project. There is no need to put a ballroom on the historic White House. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeannette Reinhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of this historic property has occurred at the direction of the president without any consideration and obligations to abide by the NHPA

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Name: Debra Curran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pollyanna Schosha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment and I concur 100%

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Name: Shana Grife
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Suz Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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(this comment posted from another one, as it speaks exactly to my opinion on this).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paulette Haley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not modernization, it is destruction of an historic treasure. The White House cannot be torn down at the whim of any one person, it must go through proper channels, permits and authorization. The East Wing needs to be restored and rebuilt to pre-destruction specifications.

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Name: Susan Fogarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dana Querido
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It started with the destruction of the Rose Garden placed by Mrs Kennedy and then he moved onto the razing of more American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with the full cost coming from those who supported this project and Trump personally and NOT A CENT from taxpayers. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The white house belongs to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Sindel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any monies due for the razing and restoration should be paid for by Donald Trump who is responsible for razing the East Wing. Taxpayers are not responsible for his illegal actions.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Necia Jannings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It saddens me that the East wing of the White House has been destroyed. The construction of a new wing needs to fit with the size, proportion, and style of the We hite House. Offices that were destroyed need to be replaced. If a reception area or banquet area is needed, a modest plan should be made. However, this is America. This is the People's house. We don't have or need grand ballrooms and extravagant castles. My ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, not for grand palaces for the wealthy to gather in, but to escape the tyranny of a king and the class system that suppressed and exploited the "lesser". We, Americans, are tougher, harsher, determined, and humble as should our leaders be!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Rawlings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project! I want the East Wing restored as it was. The destruction of the East Wing was wrong. Any modernization should be done considering the historical significance of the building and following all proper building laws.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:08:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fiona Burgos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project at all, much less spending around $300 million of the people's money on it. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. The People's House should maintain ties to this nation's proud history, whenever it may also modernize. It should not trample the connection to our storied past. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Do not allow this project to proceed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina edmonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am echoing the words of Anara Guard, in opposing the building of the monstrous Trump Ballroom:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for preserving and protecting monuments to our American history and heritage.

Sincerely,
Chris Edmonds
Tigard OR
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 6:07:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Roberman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I prefer that the president, and all presidents, follow the law and go about their projects in accordance with existing methods. Please do not allow Trump to circumvent guidelines and laws regarding any changes to the White House. thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela demmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Naomi Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The following words are not mine, but they speak my opinion perfectly:

Anara Guard's assessment:

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Name: Pamela demmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelsey Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanette Cacciola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I oppose the millions to be spent on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I do not believe this is truly a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law including Donald Trump and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be wrong and an insult to all law-abiding citizens

Date: 2/16/2026 6:07:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom in the place of the East Wing of the White House. This would erase too much history from the people's house. I think that the East Wing should be rebuilt and our country's history preserved.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bev Callaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Leader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandra Garber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Keeton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was sad to see the destruction of the east wing of the White House. I would like to see proper authorization, permits and design review before replacing what has been destroyed. I also think it should be restored to its original design.

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Name: Robyn Josephs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judy Desreuisseau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Breed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this Project. $300 million should NOT be spent on some vanity delusional Dance Hall of Trump. Instead: RESTORE the East Wing!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:07:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Thornton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Trump has done to the east wing is disgraceful to our history. The White House is NOT Trump's house. Trump is a tenant for 4 years. I understand modernization but the complete destruction of an historical part of the White House is not modernization. I believe Trump secretly planned this project hoping that it would get so far along that this committee could not stop the project. Washington DC is an archive to our nations history. Not a place where Presidents can simply put their name and style on everything. Once again Trump is showing that he will not follow the traditional norms, rules and regulations of this country and the constitution. We need to reign this President in. Private donations need to be approved by your committee so that the people know that our government is not for sale.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:07:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy DeVoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve such a huge building. I believe a smaller building is appropriate since he tore it down, something with room for the First Lady and a small dining room for guests. That's all. If you can fine him enough to pay for it all the better. That money could be spent on the homeless or daycare

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Schell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lani Chisnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one man is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is the people's house.

Lani Chisnell
Ypsilanti, MI

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Name: Katie Shuflin-Febuary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: J Chatman
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Sincerely,
J. Chatman

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Name: Therese Felder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Wawrzonek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely object to what Donald Trump has done to the whole White House especially the demolition of the East Wing. The taxpayers should never be required to pay for the demolition and clean up costs. Donald Trump should be held personally and financially responsible for the demolition and be required to restore the building to its original design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura McCafferty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the $300 million project because the plans have no followed the law, did receive the proper

historical review or receive the proper permits. The proposed size of the east wing will dwarf the White House which doesn't not make sense historically or aesthetically. The east wing should be rebuilt to its original design.

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Name: Theresa Welsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Fitch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shannon D'Aurora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the construction of the ballroom! The demolition of "The People's House" was initiated with no regard for process, public involvement, or design review. This project must be stopped because it is such a gross violation of the public trust in government offices to steward shared cultural landmarks. Allowing the project to continue would reward those who broke the public trust.
Further, the proposed ballroom dwarfs the Whitehouse and the symbolism of that is deeply disturbing

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Eernisse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" is an embarrassment and a tragedy; the mutilation and destruction of a historical landmark is unbelievably Un-American. To destroy our nation's history for the ego of our sitting president is madness -- the rose garden paved over and the building a mockery of its former self. I will only be satisfied to see the White House restored to its former design.

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Name: Nancy Geyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Catoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the demolition of the East Wing, but we had no voice in that. So please don't build that huge ballroom that will dwarf the beautiful White House.

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Name: Annie Orourke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Koomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am writing to oppose any further progress on design and construction at the site of the now demolished East Wing.

I support a full review by the DC Historic Preservation Office and the National Trust for Historic Preservation on how best to move forward from here.

Any plans for major, structural changes to the People's White House and grounds must be fully vetted, coordinated, desinged and constructed by the proper agencies and organizations.

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Name: Deborah Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was undertaken without the required review or authorization. It is a nauseating exercise of raw power in defiance of all proper procedure, and a massive money-laundering scheme to boot. This is not “modernization”. It is wanton vandalism and historic erasure. The East Wing must be restored to its former state, at the expense of those who destroyed it.

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Name: Mary Dittert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt and returned to a similar configuration that was present before it was torn down. This is a historic building that was destroyed without any notice, without proper approvals. Historic properties in this country belong to the public. If " modernization" was necessary, then there is a process in place to accomplish it. Furthermore, the proposed replacement eclipses the White House in size, which seems architecturally and visually less than desirable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please continue to protect the integrity of our historic buildings and deny the administration’s illegal efforts to tuen the People’s House into a personal playground.

Thank you.

Susan Coleman
Mooresville, IN

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Name: Leah Conroe-Luzius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the ballroom. Rebuild the East Wing in its beautiful simplicity.

Trumps taste (if it can be called that) is horrible. No more gold trim.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. How this administration was allowed to completely destroy part of "The People's House" without consequence is among the many illegal, unconstitutional, unlawful things this government has undertaken.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and a betrayal of our country, our history, and our laws.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, a devastating act by any measure, represents a chilling testament to a reckless disregard for history.
To see it reduced to rubble is to witness the erasure of tangible links to our past, a callous dismissal of the generations that shaped this nation.
The East Wing is where for decades, the offices of the First Ladies and their social staff, were located. It was a space where their unique influence had been cultivated and exerted. A place for First Ladies to drive policy and social initiatives, shaping public discourse and impacting the nation in profound ways.
This reckless disregard for the history and erasure the importance of the position of the First Lady, is to ignore the vital role this very space has played. It is to diminish the contributions of women who, from within these walls, have often brought critical perspectives and championed essential causes, leaving an indelible mark on the American story.
The immediate and unequivocal demand must be its reconstruction to its previous condition.
This is not about vanity or sentimentality; it is about a fundamental obligation to safeguard our heritage. Recreating it faithfully ensures that future generations can still walk the halls that have shaped our nation, learn from its architectural and historical significance, and understand the weight of the past that continues to inform our present and future. To do anything less would be a profound betrayal of our historical trust.

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Name: Theresa Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Shannon Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that we have gotten to this point with regards to the East Wing. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I cannot believe we have to discuss this. Who ever let this happen to our historic White House should have to pay reparations to put it back.

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Name: Catherine Chandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marcia JENSEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Esposito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this useless project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stephanie Kinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been proposed is embarrassingly inappropriate and out of proportion to the People's House, not to mention of the most appalling ahistorical bad taste!! PLEASE do not let this overweening, narcissistic temporary resident ruin the People's House and grounds forever, or just as bad throw up his metaphorical Trump Tower wing, which once sanity is restored will cost additional millions to fix. There may, in fact, be a need to update and renovate, but for the sake of my children and grandchildren, DO NOT LET THIS ABOMINABLE PROPOSAL GO ANY FURTHER!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Kjerulf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is destruction of American history. The White House belongs to the people, not to the current occupants. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Lisa Jan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Chlorice Hergatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project. It is being done without going through the proper channels. The east wing needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was. We do not need a grand ballroom that almost all Americans will never get to use. The wing was functional and a place for First Ladies to work for the American people and a part of our history.

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Name: Susan Wands
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a despicable act to raze the East Wing of the people's White House without due process and without the support of the tax paying American people. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Slessor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Herrmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was initiated without the appropriate permits, design review, or authorization. The historic East Wing was simply razed so that the current President could create a personal vanity project and to allow the people's house to be appropriated and restyled by a single vulgar person in this way sets a terrible precedent. The building should be restored to its former condition and the contents returned from wherever they were taken to.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Ghoreyeb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission:

I would like to suggest the the East Wing be fully restored to its original design allowing for any updates needed for structural and safety modernizations.

My suggestion does not include a change of size or function or decor not in keeping with the original design.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Jennings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I own the White House just as much as its current occupant, and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to ANYONE destroying the peoples house in an effort to build a ballroom and make it as gaudy as the redecoration of the Oval Office has been. Decorating the living quarters and office is enough. The plaques that were installed under the previous presidents photos with biased comments should never have been allowed either. And saying the modernization of the east wing is privately funded by donations just means presidential favors are being bought! The LAW should be followed regarding any changes made to the people's house!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Siri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geraldine Ambrosio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the demolition of the East Wing and the building of a ballroom. The East Wing demolition was done without the proper authorization. I am also against the building of the ballroom without proper authorization. I would like the East Wing rebuilt to its historical authenticity. Those who were responsible for the demolition of this historic site should be held responsible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Neal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Apparently, the rules do not apply to everyone! I urge you to stand by our laws and processes and stop the unauthorized travesty of this ballroom. The East Wing needs to be restored so that the "People's House" can once again reflect the proud history of our nation. In these chaotic times the destruction taking place at the White House is another blow to be suffered. All of these changes will hopefully be reversed by the next administration, but the commonsense approach would be to ensure that these grotesque projects are stopped before they start.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Emily Raymond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancia Shawver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this erasure of American history go through! This is the people's White House! There was no advanced approval of design, scope, or finances.
Thank-you, Nancia Shawver

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Pinilla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is unacceptable

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobby Camara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is NOT a "modernization project"! Government property, belonging to the people, was wantonly destroyed without proper approvals or permits.
SOMEONE must stand up to this president. Has "No" been lost from our vocabulary?

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, any hazards resulting from the demolition mitigated (e.g., asbestos dust and debris), and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Orrson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the White House is a disgrace. Just bulldozed by a bully for some vanity project. I do NOT want my taxes to be used to build some ridiculous ballroom that will completely upstage the beautiful historic White House. I do understand that the ballroom is allegedly being paid for by private donors, but what do they want in return? This administration is not known for dong the right thing. Please make sure that the White House is restored to its historic beauty. Whatever is built should follow ALL procedures to ensure it is historically and architecturally appropriate.
Thank you!
Michele Orrson

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Name: Jim Luebke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ncpc,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Jim Luebke
DeKalb County Board Member

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Chilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeran Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Schum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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deposited with a complete contingency fund prior to any further design or construction or destruction. The refuse of the destroyed property should be stored in a secure facility until such time as the conditions are resolved.

Those, and all of those, who are guilty of destruction of public property, destruction of National Park property, destruction to historic monument, all criminal offenses, should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. This would include but limited to the fence company, the equipment for demolition company and operators, tree removal company, the president and those representing the government.

Removal of trees from a National Park is illegal and a punishable offense. The historic magnolia and cherry trees belong to the public in the care of the National Park Service.

None of the evidence of these crimes should be moved, changed or altered in any way until these illegal actions go thorough the courts to resolution or incarceration and fines.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Wesley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The bulldozing the East Wing of the White House was a criminal offense, in my opinion. There is no other building in our nation that deserves preservation more than OUR White House. Were historians and preservationists even allowed to be a part of the decision making? Whatever happens next needs the input of those people. A palace might need an oversized ballroom, but not the White House. Restore the East Wing !

President Trump has decorated the Oval Room like a brothel. The man has no taste.

One of We The People,
Cynthia Wesley

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Masterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of the estimated $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather is a complete razing of American history and a vanity project for the current temporary occupant of the White House. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Quay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was before destruction. No stupid ballroom.
Thanks!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Casey Wiley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not make this change. It is expensive, out of touch, and will make the White House look absurd. Spend this money elsewhere.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:06:05 PM
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Name: Eric Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please stop this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Ridgely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't understand why a President is allowed to desecrate the White House without any review. If a ballroom is necessary (and its not clear to me that it is), and it is determined that the White House is the place to build it (which it is not clear to me that it is), any building should be in proportion and character with the rest of the building (residence and West Wing) and approved by the appropriate architects, historians and other experts. Please stop this President from making any more of a mess of the White House than he has already done. It's not his house, it's the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:58 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing unauthorized demolition and rebuild project. I would like for the building to be restored to its original design. This restoration should utilize the current private funding designated for the current project. This project was never authorized and those responsible for this demolition should be accountable to the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanette Vrbas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Cheney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a $300 million razing of American history. I oppose this project; I want it canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not the president.
I oppose this project in its entirety because the president destroyed public property unlawfully.

The president is not above the law.
I want this project canceled and the East wing restored; rebuilt as it was to preserve its history.
This project is an affront to every law abiding citizen. Cancel this project immediately and rebuild the east wing as it was.
(When every child has food and every American has health insurance, we can talk about getting a new ballroom, and not on the grounds of the East Wing.)

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Dickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to oppose the East Wing modernization project out of concern for the preservation of the White House as an institution. This project is not a modernization, it is a rebuild in a tone that is completely foreign to the style and structure of existing buildings. I also have serious apprehension about the funding of this project as it appears to be through channels of pay to play. There needs to be more vetting regarding where the funds are coming from.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
CR Dickson

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Name: Amy Zlatic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Pamela Slater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Modernization would have been updates to plumbing, removing asbestos, changing out the windows to be energy efficient. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tonia Schmitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Folcik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing and a $300 million ball room to be built in its place. No one man must be allowed to on a whim to destroy a historical part of the White House just because he wants to. President Trump never asked any historical committee if this was something he could do. He just went ahead and did it. He should be ordered to rebuild the East Wing at his cost. Let him put any donations received into restoring the White House to its historical beauty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Christenhusz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying citizen, I rebuke the administration in tearing down the historic east wing of the white house and placing a ballroom that I will never see or be able to use as a tax payer. I also denounce the collecting of funds from billionaires to pay for this, this would give them unlimited access to any administration in the white house and used as leverage. The White House is the peoples house not the billionaires house. The east wing needs to be rebuilt and keep the same foot print that the previous one had, no more no less. Multiple presidents have managed without a ballroom and should continue to do so.

Thank you,
Nicole Christenhusz

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:51 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Wortley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my vehement objection to the proposed ballroom where the historic east wing of the White House once stood. The gilded monstrosity is an affront to the People's House and a vanity project for the most corrupt president in the history of our country. Please rebuild to the original East Wing design - with appropriate structural upgrades - and require Donald Trump to pay all costs for both the destruction and construction with Trump family funds. Thank you for collecting public comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna J Every
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This disgraceful temporary resident of the White House likes to think that he owns everything. Will he not rest until he has sullied every significant building or White House feature in Washington DC? This project must be stopped, dead in its tracks, and the process for restoring and rebuilding the East Wing must commence.

There could possibly be some modern improvements under a full restoration, but the essential design & nature of the people's house must not be further destroyed by this megalomaniacal fake president. Since a Senate majority has failed to provide proper safeguards, please do what you can to restore law and order to this process. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted that the destruction of the East Wing and the start of the Ball room got as far as it did without some oversight and proper permits. Someone needs to look into the contractor.
I oppose the spending of donations of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is the peoples house and it is only leases to the President for 4 years and he is not authorized to remodel it without approval. The whole thing stinks to high heaven. Those responsible need to be held liable and pay to restore the damage they have done with their own money not donation from their rich buddies.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lara Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the unilateral razing of the the East Wing of the White House by the current Administration. To allow this attempt at self aggrandizement would be wrong. Any new construction should only be undertaken with full and complete transparency. Transparency of cost, transparency of design, and transparency of all contracts and construction undertaken on behalf of the American People.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cate Mahoney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Carbonneau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Wengrofsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of a historical building is a waste of taxpayer money, and the President should not have the right to unilaterally spend the People's treasure on vanity projects for his own ego. Only Congress has the power of the purse. If he wants something, he should take it to the legislative branch, like his predecessors. Further, the President should pay for the restoration of the East Wing with his OWN money, since he destroyed it without permission from the People or their duly elected representatives.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Lovato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat McGlaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump had no right to tear down part of the people's house. It was an important part of our history and I want it restored the way it was on Mr. Trump's dime.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Heroux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda LaFond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I also oppose any construction that overshadows the architectural balance and style of the original White House building and grounds.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Silverman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like tens of thousands of other Americans, I, too, oppose spending upwards of $300 million on this project, not only because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, but because it is creating a monstrosity.

It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, not even the President, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Davison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Berkley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this madness!!! Don’t let the lawless destruction of part of our history stand. Rule to repair tge facade and rebuild as close as possible to the original. A ballroom of all things! Building for someone’s ego is appalling.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Assalone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly, vehemently object to this audacious and misguided attempt to make a ballroom out of the East Wing of THE PEOPLE’S. HOUSE. No proper guidelines were used, with the current administration wantonly destroying a wing of our White House. Please stop this project in its tracks, and proceed to repair the damage using accepted protocols for design and approval, and maintaining the dignity of this historic

building.
Thank you for soliciting comments from We the People.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Trepasso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom to replace the East Wing
A) Proper procedures were not followed. Rules are for everyone
B) It will be almost twice as big as the White House itself; a monstrosity of white and gold
C) The East Wing was an homage to the First Ladies. It's as if the President is trying to erase them and their legacy, much like Mrs. Kennedy's Rose Garden.
D) I've seen nothing that says it's being put out on bids. This, I suspect, means that a crony will receive the contract, for whatever convoluted price tag they desire.
Thank you for your attention to this matter

Linda Trepasso

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Whitver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose every aspect of this project, from the illegal razing of the East Wing to the ill-conceived and garish $300 M rebuilding. There was no proper authorization, permits, or design review. Cancel the project. Rebuild the East Wing to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JENNIFER KRIEGEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Kirby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1) YOU CANNOT "MODERNIZE" SOMETHING WHEN YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETELY DESTROYED IT.
2) THIS BALLROOM PROJECT IS NOTHING BUT THE ORANGE DICK TATOR MASSAGING HIS OWN TINY EGO. LITERALLY NO ONE SUPPORTS THIS WHO DOES NOT HAVE A JOB REQUIREMENT TO KISS HIS ASS.
3) WHAT A HUGE WASTE OF MONEY THAT COULD BE USED FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE, PEOPLE WHO NEED HOUSING, et al.

DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO BE BUILT. YOU KNOW IT'S WRONG. THAT IT'S NOT NEEDED. DO THE RIGHT THING.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Vonsteinen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any work being done on the White House and other federal buildings without projects being appropriately vetted and approved by Congress and the oversight agencies. Thank you!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified this may happen to such an important historical building and therefore oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I have neighbors struggling to keep food in their fridge and they're health insurance paid for and their mortgage payments made

Please stop this ridiculous project

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Name: Patricia Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Patricia Shaw,
US citizen, Taxpayer, Law-abiding, former 1st responder and resident of Maine.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Heron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter…..

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Willett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project with all of my heart and soul
It is the People's House, not the house of a Facist president and his billionaire cronies.
Restore it to its original form

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Beaugard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Carol Beaugard

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Harker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the 300 billion dollar project in Its entirety. The White House is a historical treasure and the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. This administration should not be permitted to continue in it's lawlessness of destroying everything it does not find suitable to its criminality.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Huldah Bewley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the Ballroom project on the East wing. Not only is it not needed, it is illegal what Trump has done. Congress should have approved this project, which they have not. I do not want my tax dollars spent on a giant ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Cogar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down illegally and should be rebuild using the origional design. This can't be turned into one of Trumps pay for play projects for his rich friends and to satisfy his ego.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 6:05:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANE ANDERSEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down without any oversight and without permission or permits. This is part of my history. The East Wing needs to be restored to it's former design. This is the people's house and does not belong to just one person.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: bruce cote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not just the current, temporary occupant. Please stop this travesty and restore the White House to its former glory.

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Name: Sandra Slye-Hittle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sabra Olivieri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Furthermore, it was authorized by Trump because he said that it would be paid for out of donations. I do not believe taxpayer money should be made use of to rebuild a structure, which had been there. I believe this obligation for rebuilding should come 100% out of the pocket of Trump.

Thank you for my consideration of these thoughts.

Marjorie W Joyce

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MICHAEL REID
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the building to it's original design. The new Kennedy Center is better suited for use as a ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcus Ollington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was unauthorized to begin with. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original configuration.

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Project Number: 8733

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Name: Richard Thoune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Madam & Sir: I'm objecting to the ballroom project of the White House because the cost would be better spent elsewhere. Also because the permitting process was NOT FOLLOWED. I believe adhering to rules & regulations are to be RESPECTED. Various departments (Historic, Planning, Budget) should be part of the process according to current rules & regulations. Thanks for your time & consideration. Respectfully, Karen Edwards, former Town Meeting Representative of Plymouth, MA which is Americas Hometown & the First in our Nation

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Hays
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is both a residence and the offices that serve the purpose of being a centralized location for the executive branch to live and conduct business. It is an historical building that is for the office of the executive and as such requires oversight so that it conforms to the historic needs of the building to preserve that function, not the whims of whoever is holding office at the time it is occupied. Any alterations to the building or its surrounding areas are required to have public comments, assessments of historic preservation, assessments of cost, and budgeting since it would be paid with taxpayer dollars to ensure that those modifications are proper to the integrity of the building.

The Trump administration wants to build a ballroom that dwarfs the White House and does not fit in with the architectural norms of balance that previously existed with the West Wing on one side and the East Wing on the side that roughly match in size and complimented the White House. It is highly questionable as to whether a ballroom is needed, but if this administration wants to pursue that project, then the size of the ballroom needs to be drastically reduced. It should conform to the size of the footprint of the prior East Wing which was horrifically torn down without any notice or oversight.

Since a ballroom is infrequently used, it should be located away from the White House in a convention-style accommodation where it can both house and entertain visitors. The East Wing should be reconstructed back to as close to original design as possible, but modernizing for current building standards including ADA specifications.

The offices of the First Lady and the prior departments that were located there should be returned to the East Wing. The First Lady is an important position and her office should not be located offsite just because the current First Lady does not utilize them. Future First Ladies need to have the ability to go to work as

they have done before in the same location as the President and other executive officers so that she has immediate accessibility to them to perform her duties. Having those offices off-site diminishes the power of the office.

In closing, I would hope that some normalcy and continuity can be brought back to the design of the White House to continue to support the vision of the American people and not the childish requests of a single person who happens to be the President for a few years. The White House is a long-term representation of America and doesn't need to reflect a garish and vulgar addition that supplants that goal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Earl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. It may well be that we could use a venue like this for large state functions, however, it must go through the proper procedural channels and ensure the design is complementary to the existing architecture in DC in general and the White House in particular.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauris Wren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House belongs to THE PEOPE -- not the president who happens to be in office at the time. This is not modernization. This is destruction of our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

If you let this continue, it rewards someone who intentionally broke the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa McMillin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the East Wing has been destroyed, I am opposed to any rebuild larger than the original size. It should be rebuilt as close to the original as possible and Trump should pay for it with the bribes he'd taken from those he pardoned.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Lauwers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Margaret Rush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Degezelle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald did not have permission to tear down the people's house. I was horrified. My family has been visiting DC since I was a child. It was and is just another vanity project. Do not follow through with ballroom plans. Please put it back the way it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caralee Witteveen-Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No no no no no! It wasn't authorized and we don't have kings dictating these vanity projects in our country

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Lea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Pittman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against spending of $300 million on this project. It does not have the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete erasing of part of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Andreini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project , there was no review and it's being funded by taxpayer money

Date: 2/16/2026 6:04:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not one person's private residence. It is not owned by one person. It is "the peoples' house" owned be we, the people. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated

without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Borkhuis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As I understand it the demolition of the East Wing was done without Congressional approval and possibly even without permits from the District of Columbia. The reasons for this demolition to "modernize" are sketchy at best and seem to be another one of the current occupants ego projects. The fact that it is supposedly being paid for by billionaire donors should raise many red flags: I am sure these donors expect favors from the current occupants in return. The East Wing must be returned to its previous use. In addition if the contractors did not have proper permission or permits this need to be fined. The White House is The People's House, not the property of the current residents (who seem to spend much of their time in Florida).

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Name: Rebecca Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christine Hutchins
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Name: Helen Stickler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project, which does not have the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To permit this project to go ahead even though it was illegal, is a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans. Also, it is not a "modernization" project, it is erasing our shared American history. This is the People's House. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or something very close to it.

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Name: Barbara Radcliffe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Unless we stand up to a bully, the bully will continue to destroy everything in their path.

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Name: Patty Mavrogianis
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Name: Margo Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to satisfy the whims and ego of this president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Thomas Garelick
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Name: Lori Askeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Destruction project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Lori Askeland

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Name: Michelle Hull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The very fact that this is called a modernization project is a joke. I oppose the spending of of any money on this project, other than to return it to it's former design. This project was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I worry if this is not stopped other historical buildings may be destroyed for even less exulted goals.

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Name: Lee White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tom Berkas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the East Wing Ballroom. It should be restored to what it was.

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Name: Robert Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Andrew Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $200 million, no $250 million, now $300 million (soon to go up) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I'm a builder and have followed the law and submitted plans and engineering for all of my projects, hundreds of times. Trump is not above the law.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is a travesty that will not stop until Trump is stopped.

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Name: Judy Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be stopped. It was undertaken with no proper process for legal authorization, no design review, no permits.This destruction by a madman must be stopped. Let's not pretend there is anything normal about this project. While there is no way the East Wing can ever be fully restored, efforts must be made to rebuild the East Wing as it was. And to penalize those who caused this destruction outside of proper legal processes.

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Name: Cher Longshore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Teresa Landowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This written by Anara Guard, but I feel the same way.
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American."

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Name: Courtney Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Nobody asked for this. All we really want is affordable health care. The whole project represents everything Trump has done- tear things apart, and leave a complete mess in his wake. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melissa Elie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julianne Gutzmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without going through proper channels and should not be allowed to continue. I

oppose any funding of this project. Allowing this project to continue without penalizing these lawbreakers is an abomination. Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing.

Thank you.

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Name: Lynn Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Tureen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this hugely expensive project which commenced without proper approval. It is wrenching to see the historic east wing demolished. The scale of what has been proposed dwarfs the White House and I believe a more thoughtful design could be achieved in a smaller footprint.

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Name: Angela Marciano McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Peebles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Penelope Suess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

When I saw the demolition taking place it was a complete shocker, and it made me so angry and sad. I thought, how could this awful act be taking place? It turned out it was completely unlawful. Almost no one knew in advance.

Deplorable.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carla Lo Coco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I'm concerned about the utterly tacky, ostentatious taste of the people wanting to slap this monstrosity on the side of a historic building. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I pray that the artworks and historical objects housed in the East Wing have not been damaged by these careless criminals.

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Name: LJ Wrazel
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Name: Pam Madson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The way the White House went about the demolition is totally illegal. I think they should build the wing back and return our House to what it was. They have a chance to fix all the issues that the old Wing had and make it better. A ballroom is a slap in the face to Americans, built for billionaires by billionaires and goes against everything that made the White House the People's House.

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Name: Christine Everhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Angela Lenox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Had no right to demolish this historic building. I t should be reconstructed .

Date: 2/16/2026 6:03:27 PM
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Name: Mary Berghoff-Jaslowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I think a ballroom addition of that magnitude is a ridiculous way to spend the taxpayers money when so many of our social services are being cut, unemployment is on the rise and inflation for every day goods and services is wearing on the American people!

I can think of better ways to spend our hard earned money!

Respectfully,

Mary Berghoff-Jaslowski

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Please restore the East Wing. This unauthorised decimation is a travesty.

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Name: Mackie Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. Put it back the way it was.

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Name: Kimberly Sever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The White House is the People's House and the destruction of the east wing is a tragedy that is unfortunately symbolic of the tragic demolition of so many of our institutions and norms under the current administration. We do not need to replace this emblem of our collective history with a tacky gold plated ballroom. I ask that the east wing be restored in the historic style and scale of the rest of the White House complex inclusive of the hopefully preserved art and artifacts that were there before the demolition. I also ask that the workers on this project be unionized and paid proper wages for their labor.

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Name: Beverly Jeffrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to formally lodge my objection to the proposed $300 million expansion project currently slated for the East Wing of the White House. My opposition is based on the following critical concerns:

Failure of Due Process: The project has bypassed essential authorization channels, including the required design reviews and environmental permits. Executive authority does not grant the right to circumvent the federal regulations that govern historic preservation and public spending.

Historical Integrity: The proposed design is not a "modernization" but a fundamental alteration that threatens the architectural heritage of the Executive Mansion. A project of this scale risks dwarfing the original structure, undermining its historical significance.

Fiscal Responsibility: Allocating upwards of $300 million to what appears to be a vanity project is an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds, especially when our nation faces urgent infrastructure and social needs.

Requested Action:

I call for an immediate halt to all construction activities and the cancellation of this project. Furthermore, I request that any modifications already made to the East Wing be reversed and the structure be restored to its original, historic design.

Respectfully,

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Name: Amy Hoyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project regardless of where the funding is coming from. The

razing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the moneys already raised. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Amy Hoyle

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Name: Angela McCullagh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ashley Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to labeling the bulldozing of our national House in order to build a ballroom that was not treated to a referendum by the people. First, the project was not properly permitted or approved by public comment. Additionally, the ballroom's footprint completely obliterates the architectural integrity of the Greek revival design that the administration professes to admire. Symmetry and balance are essential architectural details of 1800s- era buildings. Finally, the most prosperous and admirable period of the modern era of the United States was from 1941-1965. The contributions of Frances Perkins, Eleanor Roosevelt, and other prominent figures in our recent history were erased by this unacceptable "renovation." Please consider this my request to rebuild and restore the East wing.

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Name: Martha Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in the style and manner it was before the demolition. The current administration has to follow the same rules and procedures as the rest of the population when it comes the preservation of historic buildings. And this being the “people’s” house not a king’s personal castle - the expenditure and plans should go through the proper reviews and approvals. Thank you.

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Name: Karen Insley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: phillip lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing ripped my heart apart. This is a historic part of the American government that needed to remain. The project did not go through the proper channels for approval which is a disgrace. Please restore the est wing to it's original form, please.

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Name: Shelley Marlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Don't fix what isn't broken. There was a mentally ill guy who inherited a house on Franklin Street Greenpoint Brooklyn in the 1990s. He spent time taking the house apart until there was nothing left to renovate and then the house was condemned. The East Wing project reminds me of this story. Please open your eyes and see what is really in front of you. Please see all of the ways the mentally ill person is stepping on our sensibilities.

Stop the 'modernization' project and restore the East Wing to its former self.

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Name: Mary Hamblin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Mary Hamblin

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Name: Mary Pate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. The president does not have appropriate authority to initiate these changes. Now we have lost a valuable part of our history. Moreover, the White House is the People’s House. The president is not a permanent resident. Although he claims that funds for the work will be donated by billionaire friends who support Trump, we have yet to see this happen, and I feel very uncomfortable due to the high possibility of funders buying favors for themselves and their companies in return. The Rose Garden has also been destroyed. I beg of you to please oppose the project as laid out by the president. We Ned to preserve our history, not destroy it. Thank you for providing an opportunity to respond.

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Name: laura mccrea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the expenditure of $300 million (or any amount) on this project as outlined by trump, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project—rather—a complete and total razing of American history. I demand that this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I also want the Rose Garden restored!!

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thanks for your time.

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Name: Christina Pender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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NO tax dollars should be used to pay the contractors who razed the East Wing. Dear Leader must pay the bills himself.

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Name: Nancy Valrance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I feel extremely strongly about this. There must be accountability and restitution.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne McKiernan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this building project as it was initiated without proper planning, approvals and budgeting that are considered best practices when renovating any structure, let alone a historic structure such as the People's White House.

The proposed monstrosity without the input of experienced architects and historians would create an eyesore and be a waste of resources for a huge, gaudy ball room that will dwarf the beauty of the White House. Not to mention, how often there is a need for such a large event space.

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Name: Jason Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of a cherished part of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and for the perpetrators of this gross vandalism to be found liable for paying for it out of their own pockets, as would any criminal.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The erasure of our history to appease the fragile ego of a petty tyrant must end, and it must end now before more is irrecoverably sacrificed on the bonfire of his vanity.

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Name: Donna Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Colleen Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Best regards,
Colleen Murphy

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Name: Djuna Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I’m opposed to any building of any ballroom. Tearing down the east wing was not appropriate and beyond any presidential authority.
Rebuild the east wing to try and accommodate the historic essence of what it was to match and comply with historic preservation standards that blend with the rest of the White House

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Name: Janice Ashley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project which was begun and continued without permits or authorization. All demolished structures, i.e. the east wing and all underground related structures, must be rebuilt as per original plans. All new building, "ball room" must be demolished and grounds restored. All criminal liabilities must be pursued against all entities and persons responsible for this vandalism and destruction of public property.

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Name: Nina Thornsburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a new ballroom under the guise of calling it “modernization”. It was wrong to raze the historic East Wing without proper review or authorization. Please rebuild and restore to its original specifications!

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Name: Ashleigh Sims
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I am disgusted at the blatant destruction of the East Wing of the While House without proper authority and approval from Congress.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Darling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose tearing down the East Wing of the White House and building a ballroom. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather the destruction of an important part of American history with no public input. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kevin Maloof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of a gilded ballroom where the PEOPLE'S East Wing used to be. The White House is OUR house. We did not ask for this ballroom and we do not approve of it being done outside of the normal approval process.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Name: Kelly Cressio-Moeller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeff Cygan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the national treasury that was the destroyed East Wing of the White House was a complete disaster. It was done illegally, without authorization or permits. The construction of a guilded ballroom is an abomination to the American people. That construction should never happen. The East Wing should be rebuilt.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: David Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel there has been no due process or accountability in the proposed design and destruction of the East Wing, an historic building that is part of the heritage of this country. As a landmark, proposed changes deserve to be reviewed and guidelines should be followed, whereas the opposite has taken place.

Now that the East Wing has been destroyed, it no longer serves as the landmark it once was, but appears to present itself as a blank slate which it is not. To the contrary, the destruction of the East Wing has a new and more powerful role to play. It should be rebuilt and the effort documented and put on display as an object lesson on the value and role of our heritage as time and people and governments change. reminding all that heritage is not about only the good or bad, the one but of the many, and like all histories, it can be a resource and source of pride to learn from.
Respectfully,
Dr. David Kelly

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martia Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartbroken that Trump razed the East Wing so quickly, without proper review and permission. He wiped out important American history to build a ballroom as a monument for himself. And it will be gaudy, reflecting only him, not the American people. Please stop this recklessness! It is painful to watch him ruin what was once a beautiful wing that all Americans could be proud of. Please see that something beautiful goes up instead, something that reflects American's pride in their country. And please see that everyone who did not follow the letter of the law to this point is prosecuted to the full extent of the law. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Hoyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project regardless of where the funding is coming from. The razing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the moneys already raised. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
James Hoyle

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: robin salter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm STRONGLY OPPOSED to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the Rose Garden, among the many historic and important features of our nation's Presidential residence. I DO NOT agree that $300m should be spent (regardless of who is funding it) to replace what has been demolished with a gargantuan ballroom - such facilities are grossly out of step with the values and nature of the PEOPLE'S house. I implore the commission to stop the flagrant disregard for history, memory, ideals, and ambiance that our nation's architecture represent. The money should be used to reconstruct in fine and accurate detail what was ripped from us. This will be a start to restoring faith, liberty, and trust in our government- and only a start.

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Name: Rhonda Chittenden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ana Aguirre-Deandreis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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Sincerely,
Ana I. Aguirre-Deandreis, Ph.D.

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Name: Alison Koffler-Wise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jean Ashburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and it is dwarfed by that tawdry gold box of a ballroom. It looks like an airplane hanger compared to the actual White House and is not in keeping with the elegant design of the original building. Put it back the way it was. Have some respect.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dave Goldenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If you have any respect for the architecture of our national monuments—and what's more monumental than the White House?—you will prevent the construction of the president's proposed ballroom/bunker monstrosity. Instead, the wing should be reconstructed to match as closely as possible the exterior of the one that has been illegally demolished. Thank you

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Name: kelly slevin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Kier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization plan. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this plan canceled, and the former East Wing to be re-built.

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Name: Kierstin Matzke Stock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I am utterly and completely appalled with the proposed changes to be made to the East Wing of the White House. This ambush on the American people and taxpayers cannot stand. The President should not be allowed to unilaterally decide to construct a monstrosity, when I am certain that the majority of the American people are not in favor. The White House represents our shared history and should not be substantially altered without approval by the people and/or their representatives. Decorations within the White House are one thing, but a complete removal of a large portion is not acceptable.

I would urge a return to the pre-demolition state, reflecting the history of a country of which I am proud to be a citizen.

Respectfully yours,

Nicole Green Katz
[redacted]

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Mytron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the building of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. Destroying this important part of our history was horrific. I live on social security, but I would be very happy to make a donation to rebuild, and restore once this administration is gone.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Hildt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this building, called “modernization “.
Without design review or permits the original east Wing was razed, razing American history.
I want it rebuilt and restored to its original glory and station as it was built for the American people.
No one is above the law. No one.
Allowing this project to go ahead is an insult to the American people upon whose land it sits. It would be an insult to every American, living or dead.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Hoyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Sincerely,
James Hoyle

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Messina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Phelps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The proper permits need to be obtained and the east wing restored to its pre-demolition condition. No one is above the law.

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Name: Deb Max
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans….this destruction is despicable!

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Name: Julie Kizershot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is a complete waste of American tax dollars when we have many pressing needs. Fund Health Care. Fun Schools and Libraries. Fund Public Radio. Fund so many things that are actually important to us and not some vanity project. The White House belongs to the people and to history not to any one politician.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Wiedner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strong;y oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is the People's House, not a palace for autocrats who believe themselves above the law. I want this project canceled immediately followed by rebuilding of the East Wing and its full restoration. An apology to the American people would also be appropriate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leann Lehner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee members: the White House is the people's house. To be occupied temporarily by the duly elected, time-limited President and family. Therefore, as a temporary resident, that could be likened to a renter, said property is NOT to be altered, modified, or "modernized" by that temporary resident. Hell, many renters can't even paint their temporary residence much less tear them down! I don't give a damn who is supposedly paying for this mess, it's outrageous and unlawful and egregious.

Where is the following of process in all of this? Not one thing was done according to current standards and practice.

Please don't let this pass as acceptable. It is unfortunately too late for the building, but the act cannot be allowed to stand. You owe it to the people of the United States to take action to rectify this situation. Thank you for your attention.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KELLY WALKER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project was undertaken without following proper protocol for planned changes to a building of historical significance. A significant portion of the White House - the People's House - was abruptly bulldozed without having any plans reviewed by the NCPC or any public input whatsoever. In addition, despite claims that funding will be sourced from "donations", the cost of this vanity project has ballooned to twice the original estimate, and there has been no transparency with regard to the donors or proper accounting of any such donations.
This has been nothing but a complete disregard for history and historic architecture, and will ultimately prove to be a colossal waste of taxpayer dollars.
I submit that the East Wing as it existed prior to demolition should be restored in full.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Haufler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like Anara Guard, "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete

razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Knapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project on the grounds that it is illegal, was initiated without any of the authorizations required of changes to federal property, and on the grounds that it is a vast waste of money in dire times. When citizens are gong hungry even a project that is supposedly 'funded' by outside donors incurs a tax debt that the American people will end up incurring.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Milo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Cichy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this “project” because it exemplifies the trump administration’s habit of ignoring laws and running roughshod over the country’s treasures. It was begun without the required reviews, permits and designs. It simply was a jarring, arrogant, and unlawful tearing down of a piece of national history. For once, the administration should be required to follow the law and realize American citizens are sick of his “I’m above the law” real estate adventures.

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Name: Mark Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ERIC HOLZENBERG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a significant piece of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecelia Lehmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project for the ballroom should be cancelled immediately and work started on restoring the East Wing to it's former state.
I completely opposed the destruction of the EastWing. It was done without authorization, without review, without the consent of the people. There is no need for a ballroom. Especially when t was undertaken in an illegal manner as to forgo all normal planning and procedures and a historic review.

Thank you,
Cecelia Lehmann

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim and Jeff McGuckin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As veteran family members, our hearts hurt to see the East Wing demolished without permits, without permission, and without any consideration to the People‘s House.

Further, the asbestos that was disturbed during that razing will affect those who reside and work in the People's House. How utterly thoughtless, inconsiderate and stupid.

The East Wing needs to be reconstructed and restored as it was; no exceptions and without delay. Shame, shame, shame on those who thought this was a good idea and a smart idea.

Our executive branch needs to do better and be better.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Urbanik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing to its original footprint and design in order to preserve its historical significance, architectural harmony, and function as a respected workspace. The abrupt, unpermitted, and fast-tracked demolition of the original wing to build a, "vanity project" ballroom is a reckless disregard for American history and preservation standards. The East Wing was traditionally used for serious, important work—including social, diplomatic, and public events, as well as housing the First Lady's office, not some vanity project for the current occupant. While you are at it could we restore the Rose Garden as well? Thank you for your time and consideration

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Calcaterra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed because of the ego of the current occupant with no authorization or review by the proper authorities.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, To spend taxpayer money for this is to reward this crime. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqui Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project since it was not approved through the required channels. The East Wing is a significant building and should have never been torn down. I respectfully request that it be rebuilt to historical specifications and funded by the person who gave the illegal orders and signed contracts to raze it.
Until Congress approves funds for a large ballroom structure, I also am against that construction. Thank you for considering my opinion as an American citizen who always believed the White House is The People's House and is the property of all of us not any one administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elise Meerkatz Ramos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy McClintock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This horrible project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is nothing but a vanity project for Trump. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Travers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Modernization Project. Not approved , plans not submitted. Destruction of Public Hsitoric Property.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:02:04 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea .Dravo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project as currently designed dwarfs the historic structure that has been a universal emblem of the stability and identity of the Office of the President . It is an insult to the ethos of the White House as a symbol of and reflection of the U.S. The failure to submit the project for review before the original structure was demolished is a violation of the principles of historic preservation planning. The unethical and hopefully illegal destruction of the original East Wing must not prevent development of a new design consistent with the scale and proportions of the remaining White House structure.

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Name: Traci Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Satie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing in preparation for the building of a grotesque ballroom at the White House, was begun without proper authorization. It will also cost at least $300,000,000 of, I believe taxpaper money. Really, it is a metaphor for the destruction this President continues to impose on this country: desecration of the peoples' house; renaming, and then rendering the Kennedy Center nonfunctional as no major artists will play there; removing historical documents from public places and censoring museums. This is destruction both internal and extenal and I would like to see the East Wing of the White House restored, preferably at this President's personal expense.

Thanks you.
Stephanie Satie

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Name: Samantha Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please put an end to this.

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Name: Laura Wiand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As an American, I am both appalled and heartbroken at the destruction of the East Wing and disgusted at the absolute audacity of Mr. Trump to think he was entitled to enact his farcical whims on the people's house as though it was his personal property.

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Laura Wiand

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Name: Susan Sterikoff
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Please require the East Wing be restored. While some expansion may be acceptable, the extreme size of the proposed ballroom is not acceptable. There is presently plenty of space for entertaining large numbers of people at the White House, so there is no need for a 90,000 square foot ballroom. Such an additional would dwarf the White House, would be completely out of proportion, and would most likely be rarely - if ever - used. The initial statement by the current administration was that the East Wing would be left untouched. After that, it would be "joined" to the ballroom. Then the East Wing was completely demolished, to the horror of the American public.

The cost of this monstrosity was initially projected to be $200 million. That cost has now projected to be insufficient, with new projected costs being $400 million. At a time when people are experiencing homelessness, unable to pay for heating, food shortages, rising prices across the board,... this is an

enormous waste of funds. Yes, I am aware that their are corporate and private donors. That smacks of pay-to-play for the rich. This is the People's House. It is not just for the rich.

The East Wing was an historic structure, with the original built in 1902 and further renovations taking place in 1942. No one should have been allowed to demolish this beloved American structure that balanced the the building complex. The East Wing should be rebuilt, with the exact appearance that it had prior to it being demolished in 2025. This should be done immediately, with the bill footed not by the people, not by the government or private donors, but by the person who ordered it's demolition.

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Name: Gary C. Diamond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Matt Szymonik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Stop this travesty to American history and culture. The future will not look kindly upon those that support this

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Name: Jennifer Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to this project because;
1. Proper and established procedures for changes to historical structures were not followed, let alone for a historical structure of the significance of the White House
2. I object to the corruption and apparent bribery and breach of ethics inherent in the private funding solicited by the President,
3. I object to the cost and necessity.
4. I object to the inconsistency with appropriate design dwarfing the People's house.

Jennifer Bailey

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Name: Da Kin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Deb Dowling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gloria Peck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michelle Ferguson
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Name: Eileen DYER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Eileen Dyer
Bristol, RI

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Name: Andrea Ruth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: David Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of an oversized tacky ballroom to replace the previously destroyed historic East Wing.

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Name: James Spadaccini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally demolished! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Faye Hovland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolyn Colvard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose building a ballroom on the site of the East Wing of the White House. The building was demolished illegally, and should be rebuilt using the funds raised for a ballroom. The building should be restored as closely as possible to its former design and decor, blending with the existing executive mansion.

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Name: Brian Leichtweis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dawn Riddle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartsick and enraged at what Trump has done to the East Wing and his plans to build a ridiculous and ugly ballroom! I oppose the $3 million for this project. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt!

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Name: Carol Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Raelene Totterdale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending tax payer money for a ballroom and opposed to any changes being made until it is discussed and approved by congress

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Name: Jacqueline Shulters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: carol corbett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this demolition of history is likely illegal and is certainly not supported by a majority of Americans. I believe it must be halted and the east wing restored as it was before. And the underground bunker should be personally paid for (building and removal) by the current president, not the tax payers.
Thank you
Carol Corbett

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Name: Jane Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history without oversight or input. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead would set the terrible precedent that the rule of law does not matter.

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Name: Colleen Ruhl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Marie Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am also very concerned about any valuable artifacts, paintings, furniture, etc that WAS in the East Wing. What happened to all of that ... has it all been preserved and cataloged as it should be.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Cava
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose any spending on this project, which was initiated without any prior or proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, including the president, is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every law-abiding American.

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Name: Nancy Chaffee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: rizwan shah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bandi Caro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bron Skinner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Although we cannot retrieve the history that has been lost in the rash demolition of the East Wing, it is still possible to reconstruct it with as much attention recreating the structure and balance to the White House as possible. In the process, it would be then possible to correct the things that age had done to add to its natural deterioration, and to actually bring the structure up to date as a true modernization process.

The destruction of the East Wing is a violation of the sanctity of one of the buildings that is a symbol of America's historical place as a champion of freedom and democratic governance. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely submitted in the spirit of American patriotism,
Bron Skinner

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Name: Amy Carter-Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jill Selke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project did not go through the proper process. It does not have the proper permits, authorization, or anything it is required to have. How can it be a modernization if it completely razed the original structure? It's a blatant dismissal of American history and architectural history. There was no need for this tear down in the first place. The people who authorized this destruction should be penalized for not going through the proper procedure and this project should be halted permanently and the original structure rebuilt and restored.

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Name: Rebecca Corrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like Congress to put a hold on the ballroom project, wait until this administration is out of office, and then restart the project legally by requesting the new administration submit various architectural plans to be reviewed by Congress. A Congressional committee can then select one that's in keeping with the existing historical, classical style of the White House (without a preponderance of tacky, gold ornamentation).

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Name: Lani Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a violation of Historic Preservation policies. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kolman Rosenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don't need an elaborate ballroom at the White House. What we had was just fine and built to match the design and scale of the rest of this historic site.
The President had no right to ignore proper channels and to destroy the existing East Wing on his own whim. It does not belong to him, it is the property of this nation's citizens and we had no say.
He should be made to rebuild the East Wing.

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Name: Brenda Desormeaux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Nancy Keating
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Name: Marie Troskosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that a part of our history was removed when the East Wing was demolished . There was no proper authorization for this action. I encourage you to restore this part of the White House to its original design. We do not need a ballroom that dwarfs this historic building.

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Name: Margie Lindsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the People's House.

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Name: Janice Prevail
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East wing rebuilt, and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law, abiding Americans.

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Name: Lynne Tanzman-Rivas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for this vanity project ballroom and an absolute disgrace that the East Wing was destroyed in such an outrageous display of disregard for history and tradition. It is truly heartbreaking to see the destruction and this project must not proceed. No proper plans were filed for review and I believe it is unsafe for workers, etal. - think asbestos remediation, etc. What a total disaster! Who does this guy th8nk he is? Please note I would never refer to any other president as "this guy" but he does not deserve any respect, much the same way he has no respect for anyone or anything.

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Name: Laurie Ottmar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. The White House belongs to the country, not to Donald J, Trump. He had no right to tear it down without authorization. He has no right to build a big ugly ballroom without authorization. What happened to the contents of the East Wing? Were they preserved or did they end up in a landfill. This project is a disgrace and he should be forced to restore the East Wing out of his own pocket.

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Name: Debbie Markley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jeanne Nerkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dale Hartesveldt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely unacceptable that a renegade president treat the people's house, the white house, as his personal property. The current president has shown zero consideration for historical norms and traditions regarding improvement projects, let alone the laws that exist to protect our nationsl treasures such as the Whitehouse.
The east wing needs to be restored to it's former condition and architectural values. Additionally, he US government should seek monetary damages from Mr Trump in order to pay for the restoration.

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Name: Janet Muir-Howden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any rebuilding of the East Wing/Ballroom that is not in complete control of the National Park Service and the White House Historical Society.

We do not need or want a mammoth ballroom.

Janet Muir-Howden

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Name: Nancy Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any spending whatsoever on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and dimensions. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Peter Field
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Fettke
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Name: Clark Hazen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with the removal of the East Wing to be replaced by a massive ballroom that is not needed. The East Wing has provided many functions and features for many years, including a ballroom, theater and the offices of the first lady. It had historical significance with many artifacts showing the history of the White House. The East Wing needed upgrades but did not need to be torn down for a ballroom that will eclipse the White House.

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Name: Ellen Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: RACHEL MCGRUDER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Smeiles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's scale overpowers the Whitehouse, and is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and destruction of our history.

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Name: Kathryn Hartinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design-and President Trump should have to fund it personally, as this travesty occurred by his order.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sarah Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing commenced without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As a taxpayer, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

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Name: Kristi Evanger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ellen Peach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was thoughtless and unauthorized. Therefore, the equally unauthorized replacement project must NOT be permitted to go forward. The East Wing should be restored to its original historic design.

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Name: Patricia Middleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Hinchman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project Canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lauren Gustafson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sara Greensfelder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, that would replace the demolished East Wing with an enormous ballroom that would architecturally overwhelm the White House. The East Wing was razed by order of President Trump without proper authorization, and the proposed ball room is a vanity project on his part. It would serve the wealthy and the president's donors, not the American people. The proposed ball room design should be rejected and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored.

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Project Number: 8733

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Name: Skylar Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Shannon Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, & design reviews. I want the entire project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design. Also, a complete audit of the historic artifacts, art works, furniture & the like that was removed should be carried out so the American people know where these objects are located
No one is above the law and allowing this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law abiding citizens

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Name: Carolyn Ogborn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Historic Trust Board:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of us.

Thank you.

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Name: Pat Sabia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the west wing and the rose garden were destroyed without permission. Since this is the people's house I believe it should be restored to its original look! The person responsible for the destruction of public property should incur all expenses to restore both to their original beauty!

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Name: Michelle Wolfson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Bronwyn Quillen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to make my view known that President Trumps monument to himself in the form of erecting a massive ballroom where the East Wing once stood is an abomination. That this project was initiated without authorization from Congress, proper permitting and discourse with the National Register of Historic Places is beyond the pale. The White House is a sacred symbol of our United States and not the plaything of temporary lunatic occupant. The design is out of scale and ostentatious to the extreme. Funding through the National Parks Department smacks of all kinds of misleading, if not fraudulent activities. This project must be shut down. Thank you.

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Name: Jessa Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pamela Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Eric Vormelker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Megan George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please hold accountable the people who rushed this project for their personal gain. Please do not move forward with this project as is. Please ensure the safety of the historical items that were in the East Wing. Please rebuild the East Wing in a way that is historically appropriate for the property. Thank you for the good work you're doing for our country.

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Name: Linda Rodgers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Chase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Entsminger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to go on record as being in complete opposition to the proposed ballroom project for which the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, was razed without proper authorization or permission. It is completely outrageous that the destruction of the East Wing was done quickly and practically under the cover of darkness. There is no process by which a President has the authorization to raze a historic treasure that belongs to the people of this country. I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt exactly as it was originally built.

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Name: Charles Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Formal Opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project

Subject: Demand for Immediate Cessation of Illegal Construction and Demolition Activities at the White House East Wing

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the ongoing "East Wing Modernization Project." The unilateral demolition of the historic East Wing in October 2025 and the subsequent push to construct a 90,000-square-foot ballroom represent a profound disregard for the rule of law, our national heritage, and the constitutional limits of executive authority.

This project is a legal and procedural failure characterized by the following violations:
Violation of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8722): Federal law requires the administration to submit building plans to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for review before construction begins. By fast-tracking demolition and construction without such review, this project bypasses the very transparency and oversight designed to protect the public interest.

Constitutional Overreach (Article IV, Section 3): The U.S. Constitution grants Congress—not the President—the power to "dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States". The administration's refusal to seek express congressional authorization for this massive structural change is a direct assault on the separation of powers.

Failure of Environmental Oversight (NEPA): Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal projects must undergo rigorous environmental impact assessments. The administration's reliance on a rushed environmental assessment—released only after irreversible demolition had already occurred—renders the process a mockery of the law.

Abuse of Private Funding (The "Rube Goldberg" Scheme): Using private corporate donations to fund public infrastructure projects on federal parkland creates extreme conflicts of interest and appears to be a deliberate attempt to evade the congressional appropriations process. A federal judge has already signaled skepticism regarding this "opaque" funding mechanism.

Historic Desecration: While the White House is technically exempt from certain Section 106 reviews under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 307104), this project ignores nearly a century of established precedent where presidents voluntarily submitted to oversight to protect "The People's House". The destruction of Thomas Jefferson's original colonnade and the replacement of an 83-year-old historic landmark with a modern ballroom is an act of cultural and historical illiteracy.

Conclusion
The East Wing is not the personal property of any single president. The current "modernization" is an illegal, unauthorized, and unconstitutional project that must be halted immediately. I demand that all construction be stayed until the administration complies with all legally mandated review processes, including final site approval from the NCPC and express authorization from the United States Congress.

Charles L. P. Jackson MPA

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Name: Glenda Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project gives the appearance of something embarked upon on a whim. Changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Too, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust. There was no public comment period, which as a former federal career employee, is a legal requirement. It is not even clear if the plans for construction have been approved by anyone but the President.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, legal environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Name: Rebecca Palumbo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax-paying citizen, I believe NOTHING be planned or constructed on this site until after Trump is out of office. The White House is The People's House, not the current occupant's home.
At that time, the National Capital Planning Commission should then consider what is truly needed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Mullin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to building a proposed ballroom and the illegal demolition of the East Wing! I believed eve the structure should be restored to its previous footprint and features such as the rose garden be restored. Under no circumstances should the new building to be named after any individual, but dedicated to all Americans. Modernization and other features should comply with plans by the historical commission. Furthermore, the bill for repairing damage to the people’s house should be paid from the personal funds of the Trumps!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Davis Diehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The East Wing was so beautiful. This was done so carelessly and we, the American people who are the legal owners of the White House want things to be don in and orderly, legal and tasteful manner, with Oversight.

Cordially,
Davis Diehl
Citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elena Nichol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration should be punished for demolishing a government building without all of the proper permissions. And the proposed ballroom absolutely should not be approved or built.

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Name: Sherri Wynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the ballroom from being built. The East Wing should be restored to what it was and the parties involved in razing it should be held accountable for destroying it without proper permits and legal permission. Let them pay for restoration too.

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Name: Patty Slaughter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I VERY MUCH oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The beautiful, historic East Wing should have never been destroyed! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and require Trump to pay for rebuilding out of his own personal funds. He destroyed it illegally, he needs to pay. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our Nation.

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Name: Eileen Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carla Ingrando
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was not properly
authorized. It destroys a national landmark. While the damage done cannot easily be repaired, I request that a qualified body review and propose a way forward.

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Name: Barry Goldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ellen Wardlaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current 300 million dollar project on the White House East Wing which was initiated without appropriate oversight or historical building consideration. Please do not allow this atrocious ballroom plan to move forward. Modernization does not require gold leaf party facilities. This is absurd.

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Name: Renee Suchy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.Thank you for listening.

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Name: Nan Goerlitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Morgan St James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The bulldozing of the East Wing of the White House without proper authorization is in my opinion desecration of “the People’s House.” Just who are all of these unnamed citizens who have been begging for an ostentatious ballroom that will dwarf the White House? As usual, Donald J. Trump wants a memorial to himself which I suspect is mostly desired by those private donors as a way to gain favor. I was a professional interior designer for 20 years, and the destruction of the East wing and planned mammoth ballroom which really serves no benefit to the people of our nation is something that should not go forward. The East Wing should be restored. It is our history.

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Name: Grace Modla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
Please CANCEL this proposed project. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. Please rebuild and restore the East Wing of The People's House to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this vanity project without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Rev. Grace Losso Modla, MDiv
Citizen of the United States of America

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Name: Nora Vickers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history - plus the ballroom will be ugly as sin and an insult to the White House. I want this project canceled, and the

East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Leta Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carolyn Cassady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,
Carolyn Cassady

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Name: Sara Raab
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda Goldenhar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jane Landis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynn O'Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending a single dime on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Anna Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper permits, planning, authorization or design review.It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a mistake and an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Adam Alpern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beth McGowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kit Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Martha Garner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the consent of the Anmerican people, to whom the White House belongs. It should not be built with taxpayer money or with money from private donors.
Rather, that money should be used to restore the East Wing to its original condition. No part of the White House is meant to be a vanity pro j ect.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathy Klouda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. As a US citizen, I want this project of the people's house cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Do not allow or permit this project to go ahead. It is a slap in the face to all Americans.

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Name: Margaret Madsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of Mr. Trump's ballroom to the turn of 300 million dollars. To think the President of the United State tore down the East Wing with no consultation with anyone is outrageous! The East Wing must be restored as it was before the demolition. No one is above the law. Certainly not Trump. Do not allow the trump project to go forward.

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Name: Cynthia Chilen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with East Wing being " renovated" as a ballroom, or the amount of $$$ demented Don wants to spend on it. Please do NOT let this project move ahead until the citizens of the United States of America are HEARD!!!!

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Name: Beverly thom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kat Mars
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so saddened by the razing of the East Wing and oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lori Leigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you,
Lori Leigh

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Name: Alexandra Genetti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was ibegun on a weekend without any authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vglorification of the current occupant who fancies himself King of the Americas. I want this project immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Janet Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly believe that this project, in its current form, should be cancelled. I believe the White House probably needs a ballroom. But this should have gone through the typical review and approval process. It didn't and now the President says he must proceed for national security reasons. He should have thought about that before he destroyed the bunker. He cannot be allowed to go ahead with this because he tore down a building before anyone could/would stop him. The White House belongs to the people. And the commission must insure that construction projects protect the history and architectural styles of the area and serve to beautify, not overshadow, what has been there for decades.

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Name: James Burk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kristine Klinovski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review. Rather than serving as a modernization effort, it represents the destruction of an important piece of American history. I call for the project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who violated legal due process and requirements would undermine the principles that law-abiding Americans depend upon.

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Name: Judith HeartSong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kaye Courington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is awful to tear down this beautiful historic wing. Rebuild immediately!

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Name: R. Eng
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ThePeople never supported the destruction of part of the House of the People, the East Wing.
Build it back.
Thisis not your house.

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Name: Emilie Maule
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose spending $300 million, which may not be donated or not, on this project. This was begun without authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and do not permit this project to ahead.

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Name: Lisa Marechal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is on the National Register of Historic Places and is commonly referred to as the "peoples house".

The demolition of the East Wing was implemented without going through any of the proper channels and most certainly would not have been approved.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was at the expense of Donald Trump.

Lisa

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Name: Amanda Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“ I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans”

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Name: SCOTT Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a General contractor expected to follow rules, law and code I would expect the same from my government. I want to see the rest of this project change direction and be replaced with what existed before. Taxpayers should not be left to accept this rebuilding. 47 and those who supported the demolition should be liable and accountable financially as well as paying any legal penalty. I do not want a gaudy, out of touch ballroom.

Sincerely,

Scott Smith

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Name: Linda Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deborah Schutz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vanity project.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Justin Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Guardians of the People's House: Law, Legacy, and the Future of the White House
I. The Meaning of the People's House

The White House is not merely a residence. It is not simply an executive office complex. It is the architectural embodiment of constitutional democracy in the United States. From its earliest conception, it was meant to symbolize republican restraint, civic dignity, and continuity of government under law. To tamper with it recklessly is to tamper with the visible symbol of the American experiment itself.

The design of the White House was selected in 1792 through a competition won by the Irish-born architect

James Hoban. Its neoclassical lines drew inspiration from European traditions but were adapted to reflect the modesty and balance that the new republic sought to project. George Washington personally oversaw aspects of the planning and construction, though he never resided in the completed building. The structure was meant to communicate permanence without monarchy, authority without extravagance.

That balance is essential to understand. The White House belongs not to any administration, not to any president, and not to any political faction. It belongs to the American people.

To spend $300 million on a project initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review—particularly if that project results in the effective razing of historic character—is not modernization. It is institutional vandalism cloaked in bureaucratic language.

II. Fire, Destruction, and American Resolve

History has tested the White House before.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces set fire to the building. Flames gutted the interior and scarred its exterior walls. It was a moment of national humiliation and uncertainty. Yet rather than abandon the structure, the United States chose to rebuild.

Under the administration of James Madison, reconstruction began almost immediately. James Hoban was recalled to oversee the restoration. The act of rebuilding was not merely practical; it was symbolic. The nation signaled that its institutions could survive attack and emerge intact.

That distinction matters.

When foreign adversaries destroyed the White House, Americans restored it. They did not exploit the damage to erase history or impose radical redesigns. They rebuilt what stood before as an affirmation of continuity.

To engage now in a project that amounts to a complete razing of historic character—without lawful process—is to undermine that legacy of resilience.

III. Necessary Renovation vs. Reckless Reinvention

Throughout its history, the White House has undergone significant renovation. But those changes have typically balanced necessity with preservation.

In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt undertook a major renovation to modernize the residence and establish what became the West Wing. The changes addressed overcrowding and functional needs while preserving the historic Executive Mansion.

By the mid-20th century, the building faced a far more serious threat: structural collapse. Under Harry S. Truman, the White House interior was completely dismantled and rebuilt between 1948 and 1952. The outer walls were preserved, but the interior structure was replaced to prevent catastrophic failure.

The Truman reconstruction is instructive. It was transparent, debated, authorized, and necessary. It addressed structural danger—not aesthetic ambition.

There is a profound difference between structural preservation and elective demolition. Modernization ensures safety and functionality. Razing history eliminates architectural memory.

If a project fundamentally alters the historical integrity of the East Wing without proper legal review, it cannot reasonably be described as modernization. It is transformation without consent.

IV. The East Wing: Evolution of Purpose

The East Wing itself has a complex history. While early versions of auxiliary structures existed, the East Wing as it is known today took form during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Built in 1942, it provided additional office space and, during wartime, discreet access to emergency facilities.

Over time, it became closely associated with the institutional role of the First Lady and her staff. Though less architecturally famous than the Executive Residence or West Wing, the East Wing represents an important evolution in the presidency's public and ceremonial functions.

Its development reflected changing needs. But its design remained harmonized with the broader aesthetic of the White House complex.

To erase or radically transform the East Wing without lawful authorization is not simply an internal administrative decision. It alters the historical fabric of the entire complex.

V. Stewardship and Preservation

The White House has benefited from stewards who understood its symbolic power.

Eleanor Roosevelt expanded the public and civic role of the First Lady's office, bringing broader social awareness into the East Wing's orbit. Decades later, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis led a landmark restoration effort focused on historical authenticity. She worked with historians, curators, and preservationists to return rooms to period accuracy. Her approach was rooted in research and respect.

Similarly, Lady Bird Johnson championed beautification and preservation efforts nationwide, reinforcing the connection between civic identity and environmental and architectural stewardship.

These efforts were not acts of ego. They were acts of guardianship.

The White House has endured because leaders have recognized that they are temporary occupants of a permanent institution.

VI. The Rule of Law and Historic Preservation

The preservation of federal historic properties is not left to whim. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established a framework requiring review and consultation before significant alterations to historic sites.

Process matters.

Permits matter.

Design review matters.

These mechanisms exist not to obstruct governance but to ensure accountability. When a project is initiated without proper authorization, it circumvents democratic safeguards. It signals that expediency outweighs procedure.

No one—no officeholder, no agency, no administration—is above the law.

To permit a $300 million project to proceed without penalizing those who violated required procedures would be an affront to law-abiding Americans. Equal application of the law is foundational to constitutional order. Selective enforcement corrodes public trust.

VII. Fiscal Responsibility and Public Trust

Three hundred million dollars is not an abstraction. It represents taxpayer contributions from millions of Americans.

Public expenditures of that magnitude require transparency, oversight, and justification. When such spending is coupled with unauthorized processes, it compounds the breach of trust.

Historically, major renovations of the White House have been scrutinized precisely because of its symbolic importance. Financial stewardship reinforces moral legitimacy.

A project that disregards both fiscal prudence and legal review damages not only the physical building but also the credibility of governance.

VIII. Restoration as an American Tradition

The American tradition is not one of careless erasure but of principled restoration.

After fire, the White House was rebuilt.

After structural decay, it was strengthened.

After aesthetic drift, it was restored.

Each generation has faced the challenge of balancing progress with preservation. But the guiding principle has been continuity.

Restoration honors the past while accommodating the future. Razing obliterates context.

If the East Wing requires repair, strengthen it.
If it requires modernization, improve it.
But do not destroy its historical integrity under the banner of efficiency.

Cancellation of an unauthorized project is not obstructionism—it is adherence to lawful process. Rebuilding and restoring to former design is not regression—it is respect.

IX. Accountability and Civic Duty

A republic depends on accountability.

Allowing an unauthorized project of this magnitude to proceed without consequences sends a dangerous message: that symbolic sites are subject to political impulse rather than legal constraint.

That message cannot stand.

The White House must remain an anchor of institutional stability. Its preservation must transcend partisanship. The defense of its integrity is not a political act but a civic one.

Citizens have both the right and the responsibility to demand lawful conduct from their government. Insisting upon cancellation, review, and restoration is an expression of that responsibility.

X. The Future of the People's House

The White House has endured war, reconstruction, structural crisis, and political turmoil. It stands today as a testament to resilience and constitutional order.

To preserve it is to preserve continuity.

To respect the law in its alteration is to affirm equality before the law.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design if it has been unlawfully altered or damaged. The project in question should be canceled if it lacks proper authorization and review. Those responsible for bypassing required processes should be held accountable under the law.

This is not resistance to progress. It is fidelity to principle.

The People's House must remain exactly that—governed by law, sustained by stewardship, and preserved for future generations.

No one is above the law.
No office outweighs the Constitution.
No project justifies the erasure of American history.

And the White House, in all its wings and walls, must continue to stand not as a monument to power—but as a monument to lawful self-government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the East Wing project as currently proposed, as it fails to meet the criteria for historic preservation and modernization. Rebuilding of the East Wing should be consistent with the architecture of the existing White House. I request that the project be rescinded and replaced with a proposal that adheres to the established federal approval process. Meaningful oversight is required to ensure that public funds are not used to dismantle American history without the rigorous public and congressional scrutiny required by law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Holsapple
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled now, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patte Hadfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JENNIFER SHOUB
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project in its entirety. Initiated without proper permitting, approvals and reviews required, the occupant of the White House went ahead as if no authority exists, which it does. The cost continues to balloon to meet his never-sated ego. The devastation of the footprint of the WH, the razing of the historical East Wing, and the "plans" to build an over-priced, garish ball room fly in the face of what the "People's House" should be: An accessible, historically-reverent and well-maintained building that serves the country, not one egocentric individual.

I want the project completely cancelled, the East Wing rebuilt, and the person responsible held to account via our laws and mores. The flagrant disregard for the law in this - and so many other cases - cannot stand, if we are to maintain a law-abiding nation.

This project should be stopped, the East Wing restored, and any effort to modify the White House or any other historic government building go through the proper process, channels and approvals.

Please stop this!

Jennifer A. Shoub
Cincinnati, Ohio

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tony Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was starred without any reviews, permits, or public input. The White House is the people's house, not the plaything of an autocrat and a convicted felon. No person is above the law, and expecting the American people to pay $300 million for a monument to one person's colossal ego is an affront to democracy and to all of us as citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Roelke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Floyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the unauthorized destruction/reconstruction of the East Wing into a Mar-A-Lago style travesty. This is the people's house and not Donald Trump's personal property. He needs to be informed of this very clearly, as he is a stubborn fool.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Milena Santoro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "modernization" of the East Wing of the historic building of the White House. This project was

undertaken without proper authorizations, permits, or safety precautions for the workers, not to mention without a public bidding process or competition for any redesign or redevelopment. The original design should be restored and the interior reinstated to what it was before (offices and spaces for the FLOTUS). In Washington DC there is an abundance of ballroom options, but the people's house should not be one of them. We have no kings and need no "palatial" ballroom. Shame on any and all who allowed the demolition to go forward. Restore the White House to what it was before this hasty, dangerous, and unwarranted expansion/renovation. Protect our historic property.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Lipman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Comcern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:13 PM
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Name: Jennifer Marino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorne Wilkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the Executive Branch taking bribe money submitted to Donald J Trump and the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I concur with Anara Guard's statement here: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yasya Polyakova
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As stated, "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:03 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: DIANNE HOYT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Stern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the east wing of the White House and the addition of the ballroom. This was done without the proper approval. The east wing must be restored to its former condition. No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:58:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Flores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East wing without going through the proper procedures was illegal and should not go without consequences. I am against spending $300 million to build a ballroom for wealthy people to enjoy. I would be in favor of rebuilding the East Wing so that it is totally restored too its original historical architecture. We need to honor the historical heritage of the peoples house.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:57:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary O'Driscoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With regard to the so-called East Wing Modernization project, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I join with the majority of my

fellow citizens in calling for this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and a slap in the face of all those who have worked so hard to maintain and demonstrate respect for our national history. Do the right thing.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:57:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Chisholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The cost and illegality are ridiculous. This is the people's building and any changes need to be approved. Please protect our land and property and stop any more destruction and pause construction. I'm one voice but surely there are thousands of others who don't know they can speak here. Rule of law must be followed, and we are still a democracy that has those laws in place. Thank you for upholding the process that protects us all.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:57:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sometimes modernization is appropriate, but as I understand it, the East Wing was illegally destroyed without permits.
In my neighborhood, I have to get a permit for just about any construction project. Why is the president allowed to destroy part of "the people's house" without permission?
i am not in favor of "modernization" of the East Wing. I would prefer that it be restored to what it was- I don't see the point of a presidential ballroom, at least not with my tax dollars.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:57:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caitlin Almond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katie Parks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dennis Kitmore
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Name: Melissa Haddick
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Name: Jennifer Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is the house of the people, not the person who happens to be sitting as president. This demolition was begun without any process and the East Wing needs to be restored to the historic greatness that it was.

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Name: Cathy Lafrenz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 70 + years old. I have lived through the Eisenhower administration to the Trump regime. I have never heard a president declare that a top priority of this country should be building a $300 million ballroom ... without the proper permits, historical research or environmental study.

I ask that the East Wing of the White House ... the heart of the working White House ... be restored to its original glory. And the building of a ballroom be eliminated from current plans.

I literally have never seen a bulldozer just smash through a building without removing windows and architectural details. Who does this?? Habitat for Humanity would have loved to harvest the East Wing parts to build low income housing.

And if you could ... could you restore Jackie Kennedy's rose garden?

Thank you for all the good work you do. I appreciate you.

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Name: Denise Lafferty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending any funding on the “ ballroom”. The East Wing was demolished without any permission, permits, etc. This destruction of American History was illegal and criminal and should never have happened. No one is above the law and should be allowed to destroy The Peoples House.
I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory.

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Name: Elizabeth Temkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dan Rosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jessica McNamara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Patty Fiorella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, too, oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, of design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

These words are not my own, but capture completely how I feel. I was horrified when I saw the devastation left in his wake.

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Name: Christine Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of the historic East Wing is deeply disturbing. There appears to be no plan for its redevelopment nor a bonafide goal or need. These assets belong to the American public - we paid for them. The process must be followed to carefully review and approve or deny any changes of significance. The Trump wrecking ball needs to restore the East Wing to its original state or provide restitution.

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Name: Kathleen Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. Each President who resides therein does so for a time, representing the American people. But it is not his house, and he expected to return it to the nation at the end of his term in better shape than he found it, if possible, just as he is expected to aim to leave the nation a little better for his stewardship.

The lawless destruction of the East Wing of the White House, without respect for basic procedures for historical building renovation, without consultation with those charged to oversee our historic buildings, without accountability, without basic decency, must be undone.
And that restoration should be funded by the persons who instigated and ordered the destruction. Their wanton arrogance is staggering.

The damage is real. The damage is also psychological and an affront to the people of the United States. Those behind the destruction of the White House East Wing must be held to account.

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Name: Jennette Caden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to go on record to oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House East Wing Modernization Project. It was initiated on a whim, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In addition, it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design so the history of the People's House can be restored. Absolutely no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:57:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yona Diamond Dansky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those who are responsible should pay for the restoration, not using our tax dollars.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Jehle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 40-year history museum director and preservationist I strongly object to the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project." I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without consultation with preservationists, and lacking the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American architectural and social history. The proposed ballroom is not in keeping with the White House's scale or architecture. The White House belongs to the Nation, not to any one individual. I urge you to cancel this project and to restore the East Wing to its original configuration. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Serena Zabin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose this project. This project was undertaken without the required congressional approval, environmental studies, required reviews, or public input. this project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. No one, including the president of the United States, has the right to ignore the laws that govern public buildings.

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Name: Peter O'Hare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has completely ignored the correct process by which any changes or modifications to US Historical Buildings are to be carried out.

It was under taken without any prior review or approval and as such is an affront to the citizens of the United States and our historical monuments .
No authorization was sought and likewise none was given

I oppose the destruction of our national monuments and historical sites.

This needs to be stopped and the White House needs to be restored to its original condition prior to this unauthorized destruction.

Thank you

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Name: Karina Budd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

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Name: Nate Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diana Horne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Stop the madness. It's our house.

Diana Horne

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Bickel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Vicki Frantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans as presented are grossly out of scale with nearby structures, including the White House itself. In addition, as a publicly owned structure, comment should have been solicited before demolition of the East Wing, not after. I believe that the National Capital Planning Commission should take charge of the design, materials and construction of the replacement for the East Wing, and that all costs for the design, updating and construction should be the responsibility of the person who authorized demolition of the previous structure. It should be possible to make updates to security systems to reflect updated technology and to make the structure energy efficient to the extent that it is possible without undermining the appearance of the building. The interior of the replacement structure should reflect current needs, so does not necessarily need to precisely replicate what was there before. This may or may not include flexible event space, as determined by in-depth research.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a reckless vanity project which has already destroyed a piece of American history. I want this project canceled, with the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this to proceed and to fail to penalize those who broke the law is an offense to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Burnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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regards,
Steve Burnett

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Name: Rick Austin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project not just on aesthetic and practical grounds: the East Wing was a beautiful and important part of one of the most storied buildings in the Country and what they plan on putting in its place is ostentatious and disgusting.
I also oppose this because there is a well-established approval process for these projects that was completely ignored and we cannot allow that to stand. These processes are in place so that the whims of one man can not reshape the architecture of a building that represents all of us.

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Name: Cathie Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “ballroom” is an extravagant useless waste of what was once a beautiful historic building. We are devastated to see the building being torn down the way it has been. This is a waste of resources for our country.

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Name: Jessica Kuehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to this project, which appears to have been initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than a true modernization effort, it represents the wholesale destruction of a significant piece of American history. This project should be halted immediately, and the East Wing should be faithfully rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or entity is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who circumvented legal requirements would undermine the principles of fairness and justice that law-abiding Americans depend on.

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Name: Fred Copithorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace it with a stand of trees and shrubs .

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Name: Warren Gitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars (public or private) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of an American historical icon. This is "the People's House" and as such should never become a monument to the ego of any US President. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the acceptance of the whims of scofflaws who completely ignore the importance of history and the constraints of the law.

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Name: Sean sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the destruction of the WH East wing, done without proper permits or following protocol. Although we have no kings in the USA, this administration wants to turn the people's house into an off brand Versailles to appease the vanity of the president. It is anything but a modernization. Restore the historic East wing to what it was, the first lady's wing and the public entrance. Or turn it into a museum to the dangers of authoritarianism open to the public. Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project - the budget keeps increasing for a project that the American people never supported. There was no reason, justification or approval through proper channels or procedures to undertake this project. Additionally, the White House is the people's house and does not belong to one person. The destruction of the East wing is a devastating loss of tradition and history. I'm asking that the ballroom construction be stopped and the East Wing restored, down to the last historical detail. I also ask that any additional renovation projects go through ALL proper approvals and permits.

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Name: Edrie Irvine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project" as it is currently proposed. First, it is not a "modernization" project so much as the destruction of the East Wing and replacing it with a building completely different in size, scope, proposed use, and design. Second, this project began by circumventing all procedures put in place specifically to prevent the destruction of historical places. Third, the proposed method of paying for this project through 'private donations" circumvents reasonable and responsible ethical considerations. Fourth, there is no need for the proposed grand and grandiose "ballroom." Multiple Presidents have successfully hosted hundreds of events in the existing facilities, sometimes enhanced with "tents," all without a demand for such a extravagent edifice.

The White House Grounds is a historical site of major significance to the American people, and any major changes to the site and/or buildings should strive to enhance the balance and architectural style of the location. The proposed building is grotesque in size relative to the Residence and West Wing, and would permanently overwhelm the President's Park.

It is a shame that this project began with the unwarranted destruction of the existing building. However, there is no overriding rationale for compounding that error by allowing this travesty to continue under the current proposal.

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Name: Myra Oney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the so called East Wing Modernazation Project. It is nothing less than total, illegal destruction of a piece of American history. Rebuild the East Wing to its original design.

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Name: Isis Charest
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel shocked and angry that our current president demolished the East Wing, a part of United Ststes history.(2 days after a huge protest against himt)
I hope there are photographs available to reproduce our history of this part of the President's House. However, I am not against enlarging this entry portal, and the First Ladies offce. But keeping the histor in furnishingsy of this building for future generations. There does need to be some kind of plaque describing the horror of an elected president , who did not keep his vows to our Constitution of these United Ststes.

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Name: Dorothy Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun impulsively without the approval of those organizations tasked with the oversight and protection of our national historic buildings. To tear it down and ask for permission after-the-fact is insulting to all of the American people who value the historic significance of this magnificent building. This should not be possible at the whim of a president who values gilded trappings in his dwellings. If changes are needed there is a process and review that will provide planning for how to meet evolving needs within the context of preserving our history. Please do not allow this “modernization” to happen without the guidance and insight of the proper protection authorities.

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Name: Ardis Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Pence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jane Knuth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the creation of a disproprotionately huge new ballroom to replace the illegally demolished East Wing.

First, no proper procedures were followed to request the demolition, no studies were conducted and asbestos was likely released into the environment. Important artifacts from the original facade were not kept for preservation or reuse.
Second, the proposed new structure, which is to exceed 400 billion in cost, dwarfs the main white house.
Thirdly, the design resembles a post office.
Next, the person who authorized this wanton destruction should be rquired to pay to reconstruct it.
Fifth, attempts are being made to collect bribes to pay for the new construction, which must be stopped.
Sixth, no need has been established to create such a large reception room, unless of course the plan is to hide a large militia force in there on the next election day.
Seventh, the cost is exorbitant and if we can't pay teachers, we should not be building a new Versailles (which didn't end well, you may recall.)

Please halt this disorganized mess and have BIPARTISAN QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS attempt to straighten this architectural disaster.

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Name: Keira Eddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people, whose house this is.

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Name: Margaret Reeves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of an elaborate ball room on the White House grounds. At this point in time money should not be directed toward unnecessary construction to host elaborate receptions. There are too many people in this country and beyond that would benefit from restoration of discontinued support programs.

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Name: Melina Hazzard-Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history, not a modernization. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored as much as possible to its former design. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Boswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm completely against this project. This demolition should have never happened. The peoples house has been destroyed the history of America has been destroyed. This project should NOT be advanced or further approved. Please restore the east wing. This regime has been allowed lawlessness enough. It's time to stop it.

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Name: Carol King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The following comment is borrowed. I could not have expressed my feelings better without skyrocketing my blood pressure!

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: HANNAH KERWIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a vanity project that insults the vast majority of Americans, who would never have an occasion to attend an event in this ballroom. Three hundred million dollars should be spent on the welfare of Americans who need and deserve aid. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Regards,
Elizabeth Schneider

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Name: Lisa Karlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was outrageious that this tearing down of history occurred without a proper time for Americans to share their thoughts. The White House is home to someone we ELECT - for a time. It is not a place that one person, even one President should feel comfortable ripping

apart. This does not feel to me like modernizing but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas McKean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of ANY money - regardless of origin - on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: T Mantey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned citizen I am writing in protest to this "east wing renovation ".
First of all, this is the house of the people. It belongs to America, not one president. Second, if it did truly need renovation then this Administration should have gone through the proper channels and done this the right way. Third, I do not think that Tech billionaires should be donating money to do anything for this president. It's not his house, it's not theirs to donate to. This was truly criminal Behavior. Any tenant of a house does not have the right to just tear things down when they want to without repercussions. Donald Trump is responsible for paying to restore that wing to what it once was.
Sincerely, T Mantey

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Name: Beth Mixson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty and a stain on our American heritage. The proposed addition is hideous, oversized and a waste of taxpayer money. DOGE should investigate. Instead of creating a ballroom that is tacky and affront to the American people, rebuild the East Wing, recreating it to the last nail.

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Name: Greg White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying a historical building that the people own is a disgrace and will go down in history as a waste of tax payer money. And dear commissioners, your names will become part of this dark moment in history. What good is a ballroom that no one except elitist will use?
And adding a name to glorify a President should only be an honor bestowed by Congress. Please restore the building as close to historical preservation as possible

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Name: Paula niBride
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is nothing "modernized" about the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House. That building belongs to the American people and not to the ignorant troll who lives there now. If the East Wing cannot be rebuilt and restored to its original historic state (and I'll bet the troll disappeared a lot of the valuable items), then it needs to be replaced with something meaningful. Not a bigly gilded ballroom that reeks of Euro Trash and a low class American Thug.

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Name: Penny Kahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want the project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and size. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Joy Helstien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m appalled at what happened to the east wing.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.
(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Diane Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Do not allow this affront to our democracy go forward.

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Name: KATHLEEN Cannino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good afternoon,

I am writing to formally oppose the allocation of $300 million toward this project, which appears to have been initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or appropriate design review.

This is not a modernization effort; it represents a significant and irreversible alteration of an important part of American history. Any project of this magnitude—particularly one involving a historically significant structure—must follow established legal procedures, transparency standards, and preservation guidelines.

I strongly urge that this project be halted immediately pending a full legal and procedural review. If it is determined that laws or regulations were violated, those responsible should be held accountable. No individual is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without consequence would undermine public trust and the rule of law.

I respectfully request that the East Wing be restored to its former design and that any restoration costs not fall on taxpayers if wrongdoing is confirmed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Cannino

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Name: Carolyn Stimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lorna Bourgeois
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I greatly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rachel Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Sabinske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to spending this huge amount of money on a building. I also strongly object to demolishing a huge part of "the people's house" without any public discussion but that's already done.

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Name: Rosemary Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this project to proceed as planned. I want the East Wing restored. This project has not gone to the proper channels please stop this is an abomination.

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Name: Anne Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: heidi hofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: stuart douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michael Mullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it is NOT modernization, it is destruction. The fact that this project was allowed to get as far as razing the building without proper oversight and permissions is criminal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loren Shlaes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, along with the paving over of the Rose Garden, is an absolute outrage. The American people, who are the true owners, were not consulted by the current occupant, who continually acts as if the law doesn't apply to him. I want the East Wing restored, and the plans for the ballroom, which probably is a cover for a bunker so that he doesn't have to give up his power at the end of his term, scrapped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Kenney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying American I do not want a huge ballroom for the oligarchs to dine in! Stop this madness!!!

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Name: Carolyn Bennatti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned that the East Wing of the White House was razed without first receiving authorization, the required permits, or design review. Destroying this historical building and flaunting the laws for renovating historical buildings is an illegal attempt to erase and rewrite American history. Please cancel this project and require the restoration of the original building. Laws apply to everyone and no one should be allowed to flaunt the law.

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Name: Tobey Crockett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the tear down of the East Wing and the bunker disguised as ballroom which is allegedly going to replace it. In the meantime - a yawning cavity... Let me quote: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

As a relative of Davy Crockett, as a person with Cherokee heritage and as a scholar, art historian and art critic, let me be clear: This is an abomination. Fix it. Now.

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Name: Gwen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele LaVigne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to any "East Wing Modernization Project," otherwise known as the Ballroom. President Trump took it upon himself to have the East Wing demolished despite no authorization, no permit, no approval, no public hearing, no technical inspection, no meaningful architectural review, no nothing. He did this despite the fact that the East Wing, like all of the White House, indeed like all government buildings, is not his. It belongs to the people of the United States. This ballroom, whatever its design and dimensions, is a grotesque vanity project and has no place in a publicly owned historical building. I urge you to deny permission to proceed any further with this atrocity. Thank you.
Michele LaVigne, Madison, WI

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Name: Juliana Morawski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House. I certainly that the "people" will not be invited into this ballroom. We simply do not have enough money, nor are we amoral enough to be included.
This project was begun without any input from us (the people), nor permits. We have no say-so in anything.
This is a grotesque monument to a 34 count felon.
Do the right thing and stop this grotesque act.

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Name: Muriel Storrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to this project. The Administration has vaingloriously decided to stomp on American history to assuage the ego of its Chief Executive. For what it's worth, I demand that the ballroom project be halted and the East Wing returned to its former glory days.

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Name: Joy Gess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I feel strongly that those who have pledged money for this project be made to pay the pledged amount to restore the White House. Who ever authosirzed the distruction shouldalso be held accountable.

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Name: Art Tanderup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mim Eisenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This comment is copied from someone else's online, but it perfectly expresses my views:

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa lavery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

please stop this grotesque plan for a gold plated ballroom in our White House please stop this it is disgusting it did not have the approval of Congress and Mr Trump gets to build a ballroom in Florida on his property not on ours

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Name: Denise Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: doh driver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Madelon Mulcahey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization project. As a US citizen and taxpayer, I oppose the continuation of this project. No matter where the funds come from - bribes, donations, our Federal tax dollars, a pot of gold, etc. this abuse of power is unacceptable. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather am unapproved destruction of American history and of what we know as The People's House. This is not a private property, personal space or club for those who seek to influence our current administration. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Richard Wolinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Adam Dobrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Rossi
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tim Gossett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is an appalling endeavor that never should have been started. It was begun without the appropriate authorization, permits, or the required design review. I believe it is a complete erasure of American history and is not in the best interests of the country. It should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored back to its former design. Mr. Trump is not above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Katy Sachse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House belongs to the American people, not to any one president or administration, and projects at the White House should be carefully and thoughtfully vetted. In the absence of any meaningful process for approval, and in objection to spending an obscene amount of money on a vanity project, I urge the cancellation of the expansion and a redesign for a historically appropriate rebuild of the East Wing.

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Name: Margaret Manring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to register our objection here. My family opposes the spending of $300 million on this project.

It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Romer Ann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This travesty of ugliness a self serving project by donald trump, must be stopped. No one is allowed to tamper with change or destroy a national historic designated place. It is against the law. Stop this man! Please!

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Name: Dinah Steward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Denise Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the plan of a ballroom. The East Wing was torn down illegally. In fact the East Wing should be restored to its former glory. This is the people's house not the current tenant.

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Name: Cindy Changar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laurie McDowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would also like to take this opportunity to inquire whether anyone with authority is taking action on Trump's illegal renaming of the Kennedy Center.

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Name: Julieann Erickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Fred Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Monica Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Peter Novak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The title of the project is East Wing Modernization which is a complete misnomer. The East Wing was demolished without regard to process or law or public commentary. The history off the building was demolished along with it. this is not modernization, it is wholesale elimination and it must be restored, with. oder oration as the goal, not abandonment. Please restore a legal process with proper architectural review, historical understanding, and public commentary.

I am embarrassed that this has been allowed to move forward with clear violation of law, precedent, and process.

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Name: Susan Maeder-chieffo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Sincerely,

Susan Maeder-Chieffo
[redacted]

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Name: Emma Delgado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Stacey Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disagree with this $300M project which does nothing but destroy history and inflate someone's massive ego. I demand that the east week be restored to its previous version.

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Name: E W
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: LINDA ENGLISH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this critical destruction of American history.

Linda McGiveron English
Norwich, Connecticut
February 16, 2026

Date: 2/16/2026 5:55:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Blanks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Kasandra Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ask the Planning Commission to insist that all rules and laws be followed without exception for this project, and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former state, with penalties for unpermitted activity.

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Name: Debbie Mumford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Cha Slaven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly object to the allocation of $300 million for this initiative, which moved forward without the necessary approvals, permits, or design oversight. Rather than representing a true modernization effort, it amounts to the wholesale destruction of an important piece of American heritage. I call for the project to be halted and for the East Wing to be reconstructed and returned to its original design. No individual or entity should be considered above the law, and allowing this undertaking to continue without holding those responsible accountable would be a disservice to every citizen who respects and follows the law.

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Name: Morgan Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am distraught that the East Wing was destroyed and the callous manner in which it was done! The flagrant disregard for history and legal process was astounding. "Modernization" does not trump history! I request that the East Wing be restored to its original design. Even then, it will be difficult to come to terms with visual image of its thoughtless destruction.
Thank you,
Donna Morris

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Name: Katherine Smiley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Good Day

I'm against what has been done to the White House east wing, our White House does not need a ballroom! This is the property of the United States citizens, Not the Temporary President. Nothing should be allowed to be done to the White House without the majority of the US citizens in agreement and then only after professional review and historic preservation considered Our White House is being degraded and turned into a Las Vegas style event venue The rose garden ruined, the horrid "gold" decorations, disgusting pictures that are rude and the east wing destroyed! Please stop this destruction!!

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Name: Pamela Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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When I saw the razing of the East Wing in October, I was heartbroken. This beautiful, stately structure, with over 100 years of historical context, was reduced to rubble in a matter of hours. The place where First Ladies have overseen countless community inspired projects, where Roosevelt pondered the war during therapeutic swimming, and where First Families have enjoyed a few moments of peaceful family time in a hectic existence, is gone. It was also where visitors entered for tours of the White House and now it is no more. Nothing can bring it back, but we can put a stop to what I believe is a reckless and completely unnecessary vanity project. The so called "Ballroom" is not needed nor wanted by the American public. We need spaces where the work of the People can be done, not a place for the pleasure of a few who deem themselves above the rest of American citizens. I say no to the ballroom, and let us seek a new, more meaningful reconstruction that benefits the Nation and future generations rather than the self-serving individuals who have no respect for history or symbolism.

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Name: Ellen Wetherbee Rosewall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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There are many reasons to oppose this project in its entirety: the fact that no consultation was done nor permits received before demolition started; the fact that Congressional approval was not sought nor given: the fact that nobody has accounted for the priceless artwork, furniture and other objects that were in the building; the fact that it seems that no provision has been made for functions that previously took place in the East Wing after it is converted to a ballroom. I expect that others will discuss these. I am here today to talk about architecture.

The White House was originally designed using Neoclassical architecture. Subsequent additions to the building were also designed to conform with the existing Neoclassical structure.

Neoclassicism is an artistic movement which arose during the period of Enlightenment (late 18th and early 19th centuries), largely as a balance against the excesses of the Baroque. During the Baroque era, Europe had royalty who amassed astounding amounts of wealth and created a huge gap between rich and poor. The wealthy and royalty preferred architecture characterized by complexity, use of expensive materials like gold and marble, and excessive use of ornamentation and frill. It's significant for us to note that when these conditions led to the overthrow of governments in France and England, leaders in these countries and the United States embraced the Enlightenment principles of social equality and justice, reason, individualism and the progress of humanity through education and science. These principles were expressed in architecture by borrowing from Greek Classicism traits such as harmony, balance and proportionality.

It is well known that Donald Trump prefers his surroundings to mimic the Baroque ideals, which makes sense since he also prefers to support an ultra-wealthy class, scorns reason and science, and rejects standard practices of justice. His plans for the ballroom also emphasize excess and use of gold and marble, and construction that is out of proportion with the rest of the building. Just as the political values of the United States since our founding have represented Enlightenment values, our most historic buildings must also.
To add a gaudy, overdone Baroque ballroom to a balanced, proportional, harmonic structure like the White House is an affront to our founders and everyone who has championed our values for 250 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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Name: Marina Barickman Stefanovic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not support the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House and destruction of US history. The East Wing should be rebuilt to it's original plan.
Thank you.

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Name: John Niesen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As an architect of nearly 40 years, we prioritize design elements, letting important ones stand alone and "working in" less important ones. In this situation, the White House is the most important element. Previous east and west wing additions to it were diminished and separated from the more important main building. I do not contest the need for larger entertaining space, but I do not believe the proposed addition, because it requires so much area, should be as visible as proposed. Two comments: First, when working on historic buildings during my career, the Texas Historical Commission always advocated that additions should not "attempt to fool the public they are from the same era" but rather be designed distinctly different. Second, successfuly major additions to architecturally significant buildings have been solved by positioning them underground and providing controlled views back to the main building. Please refer to the University of Michigan law library and the US Capitol visitor center projects as great examples. I strongly advocate for this approach here so the addition will not diminish the existing main part of the White House and will not compete with or try to blend with the it like it has always been there. Thank you.

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Name: Rosemary Beales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the people’s house. I object to the destruction that has already occurred and the proposed construction for the aggrandizement of one man. I am a native Washingtonian who feel a deep sense of loss may what looks like vandalism without the consent of the city and neighbors. Proper authorities have not been consulted and the project should be terminated

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Name: Grace Reeves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project. The East Wing was destroyed without proper authorization. I want the East Wing rebuilt as close to its prior footprint as possible. There is no need for a ridiculously large ballroom. I want those who destroyed the East Wing held accountable.

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Name: Mary Linehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the building of the proposed ballroom attached to what is left of the White House. A restoration of the former wing is desired.
Also, let's hold those responsible for the destruction of the wing be prosecuted.

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Name: Vida Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Ellis Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Danielle Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to vehemently oppose this project. The White House does not belong to the current president. It is "the people's house" and belongs to us all. Any modifications should have gone through proper channels. The East Wing should be restored to its former design. Anything less than the proper restoration just rewards the current president for his law breaking.

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Name: Sandra Lopacki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Eileen Mchenry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We lived in DC for 11 years. My husband did work on the Whitehouse. We all know the cost of replacing all that was under the East Wing will cost WAY more than the Oligarchs are donating.
Please stop the crazy. Please.

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Name: diane bianchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was none initiated through the proper channels. Such an historic building requires oversight and an understanding of the historical importance of the building. I understand that modernization of certain functions in the building may be necessary, but this was not communicated through the proper channels that preserve the integrity of such a historical building. I want this project rejected as it is now proposed and proper restoration to the building. This building does not belong to this Administration. It belongs to the American people.

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Name: Matthew Schoeffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To destroy a beautiful piece of our past is an absolute crime. Please restore it to its original beauty. That taxpayers should have to pay for the arrogance of one man is disgraceful. And if not returned to its original look, it will be a constant reminder of the devision that this person has sowed in our society. I will then look forward to the day when we can tear down this mistake and return it to its original state. And yes, myself

and millions of Americans will gladly donate to do this.

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Name: Cecelia Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Every fiber of me is against this project for the following reasons: 1. The $300 million AND PROBABLY MORE could be spent on healthcare needs for veterans, children, families, retirees, etc. 2. There was nothing wrong with the East Wing other than the current president didn't like it. 3. As a homeowner, authorization, permits are required for any construction prject. 4. If in an HOA, which the Historic Preservation Trust is coparable, a design review.is required. 5. I do not see this as a improving the White House in any way, just a vanity project that is wiping out history that the current president doesn't like or understand. .6. Cancel the project NOW. 7. Rebuild the East Wing to it's original state. 8. I WOULD BE IN JAIL if I had done something like this. 9. NO ONE is above the law! 10. If I had more time to think, there would be more reasons.
Sincerely,
Cecelia Solomon
US Born Citizen
Voter since 1972

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Name: Sapurah Lashari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Julie Kredens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Every decent American should be outraged. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Lieberman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. At a time Americans cannot afford food, medical care, and other basic necessities, and are living in fear because of ICE, this is a huge slap in the face. It is not a modernization project; it is a vanity project for a would-be king. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, perhaps with the Venezuelan oil money. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Return to us this symbol of what the East Wing and the White House should be.

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Name: Paula Earleywine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a razing of American history. I want this project cancelled & the East Wing rebuilt & restored to its former design. No one is above the law & to permit this to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

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Name: Kathleen Kittrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose this destruction of the White House. This is the People's House, not a King's palace. Furthermore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Kellie Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an understatement to say how horrified I was watching the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. The White House belongs to all Americans and they should have had a say it what happens to it. Shouldn't there be a process for making changes to historical buildings? It should not be allowed to continue and it should be restored to its original shape. And those who violated any laws should be held accountable.

Kellie Wilson

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Name: Donald Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine McElroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
The East Wing was in existence for 123 years. It is saddening and is a flagrant misuse of power by the current inhabitant of The People's House.
NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeff Mazzeo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

For me, as an average American, this is a travesty and potentially a crime.

The East Wing should be completely restored by court order in every aspect of construction and art and be charged to Donald J. Trump's illegally gained billions.

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Name: Kathy Floyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My heart breaks when I think of the history of "our" East Wing that has been destroyed. I can't believe that it was done and I would like to request it be built back to its original purpose and design. The White House is the People's House not Donald Trump's house. He had no authority to carry this out no matter who was paying. I pray that this will be only one of many things he has destroyed to be restored.

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Name: Melinda Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose this supposed modernization of the East Wing of the White House. I am appalled that this administration willfully ignored the permits and permission before destruction began. The White House is The People's House and to see this happen lawlessly and needlessly is gut-wrenching, not only because Mr. Trump is simply a temporary resident, but because he recklessly acted without thought or care beyond his own ego and without being mindful of our property. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was before he leaves office,

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Name: Jylene Henning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The fact that Donald Trump razed the East Wing of the White House in a fit of pique is a heartbreaking and infuriating affront to all citizens of the United States. I would rather see the building restored exactly as it was originally built than to have any guilded monstrosity that he plans to put in its place. He never consulted with professionals regarding the environmental impact of destroying an old building, nor did he allow input from historians about preserving the valuable artifacts that it contained. He should be put on trial for what he's done to the People's House and he should be made to face consequences for it.

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Name: Carol Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project should not move forward and the government should be required to restore the East Wing to the appearance and condition it was in before it was bulldozed at Donald Trump's personal expense. There was no authority for this action. No consideration was given to historical considerations. The use of billionire money to try to circumvent Congressional appropriations is un-American and probably illegal. There is no need for a huge ballroom at the White House to supplant office space. The White House belongs to the people, not the president, who is a temporary tenant only.

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Name: Liz Harner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cecilia Parkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House, which was illegally demolished without permits or permission. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored and the people involved in its illegal demolition punished.

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Name: joe tedesco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe the ballroom project needs to be shut down and appropriate review and rebuild of approved east wing should be undertaken. Required input and approval needs to be obtained for the people's house.

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Name: Rachel Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Michael P. Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project, or spending any amount of money, private or public to build a Ballroom. The East Wing demolition was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not, as it claims, a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I ask this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law.

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Name: Jessica Thornburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The White House is The People's House and The People were not notified or involved in this process, as they should have been. The project does not balance the preservation of American history with any potential need for modernization. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Also, the new designs for the East Wing that have been released are gross.

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Name: Caroline Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the golden ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront. Modifications to taxpayer funded and historical government buildings should go through an approval process to ensure suitability and preservation of our history.

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Name: Laura Hess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete destruction and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the Trump family's expense via fines, or at minimum utilizing the private donations Trump claimed were funding this abomination. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is the American people's house, and we were not asked about, nor did we give permission for, this heinous defacing of a treasured symbol of our democracy. Thank you in advance for working to protect the White House from any future physical damage.

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Name: Mona Gude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am totally against this project proceeding. It like a renter tearing down a portions of the landlord's house. The American people are the landlords.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project halted, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Barbara Grothaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose the projected ballroom. This is totally unnecessary. The destruction of the East Wing was illegal and to proceed with this project would reward lawbreakers.The East Wing must be rebuilt to its historic profile.

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Name: Janeway Granche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sasndy Mannix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I have borrowed these comments from someone else, but they reflect my sentiments as well.

"I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous."

"At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.
The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan."

"If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations."

Thank you for your consideration."

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Name: Lynn Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I want to block the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design; with modern weatherproofing and efficient multi-pane windows/doors. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump needs to be charged for wanton destruction of public property and held accountable. His godawful “ballroom”/money laundering spectacle needs to be fully shut down.

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Name: Kara Oakleaf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m writing to oppose any funding on this project, which has not been authorized or permitted, and has not undergone design review. The destruction of the East Wing is not a modernization project but the destruction of part of a historic building that belongs to the American people, not to any single presidential administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There is no other acceptable or legal outcome.

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Name: J Well
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I'm writing to urge you not to spend $300 million the proposed "modernization" of the East Wing, which was razed and advanced without regard for proper protocol, permitting, or design process. Please restore the East Wing, if not to it's original design, to something more in keeping with the rest of the White House in style, scale, and period. Please stand up for the policies and protocols--and against reckless, heedless destruction of public property.

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Name: Claudine Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe based on verifiable data collected on Donald Trump, around his history with women in general, including being found guilty of sexual assault, that this entire episode regarding the East Wing of the White House is evidence of massive misogyny on his part. I don't feel obligated to psychoanalyze him nor am I qualified to do so in any case. I only want to point out that consciously or subconsciously, this destruction of what was an historic portion of the People's House used by WOMEN for official purposes is a direct slap in the face of half our population.

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Name: Virginia Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is simply outrageous. First, the scale is simply far too large. It dwarfs the magnificent White House. There is no need for such a monstrosity right next door to an historic building. The White House is the People's House, it does NOT belong to some lunatic egomaniac. Second, the East Wing was demolished without any warning or comment period. This displays a total lack of historic precedent and mindfulness. I sincerely doubt that without strong controls in place. The current occupant of the White House will just do whatever he wants.

While it is too late to save the original East Wing, please control this crazed egomaniac and ensure the East Wing is rebuilt without historical reverence.

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Name: Martha Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It is tragic to see the East Wing demolished and in rubble. No one person should be able to destroy public property without oversight of a nonpartisan and independent board/commission. The rebuild needs to reflect the history and beauty of the White House. It should be functional and not gaudy and grandiose. This building does not belong to any president- it belongs to "we the people ". As such I don't care who is paying for it or who has visions of grandeur. A skilled, professional, review of plans to meet the historical nature of Washington D.C. is needed. It should not overshadow or dominate the White House.

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Name: Barbara Foley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the construction of any building on this site other than replication of the structure as it was before the unauthorized and illegal demolition. The historic significance of the structure alone demands it be restored in total.

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Name: Julie Gottschalk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Hooly Johnson
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I oppose the East Wing Project as a vanity project for the current occupant of the White House. There have been no meetings for the proposed project, no permission granted for the dismantling of an historic building, aka, Our House, and no concrete plans for the proposed building to see if it fit historic aesthetics and modern needs of the building. Please deny all petitions put forth by this administration to build the monstrosity we've seen pictures of.

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Name: Misti Reif
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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First let's be honest. This is not a modernization project. You don't demolish something and then modernize it.

This is a vanity project by a man who has spent his life putting his name on things. Many, many of those things have failed. This is not his house. He has wrecked history and NO ONE was calling for a ballroom but him. We all know this. The question is will sycophants stop him or let him ruin the White House.

STOP THIS.

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Name: Kathryn Leonard
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Name: Melissa McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, and the destruction of the East Wing of the White House without notice or any opportunity for public input. One person's whims and desires, even the President's, should not outweigh the interests of the public, especially concerning a structure of such historic significance.

I respectfully ask that this project be halted, and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored. Anything less would be an insult to the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:53:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Brandenburgh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a dumb idea and the demolition of the East Wing is an affront to the American public.

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Name: Marsha Rosoff
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Name: Melodie Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending money on a ballroom that is neither wanted nor needed. The East Wing was destroyed

without authorization, without consideration for the needs or desires of the people, without respect for its history, without impact studies. The proposed ballroom is a vanity project and nothing more.

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Name: Emily Willis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Marilyn Evans

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Name: Cathy Acquarulo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a travesty to remove history without the consent of us the people who own the building. Please restore the building in its original form. This is the United States of America not a third rate country for the president to do as he pleases without our consent! Please stand firm and rebuild our beautiful East Wing especially as he cannot be trusted to act in the best interest of our history!

Concerns citizen,
Catherine Acquarulo

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Name: Ann Spoor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on building this new addition, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and intent. It is offensive to the American people that the historic East Wing was demolished.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:53:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Whittaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely abhorrent what the current administration has done to the East Wing of such a historical building as the White House. To wantonly destroy the East Wing like the administration did without permission should be criminal. I am totally against a ballroom being built; this is the PEOPLE'S house. The ballroom does not benefit the PEOPLE in any way and I'm sure will be gaudy like the rest of his buildings.

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Name: Josephine Bergstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Morin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From day one, this project was unnecessary and irresponsible. To smash apart the historic White House building without proper permits and plans, especially while there are dozens of pressing programs and projects that could *benefit the actual U.S. residents* and not just be a vanity project for the trump-vance administration, was just irresponsible and out-of-touch!

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Name: Donna Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review, and environmental concerns. I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on it. It is a complete destruction of that part of the building, which is part of the history of both the building and our country. It has simply been razed, without

regard to the wishes of the citizens of the U. S. and our shared history. I want this project to be cancelled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. To permit this project to go forward would reward those who broke the law and destroyed an important piece of our history. If it is restored to its former design, future generations will be able to visit this important piece of our history and know how it appeared to all who graced this hallowed space. Thank you for your consideration,

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Name: Pamela Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Valerie Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump administration "renovation" needs to be stopped. He did not go through proper channels to start, he says he has money to complete the project but can't prove it, and the ballroom plans have not been reviewed and approved. The East Wing needs to be replaced - replaced with all the furniture, pictures and documents that were removed, but not at tax payer expense. Trump broke it, he needs to fix it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DEBI WILLIAMS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO RESTORE THE EAST WING TO THE WAY IT WAS THIS IS A HISTORICAL BUILDING THAT SHOULD NEVER BE TAMPERED WITH BY A PERSON THAT IS A TEMPORARY SITTER THW WHITEHOUSE IS OUR HISTORY AND BELONGS TO WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES NOT TO AN INDIVIDUAL ESPECIALLY TO ONE THAT ONLY THINKS ABOUT HIMSELF PLEASE PLEASE REBUILD THE EAST WING DO NOT ALLOW A BALLROOM TO BE BUILT AND REMOVE THE TRUMP NAME FROM THE KENNEDY CENTER AND DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO DESTROY THAT THE OVAL OFFICE AND ANYOTHER ROOM HE HAS DEFILED NEEDS TO BE RESTORED AND A ROSE GARDEN REPLANTED BY A TRUSTED GARDENER

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Faoro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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And, it’s butt-ugly and we, as a nation, deserve better.

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Name: Sue Gazzara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I totally oppose the East Wing project. The building was ripped down without any input from historical architects who could help design a wing to complement the existing White House structure. There was no coherent plan, and what I have seen is simply garish.
One thing I haven't heard addressed is public safety. Was the wing certified asbestos free? If not the demolition I've seen could result in wide spread asbestos contamination.
Please stop this atrocity and make sure the building is restored properly.

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Name: Rosanne Karp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In view of the fact that this project was initiated without the apparent consent or process that is lawfully required, I would strongly prefer to see that the funds that were raised for a ballroom be redirected to the rebuilding of the East Wing in the exact design it existed prior to its destruction.
Respectfully,
Rosanne Karp

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Name: Michelle Harman
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Name: Mark Steury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing should have never happened. It should be rebuilt as it was!

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Name: Kevin Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Contributions by oligarchs are emoluments. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Thank you.

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Name: Jessica Chamberlin
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Name: Shirley Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please have the East Wing of the White House restored to the way it was. No president should have the sole authority to destroy our history. I was shocked and dismayed to see this happen and happen so quickly. It was heartbreaking to see.
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Name: A. Denise Starkey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lynne Lasko
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Name: John Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not do anything until Trump is out of office. Everything he touches turns into a disaster.

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Name: Mary Panttaja
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Name: Susan Heino
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I was appalled by the destruction of the East Wing. This is supposed to be The People's House and the People seem to have been left completely out of this process so far. The legal processes to gain authorization for this project seem to have been left out, too. I implore the Commission to not only cancel any forward progress on this project, but to hold those who destroyed our Historical Property accountable. The idea that the wealthiest private citizens can simply order our national landmarks destroyed--and then some monstrosity built in their place--is unconscionable. No one is above the law, no matter how much money they have or how much they love covering things with gold leaf and naming buildings after themselves. Thank you.

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Name: KL Derickson
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Name: Donna Mac-Shoe
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We have a large assembly of intelligent and detailed people who oppose this modernization and complete disregard for legal actions. This is not something our Constitution allows, but for some reason it is happening.

This is not the American dream. This and a thousand other things is the AMERICAN NIGHTMARE.

Donna MacShoe

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Name: Michael Andreas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the blatant lack of due process employed in the destruction of the east wing for an unauthorized proposed ballroom. It is imperative that the original design be restored with the necessary upgrades and that the entities that destroyed the original wing (including the contractors and clean up crews) be sued to recover the cost associated with the restoration. The American people deserve no less.

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Name: Janice Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this project canceled and I think it would be a waste of money to rebuild it.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history and an attempt to glorify the current resident of the White House.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Sally Bischoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a disgrace and should be stopped. The East Wing needs to be restored to it’s former design

and permission was not asked.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:52:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Perham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as a history enthusiast, a fan of architecture and as an American citizen. I am deeply concerned and outraged over the unauthorized demolition of the White House East Wing, which is reportedly underway to make room for President Trump's $300 million ballroom project. This action represents a severe breach of trust, protocol, and potentially law that demands immediate congressional intervention and accountability.

President Trump initially promised that the East Wing would not be affected by his renovation plans. We know this is a lie as the building is already gone. This sudden and drastic change, carried out without proper approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, is deeply troubling.

The lack of transparency surrounding this project is alarming. Construction trucks have been observed entering and exiting the area, and a higher fence has been erected to obstruct public view of the demolition. This secrecy is unacceptable for a project involving our nation's most iconic public building.

As a constituent, I urge you to take immediate action to hold President Trump accountable for this unilateral decision. We need answers to critical questions: Were all historical furnishings and artifacts properly preserved? How was this project being funded during a government shutdown? Why was the National Capital Planning Commission bypassed in this process?

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has called for a full investigation into the decision-making process that led to this point.

This is not merely about renovations; it's about respecting the integrity of our national institutions and the rule of law. The White House belongs to the American people, not to any single administration. President Trump's actions in this matter resemble those of an autocrat who believes he is above oversight and accountability.

I implore you to act swiftly. Introduce or support legislation that strengthens protections for historic federal buildings. Call for hearings to investigate this breach of protocol and trust. Ensure that no further damage is done to our national heritage without proper vetting and approval processes.

The American people deserve transparency, respect for our institutions, and leaders who understand the weight of their responsibilities. Please stand up for these principles and take concrete steps to address this urgent matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Averett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored to exactly how it was before it was demolished. This project was started illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It should not be called a modernization project. The White House IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and only we and our representatives can decide to renovate--not a President who thinks he can do whatever he wants! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julio Guerrero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully opine that this project should be stopped and keep the building as it was, so it can conserve its historical and artitistic value for generations to come.
In my humble opinion it woudl be better if this project were canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Best regards

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Name: Marla Knuettel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Pres. Trump thinks he can do anything he wants.. never pays for anything himself.. never follows rules.. lacking in anything resembling respect or courtesy to those who came before.. goes out of his way to play his games while he trashes the reputation of our country, our institutions, our responsibilities as a world leader.. tramples on anyone not like him (white privileged male).. has no morals, no conscience, no bar as to how low he can go in getting what he wants.
I agree with those that want the east wing rebuilt and forget turning our ‘home of the U.S. people’ turned into his personal child-like play pen!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Gilliam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Restore the People's House to us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Voit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The history that was lost due to the unauthorized demolition of the east wing of the White House is heartbreaking!

There are processes in place to make sure projects are properly researched and proper authorization is granted.

The president is supposed to be a guardian of the White House during their time.

The funds acquired for the “ballroom” should only be used to restore the east wing!

The east wing needs to be restored!!!

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Name: JoAnn Rock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Debra Storr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorised razing of the East Wing of the White House can not be permitted. Those responsible need to fully fund restoration.

That does not rule out changes but those responsible for the destruction must play no part in the decision making : they have clearly demonstrated contempt for the processes required to be followed in making changes to nationally important assets.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Sawyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending anything on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump should personally pay for the restoration, not American citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Lindsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the east wing demolition and proposed ballroom to be funded by private companies. The people's house is not for sale.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Wishkoski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Glynis Grafton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. A history I hold dear in my heart as the daughter, sister and mother of veterans. I'm also a great granddaughter of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. And I've held patriotism in my heart from a very young age.I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Steve Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I've never been able to travel to Washington D.C., just like I've never explored the heart of any wilderness area i Alaska. In both cases, just because I've never been there doesn't mean I don't care about these places, or that I would welcome one person's decision on changing a wilderness area or the East Wing of the White House.

I believe the East Wing as it stood was valuable historically, and there was no real reason other than narcissism and vanity to change it. The beauty of the White House state dinner in the actual White House and not a ballroom was what made it a unique and special occasion. The ballroom plans as announced are hideous; a throwback to anachronistic fantasies of glamour and glitz, hardly the stuff of The People's House.

Please cancel the ballroom plan as it''s been announced, find a solution that honors the original and when possible, penalize those responsible for such a heinous crime to architecture and American history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Herbert Suitor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: marcela eichmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dismantling and renovation of the White House East Wing.

My concerns regarding this project include:
Lack of Proper Approval Process: This project appears to have moved forward without the transparent, rigorous approval process that should be required for modifications to such a historically and symbolically significant structure.
Questionable Design Rationale: The scope and scale of this renovation have not been adequately justified to the public. Major alterations to the White House should serve clear public purposes, not private interests.

Excessive Cost: A $100 million price tag for this project represents an irresponsible use of resources, particularly when so many pressing national needs remain underfunded.
Transparency Concerns: There has been insufficient public disclosure regarding which companies and donors are financing this project. The American people deserve to know who stands to benefit from this expenditure and whether conflicts of interest exist.

I urge the Commission to halt this project until a full, transparent review can be conducted that includes:
\u8729· Complete disclosure of all funding sources and corporate contributors
\u8729· Public justification for the necessity and scope of renovations
\u8729· Independent oversight to ensure the project serves the public interest

The White House belongs to the American people. Decisions about its modification should be made with appropriate scrutiny, transparency, and accountability.

Thank you for considering this public comment.

Sincerely,

MM Eichmann

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Linnane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without permits, without oversight, is an abomination. Trump's vision of a ballroom looks very 19th Century Russia to me. Just as archaic, just as out of touch with the common folk. Please do not allow this narcissistic abomination to continue. Put a stop to it now, in hopes that this long national nightmare will soon be over.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Lanzerotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was sad & angry about the East Wing demolition , proper written requests were not submitted or approved. As a US citizen I feel that the White House, West & East Wings, connecting bldgs are the citizens' properties, not one temporary resident. The level of destruction should have never happened. LL

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Name: Martha Growdon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Donna Mac-Shoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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We have a large assembly of intelligent and detailed people who oppose this modernization and complete disregard for legal actions. This is not something our Constitution allows, but for some reason it is happening.

This is not the American dream. This and a thousand other things is the AMERICAN NIGHTMARE.

Donna MacShoe

Date: 2/16/2026 5:52:06 PM
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Name: Victoria Harden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project in its current oversized proposal. I would have opposed the destruction of the existing East Wing had I had the opportunity, but since it is done, I want to see whatever is built in its place be constructed only with the rigorous oversight of the NCPC and only in proportion with the existing White House building.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:52:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bridgette Dobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without the proper planning, approval or design review. I would like to see it rebuilt and restored to historical accuracy. Those that broke the law in tearing it down should be prosecuted.

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Name: Surunda Velasquez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Brian Pratt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Isabella Mansfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 5:52:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Brodie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing of the White House is appalling and illegal. It was done without completing and securing the proper process, permits, design review, or Congressional approval. No one should be allowed

to ignore the law and change historic public buildings without permission and approval. Further destruction and new construction should be halted, and The People's House should be restored. Failure to hold accountable and penalize those who broke the law is an affront to the American people and our system of government. Please help to ensure that our system of checks and balances is functional, that elected officials are held accountable, and that no one is above the law.

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Name: Asa Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Erin O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hankey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to protest the 300 million dollar East Wing Ballroom that did not go through proper channels. Billionaires should not have a hand in giving money to the President to pay for this. There is no going back now, but I would like a true committee consisting of the National Park Service (NPS), with oversight from the White House Historical Association and adherence to the National Historic Preservation Act to make the decisions on how this project moves forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Coleen Supancic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the White House to its configuration prior to the unauthorized tear down. A ballroom if actually necessary can be built in another location.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:52:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Wilkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS MESS!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Kathryn Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing is a disgrace and the manner in which it was done is unlawful. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This administration needs to follow the law and we have to stop allowing it to live above them.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Scholer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marna Gettleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project and am aghast that the President destroyed the East Wing before getting the proper review, permits and funding by Congress in place. The "People's House" does not belong to the President, and he should be required to consult with Congress, NCPC and National Park Service, including having Congress appropriate funding for it, rather than collecting bribes from billionaires seeking favors from him. Stop this project now, rebuild the East Wing in proportion with the existing White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Ritsema
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending ANY money on this project. It was initiated without appropriate authorization, input, or design review. The razing of the East Wing was an attempted erasure of history to placate the ego of a single man and to provide a pretext for bribery by wealthy corporate owners eager to gain favor with him. I will only support restoring the East Wing to its former design. To go forward with this project as it is will only reward criminal behavior and leave its stain on the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jimmy Ngo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Caroline McCracken-Flesher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have witnessed already a shocking act of vandalism against history and against the United States. The proposed ballroom would add a second act of vandalism, obscuring sight lines to the People's House, and overshadowing the house that represents who we are. The White House is not a palace; it represents dignity, determination, proportion and balance in a people as well as a place. Not only should the plan not go forward as the president desires, the replacement building must be subject to national discussion and authoritative security and aesthetic review. Further, the people have a right to demand compensation for this president's vandalism against their house and history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tricia Hearn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the actions that lead to the destruction of the East Wing. I think that the money collected from corporations that lead to its destruction should be used to rebuild the historic East Wing and that those responsible for this act of vandalism should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law with monetary damages and other appropriate actions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Valero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholeheartedly oppose the current plan to build a $400 million dollar ballroom on the location of the illegally demolished east wing of the white house. The blatant disregard of the law should not be rewarded with allowing the ballroom to continue to be built. The east wing of the white house needs to be restored to its original specs. The law applies to everyone.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Morag Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of how the money was obtained. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing

rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Rachael Badgio-Wilson
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Name: Lyla Zohav
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Raphael Worrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unlike North Korea, we are supposed to have a representative government that follows the rules. In this case the same rules I have to follow as a contractor: submit plans, obtain permits, undergo review if the building is historically significant (pro tip: this one was), etc. The Supreme Leader doesn't get to wave his flaccid wand and hire a demolition team (which he probably won't pay, because that's how he rolls) to knock down a building that belongs to the entirety of the American people, not just his supporating orange odiousness. Please halt this project immediately and rebuild the East Wing as closely as possible to it's original construction. Stop this self-serving nonsense.

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Name: Rose Milligan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Danielle Capistrano
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Name: Nancy Naimisha Plunkett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In memory and respect of the East Wing of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Ogden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this project. It was impulsively stated with out following procedure or public input. The $ collected from private donors to underwrite the project has disappeared. Tax payers used the East Wing, taxpayers visited the East Wing. it was part of our history and must be restored. Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This was initiated unilaterally by Donald Trump, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization project, but a complete razing of American history. Donald Trump does not get to decide to destroy a large portion of the White House when he is supposed to be a temporary resident, he does not have the authority to make such drastic changes. He is breaking the law, and to allow this garish, tacky ballroom to be built is a slap in the face to law-abiding Americans. Cancel this project, and rebuild the East Wing properly.

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Name: Barbara Schober
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Lisa Richardson

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not want my tax payer money to go to building a ballroom bigger than the White House designed by Trump to be a gaudy mess. Please restore the east wing and add a nice place to host a larger group of people without creating an enormous ballroom and use the money trump has already raised to do it without his input

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Name: Allison Myers
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Name: Kathy Kinzfogl
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Name: Kris Light
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the current administration's disregard for our nation's historic buildings. The destruction on the East Win can hardly be called a "modernization project." Along with so many others: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

As someone who treasures childhood memories of visiting the nation's capital and walking through monuments and buildings, including the White House and Capital, I am deeply affronted by this president's arrogance, selfishness, and pettiness in replacing the East Wing with a ridiculous, out of scale, ugly gilded ballroom.

It is your job to stop it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roma McCaherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and the funds should come from Donald Trump’s personal account. He did not have the people’s permission to destroy any part of our house and should be held accountable. He should also be fined heavily and removed from office for this and the myriad of illegal acts he has committed as president.

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Name: CYNTHIA TAY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are so many questions about this project - were proper permits and permission obtained? These “private donors” who are supposedly paying for the renovation - what will they want in return? And lastly, doesn’t the White House belong to the American people? The current occupant is basically a renter, and renters aren’t typically allowed to make big structural changes. The East Wing should rebuilt as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Charles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Farrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am brokenhearted about the destruction of the east wing of the White House. No one sought permission from the American people or this commission to do this kind of damage to the history of the building, or to its architectural beauty. And no one should reap what they may see as a reward for such reckless and high handed activity.I would be delighted to see the commission decide to have the east wing restored to its former glory. This was, and still is, the people’s house, and we loved it as it was – – and as it should be once more.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:11 PM
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Name: J Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly encourage you to require rebuilding of the East Wing as it was before tear-down with all necessary permits and according to code.
This is a building for all Americans and visitors, and all work should follow the established rules that previous administration officials have adhered to.

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Name: Karen Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This executive branch decided to tear this down without even getting a permit. This is the ‘‘people’s house’’ not the presidents private dwelling. For him to have done this without permission is beyond appalling! To spend all these millions on this gold plated party room, instead of funding things that the populace needs, is the most egregious thing! Please don’t allow this to happen.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Paul
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 (or more) million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project build without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:51:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Dekker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The opportunity to offer public comment on the East Wing of the White House is long overdue.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who unlawfully damaged this storied and historic building should pay for this restoration.
Carolyn Dekker

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Name: Leah H
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Gordon Beyerlein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the failure to comply with existing law and regulation thus far on this project. I also oppose the proposed gaudiness that seems to be a nature of the proposed construction. Any action taken needs to go through existing regulations, with a bias towards an independent analysis of appropriate facilities that serve the whole of the United States and respect for the history of facilities in the area.

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Name: Beth Mallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'd like to see the East Wing restored to its original form. Trump did not have authorization to destroy any part of the People's House. His arrogance is outrageous and we need to restore what he destroys.

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Name: Alan Field
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you,
Alan Field

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Name: Annis Campione
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cheryl Solomon
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toby Hyden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm very excited that we are getting a ballroom to just foreign dignitaries. This should make all Americans proud to show off our great capital.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:50:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SUSAN PIETZ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the expenditure of $300 million on a project initiated without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than modernizing the site, this effort effectively erases an important part of American history. The project should be halted, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. Upholding the rule of law requires accountability, and allowing this project to proceed without consequences would diminish respect for that principle.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Brawley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is the complete razing of an irreplaceable part of American history and architectural heritage.

Public buildings of historic significance are not the property of any one administration or moment in time; they belong to the American people and to future generations. Any proposal to alter, demolish, or substantially change such a structure should follow established preservation laws, transparent review processes, and meaningful public input. Circumventing those safeguards undermines both public trust and the rule of law.

I urge that this project be immediately halted and formally reviewed under all applicable historic preservation, environmental, and planning regulations. If the East Wing has been altered or demolished without proper approval, it should be rebuilt and restored to its former design in accordance with recognized preservation standards.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who authorized or carried it out in violation of required procedures would send the message that legal and regulatory frameworks apply selectively. That would be an affront to the many Americans who expect fairness, transparency, and adherence to the law in the stewardship of our shared national heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Campagna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the East Wing Modernization Project. In fact, I object to the misnaming of this project. There may have been necessary upgrades to the East Wing. But it is impossible to modernize something that no longer exists. The proposal is to replace the razed East Wing with a ballroom that dwarfs the existing White House. This is not architecturally harmonious nor in keeping with the current grounds. Further, to allow this to move forward would set a precedent and reward actions that are contrary to the established oversight of our national heritage.

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Name: Lynette Holman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Amelie Koran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former detainee at EOP and OMB, I worked on the WH campus and also as a Treasury Department staffer and strongly oppose the improper initialization of this project and procedures undergone to this point. It was donew/o the proper review and approvals and destroyed a building that is not just for the President of the US but is The People's House and changes of this magnitude should have followed proper procedures and review processes.

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Parsons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom or anything similar on the White House grounds. This applies whether the new structure is attached to or separate from the existing White House.
This project was not reviewed prior to the demolition of the East Wing and has not received the required approval. What consequences are available for this violation?
The ballroom, as published, will constitute another eyesore on the White House grounds.
Public Law 87-286 established that the White House is a museum. This project, the gold gilding and the unnecessary labeling of rooms violate this law.
Funding that has been received or promised should be utilized to restore the East Wing, White House interior and exterior and the White House grounds to their respective states as of January 1, 2026. Any additional funds required to do so should be the responsibility of the current, temporary, resident.
Disapproval of this project will not harm routine maintenance, repairs or improvements since procedures for these purposes are already established.
My priority is maintaining the functioning of the White House and grounds. ALL desired changes must follow the required procedures. Individuals responsible for reviewing such proposals should keep the preservation of the People's House as one of their top priorities.

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Name: Emily Taggart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Eileen Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the President's actions whereby the East Wing was destroyed without input from any

federal agency, the granting of permits, or even public notice. And from what I have read from news reports on-line, and in print, the money that was supposedly raised for this project is gone, and it is unknown that it was ever there to begin with. It's my firm hope that the East Wing will be restored, with perhaps some bowing to current building codes and materials, but it should look essentially like it did before. This action was an affront to the American people and to our history. I hope also that further actions will be taken to prevent anything like this from ever happening again.

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Name: Amy Scribner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Patti Wensauer
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Billie Tedesco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this monstrosity!!

The East Wing was demolished without permission and should be rebuilt just as it was immediately!

Nobody is above the law and proper respect should be given to historical buildings as well as proper oversight from Congress with appropriate permit a d architectural plans approved as needed.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:50:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Derek Hosler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, it has followed no proper reviews or design considerations. Complete disaster of our historical building. Unnecessary egocentric project. If this can occur to the White House where do we stop. The design has nothing to do with modernization and the scale, dwarfing and grotesque.

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Name: Miryam Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: KC HOWELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House does not need a ballroom. It was destroyed illegally and should be restored to match the building as before.

The White House does not belong to its occupants and they have no right to destroy it and remodel to their whims.

Return it to its history.

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Name: Glen Feldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Deb Hahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Jackie Kennedy told us that the White House is the "People's House". And all Presidents following JFK honored that proclamation, except for the current President.

I not only do not agree with the wanton destruction of the East Wing, I vehemently oppose replacing it with a ballroom. There already was a ballroom - among other things, for example a theater - in the torn-down East Wing. We all saw pictures of Princess Diana dancing with John Travolta, with President Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan watching. So destroying the East Wing for something that already existed in the East Wing - namely a ballroom - does not make sense, disrespects our heritage, and is morally wrong.

For the record, I also did not agree to the destruction of the Rose Garden either.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Deb Hahn

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Name: Ken Pontac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No permission. No permits. No plan.

This project is an affront to democracy, history, and the rule of law.

NO BALLROOM.

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Name: Nicole Lenhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tom Socol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a project. It is a criminal destruction of United States history.
It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
The people who destroyed the East Wing of the White House should be facing criminal charges.
Funding this project now would also be a criminal act.
This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Anything less would be endorsing the criminal destruction the United States shared heritage and history.

Please do not fund this project.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shodo Spring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was not approved by anyone, but initiated by the President without seeking

comment or opinion. The former East Wing should be restored, and the President should be charged for the full cost of the restoration.

Bulldozing it without proper authority was a criminal act; destroying valuable art and antiques was a criminal act; he should pay for restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:50:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Hadley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that Pres. Trump completely razed the East Wing of the White House without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of property that belongs to the American people, not the President. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at his personal expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tamara Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Charles Goodrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing was destroyed without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who broke the law in wrecking the East Wing should be punished.

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Name: Andrew Bartnick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It's disgusting what was done without any notice. Please stop this.

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Name: Diane Greenholdt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I was shocked when the East Wing was demolished so quickly, and without proper authorization. The planned reconstruction is nothing more than a vanity project, way over the top in scope, and should not be approved. Moreover, I believe that anything more to be done needs to be put on hold until thorough research is completed and the proper rebuilding is approved -- not by the White House but by those of us who pay the bills.

In the meantime, all construction supplies and equipment should be removed because that is nothing more than an eyesore, and reminds us of how out of control things have gotten there.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Schroeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was bereft when the East Wing was torn down without proper authorization. This is part of the people's house. A gaudy ballroom is not needed. Restore the East Wing to its previous state.

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Name: Gillian Wegener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. It was started without anything like the proper process and in razing the East Wing, a precious part of the history of our country was raised without thought, planning, oversight, and any thought of preservation. Spending that much money on a ballroom for the People's House is embarrassing and wrong, and the people who are driving this project need to be held accountable. Please stop this erasure of history and rebuild the East Wing to its former specifications and beauty. Thank you.

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Name: Robert Himmelsbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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In addition, the vulgarity of the design proposed as the "modernization" is not in keeping with the purpose for which the original wing was created.

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Name: Barbara Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What has happened to the East Wing is an abomination and breaks my heart. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dennis Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This an affront to the People. I want the white house restored and this project killed.

I don't want to pay to tear it down later

Date: 2/16/2026 5:49:51 PM
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Name: Wilhelmina Somers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilda Southerland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is (was) part of the People's House. It is part of our history and belongs to the nation..It is an abomination that is was razed and most likely illegal without proper permitting. I request that the East Wing and the Rose Garden be restored to it's original beauty.

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Name: E Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Also the historic screening room - restore!!

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Name: Sharon Eppley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our legal system.
S. Eppley

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Name: Molly Branch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, as so much is at this point. It is exhausting to see the way this administration is destroying all legacies and not being held accountable. I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which, again, was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. For god's sake, cancel this project and restore The East Wing of the people's house and garden.

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Name: Steve Silverman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am 100% against this illegal project. This is the people’s house. ALL the people. I do not want $300 million in our tax money going toward this vanity project. Please rebuild it to its former glory.

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Name: Patrica Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The following statement is from another person, and I wholeheartedly agree - I couldn't say it better - I go through each day thinking... it could have been a fire, they can rebuild; it could have been a plane crashing into the building or an earthquake, or any kind of natural disaster... and we can still rebuild the East Wing to it's former beauty and grandeur. A hideously outsized, gilded ballroom is NOT what Americans want for their capitol - this is strictly an ego project for a thin skinned, deeply damaged being that will never be whole.

And now for another voice I also agree with: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please help to start restoring sanity to this country - this would be a good start!

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Name: Thomas Brookins
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Name: Philip Carper
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Name: Kelly Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: KATHY SIMS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Steven O'Reilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this illegal project stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tara Joseph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Vicki Bonnington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Even the name of this project is a joke. The White House belongs to the PEOPLE of the United States. They were not consulted. The East Wing did not need to be "modernized" as a tribute to a self-aggrandizing narcissist. It is is an OUTRAGE that no one was consulted, no permissions sought, and no legal basis established for the demolition of an historic and treasured building. I oppose the spending of $1.00 on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeffrey Beeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not proceed with this project that doesn not reflect will of The People.

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Name: A Singh
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Name: Carol Gales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I have borrowed this wording from another submitter, and it expresses my viewpoint well. As the owner of a historic home (a former gold rush saloon) built in 1899 in Nome, Alaska, and as a member of the Alaska Historical Society, I am well aware of the parameters guiding care of historic buildings—and thus was truly shocked at the way this project was allowed to move forward, busting though all guardrails intended to protect historic structures. Please stop the work and reverse the damage—though preservation of the original structure is tragically no longer possible.

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Name: Jose Anguiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kristy Goettl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and was a flagrant snub to the American people. It appears that it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump had no right to raze a portion of The Peoples House without it going through the proper channels. This is the people's tax money, not Trumps. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Think of the outcry that would have happened if Biden, Obama or Bush had done this.

Thank you for taking my words into consideration.

Kristy Goettl

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Name: Maggie Chappell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dawn Linder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It was a destruction without proper approval and permits. It would be like a renter tearing down the house without permission and saying they were going to build a bigger house to replace it. We all know that would be crazy and illegal. Tearing down the East Wing was crazy and illegal. The ballroom project needs to be scrapped. Whatever happens next needs to get approvals from the appropriate authorities (not those such as the current president who appoints himself as the authority).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Hobart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project happened without input or approval. The East Wing belongs to all Americans and is part of our history.
The wing should be rebuilt as it was.

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Name: Sara Josey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The United States needs that money for education, health, arts, and food projects - not a big ballroom most of us will never see the inside of. Those who are donating privately to this "project" should

redirect their money towards the good of the country, not a huge white building addition that will overpower what's left of the White House. Yes, update the original but please, no monstrosities at Lafayette Square!!

Thank you for considering opposing this addition.

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Name: Amber Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Polizzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be allowed to continue. It began without the proper authorization or oversight - NI ONE has the right to just go in and tear down the People’s House, not even a sitting President. Restore the East Wing to its historic appearance and don’t allow anyone to turn our house into a personal palace.

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Name: Jeffrey Holsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judi Dekle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing and all other structures impacted to date by this project must be restored to their original state. Funding to complete this undertaking must be provided by the President of the United States from his personal funds. Under no circumstances will public or taxpayer funds be used to pay for this work. Once the building(s) are in their original condition, the National Park Service should evaluate the need for renovation or refurbishing of these structures and submit their recommendations to the NCPC according to standard procedures. In addition to paying for the restoration, the President of the United States must be fined in accordance with existing policy and law for destruction of federal and public property and must pay those fines from his personal funds.

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Name: Paula Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored to its original design. It is sad that we in the US loose so much of our architectural history.

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Name: CJ Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan Grayson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is OUR house ... it does not belong to the current President or administration. It is only on loan to them. The East Wing was razed without any authorization, any Congressional concurrence, and on a whim. Destruction of a national monument to history was done without a thought as to the people's voice. It was a travesty, and the plans should not be allowed to continue as is. The current architectural plans are not in keeping with the rest of the historical buildings, and "modernization" is the enemy of "preservation".

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Name: Kim Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project designed to change the profile of the White House's east wing in order to build a ballroom. As a long time taxpayer, I do not approve the payment of tax dollars to build what seems like a vanity project for Donald Trump, or any other President. I also don't support what looks like a quid pro quo by tech oligarchs and other corporate entities and owners who have offered to fund a new building. Equity demands the building be restored to what it was before this assault on American citizens, and that those responsible for the unauthorized teardown be fined for the rebuilding.

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Name: Joetta Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janice Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to President Trump's destruction of the nation's historic White House. He has acted selfishly and has ignored precedent. I do not want my tax dollars used in this way.

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Name: Stephanie White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Karen Bartig
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Name: Catherine Benskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sarah Slavick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These structures are not Trump's to do with as he pleases. These are ours and I object to spending our tax funds going to build this when they've cut our access to health care.

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Name: Kent Wickham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House without proper permitting, architectural reviews, and public discussion is a travesty, if not criminal. Donald Trump should be required, at his expense, to rebuild the structure as it was with necessary modernization and updates. He single-handedly destroyed it. He should rebuild it. A president can't just destroy a part of our cultural history on a selfish, self aggrandizing whim.

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Name: Singer Kristin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Howard (Buzz) Ballenger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Duncan Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: David France
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember this is the People's House.

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Name: Megan Westbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The updates to the East Wing are not necessary or vital for our priorities as a country. What a huge waste of money. I wish we could have given comments before it was torn down, but now all I can hope is that the rubble is cleared and that archivists are able to preserve whatever they can.

Imagine if that money could be spent on healthcare subsidies, housing subsidies, or food programs like SNAP. Americans are being crushed under the weight of rising costs, and we're going to watch all the money for this project go to a ballroom. How very French revolution of us.

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Name: Susan Gooden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Still shocked that the East Wing was hastily torn down without any input from Congress or voters!
There's been no actual plan shared that could be evaluated by historical or D.C. professionals. Remember how architectural designs were invited when building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial? That's the way to add a major building project in our historic capital city.
Also, there's no justified "need" for this "modernization." How many people are usually invited to special White House dinners? If it's about 100-200, there's plenty of space available already. If we truly host 1,000 people regularly, then perhaps the guest list needs to be trimmed.
The budget here is missing. We haven't seen estimates for the project, other than the imaginary $200 million or $400 million that "will be contributed."
This is the "people's' house," not a private club, and "the people" should decide on such a major project.

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Name: EILEEN VALLES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Tamara Perry-Lunardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment perfectly summarizes my feelings on this matter:

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Name: Jane Canner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this modernization to happen and restore to its original state. Thank you

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Name: Nadine Hubbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of U.S. history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Brittany Mathiowetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: billie hinton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather total destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be unconstitutional and in complete disregard of the fact that this is part of the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danelle Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Trust Board:

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Danelle Moon

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Name: Kelly Shiraki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bill Young
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Smithpeters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of. $300 million dollar ballroom. The White House belongs to the people not any president. With funds being withheld for healthcare and many other people friendly initiatives, say NO and he should be made to rebuild with his own money

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Name: Jana Strong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: sarah doherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Quoting a statement that resonates exactly with my sentiment:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. "

The hubris of this destruction is appalling.

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Name: Linda Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am outraged that Trump did this on his own for his own vanity..

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ayana Rhodes-Morton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

During my lifetime, I have admired how the White House is both government work space and residence. That the East Wing was dedicated to the offices and staff of the First Lady was a nod to her having agency if she so chose, a space that could say that her role need not be symbolic or decorative. First Ladies Clinton, Bush, and Obama used their positions to effect change, and the East Wing showed that America took them seriously. First Lady Trump has a choice in her first turn as First Lady to make a similar impact and have it be respected via a dedicated wing of the White House. Future First Spouses should also have that space. To replace it with a giant ballroom funded by non-public money seems at best a vanity project and, at worst, bribes of the Executive Branch laundered through a vanity project. It does not feel like a project made in the best interests of the American people.

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Name: Rachel Kubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Stephens-Reed
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Name: Susan Warner
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Name: Elizabeth Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jeri Birdsall
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Name: Joe Nachison
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I agree wholeheartedly with Anara Guard: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

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Name: Joslyn Leve
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Name: K Nelson
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Name: linda bailey
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Name: Cynthia Higgins
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Name: Heather Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I very much oppose this project.
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Name: Fred LEESON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It is shameful that a single person with no knowledge of American history or architectural history could rush forth to destroy part of our nation's landmark residence. Ideally, the East Wing should be restored to its pre-demolition state. Short of that unlikely occurrence, the new wing should appropriately reflect the context of the original wing -- that is, it should not overshadow the volume of the White House. Its exterior needs to be compatible to a large degree with the earlier design, given that mimicking the historical architecture may not be an "honest" design approach. Still, careful consideration needs to be given to compatibility of exterior materials in relation to the White House.

The goal of the project should NOT be to make it as huge as possible, just to satisfy the sociological pathology of the instigator of this project.

Thank you for a chance to speak up.

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Name: Gail Segreto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The east wing is gone and new construction is required. Washington DC needs structures that compliment other significant structures, not vanity projects that will be oversized and only minimally useful.
The plans that have been seen by the public are horrendous. An addition should not become something multiple times larger than the historic structure.
It is doubtful that we need a ballroom at all. Now that the east wing has been illegally destroyed, a new east wing with offices and necessary expansion that would serve the nation. Do all that can be done to delay the project until the irreverent occupant is gone. If we are lucky that will be just 18 months more.
If a ballroom is destined to stain our great capital, then size it down to reality.
Everything about this project is wrong. It was wrong from the secret plans and demolition of the east wing. And it is totally wrong to allow a gaudy, glitzy, enormous ballroom as a vanity project for a wannabe king.

Also... no stinking arch to honor the worst person to ever occupy The People's House.

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Name: Flori Schutzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending a dime on this project, much less $300 million. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project, and require Donald Trump to reimburse the American people for the rebuilding of the East Wing including complete restoration to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jeanette Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I passionately, adamently oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The White House is owned by the people of the United States, NOT any single executive, and should not be remodelled without the consent of the people in the form of appropriate permits, authorizations, and design reviews - none of which have been obtained in this instance. Not only is the project illegal, but it sets a horrific precedent: if we allow this to go forward, what protects someone from removing the statue of Lincoln from the Lincoln Monument to create more event space; what protects the cherry trees from being razed to make way for yet another riverwalk development?

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Name: Laura Sterling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janet Sambucetti
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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Sincerely,
Janet Sambucetti

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Name: Dawn Carnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sue Larson
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Name: Suzette McKinney
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Name: Maria Giammona
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the NCPC: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review, or any serious forethought for its outcome or relevance for the American people. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our shared American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Sincerely, Maria Giammona

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Name: Deborah Dooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The President should be 100% respnsible for this restoration as he is the one who, like a dictator, took 100% responsibility for initiating and directing it.
He should be accountable and responsible.

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Name: Ann Winschel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending any tax money on this project. It is not a modernization of the East Wing. It is a lawless destruction of a space that is important to our country.

Donald Trump and anyone else who participated in this horrible criminal act should be prosecuted and made to pay for the restoration.

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Name: Diane Boteler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose allowing this destruction of the People's White House to proceed. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this destructive so-called "modernization" project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House does not belong to any one man but to the American people whose consent was not sought for this destruction of our shared history. The NCPC must follow the law and prevent further lawlessness in the pursuit of one man's desires. The East Wing of the White House must be restored to its former state. No American wants a "ballroom."

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Name: Roland Maroney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kim Kelly
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Kim Kelly

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Name: Barbara Waloven
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Name: Eileen Berchem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Absolutely NO!

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Name: Nicole Strasburg
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Name: Cathy Meschievitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the East Wing Modernization project as currently designed. It was started without any review or approval and if it continues, it will completely distort the White House architecturally. I recommend the review body or bodies design a different correction to the now defunct East Wing that better reflects the architectural integrity of the White House.

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Name: Taryn Fisher
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Name: David Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in opposition to spending $300 million Dollars on the East Wing Modernization Program.I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Julia Scanlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jean Matteson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer I demand a stop to this abomination. Architects and contractors are help to strict permitting and planning procedures, none of which have been implemented in this disaster of a project. If the ‘‘president’’ wants a party house he can resign and haul his bloated ass back to Florida.

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Name: Coleen Tarantino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a vanity project and a complete razing of American history. This is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE, not the fever dream of one individual. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and footprint. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Ellen Denham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This beautiful people’s house has been damaged by demolishing the historic East Wing. The ballroom project should not continue. Instead, the East Wing should be reconstructed to as close as possible to how it was before. The demolition happened too suddenly and without oversight. It is a wound in our beautiful nation’s capital in need of healing.

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Name: Trista Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jacque Zoerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project. The White House belongs to the American people, not any one president or administration, and the bypassing of mandated requirements and approvals is entirely unacceptable. I think that a complete restoration of the historic East Wing is the only acceptable outcome. This has been a colossal waste of time and money.

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Name: Marjorie Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has historically been known as the People's House. In keeping with that precedent, I offer my comments regarding the proposed renovation as well as remarks about how this process was undertaken as a teacher and as a friend of historic preservation. Firstly, no demolition of any portion of the White House, including the added wings, should have been undertaken before approval of Congress and following the guidelines for historic preservation provided by the National
Historic Preservation Act of 1966. That being said, severe damage has been already done to the East Wing through a unilateral, unapproved action, and said damage must now be repaired. The renovated structure should continue to comply with the scale and aesthetic to balance with the remaining unaffected areas of the White House. When our local organization wanted to increase the structural integrity of our lighthouse, we had to get permits from the Coast Guard, Florida State Parks, and the Lee County in order to proceed. Similarly, private homes listed on the National Historic Register must comply with strict guidelines to maintain their place on said list. (As a young adult, I assisted dear friends with getting their home listed, and am fairly familiar with that process.) The White House, being a nationally significant structure, deserves even greater oversight by highly-qualified, experienced preservation architects, to keep its historical integrity to return it to being a functional building, but also a national treasure. Any structural or architectural modifications must be required to fit within the aesthetic of the remaining structures of the main White House and West Wing. The proposed scope and scale of the ballroom must be revised to remain within those guidelines and any modifications or modernizations must also be approved within the guidelines of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Name: Christine Teicheira
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop this project.

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Name: Lila Yusen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To whom it may concern,

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Name: Christi Aldellizzi
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Name: Lisa Kozakiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on the "modernization" of the East Wing. It was done illegally I want those offenders held responsible. The East Wing needs to be restored to its former state.

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Name: Heather Haggerty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Holly Weatherwax
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people. At anytime, the occupants of the White House are there temporarily. I do not support building a ball room that overshadows this historic building. Besides the fact that it is allegedly being funded privately (a clear ethics violation), the American people have far more pressing financial needs than a ballroom that 98% of us will never see. Major updates to the People's House should always be thoughtfully designed, carefully planned and make financial sense. This ridiculous project has been handled poorly, begun prematurely, it did not receive prior approval and should not be allowed to continue. It's a shame to spend the money, but the East Wing should be reconstructed in the previous size and style.

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Name: Miriam Veale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should have gone through historic preservation channels and did not.

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Name: Kit-Bacon Gressitt
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Sincerely,
K-B

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Name: Diane Pizza
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Name: Jan Nelmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing in favor of a ballroom is a travesty, destroying part of an historic structure to, it seems, augment a fragile ego.

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Name: Mary Gaik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project paused until all proper steps for it's rebuilding have been taken, specifically a non-partisan committee for it's redesign and building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Ellen Heinemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diane Nowak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kerri St.Pierre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Billie Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our American history without our permission. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We do not want a gaudy ballroom. It is after all our house, it belongs to the American people. Tearing it down without proper authorization was a slap in the face to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:46:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This has nothing to do with modernization, it is destruction of an American Icon in order to rewrite American History into a vanity project

This project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt, and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Eric Lundgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for considering this comment.

Eric Lundgren
Minneapolis, MN

Date: 2/16/2026 5:46:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nuala Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was razed without permission. It is an important part of The People's House. This is an attempt to erase history. There is no need for a ballroom. The White House is not a resort. The East Wing must be restored to the way it was before the demolition. Furthermore, those responsible for this unlawful destruction should be held liable both legally and financially, especially the one who ordered it to happen.
Please restore the East Wing of the White House. The White House belongs to the Nation, not to whoever occupies it at the time.
Thank you.

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Name: Mary Caroline Magenau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a travesty that the East Wing was demolished. A complete lack of respect for this venerable building. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Bossert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine O'Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and the spending of $300 million on it. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda StMartin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Summary - A ballroom should not be built and the East Wing should be re-built using 'donated' funds (bribes).

The White House (the People's House) is a unit of the National Park Service. Absolutely no NPS funds of any kind should be used for a ballroom. I am concerned that no-year funds have already been swept into this foolish project.

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, no matter where the bribes came from. The demolishion happened without public input, proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for reading.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Hawks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you. Please do right by the people and our “HOUSE”!

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Staab
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandy Hahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Faulstich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any amount of money on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and is not a modernization project but rather a disregard for American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without reprimanding those who broke established protocol would be an affront to American citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This complete destruction of history without proper permits, permission or planning is an insult to all Americans. The spending of at least 400 million dollars is unnecessary and illegal. The East Wing is NOT being modernized, it was destroyed on a whim and should be rebuilt as it was.The punishment should

include all pertinent charges and restitution for reconstruction costs.No one is above the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Bingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House is not for one president to decide its fate. No action to federal historic buildings should take place without full approval from the organizations charged with preserving our heritage in our architecture and parks.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy McCain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt to its original design. I believe that President Trump.who called for its deconstruction without authorization should pay for the reconstruction. I also believe that it should be decorated without President Trump‘s usual golden designs.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Fox Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Updates should be made consistent with the original structure , character of the structure and adjacent structures, and in accordance with the laws around historical structures. The idea being to maintain the integrity of history and update it rather than destroy it. Also, this should have happened prior to any demolition or movement on the Project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Radus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Bruther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The razing of the East Wing of the White House is an affront to United States history; the "modernization" is a vanity project for a venal President who went ahead simply "because he wanted to destroy it". I believe that the East Wing must be restored to its original size and all the stored history replaced in it's original setting, if it still exists and was not a victim of the razing. It is the People's House, loaned only to the current President. None of the historical safeguards were followed in its destruction which is on the current holder of the Office. Like much in his destructive wake, it will take generations to restore what has been lost.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Durfee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcie Reinertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Paul Guerin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary-Anne Saxl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the east wing one stood. The east wing should be rebuilt structurally as it was so that the visual of the White House remains the same.

If someone wishes to build an addition to the White House they should go through the correct channels And historical preservation.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Heather Monson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Paige Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Simes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a "modernization" project, but an obliteration of part of our U.S. history. This project should be canceled; the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous design (and to modern building codes, obviously). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am one of those, and take extreme umbrage at the damage — physical, historical, and emotional — that this rash destruction has caused.

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Name: Everett Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing

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Name: Sarah Yoder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lori Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Garrick Duckler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It is horrendous that this was done illegally and which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Ashmun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patrick Fraser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not be happening. They have effectively destroyed a beautiful piece of American architecture for no reason. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was with only new changes that are absolutely necessary. It is absurd that I have to say that the President of the United States should not be accepting donations (bribes?) from billionaires to build a vanity ballroom. This is all so absurd. And they should follow the law and release the full Epstien files, unredacted, today!

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Berkowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, unless the money is used for a complete restoration of the East Wing as it was before it was recklessly demolished. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House does not belong to the president or to a particular political party. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Put it back.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:06 PM
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Name: Ken and Jeanne Berry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Waneta Lenk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Deirdre Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Leach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the destruction of the East wing of the White House and the construction of the current design for the building scheduled to replace it. I object for reasons of history, utility, and good taste. Can't even count the ways.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:45:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Maynard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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John C Maynard, MD

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Name: Sue Ream
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lina Wilder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House represents a total obliteration of an important part of American history. The planned ballroom would loom like a creepy uncle over the White House proper, destroying the balance and harmony of the People's House. The project was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project should be cancelled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:44:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Vice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house belongs to the people, not the president. This opulent ballroom plan is disgusting, regardless of who pays for it. I would like the original east wing restored as best as possible. This is a democracy, not a monarchy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Pulford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please Please Please do not let the East Wing Modernization project go forward, Do everything you can to stop this project and demand historic restoration of the East Wing. Please preserve our history. And ask that the funds be used for restoration instead.

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Name: Molly Mortensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathleen Nauth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the White House to what it was!!

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Name: Nancy Ogle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every law abiding citizen.

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Name: Julie Klupenger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of tax payer money on this project that was initiated without proper authorization or design review. I would like to see the East Wing returned to it's historical grandeur and to have the people responsible for the destruction of this building to be brought to justice. This was just another attempt to destroy the beautiful history of the East Wing of the People's House.

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Name: Nancy Fanning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Terri Riutcel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I am horrified by the destruction of the East Wing. I do not want taxpayers' dollars spent on a grandiose ballroom. I want the East Wing restored to its original form and function prior to its demolishment in October 2025. The majority of Americans oppose this misguided effort to reshape our historic building. The White House belongs to all of us, not to any one individual. Please fix this mess so we can begin to restore some semblance of pride in our Capitol.

Respectfully submitted,
A dismayed American

Date: 2/16/2026 5:44:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Epperson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dana Sundblad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending of $300+ million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and culture. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Karen Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I disagree With the construction of a ballroom on the side of the east wing of the White House.

First, the destruction of the East wing was not appropriate nor done according to protocol.

Second, a ballroom? During the time when meat prices have gone up 19%, and I'm not even gonna list everything else, a $400 million ballroom to be used by an extraordinarily small percent of Americans is not the proper use of any kind of funds whether donated or federal.

Last, this kind of inappropriate and thoughtless destruction of national property should not be tolerated.

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Name: Elice Simmering
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello and thank you for your time. I truly hope that these comments make a difference.

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Thank you,
- Elice Simmering

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Name: Andrea Cervini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

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Thank you,
- Elice Simmering

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Name: Ginger Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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What she said. It needs to be stopped.

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Name: Nancy Castle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Wendy Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: sacha pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the east wing of the white house (the people's house) was torn down without consultation or consideration. Further, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Name: Frederick Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dakota Thomas-Wilhelm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judith Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Tarring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the multi million dollar “modernization” of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is the People’s House. It is a historic structure. The total destruction should never have happened. There was no oversight, no accountability, and no transparency. It was just DONE at the whim of the current administration. The gargantuan size of the planned structure is ostentatious. Private wealthy individuals or corporations should not be building structures that should belong to and represent the American people. It is a travesty! It must be stopped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Haspel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original design. Restore the furnishings, the decor - all of it. This country does not need a gilt ballroom.

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Name: Julie Corsaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending hundreds of millions on the East Wing Modernization project. This was begun without proper authorization and permits. The design will be an eyesore in comparison to the rest of this historic building.
I would like to see this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt back to its former design. A giant ballroom is not needed.
Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:44:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gellman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the razing of the East Wing and the "pretend" spending of $300 million on this project-- a square footage rate of many many times the industry standard for luxury buildings. It is clearly a slush fund for the Trump family's further grift.

This construction project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Chris Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The habit of the trump administration is do whatever trump feels like doing. This project is no exception. Authority is presumed. Laws regulating creating new buildings are ignored. This bunch of fools cannot be allowed to walk on the laws of this nation. Cannot be allowed to ignore the Constitution. NO.

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Name: Jennifer Brody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Healey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was outraged to see the East Wing of the White House destroyed without your permission or even consultation. The White House belongs to the People of the United States, and not to the temporarily elected occupant of it.

It is your responsibility to halt the project now, and have actual historical architects see if the East Wing can be restored or renovated for its original purpose. No ballroom, no pseudo-palace, and no spending taxpayer money on nonsense.

The President should be personally responsible for the cost of both the destruction and renovation.

Please do your job, whatever bullying may come your way.

Thank you,

Amy Healey
Evanston, Illinois

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Wilkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started without the proper planning or authorizations. It must be stopped immediately and the damage already done needs to be repaired by restoring the East Wing to its historical condition. My tax dollars should not be used to do so. The person responsible needs to be held accountable and required to fund the restoration.

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Name: Kathryn Osterndorff Osterndorff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Louise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicci Persons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholly object to "modernizing" the east wing of the white house. I don't even care that it is allegedly being paid for from private funds. The damage to the history of the building, without any authorization is ridiculous. The cost per square foot is obscene, and the current iteration of drawings look like a remake of a French palace. A carefully designed plan that involves all responsible parties, not just the president and his architect would result in a much more accepted project.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:43:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lily Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars on the modernization of the East Wing of the White House. The project was started without going through proper channels. I want the East Wing restored to how it was to reflect the history of our great nation!

Date: 2/16/2026 5:43:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
I was raised in D.C. and this project, decided by one man, without consulting the American people about our house is wrong.

This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:43:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen webber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, this is a gutting of a wing of our nation's house. What they have done is raze a piece of history. This is reprehensible and should be thwarted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Marcin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to what it was before Trump's demolition. I want the same exterior dimensions and architectural style to be followed. I would also like to make sure that the interior is made accessible in compliance with ADA.
Hopefully, all interior artifacts were also preserved.
Please do not construct a ballroom on this property. There is already plenty of ballroom space in the DC area for the few times it is needed over and above what is available at the White House.
All future renovations need to follow the proper procedures.
This ballroom is not needed, nor is it wanted by the vast majority of Americans. This is the People's House!

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Name: Michelle Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sandra Eberle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project Should never have been started. No reviews, no permits, no consultations. The White House is the people's property, not the property of one person or persons with lots of money. Restore it as close to what it was, make the person who okayed the demolition pay for it. The Citizens should not pay one dime to restore it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JEAN Tripp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored to its preexisting condition. There is no reason to tear this down to make room for a ballroom. The White Housew is a part of the nation's heritage and should be kept intact.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Hovey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a voting citizen with a degree in architecture and a minor in historic preservation. The planned ballroom addition to dwarf the existing White House is appalling and can not be permitted to be carried out. Please do whatever is possible to halt this project which was started without the proper review and oversight. The history and simple grandeur of the White House needs to be protected and honored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Boskoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission -- My request is that after your review of the proposed East Wing Modernization Project, you reject the plan. I understand that since the East Wing has already been demolished, there are questions of what to do next. My recommendation is that - and I don't know the exact procedure for this - you require a fresh start. This would include an extensive public involvement process, a call for architects/designers, continuing interaction with the public and with people with expertise in history, historic preservation, architecture and design, public service, and more. Stakeholders as well as the general public should be welcomed into the conversation and the design process, including young people who often come up with great ideas. Two personal notes: I was born in Washington, DC, and it has been my good fortune to grow up and engage in all the wonders of the Nation's Capital. I worked at the Smithsonian Museums while in college. So this has great personal meaning for me. More recently (I now live in Salt Lake City), a developer wanted to "move" Abravanel Hall so he could rebuild downtown Salt Lake the way he thought it should be. Abravanel Hall is the home of the Utah Symphony, and was designed by renowned architects hand-in-hand with one of the top acousticians in the

world. Thanks to the action of patrons, residents, musicians, world-renowned composers and conductors, we were able to save the Hall, and just last week it received a plaque, recognizing its designation on the National Register of Historic Places. The White House is a powerful symbol across the planet. Let's do everything we can to preserve its majesty, its history and its significance. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary-Ann Trippet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House in order to undoubtedly erect some gaudy, over the top, gold encrusted ballroom. This structure has history, and the proper steps weren't taken and approval never given before it was torn down. This makes me furious!!! I want history to be preserved.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:43:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Pruehs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: David Fish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lynn Mullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Chelsea Wait
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I opposed this project which did not have proper authorization, permits, and other needed steps were not followed ahead of demolition. This building is of immense significance to the American people and we deserve a say.

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Name: Alison Dunton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Etta Maillard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Lachler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled! The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design, the cost of which should come directly from the one who arranged the wrecking. No one is above the law and I am in favor of penalizing those who broke the law with the demolition of the East Wing portion of the People's House. which is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
With Great Concern,
Lisa Lachler

Date: 2/16/2026 5:43:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Amore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this Administration's destruction of the East Wing in order to build and unnecessary and way too big "Ball Room". I implore you to rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Thank you. -Lisa

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Pollet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Rusch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The destruction was done on a whim, without permits or even an architectural plan in place. There were no permits or permissions given. The proposed replacement with a ballroom will not be finished by the time the current president leaves office. His desire to create a legacy for himself destroys a piece of history that has been a significant part of this country for more than 100 years.

The new construction on the $300 (or is it $400) million ballroom cannot be allowed.

For the record, I also object to the name given to the project here: East Wing Modernization Project? The East Wing is gone.

If there is a project for what was once the East Wing, I propose replacing and restoring what was there before the bulldozers arrived.

No one is above the law. Everyone involved in the destruction of the East Wing should be punished with fines and whatever else is appropriate for destruction of government property. That includes the operators of the bulldozers as well as the president himself.

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Name: Robyn Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Stocking
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:42:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a malicious tragedy. We do not need a ballroom and we certainly don't need the rest of the White House to reflect the current Oval Office. Please stop this insanity. The amount of money this administration spends without public input is immoral, and probably illegal. Give us, the People, back our East Wing and our national dignity. Thank you.

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Name: Patricia Kellgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Rebecca Arkenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This was done without oversight or permissions. It is a gross violation of protections for historical buildings. The White House is not a personal property, it belongs to the nation.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:42:55 PM
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Name: Karen Andres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the house of the American people. Its destruction and construction of a gold ballroom should not be determined by one man. Restore the East Wing to its intended purpose. Ask the billionaires putting up the money to find projects that actually help humanity: Housing the homeless; feeding the poor; making higher education affordable; providing day care for the lower income American; reforming our justice/prison system; providing mental health care for all; lowering insurance premiums; and the list goes on. In what universe does the average American need a ballroom?

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Name: Catherine Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: MICHAEL SCOTT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Trust:

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Sincerely,

Michael Scott

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Name: Con Callaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Angela Graef
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lora Harpster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Pustejovsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
This project should be canceled. The East Wingshould be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pamela Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project which did not have puppies review, authorization or permits. The choice to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to erect a ballroom where a historically treasured site was razed would be an affront. The original structure should be reconstructed. It is a part of the peoples' house through decades of presidential tenants.

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Name: Theresa Darby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rest wing should never have been torn down. Since it has been, rebuilding it to proportion would be nice. If a ballroom must be added, it needs to be in proportion with the rest of the building, subtle, and reflect the humbleness of the position of it's occupier - someone who is there at the will of the people, for the people.

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Name: Emily Mirrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No president, no Congressman, no one has the right to initiate ANY project or construction on buildings that belong to the people without proper review and protocols. Please STOP this destruction of our White

House. Hold the people accountable. We the people were never consulted about this abomination nor was there any project review by the White House Historical Society. I speak for thousands.

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Name: Jane Leingang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to the American people. It destroyed the historic East Wing of the White House in order to replace it with a structure that will overwhelm the people's house. The current president is a caretaker of this building and has no authority to alter its appearance in this way. There are ways of managing projects like this. Anyone who remodels an historic building works within guidelines set out by designated to oversee such building so that the changes do not violate the original architecture of the building, the reason why the building is historic. This building project should not go forward. If we truly need a ballroom and I am not sure we do, it must we designed carefully to be harmonious with the existing structure on this property.

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Name: Anne Bolner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To demolition the East Wing, without prior approval, is beyond contempt for the disrespect shown to our built environment. The building is the property of the American People. We have the right to be angry and livid over the destruction of our property.

We do not need a Ballroom the size of the entire White House. We don't cater to billionaires and tyrants. We have enjoyed years of elegant and tasteful State functions in our White House. We have entertained guests from all over the world. As a citizen of this country, I wish to express my displeasure with which a temporary occupant has torn through decades of our heritage and pride.

The plans for the Ballroom are gaudy and distasteful. They look like a grandiose cry for attention instead of dignified elegance.

The President should be held responsible for his outrageous demolition. He should have his salary stopped and he should be forced to vacate our White House. If he does not think it is suitable, he should be housed at Blair House until his time to leave Washington.

Sincerely,
Anne Bolner

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Name: Becky Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is needed to host large events in a modern and secure facility. Our nation should not be reduced to hosting world leaders in tents or indoor areas that are too small to accommodate the projected number of guests. I believe this project can replace an historic part of the White House that is no longer used for its original purpose, that preservationists can remove anything worth conserving, and there will be an addition we can be proud of. Please approve this project. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:41:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gillian Claus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Happy Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this terrible project at the White House. Thank you, Happy Benson

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Name: Katherine Kallick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Russell Orloff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: noreen richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Justin Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lucy Klette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Subterranean areas can be modernized and secured as required.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kathie Rokita
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All demolition should stop and the president’s donors should pay to have it replaced no larger than the East Wing was. The monstrosity ballroom isn’t needed in the People’s House. I am a people who disapproves.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susie murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jen Boynton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jain Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Denise Choin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Duguay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of The East Wing. The White House is an historical landmark that belongs to the entire country. The process for making any alternations was not followed & this wing certainly should not have be demolished under any circumstances. Our heritage site needs to be restored to its former glory & the cost for the restoration passed on to all those who ignored the correct process including the Republican president & administration.

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Name: Mary Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. The East Wing should be fully restored to the original blueprint. I oppose this ballroom conceived with play money . It is an affront to the American people. It is the People's house .

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Name: John Buzzell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. The First Family resides there as a kindness of the citizens of the United States. The current administration has no right to demolish any portion of this property without the

express permission of the citizens of the United States.
I am appalled that this demolition was accomplished without any sanction, permission, or even inquiry. Where is the U.S. Congress?
How could this demolition have happened? What of the years of hstory that has been lost? We, the people, do not need a multi-million dollar ballroom! We need ad demand the East Wing be restored and rebuilt as it was!

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Name: Peggy Ramsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Trust -

I am strongly opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The current President is a temporary resident and should not have unilaterally damage or redesign the people's house. I am also not aware that funding for this project has been legally and transparently secured. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

Monica Murray
American Citizen and Taxpayer

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Name: Terri Shafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Paul Loughman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project; even if it is to be totally funded by donors; which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is supposed to be above the law, not even President Trump, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: D Acosta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When the East Wing was demolished, I and all my family and friends were aghast. It was shocking and caused both anger and much sadness. We all felt like it was OUR house that had been ruined. It was an important and invaluable structure. And it was destroyed with no forewarning or discussion. It was a crime. Please do not approve anything that is not appropriate in every way. Maybe even period wallpaper, furnishings and architectural details. We want an East Wing again. Every First Lady must have wept over this. And everyone who has visited the White House is mourning this abomination.

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Name: Barbara Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am aware that defying Trump is very dangerous - he'll carry grudges against all who vote against him for all time and will savage you in this Truth Social posts - but you must put a halt to the "Beautiful Ballroom" and the bunker - not least because it was never about that. If it had been he would have had architectural plans

ready to go. He still wouldn't have gone through channels, of course, but at least he'd be able to show actual blue prints. Instead he has nothing.

Please prevent any building going on where the East Wing used to be until you can get the go ahead to rebuild it as it used to be.

I appreciate that Trump will just double the size of his Triumphant Arch in revenge, as well as a few other grandiose building projects on which he'll place his name - but at least the White House would be safe.

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Name: Anne Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I think that like other projects, it should go through the proper steps and be designed in a thoughtful way so as not to dwarf or detract from the White House itself.

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Name: Carrie Beveridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American, I was appalled by the illegal destruction and of the East Wing of the White House, and what that means for our collective history. As a working environmental consultant I am beyond appalled at the very obvious and public facing flouncing of our most basic regulations around asbestos and lead-based paint. This demolition was blatantly unhygienic and illegal and will cause real harm to the air and soil of the White House grounds. Further, why should anyone ever again bother getting a permit or following environmental regulations when our own government will not?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of ANY taxpayer funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, specifically President Donald Trump and his cohorts, is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Catherine Everitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is entirely too large and will dwarf the original, Historic White House.

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Name: Becky Roessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Laurie Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million—whether funded by taxpayers or donations—on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Debbie Mattingly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this desecration of OUR White House should have been discussed BEFORE he tore it down. I believe as soon as we were made aware what he was doing, he should have been shut down. I believe the

east wing should be put back the way it was before he got his grubby little paws on it. I find it so difficult to understand how the people who tore it down could actually do it!

SO, PLEASE, DO NOT LET HIM REPLACE THE EAST WING TO BUILD THAT MONSTROUS EYESORE HE WANTS TO REPLACE THE EAST WING WITH. PLEASE STOP HIM.

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Name: Mary Steppling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to see the east wing turned into a ballroom that dwarfs the original structure. I would prefer that the east wing had remained. It is unconscionable that a president would tear down part of the White House to suit his purposes without much input if any. If a ballroom is to be built, it should be in proportion to the rest of the building, retain the integrity of the original structure, and ensure that the First Lady's or Gentleman's offices are replaced

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Name: Jessica King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Carole Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Elizabeth Van Fossen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project". This was not modernization. It is an unauthorized desecration of a building that belongs to the American people, not to its current occupant. Like any other citizen, the occupant of the White House should not be permitted to proceed when he has failed to obtain the required prior authorization and permits. He should be required, at his expense, to return the East Wing, to its former design. If the East Wing truly needs to be modernized, it should only be done after the lawful planning, authorization and permitting procedures have been followed to the letter of the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this insanity. This is not Donald's house to do with as he pleases. It is the people's house and the people should have a say. Not to mention, if the project is allowed to continue, it will be outrageously expensive, in bad taste and built without the required approval.

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Name: Michael Dodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Spilecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Duermyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified as I watched the demolition of the East Wing. No permits were given for this so-called project. What happened to the historical objects in these rooms? What happened with asbestos mitigation? I believe this demolition was done illegally. The East Wing should be rebuilt, paid for by the ones who tore it down. No enormous, out-of-scale ballroom should be built.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the wanton tearing down of the East Wing without having gone through a scope of work and approval.
Please stop the construction immediately until a full scale review of legality, safety and appropriateness of the design is
completed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Karen Lerner

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Name: Arianne Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Audrey Kremer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a far cry from being a "modernization project". The East Wing destruction was done without government oversight, permits and was not done legally or with planning and input. Allowing this to become an ostentatious memorial to President Trump goes against everything that the NCPC was created to prevent. We need the East Wing rebuilt to its former structure and purpose or at least rebuilt in a way that is aligned with the White House and West Wing and remain authentic to its original purpose. The East Wing should, as it was before, not distract from the beauty and history of the White House itself. The White House and buildings are symbolic of what differentiates the US from the imperial palaces and grandeur that points to wealth and privilege around the world. What we fought for and stand for should be honored. Democracy where we do not memorialize living presidents and respect the laws that guide us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was *knowingly* initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a radical destruction American history and public property. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Further, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Lisa Alsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Dodge
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Name: Carol Gyzander
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Name: Nancy Kazlauckas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Maria Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The demolition of The East Wing of the White House is a travesty made worse by the plan to replace it with a giant ballroom that is out of proportion with the rest of the White House. All of it is to assuage Trump’s ego and bolster his desire to be a “king”.

As usual, Trump has ignored the legally required federal review process where major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. None of this has happened.

This country does not need a ballroom. I think Trump should be made to rebuild on his own dime, that which he destroyed. He should return the bribe money given to him by his billionaire "friends".

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Name: George Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The Trump administration suddenly demolished the East Wing of the People's House, which is the property of the American people (not his family) without proper public discussion or authorization. As with any publically owned property, they should be required to return the property to its prior state, paying for it out of their private wealth. That some billionaire clients of Donal Trump offered to pay for the demolition and the building of a new ballroom unfit for the site does not make his actions okay. The billionaires' money can be used to rebuild the East Wing if they like, but they should also be reprimanded for their arrogance. If they like, after rebuilding the East Wing, they can be allowed to go through a proper review process for changes they want to make but with no guarantee of success. The USA is founded on equality before the law. Their arrogance must be utterly repudiated.

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Name: Michele Turan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lori Leonard
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Name: Bonnie Matter
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Name: Monica Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Trust -

I am strongly opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The current President is a temporary resident and should not have unilaterally damage or redesign the people's house. I am also not aware that funding for this project has been legally and transparently secured. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

Monica Murray
American Citizen and Taxpayer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: joan Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed project of the ballroom at the White House. This is an atrocious wasteful plan that went forward without proper investigation. It destroys the historic legacy of America to appease a tyrant.

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Name: Emilie Hoppe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's truly sad to change forever the face and elevation of the White House. It has been a symbol of our heritage as a nation. And to change it in this manner will ruin the ediface. No building addition should dwarf or overshadow the White House and its west wing. The east wing should Not have been torn down but any construction must be seemly and in proportion, totally in keeping with the original.

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Name: Stephen Smelker
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Name: Harry Delugach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project completely, regardless of the design or purpose.

Everything about this project disgusts me. Actions taken so far are strictly political and of course the blame falls squarely on Donald Trump. He had no right to propose anything new, he had no right to destroy U.S. Government property, much less a vital part of our national identify and architecture. Destroying public property would land me in jail, especially something as important as part of the White House, which is owned by the people of the United States.

I urge you to completely reject this whole project, unless the "new design" is the same as its former appearance, as much as possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin McDonough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is the result of overreaching by an immoral president. There was no need for it and it disrespects the beautiful history of the White House. It has bypassed the democratic process and must be stopped. The east wing must be rebuilt to its historic grace.

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Name: Staci Arnone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose moving forward with this project as requested. The East wing was razed WITHOUT ANY PERMITS OR APPROVALS. A portion of history was razed with it! The current proposed plans dwarf the White House in size and proportion. This entire concept of a ballroom this size is unnecessary!
The East Wing should be rebuilt with the same aesthetic since it complemented the White House. Increasing square footage would be ok to a degree, if again it complimented the entire White House campus.

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Name: Kathleen (Kathi) Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Ellen Sweeney
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Name: Mary Mahler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Perhaps the White House needs a ballroom, or at least a venue that can hold a sizable number of dignitaries to gather in a safe location. How ever it needs to be built in a manor that reflects the beauty and style of the White House as it was originally intended to be. Dignified and bling free. Sad that the east wing & Kennedy Garden was so violently destroyed and proper steps were not followed. I don't object to outsiders paying for it but those funds need to be kept separate and be followed so that they don't benefit people through using offshore accounts and not being properly managed. Also private donations are not a form of entitlement by donors. Naming of the building is also something that needs to be done by public vote. No current president can name it after himself. That's true of all the other monuments, buildings, cars, trees, event centers, etc. Naming should be done by vote and not be designated to any current or living president. I think that the sands of time need to pass before a president is honored. The longevity of their actions needs to play out to really see if they were an effective leader or not.

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Name: Ellen Krueger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.
Ellen Krueger

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: LuAnn Wherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is so disgraceful that first a historic part of our capital building was torn down without proper oversight and environmental care for hazardous materials that may have been present at the site. Then policies for building permits and local commentary were ignored in the rush to start rebuilding.

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Name: LuAnn Wherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine Caldwell
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Name: Shawn Fritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of more than $300 million for this project, which appears to have been initiated without appropriate authorization, permitting, or design review. Projects of this scale routinely experience cost overruns, and there is reasonable concern regarding fiscal discipline and long-term stewardship of public funds.

In addition, there are legitimate questions about the quality of materials and craftsmanship that will ultimately be delivered. Public projects of historical significance should reflect the highest standards of durability, authenticity, and architectural integrity, rather than relying on cost-cutting substitutions that may compromise long-term value.

This proposal cannot accurately be characterized as a modernization effort. Rather, it represents a substantial alteration of an important historic structure. Such actions warrant careful review, transparency, and full compliance with all applicable legal and preservation requirements.

I respectfully urge that this project be halted pending proper authorization, oversight, and review. If alterations have been undertaken in violation of established procedures or laws, those responsible should be held accountable. Public trust depends on adherence to the rule of law and the responsible preservation of our shared architectural heritage.

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Name: Frances Bents
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I emphatically am opposed to the proposed ballroom that was conceived and planned in total violation of norms, and required reviews and approvals. The unwarranted destruction of the historic East Wing of the Peoples' White House and replacement with a behemoth ballroom at an exorbitant expense is an affront to hard working, tax paying Americans. This project must be abandoned, and the East Wing fully restored and paid for by those who destroyed our monumental presidential home.

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Name: Shirley Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition and subsequent construction of the White House East Wing must cease immediately.
Proper and correct procedures for the demolition and construction were not sought nor approved.
As a long time taxpayer, I do not support spending any funds either public or private on this folly. Our stately, historic buildings require careful thought and planning before construction begins.
Stop Immediately! and put things back the way they were.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Bumgardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a horrible plan, an inappropriate addition to the White House, that has not gone through proper channels. I resent one man thinking he knows what represents our country with his tacky taste. Please stop this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending hundreds of millions on the ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. We have lost far more from the destruction of the East Wing than we will gain from proposed building and the massive scale is not in proportion to the existing structures. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Either we are a nation of laws or we’re not and the White House belongs to the American people, not to any one president.

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Name: Margaret Cook
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Barden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House under the guise of necessity in order to build a completely unapproved "ballroom" by Donald Trump. There was no public comment asked for or regulatory guidelines followed or historical experts consulted . This project is solely the desire of one mans ego and an affront to the historical quality of the residence. The premise of " ask for forgiveness rather than permission" doesn't even apply as this character never is contrite. To continue with this building is abhorrent. The White House is the peoples house not Trumps to "remodel and add on at his whim.
Please stop this project and return the East Wing to it's previous and historical state.
Thank you for your attention, Nancy Barden (VOTER for 58 years)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Kjenaas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for accepting my comment.

Before we plan or build a ballroom we should have a reason to dance.

There is no need for a celebratory venue at the White House as long as there is so much hatred and contention flowing from its current, temporary resident.

Let's grow more roses.

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Name: Sheila Blevins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that it is disgusting that our East Wing of the White House was torn down for a ballroom. That is a waste of money from us. He never stays in the White House. Let him use his Florida ballroom. Our East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly the way it was. No President should ever be allowed to make changes to the White House. That's the peoples house,, not their private property. Our Jackie Kennedy rose garden needs to be back the way it was. Get rid of that stupid patio. I'm praying that you wake up and stop this President from trashing our history. He is trying to erase everything that doesn't have his name on it.

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Name: Bonnie Wohl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Ann Budewitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am deeply troubled by this project. "Modernization" does not involve complete destruction without full and complete authorization, permits, or design review. No historic building should be razed without opportunity for public review and comment – the building belongs to the public. The project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt in its former footprint and design; "modernization" such as improved utilities, changes in internal design, and the luck can be completed then, in full accordance with the law. Those who violated the law should be penalized to the full extent of the law.

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Name: Erin Kopczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Poldi Gerard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Razing the historic East Wing was a horrible, illegal action. I strongly oppose the "modernization" project. The East Wing should be restored to how it was before this terrible illegitimate action.

Sincerely,
Poldi Gerard

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Name: Kristine Daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the people's house. Taxpayers have a right to expect responsible and reasonable updates to the White House. This project is unnecessary, irresponsible, and exorbitant. It is an unnecessary expense at a time when worthwhile government-funded projects and departments have been defunded by the Trump administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I feel that Donald J. Trump should personally pay for the restoration in restitution for ordering demolition to the building without authorization. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sue Augustus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Furan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

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Respectfully,
Toni Furan

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Woolever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my disapproval in the East Wing teardown and renovation.
It's sad that we are becoming authoritarianism, and this is a reflection of terrible choices Trump is making.

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Name: William Weir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an act of vandalism.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mabel Nibel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed without permits, oversight, or a clear plan for a replacement. This is a violation of Federal Policy and construction law in the District of Columbia. Stop the madness. Stop the building of a gilded ballroom as large as the entire White House. Stop it now.

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Name: Michelle Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree 100% with Anara Guard's comments: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." And I will add: Donald Trump needs to be prosecuted and/or sued for the cost of the renovation. He needs the same consequence of any other American vandalizing government property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Manternach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that Trump is trying to go around Congress to fund this monstrosity, and filling key positions on the boards and commissions that approve the plans with men of a similar amoral bent. And has anyone yet determined exactly what all these donors are receiving in exchange?

The White House belongs to all American citizens; Trump is merely a tenant. He must be stopped and he should be required to pay--out of his own billions-- for whatever it costs to restore what he illegally tore down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linden Beard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this new ballroom edition is needed. If it is being funded by private donation I am completely for this edition. It will greatly enhance the White House for formal gatherings. Other presidents have added to the mansion so I don't understand what all the fuss is about?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris Bornkessel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against this ballroom project. It was never reviewed or approved. Please rebuild the East

Wing to its original historic build.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Meisner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building a ballroom next to the White House. I would like to see any funds collected for this project used to rebuild the East Wing. As there was no prior legal approval for the ballroom, its construction should be halted and forbidden. The historic White House should be restored with the East Wing as it was. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irene McFadden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Irene suppose this project. Proper procedure should have been followed before razing this portion of THE PEOPLES' HOUSE. None were and as a voting citizen I respectfully state no one has the right to do what was done without following the steps anyone in this country has to follow before even starting a project large or small. If my husband and I had to do so for simply replacing our backyard shed, certainly a project of this scope should do the same.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Steel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money, public or private, on this project since it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing the people who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carol Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

please see attached pdf file

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Name: Pamela DeSha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carol Weaver
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If it's true (as they keep telling us) that wealthy donors are paying for it and not taxpayers, then tell the wealthy donors to pay down the national debt instead. That would benefit the United States far more than a ballroom that only the uber-wealthy will ever see the inside of.

Carol Weaver

Date: 2/16/2026 5:34:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Aoki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Without consulting taxpayers, they took a jackhammer to the people's White House! Our

taxes pay for its upkeep and the people of the United States literally had no say in this. We have better places to put taxpayer dollars than this fiasco.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former (historically accurate) design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

A wrecking ball is indeed quite symbolic of this president's administration, but I would rather have a historically intact East Wing and a country living under the rule of law. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: Benjamin Darby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I echo what someone else has written regarding this project: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Melanie Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House (or the People's House) is a National Historic Landmark and National Park and owned by the American people. Residents are temporary and should not make substantial modifications unless coordinated and approved ahead of time by the owners (the American People), just like renters in any other residence.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions MUST respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Per guidelines for historic buildings overseen by the NCPC, additions/modifications to the White House should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure, as all previous construction has been.

While the demolition of the previous East Wing cannot be undone, any further construction must be reviewed, socialized for public comment, and approved by the NCPC PRIOR to commencement. The current 'notional' designs are not sufficient to support public review and comment. Full architectural plans must be completed and submitted prior to the review and public comment period concluding.

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Name: Sandy Cahill Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Catherine Abernathy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This was originally from another person, but I agree 100%! Bring back OUR East Wing!

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Name: Denise Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: R Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to oppose the $300M "East Wing Modernization Project." Modernizing the East Wing of the White House was a project initiated without the appropriate authorization, permits, or design review. This was a complete removal of American history that NEVER should have happened. I advocate for this project to be cancelled and the East Wind rebuilt and restored to its former design once the current president is no longer in office because its rebuilding cannot be successfully completed under the current administration. While the current president is in office, the rebuilding of the East Wing should be postponed with the area cordoned off with a construction fence. No person in this country is above the law. My community has stronger penalties for the unlawful razing of a contributing building in a historic district than our country is enforcing on the perpetrator of this sickening act of hubris and overreach. To permit this poorly conceived project to go ahead without penalty to those who broke the law would be an offense and contrary to everything this country is and stands for.

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Name: LISA JOSEPH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Deb Cullings
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Name: Jennifer Smith
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Name: Lynda Robey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Eileen Sobeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carla Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Ewing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to start by saying that the destruction of our nation's collective history, the tearing down of the East Wing, is not a "modernization project". It is a vanity project imagined by the megalomaniac currently occupying the White House. Given that, it shouldn't come as a surprise that I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In lieu of this so-called "modernization project", I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead, with or without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans who would like to have a country and leadership we can be proud of again.

Please do the right thing and do not allow this ballroom monstrosity to be built. It is something we would all quickly come to regret, as we already regret it, even in its conception stage.

Thank you,

Sandy Ewing
Nashville, TN

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Name: Russell Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sherryl Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am beyond outraged that Donald Trump has had the effrontery to demolish a big portion of The People's House for an insipid vanity project without even going through proper channels. It is misogynistic in removing the First Lady's offices, probably because Melania would never be bothered to use them. His taste is disgusting and tacky, and the ridiculous ballroom fits that description to a T. Please please please, stop the ballroom project, and fine Trump for exceeding his authority in the amount required to rebuild the East Wing, either exactly as it was or else with whatever normal improvements might have been authorized before this madness began. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stuart Doores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored to its original design, before Trump illegally tore it down. He should pay for the reconstruction out of his own pocket, and not with taxpayers money!

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Name: Christine Verdon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An administration is either a 4 or 8 year tenure in the White House, determined by a vote by the citizens of the USA.

The White House and the grounds on Pennsylvania Avenue belong to the people of this country. It has been under the care of the current occupant to preserve it for the people.

This administration has taken a wrecking ball to the White House and its grounds.

It demolished the Rose Garden, mutilated the Lincoln bathroom so it looks as if it belongs in a hotel, added "golden" garbage accents throughout the oval office and the West Wing.

Now, the most obscene gesture in this wreck of self indulgence taken by the current occupant, demolishing the East Wing to install a ballroom for billions of dollars to further destroy history and the historical significance of the people's house.

This needs to be prevented from going any further.

Restore the Kennedy Center to its proper name as well.

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Name: Elizabeth Hodges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope that the commission will realize that the unlawful demolition of the East Wing needs to abide by the regulations in place for THE PEOPLE'S House. What is done is done, but the commission can responsibly and lawfully reconstruct an architecturally appropriate wing to the White House. The ballroom and BUNkER are a vanity project for DONALD TRUMP.

I am vehemently opposed to the ballroom and bunker that Donald Trump proposes.

I have complete trust in the commission to propose a wing plan that will be architecturally appropriate and not the monstrosity that Donald Trump envisions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Topping
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to go on record that my concerns are that this building or addition to the White House for a ballroom is being designing by President Trump without any thought to national historic preservation for the White House. If a ballroom is to be added, I highly recommend that a committee be formed outside of the presidents circle, and given to people who will be looking out for the best of the design and not to place their own personal stamp on it.

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Name: Dorothy Erlandson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down illigally. The White House is not the property of one person. I insist that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was before, with any necessary minor modifications for satety. The finished result should not look different from before and should be used for the same purposes as before.
The proposed ballroom is unnessary and the plans for the project should be put aside. Its huge size would dwarf the White House itself.
Large events can continue to be held in tents on the White House lawn as in the past, or in other public or private space that could be rented for special occasions.
Respectfullly submitted
A concerned US citizen

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Name: Bruce Koppert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand with those who demand that this enormous wrong be corrected by rebuilding the East Wing as it was before Trump‘s wrecking ball. The White House is not Mar-a-Lago. The White House is not owned by Donald Trump. It is owned by “We the People.” And we the people are horrified by what Trump did without proper authorization or process. The whole project is a mess and needs to be stopped and reversed. Resurrect the east wing and stiffly fine and sue Donald Trump. The Scotus only said Trump was immune from prosecution from acts conducted as regular presidential business. In no way was this destruction part of the president’s regular official role. So sue the pants off him.

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Name: STEVEN DIXON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to spending the $300 million for this project. I believe it was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. It is the destruction of over 100 years of American history. I believe this project should be cancelled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. To permit this renovation to continue is a slap in the face to all law-abiding citizens of this country.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your time.

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Name: Marj Pinard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

THIS was and is an attack on the U.S., history, and is useless. PLEASE STOP IT. restore the original

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Lesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project and ask it be stopped immediately

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Name: Diane & Buddy Shumaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without permission or input from anyone, just because the president wants a monument to himself. It is a waste of millions of dollars. I would rather see the entire wing restored to it's original, historical function.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please CANCEL this project, rebuild the East Wing restore the White House to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the People's House would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Katie Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Romero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the White House was an outrage. None of the prior steps that are required to make changes to the People's House were followed. And now, the estimate of costs keep changing with more and more monstrous designs for a hugely disproportionate wing. We must demand a wing design appropriate in scale and period to complement the White House. The American people were told only private donations would be used to build the new structure. I demand that no taxpayer funds be used to restore the West Wing to its previous glory. Let the individual who illegally demolished it personally pay for its reconstruction.

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Name: Linda Gaines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The is not modernization. It's desecration.

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Name: Wayne Rohde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose construction of a ballroom in place of the former East Wing.

The White House belongs to the American people. No single person should be able to make substantial revisions to this historic property without prior review and approval. The President is a temporary tenant of the property, not its owner.

If a larger event space is considered necessary, then a proposal should have been submitted in advance, discussed, reviewed, modified (if necessary or appropriate), and work commenced only after final approval was given.

Any approval given at this time is merely post hoc forgiveness of what appears to be the illegal destruction of public property.

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Name: Susan Paiva
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Name: Patty Finn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Carolyn Newton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a massive ballroom designed solely for the glorification and ego stroking of Donald Trump. The razing of the East Wing is a tragedy and was foisted on the American people in defiance of proper oversight and protocol. The White House is the people's house, and Mr. Trump lives there as a courtesy of his office. It is not his house to destroy. I would like the East Wing rebuilt with proper historical context given to the design and use of this cherished wing of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun under false pretenses. The east wing was razed after the President claimed it would be left untouched. None of the appropriate procedures were followed. The building as proposed dwarfs the White House and is totally inappropriate for the space.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Heitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any money on the proposed modernization of the East Wing .
There are several other priorities this money should be used for. The history of this wonderful building has been demolished and should have been preserved as part of our national history.
No one is above the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Hoeffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Disgraceful use of our American money!

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Name: Ann Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump needs to follow the law just like every other citizen. He did not receive permission to tear down the East Wing. He needs to at the very least stop work, submit a plan and then if approved, proceed with the approved plan. If not approved, he needs to reconstruct the East Wing as it was.
Thank you

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Name: Nancy Popp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very grateful to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for their efforts to halt this illegal, unprecedented destruction of 'The People's House' without any kind of oversight.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this questionable 'plan' , which was initiated without the

proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete gutting of American history and a horrible mark of destruction.
Cancel this 'project' and track the funding supposedly committed to it, as it is extremely ethically questionable. Rebuild the East Wing restore its former design and prosecute those responsible for the wanton dismantling of a historical structure that belongs to the people of the United States.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gerald Filbin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that this project should be killed in its entirety for several reasons. First, the demolition of the White House East Wing occurred without proper permitting and public notice making it essentially an illegal destruction of Federal property. That behavior should not be rewarded. Second, the proposed structure is not in architectural harmony with the existing building, dwarfing it in proportion and clashing with the historical style of one of the United State's original public buildings. Third, financing for this project was not approved or appropriated by Congress and the proposed donor financing is not transparent and riddled with potential conflict of interest and waste, fraud and abuse. Fourth, management of the proposed project is poorly defined and much appears to be placed beyond Federal control, including competitive selection of contractors making the entire proposal questionable with regard to acquisition regulations. I urge you to kill this project and begin the process of investigating how the decisions leading up to this application occurred without necessary public review and comment for possible criminal violations. I also urge the planning commission to initiate an independent process for restoration of the damaged structure that is in full compliance with law and regulation and that places the burden of cost on President Trump, not on the taxpayers.

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Name: Claudia Hollister-Stearman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The great big disgusting ballroom

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Name: k oc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

please stop the west wing project-- NOW-- and rebuild as it was before-- its heart wrenching to see what was done to it!

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Name: Susan Edelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States has few monuments as well- known and iconic as the White House. The White House's classical architecture is emblematic of the heft and historical significance of the property. The proposed "modernization ", with its enormous size, moves the White House out of the balance that forms the basic style of classical architecture.

In addition, the White House is meant to be both a residence and a place of work for the President and t e First Lady of our republic. It already has spaces for receptions and official gatherings. As a country with democratically elected leaders, our official buildings need to reflect the values of the country with a leader answerable to the citizens, not a leader who needs spaces built for royalty.

I oppose the extreme expansion of the White House, clearly disguised as " modernization" and encourage you to refuse to permit it to move forward.

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Name: Carol Durusau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put it back the way it was. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a

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Name: Susan Koons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a self aggrandizing project aimed at bolstering Trump's fragile ego. To accomplish this task he has taken a wrecking ball to American history. He's like a bull in a china closet! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Berkebile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current ballroom plans should not be approved. Not only was the East Wing destroyed illegally but the planned ballroom is not in keeping with the design of the Whitehouse and is much too large and ostentatious. A redesign of the destroyed wing would have been sufficient without tearing down the whole wing. Since this was all done without proper permits and review the current plan should be denied and those involved should be required to put the East Wing back as close to the prior design as possible. Plus any future construction needs to follow all proper regulations for permits and reviews.

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Name: Heather Caspar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Koontz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public comments should have been requested BEFORE any demolition of the East Wing began. That being said, here are my comments on the project as it moves forward:

1. The East Wing should be restored to its original dimensions and architectural design. Any structural or infrastructure updates required to meet current building codes should be included in the reconstruction. Any updates should not proceed without review and consent from a historical preservation organization. The White House is the People's House; presidents are only temporary residents, and they should not be able to unilaterally alter its structure permanently for their own personal desires.

2. If an additional entertainment space is needed, build or renovate another structure in Washington DC. This structure should be designated to be used by any federal agency for its entertainment purposes. The White House would have first priority. This would make the structure much more cost-effective, rather than wasting money on a large ballroom that may be used only a few times a year.

3. All federal buildings should be built and maintained with federal funds. Private funds only introduce a risk of corruption or favoritism into the project.

4. All federally controlled facilities should not be named after any living person. These federal facilities are to include buildings, monuments, theaters, areas or rooms within buildings, museums, and office buildings. Names should be attached to such facilities only after a person's death and after a delay (e.g., 10 years). Only persons with time-tested accomplishments should receive such honors. Congress should approve such naming by a vote of at least 60%, and designate funds for the naming/renaming.

I respectfully submit these comments for your consideration. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:30:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Tobin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, even if donated. It is not a modernization project, rather it is a demolition of historic property without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is unconscionable that the Trump administration destroyed this wing without authorization. They are not above the law. The wing should be rebuilt according to properly vetted historical design using funds from the Trump family. Not a penny of taxpayer money or solicited gifts should be used to remedy this shameless demolition and necessary reconstruction.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:30:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eugene Mikolajczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda LeClaire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The exterior dimensions and architectural style should be restored to match the building as a whole. Update wiring and plumbing, and make it ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Also, please, please, please remove the gaudy gold treatments. Not only do they look bad, it sends a message of greed and that money is more important than caring for our people.

Regarding the NEED for a ballroom at all, it seems to me that ALL other presidents were able to entertain prestigious dignitaries without a ballroom in the White House, so I seriously don't think one is needed now. But to be sure, I'd talk with previous presidents and spouses such as the Bidens, Obamas, Bushes and Clinton's to get their input since they actually lived and entertained in The People's House. If they believe it is necessary, then I'd have architects design something suitable within that space, not create a monster that blows up all existing proportions.

I'd also reconsider reinstating the rose garden and other outside spaces.

The White House is the people's house and not a convention center!

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Name: Kathleen Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Wilks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The administration was flagrant in its disregard for the law and guidelines for making changes to such a historical site as the White House. Its preservation is more important than any vanity project this president envisions (although I doubt he would complete it). We must prevent actions such a historical that have not been first considered by the government agencies who have expertise in such change.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:29:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Graybard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending any amount of money (let alone $300 million) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but, rather, a complete razing of American history.

This project should be canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:29:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen ramirez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and RESTORED to its former design. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW and to permit this project is SO WRONG. To go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It would open the door for anyone anywhere to do as they please without approved designs and proper permits

Date: 2/16/2026 5:29:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:29:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginny Sieck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was illegally launched without proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and permitting this project without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This project is a complete razing of American history and I request that you cancel this project and rebuild/restore the East Wing to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:29:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Sexton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

02/16/2026

Historic Preservation of our National Monuments and Parks
The East Wing, The National Cultural (Kennedy) Center, and Et. al.

Dear Committee,

The White House is OUR house, it belongs to US- the people of the United States. We request that, as in the past, historically sensitive changes be subject to rigorous evaluation, approval and public agreement.

Please follow past processes of impact statements, public comment sessions, design review, and approvals in making changes/updates to our historically sensitive National Monuments.

Please restore our Historic buildings- The White House, The East Wing, and The Kennedy Center, including surrounding gardens and grounds- to their original status prior to 2017. Exterior and/or interior dimensions, architectural style, decor, and landscaping should be preserved. E.g. The Rose Garden.

Please make any safety updates such as security, wiring, plumbing, ADA compliance, materials used, and etc. such that the original intent of design is historically preserved.

Thank you,
-Alice Sexton

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Name: Laura Mirsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the original architecture. Make upgrades to the electrical system and handicap accessible. The size of the east wing should not dwarf the President's residence and should blend in with all of the other buildings at the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:29:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merrianne McCall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The law was broken when the East Wing of the people's house was demolished. No permits were sought, no permission was given. One man made a decision about a national landmark and proceeded to destroy it without authorization. This person should be held liable for the destruction of this property and should have to pay to have it restored to its original state. No one asked for or authorized it be demolished nor did they authorize a ballroom to be built. The rose garden s were also destroyed, and there has been the addition of the numerous gaudy and tasteless golden embellishments that no one asked for. If these things were also at the expense of the American taxpayers they also should be reimbursed. The current administration acts like a spoiled toddler that has no accountability and should be held accountable and given the bill for his actions against the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Lehigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the East Wing destroyed! It is a part of our shared history. The building belongs to the people, and any changes made need to be reviewed and approved by using the proper channels and following set guidelines.
The persons responsible for its destruction must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and made to pay for its rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Prochaska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom (i.e. Modernization Project) is a travesty. The East Wing was torn down without authorization and should be restored and made to capture the original purpose of the historic building. To have a president who lawlessly destroyed part of the White House be rewarded with gold ballroom paid for by billionaires is appalling and smacks of bribery.

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Name: Margaret Ridenour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Reed-Gillette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is misnamed. I oppose the building of a $300 million ballroom. I also oppose the spending of

$300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If a ballroom is to be built, it should be built ONLY AFTER appropriate review and design consideration AND the total restoration of the East Wing as it was before it was demolished.

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Name: William Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Margaret Bembower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any new design that has not gone through the appropriate channels and request that the East Wing be rebuilt using the money that was supposed to be used to build a ballroom that is not needed. Also all parties involved in the destruction of the East Wing should be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible.

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Name: Robin Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Deborah Carty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should have never been torn down without proper permits and approvals. It should be restored as best as possible to its former design. To put a huge ballroom there would ruin the look & balance of the White House. The raising of funds to build the ballroom is also problematic. If they really want a ballroom they can build one elsewhere. The White House should be historically protected. I live in a condo built in a historic building and I can't even change a doorknob or window or any external item without approval from our state historical commission!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Rentz-Bjorge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I'm not allowed to alter my own personal property, that I own, without proper permits, and approvals.
The White House belongs, at minimum, in spirit to every American. No president owns that property and has permission to destroy it and its history. This president sold a lie of modernization, in order to destroy the history of a building.
Any money donated to this destruction should be re-directed to the restoration of the East Wing, where the only designers involved are white house historians and historical architects.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:28:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the renovation plans for the East Wing of the White House as they are currently written. The project is inappropriate and out of scale with the remainder of the historic building. While an updated entertainment/function room may be an appropriate use of the alleged funds raised for this project, it's design and construction should be managed by the appropriate federal historic commissions and not by a private interest beholden to the current administration. This is the American People's House, the renovation of which should enhance the structure not overpower it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Fierro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a "modernization" project but rather a monument to Trump's ego and gaudy taste.. This project must be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt close to its former design with the Money collected for the ballroom used. This is "the People's House" not a Trump beach club. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Dwyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I still cannot believe that the East Wing on the People's House was torn down without any authorization from the appropriate authorities. I cannot stress enough how I do not want my taxes to pay for a new build to aggrandize the current POTUS's
residency in what is a temporary house for him. The White House is more than a symbol of our Democracy, it has always
stood as a memorial to all of our past Presidents, and their tenures in this edifice. I am old enough to remember when Jackie
Kennedy redecorated and refurbished the White House, and then toured us all through to see the rooms on TV. I never thought
to see a POTUS so disrespectful, so egotistical, that he would destroy a part of our history simply because he wanted to.
I don't know who will fund a rebuilding of the East Wing, but I believe very strongly that the person who destroyed it, Donald
Trump, should foot the bill, and that it should be restored to its former glory. Just looking at that photo of the destruction
literally makes me ill.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Retha Lesher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider that this "modernization" is being financed with bribes to the president. We all know what "privately financed" means. In addition, a ballroom larger than the White House itself is not an addition that is in keeping with governorship. Our White House is now considered the equivalent of a French Bordello instead of the Stately home for presidents and their families. Our current president's wife doesn't even live

and work there. Oh wait...her husband had her office tore down. Where will future First Ladies conduct official business? Mar-a-largo? Let's rebuild the East Wing, the one tore down without consulting anyone, for our future First Ladies.

Sincerely,
Retha Lesher
North Carolina
If it matters, registered Republican that has not been contacted by election board with registration irregularities

Date: 2/16/2026 5:28:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Shay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing Modernization project as it is currently identified/defined canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to as close as possible to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: LISA RICHLAND
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judith Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have felt a profound sense of loss to our heritage since the unexpected and illegal razing of the White House East Wing by Donald Trump and his cronies. We need to have the entire wing restored as it looked but with any modern updates needed. The Ballroom project should not be permitted because it is not architecturally compatible with the scale and style of the White House. Trump far overstepped his

boundaries when he began this hideous remodel without authority. I hope you will not be lenient with him over this!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaki Rangel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition of historical space for unnecessary repurposing is a waste of money and resources. It's a vanity project that will live on long past the current administration with little regard for the women who quite literally paved the way for that space to be a welcoming, inviting wing of a building that is visited by dignitaries and influential figures.
No single administration should be able to remove a single nail or beam without due process for the history and the future.

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Name: Jo Westbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jenifer Morack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: John Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing construction is too large and will dwarf the rest of the White House. It is totally out of character to the site and the plans should be DENIED.

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Name: Sandra Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Long
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I demand that this gilded ballroom nonsense be stopped and the East Wing be rebuilt to its former stately self.

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Name: Dave Tutin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Putting aside the fact that this project was started illegally by the President, the key thing is what we do next.

I respectfully suggest that we first pay close attention to who is guiding this project, even before we concern ourselves with architects and the building process.

President Trump has displayed, for all to see, an appalling lack of taste. Seeing what he has done with the newly gold-clad White House, the published proposal for his ballroom, and his other properties as a real estate developer, it is clear his personal taste was honed running casinos not iconic government buildings. That is a facet of American life for sure but, I would argue, not one suited to representing our proud country to the world. This man concreted over The Rose Garden. He then took jackhammers to the East Wing without permission. Enough is enough.

We need to replace the destroyed wing of the White House for sure, and recreating what was there would probably be a wasted opportunity. So I think a process something like this would be appropriate and positive.

1. Keep Donald Trump out of the proceedings completely. He should be busy enough being President. And, given his continued financial involvement with The Trump Organization, directing this project would be yet another massive conflict of interest.

2. Ask a group of architects to submit design suggestions based on a brief created by people who have a true understanding of what the new building should provide, and not based on one man's outsized ego.

3. Select three possible designs that meet all the requirements. And let people vote on their favorite. This could be a great opportunity to bring the country together at a time when the President's policies are tearing us apart.

This is the process that happened with the World Trade Center in New York after 9/11 and I was proud to cast a vote. Sadly the process broke down and the selected building never materialized - who knows where that final design came from?. Hopefully this time we'll get it right as we are talking about the most iconic building in the country which is not privately owned.

In a nutshell. Keep the President out. Let the people in. Offer them choices. Respect their choice. Rebuild The People's House.

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Name: Amanda Weller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Stephanie Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the razing of the historic East Wing of the White House, that was done without oversight or consent through the appropriate channels. We have a method to do projects of this sort that preserves our country's history, integrity, and is necessary for the financial aspects of such projects as well. Perhaps I'm unaware if it was done before, but it seems highly unethical to accept private donations for a project that is a public building and belongs to all the American people and is just a mere temporary residence for an elected president and their family. Taking private donations opens up an avenue for corruption and attempts to curry favor or access the highest office in the land in exchange for money and should never be done. This entire project is a stain on the history of the United States of America, an insult to our institutions and traditions and should be stopped before even more damage is done. Any further construction should go through the proper channels for approval and funding. Thank you. Stephanie Wells

Date: 2/16/2026 5:26:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Galvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project and appalled that the destruction of the East Wing was undertaken in a haphazard manner without following any regulations for historic preservation. I appreciate the opportunity to express that I do not give my consent for my tax dollars to be spent on this project.

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Name: Sandra Shepard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This horrible destruction of The People's House was illegal and nothing more than the revenge of Trump on the American citizens. He illusions of being King Midis to flaunt his wealth over others is despicable.
By the tearing down of the East Wing he has destroyed not only the physical building but our history, our pride in our House, and left us the ruins. He has no intention of paying for his error. We will have to pay the bill. Unless he is charged and fined.
Please consider his act as illegal according to our laws and fine him for the amount needed to rebuild as it was.

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Name: Kerry Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom proposed by Trump. I want the East Wing restored to its prior magnificence for the American people not as a shrine to Trump's insatiable ego. How dare he desecrate such a priceless monument of the American people?

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Name: Karen Howser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House was an action that deliberately proceeded in defiance of the law. People involved should be punished to the maximum extent of the law and the criminals must be forced to put it back exactly as it was before it was illegally demolished. To not take these steps would say to the American people and the world that we are NOT a country of laws and that people MUST abide by the law or suffer the consequences The perpetrators of this destruction must be prosecuted and be made to make the American people whole from this reckless vandalism by restoring our Historic Treasures to as they were!

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Name: Kathleen Shelby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sandra Laux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Peg O'Donnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House belongs to WE THE PEOPLE not the current occupant of the Oval Office.
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Name: Courtenay Willcox
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Name: Michael Schon
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Name: Kristina Rashedi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the East Wing to its original status. No ballroom.

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Name: Catherine Easter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Jack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Susan Jack

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Name: Leslie Fillingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marion Carling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop this horrible affront to historic preservation. The complete lack of planning or permission represents the worst kind of example.

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Name: Charlene Baumbich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Razed without authority. Ruination of OUR history. To allow this hideous plan for "expansion" over vanities and reckless "purpose" on an illegally initiated plan is not acceptable.

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Name: Terresa Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Antonia Dosik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing as a private citizen with an interest in architecture. The proposed East Wing Modernization Project, aka, the "Trump Ballroom" is much two large. It is also not needed and is actually not so much of a ballroom as a monument to President Trump's ego. He should never have been allowed to tear down what was there already and must not be allowed to build a monument to himself.

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Name: Rebecca Trancheff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: B.J. Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled! The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design/paid for by those involved in destroying it. It must not be a monstrosity that is too big and does not match the historic design, proportion and integrity of the People's House.
(It is not Trump's house).

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christine Kiel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would hope that future East Wing modernization plans respect the existing White House in scale, design, and purpose. Our country was founded on democratic principals so the architecture should be dignified but not outsized and ostentatious to highlight power and privilege. We need structures that reflect a government that believes in liberty and justice for all. Government buildings belong to the people of the United States. The current ballroom plan's size and interior design resembles a French monarchy that no longer exists in that country and should not be replicated in ours.

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Name: Vicki Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This was done without authorization and need to be restored to original

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marybeth Eads
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. In addition, remove the concrete and restore the Jaqueline Kennedy Rose Garden. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The cost should be born by those responsible for the unauthorized desecration of The People's House and Grounds.

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Name: Theresa Northcutt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

no one should tear down and plan something new without consultation. the proposed building is way out of line with the architecture of the white house.. it diminishes the main building.

this is the people's house, not the choice of one person there for a short time.

put it all under review and do not builld a ball room.

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Name: Charlene Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marsha Frederick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a simple person who is not very eloquent, but ... here goes.
We can't go backwards to keep the demolition from happening. But as we go forward, I think the new building should take AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE to the same shape / size as the original.
I DO NOT like the projections I have seen that show the new ballroom the same height as the residence. I would like to see some type of portico that seperates the residence from the new building. If the new

ballroom is larger than the original building, I think that would be ok. Just don't slap it right on to the residence.

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Name: Keri Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is the PEOPLE'S House, not Trump's.

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Name: Jean Paulsel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, despite it being STATED that it was being funded by private donations (which now seem to have disappeared). Those donations that were listed were from large corporations and were nothing more than a bribe to the administrative branch.

This horrific action was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Health and safety considerations were not examined. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I don't want a huge addition that doesn't fit the symmetric beauty of the White House. I don't want his gaudy faux gold tackiness installed permanently. I don't want anything that could potentially have his name on it. I don't want us spending MILLIONS of dollars when people are hungry, unhoused, and ill.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and glory. Fill in the hole, rebuild the East Wing, and while you are at it, rebuild Jackie's Rose Garden. The current patio is an abomination.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carolyn Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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This must be stopped. If anything, rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was before.

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Name: Robert Gump
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this unauthorized destruction of our governmental property is an outrage and insult to every taxpayer of this nation. In addition, I think that ANY PROJECT like this should be financed by the owners of the property -the TAXPAYERS- rather than by private donors who/which might anticipate favors of some type from whatever administration is in power at the time. Thanks for your concern in this matter.

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Name: Mark Thornberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Charlotte Nehls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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needed. Not wanted.

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Name: Haley Tafelski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lida Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a desecration of American history. The East Wing should only be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michelle Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.
Thank you.

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Name: Marybeth Magallanes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Joyce Heywood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lin Sturges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300,000,000+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the People's House. We are not represented nor ruled by royalty and therefore do not require palatial room in the People's House.
And preemptively, we don't require an Arch to celebrate our history.
Respectfully submitted.
L Sturgis

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Name: Karen-Brook Bray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against having a 90,000 sq ft ballroom built. I vote to not proceed on this project. Use the donation money to rebuild the East Wing as it was before with possible upgrade to meet any new regulations for safety. Donald Trump did not follow protocal in regard to making major changes. Donald Trump is a guest in the House of the People and should respect its historic value. The Rose Garden area was also destroyed and should be replanted to its former beauty.
P.S. Please let the US citizens know if a there is going to be a similar Comment time frame for the discussion on building that massive looking arch in D.C. just so Trump can put his name on it.

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Name: Pauline Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose this project. It disrupts our common history and identity as Americans, it is the people's house and the people were not consulted, it was not approved by Congress, it is waste of money, and it is nothing more than a vanity project. London and Paris have guarded their historical identity through their old city architecture, and DC has an oversight commission whose duty it is to do the same thing, and they weren't even consulted. Nothing about our government, our constitution, and our laws was ever about the whim of one person. We, the People, are the stewards of our nation and our history, and regardless of political views, most Americans are not happy with this gross display of opulence and poor taste. Restore our White House, and send the bill to those who were going to finance the atrocity planned in its place. While you are at it, take out tacky restaurant patio and restore the Rose Garden, and strip all the tasteless embellishments out of the historic rooms, return the gaudy bathroom redo to something more historically appropriate, and any other glam vanity redo that is in total opposition to the stately standards of our historical White House.

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Name: Jane McDermott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lynn Hickernell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Despite its name, it is not an attempt to modernize the East Wing but to obliterate American history. I want this project cancelled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and those who broke the law in pursuing this project outside of proper channels held accountable for their actions.

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Name: Anastasia Envall-Latowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Glenn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jean Berry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president has no right to destroy the East Wing but he did it anyway. If we don’t hold him to strict standards, he could gut the entire White House.
A disaster by a self proclaimed dictator.
Please help to restore order on this matter and other preservation/architectural decisions now and in the future!

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Name: Donna Bialozor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this a modernization project is ludicrous. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jacqueline Tibbetts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Respectfully,
Dr. Tibbetts

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Name: Louise Garwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a town historian and Landscape Architect I strongly oppose the development of the East Wing into a Baroque ballroom. The architectural style and scale is not in keeping with the original building. While there may be a need for a Great Room to occasionally use for entertainment, It is an excessive attempt and creates visual disharmony with the surroundings.
Many Americans are proud of the Architectural history of the building and bemoan this radical and inappropriate project.

Sincerely.
L. Garwood

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Name: M Birch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Janet Logan
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Name: Lindsay Dudzick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Armer
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Poorly planned. Illegal process. Not up to U.S. standards.

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Name: Kathleen Grover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Trying to claim it is a "modernization project" is a flat out lie. This is nothing but a complete razing of American history and an attempt to erase a significant part of the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. NO ONE is above the law.

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Name: Elizabeth Dewey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House project, the so-called "East Wing Modernization." This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Greg Boris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former

design. The laws associated with federal buildings must be followed. No one is above the law and free to ignore the required procedures. Those who demolished the East Wing have broken the law. They must be penalized including financing the restoration of the East Wing from their own funds—not public funds. To permit this project to go ahead without accountability is an insult to the rule of law and all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laura Osborne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Valerie Lines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: James Madigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to as close to its original condition as possible.

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Name: Frank Putnam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:22:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suvan Geer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this so called Modernization project that is destroying history , was done without permits and simply fuels one man's vanity. Other nations will see it as a throne room, not a ballroom. It should be restored to its original design immediately.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:22:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Schrock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to express my VERY STRONG OPPOSITION to this grandiose ballroom project.

This huge behemoth ballroom will not compliment the current White House. This is more a reflection of Trump's very inflated ego and not what the American people wanted or asked for.

Ask yourself, how many times will a ballroom this huge be utilized in any given year?

No matter who "funds" the ballroom, the ongoing expenses (eg. heating/cooling, maintenance, cleaning, security, staffing, glasses, plates, silverware, etc.) will fall on us, as tax payers, once it is built. I see it as an exorbitant WASTE of tax payer dollars!

I urge you to vote NO on the building of this monstrosity.

To add a further comment, I visited the East Wing of the White House a few years ago on my first trip to DC (at age 62) and it was amazing to get a chance to see the historic and beautiful rooms of the East Wing.

I feel very sad that my future grandchildren will never get the opportunity to witness the history that was displayed throughout the East Wing … as it is now a pile of rubble thanks to Trump!

Lastly, I feel any funds Trump plans on getting should be used to rebuild the East Wing to its previous glory/aesthetic.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:22:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Simons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To call this a “modernization” project is laughable and offensive. It is a totally unnecessary vanity/distraction project for this lame duck occupant of the White House.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount of dollars, on furthering this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history out of ignorance and arrogance. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. That is how any “donations” (as has been claimed are the source of funding) should be spent. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:21:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Channell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Additionally, the White House is called the people's house for a reason and changes without following the proper steps is an affront to US Citizens and and what our country has stood for for 250yrs.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Florence Selfman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This includes the interior, which held so much of our nation's history, memories, and memorabilia. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would

be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is the people's house and the people should have a say in how it is treated. Handle with care.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Karp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I and many other American Citizens oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, without seeking permission.
The White House is the People's House, not the house of any one set of temporary residents having the honor to reside there.
What is being referred to as a "renovation" is much more so than that. With this type of destruction, demolition and complete rebuilding in format and scale this much is obvious, it should only be allowed to be engaged in or considered after securing the proper permission of the people or those in office responsible for representing the people (Congress), and carried out only according to historic designs and style, permits, and at a much smaller size and scope, to not out scale the White House.
If voted on and approved, it should only be undertaken, after then, with proper planning, transparency, approval, and oversight.
This is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. This project should be halted and/or canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with a penalization of those who broke the law, No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead is an affront to all American Citizens.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antonia Blume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Anara Guard's statement. I am utterly and completely appalled by this desecration of our history.
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. "

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to beg the commission to intercede on behalf of the American people to stop the gutting of the White House building, but also of the norms designed to protect our history from the whims and impulses of any single individual or administration. Every significant change to any national landmark should follow a formal review process which allows public comment before the structure is altered in any significant way. The East Wing should be reconstructed and restored to its former condition as quickly as possible and the bill for its restoration should be paid by the personal funds of the person who ordered its destruction. To do anything less is means none of our landmarks is safe from being transformed into grotesque monuments to unbridled ego.

We are and should remain a nation of laws, a nation where no one person is above those laws, and where good people take a stand against unreasonable, irrational and irresponsible misuse of the public trust. We are counting on you. Do not let us down.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:21:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Ertl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not even exist. The East Wing should not have been demolished in the first place. The House belongs to the People and the People did not give consent because proper procedures were not followed.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was. Do not spend $300 Million to build a monstrous ballroom that has not been approved though the proper channels.

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Name: Paige Hutto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Morrissey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Brule
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the East Wing project as currently proposed, as it fails to meet the criteria for historic preservation and modernization. The project circumvents Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act by proceeding without a transparent design review. I request that the project be rescinded and replaced with a proposal that adheres to the established federal approval process. Meaningful oversight is required to ensure that public funds are not used to dismantle American history without the rigorous public and congressional scrutiny required by law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melba Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was started without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is a razing of American history, not a modernization project. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Nobody is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Farrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanci Tibbetts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it was complete razing of the once functional east end of the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Vegter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The way Trump took over control of the White House has been a disaster. Building codes, Historic preservation was not followed. There was no review of plans for the project. No authorization for the work to be done. The way in which the project has been handled has broken many standing regulations for public buildings. Laws were broken without reguard. We the people have been disregarded.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Dash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Sheline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nita Rosenblum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do NOT allow the Trump ‘Modernization’ plan for the East Wing to proceed. Allowing the ballroom construction to proceed basically rewards those who ignored the law, who completely disregarded the

review process, and who plowed ahead with no authority to do so. Please require a full restoration of the East Wing as it stood when they took a wrecking ball to this beautiful building in 2025. There must be consequences for willfully ignoring the laws of this country. And the only way to send this message is to require complete restoration of the building they demolished. It is part of the history we want to keep in tact for future generations of American citizens to admire. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Peale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not modernizing. This is destroying our history for an unneeded ballroom. We the people don't want a ballroom. The current resident in the WH does not own the building and will be gone in less than three years; he doesn't get to do this. No president gets to do this.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose one penny.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The American people deserve to know what happened to all of the interior items of the East Wing.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Erny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should not be permitted to proceed as the footprint and profile are too large for the area and the project will dwarf the current White House structure and not be aesthetically pleasing. Moreover, because the project began without the required approval I urge the NCPC to take whatever actions it can to recoup any costs it can that have been expended by this effort.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:20:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Kilburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending 3 million dollars on building a ballroom in place of the East Wing. The destruction of the East Wing took place without the proper authorizations and permits, and consequently never should have happened. I nerve the East Wing ships be restored to its original state following proper protocols. We should it reward behavior that violates law and ignores rules and regulations.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:20:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eve Stubbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be stopped immediately until further review is performed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Holcombe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is taking away our history. This is a historic building and he is making it his personal gilded palace. It needs to be stoped before he does more terrible actions to our country’s legacy.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:19:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Schiefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was not authorized. Please consider rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its original glory. The destruction of this historical property was illegal and an affront to the American

people.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:19:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here.

I, Darlene Newman oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Joseph Branch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization/ball room project. The East Wing was torn down without permits and permission. Which will now cost the American people hundreds of millions of dollars to rebuild. The President lied and tore down a part of American history without consideration or approval. I believe he has no intention of funding this project on his own nor with corporate contributions. Granting him permission to move forward with a glorified ballroom to stroke his ego is an affront to the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:19:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Waters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Rudicil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount of money, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. The plans keep changing and the gold added everywhere is just plain tacky and looks like a loser designed it.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:19:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Cotter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of a dime, much less $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the Current Occupant brought up on charges. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without punishing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Oh, and charge every single person whose crimes are documented in the Trump/Epstein files.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Calhoun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was taken without appropriate advance notice and approval, as it has destroyed the East Wing of the White House, the Peoples' House, without regard to its historic significance to this country. I respectfully request that the East Wing be rebuilt, as it was before it was so recklessly destroyed. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dodi Michaud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marta Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the administration's plan to destroy, not modernize, the East Wing. The White House does not belong to Donald Trump in any way, shape, or form. It belongs to me, and to you, and to every American. Imagine someone razing a section of your own home, without warning and utterly without permission.

I shudder when I think about the monstrosity planned to replace the East Wing. There is not enough fake-gold spray paint in this world to cover the bloated ego of this man.

Please don't let him get away with this travesty.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:18:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Ybarra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of going forward and spending 300 million dollars on rebuilding something that should have never been destroyed. This is the people's building. Not a private residence. All modification should be done with the permissions of the people of the US.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:18:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances E Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This wasn't modernization but an illegal unpermitted destruction of part of one of the most iconic symbols of the United States of America. It is called "The People's House" for a reason. It should not have been razed without public vetted oversight. It appears that the proposed ballroom displaces the offices of the First Lady among other uses. Where will those be relocated or are they eliminated? Most former First Ladies have played a key role in conveying the values of an administration and as a presence and influence in official affairs of state. They should have important offices where they can easily coordinate their role as First Lady.
The proposed structure architecturally appears to dominate the rest of the White House complex. Architecture sends a message. This would imply huge parties and gilded image trump actual governance. It asswrttts style ocer substance and a facade of elitism.I feel this is not a message that represents this nation and its individual citizens. If, due to the affairs of state and diplomacy require a larger space sue to changing world and civic needs, that space should be in proportion to the existing building or be built in another location.
I urge you as representatives of our nation's Historic buildings to give careful thought and whatever power you retain to dutifully guide the future of the White House so that it can be a credit to its temporary residents and to all who visit as citizens. At the very least it should conform to the highest building code and National security, a factor that the destruction of the East Wing clearly did not take into consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:18:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharyn Dimmick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to spend my tax dollars on this modernization. The historic East Wing was destroyed without permit or prior notification and was part of our American heritage. The East Wing should be restored, reconstructed in its original design with as many of the original artifacts and furnishings as can be found.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pitstick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern,

When the East Wing was bulldozed and destroyed it broke my heart. It is dead. As with any other death, smooth the ground and seed it down with fine grass. Maybe a small flat marker.

Thank you,
Mary Pitstick
Rensselaer Indiana

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Name: Denise Hovey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sabrina Mathews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Darby Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop

this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Erin Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eliza Nunya
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an archaeologist, I have always had a deep reverence for the legacies our ancestors left us. Even when it is problematic, as is the White House itself; built as a monument to freedom by enslaved black men.

It needs to be protected and restored to what generations of our ancestors meant to be their legacy, not rebuilt as a tacky, gold-studded cheap monument to a bloated wanna-be king with delusions of immortality.

It is obscene that he took it upon himself to tear down the East Wing, and this perfidy must not be permitted to multiply. Please scrap his billionaire ballroom and restore the elegance he destroyed with his ham-fisting dictatorial ways.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Yarbrough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These changes to the People's White House are horrible and do not reflect the ideals of the American people. This is more than a building. It is a symbol of the American people all over the world. Such a substantial change should go through review with people that understand the historical importance of this building for now and for future generations. It should not be changed as a capricious folly by a man desperate to add his name to everything around him. Please force these people to rebuild the east wing to what it was before this administration.

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Name: Jilena Alpert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Kenneth Lindsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original design and appearance.

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Name: Mary Olavarria
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Pamela Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My request would be that the deep history and legacy of the East Wing be completely rebuilt, as best as possible, to how it was before. I also believe criminal charges should be brought against all those who tore it down.

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Name: Martha McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current illegal plan to built a $300million ballroom. I request the former East Wing be rebuilt as it was original to our forefathers direction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Pfundt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DISGUSTING waste of taxpayer money, disregard of processes and history. Appalling.

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Name: Janine Downing
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Name: Linda Garrett
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Name: Janet Hartmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good afternoon,

I do not want to see a monstrosity that destroys everything good about the whitehouse. 90,000 square feet is not a reasonable size for this ballroom. This construction of a new East wing needs to be aligned with the size and looks of the whitehouse. Bigger is not better. Please do not allow those in charge to ruin our iconic whitehouse. The architecture needs to match the whitehouse's architecture. I definitely do not want an ugly gold filled party hall for 1000 people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jae Sheddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Regards,
Jae Sheddy

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Name: Lee-Ann Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the White House East wing and the construction of a ballroom in its place. The President is only a caretaker of the People's House. The East Wing project should be halted and a full review and approval process started for anything put in its place. Furthermore, a personal fine should be levied against Donald J Trump for misappropriation of funds and unapproved destruction of a federal building. This fine should recapture every dollar he has squandered and should include a punitive fine as well.

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Name: John Grace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Barbara Lipkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the razing and spending on a project with no approvals & permits. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was before.

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Name: Lynelle Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project has been chaotic since the beginning. The wing should have never been torn down and should be replaced as it was.
Before I could add a small room to my house, I had to have architectural plans in place and approval from local historic authority. Our country does not need a humongous ballroom as a part of the White House complex. It will detract from the historic value and beauty of the existing buildings.
I totally object to billionaires creating and funding an unneeded building on government property! This is the People's House, not just the house of the ridiculously rich people who will receive government favors from the president for donating to his pet project.

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Name: Barbara Lacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jan Seides
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

In my opinion, the East Wing should never have been destroyed, and my feeling is that it should be restored, perhaps modernized as far as function, but outwardly with the same appearance and facade as it had before the bulldozers arrived. It should match the West Wing, so the classical symmetry is restored.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Jan Seides
US citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Pryke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this $300 million dollar East Wing project. I support prosecuting those who started this project without the proper permits, bids, or authorization to destroy a national landmark. The White House belongs to the people of this country, and it is not the personal renovation project of the present President. His destruction of the East Wing was a criminal act. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to duplicate what was originally there. It is an important historical monument. Stop the so called “modernization” and construction of a ballroom, and rebuild it to its former glory.

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Name: Karyn Kloumann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" is a farcical folly, a disgusting travesty driven solely by the ego of the president. It did not undergo proper review; they simply began demolishing this wing of the people's house. Let's call it what it is: a symbolic action to inflict moral injury on our democracy by perverting the norms of said democracy. These symbolic actions of dominance also include paving over the Rose Garden at the White House, and putting Tramp's name on the Kennedy Center, for starters. There must be consequences for this ongoing destruction of our country. Please prevent this from proceeding and implement punitive fines for this outrage. Tramp is NOT a King, he is subject to the rules, customs, laws, and norms of the presidency.

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Name: Brenda Hodson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing and scrap the ballroom. Also, all artifacts should be returned to the Wing as that is part of our American heritage. The current president should absorb the cost to restore the East Wing not the American taxpayer!

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Name: Karen Merritt
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Name: Constance Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current President broke all the rules and laws by destroying the East Wing to build a vanity project. This is obscene to think of having a party room instead of a functioning wing for First Ladies who actually work to improve the lives of all Americans.
STOP THIS MADNESS, NOW.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindy Keelan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please CANCEL this project, rebuild the East Wing restore the White House to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the People's House would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Beth Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the ballroom. The east wing should be rebuilt and restored to original size. Our capital doesn't need a ballroom. It needs more rose gardens.

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Name: Jennifer Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project in its entirety! This is a blatant disregard to established laws and procedures, not to mention the travesty of removing a piece of American history. The East Wing should be restored and this Administration held accountable in a court of law. Thank you for your time.
Jennifer Smith

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Name: Lisa Passmore-Quade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months.
It should not be built, period. It is a waste of taxpayer monies.

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Name: Ann Heitland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending on this project. The East Wing was destroyed without authority. Those who authorized the destruction should be required to pay for reconstruction and should not be involved in the design. If this takes years, so be it. Let them look at their handywork as they pass every day.

Rebuilding the East Wing should be consistent with the architecture of the rest of the White House rather than towering over the original, central building. We cannot trust the current administration to accomplish this.

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Name: Nancy Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using only the previously pledged private funding planned for the project, not taxpayer funding. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jack Kusler
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Name: Philip Desmond
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Name: Sally Hutsell
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Name: Cori Stough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing should never have been allowed to start. It should not be allowed to continue, and it should be restored to its previous condition AT TRUMP'S PERSONAL EXPENSE for violating all laws regarding historic buildings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glynnis Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to We the People. Under historical preservation codes, it must not be demolished or altered without prior clearance and permitting. Any American homeowner knows you never build without a permit. The actions of the President are unlawful and he should be made to personally pay for the damage he has done, as well as fund its restoration.

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Name: Margaret Loveless
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To those "really" in charge of this project:

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I do not believe for a New York minute that the $300 million will all come from "donors" who expect nothing more than a Thank You. I do not believe that a majority of United States citizens think we need ballroom. It is just another vanity project.

Margaret Loveless
Sidney, Maine

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Name: Leah Lundgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Brunner
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Name: Susan Jessen
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Name: Lisa Holley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As I understand the White House, or the Peoples House is used as the presidential residence during their term, although not directly controlled by any current resident . In a sense, the current resident is a tenant, subject to tenant behavior but without a lease that outlines the expected behavior while in residence. Destruction of property is different than renovation of property but should still be addressed with the "landlord". It seems that the East Wing of the building was demolished without consulting properly with the landlord. Since it is known as the Peoples House, the people to whom it refers should have authorized any major changes. I think it should be restored to its previous state, just as it was found by the current tenant.

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Name: Carolyn Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Carolyn Peterson
Manistique, Michigan

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Name: Carolyn Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it former dignity
and order the cost be paid by Donald J. Trump

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Name: Kassandra Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project to build President Trump's proposed ballroom that will overshadow the White House and be an eyesore in our country's historic seat of government. Furthermore, the destruction of the East Wing of the White House should be investigated as a crime and must be rebuilt and restored to its former appearance.

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Name: LORIANN DANTONIO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to match the architecture of the West Wing, and should NOT be larger than the West Wing. "Private donations" should be used to pay for it, or President Trump should pay for the construction personally. He should also reimburse the Treasury for the demolition expense.

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Name: Theresa Elsclager
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Name: ELizabeth Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Andrea Kravitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so called project must be stopping. The "people's house" was razed without the proper protocol and permissions. We cannot allow this unlawful destruction to continue. Rebuild the East Wing to its former glory, and punish the people who enabled this illegal destruction.

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Name: LISA SHAFFER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop further destruction of American culture. Stop the ballroom. Nobody needs a monstrous ballroom. There are far more important needs in our nation than a playroom for the rich and powerful. The White House is the people’s house. Let’s keep it that way.

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Name: Gertrude Elins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jeanne Gang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Steve Donnellon
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Name: Mary Hamrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dearest Committee members,

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Name: Maria Canavan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the destruction of the East wing of the White House. It was done without authorization, without public input. It did not need ‘modernizing,’ and the executive branch does not need a ballroom to entertain billionaire donors. Who will pull out of the deal, leaving the burden on taxpayers. Restore the East wing to its former self. And it would be nice to plant some rose bushes to replace those torn out.
Thank you.

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Name: Janette Desmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Erin Blank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My son and I saw the destruction of the East Wing a week after it happened, and our frustration at history having been so poorly handled in the name of glorifying some "new golden age" is undemocratic.

I would love to see Jacqueline Kennedy's Rose Garden brought back, the East Wing rebuilt exactly as it was, and the Kennedy Center left untouched.

The military bases whose traitorous Confederate names were replaced with true patriots - and then renamed back to their original secessionist names? Bring back the non-Confederate names.

Martin Luther King's federal holiday should be celebrated.

There is no reason for a Trump Arch, no need to add his name to ANYTHING at this point until and unless he shows that he can actually, honorably, democratically follow the process of other first world nations in the regard to federal buildings and monuments.

Thank you.

Erin Blank
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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Name: Ksenya Gurshtein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously oppose the wasting of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans while allowing the current design to proceed would be an affront to good taste, the principles of historic preservation, and millions of people who live in DC or visit it.

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Name: Laura Sample
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Coreen Thraves
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Name: Marcia Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the destruction of the East Wing to be heartbreaking! The plans for a ballroom that will be larger than the Whitehouse are nothing more than an ego trip for the president. Aesthetically it will look absurd. We've managed 250 years without a ballroom and we don't need one now. The East Wing should be restored and the plans to build a 400 million monstrosity should be abandoned.

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Name: Mary Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Caryl Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. American history was erased on a whim. The East Wing should restored to its former design and must not exceed its initial footprint or square footage.

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Name: Audrey Holt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was illegally begun without authorization, permits, finalized drawings, or any design review and should be immediately halted, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The money to be spent is clearly from bribes, and comes at a huge cost to our nations wellbeing and security. This project cannot be allowed to go ahead without holding Donald Trump, and all the many others, who broke the law accountable, as they willingly and maliciously destroyed our nation's history.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:12:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Peitsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Afternoon.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Holly Peitsch

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Name: Cheri Cowart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am inalterably opposed to any and all past, present, and future projects which alter the design of any building, park, museum (including alteration of placards describing exhibits) in the Federal City or in any Federal Agency building, place-names, by President Donald Trump. First and foremost is to rebuild the East Wing of the White House complex. Do not build a "Gilded Age" Ballroom and extravagant restaurant complex. Do not build an Arc de Trump. Any building built by Pres. Trump on Federal Property should be immediately demolished the day following his departure from office and the area restored to the original plan prior to the change. Any Trump name affixed to any Federal building or land should be eradicated the day after he leaves office.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:12:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Donnellon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:11:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Kocher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction if the "ballroom" that is not and never was a necessity. The destruction of the East Wing if the White House was done without proper permission and surely would not have happened if responsible authorities had been notified beforehand.
No one is above the law.
Penalties should be assessed. The person who authorized this should be directly financially responsible for the restoration of the East Wing and scifflaws should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:11:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuild as it was before it was torn down. It should include the historical elements that were present before it was torn down or historically accurate reproductions. It does not need to be turned into a monstrosity or a facsimile of Mir a Lago. The rebuilding must be paid for with the private donations given for this purpose or from the president's personal funds. It is not the responsibility of the American people or our tax dollars to pay for the uncalled for destruction and rebuilding.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:11:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Steinhauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As another commenter has written, I second her thoughts:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:11:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Imparato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding U. S. Citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:11:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer de Poyen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We must stop this desecration of one of our most historic buildings. Already underway with the sudden, illegal and immoral destruction of the East Wing, which was purposefully keep to a size proportional to the rest of the White House complex and grounds, this "modernization" project will further destroy the historic White House complex. It should not be allowed to move forward in any way.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:11:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Michaud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the East Wing back as it was originally, and charge Donald J. Trump for all the expenses that have been incurred. by his whim. If we have to garnish his pay so be it.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Myrvold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Here we are cutting much needed programs to save money and we are supposed to fork over 3 or 4 million dollars for a ballroom nobody even wants? And why does Trump get to ignore all rules and regulations? Scrap the ballroom and rebuild the East Wing. Restore the people’s house and make Trump pay for it! He had no right and he knew it!

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Root
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Simoniz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With all that's wrong in this world why are we wasting money on this project?

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million or more on this ill-conceived project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of a part of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina ODonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without going through the proper steps. No authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete destruction of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Ranio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a ballroom and want it stopped and the East wing rebuilt as it was. This is just another example of this president doing things without gaining the permission required. He is destroying the historic value of The White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hans Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history all to satisfy the ego of a single, undeserving man. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law, including those who arranged and ordered the demolition, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Greenleaf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannine Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original design with modern conveniences. NO BALLROOM! (or build it underground)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gerwitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No one should be above the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Marcucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's Ballroom is an unnecessary abomination. In the words of architect Bruce Redmond Becker, it is a poorly proportioned pseudo-neoclassical structure that is completely out of scale with the White House. And, while you are at it, please get rid of the Mar-a-Largo patio and restore the rose garden. And release the unredacted Epstein files. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candy Canzoneri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to our government spending of $300 million on this project. I believe the project itself is illegal, as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but a vanity project of the Trump Administration, and it's part of their greater overreaching attempts to destroy American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This new design, and the ridiculously over-the-top Ballroom, as well as paving the beautiful Rose Garden, designed by Bunny Mellon, are an affront to aesthetics as well.

Sincerely,

Candy Canzoneri

Date: 2/16/2026 5:10:03 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Novak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this ridiculous project.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you

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Name: Scott Bingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. It has been started illegally, without proper concern for rules of law, relevance of history, or any semblance of good taste.

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Name: Marjorie Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Rohmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It is a terrible waste of money and was initiated

without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Schafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vulgar, tasteless monstrosity that overshadows and detracts from the White House, itself, the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Sparrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm asking that this halted.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, and permits. History is being erased. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LORINDA Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on a project that was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is destroying history - not modernizing. The East wing should be rebuilt to closely resemble what was torn down. Nobody should be rewarded for breaking the law. It is an affront to all law abiding citizens of this country.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Kapur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is important to remember no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luann Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dena Kernish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Sims
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East wing of the White House has significant historic significance and should be restored to how it was originally.
It belongs to the people of the United States and any decisions about it should be made and reviewed by historians and GSA. It Trump wants a gold ballroom he should build it on land that he personally owns, such as Mir-a-lago.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,
I am a historian of art and architecture, and am an American citizen. These facts inform my opinion, which is that the "East Wing Modernization" project must be stopped.
As an American citizen I believe in the rule of law. This project has proceeded, so far, by ignoring all the legally established procedures that safeguard our shared heritage. To allow it to continue is to REWARD LAWLESSNESS, which is not the American thing to do.
As an expert on architecture, who has lectured on Palladio and neo-Palladianism (the movement to which

the White House designs from Hoban to McKim, Mead & White have adhered), I find the design appalling. It is neo-Palladian in neither its massing nor its details. It evokes the gaudy throne rooms of Versailles, executed in "Tyrant's Baroque" instead of hoving to the elegant austere classicism of our own American Federal period.
I could go on, and on, and on, and on.... but take my word for it the project is an aesthetic horror. Please do what you can to stop this abomination.
Yours, James Harper
Associate Research Professor and
Director of Museum Studies
Department of Art History
Pennsylvania State University

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Budreau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project because none of the usual permissions and protocols have been followed. It's an affront to Americans who choose to abide by our laws. I request that the East Wing of our historic White House be restored as it was before, nd that ny future improvements or modifications follow the usual laws and procedures.
Respectfully,
Judy Budreau
Minnesota

Date: 2/16/2026 5:09:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Pritzl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history.

I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would

be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

I'm outraged that this convicted felon has done this without any regard to the law or our history.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hodges
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the president's razing of the East Wing of the White House without consideration of its historic value and its rebuilding purely to satisfy the vanity of one man. I also think it should be rebuilt to its former beauty exactly as it stood in part because it was razed without any consideration to the procedures required to institute changes to historic government buildings. A normal citizen would be criminally prosecuted; let's at least slap the hand of the person who doesn't think laws pertain to him and has NO concern for the thoughts of his constituency other than to think the US people are dumb enough to be manipulated. I strongly oppose any construction of the east wing other than to restore it completely as it stood.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Duffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in favor of this project especially in view of the funding that was approved for it in 2010.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Packard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Crittenden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, including the East Wing, belongs to the American people, and was designated a historic property. It is not the property of any President and the untimely destruction of the East Wing without any proper authorization must be addressed according to the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to such historic governmental buildings. Any rebuilding on this land needs to be subject to applicable law and congressional approval.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loreen Stravers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without proper oversight was/is criminal and should be prosecuted. Reconstruction should only continue within established design and functional needs assessment guidelines. This is not Trump's house. Surely there must be a wide range of stakeholders who have opinions and ideas beyond one person. Finally, all funding of new construction, though painful to taxpayers, should be through public funding- not private which leads to corruption. The value of the now-destroyed facility should be recouped from Mr. Trump. He's reaped plenty of $$ from the presidency.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Croucier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and spending any amount of money, including the projected $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not one person. The President is only a temporary tenant and cannot make wholesale and large changes to this historic landmark without going through proper channels. This is not what we, the people want for this Historic Building. It needs to be restored to its former design using the President's personal funds, not taxpayer money. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janine Huffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
A new ballroom is NOT needed as the east room has been the gathering room for large dinners, parties and galas for the White House since being constructed over 200 years ago.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. The person who demolished the East Wing illegally (DJT) should be responsible to pay for the reconstruction out of his Personal funds-No tax paying money, no big corporation donations, or corrupt money earned in his position as president should be allowed to pay for his deliberate desecration of the PEOPLE's White House.
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen OLeary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the ugly and destructive project. It is costly, unapproved by any reasonable oversight body, and an affront to anyone who cares about history or beauty. The cost is ridiculous, considering the vast needs of Americans and of our infrastructure.

The White House belongs to the American people NOT a single (lame duck) President. This project perfectly represents how the current administration ignores the law, tradition, and the will of the people.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Reinert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on a project that is unnecessary and illegal. It doesn't have the right authorization, permits, or design review. I am remembering the American Embassy built in Moscow a number of years ago, that was riddled with listening devices. How do we know that won't happen here? No one is watching. I want the East Wing back the way it was. This is a self-aggrandizing boondoggle to pamper the ego of someone who has no respect for tradition or the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Zafian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brigitte Hoarau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300M on a vanity project to replace the people's house. The project proceeded without proper input, studies, or permissions by governing bodies and stakeholders, and it is a gaudy power grab being pushed through by individual who believe the laws and agreements in place do not apply to them. No one is above the law when it comes to historical places that are meaningful and significant for the people of this country. The project should be stopped immediately and the proper entities consulted about how to mitigate and repair the damage already done illegally. The primary actors of this defacement of a historical public building should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyn Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of even a penny no less $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LR Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We all know this was never about the ballroom. It was always about the bunker. The East Wing, as it was, saw so many First Ladies working in these offices. I know the regime is about erasing women and minorities, but this destruction without any clear plan to reconstruct it is blasphemous. Please also remove

insulting signage about former presidents from the wall of portraits.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:08:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Brody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. What Trump has already done to the White House is tragic (not to mention illegal) and building this excrescence would add insult to injury.

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Name: Jennifer Heath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Patricia Manghera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without approval of the Historic planning commission is wrong! Once the current leader allowed to total razing of the annex, none of us can call it "modernization" as there is no building to modernize and no authorized planning commission approved this destruction. After months of DOGE eliminating programs to help those in need in the name of fiscal responsibility, I do not approve of any "charity" contributing to the destruction of our historical working monuments to our US foundation. That $300 million dollars could better be used to help fund programs that were eliminated leading to people being harmed. We all must follow the proper governmental procedures in any change and this administration has to do the same.

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Name: Joy Herrin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the east wing to exact size of prior footprint. This is just a way for billionaires to sway this president to do their bidding.
The American public are struggling day to day, while you proceed to build a ballroom for less than 1000 people! World leaders, staff, MAGA's and don't forget your billionaires! Unless each American will be invited to dance! Maybe invite 1000 per day??? The president is worse than Marie Antoinette. We can't afford cake!
When I heard what your agriculture secretary suggested-1 piece of chicken, 1 piece of broccoli, a corn tortilla, and 1 other thing, I realized how uncaring, selfish, and ignorant this administration is. Shame!

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Name: Margaret Maynard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vigorously and violently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If I have to get permits to remodel my own house, then that process AT A MINIMUM needs to be followed when it concerns the super historic White House. Public comment should also have been procured BEFORE demolition was begun. As an American who proudly toured when I was in high school in the late 1960s, I am completely shocked and offended.

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Name: Rachel Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jessica Lange
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anne Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Nixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I just saw footage of Jackie Kennedy in the former East Wing and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elizabeth Kimbel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The original demolition of the east wing of the White House was done without proper authorization. This is the people's house. We will trust this committee to withhold and maintain architectural integrity of our national historical treasures.
The sneaky and complete demolition of the east wing by Donald Trump is an affront to the historical significance of the White House and a slap in the face to the American people. We will trust this committee to make certain that the integrity of the White House will be maintained to serve the people, not just the president. Because of the other many changes made to the interior of the White House, as well as the removal of many portraits that displayed the historical significance of the people's house, we do not trust this administration to do the right thing. We demand that this committee restore the White House with historical significance to its original edifice. We the people do not demand a ballroom. We the people do not want a ballroom. The grandeur of the original White House must be restored.
This administration does not believe in the rule of law. This administration does not follow the rule of law. We know that your review of this unauthorized project will serve the entire nation. I thank you for a timely and favorable decision.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Wanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caitlin Hibma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I write to you as a preservation professional. I have been practicing historical and cultural resources management in California for 20 years. While I am a strong supporter of preserving historic resources, GOOD PROCESS has always been my highest priority in evaluating sites and the projects affecting them. Good process ensures proper treatment, if not always preferred treatment. So, I was utterly appalled at the lack of process that has been followed thus far in regard to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. The narrative, so far, is the most egregious example of a dishonest real estate developer demolishing a historic resource for their own gain that I have ever heard of.

We have now irretrievably lost historic fabric that was significant at a national level. Although it is far too late in the game to remedy that betrayal, I begrudgingly appreciate that the public is now being allowed to provide input on the proposed project going forward. There are other resources still in jeopardy, such as the White House itself.

Firstly, this cannot reasonably be termed a "modernization" project, as if an old building were being rehabilitated for modern use. The project constitutes demolition and new construction, full stop. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties dictates that this is not an appropriate treatment of a historic resource and is, by nature, unable to mitigated. Despite this, I have witnessed examples where the reconstruction of a historic resource has been required, verbatim, in some attempt to regain what was lost. I hardly believe the Executive Office's claims that the East Wing was fully and appropriately documented before demolition, but since they have made that claim, they should be required to rebuild, in exactitude, at the project sponsor's (or their private donor's) expense, not that of the taxpayers.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards advise that new additions must be subservient to adjacent historic resources. If the East Wing is not to be rebuilt exactly as it was, the building constructed in its place must not exceed the size of the White House by more than seven times its size, as proposed. The new building must be drastically reduced in size and scale. The entire site and all its components - including the White House, West Wing, and grounds - must be considered and a more appropriately sized building proposed. If that means a ballroom use does not pencil out, so be it. In the same vein, the north facade should not be set at the same plane as that of the White House, as viewed from Pennsylvania Avenue. It should be set back, subservient in presentation and importance, to the People's House.

The new building should also not compete with the White House and West Wing in its stylistic or ornamental aesthetic. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards advises new additions be "compatible but differentiated" from nearby historic fabric and not commit "false historicism." The proposed Classical Revival styling of the new East Wing should be pared down to its most minimal. Any overt ornamentation, Classical or otherwise, let alone Trump's preferred Baroque aesthetic, should be strictly disallowed.

Lastly, it is worth considering the implementation of other punitive mitigation measures; preservation of remaining artifacts, full Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation filed at the Library of Congress, interpretive and educational material documenting what was lost and why. These can be valuable lessons for the future. Ensure the hiring of honest and unbiased professionals to do this work.

Unfortunately, a procedural misstep of huge magnitude has been made. The least your Commission can do is ensure that good process occurs going forward, established standards are met, and that historic sites important to the American people are not allowed to be flippantly desecrated by one megalomaniac. Please do your jobs and ensure that the new East Wing will not be an assault on our nation's pride for centuries to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Caitlin Hibma
Historic Resources Specialist

Richmond, California

Date: 2/16/2026 5:06:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Coonridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing and don’t raze any other buildings without special permitting or national vote

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Name: Johanna Tanner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization. It is a complete destruction of American history without any proper, legal process. I have not had a chance to visit the White House and am extremely saddened that I will no longer have the chance to see it in its historical authenticity. This was wiped away without any input from American citizens and it is the "People's House." I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please do not permit this project to move forward.
Signed,
An American.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We, the people of the United States of America demand that accountability happens and that no one is above the rules and regulations set by our forefathers!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Lisa Bowen

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Name: Marylou Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to building a ballroom in place of the demolished East Wing of the White House. It should be restored and paid for by the people who destroyed it. It was not Trump's property and he had know right to take this action.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Joan Stephenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project, an affront to Americans who believe in following appropriate regulartions and processes, was launched without proper

authorization, permits, or design review. As others have noted, it is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, perhaps with modest improvements that do receive proper authorization, permits, and design review. No one is above the law, including the US President, and to permit this project to continue with appropriate consequences to those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Holly Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi,

The planned ballroom is a monstrosity of taudry opulence suited for a 17th century duchy or the Las Vegas strip.
It does not represent the common citizen or working person. The president is a servant of the people, not a king.
I believe the east wing, removed without due process should be restored to it's original composition.
I am also opposed to its funding by wealthy donors hoping to garnish favors. Everything associated with the white house belongs to the people, not a king or a wealthy cabal.
Do not approve this abomination of a ballroom.
Thank you.

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Name: Susan Ashley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty to defile the White House without any inout from the Preservation Trust or Congress. Trump has used this proposed project as another way to enrich himself. Those “donations” for rhis project are bribes! I

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nance Kiesling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen who was shocked in disbelief at the sight of heavy equipment destroying the a beloved East Wing of The People’s White House, I demand that a full stop and inquiry be conducted before any more missteps are made.

The current tenant had no right to flagrantly disregard the privilege award him by virtual of holding this position. It does not give him cart blanch to remove, erase and destroy the historic property that was entrusted to him.

All forward progress must be stopped until it has been completely & thoroughly vetted by nonpartisan historians & architects. This has nothing to do with supposed donated millions by persons seeking favorable treatment by the Executive office.

Do not allow this building to become a stain on the White House grounds.

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Name: DAVID BEHRMAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are several reasons why the "East Wing Modernization Project" -- a stinking euphemism if I ever heard one -- should be halted immediately, but I'll just focus on one.

The notion that the White House even needs a ballroom the size that the current president wants is ludicrous. It's a vanity project, not an improvement, not a modernization. Instead of projecting the dignity of the office of the president, it merely projects hubris and excess.

I don't want to see it built. And if it is built, I want to see it torn down later and replaced with a true modernization of the East Wing as it was before it was demolished. That's the only scenario that will begin to restore dignity to the White House.

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Name: Kelley Stillings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not for the American people because the vast majority of the U.S. will never be invited in! This is a project for Trump’s ego only, and if it continues, it will be the most visible atrocity of his tenure. All the money for it, donated or otherwise, would be much better spent helping all Americans, not just his rich friends!

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Name: Jane Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without proper planning, approved blueprints, permits, sketchy funding and is not a modernization of anything but a destruction of our history. Any significant revisions to the people's house should include a national design contest. The parties responsible for the destruction should have to make restitution and pay for the reconstruction of the east wing using current building codes. Fines should be levied to all parties to the destruction.

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Name: Lisa Sorrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jennifer Holmberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Potts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Carolyn Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300-$400 million (estimates from the White House have varied) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As it stands, the proposed cost and plans are not aligned with any legitimate building standards.

It seems obvious that this was not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with oversight by a qualified and trustworthy team appointed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and interest.

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Name: Victoria Horst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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There's a process. Follow it.

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Name: Sracy Luyben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of our White house needs to be completely restored to it's exact, previous specifications without any embellished additions or gold encrusted gaucherie. This needs to be done at the personal expense of Donald J. Trump, whose negligence and illicit acts directly caused the wanton destruction. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, another scheme to enrich the corrupt, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Roxanne Leach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a devoted preservationist and was heartbroken to watch the illegal destruction of OUR East Wing. I implore you to stop the Ballroom construction and restore the East Wing to its original glory. Thank You. Roxanne Leach.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose this project, which was undertaken illegally to begin with. It must be stopped and the damage reversed. Rebuild & restore the Peoples' House.

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Name: J Fry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has already been destroyed, let us please consider rebuilding it as a representation of American culture--modern or otherwise: the arts, literature, architecture, history, and music. It has been a cultural institution and it should represent our country in its most meaningful and powerful way of where we all came from, who we are now, and who we can be. Needless to say, but I'll say it, it must be tasteful as much as represents all of us...and I meant all of us. We must rise to 'the better angels of our nature', as Abraham Lincoln said. This is our chance.

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Name: Rebecca Trower
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Are you kidding me with a new ballroom for the king? Are you going to let him get away with destroying our white house for a vanity project? Good lord, get some balls and tell this dictator NO. Ps...didn't Hitler build a

ballroom during his reign of terror? History does repeat itself, doesn't it?

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Name: Moira Leyva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Skip Sroka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is clear from the presentation materials submitted that the East Wing project is out of scale to the White House. It needs to be sent back to the architects to decrease the height and the massing to the south.

It is not honoring the scale of the White House. I believe the President's concerns can be addressed in a way that preserves the scale and setting of the White House and creates the office and entertaining spaces he is trying to achieve.

Please go back to the drawing board and provide a building in scalethat allows the White House to maintain it's dignity.

Thank you.

Skip Sroka

Date: 2/16/2026 5:05:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Brost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I wish to go on record as opposing the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its EXACT former design, THE COST OF WHICH SHOULD BE BORNE BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND NOT ASSIGNED TO U.S. CITIZENS IN THE FORM OF TAXES OR VIA ANY OTHER AVENUE.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Regards,

Linda Brost

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Arbitrary destruction of part of the nation's historic White House is a tragedy. Any major modifications must have oversight by preservation and architectural experts. It does not matter if outside billionaires pay for it, the White House belongs to the people of the United States. Please stop further work until plans can be reviewed and approved by the appropriate agencies. No US President owns the White House. It is not his personal property. Stop the out of control destruction!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No blank checks for destroying first, asking questions later.

I oppose any plans to turn national treasures into vanity projects that our president can use to pretend to play architect, builder, and statesman on TV. This project reveals him to be a lawless destroyer. He cares nothing for due process, the advice of experts, the spirit of the law, or the wishes of the public. To add insult to injury, he acts like he has nothing better to do on the world stage than to solve problems of his own making.

I call for a moratorium on any new destruction or building of the White House during the Trump presidency. At most, let him restore the East Wing wall by wall as it came to him, and pass it down to another president who will submit to the processes that safeguard the people's buildings and monuments for future generations.

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Name: Marcia Seymore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This proposed ballroom dwarfs the White House, and a room that big is not needed. He demolished the East Wing without even knowing whether or not the new addition would be approved. Trump is slowly cheapening the White House with impunity. Clearly, something will have to be done as the East Wing is now gone, but hopefully it will be something that actually fits the scale of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Zucosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to register emphatic opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot White House ballroom. This project is fundamentally misguided, unnecessary, and risks doing lasting harm both to the historic integrity of the White House and to the public trust.

To begin with, the sheer scale of this structure is indefensible. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom would dwarf and overshadow the White House itself—an architectural and historic symbol that represents the presidency, our democratic institutions, and our national identity. The White House is meant to stand as the centerpiece of the grounds, not be visually and physically overwhelmed by a facility that more closely resembles a convention center than a space for official events. Constructing a building of this magnitude would permanently disrupt the historic balance of the site and undermine the dignity of one of the most iconic buildings in the world.

Equally troubling is the absence of any legitimate justification for a ballroom of this immense size. No official function—ceremonial, diplomatic, or otherwise—requires a space remotely approaching 90,000 square feet. Without a clear, credible rationale, the project appears to be an exercise in excess, driven by ambition rather than necessity. Public resources must be used responsibly, and this proposal fails that basic test.

Perhaps most concerning is the environment such a project creates for financial misconduct. A construction initiative of this size, particularly one without an obvious purpose, is ripe for waste, inflated contracting, and even corruption. When taxpayers are asked to fund a project of questionable need and extraordinary scale, skepticism is not only justified—it is required. The lack of transparency and clear purpose raises serious red flags about how funds might be allocated, who stands to benefit, and whether proper oversight can even be ensured.

For the preservation of the White House, for the integrity of our public institutions, and for the protection of taxpayer dollars, this project should not proceed. I strongly urge you to halt or reject the proposal for the 90,000-square-foot ballroom and demand higher standards of justification, accountability, and respect for our national heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wayne Sieg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the construction of the East Wing Modernization Project, including the proposed

construction of a 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House complex addition just to satisfy the president's whims. I feel the wing was torn down without federal approval protocol and replace it with massive expensive addition so he could claim it as his.

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Name: Eric Steiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose Donald Trump's White House Ballroom. It is way out of scale and will dwarf the White House itself. And although President Trump claims it will be paid for by private donations, the maintenance and support will be also be extremely costly, and is not currently figured into the White House budget. I believe the wings should be rebuilt as it was, and another location should be identified for a appropriately sized Federal Ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Langston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden and unapproved demolition of the East Wing was heart-breaking. I strongly object to the proposed replacement. It is much too large and too tall. It should not overpower the White House. It needs to have historical and tasteful features and decor.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Connelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 50 year resident of the Washington, DC area, I have long been an admirer of the White House and have taken innumerable out-of-town visitors to see it. Over those years, it has become increasingly difficult to approach the White House, but we still walk through Lafayette Park to see it as best we can. The simple and graceful lines of the building have always telegraphed the modesty of our Presidency - no grand palaces for kings in our democracy. Of course, it was devastating to see the East Wing torn down without debate or consideration. However, I understand the need for an indoor ballroom. However, the current plans are not in any way in keeping with the rest of the building. There is no way that the East Wing (soon to be ballroom) should overwhelm the main White House. It, too, should be modest in size and flank the main building in a similar way to the West Wing.
Please consider reducing the size of this addition to be in keeping with the original design and intent of the building.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:04:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: San Briney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:04:25 PM
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Name: Patricia Broughton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Bria
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to register my opposition to spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:04:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Meador
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. It never have been torn down to begin with. There should have been committees in place with a plan in place, but Trump took it upon himself to create this mess.
If a ballroom is indeed needed, it has to conform to engineers expertise and not overshadow the White House
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 5:04:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Robinett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With regard to the East Wing Modernization project, I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The name of the project is horribly misleading, as this is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to every law-abiding citizen and taxpayer in the US.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:04:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara McCoid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Churchfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing of the White House as it originally appeared. I am 78 years old and still remember visiting the White House in 1957 with my brother and parents. It was a wonderful experience and future generations should also be able to experience the awe of visiting it. The destruction of the East Wing seems to have been illegally done, on short notice, on the whim of a President, with no guaranteed funding in place. Please restore our beautiful White House!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Byko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Megan Stephan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Genco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Monaco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Parkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million dollars to build a ballroom that Donald Trump has decided to do without following the proper and legal procedures regarding authorization, permits or even simple design review. The East Wing was In every village, town and city there are procedures when a building that has even the slightest historical significance cannot be removed or replaced without substantial reviews.

I propose that this "plan" be halted, and that a review committee be convened of people who worked in this buidling as well as architectural experts who specialize in historical buildings to design a new East Wing that honors the old East Wing. I do not believe that a ballroom is necessary in the East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:03:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Gillis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “modernization” is a monstrosity and represents the transactional nature of our current administration. The obscene $300 million price tag is being paid in the form of bribes to the current occupant of the White House. The White House is a national monument and belongs to the American people. This project had no oversight from appropriate authorities, no input from its owners (the people), and no approval from Congress. As time goes by the project becomes evermore bloated and unsightly. In short, it’s a travesty that needs to be halted immediately. The previous structure needs to be restored, in proper proportion, and the process completely reconsidered.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:03:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Propp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing to build a completely unrelated (and inappropriate in scale with the existing historical structure) ballroom. The razing was done without regard for policy/law/protocols for major changes to historically significant PUBLIC buildings. I would like the project halted and the East Wing rebuilt as it previously was. The White House is the People’s House, and its destruction has occurred illegally. Please halt this expensive, unnecessary, inappropriate, and illegal project.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Van Deusen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have been done. Permits and review are required for historic buildings. This destruction did not go through the appropriate processes and the ballroom should not be built. Restore the East Wing. And find out what happened to the hazardous materials that were removed and provide appropriate

remediation.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ave Lawyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fern Bogot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this unnecessary project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please make sure that the president and his close personal friends understand that the American people did not authorize this change, and that they are making a huge mistake.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Stickles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any addition to the White House should consider the scale of the original building. The proposed ballroom's size does not take into consideration the size of the original and historic main portico of the White House. Additionally any additions or renovations should consider that this is the "people's house" and not a palace. The design should be classic and somewhat austere and not garish, grand or covered in gold leaf. The use of the space should accommodate offices for the First Lady and her staff as well. Costs should be kept to a minimum and any gifts to help pay for the new building should be tracked in accordance with existing Federal Regulations.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Washburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'll be brief: FFS stop this atrocious destruction of the East Wing and horrible construction of this ridiculous Ball Room. Prosecute Trump and anyone else who brought this travesty into being.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:02:19 PM
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Name: David Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Montecalvo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of more than $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Minarik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, like the Capitol, is a reservoir of history. Some change is necessary to maintain its structural integrity. Some change is necessary to allow the work of the people to be undertaken safely and efficiently. However, some change can be driven by megalomania, and would needlessly destroy our connection to our past. The East Wing Modernization Project falls into that latter category. As currently contemplated, it would be grossly out of scale not only with the neighboring Treasury, but with the White House itself. It would distort views from the surrounding parks that have welcomed visitors for decades.

The Roman empire has fallen; in this project, there is an apparent compulsion to follow in its architectural footsteps.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:01:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Sedlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opinion that this project should not move forward. The destruction of the East Wing is a violation of the people's house. It does not belong to the siting President. The East Wing should be restored to the original condition. The funding should come from the current presidents personal funds.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:01:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Kotzamanis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A plan and designs should have been submitted IN ADVANCE of tearing dow the East Wing. Historical preservation should have been a top priority. Continuung use of tent or another location would have been more economical.
Size of the new wing should be reduced, more in balance with West wing and definitely smaller than the White House.
Make sure if a new data center is going in underground that the US is not tied into contracts with the companies offering their big 'donations'. Lot of tech companies taking up ballroom dancing interest.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:01:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Birgit Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC and to whom it may concern: I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million (or, in fact, any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This destruction should never have been allowed to happen and in any other administration, it would not have. This project is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It rewrites what is and has been important to the American people. We don't want a ballroom. We have never wanted a ballroom. We have valued our First Ladies who used that space for their offices where they did the work that added to America's well being. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:01:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bjorn Westgard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Bjorn Westgard

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Name: Kimberly Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House, which belongs to the American people, should not be turned into one person's vanity project.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:01:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Grieshop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition was illegal, thus the proposed construction is also illegal. I opposed the demolition, and I certainly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than a "modernization project", it is thoughtless destruction of American history. If Trump wants a vanity ballroom, let him build it on his own property, not mine. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an

affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:01:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm against Trump's proposed modernization of the East Wing and the construction of the ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Irvine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

I am appalled by by the illegitimate destruction of a portion of such an important historic property as the White House. As President of the Willmore City Heritage Association, I was very familiar with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Apparently you all are not.

I oppose the spending of 300 (or is it 400 now?)"donated" million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Best regards,
A Constituant Who Votes

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Name: Kathryn Machan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. As Carol Quillen has said, the American people deserve "an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project." I am opposed to the current design, yet another grandiose, ego-stoking

move by a president with no regard for following the laws, and financed with "gifts" from big-business looking to curry favor with the current administration. He took a wrecking ball to the Peoples' House without permission; this cannot continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Galbraith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please DO NOT build the hideous ballroom plan that we have all seen. The American president is a employee of the people. We do not need our president doing ballroom deals and being flagrant. It is a humble position and must remain so.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Shame on those who do not follow the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rainer Rivenburgh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project.
This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To call it a modernization project is a misnomer; rather, it is a completely unlawful bulldozing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Hinsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose this "modernization of the East Wing." I am appalled that Trump was able to destroy this historic part of the White House without any consequences. I can't believe that he was able to, on a whim, ruin this beloved part of our history. Do not allow this to go any further! Restore the East Wing. Trump should have to pay for the restoration.
Put an end to his egocentric assault on our history. This is the People's House paid for by our taxes.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of the source of the funds, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Robert Mussey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed architectural plans for White House ballroom. The design is grossly oversized and inconsistent in scale with the historic building itself, and will overpower it. It is as though dancing and fundraising outweigh the larger purposes of the White House itself. The tearing down of the former East Wing completely ignored respect for history and required legal reviews by architectural and historical review boards. I am a furniture restorer/conservator who worked in the White House from 1989-1998, so am especially aware of the historical and cultural significance of the building and collections. The process used to tear down the existing East Wing and design a new ballroom has been insulting and a travesty. It should be entirely redesigned to a much smaller scale after proper architectural and historical review.

Robert D Mussey, Jr., Milton, MA

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:33 PM
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Name: Pamela Montgomery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Vi Robe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Diana K. Robanske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The casual razing of the East Wing is the action of a despot, disrespectful of American history, values, and cultural heritage. It is the People’s house, not his.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Hickey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is dear to me. Having grown up not far from "The People's House," having attended classes only blocks away, and having worked on Pennsylvania Avenue, I had innumerable chances to walk by and admire its beauty, it's balance and its symbolism. So it is with anger and a heavy heart, that I saw the Rose Garden removed and the East Wing demolished, only to be replaced by gaudy gold, cement patios and garish umbrellas. The portraits of the first ladies have been removed from the gracious entryway, and history is being perverted.

If restoration is necessary, let it be just that and not a vanity project! Insist that all permits be filed, all contracting protocols be followed, and all contracts are honored!
Let it be overseen by professionals at NCPC who value its history and want the legacies of people like Dolly Madison, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jacqueline Kennedy, Nancy Reagan, Lady Bird Johnson, Michelle Obama and Jill Biden to continue.

Fix the infrastructure, paint the walls, replace the windows, but do not allow a gigantic ballroom and bunker replace and overshadow the balance and simple, classic, symbolic beauty of our White House!

The White House has no need for a bigger ballroom! Let the billionaires who want to party, rent space in Washington, DC venues or hotels, thereby helping the local economy.
Do not allow oligarchs to fund our public buildings or use them to curry political favor. Do not enable the President to squander tax dollars on giant parties meant to impress other authoritarian leaders and billionaire cronies!

Do not allow the White House to spend millions to construct a bunker to protect the president, not from potential enemies, but from "we the people."

Let the wannabe king, gather his golden trophies and brick a brac and return them to his ill begotten mansion in Florida, the sooner the better!
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Hickey

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kalan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In addition to the East Wing restorations, the ballroom plans should absolutely scrapped; and the East Wing AND the Rose Garden should be restored to their original states post haste. Both demolitions as well as the proposed ballroom were done without legality. The White House belongs to the PEOPLE of the United States!
Thank you for accepting my urgent comments.
Sincerely,
Susan A. Kalan

Date: 2/16/2026 5:00:08 PM
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Name: Elizabeth Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rena Baskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please build back exactly what was there. No bunker, no ballroom. No one aurhorized the destruction of the East Wing. It is the people's property. Restore it.

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Name: Sandra Mendel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Linda LaRocca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the ballroom and rebuild the East Wing.

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Name: Marilyn Mossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sarah Prielipp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Doty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My family and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization by Congress, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. My son's school is scheduled to travel to DC in the summer of '27 and was to tour the White House. They will now not get this chance, as the portion of the campus where tours happened is now an open pit on the grounds.

This project, as proposed needs to be cancelled. The East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with some REASONABLE modernizations, consistent with the purposes it served for three quarters of a century. The stated purposes of the remodel are inconsistent with ANY stated need for more than 40 prior administrations and the only person who has ever cared about it will have left office before it can be complete, making it a completely pointless undertaking, all legality, morals, and ethics aside (and plan is rife with problems on all of those fronts, and if we had a legislative branch that was adhering to their oaths as related to the domestic emoluments and general lawlessness, this would be pursued by more than this commission.)

No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without consquences for those who broke multiple laws is be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Teresa Rusk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew LeGrant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you.

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Name: Constance Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am emphatically opposed to the building of a "ballroom" in place of the historic East Wing of the White House. Not only is the design of this building out-of-proportion to its surroundings, but the funding by private individuals without appropriate prior oversight smacks of cronyism and potential financial misdoings. I want to see the East Wing restored to its historic prominence in every regard and this monstrosity demolished instead.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:58:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia DeMichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the history contained in the East Wing of the White House without proper authorization is not a “modernization project”, but rather an illegal act. Modernization is adding energy efficient windows, a bathroom, etc., not complete destruction. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original state.

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Name: Barbara Rees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The American people's house does not need a ball room that diminishes the White House. It has an appropriate size one within the White House already.

Please restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:58:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Steinhafel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the ballroom project! The East Wing should not have been torn down. I want it restored to its original historic condition and Trump should pay for it with his own money.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:58:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions of dollars to renovate and rebuild the East Wing of the White House as designed by the current administration to include a ballroom. We do not need a ballroom. The original design with modern improvements makes much more sense. The "People's House" is for the business of the People, not the elite that currently are in place. Aside from the fact that these funds could be put to much better

use in solving some of the country's problems - not a dance floor.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Woodring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing restored to its original state. I want it restored just as it was before Donald Trump destroyed it. And I want him to pay for the restoration. He did not have the authority to destroy it and the taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for the restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:58:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Provencher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the project that was wrongfully started to destroy the East Wing of the White House to replace it with the ball room that os not necessary. I object to the whole project including the money, size and funtion. I want the East Wing put back he way it was and I want Donald Trump to pay for it since he destroyed it.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:58:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Malcolm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed construction of a "grand ballroom" to replace the East Wing of the White House. I have heard NO clamoring for such s space, but much movement by the current President to erect and name or rename MANY edifices after himself like a Roman emperor. I suggest that before anything is initiated at the demolished site that there be a full review of the plan, funding, and function. Hopefully, the result will be the replacement of the East Wing to replicate that which was, in my opinion, unlawfully destroyed.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Benton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this nonsense now.

We do not need a Ballroom. It's just another Vanity Project for the Fascist So called President.

Not only did he start all this without approval my understanding is there is asbestos from the east wing and no protections were used.

Why don't you take a national vote? No one wants this.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Skerchock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction and desecration of the White House for the purposes of a ballroom. History should not be destroyed or erased to serve one man's petty ego. The White House is the house of the people and should remain so for all generations to enjoy. Stop the destruction and restore it to what it was

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Name: Michael Ploegstra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Sam Janes
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Name: Denice Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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At this grave time in our country, it is abhorrent to me that the current President is seeking to make excessive opulent changes to OUR PEOPLE's House. It shows a disdain for the simple hard working people of our country. It's an example of Nero fiddling while Rome burned.

Sincerely submitted by:

Denice Ryan

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Name: Christine Kendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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An excuse has been made that other Presidents or their family members made changes at the People's House, it should be noted these did not demolish part of the building or impose upon the house a monstrosity that has more to do with ego than necessity and instead of follow procedures a wrecking ball approach was taken.

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Name: Sheila Petticord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned U.S. citizen I object to the ballroom that would not be in service to all of the people, but to a select few. The cost would also be exorbitant just to maintain after being built. The east wing should never have been torn down by a temporary occupant. Please put a stop to this.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Kohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the plans for the construction of a massive ballroom in its place.
The destruction of this portion of “the people’s house,” a national monument, came suddenly without prior warning, without prior approval, without prior renderings, without proper funding. The few sketches available for viewing showed an outsized structure towering the original mansion, inappropriate in both scale and design;
the proposed ballroom would ultimately compromise the architectural integrity of this historical treasure. I urge an immediate halt to any further work on this ill-conceived project and, most hopefully, a reconstruction of what was so carelessly lost. Thank you for allowing my input as a private and concerned citizen.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Mieczkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should not and cannot be treated as the personal property of Donald Trump. Modifications should only be done after public input and approval. Please halt the current destruction of the East Wing! It is the people's house!

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Name: Jemima Harr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Kirschner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Crowley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop treating the White House as if it were yours alone, Mr. Trump. It belongs to the US citizens. If you wondered if we all wanted a multi-million-dollar banquet hall - you should have asked us all first instead of taking it upon yourself to start demolishing a historical building for your own vision.
I think you should use your personal funds to repair the damage you have done to the East Wing of the White House and bring back as much of the original structure as possible. I cannot imagine that there are funds in the annual US budget that support a frivolous project such as this nor do I see a need for a banquet

hall attached to the White house. I see other and more productive ways to spend taxpayers' money like supporting our teachers, preserving national lands, and seeking a way to offer universal health care. Sincerely, Susan Crowley

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the White House East Wing and reconstruction under the Modernization Project. The destruction and planned modernization were initiated without any authorization or oversight by the proper authorities. I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was before its destruction. What has been done to the White House building is illegal and set protocols were not honored. The person or persons who undertook this “renovation” acted outside the laws and precedents set out under our Constitution and as such, full prosecution should ensue against those involved.

The White House House is the People’s House, not the property of a single person to do with as he wishes!

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric A. Kidwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House ballroom project should be stopped and the East Wing rebuilt. The destruction of the historic East Wing was done with a disregard for the proper authorization process and design review. This is simply a vanity project initiated by the current president of the United States, and this precedent cannot be allowed. No one --- No one -- should be allowed to ignore the law or long-established protocols for changes to historic structures, and certainly not a structure as symbolic and as embedded in the identity of the United States as the White House. The authority of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the White House Historical Association must be upheld. The proposed ballroom is unnecessary, grossly out of proportion to the main White House structure, and is a misuse of funds. This is NOT an East Wing "modernization" project. The East Wing is now gone and the proposed ballroom will serve none of the purposes the East Wing fulfilled.

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Name: Pat Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the razing of the East Wing and the Administration's planned multimillion dollar ballroom. America demands that procedures be followed, history be respected and quid pro quo accountability be accorded for every dollar allocated to this grandiose scheme.

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Name: Jemima Harr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Turk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing and the Rose Garden. This is the people's house not a kings palace.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:57:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Zimmermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose creating a ballroom where the historic East Wing once stood. We need to put back an updated version of the East Wing that has more modern efficiencies and safety. The new East Wing should honor the original design aesthetic of the 2024 East Wing

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Name: Paula Wilder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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In addition, the current footprint design dwarfs the center building. Moreover, it is not designed to do the work of the people. It is designed to hold festivities for the privileged few in this country. It is not for the people or by the people.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jill Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As someone who has been involved with renovations of historic buildings in my town, I am opposed to building a ballroom that is larger than the main portion of the White House. This addition should be similar in size to the west wing so that it is visually appealing when looking at the grounds.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:56:53 PM
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Name: Emily Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down and replacing of the East Wing without congressional approval is an atrocity. No one should be able to tear down an entire wing of the White House to replace it with a vanity project that will ruin the integrity of the whole White House due to its size and general tackiness. The east wing was a historic part of our country and it already had a ball room anyway. This project should be terminated immediately since it is the vanity project of a narcissistic toddler who continues to embarrass our country with everything he says and does.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Ostdiek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization of the wing into bloated tacky ballroom of Trump's design. The wing was illegally destroyed and should be restored to previous historic appearance that fits with the White House. Further change of our country's historical building should not be at the whim of any president, it does not belong to him.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:56:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tomas Rosales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it once was. President Trump had no right to demolish it especially when he
had earlier said the East Wing would not be touched. He is a born liar, a grifter, and the worst President ever.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Burke M. Wong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the madness. Trump is systematically destroying American history without Congressional approval. Hiscactions are ultra tiresome and unconstitutional.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:56:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this $300 million dollar project because it is unauthorized and unapproved. It is nit a renovation but rather an attempt to erase our history. No one is above the law and this destruction is an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Name: Renee Pappas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I want to see the East Wing and the Rose Garden returned to their pre-2026 proportions, architectural style and purpose. In the case of the Rose Garden, it should become a garden again, not a patio.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Oman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a Professional City Planner in San Francisco and as a US Citizen I vehemently object to this project and want it permanently stopped. Let the current occupants live with what remains while the Country waits for a new Adminstration that adheres to the rule of Law.

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Name: Susan Daniels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Joanne Suchy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the destruction of the east wing of the White House and current plan to build a ballroom. This was done illegally by not following any rules for the process or any attempt to follow rules set forth to protect and preserve our historical buildings, but to appease one person's ego. It is illegal, unAmerican and a travesty for our country and the people who hold it dear. If a ball room must be build it should be within the guidelines of the current historical Commission, true to the design and intent of the White House and made MUCH SMALLER! The destruction has been done. At least build a respectable and smaller building that doesn't overshadow the greatness of our beloved White House. This administration should be

prosecuted for demolishing the east Wing of the White House and demanded to repay the government for the damage done. And NOT ONE DIME of the people's money should be spent rebuilding whatever is ultimately built! The White House is the People's House! This current Administration is destroying all we hold dear.
Thank you for considering my comments.
JMS

Date: 2/16/2026 4:55:57 PM
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Name: Karen Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project." This was done to the People's House without the will of the people. It is illegal, unjustifiable, and unconscionable. It must be stopped. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Nedry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This illegal project is an insult to the American people.

Sincerely,

Judy edry

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Name: CATHERINE MANDIS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marie Manella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: S Foote
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is not a modernization project but a complete demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project should not continue and those who broke the law should be held accountable.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:54:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed with out authorization. Years of American history wiped out by a bulldozer.

I demand Trump uses the 300 million to restore the East Wing. If the budget exceeds money donated, Trump should be forced to pay the difference. He should also be fined for his illegal unauthorized actions. All plans, design etc must to approved by the Park Service.

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Name: Ann Hermann
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Name: gary kenefick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support and further destruction of our national history by additional damage to our White House and construction of a ballroom. Not only is it a waste of money, if it is privately funded, what is expected in return. My America upholds all of our history and not build monuments to any politician’s ego.

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Name: Adaline Hoffmann
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Name: diane nations
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Name: Deborah Kvaka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because Trump destroyed the East Wing without permission, because it is not his personal property, I feel that he should be required to hire contractors to rebuild it as it was, at his own personal expense. And this is a crime- destruction of public property. He should be charged with this crime.
We do not need a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:54:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary jane Donovan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Disgraceful. Monies not properly approved and historical wing destroyed. Has he no boundaries???

Date: 2/16/2026 4:53:48 PM
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Name: J T Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Proper channels for any new construction need to be followed and consideration of the REMAINING White House design and scale must be respected. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt with respectful consideration to its past and future purpose. I oppose the spending of $300 million for a vanity project by an unstable man. He wants to quickly raze the Kennedy Center as well while bringing back Navy Battleships instead of 21st century drones while no one has the courage to stop him. Please restore some sanity to this process!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Guthrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to a ballroom replacing the East Wing. It's being built on a whim and destroys the symmetry of the original plan. Please, return the East Wing to It's original structure.

Thank you!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Sibo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Christine Steele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens and personnel who work through the appropriate channels. The White House has been called the People's House and it, ultimately, belongs to the American people. And given President or Administration is but a steward FOR THE american people, and this project as proposed and being implemented is an abominable affront to the people the Administration is supposed to serve.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lyncoln
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amadee Ricketts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending this so-called modernization project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a razing of American history that is offensive to the very idea of the People's House, not a modernization project in any legitimate sense. The private, unaccountable source of funding for this project do not change the fact that the White House belongs to the citizens and is only held in trust by any individual administration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to me and all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kristen Gregerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose authorizing a gaudy renovation that is likely to clash with the character and dignity of the White House. This is a vanity project for a president who cannot resist putting his name on everything, whether it is deserved or not. (See Trump Tower, Trump-Kennedy Center, and the arm-twisting to rename Dulles Airport.) The proposed private donations give the appearance of being a bribe to earn favors from the president. The failure to follow any of the usual protocols and policy related to the demolition (such as asbestos remediation) add to the appearance of impropriety. This seems to an attempt to create a "fait accompli", where the commission would be forced to approve the ballroom because the East Wing was

already gone.

Additionally, the loss of the offices for the First Lady and her staff, as well as the destroyed public rooms represent the loss of workspaces that was used on a regular basis. A new super-sized ballroom that will be used for an occasional large gathering does nothing to address the need for that working space, and thus seem like a poor use of the limited building space (i.e. land) that is available to the White House.

The private donations need to be deposited into a bank account controlled by a neutral party and used for the purpose of rebuilding the East Wing and restoring the White House to its previous beautiful silhouette.

I strongly oppose authorization of the proposed ballroom addition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sigrun Coffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project needs to to be stylistically and architecturally in harmony with the extisting building. In no way should it be larger or more ornate than the west wing or the original residence. Any attempt to build something “palatial” would contradict this country’s tradition of and pride in citizen government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't support this project at all. The East Wing was demolished with no regard. It should be rebuilt and the cost charged to Donald Trump personally.

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Name: Shirley Bland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

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Name: Deanna Tolman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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And I strongly believe that Donald Trump and his family should have to pay the bill to replace the East Wing and restore it to its original gorgeousness. Please make that happen.

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Name: Judith Feltz-Lain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Pryor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Jean Spanko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Rebecca Hankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and a suitable structure erected by going through proper review, with proportions and design mindful of its historic significance. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Annie Ellis La Rue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is part of America’s heritage, and as such, it should be treated with the highest standards of rebuilding and restoration. The correct course of action is to rebuild the East Wing as close as possible to its prior existence using American craftsmanship, and to preserve its history for future generations. I do not believe any major change in the future use of the property is warranted or desired by the American people. We have a duty to restore this property and to treat it with respect and hand it down to future generations

intact. Anything less than a total restoration that is true to the prior building would be an inadequate response to the unprecedented destruction that was wrought on our nation's inheritance. This is the people's building, and it should remain so, as intended.

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Name: Gene Hallman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. It was done without any notice or plan submission and was merely an ego exercise supported by billionaires. It destroyed the East Wing with no concern for the historical preservation of one of the most important buildings in the nation. From the information shared so far the replacement will be totally out of proportion with the rest of the building and will be more compatible with a Vegas casino than the home of our presidents.

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Name: Craig Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending taxpayer dollars on ballroom of any size or description on the site of the former White House East Wing. The East Wing was demolished without the proper process or permits, and with no consideration to its history. It should be rebuilt in the old design (to modern code), not replaced by a monstrous party venue funded in part through corporate bribery. The White House is the TEMPORARY home of Presidents, but permanently The People's House. Any "modernization," a misnomer in this case, should proceed with care for the building's history, which has clearly been disregarded. I hope that the NCPC has not been compromised to the same degree as many other departments of our government have been, and that it will lend its efforts to resisting cultural vandalism of the kind we have witnessed in the destruction of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dirk Hermance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission

I wish to express my opinion about the East Wing project.

I found the demolition of the old wing extremely offensive, illegal, and disgraceful.
I am particularly incensed by the idea that rich individuals have vested themselves in this project with donations, which are blatantly intended to buy political influence. The White House is a historic building,

not the possession of one person nor President, it belongs to this nation.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

No one person nor President is above the law. The White House is a historic government property, owned by the American people, not by any person, not by a political party, not by the rich, not by corporations. Return it to it's proper condition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Brennig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I was devastated to see the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Our history has been destroyed without input from the public. Plans for a large ballroom are not in keeping with the history or size of the White House. A ballroom is unnecessary. The East Wing should be rebuilt keeping the history and the surrounding architecture in mind. No large ballroom should be built. Respectfully, Sheri Brennig

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Maestri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should only be reconstructed to the dimensions of the original demolished structure, not larger. The larger addition that has been proposed is way out of proportion to the White House itself and should not proceed. The White House is one of the most important cultural landmarks for the United States. An adjacent structure that overwhelms the original White House will do nothing but diminish the White House's historic and cultural legacy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ludwiczak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It broke my heart to see the destruction of this historic wing. I have been to the White House twice - when Johnson was president and again when Bush was in office. I shook Hubert Humphries' hand and met Bobby Kennedy in this White House. I saw the room where Eleanor Roosevelt worked. I felt like this was a part of

me. To rip it apart hurt as much as the rioters invading Congress. This is my country, my memories and the People's House for me every bit as much as the current inhabitants. They will leave; the house is where history has been made, and it should never be about the person who is there today. We do not need a ballroom. We need work places where history is revered. No hideous gold, no giant empty royal room for someone who wants to be a king. Please restore the East Wing. Honor our past so that hopefully we have a future worth honoring.

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Name: Dean Karas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

no ballroom rebuild the East Wing to the original drawings

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Name: Joanna Soulios
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started without permission and destroyed a historic building of our national pride! He has ENOUGH ballrooms in his hotels the American taxes don't need to be paying for this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Charpentier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is extremely large and will dwarf our beautiful White House. The original start Wing should be restored. It is our history.

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Name: Maureen McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Halt the project now. It isn't modernization it is ransacking history. We don't need a gigantic ballroom for Ripley's believe it or not. Spend the money to restore health care for the people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Saarinen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Waldie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the use of $300,000,000 on an unneeded ballroom. which was initiated without the proper authorization or permits. This is not a “modernization project” but rather an erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the corporate Epstein Class money used to rebuild the East Wing to its historical origins. The White House is “the people’s house”, and the people did not give permission for this desecration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Wasser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. The fact that the current president demolished the East Wing without following the established legal process is an outrage that should be investigated.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.
Thank you.

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Name: Kara Conrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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If it continues, I'd like citizens to have access to evidence of where the money for its build is coming from.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this project to go any farther! It's illegal, disrespectful, and self-serving. Trump should be required to restore the East Wing to its original state.

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Name: Nancy Folkers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What this administration has done to the White House is horrific. The idea of building a grotesquely huge ballroom paid for by billionaire business owners is obscene. There was never a design review or permitting process to remove the East Wing, and it should NEVER have been destroyed. The funds committed to build the "ballroom" should be used to rebuild the East Wing as it was, and Trump should personally be liable for any additional expense. The White House is the house of the people of the United States of America, not the house of one deranged, faux-gold-plated narcissist. Return the White House to the people, as it was.
Thank you.

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Name: Beth Gamba Steel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The abrupt destruction of the East Wing shouldn't justify the speed of its approval or reconstruction. We can't accept a process that bypasses rules or undermines respect for the deliberate process that aligns with the prestige and historical context of the building. Please re-establish order and elevate the integrity and trust that's worthy of what the American people expect.

The East Wing should be smaller than the White House.

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Name: Janine C Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our laws were ignored and our history razed in an arbitrary destruction of the East Wing. The White House belongs to the people..This Nero-like ballroom must be cancelled and the White House restored
All of the money collected,if indeed there was money collected, must be publicly documented,and returned to the donors,especially those with a conflict of interest, and foreign governments.
The President, from his personal funds, not OURS, or those of his patrons, should pay restoration costs, and apologise.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Shaffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing was destroyed on a whim. The peoples house does not need a gaudy ballroom. Rebuild the east wing as it was. If it truly need remodeling there are procedures that should have been followed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Burgland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a blatant attack of the history of our White House.
There is absolutely no need to build a monsterous ball room for the gratification of one person.
I am completely against the construction of Trump's ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Vicinus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historian I was appalled to se the East Wing torn down without following the necessary protocols. The people's house--on land to each president--should never be so gratuitously damaged. Please turn down the request to build a ballroom that will loom over the historic White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marshal Gimpel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments from the public. After reviewing the project plans, I believe that the scale of the proposed ballroom is incompatible with the objective to preserve the architectural and spatial importance of the White House. The ballroom adversely affects the public's line of sight of the White House proper from several different angles and is of a scale that overwhelms the White House. It almost appears that the White House is an appendage of the ballroom as opposed to the reverse. The project description indicates the ballroom is being built to host one thousand people. I am not sure where this requirement came from, but I doubt that most White House official functions would need to include a thousand guests. Therefore, I recommend that the proposed structure be scaled down significantly.

As an aside, I also am concerned that the East Wing is not being modernized, but rather has been razed without any opportunity for public input or appropriate architectural review. I trust steps will be taken by the Commission, to include reviews prior to any demolition or construction activities, to prevent any recurrence of this situation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Name: Jan Brill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project since it has not been approved by the appropriate commissions. Also, since its cost is exorbitant while so many other government functions, including the debt, are not being fiscally attended to, stop it until a responsible and reasonable plan can be created. “We the people” need some input into

changing our house.

Respectfully,

Jan Brill

Date: 2/16/2026 4:50:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Chladny
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I submit this testimony to express opposition to the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom at the site of the former East Wing of the White House complex.

The White House grounds represent one of the most historically significant and symbolically important civic landscapes in the United States. Any new construction within this setting must respect the architectural scale, historic character, and functional purpose of the Executive Mansion and its surrounding structures.

The proposed ballroom, by its reported size and scope, appears disproportionate to the established scale and architectural rhythm of the White House complex. Introducing a facility of this magnitude risks altering the visual balance, historic cohesion, and civic character that have defined the site for generations.

I respectfully urge the Commission to ensure that any replacement structure:

Is scaled appropriately to the existing White House complex;
Preserves architectural cohesion and historic character;
Prioritizes functional necessity and operational needs;
Undergoes thorough preservation and planning review;
Reflects the stewardship responsibilities owed to a site of national heritage.

Equally concerning are reports and ongoing legal challenges alleging that required planning, preservation, and review processes may not have been fully observed. Compliance with applicable laws and established review procedures is essential to maintaining public trust and protecting nationally significant historic resources. If statutory requirements were bypassed or procedural safeguards ignored, those matters warrant thorough investigation and appropriate accountability consistent with the rule of law.

Projects affecting nationally significant historic sites must proceed with transparency, rigorous review, and clear public documentation. Maintaining public trust requires visible adherence to preservation principles and planning standards.

The White House is not simply a venue; it is a symbol of democratic governance and national continuity. Changes to its physical setting should reflect restraint, respect for history, and fidelity to its civic purpose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Chladny
Bonner Springs, KS

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chanda Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Anita Mortimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched in horror as the East Wing of the White House was demolished literally because of the WHIM of one man. When the artist renderings of the gigantic ballroom began appearing I was appalled even more. The planned ballroom totally overshadows the existing structure--and NOT in a good way. It is simply yet another huge monument to one man's ego. It will look HORRIBLE and will absolutely diminish the beauty and dignity of the existing structure. And then there is the simple need for ANY president to abide by the guidelines in place for making changes to THE PEOPLE'E HOUSE. His tasteless gaudy redecoration of the Oval Office is bad enough, but at least it can be UNDONE. His plans for a MASSIVE addition are very different--he brags that it is all paid for with private funds, but how is that necessarily a good thing? He is establishing a system of pay-for-play that is totally unacceptable!

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Name: Joe Ortmeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At the point, we should not be of discussing details of this project. This has proceeded far too fast and far without Congressional discussion and approval. Everyone knows that but is too cowed to say anything. Go back to that overlooked step and start over.

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Name: Anne Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am devastated that one individual destroyed so much history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and glory. The White House does not belong to one individual, the White House is a national treasure that belongs to all Americans. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: T Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Marianne Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Micki Lechner-Riehle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Proper permitting and planning should guide the reconstruction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Hustead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should have to go through the required permitting and oversight process that all other projects require. The cost needs to be transparent and controlled. Allowing it to be paid for by private individuals or corporations opens it up to possible fraud or conflicts of interest.

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Name: Regina Sokas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seeing this terrible wound in the side of a building I was taught to hold in high esteem has broken my spirit. As a young worker in Washington, D.C., I walked by the White House daily on my way to work, It was beautiful. Can it be put back together again? That is what I would love to see.

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Name: Beth Mountjoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Law abiding citizens Americans.

Thank you

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Name: Helen Kourous-Harrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: East Wing Modernization Project – Public Comment in OPPOSITION

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

This project represents a profound misuse of resources and a betrayal of public trust. The decision to fund this extravagant addition through external donors is deeply troubling and raises serious concerns about transparency, conflicts of interest, and the potential for undue influence over our nation's highest office. When wealthy donors finance presidential vanity projects, the American people have every right to question whose interests are truly being served.

The White House belongs to all Americans—not to any single administration. It is a National Historic Landmark and National Park that should reflect our shared values, not serve as a venue for enhancing the personal wealth or prestige of its temporary occupants. The optics of building a massive ballroom while millions of Americans struggle to afford healthcare, while our air and water quality face ongoing threats, and while inequality before the law continues to erode public faith in our institutions—these optics are unconscionable.

The American people do not want a ballroom. We want:
- Accessible, affordable healthcare for all citizens
- Protection of our environmental resources and clean air standards
- Equal justice and accountability under the law
- Responsible stewardship of public resources and historic sites

This project prioritizes spectacle over substance, luxury over necessity, and private interests over public good. The proposed renovation undermines the integrity of this National Historic Landmark and sets a dangerous precedent for future administrations to alter America's most significant historic site to suit personal preferences and donor relationships.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal and instead demand that any modifications to the White House serve genuine public interest, maintain appropriate transparency in funding, and preserve the historic character of this irreplaceable national treasure.

The White House should inspire pride in democratic values—not serve as a monument to excess funded by those seeking favor.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Kirkpatrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This " modernization" looks like destruction of a lovely east wing of the White House. Stop work on this and begin work to restore the historic building to its former beauty. It is not debatable. This is an historic building. There seems to have been no authorization other than a whim. Stop. Please.

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Name: Catherine Delgado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 4:49:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Mingus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the current efforts that have destroyed the East Wing. Construction should be halted pending a through historical review and an open review process.

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Name: Tom Fierro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: margo villanova
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It appears that the proposed ballroom is much larger than the White House. The White House is a historically significant building. It is the home of the Presient of the United Statres. Buildings tell a story. An addition to the original building that is much larger than the heart of the campus is out of balance. Architecture should be harmoneous and tell a story of the building. The story this tells is that there is a large

structurel that overshadows the heart of the styructures. The purpose of the building is an entertainment center.

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Name: JULIE THARP
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Rebuild the East Wing. Scrap the ridiculous ballroom. Sue Donald Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the current project with its outrageous budget and request that the White House be restored to its previous status. Thank you

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Name: Susan Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. Even the title of is a lie. It is not a modernization, it is a destruction, started in the middle of the night no less! The project did not go through proper study and authorization, a process that respects our history. Please stop it.

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Name: Leah MacLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Jake Buckeye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: William Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to the ballroom project. The White House is the People's House. This is not Donald Trump's house. The area should be cleaned up and the East Wing rebuilt. Also, the rose garden should be replaced. It will be a very large expense to clean up the interior of the White House as it is. Thank you for this opportunity.

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Name: John Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose this illegal and ill conceived project. The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States. It is not the permanent residence of any single person, and its history and function should be respected and carefully considered before any major changes are made. The hasty and unnecessary demolition of the existing structure was imprudent and driven by one man's ego rather than the needs of the nation. The building of a grandiose vanity ballroom is anathema to the history of our country and the needs of its government and people. Rebuild the old structure and hold those responsible for its destruction financially responsible for its restoration.

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Name: Mary Crossfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to strongly object to the building of a new ballroom or anything like that proposed monster. I do not want tax dollars spent on building something like this. I feel strongly that the East Wing should be rebuilt as close to the original as it can be done and the costs born by trump himself since he failed to get approval permits. It never should have been torn down

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Nadal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a massive privately funded ballroom at the White House. The historic East Wing was destroyed without following the proper protocols or obtaining the necessary permits to construct the ballroom. The current plans for the ballroom do not preserve the architectural integrity of the White House. If a new meeting space is needed at the White House it should be planned to be in proportion to the current structure and preserve the the historic attributes of the People's House.

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Name: elizabeth Corbo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Heidi Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Richard Roehrig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all Americans.

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Name: Tanya Nagler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was truly saddened by the seemingly insensitive razing of the East Wing. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I can only support the complete cancellation of this project. I hope you will reach the same conclusion and demand the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Cathey Barbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the people's house, not the current occupant's house, and should therefore conform to all the reviews and authorizations previously required for buildings of this type.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Protect our shared history. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:46:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Zimarowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. That this destruction occurred without approval is most likely illegal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Feen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am aghast at this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. At a cost of $300 million which could be used in many other positive ways for our non-billionaire fellow countrymen, please cancel this project and order the the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with the costs to be borne by President Trump and the billionaires he announced were supporting this project . No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:46:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kukura-Straw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with only at most environmental improvements added.
No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:46:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Gere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs a o be completely rethought- we may need a ballroom but not bigger than the White House- there should be flexible spaces “First Lady or man” offices, educational access just for starters

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Name: Vincent Desjardins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The tearing down of the East Wing of the People's White House was done without proper authorization, permits or design review. The destruction of the East Wing was done by a greedy man who hoped to line his own pockets through donations solicited for this project. What he did instead was to erase part of our country's history. Laws were broken when the East Wing was torn down, and those responsible should be penalized. This project needs to be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to the way it was before Trump got his hands on it.

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Name: Sharon Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day.

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing

those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Sharon Hansen

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Name: Kerry Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The PEOPLES house should be restored. Of course the bunker under it may or may no longer be needed. If its needed, update it

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ursula Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the spending of $300 million on this atrocious project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and is a disgrace. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, including the president, is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Name: Jane Coplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to the ballroom addition plan. I am angry that the existing east wing was destroyed without any consultation with your organization or any forum for public comment ahead of time. I am angry about the use of my tax dollars for this destruction. I also want to know what happened to the artifacts that were in the East Wing, particularly the portraits. Before any further action is taken, there should be consultation with historical experts and an opportunity for the public to comment about whatever is proposed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Egan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The East Wing was in important part of White House and U.S. history. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Every dollar donated should be scrutinized for pay for play implications.
Taxes should be raised against any involved in this endeavor to rebuild what was there.
I am not opposed to a carefully planned and reviewed project in the future, but never has the White House been so abused. All past projects modified with minimal alteration. This project smashed the People's house without regard to the People.
Moreover, I think this president and any future president should be limited in vanity projects undertaken. This includes projects under the guise of charitable contributions. No living president should have multiple buildings/centers named after them. While I appreciate modernization, small projects, and upgrades, so much of our history has been razed under the direction of one man, and that is an affront to any citizen.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathleen Crook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Lisa Petta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Lisa Petta
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Name: Monique Dufour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It was was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history at the whim of select powerful few without regard for the citizens who own it and the laws that govern it.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. Do not permit this project to go ahead. Furthermore, penalize those who broke the laws that protect our national collective properties.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:45:07 PM
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Name: Cathy Keeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300-$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is the People's House and belongs to the American people. The president is only loaned it for the time of his tenure as president. This is the most valuable piece of American history that we have and should not have been touched, much less demolished as fast as he could before the public or the proper authorities knew what he was doing. What an un-American thing to have done to our White House.

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Name: Janet Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laurie Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I'm writing in opposition of the plan to use private funds to build a ballroom. This destruction felt personal— symbolic of this administration's illegal and thoughtless destruction of the fabric of our great country. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was and all artifacts returned to restore its majesty. Trump is a temporary resident of the People's House— he will be gone but the building will house future presidents for eternity.

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Name: Betsy Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Hovis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is very troubling. It needs to be cancelled until a true review is made of the requirement, necessary congressional actions are completed, architectural paperwork is reviewed by appropriate government entities, and proper funding is established through an open process.

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Name: Carly Huston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Laura Wetsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose this travesty of a project. It is not needed for the proper functioning of the executive branch, or more particularly the White House. It is inconsistent with the design previously is existing for the East wing, and would be an utter waste of money, leaving staff members who previously used the East wing without the resources for their proper operation. This vanity project of the current administration is unconscionable, did not receive proper authorization, and should not be permitted. No one is above the law.

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Name: Dana Goodrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom remodel is not only a gross waste of taxpayer dollars, it will destroy the aesthetic of the White House and surrounding area. It will ruin the historic integrity of the White House, is frivolous, and should not be allowed to move forward.

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Name: Jeffery Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I'd suggest that any ballroom in addition to a security bunker be placed entirely underground. At ground level would be both passenger and freight elevators, in a building size that retains the traditional White House perspective. A below ground ballroom would be energy efficient and the size could be created without destroying the perspective. Windows matter less when most events occur at night. Other offices like the first ladies could be at ground level as long as the historic perspective is maintained. Going below ground worked in expansion of the Texas Capitol and I think would be a way to address both needs and concerns. Thank you

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Name: Manya Arond-Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Manya Arond-Thomas, M.D.

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Name: molly h
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I completely oppose every aspect of this project.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Kathryn Pisaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Cheryl Towers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Lonergan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Christine Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Allowing this project to go forward will reward the authoritarian actions of this administration who thought they could tear down part of the White House without the proper review, permits, and permissions. It will encourage them to unilaterally destroy or build other buildings or monuments without going through the proper channels.

Thank you for allowing me to make my voice heard.

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Name: Alice Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the personal expense of the president.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is The People's House.

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Name: Craig Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe the East Wing should be restored, as it was before the illegal demolition, and payment to do so should be solely the responsibility of Donald J. Trump. He should be required to post a bond for the total amount of the estimated reconstruction costs plus 20% to cover overruns and/or delays caused by anyone from hus administration.

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Name: Sherry Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dale Murton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unprecedented ravaging and destruction of the East Wing of the White House is all the proof one needs, to know the historical significance of the People's house means nothing to those who wish to 'modernize' it.
One man's taste is another one's gaudy horror. That's why a commission of experts should be required to study and design our capital buildings in a learned and measured way with sufficient knowledge and oversight to prevent further damage to our most venerable building. History matters and will not be kind to anyone who goes forward without due process and proper protection of our institutional history.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:42:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, and thank you for taking my comment.

I'm writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

It is a travesty - and an actual crime - that so much destruction of the building has already taken place. We must do everything possible to stop any further desecration of this incredibly significant, historic, and meaningful building and its grounds.

We do not have kings in America, and we should not have any palaces and vainglorious ballrooms for the person who presides over our country for limited years. The White House is the People's House, not the president's, and he has no right to tear it down for his own ego and profit.

The damage that this Administration has done to the White House is criminal and should not - CANNOT - continue. They must not be allowed to loot and pillage our beautiful Capitol City the way they are looting and pillaging everything else they touch.

Please, please stop this insane desecration of the White House and make sure the criminals who have violated the People are punished.

Sincerely,

Lauren Becker
Fairfax, Virginia and Buffalo, New York

Date: 2/16/2026 4:42:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise LeBlanc-Bock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Building this huge and garish ballroom is a waste of taxpayer money, and an insult to the centuries of history of the White House itself. If a ballroom is truly needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style. Updates are fine to electrical, accessibility, HVAC etc for functionality. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. I literally spent years doing NPS historic renovation / tax credit projects and there were strict guidelines that we had to follow! This project does none of that.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:42:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kurt Petrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the 'East Wing Modernization' project. Razing a historic landmark without proper authorization or permits isn't 'modernization'—it's a violation of federal law.

I request that this project be canceled immediately and the East Wing be restored to its original design.

Allowing tech billionaires to buy and destroy public history sets a dangerous precedent that the law is for sale.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:41:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Cleary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It does not address a need of the American people, rather a need of the egotistic authoritarian currently leading our government. It does not reflect the values of the American people, rather the personal need for aggrandizement of one man.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:41:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Date: 2/16/2026 4:41:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin mayoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed plans for the White House ballroom are just ugly. The building is gigantic and overpowers the historic architecture of the White House. Bulldozing the East Wing before plans were even completed is offensive and in my opinion illegal.

The White House does not need a giant ballroom, despite what Trump claims. This is a vanity project and he should not have any input on the final design.

The final design needs to be significantly smaller so it overpowering entire White House property.

The expected costs are insane and all funds should be managed by the NCPC and not in the hands of the president.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:41:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current administration‘s plan for this project. It is not a modernization of the East Wing, and the scope and cost of the proposed ballroom is not in keeping with the history of the White House. The East Wing was torn down without permission or oversight, and the new plan was put in place without permission or oversight, and that is simply unacceptable.

Thank you,
Alexis Roberts

Date: 2/16/2026 4:41:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margery Lillibridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the building of a ballroom of any size on this space. No major change to any public building should be allowed without consent of the American people.

I propose that the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt as it originally stood at the expense of the party that demolished it, and that those parties should be charged with destruction of public property.

Thank you for you consideration of this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:41:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Messinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Instead I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:40:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lou Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose moving forward with this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. From what I have seen of future plans, they call for a gaudy building which would dwarf and detract from the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:40:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Hagler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my 83 years of living in the United States of America I have never seen such disregard for historic property. Not only disregard the citizens of the USA, but all city and state regulations for proper building codes and demolition. Please stop all advancement of this construction and use all legal avenues to prosecute the people responsible. Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 4:40:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elyse Kaftan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House should be landmarked

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Name: Terry Billie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be

an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:39:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristy Lindquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and with careful attention to the needs of those living and working in the people's house as well as its history.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:39:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Berhon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending so much as one cent (fna “one penny”) of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated unlawfully, without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a “modernization” but a complete razing of American history. To permit this to go ahead without project penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I want to see them held responsible and fined, with the funds used to rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:39:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Penman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Do not add this ballroom!

Date: 2/16/2026 4:39:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Howard Raik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 4:38:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Joehnck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project decided on by our current president to honor himself. It is garrish, grandious, and completely out of keeping with the style and scale of the existing building. Please demand that this beloved national treasure be completely returned to its original state

Date: 2/16/2026 4:38:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Mawhinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Tamashiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,

I strongly oppose this "modernization" project of the White House's East Wing. It is not a modernization. Trump decided to tear it down without following the law and wants to replace it with an ugly monstrosity. This project should not be allowed to move forward. Cancel this project. It is illegal. Trump and his corporate "donors" must be forced to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Respectfully,
Dana Tamashiro

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an

affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Amy C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. This project must be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! To permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:38:19 PM
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Name: Janet Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is the people's house, not the occupier's house.

No one, not even the president, should be above the law. Allowing this project to proceed with no penalty for those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:38:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Ruccione
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with appropriate updating of electrical and internet connectivity . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Obviously, the East Wing does not "belong" to whichever tennant occupies the White House - it is the people's house and merits good design and respect for its history.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:38:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and unwarranted razing of American history. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an outrageous affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:38:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Lusteck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:37:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Larsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. The East Wing was destroyed illegally and without the appropriate studies and permits. Its demolition erased history. A new ballroom is an unnecessary waste of money. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt back to the way it was. The White House belongs to the American people, not to the occupant.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:37:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Dugan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Fern Berenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty. The White House is the people's house. It should not be destroyed for some vanity project that was done precipitously with no prior authorization. Restore it to its former majesty.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:37:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing dimensions to its original structure. Update wiring, heating, cooling, with energy efficient materials. Restore interior to its original appearance.

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Name: Ilene Allinger Candreva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It's ugly and unnecessary. It's paid for by 'donations' that nobody has any control over and really, nobody even knows where they are. The demolition ignored even the most basic safety requirements. This is MY White House and this is NOT what I want.

Do not let him get away with this. Hold him accountable. And make him give back all that money.

Dr. Ilene Allinger Candreva, BCBA, DSW

Date: 2/16/2026 4:37:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Braeutigam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any more money to build this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, especially about the roles of the First Ladies. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donations previously made for this project should be thoroughly investigated as bribes.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:37:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary DeNoyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a horrible disfiguration of OUR White House.
That ginormous ballroom serves little purpose for our government.
The occupant of the White House is a temporary resident who has no authority to do this.
It does not follow the rules and regulations of how any change should be made.
It needs to be stopped and the proper steps should be taken to determine what happens to replace.the destruction illegally done.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:36:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Carrier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:36:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Lydon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, it was initiated without the proper permits .without proper authorization and or Design Review.. It is not a modernization project But rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the Law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to to all Law abiding citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Trump should be required to rebuild WHAT WAS THERE with his own money, not taxpayer dollars.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:36:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the tearing down of the East Wing of the WH and detest the idea of a ballroom that would overwhelm the size and historic meaning of the WH. The WH is the people’s house and not the property of

a temporary tenant. A ballroom was never needed and is not wanted by the American people, the true owners of this property.
THis whole thing is beyond disgusting!

Date: 2/16/2026 4:36:27 PM
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Name: Howard Lander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Considering we can't pay for our veterans health care or keep the government fully funded consistently i hardly think this is an appropriate use of government funds. Find the cheapest way to fix it safely and wait to do anything else for better times.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:36:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Carello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for a project that includes the demolition of the East Wing, particularly given concerns that this action proceeded without proper authorization, permitting, or design review. This undertaking cannot reasonably be characterized as modernization; it represents the destruction of a historically significant structure. The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing is deeply troubling and reflects a broader disregard for established legal and regulatory processes. Such actions convey an unacceptable contempt for the rule of law and, by extension, for the American people. I urge the immediate cancellation of this project and the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing in accordance with its original design. Upholding the rule of law requires consistent accountability and adherence to required procedures, especially in matters involving public resources and national heritage.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:36:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra Lohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored to its original footprint. The ball promo design looks like it’s straight out of Moscow. A new development should be in keeping with the original look of the White House. The proposed ballroom is tacky and way too big.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Ragus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i oppose this project. This White House and its extensions are part of our cultural heritage and should not be torn apart in this manner.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:35:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Hutchins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: B Schrader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Elizabeth Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without proper authorizations or permits. It does not add to the beauty of the White House Instead it is an attempt to raze history and to acclaim the current president. This project must be canceled and the East Wing must be restored to its former beauty. No one is above the law--not even the president. To permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please consider what the demolition of the East Wing and the costly renovations to include a grand ballroom to honor trump will do to the beauty of the People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:35:33 PM
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Name: CAROL Seekins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore theEast Wing to its historic size & appearance

Date: 2/16/2026 4:35:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Roos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House?

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Name: Cyndi Stanton
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing back to its previous state that it was before it was illegally bulldozed.

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Name: Mindy Burger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Theres Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Carbone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It will be a blight on the White House and on U.S. history. The East Wing was destroyed prematurely and without any proper review or approval. Please don't add a gargantuan and garish building onto this sacrilege.

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Name: Amanda Grizzaffi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Colleen O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Diane Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM!
The East Wing should be restored to its original status with whatever code upgrades are required.

He should never have gone ahead on destroying our property without approval.

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Name: Christopher Gronlund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a project for all Americans, but that of a president who believes he can do what he wants, without going through proper channels. How it's a modernization project is beyond me. It's flagrant destruction on the whims of a dying man obsessed with "his legacy." This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law in the United States, not even a tiny-handed grifter who believes he can do what he wants. To permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gronlund

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Name: Kathryn Wigner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project was initiated without prior authorization, without permits, and without review of the design. The proposed structure is both hideous in that it will dwarf the White House and in its razing of a historical building. The razing of the East Wing was unlawful. Penalties need to be levied. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt using the previous scale and appearance.

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Name: KATHRYN FINN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not see a need for a ballroom, and it does not matter to me who pays for it. The city has large rooms aplenty. Nor do I believe the drawings that have circulated improve the look of our People's House in any way. I do feel the East Wing as it was before it was illegally demolished was beautiful and useful. It should be restored, essentially as it was. Not different in appearance, but upgraded as to wiring and so on to bring it to modern office standards. It is very clear that while there is no need for more room for the President and his family, the White House is in dire need of more office space. Demolishing office space for a facility that would be rarely used was the work of an utter fool. Nor should it be argued that the sort of events needing a ballroom should be more frequent. That is nonsense. The purpose of the Presidency is not cetemonial. Such events should be discouraged. As to the money that is said to have been donated, it should be used for the rebuild to whatever degree it was actually collected. Further financing should come first from the Trump family as Mr Trump was the fool who ordered the illegal and inappropriate demolition. If I were a tenant who destroyed part of my landlord's property without permission, the law would require me to rebuild it to code and it's former appearance. There would also be a fine. Given that the demolition that happened was done without regard to public health an safety or public permitging, the company that did the demolition should be fined.

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Name: Linden Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The 'modernization' of a wing of the White House, the People's House, has lead to complete destruction without proper and appropriate oversight by historians and architects. It is a travesty, and at a time when social supports are being cut to the most needy (I do not count billionaires as 'needy' by any definition), the expenditure on this is immoral.

Since the destruction has happened (and presumably the scattering, or destruction, of the precious antiques that the East Wing contained), I call on the Planning Commission to REQUIRE the complete and accurate rebuilding of the original East Wing with only such modification as needed for weatherization.

NO Ballroom, for #47 or anyone else, should be built.

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Name: Ellen Zerega
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law

would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Dailia Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Sharon Kourous
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project, as it was begun on the unlawful whim of one egocentric man without consent of congress or the American people. The entire White House is the people's house, and it carries history which is meaningful to all of us. The proposed ballroom must not be permitted to go ahead, and the East Wing should be fully restored. Tax money used to destroy the East Wing was a complete waste of money, squandered while the real needs of citizens are ignored.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Lott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the razing of the East Wing of the White House to make way for an unnecessary vanity project for the President. He disregards all legal restraints and destroyed an historic piece of the White House to satisfy his own whims and ego. We also have not seen where the $300 million budget is really coming from. What favors has he promised in exchange for this "donation." Please do your job and halt this project. Hoping that the East Wing can be restored. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Gustafson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Opposed to spending $300,000,000 on this project? I am opposed to spending so much as $1.00 on this project. The project was begun with NO oversight from Congress and is an affront to the people of the United States. President Trump does not own the White House, he is the current tenant and as such has no authority to order structural changes. I urge that this project be shut down immediately, and the east wing be fully restored. Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The actions taken by this administration were without approval and outside the commitment to the American people and our government

this is OUR house--it is an historic structure and should not have been modified in any way without prior approval of the responsible organizations

the East Wing needs to be rebuilt to previous conditions and paid for by the Trump administration or Trump himself --not the American people

This is an indication of the this administrations lack of consideration for the laws and rules of our country -- how is this not a treasonous act?

Date: 2/16/2026 4:31:47 PM
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Name: Drew Landgrebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am looking forward to seeing the new ballroom built. I was surprised to learn that one like the one that has been talked about does not exist. What a great way to welcome foreign leaders and people from other nations to our beautiful White House and country. I hope that the build gets started soon. Hopefully, there will be opportunities for the general public to see this space when completed.

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Name: Edmund Biro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because she said it eloquently: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I think demo'ing the East wing was a white-trash move and unacceptable. I also think that an investigation into the process used to initiate and all participants (contractors, donors, politicians) should be reviewed for illegal and improper activities.

Just because you have a sharpie doesn't mean that you are above the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Ensign Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending millions of dollars on this project which did NOT have proper authorization, permits, or review. It is in no way a modernization project and destroys the integrity of the architecture of an historic building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Bacarella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million from unknown donors who may be buying access to the administration on this project. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of important aspects of American history. I am particularly disturbed that the section razed was traditionally where the first spouse, up to the present always a woman, had offices. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to a design that is vetted appropriately and fits the architecture of the White House complex. To permit this project to go ahead without due oversight would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Patricia Gaughan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing in the same footprint as it was, with needed updates as to meet current codes. Also, restore the Rose Garden to it's original beauty. Thank you

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Name: Kathleen Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cass Witkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Cass Witkowsoi

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Name: Gail Pennington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant of the White House can’t be allowed to bulldoze the history that went before him. He knew he needed permits and due process to destroy the East Wing, and he did it anyway. The project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The tyrant who ordered the destruction should personally pay, not taxpayers. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be a travesty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Uwe Baemayr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this $300 million vanity project. It will dwarf the rest of the White House, is completely unnecessary at this kind of scale, and will turn into a maintenance nightmare that taxpayers will have to fund for the rest of time. Instead, use the $300 million in donations (if they actually exist) to rebuild the underground Presidential bunker and build office space compatible with the rest of the White House on this space along with a much smaller facility to host events. It does NOT have to hold 100,000 people.

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Name: Dawn Steiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this vanity project canceled, and any and all appropriated funds be applied to the restoration of the East Wing, rebuilding and restoring it to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rohall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suggest a compromise: reduced size; only 2 stories high; only 25% of wall coverings, draperies, decretive moldings, dishes, etc. in gold, the rest an elegant ivory commensurate with the dignity of the White House. Most importantly, NO taxpayer dollars for any of the project.

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Name: Carol Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Name: Janet Belding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don't need a ballroom for Louis XIV, we need a functional space for a modern democracy. We definitely don't need the Trump administration to construct anything - Trump has TERRIBLE taste!

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Name: Edward Greenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As proposed, the ballroom would be an abomination, a garish eyesore dwarfing the rest of the White House. I oppose the spending of $300 million -- or any amount -- on this illegal project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The National Trust should sue the perpetrators who razed the East Wing for the funds necessary to restore it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Furthermore, all of the tacky, unsightly, gold-colored doodads should be removed from the premises. No part of the People's House should be made to look like a tasteless third-world dictator's palace.

(paraphrased from a post by Anara Guard)

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Name: Kara McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this illegal project. Any recognition or permission at this point would reward the administration’s complete disregard for rules and procedures related to historical preservation and public buildings.

Our country is still recovering from the economic effects of a world wide pandemic. If billionaires want to

contribute to our country, let them fund housing for the homeless, childcare for underpaid workers, not another one f our president's vanity projects.

Instead of approving this project, I urge you to bring the full weight of your authority in the form of fines, sanctions, criminal charges, and anything else you can think of to serve justice for the president's destruction of US historical Property.

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Name: Jane Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project permanently prohibited, canceled, and to have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House does not need a garish ballroom.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Martha Schwer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I must register my strong opposition to the allocation of $300 million for a project that, by all available evidence, was undertaken without any authorization, permitting, or input from design from the people. The White House is an historical site that does not belong to any one person, and any updates should maintain the character of the structure. This initiative cannot accurately be characterized as a modernization effort; rather, it represents the wholesale demolition of a significant chapter of American architectural and cultural history.

I therefore urge that the project be terminated and that the East Wing be reconstructed and restored in accordance with its original design.

Upholding the rule of law is essential to the functioning of a democratic society, and allowing this project to proceed—without accountability for those who violated established legal and procedural standards—would constitute a profound disservice to all Americans who respect and abide by those laws. Like me.
Martha Schwer

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Name: Anne Mosey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. It did not go through the proper channels and caused the destruction of a stately historic building.

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Name: Denise Mohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jenny Demas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration should be required to put the East Wing back exactly how it was & with everything that was inside the building as well. We do not need a ballroom! All of the private dollars donated for this project should be located & used to restore this beloved building to how it was before.

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Name: Mary Augusta Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.

The White House is the home of the President as duly elected. The resident does not own its property but inhabits it a the representative of the people. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sylvia Greeson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Jane Shea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to use your influence to restrain President Trump's undoubtedly tasteless vision for additions to the White House

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Name: Laura Kolaczkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is heartbreaking to know the historic East Wing was demolished without consulting the experts. While the old east wing will never be restored, it is important to do a thorough review of plans for the new structure and its compatibility with the remaining White House. Please pause further construction on the grounds until all of the required reviews are completed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Weintraub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regardless of the funding sources, I oppose spending $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but rather destruction of American history. My desire would be to see the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this vanity project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: LINDA ROBERTSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This unlawful project should be halted immediately! The White House belongs to the People. There are rules and regulations regarding how changes may be made. There are laws about funding changes. NONE of these have been followed. NO permits, environmental studies, public contracts etc. It is wrong. There are SO many ways millions of dollars can be used to benefit the citizens and interests of this country, and a monstrous, out of place, unneeded and unwanted ballroom is NOT ONE OF THEM. Please do not enable the ego driven ignoring of the laws of this country, the separation of powers, and the will of the people. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Kindig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Nancy Meldrum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House represents our governance and democracy. We are a young country with so little history compared to many other nations. The White House was only constructed in the late 1700s, early 1800s and is our history. Changes should not be taken lightly. I hope the National Trust can reinstate the structure back to the original historical floorplan representing our pride and not replace with an oversized ballroom that the people with not have the opportunity to enjoy. We need to preserve our history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Molsick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with the project to "modernize" the east wing of the People's House. A ballroom is ostentatious and unnecessary in my opinion. It gives me Marie Antoinette vibes of "let them eat cake" with other more important and pressing issues in our country!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Susan Farmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Evy Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Enger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Leah Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:27:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila M Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a hard no. The White House belongs to the American people, and the desecration of this building needs to be stopped. One person is not reflective of concensus. Whim and need should not be reflected in our monuments.

Sheila M. Smith

Date: 2/16/2026 4:27:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is “the People’s House” and has National Historic significance. My strong preference would be to have the East Wing rebuilt and restored as closely as possible to its original size, purpose, and structure, preferably at DJ Trump’s expense since he destroyed it without permission. Any necessary upgrades to bring it into code compliance are obviously fine but that should not alter the appearance of the structure. If additional space is needed for events, build that somewhere within reasonable access to the White House, but not on the grounds. Please also restore the Rose Garden. I believe the People have made it quite clear what our priorities are. We want the White House to be a beautiful representation of the United States —dignified, respectful, historic, and representative of the People, not the current resident.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Holtsclaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not a modernization one but a complete destruction of American History. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m appalled that the demolition took place without any authorization. You can’t so much as paint an historic building without permission most places, how could anyone raze an entire wing without the proper steps being taken? Building a ballroom is not a priority to the rest of the nation while they’re struggling to afford food and clothing and shelter. Absolutely appalling overreach. Not a single citizen will benefit from this project.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:26:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am commenting as a retired museum educator and wife of a registered architect. It is absurd to call this a modernization project. It is an attempt to own a monument that belongs to the American people. Please stop this destructive project. History doesn't deserve this fate and Americans should not have to pay for a vanity building.

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Name: Kathleen White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Paula Henderson
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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nic Lindbergh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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None of this went through the proper channels. The East Wing should be rebuilt the way it was. And it should be entirely funded by the man who did this without having gone through the proper channels. He should also be prosecuted for destroying history.

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Name: Judith Kirkham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Deanne Row
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose the completion of this project as dictated by the president,without prior approval, bidding or public input. It is not a modernization project: he has decimated a public, historical building. Also, public buildings "by the people, for the people" should not be privately funded by a political figures supporters, making it partisan.

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Name: Janice Rauen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Nancy Allan Allan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please do not support the East Wing Modernization. It is heartbreaking to see the destruction that has already occurred. To have demolished such a beautiful and historic building with absolutely no oversight is sickening. President Trump should be held liable for replacing it. The damage has already been done but you can stop the utter nonsense by calling an end to his plan.

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Name: Deb Drummond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Luan Stauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do not support the spending of any money, no matter the source, for this project. The East Wing, part of The Peoples' House was not thought out, not permitted, had not gone through the processes in place to guard national treasures.
There is no historic need for a gaudy ballroom. The destruction of our assets should not be done at the whim of one person.
Please reject any further construction until it can be assessed by the proper, apolitical, authorities who are not in the pocket of the current president.

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Name: James Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: East Wing Modernization Project / Proposed White House Ballroom Addition
NCPC File No. 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project, including the proposed 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. As a citizen and stakeholder in the stewardship of our nation's most important historic site, I urge the Commission to exercise its full authority under the National Capital Planning Act and the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan to prevent irreversible harm to the White House and President's Park.

The White House is not merely a residence or an event venue. It is a National Historic Landmark, a symbol of democratic continuity, and a cultural landscape that belongs to the American people. Any permanent alteration to its grounds must meet the highest standards of necessity, transparency, and public accountability. The scale and nature of the proposed ballroom addition do not meet those standards.

1. The proposal is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan's Urban Design and Historic Preservation policies.
The Federal Elements emphasize the protection of nationally significant viewsheds, the preservation of historic landscapes, and the safeguarding of symbolic federal architecture. A 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot expansion—larger than many federal office buildings—would fundamentally alter the spatial relationships between the Executive Mansion, the Treasury Building, and President's Park.

The White House's north and south views are among the most iconic in the world. Any change visible from Pennsylvania Avenue or E Street must be scrutinized with extraordinary care. The proposed massing, footprint, and above\u8209 -grade presence appear incompatible with the Plan's policies on scale, setting, and the preservation of historic character.

2. The irreversible nature of the project demands heightened caution.
Once constructed, a structure of this magnitude cannot be undone without further disruption to the historic landscape. The Commission's responsibility is not only to evaluate the proposal before it, but to consider the long\u8209 -term consequences for future generations.

The White House has endured for more than two centuries precisely because federal planners have historically exercised restraint. This project represents a dramatic departure from that tradition.

3. The public has not been given meaningful opportunity to evaluate the impacts.
The White House grounds are exempt from the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 process, which makes NCPC's review the only venue for public participation. That places a heightened responsibility on the Commission to ensure transparency and to weigh public concerns with seriousness.

The public comment period must not be treated as a procedural formality. The American people deserve a full accounting of the project's impacts on:

historic viewsheds

the cultural landscape of President's Park

visitor experience

security infrastructure

long\u8209 -term stewardship of the White House grounds

4. The stated functional goals do not justify the scale of the proposed intervention.
The need for event space has been acknowledged for decades, but the Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park (2000) did not envision a structure of this magnitude. Temporary tents, while imperfect, do not justify a permanent expansion that would alter the historic setting of the Executive Mansion.

Functional needs must be balanced against the irreplaceable nature of the site. In this case, the balance weighs decisively against the proposed addition.

5. Any changes already undertaken should be halted and reversed pending full review.
If any site preparation, demolition, or below\u8209 -grade work has already occurred, it should be paused immediately until NCPC completes its review. Although NCPC does not review demolitions, it does review the resulting permanent structures and site improvements. Proceeding with irreversible actions before the Commission's review undermines the integrity of the federal planning process.

Conclusion
The White House is the most symbolically important building in the United States. Its preservation is not a partisan issue; it is a constitutional and cultural obligation. The proposed ballroom addition is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, incompatible with the historic character of the White House grounds, and unjustified in scale or necessity.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the proposed East Wing Modernization Project and to require alternatives that protect the historic integrity, landscape, and public meaning of the White House.

Thank you for your consideration and for your stewardship of our nation's most important civic spaces.

James Anderson
Pahrump, Nevada
[redacted]

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Name: Laura Trout
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to be terminated. I don't believe that the current White House has any intention of following Federal law in any manner. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was with the mechanicals updated. Our history was destroyed by an egotistical man who doesn't care about the country, its citizens, its immigrants, its culture and its laws. Dont give him the unnecessary ballroom he wants. The White House is not a hotel nor a country club.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ann Schmaeling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing of the White House - the people's house - to its former elegance. The unauthorized rape of the East Wing is an affront to our architectural history. Restore this beauty to its former glory.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Ladowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project. This building belongs to the citizens of the United States. It is a part of our heritage and history. The current administration had no right to destroy it. It failed to follow proper procedure in planning and design and it did not obtain the proper authority to build. The money donated should be used to rebuild what was there exactly as it was. No ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Herman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely disappointed in what our President has done to our historic East Wing. He is the head of our government but he should not be exempt from our laws. I cannot even touch any of my property (house) without permission, fees, inspections, letter of what I intend to renovate, replace or tear down. Please do not replace that magnificent structure with a huge ballroom (possibly just for his son's future wedding or for his inside rallys. Whatever else he says cannot possibly be true, as we have four years in his first administration where he held hardly any public events (ex: state dinners) on the White House grounds. He seems to be using the new ballroom as a way to bribe people by asking for donations for the ballroom to gain access to the presidency.

It was so impressive for our family to visit Washington D.C. and observe all the history that is there. Thank goodness we have had the experience before this horrible renovations to the Lincoln bathroom, the gigantic flagpoles, the beautiful Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden and now the East Wing. Stop this, PLEASE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Feinberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is not Trump's property. It belongs to the American people.

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Name: Kerry Moore Kroneman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and spending of $300 million of tax payer monies on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eleanor Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Salnitsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the NCPC:

I am writing to register my opinion on the destruction of the White House East Wing.

I would like the East Wing completely restored to its existing state before it was destroyed by Mr. Trump.

We we're at it please remove the patio and replant the Rose Garden.

Thanks for your energy and efforts to preserve our national historic buildings.

Sincerely yours,
Janet Salnitsky
60613

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Name: Marre Giller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen R Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose spending $300 million or any amount of taxpayer funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but

rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go forward, or to fail to penalize those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Bob Allison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed design of the east wing and the President and private donors having complete control of the historic White House.
The White House is owned by the people and reflects the nation's history and character.
For the President to have unilaterally torn down the east wing without review was unacceptable and illegal.
For the President to have unilateral control of the design, having fired an architect who disagreed with him, is unacceptable and possibly illegal. The spending of $300 million on this project by private donors who will likely influence the design is unacceptable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This whole project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
This project should be canceled.

The East Wing should be rebuilt, modernized, and restored to its former grandeur and in keeping with the character of the White House. after full review and approval by all appropriate bodies.

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Name: Bill Hogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Dianne Sinning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the building restored and on its original footprint. I am heartbroken that the wing has

been torn down, and the Rose Garden destroyed. If we need a so called "ballroom", it should be built on another property. Also, please no gold.

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Name: Tara Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Karen Bock-Losee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to spending any federal funds on the construction of a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. The manner in which the East Wing was destroyed was a slap in the face to all patriotic Americans, and the Administration that committed such destruction without going through proper channels must not be allowed to continue the desecration of our nation's presidential home. The East Wing should be rebuilt in an exact replica of what was removed, and those who committed this atrocity must be fined, penalized and chastised to prevent a similar action in the future.

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Name: Christy Hanne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a giant ballroom attached to the White House! As a teacher, I sometimes had to have permission to put a thumbtack in the wall. So I find it appalling that an entire historical part of the people's house could be treated so cavalierly! No plans submitted, no permits needed, no checks and balances! Rebuild the East Wing as it was and nix thé ballroom!

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Name: Sarah Huston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is too large and intrusive. It overwhelms the White House and detracts from the appearance of the White House grounds. The architectural style does not fit with the style of the existing structure. My main objection is the enormous size and unsuitability for the location.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deloris Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without holding those responsible for the destruction of the East Wing would be an affront to law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Marcie Behm-Bultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In the 1970's I had the pleasure of living and working at Ft. Meade. Several times a month, our family would take visitors to the White House. We would enter through the East Wing and it always felt as though we were on a tour with Jackie Kennedy. Representatives would greet us there and the ambience and history filled us with joy at being Americans. To have torn down this building with No oversight or permission - no respect for the stories that had passed through there, is abhorrent. The White House administration are ignoring the fact that the White House is the people's house and a temporary home for them. The administration that committed this act should be required to rebuild it as it originally was, and pay for that rebuilding themselves.

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Name: Stephanie Fee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: John Kuhns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have visited the white house many times, and are very upset by the current condition of the building and a giant gaudy building would destroy the historic beauty .if restoring to its former glory is possible I hope it would be considered. Thank you for your help.

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Name: Magi Leone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original size.
Build the ballroom elsewhere.

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Name: Maria Shepard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No construction or destruction of government properties must occur without prior approval. This massive ballroom is a waste of government resources and must be stopped.

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Name: John Barsnica
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: James Benn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, given that it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an ill-considered and complete razing of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Reasonable improvements within that design would be logical, but the out-sized scale of the proposed project would be an architectural blot on this sacred ground.

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Name: Donna White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am opposed to this project. It distorts the view of the White House and the government does not need a ballroom of this size. The security required to add screen that many people to attend an event would be a nightmare. I am sure there are many acceptable venues in DC already. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was with updated infrastructure. It was torn down without the input of Americans. I am adamantly opposed to private funds to build this because that screams influence. None of this is ok. This is a gross vanity project.

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Name: Diane Wieseler Severeid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Susan Barsnica
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Mary Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The east wing should be rebuild on the original footprint and matching the original facade.
Any additional space needs should be met below-grade so as not to alter the look or approach to the White House.

Fines any appropriate criminal penalties should be imposed on the contractors and any and all persons that executed contracts without proper review and permits. Penalties are necessary to prevent hasty and unlawful destruction of government property, especially historically significant properties, in the future.

Mary Mason
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 4:18:42 PM
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Name: Cynthia Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project. This project should never have begun! It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Pittluck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Roberta Svegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good afternoon.
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, no matter where the money is coming from. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

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Name: Peg Herring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the corruption of this administration and this president's assumption that he can do whatever he likes. The White House is irreparably damaged, but it should be restored to its former size and design as much as possible. Mr. Trump and his supporters should foot the bill.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Kaminski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Simonson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much OPPOSED to allowing the East Wing Modernization Project to proceed. I believe that the demolition of the existing structure was illegal, and that the scope of the project is excessive and unnecessary. The President of the United States is not the owner of the White House, and is just a temporary inhabitant. Decisions regarding the architecture should be made with the entire White House grounds in mind. The White House is and should be effective of the United States as a whole, and not just the design whims of the current inhabitants.

While what has been destroyed cannot be replaced, it is possible to ensure that what is rebuilt there reflects American values, and has input from the American people.

I hope that there will also be penalties levied against anyone who approved of the demolition of the existing East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Wesolowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the proposed White House ballroom project.

The White House is not simply a residence or event venue. It is a living symbol of American continuity, constitutional order, and shared history. Any substantial alteration to its structure should be approached with deep humility, rigorous process, and broad bipartisan consensus.

This proposal raises serious concerns about respect for historical continuity, adherence to established preservation review processes, and stewardship of the Office of the President. The White House belongs to the American people, past, present, and future. Decisions that alter its character should not be driven by short-term preferences or political considerations, but by careful deliberation grounded in preservation standards and public trust.

We are temporary stewards of enduring institutions. The White House has stood through war, reconstruction, expansion, and renovation, always with careful attention to its historic and symbolic role. That tradition of restraint and respect should continue.

For these reasons, I urge decision-makers to reject this proposal and to prioritize preservation, process, and responsible stewardship.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carylin Stickney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the trump madness and restore what he is destroying

Date: 2/16/2026 4:17:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Iva Ferris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was started by the president without any proper authorization, permits, or even any design review. This project has completely razed a portion of our shared American history and is NOT a modernization project. This project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the sole cost of those who destroyed it. No one is above the law and to allow this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Project was begun without proper and lawful process and authorization, and is no more than a vain and misguided attempt at rebuilding an historic structure without reason, responsibility or taste. To permit this project to go ahead while not penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I urge this project to stop and the immediate restoration of the East Wing to its proper and former state before further irreparable damage is done to the historic building.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:16:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Steele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the illegal demolition of the East Wing. No one should be above the law and tear down part of the White House for a $300 million vanity project. Proper and legal procedure was not followed. The East Wing should be rebuilt. The ballroom construction should not be allowed. The private donations for the ballroom are part of the open corruption fueling this obscene project.

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Name: Laurel Preece
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed size of the new east wing is architecturally problematic. It should balance the west wing. This lawless president should not be allowed to do any more damage to the people's house. His ignorance, bad taste, and his lack of respect for the historical and symbolic importance of the White House should not be tolerated.

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Name: Shirley McNeil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history and tradition. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans as the White House is owned by the American people..

Thank you.

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Name: Mike Farrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want the White House turned into another version of Mar Lago. The White House represents our country and is a place we the citizens of said country provide for our president to reside. It is not a personal house but a house for the people of this country.

The ballroom proposals are nothing more than a vanity project. They destroy the dignity of the house. They are a waste of money to appease someones desire to have their names on things. But the White House belongs to US. Replacing the east wing with a ballroom is not something for us.

I stand against the building of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. In reality I feel strongly that the East Wing should be put back and the money for that comes from the person who destroyed it.

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Name: Jeff Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I oppose this project and hope the Commission will do the same. Despite the administration's excuses, this idea for a wildly expensive ballroom does NOTHING for the American people. It serves only the president, who is a temporary resident of the White House and did not seek or receive the necessary permits and permissions. Razing the East Wing was a crime against the people, who own the building. It should be restored, not demolished. It's time someone stood up to the blatant favoritism and corruption being perpetrated. This is the Commission's chance to do so. As a citizen, I hope you will do what I consider to be the right thing: Halt this project and restore the building's original architecture.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: gary deutscher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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i also want a complete audit of all funds that may have been donated to this project. including how much has been collected where has it been deposited and who has control of those funds.

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Name: Alice Cottingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suppose “ modernization” could include the willful, unlawful, unlicensed, and unpopular destroying of the East Wing, but it feels more like a big euphemism.

The White House is the people’s house and we share the right to approve or rebuke major changes to it. I reject the notion that a huge ugly ballroom is needed or desirable, as I do the idea that the president should be rewarded for his destruction by your approval.

Sincerely,

Alice Cottingham

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Name: Glover Gale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America, not any one private person who happens to be occupying it at any moment in time. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is not a modernization project, but a complete razing of the East Wing which is a part of American History. I want this project halted and canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding American citizen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Benedict
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The interior of the East Wing of OUR White House should provide for necessary and useful activities and services, NOT for frivolous purposes like a ballroom. The exterior should, if possible, mirror the exterior of the West Wing. A "Hidden Bunker" would be pointless since the entire world has been alerted to its prior existence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Carvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition and plan for the ballroom. Proper procedures were not followed. All involved should be penalized and pay the costs of restoring the east wing as closely as possible to it's

former size and finishes.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:13:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, along with much of the American public, do not support the East Wing Modernization Project. First, the name is misleading. This is not a modernization project, but a vanity project for Donald Trump. He embarked on and started demolition without any public or environmental approval, and the project is bankrolled by oligarchs who want to win Trump's favor. This is just one example of Trump sacrificing the culture and history that belongs to the American public for his own selfish aims.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirk Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

As an author and dramatist of American History for the past thirty years, I write to say that the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House, already irreversible, represents a singular abomination. It is an arrogant erasure that in one fell swoop has changed not only the architectural landscape of the White House, but bulldozed more than a century of precious history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people. Public input should have occurred before construction made the outcome irreversible. Nothing can now be done to restore that damage -- but time remains to halt and permanently prevent any further desecration of a space the founders intended as "The People's House."

The people's voices were not heard. Now they should be.

Sincerely,
Kirk Ellis
Executive Producer/Writer,, "Franklin" (Apple+)
Co-Executive Producer/Writer, "John Adams" (HBO)

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Name: Nora Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original footprint, design and interior decoration. I'm okay with upgrades to heating, lighting and other utilities, but this historic building belongs to the American people, not the person occupying the White House.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:12:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Hinshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to any big ballroom. Restore the East wing to original design as much as possible. No Dammed gold on the walls.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Struthers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. It has moved forward without proper oversight and permits. If allowed to be completed, it will literally dwarf the White House. Please do everything you can to cancel this project and restore the East Wing. It was part of our history and should never have been demolished.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please put the East Wing back exactly the way it was! The White House is not Donald Trump’s plaything. It belongs to the American people.

No one wants or needs an idiotic ballroom hanging off the White House like a barnacle.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The latest plan is truly awful. Way too pretentious, and the scale is too big. All those columns and that portico are so out of place. This is not Rome or Ancient Greece. Heating that monster would be atrocious and I'm sure the acoustics will be terrible. A bit smaller and simpler would be so much more appealing.

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Name: Laura Larcom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alex Mohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is also a total waste of the millions it is costing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Pamela Toler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Leslie Karst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christiane Goldsworthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to express my concern with the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, as well as the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is the People's House and we did not ask for a gilded golden ballroom to entertain billionaires. Since the former east wing has already been demolished, I suggest adding a modest building to restore the connection to the White House and make it a wing that serves the people. Rooms with historical value, offices for staff and places the public can visit. We the people will never benefit from a golden ballroom, but we would like to have rooms to visit that hold historical artifacts and historical significance. Turning the East Wing into a golden palace is to make the White House look like a place for royalty and America has no Kings and Queens. We the people want our lives improved, not our tax money wasted on projects that we don't need and will. never benefit from. Each president serves a limited term, and has enough space to conduct the business of the country.

Thank you for allowing my comments.

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Name: Thomas Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Leager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is not needed; the structure has been sufficient for many decades. Furthermore, it has not been adequately evaluated or approved at the necessary levels. It would be a colossal waste of money that is needed for far more important programs.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charla Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the unauthorized rating of the White House East Wing and the proposed construction of a ballroom in the immediate area. The destruction of the East Wing was done without the approval of the proper authorities and the ballroom was, likewise, an unapproved project. The President does not own the White House nor the surrounding property. I would like to request that the East Wing be restored and the ballroom project be denied.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: PAMELA CORCORAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Forsburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynnette smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project. The East Wing was decimated without proper review or authorization. The proposed "modernization" is NOT that. It is an abomination. Our history was destroyed. We do not need this. There exist plenty of places to entertain already. The incredible, balanced design and the treasures within were wiped away with a backhoe and crane. What we need is the East Wing rebuilt to scale and historic architecture that sat on the site previously.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:08:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael McRoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. this project is ridiculous and should never been allowed to happen!

Date: 2/16/2026 4:08:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: victoria rovere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stessa Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born in Washington DC and raised in suburban Maryland. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Derbyshire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: James Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the project.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:07:23 PM
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Name: Cheryl Cooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this so called modernization project. It was carried out without authorization, design review or public awareness and should be stopped immediately. In its place, I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was originally, with all its historical pieces restored in tact.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:07:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sturm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, do not allow the East Wing to be demolished / torn down with no consequences!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
American history should be upheld. There should be no rewriting of history or tearing down of history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Solaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I worked at Dumbarton House, a federal period house museum in Georgetown from 1999 to 2004. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this grotesque project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending any of my tax dollars on this project, whether it is $300 million or $1. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permitting, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" in any sense of the term inasmuch as the initial "modernization" was undertaken illegally and involved razing to the ground a historical American building. I want this project canceled, The only project related to the East Wing I would approve would be the complete rebuilding of the East Wing, restoring it to its former design. No one is above the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without prosecuting all those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was. No one had authorization to demolish the original.
This so-called ballroom is a totally unneeded vanity project.

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Name: Bernard Woltjer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the way this project has been initiated without proper review and congressional authorization. The project has been surrounded by lies by the president as to its scope, cost and purpose. The fact is, it is only being done as an aggrandizement for Trump and is only for his vanity. The scope of the building is wildly extreme and a waste of money. The assurance that the funding will come from private donors will also probably turn out to be untrue and the operating costs will certainly be on the taxpayers backs for the long term. Shame on all who have allowed this to take place in our country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen who just visited DC for the first time this past year, I am disheartened to learn of the

disregard for this historical building with plans for the updated ballroom. The White House is the people's house and any updates must go through proper review and channels. Using unauthorized contractors, on an unapproved timeline is a crime. There are a number of organizations whose review is critical in historic updates to our buildings. Please follow appropriate procedures.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:05:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Timmermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to erase our common American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Charlene Cavalcante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: John Granacki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Higginbotham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on Trump's ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a meaningless shrine to one man's ego who lied about what he was doing . I want this project canceled. I doubt the East Wing can be rebuilt and restored to its former design so we have lost a piece of our history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: MaryAnne Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in a responsible manner that respects the history and aesthetic of the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:04:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Dessent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the construction of a ballroom. The East Wing was torn down illegally and should be rebuilt as it was. The raising of the East Wing is an absolute disgrace during a time when the U.S. government is cancelling programs to protect the most vulnerable in our country and is a completely unnecessary project. Our country needs affordable food, shelter, utilities and gas for cars so people can go to work and school and live with dignity. A ballroom for the White House only serves the elite who have gained their fortune on the backs of the most vulnerable and keep getting richer while the rest of us get poorer

Date: 2/16/2026 4:04:53 PM
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Name: Michael Sherberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. It will fail aesthetically and is by no means necessary to the advancement of our national cause.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Ollis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Part of the unique history surrounding our White House has been torn down in the name of building a ballroom. I'm diametrically opposed to said action, particularly without prior approval. Construction on a new facility should be built and a new East Wing rebuilt to its original glory and the historic nature of its existence. I appreciate having this forum and the opportunity to express my views on the subject.

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Name: Melissa Dessent
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Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Whittington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not authorize changes to the East Wing of the White House only desired by Mr. Trump. The White House is a national treasure and should be kept for the future.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:04:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the $300 million+ East Wing desecration. The destruction violaties multiple federal laws by tearing down part of the iconic building without required reviews or congressional approval.

This monstrosity should not continue. Consult the National Trust and other established institutions. A vast majority of US citizens are opposed to this project. Listen to the constituents. Stop.

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Name: Kathy Sheffield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a historical building of significance and of American history itself. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and function. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law with impunity would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tristin Sale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the East Wing was a crime, an erasure of American History. The current project cannot be allowed to continue. It was started without proper authorizations, permits or an approved design.

This project should be rejected entirely, and the East Wing restored to its former design with only necessary moderizations.

What started without following the necessary processes cannot be allowed to continue. It's a rejection of American values of truth and Justice.

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Name: Kaye Barley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Patricia Wardwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people don't need or want this huge change to the people's house. The wing should never have come down but now that it has I urge you to rebuild something in keeping with the original footprint and avoid decking it out in any ostentatious way.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:03:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Wynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead, while penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Tracy Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to this project, which was launched without the necessary authorization, permits, or proper design review. Rather than serving as a modernization effort, it amounts to a wholesale destruction of an important part of American history. I call for the project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine the principles that law-abiding Americans depend on.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Furlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has already been torn down, I support building a nice event space in the area of the former East Wing. However, I think it should fit in with the current West Wing and White House in both size and style/architecture. The Trump Administration's proposed plan is too large

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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Name: Greg Owen-Boger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Ahrens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this re modeling of a historical building in this way. The work was never properly approved as it should. Please cease this project immediately.

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Name: Cheryl Roman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished without proper permits, review, and authorization. My opinion is that it should be reconstructed within the original size parameters, upgrading to current code for electrical and plumbing, and with the underground bunker reconstructed to meet current code requirements. My preference is that it be designed according to previous function and NOT made into a ballroom.

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Name: Elizabeth Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the exterior dimensions and architectural style should be restored. The structure should not be larger, higher, or wider than the White House. The interior should be updated to meet wiring codes etc. and it should be made ADA accessible.The historical significance of the structure should be respected as the necessary safety and system updates are made.
If a ballroom is needed, it should be made to fit the dimensions of the original East Wing, or built elsewhere in the city.

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Name: Tracy Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From the models I have seen of the proposed ballroom, which is NOT a modernization of the East Wing, it is too big to stand next to our White House. It should complement the current building and not overwhelm it. I do not understand how the East Wing was destroyed without the People's say on the matter or the Senate of the House. The plans for the ballroom also need to be seen by legitimate construction companies so we can see what and where the proposed $300 million budget will be used. Has there been bids by different companies on the construction, if not, why not?

Date: 2/16/2026 4:01:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Monty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the White House does not need a ballroom of the size that President trump plans. The East wing needs to be restored. A much smaller event space that doesn't overpower the White House could be added with restrictions noted by the National Capital committee.
A huge ballroom does not benefit the tax payers, just the rich. Entertaining the rich and famous or a particular political party should not be done on our tax dollars period! I would like to see proof validating the need for this space during the last 20 years. What events warranting this size building were held? How often? What occasion? What cost? Please justify the spending.

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Name: Kermit Woodall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Jeff Lechner-Riehle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is out of hand, more than the adjacent ballroom. Complete destruction of the East Wing without a plan submitted for review is criminal. The East Wing should be restored as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gigantic version of the ballroom must be stopped.

While the actions of the current President may make it nearly impossible to restore the East Wing to status quo ante, any structure erected on the site, should be in proportion to the present Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million+ on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. There will certainly be cost overruns, the current tenant has never built anything within "budget". Further, with the reputation of the current tenant, compromises in quality and craftsmanship are to be expected. For example, Corinthian columns of fiberglass or some other cheap composite instead of hand carved out of marble or limestone. That is beside the point though because I strongly oppose everything about this stupid vanity project.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Stricker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree 100% with Anara:

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Date: 2/16/2026 3:59:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Cauble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which is not a “modernization” but instead the unlawful demotion of an historic structure and replacement with an outsized vanity project. The East Wing should be rebuilt in conformity to rules applicable to historic public buildings.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:59:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jolene Gosling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,
I am writing as an American citizen to express deep concern about the demolition already carried out and the proposed construction of a massive new White House ballroom as part of the East Wing Modernization Project.
I was saddened and alarmed to see photos of historic structures connected to the East Wing being torn down. These spaces were part of our national story — the People's House — and closely tied to the legacy of First Ladies and the historic development of the Office of the First Lady. The loss of these buildings is not a minor change. It is the destruction of irreplaceable national heritage.
I am especially alarmed that demolition was completed in a rushed and largely concealed manner behind large temporary curtain walls, despite widespread public concern that the required review and planning processes had not been completed. This approach felt reckless, dismissive of public oversight, and unworthy of the care that should be shown to a national historic landmark.
I am also concerned about the proposed size and scale of the project. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom risks overwhelming the iconic look, proportions, and character of the White House and its grounds. The White House should remain dignified and historically consistent — not redesigned into something resembling a private luxury venue.
Finally, I am concerned about design trends that prioritize extravagance, including excessive use of gold plating or gold leaf. The White House should reflect the values of a democratic republic, not showy personal branding.
Any construction at the White House must be done with extraordinary care, restraint, transparency, and respect for history. I urge the Commission to require full review, meaningful public accountability, and a plan that protects the historic integrity of the White House for future generations.
Respectfully,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Cotham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. The current occupant of the People's House has torn down the historic building and is replacing it with a gilded monument for his Kingdom. The people want the building restored to the original design and stop wasting tax dollars on the whims of a billionaire with bad taste.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Derderian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style as it was prior to demolition with update wiring etc. and modernizations using the original plans to the best of your ability, with the acknowledgement that historic architecture and plants have been irreparably destroyed and lost. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

As part of the restoration, restore the gardens and grounds, as well as the Rose Garden.

No gilding please! This is not a palace. It is the symbolic house of the people of the United States that is provided in good faith to hold the administrative offices and home of the current executive while they are working in service of our country and all the people therein.

Finally, legal provisions should be made to prevent this type of historical destruction in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my input.
Kelly Derderian

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberley Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending of $300 million on a project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is unconscionable. This is not a "modernization project" -- it is a complete razing of American history. There was no need, no demand from the American people for this desecration of a building owned by us. This project needs to be canceled, with the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julienne Lindberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for providing access for public opinion to be expressed on the proposed East Wing banquet hall.

As a historian, it distresses me to have this wing torn down prior to public opinion deciding whether to proceed. Certainly it is good to improve the facilities, but public law decrees it is done with full public approval and review.

I am opposed to the projected size of this ballroom as it is not in proportion to the White House public building, and feel the entire proposal needs to be downsized to fit the structure proportionally. Also, the interior needs to have approval of the pubic commission and Congressional Review with both parties in agreement on the final plans and decoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathi Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant's plans to rebuild the East Wing must be stopped. He is not a landlord, he is a tenant. His landlords are the American people and he is merely a caretaker while, and only as long as he is physically in residence. The building does not belong to him and he does not have the sole authority to decide to demolish and rebuild it to his own personal specifications. The East Wing was demolished without any of the required reviews, authorizations or permits. Once all of the necessary plans, permits, reviews and authority have been processed in accordance with current statute and laws, it should be rebuilt as it was, appropriately incorporating any needed technology, safety or structure codes. Thank you for your consideration of this feedback.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:54:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am thankful for the opportunity to submit a comment on this topic which has disappointed me greatly. I share the following with the hope it make a difference. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Elaine Bush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Elaine Bush
Martinez, CA

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brent Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

According to the Executive Order on Protecting American Monuments, Memorials, and Statues and Combating Recent Criminal Violence,

> Sec. 2. Policy. (a) It is the policy of the United States to prosecute to the fullest extent permitted under Federal law, and as appropriate, any person or any entity that destroys, damages, vandalizes, or desecrates a monument, memorial, or statue within the United States or otherwise vandalizes government property. The desire of the Congress to protect Federal property is clearly reflected in section 1361 of title 18, United States Code, which authorizes a penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment for the willful injury of Federal property. More recently, under the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003, section 1369 of title 18, United States Code, the Congress punished with the same penalties the destruction of Federal and in some cases State-maintained monuments that honor military veterans. Other criminal statutes, such as the Travel Act, section 1952 of title 18, United States Code, permit prosecutions of arson damaging monuments, memorials, and statues on State grounds in some cases. Civil statutes like the Public System Resource Protection Act, section 100722 of title 54, United States Code, also hold those who destroy certain Federal property accountable for their offenses. The Federal Government will not tolerate violations of these and other laws.

The destruction of the East Wing was the destruction of a national monument and the willful injury of Federal property.

I ask that the full penalty of ten years' imprisonment be imposed on the person who implemented this policy.

Thank you for your time.

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Name: Marcia Boswell-Carney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Grant Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disturbed by the actions taken by Donald Trump with regards to the East Wing of the White House. It appears literally nothing was done prior to the demolition, including g a review of the work and planning to preserve important historic aspects of the building. Any additional work on this building must be done under review by the appropriate agency and must be subject to public comment and review.

While what has been done is irreparable, we should work to ensure what follows does not make this abomination of destruction worse.

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Name: Suzanne Hoban
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Catherine Patterson
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Name: SARAH TORNOW
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
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Sarah Tornow
Bantam, CT

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Name: Juliakay Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Juliakay Clark

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Name: Laura Manthey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The destruction of the East Wing destroyed an important part of American history. This project must. be canceled. The East Wing must be

rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:53:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Bralick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

his is not a modernization project. Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:53:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Minor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply saddened by the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House because it was done without forethought, care for history, or right. A ballroom is the last thing we need on the White House lawn. The current administration has already destroyed the rose garden, a thing of beauty and for what! This administration is way off base and needs to be reeled in. Republican lawmakers need to grow a backbone.

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Name: Jennifer Rabalais
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the unauthorized, wanton destruction of the East Wing. I am also opposed to the spending of millions of dollars on this whim, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project a testament to one man's conceit and an attempt to rewrite American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Teresa Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is wrong. To tear apart a historic home to create a ballroom---who even goes to balls anymore? This ruining of a historic home that belongs to all American citizens, without permission, is just wrong. I don't agree with this, and I believe it is nothing else but wrong.

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Name: Heather Slater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Kay Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If renovations, or enlargement, need to be made for preservation, I agree to changes as long as the dimensions are in keeping with the size and style of the current layout. To completely tear down and rebuild a much larger, or taller, building is not in keeping with the style of “The People’s” house. This renovation should never have been started without approval and there should actually be a penalty for moving forward with it prior to getting approval. We the People should not have to foot the bill for an unnecessarily large, gold embellished space that someone will likely want named after themselves, purely for ego enhancement. We the People are all having to be frugal with the money we have to live on while this extravagance is taking place.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:51:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesa McComas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a tragedy for the American people. Demolition and reconstruction should be halted until the plans and budget are fully disclosed to the public and vetted by the Architect of the Capitol and other relevant authorities in Washington DC, in order to ensure the People's House is restored to its former grandeur.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Seigerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a student of history, I value historical places and their broader experience and impact. While I approve of the concept of a space for official state visits, I would like to make a few requests.

1. That it blends into the architecture of the Executive Mansion and grounds.

2. That no one person's name be applied to it in particular. "The President's Ballroom" or something similarly specific is acceptable. Better yet, "America's Ballroom".

3. Adequate facilities should be included in the addition.

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Name: P R Maines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, undertaken without proper approval or public comment, is a travesty. The wholesale destruction of a piece of the People’s House in order to create a ballroom for billionaires is contrary to everything the White House represents. Not only should this project not proceed, the East Wing must be restored, made whole, returned to its former state (at the expense of Mr. Trump—this wasn’t the taxpayers’ will and we shouldn’t have to pay for its restoration) before the wreckers came in, and any necessary “modernization” take place only with appropriate oversight, approvals, and due process.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret E. Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sue Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that this administration proceeded to destroy our White House without the okay from the National Park Service. I recommend the reconstruction return to its proper place: The National Park Service. Remove 47 from his mistaken assumption that he can do anything he wants. We The People have the power to make those decisions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Laing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't believe the East Wing of the White House should have been torn down. I oppose any "modernization" which does not properly restore what was there before the president's forces destroyed the wing, and I oppose replacing it with a ballroom.

The proposed new wing should not be bigger than the main part of the White House; it should not cost hundreds of millions of dollars; and it should be subject to planning permission and all the regulation that a usual government building would have.

Hearing the president urge speed because the site is now messy and risky is like an arsonist complaining of burned hands.

Bring back the welcoming and administrative spaces of the former East Wing and leave it at that.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:48:54 PM
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Name: Andrew Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To National Capital Planning Commission,

Since the first president to occupy the Executive Mansion moved in, there was an understanding: the Executive Mansion was a residence provided by the American people to the current president as a courtesy and convenience. The structure was never intended to be a grandiose palace designed to impress visitors. It was to be a dignified abode for the current leader of the nation, but a residence that the president was only a temporary occupant of.

In the over two hundred years since then, America has moved from a fledging experiment in self-governance to the preeminent power on the global stage. Presidents, no matter their political affiliation, have conducted their duties, greeting kings, princes and leaders of every stripe. They have witnessed triumph and tragedy, been proud of our nation's accomplishments, and mourned when we have failed to be the best version of ourselves.
And in all of that, not a single president has complained about their need for a space dwarfing the Executive Mansion where they could hold galas, or try to project their desire for greatness. Nor have any of them engaged in the wanton destruction of the Executive Mansion's buildings or surroundings.
Yet now we have a president who, without consulting any responsible body, has taken it upon himself to demolish part of the Executive Mansion's structure. Further, he has reshaped the grounds of the Executive Mansion and engaged in internal changes that deface the house the people of America graciously provided to him.
I therefore offer my opinion on the proposed addition:
It is an unnecessary structure, one that will see only occasional use while costing the American taxpayers untold millions to maintain.
Further, I offer this opinion: If a landlord finds a tenant has damaged, defaced or otherwise modified a structure they are only the current occupant of, they are well within their rights to both evict said tenant, and to seek to recoup the costs of repairing said damage. I would therefore suggest the Commission not only refuse to allow construction of this useless monstrosity, but to recommend that Donald John Trump be evicted from the Executive Mansion, and that the full cost of returning the structure and grounds to the state they were in before his most recent tenure began be borne by said Donald John Trump. I would further suggest that Donald John Trump be banned from entering the Executive Mansion for the remainder of his natural life as a sign of the nation's displeasure for his destructive actions.
Congress, as the responsible party for such matters, should of course find whatever spare office space exists in the Washington D.C. metro area to house Mr. Trump for the remainder of his term. But with his clear tendencies towards destructive behavior, Mr. Trump can not be trusted to maintain the Executive Mansion in the status it deserves.

Sincerely,
Andrew Reynolds

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Name: Tina Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
The fact that the structure was completely destroyed before seeking the requisite permissions for modification should be reason enough that significant changes and grandiose/unnecessary enlargement be denied. If change is truly warranted, then inputs from former WH occupants and staff who utilized the East Wing spaces should be consulted for suggested improvements vs the whims of a wannabe dictator who has plenty of personally owned properties he can destroy/build/decorate in his usual hideous aesthetic. The People's House belongs to the American public, not a single temporary occupant, and should be treated with stewardship and not as a vanity project.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:48:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane DeHart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider rebuilding a structure of modest size and height and of similar design in the footprint of the demolished East Wing, absolutely not a ballroom. If such an event space is warranted, please construct it underground in a different location so it is not visible and does not detract from the beauty and historical significance of our White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John and Verna O'Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have serious objections to this project. First, the scale and look of the "Modernization" is completely incogruous with the People's House for our president to reside in and serve us from during the term of office. Second, the manner in which the demolition of the current East Wing and declaration of plans was carried out without authority or communication with the proper authorities and the pulbic is unacceptable. Third, the funding for the "modernization" is at least suspicious if not considered a bribe, apparently coming from private sources who will expect favors about taxes and policies in return, also unacceptable.

We demand that all construction cease immediately and common consent be achieved. If that is not possible, the funds apparently available should be used to reconstruct a more proper "East Wing Modernization"!

Date: 2/16/2026 3:47:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian Ezzell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the high-handed, imperious demolition of part of the national property. The President must not be above the law, and his grandiose agenda is not only being illegally pursued, but is also an affront to the citizens of the United States. I feel strongly that the demolished wing must be restored, and that whatever modernization may be needed should be done by proper legal means and in the full light of day.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:46:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Heffron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. It was started without proper permits and authorization. Not to mention it’s more of a tear down - not modernization. Please rebuild back to original structure. I do not believe tax

payers should shoulder the cost - the man who started this should pay out of his own pocket.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:45:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Brougham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cried when Donald Trump's deranged plan to pull down part of the People's House. He did so without any permission, planning or consultation. I'm appalled by the audacity and sheer narcisim of trump to just tear things down and put his name on everything. This should not go forward. We don't need or want a ballroom. Extravagant waste of money.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:44:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated with the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a a complete razing of American history. Not only of a building, but of its contents. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - and paid for by Donald J Trump. Not the American people. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:44:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Harms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the spending of money to disfigure the Whitehouse by razing the East Wing without proper authorization or a thorough review of the design is a travesty of the process that should be undertaken to make a major change to both an historical and a symbolic American site and calling it a modernization project completely misrepresents what is happening. please cancel this project and restore the Whitehouse to its former glory. This is not a palace and it doesn't need a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:44:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dia Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without propoer authorization. Knocking down the entire East Wing to construct a ballroom to satisfy the president's ego is unacceptable. $300 million estiamted cost is appalling. These funds could be put to much better use to benefit the American people. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:44:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Krema
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing, which was done without proper authorization, and I also oppose spending $300 million on this unauthorized project. I want the so-called modernization canceled, and ask that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. We should not reward the unlawful activity of destruction of the East Wing by moving forward with this project. Those who broke the law should be penalized.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:44:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Fritzson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is completely wrong. First, our economy is suffering, our healthcare is in crisis and our own government is killing our own citizens. There is no reason for this upgrade (doubtful it's an upgrade.) We have not seen any renderings or justifications. This is a historic building and should remain under the historical and preservation guard to protect and MAINTAIN.

This project needs to be stopped. Donations should be kept and used to restore the east wing based on historical and preservation input. Then ask for additional public comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Friewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 3:43:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Cruz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project, and Trump has provided no factual, logical reasoning for building this other than his own vanity. The White House belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlyn Beebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Carnevale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly urge you not to allow the East Wing modernization project to move forward. The White House, the people's house, is not President Trump's house. He is a steward of it during his administration. While I understand the desire to have a huge event space built so he can hold official dinners and receptions, I question the decision to locate this event space at the White House. There are other federal buildings that could be adaptively reused to serve this function. The scale and style of the proposed addition is overpowering to the original White House and tearing down the original East Wing before telling the American people what he wanted to build there, seems underhanded. Historic buildings have designations for a reason; so individuals can't alter them willy nilly but must follow standards. The National Park Service has developed Preservation Briefs that address the appropriate way to add to, alter and reuse existing historic buildings. The proposed addition doesn't meet these standards. See the attached Preservation Brief

#14.
The new addition should be subordinate to the original, not alter historic features and be differentiated from the original. I would argue that non of these standards are being met. I am tired of President Trump thinking that he doesn't have to follow rules that the rest of us have to follow. Being president does not give anyone cart blanche to do anything they want. This is a very dangerous precedent and I urge you not to allow it.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:43:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Carignan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this ballroom built. The size and scale is completely wrong in comparison to the Main building of The White House. Furthermore, there was no public review to discuss the need for it. It's a travesty that the East Wing was wrecked without any review or comment before it occurred. It should be required to rebuild the East Wing immediately.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:43:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S Fichter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the American Peoples' house and is not the property of the president who has the temporary privilege to reside there. Any big changes, such as updating or renovating sections of the building need to have approval from Congress and must go through the proper review processes. In the case of the East Wing project, no such approval or review process was observed, and the wing should never have been abruptly demolished the way that it was. This is an historic building and the American people have a right to give input before such major changes are made. While the demolition, as wrong as it was, cannot be undone, we should now have a say in what is built there instead. I am strongly against the proposed plans for a gigantic ballroom that, according to the few plans that were shared with the public, would dwarf the original White House. We do not build monuments to kings here, and the president should not get to build a new Versailles on the Peoples' land. Not to mention the appearance of blatant corruption created by having this project funded through money from private companies. The way this entire project has been handled is unseemly and not in the public interest, and it should not be allowed to continue this way.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:42:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicky Sargent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under no circumstances should the abominable ballroom plan be implemented. The historic East Wing was

demolished quickly and furtively without permission, it needs to be replaced as it stood.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:42:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristina Krause
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 3:42:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capitol Planning Commission:

As a resident of a nearly century-old home, the former Chair of the City of Albany's Historic Resources Commission, and a professional with two decades of experience in the historic preservation field, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a permanent ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House is not merely a residence or an office; it is the preeminent symbol of American continuity. My professional and personal experience leads me to believe this proposal poses a significant threat to the architectural integrity and historic character of this National Historic Landmark.

Points of Concern

• Irreversible Alteration of the Historic Fabric: In preservation, "necessity" is sometimes offered as an excuse to justify interventions that permanently mar historic structures. The unpermitted demolition of the East Wing of the White House is the very definition of a self-created hardship.

• Scale and Massing: I am deeply concerned about the rhythm and scale of the North and South elevations. The White House has evolved, but it has largely maintained its iconic silhouette. A massive addition risks "façadism," where the original structure becomes a mere backdrop for modern expansion.

• The Precedent of Permanence: The beauty of the White House lies in its adherence to the 19th-century residential form. Temporary pavilions have successfully hosted state dinners for decades. Converting a temporary need into a permanent footprint is a fundamental violation of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, specifically regarding the preservation of the building's historic spatial relationships.

A Perspective from the Field

Living in a 100-year-old home as I do teaches you that you are a steward, not just an owner. You learn to adapt your lifestyle to the house, rather than forcing the house to accommodate every modern whim.

If we allow the most important house in the nation to be expanded for the sake of administrative convenience or event logistics, we send a message to every local Historic Resources Commission in the country that historic integrity is negotiable.

Recommendation

I urge the Commission to reject the proposal. Options remain to continue the use of temporary structures that do not leave a permanent footprint, and to choose alternate venues for large-scale events that utilize other historic D.C. assets.

Ultimately, the White House is federal property belonging to the American people, not personal property of the President, who is a temporary resident or tenant. We must ensure that the White House remains a residence and a monument, not a convention center.

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Ryan
Albany, NY

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Goghil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 3:40:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Anderholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be put on hold until Trump is out of office. The project can then proceed restoring the building reflecting its historical character and done at Trump's personal expense.

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Name: Margaret Thorson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Tidd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please DO NOT approve ANY part of the "Modernization" project submitted by this current administration. Not only did they destroy first and submit an agenda only after public outcry, but if any part of this project is approved, they would see it as an open invitation to change the plans, extend the budget, extend the physical building, and overall feel they have been given free rein to do more damage to THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. What they have already done is beyond sad (and possibly illegal). PLEASE do not give them permission to do more harm to the White House and the surrounding grounds.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to give my feedback, I appreciate it.

Michele Tidd

Date: 2/16/2026 3:39:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Briley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is unfortunate that the President tore down the East Wing BEFORE this NCPC process was initiated. I object to replacing the West Wing with a gaudy, disproportionate, palace-like ballroom. I propose rebuilding the East Wing for it's original use with the same footprint and current updates (electrical, ADA, tecnological). Do not consult the President for design or function purposes. The White House is his temporary residence and he never should have been allowed to destroy the East Wing in the first place.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:39:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dee Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the NCPC:

My thanks to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for sending word of the comment period regarding the proposed new eastern wing of the White House. To be brief: If the reports of the American press are accurate, the proposed plans are inappropriate for a presidential residence and workplace in a democratic society. The issue is not simply the gaudy design and scale but also the symbolism, suggesting that the main function of the presidency is to cater one way or another to the American — and foreign — aristocracy who are funding the project. I highly recommend that the plans be rejected and a suitably designed museum in honor of the First Ladies of the United States be constructed on the site.

Dee E. Andrews, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of History
California State University, East Bay

Date: 2/16/2026 3:39:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Anne Horst-Martz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the extreme changes to the East Wing of the White House, otherwise known as The People's House. The extant East Wing structure should not have been demolished on the whim of the sitting president. The proposed ballroom and connecting structures would dwarf the rest of the building, require huge ongoing expenditures to maintain, and serve very limited functions that can be managed otherwise. It should not matter if "donations" fund construction - the planned building does not make sense.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:38:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Hood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this atrocious redesign and restore the East Wing to its former historical glory. I am appalled at the current plan for a vainglorious monstrosity and I call for its end.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:38:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Houston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Erdmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization Project:
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permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:37:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BENJAMIN LIPTZIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing ballroom is out of proportion to the rest of the White House and should be downsized. It also should go through the usual review process even though private donors are reportedly paying for it since Congress and the taxpayers will be responsible for operating costs and ongoing maintenance. It should be clear that this is a project of the US government and not any particular President or administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rowena Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but bring the building up to code and install functional updates.
Any additions done should reflect and complement the classic architectural design of the current White House, no gaudy cheap looking gold appliques should be used.
Do not include an over size ballroom, any extra space needed should be found in the East Wing floor plan while still staying as close to the original plan as possible.
Replant the Kennedy Rose Garden to its original glory and remove the horrible "motel patio".
The White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations. No one person including a president should be able to change the White House complex without input by the people and congress.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:36:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I was a HS student I visited the White House with my family. Please restore the East Wing to its former design. It's a national treasure and belongs to all of us.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:36:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Demilt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the proposed ballroom to be a ridiculous use of taxpayer money. I understand the administration has claimed that this ballroom addition will not be paid by taxpayers but will instead be paid for by donations/sponsors. This is unacceptable and ridiculous and brings the high probability that these "donors" will be expecting a quid pro quo. Since the East Wing was (possibly illegally) demolished without any chance for public comment, I propose reconstructing the East Wing to be historically accurate and include a reasonable event/ballroom space as part of the addition. No where on this project should the name "Trump" be allowed, as this is the peoples' house, not the current occupant. The Rose Garden should also be restored to its previous splendor and get rid of the stupid umbrella tables that make it look like a cheap resort.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Corcoran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No garish addition should be allowed to dwarf the People's House.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ellen Koscs-Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I was horrified and saddened by the destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse. I would like to see it rebuilt in a scale keeping with the original footprint, or at least in scale with the rest of the White House. It should be designed through a competitive process by architects and designers well versed in historical design. All required reviews and proper approvals must be met. If there is a Committee, it should consist of experts in the field and NOT include Trump family members, donors or political appointees. The building should be up to date and up to code. All artifacts from the demolished East Wing must be accounted for. This is the People’s House. It has always been decorated simply and tastefully and not ostentatiously. It is not the Palace of Versailles and it is NOT the palace of a king. It should not be decorated as if it were.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celine Whitehead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very much oppose the building of the ballroom! The WhiteHouse is the people's house and the historic east wing should never have been torn down! It should be rebuilt! No ballroom! Celine Whitehead

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Name: Victoria Moss
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Name: Mary Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is wildly out of scale with the original White House. Any new large space must be guided by National and local historic standards in order to insure that the resulting space is a seamless part of our original "People's House". Architecture and interior design should be scrupulously managed so as to avoid any semblance of extravagant or tasteless show. Work should be approved by the appropriate agencies and not allowed to proceed without such approvals.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:34:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Golumbia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this travesty! This admin shouldn't have torn down part of the White House! We definitely shouldn't pay for anything

Date: 2/16/2026 3:33:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ilene Busch-Vishniac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project, which does not respect nor reflect the history of the East Wing. Further, it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:32:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Hemmins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my shock and horror at the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing and even more horrified at the gaudy, tacky, wholly unnecessary ballroom plans. Not only does it ruin the esthetic of the White House and how it's looked for over 100 years, there is no good reason for it. The East Wing was demolished on a whim of a small petty tyrant and it needs to be put back how it was because the House doesn't belong to him. I understand that like a toddler, he has the need to write his name on the walls and cover them with tacky gew-gaws that the rest of us find ugly, but he is just a temporary resident and he needs to be reminded of that fact. The White House belongs to we, the People of the United States of America. His "proposal" cannot and should not stand.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:32:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the proposed ballroom. As proposed, it would dwarf the White House itself. I do not believe we need event space that would so grossly alter the look and feel of the White House. This is supposed to be the people's house, and the current occupant is treating it as his own permanent residence in perpetuity. I also have grave concerns about the taxpayer dollars that would be going to this project (I don't believe all of this is going to be paid for by private donors, and I worry about the favors those donors might be expecting in exchange for this donation). And I have grave concerns about the overall scope and scale of this since it seems to change every time the President speaks of it. I am appalled that the East Wing was torn down and do not believe we need a gigantic ballroom in its place.

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Name: Linda Carmichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Dayna Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While there may be need for an event space it should not be larger than the Whitehouse. It should be tastefully decorated in the style and theme as the Whitehouse. The people of the United States do not want to be represented by a huge garish building.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:30:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vernon Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Deny current pending WH proposal and design. Request new proposal to return WH East Wing to size, use and exterior and interior design prior to unauthorized demolition. It is assumed new construction will include necessary code updates . No golden nonsense.
Rationale
1. DC already offers significant ballroom venues … Constitution Hall, National Building Museum, among others ..
Use what we have and take care of it
2. The architectural proportions of the proposed design are poorly conceived and ignore wisdom of good design acknowledging its environment and historical context.
3…and while there is a shovel in the area …please restore the Rose Garden… WH should reinforce national standards of eschewing hard scape installation in the urban environment when possible.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:28:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Hays
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern. I am writing to express my disgust for the indiscriminate destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the ridiculous oversized behemoth of a suggested replacement/ballroom in its place. The White House is the peoples house, and it deserves to be treated with reverence and respect. Proportions matter. And a ballroom of that size only serves the egomaniacal interest of the current resident. Historical preservation and architectural consistency and integrity must be upheld. Sincerely, Laurel Hays

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Name: Eliot Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original structure and interior.

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Name: Gina Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was launched without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:28:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Wurts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a part of American history. Destroying it for a modern ballroom is a loss of tradition, heritage, and the cultural legacy of the White House.

A new 90,000-square-foot structure will overwhelm the historic 55,000-square-foot White House, destroying the scale of the original building.

Major changes to national landmarks should not be done unilaterally. This project bypassed necessary public hearings and expert input on historic preservation.

Amidst critical national issues, using resources for a lavish ballroom is out of touch. The focus should be on public needs, not personal vanity projects.

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Name: Barbara Segal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My name is Barbara Segal. I am 76 years young, and an engaged, voting citizen of the United States. The arbitrary, blatantly lawless destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a national disgrace. The occupant of the White House is not the owner of that historic building, but merely a 4 year guest in a building that belongs to all of us. The sheer gall and hubris of the man responsible for its demolition, without so much as a request or application or any semblance of acknowledgment that the structure does not belong to him,is an affront to everything we hold sacred in this country. Not only do I oppose vehemently the construction of a ballroom and a not so secret underground bunker, but I oppose the private funding of this degradation of our history. It is a lawless, criminal flaunting of decorum, protocol and morality. It should be immediately stopped and the parties responsible should be charged with vandalism and imprisoned for the destruction of historical prope! rty.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Meguid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good morning

The exterior dimensions and architectural style of the demolished East Wing should be preserved.
Update the wiring etc. and the bunker- and make interior ADA accessible where possible. The new building should NOT dwarf the existing White House.
Guidelines for preserving the historical value are needed, and the White House Historical Society needs to be involved (as has been followed by most of our previous Presidents.)
If a ballroom is really needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house- respect for History, the Constitution and the people's wishes should be paramount!

Respectfully submitted

VMeguid

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Name: Michele Bock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the original easy wing

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Name: Valerie Taitano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and Camp David act as seats of power as a sitting President represent the United States of America. America's "home turf." The White House has a rich history and many memories that's treasured by the American people-the People's House. Presidents do not have sole authority to renovate the White House especially demolishing an entire building without submitting plans to the National Capital Planning Commission. How many people were endangered when that building was destroyed? This president should be no different than presidents before him and should be required to follow the same practices as all presidents. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt by reputable builders with guidance from historians. If a ballroom is necessary, it should also be built using a reputable builder (the president has other things that are priorities like reducing the cost of food, gas, energy, etc. He's too busy to overseer renovations.) and architect somewhere else on the grounds. It should be a respectable size not to over shadow The White House. It should be named the White House Ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:27:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Seel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The appalling destruction of the 120 year old East Wing of the White House has infuriated many Americans. The White House has always been referred to as “The People’s House.” The reprehensible behavior of the current president is appalling in that he has destroyed history to satisfy his own egocentric desires. I would hope that this project would be condemned and that the current president be ordered to rebuild a similar, historically compliant building, which he must pay for.
Respectfully,
Susan Seel

Date: 2/16/2026 3:27:19 PM
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Name: Maria Sadowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 3:26:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Yost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration already has demolished the historic East Wing, apparently without the approval of this committee or anyone else. Now the same group plans to replace it with a gigantic, gaudy, gold-plated fiasco of a ballroom that will dwarf the White House and be an embarrassment for decades to come. The White House heretofore has been about taking care of America's business as opposed to hosting the grandest of parties in the tackiest of ballrooms.

Please stop this insanity and do not approve the ballroom as planned. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my thoughts.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:26:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Volonoski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a lover of history, both throughout the world and especially in the United States, and have a degree in Historic Preservation. I am very annoyed that Mr. Trump would take a wrecking ball to a wing of the White House, given that it is a highly significant historical building. The White House is the people's house, not a private building, and as president, Mr. Trump is a guest and has no right to demolish any part of the White House. I can agree that perhaps the White House MAY need a ballroom, but there are 18 acres of White House property where a ballroom could be built.

I would like the East Wing rebuilt duplicating the original historic fabric of the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrice Neel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt to the same scale that it was before. If a ballroom or event space is truly needed it could be built at a basement level or a new structure offset from the actual White House. The historical elements of The People's House should be respected and saved whenever possible.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:24:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melodee Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. The White House is the house of the people, and is not owned by whichever president resides in it. The current one has taken it upon himself to ignore all permits and permissions before going forward to destroy a huge chunk of history and leave a gapping hole into what was once a dignified piece of our collective national pride.

The current president must be stopped from doing further damage. He has forgone formal reviews and his so called addition is already out of compliance. The size he proposes exceed standards of both proportion, good taste, and are grossly inappropriate for our formerly modest and stately building. Other countries have their own aesthetics, however, building bigger with gold leaf is not ours. Please, let's keep our White House dignified and not go forward with any further destruction.

Respectfully submitted,
MACJW

Date: 2/16/2026 3:24:59 PM
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Name: Ann Dorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing because of my immense concern about how this project was started without proper vetting and input from Congress or the NCPC. The White House does not belong to any one person. It certainly should not be severely altered by a temporary resident. The size and scope of this proposed addition is hideous and should not be allowed to proceed. In fact, it should not be allowed to proceed and further construction should not be allowed to move forward until plans are vetted by Congress, the NCPC and the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump tore down The People's House and he should be forced to pay for the rebuilding out of his pocket. By doing what he did illegally that made him responsible. We commoners have to pay when we screw up

and when our children screw up. trump should pay for this as it was entirely uncalled for and unacceptable.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:22:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Meola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's please make sure that the president's proposed ballroom is a "People's Ballroom". Let's ensure that the ballroom will be open to the Public and not just heads of state, rich donors, and dignitaries.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:22:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela McCallister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I'm writing in regard to the plans, already underway, to renovate the ballroom of The People's House. In this time of economic uncertainty and with so many people in this nation suffering from job loss, rising food and home prices, it is an insult sprinkled with salt in the wound so many are feeling exposed. This is not how we heal. This is how the privileged float above, untethered to the reality the rest are experiencing. I am vehemently opposed to the idea that donations and decisions without public input should be utilized to renovate a building already superfluous in nature. Invitees to such experiences in this space are servants of the people, not the other way around. Truly, I hope to see the future in which our elected officials understand this and the ballroom is rebuilt to reflect this reality.

Thank you,
Angela McCallister

Date: 2/16/2026 3:21:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Woods
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. First of all, the name of this project is a misnomer; it is not a "modernization" when the entire wing has been torn down. Second of all, the numerous procedures and approvals that were bypassed in order to destroy this historic wing is not only illegal, but it is also a complete disgrace to the memory and historic status of the People's House. This building belongs to the citizens of the United States, not the person who currently occupies the White House. Any additional work should involve a non-partisan group that respects the history of the building while also acknowledging that there may be opportunities for making slight modifications in the style and with deference to the architecture of the rest of the building.

I implore you to stop this project until a more respectful and intentional plan with nonpartisan community and stakeholder input is created.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was an historical wing of the White House. The historical integrity of the wing should have never been destroyed. It seems to me now that the only option is to rebuild exactly replica. Thank you for considering.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:20:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Taimi Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don't even pretend the East Wing is receiving a "Modernization Project"! It was destruction of a public monument without prior permission for the purpose of President Trump's ego and wish to create Versailles in the White House. The ballroom is going to be a gaudy gilded attempt at having a place for his billionaire friends can party when they are not at his bloated Florida retreat. All this and more is happening while the middle class is become poor and food, health insurance, children's education, National Parks, and elder care are suffering and our country is falling into a 3rd world category. We are an embarrassment to the world every time he opens his mouth or removes another historical marker.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:20:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brett Christman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a architect, builder, designer and artist. Whatever His Unscrupulous Majesty envisions for Our White House as an adjacent ballroom addition I'm sure is historically and architecturally irregular and inappropriate. Both in design, details, and scale.

40,000 s.ft. would be wildly delusional and grossly dwarf the current main central structure and actually be a full acre of land! 200 ft x 200 ft! Like a parking lot of space! A soccer field! Or 125 x 300 ft... is a FOOT BALL FIELD!!!! The only appropriate size by scale to the main building is a ballroom slightly shorter and more narrow that the main building's elevation dimensions... like 75 ft wide by 120 ft long by 40 ft high. This is 9,000 sf.

That would fit and be plenty big enough to accommodate a thousand people.
Take the Directors chair away from the delusional Reality TV star. He can't even do the math! 90,000 sf. is

more than TWO ACRES!!! Ridiculous!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Karolczak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is nothing but an ego project for trump. He should be ashamed of himself for destroying all the history in the East Wing! Any money he has collected for that stupid ballroom, should be used to rebuild the East Wing. This is NOT his house/building. It belongs to the American people! And get rid of all that gold crap he put in the Oval office as well.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:19:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Beth Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM!

The East Wing should be rebuilt with modern building techniques and brought up to local building codes, including it's foundation, framing, plumbing and electrical systems. The interior must be a replica of the rooms as they were prior to the Trump administration demolition. This is a HISTORICAL LANDMARK, not a personal vanity project for President Donald Trump. I want my tax dollars spent on things that benefit the PEOPLE of the United States of America.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:19:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel very strongly that the demolition of the East Wing of the people's house should NEVER have happened without the proper authorization and evaluation by the NCPC. That said... it's gone and something will be put back. PLEASE keep to the architectural integrity of the existing building - don't make it a gaudy gold-covered behemoth that the current resident in the White House wants. This is the PEOPLES HOUSE!

Date: 2/16/2026 3:18:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecile Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was done without permission. As far as I can ascertain, permission was needed for that. My comments here are that The East Wing should be restored. The ballroom, if it must be built, should be detached from the main building and in proportion to the existing structures. It's roofline should be below the pediment of The White House itself; as well as it's architecture be in keeping with the Federalist style.
I understand the illegal demolition was paid for by the donors. The donors should also pay for the reconstruction of The East Wing.
Personally I do not need a ballroom at The White House but, as an American, I consider that residence The People's House. The President is a temporary resident. I am sure certain changes are made for each resident for personal lifestyle. What happened with the illegal demolition of The East Wing is not that. It also goes against what the president said in June or so, when he said it would not impose on the existing structure.
I think that ship has sailed.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:17:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann L Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing does not need "modernization", and putting an ugly 90,000 square foot ballroom is hardly modernizing anything, let alone the White House. The White House was , and is, an historic home for the Presidents . The contents have always been beautiful pieces of historical significance. Donald Trump has ruined the elegance of these furnishings by adding that cheap, ugly golden crap to many rooms on fireplaces, etc. It is totally ugly and cheapening to the rooms it was added to. The East Wing should never have been destroyed. And never for an ugly gigantic ballroom! I do not want to see the ballroom built and added onto the historic, beautiful White House. He should have been jailed for treason when he sent those awful thugs into the Capital to try to destroy it. I was amazed that no one even tried to arrest him for that treason.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:17:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Ufnal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How we got here is horrific. Having the East Wing demolished without any consideration of its historic value and without proper oversight and permissions should be a crime. But we must move forward. So let me suggest the purpose of the faculty’s intended use be reconsidered. Structurally, I would suggest that scale of the building needs to be appropriate for the site and should not compromise the significance of the nation’s executive offices. Architects know this so this decision should be decoupled from any egoistic intent. I believe the space should also have purposes that serve public needs. Our White House is not in the hospitality business, so if a ballroom is needed, scale it to accommodate what is reasonable. This is not the Super Bowl and additional functionality can be flexibly orchestrated with outdoor overflow space. I’d also

like to see a museum space included that honors the history of the site. Perhaps a hall space can also accommodate public presentations in a shared use kind of way so the building serves multiple uses. Lastly, I would want the facility to be the epitome of sustainability so incorporate materials and technologies that minimize environmental impacts and reduce energy consumption.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:17:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harvey Poholsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for renovations.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.y for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:17:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Romfh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartbroken the President was allowed to bulldoze the East Wing without any review process, any permission, even any notification. The White House is not his property. He does not own it, the American people do and we all woke up to pictures of it already being demolished. How can this happen? If he had bulldozed his next door neighbors house, he would probably be in jail, or at least required to pay for rebuilding it. As an American citizen and therefore a part owner of the White House I want it returned to its beautiful former self. I do NOT want a ridiculous, out of proportion "ballroom" that the President had no right to initiate construction on without going through the appropriate steps required. I am shocked that that hasn't already been ordered. Why are you allowing him to do this?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Scelza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is baffling to me, now that the current President has already demolished the East Wing, without going through the required channels. I pray that our White House can be saved from further, degrading and disgraceful construction. There was no explicit congressional approval for the demolition of the White House East Wing to build a new, larger ballroom. The project began in fall 2025 without the traditional, independent reviews, public comments, or legislative approval typically required for modifications to

historic federal buildings. As a taxpayer I'm sickened and just disappointed, beyond belief, with what's happened to date.

I find this type of behavior frightening, disgraceful and illegal. Will there be an investigation and charges brought upon all persons involved in this illegal destruction? Can we prevent the reconstruction, without guidelines and accountability?

This is every American's White House and I pray, going forward, that propriety and order will return to Washington.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:16:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Nesterak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.
At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.
The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.
If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:16:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Quarles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and an American with roots dating back to the 1600s in Virginia, I urge you to not allow the completion of a 90,000 square foot ballroom. This is not Donald Trump's personal residence. The White House has been in existence since John Adams was President and is meant to serve as a temporary home. This is a significant historical building which in essence belongs to all Americans.

It does seem as if there is a need for a new and bigger space, but this particular project seems excessive. In addition, because the residence does not belong to Donald Trump, there should be a historical committee who approves the plans and ensures that the architecture is aligned with the current building. I am assuming that's who you folks are.

Thank you. Vicki L Quarles

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a natural born citizen of these United States, I oppose the current modernization plans for the east wing of our White House, traditionally used as offices for the spouse of the president and their team, and the entire White House used as the primary residence of the president, and their family, for meetings of their advisors, and with dignitaries from other countries, and for visits of the people of these United States during set tour hours.
I oppose the opulent monstrosity planned for the space. I find a huge ballroom for the purpose of expensive to taxpayer, opulent parties unnecessary and wasteful.
I object to the change of the White House facade and believe whoever ordered its destruction, prior to consultation with this committee, be held liable to return it to the original condition at their own expense.
Modernization is unnecessary and wasteful. And, the current space for presidential dinners is quite sufficient.
Thank you for considering my views.
Sincerely,
Janet Johnson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: carole rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comment concerns the demolition of the East Wing Ballroom without due notice to anyone. This travesty affects more than the current occupant in the White House, it affects HISTORY and the wanton demolition of a structure that may be dated but is significant in its time and place in the White House. Please give serious thought to not doing major projects on a whim of the transient occupant of the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:15:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Millsaps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This monstrosity of wretched excess, and icon to narcissism, is ruining the historic East Wing of the White House, and no matter how much fake gold and ornate trash it is packed with, it will never be anything more than a monument to white trash and tacky-ness.
This abomination, and embarrassment must NOT be allowed to go forward!

Date: 2/16/2026 3:13:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie D.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't see any reason for taxpayers to spend 200-400 million dollars on a ballroom at the Whitehouse, we the people own it and do not want our tax dollars going to such frivolous things at a time when most people can't afford healthcare, groceries, gas, or much of anything these days, while still working for corporate hacks that only see us as a line item on a spreadsheet. Hell NO use that money to fund medicaid, or school lunches for kids who don't have enough to eat. This is not the time for spending!!

Date: 2/16/2026 3:13:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: anita smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building a 90000 sf ballroom, just as I am against the west wing being torn down in the first place. The size is disproportionate to the area and will dwarf the rest of the white house. I think it should be restored to its previous state. And become the West wing again. We don’t need a grandiose ballroom at the White House. And the current president should never have torn down the people’s house.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:13:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clay Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, without approvals, authorization or coordination with any historical review was a criminal act, for which, to date, no consequences have been meted out to the perpiTraitor.

At a minimum, once a final architectural design has been approved that meets historical guidelines, all costs for reconstruction MUST be born by the party responsible for the original damage.

As a U.S. taxpayer, concerned about our ever increasing National Debt, I don't want to see ANY tax dollars spent on the rebuild. This is the People's House. It was desecrated without permission. Hold the party responsible accountable financially for ALL COSTS!"

Date: 2/16/2026 3:13:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Corbin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and other mechanicals as needed.
Make entrances and interior ADA accessible. Restore the rose garden.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:13:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing project is disrespectful to the People's House. First, the location: its facade is in the same plane as the White House facade and should be set back the same distance as the West Wing is. Second, size: the enormous size of the proposed East Wing dwarfs the White House. As an auxiliary structure to the White House, it should keep the White House as prominent and dominant. Dwarfing the White House diminiahes it as the important building. Third: function: public functions for large numbers of persons can be accomodated in structures apart from the White House complex, and should be. The White House as the center of the nation does not need to host huge events on site. Events at the White House that are related to the function of government should be modest. Huge events are not going to be part of governing, as a reception or dinner for visiting dignitaries is.

Do not approve this disrepectful building project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the National Trust has noted, the White House was designed by Irish architect James Hoban, whose winning proposal was selected by President George Washington. Owned by the American people, not by any single president, the building respects Georgian and neoclassical principles. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation's ideals.

The proposed massive ballroom for the space that formerly held the East Wing is disproportionate in size to

the rest of the White House. It would clash architecturally with that structure and would create an unattractive imbalance with the rest of its architecture. I am also concerned that it would be inaccessible to most Americans and would instead be used exclusively to entertain corporate billionaires, who contributed funds to its construction, as well as wealthy foreigners, including Russia's Putin and oil sheiks in the Middle East.

From all I have heard, the ballroom project is overly expensive, hastily conceived, in poor taste, and ill-considered. The White House is not the private residence of any one person, but the people's residence, held in trust by many national leaders who come and go through the years. Any future changes or improvements to its architecture should be made with that idea in mind.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Bolster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned about the historic integrity of this building. I strongly regret that this wing met the wrecking ball without any consideration from the public due to the impetuous nature of the current occupant.

Please do not allow the gilding of every surface that meets the eye. May there be architectural and esthetic integrity to every aspect of the new building. May it serve the future inhabitants of the building in myriad ways. May it prove accessible for all people. May it make one proud of the building’s beauty, use practicality.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:09:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Reeves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House property should be (should have been) preserved as it was. A single person should not be able to order demolitions, renovations, or new construction without approval of a non-partisan historical society. There is NO need for a ballroom!

Date: 2/16/2026 3:08:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ramona Hensrude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the construction of this project. The President showed no respect or consideration to the

American people to tear down the East Wing without any notification. This is the People's House, not Trump's house.
There is no need to build a grandiose entertainment and dining space for the rich. It does not fit the character of the White House and is too big. Nobody asked for this.
The only building that needs to be done is to bring back the East Wing.

If this stupid plan moves forward, I want the next President to order it torn down and replaced with a new East Wing. We need strict laws in place to prevent Presidents from ruining Washington DC landmarks.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:08:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Evelyn Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is part of the people's house: the White House. It does not represent one person or party. It should match the architecture and style of the rest of the building, so that it appears to have been constructed along with the rest of the White House. It should not look like a casino with lots of gold fixtures.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Arts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. Trump is a malevolent mountebank, who thinks that a temporary assignment as POTUS gives him 'Imperial' status to put his personal ownership on as many of THE PEOPLE'S rights and property as he can.

Other than hubris, there is no reason for the changes to the White House East Wing; and, the fact that the POTUS has gone begging for private funds to create this monument to his ego doesn't change the fact that it is NOT for the good of the People of the USA.

Private or public, the need for funds to help the CITIZENS of the USA are immense: homeless, mentally ill, the aged, disabled, handicapped, those with limited funds or no job in an economy where affordable housing can't be found.

But, Donald Trump says what the Country needs is for him to have more room to have gala balls? Impeach the bum.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:06:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deunan Berkeley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for reading my comments. I am a citizen of the United States and I am appalled at the wanton and illegal destruction of the East Wing, and shocked and horrified at the ballroom planned to replace it of 90,000 square feet.

We do not need this at all.

I am asking that we stop the plans for the 90,000 square foot ballroom completely and make a new east wing in the same style and roughly the same size as the old one, in the style it used to be. If we need dancing, there are many places in DC where that can be arranged. If we need large conventions, there are again many places in DC where that can be arranged. The East Wing is for the Lady (or mate) of the President to do her work and Jackie Kennedy did a beautiful upgrade to it.

It was smashed flat against the wishes of the US people, and this is technically "our house." It needs to be one unit in design and balance again, not have a monstrously huge, useless appendange attached to one side that will kill the landscaping and only be used once (when it's built). We are not a popular nation now - no one is going to come here to dance or attend a "ball." Even if we use it for big dinners, nobody is coming. We don't need it, we don't want it, so just stop it. Put the original east wing back.

And if I'm saying it, you know another hundred quiet american citizens are also saying it.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:06:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: wendy littlefield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 16th. Presidents Day

Ladies and Gentlemen, I see that ballroom photos & renderings for the East Wing were briefly posted then removed from the NCPC website today: Presidents' Day. I know you are having a hearing on the project soon. I hope you will take the sentiments of citizens into consideration as you deliberate.

What is being proposed is not a modernization project. The size, scale, proportion, height and massing of the new structure will overwhelm the White House This is not a modernization project. Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing, replacing it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. What has been lost is lost - along with precious history - especially as it relates to the role of our First Ladies.

Not only am I am saddened and outraged that a wing of THE PEOPLE's HOUSE was abruptly bulldozed this fall. I know it is entirely unsuitable for any part of the new construction to be financed privately - by private individuals, by companies (Amazon, Meta, Apple to name a few) or by cabinet members (such as Howard Lutnick). This is not a private building it is THE PEOPLE"S HOUSE.

I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:05:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Beer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not approve this wasteful project. The east wing was illegally torn down. It's the people's house, not the house of the current occupant of the White House.
The project threatens the historic integrity of the White House and lacks proper legislative oversight. Our hard-earned tax payer dollars should not go toward this project. Nor should it be funded by billionaires who seek to curry favor with this president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chester Brandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The needless destruction of the East Wing by the current administration goes against all guidelines set forth by the National Historic Landmark and Preservation Commission. I'm not sure if this abomination was ever submitted before the proper review and oversight process was completed . This project should be stopped immediately and replaced with a new design encompassing the input of the American people. The grandiose idea of a ballroom that the American people have wanted for the past 150 years is a delusional and unproven belief by the current administration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Richard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion as a US citizen. I am strongly opposed to the ballroom plan currently under consideration. The need for a ballroom was not discussed. The proposed building would dwarf the existing structure. Funding seems suspect, as the entire enterprise appears to be an undertaking outside of Congress, which holds the power of the purse.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:05:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice A Schaller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was devastated when it was revealed that Trump had the East Wing totally demolished. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. Before ANY work/remodeling/or expansion is begun, WE THE PEOPLE should have an opportunity to help shape the decision. I would never agree to what Trump has done to the East Wing. It is my understanding that because of its landmark and National Park status a review of any plans for any

work/remodeling, or expansion is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approved. Trump chose to circumvent any reviews and totally demolished the East Wing without any review by the American people or approval by NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts. The White House is owned by WE THE PEOPLE, not Donald Trump.

The East Wing should be totally restored to exactly what is was before it was summarily destroyed by Mr. Trump after he told numerous lies about the plans for the ballroom,, saying that the East Wing would not be demolished. As per Mr. Trump's SOP - he lied to the American People AGAIN> Mr. Trump should be sued by the NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts, and WE THE PEOPLE for the funds to rebuild the East Wing since he decided he could circumvent the proper procedures and reviews.

REBUILD THE EAST WING as it was. Trump pays for all construction as reparation for destroying it without permission.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:04:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current president did not have permission to demolish the East Wing of the White House. Before more history is destroyed without the consent of the People (who own it), I want to have my voice heard in regard to the project before more demolition or construction occurs. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The proposed ballroom size would be a tacky monstrosity. This is entirely too large. I'd ask that the project respect the historic integrity of the original White House's design and scale. Please work with the appropriate groups that specialize in historic preservation on behalf of the American people. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Barber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not intended to be a palace. It is the people's house. We have a president who is a temporary resident, not a king. The new East Wing should basically reconstruct the demolished East Wing, of similar size, shape and placement, to maintain overall symmetry and dimensions. And no garish gold filigree.

Certainly DC has suitable spaces available elsewhere in the city should there be a need for a ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Hibbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any President is a temporary occupant of the White House. He has no more right to make structural changes to the historic building than a renter has to make major changes to a rental property. There is a procedure in place to get such changes approved and funded, but the current occupant has assumed Royal rights and has not sought approval from "We, the people" to make changes to "the people's house". Without the necessary reviews, he has created an environmental disaster, including asbestos contamination. He has not submitted any plans for approval, nor has he established the need for a ballroom. If such a facility is needed, it can be build off-site. The East Wing should be reconstructed with modern electric, plumbing and cyber capabilities, anticipating the needs of the future. This should be paid for by either Trump or by the donors who he said would fund his project.
If he is allowed to proceed, he has indicated he has plans for other areas of the White House, for his vain-glorious Arch, and for some of the National monuments. When asked about his plans for the Kennedy center, he said he plans to re-use the steel.When is he going to get around to serving the people who elected him and stop planning projects with his name on them.
Restore the function and appearance of the East Wing. Verify the environment is protected, and block future projects that serve his needs while children starve.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since we have been forced to take action since the East Wing was demolished without permission, it should be replaced with a modern facility that duplicates the functions that previously were housed in the East Wing. This country does not need an expansive ballroom. This is not a monarch, and the people should not be responsible for a ballroom that they will never be allowed to visit. While the administration asserts that this ballroom will be paid for by donors, the cost of construction is only one part of the costs. The cost of upkeep and maintenance will fall on the US taxpayers for decades to come. Additionally construction should not be paid for by donations to assure that the administration will not trade favors for donations.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Neubauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is untenable that the morally vacant malignant narcissist twice impeached 34 time convicted felon tore down the east wing unilaterally. Under no circumstances should he be able to construct a gaudy replacement. It is my opinion that the East wing should be rebuilt as it was originally.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Coffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make Trump put it back the way it was and pay for it himself. That is all.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Marquardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing was taken down PRIOR to any discussion with the American people is outrageous. History destroyed. There is so much wrong about how this happened and continues without consequence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Commet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I never dreamed that the White House would end up on the endangered list of National Trust properties. It is appalling that the East Wing was torn down for a ballroom that no one asked for, got approval for, or followed protocols for. Regardless of Trump's fabrications, I find that the timing, immediately following the first and highly successful "No Kings" rally, is a temper tantrum along the lines of, "They don't like me? I'll show them!" This blatant disregard for history, including destroying trees that were hundreds of years old, all to feed a petulant and juvenile need on the part of the president to "be somebody" has to be stopped. The perpetrator should be fined, the contractors lose their licenses, and the aforementioned made to reconstruct the building they willfully and illegally demolished. Also, where did all the decorations, artwork, paintings, furniture, etc. go that were in the East Wing?? There must be some accountability here!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Bernstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the East Wing back the way it was.

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Name: William Laidlaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed "East Wing Modernization" project at the White House.

The White House is known as the people's house. It is a symbol of our country's political system, of our democratic tradition, and of our belief that no one person is more important than any other. Changes to this symbolic, historic structure need to be carefully considered, aesthetically consistent with the existing building, and concerned with creating a more inclusive and egalitarian society.

The proposed ball room is approximately the same size as the historic house and, as seen from the Washington Monument, will be far more prominent than the building that dates from the turn of the 19th century. The scale of this project appears to be designed to negate the humility demanded of the leader of our great country and instead, in the style of France's King Louis XIV, to proclaim the social and economic superiority of the current occupant of the house and of private, corporate wealth.

The proposed ballroom is supposed to be costing the taxpayers nothing and therefore we taxpayers do not have a legitimate interest in protesting this desecration. However, the very corporations that are contributing huge sums for the construction of this ballroom have received huge tax breaks from this administration that quite likely total far more than the value of their contributions. This ballroom is not meant for Americans; it is meant for the wealthiest and most powerful Americans, and likely the wealthy and powerful of other nations. The American taxpayer is clearly not part of this administration's plan to "modernize" the people's house. The optics are terrible, particularly for the oldest and most successful democracy in the world.

The demolition of the East Wing was done without discussion, permission, or careful consideration. This new construction project is clearly being approached with the same disregard for regular Americans. I strongly oppose this project and insist that a different project, to design a modernized East Wing at the scale of the one recently demolished, be organized by a non-partisan commission and open to public scrutiny, and that it must serve the interests of everyday American taxpayers, not just the most wealthy and powerful among us.

Thank you.

William Scott Laidlaw
Florence, Massachusetts, USA

Date: 2/16/2026 2:54:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Cohen-Holbrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious that the White House East Wing was demolished without the appropriate process by the

National Capital Planning Commission. The White House is "the people's house" and its history and importance has been disrespected.

I would like to see the restoration of the exterior in the previous dimensions and architectural style on the the same footprint. This is the opportunity to update infrastructure, like electricity and plumbing and improve ADA accessibility.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:53:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Coyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope the committee will reject the ballroom building project. It seems out of scale with the rest of the White House and will ruin the historical image of the people's house. Please rebuild the East Wing to its original balanced appearance. I would hope the committee would require the current occupant of the White House to rebuild the East Wing at his expense since it was demolished under his orders.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:50:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gertrude Tumnis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With every fiber of my being I am appalled at this vulgar, wasteful, egocentric, hubristic project. I strongly urge your Commission to shut it down and to protect the interests of the American people, not the interests of a child-like, deranged would-be dictator.

Sincerely,
G. Tumnis

Date: 2/16/2026 2:50:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rejected the proposal to build the gold encrusted "ballroom" that is intended to be no more than a "memorial" to Trump. The current proposal dwarfs the White House and for that reason alone is an unacceptable adverse impact on the White House. The East Wing must be rebuilt to its previous appearance and function. Tearing it down was an absolute travesty. We've lost the history that it represented, which was largely the history of the First Ladies who worked there. I'd say that the proposed design is inconsistent with the White House, but the design changes so often that I don't know specifically

what it is. I only know that it keeps getting bigger. Deny this proposal and make them restore the damage they've done. It's not his house. If he can tear down the East Wing with impunity, he can tear down the whole White House and build a gold tower.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Onton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This space should replace the offices that were destroyed AND make a museum to educate visitors about democracy and how propaganda can manipulate people into voting in authoritarian leaders who do not serve the people but rather themselves and rich friends (oligarchy). This wing of the White House should be a testament to how close we came to losing our democracy (assuming we make it out of this administration).

Date: 2/16/2026 2:49:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Sak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed plan creates an annex that is much too large compared to the existing White House structure. More planning is required.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: NICHOLAS MANRING
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: East Wing Modernization Project - NCPC File Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,

I write to voice my opposition to the preliminary and final site and building plans for the East Wing Modernization Project as submitted. The White House as it now exists is perhaps the most important and most iconic historical structure in the United States. Any plans for altering it or adding to it in any way should proceed carefully and only after taking into account the site's profound historical significance. I strongly encourage you to seek - and accept - the input on this proposal from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as the nation's foremost source of expertise on historic structures and sites, as well as from the appropriate Congressional Subcommittees before voting to approve the plans as submitted.

Respectfully yours,

Nicholas Manring

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adrienne Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the east wing ballroom project. Any new construction should be thoughtfully planned with public input. While there may be a need for an event space this project feels rushed and the proposed size and scale is not proportional or respectful to the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project will forever change the nature of the People's House because it will dwarf the existing structures. Further, the East Wing should have never been taken down without a comment period as well.

Regardless of private donations to build, public $ will be used for upkeep, and the size of the project is ridiculous. A perfectly normal size ballroom could have been built that would better match the existing structures.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:47:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melynda Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to urge the National Capital Planning Commission to oppose in the strongest terms possible the East Wing Modernization Project:
1. The Trump Administration must not be allowed to continue to disregard the federally-mandated review and congressional approval process for permanent changes to National Historic Landmarks and National Parks.
2. President Trump is a temporary occupant of one of the most recognizable symbols of our government, and his lack of respect for the historical significance of the home matches his disdain for previous occupants.
3. Funding for the new construction has not been appropriated by Congress, which in normal times would ensure transparency, public accountability and oversight. Private funding from donors seeking political favors or special access runs afoul of federal ethics rules, creates a patronage system and sets a dangerous precedent for future administrations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:47:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zeliah Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reduce the physical size and stature of the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. The modernized East Wing should not be larger than the White House as a way to reduce its significance. The White House is a national treasure and is considered the 'People's House" where the elected official who was elected to represent the United States lives temporarily. Any project that minimizes the importance of the White House should be no larger or taller than the White House itself.

Let us apply common sense to this effort. This project is not a monument to any elected official's ego. It is a testament that the elected official has considered the value and contribution to improve the functionality and security of the East Wing's proposed use and determined what is prudent in the highest and long lasting good of the "People's House."

Please do what is right and the best interest of preserving the honor and integrity of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that periodic updates and upgrades are necessary, and I recognize that an event space is something that could be quite useful. That being said, I'd ask that any additions to the White House be in keeping with the scale, stature, and gravitas of the existing structure. The addition should be to scale - no need for 90,000sf, perhaps something like 20,000sf, much more appropriately sized as an addition to a 50,000sf building. As a citizen, I would hope the addition will be complementary to the existing building as well. I fear the current president and his Vegas-style gaudy decor will continue to mar this stately building. Please keep that in check! Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:47:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: julie ruben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Though the White House was constructed by the labor of enslaved people, it belongs to the people of the United States. The deconstruction and reconstruction plans are vulgar, entirely unnecessary, and an obscene waste of taxpayer funds. The new plans only server a president who wishes to be king. In this

country, we have no kings.

With all my conviction I oppose this project. I trust the Commission will as well.

Sincerly,
Julie Ruben

Date: 2/16/2026 2:47:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick A.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing Modernization Project designs will have a hugely negative effect on the White House and grounds. The size of the building, particularly the height will dwarf the White House and destroy the current balance of the the White House complex. The bulk of the building should be below grade and total height no higher than the West Wing. The ornamentation of the elevation design is excessive and not complimentary to the neoclassical White House. I strongly urge you to completely reject this design plan in favor of a far less intrusive plan and avoid irreparable damage to the national capital region and one of our most iconic buildings and vistas.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:42:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this project now. Just halt it. Make the president privately pay to put it back the way it was. This is an assault on good taste and the rules. Please do your job and show the American public that the president doesn't have carte blanche jurisdiction over the People's house as a structure. He is a menace.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:42:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Zorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is just another example of Trump not following the rules. We do not need a gaudy ballroom at this time. If Trump had any sense of decency he would apply any of the funds he has accumulated from the sycophant CEOs to funding healthcare for the millions he has affected by not extending the healthcare subsidies until they come up with a “better” plan. If we have to have a ballroom I strongly suggest we severely adjust the plan to at least half the size and eliminate the gaudy Trump gold accents. We should also make sure that ALL of the cost is funded by Trump.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Barron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in favor of the project. Having events in a tent with porta potties is not how the greatest country in the world show entertain!

Date: 2/16/2026 2:42:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Gomez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historic preservation in the United States is built upon a foundation of community involvement and community input. This is sacred and must continue through all ages and all administrations, particularly at the cherished steps and precious grounds of our most noble symbol of that bond and trust: The White House. With utmost respect and gratitude, John Gomez, Founder, Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy, jclandmarks.org, Master of Science in Historic Preservation, Columbia University

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Johnson-Parkhill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be recreated exactly as it was prior to its demolition. Upgrades to wiring, technology, utilities would be allowed but the footprint, outside dimensions and facade, and inside dimensions and facades should be identical to those that were destroyed. This should also include the original Rose Garden.

In addition, history notes regarding the importance of the East Wing to the First Ladies should be woven into the reconstruction.

If an area for more space for meetings is needed, then that plan should be voted upon by the citizens of the United States. It could be included on the ballot with the next presidential election. That would give time for options onsite and offsite to be considered.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn McGowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the east wing restored rather to a size that matches the one that was demolished. The restored east wing should be a size that is proportional to the rest of the White House and maintains symmetry and the style of the original east wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:40:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is appalling that this was destroyed without any oversight.

I want it restored to what was there before, including the room below. No gold garish highlights either. This is not the Trump room - it is the US citizens East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Priya Morganstern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed addition to the White House is an abomination, and should have been stopped before it started.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kari Tubbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to comment on the construction of a ballroom at the White House. The people were never a considered before destruction of our house. My comment is to rebuild the wing to what is used to look like and as a work space for all First Ladies. Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 2:39:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacelyn Yonkees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by what that orange excrement has done to "The People's House".
The destruction of the rose garden was horrifying enough, but adding a HUGE monstrous tacky casino style auditorium is truly heartbreaking. We can dig up the resort style patio and replant roses, but please don't allow further desecration of our historical landmark.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:38:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Hillegas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed in record time and without public input - the whim of a self-centered individual willing to ignore laws and history.

It should be built back essentially as it most recently was, with consideration of its history and with adjustments as agreed upon by those close to the situation, with necessary expertise, and able to make rational and realistic suggestions for improvements in design. I urge that the wing include as many solar panels as possible, to reduce costs and remind us of where legitimate, positive power comes from.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:38:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E Calder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply offended by the destruction of the White House. The public has not been advised of the full scope of the project and the project as it has been described is grossly out of proportion to the remainder of the building. I am not convinced that a ballroom is a reasonable addition to the White House. It seems far more reasonable to have a ballroom at a separate location that can be secured SEPARATELY to the White house. If there IS a ballroom addition I feel that it should be FULLY IN KEEPING with the scale and design of the original structure. It should ABSOLUTELY NOT overshadow the current building and I feel that it is 100 ESSENTIAL that the National Capital Planning Commission is FULLY INVOLVED in the plans. NO ABSOLUTELY NO secret designs that are not FULLY DISCLOSED to the NCPC.

- ANY completion of the project should FULLY involve the NCPC
- NO ALTERATIONS that are not approved by the NCPC should be allowed.
- The project should be PROPERLY PLANNED and the architectural plans should be FULLY VETTED by the NCPC before a presentation should be made to CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL and disclosed to the public.

The White House is the PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE and should be treated as such. It is not and has NEVER been the property of the administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:37:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's vanity project has caused irreparable harm to the White House. The White House belongs to the American people, not to the President currently residing in it. Trump must not be allowed to continue with this monstrosity, and everything must be done to attempt to restore the East Wing to how it once was. So much history has already been erased. Please do not let the destruction of America's House continue. I

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Kennard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the Commission to carefully review the impact of any new construction on the former East Wing site to the existing White House. I deeply regret that the East Wing was demolished without thorough review and input from the National Capital Planning Commission and the public. This site does not belong to the sitting US president but to the people of the United States. Presidents come and go, but the long legacy and history of the White House must endure. The precedent that this illegal demolition sets could mean that future presidents could demolish or alter buildings at will, and we would lose the integrity of our national historic sites. The Commission must reclaim its rightful authority.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Lordi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing never should have happened. I'd say this administration should be ashamed of themselves but we all know they're incapable of feeling shame. A piece of history from the People's House is gone forever because of their selfishness and disregard for anything or anyone but their own interests. Donald Trump should be forced to pay for a full restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Stramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like for you to put the East Wing back to the way it was. The history is important to our country and should never have been demolished. I would like for Donald J Trump to have to pay for the re-building of the East Wing with the billions of dollars that he has grifted, been gifted and stolen from WE the American

People. I am tired of our tax dollars going into an oblivion and I am tired of Donald J Trump going over, around and anywhere but through congress as he should have done. He is not to be trusted with the White House and must be held to accountability.

Sincerely,
Julie C Stramer

Date: 2/16/2026 2:34:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return this back to elegant tradional architecture worthy of the office of the presidency and workspace for the first lady. The new plans are overblown, gaudy, embarrasing, and too big and expensive. I feel like moments like these are why the French rolled out the guillotine in the late 18th century.

Thank you for considering.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:33:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Bauman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's bad enough that you tore down the East Wing without waiting for an approval or permits, but the ballroom project is an expensive afront to the aesthetics of the People's House. At the very least, reduce the scale so that it does not dwarf the current building, which is an iconic American structure. And stop with the hideous and tacky gold ornamentation you are adding to every inch of the place. It is not your personal property to deface.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:32:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Stokes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a long time preservationist- I have seen how it has brought new life to our historic downtowns. I have also witnessed destruction of a building or a portion of one that has a long lasting impact. This is the case of the wonton demolition of the east wing with an inappropriate and out of scale proposed addition.

We cannot reverse the demolition but we can require that the architects revise the design so that is in keeping w the remaining portion of the historic White House.

Please insist on redesign.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:32:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Markovich
Project Name: Fort McNair Building 61 Renovation
Project Number: 8527

Please allow our congress to participate in the redesign of any new or existing buildings associated with the White House. This is the People's House and we have changed things over time in tasteful and deliberate ways. Patience. Discussion. Thought. Need to be considered. I am a concerned citizen. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:30:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nisa Craw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: the White House East Wing renovations -
The White House was designed to represent a young nation who wanted to govern itself vs. be governed by a monarchical system. The building's simplicity and style reflect that governing theme. The East Wing renovation should mirror the West Wing in size, scale, and architecture to visually balance the main structure and keep adherence with it's original design plan. Honor the historical significance of the overall White House. Updates to mechanical and security systems are, of course, required; however, a bigger size and more marble or gold effects do not equal 'better'. The White House should remain personal and intimate. We don't need a huge ballroom attached to the White House! Larger events requiring multiple hundreds of guests could be held at other facilities in DC. Since it is a government city, I am sure they could find ways to ensure adequate security for attendees.
The U.S. has a very bad habit of tearing down history to make way for the next big thing vs. adjusting so both old and new work in harmony. The White House and its wings should remain as is - visually in balance with the architectural design of the city, and a consistent symbol of our national people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:30:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been undertaken without the appropriate approvals and oversight; it is the People's House, not the private residence of the current occupant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Dufault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because it was torn down without proper considerations, it must be rebuilt to the same size and style as it was originally. Yes, updates need to be made but they should be functional i.e. up to curent codes (security, electricity, accessiblilty). The interior style should reflect the style of the White House - no gold - this is the people's house and should reflect that, not the monstrosity that the White House has turned into. The ballroom should be built elsewhere in DC. not on the White House property.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:29:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karl Knaub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project! This is the desire of one particular President to shape the White House - which belongs to us (and subsequent Presidents) - according to his desires. Please cancel this project and restore East Wing to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:29:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janne Gaub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unnecessary. There is no need for a ballroom, particularly of this scale, and certainly not at the expense of the East Wing. The fact the president and his staff have continually lied about this project makes me question the veracity of the claim that it is even needed.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:29:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Stoecker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I sincerely ask that this committee acknowledge that the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible.

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

Any changes including demolition be reviewed by an independent board and that they be allowed to direct

this Administration to refrain from further demolition. The beauty of the People's House is being destroyed. Please stop this change.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:27:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Weatherby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom, as proposed, is terribly out of scale with the rest of the White House. Trump's plan must not be allowed to proceed as he envisions it. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:26:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. It has already been partially destroyed. There is no necessity nor justification to build a ballroom that dwarfs the original structure. Any construction should be limited to the restoration of the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:25:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geraldine Shannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house.

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes, ensuring new structure is compatible with and does not compromise visual and historic integrity of the White House building and grounds. Include complete catalog of historic and cultural resources impacted by project and demolition. Also include environmental impact, with particular attention to lead and asbestos. If a ballroom is needed, provide justification and construct it elsewhere in the city.
Make entire project transparent to public, including, but not limited to: justification, cost benefit analysis, complete project budget (including soft costs), funding sources, design, bidding process, selection process, and construction.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:25:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Weintraub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a work space and temporary living quarters for the President. No ballroom needed. Elites have plenty of other spaces to gather and cheat the United States tax payers. The current administration has fired careen civil servants that may have been able to stop the lawless literal bulldozing in Washington DC. This ballroom is the definition of waste, fraud, and abuse of the tax payers.

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Name: Timothy Corica
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the Project for two reasons:

1. Since permanent destruction of the existing East Wing was executed before seeking approval or public comment, continuing this project only encourages similar behavior in the future. Current and future Presidents will see this evidence that it is better to proceed before asking permission, effectively neutering any controls by NCPC or Congress.

2. This is a public works project funded by private dollars without the involvement of Congress. As such, it creates the appearance, and quite possibly the reality, of private entities seeking to influence or gain favor with the Administration. If private entities are interested in donating $400M to the country, then choosing how best to allocate those funds to best serve the People is a task for Congress which holds the power of the purse for just this reason.

I urge the NCPC to withhold approval of this Project.

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Name: Constance Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We strongly oppose the current management and design of the East Wing ballroom. It is way too big and throws off the balance that the old structure provided to the rest of the White House buildings. The process should not be led by the President who took illegal action to destroy the old East Wing building. The process of rebuilding should be led by experts in architecture and engineering of the highest caliber.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raven Road
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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At a minimum, once a final architectural design has been approved that meets historical guidelines, all costs for reconstruction MUST be born by the party responsible for the original damage.

As a U.S. taxpayer, concerned about our ever increasing National Debt, I don't want to see ANY tax dollars spent on the rebuild. This is the People's House. It was desecrated without permission. Hold the party responsible accountable financially for ALL COSTS!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Glaser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You can submit comments about the East Wing, simply choose from the drop down menu.
Here's what I wrote:

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Name: Deborah Spiliotopoulos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Summerlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Review and implementation of this project should have been BEFORE the East Wing was demolished. This grotesque ballroom is inappropriate in scale and need. Dwarfing the White House is unacceptable. If you have any decency left, please stop this unnecessary vanity project on OUR HOUSE!!

Date: 2/16/2026 2:21:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the Trump Administration's current plan to erect a ballroom on the White House grounds on legal, aesthetic and cultural grounds.
First, it is clear by federal statute that no "building or structure" can be built on any federal public grounds in the District of Columbia "without express authority of Congress," and another statute calls for yearly appropriations for the "maintenance, repair, alteration, refurnishing [and] improvement" of the White House. It is clear that the pre-emptive tearing down of the East Wing without prior permission of congress or consultation with any legitimate historic preservation body, plus the current proposed planning and funding of the new structure, is all an attempt to pull an end-run around legal requirements. Additionally, taxpayers will be required to sustain this new structure and we should not be committed to funding any portion of it without approval of elected officials in congress.
Aesthetically, the publicly released images of the proposed ballroom dwarf the White House and create a visual rebuke of our nation's history. It appears designed to be a giant block overwhelming the modest grace of the historic White House – and, symbolically, the modesty and decorum of prior occupants. It is clear this structure is designed to comport with the President's inflated sense of grandiosity, obsession with size and adornment over utility and efficiency. Refusing to allow review or input from the public displays a sense of entitlement, dominance and ownership to which officials elected by the people are not entitled.
Culturally, the destruction of the East Wing and its replacement with an overwhelming, grandiose structure without public input displays the Trump Administration's sense of entitlement, dominance and ownership which is antithetical to the notion of democratically elected officials acting in the people's interests for their term in office.
The private funding of the project is another means of keeping the people in the dark about the true costs of the project; maintaining building codes and standards; the choice of contractors and commitments made – or broken – with them; and any favors granted to the donors as a result of their funding. Transparency, prior approval, public comment and careful consideration before committing of funds is the approved process in a democracy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meyla Bianco Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I am strongly opposed to any change to the east wing in the first place, and my suggestion would be to replace it just as it was. Because there is no opportunity for public comment I believe this should be marked as illegal, and a full restoration should be made from the ground up.

Because our current leadership has made that virtually impossible, the next best suggestion I have is to involve a strong national historic preservation committee who can put some guard rails on this project so that it does not turn into a gold encrusted palace of meaninglessness.

A lot more consideration should have been made before a single piece of molding was touched in the people's house.

We the American citizens are relying on other sensible Americans to correct this tragic mistake.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:19:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Stangle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the demolition of the east wing of the White House without input from the legislative branch of government and experts in the preservation community. All plans for all US government buildings should be reviewed by experts in the preservation field, preferably by the National Trust for Historic Preservation which should then submit their recommendations to the US House of Representatives and US Senate through the appropriate committees for review of congressmen who have been elected by the people of the USA. Preserve our architectural heritage of USA!

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Name: Virginia Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore and update as needed to pre destruction of the east wing. This was where the public began tours of the Whitehouse and was also a history of this great country. We dont need a ballroom for the elite billionaires of the world to show off their feathers We need a place that makes all of us in the United States and visitors feel welcome

Date: 2/16/2026 2:19:23 PM

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Name: Sandra Blackard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. The East Wing should never have been demolished and most certainly should not be rebuilt as a self-glorifying gilded palace ballroom. It should be reconstructed and restored as closely as possible to its of-the-people appearance before the demolition to help the people of our nation feel connected to our history and remind visitors to our nation's capital of our commitment to democracy. Restoration of the East Wing, as it was, would demonstrate our respect for our democratic heritage and our rejection of the idea that kings or autocrats should ever rule our country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gale Horan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original façade and structure matching surfaces where possible and continuing previous dimensions which were balanced and the size did not minimize the remaining White House structure.
Repair any structure to the existing remaining White House which may have occurred during careless demolition.
Update any plumbing/electrical/HVAC necessary to bring the addition up to code and in line with more current trends/styles.
Add any wifi/digital services that may offer modern technology without endangering all necessary security measures.
I do not encourage adding a huge amount of square footage that will offset the importance of the present structure or will diminish the purpose of the building as a business place, a residence and a place to welcome dignitaries to ensure it does not just become a “party palace.” Thank you for your efforts to correct a terrible misfortune that has already occurred because of lack of following procedures and forethought/planning.

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Name: Edward Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put back what was there for visual balance. Do not expand the White House into a visually disjointed building. Add any ballroom underground to preserve the traditional look of the building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Cady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was a historic building torn down for an egomaniac to build an outrageous ballroom. I believe it should be rebuilt and restored as it was on Trump's dime since he illegally tore it down! A ballroom bigger than the white house would be an ugly eyesore to Americans and the world. This stupid vanity project needs to go but so does the so called pedophile president and his administration. Illegal, ugly, eyesore, disgusting

Date: 2/16/2026 2:17:20 PM
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Name: Kenneth Plum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans that I have seen for the east wing modernization project are totally inappropriate for the historic White House. The addition would dwarf the Whit House and would shift the emphasis of the total building from the seat of executive governance to a ballroom to entertain special interests. The plan is not in keeping with the structures that should support our form of government to a modified plan of executive over-reach and special interest powers.
It would be a major mistake to allow a major distortion and desecration of the White House to occur on the whim of an individual whose experience is related to hotels and not historic structures.
Please do not approve this plan.

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Name: Mary cranston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He should be charged and sent to prison for destroying federal property. This is just one of.the most egregious disgusting things he has done! The house does not belong to him. It belongs to the American people. his actions make me sick.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:16:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitch Seipt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been torn down. Please restore the original design with appropriate updates and modernization. Under no circumstance should a gargantuan ball room be approved to take the place of the East Wing. The people don't not benefit in any way from a ballroom, only the ego of a man who will no longer be in office by the time any construction is completed.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:15:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kennard Wiggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is dismaying that the East Wing was destroyed without deliberation, review, or public comment. I hope the proposed Ballroom replacement will not suffer the same rushed, thoughtless process at the site of the people's house. A good first step would be an assessment of need for a ballroom. Before despoiling the White House grounds with an inappropriately scaled monstrosity that has been proposed I would ask why is this necessary? What are the alternatives? Could this be at another location? Could it be built underground? Aren't there already other venues in town that could meet the occasional demand for large crowds it purports to support? What event justifies hundreds of millions for thousands of attendees? The White House serves as an executive residence and as the offices for the executive branch. I see no compelling reason to turn it into an entertainment emporium for lobbyists. Will Congress also have access to the proposed ballroom to confer with their constituents? The Supreme Court to entertain their litigants? If not, why not?

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Name: Honorias Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this madness and reatore the East Wing to its previous sate as near as possible. This is the People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:13:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mirla Raz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. The White House regime illegally demolished the East Wing for no good reason. The White House does not need a ballroom for the man who is dying to crown himself king.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:12:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Huelmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The changes to the east wing need to respect the architecture and the history of the White House and its role throughout history. The White House is a temporary home of the current president and should not be turned into some cheap, gilded 80s Mar a lago. The White House is a symbol of our country and changes to it should be thoughtful and bipartisan, it does not belong to the current administration and the plan for the ballroom is a monstrosity.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:11:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Keohane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an interior designer I object to the existing design that I have seen proposed by Mr Trump and have serious issues with it. The scale of the building totally eclipses the existing White House and minimizes the White House. The proposed building is supposed to be a banquet room, and can certainly be designed to complement the existing White House, not overpower it. I know the president argues that other “improvements “ have been made in the past but nothing has ever been the building of a gargantuan structure patched on to the existing structure. Please deny the proposed plans and send it back for substantial redesign.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:10:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virlinda Severance Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,
I am writing as an American citizen to express deep concern about the demolition already carried out and the proposed construction of a massive new White House ballroom as part of the East Wing Modernization Project.
I was saddened and alarmed to see photos of historic structures connected to the East Wing being torn down. These spaces were part of our national story — the People's House — and closely tied to the legacy of First Ladies and the historic development of the Office of the First Lady. The loss of these buildings is not a minor change. It is the destruction of irreplaceable national heritage.
I am especially alarmed that demolition was completed in a rushed and largely concealed manner behind large temporary curtain walls, despite widespread public concern that the required review and planning processes had not been completed. This approach felt reckless, dismissive of public oversight, and unworthy of the care that should be shown to a national historic landmark.
I am also concerned about the proposed size and scale of the project. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom risks overwhelming the iconic look, proportions, and character of the White House and its grounds. The White House should remain dignified and historically consistent — not redesigned into something resembling a private luxury venue.
Finally, I am concerned about design trends that prioritize extravagance, including excessive use of gold plating or gold leaf. The White House should reflect the values of a democratic republic, not showy personal branding.
Any construction at the White House must be done with extraordinary care, restraint, transparency, and respect for history. I urge the Commission to require full review, meaningful public accountability, and a plan that protects the historic integrity of the White House for future generations.
Respectfully,
Virlinda Severance Foster
Chloride AZ

Date: 2/16/2026 2:09:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Joseph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To call the destruction of the historic East Wing a "Modernization" is a travesty. To destroy a balanced wing of the White House and replace it with the enormous monstrosity of a ballroom is a perversion. Clearly, the vision is to create the trappings for a King. It is not appropriate for a democracy where a president works for the people.
Not a penny of public funds should be used to restore the East Wing. The privately raised funds should solely be used for this purpose.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:09:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merridee Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

I am horrified that the East Wing of the White House was destroyed !

It is an incorrigible action that this Administration felt they did not need to follow the correct and necessary channels to make changes to the American peoples's property.

The idea that the White House needs a BALLROOM is simply frivolous.

Sincerely,
Merridee Taylor

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Name: Joseph Gutknecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully, I suggest the modernization of the East Wing of the White House is a thoughtful and necessary step forward, and I fully approve of it. The White House is not only a historic landmark but also a living, working institution that must adapt to the evolving needs of modern governance, security, technology, and accessibility.

The East Wing, which houses key offices including those supporting the First Lady and various administrative functions, plays a vital operational role. Modernizing this space ensures that staff can work more efficiently, securely, and comfortably. Upgraded infrastructure—whether technological systems, communications capabilities, or structural improvements—helps the Executive Office function at the highest level.

Importantly, modernization does not mean erasing history. Responsible updates can preserve the architectural integrity and historical significance of the White House while equipping it for contemporary demands. Careful renovation respects tradition while acknowledging that a 21st-century government requires 21st-century tools.

Investing in the East Wing demonstrates a commitment to stewardship—protecting an iconic symbol of American democracy while ensuring it remains functional and resilient for future generations. Progress and preservation can coexist, and this modernization reflects that balance.

Being the fact this building and modernization is being funded by private donations, and NOT put on the American Taxpayers as a burden, I see no reason whatsoever that to delay the construction. The finished project I believe will be, in my humble opinion, a magnificent addition to the White House for centuries to come!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Pranke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom project serves no useful purpose except to bolster the President's bloated ego! Even if taxpayer money will not be used in its construction, upkeep and staffing will require taxpayer funds. The project will damage one of our most historic buildings! The President should modify Mar-a-Lago instead. Indeed, as is obvious from the changes he's already made, Trump has horrible taste. What's next--covering the whole White House in gold paint? If this project is allowed to continue, it should be known as the "Trump Dump"!

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Name: Wayne Soares
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I have watched with horror as the current Administration's disregard for the historic significance of the East Wing of the WH. When I was a newbie Coast Guardsman (1976) I pulled a couple of details at the WH (I was in the Honor Guard @Cape May). It was a place of quiet respect and grace,the Rose Gardenin particular. Please restore the original, with modern features, (fire safety, internet/hardened WiFi,etc.). And the Rose Garden as well... we don't need Mar-a-Lago north as a part of our national heritage. As for a "ballroom", there are plenty of options in D.C. for that sort of "pomp & circumstance ". Return the dignity of our collective history...

A concerned Veteran.

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Name: Myra Blackmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is an important national historical treasure. Additions, renovations must be undertaken carefully, thoughtfully and not on the whim of whoever its current resident may be. The new "ballroom" wing neither honors the historic architecture nor improves the function of public events. It is out of proportion, gaudy and utterly out of sync with the rest of The People's House. It must not be allowed to go forward as proposed. And if there is any way to fine or gain restitution for the blatant disregard of law exhibited in its sudden destruction, I hope it will be found and invoked at the highest level allowed by law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Lyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For the love of God, rebuild it the way it was with modernization as needed. Do not build some Mar-a-lago bordello looking trash. The White House is the people's house, not Trump's.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaying Hurley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit the following comments regarding the East Wing Modernization project currently under review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).
While modernization and infrastructure upgrades are often necessary to ensure safety, accessibility, energy performance, and long-term operational viability, it is critical that any proposed changes carefully balance functional improvements with preservation of historic character and architectural integrity.
The East Wing is part of a nationally significant civic and cultural landscape. Any exterior alterations, material replacements, security enhancements, or landscape modifications should:
1. Preserve Historic Character
Ensure that defining architectural features, sightlines, and public-facing elements remain intact and visually consistent with the original design intent.
2. Minimize Visual and Spatial Impact
Avoid design interventions that alter massing, scale, façade rhythm, or the public experience of the building and surrounding grounds.
3. Ensure Transparency in Scope and Phasing
Provide clear documentation of what elements are being replaced versus restored, including renderings that accurately depict visual impact from key public vantage points. The project should also comply with the legal requirements: project review by NCPC and Commissions of Fine Arts; comply with National Environmental Policy Act; and obtain congressional approval.
4. Maintain Public Access and Experience

To the greatest extent possible, construction phasing should minimize disruption to public access, pedestrian circulation, and adjacent civic spaces.
5. Incorporate Sustainable Design Thoughtfully
Sustainability upgrades should be integrated in ways that complement, rather than compete with, the building's historic and civic context.
Given the prominence of this project within the National Capital Region, it is essential that the Commission apply rigorous design review standards and ensure that modernization efforts enhance long-term stewardship without compromising the building's architectural and symbolic significance.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important project, after all, the American people own the White House.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes, ensuring new structure is compatible with and does not compromise visual and historic integrity of the White House building and grounds. Include complete catalog of historic and cultural resources impacted by project and demolition. Also include environmental impact, with particular attention to lead and asbestos.
If a ballroom is needed, provide justification and construct it elsewhere in the city.
Make entire project transparent to public, including, but not limited to: justification, cost benefit analysis, complete project budget (including soft costs), funding sources, design, bidding process, selection process, and construction.
The White House is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Haack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an odd name for this abomination. Please see it is restored to its original appearance and updated. Ballroom can be built somewhere else if it's truly needed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Darling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's rebuild the EAST Wing as it was, but with a large meeting room for gatherings (NOT a ballroom) added. Make trump pay for it out of his grifting!

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Name: Bevivian Keen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just NO! There is no valid reason to use taxpayer funding for a ballroom! This is the people's house!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy French
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be halted until the current administration is out of office. At that time designers should be requested to submit plans for a design that is architecturally compatible with the site, and Mr. Trump should be required to pay for the project from his personal funds, having torn down the historic East Wing without Congressional approval.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karon Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to original dimensions and architecture.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lance Motta-Vilensky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please!! Say NO to the ballroom and to any exterior changes. Rebuild what has been demolished. Preserve our historic White House. It's a national monument a symbol of the Presidency, our country, and the American people. Which national treasure will be defiled next?

Date: 2/16/2026 2:00:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Petrie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are significant issues with the construction of the proposed 90,000 square-foot ballroom. First, the construction violates the legal requirements for historic preservation, since no entity was consulted before the historic East Wing was demolished. Second, the demolition of the East Wing was an insult to Americans and women in particular, since the East Wing is known for being the workspace of the First Ladies. Third, the project is being funded by private donations, and there is no transparency or accountability for who is donating, and who might be expecting favors in return for donating. And fourth, the scale of this ballroom could disrupt the symmetry of the White House. An entity like the National Park Service needs to take over this project to ensure that whatever is built is proportional and in keeping with historic preservation guidelines. And public money should be used to rebuild the People's house, so there is no suspicion of corruption.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Kawalski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this chance to comment. I appreciate all the work the govt does for us the people. I would ask that you consider the people and the cost taking on this endeavor. Keep costs down. Keep it simple with just what is functional and necessary. Use any excess donated money to fund National Parks which are open to everyone. Once again, please keep it simple and cost effective.
Thank you.

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Name: Paul Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House Ballroom, it absolutely needs a suitable pipe organ!

Suggestions for such an organ and unique requirements to fulfill.

Classic organ: For playing National Anthems; hymns and audience/choir/solo singing.
Trumpet section: For playing fanfares; processionals/grand entrances, loud and brassy.
Full dance support: Lots of Theater Organ type pipes/stops/trembulants for dance accompaniment.
Pizzicato bass 16/8 foot: For dance beat thump (Salt Lake Conference Center organ by (Shoenstein)
Special Capability: For background music for dining.

Support or Supplementation: To work with Marine Band and Choir. (Needs a Cymbal/drum/imitation cannon for 1812 Overture cannons)
Bell section: Versatility for special music.
Digital electronic operation with Theater Organ style console: This is too allow fast registration changes. Portable console that can be stored out of the way. Full piston installation with computer programmable operation that can be done off console.
Location: Surrounding the band stand, choir, performance and speaker stage.
Large video screens: To allow the people at the back to see performers, speakers, read the words to songs and the text of speeches and announcements. Built in cameras, room with plug in connections and Wi-Fi. interfaces for stage amplifiers to be connected to room sound system.
Sound system: Versatile and compatible audio system suitable for speakers, choirs, small singing groups and bands with far end volume balance of organ.
Contact; Paul Roberts [redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 1:59:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the White House belongs to the people of this country, the East Wing should not have been allowed to be destroyed. I am totally against it being replaced by a monstrosity of a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:58:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose building a ballroom in the East wing and want to restore it to its original purpose. This is The People's house and we should have a say in what is built here.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:56:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the ongoing demolition and planned, major alteration of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is a cherished national treasure, and changing its historic footprint without thorough public review, transparency, and authorized planning is unacceptable. The East Wing represents a significant part of our nation’s heritage, and its modification should not be

handled as a private project. I am concerned by reports that these renovations are occurring without necessary approvals from the National Capital Planning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts, bypassing essential historic preservation laws.
I urge you to halt all demolition activities, secure the site, and allow for a comprehensive, transparent review process. The people's house should not be altered in such a reckless manner.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Reilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom larger than what was previously in place is needed, either construct it elsewhere in the city or nearby location (e.g. Maryland or Virginia). A Whitehouse ballroom would only be used on occasion. Rather than build a new ballroom (whether that be at the Whitehouse or nearby), it would be more fiscally responsible to rent space in a nearby location on an as-needed basis. The size should be compatible in scale to the west wing and main house and balanced visually. The style should be conformed to the original style of the main house and should not include any gold filigree.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:53:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Brcak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to you in the fervent hope that the historic aspect of the White House will not be compromised further (beyond the unfortunate demolition of the East Wing) by the massive ballroom structure that has been proposed. The Secretary of the Interior's guidelines make clear that any addition to a designated historic structure must be in keeping with, among other things, its size and scale. Any and all of the ballroom designs proposed to this point are way out of proportion with the James Hoban (c.1800) core and the West Wing of 1901 (and its modest expansion of 1909).
The care with which the exterior of the White House was preserved in the late 1940s, even as substantial but necessary changes were made to the interior to shore up its structure, is indicative of the thoughtful consideration and respect shown this historic building throughout its more than 200-year existence. Let's honor that approach.
As a professor emerita of American architecture and visual studies, I have studied the White House (and its inhabitants) for over 50 years. I find the current proposal to be completely inappropriate and without consideration for its former inhabitants – and our nation's heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. Laura Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House's modest outlines have always been a symbol of the simplicity and egalitarian principles we long strove to uphold.

I am horrified by the tasteless, gaudy desecrations the current occupant has already visited upon this once widely respected edifice. "Ballrooms" have always been tented creations for festive occasions near this site, such as inaugural celebrations, and not a part of a serious governing mission nor the deliberately unpretentious home of a family, for which the building was designed.

Some of the most egregious destruction unleashed by this tasteless crew of thugs has been visited upon the realms particular to the first ladies of our history. The wanton demolition of the Rose Garden, which featured roses created in honor of many of those first ladies, in favor of an ugly cement patio dotted with patio umbrellas, reminiscent of the occupant's unappetizing motels, was among the first assaults against decency. The unpermitted bulldozing of the East Wing, once the domain of our first ladies, (none of whom, until now, tasteless and moronic enough to steal a predecessor's speech for her own,) is testament to this vast and thoughtless contempt for women. I, therefore, would support the creation of a museum space on the site of the East Wing celebrating the history of our first ladies.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:49:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Fay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes to OUR White House should go through the proper processes as in the past- the demolition of the East Wing without going through these steps is reprehensible and a disgrace.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:48:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the White House. Any new construction that replaces it should go through the standard review process. This destruction of our cultural heritage by an authoritarian regime should not be tolerated.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:48:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Seaman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the historic and invaluable East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design as a functioning part of the presidential home and offices. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:48:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dede Armentrout
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have never doubted the survival of our democracy until now. I believe the strongest, most stable aspect of our government is the functional existence of checks and balances administered independently by three co-equal branches of government, each of which is constrained by the other two as well as by its own precedents and regulations. It appears to me that the destruction of the existing east wing of the White House without Congressional oversight and approval is another in a long list of this administration's intentional bypassing of the other allegedly co-equal branches. I am grateful that there is an invitation for public comments. I am opposed to the destruction of the historic east wing for the following reasons.
It is expensive and unnecessary. With families struggling to make ends meet, elderly people on fixed incomes suffering from inflation and tariffs, young couples unable to afford housing, who in the world would think: "What we need right now is a four-hundred-million-dollar block-long, exclusive ballroom for billionaires!"???

Date: 2/16/2026 1:48:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Akin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My protest of the demolition of the East Wing is easy; it's illegal. To quote the National Trust for Historic Preservation:

"This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input."

The White House, of which the East Wing was a part, is a national monument and belongs to the people, not to the administration who passes through every four or eight years. Additionally, the plans for the renovation show a wildly imbalanced architectural layout, as the White House is a classical structure, and the ratio of its wings are important to the aesthetic and structural integrity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Clevenger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Treasure, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. With that in mind, why was trump allowed to destroy the People's House??? His behavior in this matter is criminal and action should be taken to rein in this mad man. No one in their right mind would try to pull a stunt like this!
At the very least, there should be a cease and desist to stop anymore destruction because this Administration is committing an unlawful act. There were no demolition permits, reviews by proper authorities to change anything about our White House.
My hope is that we the people should not have to spend a dime to build back the East Wing the way it was. Also, litigation to properly charge anyone who was involved in this heinous, childish act of destruction of Government Property.
Sincerely,
Jane Clevenger
Milton, DE

Date: 2/16/2026 1:44:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Kirchner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of our country's sacred spaces. In the 35 years that I have called the Washington, D.C. area home, I have witnessed countless school children, families and guests tour the grounds and spaces around the White House in awe and reverence. My husband was honored to work at the White House when we moved to the area decades ago.
My personal experiences do not make me unique in the heartbreak I experienced at the demolition of the East Wing last year. For the People's House to be desecrated in such a cavalier and reckless manner was horrifying. So, too is the gargantuan ballroom that is proposed to be constructed in its place. I am glad to have the opportunity to comment on this construction before an outcome is inevitable.
The scale of the project, in cost, size and design is astonishing in this economic moment when so many Americans are struggling for basic daily needs: health care, housing and affordable food. The size and presentation of the White House have always been modest- a reflection of humility and not of ostentation – and of the values of the country. A new wing should honor this long tradition as well as the moment we are in.
It would be fantastic for the new East Wing to provide mixed uses for the many visitors and taxpayers who come to Washington, D.C. every year – school children, community groups and individuals looking to better understand the history of our country. Design should be welcoming to people of all abilities – and have carefully incorporated accessible design features for persons with disabilities – both physical and sensory.
A ballroom serves so few – and for such a narrow purpose. My hope is that a new wing will be thoughtfully planned with the input of citizens, historians, architects and artists. Design should re-define the purpose and function of the space and consider opportunities for using it for civic engagement and learning – as well as for celebrations. Welcoming to many and modest in its design.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Kathleen A. Kirchner,

Bethesda, MD

Date: 2/16/2026 1:44:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Nardine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vainglorious abomination, which has already desecrated the People's House, and which serves only to satisfy the current occupant's bottomless need for self aggrandizement, must be prevented from going forward. The tasteful and relatively modest character of the White House has always represented the principle that the presidency is not a monarchy and the White House is not a palace. The only construction project that should be approved is to reconstruct the East Wing as it previously existed prior to its reckless demolition.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:44:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC Committee Members:

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House is too large.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Sincerely,
Christine Smith

Date: 2/16/2026 1:43:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Dix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing of the White House rebuilt to be consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. At the

same time, the East Wing should be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusiveness, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:43:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, what I see happening is NOT a modernization of the East Wing. That has been totally destroyed. Now, lets think of what that building has and still means to the people of this country. It is totally unacceptable to have it destroyed by one man's warped vision. We do not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom that is taller than the rest of the white house. It is just his plan. Next to be destroyed will be the rest of the building so he can build another Maralogo in Washington.
History is very important, and our country's history is being slowly destroyed, bit by bit.
what needs to happen is to have the original East Wing be rebuilt. period. End of discussion.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:41:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Mcghie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing and do not build the horrible ballroom which is not reflective of the history of the building.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:41:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Irland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire ballroom project should be scraped! It is a travesty what the president has done to the PEOPLES' HOUSE both interiorly and externally. It is not his personal property to do with as he pleases! The entire EAST WING facade should be reconstructed to replicate the original architectural style and period! The WH is a national treasure and emblem of FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY to the AMERICAN PEOPLE.
HOWEVER, interior upgrades and redesign should be permitted to permit better efficiency and adaptations

to modern life and state-of-the-art technology of today and towards the future.
Thanks you for allowing the public to voice their concerns and frustrations over this obscene and arrogant overreach by the office of the President; he is not our KING!

Date: 2/16/2026 1:40:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project" -- it sounds so innocuous, doesn't it? Sadly, the reality is that phrase is a misnomer for the wanton destruction of a large part of the White House. It absolutely beggers belief that no one stepped in to stop our so-called leader from knocking down a third of the structure in his ridiculous quest to put his mark on as many places as possible in every possible way his feeble mind can dream up.

History will remember him, I'm sure, though I doubt very much it will be in the way he hopes.

But back to the White House. Clearly, what's done is done, and the building can't be returned to how it was. And yet, the ridiculous situation djt has created may prove to be an opportunity to create something new, not in line with his ideas -- which are so grandiose they'd look out of place in Versaille -- but a design aligned with the rest of the building, one that provides a graceful nod to the previous structure, while using modern building methods to create somethiing for the ages. A little less of the gilded fortress djt envisions and a lot more of the elegance and simplicity that existed before.

Whatever happens, I beg you, please, PLEASE, do whatever is within your power to take the reins of this project that has been forced upon our country and don't let djt's plans come to fruition.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:40:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Howes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. The building is simply a monument to a fascist, dottering man. The project was not planned in any way like it should have been. Part of the White House which had historic and cultural significance is now gone because of the republican administration. This is a shame on our government and our country.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:39:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Currier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original footprint and architectural character.

Use the current demolition phase as an opportunity to modernize critical infrastructure — including electrical, plumbing, and life-safety systems — and improve ADA accessibility where feasible before restoration is completed.

Any updates that are necessary but historically sensitive should follow established preservation review processes to ensure consistency with prior modifications and respect for the building's significance.

If additional large-scale event space, such as a ballroom, is required, it should be constructed at a separate location within the city. The White House is a historic public asset — the people's house — and alterations should prioritize preservation over expansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:39:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adriana Allegri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild as it was, maintaining style and dimension.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:39:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Hooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remain shocked and appalled by the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the White House, and I am absolutely opposed to the proposed ballroom. Not only is a ballroom completely unnecessary, its funding mechanisms are wasteful of public and or an unmitigated opportunity for grift. This administration has already destroyed the beloved Rose Garden, while adding excessive amounts of Vegas-style gold trim and ostentatious gold tchotchkes all over the place in a manner that is inconsistent with the traditional, understated style of the White House. Stop already.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:38:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia DuVall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is disgraceful. The time for open comment should have been before the bulldozers arrived. We are not a monarchy with a need for a "Cinderella" setting for our kings and queens. My understanding is that there is a process to be followed before instituting any changes in the facilities. This was not followed. This is disgraceful behavior from people who have no sense of history nor do them have common decency or

values.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:38:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara McMachen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I have a few items for consideration regarding the White House East Wing remodel project that I would like to have considered for the record.

1. A moment of public comment and review seems like it should have been considered prior to demolition of the East Wing.

2. Due to the speed of the demolition, was abasteos testing completed and abatement complete?

3. I have not seen the availability of multiple contractor quotes or mention of the RFP period.

Thank you,
Tara McMachen

Date: 2/16/2026 1:32:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Biermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The handling of The East Wing is an abomination and as far as I can tell illegal. The White House is THE PEOPLES HOUSE and should never have been touched without going through proper channels. I implore you to put a hard stop to this undertaking and proceed with approved plans that do everything possible to preserve the history of The East Wing. In its current form it is nothing but a gaudy vanity project.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:32:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Moscato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people's house is the White House. It is Not the personal property of a tycoon who has demonstrated little if no regard to its history, its existence or its place in the hearts of the American people.
I wholeheartedly support efforts to prevent future damage to the White House, its grounds and the area surrounding it.
I hope its restoration is successful and needed so that once this disaster of an administration is gone the White House will return to the people and be a sign once again of freedom for Americans and repair the

damage to our allies.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:30:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caryn Relkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not exceed the original footprint of the East Wing and the design should blend seamlessly with the rest of the White House structure. Allowance should be made in the new structure for the display and/or preservation of items of historical significance formerly displayed in the demolished East Wing. Thought should be given to the purpose and necessary use of space in the structure that is in keeping with the concept of "the people's" house, as opposed to any one individual's vision of how his or her personal space should be configured, used or constructed. Creating a huge, single purpose space that could be constructed in an offsite location, is not, in my opinion, appropriate on the White House grounds. An occupant of "the people's house" has his or her own personal property to do with according to their personal taste and needs. The People's House is a temporary residence for its chief occupant(s) and as such should not be torn down or materially altered without careful planning and consideration by those entrusted with its preservation. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:30:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Hemenway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service, first off I wish to comment on the absurdity of somebody coming in to destroy the East Wing, and choosing an architect and builder before informing the NCPC and the American People and getting our approval. Secondly, please rename this project to reflect reality: from what I can see so far this is not a modernization, it is complete destruction followed by a brand new building. The guy proposing this should be penalized heavily if he did not follow the rules before destruction took place. My main points as the plan goes forward:

Please provide the American public with information on why the white house needs to host 600 person events--that sounds more like a campaign rally than the type of event that a president would be hosting. This addition should be proven to be a benefit to the people and to the values of our nation before anything else can go forward. Second, the architect, builder, and everyone else involved should be chosen after a bidding process and every aspect must be completely transparent. Third, this huge project should be transparent in terms of the environmental impact on the White House area itself as well as bigger environmental considerations. Buildings should take secondary place to habitat and even green, outdoor space in a small area like the White House; at the least those should be major considerations and WE should be informed. We the people should also be able to see the actual design before it is approved: I did not find the details for that.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:30:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Lamm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The federal buildings in Washington, D.C. are of great beauty. The Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the White House, the Smithsonian buildings, the monuments, etc., are all built to be dignified and stately, with appropriate scale and design. The proposed White House ballroom is of gargantuan size and would totally overwhelm the White House itself. The original White House building should be the prominent feature, and should not be diminished by an oversized ballroom. A 90,000 square foot ballroom will not be compatible with a 55,000 square foot White House residence. If an event space of that size is proven to be needed, it should be located at a different site that would be suitable for such a large building If it is to remain attached to the White House as currently planned, it needs to be greatly reduced in size. The White House is an historic landmark and we should be respectful of its importance. I also fear that the interior design of the ballroom will be gaudy and flashy, which would be totally inappropriate and incongruent with the White House. The White House is not meant to be a palace, with gold adornments predominant throughout. Let us not forget it is the People's House, and is not the residence of a monarch. We should not allow a ballroom that would be fitting for a palace to be attached to the People's House. I am already sickened that the East Wing was destroyed without warning, and shockingly without the appropriate permits that are a requirement. This was ignored by our president. He tends to do what he wants and ignores laws, traditions, norms, and regulations. The president did not have the right to do what he did, and the destruction is already complete. Let us at least adhere to required regulations when considering the design of a ballroom. Let's not make a mistake by allowing an oversized, gaudy golden ballroom to be placed next to the People's House. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:29:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Mulvihill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "modernization" of the East Wing is a ballroom to seat 900 guests. Essentially, the proposed "modernization" is out of scale with the White House proper. The symbolism of the relative sizes suggests that entertaining is as important as the remainder of functions performed by the White House -- frankly, entertaining is the least of its functions. The proposal represents just one of the behavioral traits of the current President, who also, with little rationality, intends to build an arch that is not only not needed, its scale minimizes the Lincoln Memorial to one of our, if not the, greatest Presidents. Also, the personal renaming of the Kennedy Center interferes with the original intention of naming the facility to honor a fallen President, a World War Two veteran and who devoted much time in establishing the need for presentation of the arts. The changes being proposed reflect more of the personality of the current President -- an do not reflect the values of the majority of the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Kahring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am dismayed that President Trump went ahead without securing appropriate permission and tore down the East Wing so he could build his ballroom. He seems to forget The White House belongs to the people of the United States. His claim that the ballroom would be funded entirely by donors sends up all kinds of red flags. The list should be made public. Not only did he fire the original architect because he disagreed when told, the ballroom (that Trump proposed) was out of scale with the White House. I find this incredibly disturbing. I don't know what more to say, but everything about this is awful.

Trump needs to be held accountable for the damage he has done to the People's House.

Good luck!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Wolcott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Martha Windisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the house of the U.S. citizens and the East Wing was improperly taken down with the Trump-ordered wrecking ball without the U.S. citizens' approval. I am not for a ballroom to be built that will over-shadow the rest of the White House and include our current leader's gold-plated opulence. I feel that the current administration should be held responsible for putting back the once historic East Wing as it had been. And if any changes should need to be made, they should be pre-approved prior to construction being started. Lastly, the private funding that had been promised for the ballroom construction should be accounted for and not go into enriching the President's personal wealth.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:28:01 PM
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Borchardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is unnecessary and has been pushed forward without public input. The demolition of the historic East Wing was done without approval, so much historical beauty destroyed without thought. The new building plan has also been created without public input or expert planning from the National Parks System, the people of the District of Columbia, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, or even Congress. It is really an oversized convention center which will dwarf our beautiful and historic Capitol. The United States is NOT a WWII Fascist or cold war Communist country trying to show off the power of its dictators, but this is the kind of building they created. It is not a design of, by, and for the people of a Democracy,

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Name: Denise Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unannounced ambush of the White House's East Wing was an assault on the United States of America. The President did not go through proper channels because he knew he'd be denied, so he did what he's done all his life: forced, without asking...AKA rape. Only this time, the rape was against our (our = We The People of the USA) shared national heritage. The unasked-for East Wing demolition felt visceral, an attack from a man who thought his election win meant he could steal whatever he wanted, in this case the White House itself. But no, it is OURS, not HIS. And HELL, NO, no further damage should be allowed.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:26:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Candelaresi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear sir or madam,
The East Wing should be restored to its original proportion, style, and perspective. Realizing that the demolition that was committed illegally has presented an opportunity to bring the building to current codes and ADA compliance is secondary to reestablishing the purpose of the structure. It has been and should be a feature of - and an asset to - good governance. A public meeting space of grandiose proportions should NOT be allowed on the White House property. As you exercise the responsibilities of this commission, I urge you to provide the guidance that enables the 'peoples house' to remain a functional platform for governance and diplomacy - not a gaudy edifice to commemorate an individual more focused on his agenda than the needs of his electorate. Additional efforts to restore the Rose Garden would be TRULY appreciated if possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect specializing in historic preservation, I have a few comments about the East Wing Modernization Project.
1) The proposed addition is too large and dwarfs the significant and historic building it's attached to - the White House.
2) The design is inconsistent with the requirements of the Secretary of Interior Standards - materials, size, design style, location - for an addition to a significant and historic building. I don't think it meets any of the requirements for an addition to a historic building. This proposed addition needs to follow the legal and proper route of a design review and recommendations from the NPS staff with experience in historic preservation architecture and any controlling historic district commission there may be for this particular property - just like every project I work on.
3) Massive personal fines should be applied to the person who gave the order of demolition without going through the proper channels for demolition of a historic structure. There was no Section 106 created, reviewed, or approved. Whenever I've been part of a demolition of a historic building, it's been approximately 6-12 months of back-and-forth, documentation, public hearings, mitigation, archival documentation, and finally approval. Why didn't this project follow the same legally required process? Fines should be required - at least in the amount of what was lost - millions of dollars - personal dollars to rebuild what was there. Not to build some huge addition that isn't appropriate next to the White House. NO PUBLIC DOLLARS should be allowed to be spent on any of this since the public wasn't allowed to have their voice as is the legal requirement in a Section 106 governmental project where Federal dollars are to be spent.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynrae Frens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, for the love of all that is dignified, do not build this ballroom! The White House, a symbol of our national heritage, will be reduced (literally) to a silly, little dollhouse. The public has not been calling for a national ballroom like this. It is just an self-aggrandizing, ego stoking (and stroking), personal project of the current president who can't get enough of slapping his name on things.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Blum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
Though it seems that the demolition happened without much forethought or consideration of public sentiment or concerns, that ship has sailed. The modernization of the East Wing of the White House would have been better conducted as an in situ renovation, but the demolition certainly provides an opportunity to do modernization correctly. I fully support the complete reconstruction of the East Wing that matches the appearance of the original externally with interiors that best fulfill the demands of a modern presidency. An auditorium or other such grand room for purposes of receiving or entertaining visitors and hosting small special events would be useful and beneficial, but it should not exceed the footprint or dimensions of the previous East Wing structure. I absolutely disagree with any plans that cater to the over-sized ego of an authoritarian narcissist. NO GRAND BALLROOM.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meryl Berk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its original form. The President had no authority to destroy it. The East Wing has great historical significance. There is no need for a huge ballroom as White House facilities have handled all previous receptions, dinners and events, in my view, since Trump had no authority to do this, he should bear the cost of reconstruction

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Fanning-Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Based on the illegal actions taken, I strongly feel that any funds raised and on hand for the building of a Ballroom should be used to rebuild the East Wing exactly as it stood before its destruction. If not enough funding exists to do so, those responsible for tearing it down should be prosecuted and fined as well as made to pay the balance of the cost of rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bartke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having worked in the Construction industry for decades, I understand the value and need for appropriate and legal input from both governmental as well as the public. This opintion would include the "modernization" of the White House East Wing. I support the NCPC efforts to solicit input priot to any furthter work on the project.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:21:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Sara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Additions to historical properties should be compatible in scale to existing structures and subordinate to the original structure. The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom dwarfs the historic executive residence and commercializes it in a way that is aesthetically inconsistent, even garish- and more importantly, it invites corruption by way of its financing.
This proposed monstrosity ensures the Epstein Administration, the president in particular, can accept bribes in the form of "donations" from private corporate sponsors. It ensures they can enrich themselves now and in the future. The executive residence is an historic RESIDENTIAL space, NOT a commercial one. It belongs to the citizens of the US, not the Trump family. It is not a good optic for them either when most of us are faced with a cost of living that exceeds income growth. We are losing health care benefits or paying substantially more for less; Coffee prices have nearly doubled; Meat is sky high$$$; Home and auto insurance have both increased in the last year; And we have had a 13% increase in our energy bills. How will COAL fix this? Consumers (voters) look at this as a vanity project, not an investment in our future.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Lockert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Considering the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing brought about the need for this, these are my thoughts. I approve the construction of a ballroom to repair the scar left by the demolition but it should not be so big as to dwarf the size of the Whitehouse. It should be tastefully decorated and minimize the gold accents. Use the design features of the historic buildings to blend the old with the new.
I hope that any other modifications to our beautiful national treasures will be closely monitored from this point on.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:20:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Coal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge you to put any further work on this project on hold until trump and his administration are out of office. It is my Hope that he will be held legally and financially liable for destroying a historically significant structure.
It will take great thought, dedication and knowledge of the historical importance of it East Wing to even begin repairing it. It must also be noted that the East Wing was where the First Ladies did much of their work. I am suspicious that this is one of the reasons trump in his hateful misogynist soul wanted this building destroyed.
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 1:20:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ruth schroeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm devastated by the complete wreckage to build the frivolous and vain ballroom.
The destruction should not have happened and the wing should be restored.
What a waste of tax dollars again.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:17:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Cernohous
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe a ballroom bigger than the actual White House would be an eyesore and diminish the beauty and take away from the historical ideal of the building.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:17:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyne Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need another gold leafed room with the trump name, it's obscene.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:16:46 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capitol Planning Commission,
This is in regards to the East Wing of the White House. Please use your authority to have the East Wing rebuilt as it was prior to it's illegal demolition. Of course modernization of the facility needs to occur but we do not need an oversized golden ballroom.
The Jackie Kennedy rose garden also needs to be restored at this time.
Since proof of the 4 million dollars promised to pay for this ballroom has not and will not materialize, this project needs to be under the supervision of the correct agency which is yourselves.
Thank you for your efforts to restore the White House and termination of the current presidents plans.
Lynn

Date: 2/16/2026 1:16:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Bross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of the project design is completely out of proportion to and dwarfs the historic White House. It destroys the overall symmetry and balance of the White House complex and is completely out of keeping with Federalist architecture design balance.

the ballroom would be by far the largest room in the White House and the grand entrance shown in the current design is completely out of keeping with the balance preserved in the 1800's building. All renovations done to date on the White House have been balanced and in keeping with the original design balance and standards. The designers should be required to scale back the dimension of the project to create the appropriate balance with the rest of the White House.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:15:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Premen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comment is regarding the ‘supposed’ modernization of the East Wing of the People’s House….our White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. It is the ‘temporary’ home of whoever is the President of the United States….but it is ALWAYS the property of the American people. As such, we the people , demand that no one…no President …can unilaterally decide to destroy part of our house, without the approval of commissions and boards specifically put into place to guard OUR home. Donald Trump decided, on his own, that WE need a massive ballroom on the site of OUR home. WE THE PEOPLE..DO NOT AGREE. In addition to the mere fact that Donald Trump UNILATERALLY decided to destroy the historic section of the East Wing of

our White House, he has proposed a monstrous addition that will dwarf the historic residence. It will be out of scope and out of alignment with a house that represents THE PEOPLE . WE do not want the Palace at Versailles . This is not King Louis XIV.!
Therefore, I implore the National Trust for Historic Preservation to do all it can to stop this . Additionally, I implore the NCPC & the Commission of Fine Arts to require under federal law that this massive destruction and new construction be reviewed and forced to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and that it receive congressional approval PRIOR to any further progression of this project.
Donald Trump is not a king. We do not have a dictatorship . Therefore, any change to a historical landmark OWNED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE must be subject to review by our representatives to insure compliance with the laws in place for protection of our historic property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Blanchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am under the impression that the East Wing is gone. Already destroyed without consideration of the consequences to our history. The idea that a ballroom larger than the White House is to be built in its place is an insult to ALL of the citizens of the United States. I have traveled to several European countries and in Canada and no where else is there such disregard for the past. Only by looking to the past can we be sure we are anchored in the principles on which our country was founded.

As for the plans for the new ballroom…what Lowe's catalog was the president looking at? I have seldom seen such a gaudy, cheap, low class room in my entire life. I would be ashamed to admit that this was part of my culture. And I am sure the citizens of the United States are going to be paying top dollar for the embarrassment of crap. Will it even be up to code? The history of the perpetrator and chief shows that code violations are common in his buildings.

In conclusion, I feel that the ballroom violates everything it means to be proud of my country. Desecration of the East Wing and violation of the laws and guidelines governing normal decency seems to be the norm in the current White House. I can't wait to move on to a better America where the rules of law and decency are respected.

Question: Is it possible to use the money from the ballroom to rebuild the East Wing?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: BETSY HOFFMEISTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100%, unequivocally opposed to the construction of a golden ballroom where the East Wing of the White House ought to be. How dare this wanna-be king destroy part of the most historic building in the entire United States without consulting the proper authorities and gaining permission! Why should the rest of us have to get permission to remodel our front porches when he can get away with knocking down the ACTUAL WHITE HOUSE! The White House belongs to THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, not the current resident. I represent 5 voters in my household in West Seattle, Washington, 98106, and 2 voters in 98136, and all of us hate this proposal. No, no, no.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:12:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecelia Obolensky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing expansion (Ballroom) has several areas that cause me concern. Our White House is the most significant building in our history and the addition is not in keeping with the scale and proportions. It too large and it creates an imbalance with the current building. There are several possible ways that this could be resolved is by reducing the height of the ceilings (38' to even 30' would still give the grand impression but reduce the footprint. The lower floor (first) could be lower in elevation so that then the total height of the building is less. Second the windows on the three sides do not repeat the style of the White House which is less graceful and doesn't enhance the building.

This project should be one large renovation project (West Wing, Lafayette Park, visitor center and the Ball room) so that it can all be cohesive and not have future 'surprises." I don't understand how the architect or project lead can suggest that they may want to put a second story on the West Wing connector to keep the symmetry whereas he said the East Wing had to be torn down because it wasn't structurally sound for additional construction. Sounds like they want to tear that down as well (eventually).

How have they started to dig out the foundations before the plan has been approved? That makes a farce of the approval process.

I do appreciate that the trees will block a lot of the view of the addition but still believe it is too big. Sincerely.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:12:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele McLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original design and prior exterior dimensions. The architectural style should be consistent with style of the main White House (minus overused Gold trinkets). Updates should be made to any security, electrical and plumbing needed. The beautiful Jackie Kennedy gardens should also be restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Grove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom addition to the White House should not be allowed. It is larger than the rest of the White

House itself and completely changes the character of an iconic national landmark. It makes no difference that it is not funded by taxes--it is funded by individuals who expect (and will have) special access to the President to advance their personal and business agendas. The working class individuals who voted President Trump into office will not be attending balls there, and the whole idea of a massive ballroom seems like a tribute to the advancement of income inequality.
It would be a huge step toward healing what's wrong with America if the potential donors to this project were to invest their money instead into affordable housing, a tiny step toward sheltering the 700,000 unhoused people in the U.S. today.
Thank you for allowing my comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. Willie White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

he destruction of the East Wing of the White House represents more than a construction decision — it represents a profound disrespect for the American people. The White House is not private property. It belongs to the citizens of the United States. No president, regardless of party, has the moral authority to treat it as a personal possession or reshape it without transparency, legal process, and public accountability.

The East Wing is part of our national heritage. It symbolizes the continuity of American democracy. Any action taken without proper authorization and oversight undermines that principle and erodes public trust.

Congress must act. If taxpayer dollars were used irresponsibly or without proper process, there must be consequences. The American people should not be forced to bear the financial burden of reckless decisions. Those responsible should be held financially accountable.

Public office is a position of stewardship, not ownership. No elected official is above the law, above Congress, or above the people.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:08:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John elsesser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The replacement east wing project must comply with all existing federal building codes, historical codes, and federal public bidding and construction rules and regulations. It must be visually in scale appropriate to the historic White House. Suggest the actual ballroom area be below grade since this type of room usually does not have operable windows…this would allow the upper levels to be the reception and support functions. Beneath the ballroom could be emergency shelter, supplies and the commissary….reimagine it could be a positive functional addition. The existing White House must remain the prominent structure.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:08:43 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition as part of the East Wing Modernization Project.

The White House is not simply a functional government building—it is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and one of the most important historic sites in the United States. Owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service, it has served as the home of our presidents since 1800 and stands as a powerful symbol of our nation's history and democracy. Any permanent alteration to such a significant site demands the utmost care, restraint, and respect for its historic character.

While I understand that expanded event space may be considered necessary, the scale of the proposed ballroom is deeply concerning. At 90,000 square feet, the addition would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. Additions to historic properties should be compatible with, and clearly subordinate to, the original structure. A ballroom of this magnitude risks overwhelming the historic complex rather than complementing it.

Historic preservation principles emphasize that new construction within landmark sites must respect existing scale, massing, and architectural integrity. A structure larger than the Executive Residence does not meet that standard. Once built, such a substantial alteration cannot be undone, and the long-term impact on the historic character of the White House complex could be irreversible.

Before moving forward, I urge the Commission to reconsider the size and scope of this proposal. If additional event space is truly required, it should be designed in a way that is modest, compatible, and deferential to the historic White House—not competitive with it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on this important matter. I respectfully ask the Commission to prioritize preservation and ensure that any changes to this nationally significant site honor its history, scale, and symbolic importance.

Sincerely,
Linda Moran

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that it is too late to prevent the destruction of the East Wing, but I sincerely hope the construction project will now be required to follow established rules and guidelines. I do not believe the majority of Americans want any US president to disrespect the history of The White House (or any historical building)! Revise or renovate to meet current needs, while respecting both the history and the rules established to protect that history, yes. The current president and his team have ignored both and must be held accountable. The "people's house" is already permanently altered by the demolition of the East Wing, and now must be protected from oversized, ego-driven projects that further disrespect both history and current Americans.

Thank you for allowing Americans a voice, and for working to protect historical places.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:08:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nikki Soich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former appearance. The interior furnishings that ended up in a pile of rubble should be recreated and paid for personally by Donald Trump. A "president" destroyed a national treasure. What is the punishment for destroying something that belongs to the citizens?
And please pay attention. He has plans to destroy more things!
Thank you for you attention to this matter!

Date: 2/16/2026 1:07:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Ewald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the proposed ballroom should not be larger than the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Mikula
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PBS. 10/24/25:
"In remarks to reporters last week, Trump said that two unnamed advisors had told him he could start the ballroom construction immediately, forgoing any oversight or zoning. He said the advisors told him, "Sir, this is the White House. You're the president of the United States. You can do anything you want."

It is my understanding that the White House is "The People's House". Sinking funds into a grand ballroom is a travesty at this point in our country. Citizens are struggling financially while "the rich get rich, and the poor get poorer." Maybe, some of the funds the president has grifted from various
places can be used for this self-aggrandizement project.

Thank you for soliciting comments on this issue.

Sincerely,
Ann Mikula

Date: 2/16/2026 1:06:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Neff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not continue with this vanity project.

The size of this “Ballroom” is obscene.
It overshadows the PEOPLES HOUSE, and reinforces the optics of Pay to Play.

Even the notion that the East Wing was demolished without public input, oversight, or public facing permits is an affront to most American’s.

The business of running America is not about parties or Fancy Dress Balls.
Building this edifice to the current president, that is just a tenant not an owner, should not be allowed.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:06:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's abhorrent that he was able to tear it down in the 1st place. I believe it should be rebuilt as structurally sound as possible without the garish decor of our current "leader" and that he should be fined and charged for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:06:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Salstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the illegal construction of the ballroom and underground bunker. Rebuild the East Wing to match the previous specifications.

This is The People’s House. Let it be returned to its original vision.

Rebecca Salstrom

Date: 2/16/2026 1:05:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Roderick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the degradation of the people's White House to continue. It will already cost a significant amount of money to repair and restore the white house when removing the gaudy decor installed by the current tennant. The monstrosity that is being proposed is unnecessary. The size ruins the proportions of the building and there is no need for a "ballroom". Also I would like to see the rose garden restored. The White House is not a resort.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:05:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a lover of historical buildings and a deep appreciation of their significance, I am absolutely appalled at the unchecked destruction of the White House's East Wing.

Basically under the cloak of night, this president dismantled, for his own ego, centuries of established procedure and decorum where building changes are concerned. He seems to feel exempt from established oversight by the proper agencies. We are heartbroken at the loss of the Rose Garden, the bastardization of The Kennedy Center and this desecration of the White House.

Please establish constraints, through the courts, that will limit the reconstruction to accepted guidelines and further continue to hold this administration to established protocol.

I am horrified at the wholesale disrespect by the administration for monuments we as a country hold dear.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:04:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Trinchet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As many, I was completely horrified that the President demolished the East Wing of the Whitehouse without any prior notice. He unilaterally made the decision to destroy the original architecture including all of the interior decorations. The historic preservation commission should have been brought in to be able to preserve these historic finishes. The East Wing should be re built to its original size. There is no need for a giant ballroom. The design of the Whitehouse was symetrical and all proposed designs look out of place ans are an abomination. We should not approve this horrible behavior of our President. If we allow a monstrosity to be built, which building will he tear down next? My guess, The Kennedy Center

Date: 2/16/2026 1:04:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my horror at the desecration of an important national treasure.
The White House has long served as a beacon of democracy for the world - a place of thoughtful leadership. It was never intended to serve as a glamorous party destination with a ballroom garishly looming over the White House. Please stop this utter madness.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:03:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Pulice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want my White House to be further destroyed and hideously decorated anymore than it already has been without our consent. The White House does NOT belong to the president, any president but especially this president, any they can not alter our history or historical landmarks for some tacky, shiny ballroom that is not needed. I would also like to know what happened to all our artifacts that were housed in the building he destroyed.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:02:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tejada
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to express my concern over the lack of proper process in the destruction of the White House's East Wing. All federal projects are subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and this process was not followed as far as I can tell.

The NHPA was enacted to help preserve America's historic legacy, which was being bulldozed by the interstate system. For an Administration that claims to want to celebrate America's history on our 250th anniversary, they are working hard to destroy it. The White House stands as the most important symbol of so-called American exceptionalism, and to see it in ruins is a testament to the way this country's institutions are being treated in the name of "Patriotism."

I urge you to follow the correct project review process under Section 106 before further harm comes to this nation's symbolic House. Further construction should be following the Secretary of Interior Standards for

the Treatment of Historic Properties, which considers the scaling and complementary architecture.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:02:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Hodgdon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned citizen and lover of American history, I want to add my name to the growing number of people who are alarmed and distressed by what the president did to the East Wing and the ballroom that he has planned. His reckless endeavors have gone beyond anything I could have imagined he would do.
I hope that somehow his actions can be reversed, or at least halted. Though the East Wing with all of its history can never be fully restored, perhaps there will be some way to stop further desecration of the White House.
Thank you for your efforts, and an opportunity to add my voice.
Jody Hodgdon

Date: 2/16/2026 1:02:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my opposition to this project. The East Wing of the White House should not have been demolished without due process, and by the same token, the reconstruction should not be done without input by the American people and the NCPC.

"At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Commissioners need to hear directly from the public."

Please help to bring discipline to this process, and not allow it to be governed by the will of one man.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:00:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Gawthrope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the president demolished the East Wing without permission, he needs to put it back the way it was at his own expense. Any money donated needs to be returned. If left the way it is or a ballroom put in, Where are the First Lady offices going to be? Just because his First Lady doesn't want to use a White Office office, doesn't mean future First Ladies and their staff won't want offices.
Please STOP him!

Date: 2/16/2026 1:00:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Guenther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should be returned back to its original form with the unnecessary ballroom and East Wing addition eliminated. The President was elected to govern the country…NOT DECORATE and rebrand all with his name on everything.
This desecration should not be allowed.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:59:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Zeiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To have torn down a wing of the White House with no oversight is abhorrent. But now we deal with the hole left behind. My main concern is that strong continuing oversight of the project is given especially re: the scale of the proposed addition. Never should have happened. Needs to be stopped before the historical value of all the. Monuments are destroyed. Just say NO!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:59:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: [redacted]
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I prefer that this historic building not be remodeled. The change is not necessary, and the huge amount of money should be used for other things badly needed by the citizens. Also, this action probably must be voted on by Congress.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:59:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Bers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that President Trump's ego, need for physical monuments, and disregard for process and protocol prompted him to order demolition of the East Wing and construction of a garish, oversized

ballroom. This is yet another demonstration of his disrespect for our nation's history. I don't know if the construction of the ballroom can be stopped or the East Wing rebuilt, but I urge members of Congress and the courts to [finally] install guardrails that might be able to halt the ongoing wreckage that will be a legacy of this administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:58:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Poole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My understanding is that changes to a national monument need to follow any and all demolition and/or construction requirements. From what I've seen, those approvals have been illegally ignored. It is hurtful, demoralizing and disgusting to see that this is being allowed to happen to our beautiful, historic White House. Please stop now before any more permanent damage happens. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:56:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Land
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.

At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.

If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Test Test
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgia Gampe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the overbearing monstrosity of an East Wing Ballroom be built. It will dwarf the Beautiful Architecture of the White House. The rebuilt East Wing should be no larger than the previous building. The exterior should also match the previous East Wing exterior. This is the people's house and it represents our Nation, it should remain the same, strong, steady unassuming structure. It is not a castle for a king, but a center for all Americans!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:51:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Ferguspm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Delay replacement of the East Wing as long as you can. The current administration proposal is too big and too expensive.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:51:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to write my comments with regard to the East Wing Modernization Project.
No, No, No.
It is ridiculously huge and disproportinate to the White House and grounds; it diminishes the 'importance' of the main White House part of the structure, which holds great value to the history of this country.
In the end, I don't trust that it will not cost the taxpayers money; nor do I appreciate big companies donating towards it to gain favor for big government projects, shutting out smaller, capable firms.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:50:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Pittleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of the new East Wing Ballroom on the White House Executive Grounds.

The White House and its surrounding landscape form one of the most historically significant architectural and cultural settings in the United States. Any substantial alteration to this setting must be undertaken with the highest degree of care, deliberation, and respect for preservation principles. In this case, I am concerned that the proposed project does not meet those standards.

First, the scale of the proposed structure is deeply troubling. A ballroom of approximately 90,000 square feet would substantially exceed the scale of the White House itself, which is approximately 55,000 square feet. Such a disparity risks creating a severe visual imbalance, shifting the architectural focal point away from the Executive Mansion and toward the new construction. The White House has historically been the symbolic and visual centerpiece of the Executive Grounds; a structure of this magnitude would inevitably diminish that role.

Second, the design concept appears inconsistent with the historic character and visual integrity of the White House campus. The grounds have long been defined by carefully balanced proportions, open sightlines, and a landscape plan intended to reinforce the prominence of the Executive Mansion. Introducing a structure of this size and prominence would alter those relationships in a way that cannot be easily reversed.

I am also concerned by reports that the existing East Wing was demolished in a manner that appeared hasty and undertaken without sufficient transparency or demonstrated compliance with established historic preservation procedures. Decisions affecting nationally significant historic resources should proceed through clearly documented review processes, allowing for public understanding and meaningful oversight.

While I recognize the need for functional event space and modern facilities, such needs must be balanced against the obligation to preserve the historic, architectural, and symbolic integrity of the White House. Alternatives that are smaller in scale, less visually dominant, or located in less sensitive areas should be seriously considered before proceeding with construction of this magnitude.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to withhold approval of the proposed East Wing Ballroom in its current form and to require a redesign that is more consistent with historic preservation principles, appropriate scale, and the long-standing visual character of the White House and its grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Pittleman
Rockville, MD

Date: 2/16/2026 12:50:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamatha Sherbahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly urge the Commission to require the restoration of the East Wing to its original architectural design.
The original structure was a vital component of the site's historical integrity. Replacing it with a modern interpretation or leaving it in its current state diminishes the cultural and aesthetic value of this landmark. Restoring the wing to its authentic, pre-demolition design ensures that the architectural legacy of the National Capital is preserved for future generations.
I request that the NCPC prioritize historical accuracy and architectural continuity in its final recommendation.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:49:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Scheffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong support for the restoration of the East Wing of the White House and my equally strong reservations regarding the proposal to construct a new ballroom on the grounds.

The East Wing is a historically significant part of the Executive Residence, serving not only as a functional space but also as a symbol of continuity, tradition, and national heritage. Restoring it—rather than replacing or overshadowing it—honors the architectural integrity of the White House and ensures that future generations can appreciate its original character. Preservation of this kind is not merely an aesthetic choice; it is a commitment to safeguarding the cultural and historical identity of one of the most important buildings in the United States.

In contrast, the proposed ballroom raises several concerns. While I understand the desire to modernize and expand event capabilities, constructing a new ballroom risks altering the historic landscape of the White House in ways that may be difficult to reverse. The addition of a large, contemporary structure could disrupt the balance and symbolism of the existing architecture, potentially diminishing the very qualities that make the White House a national treasure. There are also practical considerations—such as cost, security implications, and long-term maintenance—that warrant careful scrutiny before moving forward with such a project.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to prioritize the restoration of the East Wing and to reconsider the ballroom proposal. Preserving the historic fabric of the White House should remain a central guiding principle in any future planning.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued stewardship of our nation's most iconic residence.

Sincerely,
Dawn Scheffer

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonya Kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. It should he restored as it was before being torn down.
The White House is the people's house. No private outside donor funds should be used. Also restore the rose garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:48:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Betts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Reference: East Wing Modernization Project

This is a bad idea.

The White House is one of our most important national monuments and is a unique part of our heritage. It belongs to the American people, not to the current president nor to any other person or group.

Adding a very large ballroom to the White House would deface it forever, destroying its architectural cohesiveness. Such an addition would dishonor those who have made sacrifices to preserve it for over 200 years. An important part of our heritage would be lost.

Please do what you can to stop this project.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:48:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Langevin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to respectfully urge you to preserve the historic character, scale, and architectural integrity of the East Wing of the White House.

The White House is not simply a government building; it is a symbol of continuity, restraint, and constitutional balance. Its Georgian and neoclassical design reflects proportion, symmetry, and dignity rather than grandeur for its own sake. Any changes to the East Wing should carefully honor that tradition.

Expanding the East Wing beyond its historically appropriate scale risks altering the visual harmony that has defined the White House for generations. The beauty of the building lies in its measured proportions,

understated elegance, and architectural coherence. Growth for functionality is understandable, but it should never come at the expense of historical authenticity.

Preserving the East Wing in a manner consistent with Georgian design principles — balanced façades, appropriate massing, and restrained ornamentation. The addition of the proposed gold filigree should be kept to a bare minimum if any at all. It does not add to the aesthetics, it cheapens it. This ensures that the White House remains a symbol of democratic modesty rather than excess.

Future generations deserve to inherit a White House that reflects its architectural heritage and the values it represents. I respectfully ask that any proposed changes prioritize preservation, historical scholarship, and architectural integrity.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our country.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:48:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louminda Torbett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all I would like to comment that calling this a "modernization project" is a gross misnomer.
The demolition of a portion of the White House that belongs to the People of the United States is a National loss.
The project was designed and constructed (on-going) without the required oversight by required regulatory and oversight agencies. These include the Congressional Aughorization (Property Clause), the National Capital Planning Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Hazardous Materials Protocols, Historic Preservation Laws and the Administrative Procedure Act.
At the current 90,000 square foot project size and a projected cost of $400 million the cost per square foot is a staggering $4,444. A web-based search yielded a cost estimate to design and build a 5 star hotel in New York City at between $677 and $871/square foot. This leads me to question exactly what is being built? Is it truly a grand ballroom decked out in gold leaf like the current Oval Office or is there something else going on?
The depictions of the new building show a building that is totally out of scale with the White House and the West Wing. It is ugly and out of keeping with the aesthetics. I deplore and mourn the loss of the East Wing. I would like to see the project halted and a new East Wing rebuilt to match the one that was lost.
Thank you for this opportunity to submit my comments.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:47:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret and Henry Driller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We would like to see the East Wing put back the way it was with more modernization done to it. As we go into the 250th anniversary of our country the sooner it starts the better as many people will be coming to Washington DC to see all the sites. Do you have the planning paperwork done at this time? We would love to see the concepts of how this will be completed. And we don't need a ballroom but a larger meeting room would be great for all the meetings to be held there US Presidential Inaugurations could be held indoors

where it is warmer and we could create an outdoor electronics on the walls of building so that people could see what is occurring just like they do in Philadelphia on the buildings at 4th of July or Christmas. We do need to have this restored as soon as possible as the WHITE HOUSE has stood for freedom, liberty and for the people of our great county. I was on the planning commission here in Glenmoore Chester County PA and if you put the best people on the design then it will be the great result at the end.
Thanks for letting us put our ideas into this large expensive project.

Sincerely
Marge and Henry Driller
Activists in the Great State of Pennsylvania and from the City of Brotherly/Sisterly Love

Date: 2/16/2026 12:47:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenn Hedling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge decision\u8209 -makers to reject the proposal to build a new White House ballroom. This project does not reflect the priorities or needs of the American people. At a time when families across the country are facing real challenges—housing insecurity, rising costs, strained public services, and aging infrastructure—directing public resources toward an extravagant event space is neither responsible nor justifiable.

The White House is the people's house. It is not a private social venue for any president's friends, donors, or family members. A ballroom offers no meaningful public benefit and risks becoming a space used primarily for exclusive gatherings rather than serving the broader public. Taxpayer dollars should be invested in strengthening communities, improving essential services, and addressing the issues that affect everyday Americans.

Rejecting this project is an opportunity to demonstrate fiscal responsibility, rebuild public trust, and reaffirm that government spending must serve the common good—not private events or political prestige.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:47:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Habd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It never should have been demolished without input from the American people!

The loss of our history is a travesty!

Upgrades could have been accomplished without destroying it

The new space should reflect the same square footage and architectural style as the original.

Rebuild it, but with required code upgrades.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:46:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing was so egregious, almost done surreptitiously in the middle of the night. The White House is not trump's personal space; it belongs to all US citizens and is a part of our country's history. Its destruction was morally wrong and undoubtedly illegal. The "plans" for construction of what seems to be his personal ballroom will undoubtedly be gaudy and full of trumpian gold. It will be completely inappropriate as the residence of our country's presidents, if he is not stopped.

While the wrong-headed and cruel destruction of the East Wing cannot be undone, we ask that the rebuilding be done at a scale and a style appropriate to the White House. Take the design out of the hands of trump and put it into the control of qualified architects who put the history of our country's House first and foremost. The National Capital Planning Commission must have complete oversight of the project.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:46:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Kyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How can yall let Drumpf do this? Have some dignity. Stop him from ruining everything in DC.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:46:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Salinas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing should be completed underground for Safety of Presidents and staff.
The East Wing needs to be redesigned for offices and reception area no ballroom is wanted or needed.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:45:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Lemmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was plenty of other, unbuilt space on the White House grounds for another of Trump's ego projects. D.C. has plenty of ballrooms. It doesn't need one more. It certainly doesn't need to be a bloated,

asymmetrical attachment to the White House, which does not belong to Trump. This asymmetry will have none of the charisma of Han Solo and Chewbacca's ship, the Millenium Falcon, which manages to make a slight amoung of asymmetry look good.

The White House as it stood was symmetrical, and there's a natural beauty to that. Going back to prehistoric times, the human males who passed along their genes were the ones who pursued women who were far more likely to be able to carry a child to full term and survival. These women were and are almost completely distinguished by bilateral facial symmetry.

So at least guys have a natural preference for symmetry. Trump just wants to be in everyone's face about how big a man he is. He didn't wait for proper procedural approval before he started tearing down what others bullt, generations ago.

Trump is a horrible, stupid bully, elected by horrible, stupid bullies, and he needs to be opposed in every way. He's even trying to bring back "battleships," over 80 years after aircraft carriers made big targets like those obsolete. Two Arleigh Burke destroyers (weighing almost 4 times as much as World War 2 destroyers) can carry as many missiles as one of Trump's ego ships which he wants to saddle with his name. That's avoiding putting all our eggs in one basket.

The only East Wing modernization that has any good reason to be carried out is a rebuilding of what Trumpster Fire tore down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The massive structure proposed in this project must be scaled back to better fit within its historic setting. It looks like a hotel wing, not a location for official meetings and events. The needs outlined could be satisfied with a more compact building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: linda olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

unnecessary and out of touch with the need of the people

Date: 2/16/2026 12:43:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the replacement of the east wing of the White House with a large ballroom. The history and dignity of the east wing is completely at odds with the glitzy, oversized proposed ballroom. The offices that served the First Lady and others who serve, the historical significance of that wing are despoiled by the foolish and foppish ballroom that will overwhelm the entire White House. The proposed funding via quid pro quo is despicable and well beneath what Americans can and should expect from the president. No ballroom is needed. Period.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:41:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Duguay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is horrifying that this administration took a wrecking ball to part of the White House and the history of that location, especially as it regards the contributions of First Ladies and women's history. People must have known and how did people go along with removing items and ensuring they were well preserved without alerting others or getting an injunction to stop the work crews? The average American was not sitting at home wanting a ballroom, we want healthcare and safety from our government. We want peace and yes the preservation of the arts and culture of this country. This destruction is a symbol of how far the administration is willing to go in plain sight and ignore protocols and laws.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gaila Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not simply an event venue — it is one of the most recognized historic buildings in the United States and a symbol of our nation's continuity, restraint, and constitutional governance. Major structural expansions of this scale risk undermining the architectural integrity, historical character, and symbolic meaning of the property.

First, the scale of the proposed addition appears disproportionate to the existing structure and grounds. A ballroom of this size would fundamentally change the spatial balance and visual footprint of the White House complex. Historic landmarks should be preserved with minimal alteration, and any changes should be modest, reversible, and clearly justified by necessity rather than convenience.

Second, I am concerned that this project does not appear — at least from what has been publicly shared — to be following the normal preservation review standards, regulatory processes, and oversight typically required for major changes to historic federal properties. Projects of this magnitude should clearly demonstrate compliance with historic preservation law, environmental review requirements, and transparent public process. The current administration has not, in my view, provided sufficient clarity or reassurance that these standards are being fully respected. Regardless of political affiliation, adherence to established rules and review procedures is essential.

Third, the financial cost — including construction, security adaptation, and long-term maintenance — deserves careful scrutiny. At a time when many national priorities compete for limited resources, a large ceremonial expansion sends the wrong message about stewardship and fiscal discipline.

Fourth, there are already numerous suitable federal and public venues in Washington, D.C. designed to host large-scale events. Using existing facilities preserves the historic character of the White House while still meeting event needs without permanent alteration.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to reject or significantly scale back the proposed ballroom addition and instead pursue alternatives that protect the historic structure, legal process, and symbolism of the White House for future generations.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:41:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shaun Mosher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's attempts to treat OUR White House, the PEOPLE'S White House as if it's one of his personal properties is completely unacceptable! The White House is a national treasure, a symbol of the people's power in electing our leaders. It's a historical monument. You MUST stop this insane orange clown from further desecrating OUR property to meet his own selfish desires!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:41:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Bahora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is about the Ballroom. First, I am very saddened that the East wing has been demolished. It has long and significant historical meaning, especially in serving as the offices of the First Ladies. I do not believe a single person, President, should be able to solely make a decision to destroy such a large portion of "the People's House". It is one thing to destroy a rose garden (which I also thought was wrong) but to completely destroy a large part of the White House needs to be more than one person's decision. Now about the ballroom. Yes, this may be needed but it should in no way be larger than the White House itself. It needs to compliment and be much smaller than the White House itself. Again, The White House is "the People's House" and this building needs to be front and Center and the main and largest area that people see and look at when they visit Washington DC, not a big, large box on the side of the building. Moderation is beauty,
Thank you for taking my comments

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Brandeisky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sick to my stomach over the proposed "Ballroom". This abomination should never be built. The East

wing should never have been torn down, it is the People's house and the People were not given any say in what was destroyed. I understand changes and upgrades are always necessary, but this project was not vetted by any of the historical committees that should control what happens to the White House. NO NO NO to the new ballroom. restore the East wing to what it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Ambani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to the original state including the rose garden. A corporate purchased ballroom has no business at the White House which should not have any corporate alliances. A ballroom that exceeds the size of the white house is completely unnecessary. Restore the white house to the historic features it once had with the necessary modernization upgrades needed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley DeWys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of the 90,000 square foot ballroom where the East Wing used to be. First, even if donations are used to fund this project, a ballroom of this size is not needed and will require significant funds to maintain. Also, having donations fund this project provides significant opportunities to expect something in return by the donors. Second, the East Wing was a historical structure. It should be rebuilt as closely as possible to the prior version to restore the historic place for our children. Third, the huge ballroom will over shadow the White House and ruin the beautiful symmetry of the historic structure. Please do not allow this project to move forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sills
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an advocate for historic preservation in my community and in the state of Tennessee (having served on various Boards in this field), I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, and I am opposed to building an enormous ballroom. The ballroom should be on a much smaller scale in keeping with the size of the historic main building and National Landmark.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:39:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marion Gosney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not the current inhabitant's to change, especially not in the way he intends.

He has bad taste, costs taxpayers too much and changes the historic footprint.

He doesn't have friends enough to need a room of that magnitude.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:39:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Arany
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re - White House ballroom or any other Donald Trump driven construction on the White House or in Washington, D.C.

Nothing should be allowed to go forward. This president is sick and damaged. He is leaving a legacy of destruction - physical, environmental, emotional and politically. His proposals, no matter what the venue or where the location, must be stopped.

Please do not approve. Wait until a sane president is elected in the spirit of true democracy. Then consider how to address what comes next for the White House. Please.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:39:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gaila Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not simply an event venue — it is one of the most recognized historic buildings in the United States and a symbol of our nation's continuity, restraint, and constitutional governance. Major structural expansions of this scale risk undermining the architectural integrity, historical character, and symbolic meaning of the property.

First, the scale of the proposed addition appears disproportionate to the existing structure and grounds. A ballroom of this size would fundamentally change the spatial balance and visual footprint of the White House complex. Historic landmarks should be preserved with minimal alteration, and any changes should be modest, reversible, and clearly justified by necessity rather than convenience.

Second, I am concerned that this project does not appear — at least from what has been publicly shared —

to be following the normal preservation review standards, regulatory processes, and oversight typically required for major changes to historic federal properties. Projects of this magnitude should clearly demonstrate compliance with historic preservation law, environmental review requirements, and transparent public process. The current administration has not, in my view, provided sufficient clarity or reassurance that these standards are being fully respected. Regardless of political affiliation, adherence to established rules and review procedures is essential.

Third, the financial cost — including construction, security adaptation, and long-term maintenance — deserves careful scrutiny. At a time when many national priorities compete for limited resources, a large ceremonial expansion sends the wrong message about stewardship and fiscal discipline.

Fourth, there are already numerous suitable federal and public venues in Washington, D.C. designed to host large-scale events. Using existing facilities preserves the historic character of the White House while still meeting event needs without permanent alteration.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge decision-makers to reject or significantly scale back the proposed ballroom addition and instead pursue alternatives that protect the historic structure, legal process, and symbolism of the White House for future generations.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:38:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Schaefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our hearts are broken over the destruction of the East Wing of the White House (and the rose garden). No one has the right to do what he did to it. The White House belongs to us. It is our history. It should be rebuilt and replaced exactly the way it was before he tore it down. We the people do not need a golden ballroom. (We also do not need a monument built by the current president to honor himself; and no one should be allowed to touch the Kennedy Center, which is a memorial dedicated to our murdered president, beloved by many). Someone please stop this president from destroying any other pieces and parts of our history.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:39:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary vallejo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.
no special interest money.
approve plans publically before work is started.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:38:00 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anara Guard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead with penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:37:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Winstel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a clandestine act of domestic terrorism perpetrated by President Donald Trump. The extent to which NCPC can make effective comments should be fully and robustly realized to make a statement about our historic buildings and the importance of preservation to national identity and culture. The east wing should be rebuilt to its previous design. The reasoning for tearing it down in order to make a large, massively tacky ballroom is ridiculous. There is no real need for Presidential balls, and no need for a massive ballroom on the White House grounds.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:37:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannine Hogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing the public to provide their input on this matter. I believe that the East Wing of the White House should continue to represent a wing of the main building and should not dwarf or have a bigger footprint than the main White House. I would also like it to reflect the architecture and historical feel of the current White House including its furnishings. It should continue to reflect that this is the peoples' house and its usage be beneficial to the people of this country through its day to day activities. I also would like to see costs kept to a minimum even if that means that the scope of the final project spans years.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:32:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Neff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House East Wing was destroyed without permission or approval. The building should be restored to it's former condition honoring all historical aspects of the architecture. The disrespect shown by the President in bulldozing part of the People's House is wildly disrespectful and selfish.

Please restore it as closely as possible and do not allow a golden ballroom for the President's personal use to be constructed.

Thank kyou.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:30:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Schulze
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House Ballroom

The White House is “the people’s house”. I have toured it a few times, and its beauty and history are impressive. Rooms are often named after long-deceased Presidents. That is why it is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park.

The idea that a ballroom will be built without approvals based on architectural and historic research is a desecration of our history. I understand that there was no research of the soil taken from that area of the building to permit research on the building’s original construction and the use that was made of the land prior to the White House being built. Who approved that? Is it too late to do that sifting of the soil that was removed?

The idea of a living President having a ballroom built to his questionable standards and to be named after him, is ludicrous. Our country has too much history to be proud of.

Approval should be denied until the proper research is completed and appropriate approvals granted by the National Park Service.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:29:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Hannis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the east wing to be rebuilt to its original form with proper updates to retain as much as history as possible.
Since this is our house we should have had say in any remodeling of any sort, other than what is necessary for safety. History is a huge part of it and want it kept with respect to it, it is not owned by one man.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:28:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Roby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing this commission to object to the planned expansion of the White House East Wing, an historic wing of The People's House that has been willfully destroyed. After cleanup has been completed, I ask that the wing be rebuilt to original size, shape, and decor.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:25:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Palant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/16/2026 12:25:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Blom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Kay Blom

Date: 2/16/2026 12:24:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Name Withheld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's just call this for what it truly is: an attempt to enshrine trump's massive ego on a global scale. Judging by what he's done to the Oval Office, his gargantuan plan for a 55,000 sq/ft ballroom will be the ultimate monument to gaudy excess forever attached to his name and shown around the world by newscasts whenever news emanates from Washington D.C. By first wrecking the East Wing to force the issue, his crass and plastic notions of style and elegance would inexorably stain the White House in a more permanent way and in an aggrandizing manner unfit for the capital of the United States.

Approve of nothing but the full restoration of the prior East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:24:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be returned to its original configuration. It should look exactly the same as it did previously. The fact that a President was able to so easily have it demolished is nothing short of astounding.
Donald Trump is only living there temporarily.

This is THE PEOPLES HOUSE!
IT DOES NOT BELONG TO DONALD TRUMP!!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:23:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Temme
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed structure is an abomination. Its scale and classical features are beyond excessive. The administration should be sued for having demolished the earlier structure without securing approval from the appropriate authorities including an acceptable plan for the replacement building.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:23:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sandberg-Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly believe that the East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was to keep our White House in balance and maintain the historic significance of the structure. It should never have been torn down in the first place - I was sickened when I saw it. We should not allow the construction of a gaudy gilded ballroom to satisfy one man's vanity. It is embarassing.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:23:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to the extent possible, preserving its history. Make it ADA compliant. Update electrical wiring as well as plumbing. The White House is OUR house. If Dump wants a ballroom, he can build his own somewhere else with HIS money, not OURS. We the People DO NOT NEED a ballroom.

Also restore the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:21:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberts Gunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the east wing modification plan proposed by Donald Trump. Surely, a project of this magnitude should have imput by architects who specialize in the restoration of historic buildings. It seems to me a metaphor for this administration's intent to shove MAGA change down the throats of we the people. The design seems ill proportioned, grandiose and it reflects the ego of the current inhabitant of The People's House. I suggest a competion similar to The Viet Nam Memorial- w/ a panel of judges who specialize in the renovation of historic places.
The space may include necessary office spaces- and perhaps a modest ballroom that can be utilized for assembly events. Thank you for seeking imput from the public

Date: 2/16/2026 12:20:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration is destroying the architectural and aesthetic integrity of the White House and the Pennsylvania Ave streetscape with its insanely inappropriate plans for a “ballroom”. Not only do I not want the Peoples House so grossly defaced, I do not want my tax dollars wasted on this outrageous vanity project.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:17:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Summer Mccreless
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing the same as it was before it was illegally demolished!

Respect historical sites and sizes when rebuilding.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:17:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the current or any president to destroy "the people's house." Please respect the history and importance of the original structure by cancelling the president's irrational plan. We -- all of us -- are the owners of the East Wing, and we did not consent to any such transformation.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:17:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Glenn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's devastating to witness Trump's destruction of such a significant part of our history, our White House. The carnage being inflicted on one of the most beloved buildings in the nation—conducted without planning, preservation, or respect for what it represents—is unacceptable. Treating public assets as private property while leaders acquiesce is a grotesque destruction of our shared heritage. This must be stopped.

Kind Regards,
Margaret Glenn

Date: 2/16/2026 12:16:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Rodgerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of our historic White House / East Wing. This should not have been able to happen; the history that was lost! I am appalled and angry that Trump is turning OUR house into a casino royal for him and his pedophile, lawbreaking cronies.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:14:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Hazen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 12:14:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Ulland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This addition has been poorly planned thus far. The building should never have been demolished before plans were in place and approved. The plans for this are simply too large. It would dwarf the rest of the White House residence, making it look small and insignificant. We cannot trust this administration to have the preservation of history in mind when it tackles projects, as evidenced by the remodeling of a bathroom. It went from historic to modern monstrosity. We don’t want gold everywhere. This isn’t the modern day, American equivalent of Versailles. We don’t need the White House to look like a king’s palace. It is a representation of our democracy. Instead it’s being driven by an egotistical narcissistic feeble old man.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:13:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda M Woolsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Still grieving over the demolition of the White House East Wing without proper process or oversight, I am writing to urge the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Capitol Planning Commission to do all in their power to prevent the construction of a massive vanity project/oligarch bunker and to scrutinize not only use of public funds but contributions by Epstein class individuals and groups seeking to curry favor and buy power. Any addition to the White House, including modernizations should be in keeping with the original period design and the scale of what is left of the existing building. The White House is not a dictator's palace but the people's house, a symbol of our fragile democracy.

I remember first visiting the White House as a child during the Kennedy administration, thrilled to see historic rooms and the tasteful redecorations influenced by First Lady Jackie Kennedy. Our Senator had

given my family special passes, so we toured with a small group, not rushed or crowded. There was so much to be proud of then. It was a dignified and welcoming building, where beauty and power walked hand in hand. I want today's children to have the same feeling--not awe at some kingly grandeur of empire, but pride in the beauty of a prosperous republic. Please do all you can to preserve the dignity, history, and purpose of the people's White House.

If possible, I would urge you to consider how to incorporate the memory of the East Wing's history, the first Ladies who had offices there, and our nation's historic dedication to freedom for all. I am worried that the current white nationalist branding is being imposed on the White House making its name an unfortunate double entendre. Please do all you can to reflect ALL of the people in choice of designers and those who carry out the design. Thank you for attending to these comments!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:13:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new ballroom is too large. It should NOT outsize the White House. A 25,000-30,000 square foot ballroom ought to be sufficient! The heating/cooling bill alone! The visuals! Forever destroying the harmony of the people’s house property.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:12:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sean Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It would have been nice for you to follow the law and get all this approved before you tore down the old structure. It's important that procedures and laws are followed when making major construction projects. Hopefully you will use good judgement in providiing a new ballroom that will serve well for decades if not centuries to come. Think beyond the current usage into what might be tasteful and appreciated long into the future.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:12:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcie Bakker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE restore the East Wing, and not in gilded gold. And please don’t let it be named “Trump’s East Wing.”
Thank you from Wisconsin.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:11:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Poniatowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was no call from the Public for a ballroom. Therefore, the initial talking points were built on a lie. From what I could see, the East Wing began to be demolished in a fit of pique, resulting from a large demonstration against the current resident of the White House, No Kings Day.
We expect our presidents to have the best interests of our people in mind when they make changes in the White House. The additions this resident has made have in no way opened more spaces for the people, invited collaboration, or been necessary. They have instead turned gracious spaces into gaudy trophies of ownership. I was under the impression that the White House, along with the House of Representatives, is considered the People's House, especially the East Wing.
The people did not ask for this. And the people will not be invited into it. It is a vanity project, for a man who does not believe in our Constitution. Please refuse any permits for this project, and restore the East Wing to its former beauty.
Thank you for the chance to comment.
Pamela

Date: 2/16/2026 12:11:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Beale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is way too big. It should not be equal in size to the White House. It is an affront to the nation. It takes away from the majesty of our heritage building. The project needs to be scaled down significantly and in keeping with the architectural style of the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:11:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris Fortune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom should be added to the White House. The East Wing and surrounding grounds should be restored as they were before demolition. Donald J. Trump should pay for the restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:11:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellyn Coate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build it back to basically what it was before, with updates for technology and other modernization as needed, without tacky gold embellishments, and definitely with an office for future First Ladies or Gentlemen, who will actually do something worthwhile. Send the bill to the current occupants of the residence, who never should have torn it down without proper consultation in the first place. And while you're at it, unpave the Rose Garden and restore it to its former appearance and proper use. And please never allow this travesty to happen again.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:10:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: wendi hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned US Citizen I am deeply concerned about the spending of this administration on building a "ball room" in place of the historic east wing. I feel this is not necessary and should not be built. It may be too late to preserve the east wing of the white house but there are so many other historical sites and parks in the USA which money would be better spent on.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:10:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Nodine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Must not extend the most recent footprint.
Any additions done should reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House.
The White House should be restored to its original look along with the once beautiful Rose Garden.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:10:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Steimle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi.
The White House is supposed to be "the People's house". I do not consent to have the East Wing turned into a gaudy gold ballroom. We are not in the Great Gatsby era.
The structure should not be built bigger than the main building. My own HOA has that same rule. It's common sense for any architecture committee.
Also, isn't that Wing supposed to be where the 1st Lady stays? Even though this current President doesn't have a loving spouse who wants to live with him, future ones will. And there will be future presidents. That being said, when you are in a house temporarily, you should make things neutral since not everyone has the same taste. Please do not decorate with all gold like he's been doing. It's awful.

Lastly, if there's money leftover (because you rightly chose to scale down the renovations to an appropriate level), you can use it FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I know, crazy concept! The President doing something "for" the people instead of "to" the people.
Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 12:09:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Domke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling the demolishing of the East Wing "Modernization" is absurd. This unnecessary vanity project by the current occupant of the White House, the PEOPLES house, is truly an affront to the American people. The gauche and gaudy ballroom plans are offensive to the dignity of the White House. Since the first president with an iota of taste will demolish such a monstrosity any way, it is a ridiculous waste of even more taxpayer funds on it (or bribes by private sector businessmen helping to line the pockets of the Crook-in-Chief). The East Wing should be restored as well as the lovely rose garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:08:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Lukoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A massive, modern addition runs the solemn aesthetic of the original building. The amount of historic architecture and salvageable materials already lost thanks to the slapdash wreck job is a tragedy. I am vehemently opposed to turning this living landmark into a gaudy Vegas knockoff which attempts to cheaply imitate the royal past of Europe. That is not American. That is not class. Adapt the interior if you must, but put it back together how it was on the outside. And for Gods sake reinstate the rose garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:07:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Segal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it appalling that the East wing of the White House — The PEOPLE'S HOUSE — was destroyed without any chance of public comment. To build a BALLROOM!? How is this beneficial to the People of the United States? No one asked for this. And this coming at the same time as the DOGE chainsawing so-called "Waste, Fraud and Abuse" throughout the federal government.

This project reeks of Waste, Fraud and Abuse and should be stopped until hearings can be held regarding how part of the White House was destroyed without going through the proper procedures.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:07:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M. Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The final design needs to fit with the design, scale, and overall appearance of the White House. In my opinion, the following are reasonable constraints to achieve the goals.
1. The New East Wing should follow the general footprint of the now demolished East Wing, not to exceed original exterior area by more than 10%.
2. The East Wing building should not exceed the height of the original building.
3. The East Wing entrance facade should retain the general character of the original to maintain harmony with the overall esthetics of buildings on the grounds.
4. Any office, utility, or other non-public functional spaces displaced by the new interior design should remain on the property by placing them underground. No additional detached or semidetached buildings should be allowed on the property.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:07:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Gallrdi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely against the construction of this ballroom. The president should have never been able to demolish the east wing. It is an abomination.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:06:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Haley Mahoney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I would like to echo the expert opinion of the National Trust:

"While the National Trust acknowledges the utility of a larger meeting space at the White House, we are deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features."

The proposed expansion is in no way, shape, or form, in line with historic preservation standards, and to move forward with anything similar to the proposed plans would be one of the most unfortunate and inappropriate things to happen to a historical building of this significance. It would set a precedent that demonstrates a lack of respect for America's history and the field of historic preservation as a whole.

Please do not approve these plans as proposed, and require that any addition maintain the historical character of the White House as we have come to know it today...or at least before such a big chunk was recently demo'd.

Sincerely,
Haley Mahoney

Date: 2/16/2026 12:06:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not know if the East Wing of the White House needed modernization or not. I have never been there. However, the manner in which this project was undertaken was completely wrong. There should have been a proposal that was presented to the public and discussed. After all the White House belongs to the American People. We should have been informed of the specific need for the project, presented with design elements to consider, and approved by the appropriate agencies. None of this happened. Instead it was just bulldozed down..

Now, as to the ballroom that is intended to be built, I have just one comment. It is ridiculous.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:06:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brigitte Fessenden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners,

Demolition of the previously existing East Wing part of the White House, a historically significant structure, without local, state, or federal oversight and project review is to be condemned and must be punished - it is especially sad and disturbing that our current Federal government disregards the basic principles of historic preservation, and rejecting professional advice and guidance regarding stewardship of one of the most famous historic buildings in the US.
This said, I understand that a new structure is to be proposed on the same (enlarged) footprint, attached to the White House.
I have reviewed the proposed plans for a new East Wing "addition" and offer the following comments:

* Size and massing are completely out of scale - overwhelming the historic White House
* Architectural design (exterior) - pseudo neo-classical style is inappropriate
* "Ballroom" - strangely oriented towards street and not towards garden

My recommendations are to scale down the addition, moving the offices and service areas underground, eliminate the ridiculous exterior stairs, and re-orient the ballroom to face the garden, allowing guests to step out.
The facade design should be simple and contemporary, and not to compete with the White House style.

The current resident of the White House needs to be reminded that this is the American people's house and not his.

Thank you for taking my comments!

Brigitte V. Fessenden
[redacted]

Date: 2/16/2026 12:05:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing back to what it was before the desecration and destruction. Otherwise throw the whole administration in the pit and cover it up with dirt and plant a new rose garden or turn it into an arboretum.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:05:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This deconstruction of the wing is so sad. Build it back smaller, less expensive, less of everything. Should be energy efficient, practical and open to the public.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nectar Kaiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Megan Pruiett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is a travesty in all directions. You have destroyed a historic structure without preserving its history or involving historians or the many stakeholders in the People's House.

Now that your destruction is complete, you want to bury the remaining White House in the shadow of an overblown, over-sized, and completely unnecessary vanity project that undermines the dignity of a White House that was intentionally designed to be modest, in keeping with democratic norms, and nothing like the gilded, wanna-be Sun King aspirations of the current president.

End construction of this disastrous "modernization" project. Restore the gardens and rebuild an East Wing that is harmoniously in keeping with the original designs and visions of the People's House.

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Name: Karri Kaiser
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Name: Beatrice Calascibetta
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Restore the East Wing of the White House to the original size and style with updated code requirements. Return the beautiful gardens to how they were before they were summarily destroyed. Remove the Ugly brick patio. No ballroom. This is The People's House, not a castle for a would be dictator. Make him pay upfront for the destruction of Our House. Also, update the code requirements as needed to other buildings of the White House and remove the gaudy gold embellishments.

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Name: Joseph Falcone
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Name: Debbie Christie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keep the ballroom in scale with the rest of the White House. 90,000 is too big.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:03:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of our White House was illegally demolished and needs to be rebuilt in the same design and details as the original, including materials and both interior and exterior finishes. Rebuilding the East Wing this way will help alleviate the damage already done and will be a testament to its historical significance.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:02:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Dilles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current modernization plan is for an addition which would be MUCH TOO LARGE. The size of the reconstruction should complement, not overshadow, the rest of the White House. Please scale down the plans. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:01:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gillian LaRoux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fervently oppose the plan for trump's ballroom. This is inappropriate use and destruction of the White House and property it sits on.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:01:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Oliver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My family was horrified to see the destruction of the East Wing. It felt like our own home had been vandalized.
The replacement structure should replicate the original building while staying within the 55,000 ft foot print. The White House is a National treasure that my family cherishes. We do not want to see a massive ballroom distorting the symmetry of the White House!

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Name: Cameron Christie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Having already obliterated the Rose Garden, there appears to be no going back. While public input on that particular historical preservation issue was seemingly never even considered, we can at least make sure that this new expansion is constructed in line with historic preservation best practices. Notably, for the outside, it should be in fitting with the scale and general aesthetic of the rest of the White House: the same patterns, materials, facade rhythm, etc. I don't know if this input applies to the inside of the building as well, but I would hope that the decor and aesthetic is more conservative rather than ostentatious and gaudy. Not everything should be gold-plated - that just looks bad. Gold should be used to accent rather than being the focus. Thank you for your attention on this matter!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:00:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carol roye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned that the People's House is becoming a palace. Certainly it should be grand, but an event space should not overwhelm the historic building. An addition of this size should be publicly and openly planned and completed. It should not occur suddenly without warning and with no prior input. I encourage you to slow the project down so that every aspect can be carefully planned and considered.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:00:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edith Bullock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of the East Wing of our White House is deeply disturbing. It's a massive assault on our most venerable institution. To watch it being destroyed was indeed gutting. How dare Congress allow this outrageous event to proceed. We are all poorer for your inaction and immensely troubled about the destruction of our revered places, our freedoms and our laws. Please please do your job and stop this horrific destruction in our beloved country. There is no justification for inaction.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, no gold in the interior, it’s not a palace. It’s the people’s house, not a king’s house. And it should not dwarf the White House. The White House should be front and center—always.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary D'Orazi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let the unauthorized devastation of the East Wing degrade into the building of a distasteful and unnecessarily grandiose, oversized ballroom. The White House is a National Historic Monument and National Park that belongs to the American people, not any one President holding office. Please preserve its heritage and founding principles. Please do not rush into making costly and unwarranted decisions without asking American citizens and qualified architects for their input.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:59:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Anderson-Klanchar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. The total destruction of the East Wing of The White House was a shocking reality after we were told by President Trump it would not be destroyed. The space had functioned as the office of the presiding First Lady for decades. The history of those halls, the amazing women and their work on behalf of the American people, has been physically erased. The beauty of the classic architectural details of the space were elegant and stately. A perfect representation of our country in this most treasured of buildings. The proper oversight should have been given to the project to protect the integrity of The White House which is The People's House.

In the first Trump administration, we witnessed the changes of the Rose Garden. Were the proper overseeing bodies involved in these changes? To remove the trees installed by Jackie Kennedy was heartbreaking to many. Thankfully, they were planted elsewhere on the grounds, but the loss of a beloved First Lady's fingerprint on the White House is a sad commentary on the Trump administrations decisions.

This current term of the Trump administration has seen the Rose Garden turned into a patio of tables with umbrellas. It looks like a country club poolside area. Very unattractive for such a stately building. Changes and updates are necessary to any historic structure. The oversight of departments and organizations with historic knowledge and structural background are an integral part of any changes.

Please stop any further work or construction on the East Wing Project until review and recommendations can be made by reputable experts of a historical nature. These should be separate entities from the current administration. A bigger ballroom is not always a better ballroom. The history of The People's House and the continuity of architectural integrity needs to be protected.

To some, size over substance matters. This appears to be the sentiment of the current administration. I believe substance matters. Gold details everywhere is not who we are as a people. The White House is not a palace. It is the People's House.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Anderson-Klanchar

Date: 2/16/2026 11:57:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Bagioni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Reduce the size of the proposed East Wing ballroom.

Plan a more modest structure that compliments the remaining portions of the White House. The administration’s proposed building is too large. This area should be multifunctional:
Include areas/hallways for changing exhibits of artwork.
Include a Visitors Center to educate visitors about the history of the building.
The larger space should be able to be sectioned into smaller spaces to allow meetings to be held comfortably and concurrently.
All areas to be ADA compliant.
All areas to be as secure as possible.
Decor in this space to be modest and tasteful reflecting the history of the building. No cheap, dime store, spray can “gold” glue on decorations as currently on display in the Oval Office.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:57:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Brillon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should not overtake the current structure in size and should be constructed in the same style to keep historical integrity. I truly believe the East Wing should have never been demolished without input from the American people. We lost so much history with it's destruction. Upgrades could have been accomplished without tearing it down and an event space could have been planned without it's destruction. The new space should not exceed the original square footage and should keep the integrity of the original architecture.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:55:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annamaria Glisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since 1902, the White House has been modified to suit the needs, tastes and evolving demands of the presidency. There have been significant structural changes such as creating a West Wing, gutting and rebuilding the interior, adding a swimming pool, redesigning the Rose Gardens, tennis and basketball courts etc. With President Trump wanting to construct a large privately funded ballroom which would replace the East Wing is fundamental in hosting events for future administrators and I am in full support of this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Romano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House ballroom needs serious rethinking. At most it should be halted entirely. At least it should be modified radically to shrink the footprint and reduce the height.
I have always been happy to show friends visiting from Europe the White House because its modest size and relative simplicity epitomize the republican (small R) ideals on which the country was founded. It contrasts strikingly with the princely palaces of Europe. Now to propose a regal ballroom goes against those ideals in order to assuage the fragile ego of one would-be prince.
A great power that wears its power modestly and demonstrates that modesty architecturally is one to be admired, not feared; one with whom to ally. The regal ballroom goes against American traditions and ideals. It should be halted before more damage is done.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:54:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please return to original state before the demolition began. Restore the East wing and do not allow a ballroom to be built. The American people need Universal healthcare, food assistance, lower homeless population, higher wages, more available jobs, clean air and drinking water, lower utility bills, lower grocery bills, more affordable housing, mental health services, lower property taxes, social safety nets etc. We need a government that works for the 99% of Americans and not the top 1%. Americans dont need a ballroom and have never asked for one. We are asking for the bare minimum from our government because we pay our taxes and get nothing or very little in return.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:54:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Barbret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project seems to be getting out of hand. The need for such an ostentatious facility seems to be unnecessary.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:53:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Knowles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished without permission.

The Trump administration lied about their intentions, and they should not be the ones to rebuild it.

We don't need a huge ballroom, it is out of scale for the complex, and it will likely be built with Russian listening devices.

This project should remain a large hole in the ground until this fascist is out of office. Then a reasonable plan should be developed to restore the East wind so it is compatible with the historic White House.

Funds raised for the project should be confiscated, and Trump should have to pay out of his own pocket for this restoration, and for removing all the gilded crap he's applied all over the structure.

Plans should also be made to restore the Rose Garden.

Every trace of his time in the White House needs to be removed.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:53:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Morton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely, the East Wing project should be reviewed by the proper authorities before any further construction is allowed. The former East Wing was demolished without permission. Donald Trump's vision for his new ballroom is just another example of his self-aggrandizement - behavior he has demonstrated repeatedly. Stop him!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:53:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Raimondi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an iconic building with a specific look. Any changes to that building are inappropriate and I don't care who is paying for it! The East Wing needs to be restored to its original parameters and this ballroom idea needs to be ceased.

The White House and/or Federal Historical sites should never be destroyed from its design just to suit the whims of the current resident. Small changes - swimming pools, basketball courts, gardens (except the Rose Garden) - changes that do not alter the structure of the building. I'm not happy with that patio and flag poles either!

This ballroom is unwanted, unnecessary and we will only have to tear it down. It is ugly, hideous and an eyesore - not to mention an unnecessary addition for something that might only be utilized 4 or 5 times a year!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:50:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Dougan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reckless nature with which the People's House (the White House) has been transformed in the last 13-and-change months (as of the day I write this on Feb. 16, 2026) has paid no attention to legal requirements or to any care to match the existing style and scale of the existing building. The damage done must be reversed as soon as possible to the previously existing size, scale, and footprint.

No ballroom is necessary here - there are rooms which have previously been used for state functions in the existing building that have proved to be adequate for at least the previous 225 years. This entire project appears to be a cover for corporate and individually megawealthy donors to provide contributions to President Trump in implied exchange for future favors or consideration.

The contractors who engaged in the demolition before any sort of plan was in place and reviewed should be forced to reconstruct the East Wing in its previous condition, at their own expense, and then subsequently barred from further federal contracts.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:50:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Shively
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House is one of the most important historic buildings in the United States. It is not simply an event venue—it is a National Historic Landmark that embodies over two centuries of American history, leadership, and identity. Any permanent alteration must honor and protect that legacy.

At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. An addition of this magnitude would fundamentally alter the scale, balance, and architectural hierarchy of the property. Additions to historic landmarks must be subordinate to the original structure, not larger than it. This proposal risks overwhelming the very building it is meant to support.

As a professional designer, I understand the importance of accommodating modern functional needs. However, good design solves problems without compromising what makes a place significant. This proposal fails that basic test. Once built, the damage to the historic integrity of the White House cannot be undone.

The White House has endured for more than 200 years because each generation has exercised restraint and stewardship. That same responsibility applies now. I urge you to reject any addition that compromises the scale, dignity, and architectural integrity of this irreplaceable national treasure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Rutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

for one of the most iconic buildings related to our history and national heritage, the project must go through the standard review process for such projects. This includes and must-be professional objective and inndependent evaluation of the proposed ballrom structure including its direct and indirect effects on the adjacent White House and grounds.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:47:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grant Root
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the proposed new ballroom is disproportionately large and likely to unbalance the look of the White House as a whole. I'm also concerned that the style and decoration will not match the existing structure or be compatible with its image.

I would prefer to see the East Wing rebuilt with similar dimensions and architectural style to what it had before. Updated infrastructure and accessibility could be achieved while maintaining a historically compatible style.

If a new ballroom is truly needed, it could be built somewhere else nearby, preferably in a dignified architectural and decorative style.

Future updates to the White House should be planned and approved before anything is destroyed. They should be done with sensitivity to the history of the building, and no one person should dictate a preferred decorative style.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:47:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed changes should not be allowed to go through. The White House belongs to the people of the US and changes were made without the acceptance of the people. These changes are a mockery. They are vulgar. They do not fit the design of the White House. The East Wing should be restored to what it was previously.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:45:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: EARL MARSH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to protest this abomination on The People's House. No one except the current TEMPORARY occupant of this residence wants this. It's both unnecessary and antithetical to the spirit of this historic structure. If the proposed carbuncle (not a typo) is permitted to be built, it will be seen as an enormous middle finger to everyone within its visual field, representing only the vulgar and tasteless whim of a wannabe dictator and lout currently residing there.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:45:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Mcclure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this ballroom be built. It is a tragedy that the existing east wing was destroyed.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:45:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Grover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuild should be the exact same footprint as the original structure. In the exact same style with no new embellishments and no gold accents except to replace any that were in the original building. The old structure should not have been demolished without consent of the people.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:44:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Goderre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

do Not need this huge ugly addition added to our beautiful people's house. Let Mr Trump add this building addition to his Florida home,,,,

Date: 2/16/2026 11:44:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build the new east wing bigger than the White House. Demolition should have never been allowed before plans to rebuild were approved. This is our house and our country not the President's personal private property.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:44:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hocking-Dulgar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style to the prior dimensions that existed before demolition, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, make in fit within those confines or plan another to be offsite.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:43:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building should never have been demolished in the first place. It's the people's house. But now that he has lawlessly done so, something must be done to restore the dignity and honor of the White House. That is not a ballroom, nor is a building that dwarfs the original White House footprint or structure.

There should be no part of the East Wing larger than the original footprint, including the ballroom. All design and style should be matched to the existing structure. I'd further argue that, as the portion of the white house that opens to the public and has, since Eleanor Roosevelt, served as a home to first women, the building in some way honors the history of women in the US and, more importantly, the US government.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:42:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many other U.S. citizens, I was shocked and appalled that a president would tear down an entire wing of our White House without any prior notice. Please do not allow the building of the monstrosity he is trying to thrust upon us. Restore the East Wing to what it was, along with any necessary modernizations. Do not let him build his massive ballroom, please.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:41:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Tash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Washington, DC is my birthplace and I spent all of my years prior to adulthood as a Washingtonian. As such, I am appalled by the wanton destruction of the East Wing and the history it held. But that's the past. I hope my words can contribute to the future. Building an enormous (ornate) ballroom that is larger than the White House and the West Wing combined is an abomination. Whatever is built to include the offices of the First Lady and her staff and to accommodate all the functions of the former East Wing while making a ballroom to satisfy the current president's desire should be considerably smaller than current plans describe. Moderation and understatement should rule. Make us proud of our White House, not embarrassed by ostentation.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:40:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be restored to the same size and architectural design as the one torn down. It did have a function before it was destroyed and there is absolutely no need for a giant, garish ballroom in the people's house. In addition, the size proposed does not make sense for the lines of this historical building. There are other venues to use for larger events. This should have never been torn down without permission.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:40:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In no way, shape or form should the proposed "new" East Wing be larger and / or more prominent that the White House! Who decided we needed a ballroom anyway? Did the American people? No - one man did! Outrageous and outrageously anti-democratic.

1. Do we need or want a ballroom? and who and how does this decision get made?
2. Whatever replaces the torn down East Wing - it should NEVER be larger, higher, wider, flashier etc than the White House itself. It must be made to fit the site proportionately, as well as stylistically!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:40:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Olivia Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current proposed modifications to the White House should have to go through the same compliance review and approvals as modifications to any other historic structure. And we need to make sure the American public is still employing enough of the experts that conduct these reviews to ensure projects can continue.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:40:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Lehane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building)

and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:40:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vote NO on this project.

The East Wing should be returned to its original state.

The White House is the people's house, not the President's house.

The proposed ballroom serves no purpose for the American people and is a waste of money.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Rupsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings!
My first request is to stop construction until it is established that the current administration has followed all laws and norms that would enable them to destroy the people’s property. I am the owner of the property known as the Whitehouse, as are you and all Americans. No one asked our permission.

The President’s actions to destroy the East Wing are even more egregious and illegal than if your neighbor destroyed your home without permission.

Secondly, the American people have not been informed of the whereabouts and conditions of the precious historical objects, including art, sculpture, historic furniture, rugs, wall hangings, and documents, etc, that were removed from the East Wing. These objects are priceless and arethe property of the American people. If they have been damaged, Donald J Trump should be held responsible for costs, as well as any legal consequences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.
Michael Rupsch

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Schell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The felonious president tore down the East Wing of the White House in a fit of pique. He did not have the authority or permission to do so. Don't reward him now with his tacky, oversized ballroom; it will only serve as his monument long after he's left office, hopefully in disgrace within the year. Please restore the East Wing to its previous state, with minimal changes (except perhaps improvements to its energy efficiency). Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jane Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people, not the President who is in residence. The destruction of the East Hall without approval should have been a crime. We don't need a ballroom the size that's being proposed. We need to have symmetry with the design. In addition, it should not be financed by bribes of those in companies looking for special treatment.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire process has been heartbreaking to watch. I was honored to be able to visit the White House and see history firsthand. That is not something to be taken for granted. The willful destruction to appease ego is horrifying and it tells the world what kind of country the United States is right now in a nutshell. This project was started with lies and continues with lies and we the people are left holding the bill both emotionally and financially which is par for the course with this administration. As a citizen, we are each a small owner of the history that is being destroyed and as one of those owners, I request that all attempts be made to restore the portion of the White House that has been destroyed. It will never be exactly the same but skilled tradesmen can ensure that future generations have the closest facsimile that we can get to what was destroyed. We need to stop whitewashing our history and we certainly do not need any gold-plated tributes to a fascist regim! e.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:26 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While there may be a need for a more modern and larger event space at the White House, the East Wing should never have been torn down without full permission and an approved plan for whatnot replace it. At least there is now a process for comment and review of plans - the new structure should be complimentary to the existing structure and not dwarf it in size. It should also be of complimentary design.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Zellmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a tragedy that the East Wing of the people's White House was destroyed by Trump. Who does he think h is??? True Americans who are not participating in the destruction of our country DO NOT want a ballroom for a pedophile and felony president. Restore the East Wing to its historical manner.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:39:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jevitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it ASAP. He should NEVER have been allowed to bulldoze it without going through the proper channels. Nothing should be built bigger than the actual White House. We don't need a gigantic, gilded ballroom. And when you build it back, make sure he and his entire cabinet are buried under the concrete.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Galloway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please ensure that the east wing ballroom is designed and constructed to blend in seamlessly with the rest of the executive mansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:41 AM
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Name: Kathleen Tyrrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is happening now is not modernization but destruction in order to rebuild to suit only the current tenant. The White House isn't personal property. This is the peoples' house and as such any changes should be to benefit the people, not the TEMPORARY tenant. A gigantic ballroom that will host only the richest and most powerful does not in any way benefit the majority of Americans. Please do not allow this awful plan to go forward.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Shelby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Bring the East Wing back to code but don't let it overshadow the White House building. It should be comparable in size to the West Wing. A ballroom of the size suggested is not needed.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:38:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Urick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen in her mid 70s, I was appalled when the east wing was torn down without the concent of the American public. I realize that most homes do need to be remodeled over time. But this is not a remodel. It is the total destruction of the home of our Presidents. A symbol of our democracy and the country we live in. Though I am not a politician, I believe that an appropriate size dining area to entertain 100 people is just fine. The new standard of this administration to make everything opulent and over sized and guilded in gold does not represent the hard working people in this country. We have no funds for the everyday needs of our citizens so I see no reason for a ballroom for the President to entertain his billionaire friends and donors. It is a pointless waste of money, be it our tax dollars or donations. This oversized ballroom is your neighbor putting up a mega mansion in a neighborhood of mid size homes. An attempt to show everyone around them that they have more money and care nothing about the neighborhood itself. Just the ability to try and outshine and shout “LOOK AT WHAT I CAN DO). Please let us continue on the path that makes sense. A home that a President occupies for 8 years. Where he and his family life in comfort. It is not meant to be a vacation home for the rich and famous. A place that shouts “LOOK WHAT I DID” while the country around you, that you are suppose to be fighting for are suffering with no insurance, no immigration policies that make sense, cutting aid and education benefits for those who could benefit the most. That is where most people would like the focus of our country to be. Not on a dining space that we will never sit at.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:37:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current plan is an abomination to the history of the building and to the American people. An appropriately sized east wing should be erected that meet current building requirements and ADA standards and the name of the current president should not appear anywhere on it. Its design should be in keeping with the quiet elegance of the rest of the White House and not be gold leafed at every opportunity.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: shawn burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

USA needs affordable housing. We do not need an overpriced gold painted ballroom

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Wray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no right to tear down the East Wing. The Historical Society would never have allowed it. What a disgace. He should be made to build back the proper East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: dale Diaz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition at the WH Never should have happened! Our cultural history of that place has been destroyed. NO BALLROOM! And prevent POTUS from making anymore structural changes to buildings/ monuments around DC and any national treasures. POTUS just wants to put gold and his name on everything instead tending to the needs of our citizens.
While you are at it, get his name off the Kennedy Center and no Arches!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bea Witzleben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was torn down without the consent and input of the American people. I am also horrified by the reason for destroying that part of the building: to build a gilded palatial ballroom. The White House is supposed to be the people's house, not a vanity project or ostentatious display of wealth and privilege. The awe that the White House inspires, and should inspire, is not based on shows of wealth. It is based on the fundamental beauty of the notion of a government of the people, by the people and for the people. As such, my comment on the ballroom is: no. Absolutely not. The historic space that is the east wing should be used for the betterment of the people, not the partying of the rich and privileged. Now that the historic building that was the East Wing is gone, perhaps instead some space for modest offices and a set of rooms the public could use to learn American history during White House tours. And a vegetable garden. With solar panels so the White House is energy self sufficient. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Werbiansky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. It is a beautiful and historic building. No single person, including the president, should be able to make changes. Sadly, the East Wing no longer exists. A golden ballroom smacks of authoritarianism. Please get input from experts, historians, and citizens to determine what should be built in ots place. Could an updated replica of the former building be constructed? Also, please remove the gaudy gold from the people's house a soon as possible. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:36:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Maddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the old building has been torn down, please do not construct a building that is out of proportion to the existing White House. And for gods sakes don't build a huge ballroom that will only provide the elites a place to hobnob and show off ridiculously expensive gowns. That kind of elitism stinks to high heaven and only invites the corruption that characterizes the current administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:35:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Starke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Completely unnecessary vanity project. The East Wing can be modernized without demolition. The new ballroom will completely change the look and symmetry of the White House. It's nothing less than a monument to a fragile ego.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:35:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lana Lundin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House belongs to ALL Americans, not the Trump Family. While upgrades etc need to happen once in a while, what the Trump Family wants is NOT what is actually NEEDED. Money spent could be spent on many upgrades or transferred to states who are still struggling after natural disasters.

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Name: Valerie Glowinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

WHITE HOUSE - East Wing

STOP.

Do NOT allow any additional destruction or building on the East Wing of the White House.

The President's plans for the Ballroom are abysmal. It's an embarrassment.

There are formal procedures that need to be followed. IF, and only IF that happens and approved, which I sincerely doubt, then the project could proceed.

Otherwise, STOP building that God awful addition.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:34:51 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine O'Malley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed designs for the East Wing Modernization Project reveal a building that is oversized and too vast for the site and does not respect the size, scale and composition of the original White House building. The current project as designed should be rejected.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:34:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Mayberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is farcical to term the destruction of the historic East Wing, under cover of darkness, a ‘‘modernization’’. This is the symbolic home of the American people, not the personal possession of anyone currently occupying it. Seeing its destruction, the historic moldings in ruins and carted away like so much trash was traumatic, shocking, outrageous. Where were the architects who should have advised and guided? Where was the voice of the people who have a say in our national collective treasures? Why is our White House, including historic gardens, being treated like personal property of one man? Where are the plans for the ‘‘modernized’’ East Wing? This is my most strenuous opposition to the devastation of a national treasure.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:33:51 AM
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Name: Erica Engelhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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And while it’s done now, the history of the East Wing should have been preserved. You can deconstruct a building and still have many parts of it available for re-use or preservation (including inside the new structure - take a look at the preservation work that was just done with Save The Tiles after the Altadena fires). There are many museums and I’m sure many schools that would have loved a brick from the East Wing.

The disregard for history is a tragedy. What comes next must respect the history that still exists.

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Name: Jean Holcomb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am highly opposed to any expansion of the White House. The build
Ing is beautifully balanced and would be made less attractive by this modification. This would be a waste of money which could be better spent restoring the rose garden.

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Date: 2/16/2026 11:31:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Cassity
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled that the current administration has already destroyed a national historic monument to make way for a totally unneeded and far-too-large "ballroom" addition. We, the people, own the White House and should not allow anyone to destroy the people's house to assuage the fragile ego of its current occupant.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:30:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to this project. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt in the same size, scale, and architectural style as the wing that was torn down. There has been no need for an enormous ballroom in the past 200+ years and that need does not exist today.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:29:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Pontious
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The restoration of the East Wing should be congruent with the size/scale/scope of the rest of the White House. It shouldn't dwarf it. Nor should it be gaudy & gilded, as if it were Vegas convention center. It is the property of the American people and is a temporary home & office, not the palace of a king or dictator. Additionally, please restore the Rose Garden to it's former glory as well. Pavement does not equal beauty. Re: the addition of a ballroom. If determined by the Historic Trust that a ballroom is needed, it should fit the addition that is in the proper scale to the rest of the White House. Or utilize a separate public-owned space that can accommodate the size needed for the number of attendees typically invited to State dinners. Thank you for your time

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darby Zwiefelhofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an affront to our history. People are starving and losing their homes and we, as taxpayers, did NOT approve of our tax dollars being wasted on someone's ego for optics. Use the money for food, rent, education, healthcare, but NOT on this frivolous waste of money.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The NCPC should recommend denial of any design submittals by the Trump Administration due to his illegal and unethical demolition of the historic East Wing. Approval of any design will send a message that Presidents can break the law and then ask for forgiveness by submitting a consolation prize/design. Any new construction project should be under the purview of the next President's Administration assuming s/he is ethical and follows the law regarding changes to the White House. This entire process by Trump has been outrageous and should not be rewarded with approval of any new construction.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:28:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Huber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No President should have the power to make major changes to the "Peoples House" without a vote from the people; and certainly not to the extent that we have been witnessing. I don't care about women's high heels - bring back the grass and Jackie's Rose Garden. I don't want the White House to be a gilded palace. And I certainly don't want this absurd ballroom.. If it is built it should be torn down immediately after we democratically elect a real president. This so-called President can have his "balls" and parties at his house and not ours.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Bouchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that it is about time that the United States of America has a space large enough to host foreign dignitaries properly. Yes it is large, but the concept of America and the freedom it stands for is large, also.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:21 AM
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Name: Susan Wansbrough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, not a single man with an unnecessary vanity project. No other president is claiming there is a need for a huge ballroom.

The east wing should be rebuilt to house whatever is the actual greatest space need—offices, security needs—whatever is an actual need for carrying out the people’s business.

And it should be rebuilt with an architectural style, interior design, and size consistent with the style of the White House and West wing.

Legislation is necessary to prevent a single person from demolishing federal buildings, and erecting monuments to himself.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:27:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Broquetansell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the arbitrary, lawless destruction of the White House East Wing and believe the proposed "ballroom" project should be reviewed by the Trust for the National Mall and all other pertinent boards.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:26:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cherie Hatlem
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, thank you for following regulations and procedures on this matter. Second, no one person is above the process for protecting the country's historical landmarks. And that is the fundamental element of concern for me. Historical buildings cannot and should not be tampered with or destroyed at the whim of one person, regardless of their position or desires. Third, a person in a leadership role, a role model, should accept and honor that responsibility. Our current leadership lacks this as demonstrated repeatedly. Saying a building won't be touched and then it is torn down completely the following week would cause most people to be fired immediately. And we should not simply accept it and suffer the loss of history because one person wished it to be that way.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla McConnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 14, 2026

National Capital Planning Commission –

These comments are submitted for the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. (I am not certain if "East Wing Modernization Project" is correct.)

This work has been undertaken, including the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, without following a public process, until this opportunity was initiated by the National Trust for Historic

Preservation.

In addition to protesting the initial demolition I am very concerned about the proposal shown during the January 22, 2026 hearing.

The Secretary of Interior's Standards for additions to historic structures require that the addition be Subordinate, visually secondary, to the original structure. Adopted design guidelines for Landmarks and Historic Districts for communities throughout the United States include this requirement when addressing height, form and mass.

The proposed 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom addition overwhelms the White House and the cornice line is at the same level, a clear and substantial violation of basic design principles for additions to historic structures.

The proposed design is not in compliance with the most basic standard for additions to historic structures, and the White House, the People's House, demands adherence to these standards. The proposal as shown on January 22 must be denied.

Thank you.
Carla McConnell

Date: 2/16/2026 11:25:18 AM
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Name: Susan Shafer
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Name: jane lieberthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I write to object to approval of the White House East Wing Ballroom project. This project proceeded wthout going through specified approval steps, demolishing the existing East Wing without advance notice and under cover of secrecy behind opaque screening.
The White House is the People's House, not a monument to the current president. While federal law and legislation allocates a budget for repair and maintenance, there is nothing left of this wing to repair or maintain. The project is totally out of bounds as well as out of scale, dwarfing the rest of the White House. And funding by billionaires also tears at the fabric of the polity--this should remain the People's House in its funding .

With the changes in the personnel on the Commissions involved in approval to the president's own politicized picks, the good of the country is likely to be subordinated to the whims of the current White House occupant. It would be good to see some integrity, spine, and public interest on the part of the Commission in standing up against this outrageous project.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:23:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Isabelle Kleinman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the new ballroom is ludicrous! It's ugly and much too big for the property! If the place were filled with political dignitaries, none of them would feel that their voices were being heard or respected.

I think the plans for the ballroom should be tabled until a more modest and well thought out plan is made. Although I haven't seen the interior floor plans yet, I do have a few questions such as… Will it be environmentally friendly? Will it stand or sink into the marsh ground? Will it and the people inside be defensible? Where will the kitchens be? Where will all the guests' vehicles be parked? How will Washington, D.C.'s infrastructure handle so many people converging on the White House? Throughout its lifetime, how much will it cost taxpayers in upkeep (staff, heating, cooling, guarding, etc.) both when it's in use and while it's vacant? Who will pay for all the guests' food? How much will it cost to renovate President Trump's tacky, gaudy, glitzy, pseudo-glamorous decor after he leaves office?

Basically, I think it's ill-advised to build the ballroom as it's planned now. It's too big and grandiose. It doesn't fit the property or the aesthetics of our Nation. It will get very little use, mostly stand vacant and be of no (and/or minuscule) use to 99.99% of the people of this country who are paying for it. (And make no mistake, we, the taxpayers, are actually paying for building and maintaining it because the donors contributing zillions of dollars to the building of this mostly useless monstrosity are charging higher prices to cover their donations!)

Date: 2/16/2026 11:23:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mona Nicholas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gargantuan White House ballroom project is an illegal vanity project which destroys the charming aspect of the White House itself, which is a historical monument and cannot be changed on a unilateral

whim. The private donors are now in a position to use their donations to bribe the president to attain their legislative aims. The project should be scrapped and the construction which has been completed to date should be torn down. If any president wishes to make alterations to "the People's House", those alterations should only be made upon receipt of approval from the proper channels.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:22:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Batzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have had the privilege of touring the White House several times. Each time I felt like I was in sacred space. It has always been representative of democracy: humble, historic, accessible and lovely, but not grandiose. This building belongs to the people, not to the current president. His wrecking of the east wing is shocking and immoral. It is not his to demolish, it is not his to destroy. It breaks my heart that he has devastated this symbol of America in this way. He needs to be stopped! Please disallow the building of a huge ballroom. İt is unnecessary and it is UGLY! Restore the east wing and you restore an important piece of America and our history. Please.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:22:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Paretsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. Rather, this is the complete destruction of the East Wing of the White House (THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE). In order to replace it with a coliseum-sized structure that is labeled a ballroom. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:22:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Costanzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified and heart-broken when I found out the White House East Wing had been demolished. This was done before American Citizens had an opportunity to present objections to this destruction. Our White House is sacred and should be treated as such by all persons. Any demolitions should be carefully reviewed and approved or disapproved previous to any structure being altered or destroyed. I object to the demolition of the White House East Wing that has been done to this date (today, Monday February 16, 2026). And I object to any other re-building or alteration that is done in, around the East Wing. For historical purposes, American Citizens should have the ability to vote on such egregious destruction of existing structures on or around the US White House.This demolition activity was done without the consent and approval of the American People.

Mary Ann Costanzo
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Date: 2/16/2026 11:22:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George McQueen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is already underway, the damage is already irreversible. The project should be paused indefinitely until a bipartisan consensus is reached for final plans that best serve the nation and future occupants.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:21:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Esperanza Salazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the criminal in charge was allowed to destroy this beautiful country, and this building, is a travesty. Please rebuild this wing to be exactly as it was before it was destroyed.

Also, while you're digging around, how about releasing the Epstein files and sending the pedophiles to prison?

Please rebuild the White House, start by putting the Felon in prison, then do a recount of the 2024 election, then hold a special election to put in a REAL president who isn't a Russian or Israeli asset.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:20:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Nell de la Garza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My entire family of 7 voters, including a first-time 18-year-old voter, and 2 teenagers are 100% against President Trump's plan to build a ballroom on the site of the East wing of the White House. The White House is the People's House, not his personal residence. He had no right to demolish unilaterally its historic East Wing. At his own expense, instead of his ballroom project, President Trump must restore the East Wing as it was before his outrageous unauthorized demolition. And his name must not be used on this or any other federal building. Our family is counting on you to take control of this critical moment in our US history and restore our House.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:20:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen McGrath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is horrific. The wing should be replaced to its original exterior appearance. Renovate the interior of the structure if needed. I was appalled at the tacky paving of the Rose Garden, but this is like replacing the Liberty Bell with a giant pipe organ so it makes more sounds.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:19:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LouAnn Larson-Gaston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please take the necessary time to plan for a modernization worthy of the White House and its historical presence. Do not let it be gaudy with the gold decorations of the current Oval Office and other of Trump's residences. It needs to be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure and acceptable to the presidents of the next 100 years, not just Trump. This is not his personal project. It needs to be a source of pride to the nation.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:19:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Van Wieren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the current administration's plans for an inappropriate and utterly graceless ballroom. It will degrade the historical and architectural power of the White House with something that is both vulgar and anti-Democratic. Please do not allow any more damage to be done to the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:19:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie McLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

donald trump’s destruction of the East Wing was yet another act of his disregard and disrespect for the Rule of Law. I do not see the need or have the desire for the king size ballroom that trump envisions. Our

White House is not a palace nor should it look like one. trump's over the top ridiculous need to overpower our People's House is a stain on America. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to not take away from the greatness of our White House but to compliment this historical treasure of ours. Modernization is one thing but to fold to the whims of a wannabe king whose ego is put above the country is a slap in the face to all that America holds dear.

Laurie McLeod

Date: 2/16/2026 11:18:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JUDITH MURRAY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was part of the People's House, and should not have been destroyed without going through the proper channels. Because of this, if for not other reason, it should be restored to it's original state (with upgrades to electrical, plumbing, etc). It is important to bring it back to its historical integrity both inside and out.

The Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden should also be restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:18:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura OBrien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing back to its original splendor and function. Include outdoor space for a garden for reflection and quiet gatherings. No grand ballroom nor gold accents which would be ostentatious and lack the welcoming charm that the East Wing brings to visitors to the White House. Obviously some modernization would be needed keeping in mind fire/safety codes, accessibility as well as convenience. However, there was never a need or permission to tear it down in the first place. Those responsible should be held accountable.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:18:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michalina Pendzich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am firmly opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project because, 1) it was started without approval of the Planning Commission and 2) the proposed new East Wing is too large and detracts from the appearance of the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:18:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alvin Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the historical East Wing of the White House. The current occupants (the President and his family) are not the owners or our country's executive mansion. They will be gone in three years. They have no right to demolish a building that has stood since 1942 and is integral to the buildings historical significance. Tearing down a building where Presidential work was done to build an oversized ballroom is not an act I can condone or approve. Please respect our nations legacy and history. And rebuild the East Wing as a restoration project and vote to stop the building of the ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:18:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle D.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed scale and use for the East Wing modernization has already tarnished the people's house. The current proposal should be scaled back to the prior scope of the East Wing. The United States does not have a monarchy and therefore does not need a grand, gold-leaf covered palace. This degrades and cheapens the sense of decorum the White House has existed with for years. Having a ballroom that overshadows the rest of the White House implies that the most important function of this location is to play politics, not a commitment to doing the hard work Americans have elected these officials to do. Fix the economy, standard of living, health-care or housing crisis before you worry about where you'll have your parties while telling the rest of us to 'eat cake'. Disgusting.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:16:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cortni Merritt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House and suggested ballroom addition is a disgrace. I should like to see the East Wing restored and no ballroom constructed. Donald J. Trump as an individual and collective legal entity should be barred and prohibited from any and all modifications to all public and historic buildings.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:16:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marley Wynne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be a continuation of the original style of the White House with restrained elegance. Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.

At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. This space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people, hence the name "The People's House". BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision, and special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding should NOT be allowed. Any changes to nationally significant structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving their character for future generations.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:15:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Ellin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned that the proposed East Wing addition is too large and would visually dominate the historic main building of the White House. I have spent my career working in the field of historic preservation and have considerable experience reviewing changes and additions to historic buidings at the local government level. The scale of such additions must be a primary consideration. A prime example of the effects of failing to do so is the modern addition to Soldier Field stadium in Chicago. The original structure is surrounded by monumental colonnades, but the much larger addition makes them now appear insignificant in comparison. Though in that example the addition is modernist in style, the proposed historic style of the East Wing addition also presents challenges. An imitation of the style of the main Federal Style building is very difficult to achieve without making errors of proportion and detailing that would simply make it look like a cheap imitation. Very few architects are trained in the classical principles that made buildings of the 18th and 19th centuries graceful and elegant. A better styling choice, if an addition is approved, would be a simpler structure that does not compete with the original in either size or detailing.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Hublar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the proposed renovation. Make the renovation online with historical preservation.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's an outrageous act to have destroyed an entire wing of the White House without having undergone ANY form of oversight or approval!
This is the PEOPLES HOUSE, not the playground for a wannabe DICTATOR that wants to put his name and disgusting choice of style on EVERYTHING IN HIS ORBIT!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely against this horror of an addition to our White House. This is simply a Trump vanity project that will mark the beautiful White House area. Not only that the project funding comes from the very rich, essentially buying influence from this horror of a president. The whole project is a travesty. I am saddened they tore down the original East Wing without any public input.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Underwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of money for a vanity project for someone who will being removed from office and (hopefully) sent to prison. Please build it back exactly the way it was. This wing should have never been destroyed, it was an illegal action. One of many committed by the current corrupt administration.

This is a distraction from the Epstein investigation and it is time to release all the records and arrest them all. Little children (boys and girls) were raped, tortured, and murdered. I am not ok with allowing the rich to manipulate the US government for their personal benefit.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marj Atkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this comment to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing renovation at the White House. The project raises serious concerns about preservation ethics, procedural integrity, and the long\u8209 -term stewardship of one of the nation’s most significant historic structures.

First and most urgently, demolition activity has reportedly begun before the required review and approval processes are complete. If accurate, this represents a profound breach of the preservation framework designed to protect historic properties from precisely this kind of premature and potentially irreversible alteration. The review process exists to ensure transparency, accountability, and public oversight. Proceeding with demolition before approvals are secured undermines public trust and violates the spirit—if not the letter—of established preservation law.

Second, the proposed addition of a ballroom is wholly unnecessary and inconsistent with the historic character and functional needs of the East Wing. The White House already contains multiple spaces capable of hosting events of various scales, and introducing a new large\u8209 -scale entertainment venue would fundamentally alter the complex's architectural balance. The East Wing’s significance lies not only in its physical form but in its symbolic and functional role within the broader White House campus. A ballroom does not serve a demonstrated public need, nor does it align with the structure's historic purpose.

Third, the cumulative impact of this renovation threatens to erode the integrity of a site that belongs to the American people. Any intervention at the White House must meet the highest possible standard of necessity, restraint, and respect for historical context. This proposal does not meet that standard.

I urge the National Trust for Historic Preservation to oppose the project in its current form, to call for an immediate halt to any ongoing demolition, and to insist on a transparent, lawful, and preservation\u8209 -centered review process. The White House is a national treasure, and its protection must not be compromised by expedience or unnecessary expansion.

Respectfully,
Marj Atkinson, MLS
Garland, TX

Date: 2/16/2026 11:11:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to a 90,000 square foot ballroom to be added to the White House grounds. The purpose of the White House is not to entertain guests; it is to govern and lead the country. The ballroom should not be bigger than the White House itself.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:09:29 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Hardee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is absurdly out of scale with the rest of the White House. It's garish and tacky. The whole project is a ridiculous waste to time and resources but if you're going to do it, at least make it look good. The exiting plans are a joke!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:08:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Kiney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Moderation Project should not go forward as outlined. 1) The design renderings are not in keeping with the architectural design of the White House and West Wing. There is no cohesion. 2) The size of the proposed building is is completely out of proportion to the existing buildings. It overshadows and overwhelms the current structures. It is inappropriate. 3) Information suggests that the cost is being covered by private donations. This is unacceptable as these donations are being given by billionaire friends of the President. This provides unfettered access to the President and allows these billionaires to curry favor with the current administration. 4) This is not the President's personal property. It belongs to the American people. The American people should have a say on this, should fund it through normal channels (i.e.. taxes) and thus have control over the project. 5) The destruction of the East Wing without any approval or oversight should come with some kind of "punishment". Further desecration of the property should not be put in the hands of a President who has no respect for our history, our laws, our democratic oversight processes, our constitution, or the rights of the American public.
The current proposal should be vetoed. Any further progress on the project should be reconsidered, overseen by an architect chosen by the democratic process, and redesigned to balance and complement the existing structures.
Thank you for your consideration.
Jane Kiney

Date: 2/16/2026 11:08:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeline Rock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Submitted on behalf of the Zimmerman-Bury Octagon House Association

The Zimmerman-Bury Octagon House Association respectfully submits this comment in strong support of the proposed East Wing Modernization Project, including the construction of a permanent ballroom addition to the White House complex.

As stewards of a historic landmark ourselves, we understand that preservation is not about freezing a

building in time. It is about responsible stewardship and ensuring that historic structures remain structurally sound, functionally relevant, and capable of serving the public purpose for which they endure.

The White House is both a National Historic Landmark and a living civic institution. For over two centuries, it has evolved to meet the needs of each generation. The addition of the East and West Wings, structural reinforcements, accessibility improvements, and modern security measures were once contemporary interventions. Today, they are part of the historic fabric of the site.

A purpose-built ballroom is a practical and long-overdue improvement. A thoughtfully designed ballroom would provide a dignified, secure, and architecturally integrated solution, one that better reflects the stature of the Presidency and the nation it represents.

Historic sites must be able to host civic ceremony with both reverence and functionality. When designed with respect for scale, materials, sightlines, and the historic character of the complex, this addition can enhance the White House's capacity to serve the American people and welcome international dignitaries with the level of dignity and permanence such occasions merit.

We also strongly support the continued adherence to the legally required federal review process, including oversight by the National Capital Planning Commission, compliance with NEPA, consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts, and congressional approval.

Responsible evolution is part of historic stewardship. A carefully executed ballroom addition would not diminish the White House, it would ensure that this iconic landmark continues to fulfill its civic, ceremonial, and diplomatic responsibilities for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeline Rock, Board | Marketing & Promotion Chair
Zimmerman-Bury Octagon House Association

Date: 2/16/2026 11:06:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no East Wing anymore, so there is no Modernization Project. There is a plan to put what looks like an airplane hangar, inexplicably plastered with faux gold, next to the White House. It's an abomination, which is not surprising, considering the source of the plan. If this project must go through--forced upon us without our consent, which is also not surprising from this source--it needs to be reduced to a quarter of the current design, as we have no need to park Boeing 777s in there; the rest of the devastated are should be turned into a a beautiful garden in memory of the Rose Garden that the source also destroyed.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:05:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Norris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of The People's House should NEVER HAVE BEEN BULLDOZED!!

It must NOY be reconstructed as a monstrous tacky oversized BUNKER. for this crass vulgar GRIFTER who currently squats in what once our pride.

Any so-called “modernization” should be proportional to the surviving structure in size and design please don’t allow aggrandizement to satisfy the bloated delusional EGO of the current TEMPORARY occupant who is a global embarrassment and threat.

Our fear is that this project will become a hub of technological surveillance on the people of America. We do not want or need a “BALLROOM”. We yearn for a restoration of our heritage, tasteful, simple, beautiful in design and inspiration.

DONT acquiesce to the vulgar messianic vision of this megalomaniac!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:05:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Hogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing addition seems as though it will be way out of proportion. I hope it will be scaled down (though still made larger) so as to fit nicely with the rest of the White House. The central building should remain the focal point. I also hope that the new addition will relate architecturally to the West Wing. At least one of the renderings I've seen of the entrance was like a version of the capitol steps. Please NO!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 11:04:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lena McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

On the site of the now-demolished, historic East Wing of the White House, 90,000-square-foot ballroom has been proposed for construction. The White House itself encompasses 55,000 square feet. The proposed ballroom's size, massing, and height, as has been explained up to now, will be 35,000 square feet larger than the White House. For a wing to be substantially larger than the original building goes against the historic design practices of wings as smaller, subordinate spaces to the main building.

As one of the most important historic places in the United States, the traditional design of the White House and its grounds are of paramount significance to stewarding this irreplaceable piece of the American people's legacy. The White House and Grounds are a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation’s ideals.

President George Washington himself selected Irish architect James Hoban's design proposal for the "President's House." Washington's commitment to our nation's founding ideals as a democratic republic are embodied in the White House's neoclassical architectural style and scale. Unlike the vast palaces of European monarchs, the White House has always conveyed that a democratically-elected head of state resides here temporarily while serving the interests of the American people.

The federally-promulgated Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for

construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.

The applicants for the East Wing project must engage in legitimate and good-faith consultation and review with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, as is required by law. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House and acknowledges the considerable, ongoing financial, political, and cultural investments that the American people have made in this exceptional place.

As an architectural historian with 28 years of professional experience, I find that the ballroom designs that have been discussed to date are incompatible with the historic scale, form, massing, and style of the White House. As a wing, the ballroom's design should be subordinate to that of the White House in all of the aforementioned aspects. Practical considerations for current and future needs certainly warrant inclusion in the east wing's design. Thoughtful provision of administrative spaces, parking, utilities, technological infrastructure, and security is necessary to create an east wing that will stand the test of time, as the original East Wing did before its sudden demolition in 2025.

For all of the reasons cited above, I urge the NCPC to maintain adherence to long-established practices and standards for its review of the proposed design for the east wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:03:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adelaide Horn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have never in my life, and I am 72, thought someone would just bulldoze part of the East Wing. It was done without going through all the appropriate channels for approval. It is a disgrace to our nation. I want the East Wing Rebuilt as it was, I want Donald Trump to pay for it with his own money since he violated our nations Whitehouse. I also want the Republican part to chip in their fair share since they allowed it. They can pay for it with their campaign war chests. We do not need a ballroom added to the Whitehouse. It would only be for Trump's edification. Never has that been done to our historical buildings. NO NO NO NO Ballroom. Build back the East Wing.
Sincerely,
Adelaide Horn
Former Commissioner of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services,

Date: 2/16/2026 11:03:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra DeWolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom built where the East Wing was torn down, I want to government or private funds used to try to build a ballroom. I feel this is a complete waste of money, especially since there are people getting their subsidies taken away. Any money that would be used should go to education subsidies, Medicaid/MediCare, SNAP, helping to reduce the cost of health insurance (ACA) and Social Security. The

ONLY thing I want there is the East Wing restored along with the Rose garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:02:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Schramm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has stood as the People's House. A symbol of dignity, welcoming all and aspiring to a just and free society. It holds our history as a nation always striving for democracy. Now the East Wing has been destroyed because one man lusts for power over all and demands garish and wasteful displays of greed while Americans suffer for his moral inadequacies and cruelty. He is but a tenant, not an owner. He has no right to destroy OUR HOUSE and build a tacky, tasteless monument to fill his empty soul. If you allow this to be built we will tear it down. We will rebuild the East Wing as it was-a symbol of this country trying to be just and balanced in its power.

Date: 2/16/2026 11:00:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janis Frazee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the East Wing of the White House is the people's house. It is a historic building and should be preserved, not destroyed to put a ballroom in. This will set a precedent for future presidents to make architectural changes based on their own preferences.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:59:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Forkner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed modernization is not in keeping with the history of the White House. It should be redesigned too reflect the history and culture of the country. The gaudy oversized proposal is inappropriate. I am very opposed to the current plan.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:58:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penelope Watson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Comments regarding the proposed ballroom addition to the White House
16 February 2026

As a registered architect with over forty years' experience in historic preservation, I have the following objections to the project:
1. The proposed project is in violation of #9 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties:
"New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment."
The demolition of the East Wing has already violated the provision to not destroy historic materials, and the ballroom plans are not compatible in regard to size, scale, proportion and massing, and overwhelm the original building.
2. State dinners may include hundreds of guests, but not 1000. A venue scaled to accommodate 1000 people is surely a colossal waste of space, and will diminish the ambiance of gatherings of fewer guests. It will have all the charm of very fancy airplane hangar.
3. If a ballroom big enough to accommodate 1000 is in fact needed, it could be built elsewhere in the DC area (not on the mall!). There is no reason it has to be attached to the White House or on the grounds of the White House.
4. The East Wing of the White House should be reconstructed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Reconstruction.

Respectfully,

Penelope S. Watson, AIA

Date: 2/16/2026 10:57:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Eyerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit the following comments.
Let me first say how shocked and displeased I was to have a wing of the White House bulldozed without public notice, plans, approvals, etc. This was the utmost of arrogance and spite by the current President and his enablers. If public money was used to do this, it must be repaid by those responsible.

Going forward, it does not seem realistic to spend money to put the east wing back as it was. What was there is lost, and a fresh start makes the most sense. Let's finish clearing the rubble, salvage what we can, and put grass down or plant a garden so we don't have a constant reminder of bad behavior.

Then a building process should start, with the first Q being whether additional space is actually needed on the White House campus, and if so, for what purposes and at what cost. The government has many laws, rules and regulations in place to guide this process. The goal should be to follow them and see where they take us.

I definitely oppose building a 55,000 sq' event space attached or next to the White House. The White House has historic and cultural significance to all Americans, and it should not be dwarfed by a new structure. In addition any new structure should not be attached to any one President by name or by demand. The White House is the People's House, and we want to keep it that way.

Thank you for your attention.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:57:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MacKenzie Cochran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

MacKenzie Cochran
Minneapolis, MN
I do not approve or support the East Wing project. It is essential to preserve the historic aspect of the building and not waste millions of dollars to “renovate” something that does not need it, especially in the current state of national debt. STOP this project!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:54:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa McCracken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First comment is the National Historical Preservation Act needs more teeth as the first bulldozer on the grounds should have been stopped immediately!
Second is the East Wing needs to be restored and upgraded to current standards, I’d prefer by the funds he has siphoned from our treasury.
Our Norms and Traditions are obviously loopholes to be exploited to which he has gleefully exposed with his destruction of OUR House!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:53:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
This must be paid for by the violator of federal law:
"Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval."
i.e. Trump, without any federal funding assistance.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, paid for by himself and his "pay-to-play" donors.
He can add all the gold-plated decor he likes, and can even name it after his pompous self (because he must

be recognized for greatness or will suffer a tantrum).

Date: 2/16/2026 10:53:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House, a building that belongs to the American people and not to any President, should never have been torn down without a thorough planning process. Now that it is gone, all construction must stop until a reasonable plan is approved by the authorized bodies. Whatever is built must fit the scale and massing of the existing White House. It should not dwarf the historic building or visually dominate the White House and environs. Any new structure must also be in complete architectural harmony with the main house and West Wing. Millions of Americans have made pilgrimage to the sites of our national government, and the White House is one of those national treasures etched in memory. Any construction must honor this allegiance of the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:52:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this chance to comment.

The demolition of the East Wing did not go through the legal process. The NCPC should ensure that the rest of the project does go through the required process. This would include compliance with NEPA, public comment, and approval by Congress.

This building belongs to the People—not to one President.

Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 10:51:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Bedford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Washington DC is a glorious city and where tradition is important. From the Washington Monument to the Kennedy Center, the original vision has lasted untouched over decades. The destruction of the East Wing for a vanity ballroom destroys the White House's tradition and important history. I strongly wish our nation's historic traditions were respected an not destroyed by a single man's ego.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:50:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please recreate the East Wing as it was. It was tragic to tear down this iconic piece of American history, in particular with no consultation, permits or thought.

Do not build a ballroom. IKEA has plenty for all.
Do not build an underground bunker. Every administration should govern like they have nowhere to retreat to.

While you are at it, put the Rose Garden back to what it was. Remove all the gilt from the Oval Office, and put the Presidents' portrait gallery in the hands of a non-political bipartisan committee.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:50:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Wenner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wanted to voice my opposition to any White House renovations that don't maintain its historic scale and design. While obviously upgrades have to be made periodically for safety, environmental, and practical purposes, they should maintain the modest presentation that reinforces the fact that we have a president not a king.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:50:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I comment to register my total and complete opposition to the addition of a 90,000 square foot ballroom to the White House. This planned addition will overwhelm the White House and disrupt its classical design. In addition to being a totally frivolous expenditure at a time when so many in our country are suffering, I am concerned that the Trump administration is seeking private funding, much of which is undisclosed and apparently will remain so. This "pay to play" funding scheme raises real risks of corruption and undue influence and is antithetical to a democracy. Please vote against this desecration of the People's House. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:49:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Gould
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage is already done and there's no going back. Don't build anything at all. Let this serve as a reminder of how easy it is to destroy anything that we value and hold precious. Plant native plants and grasses so that the deep wound can heal.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:48:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenny Waldrop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing needs to return to how it was. The First Ladies offices need to be put back there. We do not need or want a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:48:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How is this notice even anywhere within the ballpark of compliance??
Per the notice dated 02/13/2026: "The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) has opened public comments on the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval. "

The East wing has already been leveled and I'm pretty sure that falls under the "permanently altered" clause, does it not? Stop the lunacy and build the East wing back to scale as it was and stop wasting taxpayer dollars as well as undermining federal law by continuing with this major construction project to create a ballroom! The White House is "The People's House" and while every President has made some sort of alteration at one point or another, the complete removal of an entire wing that housed the First Lady's offices and other staffing needs to replace it with a ballroom larger than the living quarters themselves is ludicrous. Until someone steps in and says "ENOUGH" to the behaviors exhibited by our current President, our nation's landmarks will continue to suffer and be altered to fit his personal vision, which is is no way a tribute to our nation's strong and vibrant history (yes, the good AND the bad parts).

The fact that this notice is dated 02/13/2026 with a "hearing" to be held on 03/04/2026 regarding an

already vacant space on the White House grounds needs some explanation as well. If the review is REQUIRED under federal law, how was the building allowed to be destroyed in the first place? While I hope that this hearing is able to provide some sort of "reigning in" of the current administration's plans for the new building, as an American citizen I am ashamed at how our national landmarks are being steamrolled in an effort to create what appears to be the utopian image of one individual. Laws are in place for a reason and even the term "East Wing Modernization Project" seems to emphasis how disconnected the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) truly is.

I've attached a pdf to provide a short history lesson to support why I believe this sort of project needs to be halted immediately.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:48:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very opposed to this modernization in large part because it did not follow existing law or policy that requires the assessment of effects on architecture, archaeology, view shed, and other contributing factors. By removing the East Wing in such a brutal manner, it set a precedent that our laws and policies are followed at will or not, and it destroyed our historic heritage. It also denigrated the role of the First Lady by destroying a significant historic space.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:46:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: russell yonda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "ballroom" would overwhelm the rest of the white house, rather than complement it. It is a proposed monumental obscenity and would demean the entire complex. It is merely an attempt by Donald Trump to inflate his pathetic ego by desecrating the one of the greatest and most well known symbols of our nation. In addition - hasn't he already broken the law (his favorite pass time) by not submitting detailed plans for the project BEFORE destroying the east wing? That being said the commission should reject the project and require any further work to be halted until Congress approves its continuation.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:46:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To all concerned,
What has already been done to the historic landmark with the demolition of the east wing is an atrocity. Please consider stopping the ballroom project from moving forward and allow whatever takes the place of

the east wing to be of better value to our nation's home. This isn't the politicians playground, it's the home of the people, for the people and should remain as such. Restore the gardens, do right by Mother Earth. And for love all things good in this world: impeach, remove, prosecute.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:46:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LUCILLE HETZEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am APPALLED by the actions of this POTUS. He has severely damaged a revered, historic building to satisfy his egocentric needs.
tRump never consulted the historical commission (tasked with protecting our historic buildings). His selfish need to slap his name on everything, pales in the decision to demolish history, and build a facility that NO ONE wants.

As a taxpayer, I am disgusted by this use of our tax dollars.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:45:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the tearing idow the east wing of the White House without following outlined procedures was reprehensible. Mr Trump is a renter not the owner of " the peoples house" and had no right to tear anything down nor build a giant ballroom. This gilded monstrosity is an affront to the American people.His obsession with putting his name and tacky gilded decorations on everything isridiculous.
I sincerely hope this project can be stopped . The peoples house should not become the Trump house.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:45:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Casey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is destroying history. It is unacceptable, unnecessary and shameful. It is the people's house, not his.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:43:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Nye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was a historical landmark that was torn down without any prior review. It should be rebuilt exactly as it was, or as much as possible, and Trump should pay for it himself, with the money he's grifted from the American taxpayers. The construction company that was hired to demolish the East Wing should also be made to pay for their part in the destruction.

The proposed 90,000 sf ballroom in no way resembles or fits with the aesthetic of the White House, aka The People's House. The proposed ballroom should be no larger than the space the East Wing occupied, and it should match the rest of the White House in terms of constructing materials. Also, no gaudy gold accents should be allowed.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:43:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K. M.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump has already gone too far in remaking the People's house in their image. Past presidents have contributed their touch to the home, while honoring its history and the contributions of prior residents. Please do not let the East Wing Modernization project proceed as planned.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hauser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please maintain the historic integrity of the White House and limit the East Wing to less than 40000 sq ft.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:42:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Citro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to urge the NCPC to insist on rightsizing the President's plans for the East Wing Project. The current plans call for an outsize structure that upsets the classical lines of the people's building known as the White House, which presidents occupy but do not own. Surely a reasonably large ballroom can be accommodated within a footprint that is respectful of the White House and the West Wing.

I remember visiting Washinton DC as a young girl (I lived then in Rochester NY) and being thrilled with the White House and the monuments. I have lived in DC since 1967 and continue to thrill at their sight. The

people of the United States deserve an East Wing replacement that fits the classical republican tradition of simple classical lines and proper alignment with existing structures, in this case, the White House itself.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chaunda Mankowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people would like the east wing of the people's house restored to its original splendor! We would like it to be historic and aesthetically pleasing! We would like it to be modest as it is not a palace but a place of honor to serve we the people from! We would like all previous occupants that have honorably served as President to have a place and mention!
Thank You

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judie Much
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the beautiful and historic East Wing, is symbolic of the whole of this administration! Tear it down, blow it up, and replace with som garish, gaudy gold and marble, overbearing structure, designed to make the toddler in charge feel better. Never pay attention to the rules, and never apologize for the ruin of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. The East Wing is gone, but please don't make it worse by approving this ridiculously sized "ballroom".

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Garland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project" is a misnomer. A more apt title is the "White House Desecration by a Megalomaniac Project." Donald Trump does not have the authority or the consent of the American people to treat the White House as his own personal property and turn it into a tacky, bordello-like space for entertaining his sycophants and lackeys intent on enriching themselves through public corruption.

Put an end to this construction to minimize the cost of restoring the White House to its former grandeur when the tasteless occupant permanently decamps for his Florida golf motel.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:39:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Summers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against all plans for the East Wing modernization and ballroom planned by the Trump administration and believe all restoration to it's previous state be paid for by Donald Trump.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:36:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryanna Durkee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an example of what happens when the regulations, laws and legal process for these types of projects are not followed correctly, legally or ethically. These processes are in place to protect historical sites highly important to the people and history of the United States.
This is a highly destructive impact to an integral part of United States history. It holds significance in multiple categories such as location, design, material, workmanship, feeling and association. It is listed on the National Register of Historic places. And it is currently in ruins. Destroyed due to not following legal and contractual binding agreements and processes in place to stop this very thing. It is in no way protection, it is recklessness by the current administration. The mere fact that this was even allowed to happen is a travesty of justice. Please stop the current administration from destroying this historical site and ignoring the laws, contracts and binding legal agreements. No to Modernization of the East Wing. Follow the correct historical context when rehabilitating this cherished and integral piece of the United States from the past, the present and into the future. Stop erasing history that does not fit a few people's narrative.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:35:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATE RYAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the demolition, obviously a rebuild is now needed. And frankly, I am peeved about the entire situation. That said, I object to it being a ballroom of the size and scope that is currently being planned. Actually, I object to a ballroom in general (will everyday people be invited to events?) but will accept that there may be an occasional need for such space where special events will occur. I believe the size, scope and general exterior architecture must, must, must match the White House, and be subservient to it in size and scope. Not a hulking slab that was, and may still be, being considered.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts and opinions.

Kate Ryan

Date: 2/16/2026 10:35:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an absolute minimum, to the extent possible, I wish to see the East Wing rebuilt, as it was, in its entirety.

That the people's house should be made whole again and those responsible for the destruction of the East Wing should be brought to justice seems obvious.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:35:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Rupsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings!
My first request is to stop construction until it is established that the current administration has followed all laws and norms that would enable them to destroy the people's property. I am the owner of the property known as the Whitehouse, as are you and all Americans. No one asked our permission.

The President's actions to destroy the East Wing are even more egregious and illegal than if your neighbor destroyed your home without permission.

Secondly, the American people have not been informed of the whereabouts and conditions of the precious historical objects, including art, sculpture, historic furniture, rugs, wall hangings, and documents, etc, that were removed from the East Wing. These objects are priceless and arethe property of the American people. If they have been damaged, Donald J Trump should be held responsible for costs, as well as any legal consequences.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully submitted.
Michael Rupsch

Date: 2/16/2026 10:33:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LOUISE WILLIAMS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned about the destruction of the East Wing being replaced by an oversized ballroom. Proper review should have been required before the demolition took place. I think the East Wing should be restored and not replaced with a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:32:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Eshbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a horrible destruction of history and blatantly illegal. There was no approval for this project and it is a waste of taxpayer dollars to put in an ugly building and destroy important parts of American history.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:32:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Starr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the building of a ballroom. I fully support the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House.
I am highly suspicious of any money the current president raised for this project. I'm guessing it either went into his personal pocket or was really never there in the first place. I am appalled that he was allowed to destroy the East Wing of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE in such a way.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:31:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Tarr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose the construction of the ballroom and believe that construction should be stopped immediately. Our federal buildings, monuments, and historical sites should not be fair game for the whims of any one person or group.

At times there may be good reason to make changes, but then it should go through the proper governmental authority and review to make sure it is in the best interests of the nation and its people.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:28:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Flaa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

History has shown us that from time to time, changes have been made to the White House. However, in 2025 President Trump, with no respect for the approval process, gathered donations from his rich friends to fund and then begin the domolishment of the East Wing to build a "grand ballroom". I see this as competition to "out do" his friend Vladimir Putin with the grand ballroom that he has. This was not necessary. As with so many things that this president has done, he does so like a bull in a china closet with

no respect for the valid processes established for such undertakings. And now the East Wing is gone. Further, all federal government buildings are the property of the American People and should be respected as such. Although Donald Trump, as an American citizen, "owns" a piece of the White House, it is not his to do with as he pleases. There are over 330 million other owners of the White House and their ownership must be respected. And considering all of the division that this president has caused in our country, this just adds to the list. The East Wing is gone, but hopefully the NCPC can step in and control what happens next in whatever is to replace the former East Wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:27:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Walz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under no circumstance should President Trump oversee the "East Wing Modernization Project." He is the president residing in the White House - he does not own it, the federal government does, held in trust for the American people. The destruction of the East Wing was a horrific example of overreaching power with disregard for the American people and the history of this country and its historical building. The construction of a new addition - its design, size, decor, purpose(s) should be decided and implemented by a non-partisan group of people with appropriate skills and expertise. This group can be chosen by a congressional committee made up of equal number of Republicans and Democrats. thereby representing the people of this country.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:25:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gabriella Portaluppi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There are public spaces available nearby.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The building of Trump's East wing by his elite billionaire donors send a message that this people's house only belongs to them. Trump is there temporarily, and this unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the creation of Trump's ballroom sends a message that the billionaires own it and not the people.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:24:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Erect a temporary circus tent as appropriate for this "administration". At the same time make plans to restore the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:24:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hovley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an utter travesty that the White House has been partially destroyed to satisfy the whim of one president. It is an utter lie that the country has been pining for a ballroom for decades. There is a ballroom in the White House. I have been there. It is perfectly sufficient for the needs of any president and has been since the White House was built.
The current plans for this monstrosity of a ballroom will completely dwarf the White House itself, making the White House look like a pathetic and weak. The approval for such an addition should have gone through many stages of scrutiny before ANY demolition was done. I have read about previous renovations at the White House for past Presidents and all of them have needed to go through a lengthy, formal process of approval. Congress should be ashamed of itself that they let one megalomaniac circumvent the National Capital Planning Commission to degradate the dignity and beauty of our nation's official resident of our presidents.
Any remedy of this devastation needs to be tightly controlled by those who are loyal to history, beauty, and art, not to the ego of the sitting President.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:23:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Puleo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From what I have seen, it looks positively atrocious! It is obscenely large and frankly, gaudy as heck! Real giving off some “Marie Antoinette lives here” vibes. The People’s House should be grand but have a quiet and stately appearance. Frankly, this enormous eyesore is a waste of taxpayer dollars (funded by donors, yeah, sure). It would behove this administration to remember that they are currently holding temporary jobs as employees of the people of the United States of America. I find this new structure completely abhorrent!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:07 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: jim KOZLOWSKI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is horrible that trump just decided to raze the east wing at a moments notice!

Date: 2/16/2026 10:22:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Meilahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the People's White House (NOT Trump's house) must be reconstructed in accord with the rest of the building. It should resemble the original East Wing in size and style, with modernization of the interior as necessary. We do not want and do not need a ballroom on the site. I'm horrified at the illegal destruction of our White House. It must be rebuilt in a similar style and size.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marisa Jorgenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to conform with the size, scale, and historical representation of the existing White House. This belongs to the American people and not any administration. Please fix the destruction that has already taken place. Modernize the infrastructure but leave the original architecture in place

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hutchison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How in the world did this iconic structure get torn down? I ask that the National Capital Planning Commission conduct their responsibilities professionally as you would have done under any other Administration. What is happening (and proposed) to Washington DC buildings (and name changes) is not normal.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:21:21 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Bruton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Whitehouse is the people's building meant to house the temporary president in a degree of comfort. The East Wing was the first place that visitors--that is, citizen taxpayers--could enter the building for a tour. I don't know whether these tours are available anymore. The grounds should reflect that the country is a prospering democracy presided over by the current resident who has been installed there by the will of a free people. It should not resemble a structure that reflects the will of a permanent king--Louis XIV, for example. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi McGinness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt to match what was destroyed. The White House is an iconic part of America.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:19:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Sperling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

History should count for something. In the 250 years of our Constitutional Democracy we have not needed a ballroom of this size. Why have other Presidents been able to work within the physical frame of the White House as it once was?
Considerations of this project should include the purpose of a state dinner. What business is accomplished at a state dinner? Does the increased seating capacity (2 to 3 times as large as previous state dinners) provide any real value or is it merely a vanity project?

In my opinion, it is a vanity project as no real business of state can be accomplished with the larger size. In fact, it would be overwhelming for heads of state and the President of the United States to make even minimal contact with this many people. Likewise demonstrations of shared culture and history lose impact with more attendees.

Additionally, it is an expensive vanity project. Currently state dinners on average cost about $600,000, with some running as high as $1,000,000. A guest list of 2 to 3 times as many would double or triple (or more) the cost. Is it reasonable for the American people to pay for this excess if there is no real public or national benefit to a larger size?

Any proposal for this project should include scrutiny of additional benefits accrued to the American people.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:18:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Anne Hunting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an Icon to the American presidency; a ball room
Is not. It's a different project and should be considered just that. There is no reason it has to be at the same location of the White House. Has the administration putting the ball room in the Kennedy Center? I'm an architectural historian who has written about the Kennedy Center and I know it could be possible.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:17:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Liverman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of the current plans for the East Wing ballroom and urge that major revisions or a new plan be submitted. I disagree with the huge size of the addition—it needs to be lower in height and way smaller in size. There is no need for such an immense space. This is the People's House and we are a democracy! We do not want Versailles type grandiosity. We want useful tasteful space. Please stand up and say no to this plan. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:17:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darren Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This discussion should have taken place before the wing was razed. I'm struggling to understand how we have gotten to this point, with a significant portion of the people's house torn down. The damage has been done; it would be heaping insult upon injury to allow the ballroom plans to go ahead as currently drafted. The construction of such a monstrous, outsized, and out-of proportion addition should not be permitted. The White House does not belong to its occupant—it belongs to all of us, the American people. Allowing this or any president to do whatever they want to do with this building is anti-American and antidemocratic.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:16:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Ferg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree that we (the people/ the people's house) could use a large or larger event space. I also agree that the east wing was outdated and served little purpose other than to admit visitors. However, any addition to the existing, historic structure of the White House should not be out of proportion or detract from the original structure.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:15:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean McManus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing rebuilt as it looked originally, modernized as necessary. We do not need a ballroom. I want Trump to pay for the rebuilding with some of the money he has made as president from his grifting.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:15:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Brunner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the 90,000 Sq. ft. ballroom is a totally unnecessary addition to our public building and the demolition of the East Wing was an obscene desecration of the long cherished historical building that is the White House. DO NOT ALLOW THIS BALLROOM AND REBUILD THE EAST WING EXACTLY AS IT WAS BEFORE.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:14:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cam Betz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While event space is desired and possibly needed, additions and enhancements must respect the historic scale, design, and aesthetic of the White House - the American People’s House, a National Historic Landmark. At 90K sqft, the proposed ballroom exceeds the size of the 55K sqft Executive Residence. Additions and enhancements to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. If a ballroom and event space is needed, a suitable alternative location needs to be identified and a design the supports multiple functions developed.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:14:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Horgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the massing and scale of the East Wing Ballroom addition. I don't think it is essential for the height of the addition to match the White House. I believe if the height were less the White House would remain promenant.
I am also concerned with the manner with which this project was started without public comment prior to demolition. The Rose Garden that was built to honor Jackie Kennedy was errased without the public kowing about it. As a 45 year Interior Designer who has worked within the constraints of the system, I am surprised to see the lack of oversight on one of the most important buildings in our country.
I am anxious to see how this project develops.
Thanks,
Terry Horgan

Date: 2/16/2026 10:14:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Yates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house is iconic and recognized all over the world. To take that symbol and tack on a ballroom that’s nearly twice the size is a desecration of this national monument. Please insure that the final ballroom adheres to the look and feel of the White House if it can’t be stopped altogether.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:14:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am outraged at the destruction of part of the People's House at the hands of a carpetbagging fraud. The historic East Wing, which carries important women's history, should be rebuilt. Under no circumstances should an out of proportion and crass addition be attached to our White House.

thank you,
Nancy Henderson

Date: 2/16/2026 10:13:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Leaycraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project.

While I understand the necessity of enlarging the seating capacity for state events hosted at the White House, the reported 900 seat capacity of the proposed facility seems excessive. This has led to a proposed structure that is massive and out of scale with the existing White House, diminishing its presence and visual significance as a symbol of our democracy.

The overall grandiosity of the proposed East Wing strikes one as more in keeping with a presidential palace, as opposed to the more restrained (and modest) White House, as befitting the home of the leader of our republic.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:13:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Hatch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I assume this is the name of the new "ballroom" being attached to the White House.

In reviewing the renderings, it is clear that this addition is completely inappropriate for this site. It both dwarfs and obscures the White House, one of the most significant historic and architectural sites in the country. The design itself, while certainly classical in style and uses design cues from the White House itself, is so grandiose, pompous and overbearing that it reminds me of Nazi architecture of the 3rd Reich. The renderings depict a huge, garish, expensive, corrupt, inappropriate building that is an affront to the nation's democratic ideals and our constitution. If something of this size is really needed by the executive branch, it should be relocated and redesigned.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:12:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was very upset at the destruction of the East Wing and all the history and meaning it holds for our country, as well as the current function it served for our First Ladies.

But beyond that, it’s the way it was done, without following proper protocol and procedures through Congress. The hubris displayed by this president is unprecedented.

I do understand the need for a proper ballroom, but a complete evaluation by experienced architects and historians should have been the authorities in charge.

My hope is that, when saner heads prevail, the East Wing can be restored and a plan for a ballroom be

implemented that serves its purpose and also preserves the history and integrity of the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:11:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am thankful for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the White House as I have grave concerns regarding the process and the design of this project.
The administration has shown a reckless disregard for precedent and regulation by demolishing the East Wing without any of the required oversight reviews including documentation and handling of hazardous materials.
The administration scheduled project reviews only after serious questions had been raised.
The administration has claimed that construction must continue because of security issues. This raises questions about the security planning for this project. If there is a security issue because of the demolition of the East Wing, then this is an issue created by the administration. If the administration has diminished the security of the White House and the government, this is a legal issue to be prosecuted and not a justification for continued construction.
While there may be some need for a larger assembly space to serve the White House, the current expanded plans for the ballroom are excessive and totally out of proportion with the White House and will dominate the site and diminish the visual importance of the White House. This is a grandiose scheme that appears more about creating a personal monument to the President than a functional addition to Peoples' House.
The administration and their architect have made much about the new ballroom's cornice matching that of the White House. This is a sad attempt to dodge the fact that the appearance of the building extending so far into the South Lawn will visually dwarf the White House. The pedimented south portico is much higher than the cornice and will further diminish the appearance of the White House. This portico is not accessible from the interior and serves no purpose except, as the architect admitted, to satisfy the President's taste.The building appears to be even taller than the Treasury building across the street.
There are serious questions concerning the plans for the project. How will traffic be handled on Executive Ave. for arriving guests? There is no cover indicated from the sidewalk to the entrance portico. Will the existing parking be eliminated?
There is no accessible entrance to the Ballroom except through the White House itself. This does not meet the requirements of the ADA.
The entrance foyer of the Ballroom does not show provisions for security screening nor does there appear to be enough room to handle the arrival of 1000 guests.
The floor plans show elevators accessible from the ballroom floor but they don't open to the entrance level. Where do they go? There are also stairs on the ground level that don't go to the Ballroom level. It would appear that there might be a basement floor that has not been revealed.
There is no accessible access at the ground level from the White House to the offices and kitchen spaces as required by the ADA.
The plans do not show any provisions for the secure handling of trash.
Where are all of the tables and chairs going to be stored?
There is no indication on the elevation drawings of rooftop mechanical equipment which will most likely extend above the parapet of the Ballroom. The elevations do not match the lower level floor plans
Given that demolition has occurred and construction has begun, the state of the design drawings show this has been a very rushed job and poorly planned. The planning and design issues should have been resolved long before the demolition and construction began. So far, no actual construction drawings have been revealed or reviewed. The project must be stopped and the self-induced security issues must be corrected with proper oversight.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:11:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Syrcle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First and foremost I want to say that though Donald J. Trump lives in the White House, it is not his house! This is and always has been the people's house. Though over the tears many presidents have made lasting changes to the inside of the house few have dared touch the outside. This monument to Trumps ego called a "ballroom" will overwhelm the White House. In all renderings presented it does not keep the style and architecture of the white house. Permission was never asked for or granted for these changes. It is past time to put a stop to this hideous gilded monstrosity.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Aesthetically, it should be in proportion and style with the other parts of the White House. It should appear as if it has always been a part of the original structure and not “tacked on,” while conforming to current building codes. Finally, not one red cent should come from the Treasury to rebuild something that should not have been torn down in the first place.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:07:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Padrta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to replicate the original building, complete with modernization. Do not build a vanity project. We do not need a gold embossed enormous ballroom. We do not need to host huge, lavish entertainment for the rich. We are not living in Louis XVI France with "Let them eat cake." We need a functional east wing for the business of running our government.

And I would appreciate if you can find a way to make the guilty parties pay for the unauthorized destruction and lack of asbestos abatement, both the government employees eho ordered it and the contractor who had no permits.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Konrad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a giant tacky ballroom just to satisfy one dictator's visions of glory. This project is an embarrassment and shouldn't be allowed to proceed.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:06:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Pachman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be modernized (electrical/plumbing/ADA compliant) on the interior. The exterior should be replicated to best degree possible with same footprint. As for the ballroom-90K square feet is ridiculous overkill for the WH property. If it must be built at all it should be on another lot entirely, away from the WH -the people's house. As a bonus request, is there any way to reduce or prevent the amount of classless gold ornamentation everywhere on property?

Date: 2/16/2026 10:03:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Elder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing about the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. I would like to urge a cease-and-desist prior to the demolition of the east wing of the White House, but that train left the station a while ago. I therefore respectfully request that the new addition be designed to fit the rest of the White House as closely as possible, avoiding the gold and marble typically used in Trump properties. This is not a Trump property but rather one that is owned by the people of this country. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:03:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gay Wayland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose what has already been done to stop hevEast Wing. Calling this destruction "East Wing Modenization Project" is a convenient euphemism. You can't modernize something that was destroyed. I'm opposed to the enormous ballroom that is being proposed & i think NK the private funding is suspect. What happens if if isn't completed before he leaves office as he is Constitutionally required to do? Do the remaining funds transfer to completion or does he claim they are depleted or were personal donations?

Date: 2/16/2026 10:01:32 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Hurley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don’t need another public, huge, vulgar display of President Trump’s poor taste. Tracy Hurley

Date: 2/16/2026 10:00:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randi Rubovits-Seitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an unconscionable desecration; an insult and assault on the foremost symbol of the United States. The East Wing should be restored to match as closely as possible the monument that it was. Yes, some upgrading of infrastructure, yes some new designing for optimal and flexible functioning, yes to design and decoration consistent with the historical presentation of the building. NO to a huge gaudily decorated, classless, tasteless, outsized space that does not comport with the rest of the building's purpose, meaning and function.

Date: 2/16/2026 10:00:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethany Gayton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replicate the East Wing that was torn down. Our East Wing was not Trump’s to destroy. That East Wing and Jackie’s rose garden was our history and the history of First Ladies who served this country. Trump has no right to destroy our history nor should our White House be redesigned just because his wife hates him and has no interest in serving the American people.

To put it another way that Trump may understand, the White House is the Peoples’ House, he is simply a tennant, not an owner. He isn’t allowed to make alterations without the owners approval, and we are owners.

No one in their right mind wants a tacky gold ballroom where a history of hospitality and service once stood offering comfort and care to the American people.

Bring back what was destroyed, build it back as it was, and then leave our house alone.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michaeline Neu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Given that the White House is a Historic building and a temporary living space for the current president, it is alarming that before this was lawfully approached, he took a literal wrecking ball to it, destroying the original structure. Although more space may be necessary to accommodate social and state gatherings, preserving the integrity of the building and avoiding something so large that it obscures the current building would be more appropriate. Preservation should be a top priority, rather than creating something that modernizes the building beyond its historical context.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:58:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenni V
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this construction project for many reasons most importantly because of the lack of transparency on all levels and Pres Trump's total disregard for doing so.

First, the renovations were not approved by Congress nor did it go thru the Historical Preservation Committee for approval. The sudden total desecration of the East Wing was appalling to see.

Next, the project is much larger and more costly than initially projected - almost doubled - and even though Trump claims it is being funded by private sources, this is equally disconcerting. In Trump's oligarchy government he is in the process of establishing, paybacks (both for and against) are involved, so we can expect he will dole out favors to all corporations and influential people who have donated to this project.

Last but not least, this Administration's emphasis on the importance of size and glamour and its representation to the global community, is on a scale not seen in this country for quite some time, with good reason. Americans do not desire to relive the Gilded Age which only benefited the upper class and left average citizens in the dust. All of this for a ballroom?! Really?!

The White House is the People's House NOT Pres Trump's Maralago 2 and must be treated as such, with the grace and dignity it deserves. Please do not approve this lavishly gilded ballroom expansion.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Ahrens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This review should have taken place before any demolition began. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. And Congressional approval (if not a public vote) should be part of the process. I think all work should cease immediately.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:57:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Clayton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly urge the Commission to require significant redesign of the proposed replacement. The proposal does not respect the scale of the historic White House Residence which should be the centerpiece of the complex.

I suggest that a building of similar size could be accomplished with much of the facility below grade (as with the Capitol Visitor's Center) so that the new building's roof line is no higher than the original East Wing.

Thank you for your service to maintaining our historic White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:56:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kayla Weisenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply troubled by the vanity project helmed by President Trump that unilaterally demolished the East Wing of the White House, a recognized national symbol of the American people. With the provided reasoning for the demolition amounting to little more than women's heels sinking into the lawn at state-sponsored events, I do not see the need to build the presently proposed monstrosity. As a professional architectural historian, the presently proposed plan dwarfs the remaining structure and is not in keeping with the design, feeling, or association of the White House. I also cannot express enough how dangerous the potential precedent this project sets for ignoring Congress and all other channels of checks and balances placed on this type of demolition and construction on national heritage sites and others of significant national landmarks. Heavy machinery silenced the American people and tore down a section of their house. We can never get back what was lost, but we can protect the future of our national heritage.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:56:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hans Klein-Hewett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a designer and landscape architect, I find the proposals to "modernize" the east wing of the White House greatly disturbing. The process has been highly abnormal. It doesn't appear that the project was vetted by any design professionals or historic preservationists prior to demolitions. Instead, it appears that the decision was made to raze the old east wing and its landscape before firm plans were developed for what would replace it. Has any consideration been made to following historic preservation guidelines? Have any plans been made to rehabilitate the important historic landscape that surrounds the historic building?

These things are essential and required in other places, which makes their inclusion even MORE important at the nation's most famous residence. It has to reflect and represent the best practices. If the White House gets to bend the rules, what's stopping others from doing the same?

Furthermore, I doubt the need for a massive ballroom attached to the White House. There are literally dozens of ballrooms in the area that are already designed for high-profile events. Again, this is presenting a bad precedent in a city that is built on precedent.

I strongly recommend pausing this project for as long as necessary so that feasibility studies are completed to determine if a ballroom is needed. Next, complete historic preservation review must be completed, including the development of preservation goals for both the existing building and landscape, as well as the proposed building and landscape. Then, for whatever goes in its place, schematic design proposals (not complete plans, as that's clearly a security concern) must be shared with the public.

In sum, this is the "people's house," and thus we MUST must do things correctly.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:56:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Snyderman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House to create a ballroom must be stopped. Those who ordered the destruction that has occurred so far are clearly in violation of multiple federal rules and laws, among them the requirement to submit plans for the Ballroom Project to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) or the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and failing to obtain Congressional approval, despite legal requirements to do so when proposing major alterations -- in this instance completely replacing and vastly changing the former design, size and use -- of the White House East Wing, a historic site.

There is no right for the president or any other entity to simply destroy, for whatever purpose, a substantial portion of a historic public property -- which, we remind those in power, the White House is; it is not anyone's personal property to do with as they individually wish.

Further, the illegal destruction that has occurred so far does not warrant a conclusion of "oh well, the work is underway, so therefore we must proceed with our plans." No. Plans to restore the building must be submitted and reviewed as required by law, including public input, and those responsible for the current destruction should be fined and required to pay for the restoration.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:55:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stan Rostas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Simply put, this modernization project should always be called the East Wing, and nothing more. The scale

should be reduced by lowering the main floor so that it appears shorter than the main White House, even if that implies support spaces are below grade. This would be similar to what was achieved at the Louvre project in Paris, where the new entrance, while stunning, still allowed the original to be prominent.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:55:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Francis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to the "modernization" project!

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city!

The White House is the PEOPLE'S house, not Donald Trump's personal entertainment center.

Step 2: Restore the Rose Garden! These extreme changes are an insult to American history and past administrations that did things to honor the United States and its values, rather than self-promotion.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:54:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Lynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of this ballroom. I think the original east wing needs to be rebuilt to preserve the integrity and history of The White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:52:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Lambert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

The proposed ballroom is an appalling and gaudy waste of money. It does nothing for our country and is solely for the ego of one sick man who cannot get enough power and attention.

Citizens of our country are hurting in many ways, and funding has been cut for urgently needed help.

Please stop this horrible extravaganza.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lambert
Pennsylvania

Date: 2/16/2026 9:51:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's "ballroom" is an abomination! He already destroyed the Rose Garden, vomited gold paint all over the Oval Office, and cannot seem to stop himself from making our White House into a gaudy monument to himself. A 90,000 square foot ballroom is ridiculous to the extreme. Please put a stop to it.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:51:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to this ego-driven travesty. Photos of the destruction of the historic East Wing brought me to tears.

The proposed ballroom is completely out of scale with the rest of "The People's House". Any funds available to build said ballroom should be used to restore the illegally destroyed East Wing.

While we're at it, the Rose Garden should be restored as well.

One man's hubris should not destroy so much history.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:50:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawne DiOrio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the NCPC:
I am writing in opposition to any further destruction of the East Wing and to support all sanctions at your disposal for the destruction of the East Wing without prior authorization required by law. This destruction was unnecessary and if renovations truly were warranted, the required process for permission should have been followed. Now that we are in the position of having a large part of the White House completely destroyed, it obviously needs to be rebuilt. I would urge you to approve only plans that are consistent with

the historic nature of the building's architectural aesthetic and to not allow construction that is overly large or garish compared to the existing structure and grounds. Please also ensure that all sanctions available to you are levied if rebuilding is begun before receiving approval. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:50:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Skarphol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. It will overwhelm the existing White House. The design looks like it is more suited to a king than an American president. The project has had little transparency about the donors and the amount that they donated to win favor with President Trump. I have seen no designs of the interior of the proposed building - the model will likely be the palaces of European kings. There has been no attention to the interests of everyday Americans - the powerful and wealthy are in control. The paving over of the Rose Garden was a huge mistake - I also don't expect anything good coming out of the current ballroom project. I am a horticulturist and I am glad I saw the Rose Garden a few years ago before it was destroyed, with its storied history. I am appalled by what happened to that lovely space and by the tearing down of the East Wing. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:48:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Blenis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

BUILD IT!! I fully support the East Wing Modernization project. Very happy that Trump is building this for our country and future presidential functions.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:46:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Gatti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East wing modernization should match the previous foot print. Updating electrical, plumbing, meet as many ADA requirements as possible. The scale and architecture should match the existing structures. The wing should be an addition to the White House and not overwhelm it.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:46:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca A. Fellerman, AIA, NCARB
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good morning, The White House is arguably the most significant historic building in the United States. As an architect with historic preservation and restoration experience, I am writing to urge the commission to prevent the current design from moving forward, and instead send it back to the drawing board for significant revisions. The key guidling principal for all designs touching historic buildings is upholding the visual hierarchy and scale of the original building. This is vital during any renovation, restoration or addition work, particularly given the White House's historic significance. The proposed ballroom is vastly disproportionate to the White House. If construction proceeds with the current design, the White House will become visually subservient to the new addition, diminishing the importance of the White House, and irreversibly altering it's historic character. Any addition to the White House should be smaller in scale to the main building, not only in height but in mass and placement. The original assurances regarding this project when it was first announced seemed to indicate that the design would follow these principals. Sadly, the design as currently exhibited is not appropriate in scale or placement to the historic White House.

Please send this back to the Architect for significant revision, and do not allow it to proceed until the issues of scale and hierarchy are addressed.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:46:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to provide comments on the proposed East Wing Modernization Project at the White House. While I understand the desire for functional improvements, I have significant concerns about this project as currently proposed.

My primary concern is that the scale, massing, and design of the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom are not aligned with the historic character of the White House. This new structure, significantly larger than the White House itself (55,000 square feet), risks overwhelming the existing building and disrupting the carefully balanced classical design of the Executive Mansion and its wings. Such a large addition would negatively impact the historic setting of this preeminent National Historic Landmark, a symbol of our nation that is owned by the American people. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation clearly guide that new additions should be compatible with the historic property's massing, size, and scale—a standard this proposal violates.

Furthermore, I strongly believe that a project of this magnitude requires explicit authorization from Congress. A review of White House history shows that every major construction or modification project has been authorized by Congress, either through specific legislation or appropriations. The 2 exceptions I've found (the pool and tennis pavilion) were tiny in comparison to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom. This precedent, spanning over two centuries, reflects the principle that the People's House, funded by the people, should have the direct oversight of their elected representatives for such a substantial and permanent change.

The "People's House" should not be built by private interests who will expect a return on their investment. The people who will live with this building for generations—not a handful of donors seeking access—must decide if it is needed, what it will look like, and whether their tax dollars, even if ostensibly "private," are being leveraged for public influence.

And let us be honest about the scale of this decision. The current estimated cost is $400 million. To put that

number in perspective: my town desperately needs a $60 million school. For the cost of this one ballroom, we could build my town's school and five others just like it. We could address the crumbling infrastructure in communities across America. We could fund teachers, books, and safe places for our children to learn. Instead, this money—raised in the shadows—is being spent to build a private banquet hall for the wealthy inside a public landmark.

I urge the Commission to carefully consider these points during your review. I ask that you do not grant approval for the current plans and instead encourage the applicant to revisit the design to be truly compatible with the White House's historic scale and character. Additionally, I ask that the Commission support the position that this project must receive proper authorization from Congress before it can proceed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your stewardship of the National Capital Region.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:46:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.
Any repairs to bring the White House back to its pre-2024 footprint should come from the private funds of the person who contracted the changes without the proper oversight.
This entire project is constructed so POTUS can enrich himself at the expense of the public.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:44:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: FRANK DIGIALLEONARDO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is proceed without any semblance of the required review and approval process. That is illegal so the project should cease until such review and approval is properly completed.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:44:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Wenzlaff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by the American people and it should not have been desecrated without the approval of our direct representatives. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and the costs should be borne by those that tore it down without getting permission first.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:42:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Spraker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is turning the White House into a copy of a 19th century whore house. He needs to be stopped. NOW.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:42:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James LeCroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The vandals are no longer at the gates, but within the borders. By their behavior it is obvious that no tangible symbols of our past glories, laws or the very Constitution itself are safe from defacement or destruction. The very foundations of the Republic are at risk as one by one our connections with history gradually disappear willfully by those who value them little. The obliteration of the East Wing illustrates this dramatically, and the progression will surely not end with it. I plead as one who has been moved by such national monuments by visitation, do not allow authoritarianism to deface our physical ties to the road to freedom!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:38:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Witzleben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people do not want a giant ballroom. The White House is not a castle built for a monarch. Or an obnoxious palace holding an oligarch. The White House was intended to be accessible to ordinary citizens—where they could petition the Executive for their needs. That does not mean a ballroom. A ballroom is for the wealthy, privileged and “connected”.

Please limit the size of the (now necessary) repair to the footprint of the building before destruction began

last year. We should not reward the unsanctioned destruction to be rewarded by even an extra inch of space.

We, the people, do not need a palace in which to dance.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:38:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aimee Surprenant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination and should be stopped.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:38:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Wenger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Any addition should be more in scale with the people's White House and compatible with the historic design of the White House.

In addition, any cost to build an event space should be funded within an approved federal budget as a space owned by all the people not by partisan political contributions.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:36:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Tunby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly objecting to the proposed ballroom at the White House. This project has already begun without going through proper channels, resulting in the distressing destruction of our historic East Wing. The overblown design for the proposed ballroom dwarfs the significance of the People's House in an abominable way. Is this gigantic size consistent with any actual need? Or is this yet another outrageously costly vanity project? If construction is allowed to proceed, the scale of this addition should complement our beloved White House instead of overpowering it. A party room must never have more importance than

the House where serious business of our nation should be conducted. The White House must continue to be a time-honored symbol of our democracy, not a monument to wealthy donors.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:36:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Waldrop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style.
Modernize all utilities an include safety protocols.
Make the entire building ADA accessible for those who are visually and mobility impaired.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Add a small garden area of remembrance to the original East Wing including information about its destruction.
Any ballroom or 'hosting' type event center should not be at the people's house but rather should be a separate building like the other government buildings.

Keep the White House a house, not an event center and birthday party dance hall.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:35:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Andrade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the ballroom is a terrible idea. The east wing should be restored to its original size and design. This is a historic building of great significance, and any major changes should be carefully considered. I do not believe this plan has received sufficient consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:33:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hobens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the first sign of any demolition did not result in its immediate halt is beyond understanding. Whoever responsible for hiring the contractor must be accountable and pay for the reconstruction. Artwork, chandeliers, mantles, etc. can be replicated and recreated - along with the garden. What is proposed is a hideous monstrosity- total overkill in scope and architectural style. The very organizations that should have been able to do an immediate stop work order failed. The audacity of how one president can destroy an entire historic building and cheapen the beauty of the Oval Office is beyond comprehension. Whoever gave the order to demolish but pay for the restoration. What is being considered is gaudy overkill! As a direct ancestor of a Founding Father it is even more painful to live through even the consideration of such a monstrosity being considered.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wilbert Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be NOT APPROVED due to it failing to be submitted for review to the NCPC, Arts Commission and Natiponal Trust, in accrdance with their procedures. Furthermore, after being DENIED, the original East Wing should restored to its original architerctural form.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its original appearance, with no ballroom on the White House grounds. Additionally, the original Rose Garden created during the time of the Kennedy Administration should also be restored. I would also like to suggest that the two large flagpoles added by the current administration be removed, as they dwarf the White House and cheapen its historic dignity. Any modernization of the East Wing or any part of the White House or campus now or in the future should be made with the greatest care to maintain its historic integrity. No future administration should be allowed to make any changes at will.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christie Abraham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope these comments are about the ballroom and not just the East Wing. I do not want a ballroom. Most of us don’t. Trump just decided on his own to do this. No consultation with anyone.

We can’t afford this ballroom. It will eclipse the White House. This is just another vainglorious project for Trump. And where is all the money he collected to build it?

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Christie Abraham

Date: 2/16/2026 9:32:30 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hobens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Blackwelder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the People's White house should be restored to it's the 1942 renovation. As a taxpayer it is outrageous to demolish the people's house without permission and there is no need for an austentatious ballroom. Prior Presidents have lived and worked in the East wing and have wonderful memories and went through the proper process to make any changes. Personally, I think it should be rebuilt and funded by the current President who tore it down without proper permission or planning.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing restored to where it was before the President had it torn down. Of course it should be restored with any structural and electrical upgrades etc. I would also like it not to be adorned with all the gold appliqués or what ever they call them that has made our Oval Office look tacky.

I would also like the rose garden restored. The current cement slab is not in keeping with the splendor of the White House.

In addition I do not want a large ballroom occupying the White House grounds. It dwarfs the White House and there is no need for a building of this size on the White House grounds. It’s just a show off building. We don’t need large lavish “parties” which will cost the taxpayers more money.

In all these years have the people of this county clamored for changes like this. I think not. It is not necessary to build such things to show off the greatness of this country. There is something to be said about

cherishing the history of this country that we have rather than building shines new gaudy stuff.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments. I hope you will keep these thoughts in mind and preserve our heritage which the people of this country value.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:31:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The regulations are in place that any major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo proper review and approval. There are processes and standards in place for any renovation to the White House, and like all presidents before him, he should have been and going forward must be made to follow them.

The East Wing was where visitors entered and started their tour of public spaces. President Trump has no consideration for the public's opinion or access. When this portion of the White House is built, note I do not say rebuilt, as there is no restoring the history that is lost.This space should not be a ballroom that would not only be mostly a waste of money and space, it would be costly to renovate when he is gone. When built this new East Wing could be a larger version of the East Room, but even then it will not be used daily, it should be a multi use space. The new East Wing should have offices and prep areas for events and should continue to be the visitor's access point for tours that is secure and away from the private areas of the White House. All of this should be constrained to the compatible scale and decorating standards of the the People's House. We are not the subjects of a king, we do not want gilded palaces and ballrooms at the expense of and do not represent the people, we are a democracy.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: bruce larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

return to original. important part of history. no one person should have the power to destroy such important national treasure.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Witte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An atrocious abuse of power.
I implore you to restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make

interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:29:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon changes to "the people's house."
The destruction of the East Wing was illegal, shocking, and proceeded without citizen consent.
The building should be reconstructed to its previous form as nearly as practicable.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:28:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anastasia Andersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is an utter disgrace to this country. He is foul pedophile/ convicted rapist that needs to be arrested and removed from office. Immediately. He needs to be put in prison. As far as the East Wing "modernization" I do not want a crass, gold plated mega ballroom. It's unnecessary and a huge waste of taxpayer money. It would be a grotesque homage to himself and his billionaire pedophile friends.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:28:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandi Hendricks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree wholeheartedly with the renovation and ballroom of the east wing. Not only should "investors" not be allowed to donate (this is just as bad as the lobbying money and Israel buying our elections), but with us "normal" people struggling with the economy and costs rising, this project never should have been one of the first things started when Trump was inaugurated. Nor should our tax dollars pay for this, it never should have happened in the first place. And congress is not representing the PEOPLE, they're representing whoever is putting money in their pockets! Our entire government needs a gut job, keep it up and there's gonna be a revolution

Date: 2/16/2026 9:27:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:27:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen McCaffrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am all for modernization, especially in the age of high electrical demand and WiFi and security needs. The White House probably needs updating and perhaps a larger venue for diplomatic events. However, our nation was not founded on the lavish display of wealth and ostentation that is being presented as the "ballroom". Our neoclassical demonstration of democracy relies on an elegant simplicity of design that reinforces the believe in the Democratic principles - not a garish display of riches beyond what the majority of our nation has, or ever will have. If, in my own City with all its growth problems, the City Hall decided to destroy a portion to provide a glitzy space for the Chamber of Commerce, every councilperson and the mayor would be out on their ear. The Historic Preservation committee would balk without a doubt. Let's not be a national disgrace and promote the wrong ideas through architecture. Promote US made and constructed spaces that reflect egalitarianism.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:27:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Haack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Maintain internal and external architectural integrity, consistency, and proportions with the rest of the White House. Any president, incumbent or not, does NOT dictate design specifications for any US government building. The president is simply a temporary tenant in MY (taxpayers') house!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:25:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Al Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Voicing my opposition to the construction of a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. The proposed ballroom design is grossly out of scale with the original White House and wildly out of character with the main building.

We need to move slowly and carefully in deciding what should replace the East Wing and insuring it's design and scale is sympathetic to the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:25:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Middlebtook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the plans for a 90,000 sq ft ballroom. It's a waste of tax payer money, an outsized plan for what could've been a well-considered and appropriately sized renovation/extension. This is just massaging the ego of the leader of this regime.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:24:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization means just that, modernization. Update wiring, restrooms, accessibility, wall coverings, heating, and air conditioning. All those things would help modernize the building. I propose returning the historical nature to the original for balance and prosperity. I do not feel the public should have to bear that cost! My heart was hurt when the wing came down. So much history is lost to the adage "it's cheaper to tear it down"! It also takes away the wonder and pride of our citizens!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:24:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Autz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been to the White House. It's a beautiful, historic building. Razing the East wing was criminal. It was a historic, beautiful part of that building and nothing was saved. No respect for history. No respect for the significance of the space. No respect for the American people, who OWN that building. Please stop the insanity. Adding a 90,000 sq ft building to that space would be ridiculous. And enough with the fake gold leaf all over everything. It's gaudy and does not in any way exude class. Just tacky and pathetic. Please only allow the building of a space that is proportional to the current White House and that matches the interior design, SANS FAKE GOLD, of the prior space. The White House belongs to the people, not the sitting president. No President should just be allowed to trash buildings in DC and replace them with whatever they want. I was heartbroken to see the East wing destroyed. Now please replace it with something SUITABLE. No giant ballroom!!!!!!

Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 9:24:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Leonard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been demolishes at all. It should be restored identically as it was and the total cost paid by President Trump out of his personal funds. Tax payers should not pay one penny. Why was he allowed to do this to property that is not his?

Date: 2/16/2026 9:24:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Olga Wetmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ‘secrecy’ of this project should appall every citizen! In keeping with mr. Trump’s ‘big beautiful’ everythings, the few renderings that were (so) briefly shown totally Overwhelm the original White House structure. There was no need for the destruction of the East wing for this ballroom project which is simply TOO big. Whatever is built should NOT be allowed to be the ‘same height’ as the White House! No ‘second story’. The current plans should not be approved. Respectfully, olwetmore

Date: 2/16/2026 9:23:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Brubaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not in favor of doing this project. Not needed and a waste of money. Thank you for reading this .

Date: 2/16/2026 9:21:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle DiTullio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and interior annd exterior architectural style to that which was illegally destroyed, with necessary updates to wiring etc. and make interior and exterior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:19:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Reasons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the demolition and “modernization” of the East Wing. It was demolished without proper authority or steps taken. The next phase of building a ballroom bigger than the White House itself is horrible. Stop this process now and save what is left. Rebuild the East Wing following the Secretary’s Standards!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:19:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianna Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All government projects should follow the rules for historical buildings. Funds for a project need to be properly overseen by the government.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:19:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Casey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing, and in fact, the entire White House does not belong to the current occupant. It belongs to the American people. I find it offensive that the occupant of this White House thinks it's ok to demolish a treasured portion of our house without so much as a conversation first. Secondly, he thinks by having it funded by private donations makes it "ok." In fact, it makes it even less "ok" because it is corruption plain and simple. Anyone who funds his vanity project now has a seat the table. I vehemently oppose this project.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:18:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DIANE NATHANSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed addition is much too large in scale and will diminish the presence of the White House itself. The proposal ruins the overall symmetry of the three structures, presenting a lopsided tableau to the east. I

encourage the project to be redrawn from scratch to be in better balance. I applaud the selection of the architect currently assigned, who appears to be very respected, as he is respectful and knowledgeable of what makes the architecture of Washington DC singular and beautiful. One can imagine a structure that reminds one of a very bad, over-sized home addition, that is ultimately razed and rebuilt in a more fitting way.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:17:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely disagree with what's being done to the East wing! No, No, No to any ballroom being built.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:17:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I submit this comment in opposition to the current White House ballroom construction plans and to support the position advanced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in its legal filings. The White House is an irreplaceable national landmark, the "People's House," and any major alteration to the campus should proceed only through the full, legally required public review processes, not after demolition and construction are already underway.

At minimum, construction should be paused immediately until the Administration complies with applicable law and oversight, including: (1) submitting complete plans to the National Capital Planning Commission for review under the National Capital Planning Act; (2) completing an adequate NEPA environmental review (EA/EIS, as appropriate) with a meaningful public comment period; and (3) obtaining any required congressional authorization for construction in President's Park.

Beyond process compliance, I urge decision-makers to require design alternatives that avoid overwhelming the historic White House with incompatible massing and height, and that adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to protect the campus's historic integrity and symbolism.

Respectfully, I ask that agencies and officials honor the public's right to participate and ensure any changes to this nationally significant site are transparent, lawful, and truly worthy of its historic legacy.

Thank you,

Lauren

Date: 2/16/2026 9:17:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Madigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Some of the modernization makes sense. The ballroom does not. It does not reflect American values. That kind of ostentatious spectacle belongs elsewhere.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:17:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Bartos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This planned ballroom is an abomination and should never be allowed. It would dwarf the main residence and become a monument to someone's insatiable ego. The wing was demolished without permission and the new design flouted all rules about permitting and review. No, no, no. Do not build it. The East Wing must be rebuilt in accordance with permission of the people, and the design should reflect proper decorum and respect for the People's House.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:17:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Cantwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a US citizen. I find it appalling that the East Wing was demolished. There was no oversight by any of the agencies assigned to National Historic Sights. This should not have happened.
I am opposed to any ballroom addition. The East Wing should be restored. Funds should come from the offending person, not at the tax payers expense.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:16:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Yong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historic landmark and any modifications should have been proposed with a public consultation period before construction. No part of the building and gardens should have been demolished. The exterior dimensions, interior layout, interior design, interior dimensions, and gardens/ landscaping should be restored updated only for fire code, ADA access, wiring, and plumbing. There is no way to add an extension that is larger than the entire pre-existing building in any way that would make the final result symmetrical or pleasing. My recommendation is for the ballroom, if needed, to have been built under ground as I've seen additions for historic buildings do, such as the St. Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore,

which has 4 stories of space under ground.

https://www.dpaconsultants.in/projects/standrewscathedralaanda

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Sylvanus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. It should not be "modernized" to reflect the vanity and taste of the current occupant, but should reflect the classical, historical aesthetics of the existing white house, in keeping with the values of the people of the United States. It SHOULD NOT be larger than the white house itself, but should respect the historic scale and design of the White House.

At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:15:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica DuPlessis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be allowed to move forward. The East Wing should be restored to the elegant, classy structure that existed before Donald Trump chose to tear it down for his own purposes. The White House belongs to the people and does not exist as a monument to one person. Building a ballroom on the property that is larger than the entire White House is another example of how Trump wants to make our country all about him, he wants everyone to look at the symbol of the US government and think of him, not of unity, not of democracy, not of the millions of people who live here, just him. His giant ballroom week be a reminder of him and his tacky gold and the money he bullied out of donors, which will serve to allow favors for his billionaire associates.
Restore the people's House to the dignity it deserves and keep it a symbol of democracy and justice and equality, not of excess and worship of a dictator. We the people deserve it.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:14:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sandra traub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building)

and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space. The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Mulkey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing Modernization Project is a gross misuse of tax payer dollars and has already destroyed an otherwise completely functional and historically significant section of the White House. Furthermore, the addition of such a large ballroom to the White House is unnecessary and could potentially lead to further overspending on excessive state event guest lists and furnishings.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chuck Tackett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a grand Neoclassical building with a storied history. While grand in scale of its site, landscape, and architecture, it maintains a somewhat reserved countenance, not seeking to be opulent or ostentatious, but reflecting a genuine respect for the context in which it is situated.

The new East Wing renderings show a behemoth addition that will dominate the residence and drastically alter the character of the Ellipse in a negative way, imposing significant massing, as tall or taller than the Residence, and reshaping configuration of the Ellipse itself.

The limited imagery presented to the public shows a more ostentatious style, though superficially similar to the Residence, and expresses a grandiose image that is unbecoming and inconsistent with the Residence and West Wing. The project needs to be scaled back in both massing and style.

It also needs to go through appropriate review procedures required by law.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Jean Schindler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To: National Capital Planning Commission
Re: East Wing Modernization Project — Public Comment

Dear Commissioners,

I write to express my strong opposition to the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" and to urge the Commission to exercise its full authority in reviewing what amounts to the most significant — and most reckless — alteration to the White House complex in its 225-year history.

The White House belongs to the American people. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and the most symbolically significant building in the United States. The demolition of the East Wing in October 2025 was carried out without adequate public notice, without completed NCPC review, and without congressional authorization. That the Commission is now being asked to evaluate plans for a building that has already been torn down — a process that should have taken place before a single brick was removed — is itself a profound indictment of how this project has been handled.

I have several specific concerns:

The demolition was irreversible and bypassed required review. The NCPC's own standard process calls for review before ground is broken or structures are demolished. Instead, the administration razed the East Wing first and is now presenting plans after the fact, effectively presenting the Commission with a fait accompli. This sets a dangerous precedent: that any future administration can destroy historic structures on federal land and seek approval retroactively.

The scale of the project is inappropriate. At approximately 89,000 square feet, the proposed new East Wing is significantly larger than the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. Architects, preservationists, and even some commissioners have noted that a structure of this scale would visually overwhelm the White House and fundamentally alter one of the most carefully planned vistas in the National Capital Region. As one architect stated in written testimony to this Commission, the proposed ballroom would reduce the Mansion to "the tail wagging the dog."

The process has been compromised by conflicts of interest. The NCPC chairman, Will Scharf, simultaneously serves as White House Staff Secretary — meaning the applicant's own employee chairs the body reviewing the application. The Commission of Fine Arts has similarly been stacked with administration loyalists. The American people deserve an independent review, not a rubber stamp.

The project raises serious transparency and accountability concerns. The cost has escalated from $200 million to $400 million with no public accounting. Private donors — including major corporations with business before the federal government — are funding the project, raising profound ethics concerns about access and influence. The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization has had to file a FOIA lawsuit just to obtain basic safety records related to the demolition. None of this reflects the transparency that the stewardship of a national landmark demands.

Historic and cultural heritage was destroyed. The East Wing housed the Office of the First Lady since 1942. It contained the Presidential Emergency Operations Center. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden — designed by I.M. Pei — was destroyed along with it. These were not expendable structures. They were integral to the history of the presidency and the American story.

I urge the Commission to fulfill its statutory obligation and subject this project to the most rigorous review possible. At minimum, the Commission should demand independent analysis of whether alternatives that preserved the East Wing were genuinely infeasible, require full public disclosure of donor identities and contribution amounts, ensure an independent environmental and historic impact assessment, and seriously

consider whether the proposed structure's scale is compatible with the historic character of the White House grounds.

The White House is not a private club to be renovated at the whim of its current occupant. It is a public trust. I respectfully ask the Commission to treat it as one.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Jean Schindler
Woodstock, Georgia
Founder, Woodstock Community Action Network

Date: 2/16/2026 9:13:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Helein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The lawless destruction of the east wing of the People's house is just one of many dispicable acts of this administration. Our country does not need a ballroom!

I would like to see the east wing restored to its original state.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:10:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Dunlap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Reconstruction of East Wing with all necessary updates to comply with current regulations. If a ballroom is desired, build it off the White House grounds.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:09:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Nagle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the project.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:07:27 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucetta Kiefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea of tearing down the East Wing without any approvals or oversight was an abomination. A 90,000 square foot ballroom to overshadow the White House is a vanity project and nothing more. This outrageous action must be stopped and a proposal to re-establish an approved, appropriate addition must be brought forward.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:05:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Hoag
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members:
I was horrified by the destruction of the historic east wing of the White House with no review by any appropriate historical commission. This loss to our nation is unfathomable. I am opposed to the President's planned ballroom to replace the east wing. Its size dwarfs our most important historic landmark, the existing White House. It has no architectural style and will not fit the context. There should be no construction until a plan that harmonizes with the existing White House and does not detract from the emphasis on that building can be developed. Experts in historic architecture should be involved. President Trump has demonstrated clearly that he has no sense of appropriate historic architecture and no appreciation of history. I urge the commission to veto this plan and attempt to work with the White House to develop something that is more appropriate, or better still, rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Sincerely,

Holly Hoag

Date: 2/16/2026 9:04:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dell Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild as it was and restore the Rose Garden. What a massive waste of money. Trump thinks the East Wing will be rebuilt using donations. He’s a known liar. Whatever is not covered by donations should be paid for by Trump. He is a disgrace!

Date: 2/16/2026 9:03:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby and the central space at the National Building Museum is also very spacious. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House is not a Palace! It is the people's house. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished with necessary updates for electrical code and ADA requirements. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. Also the rose garden and Jackie's garden should be restored.

Date: 2/16/2026 9:01:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people and we have entrusted oversight to the National Trust. This project as proposed is not in keeping with the architecture of the White House and destroys this iconic building. Please entrusts design of any renovation to the proper experts and NOT to the president of the United States.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Colbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house belongs to the people! Please do not allow one unhinged, incompetent person to construct a building nearly twice the size in place of the historic East Wing that has been destroyed. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was. It is an atrocity this beautiful, historic building was destroyed with no regard to laws and without input from the people.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:59:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celeste Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the desecration of the East Wing being destroyed and turned into a ballroom. I cannot understand how any politician has the authority to destroy a historical and beloved building that belongs to the American people. It is not owned by Donald Trump. He is a temporary resident who is destroying America.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:58:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Gerstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes; making changes or additions compatible with the architecture of the main house. If it is decided that a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, OR have a reputable Historical Architecture firm to design it. The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to whoever who has been currently elected to occupy it.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:57:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica DeCoux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has already turned the rose garden into a brutalist food court. This latest project is a much bigger blight on the White House.

The size of the planned space is disproportionate and out of keeping with the historical site. It will be an eyesore and an embarrassment, even if completed to plan, and the completed space will be unnecessarily cavernous.

This project is the product of a mind whose only guiding principle is that bigger must be better, and that largeness correlates with power. Pathetic.

I do not believe that this project will be built during the Trump regime, even if permission is granted. Any funds donated for its completion will be diverted by the embezzler in chief for his personal enrichment. The work will be stalled, subject to changing decisions and complications, and at best we can hope for, years from now, is a half-built, shoddy mess. This is an embarrassment to our nation.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Feroli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the construction that has occurred at the White House by Trump. The White House is the people's house…..there was no one consulted and no input by the citizens of USA. It looks horrible….

Date: 2/16/2026 8:56:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to building a ballroom of the size proposed by the current President's office. While a public space for entertaining may be a worthwhile goal, the size and style of the project would negatively alter the historic nature of the White House. The proposed scale and style may appeal to rich and powerful people, but it does not reflect the central belief of American democracy and equality based on human dignity and rights.

Please devise a better use for this space, one that all Americans can feel belongs to them.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:54:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Wolfrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the current federal administration's actions regarding the East Wing of the White House. The reported plans and associated activity raise serious concerns about reckless design decisions, a lack of transparency in the planning process, and the apparent disregard for established preservation standards. The White House is not merely an administrative building; it is a historic public asset that belongs to the American people. Any alteration to its structure or grounds should be approached with restraint, respect for its historical integrity, and full public accountability.

I am deeply troubled by what appears to be lawless destruction of public property without clear adherence to review protocols or meaningful public engagement. The National Capital Planning Commission plays a vital role in ensuring that federal projects within the capital meet legal, historical, and design standards. I respectfully urge the Commission to exercise its full oversight authority, demand transparency, and halt any actions that compromise the integrity of this national landmark. The preservation of public trust and historic heritage depends on it.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:49:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Baumgarten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed new ballroom is grossly out of scale with the White House itself, and if built would desecrate a special and perfectly balanced historic building. Also, its size is of questionable necessity. There are other venues in DC where larger balls can be given. The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt exactly as it was prior to the vandalization. This is the only correct course of action architecturally and morally.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:49:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former permit expediter in a small Architectural firm, I find it shocking that any demolition to our White House would have been undertaken without all the agencies that should have been applied to, had issued permits. It is my observation that the demolition company as well as any Architects involved should lose their licenses. I believe that due to the current condition of the structure since demolition took place, should be reconstructed after permitting is in place in the most suitable manner to properly restore the original wing to it's historic character without unnecessary embellishment by those responsible for it's demise. There should be no Ballroom. It is also my belief that any other changes to Our Whitehouse or its surrounding property should be restored to former historic uses (ie rose garden) that come under jurisdiction of any agency meant to protect them. It is my belief that these restorations should and must be paid for by those who have caused the demise and not by public funds. Any small municipality would consider this status quo as well as levying heavy fines for minor infractions.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:48:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aileen Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the damage was done I'd like to see that area of the White House repaired and left alone. A meeting/ballroom which should be coordinated by someone other than Trump or anyone he designates. He is not qualified. I definitely don't want it to be some garish monstrosity that ends up with design that is like something from the era of Caligula. This also needs proper approvals and oversights by the people who are always in charge of these things. This is the People's House and it deeply offends me that this president is trashing it where it looks like a cheap bordello!!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:47:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Benjamin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Renovations to any part of the White House should include modernization of electrical systems, plumbing, HVAC, and accessibility. They should NOT include costly and unnecessary ballrooms, decorations, or monuments. This is the people's house, not one man's Versailles.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:47:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Geithner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing (and Rose Garden) should NEVER have been destroyed in the first place, especially without getting consent from the people of the United States who are the actual owners. The structure should be rebuilt as closely as possible to the ORIGINAL design, but to include updating current code and allow for better ADA compliance. We do not need, nor want, a ballroom. If someone wants one- it should be built somewhere else.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:47:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Melkonian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We know the American People no longer have a voice unless it is in line with the current administration but I am using my First Amendment rights to put an end to the destruction of the White House. Our house is an historic landmark. No one has the right to make changes to the building without the people’s permission.

I am disgusted by this Administrations abuse of power.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:45:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Gotham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is atrocious what President Trump has done and had the East Wing torn down. I totally think it is terrible that he wants to build such a big ballroom, that is bigger than the White House. Please do not allow this to happen whatsoever! He doesn't care about our country, and he only cares about himself and his ego! Do not let this go forward. Especially in such a big size. And do not allow a ton of gold to be put in there. He is wasting so much of our country's money with everything he is doing. I know he said donors are paying for this, but he wasted so much money, causing court judgments over and over and over!! And everything else!

Nancy Gotham

Date: 2/16/2026 8:44:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca KantenMcCoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Morning, I am just a regular American living in the heartland of the US. Minnesota is my home, and as a Minnesotan I am proud of our tradition of inclusion, caring for our neighbors, and concern for our democracy.
I am compelled to speak out against the East Wing project at the White House. I cried the day I saw that the current occupant tore down the East Wing, with no concern for history, no oversight, and no input from citizens.
Please do NOT let the garish, horrible ballroom go forward. It is not right for the people's house. It is intended only for the ultra-rich oligarchs to flaunt in the faces of Americans. It cannot be allowed to happen.
I have a family member who worked for USAID, so I have spent quite a bit of time in DC over the years. I used to love walking the mall and around the White House. Now I feel physically ill when I see what is happening to our house, seemingly without oversight.
STOP THE PROJECT, it will take over our house, and forever change the White House in a way that is truly un-American.
Thank You.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:43:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Miner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new construction is too big! The need to host big events could be met by a building 1/2 to 3/4 of the footprint of this one. My other concerns are:
1) that the January 8, 2026 presentation did not provide an accurate view of how the trees will mask this new, massive structure. I worry that they will remove trees to make the buildings more visible,
2) the First Spouse's office is now further from the main building and sends a signal that it is not significant. It's also located on the same level as the industrial kitchen, which sends another unfortunate message, and
3) egress accessibility, as one commissioner mentioned. Could the grand staircase incorporate a ramp structure, or simply be made a ramp instead of stairs?
Finally, it is my understanding that the secret security complex was demolished along with the rest of the East Wing. If there's such a concern over this part of the complex, why destroy it? Where is it now and why can't it stay there?

Date: 2/16/2026 8:43:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Chapski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. Just NO! The 90,000 sf footprint is much too large. A ballroom off site would have been a consideration, but the damage is done. I would like my tax dollars used for arresting & convicting the people who are destroying my/our American legacy! I should not have to be commenting on an unnecessary Ballroom project when that money could be used to fund other projects within the NPS.
No.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:41:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sounds like a great idea to have ballroom for hosting events

Date: 2/16/2026 8:40:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqualine Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The style for the new East Wing should reflect the history of the United States and be compatible to the White House. The proposed size could easily overshadow our wonderful White House. When people approach these historical buildings on Pennsylvania Ave they should speak to to the humble beginnings of our country. Please, please, please- NO GOLD!! We have never been a country to flaunt our riches in the face of our allies or adversaries and we shouldn't do it now.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:39:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobbie Huff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is TERRIBLE that he tore WE THE PEOPLES East Wing down to build a VANITY PROJECT. I truly oppose anything he would build as a VANITY PROJECT or anything else in its place besides the original East Wing as it stood and I will stand behind a decision to order the East Wing built back how he found it. A complete and total ORIGINAL rebuild.
Bobbie Huff

Date: 2/16/2026 8:39:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henrietta Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has an iconic visage, with a simple yet dignified core design. The new ballroom plans, at almost twice the size of the original structure, will overwhelm and confuse the visual sight lines. The proposed structure will make the original house recede and completely destroy its visual impact and importance.

These new ballroom plans more closely resemble the construction of a new government building, rather than a wing on the existing Presidential home.

I do not refute that an addition may be needed for events and entertaining, but I am emphatically appalled by the size of the proposed structure.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:36:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Speredelozzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put back the east wing. We’re not a kingdom we don’t need a ball room the president is a fool and should be made to use the 400 million to repair what he has torn down with out permission

Date: 2/16/2026 8:35:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Raye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is completely insane to know the East Wing was demolished, and HE planned to redo all on his own with OUR money!
The further destruction MUST BE STOPPED, and the building restored at HIS cost. HE is out there acting on his own without regard to law or any type of morals. Put it back the way it was, and make him pay for it. This situation has shown a complete and utter disregard to us and our nation of LAWS, the US Consitution to be exact. Make THEM go away, and especially DO NOT ALLOW ANY FURTHER ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION TO THE WHITE HOUSE OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL BUILDING DURING HIS FASCIST OCCUPATION. Thank YOU for your attention to this matter.
Catherine

Date: 2/16/2026 8:35:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwyn B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a good metaphor for this administration as a whole.... doing irreparable damage to American institutions, her people, and the country herself; throwing a tantrum when he can't have his way; wasting money and resources in service of a sad old man's ego.... A national embarrassment. The White House does not belong to Donald Trump, he is a GUEST in OUR HOUSE.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:33:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denae Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled and saddened by the loss of the historical east wing of the White House. I request it be returned to its former state and rebuilt exactly as it was. I do not want any additional structure on the White House site. A large “ballroom” will overshadow the current structure and if such a building is desired by the current administration it should be built elsewhere in D.C. without the use of taxpayer dollars.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:33:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: HEIDI BRAU
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposal associated with Donald Trump to construct a new ballroom at the White House based on both historical preservation concerns and fiscal responsibility.

The White House is one of the most historically significant public buildings in the United States. Since its completion in 1800, it has endured war, fire, structural deterioration, and multiple renovations that were undertaken primarily to preserve and stabilize the building rather than to expand it for luxury or ceremonial convenience. Following the devastating 1814 fire during the War of 1812, restoration efforts focused on faithfully rebuilding the structure to maintain its symbolic continuity. Likewise, the extensive Truman-era renovation in 1948–1952 was driven by structural failure that threatened the building's survival, not aesthetic expansion. These efforts reflected a bipartisan commitment to preservation rather than modernization for prestige.

Constructing a large new ballroom would represent a significant departure from this long-standing preservation philosophy. Alterations of this scale risk compromising the architectural integrity of a building that has been carefully maintained as a living historic landmark. Preservation experts widely emphasize that national heritage sites derive their value from authenticity, continuity, and restraint in structural alteration. Expanding the White House footprint to accommodate large-scale entertainment functions could undermine these preservation standards and set a precedent for future non-essential structural additions.

From a financial standpoint, the proposal also raises serious concerns. Large ceremonial construction projects tied to historic structures frequently exceed initial cost estimates due to preservation compliance requirements, security considerations, and structural integration challenges. Even if private funding were proposed, such projects typically still generate substantial public costs related to security upgrades, long-term maintenance, staffing, and infrastructure adaptation. Historically, expansions of high-security federal facilities have required ongoing taxpayer-funded operational support far beyond the initial construction expense.

At a time when the federal government faces competing fiscal priorities — including infrastructure modernization, veteran services, public health investments, and national debt management — allocating resources, attention, and logistical support to a ceremonial ballroom project does not reflect prudent stewardship of public funds or government focus.

The White House belongs symbolically to the American people and represents continuity across administrations. Changes to such a historic and nationally significant structure should be limited to preservation, safety, and essential functional needs. Any proposal that fundamentally alters the building's scale or historic character must undergo rigorous public transparency, independent preservation review, and congressional oversight.

For these historical and financial reasons, the ballroom proposal should be rejected in favor of maintaining the architectural integrity, historical authenticity, and fiscal responsibility that have guided stewardship of the White House for more than two centuries.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Langley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing Modernization Project as proposed by Donald Trump should be brought to an immediate stop, until plans that follow guidelines for preservation of historic landmarks can be drawn and reviewed by the appropriate experts that oversee these kinds of projects. What Donald Trump has done to the White House is shameful and should not be allowed to continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Rosenblum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that Mr. Trump tore down the East Wing without permission, in order to build a "great ballroom" — bigger than the Executive Mansion and West Wing combined, is an outrage. The project should NOT be approved. I'm a 71 year old grandmother and I have never seen such lawlessness (and I lived through Watergate). Nobody needs a huge ballroom for any reason, but what America does need is for this "President" and his plans to be stopped. The ballroom is just one example of how he runs roughshod over laws, traditions, common sense, etc. Democracy is on the line — and as patriotic Americans, we all need to stand up to stop Trump when he ignores the law.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:31:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Catt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This blasphemy must stop. The proposed project is completely out of context with the historical landscape. This is just another overreach by a fascist dictator whose unannounced destruction of the existing wing was only to stroke his unchecked ego. The scale of the proposed project is excessive and will do nothing to improve the grounds. Proper modernization does not require the total erasure of the historic fabric of the White House. Stop this current plan and start over with experts who appreciate the historical significance of the peoples house and grounds and not an egomaniac.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:31:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the lack of respect that has been afforded to the White House by this president. There is no reverence for the historical value of The People’s House. Modernization has its place, but to completely tear down an historic structure without going through the legal process shows just how little this administration cares about our history and the citizens of this country. Trump should be required to build it all back the way it was out of his own pocket. What a complete waste of money this has been!

Date: 2/16/2026 8:31:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Troisi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an entirely unnecessary project, especially during a period of economic uncertainty.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:30:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Zervakis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The distortion of the East wing to a structure proposed to dwarf the rest of the White House building is an affront and desecration to a building that is not just a building, but a symbol of personal, historical, and patriotic meaning to us, the American people. This is not Trump's house. It is the people's house. Please restore the East wing to its original dimensions, belonging, and intent: an area dedicated to the first lady/spouse, and a place for the public. On the rare cases a ballroom of that size is needed, it can be rented without maiming a building of unestimable value. It pains me that the historic Rose Garden was concreted over and now looks like a souless courtyard cafe of some random strip mall. We are destroying our own heritage.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:28:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanean Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing. How is it that anyone especially a president can destroy a national treasure that belongs to its people and not an individual is beyond my comprehension. This ridiculous ballroom is not needed or wanted. I do not want my tax dollars to be used to support this project. I hope that any future construction plans of the ballroom will be halted. I also hope that Congress propose that the East Wing be restored in a manner that resembles as much as possible its original.

I also hope that the Kennedy Centers name be restored to the original name of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

I also hope that the name Gulf of Mexico name be restored.

Please do not allow this administration to arbitrarily change any structures, build any new construction or change or add the Trump name to any of our buildings or monuments without the express consent of a task force representing the people of the United States.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely
Jeanean Martin

Date: 2/16/2026 8:26:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Kinkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This president was very wrong to destroy any part of the People's House for his own garish, golden monstrosity.

Since the damage was done, I'd like to see the East Wing of the White House rebuilt appropriately and tastefully, in keeping with the style and scale of the White House with proper approvals and oversights by experts in both design and historical context.

I would suggest we sell that plane from Qatar to help pay for the restoration or that the president pay for the damages personally. The taxpayers should not have to pay one cent of the cost since we would never have approved this wasteful, disgusting idea.

The reconstruction should be coordinated by someone other than Trump or anyone he designates.

This is the People's House and it deeply offends me that it was trashed for this president's whim without the approval of the people. He will only be there temporarily. It will be our house forever.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:26:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Sack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build the 90,000 sq/ft ballroom. It is NOT in the people's interest at all. It will dwarf the existing White House. It is a totally selfish project by DJT.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:23:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda VanDeusen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. Any resident is only there on a temporary basis. As such, they should NOT be able to make any substantial changes without the consent of the people. I will refrain from comments on the destruction that has already taken place.

Instead, I would like to focus on the restoration that needs to be done. In order to restore the grace and dignity of a global symbol, it is critical to restore the exterior of the building to its original dimension and architectural style. I have visited the White House and realize that it will be absolutely impossible to restore the beautiful and historic rooms to their former glory. However, in as much as it is possible, it should be constructed to reflect the history and importance of the structure so that future generations can understand the history and importance of the White House. Further, if I recall correctly, the office of the First Lady (or possible First Gentleman) are in that space and should be restored.

Additionally, there is no need for a "ballroom" of any kind in the White House. We DO NOT have a

monarchy in this nation. Repeat, we DO NOT have a monarchy here. If a large space is required, I am sure that there is one somewhere in DC that can provide that.

Please, restore our beautiful White House to its former glory! And, please restore the rose garden as well.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:22:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Bakotich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am here to insist on the transparency and accountability of this project. I believe it should be rebuilt as it was. We have survived 250 years without a golden ballroom. Restore the East Wing to its original blueprint. It would be fabulous if we could restore the rose garden as well.

Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:19:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Hilliard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the current proposal to build a 90,000 sq ft ballroom. It is disproportionately larger than the historic White House building and does not comply with the established building standards in Washington, DC. The building standards established in Washington, DC were established to protect our historic buildings.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:13:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Elias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed project is a horrible idea and should be rejected. It would dwarf and distort the image of the White House and it would cost a huge amount of money to glorify Trump and provide enjoyment for the wealthy and powerful elite - but would do NOTHING for American citizens. I strongly oppose it.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:10:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jan gez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Raped the White House, rape the country.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:10:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jena Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am wholeheartedly opposed to this addition, ballroom. While modernization may be necessary the is the residence and workplace of the executive branch, not some fancy entertainment venue.
It may be appropriate for this proposed ballroom to be added to the Kennedy Center during their renovation, but not the Whitehouse.
Further it is beyond sickening and immoral to let children go hungry by taking away school lunch programs at the same time as completing a superfluous project such as this, ESPECIALLY when it was done illegally, without proper public input and communication.
If I had a say I would argue, Trump should be liable for the damages done to our people's house, so any repairs to restore it should come from his own pocket.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:10:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Horty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House compound has historically been stately, modestly projecting humble strength and respect for tradition. However, the ballroom as currently proposed is of behemoth proportions which would overshadow the main structure of the White House itself. The huge building is a tacky vanity project belonging more in an emperor's palace than sitting right next to the "People's House". IF a ballroom IS even needed (which I humbly doubt is the case), construct it elsewhere in the city, where it wouldn't dominate over the main White House building or detract from the understated elegance of the historical property.

If, however, one is approved to be built in place of the now-lost East Wing, the project should follow the correct past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the former East Wing, allowing of course, for interior updates such as wiring and ADA accommodations.

And finally, do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Such funding undermines public trust in a government supposed to be "of (all) the people, by (all) the people, and for (all) the people" of this country.

Thank you for the (belated) opportunity to express public comment on this matter.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:09:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Archuleta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish Trump hadn't torn down the East Wing, but the architectural drawings of the proposed ballroom don't look too bad. My only concern is the size and how it's larger than the White House itself.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:03:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Regan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that one individual, Donald Trump can have a section of the White House demolished. This is the people's house and should follow the proper process. Not to mention, DC building approvals must be in place.
Design must be reviewed and approved as an appropriate home representing the people of USA.

Date: 2/16/2026 8:01:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Stuhltrager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and protected by local, state, national regulations.

Despite this, demolition in 2025 of the White House's East Wing was done without the necessary review, formal approvals, and permit/s required by law - a deliberate act of destruction of the American people's property.

I ask that destruction of a historic landmark in complete disregard of required process and permissions is made the direct burden of the person/s leading the demolition project.

The liability of making the American people whole in destruction of property includes not just reinstating the building (as deemed appropriate by the multiple governing parties involved including but not limited to NCPC, Commission of Fine Arts, National Environmental Policy Act, Congress, and the National Parks Service) but additionally any applicable fines, legal costs, and expenses related to the East Wing's reinstatement.

As a US Citizen, I request that it be made clear that public funding is not being used for any aspect related to rectifying this matter, transparent public reporting on the private funds used to settle this matter, and that any resolution remains 100% owned by the American people without any burden/s.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:58:07 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Nevitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The additions should be ADA compliant, all electrical wiring and plumbing should be updated, the exterior should remain consistent with the original plans for the White House and look cohesive on the outside and the inside should be a pleasant place for all inclusive and historical in its expansion.
Our White House should never look like the inside of a Las Vegas casino. It is not for extravagance and show. It is a place where people should learn, American history, should learn American government and should feel welcomed.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:57:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuilt addition should not overshadow the residence in square footage or height, should look similar to the architecture of the west wing and be funded by Mr. Trump personally since permission to tear down the original structure was never granted to Mr. Trump.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:55:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I was shocked and appalled that our beautiful White House, specifically the East Wing, was destroyed by the current administration without following the proper procedures to allow for historic review or public comment. I vehemently oppose the construction of an outsized ballroom which is an unnecessary addition and will dwarf the current White House due to its hideous proportions. I sincerely hope that the NCPC will be able to stop this construction so that a more appropriate use of that space can be designed and constructed after following the proper procedures. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:52:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan DeWitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the proposed plan to bill such a large ballroom at the location of the East Wing of the

White House. While I agree that a ballroom is needed to accommodate state dinners, the scale should be smaller than the existing White House Residence building. The plan should be reviewed and approved by the National Capital Planning Commission.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:52:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Bruns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is The People's House. Rules must be followed.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:49:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merita Ashbery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is tragic that the People, and apparently the NCPC, had no opportunity to review the demolition of the East Wing prior to that action by this president.

This president needs no further monuments or gold-infested trophies to memorialize the devastation he has inflicted on this country. The White House is the People's house and all who have the privilege to occupy it should respect that history and tradition. He is not a monarch.

I support the NCPC specifications that limit the size and specifications of any additional construction so as not to dwarf the original structure and to maintain the integrity of the original structure.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

As an American, I am deeply concerned about and fully opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The demolition of the East Wing should not have occurred, The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. It should be honored and protected. It should be maintained and improved upon, not dipped in fake gold and permanently dismantled on an egomaniac's whim. The current president does not care about the White House or the American people. He is only concerned with his ego and warped sense of who he thinks

he is. This is nothing more than a narcissist's vanity project. He has harmed this nation in numerous ways and this project is another hit to our souls. A ballroom in unnecessary and a waste and abuse of funds. Please stop this madness.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Cassandra Johnson

Date: 2/16/2026 7:48:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Fucci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The replacement for the East Wing of the White House should occupy the SAME "footprint" as the original structure and be the same amount of total square footage. It should compliment the exterior appearance of the existing White House. Interior furnishings and decor should be consistent with the traditional appearance if the existing White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:46:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The enormous ballroom Trump wants to build is clearly a vanity project, designed to leave a legacy of his time in office. At 90,000 square feet it is inappropriate in scale to the White House. Since the East Wing was demolished illegally, the space needs to be rebuilt but should be done in a sensitive, well-considered manner so that it blends, but does not outweigh, the gravity and significance of the People’s House.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:44:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of a Trump ballroom to replace the historic East Wing, an historic corridor I was once privileged to walk through. I recommend the complete restoration of the now destroyed East Wing to its former splendor.

Sincerely,

David M. Hayes
New York City

Date: 2/16/2026 7:43:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neal Gittleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:42:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Mielo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump needs to put the East Wing of the White House, the People's house, back to the way it was. He did not receive approval to demolish the building. Trump himself needs to fund this. Trump may NOT tax or take money from the American people to put this back the way it was. Trump decided to demolish history, and Trump should be the one that fixes it on his dime. NOT ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLES DIME. Trump (not the American people) must suffer all the financial burden. Trump must legally acquire all necessary permits to restore the East Wing and he must not steal money from the American People to do so. He must fund this himself, from his personal finances and he himself made the decision to demolished history without going through proper channels.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Hayes-Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Since this demolition was done without proper permits or approval, what has already been paid by the people for the construction/demolition should be returned to the people. All restorations at this point should be paid by DJT and not the people.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:40:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Wylie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm struggling to wrap my head around the idea that the East Wing of the White House — a space with deep historical, cultural, and civic significance — could be torn down without transparent process, public accountability, or even basic respect for the institution itself. The White House doesn't belong to any one person. It belongs to the American people. It's a symbol of our continuity, our history, and our democracy.

Replacing a historic wing with a ballroom — especially without clear justification, oversight, or public input — isn't modernization. It's vandalism dressed up as vanity. Decisions about the People's House should be rooted in stewardship, not spectacle.

We deserve leadership that treats our national heritage with care, not as a personal playground. Outrage is the only reasonable response when something this consequential is done without transparency or respect for the public trust.

I do NOT approve of a ballroom being built to replace the East Wing and demand that the East Wing be replaced to it's former state, by companies certified to work in Historic Buildings, at the personal expense of Donald J Trump. I further demand that an oversight committee be assigned to oversee every aspect of this project, including where the funds come from, and where the funds go to. At no time should Donald J Trump be allowed to seek alternative funds from citizens, corporations, or foreign entities to pay for this endeavor.

In the event you all approve this ridiculous request, which I am certain you will ignore the will of the people and do so, once again the entire process should be at the expense of Donald J Trump, with no contributions allowed from citizens, Corporations, or foreign entities.

The fact that you are NOW asking our opinions, after the process has already started and has done irreparable harm to this piece of history, stating it is a part of the process, is a travesty, and a blatant attempt to declare transparency and rule-abiding behavior, when it has been everything but this. Had any President in history tried to demolish the White House without significant discussion and approval by the people, they would have been removed. ANY RENTER in someone's home would be forced to pay for the damages done. What an absolute travesty to see the East Wing and the Rose Garden destroyed forever. This is OUR house, and he just comes in an takes what he wants. It's what he does, and he needs to be held accountable.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:36:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. The East Wing demolition was not approved through appropriate channels beforehand. One person is not allowed to make arbitrary changes to such a symbolic structure.
The East Wing should be constructed in a size and style consistent with the residency section of The White House. The 90,000 square foot building already started will be ridiculously large compared to the 55,000 sf residency section.
The White House is not supposed to be a huge, self-aggrandizing palace. I am deeply unhappy with the plan to build a monstrous addition that will detract from and undermine the stateliness and symbolism of The White House. Turning it into a tasteless pretend palace throne room is the perfect symbol for the current administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:32:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was disturbing. We have no need for a ballroom, especially that size. The gaudiness of the current administration does not fit the peoples house and should not be allowed. The rules apply to this administration and should be respected and enforced.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:32:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri West
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the east wing of the White House. Follow the past processes for making needed changes in a historically sensitive manner. A ballroom larger than the existing structure is NOT necessary!

Date: 2/16/2026 7:31:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Paridee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Beauty dwarfed by the beast. Please stop this abomination.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:30:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark. It is the people's house, not Trump's house to destroy. We the people do not need a ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:25:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would echo the many voices sounding out in dismay over the destruction of the East Wing without going through the appropriate channels. We are a proud people of a proud nation and the White House is a symbol of that pride. It must reflect stability, strength, our history, and be stately in its appearance. It is not, and was never meant to be, a convention center or hotel or entertainment venue.
If the President wishes to leave his mark, as other Presidents have, then by all means do so, but create a space that is in keeping with the original structure. Do not make it lopsided and detract from what the architects of the city created. The entire Capital was built in a way to amaze and humble visiting dignitaries...not make them scratch their heads and wonder why the White House looks like a Frankenstein monster.
Thank you for your time and may God bless the USA.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:22:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house. This project should be designed to Maintain the historical integrity of the design which suits its current and historic style. Not be 2+ times bigger than the rest. Please use all the power of your regulatory integrity to make sure this project is in keeping with historic and contemporary values. Not some gigantic abomination to appease a nacissistic president! Than you.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:21:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Franciosi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge this commission to stick to the historical design of the White House and its symmetry. The street facing view should match the east wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:20:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Garrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to building a ballroom in the demolished space where the east wing previously existed. The proposed size and design of this so-called ballroom is not in keeping with the White House. Additionally I see no reason for the United States to build a ballroom. Should such a space be required there is no shortage of alternatives at various hotels, conference centers etc across the county including the greater Washington DC area. While it may be touted as being built with so called donations, it would become the taxpayer's obligation to pay for all upkeep, heating, cooling etc

Date: 2/16/2026 7:15:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Kastenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and address any other modern building code issues, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Rebuild the Rose Garden exactly as it was.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 7:04:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denisen Nielsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:56:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JuliAnne Diesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring as needed, and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom/event space is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. (This would also ensure greater security to the White House, as such a large event space with such proximity to the People's House could create logistics issues.)

The White House is the People’s House.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:53:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Mastri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think that a ballroom is necessary or needed. I would rather have my taxes pay for the restoration of the demolished East Wing. Eliminating the plans for a ballroom would save money in construction costs which could be used for the restoration of the East Wing. Many of the current alterations to the White House have ruined it's beauty. Let's not add to this gross distortion of our White House. NO BALLROOM. RESTORE THE EAST WING.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:46:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CAROL KENNEDY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Shocked, disgusted, dismayed. Among all of the disastrous decisions the POTUS has made, this tear down of the East Wing hit me so hard because it is a symbol of the "people's" house, not his house to destroy, taking a wrecking ball to American history. My wish is that it be rebuilt to the exact detail that it once was, and I hope that historical details were preserved and can be re-instituted into the new construction. If it needs "modernization" please just update the electric and plumbing, but put it back into its original form. Trump will not be alive nor POTUS forever, but with any luck the structure will return to its original elegance. Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:45:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make the president follow the law. Period. Make him submit his proposal to the various committee for approval. If his plans are not approved, make him PAY personally for the damage that he has done. File a

lawsuit against him personally for causing damage to the people.
Do not allow him to get away with this destruction. Do not approve this monstrosity.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:41:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Skelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is OUR home and should have been respected as such. Whilst I appreciate the need for an event space procedures are in place to thoughtfully restore/add/build such a space. The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty of the procedures and a total disregard for whose house this is (the publics).

That being said, the proposed space will dwarf what is supposed to be focus - the White House. If such a large space is truly needed, build some of it underground, landscape to hide the size of the wing and make sure the primary focus is on the White House. And for goodness sake, minimize the gold furnishings/accoutrements, this is a house of the people, not some maharaja.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:38:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. No need for giant ballroom. Restore rose garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:37:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. The scale is so outsized it dwarfs the White House, our Country's most cherished building.
Please put a stop to this outrageous project.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:29:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McClafferty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It does not belong to the president. He is living there, rent-free, and he has not only disrespected that fact, he has done his best to destroy it. He does not show any reverence for our shared history. Tearing down the East Wing was an affront to the American people.

His reasoning? To build a mammoth "ballroom" that not only is not needed, it will dwarf our beautiful historic building. If Mr. Trump's ego requires such a huge mistake, let him build it in Florida. And he should pay for the restoration of the East Wing from his own pocket.

Thank you. Susan K. McClafferty, voter.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:22:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Polito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was illegal and would never have been allowed if protocol was followed. Too late now. The gigantic proposed ballroom is nothing more than a vanity project that the current resident can attach his name to. It will have no historic significance and will not be architecturally compatible with the rest of the White House. There are many venues in Washington DC that could be utilized if necessary to accommodate large events.
The rebuild should complement the architecture of the remaining building and provide appropriate symmetry. Since the damage has already been done, I urge this body to stop this abhorrent project and develop plans more in keeping with the site.
The president has no right to make arbitrary change to this historic building. And, should not be allowed to proceed with the proposed eyesore.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:19:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: P Bender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to comment on the planned East Wing "Modernization" project. In many ways, the name that's been used for the project provides insight into the concerns and corruption surrounding it. This is NOT about modernizing the historic East Wing -- if that were the case, the plan would be focused on updating the existing structure to better perform its functions, perhaps highlighting some of the historic elements of the stucture being improved (the history of the first lady's office, the historic nature of the bunker, etc.). Such a project does not begin by tearing the area to be "modernized" down to the ground with little or no notice. This project is, instead, an effort to leave an indelible, unfortunate mark on the White House while

also providing opportunities for "donations" to the current occupant. The plans are for a structure that is wildly out of proportion to the remainder of the building (and seems to grow more every time a new rendering is issued) and which is solving a "problem" that has not been at the top of any previous administration's list of concerns.

I grew up as the daughter of a pastor and we lived in parsonages my entire life. While we made each place our own, we were also very aware that these houses were not ours -- they belonged to the church my father was serving and were not ours to drastically alter without the involvement of the church community around the design of the changes, the costs, the long term utility of the change, and where the change falls in the priorities of the church community. Perhaps it's that life experience that leads me to be so disturbed by this situation -- if a 3 bedroom parsonage in a tiny town in New Jersey deserves that sort of respect from its occupants, surely the White House more than deserves the same. The change proposed to White House do not align with the design of the current building, the costs are unreasonable (and keep growing) and carry the stink of bribery, the ballroom (while better than tents) is being built at a scale that is unneeded for its purposes, and surely this is not the highest priority this administration should have. It doesn't past the small town parsonage committee sniff test, let alone the review of a city or historical planning board, and certainly hasn't undergone the sort of rigorous vetting a massive change to a National monument should undergo.

While it's too late to save the East Wing as it was, and that's a tragedy, perhaps it's not too late to avoid replacing it with a monument to presidential ego and corruption.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these remarks.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:19:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Guzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing.
No gold accents to any current decor or future decor.
Use the proper channels for any "modernization " projects of our historical federal buildings that would entail destruction of what is already present.

Date: 2/16/2026 6:13:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was and make Donald J. Trump pay for the entire restoration out of his own private funds. No ballroom!!!!

Date: 2/16/2026 6:11:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Butz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Ballroom concept is far too large for the White House. Its size and design is "un-american garish" and resembles something that Saddam Hussein would build.
The East Wing should be re-built with an updated version of what was built in 1942 and illegally razed by our current President.
Can we please restore the Rose Garden at the same time?
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
Ken Butz

Date: 2/16/2026 5:55:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing represents more than architectural vandalism - it's a brazen disregard for the legal frameworks that protect our shared national heritage. The White House isn't personal property to be remodeled on impulse; it's a symbol held in trust for the American people, with explicit statutory requirements for consultation, review, and Congressional oversight before any structural modifications.

Trump's approach - bypassing the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, ignoring the National Historic Preservation Act, and treating this building like another branded property - sets a dangerous precedent that personal preference can override institutional process. This isn't about aesthetic disagreement. It's about whether democratic guardrails apply to everyone, or whether concentrated power can simply bulldoze through inconvenient procedures.

The financial dimension is equally critical. His family's documented profiteering from public office - foreign payments, property dealings, trademark approvals - makes the optics of taxpayer-funded restoration particularly galling. If this administration circumvented proper channels to serve personal vanity, restoration costs should not fall on public budgets already strained by his policies.

The executive branch under Trump cannot police itself - we've seen regulatory capture in real time. This requires legislative intervention: a bill mandating restoration to the pre-demolition state at Trump's personal expense, with clear penalties for unauthorized future modifications. The courts should enforce this as a straightforward property and preservation law matter.
Beyond immediate restoration, we need permanent structural safeguards: mandatory advance disclosure of any proposed White House modifications, binding Congressional review periods, and personal liability for officials who circumvent these processes. Symbolism matters, but so does establishing that no individual - regardless of office - can treat national institutions as personal playgrounds without accountability.

This isn't partisan; it's about whether rules apply equally or selectively. The answer to that question will outlast any single administration.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:47:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Corwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was done without approval and destroys lots of history at the White House. This should not be allowed. This is also a huge waste of tax payer money

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 61 year old, I grew up proud of the White House and still remember my 8th grade DC class trip. It was a big deal to learn how it was referred to as “The People’s House”.
I am devastated that the East Wing was torn down; I know it can’t be replaced. I do not think the project should change the visual balance of the front of White House. Please keep the aesthetic as close to the original as it was. Perhaps go deeper if necessary though I question whether a ballroom is “necessary” at all when so many citizens are struggling.
I hope the National Park Service is able to intervene and protect our parks and buildings which are part of American history and pride in our past before any additional historic buildings are affected, especially the Social Security murals and building.
Thank you for all you do!

Date: 2/16/2026 5:30:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis E Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RESTORE THE EAST WING TO ITS ORIGINAL HISTORICAL STATE!!!! The People were not consulted prior to its demolition. The White House is NOT owned by the current president who resides there. RATHER, The White House belongs to The People who fund this building and all of its components [i.e. electrical costs, maintenance costs, staff salaries etc.] and is LOANED to the current president for use during his presidency.

The People don't need a gold-gilded ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis E Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/16/2026 5:20:48 AM
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Name: Elizabeth Abel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing was destroyed without permission, it obviously needs to be rebuilt. However, it should be rebuilt in the same style and one that complements the existing structure. I don't think there needs to be a ballroom since there are many other locations in Washington that could fulfill this role. We most certainly do not need a gilded palace and the President should have little if any input into the style and decor. Replace the destroyed structure so it meets current building codes and reflects the history of the building and our country, not the deranged ideas of a Midas loving transient occupant.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:17:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down. The new East Wing should be of similar size and style as the West Wing. Leave out the gold touches, this isn't the Gilded Age.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:16:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Seefried
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom that dwarfs the White House itself is unacceptable. Alternative designs that are more appropriate in scale should be solicited and evaluated. The demolition of the East Wing was a violation of the public trust and any plams for/constrction of a replacement structure should follow ALL rules and regulations.

Date: 2/16/2026 5:04:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Morrissey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1.Restore prior structure in same style and size to complement White House. 2. Make ADA compliant. 3. Restore Rose Garden to previous design. Especially remove paved patio it looks like a parking lot now. 4. Make sure there are offices for First Ladies and staff. 5. Design and decor should be classic, elegant and not gaudy!!!!! 6. If the Jackie Garden put in place by Lady Bird Johnson was destroyed please rebuild as it was. 7. Expense for all this restoration work should be payed by present occupant of White House since he did not follow the laws in place for changes in historical areas. 8. Present presidents' name should not be put anywhere on the property.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:33:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Wehking
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Commission should do everything in it's power to return the East Wing to it's condition before it's illegal demolition and to require all of those responsible for it's demolition to pay for it's reconstruction.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:30:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not dominate the West Wing. It should maintain the original architectural style of the White House. Donations should be capped so they do not give the appearance of "Pay to Play". The East Wing should be designed to be understated yet elegant not palacial.

Date: 2/16/2026 4:27:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disapprove of the ballroom project. If renovation was needed for the offices and meeting rooms, the existing structure should have been saved. Now, it should be rebuilt as it was, with some of the materials salvaged, if possible.

Tearing the East Wing of the White House down was destruction of our historical heritage. Further destruction of historical structures should be stopped immediately.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:56:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Nickerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Morning,

On the East Wing project: I am active duty military stationed overseas. A corner of the flag I have displayed over my personal computer desk at home, the place I spend most of my leisure to e, came down, and I worried it was an omen. I opened the news to learn the East Wing had been demolished. I put the flag up as a signal to friends and neighbors, especially here where there are anti-American protests, that I believe in the America that holds doors open overseas and invites tourists to join in a game of pass at home, with vast swatches of preserved wilderness and bizarre tourist attractions, willing to drop everything to give a stranger a tow, and to stop on the roadside to change a paraplegic's flat tire -- this is the American character I cherish and defend.

The proposed ballroom is an affront to American sensibilities. It is a symbol of an insecure ego that seeks appeasement and immortalization through leaving its noxious traces as many places as it can, like a dog scent marking. The Gilded Age had been an aberration, an error, and the gilding has been stripped away in no accident. We do not, traditionally, follow the elaborations and excesses of European kings -- I think of the contrast between the palace in Madrid, shining with gold plundered from the Aztec genocide, to the carved balconies of Peles in Romania, preserving the woodwork of Wallachia. We should not be derivative. We should not be ostentatious. "All that is gold does not glitter" --- J.R.R. Tolkien's words, to say that true value is not simply what is superficially apparent. What immortalizes the White House is what it is meant to

stand for as the government of We the People.

I am against this project, but it has been set in motion. Private funding is just a way for the tip-top of the 1%, the mega-corporations and equity firms that drive our GDP and stock exchange ever higher without building true baseplate economic growth, to swear fealty to a self-styled king. Just as I continue to hold that Andrew Jackson, known to his detractors of his era as King Andrew the I, should be stricken from the $20 for his arrogance, the current iteration of King George should enjoy no glory. What grand balls are even held in the 21st century?! It's a clear evocation of the pre-WWI extravagance of the European courts; but this is America: no nobles, no kings! The Gilded Age fell apart for a reason, why evoke what failed?

There is a real long-standing complaint of a lack of a proper facility for large conferences that I've heard before. At this point, my best hope would be that from the rubble a functional conference space be built, with modern bathrooms, as I understand that to be failing of what had been in place. I do not have the White House so enshrined in my mind as to resent modernization, as the project is named here, and if that were what this was really about, I'd -- well, actually, I'd always object to it coming from private funds, bypassing separation of powers completely and opening such a clear avenue for bribery and corruption. With a proper bill to fund it from Congress to build something, I wouldn't have even blinked.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Nickerson
Concerned Citizen

Date: 2/16/2026 3:43:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Bissonnette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a ridiculous waste of money, and is being utilized as a bribe center for the presidency. The president had no legal status to initiate these changes to The White House.

The project should be halted immediately. and plans for restoring the original East Wing of The White House should be initiated. All costs should be borne by The President personally for this illegal act.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:12:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Alonso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:11:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Orion Yeandel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom project. The ballroom is out of scale, vulgar and unnecessary. The justifications advanced for the project are just putting lipstick on a pig. The east wing can be modernized without a 90,000 square foot monstrosity.

Date: 2/16/2026 3:09:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Lanane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners:

* This is no East Wing "Modernization" it is a destruction project.
* This project was begun without approval. Your job is to stop this illegal project from going forward, and force a restoration of the original building.
* No person or entity not following the laws should be allowed to make permanent alterations to the people's house, regardless of whether they already started the project or not. To allow this is to bow down to a tyrant who demands his way by ignoring the laws. That should NEVER be allowed when it comes to the people's house.
* The planned addition destroyed a vital piece of our history, artifacts, and architecture, which was representative of the seat of our government. It must be restored.
* The addition dwarfs the existing building and destroys the balance of the architecture of the building.
* No sitting president should be allowed to name any structure after themselves, as our country is not about thugs doing whatever they want; it is about being a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.
* The aesthetically offensive structure exists more as a self-aggrandizing tribute to an arrogant man, an enormous edifice named after that man, than as a suitable meeting place for state dinners.
* Approving this project would be an offence to the entire nation, as it has already destroyed beloved parts of the Whitehouse in favor of hideous, grandios ,asthetically unpleasing concrete replacing a beautiful, beloved rose garden with historical significance.
* Too much damage has been done.
* Do not approve this! Stop it!

Date: 2/16/2026 2:52:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Crow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization project should be an exact replica of what was torn down. Though I'm sure that won't happen, whatever replaces it should be no larger than what was destroyed. It should definitely be in keeping with the the existing structure. The aesthetic MUST be respected.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:46:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nikki Rasmussen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Parks Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current plans for the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. While the intention behind this project may be to enhance the White House's ability to host state functions, I believe that the scale and design of the proposed ballroom are disproportionate to the historic nature and integrity of the White House as a national landmark.

The White House is a symbol of the American people and a monument to the nation's history. It has undergone several renovations since its construction, including significant restorations after the British burned it during the War of 1812, as well as numerous changes made to adapt to the needs of modern presidents. However, each of these changes has been carefully considered to preserve the character of this iconic building. The proposed ballroom, in its current form, seems to be at odds with this preservation ethos. The sheer size of the addition threatens to overwhelm the historical proportions of the existing structure and could set a concerning precedent for future alterations.
Historically, renovations to the White House have been approached with utmost respect for its original architecture, ensuring that changes remain in harmony with its symbolic and cultural significance. The White House has always been viewed as a residence, not simply a grand venue for lavish events. While modernization is important, it must be balanced with the preservation of the building's role as a living testament to the history of the United States.
I urge the committee to reconsider the current design plans and to prioritize modifications that uphold the White House's role as a symbol of both national pride and history, rather than pursuing additions that disrupt its established character.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nikki Rasmussen

Date: 2/16/2026 2:42:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Shipley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing rebuilt exactly as it was. We need to recreate the history for future generations.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:28:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Kurnick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore exterior dimensions and architectural style to original historic design. Modernize wiring and plumbing using current ADA guidelines. Restore Rose garden to Jackie's original plan. Discard the plans for a ballroom. Ballroom should not be put in the East Wing. There is adequate room elsewhere in the city. Discard gold kitsch.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:18:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, plumbing, etc. and make interior ADA accessible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
No special interest groups should be involved. It can be paid for out of the Treasury.
If a ballroom is needed, it could be constructed elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:17:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DONNA KROHN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should match the West wing in size and proportion. It should be doubly ADA compliant. The interior decor should be modest and elegant without excessive bric-a-brac. Please complete the reno by restoring the gardens to their former state.

Date: 2/16/2026 2:11:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Battaglia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. As the judge put it "Donald Trump isn't the landlord, he's the current tenant". He will be gone soon and doesn't have the authority to so drastically alter our National Monument. First he destroyed the rose garden then the East Wing! It doesn't belong to him, it belongs to us. Please don't let him build his awful, gawky ballroom.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:59:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Simpkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my opposition to the project as currently proposed. It is completely unnecessary, an eyesore, and a potential slush fund for specious purposes. The American people own the property and in any other circumstance a temporary tenant who made such drastic structural changes (to destroy the existing building which had great historical and cultural significance) without checking with his landlords first would be swiftly evicted. This project should be put on indefinite hold.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:59:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Schunke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Please also restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:45:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Andrew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm really upset that the East Wing was torn down. Especially the way it occurred. We were lied to about the ballroom not touching the existing structure. The quickness in the way it was torn down makes me wonder if any of the marble, fixtures, windows, doors, or architectural details were salvaged. The White House belongs to the people of the USA, the Presidents who live there are stewards of our history. They have no right to demolish anything without our permission.

I also think 90,000 sq is going to look ridiculous next to the White House. Like a nice home with an obnoxiously large shop next door. I don't see the need for it, it's something that will cost taxpayers money and we will never benefit from it. Every event held will be paid for by us.

I'm also concerned that the donors will expect something in return. I don't believe the government should be in debt to corporations. They get enough tax breaks.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:41:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Fairfax
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Over the past 40+ years, I had the opportunity to personally view many monuments to authoritarian and totalitarian government excess, from the great halls of the Kremlin to the "people's halls" in China, Vietnam, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and elsewhere. A very common theme among those monuments to poor taste designed to reflect the rulers' domination over their subjects is the adoption of knock-off version of Baroque or Rococo excesses, complete with utterly tasteless profusions of gold and stucco.

Having seen all of those buildings, I can honestly state that I have never seen anything so out of place, so grotesque, or so unbecoming of the character of the country as the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project."

I spent considerable time in the former East Wing when I worked at the White House and never failed to be impressed and comforted by its many examples of American art, woodworking, and architecture. Watching it all be destroyed was bad enough, but to have it replaced by a monument to ego and poor taste is like pouring the proverbial salt on the wound.

Please, do whatever is possible to stop this monstrosity from being built

Thank you,
Ambassador (retired) Kenneth Fairfax

Date: 2/16/2026 1:33:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Koenig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the east wing of the white house and the construction of a massive gilded balloon at the taxpayers expense. I believe we should restore the east wing.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:21:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored to what it was before it was destroyed by trump. We do not need a ballroom, we need affordable housing, education, and healthcare. The rose garden has already been destroyed, the country does NOT a ballroom. It’s the people’s house not trump’s private domain.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:19:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a nightmare this is! Nobody has required a ballroom for centuries, literally. The White House is a place to serve the people of the United States, not wine and dine oligarchs. I would rather install a big block of cheese in the lobby for everyone to eat than build this ballroom.

All funding slated for this ridiculous vanity ballroom project should go toward restoring the East Wing exactly as it was. Then tear down the Rose Garden patio and put an actual garden back in it while you're at it. What a monstrosity.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:14:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was devastated to watch the former East Wing be torn down to make way for the monstrosity the current POTUS decided to build. No permission, input, or support from the American people or Congress was even considered before the destruction of this historical building. The planned replacement is far too large and will look ridiculous next to the White House. The obscene scale and scope of the design is an embarrassment to the United States. We have no need to host thousands of guests for any kind of event. Our nation's capital is not an event center for lavish parties! The cost to maintain and host events in this building would necessitate The Ballroom to have its own budget! The former East Wing was good enough to host every dignitary and guest prior to this year. Now that we are forced to rebuild it, we must handle the situation with utmost care and expert input as well as input from the American people. I believe social events at the White House should be intimate and dignified, not a show of lavish excess.

It's important to note that a sitting president is a temporary tenant in the People's House. They have NO RIGHT to make unilateral significant changes. I certainly hope this mandate is made crystal clear to the current and future occupants of the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:11:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pilar Cuesta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project is basically a destruction, erasure, and assault on our history. It is an attack on the People’s House solely to please the vanity, egocentricity, and narcissism of one individual. This house does not belong to him. He doesn’t own it. He didn’t buy it. It is not his property. He is merely a tenant that will soon be evicted, much like he did to others for decades in New York. The White House should be preserved as it has always looked. Even Graceland has been left to look as it always has. To build a ballroom that dwarfs the size of the White House is grotesque.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:09:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pearl Crosier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without prior approval and consent.
I , a United States citizen and tax payer do not want a 90,000 square foot building replacing the original structure.
The New Ballroom should be limited to the same footprint, height and square footage as the original East Wing building.
The outside of the new ballroom should appear to be from the same era as the existing White House.
The use of gold paint, gold trim, gold fixtures, gold anything should be limited/better yet non existent. An approved historical interior designer should be hired to make sure the decor is tasteful and practical.
NO SECOND FLOOR is to be built on the WEST WING of the White House.
I wish the historical Rose Garden had not been paved over.
I wonder if any of the rose bushes were saved and they can be replanted somewhere else on the White House grounds.
The Lincoln Bathroom pictures I have seen after the remodel show a shocking lack of taste and regard for the era of that room.
Honestly, how do we rein that guy(DJT) in? There will soon be nothing left of the historical decor of the White House.
I am hopeful that smarter minds will prevail and a tasteful, in proportion and visually pleasing East Wing will be designed and built.
Thank you for your time and efforts trying to stop the blatant destruction/tasteless remodeling of our public historic buildings and properties.
Comments from an Encinitas, California US Citizen

Date: 2/16/2026 1:08:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Kuehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This house belongs to the people and is not to be a monument to Trump. It should NEVER over shadow the white house itself. There is NO reason for a ballroom that large except to appease Trumps ego. If it is to be covered in that disgusting gold motif he has installed in the white house it will look like a brothel just like the oval office. Trump has no actual idea of the heritage the white house should exude. It should be understated elegance. I am disgusted that he has not been stopped from trashing our house, the people's house.

Date: 2/16/2026 1:05:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Jaquette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How much I like or dislike the East Wing Modernization Project really has little to do with why it shouldn't be allowed. The East Wing was torn down without going through proper approvals. No one should be allowed just do what they want and "ask permission later". I would never let the culprit(s) follow through on any plans they had. The East Wing should be restored to it's original state by the fines levied against the culprit(s) for violating procedures.

Thank you

Date: 2/16/2026 12:59:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaharine Richman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should not have a 90,000 square foot ballroom attached. The East Wing should never have been destroyed without due process being followed, but since it was, it should be replaced by something more in keeping with its previous size and style.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:34:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the East Wing of our Whitehouse has been torn down. I respectfully request that it be rebuilt in accordance to the original design, scale, and exterior building materials, so that the physical exterior appearance of the original Whitehouse is restored. Preferably the costs for this should be ordered by the courts to be paid by the 47th POTUS or his estate since he is responsible for the destruction of the original East Wing.
As for the interior, my initial preference is to restore the East Wing just as it was. The Whitehouse is a historic site and should be preserved as such. However, I also accept that it is also a place where important work is done and history is made. Therefore if some modernization of the East Wing is needed to make it more efficient and useful to accomplish its traditional works and functions that would be advantageous. Planned changes should be done in accordance with the previous architectural style, building materials, and design of the space(s).
That said, we must remember that all future occupants of the Peoples' house are temporary ones. They are elected to serve as President of a Constitutional Republic. They are not monarchs or dictators; they are employed by the American people. They should have a beautiful and comfortable home that celebrates our history and character in which to welcome important guests to our country with understated elegance and grace. Events should be of a size that allows honored guests and their staff to meet and properly circulate amongst all attendees. They should have time to get to know one another, enjoy good conversation, entertainment, and food to facilitate successful, cooperative progress on the important business to come. So there is no need for a massive, ostentatious ballroom that out scales the rest of the house, or gold leaf everywhere that gives more of a palace look. That is totally inconsistent with the country and the government our forefathers created for us. We literally fought a war over this.
Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in on this. Please stand strong for our country. The decisions you make will hopefully honor our founders and history, and last for many, many years. The one who has caused the need for this project will be a very brief and unsettling hiccup by comparison. Thanks for your

consideration.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:34:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: AJ DeWitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the exterior style and dimensions, upgrading the electrical and ensuring the footprint is in proportion to rest of the building and reflects the historical considerations of the building.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:33:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ava Hilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for a 90000 sq ft ballroom. There are many venues that could accommodate in the city. Rebuild the east wing as it originally was. No one is above the law. There are procedures to adhere to which were not followed by the present administration. Building a hideous structure which over shadows the White House is just wrong.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:32:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Westler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing exactly how it was before it was torn down.
Thank you.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:31:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Hampton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that the damage was done I'd like to see that area of the White House repaired and left alone. We now of course need a meeting/ballroom which should be coordinated by someone other than Trump or anyone he designates. He doesn't know jack about construction nor does he have good taste. I definitely don't want it to be some garish monstrosity that ends up with design that is like something from the era of

Caligula. This also needs proper approvals and oversights by the people who are always in charge of these things. This is the People's House and it deeply offends me that this president is trashing it where it looks like a cheap bordello!!

Date: 2/16/2026 12:25:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Auger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House, AKA the Whitehouse, does not need a ballroom. This building is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There are spaces nearby to meet these needs.

The White House is not a palace. It is a place of business to run the country in a way that does not waste the people's money on shiny extravagant decor. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Many who visit are often surprised at how small it is. Its size was intentional when built and the new footprint should match the original.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us. He lives there as our tenant. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It should be constructed to me as accessible as possible. It should be well insulated, and airsealed. It should be powered with renewable energy to reduce long-term energy costs.

If it is determined that the East Wing needs to house a room appropriate for entertaining dignitaries, it should be made to fit into the original footprint and and match the existing architecturual design.

I am against the opulent design plans I have seen promoted by the current president.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:24:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Funk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not proceed with the modernization project. The White House needs to be kept true to the original design and intent, and the scale of this project far exceeds the limits that would do so.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:17:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Lynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Do not let that psycho ruin THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE with his stupid "ballroom"...besides, this shouldn't even being reviewed since he didn't even go thru Congress as our laws require.

Regards,

Vicki Lynn
San Jose, CA 95136

Date: 2/16/2026 12:15:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Hutchinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the giant gaudy ballroom. Trump had no right to tear down the East Wing. Whatever is built there should be smaller than the White House.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:11:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Schifferli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this abomination. It is a vanity project to benefit one person's legacy. The funding by corporations and other interests to gain favor from this administration must not be allowed. It is wrong on so many levels....conceptually, architecturally...it does not belong at this location. If it has to be built it should be as a private banquet hall on private property somewhere.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:10:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While part of me feels like it's too late since it's demolished but here we are. At 38 years old I wonder if there will be a pre trump tore down the white house and post Trump tore down the white house time. What a sad realization. The historical significance alone is a reason to go about this renovation in a respectful way conserving our nation's history on America's 250th anniversary. America is mad and this ballroom only makes it worse. It is the people's house not Trumps house... please keep that in mind.

Date: 2/16/2026 12:00:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Garde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The giant ballroom planned is awful. It should not be built, it is not needed, it will overpower the rest of the building. The east wing never should have been torn down. Restore how it was, at trump's expense.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:56:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is this ballroom where our federal taxes go? Not to veterans, schools, healthcare or even competent police forces? Just a ballroom for the billionaires? "Taxation Without Representation" was a reason for The American Revolution itself. The White House is not owned by Donald Trump or any of the corporations funding his regime- it is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. Does a ballroom where billionaires would dance ever reflect the American public or their interests? I think not, it is Taxation Without Representation.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:49:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Hilmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump is a temporary resident of this treasured house owned by the American citizens. He should be made to personally pay to rebuild it as it was. It would set a terrible precedent if the unauthorized demolition goes unpunished.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:46:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Rees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom addition is disgusting and does not reflect America. It is a vanity project for Trump. I am 109% against it.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:44:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharron Hilbrecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, and NO ONE, not even the President of the United States, has the right to tear any of it down. What has been done to the East Wing is a TRAVESTY. I am heartbroken over it. If a president feels the need to renovate any aspect of the White House he or she should follow the guidelines that every other person has to follow when renovating a historic structure, especially one as irreplaceable at the White House.

The current plans for a ballroom are obscene. The massive scale of the planned space takes away from the majesty and beauty of the White House. The White House has always been so grand with its classical architecture and the symmetry of the East and West Wings. Replacing it with a 90,000 square foot addition will destroy any dignity the house once had.

I am appalled by the audacity of Donald Trump just bringing in bulldozers to wreck the People's House, without consulting anyone or getting any input on his plans. I worry for the artifacts that were in the East Wing, and I grieve for the loss of history that resided within its walls.

Please do not let the ballroom project continue. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was so that the grandeur of the White House will remain.

Sharron Hilbrecht
Louisville, KY

Date: 2/15/2026 11:42:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been completely torn down. It needs to be rebuilt to the same size it was, but modernized, with similar spaces. And Trump needs to pay for it personally. Be sure to get the money from him upfront.

Additonally, the Rose Garden needs to be restored. Cannot wait for him to be removed from office so that all of his disgusting touches to OUR White House can be removed.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:42:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alana Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of this country, not to any one president. The proposed ballroom is too large and gaudy and strikes me as a vanity project rather than a needed addition to the current

structure. I am against the new construction of any sort of ballroom. The East Wing should be reconstructed, without cost to taxpayers. Necessary updates should be made to the reconstructed East Wing to allow for modernization.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:41:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joni Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I am appalled that Trump demolished the East Wing of the White House, the People's House. The architecture was graceful and historic. The fact that he wants to build a monstrous ballroom that will dwarf the residence and be completely out of scale is cringeworthy. The fact that he has solicited huge donations from billionaires to build it is very concerning. What do these people expect in return? I don't see how this is being called a modernization. It's truly an obliteration.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:37:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Polly Bray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House without any public input. I know there were some issues that needed addressed but total destruction was not the answer. Since the destruction is done and unfortunately probably most, if not all, of the important artifacts were destroyed I don't want o see anything else destroyed. It is my desire that the East Wing be rebuilt as closely to the original as possible with just safety issues and improvements to the original architecture being adjusted. I do NOT want a ballroom there. I believe that any and all changes brought to the White House property and grounds during this current administration be reversed and the grounds be restored to their original beauty.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:34:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Poliquin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just submitted!

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian

style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be restored to follow the original plans as closely as possible, only allowing deviations for code and modern upgrades. No gold decoration should be employed.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:27:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trina Hattenburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a gross showing and expense at a time when the American people are being stripped of their rights . I understand that this is a private party palace for billinoire donors. The white house is the people's house, not Donald trumps personal palace.
Bringing down spending was the Republican moto, this and tariffs shows they only care about themselves and the rich.
Not to mention that all remodels and expense were never passed by Congress.
This is a disgusting and classes show if power gone wrong.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:27:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Ruby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current plan for the White House ballroom project. I can understand a need for a larger indoor space for large events. However, the proposed plan far exceeds that need and would dwarf OUR historic White House, which is not appropriate. From the renderings I've seen, the interior design of the ballroom in certain respects looks like a royal palace rather than the classic designs of our White House. I also am very saddened to have seen the destruction of the ionic Rose Garden and its replacement with a patio that belongs at a country club, and not the White House. And the "wall of fame" on the exterior wall bearing portraits of each President except President Biden, installing plaques that read like Twitter posts rather than neutral historic descriptions, and gold everywhere they can think of is not appropriate for our White House. It is of course appropriate for each President and First Lady to modify the interior design of their residential quarters to fit their personal style, but the public areas are not any President's personal space.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed ballroom.
Sincerely,
Rita Ruby

Date: 2/15/2026 11:26:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Walentin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The title of those project is misleading. This project is not modernization, it is a trophy being used to exalt an individual. The White House is The People's House, yet it is being turned into both a palace and a country club for the rich.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:22:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House, as well as serious concern regarding the removal of the East Wing without lawful authorization, including the required reviews, permits, and approvals mandated by federal law.

The White House is not a private residence. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a symbol of our democracy, owned collectively by the American people. Any permanent alteration to this site carries national significance and must be approached with the highest level of care, transparency, and strict adherence to the law.

While expanded event space may be desired, the proposed ballroom's scale is incompatible with the historic character of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, it would exceed the size of the Executive Residence itself, fundamentally altering the scale, balance, and visual hierarchy of the complex. Established preservation standards require that additions to historic properties be subordinate to and compatible with the original structure. This proposal does not meet those standards.

Of equal concern is the removal of the East Wing without lawful authorization, including completion of the required review and permitting processes. Major construction and demolition activities in Washington, D.C. are subject to review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and require appropriate congressional oversight.

In addition, the demolition and construction activities raise serious concerns about environmental and public health hazards, including the handling and disposal of asbestos- and lead-containing materials commonly present in historic structures of this age. Federal law requires that such hazardous materials be properly identified, abated, and disposed of through regulated processes designed to protect workers, nearby residents, and the surrounding environment. Undertaking demolition or alteration without the required environmental review and permitting creates unacceptable risks and potential violations of these safeguards.
Presidential approval does not supersede federal preservation law, environmental review requirements, or the jurisdiction of oversight bodies established by Congress. Proceeding outside these legally mandated processes undermines public trust and erodes the rule of law.

Public participation is not optional - it is required. I urge the Commission to fully examine the circumstances surrounding the East Wing's removal, including any environmental hazards created, and to reject any proposal that compromises the historic integrity, legal protections, or public stewardship of the White House.

The American people deserve a meaningful voice before irreversible changes are made to one of our most

important national symbols.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Cynthia Morrison

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: vicki ralls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Building an adjacent structure that is almost twice the size of the original is a error in balance. Not matter how it is decorated it will be an eyesore. This is the peoples house and we the people deserve a elegant balanced house. Not a huge tacked on monstrosity that even the original architect didn't like.

Please don't do this.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:19:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherri Stair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House must not be ripped down or significantly altered at the whim of a new Administration. The White House's traditional architecture is our national heritage and history, not the personal expression of a particular administration.

Modernization should be for safety, security or to accommodate evolving technological requirements such as electrical and internet needs . Architectural style should mirror the traditional style of the historic White House, not the personal taste of the current occupant.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:17:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrice Pennington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need another Trump grifting project. Sick of what he has done to OUR White House. The Epstein Files need a complete independent investigation and those responsible for heinous crimes need to be prosecuted. A child rapist and sex trafficker belongs in jail. Not ordering projects like this.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:17:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so saddened about the huge addition proposal for the East Wing of the White House. Our Nation's home has been a source of pride that appears stately without being gaudy or pretentious. The current proposal completely disregards the beautiful symmetry of the property and the imbalance will be an eyesore if the project is not redesigned. Of course, the fact that demolition started before permissions were granted feels so wrong as well! Additionally, to add a lavish ballroom to the structure at a time when ordinary citizens are struggling to pay for groceries seems quite "out of touch". As proposed, it appears that the space will serve Washington elites rather than being something that serves the people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Groetsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "ballroom" project being proposed for the East Wing replacement must be scaled back. New construction should match the scale and architectural style of the rest of the White House. While the former East Wing has already tragically been destroyed, every effort should be made for the replacement structure to look like the former building. It can use modern materials and have updated features while staying true to the historical style of the People's House. The interior should be designed with modification capabilities in mind, so that when the current administration leaves office, it can be converted back into working space for First Ladies and other necessary offices.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Sasser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the design to former design. There ie no need to expand a dinning room that will only used occasionally. We do not want it to look like venue rented for weddings, or any other occasions. Absolutely no gold on the walls, that's a sick tacky wanna be poor man idea of looking royal. The American tax payers will always end up pay for this folly. Way beyond the construction. The doors, Ramps. Bathrooms and seating must conform to ADA GUIDELINES.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:14:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior exactly as it was with the same dimensions. Use the same architectural style. Make it wheelchair accessible. This house belongs to the people.

Build the ballroom somewhere else. Fine Trump for the cost to restore everything.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:13:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Partlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the President's plans for a ballroom. His grotesque ego makes him think gold trimming is impressive. It is not. It is pathetic. Destroying history for nothing is an obscenity.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:09:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miranda Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in opposition to this construction project as it currently stands in its planning.

My largest concern revolves around the destruction that has already taken place on the East Wing without the consent of the American people. The current President has shown little regard for both an important national monument and the law itself, and that leads to concerns for his plans to renovate the East Wing.

The size of the renovation reads to me like a project of ego instead of necessity. A grand wing of that size is an unnecessary expense when this country is facing so much hardship. A ballroom will not improve our relations with allied nations - it will simply allow the current president to throw lavish parties at the expense of American citizens. Additionally, the inclusion of a movie theatre is frivolous and is very clearly a selfish piece of the renovation that serves no purpose to the American people. It also shows a disregard for the purpose of East Wing, which was a place of office for the First Lady and her staff. Though those rooms will remain, they become an afterthought, clearly showing what the current president and his administration think of the position of the First Lady and her staff.

This is to speak nothing of the fact that the size takes little into account the space in which it must be built. The land surrounding the White House is already at a premium, and such a large construction will decrease that green space significantly and dwarf the remainder of the White House is a visually significant way, drawing attention away from an important American symbol and towards what is, in my opinion, an ego-project meant only to make the current President feel more important.

Nothing about the proposals for this construction have made me believe that this is a necessary update, nor have I been convinced that this addition is anything more than something to stroke the ego. If changes can be made that will show the American people that the current President respects the modesty and importance of national monuments, then I may be inclined to support the construction.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:08:55 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Nicholas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THE DESECRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

The proposed "modernization" of the East Wing is not an improvement; it is an act of historical vandalism. The plan to graft a 90,000-square-foot ballroom onto the White House complex is a grotesque disfigurement of America's most sacred historic site.

The White House is not a convention center. It is not a hotel. It is a National Historic Landmark that has stood as a symbol of our Republic since 1800. To bulldoze the historic landscape for the sake of a bloated, vanity-driven entertainment venue is an insult to the American people who own this property.

We are witnessing the potential destruction of our shared heritage in real-time. Once the earth is broken and the concrete is poured, the damage is irreversible. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) must reject this monstrosity immediately. We refuse to let the East Wing be sacrificed for a glorified party hall.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:04:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is an absolutely tone-deaf and ridiculous proposal. Without even going into the fact that this is a completely unnecessary project that has no discernible purpose other than as a vanity project for the current president, read the room. The economy, while thriving for those already basking in the glow of extreme wealthy, is basically failing for normal Americans. People are losing jobs, wages are stagnant and/or lowering, costs are up and rising. The size and scale of this project is also venturing into vulgar territory. The peoples' house is not one of Trumps' tacky casinos or towers. There are better uses for time and resources.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Sheran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The need to modernize the East Wing to make it more suitable for the functions hosted there is evident, and it is needed.
(1) The size and bulk of the proposed design overpowers the White House, especially when viewed from the south with the landscaping removed. Please consider lowering the ceiling height of ballroom. Also please consider reducing the bulk of the proposed East Wing building.
(2) The ballroom and other areas should be fully accessible with ample elevators and easy access/egress for

wheelchairs, walkers and also for people with other disabilities (blind, etc.) to all parts of the facility with more than one ADA entry/egress point. How would people in wheelchairs get out if there is a fire (and elevators are taken out of service)?
(3) Is a grand staircase really needed? That seems very old-fashioned, in a bad way. Modern ideas of how to move large groups of people should be used.
(4) The ballroom is designed to hold 1000 people, but not all groups to be hosted there will be that large. Will it be possible to divide it into smaller spaces for smaller groups? What is the breakdown of events in a normal year, and their sizes? The current system of tents has flexibility. How will the ballroom design have flexibility?
(5) Are there any plans for energy conservation and sustainability (heat pumps, etc.) to save energy dollars and provide reliable energy for the long term?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Helwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ballroom. The White House and grounds belong to the American people and we will never be invited to dance in that ballroom. It will not belong to the American people. It will exist for the glorification of dictator Trump. There is no need for a ballroom, any more than there was a need to make a tacky low quality beachside patio out of the Rose Garden. The White House is not Mar-A-Lago and should not become a disgusting fake gold-plated version of it.
The East Wing should be restored to its ORIGINAL DECOR and any modernization updates such as more energy efficient lighting or wiring should take place then. There should not be a speck of fake gold anywhere nor should there be any alteration to the original appearance. There has never been a need for such an exorbitant and completely useless expenditure of funds on such an disgustingly arrogant vanity project like a ballroom that is completely unnecessary.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:00:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti L Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition should have never taken place, but we all know that. Procedures were not followed. Building a $400 million dollar ballroom is ridiculous and a waste of money.
The damage has been done. A suitable, financial responsible and appropriate restoration must now be designed and implemented.
The White House does not belong to one individual. No one person has a right to damage and arbitrarily chose to alter the building. It has to be an illegal act. If not, it should be.
Take the right steps. Design an addition that is tasteful and architecturally significant. Follow the rules, the law.
The whole affair infuriates me when it comes right down to it. The act was so wrong.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:58:43 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Zahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to a 90,000 square foot ballroom next to the People's House. Of all the terrible things this administration has done in the last year, the premature destruction of the East Wing was absolutely appalling. They should not be able to make any further additions and should be required to fix what they have ruined. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:57:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Millard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled at the very idea of a ballroom of the magnitude being proposed. The Ehite House is the people's house and tearing down the East wing to create a building that will overshadow the White House itself is not in the spirit of that. Being invited to the the White House for a reception should be a singular honor. We don't need a ballroom to accommodate 1000 or even 500 people.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:53:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laetitia Won
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. Its main building has always been and should remain the largest structure of this property.
The East wing of the White House may have needed improvements, but since it was so casually and brutally destroyed, we have no choice now but to build a replacement. This replacement MUST be smaller than the White House itself! Otherwise, it will make a mockery of the original building and thus of the government of the United States.
Heed the advice of the conservationists and design a building that meets the needs of the government while respecting the people of the United States, not any particular administration or leader. Keep in mind how this new building will be judged by people in 50 years, 100, 200. What will be your legacy?

Date: 2/15/2026 10:52:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jae Hewitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC, Commission of Fine Arts, and Congress,

I'm writing to express my sincere displeasure at the proposed 90,000 square foot addition to the East Wing of People's house. It is deeply upsetting that the East Wing was demolished before plans for new construction were approved and finalized. The current plan for a ballroom that is nearly double that of the Executive Residence is aesthetically distasteful and an utterly unnecessary use of taxpayer money.
While it's understandable that certain updates and improvements may be necessary, the overall aesthetic balance of the White House in its entirety must be taken into consideration and undergo the full, legally required review process.
With great concern,
Jae Hewitt

Date: 2/15/2026 10:51:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fischer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a wasteful and ridiculous desecration to our White House. Please halt this project immediately.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:50:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Silversmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: Public Comment on the East Wing Modernization Project (Proposed Ballroom Addition)

To the Members of the Commission,

I am writing to formally submit my comments regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the East Wing of the White House. As a stakeholder in our nation's shared heritage, I urge the NCPC to ensure that this project undergoes the most rigorous and transparent federal review process possible before any irreversible steps are taken.

The White House is not merely a residence or an office; it is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park that belongs to the American people. While modernization may be necessary for the functional needs of the Executive Mansion, a project of this scale—adding 90,000 square feet to such a sensitive site—demands an exhaustive evaluation of its impact on the historic fabric and visual integrity of the complex.

I specifically request that the Commission prioritize the following:

Meaningful Public Engagement: In alignment with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the public must have a seat at the table. Input should not be a formality, but a tool to shape the project's outcome.

Preservation Standards: Any construction must strictly adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to ensure the East Wing's historic character is not diminished.

Transparency and Accountability: I support the requirement for full review by the Commission of Fine Arts and the necessity of explicit congressional approval.

The American people are the stewards of this site. We deserve the opportunity to ensure that any changes made today do not compromise the historical significance that has endured since 1800.

Thank you for your time and for considering these comments as part of the official record.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:47:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without warning or permission was appalling and unnecessary. Constructing a ballroom twice the size of the White House is worse; *at most* there are half a dozen state dinners per year, so building any sort of permanent structure to house them is a tremendous waste of time, money, and resources.

As for the claim that "guest suites" will be included in the structure, the White House already has guest quarters in the form of Blair House, the Lincoln Bedroom, etc. There is literally no reason at all for these to be included in a ballroom.

Finally, the proposed esthetics resemble a mediocre European hotel more than anything else.

This is a travesty. The East Wing should be rebuilt in its previous form, and this horror should be stopped. If Trump wants to sit around the ballroom at Mar-a-Lago, let him resign and move back there.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:47:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Herrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose the planned construction of a ballroom that will dwarf The White House in size and scale. I'm appalled that the East Wing was demolished without prior approval to build this monstrosity. With so many real financial needs, our tax dollars should not be diverted from benefiting taxpayers toward a vanity project for the current occupant of The White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:47:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project is not in keeping with the historical nature of the White House. It is undignified, too large, and unnecessary.

The plans are ill-conceived and did not follow established procedure. The destruction of the East Wing has irreparably damaged the esthetic and history of the White House.

The White House is the People's House. It should reflect dignity and the spirit of the nation. The proposed plans do neither.

It is too large and too gauche.

Beyond the lack of necessity for this ballroom, the poor design, and the lack of attractive design, it is an expenditure that the nation can ill afford. It will cost too much to simply feed someone's ego.

Future presidents will have to live with this monstrosity. And it will be a monstrosity.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:46:23 PM
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Name: John Randolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a massively corrupt project that reeks of authoritarian waste. Everyone involved should be ashamed of themselves.

Historical analogies instantly spring to mind. The Golden Calf. Statues to Saddam Hussein. Everything but a democratic process by a democratic state.

And of course no one there cares, but this is also a severe national security hazard. You think that dozens of nefarious actors are not even now taking advantage of this mess to riddle the most secure locations in our country with all sorts of insecurities? This will make the Moscow US embassy of the early 1990s a wonder of security by comparison.

An independent commission should be established to halt this project, find a way to undo the damage to the People's House, and return the structure to its intended role. The last thing we need is a guilded pole barn on the Mall.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:45:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Latham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House ballroom is more emblematic of a European palace than of the “People’s House”. Prior to the demolition of the East Wing, both the East and West Wings framed and directed the

view toward our historic White House. The size of the proposed ballroom overwhelms and minimizes the Residence — indeed overwhelms everything surrounding it —and I have concern that in the future, the decision will be made to raze or enlarge the residence to make it equally palatial in size.

For 250 years, the people of the United States have been clear that we do not want kings or palaces. If there is a need for a larger space for state dinners and receptions, such a structure must be in scale to and secondary to the White House itself and not look like a huge marble warehouse.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:45:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: aisha habibi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please turn the "ballroom" into a shelter for the homeless. There are a lot of people in DC that need shelter, but we don't need another ballroom in this city. Thank you very much.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:43:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was an elegant, graceful part of the White House complex. Its dimensions and style complemented the White House and its destruction was heartbreaking. I am sure it needed updating and modernizing of the infrastructure to bring it up to code and to repair outdated wiring and technical additions. It did not need tearing down.

I would like to suggest that the structure be rebuilt using the original plans (including 1940 revisions) with consideration to modernization of the building infrastructure, the underground facilities and all the electrical wiring updates but basically rebuilding the East Wing as it was, being sure not to include gold gilding.

If a ballroom is actually needed and is necessary for the President of the US to perform his/her duties, another space in Washington DC should be designated for that purpose. I do not agree with the current plans of this administration to construct an enormous ballroom which overshadows the official residence of the President of the United States. It sends entirely the wrong message to the people of the United States and to the World in general. We are everyday Americans and the White House complex should reflect a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

I would like the current construction stopped immediately. A stand alone ballroom is not part of the People's House.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:43:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cate DiNoto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be fully restored to its original/previous state. We don't need a ballroom, we need a responsible, accountable government!

Date: 2/15/2026 10:43:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fernanda Marinkovic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to share my thoughts about the East Wing project.
From everything I know the ballroom is going to look like a generic ballroom found at any hotel or convention center. There are few details about the inside. The outside renderings don't match the rest of the building. There aren't any studies or mention about history, materials to be used, art to be displayed, color scheme, features for Americans with disabilities, the relationship between the new and old part of the building, kitchen access, etc.
Is it going to look like the Oval Office looks now? Full of golden decorations, and excessive items on the walls and tables? This beautiful house is turning into a cheap hotel.
This project needs more attention to detail and congress approval. The people that are donating money should not expect anything in return, or naming rights. Is it going to be called after a company like stadiums?
The White House belongs to the people. The fact that the White House is small is by design because we don't have kings therefore we don't need castles.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:42:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia M Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original size, keeping it in proportion to the West Wing, and the main residence.
All wiring, heating/cooling, windows, etc. should be according to current building standards.

We do not want or need a 1000 person ballroom. There should be plenty of available options in the Washington area.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lea Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new wing should complement the exterior style of the existing, historical structure. There should be visual balance with the west wing. If the space is to be used as a ballroom, consider carefully the flow of people, make sure it is ADA compliant.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:41:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Coming from a country (United Kingdom) that has carefully preserved hundreds of buildings of historical importance, I was dumbstruck by the destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. It was so sudden, short sighted and has, in my opinion, done irreparable damage to the American story.

I recognize that older structures can be inconvenient, but unless they are preserved we lose an important part of our history and sense of ourselves. Generations of British people have managed to preserve structures by modernizing them in ways that preserve their history and overall appearance while making them more user friendly to modern people.

It is crucial that whatever is constructed in place of the destroyed East Wing is in scale with the rest of the White House complex. The structure proposed thus far is much too large, dwarfing the most important areas of the White House. I would prefer that instead of building ANY new structure, a halt is called on the whole idea to allow a chance to re-think how to proceed. Perhaps a museum showcasing the events and history of the East Wing would be more appropriate than some kind of massive entertainment venue. Perhaps another site could be found for a "entertaining" building, totally separate from the present White House.

What has been done is tragic. You cannot make a silk purse out of a sows ear. Take a deep breath, assess the real need for a "ballroom", and plan that building in a different location. Preserve what you have left before you lose it all. One administration should not be allowed to dictate the future for all the successive administrations. This is an American treasure, not a personal project.

As an immigrant, I long to visit our nation's capital and see the history I worked hard to understand and embrace. I am so sad that I will never be able to see the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:40:24 PM
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Name: Rebecca Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the former East Wing, update wiring, etc., and make the whole building ADA accessible where possible. Follow the past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:40:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Jantzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I hope this helps! Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryan Frazier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please use the original plans, the 1940 restoration, and the latest fire and Electrical Codes.
Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code and modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Preservation and restoration of our historic landmarks and structures should be paramount.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:35:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arturo Peralta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people did not approve the demolition of the east wing of the WH and do not need a ballroom. We the people demand for the administration to restore the east wing back to its glory.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:34:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ami greenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As someone who lived in DC for 8 years and had the honor of touring the Whitehouse and Mrs. Obama's vegetable garden, I have been horrified to see the wanton destruction of the East Wing. It has been done with so little planning and regard that the most basic legal and safety protocols have not been followed. The design appears to have nothing to do with even a nod to historic architecture and seems crass and ill-fitting. It should be rebuilt to its original state and the Trump administration should be held accountable for this travesty. Thank you.

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Name: Mary Ann Evans
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If a historic government building , especially "the People's House" where the president resides temporarily, is to have major renovations made which include destruction of significant historical structures, a PROCESS must be followed! No ONE person owns the White House and no ONE person should make a decision about destruction/renovation. The idea of Trump deciding to destroy part of the White House and build a HUGE ballroom, almost as big as the rest of the White House, I understand, is American and vile. The ballroom must be stopped and tRump himself must pay to restore THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE back to the pre-destruction state. WE THE PEOPLE DEMAND IT!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Baumoel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States.

I strongly oppose the construction of Trump's 90,000 ft ballroom project on all fronts, and urge the reconstruction of the East Wing to as closely as possible to how it was previously.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:30:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sidney Slone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for accepting my comments on the White House East Wing project. I'm a 77 year old veteran. In 1970/71, I was stationed at the Pentagon. During that period I had the privilege of visiting our National monuments. And how wonderful they are. One night I visited the Lincoln Memorial and while reading the Gettysburg Address, tears streamed down my cheeks. The Nation's monuments and memorials - including the White House - belong to the American people. I'm very disappointed in how the President has pursued his efforts to reconstruct the East Room in his image - guady and dominating. The East Room re-construction should be consistent with the overall general appearance of the White House grounds. It should not dominate over our White House. Please ensure that it is constructed in harmony with the White House, not an exhibit of narcissism. Thank you, Sidney Slone

Date: 2/15/2026 10:29:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Lloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The peoples house. The East wing demolished without permission. A president out of control. How many reasons are needed NOT to allow this? Rebuild it as it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:26:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonya Rousseau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the White House needs to be restored to its configuration prior to recent destruction, with the addition of updated electrical work and ADA accessibility. As a citizen of the United States, it breaks my heart that the White House has been partially destroyed and thoughtlessly remodeled without regard to proper procedure or standards of decency.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:25:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Angel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write this today ,to voice my opinion . The destruction of the East wing was the most appalling decision ,to come from a standing United States President in history .Without proper permission from the Congress . The process seemed to catch the general public ,off guard. The shocking news ,was delivered by National News outlets . As with any Historical building ,Landmark or Monument ,We can't help but wonder. What's next ? I ask our elected officials ,please stand up for American values and do what is right ,As laid out by the Constitution of The United States of America ,Thank You

Date: 2/15/2026 10:25:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an outrage. As usual, this administration has used the “better to ask for

forgiveness than permission" philosophy, but without remorse. This time the damage has been irreversible, which was undoubtedly planned. Inexcusable. I fully believe the money raised to create a new ballroom should instead be required to be spent on rebuilding the East Wing to exactly its previous specifications as of the time of the project start.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:23:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

American citizens like me are outraged that the East Wing was torn down suddenly and without any warning. Trump has no right to destroy our public buildings without our informed consent. Trump's misplaced priorities are exemplified by this whole idea. Americans don't need a ballroom, we need good health care and reasonable immigration laws, among many other things. Not this Trump vanity project, which is just another example that his administration is much more interested in partying with his billionaire friends than taking care of the American people. I vote NO

Date: 2/15/2026 10:22:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe we need to put the East Wing back as it originally was. Of course it should be updated with new plumbing and lighting, but it needs to be kept as close to the original East Wing as possible. And restore the rose garden to its original grandeur. It is the people's house NOT trumps house. He lives there part-time and needs to keep his hands off what has stood the test of time.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:20:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Maupin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom that is over 2 acres in area is excessive. A dance floor that is 30' by 30' is fine for 300 to 400 guests. An excessively large room can make gatherings seem under attended and are not conducive to a sense of community. A warehouse vibe is not what you want for state occasions. If you have too large a space you will need pillars and those increase the risk of injury when dancing. Please scale this back or build something more useful..

Date: 2/15/2026 10:17:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeri Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello- this is in regards to the east wing destruction and rebuilding. First the east wing is a landmark and should NOT have been destroyed- not only on the sly without senate approval but this WAS a national landmark. Second, the original building should be replaced in the same design as it was- to match that of other historic buildings in DC- many wall art was destroyed with the original building- painted on the walls that were torn down- style should match! Not that of a middle eastern gold way- and not renamed as well- the original east wing was already used, at times, as a ball room- this is part of the people house and not owned by a person- please restore to what it once was-

Date: 2/15/2026 10:15:55 PM
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Name: Jen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against the demolition and replacement of the East Wing of the White House.

The Whitehouse belongs to the people of this country and should represent dignity and respect. Any work should respect both our history and our future.

Demolishing the East Wing should have criminal and financial penalties. It needs to be carefully restored, not converted into a gaudy, unneeded space to parade wealth rather than represent our citizens.

The finding of this project is extremely problematic as well. Corporate money has no place in the Whitehouse!

Date: 2/15/2026 10:15:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Fahy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be replaced as similar as possible to what it had been before it was unlawfully and illegally destroyed.
It's unfortunate this drastically selfish, disgustingly repugnant catastrophe has been allowed to happen to the people's house. This is the people's house, not Trump’s personal Epstein island. There are rules to be followed, and per the norm with this administration, the rules meant nothing.
Personally, I feel, total destruction of the East wing without going through all necessary procedural steps beforehand, is seditious. Any president who destroys the people's house in the way this was done, is grounds for removal from office. No vote needed, he's out. Done.
If a larger "convention center" is needed for diplomatic/governmental purposes, I'm quite certain other alternatives are more than doable.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:12:56 PM
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Name: Eric Hendrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style to what it was prior to any demolition work, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:12:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Kraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While it is a reasonable assumption that the East Wing needed some updating, this administration should not be the one allowed to make the updates. Their lack of respect for and understanding of the historical importance of the East Wing and their brazen demolition of the East Wing without approval for the demolition or approval of appropriate plans for what was to be built in its place indicate the degree to which they believe rules do not apply to them. They can not be trusted to follow even basic zoning laws, let alone requirements for preserving the aesthetics of the White House. The President has made it clear that his primary desire is to create his own legacy by (re)naming things after himself. Someone with so little respect for this country and its history and historical relics must not be allowed to indulge their ego at the expense of American tax payers now and American citizens for the forseeable future. The Trump Administration must not be allowed to build a ridiculous vanity project like an obnoxious gilded ballroom on the historic White House grounds.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:09:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Dockery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it should be rebuilt as it was at the expense of Trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:08:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecilia Barlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should never have destroyed the East Wing of the White House. It should be rebuilt as it was, with Trump personally footing the bill for its reconstruction.
If a large ballroom is required for future Presidential State dinners, perhaps an existing government building elsewhere in Washington, DC, could be used for that purpose.
A ballroom that is disproportionately large, diminishes the overall image of the White House, which is an iconic and beloved image.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:08:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Smelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed "ballroom" is unnecessary and monstrously out of scale to the existing White House building(s) alongside.

The former East Wing, demolished WITHOUT appropriate approval and without mitigation of environment hazards, should be restored in its previously size and design, and the ballroom proposal permanently scrapped.

In addition, there needs to be an extremely detailed audit of all funds "donated" toward the building project, and those funds protected against transfer to unauthorized individuals.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:07:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Herling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I am writing as an American citizen who is against the tearing down the People's House in order to build a Ballroom. It doesn't speak to our values and will only be available for the President and his mega donors and Foreign Leaders.
The People's house is our property not someone who resides in the White House.
The Money that is being spent on this, when Food programs are cut that would feed children (snap benefits).
Gutting programs that help pregnant women, women in general, making it harder for women to access lifesaving healthcare.
The fact that this administration is trying to make America look like all of the other Authoritarian regimes. I am totally against this and will not support it in any way.

Marilyn Herling

Date: 2/15/2026 10:07:05 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Law
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build an East Wing that is a continuation of the original style of the White House with restrained elegance. Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
I question the need for a huge ballroom. There are other facilities in DC that can accommodate larger gatherings.
The White House is the people's house. It was never intended to be an enormous-gold decorated palace.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:06:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Clay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the peoples house, not a billionaire gsmeroom

Put it back the way it was and trump should pay for it

Date: 2/15/2026 10:05:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis MacGowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was originally. There's no need for a ballroom or party place in the White House. What Trump did was absurd & disrespectful. He's a guest not a property owner. I was so sad when he tore out the rose garden.
Honestly, I believe he should have to pay out of pocket to fix his blunder!
Thank you for your concern & for allowing the public's input.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:04:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, it's a little goddam late to ask for comments. The White House - the People's House - has been irreparably damaged/destroyed by an egomaniac hellbent on eradicating American history. There shouldn't be ANY discussion required about adding insult to injury with this ridiculous ballroom scheme, whose only

aim is to rub it into the face of every American, who should be horrified at the wanton destruction of a National Treasure. The amount of money this monstrosity will cost the American people - and make no mistake, we WILL be the ones paying for it, despite promises of private funding (which are already proving to be lies) - the amount of money could be plowed back into the desperately needed healthcare for the people who OWN the damn House. The East Wing needs to be re-built by careful artisans devoted to recapturing the history and spirit that were so callously bulldozed. The perpetrators of this crime should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, from the lowest machine operator to the highest seat in the land.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:03:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose the proposed ballroom expansion at the White House.

At a time of pressing national challenges (increasind costs of healthcare, uninsured, affordability crisis), investing resources in expanding event space at the White House is difficult to justify. The White House is a historic landmark and global symbol of American democracy. Major structural additions risk undermining its architectural integrity and historic character. The United States does not need a Kremlin or Buckingham Palace. This project does not benefit We the People - only the select wealthy!

Large events have been successfully managed for decades without a permanent ballroom addition. Before undertaking irreversible changes, there should be a full public accounting of costs, alternatives, and preservation impacts. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and prioritize fiscal responsibility and historic preservation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Riccardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any modification to the People's House should be in keeping architecturally and stylistically w the rooms surrounding it. Additionally, if a ballroom is built it should be similar in scale to surrounding rooms and its size
should be planned to host events based on historical data. An oversized ballroom would be in poor taste as well as be a waste of funds, not just in building it but in maintaining it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leonora Cornwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to Donald trump to do with as he pleases. A ballroom is not needed. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt with symmetry to the West Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:58:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom of that size is ridiculous. Any new building should match and reflect the rest of the White House's architecture, not some stupid rectangular box. A study on the number of events held at the White House and the number of attendees at each would provide valuable information as to whether the existing space is adequate and, if not, how much additional space should be considered. There should also be a study as to what should be replaced from the demolished East Wing like the First Lady's office, reception area, visitor entrance etc. Any new space should also reflect tasteful and appropriate decor, and NOT the current tacky, gaudy gold and white scheme that just screams a total lack of elegance.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:56:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Emard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm very opposed to the East Wing project and it should be restored back to the way it was. This is the people's house not the president

Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 9:55:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Zander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do nothing until this inept, destructive administration is gone.
Let patriotic, wise adults make decisions then.
Stop this insanity.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:54:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Munday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Ballroom should not be approved because:

1) The East Wing demolition was never approved, so no approval should be or can be given for a project predicated on that unlawful demolition.
2) The Ballroom is grossly out of character and dimensions compared with the remaining White House buildings.
3) The existing facilities have proved sufficient for meeting heads of state etc, so this gross overkill of a ballroom is not required and significantly larger than would be needed for this purpose.
4) The President has indicated that it would be used for inaugurations, but it would be much too small for this usage, without excluding huge numbers of the public.
5) The President has stated ever-changing budgets for this building, implying that the scope of the project is continually in flux. Until the details are set, no approval should be considered.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Mulligan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Commissioner Mendelson's comments in the January 8 presentation video regarding the size of the addition relative to the height of the ballroom as well as the total 89k+ sq ft as to whether it could be reduced so as to not be so overwhelming. Also there is a concern regarding people with disabilities being only able to egress in one direction. And finally, I do not want to see it named after Trump and I do not want it to resemble Mir-a-Lago in any way interiorly, i.e. no gold. If it has to be, let it be classy, not tacky.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Scharosch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump MUST comply with regulations as required by The National Planning Commission as regards any replacement of the East Wing. The building should not dwarf the balance of the White House. Trump must be personally responsible for the destruction caused by his unauthorized removal of the historic East Wing. His idea of a ballroom means his financial responsibility. Taxpayers should not have to pay for his delusional dreams.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:51:56 PM
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Name: Stacy Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Spink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, this project needs to be designed in scope and style in equal size and standards as the White House it will be attached, or next to. It should not be larger, it should not be gawdy or depict only 1 person's particular style! it should be elegant, understated, a tribute to our democratic leaders. Please do not let 1 administration design this monstrosity in excess gold over shadow the White House, the Capital, and become something future administrations have to spend more taxpayers money to correct! You have 1 opportunity to get this right. Please use common sense and adhere to the existing standards of design elements for this new structure. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:48:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned by the hasty demolition of the East Wing without regard to the historic nature of the structure. The White House is a historic building and while changes have been made over the years, it is important to not detract from the structure as a whole. I am concerned that current proposals for a ballroom will overshadow the existing structure as it is my understanding that this proposed addition will be as large or larger than the 200 year old main building of the White House. The construction of an oversized new ballroom would also significantly detract from the relative symmetry of the current structure. This would significantly harm the architectural integrity of the White House, whose Georgian/Neoclassical style employs symmetry as one of its key features.

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Name: Kelly Yellin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a citizen of the United States, I am appalled that this administration believed that they could just tear down part of a historic building without first going through the proper channels that one would go through in order to renovate a historic building, especially one over 200+ years old. It's bad enough that the First Lady ripped out the beloved rose garden without even trying to preserve the roses.

Second, this is the people's house. The idea that the President is trying to fund this project with money from his conies is deplorable. Trump is essentially trying to recreate Maralago in the White House. The people will never be allowed to use this or visit it. The only people who will be able to utilize it will be Trump's friends and those "donors" who have given him millions of dollars to be able to have an audience with the president like he is a King. Remember, we do not have kings and dictators in our country. Unfortunately, our president is trying to turn the people's house into his own personal house.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:41:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catharine Randazzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The disregard shown to OUR White House is unbecoming of any citizen and more so for a public servant in our highest office. The blatant lying (as in the claim that the ballroom would not even touch the White House) indicates the intention to defraud the People. That house has stood as a landmark, and as a symbol for hundreds of years. My parents' home, which is older than country, received better care and more thoughtful upgrades as its history demanded. The Washington DC eyesore requires several things. First, we need an accounting of the historical items that were stored, taken, or destroyed. An accounting/documenting should have happened in the planning phase. I am confident that certain conscientious staff members Harold a good degree of that knowledge. Second, the White House requires restoration with a good degree of guidance. It can never be "the same" given the damages done. But at the very least it should be restored with as many historically accurate pieces as able, and thoughtful revisions as required. Since the damage was done so irreverently, I, as a member of the People, request that the regular steps for revisions be used, with an additional historical oversight committee's (perhaps historical architectural professors) approval step included. Clearly, this administration cannot be trusted to handle our belongings without a gatekeeper. Additionally, I would like to suggest that the gifted luxury plane (costing the People severely by the need to make it sufficient as a part of the government's fleet) be sold to stop the extra costs and to add to the fund to restore Our house. Any additional fees should be personal to the public servant responsible for the destruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:41:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Raye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
This is my first time submitting a comment regarding the Capital. I have never before felt that I needed to make a comment but I feel the East Wing project is out of control. The fact that the old East Wing was destroyed, without any prior warning, is wrong. The White House belongs to the people, not to Mr Trump. Its history should be preserved, not destroyed and replaced by a golden palace. There also must be a public review of any proposal, with public input into the design. There also must be a public review of all funding sources for the proposed project. No actions of any kind must happen until the public is informed and has an opportunity to review and accept the work to be done. The East Wing belongs to the people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a distinguishing use funds, symbolic of a corrupt white house and the fall into autocracy. We strongly oppose this bawdy travesty.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:37:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janine Murphy-Neilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should have been approved before destroying the East wing. The White House is the people's house and this demolition with no consideration for history was an abomination. I think projects costing hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer dollars need to get some kind of approval by the American people. When a government is cutting USAID and SNAP benefits I have no interest in a vanity project for a President who will be gone from the White House in less than three years.
Janine Murphy-Neilson

Date: 2/15/2026 9:37:02 PM
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Name: Lisa Kusmin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore East Wing to its original size and architecture....update necessary INTERNAL infrastructure (ADA accessibility, plumbing, wiring, fixtures, etc). For any MAJOR changes, follow all procedures and LAWS of this country (review boards, permits, etc). The WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT NEED A BALLROOM ON-SITE. Plenty of venues available in the area for the times a large space is needed. This project will not even be

completed by the time Trump leaves office.....but we know he's not planning on leaving; at least not peacefully. PLEASE STOP THE MADNESS!!!!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Bowers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a child I watched the first lady Jackie Kennedy speak on TV about the White House. They restored it during Truman's term but every piece of the building that could be was saved. So much preservation. What happened to the East Wing was a disgrace. I do not want to see a huge ballroom there just like the Rose garden was destroyed. So many people are going without in this country. I will never benefit from a ballroom nor would the majority of Americans. Please restore the East Wing. It is so sad to see what has happened to our house.

Thank you for standing up for Americans that love the history and beauty of our house.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:35:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do wonder how demolition took place at the White House without input from the people who own this residence. Of course, we are now in hindsight of what should have happened. I understand updates to residence as far as wiring, heating and esthetics but total demolision should have been approved prior.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it-- BUT IT SHOULD BE MADE TO FIT INTO THE ORIGINAL FOOTPRINT AND DESIGN.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:34:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mollie Helfand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm totally against the destruction of the East wing of the White house. It's a historic building that has a significant meaning to the American people. If the Building needs updates to bring it to code that should be done. If anything is removed and replace it should save any windows doors, flooring. Everything is historical and should be handled in a very respectful manner.
In today's world we need to show elevated respect of what we have and how we treat the peoples house. It does not belong to one person. The fact it was illegally torn down should be rectify and rebuilt just as it was

without enlarging it. No one should be rewarded for an illegal act.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:28:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cambridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is preposterous to build a ballroom that will dwarf the actual White House. If the current venue for state dinners holds 200 people, the proposed ballroom will just be a huge, mostly empty space, even if the number of invitees to state dinners going forward is doubled. Plus, the proposed decor borders on being vulgar when compared to the understated elegance of the White House.
In addition, it is criminal that the East Wing was completely demolished without this project having gone through the normal and required review and approval processes.
Please put a stop to Trump's vanity project and protect the architectural integrity of the White House.
Please ensure that whatever is erected to replace the East Wing is complementary in scale to the rest of the structure and is visually compatible with it in every way, inside and out.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Cherlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an insane proposal, obviously. It should not be carried through and those responsible for it she be put under close supervision.

We will desperately need to restore the East Wing to a dignified representation of a government that serves the people and that continues on through history, not a piece of oversized vulgar frippery that has not gone through any sort of serious design, planning, or review process.

It will be a huge waste of money, even more so once the costs of demolishing it, making plans for the proper restoration of the building, and reconstruction are taken into account.

Are there no adults involved?

Date: 2/15/2026 9:27:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Edward Elmendorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is a misnomer: The project should be called what it is: The East Wing Replacement Project.

The project as presented is entirely inconsistent with the concept and design of the other parts of the White House complex. Ideally, therefore, it would be best to rethink and redesign the project in its entirety, since only foundation and below ground infrastructure work has been completed to date. If that should prove impossible, for design and political reasons, then the size of the project should be very substantially reduced, so that it can be harmonious with the rest of the WH complex. Also, the interior lighting and decoration should harmonize with the other parts of the exterior of the WH complex. Gold and goldplate should be eliminated, if possble.

Thanks for considering these comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sciarratta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former Compliance Officer and 10-year veteran of the USEPA and a former licensed Professional Engineer, I noticed that the project, when it was initiated, did not provide the proper abatement for known and likely asbestos and lead. This must precede any further action on the project, including enforcement action against all officials and contractors associated with the demolition, plus soil sampling and surface sampling on adjacent buildings where building downwash of toxics-laden dust would be expected.
Secondly, the people's artifacts of historic importance should be catalogued and preserved, and returned to the new building or housed in the Smithsonian. Thirdly, the footprint (L x W x H) of the new construction should match and balance the footprint that was there prior. The materials of construction of the new space should be consistent with the materials that were there prior, with no new marble, gold leaf, or other extravagant materials that are not consistent with the historic nature of the building. The functionality of the space would be better served as conference space, with one large conference room plus multiple rooms that can function for meetings or offices.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment. All contractors on the project should be minority business enterprises or women-owned business enterprises as well.
Rev. Dr. Susan A. Sciarratta, LPC

Date: 2/15/2026 9:26:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom. I want the rose garden restored. I want the East Wing restored as it was. I want Trump to pay massive personal fines for all he's done to destroy our precious Whitehouse. It is not his. It is ours.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:25:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Roark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King and does not require a room to hold court; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

It should not reflect the taste and design of the current occupants. Rather, it should reflect the historical architecture and style of the former East Wing and White House. It should not be funded by private donors. It should not be named for a specific person. It should not be decorated with gold nor used to display the current occupants awards, accolades, mementos, or other displays of a personal nature.

It should be ADA compliant, open to all, and available to visit. The calendar and schedule of events should be made public and clearly state the purpose and sponsors.

The Rose Garden should be restored. The vegetable and herb garden should be restored. The current outdoor dining patio should be removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments on this very important issue.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:23:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon YINGLING
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an iconic, historic building representing 250 years of our nation. The destruction of the East Wing for any reason, by law, should have been announced and reviewed by the appropriate organizations before it was ever done. In a time when millions of people in this country and throughout the world are homeless, food insecure and without any healthcare it in immoral to spend millions of dollars on a ballroom. Our citizens do not need a fancy place to entertain celebrities and politicians. It doesn't matter whether the project is funded by public or private funds. It is ludicrous to spend on a ballroom when there is so many more impressing needs for out citizens.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit the following comments regarding the East Wing project.

The People's House has been agregiously scarred by the destruction of the East Wing without consideration or approval. To continue the project and erect an unnecessary ballroom that is almost twice the size of the White House is both fiscally irresponsible, historically repulsive, and an insult to the American People.

I absolutely oppose the continuation of this vanity project and demand it be restored to it's former historical appearance. It is appalling that a temporary guest in the People's House believes he can destroy and remake our property to his vain ego.

Do not let this project happen.

Sincerely,

Kathy Jackson

Date: 2/15/2026 9:21:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Schuler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely astounded that in a democracy such as the one the United States aspires to be, a president can't unilaterally decide to take down a major government building to suit their own fancy. I am opposed to any unilateral decision such as this. One might hope / expect that a president would abide by the rules of the land. I'm impressed that this vestige of citizen participation is allowed. Please excuse my feeling that it's window dressing only and that all the presidents lackeys have signed off on this abomination already.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Eisenstodt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no reason for a ballroom to be constructed and one that is the height of the President’s home, an historic landmark that every visitor to the nation’s capital wants to see. It is a sacred structure that has already faced demolition without permission.

Practically:
-there will be a first spouse who cares about the country and issues who deserves space at the center of

what has been power.
-taxpayer funds will be involved in cost overruns AND constantly for upkeep, repairs, cleaning.
-the plans show no ADA compliance let alone accommodations for people with disabilities.
-nothing indicates the practical features of a ballroom that make it functional.

In a time when housing, medical care including pre- and post- natal for the babies encouraged to be conceived; for housing to ensure what Pres Trump wants for DC aesthetically is built; to ensure air safety, for the future of the US, the future expenses have not been calculated. Because we are in a deficit, it is irresponsible for this to go forward to satisfy a perceived need that does not exist.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Marchant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thank the National Trust for Historic Preservation for inviting the public to submit comments about the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, now euphemistically called the East Wing Modernization Project. I will not dwell on how upsetting it was to me to see the East Wing of the White House being ripped to shreds by wrecking equipment.
I am an ordinary citizen who absolutely hates the idea of a large ballroom being stuck onto the White House. I hate the idea that the ballroom plan as it now stands will dwarf the White House. It upsets the balanced facade of the building and gives prominence to a section that is quite frivolous.
My one "constructive" suggestion is that if the ballroom is approved and built that it be built in such a way that it can be brought down immediately with a minimum of difficulty and cost so that when we have a new administration in power that appreciates historic significance, a new East Wing can be built and restored to the people's White House. Thank you.
Most sincerely, and most sincerely horrified by the crass ballroom architectural plan,
Charlene Marchant

Date: 2/15/2026 9:17:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Rumphrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. NO GOLD and not named after the current administration.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:13:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Shultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is wrong. Please stop it. I can't even change the paint color where I am a tenant. The American people's properties are not for sale to the highest contributor. IF there are changes to be made, I want them reviewed and agreed on BEFORE destroying my property. I want changes to be tasteful for a democracy, not gaudy and gold, and I want to pay for them with my taxes to ensure my government isn't for sale.

I am so sick of Trump acting without prior approval. That is not how things work, and as long as you keep claiming it's too late because the building is already gone, he will keep acting this way. He destroyed federal property. If I did that, I'd be in jail. Please hold him accountable for rebuilding our property that he illegally destroyed.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:13:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Koonlaba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and one of the most symbolically significant sites in the United States. Any substantial alteration to this complex demands careful scrutiny, transparency, and meaningful public engagement.

A project of this scale raises important questions about historic preservation, architectural integrity, visual impact, security implications, long term maintenance costs, environmental effects, and funding structure. The public deserves a clear explanation of why a structure of this size is necessary and what alternatives were meaningfully considered.

The review process under NEPA and the oversight of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts exist to ensure thoughtful analysis and public input before permanent changes are made to nationally significant sites.

Before any irreversible steps are taken, I urge the Commission to:
1. Require a comprehensive and transparent environmental and historic preservation impact assessment.
2. Fully evaluate reasonable alternatives, including renovation of existing spaces or off site options.
3. Clearly disclose projected costs, funding sources, and long term operational and maintenance implications.
4. Prohibit the use of private donations to finance permanent structural additions to the White House complex. If funding is contemplated, it should occur through public appropriations subject to congressional oversight and open debate.
5. If private funding is considered at any stage, require full public disclosure of all proposed donors, any conditions attached to donations, and any recognition or influence associated with such contributions before approval.
6. Ensure that preservation standards appropriate to a National Historic Landmark are strictly upheld.

The White House belongs to the American people. Decisions affecting its historic character should reflect careful stewardship, public accountability, and respect for its national significance.

Thank you for considering this comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Janesko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will keep this as civil as possible.
I'm beyond angry at what has happened, and happening to the WH, the People's house.
The damage Trump has done to the People's house is devastating. The East Wing was demolished without proper authorization as well as secured funding.
This is the People's house, not his personal playground. It's not how we are as Americans, and the WH is not his personal palace.
History has been destroyed, and I believe Trump should be responsible for building back the Eadt Wing, just as it was, restored to original conditions.
Please don't set a precedent allowing a sitting president to change/destroy our WH, and WH grounds for their personal whims..
Any, and all changes should seek the proor approval from appropriate agencies.
Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 9:12:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Schinasi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The applicant for the East Wing project made false representations about the project, which demand that additional and independent oversight be put in place before any future work on the project is started. Neither the original announcement nor the massive and irreversible actions to tear down the East Wing went through the Congressionally required process for modification to the historical White House. A slow, deliberative process must be put in place, and enforced, for the design of a new structure. If additional laws or regulations are necessary to ensure adequate oversight, any work on the project should be delayed until such changes are in place. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:12:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julian DiGialleonardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the White House, including the East Wing, is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service and the Trump administration's actions to date have sought no input from the people of this nation, this administration is in violation of federal law and is not abiding by the will of the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:11:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Daniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My first thought is - this is a one, right?
My second thought is - if not a joke, isn't this about 6 months late?
My third thought is - didn't the resident just extend the entertainment space by destroying lawns and gardens?
My fourth thought is - won't this president be gone before any of the appropriate legal reviews and lawsuits are settled, not to mention proposed plan reviews, building permits, construction contracts, and funding issues are resolved?

So finally, I say, restore the East Wing to what it was before it was illegally demolished. If there is a genuine need for increased entertainment space, build it into the main floor within the original footprint.

Oh, find the alleged donations and put them in an account that is used for the RESTORATION of the East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:10:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Desa Lindsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You're a day late and a dollar short asking for public comments in February 2026, when destruction began in October. If there were, as has been suggested, issues with the existing structure, that argument should have been presented to the people in mid-2025, allowing time to review those alleged problems and to consider the future of the site respectably. Does the White House need a gaudy gold ballroom? Or does it need the offices and other rooms that were in the East Wing?

Date: 2/15/2026 9:09:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Pierre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my concerns about the East Wing Modernization project. Though I appreciate the need for a larger indoor meeting space for the White House I believe what's been proposed does not follow federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation related to construction projects affecting historic buildings.

The design for the White House was selected after a comprehensive process with the original winning

proposal selected by George Washington. Later additions and remodels were developed through similar processes where thought and care were put into insuring that the historic character of the original design was respected.

I am deeply concerned that the proposed design has not gone through a similar process. The White House is the "People's House" and belongs to the citizens of our country. It would be a disservice to the people of this country to allow the design to be dictated by the current president. It creates an unhealthy precedent for the future of this and other historical buildings that belong to the citizens of our country.

Like many others I am also concerned that massing and height of the proposed new addition will overwhelm the original design of the White House and will disrupt the thoughtful classical design of the building with its two lower and smaller West and East wings. The original design of the building was based on classic Georgian and neoclassical principles. The proposed addition shows little to no respect for those design principles.

My recommendation is that an independent commission be charged to explore design alternatives and modifications that would accomplish the objectives of the current administration to provide for larger meeting space while preserving the classic design and historic integrity of this globally recognized symbol of our nation's ideals.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Mangiapane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hallie Larkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuilding of the East Wing should follow all historical guidelines and be in keeping with both the size and style of the original/remaining building. An oversized ballroom does not benefit the American people in any way. The destruction of the East Wing cannot be undone but it can be rebuilt in a purposeful way. A guided palace is not necessary.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:05:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be in jail for destroying public property with no permits. Cease his bank accounts to make the repairs of the destruction he has caused. Notoriously, Trump has bad taste....just look at his tacky casinos and golf courses. All that $ and no taste.

Lock trump up!

Date: 2/15/2026 9:03:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Alice Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

2/15/2026

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion on changes to the White House. Maybe we looked at it for a lifetime and saw nothing wrong with the way it was. The EAST wing seemed in proportion with the rest of the building, the rose garden was a wonderful touch, since you don't get much use with the patio in the dead of winter.

As for the ball room - 90,000 sq ft is entirely too big and how often will it be used. It's not like when there is a natural disaster it could be used for shelter. It seems like a great waste of taxpayer money. Make sure all those people that offered up their money to fund the project put in their share.

Rebuild the White House as it was. If a smaller ballroom absolutely has to be added NO GOLD accents.

Respectfully submitted,
RoseAlice & Donald Quinn

Date: 2/15/2026 9:02:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The day I saw a bulldozer demolishing the beloved East Wing, I wept. I never imagined that a president of the United States would desecrate a fundamentally important building for this Nation in such a callous manner. It was a symbolic gesture of disdain and contempt for our love of The People's House and the memories made inside the walls. A president is a temporary resident and not the owner of our house.

These are my recommendations for the reconstruction of the East Wing.

Replication of the original building is the only option. It should be the proper proportion to the main structure. No gold embellishments and tacky faux gold. The original artifacts, decor, and artwork must be returned to the East Wing. The original ballroom was a sufficient size and should be reconstructed.
Bring it back to its original glory.

Thank you for ensuring the quality of workmanship and integrity of the East Wing.

Tax payers should not have to foot the cost of this build and replication of the East Wing. This should be paid in full and in advance by the president for his disregard for the proper management and planning of this project.

Sincerely,
Leslie Smith

Date: 2/15/2026 9:02:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mazzoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the NCPC, I respectfully submit the following regarding the East Wing Modernization Project.
The demolition of the East Wing is an irreparable loss of history. The 1942 East Wing, while not as old as the main mansion, held significant history, including the First Lady's office, the family movie theater, and the underground bunker.
The Society of Architectural Historians and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have expressed "grave concern," noting this is the first major change to the White House exterior in over 80 years.
The current administration went ahead with the demolition of the East Wing despite assurances that they wouldn't demolish it. We cannot trust them to not deviate from their public statements.
There is a lack 9f transparency and oversight. In addition, the project circumvented standard independent reviews, including the National Capital Planning Commission.
While touted as "privately funded" (reportedly $250-$400 million), there has been a failure to release a full, transparent breakdown of donors, raising ethical questions about influence.
Unlike previous major White House renovations (like the Truman renovation), this project did not have congressional oversight or approval.
The proposed 90,000-square-foot, 20-foot-ceiling, "gilded" ballroom is described as being in the style of Mar-a-Lago, which is inconsistent with the historic, neoclassical, and relatively restrained design of the White House. In addition, the new structure would nearly double the total footprint of the existing White House complex which is grossly excessive.
The East Wing served as the primary public entrance for tourists, school groups, and visitor tours. Replacing it with a private, exclusive venue for elite functions converts "the people's house" into a private event space.
Disruption of the Historic Campus: The construction replaces a functional,, and historic wing with a structure designed primarily for entertainment rather than executive, governmental work.

The, 24/7 construction, including, demolition, of a major, facility, on, the, White, House, campus, causes significant, environmental and residential disruption in the surrounding, neighborhood,
The project involves significant changes to the historic landscape of the, White House grounds.
The project is being driven by one person's taste rather than a collective democratic process that respects the building's history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toby Bartels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Obviously I do not want to commemorate the worst President ever with a Trump ballroom. I suggest instead a museum of the many crimes of his administration. You could put the Epstein files up on the walls; they'd look good there. In any case, no ballroom and nothing positive named after Trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:57:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Ohrstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It dwarfs the White House! Not historically appropriate for the White House. I hope that this horrifying building is canceled!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:54:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Washmon Kriel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the East Wing modernization project as it includes the addition of the ballroom which will impact the beauty and balance of the White House. The ballroom is too large and will dwarf the White House. If past behavior predicts future behavior, this ballroom will not represent the American people but rather will serve as a a way to sell seats and raise money for private rather than public gain.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:53:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Oppose 100%

Date: 2/15/2026 8:53:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Prairie Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. We don't need a ballroom. You destroyed American history by demolishing the East Wing. The least you could do is build it back exactly the way it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:51:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Girard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

can't think of a thing the country needs less than a giant ball room that looms over the White House like a giant bedazzled McMansion.

The East Wing was historic in its own right, as the space where First Ladies and their staffs reached out to the American people through worthy causes and through hard times. It should have been preserved, and if there was a need for larger event space, it should have been accomplished without the East Wing's senseless destruction.

Seriously, though, a ball room is not a need, it's a want, and that want is coming at the expense of healthy care, education, support for our elderly and disabled, safe roads and bridges, affordable and safe food, and the science that powers our start ups and tech businesses. This is the ultimate Marie Antoinette callousness, because partying while the people starve is unconscionable. This loss of the historic East Wing a national shame, especially when paid for by wealthy donors who could be using their wealth to pay their employees fairly and for philanthropy aimed at a social good.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:49:41 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Kuyper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the East Wing of the white house has been destroyed and a ballroom is being proposed in its place. I was very lucky to be able to take my family to Washington DC for the first time last summer. We scheduled a White House tour and were able to see the beauty of the East Wing first hand. The rooms, the gardens, and the majesty of the White House. It is unacceptable that someone would destroy that historic building so quickly and attempt to immediately replace it with something so grotesque. It will be massive and will destroy the beauty of the White House itself.

I oppose the ballroom proposal and urge anyone who is able, to stop this project as quickly as possible. Even if it means that money already spent will be wasted. This ballroom should not be built.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:49:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Wedel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nobody asked for the East wing to be torn down. Building this grandeous thing is an abominatioin. Put the money into projects that help the less fortunate.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:48:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house. President Trump, or any other president, is a temporary resident. He has no right to destroy parts of the White House or build a monstrosity that will dwarf the White House. If a ballroom is needed, build it somewhere else. The cavalier way he destroyed the East Wing without getting permission or even asking for forgiveness is the same way he approaches governance. He needs to be made aware that he doesn’t have absolute power and he doesn’t own the White House. He should not be permitted to build a ballroom that the people do not want.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:47:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angry Citizen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely insane that this administration has unilaterally destroyed one third of the White House, the People's House, to serve the ego of a megalomaniac who wants to immortalize himself with this project, a heinous golden statue, and some gaudy arch, all while demanding buildings and roads be named after him when he has done NOTHING to be proud of. The PEOPLE demand the East Wing be restored to what it was. Nothing more and nothing less will be considered acceptable.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:45:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allan Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An addition much larger than the existing building would destroy the building's historical significance and integrity. Build a gaudy party house elsewhere; leave the people's house alone.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:43:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Woodbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally demolished with little regard for the historic nature of the building. I support rebuilding the East Wing to support the functions it did previously - primarily a space for the President's spouse to have their offices.

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom and function space as has been described in the news media. It is not needed and would be a waste of money.

Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 8:41:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William McDevitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The only thing that is a bigger monstrosity than this project is the person who is proposing it. Demolishing the East Wing was a national outrage. Building this ballroom will only add insult to injury.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:40:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Kopyta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. Therefore, such a significant change should follow a rigorous and deliberate design and review process.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. The building is part of our nation's history; he should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Any further renovations should be funded by Donald Trump, NOT the American people, to include all fines and applicable penalties. Also, what has already been paid by the people for the construction/demolition should be returned.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:39:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Levenson-Brokamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unapproved destruction of the east wing is beyond understanding. The White House is the property of the people not Donald Trump. I wouldn’t have approved of a 50,000 sq ft ballroom that was never needed before. Trump only wants to leave destruction behind for us to remember the hell he is putting us through. There’s money for this let alone no need. The destruction of the White House is inexcusable

Date: 2/15/2026 8:39:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Turro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve the ill conceived proposal for this project and only approve a renovation that returns the previous classical structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:39:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned with the size of the overall structure. It seems to me that a ballroom for 1000 people is excessive. Thirty-eight foot ceilings are excessive. I am especially concerned with the decor that will ultimately be placed in the space. Simple and dignified is more appropriate for the ballroom attached to the White House rather than extremely ornamented and gaudy.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:39:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Rosa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Given that the East Wing of the White House, the people's house was torn down without proper permission and permits, I do not believe that permits should be granted for the new, gigantic ballroom proposed by President Trump. I believe the East Wing modernization project should be just that, a new modernized version of the East Wing on the inside, while looking just like the old East Wing on the outside.

No other president ever felt the White House needed an addition of a grandiose, gilded, expensive ballroom that will eclipse the actual White House. There are plenty of venues in and around Washington D.C. where inaugural balls and other events are held if a larger space is needed for a planned White House/State event. Also, the new building should be properly funded by Congress instead of President Trump fraudulently soliciting donations for the new building.

There is no need to ruin the architecture of the White House and the East Wing. The new building should demonstrate respect for the original architecture and follow the same principles. The East Wing should continue to provide space for the work done there before by the many First Ladies and their staffs who worked there to improve the lives of the people of the United States of America.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:39:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Jahos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States who is interested in American history, architecture, landscape architecture and historic preservation, I was sickened and stupefied that the East Wing of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE was demolished without the proper legal authority and without asking the American people what they thought about such an extreme action.

My personal feeling is that we don't need a ballroom - period, the end. We certainly don't need one that dwarfs the White house. That would not be in keeping with good architectural design and would send the wrong message about the priorities of our country. The White House is not a palace for a king, it should be representative of a democracy. It should not be a status symbol for any one president, especially one who

does not put the American people first. A ballroom is an unneeded luxury that gets little to no use. There is no reason that ballrooms in other venues around Washington, D.C. cannot continue to be utilized.

I would also like to know what happened to items that were housed in the East Wing before its demolition. Were any architectural elements of the building preserved? They belong to the people and we have a right to demand that our history not be destroyed or hidden away.

I urge you to do whatever you can to stop this project. It was conceived of and is being implemented without respect for the citizens of this country and our history.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:38:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He absolutely destroyed part of the beautiful house of the people. Without a second thought or opinion, he destroyed the wing.
We do not need a ballroom bigger than the white house. That is a narcissistic, useless, waste of space that I'm sure he thinks is to honor him.
Please don't let him build that monstrosity. Put it back to a reasonable East wing. Let him decorate it with gold toilets to placate him.
Do the right thing.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:37:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Muth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "Modernization Project", began with the total destruction of the building. Changing the name to East Wing Replacement Project would be appropriate, but it's too late to matter much.

Perhaps creating a permanent installation showing some history of the old building would be appropriate.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:36:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you so much for taking the time to collect comments and thoughts on this project. The current administration failed to take into consideration, the opinion or thoughts of the American people, prior to demolishing our house. It was a horrific and traumatic day to watch a bulldozer rip down an entire wing of the house. I believe it was an impulsive and retaliatory action by the administration to communicate the

displeasure of the largest anti-administration protest ever, which was held two days prior.

I do not think a ballroom should be built there. I think the area shall be cleaned and rebuilt in its prior image. I understand that there were some lower levels that served various functions, and I feel upgrading those to provide better security or function for those who use it would be important. Additionally, I would like to see an audit of the funds that were supposedly secured for this illegal and unapproved project.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:34:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Saltus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house.

Sincerely, a very concerned US citizen. I lived in the DC area in the 1980's and visited "The People's House" many times.
Katharine Saltus
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 8:33:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol buffalo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, just the idea that he would demolish the East wing without any prior permission from the congressional council is appalling, utterly appalling and inappropriate and for that reason alone, I do not recommend this. I do not want it. I think he should be punished for this somehow it is just wrong. We should see the plans before the demolition. It is appalling that he has done this so no, I do not approve of it. No, I do not want it at all.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:33:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kersten Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should never have torn down the East Wing. It is not only heartbreaking but also shows a blatant disregard for history and possibly the law. A ballroom for wealthy donors is not needed in the people's house. President Trump should be required to rebuild and restore the East Wing using its former blueprint.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:33:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The time to request feedback from the people - to whom the White House belongs - is not after demolition has begun; feedback should be solicited BEFORE anything starts. If the president wishes to make changes, he should bring ideas and thoughts to senators and representatives, who can then take the ideas and thoughts to their constituents to gain feedback. The president should take all feedback into consideration BEFORE starting anything.

I do not see the importance of a gigantic ballroom - bigger than the primary residence itself. I have not heard any rationale for this addition to the White House - none, at least, that would justify changing the profile of the White house so dramatically.

What I see is a vanity project. I find it disgusting.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:32:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of what belongs to every American, without oversight by the legally mandated agencies charged with review, is shameful. Although it is too late to reverse, the subsequent grotesque modifications planned have to be subject to legal review by the bodies charged with safeguarding our national heritage for future generations.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:31:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In short: PUT IT BACK!

You can also return the Rose garden to its former glory.

The East wing WAS a historic monument to the best of our country. Turning it into a tawdry shrine to all

things gauche is unacceptable!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:29:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Kalina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear members:
It is very concerning that the president of the United States has taken the prerogative to destroy a National Monument without authorization.
I strongly oppose this act as I would any unauthorized act.
Any building on the desecrated site of the East Wing must be approved by the Historic Monument commission.
Thank you.
Sharon Kalina, MD

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renae Stecklein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump had no right to tear down the East Wing. He does not own the White House, the American people do. He has damaged the property and it is up to him to pay for all damages. Restore to its original size and purposes. Please send the bill to Donald J.Trump to be paid in full.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:28:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luana Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden and illegal destruction of the historic East Wing is devastating to Americans. The whole process needs to be slowed down to let the professionals assess the damage that has been done to the property, and the impact on the integrity of the White House structure and surroundings.
The White House is the "People's House". President Trump will not live forever, and his ill-advised whims regarding this iconic property will go down in history as one of the most egregious desecrations of one of our most beloved architectural and historic gems.
No further construction should be allowed during his term, considering that there was no review by the appropriate historic architectural committee. We note that he has hired 'yes men' to do his bidding and break several laws already.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:27:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hartman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House and be built in accordance with the original style and footprint of the [former] East Wing. Functional updates that bring it up to code and provide accessibility can be incorporated while hewing to historical accuracy and Neoclassical design principles.
The White House is the people's house. It is not intended to be an event space nor a palace. Gold frou-frou and gew-gaws should be eschewed; they are not in keeping with the simplicity of its design nor its purpose of providing home and office space for its sequential "current residents," who are representatives of the American people (and not nobility).

Date: 2/15/2026 8:25:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Whiteman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this project move forward. Our White House is a national monument and treasure and no President has the right to tear down half of it without any congressional or public approval. The WH was beautiful as was. It didn't need trump's help. It already had a place to throw parties. The East Wing was torn down only to appease this president's need for power and stroking of his fragile ego. He already destroyed the gorgeous rose garden, stop him from doing more damage to a national institution. When we get this horrible and monstrous president out of office the democrats will surely rebuild the East Wing as it was. Please make sure they don't have to tear down a gawdy, gold-dripped, ugly ballroom as well. Trump wants to hold high-priced parties for rich and unscrupulous people there so he can line his pockets even more. Just say no. Donald Trump has done so much irreparable damage to our country already. Don't let him do more by altering our WH in a way it was not meant to be altered. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:25:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Somay Sirek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the National Trust in that the project should not be done for vanity or for a ballroom. The scale should not dominate the original structure. I would love to see the East Wing Restored to its former glory. The American people respect thw need for updating and modernization in terms of electrical, plumbing, and as such it is reasonable to invest time, money, and maintenence on all structures as it were in regard to the White House, but there is no room for unnecessary excess that sends the wrong message from the People's elected officials. I stand by this whole heartedly, I love my life, I do not own fire arms, and I am in a

wonderful and loving marriage. With much respect.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:24:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. If the construction of the ballroom is being funded by private donors and corporations, what are they expecting in return? Surely, conflicts of interest must exist.

2. How often does the President host balls or events which require seating for 1,000 guests? Are there not alternative venues in the capital that can be used for such occasions?

3. The White House is primarily a residential and workplace venue for the sitting president. Large-scale construction projects should be centered around those two primary functions and not around transforming it into an entertainment venue.

4. Once the construction of a ballroom is complete, what is the bill that tax payers will be saddled with for its annual upkeep and maintenance? Why should we be paying taxes to maintain a space which will be largely empty and unused most of the time?

5. The lavish nature of this project sends the wrong message to hard working Americans who are struggling from day to day just to make ends meet. Donors to the project could exhibit greater patriotism by supporting projects and ventures that help to improve the lot of their fellow Americans - thereby creating a more cohesive society. Building ballrooms does not build community.

6. What alternative uses might this ballroom have that might benefit the public at large? Will more activities be planned for larger audiences in order to engage the public and to provide various educational opportunities? If the space will function as a community center of sorts then - perhaps - there is a discussion to have.

7. If construction proceeds, will there be a fair process for selecting the various contractors for the project - or will the contracts be handed over to friends and/or relatives in high places? We would like ALL interested and eligible companies to have the opportunity to bid.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:21:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Lindeman-Schutt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to what it was. Disgraceful that it was ripped down. It belongs to the American people not Trump. He should pay for the restoration with some of his grifted money. No big ugly ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:21:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Belowich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the president had the power to destroy the east wing to begin with. I also do not believe the east wing should be redeveloped without oversight and congressional approval.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:21:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Moore Eakin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original state before D. Trump tore it down ILLEGALLY. He should bear the costs of rebuilding it without “modernization “.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:20:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Meza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop wasting American Tax dollars! If we can't all have healthcare, then we don't need to have a gold ballroom. Shame • Shame• Shame!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:19:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alan Collison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this is a complete, utter waste of taxpayer money and should be dropped. It does not serve the American people in any meaningful way nor provide any practical function that benefits the average American. At a time when so many are having to get by with less, this is a slap in the face and shows how little the government cares about the average American.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:18:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neysa Blubaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Disgraceful destruction of public property with no oversight. The President does not own the White House or any Government Properties. He isn't even a renter. This was total lack of respect.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:16:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Wandel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is an abomination! First! The East Wing should not have been destroyed at all without public and congressional input. Any replacement structure must not overpower the White House itself!
All of this expense for wealthy people to nuzzle up close to the president is ridiculous! Do not allow this abomination to be built under any circumstances!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:16:07 PM
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Name: Andrew Bukovinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. It must be kept that way.

The occupant of The White House is not a King/Queen; he/she works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He/she should not be able to rebuild it to his/her own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. He/she is the caretaker of The White House during their term in office as The President of The United States, they are not the owners and do not have unilateral authority to change/modify The People’s House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Flora Church
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House--one of the most important historic structures in the United States--was illegally destroyed. Under no circumstances should its restoration be left in the hands of those who willfully destroyed it. The US has no need of a Mar-a-Lago-style ballroom that is the size of three football fields. The sheer size of the proposed structure would swarf the residential portion of the White House. Restoration cannot be left in the hands of those who clearly have no intention of adhering to our historic preservation laws and regulations.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:15:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothea Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should never have been torn down without proper vetting including public comment based on laws and regulations.

The administration should be required to keep the footprint and scale of the area that they tore down. They should also be required to restore anything. It was a significant architectural or historical value.

Finally, they should pay a substantial fine for violating all the related laws and regulations. Trampling on the laws and regulations designed to protect our heritage should not be tolerated.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:14:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mac McClanahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My hope is that the next administration will repair the damage to the White House, the Country, and the relationships with our allies and trading partners around the world.

Unfortunately the latter both currently bear resemblance to the remains of the East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:13:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandy Sutherland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Any addition/replacement of the East Wing should fit the aesthetic of the White House in both scale and design. Please do not let this administration put some monstrosity on the site with gaudy gold and marble. Please respect the history of the White House!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:13:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carmen ferrigno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You violated laws by destroying an historical and irreplaceable part of American history to create a simplistic, hubristic, offensive monument to your own incompetence. This project must be cancelled and the original building restored.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:12:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“Modernization Project” is a terrible misnomer. No renovation should be done until all legally required steps are taken and all approvals secured.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:12:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the proposed ballroom plan. To begin with, the lack of request for public input BEFORE beginning the demolition and construction is insulting. Additionally, it is clearly an opportunity for public corruption. The project is offensive to the American public.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:10:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie J Schow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. It is a shamefuk, criminal travesty that the East Wing has been destroyed

Date: 2/15/2026 8:10:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We cannot unring the bell since the wing has already been demolished but we can force the government to scale down the project, scale back on all of that god-awful 1980's ugly gold-plated crap. There's got to be check in place to run roughshod over the budget. The purpose of the East Wing, the offices of the First Lady, etc need to be restored to the construction plans.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:10:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rochelle Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people do not want a ballroom. The White House does not need a ballroom. They have functioned just fine in the past without. A part of our history has already been destroyed by demolishing the east wing. We will never get that back. No ballroom. No taxpayer dollars. No donations. This president must personally pay to correct the destruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:10:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Schmock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people do not want nor need a ballroom. Our money can be spent on more important things. Not spent on pacifying a narcissist president or hiding whatever else being built there. Stop construction now.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:09:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Strumsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit my comments for a re-consideration of the East Wing Modernization project. As a

great-grandson of ancestors who built this country, and on behalf of all of them and myself, I say halt this action.

Note, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

Stop!!

"Stewarded" does not mean the same as "managed" or "run" by the NPS or its current political bosses, whatever the year. Especially when those same "bosses" seem to think they can stick their sticky fingers into any and every pie on the windowsill of America. Generations of Americans have made what you are messing around with.

Perhaps you are unaware that what you propose to do - in accordance with every other power struggle you engage in - is nothing other than graffiti, political graffiti that defaces what we tried to make great and respectful. I feel like what is happening here is akin to letting your poor relations who have no stake in history and respect for what ancestors constructed, letting those poorly educated (self-evident in their ignorance and clumsy movements) desecrate the buildings - the constructions - of our government in response to some petty whims, some poorly thought out mandate which they operate through solely on the basis of a sense of power and authority limited only by their ego.

Stop it!!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:08:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Whollotta Love
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Project? Are you kidding me? The current occupant is a guest of the people of the United States, who own the White House. We did not ask, did not agree to, and do not support The Billionaires Ballroom. The First Lady and her staff occupy an important position in the functioning of the executive branch, and they have been made homeless without the consent of the people.

The billionaires ballroom should under no circumstances eclipse the visual, aesthetic, symbolic, or literal importance of the White House. Constructing a monument to wealth for the occasional party flies in the face of the egalitarian nature of a country founded on the premise that all men are created equal. Under no circumstance should a bouncy house occupy space equal to—much less double the size of—the people's house. This design is unacceptable to the principles of democracy and does not uphold the values of this republic. It must be no larger than half the size of the people's house. Period.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:06:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Comments should have been solicited before the destruction was done. However, now that it is done and some sort of rebuilding is on the agenda, I am happy to comment on what should be done with the People's

House. I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt on the exact same footprint as the old, at the same height and with the same exterior features. The building should be ADA accessible. The Rose Garden should be rebuilt. There should be NO BALLROOM. Washington DC has plenty of spaces available for such things. This does not belong in the People's House. There should be no gold features like have been added to other parts of the White House. This is NOT a palace belonging to any president. It is the people's house and presidents are temporary stewards of the historical building. I would also request that since the destruction of the East Wing was done solely by the current president without your consultations or approval, the current president should pay for the reconstruction out of his own pocket, and not the pockets of the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:05:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karl Auerbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/15/2026 8:03:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Malcom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a travesty referring to this masturbatory atrocity as "modernization." This pathetic excuse for a human being, let alone a president, wants to undo humanity entirely. The taxpayers and human beings of this nation are furious and sickened by his constant assaults on the people's house and the fabric of this nation. No one wants any part of this latest grift. Disgusting.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:03:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Celico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to it's original plan!!! It should NEVER have been demolished!!! SHAME!!!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:03:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an historical monument, the beauty of which is, generation after generation seeing it as it began. Adding swimming pools, movie theaters, etc. doesn't change the footprint of the monument. As a United States citizen, I go to the White House to feel the solemnity of the greatness that has filled those rooms. I love the stories of what has gone on in every nook and cranny. The story is the beauty. Grandeur isn't needed. The building exudes the greatness and failures of those who have gone before and together create the story of us all.

To distort it, with an over-sized wing that is of one individual is like patching a yellow quilt with a black square. It destroys the beauty and fabric of the whole. .Please do not desecrate the story.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:03:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. Given his illegal demolition of the existing structure, Trump should be required to personally pay for it to be rebuilt, and should be subject to fines penalizing him for his actions.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. .

Date: 2/15/2026 8:02:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Lubell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal to build a gargantuan ballroom at the White House is another slap in the face to the American people by Donald J. Trump. Its sole intent is to have the White House wear a giant MAGA hat forever, an insult to any American (or Greenlander, for that matter) who detests this cruel man's total self-regard. It's on a par with his smearing of the Kennedy Center (and JFK's legacy) by adding, unconscionably, the Trump name, a stab in the back to a dignified American institution (whose legacy may never recover because of it).

On a par, too, with his defiance of the U.S. Constitution, denying due process to "any person." And unleashing totalitarian stormtroopers into our cities, towns, and homes with murderous results. Trump is an abject, vindictive, petulant tyrant who cares not one bit about American values, American traditions, American fairness, or American diversity. He cares only about himself and his power. That he ordered the 1902 East Wing structure to be demolished, peremptorily, without any hearing, shows his utter disregard for democratic fairness and prevailing law. His sole (sick) interest is to get only what he wants. This project is another example of this. PLEASE STOP THIS AUTOCRATIC PRESIDENT FROM PERMANENTLY SCARRING "THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE." PLEASE PREVENT THE SO-CALLED "EAST WING MODERNIZATION PROJECT" FROM EVER BEING IMPLEMENTED.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Eric Lubell
Hopewell, New Jersey

Date: 2/15/2026 8:01:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t allow the East Wing turn into a monstrous addition onto the Whitehouse. Any renovations should be aligned with the original building. We the people loved our Whitehouse and are devastated at the destruction that has already happened. Please make sure that they actually do have the money donated so that the American Taxpayer does not foot the bill on a project we never wanted or asked for. If it is built to the current plans it will be much larger than our beloved Whitehouse and destroy the cosmetics of that historic building and the surrounding area.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:00:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Good
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been destroyed with no approvals and plan in place. Anything done now should keep with the size and style of the "peoples house". A massive ballroom that is not needed should not be built. Our Jackie Kennedy Rosegarden should be returned to its former glory. We do not need a Florida resort replica in our Nation's Capital.

Please save our White House from further destruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:00:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Pasquini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to implore you halt this egregious, reckless and illegal destruction of the east wing of our White House that is underway. In creating a monstrous out of scale ‘‘ballroom’’ an historical structure has become one man’s plaything at the expense of, and without the review of the American people whose house it is. This must be stopped and reviewed by the appropriate historical and architectural committees before it is too late. Please, for the sake of history do not allow this monstrosity to be completed.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:00:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamra Bowman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Historical Commission must take over the project of returning the East Wing to the same style and size as it was before its most recent demolition. That wing gave the building a beautiful symmetry. The restoration which should include updates to meet all current building and accessibility codes. And hopefully they will avoid tacky gold decor.
The White House belongs to all of us, not just the temporary resident. He or she is never authorized to make changes.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:57:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Schroeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to reflect the previous wing that was torn down without approval. I request that the design reflect the current architectural elements of the White House so as not to distract from the beautiful and classic design. All bids, contractors and design should be handled by a legitimate committee of historical preservations, architects, and builders. Absolutely refuse outside mega donors to keep the legitimacy of this endeavor from outside influence peddling.
Respectfully yours, Claire Schroeder

Date: 2/15/2026 7:56:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dotty Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any replacement of the East Wing should be completely consistent with all well-established protocols and guidelines for historic properties, not determined by an administration. The addition must respect the historic scale and design of the White House, be compatible in scale, and be subordinate to the original structure. Any addition should not exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Munroe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under no circumstances should the destruction of the people's house be allowed to continue. The White House is a monument to the American people, not a monument to the bad taste of a mediocre reality television "star". Don't get me started on the aesthetics, which are horrible.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:55:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make President Donald J.Trump pay for replacing the building exactly as it was with modern upgrades.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Langer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's absolutely tragic that the president of the United States can, without permission, destroy a portion of the White House, supposedly to build a ballroom that the country does not need. It doesn't matter who's paying for it. The White House is an historic building that belongs to the people of the United States. It should be protected by Landmark preservation rules. Although the damage is done, I believe the East Wing should be restored to a modernized version of what it was. There is absolutely no need for a ballroom. We live in a democratic republic, not a monarchy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandi Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, this isn't an East Wing "modernization" project. This is a Trump vanity project that goes against everything We the People stand for as Americans. Trump had NO RIGHT to demolish the East Wing of the White House.
Second, Trump is a corrupt, lying conman striving for lasting relevance where he is not entitled to an enduring legacy that positively promotes him as president. History will show that he became president by illegitimate means. (The Epstein files prove Trump's campaign conspired with Russia. And I have no doubt Musk did something illegal to get Trump elected in 2024. Again, the evidence of cheating will be found and he will be impeached and removed from office, whether before or after November.) He is the most corrupt person ever in the presidency. He is also a sexual abusing pedophile and cannibal. The evidence of Trump's perfidy is in the public sphere. If Republicans would do their duty to the constitution, Trump would be removed right now and put in jail. And this project would come to a screeching halt. NO CITIZEN OF THE US wants to be reminded of the man who perpetrated a coup in his first term and is basically doing it again. No man who trys to destroy our country/democracy should be given a monument for perpetuity. We will be reminded of that amoral degenerate every time we look at the White House, whether in-person or a picture. It wouldn't be fair to the MAJORITY of Americans. This project cannot be allowed to continue. And don't get me started on the private investment by rich oligarchs who just want to control everything/US. If this project is allowed to proceed, it WILL NOT BE THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE any longer. And you will be responsible for allowing a tyrannical dictator to claim ownership of something intended to belong to the people of this nation. Don't make this terrible mistake of allowing the East Wing to be built as Trump has proposed. History will not be kind to those who allow the desecration of the MOST iconic building in our country. More lawsuits will be coming if this project is executed, wasting our money. (Regardless of the billionaires' bribes.) If it gets built as intended, I will vote to have it torn down if given the chance. There's no way a seditious, traitorous, convicted felon, who tried to overthrow our government, should be allowed to continue to influence anything to do with a structure that will replace what HE tore down.
PS, I also blame you for allowing an incompetent toady with gaudy taste to renovate the Lincoln bathroom, instead of a qualified designer. Stop the continuing deference to someone who should not be allowed to make these kinds of changes to our property. Since the demolition is a fait accompli, I prefer that congress make the decisions for a new structure. So if you have the power to stop this madness, the project must not be completed under Trump's regime using any of his ideas, plans or the billionaire bribery money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He destroyed history and the architectural integrity of OUR HOUSE. Not only must he not be allowed to proceed with that abomination of a ballroom, but he must rebuild what he destroyed. 77 yo retired. What I’ve witnessed has made me cry.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:53:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn McDonough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not understand how the beauriful East Wing of the White House was allowed to be destroyed without the person responsible for that destruction having any kind of hearing prior to those actions being taken.

There is absolutely no need for a "ballroom" that dwarfs the size of the White House. The current area used for such events has served this country and the presidents who resided in the White House for decades. I wish this project could be stopped entirely, and the East Wing be restored to its prior self. Obviously, it will have to be replicated, but so be it. When the President resides in our White House, they are a guest in that house. It is not theirs to do with as they please. Shame on everyone who allowed this to happen, and please do whatever must be done to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again without prior approval of the National Capital Planning Commission, or whoever is designated to be the overseer of such "renovations." What has happened here is a desecration to our history. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:53:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alana Elstner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At a time when costs have risen to unaffordable levels and many Americans can’t afford groceries or even housing, this is a gross waste of taxpayer money. The White House is the People’s House. It is not a place for Trump to host lavish parties. The current dwelling has served for many decades. Today, with growing costs, is not the time to “modernize” the space. That money is better served to go towards programs that will actually help Americans, like building affordable housing. We’re in a housing crisis afterall.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:52:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow a 90,000 sf ballroom to dwarf our National Treasure, The White House. This ballroom should be equivalent to the space used for the largest event the WH has held, not 3 football fields in size! Please have it designed in the same style as the White House, not a grotesquely ornamented, obnoxious, showy, tacky monstrosity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. and Mrs. James M. Velayas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the project is unnecessary. The building has been a source of American tradition since it was built. Many heads of state have visited the iconic structure and it's held its head up hight through many conflicts and crisis. The current administration is responsible for budgets and has cut every program possible due to what they feel is necessary, so here's a good place to start. Feed the hungry, stop defunding programs that are important to the American people, not the ego of a dictator.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a completely unnecessary construction, and is not in keeping with its context. The destroyed building on the site should be restored respectfully. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:50:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alex Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt with historical accuracy as far as possible with regards to modern rules and standards.
Preferably, at the personal expense of the 47th president.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:50:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nyetta Yarkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the proposed new East Wing Ballroom. The size of the planned structure is completely out of proportion to the remaining historical White House and West Wing and would make the whole complex look off balance, resembling a fiddler crab.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:48:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to submit public comment to the National Capital Planning Commission regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House is not merely a functional building; it is one of the most recognizable civic symbols in the United States and a National Historic Landmark owned collectively by the American people. Any alteration to its form must be approached with extraordinary care, restraint, and respect for its architectural heritage.

While there may be legitimate needs for expanded event space, a 90,000-square-foot addition—larger than the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself—raises serious concerns about scale, proportion, and compatibility. Additions to historic properties should remain subordinate to the original structure, not compete with or overwhelm it. The proposed ballroom appears to risk fundamentally altering the historic character and balance of the White House complex.

If changes to the East Wing proceed, they should remain consistent with the established architectural language of the White House—restrained, neoclassical, and dignified. The addition should not introduce gilded or ostentatious design elements that would clash with the building's longstanding aesthetic. The strength of the White House lies in its refined simplicity and continuity of style.

I am also deeply concerned about the demolition of the existing structure without fully weighing the environmental and historic preservation implications. Under the review requirements of the Commission of Fine Arts and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, this project must carefully consider embodied carbon, material waste, and the irreversible loss of historic fabric. Tearing down original structures without exhaustive study sets a troubling precedent for nationally significant sites.

As Carol Quillen has stated, the American people deserve "an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project." That opportunity must be meaningful, and public input should weigh heavily in determining whether this proposal is appropriately scaled and sensitively designed.

The White House belongs to the American people—past, present, and future. Any addition must preserve its historic scale, architectural integrity, and environmental responsibility. I urge the Commission to require substantial reconsideration of the proposal's size and design to ensure it remains compatible, subordinate, and worthy of this national treasure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:47:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Baldree
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree that a 90,000 sf addition is appropriate for the White House. This structure will surpass the footprint of White House. I think the new structure should be more in proportion to the existing building. I am also worried about the decoration of this new space. I do not want it to be decked in spray painted gold decorations like the Oval Office. Please rein in the current plans and make this new structure classy and not garish and tacky. If you allow the current occupant of the White House to proceed with his $400 million (!) plans, the next president will spend tax payer money to redo it. Please don't let that happen.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:46:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Corbin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed new wing to the White House is way too big. Bigger than would be practical for its stated use of a ballroom. Bigger even than the White House itself. It would dwarf the existing building and throw literal

shade on in.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: cynthia geddes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that one person made a decision and then tore down a wing of the White House This is so bizarre as I write this. I want it put back the way it was and people need to be prosecuted.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:44:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Vanderveen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing as well as the paving over of the Rose Garden should have never been allowed to happen - or rather should have never happened since I doubt permission was ever sought. The hideously grotesque size of the ballroom dwarfing the stately White House should never happen either. The East Wing should be restored to its original design. If updates to the decor and design within the original footprint are necessary for it to function, they should be undertaken with input from the National Capital Planning Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and any other organization dedicated to the preservation of our national landmarks. While restoring the East Wing, the paving of the Rose Garden should be undone and the landscaping restored. If indeed there is need for a ball room at some point, it should not come in a time when food aid and other vital services to the American public are being slashed and/or eliminated (especially as we are told they are too expensive.)

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abigail Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the insult to the history and democracy of our country represented by this president's demolition of part of the Peoples' House, and his unsanctioned attempt to replace it with a huge, gaudy, and totally inappropriate monstrosity. I trust that this project will be stopped, and that the East Wing will be restored to the purpose for which it was intended.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:42:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel very strongly that this project be completed in keeping with the style and history of the existing White House. It is very important that the reconstruction not be larger than the main portion or the White House or overwhelm it in any way. I also feel very strongly that this proposal be reviewed by and final recommendation come from an independent committee with experience in historical preservation and the recommendation is adhered to. The White House does not belong to current president or any president. As part of the National Park Service, the White House belongs to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Bove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, we don't need a gaudy ballroom larger than the White House itself. If a ballroom is needed for state dinners etc., it should be smaller than the White House itself and look like a natural addition to it. It should look similar to the style of the White House architecture.

Also, no "Trump Arch" should be built in Washington. Unnecessary and would obstruct the views of existing monuments.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:40:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elspeth Inglis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There should be the usual review process, including getting bids by architects and contractors. After selecting a highly qualified architect, the exterior design should be to restore the original East Wing in its original dimensions and classical details so as not to interfere with the original building. The interior can be redesigned for needed uses, but there should be administrative areas for First Ladies/Gentlemen.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:40:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Atchison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think a huge ballroom, larger than the White House, itself, is totally inappropriate. It would diminish the stature of our national treasure. The White House has hosted multitudes of official State events without the need for a huge, gaudy ballroom.
I am saddened and outraged that the East Wing was destroyed so thoughtlessly. I would hope to see

something similar to it in appearance and usage constructed in place.
I would hope that those responsible for the destruction of the East Wing would be required to pay for its replacement.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:40:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Kundla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not Donald Trump's personal property. He should not be making changes without following proper procedures and protocol.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Jason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There needs to be guillotines for the day the people no longer consent to be governed by this kakistocracy

Date: 2/15/2026 7:39:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doug Berryman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its original footprint. The East Wing was illegally demolished without the authority of the American people and must be restored to its original state and status. The architecture of the White House must remain as originally planned and built. The dignity of the building must be restored and not to be changed in any way.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:37:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Kern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow this monstrosity of a ballroom to be built. Trump should be forced to rebuild the East wing as it was- with his own money. And he should be charged for violating every law that was broken.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:36:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Follin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be built back to old specifications with only upgrades to electrical and any other outdated and unsafe aspects. Put the Rose garden back also. It is a travesty to upgrade it to a hotel sized ballroom that is not needed.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:36:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lois Comeskey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the current plan for a ballroom to replace the former East Wing. It is bigger than it needs to be for the stated purpose. It will overshadow the existing White House in size and is not architecturally compatible. The cost is astronomically high, money which could be spent on infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:34:36 PM
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Name: Annie Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is more than a presidential residence—it's a museum and a symbol of the American people. It is the people's house, not a lavish private resort.

We haven't asked for, and don't want, a private ballroom for parties we will never be invited to at the White House.

Legally, no president or anyone else can tear down or redesign parts of the White House without proper review. Similarly, no one can build a ballroom on public property without giving the public a voice in the process.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:32:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: American Citizen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Trump Administration's blatant abuse of power in their demolition of the East Wing should make ANYONE reticent in continuing to support this farcical attempt to 'modernize'. As someone who works in cultural resource management, I know for a fact that several federal statutes were broken. No further work should be allowed on any federal properties by this administration until appropriate reparations and penalties have been assessed. The administration has proven that they have zero respect for historical resources, and that they are only driven by the president's obsessive need to have his name plastered on everything. If they were so concerned woth security, maybe they should not have pulled down the East Wing in the first place. How much longer should we the place watch him destroy OUR monuments?

Date: 2/15/2026 7:32:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build a ball room where the East Wing was.

It it too big. We don't need a ball room.

Thank you.

Susan

Date: 2/15/2026 7:29:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Goldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is quite regrettable that the public is submitting comments AFTER the East Wing has been completely demolished. However, as a tax-paying citizen, I'd like to see a modernized (infrastructure-wise) East Wing that continues to house offices of the First Lady or First Gentleman. I'd like the structure to mimic the architecture that was once a cohesive part of the White House. I see no need for a ballroom or other enlarged gathering space for dignitaries. It would also be a travesty to build bunker space. The White House belongs to the people of this country and is borrowed for the term of presidency. Any improvements or modernizations should not detract from the original design of the building and should only be approved as legitimate needs are proven - not because of whims.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:28:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: F Sterlace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would expect nothing less than a full restoration of the historic East Wing at the expense of the trump organization or the trump family. It is not too late to start repairing the wanton destruction of our national heritage.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:28:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Rendon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump does not have the right to demolish part of the White House. That is OUR house, not his house. I'm disappointed that Congress is not reigning him in. When they let him destroy a revered part of our heritage, to they are as guilty as he is.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:26:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely concerned about the demolition and redesign of the East Wing. I think the White House is such an important and historic building that any renovations should be under taken with historical context and preservation in mind and not remodeled to one specific President's taste. It is the people's house and we should have input into how it is modernized. Also, the rose garden should've restored.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:25:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Hirst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This travesty should have never happened. Restore the White House to the original as fiscally responsibly as possible.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:25:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tyler Ferrari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The proposed project does not respect the historic character of the White House nor does it serve the interests of the American people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:24:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timarie Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that there should be four main goals in this project.
1. The scale and scope of the project should not alter the historic facade of the White House nor greatly alter historic rooms within the White House.
2. It should be modernized in a way to be able to receive foreign dignitaries with pride and make ease of use of technology for entertainment necessary in the space in the most financially reasonable way possible.
3. It should be classy. Overtly gaudy rooms are not in keeping with the spirit or expected decor of America and its history.
4. Security must be maintained, and any changes beed to be made with that as the most important goal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monique Willner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing the public to provide a written comment regarding the East Wing Modernization project.
I would like to see the East Wing returned to the original state, prior to the devastating demolition. The only change to the East Wing should be updating the electrical, wifi connection and security systems.

I think that if there really is a need for a ballroom, then it should be in a different location, away from the view of the White House.

The White House is our National Treasure and should be treated as such.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:24:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Regalbuto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt EXACTLY as it was before it was illegally razed, with the exception of its adhering to current building codes and incorporating modern technology, such as wireless network access points.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heyden Family
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let the People's House be just that

Date: 2/15/2026 7:23:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S Guinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to ballroom as it overshadows the white house. The east wing should be restored. The white house is historically a workplace dedicated to public service. It should never be a party palace for the elite funded by political graft. The US is not a monarchy and this is not the 18th century.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:23:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Swayne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely NOT!! The East Wing must be restored to what was torn down!! It was destroyed without our permission and we should not have to look at a gaudy, unnecessary “ballroom” being built with stolen funds and bribes. STOP HIM NOW!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 7:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the White House back to its former glory and don’t add the trump temple

Date: 2/15/2026 7:21:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Partsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing plan, in my opinion, is beautiful on the exterior however far too large in scale relative to the White House. In order to maintain symmetry, I would prefer to see the elevation maximum above-grade height not exceed the current elevation maximum above-grade height of the West Wing, and the footprint not exceed the footprint of the West Wing. The centerline of the East Wing should be symmetrical to the centerline of the West Wing relative to the centerline of the White House.

I also personally think the renderings of the ballroom interior suggest 18th century European "palace", evoking a ballroom befitting a king rather than a stately room reflecting the humble colonial roots of our nation. I would encourage the architects to take inspiration from Independence Hall, Colonial Williamsburg, and similar buildings for style guidance. As a taxpayer, I resent the extravagant specified finishes (all that marble and tacky gold) while so many government programs have been dramatically impacted by reductions in the name of cost savings and efficiency. I would rather have funding for medical research that can save lives than tacky gold anywhere in the White House. Yuck!

Furthermore, I believe it is important the project respect protocol and procedure for renovation. It is a shame that the beautiful Rose Garden has already been destroyed to instead install a cheap looking patio.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:19:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allyn Auck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would support a modernized East Wing of the White House which has the same exterior presentation as the West Wing for the beauty of symmetry. I do not support a new opulent space in the people's house that is only for the rich and famous.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:18:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Sara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom exceeds the size of the executive residence by a huge margin and is inconsistent with the original intention of "the people's house" and therefore should not be built.
The original intent after we overturned the monarchy 250 years ago was to represent the everyday people

in our country not to be an edifice for a wannabe king or dictator.
Private donors should have no say or input in providing funding for a government project because it reeks of crony capitalism and perhaps worse.
Thank you for attention to this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:18:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the peoples house. It is wrong for President Trump to destroy the east wing without prior approval. Moreover the peoples house does not need such a huge gilded ballroom. Please/ stop this project thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:17:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregg Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "modernization" is an injury to the historic preservation of our heritage and an insult to the intelligence of the American citizenry. It is wanton, unlawful destruction, a vanity project solely to appease an aspiring despot and his Epstein Class fellow travelers. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:17:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Schmitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm seriously opposed to this tasteless travesty.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:16:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paige Humphreys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a waste of money to upgrade the White House ballroom. There are so many more things that that

money could do for this country and it is a terrible idea to change something that works well. It is wasteful and this should not happen.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:14:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alan Magary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the "East Wing Modernization Project" as described and depicted by the architect and in the press. First, it negatively impacts the main building on the site--that is, the White House--which MUST be the dominant feature on the grounds. The 94,000-sq-ft ballroom would be not only bigger than the White House but would be the same height. Thus it would distract viewers, the citizens, visitors from around the world.

Why? For a ballroom, an entertainment area that has very little to do with the White House's functions as presidential residence and chief executive office. Those being hosted would mostly have little access to the main White House during any event anyway.

Certainly, the president needs to entertain but if he needs to host more than 200 in the East Room or small groups in other rooms, why not in a specially designed structure elsewhere in the capital? There are other federal buildings now unoccupied, or about to be vacated, that could be extensively remodeled to befit presidential events.

The White House has been the home of American presidents since John Adams in 1800. It belongs to the nation, not to any president in his term. Thus the people--Congress, the voters, the taxpayers--must not only be heard but should have the greater voice in any significant addition to the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:13:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: T Link
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is

determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

I added info about further renovations being funded by DJT, NOT the American people. Also, what has already been paid by the people for the construction/demolition should be returned.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:13:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M Dulisse Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm afraid that the new "ballroom " is totally unnecessary. Unfortunately it is already down. And the beautiful rose garden is gone. Y concern is that it will be out of scale with the remainder of the White House. I also feel that there will be an excess of tacky gold filigree and gold accents which trump is famous for in his buildings. They lack class and taste and should not be allowed. By the way where is the money coming from to build this addition. I certainly don't want trumps stamp on something which represents all Americans.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:13:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lance Dixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned citizen, I am appalled that the Trump Administration bulldozed the East Wing of the White House without any formal due process. It must stop immediately and a competent team must be allowed to plan the next steps. The current president's tacky love affair with the color gold should be ignored. Whatever is built next should reflect modern classy sensibilities. It seems strange to build a ballroom so I'm hoping something more practical can be built. Historically, the East Wing was the domain of the spouse of the president. Future first spouses will want office space and modern facilities to conduct their business, even if the current spouse is completely absent from public work.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:12:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is essentially a vanity project of President Trump. At a time when many people are struggling to remain above water financially, there is no reason or excuse to spend the people's hard earned tax money on such a overblown project. We do not need an enlarged or modernized ballroom! We just need to stop any further destruction and put the ballroom back to functionality after the damage that has already been done.
And if the President is using his own money, or money that was given to him by a foreign government,

doesn't that pose a question as to what they are receiving in return. Doesn't that further break some laws in addition to the ones that the President is already ignoring.
We do not want or need a king with golden ornaments showing off his power. It is already a travesty that he has renamed other hallowed places with his own name.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:12:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jocelyn Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should be required to reconstruct the East Wing exactly to the original footprint and style. He removed the existing structure without authorization from Congress, the National Register of Historic Places and other governing bodies which oversee construction on the White House grounds. The $400 million he claims to have raised for the ballroom project should be used for this purpose. Any remaining funds should be provided to the Treasury, and earmarked for restoration of the Rose Garden.

Donald Trump is a temporary occupant of the White House. He should not be allowed to build a vanity ballroom project that dwarfs the size of the rest of the White House complex. Such a facility might at most be utilized a few times a year.

If the original East Wing cannot be rebuilt, the ballroom project should be scaled back to reflect the size and style of the original East Wing. The project should also restore space for the First Ladies offices, and other offices which were demolished without authorization.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:11:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Fickes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I am dismayed that the White House East Wing was demolished without any proper authorization. However, since that is a moot point now, I would like to see the White House restored as close to its original architecture as possible. Please keep the scope and scale of this project in line with the size and structure of the rest of the building. The proposed size of 90,000 square feet seems unnecessary and obtrusive. I believe our White House has always been a distinguished residence and I would like to see it remain so.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:10:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Griswold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed 90,000 square foot ball room. Any addition should be in keeping with the size and architecture of the White House. It shouldn't dwarf the current White House.

Ann addition should be done properly with bids from qualified and vetted contractors that have no connection to the current administration. It should in my opinion be paid for by the contributions that the President said he had for his ballroom. The American Tax payer should not have to pay for an unauthorized demolition and rebuilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:09:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa deGruyter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not an architect, historian, planner, or any sort of professional, just a citizen. But it doesn't take a professional to know, as people seem to have known back into prehistory that proportion and appropriate scale are essential to beauty and harmony - from the replica prehistoric Celtic houses whose classic proption and layout are still used in Central Europe, I have seen in Austria, to Neolithic stone monuments, and homes and vernacular architecure all over the world, not just cathedrals, public buildings and monuments. Our People's House needs to retain a faithfulness to history and proprtion. While we cannot restore what was so shockingly destroyed without consultation with not even the people's designated authorities, much less the people, and perhaps whatever replaces it should be in some way symbolic of this era. This plan is not that.

And it is, of course, a travesty that this project should be called a "modernization" project, since it is a complete replacement.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:07:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leilani Ross-Bush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
The destruction and re-construction of the East Wing should not be done at the whim of the occupant of the White House. It should have never been allowed to begin without first going through the correct process. It is entirely up to the people of this great country to decide. The proposed "ball room" that no one has brought forth to the people before now, hardly seems like the "everyone has wanted it" excuse is not likely to be reality. The significance of the White House is important in more ways than one. No "addition" should overshadow it hence the 55,000 sq.ft. limit. This unapproved remodel has already cost the taxpayers excessively. I implore you, to stick with the rebuilding of the space to less than or equal to the current limitations and ensure the construction is done in keeping with the style of the original building of which it will be attached to. Reduce the amount of gaudy fixtures and ensure the decor is tastful as is necessary for the importance of the use of the space for the people of this great country.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:07:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Analicia Chavez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed expansion of the East Wing of the White House. My intent is to ensure that the project proceeds in full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), while preserving the architectural integrity and historical significance of this national landmark.

Under NEPA, I respectfully request that a comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be conducted to evaluate potential impacts on the surrounding environment, including noise, traffic, air quality, and green space. This review should also consider cumulative impacts from concurrent or planned federal construction projects.

In accordance with the NHPA's Section 106 review process, I urge the project team to consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and relevant state and local preservation offices to ensure that any design changes remain consistent with the White House's established neoclassical architectural style. This includes careful attention to materials, proportions, and detailing so that the expansion harmonizes with the original design intent and does not diminish the building's historic character.

Finally, I encourage the inclusion of public engagement opportunities throughout the planning process, ensuring transparency and allowing stakeholders to provide meaningful input before final decisions are made.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. I trust that the project will be approached with the utmost respect for both environmental stewardship and our shared national heritage.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:07:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hallman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I request that the NCPC withhold approval of this project until such time as the project provides evidence of full compliance with all rules & requirements required for such a project.

I further request that the project immediately be required to "clean up" the areas of existing demolition and return them, as much as reasonably possible, to a presentable condition befitting such a National Monument, and that the project be enjoined from any further demolition until the project has been approved by this body to resume the project.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Mary Hallman
Pendleton Oregon

Date: 2/15/2026 7:07:10 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this is a huge waste of money. I don't think this project should be so large. The east wing should be MUCH smaller than the main section of the white house. Anything over 50 million dollars is way too much and unnecessary.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:07:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Rankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage done to the historic east wing of the White House is sickening. It devastates me that the People's house is forever changed. My wish would be for it to be fully restored exactly as it was (same with the Rose Garden) but, barring that, at the very least the plans, including the interior, should have to go through the entire approval process. We the People do not want gold gilt all over everything. Whatever is built should reflect the style of the building itself (not the redecorated Oval Office \u-10178 ?\u-8914 ?). Please hold this project to the highest standards.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:06:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Horan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not move forward with Trump's ballroom plan. Restore exterior dimensions and architectural style before it was demolished, install modern functional updates, etc. and make exterior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. DO NOT use special interest funds (AKA bribes paid to Trump) to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Also restore the Rose Garden to pre-Trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:06:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Iris Palazesi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom at the White House. The project bypasses mandatory review processes, destroys the history of the building, disrespects the American

people, and threatens the historic integrity of the building.

The administration failed to obtain necessary approvals or conduct required environmental and historic reviews before demolishing the East Wing in October 2025. The proposed 90,000-square-foot structure is too large for the 55,000-square-foot White House, disrupting its classic design. Most importantly, no president has the authority to alter the White House without following established legal procedures.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Hargrove-Carter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing to the way it was before the illegal desecration by this current administration. The proposed ballroom is not necessary and would turn Our White House into an eyesore.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:00:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loreto Tessicini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed East Wing ballroom because this plan would permanently change one of the few national symbols that belongs to every American. The White House holds the footsteps, speeches, and ceremonies of generations. Radically changing one of America's very few core, historic buildings erases stories that cannot be rebuilt. This is more than architecture — it is about what we leave our children and how we honor those who served and sacrificed for this country. Major changes to a national landmark must be made only after full, transparent reviews and multiple opportunities for meaningful public input occur, so that all Americans, regardless of politics, can trust the outcome.

Why this matters:
• Irreversible loss: Physical changes to the grounds and facades cannot restore the original craftsmanship, sight-lines, or historic fabric once removed.
• Public trust: Major changes to a national symbol should be earned through open review. Rushing permanent alterations erodes public trust in institutions meant to protect our shared heritage.
• Common ground: Preserving historic places is not partisan. Protecting the White House honors all Americans, including veterans, civic servants, and families who see it as a symbol of continuity and sacrifice.
• Precedent for all public places: Approving irreversible change for this project, makes it easier to alter other public landmarks without full public consent and sets a dangerous example for future modifications to our public heritage.

I request that NCPC:
1. Delay any further construction until the NCPC completes a full historic and environmental review.
2. Require formal Section 106 consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and other stakeholders.
3. Hold multiple public hearings with opportunities for both oral and written testimony.
4. Release all project documents and impact studies to the public before any approval.
5. Evaluate and document reasonable alternatives that avoid altering the White House grounds.

Practical alternatives to the ballroom:
• Use existing federal spaces such as the Eisenhower Executive Office Building for large events.
• Reconfigure and restore interior East Wing spaces rather than adding a new permanent footprint.
• Build an off-site federal events center on appropriate federal land that preserves the White House as it is.

Please protect the White House for future generations by insisting on a full, transparent review and by considering alternatives that preserve our national heritage.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:59:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Fitzpatrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the "People's House". It represents our history, our former leadership and our hope for a continued democracy, Demolishing it, when President Trump had no legal right to do so, and building something that will be nothing but an homage to himself ,to give him a bigger stage, is shameful and should never be allowed. How we have arrived at this point where we are battling a president to preserve our history is mind boggling.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:59:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara WollastonHayden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled by the tearing down of the East Wing of the historic White House building without approval. I would like it returned to as close to original as possible. Or another tasteful small addition.
Sincerely

Sara Wollaston Hayden

Date: 2/15/2026 6:58:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The “people’s house” has already been damaged without going through proper channels, so the stoppage must remain until appropriate permissions are received.

I believe the East Wing should be restored to the prior dimensions and architectural style. The proposed ballroom would be far too large, exceeding the residence’s dimensions. It would be unsightly. It displaced the First Lady's Office Suite, the White House Social Office, the Correspondence Unit, the Graphics and Calligraphy Office, the White House Family Theater and the public entrance for White House tours. It also covered the White House bomb shelter.

The repairs should be crafted to restore the East Wing so it’s historical accurate, and return all those rooms lost. They should bring electrical, plumbing and other considerations to current code, including ADA accessibility.

If a ballroom is needed, it should be housed elsewhere in the city. The White House is not private property - it belongs to the people. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Petty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing in looks with modern improvements to included updated ADA access. Restore the long windowed hallway, improve the glass to modern standards. Include a reception room, but not a ballroom that can accommodate important events. Removed the concrete patio, and restore the rose garden to include native plants from the metro area. Include stone pathways to match the architecture of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:57:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancee Rostad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to firmly protest the proposed project to add a 90,000 sq ft addition to the White House. This proposed addition would be grossly out of proportion to the existing White House, and would distract and dwarf the historical significance and beauty of our treasured building. The White House belongs to us, We

the People, and not to the present or any future president. The project should have been presented to American citizens before the historic East Wing was so brutally and hastily demolished. Historically the White House has only hosted one to three events in the existing ballroom over a single or double term, which indicates that a grotesque, oversized ballroom is neither needed nor wanted. Please do everything in your power to stop this project from going forth.
Thank you.
Respectfully,
Nancee Rostad

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Name: Alexander Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed project is grossly out of scale with the adjacent historical White House, is a travesty of historical pastiche that trivializes the history and character of the White House itself, and denigrates the entire historical neighborhood through its bulk and boorishness. This project must be radically re-designed, reduced in scale by at least 50% and reworked to defer to its highly sensitive context.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Grillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are in mourning at the loss of our house, the White House. In no way do we want to see the

monstrosity that is proposed to replace the Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:53:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Brey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A large flashy ballroom is not something that improves the image of the United States. This is not a good look for a country that threw off a monarchy 250 years ago.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:53:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jolene Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the construction of a ballroom at the White House. It is a gross misuse of funds and a complete miscarriage of the ideals in which the White House was founded upon. Please do everything in your power to stop this project and restore the East Wing to its former glory.

thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 6:53:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the destruction of the East Wing was illegal. It should be REQUIRED that it be restored to its original condition, to be paid for by Donald Trump. This is exactly the type of requirement that is placed on average American citizens around the country when they violate zoning ordinances, and Donald Trump should be treated no differently.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Wayne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Turning the historic East Wing into a Trump Ballroom Vanity Project is a travesty, in poor taste, and should

never happen. It's tragic that the East Wing was bulldozed. What a waste of taxpayer money. Everything that the felon rapist touches turns to dreck.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:51:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol May
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop EVERYTHING until laws are followed.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:48:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Hasselkus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the destruction of the East Wing was sudden and impulsive, I hope that the reconstruction will be thoughtful and reflect the dignity of the People's house. Please do not erect something that is bigger than the living quarters themselves and please keep the gaudy gold embellishments to a minimum. The White House is not the biggest house and for a reason - it is OUR house, a place the American people can relate to - and it should be kept that way.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:47:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Leifer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keep things proportional. The size of the proposed ballroom is Brobdingnagian compared to the White House. Improvements should not overshadow the residence. If a larger place needs to be created for receiving dignitaries, move the location.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:45:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothea Iverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should not have been torn down to be replaced by a maga ballroom. This is part of the people’s house and should not be turned into a gaudy palace for a want to be king.

Please stop!
Thank you!

Date: 2/15/2026 6:44:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kurt Wales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing was illegal, all of this is wrong and should be stopped. This is the people's house not some wannabe dictator's

Date: 2/15/2026 6:44:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Totty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the size of the proposed ballroom is way too large to be built as a part of the White House! It diminishes the size & prominence of the White House, which is the "Peoples House". As an American, I think it would be a travesty to build this huge ballroom!! I am also concerned about all the huge donors that are funding it. Halt this project before more damage is done to the Peoples House!!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 6:42:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this heinous project from continuing. The White House has been desecrated, despite the illegality of it happening. This 'project' needs to be stopped, and the People's House needs to be restored.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:40:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deas Bohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump began demolition unlawfully without authorization from Congress; without NCPC oversight.
The White House belongs to the American people, not to any individual.

Private, multibillion dollar corporations do not have the right to buy our National Parks.

The money spent on this egregious expansion could go toward helping American citizens who are suffering from inflation, exorbitant medical costs, job losses, to name a few. The hard working people of this country certainly are not concerned with having additional space to host lavish events, including inaugurations. We are concerned with surviving, and working toward a better life for ourselves and our families; not supporting a narcissistic vanity project.

Aside from the above, the renderings of the renovation available online are aesthetically horrifying, disproportionate; i.e. excessive, unreasonable, unbalanced. It is hard to fathom that any reputable architectural firm would create such a monstrosity.

This project that is not needed. It will do nothing to enhance our lives or wellbeing. If completed as is, it will remain a permanent eyesore, forever reminding all of us of the consequences of unchecked presidential power.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, this project has been a tool for selling influence with the administration. This being the case, the project serves to subvert the interests of the public in favor of those who have paid for the construction of it. It should be disallowed for this reason alone.

Second, it was initiated without proper review and approvals. It therefore should be allowed to proceed only after careful scrutiny of its supposed justifications, weighed against the fact that it is an influence-peddling gambit.

I submit that upon review, it must be concluded that the project is a poor choice of an "improvement" for which approval must be denied. It is massively out of scale with the White House and is of a size to be used only on rare occasions, rendering its construction an unwise use of funds and space. It would serve primarily to aggrandize the President, which is not a legitimate reason to build it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Cagle-Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was before it was demolished!

Date: 2/15/2026 6:38:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Bucher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is part of the National Park service, and as such, it belongs to the American people. The current occupant of the White House does not own the building. The current occupant is only a temporary resident. This person has no right to make significant structural changes that he has already made, without any prior approval by the American people. He needs to be help responsible for repairing the building using his own money. He is a despicable person.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:37:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Horstman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house and not a king's palace. The money being wasted on this could be put to much better use and for the good of many and not the glory of one. The president works for US and is not a dictator getting to make unilateral decisions. Not following the proper procedures is unconscionable and needs to be stopped NOW!

Date: 2/15/2026 6:36:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Wyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It would be a crime to build at the proposed scale. I suggest working with an architect to see if a large meeting space can be created with a shell that is the same as the original exterior. Those who ordered the demolition should be taken to court and forced to pay for the cost of rebuilding and landscape.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:32:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dani Bailey Rutkowski Rutkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to it's former status. It was beautiful. We do not need a ballroom or all the gold . This is our Whitehouse, the people's house. It is not a King's mansion.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:30:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Conklin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the Peoples' House. This process of review and comment should've been undertaken prior to destroying the East Wing. It is a travesty and I strongly urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reign in the size and scope of this ridiculous "ballroom". It's also clearly never really been about the ballroom but about the security bunker underneath the East Wing. I cannot find public plans for that. Please advise.
It appears the administration wants to build a fancier, more ornate bunker as well as the ballroom. What was wrong with the old one?
The amount of waste, fraud, grift and abuse committed by this administration and president needs to be called out and pulled back.
Please don't just rubber stamp this garish waste of our taxpayer money. Please pull it back. I have to say I appreciate being able to comment as a tax paying citizen, so thank you for that.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:28:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Alford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

It was an abomination to destroy the East Wing of the White House. It will be an abomination to let Trump build anything on the White House grounds. At this point, fix the White House with nothing in the East Wing's place. Put a plaque up commemorating Trump's hubris.

Best,

John Alford

Date: 2/15/2026 6:27:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Koponen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The. Project for a huge ballroom in added onto Our historic White House is nauseating. Consider the plight of most citizens. They are hardly involved in the high DOW. Federal dollars could be much more meaningfully spent.
The rich cannot own the national area surrounding the White House. Many First Ladies had wonderful gardens. This current president is not permitted to destroy everything as he attempts to be doing.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:26:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Fellers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So devastated that this administration ripped off the historic East Wing without the proper authorization! Please do not let that monstrosity of a ballroom be built that will dwarf the beautiful White House. The original East Wing should be rebuilt as it was & paid for by the person that demolished it so recklessly!! Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion of this topic before it is too late.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:26:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Morrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of building a 90,000 square foot ballroom as the East Wind of the White House. There is no precedence in our history for a building to host foreign dignitaries for a "dance". The purpose and design is unamerican. The White House has been a symbol of democracy for the world. The gross building of a ballroom addition will destroy that.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:26:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Leonard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald trump should have to restore the east wing to your specifications at his own expense. He had no right to demolish part of the people's house for his own vanity project and don't think for one second that it would be funded by anybody but us taxpayers. If a large meeting room us needed, build (within your specifications) nearby and with the same aesthetic as the other historical, treasured buildings in the area, not the gold plated classless garbage he brought with him. He should also have to pay out of his own pocket to remove the gross gold crap he glued all over our White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:26:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mercedes Miramontes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed expansion of the East Wing of the White House. My intent is to ensure that the project proceeds in full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), while preserving the architectural integrity and historical significance of this national landmark.

Under NEPA, I respectfully request that a comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be conducted to evaluate potential impacts on the surrounding environment, including noise, traffic, air quality, and green space. This review should also consider cumulative impacts from concurrent or planned federal construction projects.

In accordance with the NHPA's Section 106 review process, I urge the project team to consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and relevant state and local preservation offices to ensure that any design changes remain consistent with the White House's established neoclassical architectural style. This includes careful attention to materials, proportions, and detailing so that the expansion harmonizes with the original design intent and does not diminish the building's historic character.

Finally, I encourage the inclusion of public engagement opportunities throughout the planning process, ensuring transparency and allowing stakeholders to provide meaningful input before final decisions are made.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. I trust that the project will be approached with the utmost respect for both environmental stewardship and our shared national heritage.

Sincerely,
Mercedes Miramontes
Phoenix, AZ

Date: 2/15/2026 6:25:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Reichert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen, a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and lover of our country and its history. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, known as the People's House, because it is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been the home to our presidents since 1800 and is the most symbolic and iconic historic site of the United States. It is a living monument to our democracy and an honored residence for the President of the United States.

The East Wing should not have been demolished without first going through the proper legal processes required for all buildings within the Capital District. The approach of this administration to act first, then ask permission, is an act of defiance and an insult to the preservation of not only the East Wing, but most importantly, to the laws which govern the District and Congress' "power of the purse." I believe that the destruction of the East Wing was done unlawfully and without the necessary District and Congressional approvals. The right thing to do, going forward, is to follow the proper and legal processes which govern this project. There are two significant issues with the way this project has been handled thus far: 1) Demolition without the proper legal approvals 2) Proceeding with any demolition, planning or work, especially on a project of this magnitude, without the approval of Congress.

I believe the East Wing should be replaced. While I understand that there is security and other vital infrastructure underneath the East Wing that needed to be improved, I do not believe that replacing the East Wing with a ballroom and reception area that will dwarf the White House and be out-of-balance with the West Wing is the right solution. I have seen the initial drawings and presentation to the NCPC and as much as the architect has made the facade blend in with the White House the East Wing/Ballroom will be

gigantic and devoid of any historical significance. It will dwarf the White House and the East Wing, looking more like an out-of-place eyesore than an elegant and historically accurate addition. If a Presidential Ballroom is required then I'm sure it can be done on another site so that the integrity of the White House and its historical significance can be preserved. Rebuild the East Wing, have the security infrastructure required, but restore both historical and architectural order to the People's House by keeping it in line with the previous footprint, elevation and size.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:24:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Abbigail Boesing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. The White House has maintained a timelines beauty in an ever changing world. It's a vision of comfort to the rest of the world in so many ways. It represents the simplicity in the idea of the birth of a nation. A place where independence and freedom were founded and solidified. Where that freedom and independence has been maintained, even through the worst of times, for 250 years. To see it completely transformed and demolished is traumatizing. Please hold true to the essence of the life that flowed through it so many years ago when our future was uncertain, but that house was the beacon guiding every new American to the one thing every single one of the immigrants who came here desired. Freedom and opportunity to be anything they wanted. Please protect the American people's house. Keep it true to the beauty and simplicity we want to hold on to in a world where things are ever chaotic and uncertain.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:23:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Woerheide
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We temporarily allow an individual, the President, to manage our government and to steward the people's assets. The White House belongs to the people and is only the temporary residence of the president and family, as well as the place where he/she conducts the people's business. It is not a palace and does not need to compete with foreign palatial residences. For example, there is no need for new construction to have palatial, opulent, gold encrusted or gold painted features or furnishings.

The president's stewardship duties do include the White House's maintenance, but they must be in the interest of the people. Updating the White House is certainly necessary. However, any new construction or renovations should architecturally match the historic appearance of the existing White House and not overwhelm it in size. A proposed ballroom that accommodates 999 people is excessive. The size should be 500 or less. The United States is not in the business of funding large parties for the elite. Surely 500 guests are sufficient to honor and entertain foreign dignitaries.

Large contributions from private interests that might expect favors for their donations should not fund the project. Keeping with this being the people's house, crowd funding could provide much if not all funding to

replace the East Wing. Limiting individual and corporate contributions to $50,000 or $100,000 makes sense, with no donations by foreign interests, governments, non-profits, or political organizations. The exception to the contribution size limit should be that any donations from the president or his family personally or businesses owned by them, should have no limit. Frankly, if this president wants to add opulence to his proposed ballroom, let him pay for it with his own funds, not with tax dollars or excessive donations from his supporters.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Ditkowsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Shame on everyone who stood silent as Trump Demolished the East Wing of the White House with no oversight, no permission, just a lack of respect for America. Marie Antoinette Trump wants to tell us starving peasants to "eat cake" while destroying not only the Physical White House, but also destroying our safety and security, using the Oval Office as the seat of organized crime. His "modernization project" is a debasement of the US Constitution and everything it stands for. Traitor Trump needs to PAY USING THE MONEY HE STOLE FROM TAXPAYERS TO RESTORE THE EAST WING TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE, he can put in copper pipes and updated wiring, but we want no evidence of his existence and we vote his evil out of our government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Halaby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition and alterations to the East Wing that already occurred did not go through the appropriate approval channels. Major changes to a historic public building require proper authorization, oversight, and transparency. That process was not followed.
The President should be personally responsible for covering the full cost of restoring the East Wing to its prior condition. This must include all demolition work already completed, all reconstruction costs, and any related expenses. None of these costs should be charged to taxpayers.
Public funds must not be used to correct unauthorized actions. Full financial accountability is necessary, along with transparency regarding the work performed and confirmation that all workers have been paid fully and fairly by this admin, not the taxpayer.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Westenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national treasure, owned by the American public. Any changes must be brought to the proper authority for oversight and public comment. I am appalled that the President circumvented the process and demolished the East Wing so he could build something he wants, another building, or piece of one, that he can put his name on. I believe the building must be restored to its original shape and scale, within current building codes. And its purpose must suit national interests, not the current occupant of the White House.
Please do not allow the building of a ballroom on the White House. Call for accountability, and following the regulations. Thank you for your service to our nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House complex in general is one of the most viewed areas in Washington DC. It has been carefully restored and maintained over the past two centuries and people have given their lives to save this most historic of homes. The East Wing is particularly important to part of our 20th century history as there was a bomb shelter built beneath it for FDR and a connecting tunnel to the Main Treasury Building that could be used for an escape route. That is important WWII history that should never be forgotten as to the extra measures taken to protect our president.
Please restore/ rebuild the historic East Wing using original blueprints that are upgraded to meet current codes and replant the Jackie Kennedy garden. The interior of the building can be divided to better serve the office of the First Lady moving forward and the East Room can continue to serve the ballroom function it has always served. Having the formal dining room on the West side of the mansion and the ballroom on the East side gives guests a chance to view the public state rooms as they move from one area to another and it allows for world changing conversations to take place while walking the hallway.
Mega events should be held at the convention center, museum ballrooms, the Mellon Library, or the South Lawn and beyond. Please ensure we have our beloved White House Complex back in its original form or the net two centuries of Americans to enjoy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Baysinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historical integrity and architectural harmony are very important for this site - probably the most important historical site in the United States. The East Wing should be largely restored as it was. In no way should the replacement be larger in scale than it was before being thoughtlessly torn down.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:14:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margo Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The administration has gotten the cart before the horse with tearing down the East Wing before submitting proposals (plans). Now something has to be done to correct and make the grounds look presentable as our nations White House. I am speaking as a professional in architecture (Landscape Architect). Shape, conformity and size are valuable assets to how something as meaningful as the White House should look. The replacement East Wing needs to be of similar size to the West Wing and the White House residence or it will be an eyesore to view forever.
If the residence is 55,000 sq ft then the East Wing replacement needs to be at least smaller by 10% if not more. It should be subordinate to the White House residence not overcome. It really should balance with the West Wing in size, design and shape. I am not going to speak to the need for a ballroom but rather more about aesthetic and balance. In this modern era the use of design to create a multi use of this wing would be valuable. Not just a ballroom but other creative uses for the public to have access to use and enjoy.
The National Park Service has a wonderful reputation evaluating and protecting our resources.
Margo Anthony

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Burkhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any modernization should be done within the scope and scale of the existing structure. The addition, ideally would be a replacement of the east wind to restore balance and symmetry to the White House. No monstrous ballroom that dwarfs the existing structure should be constructed. If such a facility is required, it should be built at another site and not with tax dollars

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Cannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this "modernization" project. The White House is the People's House and the history lost when the East Wing was demolished will never be recovered. Any changes to the White House, Government Buildings and monuments, historical markers, and National archives should always be approved by Congress, and ultimately the people of this country. No new plans unless these steps are taken.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:10:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Isaac
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace.The occupant of The White House is not a King; The President works for the people on a temporary (4-8 years) basis, and therefore should not be allowed to rebuild any part of the White House to suit personal desires. He or she is essentially a "Tenant at Will." With this in mind, the White House does not need a ballroom. It is not, nor was not, meant to be a convention center or grand hotel.

Therefore, the new East Wing should be reconstructed in such a manner as to retain the symmetry and footprint of the structure as it was before it was so hastily demolished. Adding features to upgrade to current standards (i.e., electrical, mechanical, ADA, etc) is acceptable, as is outfitting the space to accommodate state dinners and modest entertainment functions.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari deBeauclair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People’s House. Not a trophy won, but a treasure to nurture, preserve and steward responsibly. Absolutely, upgrade for safety, stability and ADA accessibility. More importantly, follow the laws already in place before any
construction/restoration projects begin. It’s the law!!! If more event space is needed on the rare occasion(s) that the existing ballroom is not sufficient, I’m pretty sure the Trump property in DC would be more than willing to book it \u-10179 ?\u-8695 ?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Sessions
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should be compatible in scale and style to the West Wing and Main House. The White House is the People’s House and as such it should reflect we the people. The proposed design is the work of one person’s oversized ego and should be rejected. A rose garden would be a thoughtful addition to the plans,

Date: 2/15/2026 6:10:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Krug
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I want the East Wing of the White House back the way it was. Period. This is like some terrible repeat of the Twin Towers or Notre Dam Cathedral but it was willful destruction of our heritage. My ancestors fought and died for this nation 250 years ago and this once was a beautiful building - an enduring legacy owned by the people. The President is a temporary occupant!

The real response is going to the landfill to retrieve everything and find equally historic materials to return the East Wing to its former glory. (at the personal expense of the people who destroyed it)

But of course, it is too late for reasonable planning or respect for historic space. There needs to be some sort of basic understanding of the intended uses of the White House as a residence and work space of our Presidents. It is not a palace. The White House can't serve every imaginable purpose- least of all a bunch of huge parties for the rich and powerful.

The replacement must be of similar size and appearance with the rest of the White House and welcoming to all the people. It cannot be named for a person or look like some sort of palace or be reserved for anonymous wealthy donors.

Go someplace else in Washington DC for a ballroom and make a long term plan for large functions outside the White House. It is a residence!

If my disgust is not evident by now, be aware that I grieve for what we lost and would forage for even one broken brick of the East Wing if I knew where to go.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:09:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: GORDON GILBERT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Fix what Trump admin. broke and had no right to demolish in the first place. Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:08:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hawken Carlton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project is a complete waste of money and an appalling act of narcissistic grandeur that should be ended immediately. Take the funding and prosecute all officials committing illegal acts with it, investigate and pursue to the end all Epstein links, restore connections to support accessible medical care for the country, rather than screwing around with an empiric gold nothing room.

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Name: R S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe that what ever is done it must fit the size and look of the whole building. The proposed pictures I have seen show the 'East Wing' overtowering the rest of the White House. Remember this is the PEOPLE'S house. It is not a show room for a melomaniac. In the future steps need to be taken to ensure that historic property of the CITIZENS of the US is not allowed to be torn down with proper planning, funding and public comment, and acceptance. NO KINGS.

I do not think a Ballroom is necessary at all. If so it needs to be sized appropriately.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:07:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Gilmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the size of the ballroom is overwhelming the White House. How much space is actually needed for White House special events. My understanding is the proposed current design also presents security issues. Will there be space for the First Lady office and other offices destroyed by the bulldozing of the previous East Wing? It should not be called the Trump ballroom to satisfy the vanity of an egomaniac. I don’t want where its gilded in gold to make it look like a second MarALargo!

Date: 2/15/2026 6:06:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: chris oconnor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people need to have the regular and routine OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THEIR OPINIONS before a property is remodeled or changed in any material way.

The WHITE HOUSE should NOT be remodeled in ANY way. It is perfect the way it was as of 1/1/2025.

We do not need a larger WH; we do not need any changes to the appearance of the beautiful and classic WH.

As an American citizen and a TAX PAYER, do not mess with this beautiful building that belongs to WE THE PEOPLE.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:05:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa sparks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to submit my comments for the Trump ballroom where the East wing used to stand. I think this is an absolute waste of taxpayer dollars especially in a time when our deficit is in such a critical stage. The last thing this country needs is a golden ballroom oversized over spent, and the East wing should never ever have been desecrated. I fully rejected the building of a golden ballroom or any ballroom on the White House lawns. This is the People's house. This is the People's land and we do not want a ballroom belt in any shape or form on the White House property.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:05:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Delap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I objected strongly to the demolishing of the East Wing for the "Trump"Ballroom. I also objected for the paving of the Rose Garden.
The White House is the people of USA house The Ballroom seems to be done deal … but at least, make sure it doesn't dwarf the White House. It should only be one story …a ballroom does not NEED to be 2 stories or have a huge ceiling range. Also it should not detract from the beauty of the White House. He already has ruined the look of the inside of the White House ..all the 'gold' decorations look like he went to Hobby Lobby to just buy stuff and had them painted. I cringe every time I see photos taken of the inside of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:05:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Stabler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion the East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished without the prior approval of the American people. The White House in its entirety is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE. It does not belong to President Trump. Since the East Wing HAS been demolished at his orders, what follows now in its place, including any and all construction, must be determined by the American people through the majority voices of their elected lawmakers in Washington. If President Trump is allowed to build an obscenely large ballroom where the East Wing, including offices of First Ladies and the history of the work they accomplished, once stood, it will be an ignorant affront to the American people. Should the ridiculous and absolutely unneeded ballroom construction go forth, I hope a future, SMART, mature, sensible, honest, adult, people-serving president will tear it down and replace it with a new East Wing where future First Ladies may again make their significant marks on the world, women like Eleanor Roosevelt and her activism, Laura Bush and her literacy campaign, Betty Ford who from the East Wing argued to increase pay for her staff, and others who proved in the East Wing that First Ladies are women of substance. Under President Trump and his ballroom First Ladies and other lady invitees will be identified only by the gowns they wear to his exclusive events. Gowns, not brains, will get the limelight. NO, NO, NO say the American people, to

the ballroom and all that it will represent!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Stahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am most concerned that the end product of the east wing remodel maintains the symmetry of the overall White House. The West wing should in no way be of such a different outside design or size that the center building is overwhelmed. The inside of the east wing should also be designed for traffic patterns of tours by the public. I think whatever is used every day or routinely is of utmost importance over the new ballroom. How often will there be the need of having space for 650 people? The offices of those who need to be easily accessed for every day work is much more important than a ballroom. I don't know why there would be a decision to have a 90,000 square foot space. It seems to make sense to me to decide the overall design to provide symmetry to the west wing first. Then add the necessary accesses and updated disability provisions. Then figure the number of offices needs and design that around the public spaces. The ballroom, or the space set aside for setting up to handle crowds, seems to be a good idea, but only if the other spaces are designed first. I think this because there are other solutions for what might be the occasional need for such a ballroom. And I don't see how the necessary offices and public areas can efficiently be done elsewhere on the property.

The other part of the information on the proposed ballroom seems to be the "ornate" aspect. Ornate does not meet needs. Ornate is a matter of taste. "Dressing up" the people's house cannot be done well unless the entire spaces seen by the public are designed in one process. The building materials can be chosen to fit the older choices. We can improve on how what is built now will last through the next generations. "Ornateness" has nothing to do with that.

I understand there is a part of the process which addresses security. Would we not think that is more important to get "right" than ornateness? Is that not more important than how many people we can squeeze into a ballroom? In fact, doesn't that number of guests present its own safety and security challenges that might be easier to deal with if we built something less "grand"?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Caylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS DESECRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:01:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Huebner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I think it would be most appropriate to restore the east wing as historically accurate as possible! Do any electrical or structural updates as necessary. Could the historic rose garden be restored also? We should make this the people's house as it is meant to be.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:01:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So much has already been done that has cheapened the White House that it is hard to know where to start with the EastWing. This is the people's house and should represent Americans. A Giant ballroom which will almost certainly be gaudy, overdone and tacky does not represent American any more than the patio bar area that replaced the Rose Garden does. Now that the former structure was wantonly destroyed there is no choice but to replace that space but a place that is designed to cater to thousands of dollar ticket donors for an ego rally should not be the result.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:01:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Fruge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the integrity of the design of the East Wing to be consistent with the design of the White House, the people's house. Please do not include tacky gold filigree. Please rebuild the Rose Garden. Please make the East Wing ADA accessible.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:01:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At this point I feel the tearing down of the East Wing is Irreversible .
Trump gets what he wants and no one can stop him nor do they try .
Anyone who stands in his way is eliminated .
I think what he did is inexcusable , outrageous and unacceptable .
This is just one of many things i am against and feel so inadequate and helpless as I watch in horror as Trump has such little regard
and just does as he pleases and always gets away with it.
If held accountable for what he does always finds a way to weasels out of it .
If Trumps loose this battle who is going to pay $$$$$ to put the East Wing back to it's original state or something near it's original

being?
Sincerely
Mary F. Hory
PS
Thank you for this opportunity to express my feelings on the matter

Date: 2/15/2026 6:01:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not authorize or approve the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. This is a NO vote. This isnt his house and he needs to follow the rules!
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:00:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Ferment
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of the planned ballroom in the East Wing of the White House. This project should never have even been started without public input. Scenes of the wreckage of the former East Wing have devastated this country. The erasure of what is essentially the "women's wing" of the White House is a slap in the face to all American women and to all of the First Ladies who had their offices and events in that wing; essentially an erasure of their history. The scale of the ballroom is completely inappropriate for the building, and the news that a possible second story on the opposite end to "balance" the White House visually is of no comfort to anyone. If the current administration's gaudy style of design and decoration is continued into the ballroom, as it is certainly going to be if they get their way, it will be an affront to the former stateliness of OUR house...the PEOPLE's house. To have this monstrosity constructed without any of the channels that a "normal" administration would have used is doubly insulting. DO NOT permit this to occur. Please use the law to stop this desecration to the most important symbol of American good and democracy.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:58:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristal Van Dyke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe we should disallow the building of a ballroom. This plan is an absolute affront to the dignity of the White House and a complete waste of money. Instead I believe the East Wing should be completely restored and the rose garden too while you're at it.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:58:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Loeffler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can see where we might need a venue for entertaining. However, I think that the plans I've seen so far are way too extravagant and way too expensive. It doesn't have to be as large as it's requested to be, and it's an awful lot of money that could be better used elsewhere. The fact that it's being privately finance smacks of bribery.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:55:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joye Peppers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my belief that the East Wing of the White House should be restored to its original size & style. It should be paid for by our current President from his personal funds as he tore it down without permission from the NCPC. We do not need a ballroom paid for by private donors who will be expecting personal favors from the current administration. Also, any such ballroom should not be attached to the White House. In addition, the Rose Garden should also be restored to its original design. I appreciate the NCPC for recognizing that the White House belongs to the people & allowing us to speak out about our feelings concerning this most important matter. Please restore the "People's House" to its original design. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:53:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Reat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Our presidents have lived there since 1800. It is one of the most significant historic sites in the United States. It is where the President lives, but it is not the President's house to do with as only he sees fit. It is the American people's house. When President Trump first announced the new ballroom and ordered demolition of the old East Wing of the White House, I was incensed that he did not follow the usual process for additions to historic buildings. I felt this was an insult to the American people.

I watched the informational presentation of January 8 to the National Capital Planning Commission regarding plans to build a new ballroom on the east side of the White House with a total size of almost 90,000 square feet.

I understand the need for additional building space as part of the White House complex. Regarding the

plans presented on January 8, my primary fear is that the new addition will overshadow the historic White House because of its sheer size and height. I would prefer it if the height were lowered somewhat to convey its subordinate nature, and if the footprint were somewhat reduced. I also think it is extremely important that the style of the building should harmonize with the historic structure, in a neoclassical style and the same color, and I am pleased that the plans contemplate this. I appreciate that the cornice line in the current plans is going to be the same height as the cornice on the historic White House, but I wonder if the roof could be lowered.

I am also concerned that the new building needs to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition to stairways on the north and east sides of the building, elevators should be installed to accommodate persons with disabilities.

Another concern I have is that the new building should be dignified and restrained in style, and the interior and exterior should not be garish in any way. The impression conveyed to White House guests and outside observers should be one of dignity, stability, and restraint. I am not confident that the current President will embrace this vision. I urge the NCPC to embrace this vision in its approval process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:53:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Hanks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,
I am oppsed to the East Wing Moderization Project. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Any attempts to 'moderize it' should be made very carefully and minimally, in order to maintain its historical significance. This is nothing to rush through.
Thank you for considering these issues.
Sincerely, Laura Hanks

Date: 2/15/2026 5:52:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The obliteration of the East Wing has been an abomination. At first the president promised not to destroy the original East Wing, yet now it no longer exists. It was razed without warning or permission. The White House does not need a massive ballroom that dwarfs it. And there is no way to justify the current president putting his name on it either. Please stop destroying American history and restore the East Wing. Modernizing is one thing, but obliterating is another.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:51:57 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: jan [redacted]
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Allowing this hugely overdone ballroom/East Wing replacement is outrageous for many reasons. Not the least being its non-compliance with the National Capital Planning Commission guidelines. Starting with the illegal tear down of the existing East Wing (how could this have happened?) and moving on to the construction of this 'ballroom' without Congressional approval is unacceptable. Regardless of the source of funding this construction should not be permitted.

Continuation of this 'destroy and build asking permission later' should never have happened. When will Congress and now the National Capital Planning Commission stand up to this horrible excuse of a president ? Please do whatever you can to keep this monstrosity of a building from going forward. It does not represent what the majority stand for in this country and never should be allowed to stand next to the White House.

Call it whatever you want, but the bottom-line is it an over the top ugly building out of scale with its surroundings. Please put a STOP to it.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:50:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Esther Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing of the People's House was reprehensible, irresponsible, disrespectful and utterly wrong. To add to that by putting in a structure designed solely for the glorification of the current tenant of the People's House is adding insult to injury. The REAL East Wing should instead be meticulously restored, and this utterly corrupt vanity project should not be allowed.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:48:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Proett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing should be designed to be similar to what was there before. A huge expansion will make the White House look lopsided. If more room is needed than the previous design, the reasons should be presented to the people rather than the whim of the president.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:48:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, the East Wing replacement should be in proportion to the West Wing and WH. Second, any plan must be approved by non-partisan historians and architects. Third, it must be tasteful and not full of cheap gold paint and tchotchkes. Fourth, there should be no naming rights, as it is not a sports stadium.

It was a sad day when it was illegally torn down to distract attention from the Epstein files.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:46:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Shorter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please refuse the proposed ballroom project and require the Trump administration to restore the East Wing to its exact original configuration and use—at his own personal expense. This is an iconic structure that no president should be permitted to destroy. A separate ballroom building could be constructed on the grounds if (and only if) approved by preservationists and budgeted/funded by Congress.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:45:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hopely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the east wing should be rebuilt resembling as close as possible to what it was before it was torn down. If I am correct, the underground area was a bunker, or secure area for people to be house in the event of an emergency. That can be whatever it needs to be, but the building above ground should be as close as it was before this current administration torn it down in haste.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:45:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Valentine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the illegal replacement of the East Wing of our White House with a ballroom that is completely out of scale with the rest of the structure. The original East Wing should be restored with modernized modifications.

Absolutely no ballroom and definitely nothing the President proposes.

Thank you.

Peace,
William D. Valentine

Date: 2/15/2026 5:45:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Snir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House will look much better if the East Wing is not built. If new office space is needed, I suggest building everything underground. D.C. has many venues that can accommodate large numbers of guests; Union Station can accommodate more than 4,000. Several of the Smithsonian Institutes also have large spaces. There is no need for a large hall that will stay empty most of the time across the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:43:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Clement
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the planned ballroom project already underway at the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was heartbreaking to see and the proposed over-sized and over-designed, gilded ballroom only adds insult to injury. I am not opposed to an historically sensitive and proportional plan to replace what's been torn down. The new design should be multi-purposed and should embody the American democratic ideal of consent by the governed.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:43:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Steneken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
I am writing in reference tothe proposed 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom addition to the White House—an action that carries real national significance. Before any permanent alteration is made to a place of such historic and symbolic importance, the American public deserves a genuine opportunity to help shape the outcome. The White House is not only a National Historic Landmark and a unit of the National

Park System; it is a home, a workplace, and a civic icon that has belonged to the American people since 1800.

Federal law recognizes the gravity of changes to Washington's most important sites. Major construction projects must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and secure congressional approval. These requirements exist to ensure that decisions affecting nationally significant properties are transparent, thoughtful, and respectful of their historic character.

While additional event space may be warranted, any expansion must honor the scale and architectural integrity of the White House. A 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot addition—substantially larger than the 55,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot Executive Residence—risks overwhelming the very structure it is meant to support. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and clearly subordinate to the original design.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
Marilyn Steneken, EdD

Date: 2/15/2026 5:43:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't reconstruct this historical landmark that belongs to all Americans not one man. This has broken my heart. Why would anyone want a 90,000 sq. Ft. ballroom? It sounds too showy off, not the American way. Rebuild and replace as it way please.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:41:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jule Heren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A public meeting space for state dinners, etc is appropriate, but the scale needs to be appropriate and not be larger or taller than the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:41:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Barthe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing should have been torn down without following proper historical procedures.
American History and White House history should be allowed to be replaced on a whim.
The so called East Wing renovation should only be the size and exact structure of what was torn down,

should not include any gilding or glorification of any political figure.
I believe in historical architecture and accuracy and therefore want no increase in size of structure or changes to the historical building that was the East Wing of the White House.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:40:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: A Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely NO to the proposed ballroom at the White House. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored in it's entirety. Also a must to restore Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden. And remove the current*resident's filthy hands from the Kennedy Performing Arts Center.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:40:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Hyde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First and foremost, the demolition of the historic East Wing was as much a violation of the trust of the American public, as it was the rich tradition of historic preservation both nationally and in two hundred years of care for The People's House. Moving forward, a rigorous and transparent process of design review; a clearly drawn qualification, bidding, budgeting, and accounting process; and a period of public review of these efforts are essential to a successful project.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:39:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Schnitker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is the purpose of this project other than to massage President Trump’s ego?? it’s totally out of proportion architecturally to the rest of the White House building. The amount of money that will be spent on it is entirely egregious. It’s a gauche embarrassment to the aesthetics of the White House . I think it should be drastically, scaled back to reasonable proportions in expense, and design, or better yet, be scrapped altogether, and a new plan formed for the space of the. now destroyed West Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:39:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Showalter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is supposed to be the people's house, not Trump's house. He had no right to tear down the East Wing and build a ballroom without having the plan submitted for review and without Congress's approval.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:38:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randi Simon-Serey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make the East Wing accessible to the American People, emphasizing diversity, equity, and inclusivity. Make it educational and welcoming without excessive trappings appealing to the tastes of European royalty. Make it conform to safety codes. Make it welcoming. Make it sustainable and eco-friendly using natural sources of energy. Make it legal and accountable.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:37:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa warwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No changes should have been made without public input, following the letter of the Nations Laws. The destruction of such an historic building, for the ego of one is unacceptable in every way

Date: 2/15/2026 5:36:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Bloom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the proposed ballroom that Donald Trump wants to build on the site of the East Wing of the White House.

This project dishonors the People's House. The East Wing was demolished without proper permits, approvals, or a proper architectural plan for the ballroom project. It reeks of political pay-to-play, money laundering, and a way to distract the American people from the critical political issues facing our nation.

Proceeding with the proposed ballroom would be an insult to our democracy.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:36:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rochelle Stackhouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wing should never have been torn down. It is crucial that the ballroom be no larger than the footprint of the previous structure. Thank you. Rochelle Stackhouse

Date: 2/15/2026 5:35:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Cochez-Lind
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

After watching the presentation regarding the White House -East Wing "Modernization" project, I feel compelled to write to you my objections to this project. I am a US Citizen, and have visited the White House once. I was impressed with the demure, modest size and decor. I have visited many castles and palaces, one more pompous then the next. They do NOT impress me. it's a remnant of the past. It reminds me of how much wealth the rich and famous squander on pet projects while the masses suffer and starve. We are NOT a country of Kings and Queens or Sheiks and Emperors, and neither do we need to "impress" anyone. The United States does not need to "Show off" it's superiority by building something so blatantly grandiose on White House grounds! The overall look and feel when one visits the White House, is that of modesty and restraint. I feel very strongly that we should keep that "look and feel". Being modest shows strength and control.

The proposed building size is and appears humongous. It's above ground size is overpowering the White House itself. from ALL sides. I do not like it at all. It doesn't take a genius to see that the size of the East Wing "Modernization" is dominated by the Grand Ballroom size alone. I suggest you shrink the size of the ballroom to a far more modest size. I also feel that the building is too tall.

I know that the now demolished building wasn't modern or adequate for today's standards. But I want to remind you and the White House occupant that ANY guest is lucky to be invited to a formal sit-down dinner at the White House. Whether that's in a tent or a building on or off the White House grounds. If you really feel it is so important to be able to host 1000 people for a sit-down dinner, then I suggest the White House rents such a space from the many event spaces that are located in DC.

Another option would be to shrink the height and above ground size of this whole project so it's similar in size to what was there before and add a completely UNDERGROUND ballroom instead. The advantage of this idea is that it can be located in front or behind the White House or next to the underground level of the East Wing. Underground, out of view, underneath the lawn. I am sure the designers can come up with clever solutions for emergency exits and entrance points. ALL those exits/entrances need to be user friendly and accommodate for disabilities btw, which seems to be lacking in your current plans.

See how simple this is? It would preserve the character of the White House grounds, at least what you can

see above ground, while also adding the large ballroom in a less obtrusive way.

I hope you will not approve the plans as they currently are.

Sincerely,
Anne Cochez-Lind
Woodinville, WA

Date: 2/15/2026 5:35:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dustin Foran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

One man cannot complete this blatant travesty of a project. It can only be completed with the willing help of everyone else. You, the person reading this message, you have the power to disrupt. Only with the support of people like you can this madness continue. Please, do what you can. Slow things down. Lose documents. Request more information, cause delays. It's up to people like you to so the right thing.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:35:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Ralston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The structure must be more functional than aesthetic; the structure must preserve the integrity of the original design; the structure must be designed in a way that, in its function, includes more people of the general public than it excludes; the decor must pay homage to at least three former presidential residents and only two may be of the same party; the architect should be a Democrat of minority persuasion to emphasize an acceptance of diversity and willingness to work with opposition.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:34:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwendolyn Beebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt back in the same footprint as the old East Wing that was torn down. Upgrades should be new wiring, plumbing and ADA compliant additions, keeping the new building as close to the old building as possible. The Rose Garden should be restored.
If a ballroom is needed, which I do not feel it is since Presidents have not needed one for 250 years, it

should be in a different location, one where parking can be accommodated for anyone wanting to attend. The White House and its buildings belong to all the people of this country, as such it should be available for all the people and treated as such. It is our tax dollars that support the White House and surrounding buildings and it is a
respected place for myself and many other citizens.
Please restore the East Wing to its original state and footprint as much as possible.
Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 5:34:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Webster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is abhorrent that the demolition wasn't stopped Instantly. I believe it should be restored at Trumps expense to the original design. I would allow it to be expanded moderately in width. This is the peoples house. Trump or any President are just renting. Put a stop to this madness ASAP. He clearly is a narcissist with early dementia. And he had the nerve to talk about Biden. At least Biden could pronounce words!!!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 5:33:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Hetrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare he tear down a vital piece of our history never to be seen again! Did he even save any artifacts from the building? And as soon as equipment was brought in trump should have been stopped immediately. He bypassed every single rule and regulation to do what HE wanted not what we Americans want. I for one am appalled and hope he pays dearly for this travesty. I do not approve of the ballroom “out shining” our White House either. There is no earthly reason for it being such a monstrosity if it it ever approved. The ballroom was a colossal waste of money and should never have happened the way it did.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:33:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Keener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of "OUR HOUSE" by a tenant was heart breaking not to mention illegal!

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt from the original building plans and returned to its previous historic glory!

The current "tenant" also needs to be the one to pay for it's restoration with very close oversight that it is done properly, as he did not have the permission of "the people" to destroy if in the first place. I am

appalled at the idea of anything but the original design being built in its place! Especially a 90,000 sq ft monstrosity of a ballroom the "The People" do NOT need or want and will never benefit from such a frivolous and distasteful eyesore.

Please do not let Donald Trump's plans for this move forward in any way. He is a "servant" of the people, not a king and doesn't need a palace, nor does any future president.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak out against the idea of this disgusting abomination.

Leigh Anne Keener

Date: 2/15/2026 5:33:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregg Wanciak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, North Lobby, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004
RE: Opposition to East Wing Modernization Project / White House State Ballroom Proposal
Dear Members of the Commission:
I write to express my profound opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. While I deeply appreciate the administration's boldness in reimagining this National Historic Landmark without the encumbrance of meaningful public input or federal review, I must respectfully suggest that perhaps some traditions—such as following established law—deserve preservation.
The proposal's rationale demonstrates admirable confidence. We are assured that $1 million tents represent an unacceptable embarrassment for state dinners, yet somehow demolishing a portion of the White House built in 1902 without congressional approval represents dignified stewardship. The East Room, which has hosted state functions since John Adams and accommodates 200 guests, is apparently inadequate, necessitating a structure nearly twice the size of the existing White House that commissioners themselves describe as immense and overwhelming.
One marvels at the project's efficiency: construction began before federal review, architectural plans were submitted months after demolition commenced, and poll after poll showing majority opposition has been deftly ignored. Such streamlined governance would surely have pleased James Hoban and George Washington, who wasted considerable time on tedious details like congressional appropriations and public consensus.
The historical record offers instructive precedent. President Truman's 1948-1952 renovation, undertaken to save the mansion from structural collapse, followed established procedures and congressional oversight. How refreshing that we have evolved beyond such bureaucratic inconveniences to embrace a future where private donations bypass congressional authority and $400 million projects proceed at the pleasure of a temporary occupant.
I urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal with the seriousness it deserves—which is to say, the same level of deliberation apparently afforded before bulldozers arrived in October. The American people, as mere nominal owners of this National Historic Landmark, would be most grateful for the opportunity to participate in decisions affecting their shared heritage before such decisions become, as they say, fait accompli.
Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2/15/2026 5:33:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: linda butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not fund this abomination on our White House

Date: 2/15/2026 5:32:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Gladfelter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, taxpayer, and an enthusiast of historical architecture, I'm writing to plead with this body to consider the scaling of this project.

The White House is one of the most important buildings in this beautiful country. While I'm not opposed to a modernized ballroom space to host foreign dignitaries, the current plan will overwhelm the executive residence. It's an abomination to consider dwarfing the iconic main building.

Please consider "we the people" who own that house in your decision making.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:32:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build President Trump's proposed ballroom. It is not compatible in scale, design and style with the White House and would detract from the historical beauty of the site. Additionally, the White House does not need a huge ballroom funded by wealthy donors. For special events, the government can rent public space.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, placement and architectural design to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Avoid the gold filigree that was not there before the current administration. Restore the garden.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:30:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Reszka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The name of the project is somewhat ironic as the East Wing of the White House no longer exists. As perhaps the most iconic of all the historic sites in the US, any changes to the White House should always receive the most careful consideration. Up to this point, that consideration has been sorely lacking, as evidenced by the precipitous demolition of the existing construction with no review whatsoever. The proper evaluation of what (if any) changes should be made to the White House can only be done by taking the history and symbolism of the structure into consideration along with any real or imagined need for change. A demolition out of the blue does not change that.

The proposed new construction does not constitute a necessary or desirable alteration to the building. The project would better serve the country and the heritage of the building itself if it were to restore what has recently been destroyed rather than to flatter the vanity of a single individual. The current changes to the general decor of the White House interior do not inspire any confidence that the design of the proposed construction would in any way preserve or enhance the iconic status of the White House in any way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:25:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the East Wing should be restored to it's former classic beauty and functionality.

A ballroom would be a waste of time, resources, and would not have the potential use that the former East Wing offered. What an embarassment this administration and 47 are.

Please, restore the East Wing instead of erecting a useless ballroom.

thank you for your consideration!

Date: 2/15/2026 5:24:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MICHAEL BROWN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the plans for the ballroom. Use the funds to rebuild the west wing of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:24:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MICHAEL BROWN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Cancel the plans for the ballroom. Use the funds to rebuild the west wing of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:21:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Plank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The White House is the people's home that belongs to all the American people, where WE THE PEOPLE allow a President and his/her family live TEMPORARILY! It is a national symbol!

The fact that "we the people" did not ask for, vote on, or even consult with the National Capital Planning Commission about its historic preservation is astonishing. Our federal buildings and those who work in them deserve the safest and most appropriate way to be reconstructed. The building of an event hall, let alone one that is 90,000 square-feet that will engulf the historic and quaint aesthetics of the White House is appalling and merits stern scrutiny as well as public opposition.

Donald Trump is a vain man, and he is only defiling the property in Washington for self-praise that feeds his own ego. Americans must not support this ego-fueled whim, regardless of party. We DO NOT have a King, the presidency is not a throne, and the people's house is not a place for selfish egocentricity by anyone!

The fact that he lied about his intentions, then secretively raised funding from who knows who, and then, every day we hear his vanity project's rebuild costs are rising daily, is unacceptable! It's abuse of his position; it's not what citizens need, and the rebuild must stop because public offices are not meant for personal adoration. If he wants people to respect him, then he needs to concentrate on healthcare, education, infrastructure, and building relations with our foreign allies to ensure safety and security worldwide!

I've read that "critics have called the demolition 'painful,' comparing it to damaging a "Rembrandt painting." This demolition has DESTROYED the historic East Wing! The White House and its grounds should remain a place of service, not a stage for narcissism.

Very Respectfully,
Victoria

Date: 2/15/2026 5:21:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JANET JORDAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of any ballroom plan for the White House. There are rooms within the white house that

can be used or remodeled and there are plenty of nearby facilities that can be used for formal government events. There is no need to spend taxpayer money on something not needed. Trump should be required to reimburse the country for the damage done and the cost to remove the rubble. He can certainly afford to pay the country back.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:21:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the old East Wing and just modernize it. The Trump ballroom is unnecessary and too large as it overwhelms the Peoples house. Also, this is a huge waste of money regardless of who pays for it. The next President will likely remove the Trump ballroom so why build it in the first place.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:21:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the American people should have been consulted about this BEFORE tearing it down! I do not believe now is the time for a project of the magnitude while so many people no longer can afford healthcare and are struggling to make ends meet.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:20:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Mutzabaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to "The People's House" is a travesty and a disgrace. Donald Trump should be held personally liable for the costs of tearing down the East Wing without proper authorization and review. Trump should also be removed from the presidency immediately because he does not follow the laws of our country nor does he uphold the Constitution that he swore to uphold in his oath of office. Trump should also be jailed for all of his actions against the people who are trying to make him accountable for his many efforts of side-stepping responsibility for his many misdeeds (the list is too long to type here) and breaking the law. It is outrageous that he is not stopped from totally ruining our country and our standing in the world. The American people do not need or want a ballroom that most of us will never dance in. I would like to see a replica of what was there before constructed as closely as possible to the original. I would also like to see the Rose Garden put back in place of the patio Trump built. Every awful thing he has done to the White House including the Oval Office needs to be undone. He needs to go to jail. We the people are sick and tired of his nonsense. Shame on the Republican majority in Congress who have abdicated their responsibility to us, their constituents. We will remember this at election time. Restore the White House and undo the Trump nightmare as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:18:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Herchkorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt to the size that it was previous to its recent removal. The new addition should keep in balance with the rest of the White House. If a ballroom is needed, it should be built and decorated to match the architecture of the remaining portions of the White House and not to conflict or appear as a recent addition. I feel that the planned size would only detract from White House and make it look like an after thought instead of a balanced, historically correct addition.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:16:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Row
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

Thank you for listening to the citizens of the United States, who own the White House and who graciously allow Presidents to reside there—for free—during their respective terms of office. Presidents are renters, not owners, of the White House. And just as a lease-holder on an apartment does not have the right to make alterations to the fabric, neither should Presidents be able to alter the White House without the consent of the owners—the American people.

For context: I have a Ph.D. in American architectural history from Harvard University—my dissertation is on the second architect of the Washington National Cathedral, Philip Hubert Frohman. My specialization includes Gilded Age architecture, the period in which McKim, Mead & White executed their historic renovation of the White House, the period in which the McMillan Plan was conceived, and the Federal Triangle was built. So I know what I'm talking about. I will be brief, to respect your time.

CONCLUSION: this "East Wing Modernization Project" should be halted immediately.

1) The sheer volume of the proposed structure does not adhere to good Neoclassical architectural principles. It is far too massive to be a balanced, subordinate, and effective lateral pavilion to the central block of the White House. In opposition to good Neoclassical architectural principles—principles which draw the eye inward toward the center, using symmetry, massing, and balance as their tools—this "modernization" will draw the eye outward and to the right when viewing the White House from the south. Additionally, the proposed structure's aggressive use of a columned portico on the south facade will create strong positive and negative spaces which will overwhelm the south portico of the White House.

2) The interpretation and application of classical forms in the projected structure is architecturally illiterate, and is not based on classical proportional systems. It is not architecture, but uninformed "cut-and-paste." McKim, Mead & White (to say nothing of James Hoban) would be appalled by its overt architectural

illiteracy. It's embarrassingly illiterate.

3) I have little confidence the project's use of materials will even approach the high standards of either McKim, Mead & White, or of James Hoban. President Trump's other projects—both in the White House and elsewhere—conclusively confirm his vulgarianism and his stupefying ignorance of architectural history. He is not qualified to contribute one iota to such a project.

This "East Wing Modernization Project" is an architectural monstrosity of the first order. Its architectural style (such as it has one) is not Federal, Neoclassical, or Beaux-Arts but, rather, is "dictator-chic"—a style more akin to the "Palace of the Parliament" of Nicolae Ceausescu in Bucharest, or Recep Erdogan's "Presidential Complex" in Turkey.

MOVING FORWARD:

This project should be halted immediately, until an architecturally appropriate and subordinate East Wing can be designed and approved by qualified architects, architectural historians, and preservationists through an established, open, and public review process.

Furthermore: the Office of Curator of the White House needs to be removed from the Executive Branch of the federal government, and made directly answerable to Congress alone. Previous Presidents have shown deference and respect for Curators who knew better; it is the Curators after all, not Presidents, who are educated in historic preservation and architectural history. President Trump has shown no such deference, nor respect, for professionals who know exponentially more about architectural history and historic preservation than he. President Trump's ability to ignore the advice of the Curator—as well as his hubris, aggressive ignorance, and architectural illiteracy—has resulted in this disaster. Legal authority over the White House complex should be entrusted to the Curator and his or her Congressionally-empowered committees; and they should be answerable to Congress alone, and empowered to tell a President "no" without fear of reprisal.

If this project is not halted—but actually moves forward—it is my sincere hope that the sound of wrecking-balls on January 20th, 2029, will ring-out across Washington, as this "carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend" meets its fitting demise.

Sincerely,

Christopher D.H. Row, M.Div., Ph.D.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:16:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Deschaine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing to respect its historical importance. Update wiring etc. and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow appropriate processes for making needed but historically respectful changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:15:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renilda Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the East Wing back as it was, but including any technology and/or security updates needed. Do not allow the cheap gold “decorations” that have cheapened the Oval Office. If an event space is actually needed, it should not be built at the White House; another location should be found. Permitting this abomination the president has decided he wants is outrageous. It dwarfs the White House and absolutely should not be allowed under any circumstances. While you’re at it, please restore the White House Rose Garden.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:15:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hussain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified to see the destruction of the East Wing. I am vehemently opposed to the ridiculous proposed ballroom which will grossly destroy the symmetry of the White House. The White House is the people’s house. It is not a monument to a president. I am also opposed to using donations from billionaires to pay for the proposed monstrosity of an addition to curry favor with a man obsessed with power.

The ballroom will dwarf the White House. Aesthetically it is not remotely tied to the original structure or design. This is a disgusting abuse of power and waste of money.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:14:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Isaacson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If I as a private homeowner were to do what has been done to the White House's East Wing, I would be subject to a very hefty fine and possibly a stop work order. I am required to have plans approved, get a permit, get environmental reviews signed off, submit an as built that shows my septic system, and then submit to inspections of foundation, framing, wiring and plumbing, sheathing, etc. Only when I have met ALL of these obligations do I get a certificate of occupancy.

It is therefore distressing to see the President of the United States set such a poor example by tearing down a historic building without a permit, without plans, without environmental reviews, without consultation of the appropriate authorities, and without engaging and consulting the American public - We, the People, in whose house he lives, temporarily - as to his plans and intent.

All work on the project should stop, immediately, and be on hold until the plans are approved, permits are obtained, environmental reviews are signed off, any asbestos mitigation is completed, and any other process that should have been gone through if the law had been followed properly to begin with, is gone through.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:13:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Kazimir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing about the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

Something of that size and scale is absolutely out of proportion and unacceptable. The White House IS the people's house. Its history and aesthetics must be respected. It is not privately owned, but is owned by every single citizen of our country, and it is the opinions of citizens that must be foremost in any modifications.

That the East Wing was demolished with no plan or agreement is frankly criminal to start. But to consider building something so out of scale is compounding the crime and insulting the history of the house. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. That is not acceptable. Any replacement structure should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. It should not pull focus nor overshadow the original building in any way.

I urge a full and thorough review, and the involvement of historians and architectural preservationists in developing any plans for rebuilding the East Wing. Enough damage has already been done.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:13:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl ilbrink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the blatant actions of Trump tearing down the East Wing with no input from the agencies that oversee the "People's House."
The garish Ballroom addition that Trump wants to add onto the White House is out of proportion to the main building and is an unnecessary addition. Any addition to the White House should be in scope and size to the original East Wing or at least not dwarf the Main Building of the White House.
The White House belongs to the People, not to one President who occupied the White House. The occupant of the White House needs to follow the rules and laws in place to preserve the People's House and obtain the appropriate permissions and approval.
It is a shame what has been done to this great piece of American History in one short year.
Please do not approve any further construction of this hideous ballroom.
I would prefer to see the East Wing resurrected as it was or just slightly expanded if needed, but not the monstrosity that is being proposed, just to satisfy one person's ego.
God Save America.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:13:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miranda Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The lack of review prior to the demolition of the east wing is upsetting. The history, the significance all lost. For what?

Please ensure that proper policies are followed to emsure sustainability.

Also use of private funds for construction is concerning. The White House is the people's house, not corporations wanting to curry favor.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:10:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dyna Kohler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the destruction was unilaterally completed before any input was allowed, it is okay to modernize the necessary infrastructure, but it is not acceptable to turn it into a billionaire's dream ballroom with tacky gold decor. It should be compatible with the original White House design.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:10:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aileen Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The precipitous, unauthorized destruction of the East Wing served no legitimate purpose.
What happened to the art and furnishings in the East Wing?

There needs to be a full and public accounting of art, furnishings and documents which were in the East Wing.

The destruction should not be rewarded. President Trump needs to pay in full from his personal funds for a full restoration of the premises.

This is public property. He is NOT the owner.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment!

Date: 2/15/2026 5:09:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Ridgley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be rebuilt in the likeness of what it was. I think there should be rooms for meetings, but a 90000 sq. ft. ballroom is excessive.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:09:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penni Dalton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing exterior dimensions and architectural style, Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, include it within the existing dimensions.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:07:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Canan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore it back to its original state!! It is a historical building that belongs to all of us! It was stunning the way it was! Please don’t let this administration continue to destroy history!

Date: 2/15/2026 5:07:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Stevens-Kittner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a long-term resident of the Washington DC area, viewing and taking friends and family to the White House has always been such a special event for me and others. This building is of incredible historic significance. The renovation being proposed is not for repair but so-called modernization. History is an important lesson and the White House is an emblem of that lesson. I strongly urge you to do whatever is in your power to stop this “renovation.” thank you Heather Stevens-Kittner.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:06:55 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Corey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners,
Thank you for accepting my comments related to the destruction of the East Wing Of the White House and construction of a Ballroom.

I find the title; East Wing Modernization Project to be fascicle, that title implies new lighting or perhaps new HVAC systems. The fact is that President Trump has illegally and permanently damaged the grand home to US Presidents. He is planning to create a Ballroom. What's Next, Will Couples be able to rent the place as a Wedding venue? It disgusts me to even imagine what it will Look like.

Unlike the palaces of European leaders This building has represented the modest American ideal of it's earliest residents. It Stood for over 150 Years until President Truman renovated the inside due to severe structural concerns. We have seen the changes President Trump has made, from turning the Oval office into garish display of artificial gold emblems, to paving over a the grassy area in the Rose Garden. The Paving and addition of umbrella tables makes the oncebeautiful ceremonial space look like a pool area at a country club.

Despite my issues with the destruction and anticipated decor-more gold- I'm very concerned with the cost and how it will be financed. I have heard how it will be done with donations. I fear a "donation" will be just another political Quid-pro-quo for this Presidents wealthy donors.

Lastly and Simply, The destruction was done outside the required congressional consideration. This President has a history of flouting the rules that govern our democracy.

I'm saddened by the destruction of the East Wing and Urge the commission to pause the work in order to investigate how it happened without oversight and ensure No further construction will take place until Congress can weigh in.

Thank You.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:04:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Weiland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Allowing the ostentatiousness to proceed with a ballroom while children are sitting in a classroom hungry and ill because funding has been cut by congress is beyond inhumane. It must stop somewhere! Stop it here!

Date: 2/15/2026 5:04:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Tamulonis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc.

Ensure it meets all interior ADA accessibility requirements.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Restore the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:03:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Kelch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a violation of the trust of the people and an insult to our founding fathers. This is our house, not the house of Trump. This stain on humanity cannot be permitted to rebuild this with this monstrosity, built on bribes from big corporations. This shouldn't even be happening. The Trump regime should rebuild the East Wing, brick by brick out of his own greedy pockets.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:03:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Godley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the work on this project.

First, there is an approval process for large changes to federal buildings. Demolition is a large change. The president did not follow the process. I would be in prison for doing a tiny fraction of what he has done to the East Wing.

The president lied about his plans. We can therefore assume he will continue to do so.

The president has not demonstrated the need for a huge ballroom. In terms of efficient use of the land, the East Wing offered daily use of the property with its offices and such. A ballroom will see only occasional use. That use will be largely ceremonial and therefore offer less intrinsic value than the work done in the East Wing. Not that ceremony has no value. It certainly does. But on those relatively rare occasions, existing White House facilities could fill the need as they long have. On the even more rare occasions where a truly large space is necessary, we can rent and secure a larger space anywhere in the country. Holding large events at varying locations allows us to showcase the rich, diverse history and culture of our nation. This ballroom on the other hand, will reflect the taste and opinion of just one person -- the current president. The People's House should not serve as a monument to one man's ego.

I would like to see all work on the project halted until there is a full investigation of the illegal work done so far, and a full, proper review of how best to address and modify this important American landmark.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:02:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop!!! I still don't understand how the previous building was torn down without approval.
I do not wish to have my taxes be spent on this abomination.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:01:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Falvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed White House ballroom addition. I am 100% opposed to the 90,000sf addition for several reasons.

The White House is the "People's House", a national treasure, perhaps the most important building in the USA. It represents our 250+ year history, our democracy, our legacy. I fear a 90,000sf ballroom--that dwarfs the 55,000 White House--will obliterate that visually, symbolically, and metaphorically in the name of an obsolete vanity project.

This matters deeply to me. I've been a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for 40 years and live within the historic district of Fredericksburg, VA. My husband and I had to submit architectural plans to the local planning department and Historic Architectural Review Board for review and public hearing prior to receiving approval to demolish a dilapidated 400sf section of our home. Our home--a small private home that my husband and I own and maintain privately. Not the iconic "People's Home" that is a public building owned and maintained by the public through American taxpayer funds. We followed proper procedure out of respect for the law, public regulations, and historic legacy. The Trump administration demolished the East Wing with no regard for any of that--let alone common decency. My 400sf home renovation would have been halted immediately with a heavy financial penalty if I had done so. The President is the current, temporary occupant and steward of the White House. He is not above the law and should comply.

The proposed ballroom addition is too large. It will create an architectural eyesore out of scale with the White House and White House campus. We are told that construction will be funded with private donations. What about ongoing maintenance and operating costs? Won't we the public taxpayers be responsible for that? It will be too expensive. A venue that can accommodate up to 1,000 event guests, as President Trump wants, is a massive conference space. Public funds would pay the costs to entertain those 1,000 guests (as opposed to the now demolished space that could accommodate around 250 guests). The total cost of events, maintenance, and operations would be exorbitant--a wasteful use of taxpayer dollars.

We currently have a large patch of rubble where the historic East Wing used to be. I doubt any of the precious, priceless architectural details or interior furniture, art, and artifacts were saved. What is done, is sadly done. However, we have a chance to salvage and rebuild the East Wing-ballroom as a shining example of the best in American public architecture. We must stop the construction of the proposed 90,000 ballroom now and require the time and process to create an appropriately sized, scaled, and designed architectural gem that is worthy of being on the White House grounds and reflects American pride. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Jean M. Falvey

Date: 2/15/2026 5:01:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Koivula
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this is NOT a modernization project, it was and is wholesale destruction without correct input or following established rules. This project should be halted and not worked on at all. All rubble and construction so far should be removed from site, the land scarified and additional topsoil added and plantings be installed in the dsiturbed area. The current administration should not be allowed to do any additional work to the White House or any other Federal property except for ordinary maintenance.

thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/15/2026 5:00:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Falvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed White House ballroom addition. I am 100% opposed to the 90,000sf addition for several reasons.

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Date: 2/15/2026 5:00:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith McClure
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project should not move forward as planned. We should restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style that existed before the demolition, and we should follow past process for making any changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:00:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Major
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a travesty to tear down the East Wing of the White House. It should be built back like it was before this pretend dictator decided to tear it down without prior approval. We don't need a gaudy ballroom that overshadows the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:59:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Spragins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let me open my comments by introducing myself. I am one of the many lower, middle class citizen of the United States of America. I am a retired educator, wife, mother, grandmother and open minded participant in the democracy which I am fortunate to be a part of.
I know much has been said about the ongoing need to have a ballroom for us to welcome dignitaries and guests. However, I do not consider the need for such a large complex. Does a ballroom need to accommodate 1,000 seated guest or thirty-eight to forty foot ceiling. I am in agreement with Commissioner Mendelson that the height and footprint of this project is unnecessary large for what is needed. How many state dinners is seating for 1000 people needed? I would like to see this scaled back at least 25%. We do not need to try to keep up with the Jones, especially those who live in palaces and castles, to offer a genuine welcome to our visitors.
With all the divisiveness and economic unrest that is apparent in our country at this time, the timing on this project could not be worse. In addition, the tearing down of the East Wing prior to an approved plan was a horrible power play. We have no choice but to move forward, but we do not need to bow to a temporary resident's fantasies. Not one more bucket of dirt needs to be moved or foundation poured until a comprehensive plan is presented and approved by the appropriate council.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:59:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Harger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing ballroom should not dwarf and overpower the White House itself. President Trump needs to go through Congress before mkeinf changes to the White House. The fact that his bulldozers demolished the east wing behind vision proof fences within a week, without any oversight or following standard procedures, is an affront to the American people. It is the people's house not his.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:59:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Hanna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process and the law for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:59:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Batt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house.
The new ballroom should be simple but well appointed and appropriately proportional to the remaining White House. Skip the gaudy gold ornaments and go with landscape and/demographic paintings that represent our beautiful country and cultures. It is, after all, the people's house. The President is the caretaker and temporary resident, not the master of that domain.

Any funds needed to restore the east wing should be paid out of the fines collected for the person/persons who committed the destruction and damages in the first place.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:57:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Editgh Freedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project" is a complete misnomer. This is a travesty—in the People's House, there will be a humongous ballroom for the billionaires and tech bros to celebrate their wealth, all because Mr. Trump likes to tear things down and replace them with badly designed and decorated structures that are impractical and of no use to the People.

Stop this. The White House will be dwarfed by this ridiculous structure. Please rebuild the East Wing largely as it was and restore the elegance and integrity of the structure. The architectural balance of the whole building will be thrown off, and the ballroom will exist as an example of excesses and corruption of this Presidency.

This is our house, the People's House, and we don't want a ballroom. We want the White House to be the White House, not a northern Mar-a-Lago. Please, please, please stop this whole thing.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:55:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the this project is ridiculous and disgusting. How the president has gone about this project is completely disrespectful not only to the history of the White House but also to the American people. The White House is the People's house, as he seems to not know or more likely, not care. It's also alarming that he's gone ahead with this scheme, bypassing the proper channels. When the American people are suffering under rising costs due to this administration's idiotic policies such as tariffs on anyone and everyone, the president somehow thinks building a gigantic ballroom is the best idea. It's also not the action of an individual and administration that knows it will only be there for 4 more years as the President cannot and will not serve a 3rd term, should he still be living as his age and health are against him. The construction

should immediately be halted and restoration of the East Wing back to its former glory begun, at the expense of Mr. Trump as it was his reckless decision to go ahead with the demolition and not that of the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:54:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has already desecrated the main building with his gaudy cheap trim and false presidential placards. His huge ballroom would just be more of the same! Stop him from repeating his bad taste on an even greater scale!

Date: 2/15/2026 4:53:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Len Schamber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

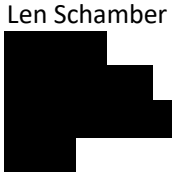
During the last 40 plus years, my brother and I at Schamber Historic Preservation were privileged to historically preserve numerous national and state designated buildings throughout Kansas and Nebraska. In every case we were required to adhere to the Dept. of the Interior Standards of Rehabilitation under the authority of the architect. Again, in every case all of the research and complete plan were completed before start up.

I am incensed at the audacity of President Trump to radically alter the the White House without even so much as the permission of Congress and the National Park Service.

I believe any further alterations should be suspended immediately. The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States and no President has the authority to bypass the accepted and required procedure and protocol.

Thank you for the invitation to contribute my philosophy and point of view. It is my hope and desire that my personal right be listened to and all future actions be done in a peaceful manner.

Sincerely yours,
Len Schamber



Sincerely yours
Len Schamber

Date: 2/15/2026 4:52:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It was illegal for the East Wing of the White House to be torn down without review and approval of the appropriate organizations in charge of our historic White House, which is owned by We the People, not the sitting administration.

Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.
This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.
While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

My vote is NO on any further changes until and unless the proper organizations are involved, time is taken to review any proposals and changes are approved by all proper legal entities, including Congress.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:51:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Victoria Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant of the White House illegally destroyed the East Wing and now wants to add a MONSTROUS ballroom on the grounds of the White House. Please do not let this happen. However, since the current administration seems to disregard the law and the processes involved to make this addition happen, it isn't clear to me what can be done to stop him.

I lived in the Washington, DC metro area for 42 years and not only visited the White House a couple of times, but always took visitors on a drive through the neighborhood where it was located. As you know, it became more difficult to arrange tours after 9/11/2001. Seeing the White House prior to the recent destruction was still a thrill for out of area visitors. It breaks my heart to see what has happened since I left the DC metro area.

My comments are with reference to NCPC File Number: 8733, submitted by the Executive Residence at the White House.

Respectfully,

Emily Victoria Porter
Proud Montana resident
Retired Federal Government Employee

Date: 2/15/2026 4:49:56 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Hahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Restore the rose garden as well. Get rid of the nasty statements on the president's photos.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:49:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grimm Sara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this gaudy vanity project be conpleted. Th le White House and any additions belong to THE PEOPLE! A "ballroom" (if that's what this is even really about) that will make the original White House look small by comparison is not needed or wanted by the public...who will never see the inside!
Nothing has been done according to the law or regulations. Please put a stop to this before it is built! Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:49:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Glazner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The drawings I have seen for the proposed ballroom are completely out of scale with the White House and dwarf the importance of that historic landmark.

I'm not opposed to a space for entertaining diplomats or holding large events but it should be in scale and reflect the character of the White House without attempting to make it look like a palace with gold trim. It is tacky and an embarrassment to the country and citizens.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:48:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Dardar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States of America, I find it appalling that the current administration has taken upon itself to destroy one of our most sacred and treasured historical buildings in Washington, DC. The White House was an absolutely beautiful building and from what I have seen has been destroyed by a wrecking ball, without any input from the citizens of this country. This building belongs to the people of this country and we should have a say as to what structural changes can be made. I have seen pictures of the proposed ballroom and from i can see, this ballroom completely overshadows the White House.

At a time when the majority of the American people are struggling to pay for the high cost of food, housing, and healthcare, I think that it is in very poor taste and judgment to be putting time and money into this project. It has been reported that it is being paid for by donations, but then we need to ask the question if this is really true and at what cost.

All of the government buildings in Washington, D.C. are beautiful and should be preserved to reflect upon the history of our country. I am totally against allowing this project to move forward. I feel that this administration should be required to rebuild the East Wing of the White House to it's original plan.

Thank you for seeking my opinion on this matter!

Date: 2/15/2026 4:48:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Maddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the public and above-ground spaces in the East Wing to how they existed before the demolition, with infrastructure/MEP brought up to current state of the art.

Upgrade the below-ground secure spaces as necessary for national security requirements.

Build a ballroom elsewhere in DC (not on WH grounds), if deemed necessary, and make it 100% publicly funded to remove any possibility of favor peddling.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:46:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Golio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House represents a major part of America's history. It's iconic look is known all over the world. All the redesign plans I've seen are an atrocious embarrassment. Please return the White House to it's former appearance and leave it that way.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:45:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn E
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing ballroom is a gross misappropriation of constituents' tax dollars and serves no definitive purpose for the American people at large. Additionally, at 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence; additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Lastly, the demolition of the East Wing occurred without oversight or a vote, which should negate the ballroom project altogether. A senile pedophile holding America's highest office should be removed from office, not granted a ballroom for entertaining co-conspirators at the expense of the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:44:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Traver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a project that hasn't followed any formal sign offs every step of the way.

The building will Dwarf the White House for the sole purpose of Trump getting undo or unneeded attention that he does not deserve.

So many other projects in and around Washington DC more deserving than than this ridiculous project

Date: 2/15/2026 4:43:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is beyond outrageous what Trump has done to the historic structure of the White House. At this time, since he has already destroyed the East Wing, at the very least I would hope that the monstrous plan of a ballroom could be tremendously scaled down to match the rest of the building.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:41:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The now-demolished East Wing should be reconstructed to an appropriate scale to match the White House main building and the West Wing. It should not be out-of-proportion to the existing White House. Any new

construction on the east side should not hover over the existing building , and its architecture should match the White House. A massive pediment will look very much out-of-pace and should not be considered. As for the rebuilt East Wing, it should be used for office space and other uses, not for an oversized ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:40:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bluhm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It needs to be restored to its original specifications, with appropriate technology improvements and upgrades, specifically including the replanting and memorializing of the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden and the magnolia trees that were removed.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:37:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Schneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel very strongly against the beyond reasonable extension of the East Wing as it is unnecessary and it will in my opinion ruin the White House. Has there been a recent need for ball room dancing? This is a waste of our tax money and it needs to be to scale within the scope and size of the current wing. I preferred the gardens and outdoor grass area to any ball room. Please do not proceed with this awful unnecessary project headed by a dictator. He represents nothing but greed, hate and corruption in my mind and this expansion is a reflection of his narcissism. Please do NOT build this monstrosity in what was a beautiful and scalable East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:37:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Fritsche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I sincerely doubt that a 90,000 sq foot ballroom is needed to support the Executive Branch of the government. I'm sure that there must be sufficient event space somewhere in Washington, DC that could accommodate State Dinners or other necessary functions.

A new East Wing structure should be constructed to replace the one that was demolished. Whatever functions that need to be housed in that structure should be such that the structure conforms to the original aesthetic, size, shape and placement so that it matches the symmetry of the West Wing and complements the architectural design and size of the White House.

In addition to the re-construction of the East Wing, the Rose Garden is also a must to be restored.

And none of this re-construction should be paid for by the American people. If the President's donors are not on board with footing the bill, then he must out of his own pocket.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:35:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unnecessary change and alters the footprint of a historic building. These changes are solely based in the ego of this administration and so nothing to unify or lift up the American people. This is a scar on our history and should be stopped.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:34:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norene Paulson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the PEOPLE'S House. I am AGAINST the addition of an outrageously grotesque ballroom which will diminish the original building's structure. If a ballroom is "needed" then it should be constructed at a different location away from any historically important buildings or memorials. PLEASE do NOT allow this construction to move forward. Also, please demand that the mutilated wing be restored. Add to that the restoration of the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden.

Thank you!

Date: 2/15/2026 4:34:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the way the East Wing was demolished before any studies or comments could be made. I feel that a 90,000 square foot Ballroom is completely unwarranted, and a waste of taxpayer money. If the building had been in need of repairs prior to the demolition then plans for those repairs should have been brought to the public after official inspection. I would not have objected to needed repairs, nor to esthetic remodeling with appropriate time for public comment on proposed changes. At this point it is too late to change what has already been done, but I do believe that construction should take the general public’s interests into consideration. Remodeling should include legally required Americans with Disabilities Act amendments included. Esthetic remodeling should be elegant without being ostentatious.
Thank you,
Laura S. Barnes

Date: 2/15/2026 4:33:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Vilardofsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to its former state, as much as possible. The bill should be paid by Trump, not we the people. If there is a need for a ballroom, it should be proportional to the White House and approved BEFORE construction begins.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:32:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren L. Ruff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We haven't needed a ballroom before now. It is a waste of money. I do not appreciate the destruction of the east wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:31:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not destroy the integrity of the White House - the People's House - with this gross addition

Date: 2/15/2026 4:30:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathie Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was outraged and heart broken when I saw the demolition of the White House East Wing, done quickly and secretively, and without consultation with any of the apporipriate people's reprsentatives, as if the White House were Donald Trump's personal property. When I started seeing plans for the proposed ballroom I became even more outraged. It looks like the kind of tacky palace of Saddam Hussein. It's unnecessary and ugly as sin. But that's hardly even the worst thing about it. The infusion of "private funds" being spent on this personal vanity project for Donald Trump are clearly the price of access to the president and favorable outcomes for donors' corporate and political agendas. How is this even legal? The

presidency is for sale in this construction project which is unneeded and unwanted by the American people. If a rennovation were really necessary, why didn't the plans go through the normal approval process? Why didn't the president ask Congress to appropriate funds? Why weren't Historical Preservation groups consulted on the plans? This is a vanity project pure and simple, paid for by corporate bribes. It needs to be stopped before any more work moves forward on it.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:29:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyd Dillahunty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historic building, no demolition should have taken place without the opportunity for public comment and, possibly, the approval of Congress. Updates to old structures are sometimes warranted and I probably could have supported the restoration of the original structure and, depending on the design, an addition. Even though, purportedly, the demolition and replacement of the east wing is being funded by private donations, there should be verification of who the contributors are and that accounting should be made public.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:29:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Bowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly disapprove of this project. This is the people's house, and this project makes a mockery of what our government stands for. It is not about the gold and glitter and opulence that this president wants. It is not about appeasing his decadent tastes. The damage has been done, but we can take back control of what happens next. If anything is built it should be secondary to the White House in size and scope. And we should not allow wealthy powerful donors to pay for this which will expect quid pro quo.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:28:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Golio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support the building of this ballroom as long as it is officially named the Obama ballroom.

If the new wing is not named after President Barack Obama, then it should remain as a hole in the ground and be clearly labeled the Epstein/Trump Pedophile hovel.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:27:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Weidner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,

The East wing should be restored back to its original state. It is a historic building and should remain as it was with only necessary upgrades to keep the building up to code and safe for visitors.

Legal options should be looked at to see if we can require responsible parties to pay for the repairs.

Thank you,

Pamela

Date: 2/15/2026 4:25:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Sonneborn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Also restore the Rose Garden!!
The White House is the people's house!! No one person has the right to destroy it

Date: 2/15/2026 4:25:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my disapproval of the East Wing Modernization Project. While the need for a updated building is clear, the disproportionate size and massive footprint are not in keeping with the White House and West Wing. The proposed new East Wing is imposing and will no doubt be an unfortunate architectural eyesore.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:24:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Andrisani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc., bring the building up to code and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process and architectural design for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Keep it simple, functional and classic. This rebuild should be paid for by the decision makers who bypassed current rules, not the taxpayers. The White House doesn't need a "ballroom". It's not a party house. The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:23:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American with British heritage, I am a long time member of the Royal Oak Foundation, supporting the work of the National Trust of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. In watching the National Trust, I have seen how important it is to be a caretaker of a historic property, and, most of all, to do it right.

The Trump Administration has miserably failed any attempt at preserving and caring for the White House complex. Their total disregard for following existing rules and protocols when they decided to totally demolish the East Wing of the White House without input from Congress or any historic preservation organizations was just one example.

I urge everyone involved in the East Wing Modernization Project to follow rules, follow protocol, determine what is most needed in that space, find non-partisan funding, and move ahead with what is best for our entire country...not what is best for one tyrant and his followers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.
Kathryn Haynes Johnson
Hot Springs, Virginia

Date: 2/15/2026 4:23:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Saylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The replacement wing should be in proportion to the Whit House residence similar to it's previous size.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:23:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Herbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is a desecration of US history. The East Wing is a structure that has been there for years, and now this crass "President" is tearing it down. The contractor, no doubt donated a substantial amount to Trump's campaign, and he is being suitably rewarded. He is probably using undocumented labor, just like Trump has done on his failed businesses, but lighter skinned than the blacks that he says he loves! Hopefully the next, same, democratic administration will tear down whatever Trump builds, and will restore the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their former glory!

Date: 2/15/2026 4:23:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Proposals should be subjected to public, in-person comment and approved following established rules and process. Source of financing should not compromise due process for review and approval by the Commission and others normally involved.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:23:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vallarie Leslie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

I am appalled that the East Wing was demolished.

Vallarie Leslie

Date: 2/15/2026 4:22:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to Trump's "ballroom" . It smacks of monarchy and has no place in the aesthetic of a democracy. His tacky, vulgar gold "marking" of the White House is dreadful enough.

Please DO NOT allow this project to proceed. In its place, please consider the establishment of bee, bird, and butterfly friendly indigenous plantings...a true Peace Garden.

Sincerely,
Meredith A. White

Date: 2/15/2026 4:21:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Wormser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I presume that this project concerns the construction of the 90,000sf ballroom. I wish to register my strong objection to the current plan/design. It will overpower the White House mansion, and send the wrong message that large receptions are more important than the public's business, which presumably is what takes place in the mansion. I hope that your committee will have the power to put a stop to it.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:20:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Grayson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Prosecute Donald J. Trump for tearing down the West Wing without public input!

Date: 2/15/2026 4:20:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Swain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Restore the rose garden.

Since Trump demolished it without proper review and approvals, he should pay to rebuild it.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:18:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Bird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000 SF ballroom is completely inappropriate for the people's White House. It was truly heartbreaking to watch the east wing being demolished. It was an illegal and immoral act to do something so heinous with no public input or permission from the historic trust. This new event space would completely overwhelm the White House and destroy its historic beauty and integrity. The east wing should be reconstructed to its original form and no additional structural changes should be allowed to this building that does not in any way belong to the president.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:18:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Cairns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don't do it. It's unnecessary and probably illegal. It's just another way to put his name "in the lights".

Date: 2/15/2026 4:18:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Chase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing or any part of the White House, without first going through an approval process of any kind is an insult to our American heritage. It was conducted as through the White House "belongs" to the President, which it does not. That Pres Trump vandalized the public property against the law or any sense of decorum is the typical behaviour of a common criminal - which he is.

The ostentatious ballroom structure proposed is a further insult -- both for its truly ugly and outsized scale, as well as the concurrent lack of any process regarding how our national heritage is maintained and preserved.

To allow any President to get away with the demolition of something dear, let alone replace it with some cheap vulgarity, is a horrible precedent. The project must be halted asap, and a genuine process needs to stand in its place

Date: 2/15/2026 4:17:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Beard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing because I'm very concerned about the construction of a ballroom on the site of the demolished East Wing of the White House. The scale of the new ballroom is in no way compatible with the White House. It's far too large and is not in the same style as the White House. Why was a president allowed to destroy a part of the People's House and solely decide what gets rebuilt in its place? This entire situation is unacceptable. He cannot be allowed to just put up a ridiculously large, gaudy monstrosity. He's already trashed the Oval Office. Please do not allow him to do any more damage.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:16:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. Scale so it compliments existing structure. The ballroom should not be the focus of the White House or overshadow it.
2. Maintain the historical architecture while upgrading to current building codes. The ballroom should not be a golden palace spectacle.
3. Structure should be focused on a multipurpose design or it becomes a showpiece of wasted space. Being able to divide it into smaller spaces would allow a greater number of venues.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:16:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Spiers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am AGAINST adding a ballroom to the White House. Previous modernizations or redecoration of the house have not found it necessary to add a ballroom. There are other venues for large celebratory gatherings. The President's home should be protected from gatherings which would require large expense for security. The architectural balance of the design of the house should be maintained. The White House is not only functional but historical and should be preserved as such.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:16:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched the TCPC meeting that was held in early February. I think I have a pretty good grasp of the scope of the project. Several comments:
1. I object strongly to the premature start on demolition before the TCPC or the public could make their feelings known about the project. Without a doubt the appearance of the heavy equipment on the White House grounds was surprising and discouraging to those who believe that historic building improvements should pass through an extensive review process.
2. I find the assertion that 'top secret' considerations for the lower level of the addition fall outside of the TCPC or other oversight bodies. Too often in this and, admittedly, other administrations has the phrase 'top secret' been used to cloud and obscure unethical behavior.
3. I am somewhat encouraged that the grandiose original size and scope of the project has been scaled back to better serve the claimed needs of the facility. I would encourage the planners to insist on further reductions in the size of this project.
4. As was mentioned by other commissioners, it would have been helpful to see the overall, wholistic concept for the total improvements currently be considered for the White House grounds. Presenting the plans piece by piece make it impossible for concerned citizens and commissioners to accurately evaluate the value of these projects.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:15:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Wheatcraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: NCPC file #8733, the East Wing modernization project

The White House has been the residence of our presidents since 1800. It is a nationally significant site. As a preservationist, I watched the demolition of the East Wing with fury and heartache, wishing that there had been some previous review of the plan.

As the NCPC considers the design of the new addition and proposed changes to the grounds, I encourage you to use the professional guidance of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, specifically the treatment of Rehabilitation. Standard 9 is the most applicable. It states, "New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property." In addition, "new work shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."

I implore you to consider this as you review the new design.

With sincere appreciation for your service,

Wendy Wheatcraft
Warrenton, VA

Date: 2/15/2026 4:14:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. If the US truly needs a ballroom, it should be paid for by tax dollars, not with strings-attached "donations"
2. It should not dwarf the White House! Build it somewhere else in Washington D.C. if it must exist.
3. It should absolutely NOT have the Trump name attached to it in ANY way. Lincoln bedroom, fine. But no other part of the White House grounds should be names after a specific president. (Also it's SUPER tacky to name something after yourself...ick)

Date: 2/15/2026 4:13:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that this project is a waste of taxpayers' money and should be shelved for the time being. We have many other issues facing our country that need to be addressed before we begin large construction projects that are for what amount to meeting/entertaining spaces that are superfluous (we have other options already extant). This project should not move ahead. This is the United States of America, and we do not need our own Palace at Versailles.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:13:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janele McCall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Planning Commission:

Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing. Update the wiring and lighting as needed, and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Please forego tacky gold accents in the decor.

The White House is the people's house, not a vanity project for one particular President.

Thank you,
Janele McCall

Date: 2/15/2026 4:13:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Foulds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to this project for several reasons:
1. The scale and size is unnecessary and overwhelms the historic White House.
2. The architecture is not historically correct or consistent the White House and Federalist architecture.
3. The two-story design is ruins the symmetry and balance with the historic White House.

The former East Wing should be replicated on the exterior facade and the ballroom scaled down to fit the original footprint. Discreet exterior space could be added in the back for occasionally overflow needs. Former Presidents have managed without excessive space to entertain domestic and foreign dignitaries and a dignified manner.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:12:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Raab
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing replacement and request the agency halt further action until statutory requirements are fully met.

The NEPA review remains inadequate and fails to satisfy the requirement for a reasoned, legally defensible process. Under NEPA (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) and CEQ regulations (40 C.F.R. Pt. 1500–1508), a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required where significant impacts may occur. The administrative record does not demonstrate a thorough analysis of reasonable alternatives, cumulative and indirect impacts, or irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources. I therefore formally request preparation of a full EIS evaluating the proposed replacement and a robust range of feasible alternatives (including no-action, reconstruction consistent with historic form and scale, and less-destructive, cost-effective options), accompanied by meaningful public disclosure and additional opportunity for comment.

The Trump administration's removal of the original east portion of the White House and its proposal to construct a substantially larger replacement that would overshadow and be out of place with the historic complex raise acute preservation concerns. The review fails to adequately assess adverse effects to the White House's historic fabric, setting, and associative values. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, including Section 106 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the agency must undertake formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and consider Advisory Council on Historic Preservation guidance, National Historic Landmark standards, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to identify, assess, and avoid or mitigate adverse effects.

Given the extraordinary public cost associated with constructing a larger replacement, the record must transparently justify the expenditure with a full cost–benefit and alternatives analysis. At minimum, the EIS should: (1) disclose project costs and reasonable cost-saving alternatives; (2) analyze cumulative, indirect, and long-term impacts to the historic resource and the White House's visual and contextual integrity; (3) identify practicable mitigation, avoidance, and design alternatives that respect historic scale and setting; and (4) document meaningful public engagement and considered responses to substantive comments.

The irreversible destruction already undertaken and the prospect of a dominant, out-of-scale replacement

will cause lasting cultural and historic harm that cannot be remedied by mitigation alone. I urge the agency to prepare a full EIS, initiate and complete NHPA Section 106 consultation with SHPO/NHL authorities, and fully consider and document all reasonable alternatives and mitigation before approving or beginning any additional irreversible construction.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Winter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ABSOLUTELY NO BALLROOM!

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NO BALLROOM NO BALLROOM LESS EXPENSIVE FOOD RESPECT FOR EVERYONE!!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO THIS MATTER!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marea Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I listened just now to the briefing to the NCPC in January by the architects who have been hired to oversee construciton of the new 89,000 sq ft ball room and related building under the East Wing Modernization Project. Asite. a native Washingtonian whose memories of the White House go back more than 70 Years, I am very concerned about the very signifiant aesthetic, historic and cultural impacts that the proposed porject will have one of the most iconic buildings in Washington, DC. I was very surprised that with the exception of Commissioner Mendelson, no one questioned the rationale for a Ballroom of the gargantual proportions currently being planned, at a cost that has balloned to some $400 M, or more than twice the original estimated cost. Why does the White House need to accommodate 1000 seated guests for a State Dinner--or for that matter, any official function? A quick Google search reveals that the Dining rooms in other heads of State Residences typically accommodate between 100-300 seated guests. The State Dining Room of the White House accommodates about 150 seated guest. The use of tents apparently expands this to 300. Why not, then, build a permament new room that can accommodate up to 400 guests, well above the upper limit of anticipated buests at a state banquet. This would decrease the foot print of the new structure by well over half, maintain better proportionality and balance relative to the White House so as not to overwhelm it and allow it to maintain its history primacy on the grounds, and signficantly reduce the spiraling costs of this project. There is no justification for the scope and size of the proposed 89,000 sq ft

structure relative to the stated need, which is to ensure that Heads of State and official guests are comfortably accommodated to the highest standard of such diplomatic functions. The desire to construct something this massiveis--well beyond any functional purpose-- is showmanship, pure and simple. It is a garish, tasteless enterprise that flies in the face of the architectural and historic integrity of the site and the need for fiscal restraint at a time when essential public/social services are being slashed by this adminsitration. The White House's claim that no federal funds will be used for the construction of the new ballroom is highly unlikely given the anticipated cost overruns. More disturbingly, the current proposal to accept contributions by private groups and large corporations to cover the bulk of the costs, is a blatant conflict of interest. It is essentially putting the People's House up for sale to the highest bidders. Why on earth would the National Capital Plannign Commission ever approve such a project?

Date: 2/15/2026 4:09:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Ruvo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ball Room? What is this, 1740?
And "private donors" are paying for it? Just because Donald Hump says so, does not prove anything.
And there are not enough firms in the United States that are in the business of "saving" historic spaces/buildings that could have looked
at the site before just bulldozing ahead and putting it to the wrecking ball.
This administration has constantly imparted it "will" upon the American public. They are constantly bypassing the protections and procedures that are in place to protect such "decisions ".
The blatant bypassing of the rule of law shows it ugly face once again.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:08:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like most people, I was appalled to see that the administration had torn down the East Wing without any notice or following the required process for approvals for any changes to historic buildings or federal property. I am not opposed to adding a ballroom or large reception area but it should be reasonably sized and in keeping with the previous hight of the demolished wing. It should be no larger than a standard hotel ballroom and the architecture should be in keeping with the style of the original mansion. Bigger is not always better. I am concerned that a rush to complete construction will result in sloppy and shoddy work which later administrations will be the ones who suffer with an inferior building. The administration must be held to the appropriate legal processes for approval of any construction impacting the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:08:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Clausing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:08:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Herbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the modernization project as proposed, especially the proposed ball room. It is disproportionate with the rest of the White House and does not reflect the spirit of "the people's home". The scale is more suited to a convention all.

I urge the Commission to request design revisions concerning proportion.

Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 4:08:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Stenavich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against the construction of a huge monstrosity of a ballroom attached to the White House. It undermines the historic dignity of the building. It is obviously just a place for Trump to entertain billionaires at taxpayer expense, and collect bribes along the way. It should be stopped.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:07:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Kroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing modernization should be preserved the historic look and feel of the existing building and should be modest and simple in style, avoiding “regal” appearances as appropriate to a democratic republic. It should not exceed the footprint of the previous/existing east wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:07:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Anderheggen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been done without permission of congress. The size that is depicted by Trump is too big - overpowering the rest of the White House. The footprint should be restored to the original size of the East Wing with a common look and feel.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:05:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Savaiano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let the new East Wing overshadow the White House. It should be smaller in stature such that the important historical importance of the White House is not diminished.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:05:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Albright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't believe that whatever is built there, be it a ballroom or something else, should be out of scale with the existing building. Bigger isn't always better or needed.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:05:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Darby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unauthorized Alteration of National Historic Landmark
To: The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, The National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts.

I. Procedural Violations and Lack of Oversight
The recent demolition within the East Wing of the White House represents a startling breach of public trust and legal protocol. This project was initiated without:

Mandatory Public Comment: Sidestepping the American people's right to weigh in on "The People's House."

Permitting & Review: Circumventing standard historic preservation reviews required for landmarks of this magnitude.

Transparent Planning: Operating behind closed doors to fundamentally alter a site of global significance.

II. Misappropriation of Public Funds
At a time when the nation faces critical challenges, the allocation of significant taxpayer capital toward a "luxury ballroom" is fiscally indefensible. These resources should be prioritized for essential human services, including:

Housing Initiatives: Addressing the rising homelessness crisis.

Disability Services: Enhancing accessibility and support for vulnerable citizens.

Poverty Alleviation: Directing funds toward programs that provide immediate relief to those in need.

III. Irreversible Cultural and Aesthetic Damage
The destruction of historic architecture is not merely a construction choice; it is a loss of national heritage. The proposed replacement—characterized by a lack of architectural harmony—leaves a literal and metaphorical hole in the White House grounds.

"To dismantle a historic landmark in favor of an unnecessary, aesthetically discordant addition is an affront to our history. It is a nauseating disregard for the architectural integrity that defines our nation's capital."

IV. Immediate Demands
We call for an immediate stay on all construction regarding the new ballroom project. We demand a full audit of the decision-making process and a public hearing to address why historic preservation laws were ignored in favor of an unwanted and wasteful expansion.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:04:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ferland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This insidious buffoon of a so-called US president will Never be happy unless he can Control everything & everyone, His Way! This ballroom is an absolute joke. In all of my yrs. in the US I have never witnessed more buffoonery than I have from T-rump! He has No idea how many of us are laughing at him for these destructive; but, comical actions he's taking to change everything in the WH--to suit him. He really does believe he's a king' & he's really just a schoolyard bully who's never grown out of that!

Date: 2/15/2026 4:02:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Guenther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

(1) Have President Trump personally pay for the cost of illegally destroying the East Wing and for any lawsuits that result (hello, asbestos!)

(2) For 225 years, presidents haven't seen the need for a gaudy ballroom that will dwarf the White House. There are better uses of those funds, such as social programs that have been cut by this administration based on unfounded claims of fraud. It should not be built.
(3) If the ballroom is approved, it must be no larger than the East Wing in size. The ballroom should not be a monument to the current president, and his name should not appear anywhere on the structure.
(4) No gold anywhere in the structure--real or fake.
(5) Ideally--have a public referendum/vote on the construction of the new ballroom (with the size noted in #3) before any construction begins. I seriously doubt the majority of people want that extravagance when they can barely afford groceries.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:01:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Dixon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reject any continued destruction of our historic White House. The demolition of the East Wing without following proper protocol and receiving appropriate approvals was unprecedented. The plan to now build a “golden ballroom” with square footage greater than the footprint of the White House itself would ruin the historic nature and appearance of the building. If a ballroom is truly needed, the size should be reviewed and approved OR better yet, a location that is NOT adjacent to the White House should be selected for its construction.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:01:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kym Sandusky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing of the people of the United States' White House has already been illegally demolished, I believe it should be rebuilt to its prior specifications. This restoration of the White House should be totally funded by Donald J. Trump out of his own pocket.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:00:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Neish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this project. The demolition of the historic East Wing was a horrendous act. I am not believing any of the fabricated reasons that this is necessary. This project, like others, is only fueled by the ego of Trump. It should be manifest that all he really wants to do is build things so he can attach his name to them. I am sure it will have large lettering designating it as The Trump Ballroom. This project is totally unnessary, as is the ludicrous, massive arch that he wants to build.

What should also be of major concern is how this is going to be funded. It is said that it will be built with private donations, however I have recently seen reports that whatever funds that have been donated, cannot seem to be located. I do not know that the donors have even been identified. From all indications, this is but another opportunity to, in essence, bribe the President of the United States and it should never be allowed.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:00:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Knode
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's too late, obviously, to prevent the demolition of the East Wing. Going forward, it is vital, essential -- and right -- that whatever construction takes its place, that the new building conform to the design and scale of the remaining White House complex. The new building should probably also fulfill the practical functions of the former East Wing. Apparently, the offices of the First Lady were in that wing, and underneath, apparently, was a ton of bunker and other national-security stuff. Professionals with experience in renovating historic places should be the final arbiter of this proposed ballroom. The White House isn't on the scale of Versailles, and doesn't perform the same symbolic function as Versailles, which was to demonstrate the unchallenged and unshared power of a hereditary king. Louis XIV said, "L'état c'est moi." I AM the state. This isn't true (in theory) of our form of government: the relatively more modest, and formerly less gilded, White House has always reflected that principle.
The White House may very well need a new ballroom for public functions, I don't know. It's gotten along for centuries without one, or one on this proposed gaudy scale. The East Wing may have needed updating: again, I don't know. But professionals with experience in historic preservation and design -- and with taste -- should be in charge of any proposed changes. Just as they should have ultimate say over proposed future demolitions of historic buildings in Washington D.C., and construction such as a triumphal arch.
Thank you for your work, and for listening.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:59:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Deane Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is both a National Park and a National Historic Landmark. It should NEVER have been touched by President Trump. He should certainly not be allowed to desecrate the most historic building owned by the people of the United States by adding an oversized unnecessary ballroom.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Jane Deane Clark, Ph.D

Date: 2/15/2026 3:59:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Ranvik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the White House East Wing modernization/ballroom project, in large part because I am against the demolition of historic structures, the $400 million cost, and environmental/structural impacts.

Such a major, permanent alteration lacks sufficient public justification or benefit.

I object to destroying historical parts of the East Wing.

I question the necessity of a $400 million, non-essential, "luxury" project, and arguie funds should be used elsewhere.

The lack of transparency is another major concern and it is inappropriate that the project proceeded without sufficient public input or opportunity to weigh in.

I also have concerns about the environmental disruption, structural integrity of surrounding areas, and long-term consequences of this construction.

Finally, I request more info on how the project affects federal interests in the National Capital Region.

Sincerely, Christina Ranvik

Date: 2/15/2026 3:59:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dave Hartsfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the current design of the East Wing Modernization Project, specifically the scale of the ballroom.

I believe the site can only support a project of perhaps 50,000 SF, not the current plan for 90,000 SF. If the ballroom were at a reduced size, then all support spaces of the project, such as the kitchen, restrooms, storage spaces, and pre-function areas could also be reduced in size.

The current ballroom is way too large in proportion to the White House. Its footprint is too large and the height, driven by an excessive ceiling height, is also too large. Splashing an assortment of classical columns on it does not hide its inappropriate scale adjacent to the White House.

Please ensure that a much smaller project will be approved. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:58:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Rosendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition is entirely too large for the White House. It will make the White House look like a small addition to the overall building and diminish its importance. While the NCPC and Commission of Fine Arts was not included in the decision to tear down the East Wing, it is mandatory that they are consulted, and heard, on the design of the replacement. Congress has to have decision making on the project. In addition, the inside of the ballroom can't be filled with gold decorations. The Oval Room looks like a casino and we don't want the same for the ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:58:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ERIC KRASNER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing this down was a crime. We do not live in a dictatorship, and the building needs to be restored. The USA does not need a fucking ballroom, no matter who pays for it.
Don't be bulldozed by a bully. Respect and rebuild our history.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:57:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Bain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. the ballroom needs to be smaller than the White House and respect its historical significance. No taxpayer money should be used.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:57:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A bit late now to be given the opportunity to make comments "before" the project; Trump's actions are a never-ending disgrace.

The East Wing should be rebuilt to return to the services it provided (First Lady and staff offices, White House Social Secretary, correspondence staff, White House Graphics and Calligraphy Office, etc.) prior to Trump's unauthorized and illegal destruction. There is no need for, nor widespread public call for, a giant ballroom at an astronomical price/sqft. I'm sure it's impossible to exactly replicate the destroyed historic building, but new construction should be as close as possible to a direct rebuild.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:57:39 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I support an addition to the White House to provide places for events, the addition is disproportional to the historic volume of the building. It is critical when designing an addition to a National Landmark, or otherwise historic building, to ensure that the historic fabric is not overshadowed by modern construction. It is my opinion that the size of this addition is disrespectful to the historic character of the building and will overshadow the original construction.

I also have concerns that this 90,000sf will be very energy intensive to heat/cool, and yet will only be sporadically used. A more modest addition could benefit the proportions of the campus, offer a more reasonable sized event space, and be connected to outdoor tents when an event large enough would warrant it.

Therese Hanson, AIA

Date: 2/15/2026 3:57:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Andes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of part of the White House and the construction of a garish ballroom is a horrible blemish on our nation’s capital. Please stop this right now!

Date: 2/15/2026 3:56:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Horton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. Please restore the East Wing as historically accurate as possible. The interior should reflect on its long history and not a single administration. Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden. If there is a need for a ballroom, it can be built elsewhere.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:56:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Haswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should be held accountable for destroying the East Wing of the White House and should be made to restore its original (as of last year) structure. The White House is the People's House and does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:56:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan DeCourtney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM. Tell the folks who demolished the East Wing that they have to pay to restore it back to its original state, (just like the folks in Europe restored the Notre Dame cathedral after it burned down using ancient construction methods). OH YES and they have to PAY for the restoration since they demolished it without due process.
Thank you for listening.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:56:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building a ballroom in this space because I believe the current plan is out of proportion to the rest of the building and destroys the design of an important historical building. I feel that the White House should be restored to its former appearance, and used for gatherings that fit comfortably within the existing space. If a larger venue is needed, it should be built in a separate place and not on the grounds of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:55:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sharai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant of the White House should have NO INPUT into the planning or development of the REPLACEMENT EAST WING PROJECT. I am appalled that he was allowed to make the decision totally on his own to DEMOLISH the existing East Wing. He is a temporary occupant and there is an established protocol and process for renovating and improving government buildings, which he completely ignored. There is also ample evidence that his personal taste does not reflect the elegance and timeless style of most government facilities. Let a bipartisan - or even better, a non-political - group of architects, historians, and designers make decisions about a now-needed replacement for the East Wing. BAR ANY ONE OR ANY BUSINESS FROM PARTICIPATION WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OLD EAST WING. They have proven themselves to be unethical representatives.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:55:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Durant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored back to it's original design, using original plans as much as possible. It's travesty that it was bulldozed in the first place with no oversight and permissions given. Trump should be personally held responsible for the costs in restoring it.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:55:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Juli Cromer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the new ballroom should not compete in size with the White House. It should not be the same height or size, it should be visually secondary. I also feel very strongly that there should be ADA compliant entrances in all of the entrances to the ballroom, not just the one via the White House. Forcing people who need accommodation to one specific entrance, one that may not be always available is not welcoming to all the public visitors. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:55:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been taken down in the first place. The price of the proposed replacement and even its use as a ballroom is a slap in the face to people who struggle to pay for groceries, heat, and other necessities. The only thing bigger than Trump’s ego is this outsized building.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:54:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J. Sandusky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this project is too expansive, expensive and does not take enough consideration of the historical and current aspects of these public grounds . I believe the renovation and new event space should be maintained within respect the historic scale and design of the White House, while still modernizing to current building standards.. If this does not allow for the desired size of the new event space, the event space should be built elsewhere.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:53:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Pache
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Processes are in place when an administration decides they want to make a change to the people's house. The process is in place for the preservation of our history and to ensure the American people have a say in any changes made on their behalf - whether paid for by taxpayers or donors. In this case, none of these processes have been respected. They have been ignored, history left unpreserved and the will of the people unsought. This project must halt immediately and the processes applied retroactively to ensure that as much as can be preserved or recovered or rebuilt is and then authorities and experts input sought and heeded as well as public sentiment.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:52:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Ormosi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To scale and proportion as required, restore the exterior look of the building that was knocked down.

For the interior: Four individual rooms, that if needed for a gathering, two of which could be opened for occasional seating space for say, 100 persons to dine. Use the rooms on a routine daily basis as:
1) An office for the First Lady--whether she is ever here or not; this area could also be the dining room staging area and kitchen.
2) A classroom, where the public and newly elected officials could come for lessons on our Constitution, our form of government, ethics classes and the like;
3) A room where immigrants preparing to become citizens can come for the final phases of Citizen ship testing and where the Naturalization Ceremony can be held, for successful groups
4) A small comfortable room, decorated with photos and descriptions of the previous wing and its history, where meetings between representatives and small groups of individual constituents with concerns, issues,

requests, as well as tours, could take place.

Nowhere in this new space should Trump's name be permitted, save for perhaps a note that he was the president who knocked the Wing down without permission or process, and after protest, the current wing was constructed with public input. No private funding should be permitted for this new construction UNLESS it comes with full disclosure about the amount and ANY ties to the Trump family, political donations, its businesses and a full listing of any and all governmental contracts icw the donor.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:51:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eugenia Ryner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a ballroom. By calling it a modernization project the President is trying to obscure its purpose which is to overshadow the historic White House complex. In addition this project had no prior approval and is being funded by questionable sources. Say no to this hideously ugly and pretentious building.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:50:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fraser Neiman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump‘s ballroom proposal is an absolute abomination. I urge you to oppose it. It is nothing but a monument to his and his corrupt billionaire cronies’ megalomaniacal narcissism and a thumb in the eyes of ordinary working Americans.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:49:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Goodfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Do not fund these renovations with the special interest funds.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:49:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Al Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t feel presidential fiat should qualify for the total design of the White House or any of the executive branch buildings. It is not their personal property. There are many qualified government and non-government architects fully qualified and talented to design and construct public buildings for the American traditions. Congress should be involved as they are in charge of funding government programs and properties. I don’t care if multimillionaires and billionaires want to buy favor with a sitting president by donating to the design of a building. Their is always an expected return on said donation.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:49:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Helm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former appearance, as it was before the illegal demolition. Certainly upgrades to meet current building codes should be undertaken, but the exterior and interior design, should reflect what was in place prior to the demolition. Under no circumstances should the tacky, excessive gold ornamentation with which the Trump Administration has desecrated the White House be allowed in the restoration of the East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:49:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Bowersock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I really wish someone had stopped the wrecking ball before it hit. I don't have a lot to write because my saddest for this situation is unbearable. Whatever can be done to stop this and make sure it NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN is what. It should not be one person decision. Approval needs to come multiple sources. That is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE not just one Presidents'. Thank you. Please stop this insanity.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:48:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sneed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People’s House. To see the East Wing demolished with no public input is heartbreaking. Those who occupy the White House are temporary residents. There was no reason to tear down the East Wing to satisfy the vanity of the current occupant. The White House is a historic building and

must be returned to its previous shape as soon as possible. All those “donation/bribes” can be used to rebuild what has been destroyed.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:48:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nora Bouchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the wanton destruction of the East Wing. My first request is that we rebuild it with the same footprint, same square footage, but modernize wiring, security, and lighting. My second request is that no gold accents are used in the decor.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:48:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Proctor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep the “Peoples’ House” at a scale the average citizen can appreciate. A circus-sized ballroom for entertaining wealthy, connected donors serves no good purpose in our democracy.

And while we’re at it, please keep an eye on the main building. Thank you.

R. Daniel Proctor
Knoxville, Tenn.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:47:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine chojnacki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support modernization or retro-fitting of public buildings WHEN needed. Enabling a single person to destroy public buildings should never be allowed, and also subject to penalties.

Now that the East Wing has been destroyed, it's replacement MUST be within reason for style, size, fittings and purpose. It should NOT be a monument to a single person, rather the PEOPLE of the United States.

Size: determined by location, scale and within the previously established guidelines.
Style: determined by it's subordination to the White House and not to overshadow or outshine the people's house.
Materials/Decor: see style above

Be reasonable, move quickly, stay withing budget, and get the work down to erase the hideous and ugly

destruction of our national house.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:47:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thane Timbers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't understand why the demolition occurred at all and felt that the original East Wing design was complimentary to the White House as a whole and any rebuilding should be done in a similar design and scale. Design should strongly feature masonry elements to project strength, durability, and longevity to the world.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:47:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is more than a residence or an event venue — it is one of the most recognizable symbols of American democracy and continuity. Every addition, renovation, or restoration should honor that role. For that reason, the East Wing should be preserved and restored in keeping with its historic character rather than converted into a ballroom.
The East Wing serves important functional and symbolic purposes. It houses offices, supports the daily operations of the First Family, and provides structured access for visitors entering a space that represents the people's house. Altering it into a large-scale entertainment venue risks shifting its purpose from governance and service to spectacle.
Historic preservation is not about resisting change; it is about stewarding legacy. The White House has evolved carefully over time, with renovations guided by respect for architectural integrity and historical continuity. A ballroom may offer convenience for events, but convenience alone should not outweigh the responsibility to protect a site of profound national significance.
Moreover, large ceremonial events can be hosted in existing appropriate venues without permanently altering a historic wing of the executive residence. Once architectural character is removed, it cannot truly be restored. Preservation decisions should err on the side of caution, ensuring that future generations inherit the building as faithfully as possible.
The East Wing is part of a living monument. Restoring and maintaining it as it was affirms a commitment to history, institutional stability, and thoughtful stewardship of a building that belongs to all Americans.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:47:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jaima Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Monument and any additions/construction projects must conform to the

style and scale of the existing structure. The proposed Ballroom addition, in its current proposed design, does not conform to the scale of the White House. However much the proposed addition of a Ballroom may be deemed necessary, at 90,000 square feet it would be wildly larger than the entire original structure!! This design must be reviewed and evaluated for appropriateness of design BEFORE any additional work or construction goes forward.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:45:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Matthews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national historic treasure, admired by American and foreign visitors alike. Like the US Capitol, it is a living symbol of our nation. Part of its appeal has always been its classical architectural style and its enduring subtle grace. It is the People's House, to be occupied only temporarily by the President of the United States during his/her term of office. Neither the president nor any other one person should have the power to alter any part of it without official approval.

It is my opinion that the East Wing should be reconstructed exactly as it appeared on the exterior, with appropriate internal changes to accommodate the use of modern technology or other such improvements, This may include the underground secure space. The reconstruction should include replacement of historic landscaping such as the Rose Garden. All gilded lettering and other embellishments should be removed from the White House as a whole to return it to its original appearance.

The White House was never intended to be a grand space for lavish entertaining. It has served its purpose well for hosting state dinners and other official events as becoming the Office of the President. The city of Washington offers hotel ballrooms and convention space that can be rented for the occasional large event. However, if it is determined by official processes that a White House Ballroom is actually needed, that structure should be an addition to the restored White House, of a modest size that is compatible and at a location that does not detract from the original structure.

Thank you for considering public comment before allowing further changes of our historic properties.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:44:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Bowden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All new additions to the White House should follow best practices of Historic Preservation. The new construction should harmonize with the existing White House, but should not in any way suggest that it is a historic structure itself through the excessive use of classical components such as moldings, columns, column capitols and other detailing that will give a false impression of the period in which it is built. The new structure should also in no way intrude in size or scale on the character, presence, and beauty of the original White House. A ballroom is understandably a necessary accessory for White House events and should suitable represent the dignity of its location, but it should reflect in its design the modern age in which it will be built and the modern purpose it will serve.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:44:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Blevins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I say NO to the BALLROOM. Shore up what was torn down and leave it. Damage that was done cannot be undone and putting up anything shouldn't be at the cost to the taxpayer.

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Date: 2/15/2026 3:44:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Bottom line, the President of the United States is a tenant of the White House. We the People are collectively the landlord. I, as a member of the landlord collective, do not give my permission for any further construction on the East Wing of our house until a new tenant -- one with honor and integrity -- is ensconced within the White House.

The only work to be done is that which is necessary to clean up the current mess and locate and secure any and all items previously held within the walls of the East Wing.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:41:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Leatherberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that this project is even being discussed. The White House is supposed to be the People's House, not a giant entertaining space. Multiple administrations have successfully held wonderful events with the existing footprint.

Please restore the East Wing to its former glory as soon as possible. Goodness knows there are plenty of photos to enable that to happen.

Thank you for your oversight and diligence.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:41:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Greenwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The money that could go towards housing the homeless, feeding the hungry and investing in clean, renewable energy vital to the survival of this planet is instead going to a useless, extravagant, unnecessary ballroom.

Is this greed and vanity, that forsakes the needy and helpless, that forgets the people it does not serve, what our nation is to be known for? Is this how our taxes, our hard-earned money, best spent on? To foist the ego of one man over the needs of the many is truly an insult on the already-suffering people. To do this is to spit on the people the White House is meant to serve.

Do soldiers die in unfamiliar, unwelcome shores, carry out heartless acts of dehumanizing violence against their better nature, just to come home to a nation that is too obsessed with gilding the halls of people who refuse to home them, feed them and treat the scars they cannot heal from alone?

Look at yourselves. Look at the people who cry out in pain and righteous fury at the injustices that the money of this project can go to ending. Would you see them suffer further? Look at the earth reeling from the scars and waste we've left upon it. Would you burn the money that can go to healing it, and making the future brighter for the children you say you care so dearly for?

I see no God in your White House. Strip His holy name from every corner of that palace of shadows. Put the money towards the people who earned it, WE THE PEOPLE. Not to the self-proclaimed king tearing innocents from their children!

Ignore us at your own shame. May it haunt those responsible for this disgrace until they vanish from this earth.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:41:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should NOT have been razed by the current tenant.
Please keep it true to its initial footprint. Avoid tacky gold. Hire architects and designers who have demonstrated elegantly refined taste. No 900 person ballroom.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:41:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Schnitker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is absolutely no reason at all to build a 90,000 square foot ballroom on the White House except to appease the vanity of a desperate, failed president. Not only is it a complete waste of money, but would only symbolize his total lack of interest in serving the common good, and his ignorance of the integrity of an historic building that does not and will never belong to him. This plan is un-American and a slap in the face to all the hardworking citizens who actually pay taxes.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:39:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michel Henry
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

Against the GOP move to change the mission.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:39:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Redd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All previous First Ladies staff facilities should be restored and upgraded. No gaudy gold embellishments period. Ballroom square footage should not be more than 75% of main house footprint. Architecture should be consistent with existing structure and demolished structure. Construction donors should be required to contribute sum equal to their contribution to ballroom construction to Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid accounts. Donors should also be ineligible for any personal or business income tax exemptions or caps for 10 years. Political parties should be barred from hosting any events. Primary use of the ballroom should be for international diplomatic purposes, congressional summits, and White House staff celebrations. Cannot be named after any president.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:37:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Elam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

TO: Members of the National Capital Planning Commission
FROM: Pamela Elam
DATE: Feb. 15, 2026

Donald Trump must be held accountable for all the destruction he has caused not only to the East Wing of the White House, but to our Country as a whole. He must be held accountable for all the damage he has

done to the laws of our Nation, our Constitution, and our Democracy. One way to start making him accountable is for the National Capital Planning Commission to forcefully remind him that the White House belongs to the people of our Country not to him personally. He has already turned parts of the White House into a personal shrine and a personal money-making operation. The NCPC can at least attempt to stop him from turning even more areas of the White House grounds into his personal pay to play amusement park. Please stop him. Those of us who care about our history as well as our democracy must stand up now to tell Donald Trump "NO"!

Date: 2/15/2026 3:35:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Shaunesey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park that is owned by the American people. Given that designation, the public deserves an opportunity to weigh in on the project. Federal law also states that major construction projects in DC have to be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts; not to mention complying with the National Environmental Policy Act and receiving congressional approval.

Creating a 90,000 square foot building that far exceeds the 55,000 square foot White House belittles the historic structure beloved by all Americans and violates every architectural principle that I'm aware of.

Americans deserve better.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:32:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LAURIE SISSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea of building a ballroom at the White House is certainly an ambitious one, and any design choice should reflect both practicality and long-term stewardship of a historic public building.

While marble flooring can create a striking and elegant appearance, it also comes with significant drawbacks. Marble requires constant cleaning, polishing, and specialized maintenance to preserve its finish. Over time, it is highly susceptible to scratching, staining, and dulling, particularly in a high-traffic venue such as a ballroom intended for frequent events. Marble is a rigid, brittle material. Unlike wood flooring commonly used in ballrooms, it has no flexibility or shock absorption, so it cannot tolerate structural movement well, expect cracks.

From a functional standpoint, marble is not ideal for dancing. Its smooth surface can become slippery, increasing the risk of falls. In addition, marble is an unforgiving material underfoot, offering little shock absorption and potentially contributing to joint strain or injury.
If it is used as a dining room, marble is porous so spilled wine will stain. Any spilled liquid will allow slip and fall injury.

If a marble floor were nevertheless selected for aesthetic reasons, it would be prudent to establish a dedicated maintenance fund to cover the ongoing costs of care, restoration, and safety mitigation. Such a

fund would help ensure that the financial burden of upkeep does not fall unexpectedly on future budgets and would support responsible preservation of the space.

In a building of such historic and symbolic importance, durability, safety, and long-term sustainability should weigh just as heavily as visual impact in any final decision.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:30:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Dickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned about this project and remain scriptural that anything I say or anyone says will matter.

The President destroyed the East Wing of the people's house without allowing any comment or oversight. We are left with a fair accompli.

The proposal turns the peoples house j to Mar a Lago. Oversized, lopsided, out of proportion. It will look like someone with too much plastic surgery and should be torn down the minute the next President assumes office.

Here we are cutting back on all kinds of programs that benefit the US and save lives in order to build this ego-driven monstrosity.

If only these comments mattered.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:30:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjory Dombach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like many Americans, I watched with horror at the destruction of the historically significant East Wing of the White House, much as the paving over of the Rose Garden.
My intital disgust turned to grave concern when I realized there had been no vetting or approval of these projects. The White House is The People's House, not a private residence the current occupant can remodel unilaterally with impunity.
My other concern is that donors for this project are buying access and influence with Mr Trump for his vanity project.
Congress and the National Capital Planning Commission, the National Park Service, and the Commuttee for the Preservation of the White House must have input and grant approval before any construction begins.
And steps need to be taken to prevent buying of influence with this president.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:28:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
I have been upset about the ballroom project from the beginning of hearing about it. The White House and all the public grounds belong to us, the American citizens. It does not belong to Trump or anyone else. What he has done to the oval office is a disgrace and no doubt, the "ballroom" will be equally distasteful. He has no right to tear down historical buildings much less tear down part of the White House. It just sickens me to see what he is doing to not only the White House but also our country. He has absolutely no right to do this and he needs to be stopped before he does any more damage to our historical buildings and places. He has already damaged the White House please do not let him do any more damage. It needs to stop.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Alvarez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing to its previous architectural history. There is also no need for a ballroom. This building would be a part of the people's house and I don't think I'll be invited. While we're at it, Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden should also be replanted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Persson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a federal building that the current occupant should have been stopped from destroying. It makes no sense that he wasn't stopped. The East Wing needs to be restored to its former design adhering to current building and construction codes. The rose garden should also be restored. DJT should be charged for the restoration of the East Wing as he ordered the destruction. Additionally, no one from the current administration should be involved in the design of the restoration project. The White House does not need a 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom that he will try to name after himself to satisfy his inflated ego,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Sugden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear members,

I am writing to express my upsettment about the destruction of the East Wing without any prior notice ..it was done in private and as an assault on the American people.
I want to encourage the the footprint of the East wing be maintained as well as the height be in line with building currently adjacent to it. Any modernization should only be to the inside at this point and outside architecture match the current design of the adjacent buildings.
Modernization is not a fair way to describe what is planned by this president. Where is the poeople's voice in this project Respect the people's voice
It was a gut punch to the American people to wake up and find the east wing destruction. And disrespectful especially to women as this west wing housed the work of the First Lady.
There is a complete disrespect and regard for law in this administration and for history of our country.
I am so sad. The destruction is a symbol of what is happening to our federal government, its land and our environment.
Thank you
Cathy sugden

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: jeanette stroh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a layman when it concerns architecture and construction but It hurt my heart to see excavators and bulldozers bite into the East Wing of the one of our iconic national symbols, the White House. When told we citizens have an opportunity to NOW be able to provide comments, my knee jerk reaction is "Put it back!" Yes, put it back, making infrastructure changes that are probably necessary, but restore the beloved silhouette of the People's House.

Things may have progressed too far for this to be possible. All work should be stopped. A panel of distinguished historians, designers, architects, engineers and landscapers should be appointed by Congress. This panel needs to decide and develop the plan of whatever is built on the site, with the instruction that it honor the rest of the White House grounds. It must have a sense of history and contiunuity. And above all, the President's egregious taste should not be allowed to intrude.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the original exterior dimensions and style. The interior's usage and decor can be changed to suit the need for public event space, if necessary, as long as the interior architecture and finishes do not preclude returning to space to its original function at some future date.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Beth Buchholz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The crime committed against the White House infrastructure is unforgivable. It is only redeemable if the structure is rebuilt according to its historic architecture. The American people deserve to have a presidential home and office that reflects the endurance of our nation, its resilience in times of turmoil and its fortitude to move beyond its current occupant. Furthermore, the destruction of the existing White House came with no plan, no public input and total disregard for the preservation of history. It is little wonder given the current occupant's limited understanding of history and his desire to revise even recent history to suit his ego.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Spalding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can not believe the project started without proper approval. I hope you can at least mitigate the plan. Keeping construction, design, and scope within the scale and esthetic of our Capital is too important to let construction go on without proper guild lines and restrictions

Date: 2/15/2026 3:18:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Bassin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC Commissioners:

My comments today are in regard to President Trump’s East Wing Modernization and Ballroom Project.

I have been to Washington D.C as a tourist many times throughout my life and seeing the White House has always been a highlight.
The beauty and history of “The People’s House” is unique in this world, just as our country is.
So when President Trump announced his plan to build a ballroom on the grounds, I was skeptical. Knowing his design esthetic (or lack there of) I figured his plan would be over the top.
But I wasn’t against the idea of a ballroom because it could be an appropriate venue for state dinners and other events, if would be an appropriate size and be balanced with the existing structure and grounds.

And then came the terrible day when despite his assurances that the existing structure of the White House would not be changed, he demolished the East Wing. No warning, no approval and no respect. It was shocking and inexcusable that a sitting President would destroy a part of our history and he made it worse by telling lies and twisting the truth of previous changes to the White House.

Of course, other Presidents have made renovations to the structure in its over 200 year history but those were discussed, approved and budgeted by the proper authorities. What Trump is doing is acting like he is king and can do whatever he wishes. In my opinion, this should be illegal.

If this project is to move forward it must be discussed and approved by the NCPC and all appropriate authorities. The plans, budget and funding sources should be made public for all Americans to see. This Administration claims “transparency”. They haven’t shown it yet.
Please do not let him get away with what he has done to our House.

We have all seen examples of this President’s completed changes to the White House and grounds thus far- The Rose Garden, The Palm Room, The Oval Office and The Lincoln Bathroom We can all see how he doesn’t respect the history work and vision of previous leaders and designers. Please don’t let this continue.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Null
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and the East wing should have never been destroyed by Trump or ANY president! Presidents don't own it; they are merely free tenants during their tenure as president. Tenants don't have the authority to demolish property, that they don't own, tenants can't tear down walls, or demolish to the property as it is against the law to destroy any property that belongs to someone else. The White House is no different.
WE THE PEOPLE, and our government own the property and NPS was put in charge to manage and protect it!
The demolition, was done without regard to any of the above, no prior discussion with or permission of the NPS was afforded. The project was steamrolled forward abruptly and the East wing was gone. Trump did that purposely.
Trump's decision like many of his decisions regarding history, are to gut our American history, our American heritage and to put his brand on everything as if; history is what he makes of it.
We as a nation cannot allow for the president or any president to destroy the White House, especially that of a grandiose narcissist ideology; to brand it as his own. If Trump is allowed to make these structural decisions, what will stop future presidents from doing it?, NOTHING!
The East wing must be rebuilt but NOT into a grand ballroom! It must be constructed as it was in 1942 with upgraded utilities and the build must be constructed with the NPS guidance because that was history and it is our history.
I fear if Trump is given any chance to do things his way with the White house that this could very well be the start of further demolition to our White house; if not by him, by a future president.
The White House is the people's White House, not Trump's White House and it needs to remain that way!
Please stop this madman from making the White House, his own castle. The White House wasn't built to be a castle! The United State's fought to be a democratic nation an not a nation controlled by a reckless wannabe king.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House did not need dumb Donnie Drumpf's "modernization". What he and his farce of an administration did was destroy an historic building, without the lawful permissions. What he did is criminal. It is up to people who still believe in upholding the law and the rules to reign him in and stop this joke of a guilded ballroom.

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Name: Patricia Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make the exterior dimension not to exceed the previous footprint. No higher than it was. Do all interior modernization and adherence to ADA accessibility. Create a reasonable space for the First Lady's offices. Make the exterior cladding equivalent to what was there before.

Do not let special interest fund or influence or pay for the rebuilding. It must remain The Peoples White House and grounds. The taxpayers of the United States will need to paid for reconstruction.

I do not see a need for a ballroom. If it is deemed desirable, build it elsewhere in the city, not on White House grounds.

Adhere to all historic preservation requirements and develop new stricter rules for demolition in the future that any administration would have to follow and guidelines on repurposing the materials. Have an archeological survey done before rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Timmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is absolutely disgusting. This administration has zero respect for the history of the People's House. This project must NOT move forward! Like all things trumpian, the new building will be gaudy, gilded in gross gold and overtake the current White House. The East Wing should be put back together to the original construction. The president is a temporary resident and should not be allowed to go forward with this project as proposed.
Thank you

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanette Messersmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to how the renovations for the East Wing of the White House are being handled. Our current President is disregarding historical precedents for the destruction, rebuilding and renovation of our national buildings in Washington, D.C.

I do not feel we need this gigantic ballroom that will dwarf the size of our current White House building. The East Wing was torn down unilaterally, without permits, consultations and public input. The tearing down of structures and the desire to memorialize our current president are without precedent - does anyone have the backbone to say “no” and cease and desist future renovations?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts.
Even the title of this project is disingenuous - "modernization"? A pile of historic rubble does not represent "modernization". 400,000 square feet is a convention center, not a "ballroom," which -- even with ancillary facilities -- needs no more than 40,000. I suspect that what interests Me. Trump most about this project is the chance to build himself a bunker where he can ride out the consequences of the 2028 election - if it can even be completed in time.

This entire project is a travesty and a waste of taxpayers' money. There is no doubt that Mr. Trump will plaster his name all over it and embellish it with as much fake gold as he can, as he has the rest of The People's House. The project is out of scale with the rest of the White House and will stand out like the white elephant it is.

I understand that our current president does not see the word "no" a problem for him, but I believe you need to go on record as opposing this boondoggle, if only to preserve your integrity.

Reject Mr. Trump's fantasy, for the good of the White House, the District of Columbia, and the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen A Scioli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is 90,000 sq. feet necessary? Are there any other public spaces that could be used? I feel an addition of this size throws off the proportions of the White House. I favor the building of a similar outside with the scale of the demolished wing. The inside could be adapted to fit present day needs. Another thought would be not to build for three years so that the builders, architects, etc. may be more objective.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Warthen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I visited the White House as a part of my grade school Safety Patrol trip to the Capitol of the United States. At 74 years old, I still remember how impressive that visit was and how much I enjoyed visiting The White House. That is when I learned it was the 'People's House'. My House. I've trusted that feeling and belief until the changes that have been initiated recently.

The White House has stood as a symbol of our democracy and the 'Peoples House' since it's construction. It's logo with the House in a simple blue backgound projects the power and presence of our national being.

The addition of a ballroom that would dwarf The White House is horrifying to me. The symetry and balance of the architecture would be demolished. Adding something 90,000 sf to the landscape would dimish how and what The White House has stood for since 1800.

Additionally, the expense of adding a 90,000 sf building when the country needs to cut our debt is ridiculous! That is OUR money and I do not want my taxes to go to this project.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my thoughts on this 'renovation'.
Warmly,
Mary Warthen
Hot Springs, MT

Date: 2/15/2026 3:14:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sidney Pagter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of a balllroom being built at all. This demolition of the East Wing should never have happened in the first place. Restore the East Wing and use it for doing the work of governing, and dong work for the citizens of this country. We don’t need a party room for the wealthy and powerful. The idea is vulgar and inappropriate.

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Name: Paula Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If you insist that we follow the rules on immigration and other topics, the same should apply for all legislative requirements. It is not necessary to never update the White House but it is appropriate to follow the law which says designs should be reviewed before projects are begun. Saying the existing building won't be "touched" and then touching it with a bulldozer does not lend credibility to the project or to the

agencies involved.

You cannot fix what you have destroyed so, please, start by submitting plans now and, in the future, decide to follow the rules ahead of time and then do so. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:10:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Joned
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so disappointed and then angry when the demolition of the East Wing took place. It should have gone through the proper process and should not have happened the way it did. One person (in this case the current President) should not be able to just decide what to do like it was his own property. He also ruined the Rose garden. I hope the East wing is restored to its original beauty. The US does not need a 90,000 ft ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Mendel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for seeking public opinion. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt to its original form and intent, and if possible incorporate a rose garden in similar fashion and variety to the one that was recently paved. Any need for a ballroom could be constructed offsite in another location.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Lauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged and heartbroken about the bulldozing of the East Wing of the White House. I remember initially hearing the news and being in complete disbelief that it could be true, that anyone would have the audacity to do such a thing to the People's House, that is part of the heritage of all of us that call the USA home!

It is my fervent desire that it be reconstructed in an identical architectural style to the original and save for modernization to be in line with current energy efficiency standards, be as similar to the original structure as possible. The person responsible for its illegal destruction, Donald J. Trump, should be held fully liable for ALL costs associated with rebuilding the East Wing. It is outrageous the tax payers should he expected to cover the costs of his blatantly illegal actions in destruction of government property he didn't own.

I am also adamantly opposed to the construction of a gaudy, wholly unnecessary, vanity project ballroom

that will dwarf the White House and spits on the image of the USA our founders and Constitution envision for this democratic republic. It would make us look more like Russia or North Korea than a previously esteemed democracy.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:07:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Waydaka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm against it, something else should be done with this space, nobody needs to have what you want to be built, you dont even need it you just want it,
Why don't you let the people decide ? if you do I think you'll find that the majority of them feel the same as I do,
Something has to be done now that you demolished the east wing, something that represents America and the American spirit ,the ballroom that you want only represents rich people and bad taste.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:07:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Heineman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style. Update wiring and utilities and make the interior ADA compliant. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:07:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Engel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely disappointed in the current administration’s decision to demolish an American institution, the East Wing, without following any kind of protocol generally taken with a project of this type of nature. I would like to see multiple plans drawn up by an independent commission, taking into account the scale, the actual needs (we do not need a ballroom as big as a football field!) and the historical integrity of the White House as a whole. There should also be an entire team of professionals working on this, as opposed to the taste and ideology of a single person. The White House does not host a king, it temporarily hosts the leader of our country four years at a time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully request that no further permissions, approvals, or construction activity proceed on the East Wing reconstruction until the pending federal litigation is fully resolved.

The demolition of the East Wing — part of the historic White House complex — occurred amid serious allegations that required procedures under the National Historic Preservation Act and related federal review laws were not properly followed. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and other preservation advocates have filed a federal lawsuit asserting violations of mandatory preservation and public review processes.

Moving forward with additional approvals before judicial review is complete risks compounding any procedural violations and further eroding public confidence in government stewardship of historic property.

Beyond the procedural concerns, I am deeply troubled by the funding structure for the proposed rebuild. A major alteration to one of the nation's most symbolic public buildings, financed through private donations, raises serious concerns about conflicts of interest, influence, and the appearance of pay-to-play governance. Even if technically lawful, such an arrangement undermines public trust and creates the perception that access and influence can be exchanged for financial contributions tied to executive projects.

The White House belongs to the American public — not to any individual administration, donor, or private interest. Decisions affecting its historic fabric must be transparent, lawful, and above reproach.

Until the courts determine whether required procedures were violated, and until the public receives full transparency regarding funding sources and compliance with federal preservation law, no further permissions should be granted.

This is not a routine renovation. It is a matter of historic preservation, governmental ethics, and public trust.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:06:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Jessup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not opposed to the addition of a Ballroom to the White House--however, I am opposed to a Ballroom addition that is out of proportion and over-scaled to the White House itself. It should NOT be taller and larger than the White House. That is an architectural sin that would be difficult to impossible to correct in future years. This is a lesson from Architectural Design 101--the addition should not dwarf the original building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Gantz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate your time reading my comments.

There should be no confusion upon arrival to a large building as to where the main building and entrance is located.

It is normally the most grand section/focal point of the whole building complex. It was, and always has been obvious at the Whitehouse.

I feel current plans for the East Wing will diminish the existing Whitehouse, as the East Wing will be too tall in proportion to the main central building and confuse the focal point.

As I'm not an architect, I'm limited in technical terms, but by experience and comparison of buildings around the world, it appears to me plans should be altered.

The East Wing should either be no taller than the roofline of the main central building (with main entrance), or the main central building (with main entrance) should duplicate the columns design and carry it up higher to retain the grandeur of the main entrance.

Lastly, the people's Whitehouse of the United States of America is a home we all know, recognize and love. Times change, but we must be thoughtful and carefully preserve our precious beginnings.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:05:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Frullani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.
Please do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:05:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalua Leimkuhler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president nor anyone in his government has the authority to alter the White House nor any other

historical building without moving through the approval process of the HPO/HPRB. Period. The president is in violation and appropriate actions against him should be taken.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:04:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Winifred Hurd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the East Wing was torn down without the input or permission of citizens or our elected representatives. Sadly, this was already done. I register my objection to a ballroom designed according to the tastes of Donald Trump. Such an undertaking should be reviewed by Trustees of the American historical preservation (descriptive title only). I would like to see the East Wing either rebuilt as the original or a new design that is reviewed and elaborated by the Historical Trust and approved by Congress. One individual should not be allowed to change the National landscape so drastically nor to be allowed to replace Trustees that would be preserving and protecting historical landmarks.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:02:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: September Kish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been destroyed because it is We The People's house. I do not want an enormous and unneeded ballroom erected. At this time I would like to see any replacement building put on hold for a few years. When it is replaced it should not be any larger than the original East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:02:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Comegys-Wortz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs,
This project is way too large!
It dwarfs the White House building.
The size should be reduced by 1/3 or 1/2 of its volume.
Consider how many times it will be used in a year.
Generally, there is only 1 State dinner every 2 months.
Only occasionally have there been more.
We do not have "balls" at the White House.
Even during the last year, there has been only one State dinner.
This structure is grandiose!
PLEASE REDUCE IT'S SIZE!

Thank You,

Karen Comegys
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 3:02:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda (Lynn) Currier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom is inconsistent with the design and historic significance of this building. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt in the size and shape that it was before Trump allowed it to be destroyed.

Furthermore, Trump should be made financially liable for the cost of rebuilding and personally fined millions of dollars for not following preservation procedures.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eleanor Cournoyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It never should have been torn down to begin with, but here we are. Put it back the way it was, with modernization, we don't need a huge ballroom, no gold glitter, and restore the Kennedy rose garden, also bill Trump for everything, we should not have to pay for his stupidity.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:59:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Wooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing and the proposed ballroom addition to the White House,if allowed to proceed and remain, will serve as a permanent reminder of the worst president in the history of this nation. The ballroom's excessive footprint and presumptive presence will symbolize his bloated ego and aggressive disregard for the rule of law. It will last like the dirty footprints he has left on our Constitution and attach itself to our capital city like a foul smell.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheilla Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Should be size and look of the other one torn down but with modern infrastructure and security. No gold ornamentation. Make it look classy and dignified.
Have the balls someplace else in DC

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elsbeth Shepherd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it’s a great idea to have a ballroom to entertain foreign dignitaries, who are visiting the United States. We currently don’t have a place where we can do it in style. It’s time we did.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Deren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The National Capital Planning Commission should have complete control over any and all renovation projects having to do with the White House. What Trump has done to "The People's House" is appalling and disgraceful. The White House belongs to the people, not the president, and what he has done thusfar has been to turn it into a dining plaza. The American people did not want this, and we do not need a gaudy, glitzy ballroom which will only be enjoyed by the rich. It is a slap in the face to all Americans by a president who believes he can do whatever he wants because no one can stop him or tell him what to do. Besides that, his decorating taste is abhorrent. He'll want everything gilded in gold and with his name on everything. You must stop him. He has no right to destroy our national heritage. Whatever is done with the property, now that he has already started on it, should be to honor all of the hard working Americans who have built this country through sweat and toil, and not be another symbol of the rich who have taken advantage of the poor and working class people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Boccio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't have much hope that this comment will change anything, but I would be remiss if I did not add my voice to the dissent that covers our nation with regard to the East Wing "modernization" project. This is just one of the issues I feel strongly about. The biggest issue is that the East Wing was destroyed without going through the proper, legally-required steps to approve the project and make sure it remains a part of the peoples' house. While my personal opinion about the goal of this project is one of disgust and dismay, this comment is mainly focused on how the project moved forward brazenly without the proper approvals. I am opposed to this project in its entirety.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:58:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Odine Espinoza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is 'the people's houae" not trump's personal property. He has no right to demo east wing and bribe billionaires to pay for renovation and new ballroom. This property needs to be rebuilt to original structure and footprint. Also Rose Garden needs to be restored to original garden. All fake gold should also be removed from Whute House. ALL presidents portraits need t ok be displayed
This is not a casino; thus is a historic site. Trump get the f out. Open tours up again so citizens ca. Visit our house! He can go live in public housing somewhere else.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:57:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah-Hope Parmeter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to all of us. I am furious that Trump took it upon himself to have the East Wing demolished consulting neither historical preservationists nor Congress. The White House is a symbol of our history as a democratic nation. Whether or not the person occupying it is the candidate I would have chosen, the White house reflects our commitment to keeping our democracy whole administration after administration. No one administration should be allow to wreak such damage on it. We need restoration, not a new building that has been forced upon us by the whims of one man.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah A Spitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an appalling slap in the face of the American people that the President considers the White House HIS house, not just for his term in office but for all time. Destroying the east wing to replace it with a garish, self-serving ballroom is a gross outrage. This is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and THE PEOPLE do not only not want this monstrous disaster, we don't want OUR heritage replaced with HIS. I am utterly disgusted and unfortunately the damage has been done in terms of demolition but I believe that the building should

ABSOLUTELY NOT BE BUILT. Shame on those who aided this megalomaniac in his delusional quest for recognition. Let the damage that remains stand as his legacy. He is nothing but a destructive force not only to our buildings but to our democracy. Sick.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:55:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Aronovic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal is an abomination. Unnecessary grift and a ridiculous structure. Have a real architect design it, or have a competition.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:55:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The recent destruction of the East Wing should be considered criminal. Donald Trump illegally and immorally decided on his own to take down this important historical piece of The People's House. The White House and other significant buildings and monuments are not his to deface and destroy. He is but a temporary resident and we need to insure the official guardians as well as The People make sure protections are maintained for the future. If a decision is made to rebuild the East Wing, I think Trump should be fined and charged for costs.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:55:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Marion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The original foundation of the East Wing of the White House needs to be restored to the original foundation and all historical fixtures & furnishings be restored and place in original spaces. Updates on wiring and plumbing should be done. No Ballroom needs to be placed on the premises of the White House (The people’s house).

Date: 2/15/2026 2:55:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashlee Hershman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

We the people of the United States do not need a ballroom built at the White House. Everyday Americans can expect lavash billionaire parties costing taxpayers money if this nonsense is completed. A ballroom by taxpayer dollars that none of us peasants will ever see the inside of except from photos shared by the wealthy elite.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:54:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Swails-Climer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely NOT in favor of an ostentatious ballroom. I'm very upset that bulldozing occurred without following proper channels. This renovation should not dwarf the original main structure. The purpose of the project should be clear and architecturally homogeneous. What is needed that the original East Wing could not accommodate? Be thoughtful and restrained

Date: 2/15/2026 2:53:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethaney Dukellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house is a historical building. Designed to be a formal impressive structure. It already has a beautiful ballroom. Allowing a tacky modern ballroom to make one man happy will help cement the idea that we are a laughing stock for the rest of the world. Leave the white house the grand, classic, historical place it is.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:52:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Trusdell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the previous exterior dimensions and architectural style. Update all to current code and bring the interior up to ADA accessibility where possible. Follow past procedures for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house.

Do not allow outside interests to fund this restoration or to otherwise compromise its integrity.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:52:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ramona Chronis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand the need for upkeep and sometimes modernization of the White House. However, as an American citizen I am deeply disappointed with President Trump's complete disregard for procedures. It appears that he decided what he wanted, not what was best for the American people. He tore the East Wing down without going through the correct channels and destroyed a historic part of the White House. His vision of a grand ballroom overshadows the dignity and symmetry of the White House as it stood before demolition. While most Americans will never set foot in the White House, it is still a symbol of our democracy, a beacon for freedom, and hope for our future. Trump has desecrated it against the will of the people. In addition, collecting private funds for such a large project seems like a huge conflict of interest and will feed the appearance of "pay to play." Please require the rebuilding of the East Wing and a pause on adding a ballroom until congress and the American people have some say in its design, placement, and execution.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:52:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Petal Lavallee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At a time when our economy is flailing, when people can not afford health care, food or electricity we cannot afford a 300million dollar play pen for the President. The East Wing should never have been destroyed with out the owners, WE THE PEOPLE, permission. The people of the United States do not want or need this. We want the old wing replaced. We want it paid for by the person who destroyed it. The White House is not a dictators palace, it is the People's house. Please don't let him continue to destroy it.

Thank You
Petal D. Lavallee
Exeter, Rhode Island

Date: 2/15/2026 2:51:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Chausse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Ballroom etc. is too tall, too large and dwarfs the White House. Since the land is vacant a significantly smaller one would be OK. But the project should receive Congressional Approval and the National Capital

Planning Commission's Approval.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:51:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Cannady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These proposed plans for a ballroom represent a monstrosity. They are totally out of keeping with the Elegance of the White House. The size will overwhelm and change the landscape of the city. Is inappropriate to build such a facility of the size onto the White House and I very much object. We know that in the long run we as taxpayers will end up paying for this. It is the people's house and this is making a mockery of it. Not to mention the lack of compliance there has been with the requirements a building in DC and onto a historical structure. Please stop this from happening

Date: 2/15/2026 2:49:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Verboort
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people aren't interested in a showy ballroom at the capital. We want the east wing restored to historical
proportions exactly as it was. The decimation of the east wing was a criminal act and needs to be retracted and paid for by Trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:49:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea of constructing a huge ballroom in the "People's House" is abhorrent. The proposed plans are ridiculously outsized and will ruin the look of the White House. The very name "modernization of the East Wing" is misleading. It is simply another hugely expensive and ugly change desired by the current resident of the White House without the proper planning and approvals necessary for such a project. Make no mistake, if this project is permitted to continue, we, the people, will be paying for it. Please do NOT approve this terrible idea.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:49:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ficarra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house. Restore to original design. NO GOLD. Also restore the Rose Garden. Please rein in this horrible person!!

Linda Ficarra

Date: 2/15/2026 2:49:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Loucks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current president is a temporary resident.....should never have been his sole decision to knock down the east wing and try and build a ballroom that will dwarf the size of the White House (which probably will be the next to go). The ballroom should be to scale of the existing white house., but where do all the offices that were in the east wing go? The costs all need to be covered by his donors so that the tax payers don't end up footing the bill. This is a frivolous expenditure, how much is our deficit again?

Date: 2/15/2026 2:49:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Hagge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Submitted: The East Wing Modernization Project should reflect the original scale and design of the previous wing. The project should conform to current ADA standards, incorporate the latest technology and provisions to make it "future proof" so further expensive renovations won't be necessary. Since this is truly the "People's House", it should be open to the public, and be used for public events, not as a gilded set piece for the political Elite. The interior and exterior details and decorative aspects should harmonize with the rest of the White House, an understated elegance reflective of the long history and temporary nature of any single administration, not a monument to bloated excess and the personal taste of one occupant. Hide the gold spray paint.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:48:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Leighton-Burwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a member of the American Institute of Architects and an Architect Emeritus, I find the premature demolition of the East Wing of the White House (the "People's House) and the rush to construction without customary review and input to be a slap in the face to the citizens of the United States of America. With the President's background in real estate development, he knows full well that demolition cannot be undone and should have been delayed until proper review in razing an historic structure. His grandiose plans for a ballroom are disproportionate in both size and scale to the existing structure and should not proceed until fully vetted by the architectural experts in place to review and give input on important and highly visible projects by the Federal Government. I am appalled that construction (including demolition) on this monumental national treasure would proceed without appropriate vetting. I ask that all work (including design and any related construction) be immediately halted until all necessary and mandated reviews can be done and citizen input can be received and fully considered prior to any additional work. The rush to demolish this important structure was done as a political ploy to undermine the integrity of the review and input processes that have been honored for decades. I ask that you not be party to this sad injustice to the built environment and to uphold both protocol and respect for this important and historic national treasure. -- Don Leighton-Burwell, AIA :: Architect Emeritus

Date: 2/15/2026 2:47:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Kiermaier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing ballroom should NOT be built as proposed. It is too big. If a large ballroom is needed, it should be built at a different location that does not dwarf the existing White House. The East Wing should be restored to its historic size and function. The White House is the People's House and should be honored as such.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:47:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherrell Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just return to state as of 1/1/2023.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:46:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurance Erickson, Jr.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am confused. Why were public comments about this project not requested, as required by law, BEFORE the East Wing was razed to the ground? Did the president refuse to comply with this requirement? Does he know that he does not have the authority to erase a large section of the Peoples House from existence? The president is not the owner of the White House, he is a TEMPERARY guest, and with this desecration it

seems he has overstayed his welcome. Since he took it upon himself to have the East Wing demolished, he should be required to build it back up exactly as it was, with the funding coming entirely from his own resources. Taxpayers should not be held liable for his continuing misuses of presidential power. History is not going to be kind to this arrogant moron who defiled the People's House.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:45:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ADRIENNE ZANINI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I AM DISGUSTED BY THE CHANGES IN THE EAST WING.
WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO TREATS THIS HOUSE AS ONE OF HIS PERSONAL PROJECTS.
THE WHITE HOUSE IS WHERE THE PRESIDENT LIVES TEMPORARILY. THERE SHOULD BE IN PLACE PROTOCOLS CHANGING THE WHITE HOUSE.
IT IS BECOMING ANOTHER TRUMP FIASCO.
ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ANOTHER WRECKING BALL APPEARS IS PARAMOUNT.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:44:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Jadlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing is a wonderful project.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:44:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catelyn Justin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PETITION TO HALT THE “EAST WING MODERNIZATION AND STATE BALLROOM PROJECT”

TO: The National Capital Planning Commission, The Commission of Fine Arts, and the United States Congress.

DATE: February 15, 2026

PETITION SUMMARY:
I, the undersigned, formally petition for an immediate stay on the construction of the 90,000-square-foot “Gold Ballroom” at the White House. I request a full audit of the project’s funding sources, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and a return to the historic preservation standards that have protected the Executive Mansion since 1792.

STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION
The current project, characterized by the demolition of the 1942 East Wing, represents an unprecedented breach of executive stewardship. Our opposition is based on the following three pillars:

I. Erosion of Democratic Transparency (The “Pay-to-Play” Risk)
The administration’s reliance on approximately $400 million in private and corporate donations creates a profound ethical crisis. By bypassing the Congressional appropriations process, the project avoids the public oversight mandated by the Antideficiency Act. The use of private funds to alter a public federal landmark sets a dangerous precedent where executive influence may be exchanged for "naming rights" or access to the nation's most symbolic seat of power.

II. Violation of Federal Preservation and Planning Laws
The project has demonstrably bypassed the National Capital Planning Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Construction and demolition began months before plans were submitted to the NCPC or the CFA for required review. This unilateral action disregards the legal checks meant to ensure that federal development does not damage the cultural and historical integrity of the District of Columbia.

III. Irreparable Architectural Disfigurement
At 90,000 square feet, the expansion is nearly double the size of the original Executive Residence. Historians and architects agree that this "lavish" addition, featuring ornate Corinthian columns and bulletproof glass facades, "overshadows" the delicate Ionic architecture of the original James Hoban design. This is not a renovation; it is a transformation of a historic residence into a private-style event complex.

DEPARTURE FROM HISTORICAL PRECEDENT
The Stewardship Precedent: Historically, the President is the steward, not the owner. This project asserts a "landlord" authority to demolish and rebuild national heritage without legislative or public consent.

FORMAL REQUESTS
Immediate Cessation: Stop all construction until the U.S. District Court issues a final ruling on the current lawsuits.
Public Disclosure: Release a full, unredacted list of all corporate and individual donors to the "Trust" funding the project.
Scale Reduction: Require a redesign that reduces the footprint to a scale that does not overwhelm the North and South Porticos.

I appreciate you taking this matter seriously.

Sincerely,
Catelyn

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marti Marti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of this project that would affect the historical significance of the White House grounds. Specifically, I abhor this project because it does nothing to visually improve the beauty of the grounds. Further, it is an affront to the American people and the taxes that we pay. The purpose of this project is only to aggrandize the Trump presidency and the horrific policies of his administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Naunas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is grossly out of proportion to the size of the White House. Trump is trying to turn the White House into Mar-A-Lago north. It's all about his ego. And where is the money trail on this project?

Regards… Thomas Naunas

Date: 2/15/2026 2:43:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Thoren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that this lovely, historic structure was torn down. The proposed ballroom is grossly oversized and not needed. The East Wing was a visually elegant, perfectly balanced complement to the White House and West Wing and it should be rebuilt as it was. This should be paid for by the man who illegally ordered its destruction. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:43:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Fleming
Project Name: Washington Dulles International Airport Master Plan
Project Number: MP10

I would like the airport modernized and updated. I would also like for it to keep its current name. There is no need to rename it for anyone else.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:42:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lionel Delevingne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed "Trump Ballroom" addition.

As a professional photographer whose work depends on proportion, scale, and visual balance, I am particularly sensitive to the relationship between new construction and historic architecture. The proposal for a 1,000-guest ballroom appended to the East Wing raises serious concerns about visual dominance and

architectural harmony.

The White House is not simply a functional structure; it is a symbol of national identity. Its authority derives in part from restraint, proportion, and continuity of form. Any addition that materially alters its scale or overwhelms its established composition risks diminishing both its architectural integrity and its symbolic dignity.

If expanded event capacity is necessary, it would be prudent to evaluate the numerous existing venues within Washington, D.C. that are already capable of hosting large gatherings without modifying a site of such historic and civic significance.

Welcoming foreign dignitaries and hosting national events should reflect measured judgment and refined taste. In my view, the current proposal would benefit from substantial reconsideration and scaling to ensure that the historic structure remains visually and symbolically preeminent.

Respectfully submitted

Lionel Delevingne

Date: 2/15/2026 2:41:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Herring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The un-approved demolishing of the East Wing is an affront enough to the American People. Any rebuilding efforts should be done to modern code, and scale should be according to what's needed, 90,000 Sq ft is far too much, and would dwarf the actual government structure. Private companies should not be able to post their names on the structure - the structure should be of the People, not fleeting company branding.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:41:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style as per the original building. Only perform changes as needed to meet safety and building codes. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Personally, I do not see the need for a ballroom but if a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house and we, the American citizens have been treated with disrespect and physically violated. The perpetrators of the crime of damaging our historic property beyond repair need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Reparations need to be made but not with public funds.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:40:37 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Karolchyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a ballroom and the historic East Wing should not have been demolished. President Trump needs to be held accountable for the unauthorized demolition of the historic East Wing, it should be rebuilt in its entirety at his personal expense.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/15/2026 2:38:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the building updated to current code to include ADA specks. A ballroom is not needed at this location if needed at all. Certainly not one the size that is currently mentioned. Please put the rose garden back.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:38:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanci Severance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that this project is a vanity project for the President. He did not get the approvals that he needed to get before ripping down the beautiful East Wing. All of the history is gone and the ballroom is a travesty and

will dwarf the White House. It should go back with whatever repairs are needed to the at it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:37:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth La Marche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked and appalled to see the East Wing of The Peoples' House indiscriminately destroyed. No permits. No approvals. Nothing but an overinflated ego deciding to inflate even more. I want the East Wing restored. If any additions to the White House are needed they MUST adhere to the historicle design of this building.

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Name: JoAnne Yerkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is ridiculous, just like Trump's talk of an arch. Just because he plowed ahead and demolished the East Wing without the proper oversight, just because he says "it's too late to stop it now", just like most instances, he's wrong. This project must be halted!

Date: 2/15/2026 2:37:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born the same year Kennedy was assassinated, 1963. The East Wing was a symbol of beauty, peace and love to our nation from those who were tasked to be stewards of our Democracy. What was done to the East Wing by the current occupant of the People's House, WITHOUT PERMISSION OR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL is obscene and disrespectful. Please restore the East Wing to its former state, restore the Kennedy Rose Garden and do NOT allow a rogue domestic terrorist to scar our beautiful House again. He shows great disrespect to those who fought to protect our country and his "golden monstrosity ballroom" should be cancelled. Our country is failing, our people are dying and he thinks an obscene fake gold party space is going to solve it? Really, people. Get a clue, find a spine and tell this administration NO!!!!!! Please, our founding fathers are ashamed of us. Stop the obscenity and restore what was torn apart. The world is watching and America as we knew it is dying. Our children are watching, and they deserve so much better. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:37:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Ruff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please require Trump and his assistants/contractors etc. to restore the East Wing back to the way it was. It should never have been demolished in the first place, and he has no right to change the White House to his taste. It is the People's House, not his personal residence, except temporarily. A ballroom is not needed at the White House as there are plenty of places to hold large group activities in Washington D.C., and the ballroom he proposes will ruin the look of the White House. Thank you for allowing the people to express their opinions on this project. We definitely need oversight of this administration and particularly President Trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:36:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing me to submit a comment on the proposed White House East Wing project. I believe the current proposed project is way too large. The proposed East Wing will dominate over the historical White House and diminish its stature. The scale of the East Wing project should be much smaller than that of the main building (White House) visually. If more space is needed that space should be built underground so as to not overpower the sight lines of White House. In addition, the windows, exterior and interior finishing of visible areas should blend seamlessly with those of the White House. The White House is our most treasured historical site and great care and thought needs to be taken so that additions to the White House do not harm or reduce its visibility.
Thank you,
Anne Cahill

Date: 2/15/2026 2:35:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nom dePlume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A 90,000-square-foot ballroom at the White House. Read that again. Ninety. Fucking. Thousand. Square. Feet. While parts of this country can't keep the lights on during heat waves. While working families are drowning in rent. While disaster recovery funds are stretched thin. And somehow, the priority is constructing a gilded ego cathedral at the center of American government.

After the apparent illegal demolition of the East Wing, we are now supposed to calmly entertain the idea that this is "progress"? No. This is vandalism dressed up as vision. The White House is not a personal branding opportunity. It is not a gaudy casino floor waiting for a chandelier upgrade. It is a historic structure entrusted to temporary occupants, not a plaything for men who confuse power with ownership.

Let's drop the polite fiction. Donald Trump does not want a ballroom for governance. He wants spectacle.

He wants applause. He wants a room large enough to stage his own myth. And the billionaires lining up to "fund" this monstrosity are not patriots—they are investors. When oligarchs pour private money into altering the physical seat of executive power, that is not generosity. That is leverage. It is an invoice waiting to be paid in policy favors, regulatory rollbacks, contracts, or pardons. Anyone pretending otherwise is either naïve or complicit.

This proposal reeks of insecurity. Real leaders do not need palaces to validate themselves. Real public servants do not bulldoze historic structures to install vanity projects. This is what fragile men do when they are obsessed with legacy but allergic to restraint. It is architectural narcissism, oversized, overlit, and dripping with self-importance.

And the public is not quietly tutting about it. We are angry. We are disgusted. Because every square foot of that proposed ballroom screams excess at a time when the country needs seriousness. It screams corruption in an era demanding transparency. It screams "look at me" when what Americans want is "work for us."

We are told to ignore the decades-long, documented associations between Donald Trump and figures like Jeffrey Epstein. We are told not to ask questions. Not to demand full disclosure. Not to insist on sunlight where there has been smoke for years. And now we're supposed to applaud a chandeliered vanity project funded by oligarchs who expect access and influence in return?

The White House does not belong to a president. It belongs to the people. And watching it be reshaped into a monument to ego and oligarchy feels like watching someone tear pages out of a history book and replace them with a glossy brochure.

Reject this proposal. Not because aesthetics are subjective. Not because the price tag is large. Reject it because it is a symptom of rot, of a governing philosophy that prioritizes spectacle over service, loyalty over law, and self-glorification over stewardship.

We are not impressed. We are not amused. And we are absolutely not on board with turning the People's House into a goddamn palace.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:35:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ruiz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the hubris of this current President/Administration to demolish the East Wing of the White House in order to build a gaudy, ridiculous ballroom monument to his own ego!

To take the People's House and turn it into a monstrosity such as that is incredibly ridiculous. I can just imagine how obscene it will appear once it's done.

To have taken public comment regarding if this should have been done would have been the way to go, but then this President only cares that HIS ideas are the only ones that matter. He cares not for the rest of the people in this country and I am fearful that many of our historic areas will suffer for it.

Am fearing the day that statues of himself (similar to those of Saddam Hussein) will become commonplace in all our cities!

Date: 2/15/2026 2:34:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Quandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholly disapprove of the process used to go ahead with construction of the ballroom (East Wing Modernization). I have never seen a project like this undertaken with so little input from the people and our representatives (Congress). It matters not that the funding is private. This is a public building and NEVER should construction have started without a thorough review by Congress and the American people. I worked as a Project Manager for 35 years doing many public projects including working on State Capitals, public parks, etc. In every case the project was submitted to appropriate agencies, had public comments and public meetings and even votes PRIOR to any work ever started. This project should immediately be cancelled. The rulers (leaders) in the USA are not allowed to make decisions like this by themselves as Trump has. It is tremendously embarrassing and shaming that Trump has done this.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:34:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Mottler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.
I do not support the addition of a ballroom to the people's house.
Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 2:33:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Rosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ALSO object to the scale of this project. It dwarfs the historic White House and destroys the symmetry and balance so well represented by the Federalist architecture of the White House.

In addition to competing with the White House in overall mass, the two story design and grand entrance overwhelm the beautiful 1800 building. The designers should be asked to both scale back the dimension of the project overall and consider putting one of the floors underground.

I sympathize with the need for more entertainment space at the White House but consideration should be given to scale back the need to seat 1,000. There are, after all, a number of nearby venues in Washington, DC that accommodate large audiences.

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Date: 2/15/2026 2:33:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharlene Reynolds Santo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This structure was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and is subject to the Preservation Act of 1966. This act established by executive order advises the President and First Lady on preservation matters requiring experts in architecture, art history, historic preservation along with input from the National Park Service. The current occupant cannot unilaterally alter the historic or architectural features without proper review and approval. No work should have been started on this project until it received appropriate approval. In many communities if someone demolishes a structure without approval they can be required to put it back to its previous condition and/or have a moratorium on any building permits for a period of time.

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Name: Nancy Sturm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.

It is critical that the White House go through the legally required public review processes, including consultation and review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, and engage the Congressionally chartered National Trust for Historic Preservation and its partner groups, the National Park Service, and relevant review agencies in exploring design alternatives and modifications that would accomplish the objectives of the Administration while preserving the historic integrity and symbolism of the People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Engle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. No Kings.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:30:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thom Nickerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a huge waste of time and resources. It is vanity project at best. Spend this money elsewhere, like aggressively prosecuting all parties associated with Epstein, no matter how much money, influence of power they possess. Bringing pedophiles, rapists, and murderers to justice is a far better use of American tax dollars than building a gaudy if not ostentatious place to host exclusive parties for the very class of people who participated in Epstein's vile crimes.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:30:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Medford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Additions to the White House must respect the historic character and size of the original and remaining structure. The proposed 90,000 square feet addition is neither in the historic design or scale of the 55,000 foot Executive Residence. Plans must be amended to compliment the rest of the building.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:29:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Squires
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house not a palace It is neither a hotel nor a convention center. It was intentionally designed and built with modest dimensions. The Georgian style was symmetrical and stately in its simplicity.

No occupant should be allowed to make such a significant change based on their personal preference and taste even if they state that private funds will be used.

The East wing should be rebuilt using the style, shape and placement as the original.

The cost of this and a significant monetary penalty should be paid by the current inhabitant who with callous disregard for historic preservation chose to demolish such a significant structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:29:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, it was a shame that the current occupant of the White House tore down the entire East Wing without any regard for any rules or regulations regarding "The People's House". I am happy to see that someone has stepped up to rein in the proposed huge ballroom plans of the wannabe King.
The East Wing should be built into the previous footprint of the grounds, with all of the modern upgrades. If there is a majority consensus that believes there NEEDS to be a ballroom within that space, then so be it. The footprint of the East Wing must not be larger than the actual White House itself. No tacky gold leaf anywhere!
Restore the Rose Garden to its original state instead of the obnoxious concrete slabs that are now there. What has been done in the past year to the building and grounds is an absolute atrocity.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:28:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Ropke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return our White House to its former glory. He’s destroyed the east wing and talks of expanding the west wing as well. He’s destroying everything. The Kennedy center as well. His name should be removed from all public government building or not be allowed.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:27:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Kelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be returned to its original design and the Rose Garden should be restored. No one asked the American people what we wanted, and it is OUR HOUSE. The president is only temporarily living there. If this imposter of a president wants to renovate anything, let him destroy Mar A Lago. Of course that would be sad too, since it was beautiful once too and has a history.

Make him pay for the destruction also.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:26:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodie Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should blend in and look like a natural expansion. This house does not belong to Trump and the changes he makes shouldn't permanently bear his trademark Gaudiness.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:25:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Christin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President is a temporary resident of all of these historic buildings that are owned and maintained by the taxpayers. I do not object to making necessary upgrades and updates, however structural changes, such as tearing down an entire wing and making potentially damaging alterations to the buildings without getting advance approval, including historic review, is treating it like it's a private property. I almost never make public comments but I find this deeply offensive. The danger goes beyond someone's bad taste! Every resident after this one, may decide to make similar structural changes to the architecture of this (and other buildings they do not own) with abandon and ultimately damage the architectural integrity of the structure. A precedent of NO needs to be set. Do not give approval!

Date: 2/15/2026 2:25:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Povich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is from your recent website soliciting comments:
"Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible."

So where were you all BEFORE the irreversible destruction? That said, you should sue to immediately stop this project and order the East Wing to be restored to its previous historic state. What was done and what is planned are both abominations that flout the historic, public nature of the building. The White House belongs to the people, not the current occupant, past occupants, or future occupants. I understand if the current occupant wants more space to host state dinners. The large tent on the lawn, which has served that purpose, may not be the best solution, though it has held up nicely through several administrations. Rather than closing the barn door after the horses are gone, perhaps you should think about how to restore the barn and reinstate the horses.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:24:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing as an American citizen from Colorado who is appalled by the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House. This is The People's House, not trump's house to deface and destroy its historical significance. Before the first bulldozer set foot on the grounds, the public as well as the National Capital Planning Commission, The National Park Service, and Congress should have been given the opportunity through NEPA for analysis, comment, review, approval and permitting to assure any renovation (not demolition) fits with the historical framework of the entire building, not to mention requiring a transparent discussion of whether it's even needed. The fact that trump decided he could get forgiveness rather than permission does not support the contention that, now that there's a big hole in the ground, they have to fill it with a 90,000 sq ft gaudy ballroom for "public safety". There should be a cease and desist order placed immediately on any further work, other than keeping the public safe.

I oppose such a ballroom on several grounds, but the most important one is that it is not needed. And claiming that it is being paid for by wealthy corporate donors and not the taxpayers instills a sense of pay to play that has been trump's corrupt MO his entire second term.
If it is decided by the proper experts and decision-makers that a ballroom is appropriate, for aesthetic reasons I propose it be kept within these guidelines:
1. That it match the same size and footprint as the West Wing
2. That it match the architectural style (Georgian/Colonial?)
3. That private donations, if accepted, do not have any influence on ANY aspect of the East Wing's rebuilding
4. That the offices of the First Lady and staff be rebuild, posthaste
5. That no mention or credit be given to Donald Trump for his demolition, ideas, plans, or reconstruction of the East Wing.
6. That any placards, website descriptions, White House guide narrations, etc., explicitly reference the illegal demolition of the East Wing, and that Mr. Trump was not justified in doing so simply because he was the President.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe what was done to the White House should be reversed. It is the people's house and the president has no right to ruin it.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:20:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Treasure.
Any destruction or renovations should only be authorized by a group representing Americans.
Since we cannot stop the destruction, we should control the restoration.
The asthenic taste of the president is terrible and needs to be tempered.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:19:49 PM
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Name: Frank Leone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am glad they got rid of the ridiculous pediment, but it is still too large and is incompatible with the existing White House. There are also serious questions about the legality of the funding of this excessive project. You should start over. Thanks.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:19:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Bienhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This chance to comment after the illegal demolition of the former East Wing is clearly intended to salve the collective rage of Americans who didn't ask for, or expect, a blatant destruction of an historical structure.

Further, allowing the criminal in the Oval Office to "break first, ask permission later" continues a long string of illegal takings of public lands and properties and is yet another example of lawless and unconstitutional action. It's the next act in a series of blatant violations of the emoluments clause of the Constitution - accepting private (billionaire donors') cash (bribes?) to build a personal ode (odor?) to the orange-faced wannabe king.

The fact that you're accepting comments is clearly pro forma - his wannabe Majesty has already stacked the Commission and other bodies meant to provide professional review of His plans to decorate the Nation's capital with tasteless structures to make us remember this sad time in our Nation's history.

Please try to correct this lawless destruction and its subsequent stain on the White House.

Good luck.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Rafferty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to immediately be rebuilt and restored exactly as it was prior to this presidential administration, along with Mrs. Kennedy's historic rose garden. This reconstruction project should be completed entirely at the personal expense of the President who ordered it's demolition. The entire White House compound belongs to the citizens of this country, and the shocking razing of the East Wing, without input from the public or historic preservationists, is an affront to us all. There should be severe penalties, fines, and repercussions for wanton and reckless destruction of America's treasured spaces. This entire affair is beyond outrageous, and I am horrified that Donald Trump was allowed to do it.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:18:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bea Hoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tentative plan for a huge ballroom to be added to the White House, replacing what had been known as the East Wing before being demolished by Donald Trump (without review or permits), would be a grave mistake. The White House needs to be restored to look the way it did before the demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Buckley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

56 percent of Americans said they oppose the project, with just 28 percent expressing support for it, per the The Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll. I am one of the 56%. However, the wrecking ball has destroyed the east wing and the restoration must happen.

I request that the project be a restoration, not an expansion. We do not need 1000 seats, nor grotesque opulence, in the People's House. The footprint should remain the same and the overall size cannot be larger than the main residence. The design needs to be consistent and compatible with the standing White House.

Finally, I am appalled and disgusted that any part of the White House is for sale to the highest donor. What is anyone doing to curb the bribery and influence that is being encouraged?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Edelstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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In addition to competing with the White House in overall mass, the two story design and grand entrance overwhelm the beautiful 1800 building. The designers should be asked to both scale back the dimension of the project overall and consider putting one of the floors underground.

I sympathize with the need for more entertainment space at the White House but consideration should be given to scale back the need to seat 1,000. There are, after all, a number of nearby venues in Washington, DC that accommodate large audiences

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Name: Dan Fennelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS NONSENSE

Date: 2/15/2026 2:15:11 PM
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Name: Dan Fennelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is just something that a petty, weak, egotistical "man" want so he can put his name on it.
Rebuild the East Wing so it can be used correctly and not just a room to solicit money from rich donors.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Ferris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The White House used to be known as the people's house. The proposed ballroom would make it look like the Palace of Versailles instead of the house of the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:14:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) reviews major federal construction and alterations in the Washington D.C. region, including changes to properties such as the White House. The Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) reviews design and aesthetics for federal properties in D.C., including the grounds of the White House. The Committee for the Preservation of the White House (CPWH) oversees historic-preservation and interior design matters inside the residence and state rooms. Demolition was completed prior to full formal review, which shows a disregard for the process and the people of our country.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:13:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Morningstar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seeing the absolute destruction of our White House while not getting prior approval is showing how this country is being treated. Theirs is no more following the law regarding this. He is decimating our country and the White House and making it into a horrible spectacle. We are the laughing stock of the world. This needs to be restored. We've already lost our rose garden. Please do not allow him to make the White House look like a trashy casino. Please keep decorum and history alive. We need to stand up against all forms of them destroying our country. This is a big one.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen First
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing is a tragedy, but as it is already done, any new structure should be tastefully designed and constructed, including keeping in compatible scale and design of the original structure. The East Wing should have a timeless look, as as well as have a reasonable budget. This is important since it belongs to the people of the America, and should reflect THEIR values, and not the

current Administration's desires.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:13:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Mandeville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is a vanity project for a conman, the president. I am so against this ballroom being built! The East Wing should never have been torn down. How did this happen? And now we have to watch as rich people build a gilded space for themselves. Reeks of pedophile ring.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Crout
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to its original condition. While a large venue may be needed to host events, they don't need to happen on White House grounds in a monstrous ugly building that overshadows the People's House. Surely, events can be held at the Kennedy Center or other location. And, we don't need a huge Arch de Trump anywhere either.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:13:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Killpack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House is an important historical landmark. I am disturbed by the disregard for public comment prior to the unprecedented destruction of the East Wing. Stop this construction without concent of the people it represents.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:13:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mar Phelan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to its former elegance. NO BALLROOM! This is the people’s house, not trumps. He should not be allowed to do one more thing to it. He has ruined a once beautiful addition into

garbage.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:12:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lou Sweenie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As has been stated in other comments:

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A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.
The rose garden should be restored. No gold should be used! Maintain the true history of the east wing.

Since the wing was destroyed illegally, it should be paid for by Trump. The people need tax dollars for healthcare, food, and research.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:11:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Bullough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the size of the project as it will overwhelm the grace and beauty of the White House. Ideally, the president could have shown restraint over impulsivity to raze the East Wing given the reality that the White House is owned by any president. Previous presidents have had the judgment to consider the implications of any renovation and to follow the official protocols.

There does not appear to be any legitimate argument for an oversized ballroom and underlying bunker other than to satisfy the presidents need for continued validation.

I would ask that the scale of the project be substantially reduced to blend in with the majestic setting rather than overwhelm it and overshadow the actual purpose of the White House as a residence and working place for whatever president is in power.

John Bullough

Date: 2/15/2026 2:11:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Chrisler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to donald trump's plan to build a massive ballroom addition to the White House. This project was conceived in a fit of ego and I believe tearing down the existing structure was illegal. While it might be nice to have a really big ballroom, the East Wing should not eclipse the rest of the building. A smaller ballroom, along with replacements for offices and other space that the East Wing has held historically may be achieved without overshadowing the rest of the compound. It's bad enough that there is gilt nonsense all over the interior and that the Rose Garden was demolished and paved over, all without public input or consultation with the proper agencies. Do not allow a monstrosity to be annexed to a building of such distinguished history.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kayl Soukup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is very important that the addition replacing the historic East Wing not proportionally dominant over the White House. It needs to be architecturally and aesthetically cohesive with the original building. It should not be gold plated. It is the people's house and the majority of the American people disapprove of this President and wish not to be reminded of him for decades to come. The project should be Congressionally approved and there needs to be funding transparency.

I am also concerned over renovation of the JFK Memorial Center for the Arts. That is not in need of a gutting overhaul. Any development plans must ensure the facility can serve all Fine Arts the way the current layout does. I fear it will be turned into a singular arena, suitable for no more than rallies and fighting matches.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:10:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gale Wheeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs
IThe idea of grand glittering gold monument to a lying, cheating,self indulgent
,most anti American president ever makes my blood boil. Number one: he violated the law my destroying the East Wing. Number two: he should remember he is a renter and his lease will be up in hopefully less than 3 years Number three : this is America's House not his. If he wants to live in gold go home!

Rebuild the East Wing use the money (that he no longer has) towards repairing the damage he has done to public programs

And make damn sure he has NO decision in the Kennedy Center renovations. No arch of trump. Send his ass out in shame

And you can use my name!

Date: 2/15/2026 2:10:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Roeser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi, I am writing to say , I am appalled that the East Wing was destroyed without proper investigation and permission! I do not want a ballroom sponsored by wealthy people and companies! The White House belongs to the people, not the president. In future the people may decide to construct a new wing that could include a ballroom, but we, as citizens decide that.
Thank you,
Laura M Roeser

Date: 2/15/2026 2:10:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Kiernan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing about what is currently proposed for the East Wing Modernization project fits with the original historical look or context of the White House, the People's House. While more event space may be needed so a tent doesn't need to be erected on the lawn, demolishing the original wing and putting a space larger than the Executive Residence is unnecessary, especially with it being the People's house, and a majority of the population won't ever see it. Recreating the original East Wing with modern upgrades, along with the restoration of the iconic Rose Garden, is incredibly important. So much damage has been done and history has been lost, but it's not too late to restore it to how it should be.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:10:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Corinne Tinsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should have never been torn down but that is a moot point now. Regarding the ballroom, the size in relation to the White House itself is too large and will dwarf the original structure. Plus it is too ornate and not in keeping with the original design. What concerns me is how this is being paid for & we need complete transparency. nothing should be done with taxpayer monies

Date: 2/15/2026 2:09:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Hebert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The word "modernization" is doing a lot of work to cover the truth here. We all know that the historic wing has already been torn down and we all know that what is planned will not be a thoughtful, respectful improvement or in any way "for the people." Specifically:
At a time when Americans are struggling, when over one third cannot cover a $400 emergency expense and over 40% no longer believe in the American dream, the conversion of the people's house into a bloated, gaudy ballroom for the rich is beyond an insult. The fact that public comment is occurring well after the haphazard destruction of the East Wing only emphasizes the complete disrespect the administration shows for public heritage and public opinion.
Even more concerning are the funding sources for this project. Given the blatant pay-to-play corruption that this administration has encouraged – from donations in exchange for pardons, and foreign cryptocurrency investment in exchange for proprietary technologies – how can anyone trust that donations to this project will not further compromise the integrity of our government? How much more will the administration and its inner circle profit off the people's resources and heritage? And what, if anything, is this going to do to help everyday Americans?
This process has been rushed, with little to no transparency, showing no respect for the White House as a shared legacy for the country. This is a pure vanity project designed to further enrich the wealthiest administration in history, at the expense of working Americans. I can think of no better symbol of the shameless, extractive excesses of this administration than taking a place of work, a place of history, a place of struggle, and turning it into a gilded bubble for the Epstein class.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:08:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a desecration of a National Monument. The addition of this dumb ballroom is an architectural tragedy. Do not allow this to go forward.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:08:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kreider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing with deep concern for the destruction of the East Wing in order to build a 90,000 square foot ballroom. When previous administrations have made changes to the White House, I believe they followed the process set forth by agencies and, ultimately, obtained Congressional approval. In this case, there has been no respect for that process. Collaboration with the National Capital Planning Commission and National Trust for Historical Preservation is necessary before suggested renovations take place. It is my hope that the lawsuits underway will yield positive results and some semblance of a more tasteful solution reached.
Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern,

Susan Kreider
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 2:07:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing never should have been torn down. A new East Wing should be built with the same size and facades as the previous one. This project will over power the existing building. Perhaps a new construction could include a ballroom that can expand to seat 400 people.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:07:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Lautenbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the addition of a party room to the White House. The building has always been a simple structure, built to provide a home for our temporary leaders as they fulfill their service to America.

Each personalizes the space, of course, for their family's preferences and needs. I am not opposed to updating government facilities for 21st-century needs.

However, this planned addition not only destroyed history, it also destroys the simplicity of the house. A large space designated primarily for eating and entertainment belies the outsized ego and priorities of the current occupant of the house. They reflect his preferences and needs for the grandiose.

The East Wing demolition was not a decision made with our representatives, and the party room addition has not been vetted or discussed with Congress.

The decision to destroy and then declare that a monstrous dance floor facility is what we need does not resonate with me. I doubt it does with many. And most, I'm sure, prefer the house and any necessary future renovations will reflect the American ideals of humility and sacrifice, not the counter values of showiness and shameless self-promotion.

That's not who We the People are.

The White House and adjoining wings should reflect the people's preferences and needs.

It's The People's House, after all.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:06:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Kommersmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that what Trump is doing to the White House is a travesty for and to the American people and history. He should NOT be allowed to build the ridiculous ballroom. He has already done so much damage to the White House. He needs to be brought under control by someone! Please count my "vote" for a NO in the completion of the ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Sachs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic East Wing to construct a new ballroom flies in the face of appropriate process to make changes in our governmental structures. The White House is owned by the people, who were never consulted about a prospective "ballroom." There was no formal review process or advance notice to the crushing of a monument that meant a great deal to many. This new, thoughtless project, driven by private funding, poses many risks to the very concept of historical preservation and would destroy the architectural balance that existed. It would create an excessive addition to the White House complex.

I trust that no further action will be taken to erect a replacement for the East Wing until the American people have spoken.
Thank you for your time and consideration,

Judith Sachs
Philadelphia PA

Date: 2/15/2026 2:05:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Tomlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building should be restored to a similar architecture to what it was before it was destroyed. Update it to be ADA accessible. Please restore a Rose Garden or such. The White House does NOT need a blaaroom. Other rooms are, and always have been, large enough for the events that need to be conducted at the White House. Above all, please ensure that its decor is in line with history and the reverence that the White House deserves. NO GOLD FIILAGREE!

Date: 2/15/2026 2:05:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loretta LaCentra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original beauty. The White House does not need an extravagant, unnecessary ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:04:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chuck Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Reduce the size of this monstrosity to keep it at scale with the rest of the White House.

Do some research to determine the optimal size based upon data and not ego. Over the last 10 years, what has been the maximum attendance for state dinners held (in tents) at the White House? Anecdotally, how much more seating has been desired? Add maybe 10% and then set that figure as the maximum for the design.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:04:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victor Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project". This is an ego driven attempt to mark DJT toilet. It is a disgrace that he has proceeded with this project without proper input and in violation of Federal Law. No one is above the law, not congress, not the Supreme Court, and not the President. No matter how much you agree or disagree with Trump's policies, his violations of Federal laws must be stopped. The construction must be stopped immediately and the White House returned to its historical configuration. And Trump should personally pay for it out of the corrupt money he has taken from foreign sources.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:03:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne McKeithen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed addition to the White House must go through all proper legal procedures. As now outlined, that is not happening. THe White House belongs to all Americans, not to the current (or past, or future) occupant. It is not up to him to make these changes.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:02:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ana Tejblum Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I gather this is about the ballroom. First of all, I am angry that the old East Wing was demolished, and, while the damage is done, I would rather it be rebuilt than we should add a garish and unnecessary ballroom.

This message is about a vote against the ballroom. If one has to be built, I think it should be far far smaller than what is projected, and the design of it should be subject to request for design proposals, with a final decision made by a committee not appointed by the President.

The versions of the design I have seen are totally not in keeping with the ethos of the White House, the original intent of the nation's founders, and good taste - the good taste of any century. The proportions are off and the design relies on too much gilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:01:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Into
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The East Wing modernization should be in the same style as the White House, it should be in scale so as not to minimize the visual impact of the White House. I do not believe a huge ballroom is necessary. I also want the interior to be similar to the rest of the interiors (as they existed previous to January 2025). Lots of gilding and garish decor, I believe, is distasteful and would not express the dignity and strength of the United States of America.

Sincerely,
Lisa Into

Date: 2/15/2026 2:01:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Flores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should never have been torn down and Trump should be made to restore it as it was, at his own expense, NOT taxpayer's expense.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:00:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cath Bolkcom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for soliciting comments from the public. The razing of the historic East Wing of the White House without regard to the will of the people or the loss of history involved, with no oversight by historical preservation experts was devastating. Our shared history matters. I oppose the plans for the huge ballroom the president has proposed. It is completely out of keeping and scale with the rest of the White House complex. The changes already made to the White Hosie by this administration have destroyed and eroded so many characteristics of the White House that gied as as a country to our past. Please do not allow these plans to go forward.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:00:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Lovell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely NO to the ballroom!! Rebuild the East Wing like it was!!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:59:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Lacy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a total travesty! The East Wing should have never been destroyed. I think that plans for this huge ballroom---that no one wants or needs--should be scaled back and a large portion of the space be used for something else.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:58:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Schinasi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don’t do it because it is illegal.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:58:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should have a ballroom or large public space for gatherings. However it should match or closely match the original style of the building. Because it is considered “the people’s home” it needs to reflect all the people with a restrained elegance.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that we have bigger issues to deal with. This money can be spent to deal with a multitude of problems in cities across America.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Sanderfoot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So the name of this project is truly misleading, we are not modernizing this East Wing it has already been destroyed. This would be a replacement project if allowed to continue as planned it would destroy the history of the White House even more than has already been done. Would sellout our president even more through the “donations” for a ballroom. If we are truly proud of our heritage we would dour best to restore the East Wing so the outside looks exactly as it did before it was ripped down without the appropriate permits and approval. We do not need a ballroom, we need fiscal responsibility, we need a reckoning with the fact that a bunch of sex offenders want to have a giant party room attached to our capital.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LISSA MCELROY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

A ballroom almost twice the size of the White House is not only totally out of proportion and destroys the elegance of People's House but also is totally unnecessary. The West Wing should be restored to what it was before the wrecking balls destroyed it. Since when does a temporary tenant decide to demolish the property they are occupying and build some kind of monument to himself. That building belongs to "We the People".

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexis Shanes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom proposal is an atrocious affront to our democracy and the People's House. It is entirely unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer funds. Return the East Wing to its original size and design.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Auradou
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am really unhappy with this ridiculous ballroom being built by our beautiful White House. When people in this country can’t afford food or healthcare we should not be building anything. I do not want any special interest money or Trump friends being involved with the building of anything in our government. If you let him build this monstrosity it should match the White house and the grounds including size and scale! Thank you, Kelly Auradou

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Wallon Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolishing of the historic East Wing of the White House was done with no consideration for the historical significance or the cost to taxpayers. Construction of a massive, expensive ballroom that will dwarf the existing White House and is not in keeping with the wishes of the majority of U.S. citizens and should not be permitted.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It would have been nice to have been asked for comment before the East Wing was demolished, but I certainly do appreciate this opportunity. The White House is the people's house, and the people's house does not need a ballroom that serves the whims of the elite. This is a terrible waste of taxpayer's money. However, since the destruction has already occurred, it seems like there isn't much choice other than to spend tax money to replace the former structure. There is no need for an ostentatious ballroom. The replacement structure should be modest, and consideration should be given to using the people's resources more judiciously going forward.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:57:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Eisenrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Exterior dimensions and architectural style should be restored according to the original buildings and grounds, including the Rose Garden. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If that is not agreeable, wait for another administration to do it properly.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:56:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah T Latham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposal runs counter to ALL guidelines published for the new designs for significant historic resources - these guidelines have been adopted & applied for more than 50 years by states and the federal

government.
New building should be “subservient” to the historic property (I.e new wing should be smaller than White. house, set back and discernible as a new addition).
New additions should be designed in a manner readily dissimilar from the resource. This design in like material and “Classical” details might be confusing to uneducated eyes. (In addition to overwhelming scale, this proposal does not step back from the White House, but protrudes on the site.
The demolition of the East Wing was done illegally and without public review. This act of vandalism should negate any “legitimate” review undertaken by your Commission.
State and local governments abide by these Standards. National Park Service publishes these guides to respect historic structures. Your members should not only READ but Adopt the criteria published in these Preservation Briefs.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:56:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth McCane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I liked the East Wing the way it was, but no one asked my opinion before it was destroyed. Put it back.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:56:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This whole project should NEVER have been begun in the first place. The wing should be rebuilt as it was and without POTUS’s input. If a ballroom is framed necessary have it fit in the original footprint.

Please make sure it is NOT clad in fake gold and marble. Please retain a real interior designer with some class for the decoration and furnishings.

I would also ask that the over sized flagpole be removed as well as all the gaudy gold added to the Oval Office. It’s crass and disgusting. POTUS is turning the WH into a mausoleum.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:55:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Boulden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We must not allow the construction of a 95,000 square foot ballroom on the grounds of the White House. We do not need this ballroom. There are other under utilized facilities close by. More importantly, this construction will completely overwhelm the White House. This is the People’s House, not the

administration's.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:54:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Batkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, placement, and architectural style to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. Make the interior and exterior ADA accessible as much as possible. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. The interior design should be restrained and understated in style with a lack of gold filigree. It is not Versailles, it shouldn't look like it. The rose garden should be replanted. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:53:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Buchardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be restored to original dimensions, orientation to the White House and with comparable to the original materials. The architect should consult historical documents and blueprints to insure that the building while being energy efficient and secure, should maintain the historical feel of the destroyed East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:53:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Honegger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to emphasize that it is extremely important to ensure that any additions should be to size and scale to the original structure of the White House. The current proposal will dwarf the original structure and is not acceptable. Please ensure that the plans going forward are appropriate to maintaining the historical integrity of the People's house.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Rhonda Honegger
U.S. Navy Veteran

Date: 2/15/2026 1:53:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom addition is grotesque and was done illegally. Mitigation should occur. The White House and Trump personally should be fined for ignoring historic preservation procedure and those funds should go towards historic preservation in DC.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:52:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert McKennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is very disturbing and lacks any sense of decency and protocol. If modernization and expansion are necessary, I would prefer it be left to historical experts and architects. Given the inappropriate destruction of the East wing at this time, a design and subsequent development is an absolute necessity. This design should not exceed the footprint of the executive mansion and should balance the West Wing. One might consider relocating West Wing operations to the newly developed East Wing, a design that would place the White House's operational readiness at the forefront in this technological age. One could renovate the West Wing to serve ceremonial purposes.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:51:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laure Chipman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:51:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just submitted!

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Further, and tax money of American citizens, which bankrolled the “renovations” and destruction of the East Wing without our consent, should be returned to the People, by the Trump Administration. Any further construction should be funded by Donald J. Trump, NOT the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:50:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of the East Wing modernization should not overshadow the White House residence. The new project must be restrained in its scale so that it maintains a smaller scale than the residence.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:50:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Vaughan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The East Wing should have never been demolished by the current administration. They did this illegally and without oversight. It is a destruction of historic and public property for a vanity project. It was not needed and if changes were needed or wanted they should go through proper channels and oversight. I do not want this ballroom that has been proposed and no tax dollars should be spent towards it and all “donated” fund appear to be corruption where corporations and individuals are buying favor with the President. We the people are not blind to the corruption, fraud, waste, and abuse of power that is happening in our government and this is one of those instances. Any funds spent should be used to return the White House property to its prior state in the best way it can be, including restoring the rose garden and removal of all gaudy items added throughout the White House by this administration. This is the Prople’s House NOT the President’s and he should not be making changes that detract and destroy from the historic nature of this property!

Thank you!
Robyn Vaughan

Date: 2/15/2026 1:50:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Rowley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President, no matter who it is, does not own the White House. It is not his/hers to tear down.
This president that we have now is intent on rebuilding the whole DC into his style. And also I'm sure put a few dollars in his own pocket.
Someone has to stop this person from destroying our nation's Capital.
He's trying to build "monuments" to himself but also copy what other countries have. What he doesnt understand is that OUR buildings are just as iconic as what is seen in other countries.
Please stop him.
And wipe his name off of the Kennedy Center!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:48:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Chy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Donald Trump is 100% over stepping his bounds as president. He has absolutely no right to do any alterations to the White House that is visible to the public without approval from the historic preservation committee.
This man needs to rebuild the east wing with his own money, not taxpayer money. He bypassed the regulations for work done to the White House without going through the approval channels.
If he goes through the approval process AND it is approved it needs to be proportional to the White House itself. There is no need for a ballroom that exceeds the size of the mansion itself. Restrictions should also be set on the decorations used. Keep it within the classical appearance and style of the house.
This is not a personal project that should reflect only what he wants.
Currently the absolutely horrible look of the oval office should not be allowed to be continued in the other spaces. He is not King Medias, we don't need gaudy gold everywhere!!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:48:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Smigo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen I do not consent to the destruction Of the east wing. I do not consent to the destruction of the garden that was outside. The house of the people will not be a house for golden ballrooms we can't afford tickets to attend. Those responsible for the illegal destruction of this east wing should be punished and held accountable. The corruption of those creating the new structure should be prosecuted. The people's house is not for sale. The current administration and occupants should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for their crimes.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:48:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa bartosh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been torn down without a public plan. The way this Republican administration is trying to push this through with private donations and little oversight can lead to abuses and contributions tied to individuals. This should be funded by the taxpayers after extensive public review and approval by Congress

Thank you for your consideration
Lisa Bartosh

Date: 2/15/2026 1:48:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Looking at the complete destruction of the original East Wing makes me completely devastated. The loss of the historical significance is immeasurable.

Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built. Take the Trump Administration to court and demand stoppage of this addition immediately. Restore the East Wing and demolish the pavement over the Rose Garden. The White House is notva Supper Club. It belongs to the people of the USA and our funds have kept it operating long before Trump became President. DO NOT LET THIS GO!

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Date: 2/15/2026 1:47:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carolyn francis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So angry that Donald Trump is treating the White House as if it is his house. How can this be and why are we allowing him to do this to the people's house??

Date: 2/15/2026 1:45:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Bennington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States and not to those who occupy it temporarily
Much like a renter, the family who occupies the house can decorate to suit their personal taste, but they cannot start ripping down walls and building whatever they want.
As a member of the Historic Preservation Society I firmly believe in their mission to save our combined history
When the East Wing is rebuild, it should have the same footprint that it once had If any historical things were salvaged from the tear down the items should be incorporated into the new structure

Date: 2/15/2026 1:45:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Remick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my very great concern about the plans to add an extremely large ballroom to the East Wing of the White House. I have always considered the White House to be one of America's greatest historic buildings as a symbol of being "The People's House," as well as the presidential residence and center of presidential power. It is part of our national history. I am all for modernization when needed, but there is absolutely no need for a ballroom of this scale. The planned structure will be hugely out of proportion with the rest of the building, which has served our nation--and presidential duties--well for 234 years. I am also greatly concerned about the plan to fund this monstrosity as it will turn it from being The People's House to a ballroom of donors. Please do not approve a monster ballroom.
Thank you,
Pat Remick
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 1:45:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Fixler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is much too large and will overshadow the stately grandeur of the White House. Any additions or modifications to the "People's House" must respect the scale of the present structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:44:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Childers Messmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does Not belong to a President. They have no right to destroy “renovate” The White House. Please stop the latest destruction of an American historic treasure! Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:44:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Jorczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of any addition to the White House that would overwhelm or visually dominate the existing structure and urge the commission to do the same. The White House has faithfully served the needs of both the President and the American people for generations. It is a symbol of our nation’s history, continuity, and democratic values, and its scale and character should be preserved. The American people deserve a steadfast commitment to protecting the historic integrity of the People’s House.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:43:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lance Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it was before. Make necessary updates to electrical and plumbing to conform to code. No increase in size.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:43:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Grieb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow that hideous ballroom to be built. Remove all of that cheap gaudy gold filigree crap. Sue him or his estate for damages. Please restore the White House and grounds to close to what it was. Remove any sign of him when he goes.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:43:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christeen Mix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this project should follow the laws/ protocol/ processes in place through Congress and the Historical Regulatory guidelines/ processes. Approval of all submissions, plans etc. should follow these rules/ laws in place as always.
Thank You,

Christeen Mix

Date: 2/15/2026 1:42:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Pysher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow an ugly, oversized, egotistical ballroom to be built on to the White house. The East wing should NEVER have been demolished. This is the People's house. The president is a tenant. I would never dream of doing anything to the house that I rent without owner approval.
The "donations" from companies and individuals are nothing but a bribe for entrance into Trumplandia.
The East wing needs to be rebuilt. Trump must pay for the damage he caused. If any other president had done this, Congress would be in an uproar. If the East wing cannot be rebuilt, put the rose garden there.
The people do not want a ballroom. Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 1:41:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Fusillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people and was DEVASTATED to see it just bulldozed!!! I DO NOT want a big beautiful ballroom!!!!! I have memories of seeing the East Wing and want something useful to be used for future Presidents and families that we will be a part of. Thank you!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:41:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Sutherland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has quite literally destroyed the White House. His proposed "ballroom" is nothing more than a glorified throne room for himself. The WH does not need a 90,000 sq ft ballroom!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:40:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurella Boren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not even be up for discussion. What happened was the greatest vandalism of historic site ever, If anybody else did this outside of the sociopathic mindset that is the executive, they'd be rotting away in Guantanamo Bay

Repair and accurate replacement must be ordered with all the egotistical authoritarianism purged.
Laurella Boren

Date: 2/15/2026 1:40:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Swerdlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House that has already occurred. I am offended that the people's house has been treated as private property by the current occupant.
No renovation should proceed without the approval of independent consultants, historians and architects.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:40:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Aughtman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. Plans should be reviewed to insure that not only does it meet ADA requirements, but meets them in a way that maintains the dignity of those who require these accommodations. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:40:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: roxanne jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was torn down without any input from the public. We are left with an eyesore, which should be left as a hole in the ground, which pretty much describes the current administration--an eyesore! I would use tax money to erect a sign saying "TRUMP DESTROYED THIS" otherwise NO public funds or tax dollars should be used! Trump is simply a renter--he should not have right to build anything on this property! NO BALLROOM!!
Thank you
Roxanne Jackson
Hanlontown, Ia

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Name: jeanine denes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an horrible stain in our history. It needs to be rebuilt as a historical memorial to all of our first ladies that have graced the White House and their accomplishments. The Trump family should be charged the full bill to rebuild as they are the ones that destroyed it without permission and against the will or knowledge of the American people as it is The Peoples house NOT his.
No one wants a disgusting ballroom. It serves absolutely no purpose at all.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:39:47 PM
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Name: Jessica Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The public was not allowed to prove commentary prior to the start of this project, namely the demolition of the east wing. The White House must be restored to the original design and plan, meeting all applicable codes, at the expense of the President. The White House is the people's house and is not intended to be a palace for someone who sees himself as a king. There is no need for a ballroom with DC housing plenty of available spaces.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:38:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and should remain such.

Any new construction should be of an exterior dimension and style consistent with, in proportion to, and not detracting from, the main White House. The President, who is not an architect, knows little about history or design, and lacks taste, should be permitted at most *general* input into the new construction.

The new construction should be ADA accessible and should be predominantly devoted to working space, living space, or modest quarters suitable for public visits, rather than a ballroom. If a ballroom is needed (which is questionable) it should be built elsewhere in D.C., particularly if the size of the ballroom the President thinks necessary will need to be built: see comments about proportionality and taste, above.

Existing and well/functioning processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes should be followed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Daly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a stain on the face of our nation and a slap in the face of US citizens who are struggling to make ends meet and provide for their families. The United States is supposed to embody democracy and the voices of people. This project wants the seat of democracy to be a guilded ballroom where the rich entertain the rich with no thought of the people they are meant to represent. Cancel this ludicrous project as soon as possible.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:38:02 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Crosby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am incensed that Trump obliterated the East Wing to begin with. He overstepped his power.
The oversized tacky Ballroom is not appropriate to the site or the location at the White House. It is not classical. It is ugly. And it would make this historic property much less valuable and beautiful. No. Just no to this horrible idea.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:37:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing exactly the way it was before he Demolished it.
DO NOT BUILD A BALLROOM.
It is the People's House and should have been respected. It is unconscinable that it was destroyed and a dark stain on our heritage.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:37:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart breaks each and every time I see our beautiful White House torn apart. Not only is it a part of our history, it is also owned by each and everyone of us.

Please stop the madness and have something done to "rebuild" and retain as much as possible of the integrity of our beloved home.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:36:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The beautiful and historic East Wing was destroyed by a felon who wants to build a hideous monument to himself. It was completely unnecessary to destroy it and thus it must be removed from Trump’s purview and be rebuilt as closely as possible to its original glory.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:36:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Vanity projects demanded by one sitting president should not be funded nor allowed. Turning the people's house into a gaudy party space is not only a waste of money but also in poor taste. Decency used to matter. We can do better.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:36:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is another attempt by the president to make sure his name is never forgotten--a boondoggle for sure, along with the Kennedy center and all the other projects that he has instituted.
This is a colossal waste of money, an insult to our American history and an embarrassment to our reputation. We are the laughing stock of the world. He undertook this illegally with no consequences.
I and most Americans are shocked and dismayed that he is building this ballroom that is dwarfing the White House. Put a stop to it!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:36:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is now too late to save the original building which I did not give my permission to tear down. With that in mind what I want to see is a building as close to the original as possible. No gaudy ballroom with fake gold. No giant monstrosity overshadowing the rest of my White House. I want elegance, historical integrity, built by true craftspeople and NO Trump name anywhere in sight.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:35:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is NOT modernization. It is one sad old man's vanity project reflecting a nation too divided to stop him. Where does the money come from for this one? Why has no oversight been involved? Please fill in the hole until the East Wing can be reconstructed to its'
former appearance (try the Rose Garden too).
I have had enough of this embarrassment of an administration.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:35:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Ann Artz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely appalling that the world would awaken to the complete destruction of the East Wing of the People's House, with NO oversight.
This is a travesty!
Not only has the Rose Garden been destroyed, we now have the eyesore of a dismal concrete patio covering the once lush lawn.
The presence of disgusting descriptions of our former presidents visible in our White House is equally vexing. These scandalous items must be removed immediately and the respect restored to Our White House.
The East Wing should be restored to its former status. Adding on a gold ballroom to satisfy the ego of this madman fascist regime is a slap in the face to every American.
We need healthcare. We need to feed and protect children, elderly and disabled. We need our taxes to help middle class Americans who are the bulwark of the economy.
We must have billionaires pay their fair share.
At no time do Americans need a garish ballroom that will only be used to waste more of our tax dollars while politicians feast on grossly expensive luxury goods while the rest of us go bankrupt from spiraling healthcare debt.
It is bad enough that we tax payers must now shoulder the burden of repairing the blatant desecration of OUR WHITE HOUSE, it is even worse to think the East Wing would be replaced by a monument to the madman who is directly involved for its destruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:35:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose further construction on the White House. Information has not been provided to the American people about why this project is necessary. It is not clear that funds would be used responsibly. On the contrary, the whole project appears to be a waste of taxpayer resources for no public benefit. A historic building belonging to the American people deserves protection unless renovations are structurally necessary. Workers deserve protections from the toxic byproducts of hasty construction, which was not attended to in the bathroom construction project, and frankly, it doesn't appear that the administration cares about worker health, environmental impacts, or preserving history. There should be no further construction on the East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:34:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Lee Burket
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing of the White House exactly as it was before Trump's illegal demolition began. And no !@#$% ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:33:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While not opposed to ballroom, it should be proportionate to historical bldg and in same style, not a gold glitzy room like Sadam Hussein's gaudy palace. Tasteful. I like it to come from donors, not tax payers, as we didn't want or need it. But since it has been demolished already, put in a smaller addition

Date: 2/15/2026 1:33:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Renshaw-Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is such an insult to the American people for our president to destroy the east wing of the white house. The white house belongs to the people. The people are the ones to make these kinds of decisions. He has destroyed history. To put an elite ballroom in its place is an insult. Especially in a time of such income inequality between the average citizen and the wealthy. It's a slap in the face. Please reign this maniac in He should be held personally responsible for the cost of rebuilding the east wing to its original state.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:33:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M T
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a disgrace that Trump razed the building without following proper procedures. Please demand that the East Wing be rebuilt to its original specs.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:32:18 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Frazier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely appalled at the destruction of the East Wing and vehemently opposed to a freaking ballroom. Stop this nonsense NOW. This building does NOT belong to one individual, it belongs to all of us and it needs to be reconstructed, not become a shrine to one person.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:32:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The eastwing ballroom project is inappropriate to the design of the Whitehouse. But that is the least offensive tho g about the project .
It is ill conceived and garish.
There are many other projects that would help middle America , not just the super wealthy.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:30:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilee Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have a background in teaching and land conservation. Along with that I have at present, a small antique shop in Kamas Utah where I delight in sharing knowledge about things from the past. As such, I have a deep respect for history and preservation (also having lived in and sensitively renovated a 250 year old house). I totally understand the possible need for old things to be adapted for modern life. However, what this president has done and plans to do to the White House is disrespectful to the building AND to the people of America--who actually own the house. NOT the present occupant. The American people should be polled to see if WE want a ballroom. Congress should also be involved. And then, respected qualified historic architects should submit suggestions for approval. Thank you! And good luck!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:29:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariangela McNair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello. I find it disgraceful that the president of the United States has destroyed the East Wing of the White House without consulting the American people. I DO NOT support his plan to build a "ballroom" there. At this point, I think it best if nothing is done until the president is out of office.

Mariangela Ippolito McNair

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Cobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House is not, in my personal opinion, what our country needs. This addition will not serve the people. The destruction of the historic part of the People's House (the White House) was done without asking and must be restored as it was. I am appalled that this would be a priority when there are so many Americans struggling with health, food and housing. I am not in agreement with this addition at all.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Patty) Cobb
U.S. Citizen

Date: 2/15/2026 1:28:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Gaynor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing rebuild in its current proposed form can not be allowed to move forward. Planning a ‘wing’ that dwarfs the White House is a ridiculous proposal and will not match the aesthetic of the property.
The damage that has already been done to the building and grounds by this unhinged megalomaniac obviously can’t be fixed at this point, so we MUST act to preserve the integrity moving forward.
My fear as a citizen is that this board has been corrupted by being filled with sycophants, so my only hope is that you actually listen to these public comments.
The proposed size of this building is far too large and needs to be drastically reduced to not detract from the aesthetic of the White House.
Additionally the tacky and gaudy interior finishes and pay for play funding model is absurd. This project must be guarded by unbiased decision makers that have the correct intentions in making this build conform to something that respects the White House building and compliments it not overshadow it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francis Coats
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the expensive ostentatious privately funded ballroom. First of because of the non- public process which led up to rhe demolition of the east wing; and, second because it is a waste of money and resources. Unneeded, unwanted. One more monument to the imperial presidency.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:25:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia traub
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I start by agreeing the East Wing needed to be moderized but I disagree with removing the whole East Wing. The White House and all associated buildings belong to the people of the United States. The President only lives there temporarily. We the People want the White House to represent our values and our history. Since the,whole East Wing has been destroyed, it needs to be rebuilt with the same architecture as was previously used. The White House architecture is subtle and respectful. We the People do not need a palace, but a house which represents the People.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Antoshak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tear down of the East Wing was done so hastily, it was almost as if there was something else "the president" is hiding, or simply throwing out another smoke bomb to cover up another one of his God knows what. This administration is running so many things illegally, it's hard to figure out what in the hell is going on in any instance--one thing after another. No laws apply.

This is the People's House, not any sitting president's. It's time to take it back. Now that the damage is done, I will hope and pray that sensible minds can do better to set it straight.

Thank you.

Rosemary Antoshak

PS I grew up in Arlington, VA and DC was my home until 2001. It broke my heart to see the bulldozers tearing up part of that beautiful home.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:23:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kirin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any modifications to “The People’s House” must be done according to relevant laws and regulations by proper authorities. We also need to know what is happening underground. Is a Hitlerian bunker planned? Are reserved accommodations being sold to donating billionaires?

Date: 2/15/2026 1:21:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Bernier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should not have been bulldozed without approval. Those involved must be held accountable.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:21:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet D’Annunzio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

please replace the torn down east wing with a new East Wing identical in design (or very similar) to the old East Wing. I am appalled that our President did this at all, but especially without authorization! Ironically, though not nearly as important as some of his hideous policies, this decision to tear down an important part of the “People’s House” was nearly the most upsetting to me!

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Name: Dale Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect who appreciates and celebrates classical form in building design, I find the aesthetic of the East Wing Modernization Project appropriate and contextual with the White House, the Treasury Building and other government buildings in the area. However, the scale of the building is grossly wrong and completely oversized. It makes the smaller White House appear as if it’s simply an out-building for the main East Wing. This is not how the People’s House should be presented to the USA and the world.

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Name: Suzanne Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Perhaps the United States needs a ballroom, but the one that President Trump has envisioned is far too large in relation to the White House, and it will detract from the White House, a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people, not Donald Trump. It has been the home of Presidents since 1800 and is one of the most significant historic sites in the United States. This project has not been conducted appropriately and lawfully from its inception and so has incurred much criticism, indeed horror, from the majority of Americans. President Trump had the East Wing demolished before constructions plans had been submitted to the oversight boards. Then he appointed allies and loyalists to both the NCPC Commission and the Commission of the Fine Arts, which will review the plans for the East Wing and ballroom. As a result I do not believe that the project will get an unbiased review.

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Name: Alexandra List
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not waste tax payer dollars on the President’s pet project. Gold plated, tacky, extravagant ballrooms are totally inappropriate uses of tax payer dollars. Send it to healthcare, social security, highway infrastructure or anything else that benefits more than Trump’s obsession with real estate.

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Name: Maryanne Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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office PERIOD. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, disregarding its historical importance and protections. (Suing after the destruction was too late!). Placards of those "contributing" do not belong on display.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Kong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People’s House has been desecrated by tearing down the East Wing without overwhelming approval. Shame on you. While I would support a renovation to this area of The White House, I do not support the total destruction such a large portion of the building. A more modern state dinner event space could be created along with offices for staff without tearing anything down. In addition, I strongly object to the ridiculous and gaudy gold everything that the current resident so adores. Ever heard of understated elegance, I don’t think you have a clue. I don’t care if private funds pay for this…it’s still our house and not Trumps permanent residence though I’m sure he’s planning it to be.
Please use some measure of reasonableness to this process and stop butchering all our historic sites in DC. The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts is next in his list of building to destroy. Don’t let that happen. PLEASE.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:16:11 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Sauls
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the entirety of the project: the destruction of the East Wing without required procedures, the construction of a building that will dwarf the White House- and for a Ballroom that nobody really needs, certainly the nation's citizens have no need of it.

Please give the review process the attention it needs and don't allow the new building to dwarf THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. There's a process- please adhere to every detail. And never forget that you should be focused on what the NATION needs and what will represent THE PEOPLE.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:15:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Masi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historical building that is part of our history, and should be restored to its original blueprint with perhaps expansion in the proper architectural style for the normal running of governmental functions. This would include updates to electric, heat, communications, security, etc. Any ballroom use is unnecessary and should be excluded from the renovation. In addition, the Rose Garden should be redone in as much of its originial size and style as possible. This is the People's House and only used by the president during his/her term and should remain a symbol of democracy.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:15:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Nicely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the scale of the proposed White House East Wing addition. It will ruin the "footprint" of the nation's house. More importantly, it is unnecessary. I do not believe we need a grandiose ballroom that is this large. Please encourage the East Wing planners to come up with a plan that is more in keeping with the traditions of our country.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:14:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julieann Putt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comment is quite simple: since the current administration illegally demolished the East Wing, said administration should be legally required to rebuild/restore the East Wing to its previous state.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:14:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Losh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I favor trying to undo the damage caused to the White House by cancelling the ballroom plans and restoring the East Wing with whatever artifacts could be recovered from the demolition site to its original footprint.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:13:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In keeping with established policies and procedures, the proposed renovation of the East Wing should conform to recommendations made by professionals in the area of renovation and restoration. It must "fit in" with the White House and other structures presently on the site not dwarf them into insignificance. The proposed ballroom is nothing more than a self aggrandizing monument to the ego of the sitting president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Darnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can appreciate the need for a secure event space to host state events, and I understand that this modernization project will solve that need. That's great! I think the size is excessive, though. Aesthetically, I think it's going to look ridiculous to have a massive ballroom that's almost double the size of the White House residence. Symbolically, this huge ballroom brings to mind connotations of monarchy and extreme separations of class in America. The White House is singular in its meaning to our country in a way no other building could ever be. So, while I want the current and all future presidents to be able to conduct state events in an efficient, cost effective, secure way, I also want the people's house respected. I think there's a reasonable compromise that could achieve both.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:12:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Swendseid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the historic White House East Wing to construct a $300 million ballroom is a reckless, unnecessary destruction of American heritage that bypassed proper oversight. By destroying workspaces that defined decades of First Ladies and essential staff, this vanity project, funded by private, corporate interests, shatters the architectural integrity of a national icon. This "bull-in-a-china-shop" approach sacrifices our shared history, replacing, according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a balanced design with a massive, gaudy, and unauthorized structure.

I can only hope that the members of the committee will stop the clock and review any potential plans with extreme care and ensure that not only will this project proceed with all due diligence regarding plan approval, but also ensure that the taxpayer and donor money for the project is spent within the guidelines for US government procurement. We want to see the receipts. We want to understand the plans and trust that the process is not as haphazard as the demolition was. We also would like to ensure that the folks who demolished the east wing have received pre-emptive medical attention to ensure that they suffer no serious medical impact from exposure to hazardous materials without proper remediation protocols.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:12:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Downes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A very short opinion with bullet points:
1. The East Wing should never have been torn down without going through the proper channels for approval from the appropriate committees, licensing agencies (e.g., remediation), and public opinion.
2. The new design should be approved also through proper channels - to me it appears gaudy and oversized. There has to be a happy medium (though unfortunately this President doesn’t know how to do that).
3. I hope that the public opinions herein stated are taken into account as per the request for statements and, hopefully, the sharing of and tabulating opinions to reach a consensus as to the appropriate design for this now available space.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:10:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zelda Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing was unlawfully done. The proposed ballroom is an ugly and unneeded abomination, as is all the gold spray paint within the White House. Any 'donated' money for the ballroom should be used to restore or replace the East Wing with something tasteful and in porportion to the existing historical structure. No taxpayer dollars should be wasted on erasing this project, as it was done solely for the president's personal and political reasons.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:10:04 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Waddell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members,
I am opposed to investing tax payer money in a 90,000 square foot ballroom attached to our nations Capitol building.
The East Wing, which has been completely demolished without proper sanction by our Congress, needs to be restored with the same functions that were removed by this administration.
The present administration must pay to rebuild the East wing with money President Trump promised was available for the ballroom.
In American business there is an accepted philosophy that if you break it, you fix it. Therefore, either President Trump personally, or the Republican Party, is responsible for the full cost of rebuilding the East wing containing all the functions it previously served.
Respectfully Submitted,
Linda D Waddell

Date: 2/15/2026 1:10:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't waste money on this project. It's not "for the people". It's for a big orange ego — we the people will be around long after he has moved on. Please use funding more wisely.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:09:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannie Egan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit written comments in advance of the NCPC meeting on March 5, 2026. I strongly echo the call that the administration comply with all legally required review and approval processes before construction proceeds including review by the NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and appropriate approval by Congress. Public input is not a courtesy; it is essential, and I appreciate the chairman's commitment that future meetings will invite such comments. I must also say plainly that I find it shocking that the East Wing was demolished without what appears to be full adherence to due process for such a historically significant structure. While I understand the desire to fast track a project of this magnitude, an expedited timeline does not eliminate the obligation for rigorous review. The federal government is charged with sustaining exemplary standards of historic property stewardship, recognizing the defining role historic properties play in the nations capital, and planning carefully to protect and preserve them. That standard matters deeply in this case. I applaud the assignment of Shalom Baranes Associates to the project. Their experience in federal and historic context gives me greater confidence that questions of scale, height, and compatibility within the broader

White House campus will be addressed thoughtfully. I agree that a comprehensive review of the long-term needs of this extraordinary and symbolic site is overdue – but such a review must be conducted transparently, lawfully, and with full respect for the processes designed to save card places of national importance. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:09:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Leiting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commission Committee,
The East Wing of the White House doesn't need a Modernization Project - especially to build a ballroom !!
United States citizens are still trying to keep up with inflation at the grocery store - in case you noticed all humans and animals need to eat !
So this to me is a more serious priority rather than spend $$$$ - not even sure how many dollar signs to put here on any modernization
project!
Thank you for your time.
Nancy Leiting

Date: 2/15/2026 1:08:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob MacWolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "East Wing Modernization" is transparently an exercise in flattery for the president's ego. The fact that a large portion of the White House was demolished without due consideration, public comment, or legally mandated-approvals is proof that the project is irredeemably corrupt. The only appropriate action for the Planning Commission to take, if they took their jobs seriously, would be to halt the entire thing before it does any more damage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Willard Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire project is a brazenly illegal undertaking and an eyesore. Trump had no authorization to destroy the East Wing, which he did in the dead of night disingenuously knowing he'd get it done before anyone could stop him. The massive design of the new project, which he had to fire the original architect to finagle, dwarfs the beautiful White House structure with his ego-project and ruins a preeminent national treasure. I have seen persuasive evidence that he secretly has planned a bunker below it and possibly a massive computer-server data center for his illegal and intrusive digital dossiers on all Americans. A travesty! Do not

approve it!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:06:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing "modernization" is a gigantic monstrosity that diminishes the historic nature of the White House and permanently damages the historic viewshed of the People's House. Given all of the existing venues in the DC area that can handle state functions, this is totally unnecessary and ruins the whole concept behind the White House as well as its historic setting. I urge all to abandon this project which is only created to satisfy the whim of one person, Donald Trump. This structure is a mistake that will be torn down as soon as the country changes the administration. Huge waste of money and resources and undermines the power and dignity of the United States.

Why not convert the Kenedy Center to an event center for state dinners? Not being used for any cultural purposes at the moment. Why not rent it out to a caterer for this purpose?

This whole project is a crazy idea from one person. Who will say no to this plan?

Date: 2/15/2026 1:04:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Kagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully I want NO BALLROOM, destroying the East Wing of OUR White House without any approval, submission of plans, blueprints, disclosure of funding etc has been a travesty and most likely a CRIME. It reeks of fraud and corruption. The only person wanting this is Donald J Trump who will be out of Office in 3 years or sooner.
Donald J Trump should be personally responsible for restoring the East Wing back to its original form, the way it was when he took Office on 1/21/25.
By all means he can decorate the Oval Office and his private quarters, but to the extent that the next occupant can re-decorate. He only occupies, he doesn't own the White House… as a person who comes from a Real Estate background, he knows perfectly well the limitations for 'temporary occupancy'.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:04:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing, as part of The White House, is the people's house. As one of those people, I request that the East Wing be restored to its prior state, but with the necessary updates to make it code-compliant. It should

not be gaudy or flashy, but instead should be restored to a place of dignity and respect. The White House, after all, is a temporary residence for all occupants, not a permanent castle of a want-to-be king. Please make it a place to be admired once again.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:03:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Hrushesky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modification Project is a senseless use of my American Taxpayer money. The only president in the modern era that wishes to demolish a portion of The Peoples' House is doing so as a glorification of his own desires and gratification of his current position in our Government, under the guide of his opinion that he "needs a bigger ballroom". The East Wing of The Peoples' House has been decimated without the proper prior approval and consent of The People. I strongly object to this action, and the building should be re-constructed to its original historical configuration.

Signed, A proud American

Date: 2/15/2026 1:02:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people. The East Wing demolition violates laws governing public property and lacks proper approvals from the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission on Fine Arts.

This administration must follow precedent and processes to ensure the preservation of assets at arguably the most important historic site in the nation.

The egregious demolition has already happened. Now the administration must make itself accountable to and work within the frameworks of the NCPC & CFA.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:01:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Kauffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a strong supporter of preserving the past, and especially within National places, I would strongly encourage the East Wing as suggested by Pres. Trump be turned down.
He has completely denied any comments, from the start, from the Nationall Trust AND anyone else who is knowledgeable about preserving our most precious buildings! He apparently thinks that he can do anything

he wants without public input.
He thinks that he and his boards are ruled from state and national laws that protect historic property.
As a strong historian in Waxahachie, Texas, I have helped research many, many historic properties. I followed the rules!!!!
What gives him the right to not do the same thing.

Congratulations on all you have done to stop this bully from continuing.
Thank you very much,
Mary Rebeka (Becky) Kauffman
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 1:01:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it should be restored to what it was before. We do not need another structure like the atrocity Trump has made of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:01:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: marrilee shannon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "cement" Rose Garden was gross enough and now the destruction of the East wing for a large ballroom desecrates a building that we as Americans all love. It is one man who has decided what the People's house needs. It is not his house to decorate and destroy as he pleases. What he has done is irreplaceable and deviating to witness. There is no one that I have heard or spoken to that does not find this distinction to be a disgusting display of the President's personal preferences regardless of what the majority of the citizens of his country want. I cannot say enough but I do not feel you will be able to change the direction he has chosen when I see him defy the court rulings day after day and degrade and create chaos in every possible way that he can. Terrible!!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:01:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Buncich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the building needs to be 1/4 of the proposed plan with a second floor to replace what was torn down. I would hope the cost is way less than proposed and nothing moves ahead until and unless all donors are disclosed and no one mentioned in a questionable way in the Epstein files or with criminal accusations or history be part of the project.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:01:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Bain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the east wing of a historic landmark, the White House, while completely ignoring the proper channels is disgraceful.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:58:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Hastings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing and its exterior grounds to their former appearance, functions and footprint. Use this unfortunate tear-down as an opportunity to upgrade all infrastructure (electrical, plumbing, technical) to present day standards. Pleas avoid using gold leaf and other royal ornamentation--I believe that the home we provide our President should reflect the aspirations most Americans share: quiet strength, a respect for the past, thoughtful spending, simple and graceful adornment.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:58:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jane Chaffee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 15, 2026

RE: NCPC Project File #8733
East Wing Modernization
Dear Project Chair:
I am writing to include my feelings on the restoration of the East Wing of the White House that was bulldozed by the current administration.
The White House is the peoples House and it should be restored to its original design and dimensions. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary ornate features.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and make interior ADA accessible where necessary. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage, and it should not be treated or presented as a gold leaf palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.
Also, the rose garden should be replanted as it was beautiful and enjoyed by visitors to the White House

because of the variety of vintage roses there. We won't miss the cement patio.
In gratitude –

Mary Jane Chaffee
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 12:57:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David DiMare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore structure to match the structure that was torn down. The country does not need an oversized ballroom. The West Wing should NOT be enlarged. Maintain visual aesthetics so that the White House remains larger than either wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:57:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kathleen Madigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unnecessary project, started without permits, planning or consensus. We do not need a giant ballroom, those donations could be feeding and educating children, taking care of veterans and the elderly, funding research, or building community centers.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:57:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Bechard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is much too large and will detract greatly from the beautiful White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:56:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Rees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled when the East Wing was bulldozed. Although this cannot be undone, anything that is built on the site should be done in a similar size and style to the remaining buildings. The overblown & grandiose plans for a “ballroom” that are being circulated by the administration are ridiculous and inappropriate. The beauty of the White House comes from its understated elegance and history. This should be the guide going forward for any building projects. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adrienne Kammer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To All and to the the Many Whom this Matters,

It has long been taught to me that the White House was the Peoples house.
To out right tear it down without consultation of the people, without a plan in place, to sell portions and parts in parcel to the highest bidder or those who are in favor is not just disgusting behavior but under any other circumstance would have been been an impeachable offense. The times that we live in are unprecedented, but we do not need to give in to this man. He is just a man. A corrupt, vile, hateful man who has not only set us back centuries within our own policies and on the world stage, but by allowing him to destroy a national monument. The White House itself! Without any comeuppance is abhorrent. If I were to destroy my parents house I would be paying for it. Instead this man has been allowed to destroy OUR house and is making us pay for it without any consultation of what we want to replace it.
Money for the this renovation could be used to fund so many things, so many things. Things this country needs, like infrastructure, schools, the fact that the list goes on make it insane to me that vanity projects are getting the green light. Did the East wing need renovation, perhaps, but it doesn't need cold marble and gold plating.
So now the un-permitted demolition sits like an open wound, which I suppose only makes sense since it is now a physical representation of the open wound that this administration has become.
I didn't think it could be worse. I was seriously hoping that it couldn't be.
But I only see the destruction, un-permitted, unpunished, without any ramifications showing his supporters that he can get away with anything he wants, thus they can as well.
Please put your foot down. Give us back the grace, the pride and the beauty that was once OUR house back.
Do not let the wing of the White House that is supposed to represent the feminine grace of the First Lady look as if someone dropped an Ashburn data center on the front lawn and allowed Bezos to pay for it.
In closing I wish the NCPC luck and I want them to know that they are not alone.

Thank you for your time.
Adrienne Kammer
Chantilly, VA

Date: 2/15/2026 12:56:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hamburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit this written comment for the record in NCPC's early-stage review of the proposed East Wing addition to the White House Ballroom, with the request that the current east wing plan be fully canceled and the site restored to its pre\u8209 -2024 design.

My comments focus on the project's effects on federal interests in the National Capital Region—specifically: the integrity of the White House complex as a national symbol, the setting of the President's Park and the broader Federal Core, and the precedent this project would set for future alterations to highly significant federal properties.

Adverse Effect on the Historic Character and Symbolic Role of the White House
The White House is not only the official residence and office of the President; it is a preeminent federal symbol recognized worldwide. Its scale, symmetry, and landscape setting are integral to that symbolic function. The proposed east wing ballroom expansion alters this carefully calibrated balance by:

Disrupting the historic spatial and visual relationship between the main Executive Residence, the East Wing, and the surrounding grounds that has evolved through deliberate, incremental planning over centuries;
Introducing massing, program, and circulation demands that are out of character with the relatively modest and orderly composition of the East Wing when viewed in the context of the Executive Residence and the broader President's Park.
This change would degrade a core federal interest: preserving the recognizability and legibility of the White House as a unifying national image and place of civic meaning.

Inconsistency with Federal Preservation Policy and NCPC's Planning Framework
Federal agencies have a clear responsibility under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and related authorities to avoid or minimize adverse effects on historic properties, particularly National Historic Landmarks and key elements of the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans. NCPC's own Comprehensive Plan and related policies reinforce this obligation by:

Prioritizing protection of the historic urban design framework, including the White House and President's Park as central elements of the nation's ceremonial core;
Emphasizing context-sensitive design and the preservation of established view corridors, landscape character, and architectural coherence.
The east wing ballroom plan appears to move in the opposite direction: it adds permanent bulk and alters key functional relationships instead of first exhausting smaller\u8209 -scale, reversible, or non\u8209 -visible alternatives to meet program needs. Canceling the project and restoring the pre\u8209 -2024 design would be more consistent with federal preservation policy and NCPC's planning guidance.

Impacts on the Federal Public Realm and Visitor Experience
Even if much of the physical construction is inward\u8209 -facing, the east wing expansion will inevitably affect the broader federal public realm:

It risks changing the perceived scale and rhythm of the White House complex as experienced from President's Park, the Ellipse, and other public vantage points in the Federal Core;

It could introduce additional service, security, and circulation pressures that complicate public access patterns and diminish the clarity of the ceremonial landscape.
The federal interest is not simply in operational efficiency within the security perimeter, but also in protecting the public's ability to experience the White House and its immediate setting as a coherent, dignified, and legible national landscape. Restoring the pre\u8209 -2024 configuration would better maintain that federal public realm.

Precedent for Future Interventions on High\u8209 -Significance Federal Sites
Approving a large, permanent ballroom expansion within the East Wing establishes a powerful precedent for more intensive development and program accretion at the White House and, by extension, other nationally significant federal properties in the region. Over time, this "mission creep" in built form risks:

Incrementally eroding the clarity of the original design intentions for the Federal Core;
Weakening NCPC's ability to insist on restraint and reversibility at other high\u8209 -profile federal sites.
By instead requiring that the east wing ballroom project be canceled and the site returned to its pre\u8209 -2024 condition, NCPC would reinforce a critical federal interest: long\u8209 -term stewardship of the capital's most symbolic properties according to nationally recognized planning and preservation standards.

Feasible Alternatives to Permanent East Wing Expansion
From a federal-interest perspective, the programmatic goals driving this proposal—larger or more flexible event/ballroom capacity—do not justify a permanent intervention of this magnitude in such a sensitive federal setting. Reasonable alternatives should be fully explored, including:

Use of existing interior spaces reconfigured for greater flexibility, while maintaining historic fabric;
Temporary, reversible structures or installations for peak\u8209 -demand events;
Greater use of other federal facilities in the National Capital Region that can host large events, thereby relieving pressure on the White House grounds.
Each of these alternatives would better respect federal preservation obligations and NCPC's policy framework than the current proposal.

Request

For the reasons above, and in light of NCPC's statutory responsibilities and policy guidance, I respectfully request that:

NCPC determine that the proposed east wing ballroom plan is inconsistent with federal interests in the National Capital Region, including the preservation of the White House's historic, symbolic, and urban design roles;
The current project be fully canceled, with the site restored to its pre\u8209 -2024 design and condition; and
Any future efforts to address ballroom or event needs at the White House prioritize minimal, reversible, and context\u8209 -sensitive solutions that preserve the integrity of this uniquely important federal property.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments early in the review process. I ask that this comment be included in the official record and considered in NCPC's concept and preliminary design deliberations.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:54:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ric Kaestner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current White House project plans do not align with the architecture and respect to the core of the side which is the residence.
I feel the east wing was illegally destroyed in, and any modernization needs to take into consideration the size of a structure in relation to the residence. It should honor the style of the residence..

Date: 2/15/2026 12:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Priscilla Emery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be compatible in size and structure as the West Wing of the White House to keep it aesthetically and visually pleasing to the eye. I speak as a former student of architecture - balance is important. Obviously, the interior could be modernized and brought up to date technologically as well as decoratively but for the amount of use it will get, I don't see a ballroom as intrinsically necessary. The White House isn't a convention center or hotel. It is a house, "the people's house," historically and most people don't have ballrooms in their homes. I know the President lives there but it should be treated like a rental home, where the resident has the right to live there and make minor cosmetic updates and improvements, but it is not the renter's permanent home so major improvements must be made for ALL people, not just the present resident. And get rid of all the "gold" stuff. That is so passe as a decorating scheme. It looks like something put together by someone who just got wealthy and wants to show off what they have. It's grotesque.

And, has anyone thought of the additional cost (as if the initial building cost isn't enough) of changing the logos and visage of the White House on all the literature and printing materials relevant to the White House. That will add millions to the budget.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:53:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An oversized, gaudy ballroom is not in keeping with either the architecture of the White House nor the solemnity of the office of the president. It should not have been begun unpermitted, and should be undone and restored to prior standards, ideally at the president’s personal expense.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:51:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Hurd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suggest a multi-use room smaller that than West Wing with traditional decor. Large office space for a spouse and staff. I would like to see the design be voted on by citizens before construction starts. I would

like citizens to pay for this, not private funds.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:51:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do NOT approve the ballroom. It is a sick Trump vanity project that is not needed. He destroyed history with no authorization. Do not let him build this unnecessary eyesore, which he will name after himself.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:51:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: G M Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of The People's House should be rebuilt in the same dimensions and architectural style but updated to current codes and accessibility. The restoration should be done at Donald J. Trump's personal expense, without money/bribes from others, since he is responsible for the destruction. The White House and the East and West Wings belong to the people and a president is only a temporary guest. The White House and the East and West Wings are not a palace and there should be no gold filigree. No huge Golden Ballroom is needed on this property. Furthermore, the Rose Garden should be restored to the Jackie Kennedy era.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:50:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Waltman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,
My concern regarding President Trump's ballroom centers around the construction and purpose. I personally have not noted a need for a ballroom. But even if the need is verified, the construction should be a seamless fit with the current structure - not overwhelm it and not compete with it. With the loss of office space and meeting areas, it seems more appropriate to rebuild the East Wing in the same style as the rest of the building but rooms to suit modern day uses, with modern amenities, bringing everything up to code. In no way should the new construction overwhelm the existing building.
Regards,
Lynne Waltman

Date: 2/15/2026 12:50:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan DiMare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

New construction should conform with the prior structure that was destroyed. It should remain consistent with the footprint and size of the former East Wing, with obvious upgrades to utilities incorporated. No gold accents. Visual aesthetic integrity needs to be adhered to in order for the White House to remain the main focal point and not either wing. There should not be any changes made to the West Wing in order to balance a larger East Wing. There is no need to expand the ballroom. The country has far more pressing needs.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:50:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Norris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be restored as much as possible. I also believe that the rose garden should be restored to the condition it was in before Trump paved over it. The brass plaques full of Trump's comments on past presidents should be removed, as well as all the gold he has added to the White House. And we need to replace the president's bunker that was destroyed.
I am sure you have heard this from other people, but since comments should have been solicited BEFORE the East Wing was destroyed Trump should be fined for not following guidelines for Historic Buildings. He is acting as if this is his house, but it is a National Treasure and as such, belongs to the people.

I don't know if comments are allowed on other issues, but is there any way that destruction of the Kennedy Center can be prevented? The building named in honor of President Kennedy's legacy should NOT be besmirched by the addition of Trump's name .
And a Trump Arch????? What a horrible idea. A president that has done everything in his power to destroy our democracy and our world standing should not be able to name things after himself. And a coin with his image on it????? Since when has a living president ever had his face on a national coin.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:49:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Forgach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House is owned by WE THE PEOPLE, not any single administration. This isn't a modernization of a wing that had an extensive history. it's just another way for trump's minions to keep him happy. I have no doubt these comments and THE LAW will stop the further destruction and desecration of OUR White House, but we must try.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:49:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Hersh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed ballroom because:

-- Its exterior design is a historical and vastly out of scale with the existing (remaining) White House.

-- The interior design is garish -- "Gilded Age Brothel".

-- Privately funding it circumvents accountability to the public through its elected representatives; public infrastructure should not be for sale or subject to the whims of an individual.

As a voter, citizen, and having served as part of ESF8 under HSS.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:47:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loueta Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the proposed addition to the White House. I believe it should be under 55,000 and built to conform to all historic guidelines. All designers must be approved ahead of construction through proper channels and the Historic trust. Thought and planning need to be top priority. Funding needs to be in place and up for public view. No foreign money should be use and no taxpayer funds should be available for this project.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:46:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Krebsbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please fix the East Wing so it resembles the West Wing and balances the building. NO BALLROOM.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:45:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Crary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The sudden demolition of the East Wing of the White House, with no warning and no public notice, was a gut punch not only to the people of the United States, but also to history. With no time for public input, no consultation with Congress or other authorities regarding federal construction, this was a flagrant abuse of power, without any legitimate authority to do so. It was clearly a gesture simply to show that President Trump will do as he wants, and do it with the most destructive flourishes he can conjure.

The new plans for a "ballroom" must go through proper channels to make sure that the construction will be historically appropriate, and that it will not cause stress to the existing structure. The horrific paving over of the Rose Garden was a giant middle finger to the legacy of the Kennedys, and to the desire to make "The People's House" beautiful and inviting.

Everything about this is just shocking.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:44:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the Ballroom to Original. The persons who made the mess needs to pay for the restoration. Nothing Else Needs to be said.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:43:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Koonz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/15/2026 12:43:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was an abomination. Any renovations should be paid for by the US Government/ American people and not as a bribe by big business or super wealthy people.

The White House should be renovated in keeping with current architectural and size parameters. This is not Donald Trump's personal house and he already is making it look like an ugly knockoff version of Versailles.

The ballroom can be built elsewhere in Washington if needed.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:43:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: eugene santoro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have survived quite well as a government and society without a ballroom for White House events...especially of the one proposed ...glitzy and huge A big ugly box. What would Jefferson think? How often will it host 900 guests? There are several audioria near the White House that could serve.

The destruction of the East WIng of the WH was irresposible...an attack on our nation's history. To relace it with a monstrosity that was not apprpriately vetted by the approriate bodies --incluiding the National Planning Commission is an insult to all standard norms governing builing in our nation's capitol.

And a waste of money.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:43:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARIJANE HEWETT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Bartimeus Hewett was a Minuteman!

I very strongly feel that our country should be preserving the few remaining historical structures that bind us all to our country's historical background. Historical preservation does not include erecting a modern structure next to the White House that dwarfs it and it's significant historical relevance. A modern "meeting hall" must be built elsewhere. The cost of transporting the President and staff is minimal next to the loss of the historical relevance of the White House property to the American people. After all, it is the "people's house".

It can be argued that the new building will create fresh historical relevance however, this is a false argument as the building will be erected during, and in honor of, a presidency that is not favorable to the majority of Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a native Washingtonian and former Congressional employee, I wish to express my disapproval of this

White House ballroom project. First of all this monstrosity detracts from the historic beauty of the White House and its surrounds. Second, it serves no purpose other than to gratify the enormous ego of the present commander in chief. Our nation's capital has historically upheld the dignity and classical architecture of its beginnings, and this ballroom will destroy it. Please don't let that happen.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Mestayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This should not go forward. The size of the proposed construction dwarfs the actual building it is meant to compliment. The previous structures were torn down without any consideration. The original East Wing should be restored and this project cancelled

Date: 2/15/2026 12:41:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally destroyed and must be restored to its original state.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Alberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I once was privileged to tour the White House. The grandeur, majesty, and history were so apparent. These were hallowed halls. I was proud to take my kids and let them experience OUR HOUSE.
And then, without any consideration to our history, trump tore apart OUR HOUSE. How can this happen without any approval from Congress, historians, etc? Like all trump projects, this was done half-assed. Rip open the building he has no respect for and take the money and run. Who will repair this? How long will this take? Who will pay for this debacle? New legislation must be drafted to prevent any future destruction to OUR HOUSE. Charging trump for all the destruction would be a wonderful place to start.
Kim Alberts

Date: 2/15/2026 12:40:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adele Riffe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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To Whom It May Concern -
Would that the American people had been given the opportunity to weigh in BEFORE the historic East Wing of the White House was demolished! How emblematic of this administration to decide unilaterally to demolish the People's House, to stamp an historic site with a graceless, tasteless addition that will overshadow the remainder of the structure in size, scale and style.

But isn't THAT the point?

This president has no sense of history or precedent. Nor does he care. He has taken EVERYTHING about the Office of the President and demeaned it, if not outright destroyed it. And now he has LITERALLY destroyed a part of the iconic symbolism of the Nation's government.

And the fact that this is all to be paid for by the billionaires - who pay-to-play with this administration - is an UTTER ABOMINATION!

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE. DO NOT GREEN LIGHT THIS PROJECT WITHOUT SERIOUS RESTRICTIONS. ENSURE THAT THE ADDITION TO THE WHITE HOUSE IS CONSISTENT WITH ITS INITIAL CONSTRUCTION.

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Name: Geraldine Fein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is baffling on many levels. It is obviously disproportionate to the current structure first off. This is why we have architectural review boards. Most disturbing is how often is a room of this capacity needed? And the challenges its occasional use will pose in terms of security for personnel. The security checks for temporary personnel in terms of catering and kitchen staff are most perplexing. This is not a hotel venue that is booked for wedding etc. How often has the WHITE HOUSE held events on the scale of 900 attendees?
Presidents come and go but this structure will leave a white elephant for its future occupants.
This is an unnecessary and clearly a vanity project of the current occupant.

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Name: Ilene Argento
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the ballroom built to its pre-destruction design, including the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden. Improvements to plumbing, electrical, sound, ADA access should be made to bring to code. NO GAWDY GOLD everywhere, just simple, tasteful - an update to the prior destroyed version, not in style, but in code. Same size as what was destroyed. The ballroom parties are not the primary purpose of the People’s House. If a larger event space is needed, it can be rented at other DC venues.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: robin pappas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people see no need for the 'east wing modernization' project - this should NOT be happening without any oversight and there are many more beneficial ways to use taxpayer money for public good; please STOP this and all the other insults to our country currently underway, this country is meant to be a democracy, let's keep striving to keep it on that path, however aspirational that
may be, Thank you!

Date: 2/15/2026 12:38:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amity Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen and taxpayer, I oppose any addition to the White House that exceeds the square footage of the main residence or detracts from its historic character. The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom included in the East Wing remodel meets neither of these standards and should not be approved.

The White House is a national historic government building. Any temporary occupant—namely, the President—should not be permitted to make substantial structural changes without appropriate oversight and approval. At this point, I would recommend abandoning the East Wing expansion entirely and restoring the Rose Garden in its place.

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Name: Katherine Freudenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration should be fined heavily for blatant disregard for rules governing alterations to historic structures such as the White House East Wing. It must submit certified documents with architectural plans, work plans, materials, etc prior to reconstruction. The East Wing Modernization Project must NOT overshadow the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of this project. I believe American Citizens should have approved this “construction project” prior to breaking ground! The proposed addition is far too large and totally changes the landscape of the White House. Stop now and realign the plan to complement the White House, not overshadow it!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Swain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is property of the federal government, which means all of the people; it is, as Michelle Obama put it," the people's house". And therefore falls into the purview of Congress rather than the Executive Branch, especially considering that Congress has the power of the purse and such a project requires a massive amount of tax dollars. Ergo, I consider destruction of the East Wing without Congressional approval and budgeting as destruction of government property at a level constituting a felony.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Hilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want the ballroom construction to be completed because it is nothing more than a vanity project for Trump. He says that donors will pay for it, but what do these supposed “donors” receive in return? It appears to be a way for rich people and corporations to bribe the administration into giving them favorable legislation. If another administration was doing this, I would expect donations to go through a historic preservation program or some other legitimate third party.

Furthermore, at a time in this country when we are seeing vast economic gaps, building a ballroom is egregious and demonstrates how little Trump is working on policies that actually help people.

The East Wing needs to be restored immediately. If another administration wants a ballroom, the can either rent one when needed or renovate a different federal building for that purpose-provided the proper channels are followed for permitting and funding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Coulter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since there has been no major up grades since 1952, I understand the history of changes to the White House, then renovations seem in order especially compliance with ADA and technical issues around security.
However, I sincerely hope the exterior appearance of the mansion is considered. Whatever is built should maintain the current symmetry and classic architectural lines.

Also, I see no need for a giant ballroom. Something more modest and classic would suit the purpose. I would hope there are to be offices or other purposes for the new structure.

I aslo question the extravagance in a time of severe economic hardship for our working class families and the poor.

This project should reflect a welcoming for foreign dignitaries and simple American workmanship.
Thank you for requesting my comments.

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Name: Lenore Gale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately, the destruction of the East Wing is already irreversible. But its replacement by a massive, glittering ballroom — for what purpose?! — is an affront to the historical integrity of the White House and to the American people, whose elected Congressional representatives had no role in its approval. Funded by private donations …talk about potential waste, fraud and abuse! An invitation to corruption. At best the ballroom as proposed is unnecessary and should be rejected outright.

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Name: Cynthia Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of The People's House should be rebuilt in the same dimensions and architectural style but updated to current codes and accessibility. The restoration should be done at Donald J. Trump's personal expense, without money/bribes from others, since he is responsible for the destruction.. The White House and the East and West Wings belong to the people and a president is only a temporary guest. The White House and the East and West Wings are not a palace and there should be no gold filigree. No huge Golden Ballroom is needed on this property. Furthermore, the Rose Garden should be restored to the Jackie Kennedy era.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah deTreville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE, also referred to as the White House, must be restored to exact specification, what it was before the illegal demolition occurred. Every inch of stone, marble, floor, wall and decor must immediately be reconstructed and laws must immediately be put in place to prevent this travesty from EVER occurring again. Also during the reconstruction, the grounds, most especially the Rose Garden, must also be put back to what it was before it was destroyed for one man's fantasy of OWNING our property.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:30:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: No Dictators
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This edifice to lawless narcissism should never be built. But if it is, the minute Trump is gone this monstrosity should be converted into a permanent memorial for the victims of authoritarian regimes in the US and worldwide so we never again forget that dictators kill innocent people for their vanity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should either be returned to the state it was in before the demolition or left as an empty area, suitable for memorizing those damaged by the trump administration.

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Name: Bonnie Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing is a national travesty. Any new construction to replace it should be in keeping with the size and style of the rest of the building. Some portion of it should be dedicated to telling the story of the near loss of American freedom and democracy created by this administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Devon Rehse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.
The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.
If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed WITHIN THE EXISTING HISTORIC FOOTPRINT of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

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Name: Mary Blackford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and exterior and interior architectural style, update wiring, lavatories etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Restore Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden with wheelchair accessible paths, and same plants, landscaping as before, including scions of the original rose bushes.
No gold filigree anything.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Huyck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO NOT DO IT!

Date: 2/15/2026 12:24:36 PM
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Name: Carrie Svihlik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house. It is a living piece of history. I think the National Trust should be part of every step of the plan for the construction of the East Wing to make sure the historical elements continue and that it fits with the rest of the historical structure. Keeping the historical integrity while making modernizations and keeping design elements to be classic and timeless is of the utmost importance. Please include professional architectural historians in final decision making process.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to this Commission because of my concern regarding the renovations to the White House (People's House). The destruction of the East Wing without proper input or authorization is more than concerning! I am hoping that when evaluating the construction of its replacement certain standards are kept in place!

The replacement should NOT be larger than the White House in height for sure! The center peace should remain just that, NOT an accessory!

Architecture should be the same or totally complementary! This is "our" stately mansion so to speak!

Please keep this a preservation: where are the things removed and what can be reused, either back inside or to the Smithsonian for display!

This needs oversight from people, Congress and proper Planning so dignity and beauty come first, no gaudy, giant oversized ballroom supersedes the original building!
Thank you for your consideration of my opinions!

Sandra V Smith
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 12:22:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Calvin Hoerneman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is not just a residence or office complex; it is an architectural composition, whose balance, scale and proportion are integral to its purpose and meaning. Alterations to the east wing that disregard these principles risk disrupting the overall structure and its architectural coherence.

Equally important is the historical significance. Each part of the White House reflects our national history and continuity. Major revision – particularly that is proposed by this administration will weaken that continuity and blur the line between stewardship and personalization, allowing substantial renovation today may open the door to future presidents to reshape the White House according to individual taste or agenda. This undermines is the principle that it White House belongs to the nation and not to one occupant.

I respectfully urge you to consider the above and not approve the current proposed changes to the east wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Finelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It would have been better and correct to finalize plans with approval before tearing the east wing down. Any additions done should reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House. The White House should be restored to its original look along with the once beautiful Rose Garden.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:21:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawna Steelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historic landmark and a symbol of our country for both citizens and internationally. Any change to such an important building should involve years of careful research to preserve the historical details that make the White House both a home and a museum. Even when modernization of the systems is necessary—plumbing, electrical and updates to be ADA compliant, should be done with the smallest amount of aesthetic changes possible to preserve history. Change for the sake of change isn't appropriate when it comes to our country's symbols. The White House is an artifact. The utmost care and consideration is due in maintaining it as such.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:21:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Behrstock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to one demented politician fueled by self-aggrandizement forcing an illegal demolition of a historic structure with no finalized plan, no finalized budget, illegally hired contractors, illegally dumped demolition waste, and no stated benefit to the American people. I urge litigation against all involved parties.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:19:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anneke Gambina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, great marketing spin on the title of this project. It should really read: The Criminal and Illegal Nouveau Riche Destruction of a National Treasure. Fixed it for you.
This ballroom is just one for attempt to erase and rewrite American history. As a part of The Peoples' House (aka, The White House) it is unacceptable that this administration took it upon themselves to destroy a part of it in the first place. Then to replace it with such a grotesque and opulent display of wealth while so may regular Americans are struggling to provide the basics for their family is giving French Revolution vibes.
As a taxpayer, citizen, and USMC veteran, I vehemently oppose this violation of Out House.

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Name: Carol Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Exterior size and scale should remain the same as original, balanced to match the scale of the West wing. Update Interior to current code. Interior design should reflect the same historical era of the West wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:16:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly MacCammon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the Commission,

I am writing to submit a formal public comment regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot East Wing addition and ballroom at the White House. As a citizen concerned with the preservation of our nation's most significant historic landmarks, I urge the Commission to scrutinize this project's impact on the architectural integrity and historic character of the Executive Mansion.

My primary concerns, which I previously raised to the House Committee on Oversight, are as follows:

• At nearly 90,000 square feet, the proposed addition is almost double the size of the original historic

structure. I am deeply concerned that a structure of this magnitude will overwhelm the authentic character of the White House, a National Historic Landmark. I ask the Commission to evaluate whether the scale of this neoclassical addition preserves the "grand but modest" dignity essential to the President's House or if it creates an aesthetic imbalance on the historic grounds.

• While the administration has noted that some interior features are being salvaged, the demolition of the East Wing and the introduction of a "glass bridge" connection represent a significant departure from the site's historic evolution. I request that the NCPC demand a more rigorous analysis of how this project complies with the Historic Preservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

• The use of private corporate funding for a project of this scale on federal land is highly irregular. I am concerned that this funding model seeks to bypass traditional congressional appropriations and oversight. I urge the NCPC to ensure that the project is held to the highest standards of public transparency and that the use of private funds does not result in a project that prioritizes donor interests over the preservation of a public monument.

Given that demolition has already proceeded without the typical advance public notice, it is imperative that the NCPC now serves as a check on the construction phase to prevent irreparable harm to the White House.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your work in protecting the character of our National Capital.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has long been a symbol of our Country, "we the people", a home given to the current President by the graces of the voters. No President should be able to make changes without review.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:11:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Walling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. Trump should be held accountable for his reckless actions in destroying OUR White House. As such, he should be required to finance - from his own funds - the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing per the People’s requirements. The Historical society and appropriate history experts should be a mandatory requirement of this process to ensure historical accuracies, and the reconstruction should be contracted for completion within two years - giving him a great deal longer than it took him to destroy our great landmark. Modern conveniences and securities should be integrated while maintaining the integrity of this historic process.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:10:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Klinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STATEMENT OF DAVID KLINGER OF LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, BEFORE THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE "EAST WING MODERNIZATION PLAN"

March 5, 2026 Commission meeting

I testify, in writing, before the National Capital Planning Commission as part of its March 5, 2026 review of the proposed "East Wing Modernization Plan" (File #8733)
as a retired 35-year employee of the U.S. Department of the Interior and a former resident of the City of Washington, D.C.

The National Capital Planning Commission was created in 1924 — 102 years ago — to ensure the orderly and prudent development of the District of Columbia's parks and natural features. Its duties were expanded in 1952 to encompass wise and informed protection and stewardship of Washington's natural and historic sites.

There are many Americans this day who believe the National Capital Planning Commission has failed abjectly in the execution of its review responsibilities on a project of the utmost consequence to the Nation. This delinquency in vigilant oversight represents a breakdown of process by both applicant and Commission on this most consequential of series of modifications to the most venerated public house in the United States. It is a problem not entirely of your own making.

This must never, never be allowed to happen again.

Summary removal of approximately one-third of what is, essentially, a national monument within a national park, overseen by the National Park Service — the 1902 East Wing of the White House — was allowed to proceed in a rash and headlong manner, without prudent intervention when concerns were first identified, and when the necessity of sustained technical oversight by the Commission and by the Congress first became apparent. Forbearance — amid the frantic pace of East Wing demolition, when no such haste was required — would have permitted the Commission a more thorough, deliberate, and thoughtful review of the subsequent phase that now comes before you, in belated fashion, for post-facto professional examination.

Today, you are now called upon to green-light its replacement — an over-massed and physically-intrusive ballroom whose projected costs have since escalated from $200 million to $300 million to, now, $400 million. Even as today's Commission review commences and public comments are finally invited, the "East Wing Modernization Plan" proceeds apace with its construction. Its footers and foundation are being poured even as designs of the proposed structure evolve, forcing unforeseen modifications elsewhere within the White House complex to compensate for the future height, massing, and siting of this "ballroom-in-flux" on the east side of the Executive Residence.

This is no proficient way to proceed on a project of such magnitude, cost, and impact, by allowing construction — in all of its intricacies — to evolve in such a random and haphazard fashion, subject to additional potential design changes and vagaries of funding.

It does not represent the sort of intelligent planning that is the mandate and mission of your Commission. Neither is it good form for how a public commission should conduct its affairs — by reviewing projects before they start, with sufficient information and stablized designs submitted ahead-of-time, on which to base informed decisions.

Pending court resolution of the National Trust for Historic Preservation litigation concerning the "East Wing Modernization Plan', I respectfully request the following:

-- The National Capital Planning Commission suspend any further review or endorsement of the White House "East Wing Modernization Plan" preliminary and final site and building plans, and that it issue a "Sense of the Commission" statement that any further work on this project —while litigation is pending — would not at this time be in the best interests of the District of Columbia and its citizens;

-- The National Capital Planning Commission issue a written rebuke of the "East Wing Modernization Plan" applicants for the potentially illegal manner in which this consequential project has been allowed to proceed, to date, without consideration of design alternatives, absent sufficient oversight, lacking engagement of the Nation's architectural and historic preservation experts, and without adequate public involvement and input, in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act.

-- Further, that the entire membership National Capital Planning Commission conduct its own, on-site inspection of the project before any future administrative approvals take place, rather than relying solely on assertions within the applicant's written filings. Additionally, that it order that this project — in its current stage of construction — be immediately opened to on-site professional and Congressional review, news media examination, and public inspection, in furtherance of transparency that has been absent since July 2025, when this project first commenced but is only just now coming before you for substantive discussion and before the eyes of the Nation, under vital public scrutiny.

The rash and unnecessarily hasty manner in which project applicants have pursued the destruction of the White House East Wing and their precipitous launching of ballroom construction — ahead of sufficient review and comment by both the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts — represents arrogant and dismissive contempt for your Commission's mandate, bordering on professional malfeasance and ethical misconduct.

In short, the applicant before you today, by his conduct and performance, has been permitted to dictate the pace, nature, and outcome of your decision-making process. Action on this application should be suspended on these procedural grounds alone.

The fashion in which project applicants appear before you today is not unlike the baleful story of the young man who killed his own parents … then, when summoned before a courtroom judge for sentencing, pleaded for mercy, on the grounds that he was an orphan.

It is not just a routine construction project that this day comes before you — and the Nation — for the Commission's careful and incisive review.

It is your own administrative process that is under scrutiny today, provoked by a project needlessly complicated by its applicants. Its launch, pursuit, and, now, its demand for your summary endorsement have severely eclipsed the Commission's range of options and freedom of review.

It is time to call a prudent time-out for reconsideration and further reflection on the destructive actions that have been permitted to recently occur at the storied residence of every President of the United States since 1799. The National Capital Planning Commission must now intercede, with a reasoned solution that can remedy the damage that has been caused to the White House by both premature and unsanctioned demolition … and imprudent and evolving re-design that shows little sign of the architectural and design stability that is the Commission's mandate to ensure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the plans for the East Wing of the People's White House. The planned ballroom is atrocious. It dwarfs the lovely historic building. It is gaudy, and over designed. The nation does not need an enormous ball room. I would prefer that any construction be modest and simple, in keeping with the rest of the white house complex. Actually, I would have preferred that the East Wing be kept as it was, so any construction should be similar to what was there before it was destroyed.

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Name: Ginevra Ralph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/15/2026 12:09:33 PM
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Name: Kathleen Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about both the manner in which the East Wing Modernization project has been undertaken and the direction it now appears to be going.

While the former East Wing has already been removed and cannot be restored, it is essential that whatever replaces it reflects the historic character and democratic spirit of the White House. The White House is not a palace; it is the People's House. Its scale, architecture, and symbolism should convey modesty, accessibility, and humility—qualities that reflect the temporary and service-oriented nature of elected office in our republic.

There is strong historical precedent for careful, restrained expansion of the complex. In 1902, under Theodore Roosevelt, the West Wing was constructed to separate official functions from the family residence. Importantly, that addition was subordinate in scale and deferential in massing, preserving the Executive Residence as the architectural and symbolic centerpiece. Similarly, during the 1948–1952 reconstruction under Harry S. Truman, the White House interior was completely rebuilt for structural safety, yet the historic exterior appearance was meticulously preserved. Even radical modernization was carried out without altering the building's outward dignity and proportions.

The East Wing itself was formalized during World War II under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Though expanded for practical and security reasons, it was ultimately designed to harmonize with the Executive Residence rather than compete with it. These precedents demonstrate that functional needs can be met without diminishing the primacy, scale, and symbolic balance of the main house.

Accordingly, no new structure should exceed the height or overall square footage of the existing building it replaces, nor should it visually dominate the historic residence. The architecture should extend the neoclassical vocabulary established by architect James Hoban, ensuring continuity in materials, proportions, and detailing. The addition should also provide visual balance within the overall composition of the complex, complementing the West Wing rather than rivaling it.

There is undoubtedly a need for appropriate public event space, whether to honor distinguished award recipients or to accommodate visitors. However, such facilities should be designed with restraint and taste. As the National Park Service has long articulated in its standards for historic properties, new additions should be compatible in scale and character while remaining subordinate to historic structures. That principle is particularly important here.

Finally, while maintaining necessary security measures, the design should incorporate transparency—both symbolic and physical. Thoughtfully placed windows and open architectural elements would communicate that this remains a welcoming civic space. No American should be made to feel that this house is closed to them, especially in the public-facing East Wing.

This project presents an opportunity to reinforce—not dilute—the architectural dignity and democratic symbolism of one of our nation's most important public buildings. I urge decision-makers to prioritize balance, restraint, historical continuity, and openness in the final design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Merryman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop all work on the East Wing project.

Having torn it down was a desecration and should not have occurred.

Building a wing that is bigger than the White House is a further insane proposition that seeks to erode our history.

And using private funds to do so is an illegal circumvention of funding statutes, and also gives the appearance that the White House can literally be bought by private interests.

All of the staff and parties involved should be investigated for violation of federal law including, but not limited to, corruption, graft, the emoluments clause, and the Presidential Records Act.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:07:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down. I do not want any ballroom built there and I especially do not want any building to have the name Trump on it. He is the most despicable president in our history and I say that as a life long Republican,

Date: 2/15/2026 12:06:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Saunders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since it's too late to comment on the tearing down of the East Wing I'd like to comment on the construction of the new ballroom. I understand the ballroom is a needed addition to the facility, but I would ask that a plan more structurally accommodating addition to the existing White House itself be considered. The proposed building is too overpowering for the existing residence. Please make it more architecturally pleasing to the existing features of the present White House. And it would be my hope that before anyone decides to do the West Wing there would be public hearings and permits issued before the bulldozers arrive. I hope the Board understands this property belongs to the American People and NOT one individual, and I would say this no matter which President had undertaken the serious destruction of this Historic Property. Hoping the board will take the needed steps and rectifies this injustice. Thanking you for your time. Tom Saunders, a resident of Indiana

Date: 2/15/2026 12:05:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randall Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Preservationist in Santa Fe for over 35 years. National Trust member. Former Senate intern and Many times visitor to DC. Mr. Trump’s unbelievable arrogance in demolishing the East Wing with zero process is outrageous and against policy. All must be stopped in tracks before anything further is demolished both on White House grounds or rest of the Capitol’s historic structures. Nor should any structures built without full review and approval by responsible commissions and Congress.

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Date: 2/15/2026 12:04:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Catanzarite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a desecration, an abomination and a hugely expensive waste of funds to glorify the egos of a few. Deny this ballroom project and rebuild the east wing. And those who destroyed it should pay that bill.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:04:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Boswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let him build that garish monstrosity. He has no more notion of federal architecture than a banana.

Thank you.

Liza Boswell (Davidson College '82 - go Carol)

Date: 2/15/2026 12:04:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Hallman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission members,

I am appalled and heartbroken to see what is being done to The People's House. The facade is being ruined, the scale is as obtrusive as the President himself.

I understand the need to expand the White House for it to function in our current society, however, this project needs thoughtful planning and a design that respects the history of the building. There are many talented architects in this country, one of whom I'm sure would be honored to be selected from a pool of design entries.

Please don't allow this project to go on as it is. This President has gone on way too long unchecked. He

needs to follow the rules like the rest of us, even though he doesn't accept that notion. He can't be allowed to hold himself above the law and regulations that have been intact and observed for many years.

If this commission is allowed to choose an architect, I sincerely hope that it is a person of color, an immigrant, or a woman.

Thank you for your time.

Robin J. Hallman

Date: 2/15/2026 12:04:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capiotal Planning Commission and the broader preservation community,

I respectfully submit this comment regarding the proposed reconstruction and expansion of the East Wing of the White House.

The East Wing has evolved thoughtfully over time. First constructed in 1902 during the Theodore Roosevelt administration and significantly expanded in 1942 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it has historically served practical and symbolic functions: a public entrance to the Executive Mansion, workspace for the First Lady and her staff, and support facilities integrated into the broader historic complex. While it has never been as architecturally dominant as the Executive Residence or the West Wing, its modest scale has helped preserve the visual and symbolic balance of the White House grounds.

The White House is not merely a working government building; it is one of the nation's most significant historic landmarks and a living museum of American civic life. Past interventions—most notably the structural reconstruction carried out under Harry S. Truman—were undertaken out of structural necessity and were carefully executed to preserve the building's historic exterior character. Those decisions reflected a philosophy of stewardship: modernize where needed, but do not enlarge or alter the historic profile without compelling justification.

Current plans that significantly expand the East Wing beyond its historic footprint risk disrupting that long-standing balance. A substantial increase in scale could overshadow the Executive Residence and alter the historic landscape composition that has defined the White House grounds for over a century. The East Wing's secondary status—architecturally and historically—has been part of its character. Rebuilding it within its previous footprint, or at a smaller scale than currently proposed, would honor its historical evolution while still allowing for modernization and improved functionality.

Preservation is not opposition to change; rather, it is a commitment to proportional, respectful change. Keeping the rebuilt East Wing modest in size would:

-Maintain the historic sightlines and architectural hierarchy of the White House complex.

-Uphold the precedent of preservation-first interventions established in the 20th century.

-Demonstrate responsible stewardship of one of the most recognized public buildings in the world.

-Reinforce public trust that alterations to nationally significant landmarks are guided by history rather than ambition.

As stewards of our shared heritage, we have an obligation to ensure that any reconstruction reflects continuity with the past. I urge you and relevant advisory bodies to recommend that the East Wing rebuild remain within its historic footprint—or at minimum, significantly smaller than currently envisioned—to preserve the integrity, scale, and symbolism of the White House for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Phillips

Date: 2/15/2026 12:04:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Ebner Lanham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination and I am appalled that the East wing and all of its history was destroyed...and for a ballroom? There is absolutely no need for a ballroom for any president, now or in the future. Smaller venues are perfectly appropriate for state visits and diplomacy.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:03:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Ippolito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Are you all insane? This is a monument to the indulgence and cult of personality of one man, Donald Trump, paralleling the palace of Ceaușescu's Romania. This is the "People's House," with laws in place to ensure the fabric and interpretation of the space are respected. This new "ballroom" is nothing more than a counting house to entertain the donor class that will keep him in power, and does nothing to benefit the American people. The sad reality is that no law will stop this lawless administration from pursuing its self-serving agenda. That said, every infraction must be documented from a historical, architectural, and structural perspective as a baseline for determining any future actions once Donald Trump is gone.

Good Luck!

Date: 2/15/2026 12:01:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Wellman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is criminal that the East Wing was destroyed without warning and without regard to the rules surrounding changes to US landmarks. The only acceptable action is to rebuild and restore the East Wing to near original state. There has never been shown any need for additional space for entertaining heads of state or other large groups. This is NOT his property to besmirch, and he should be forced to compensate the Treasury for

the costs of reconstruction.

Please do not permit an unnecessary monstrous structure to be built against the White House. Anything this committee would do should absolutely not lean into any sort of compromise in this regard.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:01:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not love forward as described to the public as it is not in keeping with the character of the White House. The size and scale dramatically degrades the look. Rather than looking like an institution of America, the changes will make it look like a Wal-Mart. The new addition should not be larger than the White House itself.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:00:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clare Kehrer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted and dismayed by the Ballroom and the destruction of the White House to build it! I find the building plan to be ugly and totally tasteless, and I hate that it will represent our country. I also find the expense of building the Ballroom (no matter where the funding comes from) to be an horrendous contrast to the many unmet humanitarian needs in our country and abroad. I believe there should be congressional oversight before one individual (our current president) can destroy a national treasure-our White House!

Date: 2/15/2026 12:00:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Prost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against the destruction of the east wing in order to build a ballroom. The proposed size would be a complete eyesore and destroy the landscape of the area. The White House is the people's house. The proposed ballroom would not be available to the public, only the very wealthy in what I assume would be a "pay to play" arrangement so common in this administration. A ballroom replacing a significantly historic site is an abomination and insult to all Americans. It must not be allowed to go forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:59:21 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Mackall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The East Wing demolition was a travesty that never should have happened. To replace it with an oversized, over glitzy ballroom that dwarfs the White House itself is an even bigger travesty. It is time for the normal functioning of the government to return. The ballroom should be denied and Trump should be forced to rebuild what he destroyed - at his expense - with the supervision of the appropriate committees and legislators.

Please stop the desecration of our National buildings by the ego of one out-of-control man!

Thanks,

Phil Mackall

Date: 2/15/2026 11:59:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Davison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, without any approval process was likely illegal and must not be tolerated nor rewarded with the construction of the proposed ballroom. The proposed design is completely incompatible with the remaining existing structure of the White House and should not be approved. The scale of the proposed ballroom will completely out of proportion to the White House and will only encourage alterations to the West Wing to put the structure back in balance. To the extent the previous East Wing needed restoration or modernization, it should have been done in accordance with the approval processes of the NCPC. Additionally, a full accounting of the costs and funding sources must be completed to ensure there is adequate and ethically appropriate. Any attempt to name the new wing (however it is built) after the current or any future occupant of the White House cannot be tolerated. In my opinion, the East Wing should be restored to resemble the previous structure at no expense to the US Government.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:56:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Kearns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to express my sadness and anger at what has happened to the White House. Without permission or input this beautiful testament to our nation’s history has been destroyed by a megalomaniac’s desire to be king. I am asking that you do not allow this construction to continue. Rather,

restore all of what has been removed. Perhaps updates are in order, but please no foolish ballroom to impress no one but the man who finds his own history most important. The rose garden, the First Lady's offices and so much more needs to be restored to its original design and purpose. Don't let this monstrosity ruin our past and what it will show to our future children. All evidence of this time should be erased and only spoken of as an example of the worst that America has endured. Please restore the dignity and beauty of the White House as it was built because that's the way it should be… it's the people's house, and the president is always only a temporary guest, there at our request as a guardian and guard for the future.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:56:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thanks for letting me make this statement.

Bottom line is the White House is the People's House where the president lives. He only lives there while serving as president. The White House is not a entertainment center. I repeat. The White House is not a entertainment center. Please no BALLROOM!

Again thanks,

Marshall

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Again thanks,

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Name: Stephanie Hoina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t disagree that a ballroom would be a nice addition but knocking down the east wing to accommodate was irresponsible. But that’s done. I think the size of the planned new ballroom is unnecessary and I think a bi-partisan committee should be established to determine the design. This is the people’s house and it shouldn’t be decided by one man or one administration. The commission should also have input to protect the integrity of the building as it shouldn’t be done at the whim of one man’s taste which in my opinion leans toward gaudy and ostentatious.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:54:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie McCallan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I am writing to ask you to protect the integrity of the historic value of the east wing of the White House and of the White House itself. The values of our founding fathers and the values of most of the American people today are based on not elevating the president above the common people. Kings have grand palaces, not presidents of the United States. As Americans, in the past and in the future, we want money to be spent in ways that support people, preserve our historic and natural heritage, and honor the human rights and human experience. We do not want money spend on self-aggrandizement of any president. We do not want money wasted, even if it is the money from donors, on a huge monstrosity of an addition to the White House, a monstrosity that has no historic value, destroys the architectural integrity of the White House, and will only be used by the wealthy. Please protect the historic value of the White House and its symbol of democracy and a government that is by the people and for the people. Please do not allow the current plans to go forward. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:53:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MRS. Belinda Corps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any attempt to continue to build a ballroom must be ended. The East wing needs to be restored to its original configuration. How dare someone who is uninformed, lacking knowledge of law and our history, attempt to alter our Historical image. As a 76 year old American I resent the alteration of our heritage. The individual who ordered this alteration of the East wing must personally pay for its restoration. NOT he American people who did not sanction this ballroom project!
Also I want the Lincoln bathroom restored to its original configuration. Lincoln was from Illinois not where there was lots of gold color and ornateness. Such ostentatious adornment has no place in our history but in the small minds of those who wish to loom large in our country and do not deserve to as Abraham Lincoln does.
Let us not continue to allow indiscriminate alteration of our historical buildings and as a secondary result alteration of our history, beliefs, and American standards.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:52:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nikki Ronan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To allow this work to continue would be allowing bullies to win at the detriment of a critically important US building. My background is planning and in community development makes me yearn for a capitol building that I can be truly proud of. This allows a blight and permanent stain to be made by this administration.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:52:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Angellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. The East Wing has served the building well for decade upon decade. There are rules in place for any alteration and those rules weren't followed. It should be rebuilt to the original specifications and look. This house belongs to the American people and not the occupants. Every occupant except one has followed the rules and guidelines. I want my house put back together in total harmony.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:51:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historian I am shocked and appalled that the president of the United States could tear down the East Wing without any oversight. Was any of the contents of the East Wing catalogued and protected? What has happened to them? The ballroom is literally a ruse to give the president millions of dollars from corporations and large donors. We all know it's a scam. Everyday the project costs more and more money. Having a ballroom that is so large that it overshadows the White House is so disgusting. It's hard to put into words how terrible of an idea this is. Please restore the East Wing as it was with all the former artifacts. The American people are the owners of the White House, not a corrupt convicted felon who assaulted young children.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:50:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It will give us something to burn down in a couple years.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:49:56 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary-Martha Bahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disagree with this proposal. The immense size of the proposed structure drawfs the existing White House which violates acceptable rules of additions. For something as frivolous as a ballroom there is no reason to allow such a gross exception.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:49:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Dezaine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am with the countless people who have commented online but may not have formally provided their statements.

Restore the East Wing as close to what it was as possible with only necessary modernization to reflect current health & safety requirements. No glitter, no gold filigree, just as close to the original as possible.

This property is supposed to be temporary quarters for no more than a two term president, a person that represent the common American, not for a King or Sultan. It is a historical fixture, not a bauble for glamorous display.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:48:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Slaughter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is for the comments due by March 4, 2026

WHITE HOUSE EAST WING

Date: 2/15/2026 11:48:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am completely opposed to this unnecessary and costly project. It is a pathetically classless attempt to mimic the largess of the "right and famous" and serves no positive purpose for the citizens of this country. This project is gaudy, ugly and completely unnecessary and certainly does not reflect well on our country. Monies for this useless project, I believe, would be better served on other projects under this Commission's domain and used for the betterment of all the citizens of this country. I, as a United States Citizen, am completely opposed to this gaudy and unnecessary project and expenditure of our money, and I formally request that the National Capital Planning Commission and all other Committees/Commissions entrusted with the legal power to deny this project to proceed or not, do so in formally and legally denying this project going forward. Furthermore, because of the impetuous and I daresay illegal demolishing of a portion of OUR White House, that the entire financial burden to fully restore the East Wing to it's rightful and former appearance, be laid at the hands and be solely the responsibility to remunerate to our country, to the one person who illegally ordered it's demolition: Donald J. Trump of Florida and that he himself and no other person or organization be financially responsible for it's complete restoration and repair as it was prior to October 20, 2025, with guaranteeing it's viability for all years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to my request being acceptable to this Commission and it's eventual like-minded ultimate and final decision.

Most Sincerely,

Sarah M. Carey
Shelton, Connecticut

Date: 2/15/2026 11:48:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is NOT the President's house, to do with as he pleases. It is the people’s house. All of the damage and destruction that the current administration has conducted needs to be reversed. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible, but maintain the overall historical form and structure.

If it is determined that a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. And at NO TIME should special interest funds/donations pay for or influence either the construction of a ballroom OR the rebuilding of the EastWing.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:48:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Bever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I propose restoring the East Wing to its original design. The 90,000 square foot design for Trump's ballroom completely dwarfs the White House and its historic integrity. It is an ugly design that ruins the historic nature of the "People's House". The East Wing was demolished with no input from the National Trust for

Historic Preservation and this project needs to be halted until the proper entities are all consulted. I agree there needed to be upgrades for modernization and security. However, they could have been submitted and the proper procedures could have been followed. The cost of the ballroom has ballooned to $400 million. Trump insists it is being paid for by donors from defense and technology sectors. This raises all sorts of ethical questions and potential for more grift on the part of Trump and his associates.
Again, I propose the modernization items be included, like an underground bunk for security, but the original design should be preserved. If a grand Versailles-type building is needed for fancy balls and events, then that should be constructed away from the historic White House and grounds. Trump has already destroyed the historic Rose Garden. Do not let him destroy the historic lines of the White House by building a monstrosity that overshadows it.

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Date: 2/15/2026 11:47:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Todman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Update and restore to original design. No ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:47:05 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean-Claude Aron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed monstrously-sized ballroom that has been proposed. It would dwarf the size of the White House itself and appears to be merely another vanity project that this egotistical president wants to slap his name on.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:46:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MOLLIE HART
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He should NOT have torn the east wing down. He needs to restore it -- not as a ballroom, but as it was. AND he needs to pay for it out of his own pocket. Not donors. Not the US people through taxes. HIS WON MONEY.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:46:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Whitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a student of architectural history, I consider our capital's many government buildings precious, and an important part of our architectural heritage. It is unseemly for any one public official to change — much less destroy — any major component of any building as important as the White House on a whim, for magnifying his personal esteem. Construction of a memorial to a public figure is for history and legislation to decide, not a living person, and much less for the person himself to authorize. It is my sincere hope that this project will not be granted a permit for construction. Its lavish decor would be in very poor taste, and the honor unearned.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:46:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Mcgarry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing to build a ballroom. Our White House symbolizes our history and democracy and is of great historical value. Please put a stop to this tragedy and restore as best you can.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:46:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mel kaegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be charged w/ illegal construction practices and the fines for destruction of a national landmark. His lack of knowledge of construction shows he is a fraud and a impulsive actor w/land-moving equipment. His fines/prison time should be consistent w/damage to the White House and the income in the past year manipulating the power of the Presidential office. By the way, if someone damaged his property he would sue to the maximum allowable amount--please show him the same treatment.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:45:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Oshel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposal for the East Wing Modernization Project. The design for the new East Wing looks like an entirely separate building has been grafted onto the White House. It would totally destroy the historic character of the White House and its surroundings.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:45:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This 90,000 square foot proposal for modernizing the East Wing is going much too far. This proposed addition will dwarf the People's House, the White House, and cast a dark shadow on the entire area around Pennsylvania Avenue. It does not take into account the history of the White House architecture, the design and style of the building and the landscaping, nor the desires of the American people. The final design should be closely monitored by the National Trust and move forward only with the review board's approval, according to existing law. An addition 1/3 this size, with a considerably decreased height footprint in relation to The White House, would be appropriate, given the size of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave and the architecture of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:44:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Stadulis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A sitting president should not have the authority alone to change the White House or any other historical property without overwhelming public support. These sacred spaces do not belong to any president. He or she is only a very temporary caretaker. Congress should be responsible for the upkeep of these places, including the White House. Any changes should go through a thorough process of decision making.

I would like to see the east wing restored to its pre-demolition footprint.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:44:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Leighton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore, do not change the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:43:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Zwetkof
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave it as is a fitting tribute to the Trump era.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:43:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randi Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's incredibly clear that this project is being improperly run without proper oversight and adherence to law. I appreciate the Commission's attention to it and hope that you will do right by the country.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:42:14 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Iverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

attached as a .pdf

Date: 2/15/2026 11:41:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henry Szydlo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of The United States not The president or anyone else. If changes are needed it is something th people should have a say in.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:40:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The last time our White House was destroyed was in the War of 1812 and as bad as that was, this is so much worse because an American president is behind it. Trump has ignored every rule, common courtesy and has destroyed a national landmark known as the East wing. His intent was not to modernize it but to claim yet another permanent monument, a testament to his own ego, with no regard for public opinion whatsoever. The White House, commonly referred to as the People's House, has been tainted by an egomaniac through self worth is so low, he must destroy everything in his wake. I strongly urge Trump to be held accountable for every penny spent to date and enforce him to physically repay to have the East Wing put back as it was along with Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:38:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Bricker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished without first having a review and input from the people. It's destruction was a clear violation of trust. The East Wing should be restored to it's original size and for it's original purpose. The only updates should be environmentally sound and accessibility updates. A ballroom is not needed and does not serve the people.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:36:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Underwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Halt this monstrosity of a project NO ONE wanted, prosecute Trump for breaking the law to initiate it and demolish the People's House, and seize his personal assets to restore it EXACTLY as it was before he took office. Then do the same with the white house rose garden.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:35:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I guess technically I'm addressing the East Wing "Modernization" project but there is nothing besides its currency that makes it "modern". I have been in the now demolished East Wing and felt the warmth and history of our various past century's First Ladies' imprimaturs, grateful that their rolls had a real home. Its destruction was nothing short of heartbreaking.

Now comes an utterly garish, monstrous, out-of-place, gilded big box idea that is a slap in the face to anyone who cares about the dignity, purpose and appearance of the People's House. It is not his house to destroy.

Mr. Trump's assertion the everybody has always wanted a ballroom like he envisions is risible. His historically unique and gaudy taste is nowhere to be found in the annals of our history. Indeed, it is a rebuke to all this country stands for.

Please do not allow this ballroom abomination to go forward. It is vile. Rebuilding the East Wing and charging the costs to Mr. Trump is the only reasonable way forward.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: brittany switzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Deeply disappointed by the East Wing being torn down without any consideration to our history, and believe the ballroom money should be used to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

First, the current renderings of the ballroom do not reflect the neoclassical architectural principle of symmetry and dwarf the main structure of the White House.

Additionally, the budget for the ballroom should be reduced and leftover ballroom donations should be given to charity.

Thank you

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Name: Mary Lou Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East wing as it was. No ballroom is needed in the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:34:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Levinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new construction is needed, mainly as a meeting place, “ballroom” is far from its actual intent.
Honestly, I trust the President’s judgement - he does have a history of successfully building things.
Often the “weekend experts” rarely know what they’re talking about.
And remember: a camel is a horse designed by a committee.
Do not hold this up.
Thank you.
Edward D. Levinson, Architect

Date: 2/15/2026 11:34:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Kolodner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. I am a member of the American public, a natural-born citizen. I am irate at the President's assumption that he alone owns the White House and can do with it what he wants. What he wants is to is to overwhelm this iconic house owned by the public with a huge gaudy "ballroom". Presidents have done without that for the life of the White House; they have used chambers in the White House for a wide variety of personal and political, joyous and sad events. There is no need for this huge ballroom, and the disrespect for the American people is palpable. Please do not allow continuation of the building of this ballroom. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:34:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Blanchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I realize that occasional modifications or upgrades need to happen, I believe the White House should stand as a testament to our country's history. No alterations should be made that will change or destroy the White House as it is. This huge addition that is proposed will dwarf the original building and it will alter the distinctive perspective. I believe that our country and our history is not of the showy gold plated impression but the rock solid strong foundation of Democracy, our constitution and freedom. If an enormous ballroom and suite of offices are really needed then they should be built as their own thing somewhere else.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:33:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the scale of this project. It dwarfs the historic White House and destroys the symmetry and balance so well represented by the Federalist architecture of the White House.

In addition to competing with the White House in overall mass, the two story design and grand entrance overwhelm the beautiful 1800 building. The designers should be asked to both scale back the dimension of the project overall and consider putting one of the floors underground.

I sympathize with the need for more entertainment space at the White House but consideration should be given to scale back the need to seat 1,000. There are, after all, a number of nearby venues in Washington, DC that accommodate a large audience.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:33:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Larrabee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the East Wing can stand for a 'modernization project' since it has already been destroyed, it should be in keeping as it originally stood. The complex is the People's House and should remain as such. A ballroom can be built elsewhere off the complex in another location in the city. The scale of what is intended will dwarf the White House and would diminish its historic grandeur.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:33:42 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Meldahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't have words forceful enough to express my opposition to a $1 trillion (or whatever) ballroom addition to the White House, whether paid for by billionaires who have more money than sense or by taxpayers.

Mr. Trump has absolutely NO right to raze the East Room in a fit of pique. The house he lives in (part time) does not belong to him and is not a branding opportunity. He's already made the Oval Office look like the waiting room at a bordello but at least that can be reversed fairly quickly. His excuse the ballroom is being paid for by rich donors only makes him—and us—in thrall to those who donated money. And you know part of this scheme is his getting his cut for "management fees" or whatever.

As for "national security" claims, the only reason he has trotted this out is it's a get out of jail free card for the Supreme Court. Leaving the area exposed with the scar you can se from outer space is the real national security issue.

Make Trump personally pay to restore the East Wing to the way it was before he threw a tantrum after No Kings Day.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:32:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Adee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission --
I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing and the proposal to replace it with an over-sized ballroom that is wholly incompatible with the character, scale and meaning of the People's House, The White House. The East Wing has held the offices of the First Ladies and their contributions to public life.

In a single day, a contributing component of a National Historic Landmark was destroyed while bypassing the level of transparency, documentation, and public engagement required for any other nationally significant property in the United States. The absence of a complete public review undermines both the legitimacy of the action and the standards the federal government expects of every other historic property owner in the country.

I am likely among millions of Americans who were shocked and disappointed to see the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. While previous Presidents and their Administrations have made minor changes to the White House, such as President Jimmy Carter placing solar panels on the White House during the energy crisis during his term in office; and President John F, Kennedy creating the Rose Garden, these are minor projects that did not destroy a significant, historic part of the White House such as this current president.

The National Capital Planning Commission has a responsibility to advocate for the preservation of The White House as it does other National Historic Landmarks. I urge this Commission to require the rebuilding of the East Wing to its original form and to oppose the building of this monstrosity of a ballroom that is not in keeping with the nature and character of the White House, the People's House.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael J. Adee
Santa Fe, New Mexico USA

Date: 2/15/2026 11:32:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Latimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore your the original scale and type, while upgrading the electrical etc to code and allow for upgrades to make it ADA compliant.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:31:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Wothe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed illegally. It should be restored to its original grandeur with same footprint. The US does not need a gaudy, dollar store version of Versailles.

The East Wing should be reconstructed with federal dollars. The People's White House is not for sale to the oligarchs.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:30:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan MacBride
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the proposed ballroom fits with the scale of the White House. It will dwarf the main residence and make the whole building look out of balance. It is unbelievably disappointing that demolition occurred without comment and approval of the people. I recommend we restore the building to its precious glory, not slap on a behemoth of a ballroom that isn't needed.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:29:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leyla Kayi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I absolutely do not support the plans for the East Wing of the White House and the addition of a 90,000 sq ft ballroom. I believe that the destruction of the White House is a tragedy.

The rubble should be cleared and the East Wing should be reconstructed and restored to it's original form and function. In addition, I would like the new patio to be removed and the Rose Garden restored.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:27:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Giudice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have no interest in seeing the planned ballroom being constructed. The new East Wing footprint and height should be no bigger than the prior East Wing. If anyone needs a big ball room, there are lots of places to go rent. We don't need it at the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:26:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an architect in Charlotte, NC

This ball room addition is a travesty --- before Donal Trump NO ONE has ever mention the word "ball room" --- there is not a need for a ball room at the White House --- there are many venues around DC that can host any event --- the times they have had to set up tents is no big deal --- these tents are actually very nice

The tearing down of the East Wing was an illegal activity --- the architects / engineers / contractors / anyyone else that have and are participating in this project are immorral / enethical / unprincipaled

if they are building an underground bunker or data center (as rumors say), then this could have been done by leaving the East Wing --- the history that has been lost here is so unfortunate

also, the scale and design of this restroom is just a disaster --- it is twice as big as the White House and is going to now dominate the grounds --- it is absolutely a crazy and insane idea to build this --- it is absolutely UGLY !

the East Wing needs to be built back exactly the way it was with improvenets as needed and done to match the same scale and taste as before

and needless to say that the $300 million price tag is being funded with bribe money --- every individual and complany that is donating to this wants something in return

Note that I would be saying the same thing if a Democratic President would have committed this CRIME --- and it is a crime that has taken place with the demolition and another crime will take place if this ball room is built --- it will NOT be a crime when the next Democrtaic pPresident tears it down hopefullly

STOP THIS MADNESS !

Date: 2/15/2026 11:25:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dudley Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The lawless and unnecessary demolition of the East Wing, as well as the the garish and self-aggrandizing refurbishment of the Oval Office, establish without any doubt that the current administration should have no role in the restoration of the East Wing. The current proposal is an exercise in self-glorification and generally an abomination. The current President should be required to make do with tents, trailers and other temporary structures for White House events.as penance for his act of wanton destruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:24:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg H.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After careful review, I do not support the proposal to construct a ballroom in place of the destroyed East Wing of the White House. This approach would significantly alter the historic architectural symmetry between the East and West Wings and introduce a structural element inconsistent with the building’s established design character. I recommend prioritizing restoration that preserves the original architectural integrity, balance, and historical continuity of the Executive Residence complex.

The White House does not need a ballroom. Washington DC has plenty of venues to host large parties. It is inappropriate to build an oversized, ornate, gold-gilded space designed to showcase the chasm between the 'elite rich' and We the People. We can build a monument to Trump elsewhere to forever remind this Republic how close we came to losing our freedom and American way of life.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:24:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Stapleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing as it was, with any updated safety, electrical, etc as needed. Also please restore Jacki Kennedy's Rose Garden. And do what is necessary to make sure this kind of destruction never happens again.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:24:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The precipitous destruction of the East Wing throws the whole building off balance. Whatever design replaces it should conform to the original scale and retain the character and style of the original design, lest the final product looks like an oversized tumor on a once stately and well-balanced structure. To achieve the desired 90,000 sf space, underground construction should be considered, or the design criteria should be scaled down to something less grandiose.

What efforts are being made the restore the historic significance of the former East Wing? Components of the former structure should be deliberately incorporated into the new design. The historical significance of all that occurred at that place should not be lost as a result of this new use. The SIS standards for preservation and where possible reconstruction should be employed at every opportunity in the design process so the American story is not lost.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:24:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the east wing should be restored to its original state requiring the current administration foot the bill. Not the taxpayers, not by donors, but by each Republican that was in office when it was destroyed

Date: 2/15/2026 11:24:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Maggard Prediletto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

While I understand the need to modernize, it was shocking to see the east wing demolished. A new wing should be in the same architectural style as the White House so as to complement it, not overwhelm it. It needs to fit the scale of the current building both in height and size. On the interior, it should be finished in a style where there is flow from the west wing, through the main house and into the new east wing. The main focus for the White House is a base from which to run our country on a daily basis. I don't know how many days per year a ballroom would be used so I question if that is a good use of the space when there are off site spaces available for large events. A moderate size for the ballroom could be a welcome addition without overpowering the rest of the building. Since the First Ladies space was demolished, there needs to be accommodation for her and her staff as being First Lady is an important part of the White House.

Thank you,

Patty Maggard Prediletto

Date: 2/15/2026 11:23:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Barrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Totally opposed to this action! We lost history to glorify one insignificant human being!iy

Date: 2/15/2026 11:22:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Zehr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be meticulously rebuilt and restored to its original glory as its complete and total destruction was done illegally and without authorization.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:20:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Anne Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing in the White House was a devastating blow to my personal morale. I had always thought of the White House as a basic National Monument to our country and, of course, the traditional home of the President. And, I guess, I always thought of the building as immemorial as well. It would be my wish that it be restored if at all possible. The contemplation of building an out sized and outrageously gaudy ball room next to our White House is, in my opinion, nothing more than the President once more trying to re-build Washington DC in his own image and as a personal, gaudy memorial.

IMHO, I personally hate the ballroom idea and would vote against it if I could. I would also fine the President for destroying the East Wing out of his personal whim and without review and approval by the appropriate office.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:19:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jancourtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gigantic ballroom is unnecessary and will destroy the lovely symmetry that makes our White House the nicest and classiest in the world. We're Americans, not show-offs. We don't like our monuments and government buildings to be sparkly or shiny or oversized or rococo. We like them to be elegant and sleek.

The President should not throw parties for such huge crowds, anywhere, ever. A mob scene is not elegant, not meaningful, not valued by the attendees. It' just a mob.

Trump is destroying the beauty of our capitol city. If he decorates the ballroom as he has the Oval Office, it will look like a Russian Mobster chose everything.

A ballroom, OK. But smaller, please. A few hundred people (under 500) is PLENTY big enough, not this gargantuan, vulgar monstrosity that does not fit with the overall look of our capitol.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:19:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Homan-Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the monstrosity of a ballroom to destroy our national treasure. Restore the East Wing to it's original footprint (at Trump's donors expense - not the American tax payer's). Updates to meet current code and ADA accessibility, as necessary, and a design that is complimentary to the existing adjacent structures should be the only changes allowed.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:18:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Greiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the PEOPLES House should NEVER been demolished without proper oversight.

I do not support the building of a ballroom. A ballroom is NOT a necessity for a democratic institution. We do not need major donors currying more favor from private donations. We certainly do not need to spend taxpayer dollars on this project when so many other things are more important.

Please do not build a ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:17:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Brodnitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is a horror and reflects nothing about what's best in America. It's about individual ego and that's not what the country is about. Even the process up to this point is about individual ego. Thank you for holding these hearings and for creating this opportunity to speak up. Please build the east wing back as it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:17:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A gawdy giant ballroom adjoining the White House
Is simply not the USA! \u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ? Its a Trumpian EGO
Builder thtwe taxpayers will pay for nd we don't
Want all those gilded surfaces scattered everywhere.
Please! This is in poor taste. Ultimately it will be
The laughingstock of the world.

Please don't approve approve ANY of it.
Jeffrey Becker
Key Largo Florida

Date: 2/15/2026 11:16:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Azman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project needs to be stopped in its tracks and no further work done.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:16:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Nault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs oversight by a committee. Nothing was approved by any committee or anyone really. One day, the East Wing was just being torn down. A historic building, that we the taxpayers paid for, just wrecked. That is wrong.

No one approved the demoliton. And no one asked for a ballroom. I don't think ir ia appropriate to have

something like that built next to a monument that is the White House or on the grounds.

Rebuild the White House East Wing and don’t build a ball room.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:15:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHARLES SEAMAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have understood and agree that hosting state dinners using tents on the White House lawn is not an ideal process. Having a facility suitable for larger events is probably a valid goal. I have concerns about the size and scale of the proposed facility as shown in the architectural renderings shown for a short time this week.

I understand that a typical state dinner at the White House can range between 100 and somewhat more than 300 guests. In other countries such as the UK and France, state dinners often host 150 to 200 guests. As of this month (February 2026) plans are for a facility to host 1,000 guests. To me, this is overkill. I also have concerns that the proposed facility will overshadow the actual White House mansion.

My opinion is that the scale should be reduced to a facility that can host 400 to 500 guests. That is well over the normal guest list in the USA as well as other countries. That capacity should be ample for events for many years to come.

I realize that a state dinner needs a sizable support and security staff and also that other East Wing offices must be provided in the structure. I sincerely hope that the ultimate design of the structure will scaled back substantially from the renderings currently being considered.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:14:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Kinnear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wanted to voice my concern about the project, especially including the work that has already occurred. It seems to have been done with no regard to the historical nature of the building and the people's wants and needs.
I have no issue with the need for a public space/ballroom, but believe that making it attached and larger than the original structure is an injustice to our shared history as well as the wants and thoughts of most citizens.
The president is the executive but also a temporary custodian of the White House.
Please ensure that any further construction goes through EVERY step and inspection as is REQUIRED!

Date: 2/15/2026 11:14:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Dewey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened is a travesty. Trump does not OWN the White House, the American people do. Proper public comment should have been engaged before destroying an historic element, as well as a place that welcomed thousands of visitors, of this structure. Historic trees have also been destroyed. All for a vainful, incompetent fool. And pox on Shalom Baranes, a once respected historic preservation architect for leaning into this folly.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:13:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it illegal and unconstitutional that the east Wing of the White House has been demolished without any public oversight. I would like to see the remains to be made structurally stable and no additional building performed. The White House and its buildings do not belong to the sitting President and should not be destroyed at the whim of one person. Hopefully all demolition will be stopped and no new building will be allowed until formal oversight including legal permits, licensed contractors and public approval is obtained.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:13:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Chance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in opposition to the demolition of the East Wing and to the construction of a grandiose ballroom. So many infrastructure projects in America assist citizens with transportation, access to public lands, renewal of bridges, access to educational and cultural experiences. This Ballroom provides zero benefit to the American people. Events will not include the American Public but will be limited to the billionaire class, technocrats, and high-dollar donors. In America today, we are confronted with economic chaos for all but the richest Americans. Job growth is less than 200,000 new jobs per year. Our recent college graduates are saddled with debt, little federal assistance, and very limited employment opportunities. Our children and families struggle with food assistance, access to health insurance, and increased rent, utility, and insurance increases.

At this time in American history, the construction of a grandiose ballroom could not be any more inappropriate. It reflects a "let them eat cake" federal government mentality that is not the American way. This White House is the people's house. It should reflect service, humility, unity, and democracy. It is not a palace in need of a golden ballroom. I would be hard pressed to name a more inappropriate action than the construction of this structure. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:12:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Ledgewood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing has long been a historic and symbolic space that reflects the enduring contributions of America's First Ladies, whose work in advocacy, public service, and cultural leadership has shaped important aspects of our national identity.

Removing a historic structure of this significance permanently diminishes that legacy and erodes the integrity of a nationally recognized landmark. Replacing it with a large-scale ballroom fundamentally alters the character and purpose of the site and represents a shift away from preservation toward excess.

I am particularly concerned about the funding of this project by private corporations seeking favor or influence with the current administration. Public trust is undermined when historic public spaces are altered in ways that appear to benefit private interests rather than the American people.

Our historic landmarks should be protected, preserved, and respected. Once destroyed, they cannot be meaningfully restored. I urge decision-makers to reconsider this project and honor the historical, cultural, and civic importance of the East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:12:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President needs to follow the law. Demolition should not have occurred until proper approvals were received. I haven't even seen any architectural plans as to what he is proposing. The NCPC must ensure that the historical integrity of the building is being upheld. A 90,000 square foot ballroom is not necessary! A ballroom hasn't been needed for all these years and I don't believe it is needed now. This is the people's house. Not President Trump's private building. I swear he tore the east wing down believing that he couldn't be stopped since it was already a pile of destruction. I'm also concerned that the cost isn't covered and will be paid by us taxpayers. There have been too many lies in this administration and the whole project is just too secretive. Before anything goes further, the American people need to see specific drawings by a licensed architect. But, any addition larger than the entire current White House must be rejected.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:11:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is a travesty what is being done with the "Ballroom". The White House is the people's house. It does not need a gold and shiny tacky ballroom! It should not reflect what that admin's tacky style is. It

should be classic, subdued, and dignified as part of the Country's genre. The gold and bling that is scheduled to be put there, is nothing short of tacky and entitled - all of which is a direct insult to the American people. There is absolutely no need for such a space. By the wing being torn down, it has taken away the history, of the people.. and to "remodel" the rest of the White House ?? - please don't let it be destroyed. Leave our history and legacy alone.... This is my opinion.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:11:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ravyn Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Are "balls" a 21st century thing? An American thing? How does building a ballroom benefit the people of America? This proposal feels wildly put of touch with the needs of the people and with the times. We need affordable, accessible healthcare and housing, clean water and air, lowered grocery prices, reasonable retirement age and accommodations, etc.

Additionally, the size of the proposed addition is larger than the White House. The "East Wing" should not be larger than the main building it accompanies. "Modenization" does not maintain historic relevance and accuracy of the White House and any additions should be in keeping with the period and style of our historic White House.

Finally, and addition to the White House must benefit everyday people. For example, the addition should accommodate/house offices where work is done that directly supports ordinary Americans.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:11:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Fulmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO. Just vote NO. Why? This was done without any authorization, any pre-planning, any announcement. It is unprecedented in its scope, and unprecedented in its hubris.

There was no need for his demolition to happen and no need for this 'ballroom' that is supposed to replace it.

The president has repeatedly lied, first by saying it wouldn't affect the main building and then by destroying the colonnade.

The architectural renderings for the ballroom keep changing and in do not match interior to exterior. The size changes each iteration.

PLEASE vote NO.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:11:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raymond Arcomano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to address several points regarding this (I feel) unnecessary project.

Past history of the White House is significant. The architecture and who designed it in addition to the time frame and actual historical moment any changes have been made is part of our national heritage. To destroy or change this without cause is destroying history and the nations past.

The beauty of the White House lies in its simplicity. It truly is "The People's House "
It is not the grand palaces of Europe for a reason. It reflects the simple democratic ideals of the founding fathers of the United States. It is a symbol and message to all in our nation and the world that our nation is of the people, by the people and not by a separate ruling class.

The proposed size and adornments of the new structure is hideous. Dwarfing the actual original building with utter disregard for its historical significance or architectural beauty. In my opinion this is an attempt to reframe the history of the White House unnecessarily to show a dominance of a leading ruling class.

The disregard of the present occupant of the White House for long established democratic institutions such as the National Capitol Planning Commission, shown by his moving forward and destroying significant parts of the building, has tremendous bearing on our nations history. It also is a reflection of his not caring about our country and citizens.

Please do not allow this project to go forward. Please restore the White House to its beautiful simplicity. To shine to all across this world that it truly is….
"The Peoples House".
Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 11:11:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Gregor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This president has destroyed a national historic location (the White House) only to build his vain project that would overshadow the original home's footprint. Building such a large, gaudily-decorated "ballroom" is an affront to the historic nature of the White House. But that wasn't a thought when the president went ahead and just destroyed the east wing without any public pushback. The NCPC should consider simply reverting the space previously occupied by the east wing back to natural landscape with trees and indigenous flora, making the original White House alone the primary focus of the grounds. Obviously it is not needed for office space since current use has been moved out during deconstruction. The People DO NOT need a ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:10:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Jarussi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"East Wing Modernization Project" is a euphemism for building a monumental gold leaf ballroom and luxury bunker for the President's personal use and benefit.

Assuming that some modernization and updating is called for at this historic building, this project is completely out of scale for the setting. It will dwarf the White House, the people's house, and will be out of proportion to the design of the Treasury building next door. Trump's stated goal on social media is to have the "finest Ballroom ever built anywhere in the World" and he has even talked about moving inaugurations to the new ballroom instead of the Capitol, which would then allow him to convert everything to a personal, invitation only event at "his" residence. Private funding for construction of this oversized monument to Trump will then become a lien on our public property, almost certain to translate into personal access to the power of the President.

None of this is necessary. The scale of the plans should be reined in to be more harmonious with existing structures and the history and the actual needs (vs. wants of the current occupant) of the White House as a RESIDENCE for a president and his/her family.We should not be building a luxury entertainment site as a monument to Trump. We do not need a 90,000sf ballroom to host dignitaries or conduct the usual business of the Presidency. Trump already has a huge place that he calls the Southern White House in which to host grand galas. Please do not destroy the integrity of the people's house to assuage his desire for gold leaf grandeur at the White House, at the expense of history, tradition, and artistic and architectural integrity.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:10:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Ermenc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our country has so many needs right now and we are so far in debt from decades of overspending. I see no good reason for this project to move ahead and many reasons for funds to be allocated towards needs so much more pressing.
Sincerely,
Christine Ermenc

Date: 2/15/2026 11:10:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colin Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the construction of a ballroom to replace the improperly demolished East Wing of the White House. It appears no consultation was made prior to the demolition of the existing structure and therefore I cannot support the development of the area for the intended purpose of a ballroom space. That would be rewarding violations of the process and there must be procedure and deference paid to the rules and order of these projects.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:10:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Bak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House is just another blemish on the Republican Party. Trump and his minions have proven beyond doubt their lack of patriotism by this act as well as innumerable others. This money to return the White House should be mandatory by Trump'. After all, he's made billions with all his money making schemes during his presidency.

I hope SOMEONE will finally hold him accountable.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:09:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Eckes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this ballroom. NO ONE has asked for one, as Donald is LYING. He ripped down OUR East Wing, WITHOUT permission and I for one did NOT approve! If the ballroom we HAD was good enough for Princess Diana, with the beautiful pink marble floor, it was fine for me...as we the people were never invited to it. It is another VANITY PROJECT FOR DONALD and I will NOT stand for it!
I wept, watching the videos that morning...literal tears coursing down my cheeks and dropping on the keyboard under my fingertips.
Razing it released dangerous toxins in the building materials from decades ago, and the entire area was exposed to it. HE NEVER EVEN SAVED SENTIMENTAL FURNISHINGS OR BUILDING ACCENTS THAT ARE FROM A LONG GONE ERA! OUR history...WE THE PEOPLE'S HISTORY! We all saw things sitting in the rubble that should have been preserved.
He ripped out the Rose Garden as well...and now we have a mini Mar-a-Cloggo with tiles by the drains with American flags on it...so HE STEPS ON THE FLAG EVERY TIME HE IS OUT THERE! He's designed it so tacky just like his pedophile property in Florida, too. He has bypassed Congress FOR EVERYTHING, and this is something CONGRESS had control over ...NOT HIM. Plus, he's made sure it dwarfs the other buildings, making appearances more important to him than actual substance...the story of maga, really. THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE...and it WILL be removed once he is gone. BE GUARANTEED OF THAT.
No point in building what 80% of the country's citizens DO NOT WANT...as it stands for EPSTEIN now.

THE BALLROOM WILL ALWAYS REPRESENT INTERNATIONAL PEDOPHILE RING, A MONEY LAUNDERING RING, A CHILD PORN RING, A CHILD TRAFFICKING RING, A SPY RING, AN ILLEGAL ARMS RING, AND INVOLVED OFFICIALS FROM AROUND THE PLANET.WE DO NOT WANT A PEDOPHILE'S AND RAPIST'S FINGERPRINT ALL OVER OUR NATION'S CAPITAL and using OUR MONEY to do it!!

Date: 2/15/2026 11:08:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make it compatible is size and style to west wing and main house - visually balanced. No tacky gold fillagre ANYWHERE! Get rid of the fast food style outdoor eating patio and put back the beautiful rose garden. While you're at it, take out the tacky gold and overly decorated style in the Oval Office and restore it to tasteful interior it used to be.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:08:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We were shocked at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. We believe that it should be rebuilt and restored in its original manner. It should complement the White House, not overpower it. We believe that the Rose Garden should be restored to its former glory also. The White House is the People's House, it does not belong to any single person, president or not. We also demand accountability. The person who ordered the destruction of the East Wing and claims he has the money to replace it with a monstrosity of a ballroom, should hand over that money to replace the original historic structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:07:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Griffore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:06:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to the proposed modernization project for the White House East Wing. As a concerned citizen and advocate for the preservation of our nation's historical heritage, I urge you to halt this project and reconsider any alterations to this irreplaceable national

landmark.
The White House stands as the most recognizable symbol of American democracy and history. The East Wing, completed in 1942 during the Roosevelt administration and designed by Lorenzo Winslow, represents a significant chapter in our nation's architectural and political heritage. Any modernization that compromises its historical integrity would constitute an irreversible loss to the American people and future generations.
My opposition is grounded in three fundamental concerns:
First, the historical and architectural significance of the East Wing cannot be overstated. This structure has witnessed pivotal moments in American history and houses spaces of profound cultural importance. The architectural elements, materials, and design reflect both the era of its construction and the evolving role of the presidency. Modifications risk destroying authentic fabric that can never be replicated, regardless of how careful or well-intentioned the approach.
Second, the fiscal implications of such a project demand scrutiny. Taxpayer dollars should not fund unnecessary alterations to a building that has served its function admirably for over eight decades. At a time when Americans face economic challenges, spending significant public funds on modernization rather than essential preservation raises serious questions about priorities. Any claimed necessity for updates should be accompanied by transparent cost-benefit analyses and exploration of minimal-intervention alternatives.
Third, a project of this magnitude affecting our nation's most important residence requires robust public oversight and input. The White House belongs to all Americans, and decisions about its modification should not be made behind closed doors. There has been insufficient public disclosure about the scope, necessity, and long-term implications of this project. The American people deserve full transparency about what changes are proposed, why they are deemed necessary, and what alternatives have been considered.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:06:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Mattila
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing of the White House was where the First Lady's office was located before the destruction of the wing, it should be made into the First Lady's or First Gentleman's wing with an office, and a museum installation of all the historical pictures of what used to be a beautiful rose garden before the renovation during the 45th Presidential Term. It should also include what the White House looked like before the 47th Term. Since there will be so much room for any of the offices needed that might have been neglected as staff size grew into the older building, I do believe that there should also be a meditation room for hope/joy that could be accessible to visitors of the WH as longs as the proper decorum was maintained. Perhaps, the Secret Service / FBI also needs an office to co-ordinate with local LEOs to make them aware of when they are arriving or when ICE anticipates being there

Date: 2/15/2026 11:05:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian DeLaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

United States DOES NOT NEED a ballroom. We need health care, mental health services, and higher minimum wages. This ballroom is a slap in the face to every single United States citizen struggling each and every day to survive. This is a waste and should never have been started. The East Wing was demolished

before any citizen had a say. It is supposed to be "our" house, not the president's.

Lastly, this administration will go down in history forever as the most grossly corrupt, incompetent, and imbecilic to ever lead a nation, let alone the USA. tRump and his sycophant GOP have done their best to do the the United States what it did to the East Wing - destroy it without any consideration to the ones who own it. Fuck Donald Trump. Now and forever. Release the Trump-Epstein files so we can finally send the rapist, pedophile bastard to prison. Please!!!

Date: 2/15/2026 11:05:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Hess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The authoritarian removal of the East Wing should have been enough to Impeach. To allow this new ballroom to be built will
be giving the middle finger to the American People.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:05:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ira Weiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:05:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ira Weiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/15/2026 11:04:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Dieckhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization must be similar to White House in design and size. It must meet updated energy efficiency standards. It must not have Donald Trump's name and picture inside or outside the building.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:04:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Berton Coxe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by the citizens of the United States of America. The President is a temporary resident. It is not his home to do as he pleases. Permanent remodels of this historic building should not made without the explicit consent of the people's representatives, i.e. Congress. These remodels should also not be paid for by private donations which render the appearance of wealthy people trying to curry favor.

Last year's destruction of the East Wing without any prior notice to the country or its elected representatives was an illegal act, in my opinion. Continuing on with this project to build a gaudy, Rococo-style, distinctly un-American ballroom should not happen without a full hearing by Congress and the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:03:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sarah pleydell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have lived in DC for 46 years and treasure our beautiful buildings. As an immigrant the White House represents the best in this country. The presidents who took us on the long march to preserve and future our values. The peaceful transfer of power. Traditional and innovation. This innovation is too rapid too sloppily thought through and I request the process is radically slowed to allow for modifications to reflect the heart and soul of all Americans and not just the few.

Sarah pleydell

Date: 2/15/2026 11:03:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne LaPrade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House should remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:01:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Plante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Also restore the Jacquieline Kennedy Rose Garden. No gold toilets.

Date: 2/15/2026 11:01:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederick Oftel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When you tear down a portion of a structure without a rebuilding plan, funding, or public support, you made a giant mistake. The White House does not need a giant ballroom to host gala events, wrestling matches, car races, nor does it need to be painted gold or decorated with gaudy (ugly) gold decorations. A gala event can be easily facilitated in a temporary outdoor tent or at one of the various convention locations around D.C. Rebuild the East Wing to the original configuration, replant the rose garden, and stop wasting MY taxpayer money.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:58:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the construction of the large ballroom. Any replacement must fit within the aesthetic and historical appearance of the White House and must go through proper regulatory channels.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:56:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Greenfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As our "President" has seen fit to bypass rules and regulations ALREADY in place by tearing down the East Wing WITHOUT permission (as well as renaming the Kennedy Center and proposing a "Trump Arch") it seems to be a mute point to even have a hearing that the results of he won't obey or feel obligated to comply with.
That said, however, my public comment in this matter will be as such:
"A sitting President who, in his first year, has attacked our U.S. Constitution so blatantly, instilled excessive and unnecessary tariffs on our allies and enemies, continues with lies daily regarding voter fraud, verbally abuses and condemns former presidents, and has decimated many institutions by eliminating funding to such worthy causes as PBS and dozens of others, will build the Trump-East Wing Ballroom to glorify his image irrespective of the necessity for it to begin with.
"At a cost initially estimated at $250 million that has risen to $400 million, the American people will pay for it out of tax dollars so that Presidente Trump can entertain his business cronies and carpetbaggers at dinner parties catered and paid for, again, by the American people.
"Oh, there'll be the occasional foreign dignitary, with the expected "White House Dinner" but they'll be far and few between his personal use of it for private functions.
"A scaled-down 'replacement' of the East Wing, large enough for a few hundred guests, has always been adequate and easier to protect security-wise for the occasional luncheon or dinner.
"It needs to be built alongside the White House as it was with, of course, improvements necessary for the 21st century as opposed to the one torn down. An operational kitchen attached, sufficient restroom facilities, wifi, stage w/lighting-sound for occasional performances or guest speaker presentations.
"I'm sure my thoughts are felt and being expressed by more people than merely me.
Signed
Benjamin L Greenfield, Tallahassee FL

Date: 2/15/2026 10:56:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Preisinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:56:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Mendel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure."

The proposed ballroom clearly exceeds this guideline. The massive scale of the ballroom will dwarf the White House and the size of the original structure. This grotesque imbalance will offend the eyes and heart of this American.

Please adhere to the quoted guideline above.

Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:56:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christi Nemetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, I am appalled that the original East Wing was destroyed without input from the people of the United States! And I do not want to see a “gold-gilded” ballroom, which is bigger than the main White House built! Please limit the size and gaudiness of what replaces the original East Wing, such that it is in keeping with the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:56:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Hamann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernizing the White House is important for security and safety reasons. However, destroying the entire East wing in order to decorate the interior in gold and marble is not.

The White House is the PEOPLES house. Not everyone in this Country has a millionaires income. A remodel should reflect a design in keeping with the original building, not a phony opulent palace.

The only organization who has the knowledge and expertise of doing such a remodel, has never been asked for their input. The National Trust of Historic Preservation is the ONLY such organization who should be consulted regarding the design, decor and furnishings. Its what they do...they assist private individuals and historic commercial building owners with remodels and updating of historic properties. They are the experts.

Please do not allow the current "monarch" to have his way with this project. He has no respect for history, no expertise and no commitment to seeing that the project reflects the entire population of this Country. Thank you for allowing me to state my opinion.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:55:56 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anwar Zia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original condition. The white house is a national symbol and it is awful that it was illegally torn down. No one wants this travesty of a ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:55:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Dell Gimarc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of the ballroom is way off what is appropriate for being attached to the White House, our long beloved people's house. If there is a need for a HUGH ballroom with bathroom facilities it should be sited elsewhere, possibly in a compound where it would be easy to provide the level of security required.
I am very distressed that this project was implemented without going through the review process required for historic structures. The process was carefully formulated to maintain scale and attention to historic and architectural details.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:52:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Dornemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an America first person, but this is a vanity project that is poorly timed. There is a long list of things this country needs, including lowering our debt, and I do not understand how a ballroom tops the list of your efforts right now. This project is unpopular with even my most conservative of friends. You have these things at Mar a Lago, where you spend a lot of time hosting others. This is a total waste of money and it appears that you don't care how quickly you are losing supporters with decisions you could easily avoid, such as this one. People felt this way about the military parade. This just comes off as a tone deaf attempt at pomp and circumstance...with a high price tag.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:51:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Dimoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Restore the rose garden. Restore offices that were removed.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:50:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Clement
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission,

I strongly opposed the demolition of the White House East Wing and the proposal to replace it with an oversized ballroom wholly incompatible with the character, scale, and meaning of the People's House.

In a single day, a contributing component of a National Historic Landmark was removed while bypassing the level of transparency, documentation, and public engagement required for any other nationally significant property in the United States. The absence of a complete public review undermines both the legitimacy of the action and the stewardship standards the federal government expects of every other property owner in the country.

For fifteen years, I worked for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. I witnessed severely deteriorated buildings—many in far worse condition than described for the East Wing—carefully stabilized, documented, and restored. Claims of structural necessity must be supported through established preservation review processes, not used as justification to circumvent them. The proper procedures exist precisely to verify conditions and develop solutions that protect both safety and historic integrity.

The White House is not merely a residence or an event venue; it is a civic symbol belonging to the American public. The East Wing held particular cultural significance as the professional and ceremonial workspace of First Ladies and their staff. In this place, women exercised influence, advanced national initiatives, and shaped public life. Its removal without meaningful documentation or interpretation erases a physical setting tied to that legacy and diminishes the historical narrative represented on the site.

Regardless of one's politics, the stewardship of nationally significant places must be guided by continuity, the rule of law, and respect for institutional memory—not personal vision. Alterations of this magnitude must meet the highest preservation standards and remain subordinate to the historic architecture they affect. A ballroom of monumental scale risks overwhelming the White House rather than complementing it.

Because the demolition has already occurred, I request that the Commission require the following:

1) Full disclosure of what architectural elements, materials, and artifacts from the East Wing were salvaged.

2) Documentation of where those materials are currently stored and how they will be preserved.

3) A binding commitment that any new construction will interpret and honor the historic role of the East Wing, particularly the contributions of First Ladies and their staff.

4) Design review ensuring the replacement structure remains architecturally subordinate to the White House in massing, scale, and character.

The White House does not belong to a single administration. It is a shared national inheritance, and each

generation is obligated to pass it forward with its meaning intact. I urge the Commission to exercise to the best of its ability and its authority to ensure that whatever replaces the East Wing respects the history that stood there and the public that owns it.

Respectfully,

Jason Loyd Clement

Date: 2/15/2026 10:49:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Kimble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision."

Too late. It's too late. The East Wing was demolished without any input from the public, from the citizens our government and our president are supposed to work for. It was already destroyed, much the same as the formerly beloved Rose Garden was destroyed. Much the same as how the president has gilded the White House, the People's House, until it looks like a tacky porn set, and all to stroke the president's ego.

I don't want a ballroom. WE THE PEOPLE don't want a ballroom. We want the damage repaired. It's too late to make it like it was before Trump destroyed it, of course. But all efforts should be made to restore it as much as possible. If Trump needs a ballroom, let him build it at Mar-A-Lago. If Trump wants to gild his home, then he should do it to HIS home, not the People's House.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:49:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Heath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity.
My vote is to STOP the damage to the white house. The current situation is absurd to the extent this shouldn't be necessary. Further trump should be criminally charged for the illegal damage and made to pay for reco struction

Date: 2/15/2026 10:47:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Iwanowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so sad when the east wing was torn down. Then when I saw the plans for the ballroom…I was

appalled. The ballroom will not benefit the American public and there is no need for it. There was already a beautiful space to host events. The current president has no right to remodel the people's house for his tastes, it is not a thing I believe the people of the USA want. Thanks for the opportunity to give my opinion.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:46:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca McDavitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying American citizen of the United States of America, I do not want any upgrades or renovations to occur at my White House- especially in or for areas of entertainment. These are tough times for ordinary Americans and this is frivolous and unnecessary.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:46:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Ramsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How did we get here? The People's House has been hijacked by a tenant who has only a 4 year lease (at most). He has already permanently altered it, but he should not be allowed to continue to alter it in the most heinous and thoughtless way. You are my power to stop this and take back control of The People's House for the people.

Respectfully submitted.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:46:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Vogt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should have been done BEFORE construction started. Hold this administration accountable for not following federal law.

Let's do what Europe does - preserve our history and culture. Restore the East Wing so that it is in balance and in scale with our White House. Restore the architectural style. Update the electrical and other functional systems, make it meet fire protection and other building code, and make it ADA. No gold filigree and no naming after any one person; it belongs to us citizens.

If we need a larger space for meetings and balls, renovate rooms that we own in other beautiful buildings close to the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:45:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Kiffmeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't build the ballroom at the white house. It ruins the balance. It looks guady. Please restore the east wing to its classic configuration. Thanks...Steve

Date: 2/15/2026 10:44:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Blevons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project at best, following the wanton destruction of the historic East Wing without the Peoples' consent.
While expanded event space may be needed, this addition MUST respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Please be thoughtful and respect the historic nature of this project.

Kris Blevons

Date: 2/15/2026 10:43:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joshua Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In these politically divided times, and in view of numerous clearly hasty, careless, and possibly illegal acts committed by our aged President and members of his administration, I believe any and all decisions made concerning this project going forward should be overseen by a bipartisan Congressional committee and experts selected by such, with regard to security, utility, aesthetics, and historical integrity. I have seen no such assurance given by this Administration this is being done. Security concerns remain paramount, but should not be used as an excuse to rush ahead with something ignoring those other factors. Better to build something temporary but secure while all needs are carefully weighed and met for future generations here (and around the world) to view our People's White House with pride and respect.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:43:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Geer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The space should be restored to what it was. This never should have been allowed to happen.
Only changes should be upgrades to wiring/utilities. Period.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:41:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Martland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am frankly horrified by the utter disrespect wielded by Trump as he tore down the East Wing, an essential feature of White House architecture. He destroyed an essential feature of American life in the interest of his own vanity.

The present design for a "ballroom" insults the White House by its very scale, dwarfing one of the most imoprtant and iconic of our DC structures.

Please do not aĺlow this offensive monstrosity to deface our nation's capital.

Please have the courage to stand up to Trump and his egomania.

Nancy Martland
Sugar Hill, NH

Date: 2/15/2026 10:40:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Langley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Submitted: I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.

At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential

functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.

If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Laurie Sippel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore to original and ditch the faux and tacky gold.

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Name: Philip Foley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support President Trump's incredible vision for the White House. Please approve these plans quickly, so that the project may be completed quickly and under budget.

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Name: Reina Basner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First. The title of this project is misleading. The country is presented with a fait accompli. Trump destroyed the East Wing with no authority to do so and now we're having input. The process should have been reversed. He should be held morally, financially, and legally responsible for destruction of public property. He is in fact the domestic terrorist. Putting that aside, I do not think private funding is the appropriate source of funding to correct this. Private funding only allows Trump to continue his grift. Furthermore, Alll Plans for the rebuild should be part of a public referendum. After all, the White House is the people's house. He is treating the White House as his private property that he plans to never vacate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Driver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the beautiful East Wing was not a project approved by the people or even by Congress. It is appalling that this president destroyed history and intended to erect a ridiculously huge ballroom. Again, Congress and the people did not approve this!! Please legislate the East Wing will be rebuilt to its similar, beautiful state!!
Thank you!
Jill Driver

Date: 2/15/2026 10:36:52 AM
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Name: Stanton Bullock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This hideous proposal must be stopped. It is an assault on the American people. One deranged man should not be able to destroy one of the most sacred structures in America's history. The structure is grotesque and massive, completely out of scale with what's left of the White House, grounds, and surrounding structures. Stop it and make the Trump Administration build back the East Wing the way it was.

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Name: Paula st James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members-
I was very distressed that the East Wing was illegally demolished. My recommendation is that the East Wing be rebuilt as closely as possible to what it was before the illegal demolition. The person who ordered the demolition needs to pay for the rebuilding.
Thank you for your consideration-
Paula Shaw St. James Ph D

Date: 2/15/2026 10:36:20 AM
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Name: Karrie Guymon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the modernization proposed. The design dwarfs the other buildings and pulls focus from the sites center piece “The White House”. Return the site to its former form and function, including restoring the beautiful architecture that was destroyed by a wrecking ball.

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Name: Maureen McCarty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be returned to the dimensions and design it was originally - no gaudy gold or tacky, oversized and inappropriate dimensions.

The president is a temporary resident in OUR house, the people’s house. It was completely outrageous and unacceptable that the East Wing was leveled to the ground without going through proper channels. This was a deliberate attempt to strong arm the process to fit one man’s agenda. An agenda of ego and arrogance that WE the PEOPLE will not tolerate.

The East Wing must be restored and fully at the expense of those who initiated and completed the destruction.

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Name: Anne Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale, massing, and volume of the building is not in keeping with the character of the White House. As the "People's House," this addition does not represent a benefit to the public, but more an extravagent/ostentatious facility for wealthy and high-ranking attendees. The White House's plain neo-classical design displays humility in contrast to its role as the world's super power. That is in keeping with the values our country was founded upon.

In brief, this is an abomination that need to be abandoned or course-corrected immediately.

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Name: Katherine Bolton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee;
I fully support the expansion of the East Wing Ballroom onto the White House. It's time for the White House to be able to entertain and host foreign and American guests in a proper and dignified ball room rather than outdoor tents every time; with the recent freeze and cold in the DC area which lasted 3 weeks, entertaining

in the White House would not even be possible in the winter months.
This Administration is well versed in construction projects so the project should go smoothly and from what I gather is being generously supported by individual donors not the taxpayer.
Sincerely,
Katherine Bolton

Date: 2/15/2026 10:34:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Lindsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Architectural Review Board,

I write to formally express my opposition to the proposed ballroom addition associated with the East Wing of the White House.

The East Wing occupies a unique role within the White House complex. Its scale, architectural restraint, and functional clarity contribute to a carefully balanced composition that respects both the historic core of the White House and the surrounding landscape. A large-scale ballroom, by its very nature, introduces concerns related to scale, visual dominance, and programmatic incongruity that risk undermining this balance.

While the need for event and gathering space is understandable, the introduction of a permanent ballroom structure represents a substantial departure from the East Wing's historic purpose and architectural language. Such an addition would likely introduce disproportionate volume and shift the character of the East Wing from supportive and deferential to visually assertive—an outcome inconsistent with long-standing preservation principles.

Historic stewardship of the White House complex has traditionally emphasized minimal intervention, reversibility where possible, and a clear distinction between historic fabric and modern necessity. A ballroom addition appears to conflict with these principles by prioritizing programmatic expansion over preservation of scale, proportion, and contextual harmony.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to withhold approval of the proposed ballroom and to consider alternative solutions that meet functional needs without compromising the architectural integrity and historic significance of the East Wing.

Thank you for your careful consideration and for your continued commitment to safeguarding one of the nation's most important architectural and cultural landmarks.

Respectfully,

Date: 2/15/2026 10:32:21 AM
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Name: Allan Mellske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel this project. This addition is an unneeded debacle. The ornate gold trim dripping off every

surface recalls the worst design in history, and resembles Putin's gilded Kremlin.

We need to do better than this. The country needs so many other things right now, not a gold-plated ballroom.

Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 10:32:01 AM
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Name: Paula Bussard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

The White House, in which a President may live for 4 to 8 years, is known as the people's house. It's historic and that history is meant to be preserved. Not diminished. Not made irrelevent by any restorations or modernizations.

It may well be that new underground security features are needed. It may well be that a larger facility for gatherings is needed. But in addressing those needs, size of the ballroom should not be such that it diminishes the actual White House that carries with it the fundamental symbolism of the duly elected leader of our Constitutional Republic.

The proposed ballroom dwarfs the White House, It makes it look small and irrelevent. It should not be approved. Public input and thought should have gone into this project long before the East Wing was demolished. We should not make the same mistake in allowing a gaudy, tacky building to replace it. Redo the designs. Make the ballroom more proportional to the overall structure. Seek historical and thoughtful input to assure that the people's house remains just that, rather than some repulsive, grandiose structure.

Sincerely,
Paula Bussard
Carlisle, PA

Date: 2/15/2026 10:31:14 AM
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Name: Karen Grady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
There is no need for a large scale ballroom at the White House. DC offers many venues if a larger space is needed.
Create a multiple purpose East Wing with an office for the First Lady and a multi purpose area for functions.
The decor should reflect the original style of the building, it should not include gold flourishes just to look expensive.

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Name: Sherri Vance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of the proposed ballroom does not fit the scale of the White House and will dwarf what is arguable the most significant historic site in the United States. This massive construction project will permanently alter the proportions of the area in a negative way. The White House has been home to the President of the United States since 1800. The White House and its positioning in this area is a symbol of the United States, and with a huge boxy ballroom crowding the White House and dwarfing its silhouette, this will ruin the appearance of the area.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

HOW DARE YOU tear down the historic EAST WING of the WHITE HOUSE! How dare you replace it with this hideous ballroom only to assuage Trump's ego. This is an injustice to the American Taxpayer and an embarrassment to our nation.
BUT IF YOU MUST -- this building should be MUCH SMALLER than the White House itself. The White House is "The People's House" and should be the center attraction for our country. NO GOLD adornment.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:27:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: christine donner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “addition” is clearly a vanity project, out of proportion to the existing White House. It is garish, in poor taste and violates the simplicity, the restraint, of the existing White House. There is corruption as well, as we don’t know who is funding it, where the funds are or went. The White House certainly needs updating, but it does not need a ballroom so large it dwarfs the existing structure. It is funded with corruption, an abomination, one man’s vanity project. He is an occupant, not the owner, of the people’s house.

And while you’re at it, how do we stop this absurd Arc de Triomphe, once again aiming to dwarf the existing architecture, and block the view of Lincoln.

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Name: Natasha Wing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all Trump can't destroy first before getting input from the proper oversights. Don't know why he was able to start destructing the wing to start with. Secondly, it's The American People's house and of historic significance so we need to preserve the essence of the era. We also need to document and archive what is currently there. Thirdly, make sure the private money he's collecting actually goes to the project instead of in his own pockets. And do not call it the Trump Wing! It's the Easy Wing. This president is the most destructive of all time.

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Name: Mary Gene Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Feb15, 2026
Please return the East Wing to how it was prior to it being illegally destroyed with updated plumbing and wiring. The White House is the People's House; this American and Army Veteran wants to see the East Wing restored to its former historical splendor. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:26:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Stubba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the massive scale of the project and want to see square footage of full structure (reported to be 22,000 sq feet) reduced by 30%, closer to 15,000 sq feet, including the ballroom seating reported to be 1,000 people to be reduced to 600 as maximum seated capacity. REASON: I believe building a massive entertainment ballroom increases it as a potential target, especially if filled with highly prominent attendees which would require massive annual increases in security expenditures. The White House represents our official seat of government and is a symbol of American values, not a new venue for expensive parties to reward political donors nor for use as a showcase of power or world domination. Additionally I cringe to think how it might be decorated, such as heavily dripping with gold opulence which Trump apparently prefers. The new wing should be elegant and be-fitting of American ideals and values, which rules out making it look like an Imperial Palace. Thank you for letting citizens like me give our opinion. We hope you will not ignore our comments, but will include them in the decisions made.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:25:44 AM
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Name: Sharon Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Future plans are vulgar and a waste of money. Restore East Wing to original footprint and architecture.
Upgrade to energy efficient windows and HVAC. Remember we have to pay the maintenance.
Interior should be wood products - no Fake mar a tardo marble and gold junk.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sharon L Wright

Date: 2/15/2026 10:25:11 AM
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Name: Christopher Rackham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House proper (main building) must remain the prominent structure and any modifications to existing or creation of new buildings must retain that relationship. In the case of the proposed ballroom, it must follow architecture consistent with the surrounding structure and be dimensionally smaller than the central main building. This includes square footage and overall height.

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Name: Joanna Popper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition and alterations to the East Wing that already occurred did not go through the appropriate approval channels. Major changes to a historic public building require proper authorization, oversight, and transparency. That process was not followed.
The President should be personally responsible for covering the full cost of restoring the East Wing to its prior condition. This must include all demolition work already completed, all reconstruction costs, and any related expenses. None of these costs should be charged to taxpayers.
Public funds must not be used to correct unauthorized actions. Full financial accountability is necessary, along with transparency regarding the work performed and confirmation that all workers have been paid fully and fairly by this admin, not the taxpayer.

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Name: Maura McCune
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the so-called Eastwing modernization project that includes the demolition of the east wing that has already happened plus the plans to build a monstrosity of a ballroom that does not fit in at all with the other structures in size. This is totally unnecessary and should not be allowed. The Eastwing should be

reconstructed as it had been in size and form.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:22:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Grande
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The recent unapproved removal of the East Wing of the White House, known as the People's House, is a serious and troubling action. The White House is a national symbol that belongs to the American people, not to any single administration. Altering its historic structure without proper approval undermines transparency, accountability, and respect for our shared heritage.

Our history should be preserved, not erased to satisfy the inflated ego of one administration. The proposed ballroom project is unnecessary and does not justify dismantling a historic portion of this landmark. Preservation of national treasures must take precedence over personal legacy projects.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it stood, restoring the integrity of this historic site and reaffirming that the People's House reflects the will and history of the people it represents.

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Name: Pamela McReynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I didn't see the "ballroom" specifically listed on the Project list but I'd like to say that the ballroom shouldn't eclipse the rest of the White House. It should blend seamlessly with the rest of the building. The project should be approved by the normal channels for adhering to historical norms. It should not look like a royal palace and the project should not be approved by one person, meaning the current president. The White House is the People's house, not "owned" by any one administration and thus the administration should not be making the sole decisions on the project, even if that delays the building until the current administration has left. I am appalled that the East Wing was demolished without any formal discussion, plan or process and if it could be put back the way it was, it would be my choice!

Date: 2/15/2026 10:20:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adelaide Villmoare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House is gone. A giant ballroom should NOT replace it. The rebuilding should comply with all laws and guidelines of the bodies responsible first the White House and its renovations.

The White House, considered the people's house should maintain the balance between elegance and

modesty. It should represent the office of the Presidency, not any particular individual occupying that office. It should also keep within the style bounds of a democracy, where history matters and is represented in this space. It is a house, not a palace.

Thank you.

Adelaide H. Villmoare

Date: 2/15/2026 10:19:38 AM
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Name: Kelley Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing never should have been allowed to be demolished. The money for the current construction should be used to attempt to rebuild the East Wing as best as can be done. Trump should be held accountable for this and every single other disgraceful thing he has done as "president" of our beautiful country.

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Name: Aaron Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should be restored to its former size, scale and function. There are plenty of other facilities in DC that can be utilized for the much larger assemblies that the current administration has suggested is needed on an infrequent basis.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:17:05 AM
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Name: Jane Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have studied the various renderings of the proposed new East Wing of the White House. From no vantage point are these changes harmonious with the existing White House structure and design. The scale of the new East Wing is jarringly out of proportion to the existing structure and substantially diminishes the original White House itself. The decorations of the proposed structure are ponderous and heavily earth bound lacking the grace and simplicity of the existing structures, White House and West Wing. Although decorations seem to emulate Greco-Roman design even these ancient sources were able to achieve a lightness of design that the proposed structure lacks. Further, we have been provided no information as to the interior decorations. The current president’s attachment to ornate gold decorations is imperial and un-American. I fear the interior design of any structure undertaken without substantial oversight will be crassly over done.

In addition, the cost of the proposed structure appears to be unknown since the estimate has more than doubled since it was first proposed. It is extremely disturbing that the President proposes to fund this project through private donations, providing the appearance of quid pro quo bargaining. He seems to be unaware of whose property this really is.

Granted the current White House lacks a large gathering space, but I believe the US has the talent and knowledge to create such a space in a form that is complementary to existing structures within a budget reviewed and appropriated by Congress. Such a project should never be funded in private and secret. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this.

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Name: Colby Bellemore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction already done to a historic building like the White House is unacceptable. All that for a gaudy unnecessary expensive vanity project that no future president will ever need is beyond words like "wasteful" or "insulting". Not to mention throwing aesthetic concepts like "symmetry" out the window, or the very real likelihood that the project will be cheaply and shoddily done if President Trump's previous building and design choices are anything to go by. Every dollar spent making this happen is a complete waste, so stop everything now and start making plans to restore what was so carelessly thrown away.

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Name: George Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Members of the Commission,

The unauthorized, unnecessary, destruction of the East Wing is an affront to every American. We have process in place to protect us from this sort of personal, wanton, approach to our national buildings and nobody, particularly the president, is allowed to simply proceed without review.

The Commission should deny any proposal to rebuild the East Wing with anything that does not exactly duplicate the footprint and exterior design of the wing that was removed without any plan, approval, or thought.

We are better than this. Or we should be. Approving anything other than the above simply condones lawless destruction. What's next? The Lincoln Monument?

Hopefully,

George Kramer
Ashland, OR

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Name: Sue Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see additional plans for modernizing the east wing. A ballroom of that size is to much,we need something that compliments the White House,not dwarfs it. I'm for rebuilding the east wing exactly how it was,but because it's already demolished,let's look into some alternatives. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:12:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Reader
Having worked for the NTHP many years ago at Decatur House in Washington DC I fully appreciate the importance of saving our heritage and proper process. The wanton destruction of the East Wing is unacceptable and I believe it should only be rebuilt after a complete and thorough planning and review by proper historians, architects and other professionals qualified to do so and not at the whim of someone who believes he has no limits.
With respect, Susan Jensen

Date: 2/15/2026 10:11:34 AM
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Name: Cindra McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House which has been home to presidents since 1800, is a historic landmark and symbol of democracy, also the people's house. The east wing was deliberately torn down without the consent or approval by Congress or the people. At this current stage, the historic landmark has already been permanently altered. Plans to replace the east wing with an unnecessary 90,000 square foot ballroom overshadowing and exceeding the 55,000 square foot executive residence does not respect the historic scale of the White House grounds. The changes and additions past presidents have made respected the original scale, architectural style and function of the residence. The East Wing must be restored to it's original state, funded not by the people, but by those responsible for destroying it.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:10:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Mercurio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I am in favor of modernizing the East Wing, I am not in favor of the size of the project nor the lack of transparency and following of the law regarding any changes to the White House. The scale of the new East Wing, which will include an extremely large ballroom, should be in architectural symmetry with the White House structure itself. It should not overpower the original structure. These are historical buildings that need tremendous oversight in planning and carrying out of plans for construction. The laws regarding construction and/or changes to these historical buildings are written so that mistakes that cannot be undone do not happen. One person cannot arbitrarily decide what this historic building can look like. There also needs to be transparency regarding the cost of the project, how it is being paid for, and how long it will take to complete. All phases of the project should be shared with the American public.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:10:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly against the destruction of the east wing of the White House and the addition of the 90000 square foot ballroom.

The removal of the east wing without public and historic approval is a crime and the Trump administration and contractors should be sued.
The scale of the ballroom is not acceptable. Needs to be scaled back significantly or the east wing should be replaced.

This is the people's house- not the president's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:10:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Eckhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project has not gone through typical review. The massive size of the East Wing in proportion to the residence is disconcerting. The modernization should be revised to reflect scale and, now that demolition has occurred, appropriate replacement with guidance from historians and architects.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:09:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Posch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that this administration tore down the entire EAST WING without historical review, or Public Comment. The proposed building of a Ballroom needs to be undertaken in the historical context of the White House and surrounding Buildings. The Ballroom should not be an overwhelming ostentatious representation of the current President/Administration.
Historians with architectural expertise, independent of political interference should be the final arbitrators to approve plans.
RESPECT History!

Date: 2/15/2026 10:08:39 AM
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Name: Linda Venturella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the people's house was unlawfully destroyed by the fascist Trump. The proposed expansion sounds like Trumps other projects...gilded, gaudy, monstrosities. And like anything he touches, is doomed to fail. Proposed size is too large. His name should not be put on anything that is erected there. The name of a pedophile, lying criminal grifter con man should not be memorialized on any government building. He will be remembered as the worst president in history.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:08:17 AM
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Name: Rhea Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when the East Wing was destroyed. So much history gone in a few days! Such desecration of space used by former First Ladies, as well as obliteration of the public entrance. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt to match the 1942 renovations and all materials returned that were removed from the East Wing. It must be restored and not sacrificed for an unwanted ballroom. The idea and scope of the ballroom is obscene. It unnecessary, inappropriate, unattractive, and does not architecturally fit with the rest of the White House. It is It should never be built. This madness must stop. Please do whatever you can to stop this atrocity. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:07:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ariana Newcomer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing was criminal. The proposed addition is ridiculous, inappropriate, and unnecessary. Additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House, and should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. It is The Peoples' House, not Trump's.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:07:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna B Munroe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It may be necessary to update the East Wing and its security elements. However the historical nature of the White House and its architectural elements should be seriously considered and respected in any new design. Current publicly available renderings reflect a structure designed to glorify royalty and not a republic.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
The latest rendering I saw in an article on CNN.com, the new East Wing lacks a any proportionality. According to the article, the Ballroom is 22k sq ft, the whole building is 89k sq ft. Remove 60k sq ft, keep the ballroom and make it fit! I am also very concerned about the funding for the building. Unfortunately, the Trump administration has proven to be completely unable to portray anything that resembles honestly or trustworthy-ness. The funding must go through our Congress.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Mark

Date: 2/15/2026 10:06:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Schuman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The stated restrictions for this rebuild I would assume will stand, and I am encouraged that this is finally being implemented.
Additional or larger event space/s could be created elsewhere and this wing should be reconstructed as closely to the original as possible. The bunker that is supposedly the focus of this administration could be enlarged below ground while restoring the asthetic balance of the wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:04:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Lindsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ball room is a ridiculous idea. No one even dances anymore. The one proposed is an eye sore and waste of money and space. Even if Trump has it paid for with “donations” the US tax payer will be paying to keep a 90,000 sq ft room maintained and kept secure. If he insists on building a ball room it should be much smaller. You should never have more than 300 people at a ball, anyway.

Trump should be personally sued for destroying the East Wing and made to rebuild what he destroyed.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:03:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Mazzuca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because The White House is “the peoples’ house” it should be regarded as a sacred, untouchable monument to our history and legacy… alterations of this scale and scope should not be approved and I’m frankly shocked anyone wanted to do this in the first place. We should protect our historical buildings and I can’t imagine anyone needing an addition of that size when the building has stood for as long as it has and worked just fine for all previous residents.

I am an environmental designer by trade and constantly draw inspiration from historical architecture and details- this is part of the fabric of our design legacy. While I understand each administration wanting to add to the tapestry of the White House aesthetic, I think major construction and building alterations should be off the table for all.

Please protect this House. Build a ballroom in a new building that can serve its own purpose down the street… future generations of US citizens deserve to have their history protected.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:03:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosell Crockett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No giant ballroom. Scale is important, historical detail should be respected and stop hanging gold crap on everything! It’s the people’s house and they don’t want this ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:03:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Cordes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must be stopped immediately. What Trump did was illegal and wrong. He destroyed the White House. He is the only one on earth who wants a ballroom. Please put a stop to this insanity.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:02:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Can Isik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The opinion of the NCPC should have been solicited prior to destroying an entire wing of one of the most significant historic buildings in the country. Based solely on the destruction of the east wing, permission for any further modification should be denied and reconstruction of the damaged structure to the exact likeness of the original east wing should be recommended. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:02:06 AM
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Name: Roberta Richardson
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Date: 2/15/2026 10:02:05 AM
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Name: Patricia Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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George Washington chose James Hoban's design for the executive mansion because of its elegance and restraint. Thomas Jefferson hid all the necessary workrooms behind subtle colonnades. Teddy Roosevelt and Howard Taft wisely placed new offices at the ends of the colonnades where they would not detract from Hoban's building.
When Franklin Roosevelt needed a much larger West Wing, Eric Gugler nearly tripled the building's size, but no one could tell from outside. Even Harry Truman's controversial balcony compliments the original design. Twice Congress has rebuilt the White House in its own image. Why? Because it's the right building to represent who our President is…a dignified representative of the people.
The proposed ballroom is not a necessary addition but an overwhelming, out-of-place monument. Its size and grandiosity is a message, not a necessity. Regardless of who pays for it, it does not belong on the

grounds of the People’s House.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:01:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhea Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when the East Wing was destroyed. So much history gone in a few days! Such desecration of space used by former First Ladies and the public entrance. I want to see the East Wing rebuilt to match the 1942 renovations and all materials removed from the East Wing returned. It must be restored and not sacrificed for an unwanted ballroom. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 10:01:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Maiolino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The mere proposed size and decor is abhorrent. I want the size to be in proportion to the main building and west wing not larger than. The architecture and decor should also be consistent with the main white house. Cut the extraneous ridiculous gold. I would like to see American artist work used in the decor.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:59:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Cage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a slap-in-the-face to the American people. This admin should never have been allowed to do ANYthing without clear, debated prior approval. Shame.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:59:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Lykins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If the ballroom has to go forward I want to see the size scaled down so it does not dwarf the rest of the White House and someone with taste and an eye for tradition to head the project.

I have been to Washington DC several times over the years and proudly took my kids there to show them the complicated history of our nation as expressed in statues and buildings. I feel that the White House, just like Capitol Hill, belongs to all of us.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danny Feldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not just a functioning workplace. It is a rare, living historic interior whose power comes from its scale, its restraint, and the way its rooms were shaped to carry the nation’s civic rituals over time.

Preservation is not opposition to progress. Modernization is necessary when it strengthens safety, accessibility, and long-term stewardship. But adding a new ballroom to the East Wing is not a neutral upgrade. It is a fundamental change to the historic profile and meaning of the building, turning an irreplaceable landmark into something more like a venue than a carefully layered work of public architecture.

We should invest in the White House by maintaining it, restoring it, and adapting it with care. We should not expand it in ways that permanently alter its character. Once the scale and silhouette are changed, they

cannot be “unbuilt,” and the loss is generational.

-Danny Feldman

Date: 2/15/2026 9:58:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kathleen timmins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should pay from his own pocket for the rebuilding of the East Wing as it was before including restoring the Rose Garden to it's original state before he ever stole an election. HE MUST PAY FOR HIS CRIMINAL ACTS OF NEVER PROVIDING A PLAN AND GETTING PERMISSION. HIS PERSONAL MONIES SHOULD PAY FOR ANY RESTORATIONS.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:57:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Stears
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern.
I oppose the planned Ballroom project as is. It is too large and out of proportion to the historic building,
I oppose that the east wing of the “People’s House” was torn down without any input. It was also done at a time when we should have been spending money on educating, housing and feeding people instead. No taxpayer money should be spent on this project. Hold Mr Trump to his word that he will pay for the remodel. Get the money in an account NOW. He is famous for not paying for things. He says he will.
Sincerely. Karen Stears

Date: 2/15/2026 9:56:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First off, it seems to me Public Comments should come before demolition! Secondly, 11.5%/37.9bmillion citizens live in poverty in the United States. As a citizen, I’d prefer the government spend money on its citizens that are struggling among the various states, instead of building an oversized ballroom! This country can host individuals in other ways than a grand ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:54:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Jakubowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Building a ballroom that dwarfs the White House seems to send the wrong message about our nation's priorities and is not in keeping with the style or scale of the people's house, nor would it serve the people in any useful way. I would like to see the East Wing returned to it's former uses and style, with the proper updates to code and electricity. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:53:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Moody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to pre demolition architecture and historical vales with design and dimensions upgrades as necessary to meet current codes and ADA accessibility, etc.
The Rose garden, also, should be restored to it's pre destruction status as close to historical visual and significance as possible.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:51:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Moreck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my disagreement with the building of the ballroom that has already begun. This project should not have even been started without proper notification and approval of the people and NCPC. Our White House needs to be returned to its original design as much as is possible. Please stop this travesty of disfiguring the Peoples House.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:49:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ia Harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuild must have the following characteristics:

1) be in balance with the whole of the rest of the White House campus . (not taller, wider)

2) be matching is style of the main White House in overall exterior and interior details (no vast expanses of tawdry gold leaf etc)

3) must be fully ADA accessible

4) major banquets , balls and other events with more than 250 people should be hosted at any of the commercial conference facilities in the DC area (of which there are many).

5) building should be energy efficient and conform to latest LEED standards

Date: 2/15/2026 9:49:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Merritt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for halting construction. Please put the building back together the way it was. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:48:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Cassell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do believe if modernizations like electrical, security and more efficient appliances are needed this should be done. Modest changes are always needed. However, this is the peoples house, not the sitting presidents. I find it disgraceful to the history of our nation for one to come in and, without permission, destroy the east wing. There is no need for a ballroom. Just as there was no need to remove the rose garden and build an outside venue. All building changes should have and should be voted on and passed through the preservation department. Again, this is not the sitting presidents home. He is a guest, not the owner to do as he pleases. I would think the preservation society would have stopped all of the gold embellishments and distasteful plaques under the previous presidents pictures within the white house as well. We have become the laughing stock of the world. Can we please get a better handle on future renovations and interior design.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:47:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored with historic scale and design with only necessary updates for safety and

accessibility.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:46:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: joan hooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is completely out of scale with the historic treasure that is our White House. At 90,000 sq ft, it dwarfs the 55,000 sq ft executive residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.
Also, this is a very bad symbol for the House that is supposed to be the residence of the people's president; a House that was intentionally built to modest scale to distinguish the president of the US from the ruling classes in Europe. Only the ultra-rich feel they need a ballroom as part of their residence. The US does NOT want the image of being governed by oligarchs and billionaires, of returning to the Gilded age when we were controlled by Robber Barons.
By all means, modernize the East Wing. But respect the historic intent of White House as a modest residence. Keep changes in scale with the original structured. Leave the ballroom out of the plans.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:46:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Would request addition be no larger than 55,000 square feet (same as the Executive office White House). Also design must coordinate and match the look of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:45:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: dorothy robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the construction of a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the WhiteHouse. This is the willful destruction of a National Historic Monument by a criminal President who occupies the White House by permission and authorization of the American people. He has no legal right to alter or destroy any portion of the original structure. The East Wing of the Whitehouse should be restored to its original structure and the President should be censured and made financially responsible for the reconstruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:44:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Braswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing at the White House is an abomination to US citizens . We were allowed to visit the White House, we knew the significance of the East Wing but the creation of a ballroom where we have no place— we will not be invited—is simply for the vain pleasure of one individual is unthinkable . This not what the United States is about.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:43:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bob Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return it to the original exterior appearance. Interior to be similar to what I was, with functional upgrades. Tasteful decor suitable for the people's house, zero gold decorations.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:43:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Latham Julia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any new wing for the White House must be proportional and subordinate to the original structure and in keeping with the architectural scheme of the existing house. As proposed, the new wing for the ballroom is massive and dwarfs the existing house, upsetting the proportions and esthetics of the entire White House structure. Donald Trump can certainly build whatever bunker he needs for safety and security below ground, but what appears above must not overwhelm the original White House architecture. What is proposed is not only wasteful, gaudy, and unnecessary, it will permanently harm the historic beauty and quiet elegance of the People's House.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:43:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melchior Jessica L
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Renovating the White House and installing a ballroom should go through the necessary steps of planning, historical preservation and bidding for construction. Finances towards this project should be transparent. Perhaps a ballroom, or a bunker, would be beneficial in the long run. However, skipping the process and decisively bulldozing the East Wing created an eyesore on a national landmark and is an afront to the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:42:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Nitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of this project. The East Wing was illegally destroyed, and there were no justifiable reasons for its destruction. I am in favor of rebuilding the East Wing with appropriate modifications based on Historic Preservation guidelines and procedures.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:41:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginny Hornby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The addition of a ballroom is an abomination. This project should be stopped immediately. The East Wing should be restored with any modernizations needed for technology. However the finishes should be required to be in keeping with the White House, the original finishes that were removed, and restored to its original look and feel as much as possible. The marble and gold aesthetic should be avoided at all costs.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:40:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rich Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. Corporate donations should be returned and replacement costs to be born by the unauthorized demolisher.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:40:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Waugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's simple. This is the People's House and the destruction of this house is just plain wrong. The people do not want a ballroom that holds a bigger footprint than the revered White House. The damage is done so please do the right thing and create an East Wing that emulates the style and grace of the current structure. It breaks my heart how much damage Trump is doing.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:40:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Woodward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project never should have been started without a National Historic Review process. I am adamantly opposed to one president's or one administration's ability to demolish anything without convening a public process meant to engage others. For God's sake, we live in a democracy. Treat it like one!
I am beyond disbelief that this happened to us. It shows this administration's utter disrespect and contempt for our social mores, our constitution and our laws.
If the project is deemed worthy by those that know more than a single individual, so be it. But the entire process was trampled upon.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:40:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzi Zefting-Kuhn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by we, the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. I was appalled when Trump had the East Wing demolished without any consultation with the American public. I am sure it needed some renovations but I don't feel it needed to be demolished! Trump has no regard for history. The White House is not Mar-a-lago.

We cannot let him and his administration build a ballroom that will morph the White House itself just to feed his overly large ego. The interior of the White House already looks ridiculous with all of the new "gold" accents.

I say NO to the size and scale of the proposed Ballroom. It is nothing but an obscene and grotesque version

of the Trump presidency.

Thank you.
Suzi Zefting-Kuhn
Concerned Citizen from Western New York

Date: 2/15/2026 9:40:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bosch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposal as submitted is grossly oversized and inappropriate. The failure to obtain permission before destruction of the existing historic building resulted in a serious injury to the Nation's history. Any new structure should respect the size and style of the existing Executive Mansion. The lack of transparency on financing makes it obvious that donations are nothing but bribes for favorable treatment by the Executive. Any approval should be accompanied by a commitment that future work (e.g., the Trump Arch) be approved prior to any destruction.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:38:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwyn Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Making major changes to the White House without complying with any approval procedures—and even demolishing parts of it—was a shame and a crime. Everyone who ordered it, participated in it, or defended it should face political consequences—and legal penalties where possible. Those who did this should pay to restore the White House to historic but renovated conditions. This includes removing tacky gold leafing, unnecessary room titles, and signs denigrating previous presidents. The White House was intended to be the People's House, not a palace for dictators seeking their own social status and financial gain over serving the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:38:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Haskell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rules are meant to be followed and they were not followed when this historic building was destroyed. The destruction of the People's East Wing of the White House should be, and can only be, rectified by constructing an exact replica. Rebuild what should never have been demolished. If energy efficiency can be increased without compromising the historic restoration that would be great. The person responsible for this wonton destruction should be held responsible for the cost of rebuilding- DJ Trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:38:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty of the largest order. What words can convince this project to stop. None. The PotUS will just ignore it. The Republican party via the House and Senate will turn a blind eye. This PotUS has made this country the laughing stock of the world and this ballroom just shows how cheap and lack of good taste/design he supports. Its just another scam to have billions in bribes line the pockets of supporters of this destruction all public norms in this country. All this to support the ego of a child throwing a tantrum.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:37:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Kopf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please postpone any decision until a new administration is in office. The building was torn down without permission and those who tore it down without permission do not deserve the right to rebuild it in their own image.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:37:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ballard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a travesty. The Historic Review Board policies should be followed for any destruction/reconstruction of our federal buildings and the Historic Review Board should have final say on all proposals. Follow their proposals. They know what they are doing.
The proposed new ballroom dwarfing the White House is ridiculous. The ballroom should be built to complement the White House, not overwhelm it.
We have established committees and guidelines to help us maintain the beauty of our Federal buildings and spaces.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:37:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Flanagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. This expansion is not in keeping with the goal of "smaller government".

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.

The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and restrained aesthetic design.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:37:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

The proposed $400 million White House East Wing ballroom, funded by private donors, is opposed due to concerns over unchecked executive power, destruction of historic structures, and lack of congressional oversight. This is a "vanity project" that compromises the historic design of the People's House for lavishness.

- Congress must authorize significant changes to federal property and this is yet another abuse of presidential authority by Trump without legislative approval.
- The project involves demolishing parts of the East Wing, desecrating a significant historical site that belongs to the people.
- Funded by private, wealthy donors, the project is another example of corruption and conflicts of interest in the Trump administration.
- The massive scale is inappropriate for the White House. It is unnecessary and contrasts with the democratic, humble intent of the founders.
- This is an attempt to bypass necessary, transparent, and legally mandated public reviews.
- The lavish renovations during times of economic hardship are completely inappropriate. Trump was hired to lower the cost of living for Americans, yet has done nothing to help with that.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:35:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Coppes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing to the, as close as possible (updated wiring, air ducts, ADA compliance), original structure and architecture.

Do not add any unnecessary and gaudy designs that the current orange resident wants. All updates should be addressed publicly PRIOR to any action being taken.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:33:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Santo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original dimensions with updates to meet current building codes as required. The original should never have been destroyed. The White House does not belong to the President and is on the National Register of Historic Places. That means it is managed by the National Park Service - NOT THE PRESIDENT. All the tacky gold embellishments that the current President has added should also be removed if they were not approved by the National Park Service.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:32:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Fraser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the efforts by the current Administration to rush through the destruction and rebuilding of the East Wing without following the established legal process. The legal processes are designed to protect the historic resources and ensure architectural integrity and design.

I am also opposed to the designs that have emerged that show gross aggrandizement of the East Wing so that it would, if built, dwarf the White House. We don't need such spaces like they had in 18th Century Europe for aristocratic led governments.

Finally, it appears that the fund raising is also tainted and designed to bypass appropriation controls by Congress and to curry favor with the President.

We collectively need to block and redirect these efforts into the existing legal processes to ensure coordination among all the stakeholders and protection of our historic resources.

Thank you,

Michael Fraser

Date: 2/15/2026 9:32:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Drabek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO more tacky gold decorations for this ballroom. Modern structure, clean lines to incorporate wood and glass construction. This wing needs to blend in with the White House without overpowering the White House. Warm inviting feel for all to visit. Do away with cold all gold ballroom. Do not allow this ballroom to look like tge current tacky Oval office.
Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 9:32:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: TERESA Bixenman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Vehemently opposed to Trump's ballroom plans. Return East Wing to its intended appearance/use.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:31:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Phelps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t do such radical change, may changes should include recommendations with historical and architectural integrity.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:31:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanene Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even the title is alarming. I lived in a National Historic Landmark for 15 years and served on the local Historic District Commission for most of that time. Scale is one of the most important guidelines for preservationists. This hasty and unlawful addition blows those guidelines right out of the water with absolutely no input or guidance from the people charged with protecting our National Historic Landmarks. The destruction of the East Wing, with no warning or permission was horrific enough, but it is up to the American people to stand up and make sure that its replacement is proportional in scale and design and not a cancerous growth nearly twice the size of the original structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:31:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Covington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original design. Updates to bring it up to code and allow access for the disabled should retain the tasteful original design.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:31:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I am here to express my disdain for politicians thinking they need a gigantic ballroom while most Americans are struggling to keep their heads above water. That said, here are my feelings on the East Wing Modernization Project - Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes, i.e. approval, before starting any project.
I see no need for a ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:30:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Burgin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good morning.
In regards to the structural and interior changes to the White House, please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style so it harmonizers with the rest of the White House For safety, update wiring etc. and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The professionally curated furnishings, decorations, and portraits should be restored as well.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house and a part of our history.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:29:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan-Marie Lartin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the EAst Wing to it's former state, completely.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:28:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Benedict
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly believe that the East Wing of The People's House should be fully restored to its original beauty. It is an integral part of our nation's history. It is NOT Donald Trump's home! Once that is completed, our White House will return to its simple grandeur and will be a proper representation of what we the people espouse....simplicity, history and a welcoming to all.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:28:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan McHatton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the wreckage has been done, my primary concern is the style of the interior. The White House is the .”peoples house”and the decor should be reflective of “we the People”. GAUDY GOLD EMBELLISHMENTS REFLECT ROYALTY and the White House is. To a Palace. Approving Trump design only means that a greater cost will be incurred to eliminate the distasteful nature of his presence.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:27:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Rolbiecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing can be slightly very slightly enlarged and modernized, as it’s rebuilt in a humble style, be fitting the purpose of that entire building. Any extra monies can be used to repair the damage done to the property and the health and well-being US citizens as well as opening offices that had been shut due to gross miss management

Date: 2/15/2026 9:27:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kilgore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As you know, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American

people. It is stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and even set afire by the British during the War of 1812. It is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. And again, belongs to ALL Americans. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. And such places should not be bulldozed in the middle of the night without prior input from the appropriate entities.

This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Yet it is obvious that Congress and the Courts have no say at this time what happens to our national treasures.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible. As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

Thank you for the opportunity to address my concerns.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:26:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Blume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that additional event space is needed at the White House. We can't keep hosting diplomats in tented pavilions. But the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people, not Trump. Trump destroyed the historic East Wing of the White House without proper authorization or architectural review! (Where did he find contractors willing to destroy the building without clearance?!).

His proposed plans for a ballroom would exceed the size of the executive mansion, and do not respect the historic scale and design of the White House itself. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Trump's plan is a grotesque tribute to himself that likely will be slathered in tacky "gold" gilt.

Please get control of this debacle!

Patricia Currie Blume

Date: 2/15/2026 9:25:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Ferrare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore the rose garden.If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:25:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pattie Banner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House should not have been altered without going through the proper steps and process. It needs to stop. This includes ANY alterations to the Kennedy Center. This includes the grandiose arch being discussed. I am against any reconstruction of our national monuments, centers and historical contributions.
Thank you,
Pattie Banner

Date: 2/15/2026 9:23:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea of a White House "ballroom" is an atrocity perpetrated by a narcissistic, authoritarian criminal whose entire life has been one of unstoppable privilege, even now that his involvement in the Epstein files reveals that he is incapable of empathy, compassion, integrity and any of the qualities that a president of the United States should embody.

As a board member of a nationally recognized historic site in Putnam Valley, NY, I deplore the current regime's desecration of the East Wing and their plans to "renovate and rebuild" the Kennedy Center into a "new and spectacular" entertainment complex.

Enough is enough. Enough of us need to say no. And we need YOU to say no too.

Thank you,
Judy Allen
Putnam Valley, NY

Date: 2/15/2026 9:23:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rabyn Neilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and should not be a vanity project for any president. The new

construction should be in scale to the residence portion.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:23:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore to exterior dimensions and architectural style to provide original symmetry with the West Wing. Design interior to match the architectural period and integrity of existing design. Update wiring and interior to existing code and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Establish an oversight process adequate to ensure compliance with the commission directives. The White House is a National Treasure and is the People's House.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it in another location in the city exclusively built with gifted funds.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:23:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Hinds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unlawful demolition of the historic East Wing was willfully destroyed without prior approval through the proper channels.
As NO MAN IS ABOVE THE LAW - ALL PERSONS responsible for this illegal action must be PROSECUTED and full restitution made to RESTORE THE EAST WING to its original footprint and facade.

Congress must do its job and reign in this out of control administration that does NOT reflect the will of its constituents.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:23:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down without proper review processes happening first. However, here we are. I agree with the statement "Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure." The current proposed ballroom at 90,000 square feet is nearly twice the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. This is not acceptable.

We need a review leading to requirements of what needs the East Wing Ballroom is expected to serve and

what functions it needs to provide. Next would come a design that meets those requirements with a boundary of under 50,000 square feet. Finally we need a funding mechanism that is protected from overt corruption and openly transparent to the public. Then would come a bidding process that follows standard government procedures and practice. At that point construction should begin to repair and remediate the damage done.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:22:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B Kelley Marhenke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed ballroom is a distasteful addition to what has always been a prestigious historic building.

A gaudy ballroom belongs in Versailles, not the people's house where the people will never enter or attend.

This proposed plan is not what the people voted for - it's a plan that is being forced on the American people. This behavior from the sitting president is not something formerly seen in this country, it's seen in authoritarian dictatorships - not a country with a working constitution.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:22:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Sharpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.
No special interest funding should be used to fund this restoration.
The restoration should include offices for the First Lady/First Gentleman.
The bunker underneath should not increase in size or scope from the original, but can include ADA updates and wiring/technology updates.
The rose garden should be restored to the original design.
The ballroom should not be named for the current resident of the People’s House. It should be named by the people if there is a name at all.
The plaques of past presidents placed by the current resident should be removed as many are disrespectful of former presidents.
Thank you for allowing the people to comment on this project.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:22:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Congress must do its job and reign in this out of control administration that does NOT reflect the will of its constituents.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:21:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Roush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please take any and all measures to stop the construction of this needless and ostentatious project. The East Wing has already been destroyed--contrary to law and without public consultation--but at least the construction can be halted. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:21:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Ericson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I implore this body to do everything in its power to impede in every way possible the President's petulant fecklessness, insipid authoritarianism, and narcissistic lunacy in regard to his despicable "ball room" project and in every other endeavor over which you wield any authority. Having ordered and overseen demolition of a historic structure without consultation or permits, he should be legally compelled to restore it entirely as it stood, at his own expense and with his own hands, brick by brick.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:20:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this monstrous and tacky ballroom! The addition as proposed will overshadow the White House. The scale is all wrong! In addition, the expense, even if paid for by private funds is ridiculous! Once built, the American people would be left paying for the utilities and maintenance of a structure that

will be used a handful of times each year.

I would rather see a multi-functional space that is in keeping with the original East Wing.

Please do not allow this corrupt regime to ruin our treasured White House!

Thank you,
Lisa Petersen
Melbourne, Florida

Date: 2/15/2026 9:19:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryBeth Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From what I've seen of the plans, this ballroom is completely out of scale with the current White House. It will not only dwarf an historical building, but take away the grandeur we have all come to know and love. I'm totally against this project. I'm sickened by the destruction that has already occurred without any input or consent from its rightful owners. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:19:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Disco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Are you actually kidding me. HOW was the East Wing allowed to be bulldozed in the first place, and how does this administration just think they can do whatever the hell they want with no reprocussion? I don't consider myself to be particularlly interested in antique architecture, but the scenes of the East Wing being ripped apart by heavy machinery actually brought me to tears. HowDARE they alter The People's House without warning?! NO. WE DO NOT NEED THIS BALLROOM. We do not need ANYTHING on offer from this administration who lines their own pockets on the backs of American taxpayers. Donald Trump must be held personally accountable for this destruction, be heavily fined, and be made to foot the bill to restore the East Wing to what it was. This is bullshit.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:18:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fithian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should have never been allowed to begin. It needs to be rebuilt at trumps expense

Date: 2/15/2026 9:16:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Rosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in opposition to the current plan for a 90,000 sq ft ballroom attached to the White House where the East Wing once stood.

I think having a ball room attached to the structure is a bad idea from the standpoint of both architectural aesthetics and, more importantly, security. The number of people who could fit into the new structure would greatly burden Secret Service especially if they were to have an at-capacity group at an event.

I think repurposing the William Tecumseh Sherman memorial park is a far better location, it has access on all four sides for limousines and emergency vehicles, it would get rid of a memorial to a truly awful American. Having the ballroom in a separate structure would free the designers from the constraints of massing, size and design itself, it would make it possible to build a secure bunker underground where the East wing once stood, but that is not visible. The relocation of the ballroom to Sherman Park (which could be renamed the Trump Ballroom Park) would make it possible to build a small tunnel to drive Potus and Flotus the short distance to the ballroom.

It would also greatly reduce the enormous opposition to changing the White House complex, while still being part of it.

I hope you will take my suggestions under consideration. As currently proposed, I would vote not to proceed at all.
Thank you in advance for your attention.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:16:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eben Atwater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house!

Date: 2/15/2026 9:14:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederick Bartolovic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Please use the original plans as well as the restoration performed in 1940 along with the latest fire and Electrical Code. No Gold glitter.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:14:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the ballroom. Need to follow the rules and guidelines outlined by historical society. This is the Peoples house. Size needs proportioned to original whitehouse

Date: 2/15/2026 9:11:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Wahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Plainly, this proposed building is just like any other trump construction - gaudy, tacky, and ostentatious. This does not belong with the white house. If anything, find somewhere else, but a 90,000sqft "ballroom" is unnecessarily large and will no doubt be an eyesore wherever it may be built. The American people don't want this and it is a distraction for the president, pulling away from crucial domestic and international issues.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:09:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Condon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing by this administration without even attempting to procure any regulatory review or necessary approvals was a travesty! The proposed size and scope of this new, very unnecessary “Grand Ballroom” would dwarf the existing, historically significant White House and destroy the aesthetics of this beautiful historic building. I oppose this ill-conceived plan, and instead encourage the rebuilding of the East Wing exactly as it was!

Date: 2/15/2026 9:09:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Prakash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why weren't we asked for comments before the existing bldg was demolished? Use original design and size, of course modernize the design to address disability access and effcient heating, cooling, maintenance needs. Restore grounds surrounding to original design. The White House and surroundings represent our values of freedom, democracy and commonality as a people not the vapid cravings of a single individual. Thank you for this opportunity.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:09:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Merideth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The overall appearance should remain the same. No structural change. It can be modernized by bringing it up to code, but otherwise, put it back the way it was. Fine him for destroying public property. If he refuses to pay, put him in jail and seize HIS property! It could be sold to finance the repairs and upgrades to code. And recreate the rose garden once he is out of office. Sometimes, meeting in a rose garden is the best place to work through things. Sometimes just sitting in a rose garden gives one peace.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:07:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Riggles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed illegally and needs to be restored as closely as possible to what it was before, following current building codes of course. The cost to do this is Donald Trump's to bear - he said he was paying for the project out of his own pocket, so hold him to that promise.

Make sure that the area under the former East Wing is thoroughly examined for potential evidence or material of any kind that has been hidden, placed or buried there during the period of time the wing was demolished.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:07:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Donnelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day:

I lived in Washington DC for 54 years. I grew up there. The image of the White House is etched in my mind, as it is for millions of people & those before me. It is an Icon in & to the world, it must not be changed. Besides the in appropriate means & methods by which we are where we are in this regard, the design is so far beyond what "The People's House" is that it is a disgrace, not an improvement. I am ashamed of this proposed project and oppose it strongly.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:06:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas LeBlanc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission Members,

I write today to ask that you not turn the East Wing Modernization Project into another front in our nation's culture wars.

Any president has the prerogative to make changes to the White House. President Trump has not only embarked on this construction project but has raised the funds to pay for it. He seeks to address the long-standing problem that the White House is not equipped to handle very large state dinners inside the building.

Of course the White House belongs to the people of the United States, but I do not know of any construction project that was approved by a plebiscite.

It may be wise to ask that Congress weigh in on the project by a date certain, but anything more than that risks turning this project into a national referendum on President Trump, which would be an abuse of power.

Douglas LeBlanc
[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 9:05:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Michaels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is regarding the White House Ballroom project. I want to comment that this project is not in keeping with historical preservation of the beautiful public building that is the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:05:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Skye MacLaren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people a home for our presidents since 1800. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

The American people are to be given an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project since they are the rightful owners. The project itself was not vetted by the proper channels or by the American people. The East Wing was destroyed in violation of the law. And the plans as drawn are not appropriate, not in line with current requirements, and not approved by the majority of the American people. And that includes me.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:04:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Locatelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC, please move to restore the East Wing of the White House to its former historical beauty, size, and relevance. It was the people's main entry where we were welcomed to the White House, and where our First Ladies had their offices. The current plan to build a garish ballroom for elite guests is out of touch with its original intent and purpose, and its construction will no doubt appeal to fragile egos. But those in charge of its razing were wrecking balls of ignorance without regard to design or cultural significance. The new addition will not only overshadow the White House itself in size, but the millions of dollars to build it are frivolous and wasteful. How one accomplished the demolition of the East Wing on a whim without any review or approval of a historical committee or public outreach was concerning to me. I would understand the need to refurbish, restore, and redesign the East Wing as needed, maintaining its exterior appearance and elegance, but to see it destroyed and in rubbles is heartbreaking. Thank you for the opportunity to lend a voice to this project.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:03:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michaela Madsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support Trump’s plan to build a structure that dwarfs the White House. I ask that the experts on the history of the White House have the authority to rebuild the East Wing to preserve its history and beauty for the people of the United States.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:03:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Atkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have started. The historic eat wing should have been left alone. This is wasteful and unnecessary, and what is proposed is vulgar and a monument to greed, narcissism and excess, where only the elites belong.

The White House is our house. Restore what was there.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:02:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to begin by outlining my deepest concerns regarding this process.
1. The proposed ballroom strikes me as profoundly unnecessary and reflective of personal ego rather than public purpose.
2. The dismantling or alteration of the East Wing at individual discretion, particularly for something as opaque in purpose as a ballroom, is deeply troubling.
3. I am unsettled by the unknown elements that may exist beneath this newly prioritized dance floor. This concern reaches beyond structural or financial issues and touches something more fundamental about transparency and trust.
4. The level of hubris, conceit, and apparent disregard for the people of the United States is difficult to reconcile with the responsibilities of public service.
5. Decisions of this magnitude cannot be undone. The rashness, short-sightedness, and self-focused nature of this course of action are beyond my understanding.
6. This feels like a direct affront to the people themselves.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:00:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the demolition of the East Wing and believe those responsible should be held accountable.

It should be rebuilt, as it was with updates to bring up to code, or be more energy efficient.

The people of the United States do not need an extravagant nor “golden” ballroom while we have health

insurance issues, homelessness, and other problems that need addressed.

Date: 2/15/2026 9:00:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Riffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to the proposed “renovation” of the East Wing of the White House. The White House was never intended to be a palace. It is the people’s house, born out of the struggle for democracy, equality and rule of law.

The renovation is not in keeping with the size and tone of rest of the White House. While many Americans are struggling to make ends meet, it is tone deaf- regardless of who is subsidizing the construction- to build such an ugly atrocity.

Please, for the sake of history, aesthetics and the American people, do not allow the project to continue.

Thank you,
Pamela Riffin

Date: 2/15/2026 8:59:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Baugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I personally would like to see it closely resemble what was originally torn down. I would like to maintain the history of the East Wing. I would like the decorating of the wing to not be permanent structures so it can be changed later by other administrations in the future.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:59:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Nidzgorski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down our East Wing of our White House should not have happened until, and if, proper channels were followed. To tear down this structure without permission is against the rules and is unacceptable.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:59:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, DJT's destruction of the East Wing was an illegal act. He did not ask for or receive approvals from Congress. Secondly, this is a 'showboat' project for his benefit! A ballroom is not needed especially with DJT guidance. He does not have experience, credentials or taste for such an effort. Therefore East Wing should be restored according to architectural guidelines & plans!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:58:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KERSTIN FELSKE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of a 90,000 square feet ballroom.
Please ensure that any construction at the White House be thoroughly reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts.
Additionally, Congress must approve the construction before it begins/continues.
Thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/15/2026 8:58:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Sachet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore the rose garden. & make sure no special interest money is used to do any remodeling or up dating of the White House.

The White House is the people's house - it does not belong to any one president.

Thank you,
Nancy Sachet

Date: 2/15/2026 8:56:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Haworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes to historic structures owned collectively by the people of the United States should take into account the original structure and not dominate or subsume it. Scale and design should match that of the original structure and meld well with the architecture in the greater area, including hardscaping and landscaping.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:56:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Moira Facer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have significant concerns about this project-not only did it begin without following any of the appropriate legal channels- but it also disregards the wishes of the American public. This project is an unnecessary destruction of a beautiful historic area to create a gaudy unnecessary ballroom. The public has not requested this change and will not benefit from a giant gaudy ballroom the way the public benefited from the prior east wing. I urge you to not approve the project or to insist upon a major change in scope one that honors the history of the space and does not create such a wasteful thing as a giant ballroom. The White House should be a place of distinction, history, work and the public. Its primary purpose is as a house of government not an event venue.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:56:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Murdock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. It is unnecessary. The money is best used elsewhere.

2. It is ostentatious, Seeing it, people will draw the conclusion that the American people also have this self serving trait.

3. It disrupts the symmetry of the White House, which is visually pleasing, and fits with the landscape.

4. It will always remind people of the deplorable ideals of the man who ordered it built: flash over substance, misuse of money (that he didn't earn), ignoring laws put into place for all citizens to uphold. If he is true to form, and he doesn't pay the workers, it will be a public statement against the honest work of American citizens.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:55:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Ciarico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the current construction plans for the White House. Very careful consideration should be given to any changes made to an historical landmark of such importance. The White House is one of the most important historic buildings in the United States. As stated in the 'Design Guidelines for the White House and President's Park' (1997), issued by the National Park Service: "The White House and President's Park are first and foremost a public trust, an important part of our national heritage." While I can understand there may be reasons that the White House may have evolving needs given it has undergone various exterior and interior modifications since construction began in 1792, the demolition of the East Wing and proposed ballroom in the modernization project will be the first major change to its exterior appearance in the last 83 years (since the East Wing in its current form was built in 1942). Therefore, such a significant change to a historic building of this import should follow a rigorous and deliberate design and review process. I agree with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ask that any significant modification to the White House follow these criteria: 1) establish a qualifications-based architect selection process, 2) enact a rigorous historic preservation review, 3) prioritize transparency and public accountability, 4) consider "proportionality" and "design harmony", and 5) leverage collaboration and expertise across the architecture profession. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on an issue that will have such a profound effect on this most important historic landmark.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:55:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Yochelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the structure to the previous external dimensions to balance the building as a whole. Updated wiring, ADA access etc as any new construction would have would be appropriate. Return offices for the First Lady in the East Wing. If a ballroom is needed, construct it somewhere else in the city.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:53:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Alden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I demand the East Wing to be historically restored and maintained.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:53:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grenville Whitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated before going through all the steps required for approval, i.e., prematurely.

It should be halted until it has completed all steps and been fully approved.
If the project is not fully approved, the White House East Wing should be returned to its original configuration.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:52:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: wm shields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

illegal and not even ill-conceived. The destruction of the East Wing is beyond the pale and constitutes a crime against all Americans and the world.

I insist that the East Wing be replaced with a sympathetic substitution, not a grossly oversized ball-room

Date: 2/15/2026 8:51:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Curtin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm very concerned that the East Wing was demolished without an opportunity for input from the public, design professionals, and historical preservationists. That should never have happened, but given where we are now, it is likewise imperative that this project be driven by the interests of the public. Currently, the project seems to be a vanity project driven by an autocratic President and a small group of wealthy corporate funders. This is the antithesis of how "the people's house" should be renovated. Please stop the project immediately and put it back on track as a public-spirited endeavor.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:51:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Trump is building, without review or consent, is an abomination and only for his self aggrandizement. The Whitehouse is the people's house not a presidential playground. Please hold firm to the rules for this historic structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:50:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Covalt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The absurdities and gross malfeasance involved in the president's unilateral and unauthorized decision to destroy the East Wing, the Rose Garden, historic memorial trees, and the grounds are too numerous to recount.

As for the expensive and uninspiring warehouse of a room he wants to have built, it beggars belief that the capital city lacks ANY sufficient event space that could be rented and secured and therefore a third of the presidential residence must be sacrificed to create a big empty party room. I assure you that any number of hotels have ballrooms to rent, we didn't need to remove the First Lady's office to build our own.

This project is without purpose or merit. It was enacted by a man who promised that the East Wing would not be damaged in the slightest before he authorized the wing's destruction. At this point, the best that can be done is to cover it over with topsoil and grass seed and wait for a competent leader to delegate a commission to design new offices for the President's spouse.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:50:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cay Heinze
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to current plans for the "Trump ballroom". Based on artist renderings that have been released, it will completely dwarf the main part of the White House and will be a gaudy eyesore inside and out.

Obviously, now that the old East Wing has been destroyed (without any public on meant and with a total lack of transparency) *something* needs to be put in its place, but it should be something that fits in with the historical period and architecture and aesthetics of the White House site.

I also have significant concerns about the questionable funding for the project. While I don't think that taxpayers should have to pay for Trump's vanity projects, the idea that all of these private companies are donating money to it to curry favor and or even buy pardons from Trump is the antithesis of American ideals and ethics. I really don't know how you can use private money for this project and not have significant conflict of interest for the company or for the Trump administration. At the very least I think all foreign entities and any organization that has business before, with, or relating to, the Trump administration should be banned from donating.

Americans are counting on your committee and the legal system to save DC's beauty, prestige, and respectfulness.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:49:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susyn Stecchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the project facetiously called the "East Wing Modernization Project". It was never presented to nor approved by Congress. It is an unnecessary and complete waste of unapproved funds better spent on what Americans need (not on 47's vanity), including Medicaid, affordable health care, affordable housing, affordable food, affordable education, and Medicare for all. Americans do not need a new gilded (or plain, for that matter) ballroom. The Rose Gardens and East Wing were historical icons that didn't need fixing without public input. It also should not be funded by Trump's billionaire minions.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:48:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Denney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the former president of the American Institute of Architects, William Bates, that the 90K square foot ballroom will - in my words - grotesquely overwhelm the rest of the White House. I understand that there is perhaps need for a proper space for this sort of function, but decidely not something that disfigures one of the most symbolic buildings in the world. It is the White House that should reign supreme in our vision and mental images, not a ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:47:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Gay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed project is preposterous as to size and scope. I suspect that ego and not need are afoot here. To exceed the size of the historic home with a ballroom....think about that...a ballroom , should be rejected put of hand. If a ball room is needed...and that is questionable, then let us consider a more reasonable project.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:47:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dwain Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From the descriptions provided by the administration, this project, if allowed to proceed will destroy the general symmetry of the Whitehouse (the people's house). It will make the Whitehouse look like an addition to the ballroom. The drawing makes it very clear and based on the existing "rules" the project should not be allowed to move forward. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:47:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andy Schilling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:47:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine diMonda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need an exceedingly large ballroom. It is not a hotel or convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space nearby (I believe it is in the Commerce Center), and a large space at the National Building Museum.

The White House is the People's House, not a palace. It was deliberately designed with modest dimensions and a restrained style. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is historic, and symmetrical.

The occupant of the White House is not a king; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, regardless of who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be reconstructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape to the West wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It should not be larger than what was there, especially not larger than the White House so as to not overwhelm it. There should first be planning review by the appropriate historic groups that are designated for that purpose. If it is determined that the East Wing should have a ballroom, it should be made to fit the original size, with graceful but appropriate design, consistent with the rest of the White House.

Also, please restore Jackie's beautiful Rose Garden.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to comment on this.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:47:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gazie Nagle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project considered was led by one, never taking into consideration that it is described as 'the Peoples house.' The People didn't make this choice. The White House was never intended to become a palace, but a temporary residence for a rightfully elected president and his/her family. Yes there have been former

alterations to the White House by former Presidents that were essentially a need and additional outdoor beautification projects were also added. Nothing as extreme and outrageously planned as this East Wing Project for reason of personal greed and inconsideracy of the Peoples rights. This project reveals an insult to our nation's history, to all former Presidents, and to all those who respect our Constitution as it stands.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:46:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gael Alba
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Supporting existing guidelines for size and scope. Would encourage an eye toward the future of all Americans in defining use: e.g. a dedicated meeting space for robust communication and public events between the people and their government.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:46:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Brennaman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump illegally destroyed part of the White House. No one has ever been begging for a ballroom. Trump is not the owner of the White House, he is simply a tenant.

All work on a ballroom needs to be stopped, and Trump, with his own money, needs to be required to rebuild the East Wing from the original plans.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:45:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Ketrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

I understand the project is supposed to be privately funded but the operation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the American people. I don’t agree with this future bill for a space of the proposed size that is not needed. I also believe public funds will be needed to complete a project of this size and complexity.

Waste of public funds and degrades the respect for the White House. The White House is not intended to be the party house but the home of democracy and conducting the serious business of running a Nation State.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:44:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael ODonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the currently proposed design of the east wing of the White House.
I was the project leader for the renovation of the Wyoming State Capitol complex, a project that has earned numerous prestigious awards. Key to the success of the Wyoming project was recognizing that adjoining and nearby structures needed to be architecturally subordinate to the historical Capitol building.
These same principles must also apply to the White House.
The currently proposed ballroom addition does not respect the historic White House. Instead of being subordinate to the White House, it actually dominates the historic building.
A complete redesign of the East Wing is required to preserve the architectural and historic importance of the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:44:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Sniadecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just submitted!

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:43:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Comissiong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was. As a National Historical Landmark and a house that is owned by the people I can’t understand why the President was ever allowed to tear it down in the first place. A massive unnecessary ballroom is not going to magically make him a better President. He is wasting this country’s time and money.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:42:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Loy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the East Wing demolition and ballroom construction. We are a common people who don't lavish materialistic things as most of us are just trying to get by and pursue the American Dream. DO NOT let this atrocity continue.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:42:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Ahearn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I worked in Washington D.C. for thirteen years. For five years my office was on the seventh floor of 1440 New York Avenue, on the west side overlooking the White House grounds. Clients, family and other visitors were excited and inspired by this view of the Peoples' House, visible beyond the East Wing. This was a landscape for all Americans, a reflection of our heritage. It sickens me to envision how Trump has desecrated this space. No living president should erect (or rename) a monument to himself. No monstrous "ballroom" should be allowed to shadow the White House. The ego-driven "renovation" proposal is contrary to American values, sound planning practices, acceptable architectural standards, and simple good taste. It would be a monument to corruption and cronyism.
I am President of McKee Bridge Historical Society. This nonprofit's primary mission is to preserve a 109-year-old wooden covered bridge in the Upper Applegate Valley in Jackson County, Oregon. This bridge may be an inconsequential relic in comparison to the now-lost East Wing, but Trump's destructive and corrupt treatment of the White House has solidified my resolve to maintain this bridge and its heritage for today's and tomorrow's Americans - and foreign visitors, should we manage to stop repulsing them.
I ask the National Capital Planning Commission to ensure that Trump's demolition is repaired with an appropriate, anti-idolatrous structure that serves The People, not an autocrat.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:41:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Baptiste
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposing the Eadt Wing Modernization Project which is focused primarily on an uber extravagant ballroom as a Trump vanity project. I do not agree with the current administration that this is a necessary addition to The People's House. Our country does not wish to "honor" the current POTUS administration's obsession to entertain ONLY the rich & famous uber wealthy while the low & middle class suffer from lack of necessary services including affordable housing, healthcare, adequate healthy food, medicine, environmental conditions for healthy air & water, etc. This Vanity Project should not proceed & the repair & replacement of the damaged area should be completed from private funds from the Autocracy Supporters.

Thank you for asking & listening to We The People.

Debby Baptiste
[redacted]
Florida Resident & Votet

Date: 2/15/2026 8:41:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Franco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see the East Wing demolished without any consideration of historic preservation or proper permitting. Nonetheless, something will be rebuilt and it should be at a scale that does not dwarf or compete in size to the current White House, nor serve to aggrandize any individual. It should not be slathered in gilded bric-a-brac, but have architecture that is consistent with the current White House to reflect the dignity of our non-monarchical democracy and history. It must be much smaller than the current plans reflect.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:40:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Costello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Commission,

I write regarding the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed replacement construction associated with the ballroom expansion.

The White House is not only a working seat of government. It is a National Historic Landmark and an enduring symbol of the American republic. For more than two centuries, its architectural presence has reflected continuity, restraint, and civic order.

The power of the White House derives from its neoclassical language, its measured proportions, symmetry, and clear hierarchy. These architectural principles are rooted in the traditions that early Americans

associated with republican government and democratic stability. The Executive Residence remains the visual and symbolic center of that composition.

If the East Wing has been removed, its reconstruction should faithfully replicate its prior footprint, height, façade articulation, materials, and relationship to the historic core. Replacement construction must preserve the established architectural hierarchy of the complex and remain clearly subordinate to the Executive Residence in scale and massing.

A 90,000-square-foot expansion that rivals or exceeds the scale of the Executive Residence risks altering the visual balance that has defined the White House for generations. Changes of this magnitude require extraordinary care to ensure that the historic character of the complex is not overshadowed or redefined.

The White House does not belong to any single administration. It belongs, symbolically and historically, to the American people. Alterations may occur, but they should honor the architectural continuity and civic meaning that have long defined this landmark.

With that in mind, I respectfully urge the Commission to require that:

1. The exterior appearance of the East Wing be reconstructed to match its previous form with documented accuracy.

2. All historic documentation and measured surveys be used to guide reconstruction.

3. Any new ballroom structure remain visually and physically subordinate to the Executive Residence.

4. A complete and transparent public record of review and compliance be made readily accessible.

The architectural character of the White House is part of the nation's civic inheritance. Reconstruction should ensure that future generations recognize in it the same balance, proportion, and dignity that have long symbolized American self-government.

Respectfully,

Lynda Costello
[redacted]

[redacted]

Date: 2/15/2026 8:39:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margie Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified over the destruction of the East Wing and the historical integrity of the White House by a witless man who has no sense of history or beauty. I oppose the ballroom and anyunauthorized destruction or construction of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodi Magalski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:38:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shayne Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Altering the white house for the vanity of a man is absurd and waste of resources on the American people. In no way does this benefit the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:37:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A project of this scale is out of balance with the existing structure and should be scaled down to match the architectural look of the existing White House. The ballroom should not exceed the size of the existing residence at approximately 55,000 sq ft.

No other modifications to the White House (i.e. renovation of the West Wing to “balance out” the oversize ballroom) should be undertaken in order to increase the size of the ballroom, as it would remove the original integrity and history of the White House structure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:37:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Christenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, “we the people” did not request nor authorize this supposed modernization project. It is just another example of wasteful spending of our dwindling resources for a vanity project. As the building has been demolished without authorization it needs to be reconstructed in the same style. With new electrical, plumbing and HVAC this will again be a serviceable government for use only.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:35:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. It is an historic building and should follow historic guidelines.

Make sure it is paid for by the US and NOT by outside interests who will manipulate the process for self interest including lining Trumps pockets.

Remove Donald Trump and his cabinet from the decision making. It is not his building. The White House is the people’s house.

If a ballroom is needed or any other expanded space construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:35:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore this wing to its original design.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:33:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Ni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow this administration to make any further modifications to the people's house. The matter can be resubmitted for comments when competent leadership is in charge.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:33:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Daubenspeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned and initiated conversion of the East Wing of the White House is a violation of the duty of care that every President until the current one has adopted regarding protecting the People's property. The White House belongs to the American People and is lent to a current President with the understanding and trust that the occupant will respect and maintain the property as any tenant would treat a rental property. Violation of this trust should invoke termination of the lease. Given this, I am firmly opposed to the violent destruction the current President has done to my property and, at least, no further desecration of the property should be permitted and the current tenant should be evicted as soon as practicable.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:32:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherrie Downing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This travesty of the destruction of the East Wing of the White House can be rectified only by rebuilding the East Wing to the exact specifications of how it was, perhaps more energy efficient, on Donald Trump's money. You break it, you buy it.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:30:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: melissa Jordan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The total destruction and renovation plan for the East wing is absurd. It should have been proposed and approved or denied by congress. We have 3 equal branches of government for a reason. No kings. This is not an autocracy. We are a republic and we do not believe this would have been approved while Americans can barely afford anything. A total disgrace. Shameful act of dictatorship by trump.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:29:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Jess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The dismantling of the East Wing was a criminal act and should be punished accordingly. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before, and Trump and the sycophants who destroyed it should be prosecuted, fined for the total cost, and possibly imprisoned for destruction of a national treasure.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:27:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Lauermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission,
Foremost, I am a purist when it comes to historic architecture and the law. The East Wing was torn down with no Commission or Park Service oversight and that should be addressed first. The President was granted unprecedented immunity by the Supreme Court, but not following regulations and laws should be considered a violation of his oath of office and be exempt from that immunity ruling. Personally, I would like to require Mr. Trump to rebuild the East Wing to historic specification with his personal funds before a ballroom plan is even considered. Of course, that will never happen.
Therefore, my realistic view is that any event space should not be directly attached to the WH but should be separated by an abbreviated wing similar in style to the former East Wing. 90,000 sf is much too large. It should be more in the realm of 45,000 sf and have a slightly lower elevation than the original mansion. The excessive fenestration in the Trump design does not fit with the climate of D.C. Perhaps, instead, a series of glass doors could lead to a modest shrub enclosed courtyard for events in warmer weather. No gold ornamentation on the walls, this is not the court of Louis XIV!
Most of all, this addition should be built with TAXPAYER money and NOT private, political donations.
Thank you for your consideration of my submission.
Respectfully,
Gail Lauermann
New Hampshire

Date: 2/15/2026 8:26:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree that it's important to be the best host possible to all visitors to our nation's beautiful capital, both foreign and domestic. However I strongly believe that this should be done within the nation's means, and with sensitivity to the plight of those struggling throughout the country. There are many who would argue that we are currently in an economic boom with the Dow higher than ever. But from out here in the community it's clear that the boom is only happening over our heads. It's unconscionable for the elite in

government to dance and feast on the backs of the people who are paying our taxes in hopes of jobs, healthcare, and social safety nets for veterans, the elderly, and the disabled. You'd have to be intentionally obtuse not to see the White House ballroom expansion is just another gilded temple to our current president's ego. And as someone who deals daily with the bureaucracy of building codes and permitting, I'm actually offended that the administration thinks they can bypass all the required processes to make such impactful and expensive changes to the People's House. I appeal to the committee to rein in these excesses and demand a thoughtful, safe, and carefully budgeted expansion. Not this travesty.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:24:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Hagen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Every member of the Commission should have layed your bodies in front of the bulldozers! Shame on you all!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:23:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra McArthur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return it to what it was like before 2025. This is the peoples house and we do not need a monstrosity of a ballroom. Money could be better spent on out veterans care, feeding children and housing.

I strongly feel the building should never have been altered!

Bill Donald Trump personally for not following protocol!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:23:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: patricia emison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally outraged by the demolition and the proposal. It's a little late to be soliciting public opinion and I'm sure Trump could care less but the White House is not his personal project. Nor should it be funded by cronies. and don't get me started on the preposterous arch idea.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:21:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Recht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design is awful. It’s a disgusting homage to authoritarian regimes of the past. It should be scrapped. The East Wing should be re-purposed as a space for the public - for the people.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:20:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyndee Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people’s house. Any addition should be in the scale and style of the entire structure. A ballroom should be created elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:20:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorie Craddock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project aka The Trump-Epstein Ballroom is a terrible idea and should be completely cancelled. The East Wing should be returned to its original state and the Trump Crime Family should be charged for the restoration and fined for the destruction of public property.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:19:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the East Wing of The White House should be put back the way it was before Donald Trump went into office. If improvements need to be made or it needs to be somewhat larger, then this needs to be decided by Congress and the National Parks and Recreation Services. The proposed ballroom is far to garish and expensive. The taxpayers of this country should not be expected to shoulder the expense of a building that isn't wanted or needed.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:16:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Wiersma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remember touring the White House in the 1970's as a older teen. Seeing the place where important decisions were made affected me profoundly. In that historic place so much history had happened. There were incredible stories about each and every part of the White House that I toured. When I heard that part of east wing was demolished my heart broke. The White House is a major part of American history and should be preserved for generations to come. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and I was appalled that it was damaged by someone who seems to not care about our history or its landmarks. Please restore the White House back to its original state for American history's sake. Build your ballroom elsewhere. Thank you!
Jean Wiersma

Date: 2/15/2026 8:16:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Berghaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a travesty to tear down the historic east wing, without permission. This whole project is shameful, just a revengeful man at work trying todestroy democracy and history. I disapprove this project. Why does a president need a ballroom? I say no to this project. Restore the east wing to what it was.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:16:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Whipple
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Given that the East Wing was destroyed without prior review or approval, it should be restored as it was prior to the razing, at the expense of the person who authorized the destruction.

That is similar to what would happen here if a homeowner built an unpermitted structure on their own property; the structure would be razed at the owner's expense.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:15:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nyla Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed drawings that have been shown to the public are out of alignment with the rest of the White House. The ballroom is not the most important thing about the White House. The White House is a classic

style and any additions should reflect that not overpower it.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:14:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Stabler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against this project. It will fundamentally alter the White House, changing the dignified character of the White House into a gilded monstrosity.

Please do not approve this project!! For the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:13:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Couch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM!!!! Please replace the East Wing. We want our White House like it was!!

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/15/2026 8:11:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Goodness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do we really need a 90,000 sq ft ballroom? No this is not what the people of the US need. The cost and the "need" is not warranted. Our nation needs our East Wing back. That project was not requested. Not necessary. Our money needs to be spent on quality of life for all. Not one selfish person. The ballroom will not improve the White House. Our White House was regal. Not gaudy. If NCPC has the right to stop this project, please do. We need to stop the madness. Do not allow a tasteless over priced, over sized ballroom. Let's keep our White House as the "People's House" not the billionaire house for few. This is a sad state in our history.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:11:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eve Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rather than building a 90,000 square foot gilded East Wing addition to the White House, I would prefer to see a smaller, simpler space,
with the monies saved going to the National Park Service for all Americans to enjoy. This would be a more democratic solution to the proposed Trump memorial ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:09:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janelle Pollock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and only loaned to sitting presidents.

In that regard, the East Wing should be restored to its former state before it was so carelessly destroyed. This includes its exterior dimensions and architectural style as well as updating all wiring and making it handicap accessible where possible.

Past processes should be followed for any needed but historically sensitive modifications.

If a ballroom is needed, it should be built elsewhere in the city so as not to dwarf and overwhelm the White House, a beautiful structure that should remain as is architecturally.

Please do not allow special interest groups to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

The White House is the people's house and it should remain so.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:03:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gwozdz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of eastwing should never have happened and any project to replace structure must honor original purpose, history and commitment that this is the people's house not one individual. New construction must adhere to guidelines keeping size, materials, processes and design of the overall White House and its historical significance. Please no gaudy gold decor!

Date: 2/15/2026 8:02:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randle Bain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed monstrosity of the ballroom addition.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:01:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DEBORAH DOUGLAS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, as a National Historic Landmark and National Park, is not owned by whoever happens to be the president.

It is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

The sitting president has no legal authority to make permanent changes to one of the nation's most visible and historic building, much less demolish or repurpose a whole wing, without due process and submitting plans for review.

It is outrageous that this has been allowed to happen. We hope the NCPC can stop the construction of the planned ballroom before it begins, and preserve what remains of the White House for future generations.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:00:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States I was appalled to see the mindless destruction of The East Wing of the Whitehouse. This was done without proper notice or congressional approval and without contents being properly archived. The proposed new ‘Ballroom’ will be an albatross in the people’s city.

The only proper solution is to rebuild the East wing, as similar to the original as possible. Let this be a lesson, going forward, that these public buildings belong to all of us. The residents there are not royalty. They are tenants, and must follow the rules set by their landlords, ‘we the people’.

Date: 2/15/2026 8:00:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Polaki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the East Wing project.
Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc., and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Actually, there are plenty of large spaces that can easily lend themselves to be a ballroom when one is needed.
The White House is the people’s house.
Also, please restore the Rose Garden.
Thank you!

Date: 2/15/2026 7:55:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marian DeSimone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is the people's house. The demolition of the existing east wing without pre-approval is unacceptable and there should be consequences. My opinion is the existing plans are not architectually sound, with the size and scope of this ballroom out of proportion with the current standards. I request that modifications be made so that the integrity of the white house design stands.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:51:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The overreach of this project is astounding and in violation of several laws, including:

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): Critics allege that a full Environmental Impact Statement was not issued prior to the demolition.

National Historic Preservation Act: The project is accused of destroying a historically significant site without required oversight.

Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution: The lawsuit argues that Congress did not authorize the construction of the new ballroom.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA): Public Citizen filed a lawsuit claiming the Department of the Interior failed to release construction contracts, violating public records laws.

There is also no addressing the construction funding being outside of legal standards for oversight and amounting to potential political influence peddling.

The overreach and lawlessness of this administration must be reigned in and investigated. This can only come from Congress as there is no apparent self regulation coming from administration officials who took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:51:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop building the Ball Room. Return the East Wing to its former condition.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:51:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Maddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to look similar to what it was before, with needed upgrades and quality workmanship. Not as a so called legacy to a temporary resident.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:51:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Herbert Berding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one, no president, no elected official should be able to destroy the people's house and re-make it as the individual wishes. What has been done to the White House should be undone and billed to the individual (Trump) who ordered the descecration. Assets should be seized to reimburse the people.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:47:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Cloen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As currently proposed, this “modernization” project is completely inappropriate. It will likely dwarf the white house itself and provides no stylistic symmetry to the main structure or the west wing. It is merely a vanity project for, and to, our current president. I am also deeply concerned about how it will be financed - replacing the east wing should be paid for with tax money, not by billionaires trying to ingratiate themselves to our current president.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:46:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Chambers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keep similar size and scale to the original. No gold. Limit changes to code and essential modernizations. Keep styling with traditional White House standards.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:44:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is grossly over-sized and will dwarf the White House itself. Please require that the project be significantly reduced in size.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:43:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Woodard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not against updating historic buildings as a rule, however as I understand it the demolition and remodeling of the White House east wing was done completely without following the correct steps to insure preserving the historic integrity of this very important building. The people elected to govern this country should be held to the highest standards in all things, not use their position to break rules. If updates

were needed then proper procedure should be followed, period. The fact that these steps were ignored in this case should be looked into, this is a huge red flag for all of us that the person in charge does not care about anything other then getting what he wants on even such a small scale. This house belongs to the people not the Executive.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:41:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Sievert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a little late for comments as the east wing has already been destroyed. I believe it should be restored just as it was before it was illegally torn down. Thank you. -Laura Sievert

Date: 2/15/2026 7:38:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arthur Bueche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Incredibly insensitive to the history of the White House. Unbelievable self aggrandizement by the President. No ballroom, rebuild East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:37:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Michaud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original size and stature. The interior can be modified to accommodate additional entertainment space. The White House is a symbol of this country, appearing in many places including our currancy. It is a historical symbolic structure where the exterior design should not have significant changes.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:32:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ivelisse Suarez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It pains me immensely that this piece of history was torn down for a ballroom that is not needed. This is the

people's house and not the personal project of one President that has shown no regards for preservation just personal glory. How can this building become larger than the whole structure? It will look hideous. Please restore it to the way it was. Also cementing over the rose garden is a travesty. THE WHITE HOUSE IS NOT PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANY PRESIDENT!

Date: 2/15/2026 7:26:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Condie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House was done without authorization. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house.
In addition, the Rose Garden should be restored to its original beauty and the ridiculous 84" flag pole should be removed from the White House lawn.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:24:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debora Longo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose the current design for the East Wing Modernization Project. Not only was the project begun without following the process required for any changes to our White House, there has been no regard to the overall integration of this wing with the aesthetics of the White House as a whole structure. If a larger space was needed to welcome people to our country, such as state dinners, perhaps a separate building at another location would've been more appropriate. I want the East Wing to be restored to its former footprint. We might have lost the history with the reckless a ton of the current administration, but we can restore the aesthetics that were destroyed without any regard to the history of the former East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:22:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Touchton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was and still am appalled of the destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse. This is the people's house and any president should not be able to destroy one inch of this historic building without the people's consent.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:19:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Thornton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in strong opposition to the proposed presidential ballroom as currently configured. The scale and design of the proposal are excessive and out of proportion with its surroundings, and threaten to overshadow the White House itself. The White House should remain the visual centerpiece of the executive branch. This proposal is deeply at odds with the dignity and restraint that should characterize government architecture in our democracy. It's gaudy aesthetic, as visualized in the Oval Office currently, is offensive, projecting an image of extravagance and excess that does not reflect the American people, now or ever. I urge you to consider both the scale and design and to pursue an alternative plan that is more in keeping with current taste and respect for its historic surroundings.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:14:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people, paid for with our tax dollars. Trump ripped off the East Wing without our permission. He vandalized our house. Therefore, restore the East Wing with all code requirements, and Trump should be charged for all involved costs. If Trump wants a ballroom, he can buy the land and build it elsewhere.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:14:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Ruggerio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the former East Wing using exterior dimensions and architectural style compatible in scale to the west wing and main structure. No ballroom. Everything should be balanced visually, conforming to the original style and architecture. Update everything to modern building codes. Make interior ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
NO GOLD FILIGREE OR GOLD ACCENTS WITHIN THE SPACE! Restore the rose garden to its former grandeur. Project should NOT be funded from private donors. Exterior should be landscaped to conform with established landscaping on the grounds. Naming of the space should exclude the names of any currently elected officials in the whole of government.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:14:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Reinhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of the East Wing should never have happened. Next steps MUST BE subject to oversight and vetting by ALL historical and architectural associations pertinent to Washington, D.C.'s buildings and grounds. This is the People's House—it does not belong to any one person.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:14:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Carrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is only necessary because the original structure was demolished without proper planning or authorization. A ballroom is a frivolous use of time, money, space. The much-trumpteed "donations" for construction are questionable, and do not take into account the millions of dollars for upkeep, maintenance, and staffing. Please deny this project on behalf of the people and of common sense.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:14:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Wiedmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Planning Commission Members;
I am writing to express my distress regarding the most recent renderings of the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. I find the proposed construction to be hugely out of proportion to the existing structure. I also do not believe the new construction is sufficiently similar in style. What is being proposed, if in fact such a large space is genuinely needed, would be much more visually appealing as an entirely separate structure erected at a significant distance from the current structure.

I realize that the White House as my generation (Baby Boomers) has always known it is the result of change and additions over time. Many things change, Heraclitus was right about that, but the great landmarks of the world (The Acropolis, Versailles, Buckingham Palace, Notre Dame, etc.) have not. Let's think a moment about Notre Dame. After it was so severely damaged in that catastrophic fire, it was NOT demolished; it was NOT re-envisioned; it was REBUILT! Furthermore, it was rebuilt using the same craftsmanship as the original. When our own White House was burnt by the British, we didn't knock it down. We REPAIRED and REBUILT! The East Wing is not just a building. It is not just concrete and plaster and paint. It is AMERICAN HISTORY! The East Wing was torn down CONTRARY to proper procedures and reviews. PLEASE RESTORE WHAT WAS (literally) TORN AWAY FROM US! The White House is OUR house; the People's House; we want it back!
Thank you for your attention. Now please do the right thing and RESTORE THE EAST WING!

Date: 2/15/2026 7:11:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Cummings Maloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a seventh generation Washingtonian whose ancestor helped construct the Washington Monument, I can and do see a need to both modernize the East Wing of the White House and to have an appropriate place to hold state dinners, Inauguration balls and the like. In so doing, it should be imperative to maintain the character, culture and look that are so recognizably our capital, Washington, DC. Keep the East Wing in both size and design matching to the beloved face of our nation.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:08:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Laurenti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is so sad and infuriating to see what POTUS is doing to the White House, a federal property, without following the statues governing federal property real estate REGARDLESS of funding sources. Private financing does not eliminate these legal obligations. The NHPA mandates review for federal undertakings affecting historic properties. This is NOT Mar-a-Lago. This is "owned" by the federal govt thus it requires assessment of effects on historic properties, consultation with preservation officials and stakeholders, and public comment opportunities. Demolition without this review would violate federal law. This raises urgent questions, in my eyes, about legal compliance and whether the work can be stopped. Even with private funding, which I am dubious about, appropriation issues arise if federal resources like staff time, utilities or security support the project. Congressional oversight through the Govt Accountability Office could investigate compliance. Unfortunately at this time litigation is the only realistic option with POTUS.

The East Wing demolition presents clear violations of federal property law, historic preservation requirements and planning review processes. The property remains federal and the laws remain binding, regardless of public funding. The resolution in this matter will establish important precedent about whether statutory protections for federal historic property can be effectively enforced against executive branch projects or whether presidential determination can override them in practice if not the law.

Date: 2/15/2026 7:03:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my profound sadness and concern over the demolition of the East Wing. I never imagined I would see such a significant and symbolic part of this historic building removed.

For generations, this building has represented the endurance of our democracy and the shared history of the American people. Its architectural beauty and historical presence have stood as a reminder that our nation values tradition, continuity, and respect for the past. The East Wing was not merely a structure—it was part of the story our country tells about itself.

I am deeply troubled by the manner in which this demolition occurred. Major decisions affecting nationally significant landmarks should be transparent, subject to public dialogue, and appropriately authorized. Many Americans, myself included, believe that such a consequential action should have involved broader consultation and clear public accountability.

At a time when our country faces many challenges, I believe our focus should be on preserving the institutions and symbols that unite us. A ballroom or modernization effort cannot replace the historic character and meaning that was lost.

I respectfully ask that future decisions regarding historic government buildings prioritize preservation, transparency, and public trust. Our national landmarks belong to the American people, and their stewardship carries great responsibility.

Thank you for your time and for your service.

Hope T. Spencer
Carolina Shores, North Carolina

Date: 2/15/2026 7:02:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was initiated without thought to our heritage or its value to the American people. It is a purely vanity project of an egotistical, ignorant, immoral, lying Donald Trump and should be halted immediately.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:56:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonny Donzella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:50:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valeria Capell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The disgustingly ginormous "ballroom" should be reevaluated and only be as large as the East Wing that was illegally demolished. Modernization is understandable, vanity is childish.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:44:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ALAN FREEMAN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Costs to restore this project to its original architectural style should be borne by those responsible for illegally destroying this building.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:39:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Carman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been saddened by the demolition and plans for the East Wing of the White House. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the visioning of the replacement, in accordance with the laws of our nation.

I urge those with the necessary skills and imaginations to develop an architectural plan for the addition that will be compatible to the scale of the existing structure and subordinate to it.

I want all off us to look at it with pride, and humility, knowing that our shared history and community have been forged and celebrated within its walls by men and women of honor and dedication. It's not a hotel. It's not an event space. Its our heart home.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:37:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Knapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the plans to build a ballroom that would eclipse the size of the White House. It's bad enough that the historical structure of the White House was destroyed without public opinion being considered. The monstrosity that this administration proposes is just grotesque.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:34:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Sprinkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Writing to say that first of all, it's outrageous that this administration was allowed to tear down the East Wing without any permission and now, no punishment.

Since it's too late, I propose replacing it exactly the way it was. Do any modernization the wing might need, but it must be returned to it's original footprint and scale.

Secondly, how do you propose to stop this administration from going ahead anyway with the gilded monstrosity that Trump wants to build? He ignores all laws and the Constitution, so how are you going to get him to listen to you?

Date: 2/15/2026 6:33:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Mazzaferro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a monstrosity that ruins the White House compound. The original East Wing had many historic features and we do not know if they were properly preserved before the non-approved destruction of it. The proposed replacement dwarfs the original executive mansion and distorts the scale of the building. While a large space to host is needed, it should have been constructed as a separate annex on the White House compound. The proposed building is not consistent with the design and scale of the original East Wing building and throws off the balance and symmetry of the entire building.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:32:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Unwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the stairs on the South Elevation I have seen in most of the renderings for the Ballroom addition. What is their purpose? It appears as though they lead to the South Lawn, but I don't see any indication of a driveway or parking lot I haven't been able to determine where the door to the stairs would begin from the interior renderings. The proportions of the stairway seem strange and there no indication of handrails. The detailing throughout the project does not seem to follow Classical American design precedent. The entire design seems rushed and not well thought out.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:31:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adele Scritchfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I AM OPPOSED to this project. The White House has been a symbol of democracy around the world. Tarnishing it by tearing down sections to add massive structures to stroke ONE PERSON'S EGO is preposterous. While the existing dining area may be small it's historical and all who dine there understand the importance. Creating a massive dining hall would take away from that intimate touch of The United States of America.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:30:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment Opposing Proposed White House Ballroom Construction

I submit this comment in strong opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom project at the White House associated with Donald Trump.

This project raises significant concerns regarding preservation law, governmental process, fiscal responsibility, and national priorities.

1. Circumvention of Historic Preservation Review
The demolition of the existing East Wing structure reportedly occurred without proper prior notification to the National Trust for Historic Preservation or completion of required preservation review procedures.

The White House is not merely an executive residence — it is one of the most historically significant structures in the United States.
Any structural alteration demands transparent review, architectural justification, and preservation oversight.
Proceeding first and reviewing later undermines decades of bipartisan historic preservation policy and sets a dangerous precedent for future administrations.

2. Unverified Funding Claims
Public statements claim the ballroom will be funded entirely through private donations and will not use taxpayer money.

However:

• No binding funding guarantees have been publicly documented
• Security, staffing, infrastructure, and long-term maintenance inevitably become public expenses
• Federal property alterations carry ongoing taxpayer obligations regardless of initial funding source

A project of this scale cannot realistically avoid permanent public cost exposure.

3. Absence of Congressional Authorization
Major structural modifications to a federally owned, historically protected national symbol require

Congressional awareness and approval.

Without clear authorization, the project risks violating the constitutional separation of powers concerning federal property and appropriations authority.

4. Misalignment With National Priorities
The United States faces significant challenges:

• Infrastructure modernization
• Veteran care
• National debt
• Border and security concerns
• Disaster preparedness
• Public health readiness

Constructing a ceremonial ballroom does not serve an operational governmental necessity and cannot reasonably be justified as a national priority.

Historic preservation resources and executive attention should not be diverted toward prestige construction while critical national functions remain underfunded.

5. Precedent and Institutional Integrity
Allowing large-scale architectural alteration of the White House without rigorous review establishes a precedent that future administrations — of any political party — may exploit.

The White House belongs to the American people, not to any temporary occupant.
Preservation standards must therefore remain stronger than political preference.

Requested Action

I respectfully request:

1. Immediate suspension of the project
2. Full architectural and historical impact review
3. Transparent cost accounting including lifetime public expense
4. Formal Congressional oversight before any construction authorization
5. Preservation compliance review under federal historic protection standards

Until these conditions are met, the project should not proceed.

Conclusion

This issue is not about aesthetics or politics — it is about stewardship.
The White House is a national trust held for future generations.
Altering it without proper process diminishes both the building and the institutions it represents.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose approval of the proposed ballroom construction.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:27:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz D'Aloia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House without permitting or any oversight was horrific. I watched from Europe as the East Wing was destroyed. It was akin to watching our democracy being demolished — no oversight, no plan, no public input — nothing except the ego of a narcissist president.

I am ashamed and aghast that the building could be destroyed with no thought of its historic merit. It also sends a strong signal that the role of the First Lady, who historically had her office in the East Wing, isn't relevant. It destroyed all of the historic moments that happened in that structure before we had a First Lady who, as she has signaled, "Really Doesn't Care". Eleanor Roosevelt is rolling in her grave.

To build a structure that dwarfs the White House is irresponsible and a waste of taxpayer money.

If the president really wanted an event space, and really wanted to create jobs, he could rent space at any of the hotels or convention centers in the DC area.

Other people who live in historic buildings have to submit plans and await approval. Why does this president think he is above the law? The Supreme Court wrongly gave him immunity. It's up to We The People to take back power and reconstruct the East Wing to its historic structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:16:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Loschky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The exterior should be replaced to be exactly as it was. The interior should be replaced to match the functionality of the East Wing before it's illegal destruction, while modernizing lighting, wiring, HVAC etc.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:06:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Heida
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this project. It takes away from the grandeur and simplicity of the White House;the destruction of the East Wing has already unbalanced the symmetry of the White House and displaced the working administrative space needed for the White House to function; it prioritizes a social space that could occur anywhere in Washington D.C. for state social functions rather than the priority of the "people's house" that

the White House has always been. It impacts the visual impact of the Washington monument. It creates security issues with this space so close to a walkway.

This is a travesty against an American icon and diminishes one of the most powerful symbols of our nation and its history.

Stop this project before even more irreparable harm is done to our White House for the aggrandizement of this vain president.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:06:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing of the People's House and restore its symmetry. Please, do not allow the beauty of the People's House to be destroyed by the building of an oversized, grotesque "ballroom" that, in reality, is an ego-driven monument to the temporary resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC.

The Citizens of the United States own and maintain the White House, aka the People's House, not the occupant who illegally demolished the East Wing; therefore, the full cost of the restoration should be billed to Donald J. Trump as he is the party who violated the law when he demolished it.

Date: 2/15/2026 6:00:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the White House to it's historical architecture. A ballroom should be a separate building away from our traditional White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:46:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the proposed expansion of the White House ballroom, as such a project risks compromising the historical integrity and architectural significance of this iconic national landmark. The addition could disrupt the original design elements that have been preserved for generations, diminishing the unique character that makes the White House a symbol of American heritage. Rather than altering the structure, efforts should focus on maintaining and restoring the existing features to honor the legacy and history of this treasured building.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:46:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Rosebrook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior & interior to original dimensions, architectural style & footprint. The floor plan should be identical to the original east wing of the White House with modifications allowed only to update wiring, plumbing, etc. to code and make interior ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. No gold decorations. Surrounding landscaping: the Kennedy rose garden, should also be restored to its original state.
No outside interest money should be used to fund the project.
If a larger ballroom is needed, one can be found & used as needed or constructed elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:41:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Swann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.
I copied the above and pasted here because I think it is beautifully written and completely accurate. I will add that the current plan for a ball room is atrocious. It is completely off scale and looks horrible. The people do not want a cheap tacky looking monstrosity at the People's House. We do not want the White House to look like a cheap tacky fake gold plated whore house like that place in FL.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:39:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barrie Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project as proposed would overshadow the White House and forever alter sight lines in the Capitol. If a ballroom is truly needed, it should be smaller and should not equal the White House in height.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:34:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Jacobi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House above sub levels should be restored to its original footprint with interior restored to its original floor plan, or similar (to accommodate some modernization features). Restoration can accommodate updating electrical and plumbing features, including wiring for upgraded internet and the like. The wing should be finished with decor that is similar to the destroyed East Wing, not the gaudy and cheap looking gold leaf doodads the current administration favors, since much of this part of the people's house is seen by the public, whether in person or by video/photos/in person. Sub levels can be modified to accommodate current and potential future security needs as they are not public areas.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:34:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please use the original plans as well as the restoration performed in 1940 along with the latest fire and Electrical Code. Make ADA accessible. Do not decorate to the personal taste of an individual. Decorate it to reflect the history of the original building adding touches that reflect the history of our country, including the struggles we have overcome and our striving toward equality for all. There are other options for entertainment venues in the area for large gatherings.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:31:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sydney Langley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an observer of the USA from the outside (UK) and as someone passionate about American history, the destruction of the historic East Wing has distressed me.
The dishonest builders “trick” of demolish first so it is a fair accompli is an underhand ruse not worthy of the President of The United States.
Even if the East Wing could be reconstructed as a faithful replica of its original self it would never again resonate with the history of all the great people who have lived and walked within its walls.
The newly proposed ballroom is massively over scale and would dwarf the primary building.
In 1984 our King (then the Prince of Wales) famously criticised the proposed modern extension to London's National Gallery, calling it "a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend”. The White House is a much loved and elegant friend to all Americans and this vanity project should not be

allowed to go through.
New plans should be submitted that are both more in scale with the White House and more in line with the wishes of the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:28:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: paul sandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should clearly demonstrate:

A design that keeps the same architectural style as the current White House Structure....

A design that maintains a tasteful approach both inside and outside..keeping with the current ambiance of the White Houes ex. No garish gold in the new wing....

A consensus from various designers on how to create a structure of dignity and NOT gross ostentatious design..

An appearance of a structure that is a continuation of the White House rather than an added structure ex NOT a modernistic behemoth!

Project reviews by the appropriate commission to confirm adherence to the agreed upon design...

Date: 2/15/2026 5:25:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SANDRA BROMENSCHENKEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All United States citizens are required to follow the laws that have been put in place by those before us. By tearing down the East Wing without going through the proper channels as required by law this project should not move forward. The East Wing should be built back as it originally was.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:21:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerianne Holdsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please...no ballroom. This is the people's house and is not owned by the president and his friends. I was distraught when the East Wing was torn down, such a loss for our country and the values we embrace for our history. No gold tacky, glittery, ridiculous building that represents the president's personal vanity

project. Congress should be leading this project along with the Park Service with funding and oversight by Congress and the Historic Preservation arm of the Park Service.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:14:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Naomi Bynum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

It should not be paid for by companies or billionaires. It is our house not to be owned by some outside interests.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:03:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mimi Logothetis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have done historic renovations to code and to strict historically sensitive parameters using like materials, scale and details, colors, proportion, in order to modernize in use but keep same feeling and intent as original builders envisioned. I have also had to submit plans, drawings, material lists, budget, etc. to a planning commission in order to be approved and if not approved, back to the drawing board and if violated, a fine, tear down, at one's own cost.
I propose the violation of this tear down be noted, and the perpetrator punished by hefty fine. The east wing should not be grotesquely larger than the entire White House. We should not even have to discuss this 'renovation', as it is not needed and not approved, by design or fiscally.
if a modernization is needed, the original should be re-built with updated electrical and accessibility codes, but sensitivity to proportion and materials should be restored, no gold filigree.
it is criminal destruction of property what has happened, this is a national park and symbol, owned by the people of the United States, not one resident.

Date: 2/15/2026 5:00:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Fishman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was stunned to learn that this project was going forward without and oversight from NCPC. It should never have been allowed. The destruction of even one part of this historic building is a travesty. It cannot be replaced. What will be put there? I hope not the ballroom which is unfunded. I also hope that the public will have an opportunity to comment on that construction too.

I fear this may cause future donors to reconsider, making a donation because this destruction was allowed. I feel that if changes the entire story of our national capital city.

Sincerely,
Gail Fishman

Date: 2/15/2026 4:22:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederick Moncrief
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This never should have been begun; all the requisites for such a project were completely ignored. It is entirely about the ego of one small, empty man and an atrocity.

Date: 2/15/2026 4:10:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Krugman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the ballroom somewhere else. Do not build an addition that dwarfs the original structure

Date: 2/15/2026 3:50:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the damage done and put the original construction back.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:47:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheryl Rowling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am upset about the destruction of history and the unilateral decision by the Administration to destroy the East Wing. I think a huge ballroom that dwarfs the White House is horrible and garish. And, it is a waste of money!

Date: 2/15/2026 3:37:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Hayden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Today, I write to formally express my strong opposition to the "East Wing Modernization/White House Ballroom" project and to advocate for the immediate restoration of the East Wing to its traditional aesthetic and functional design.

I am deeply saddened and, frankly, angered by the decision to move forward with the demolition of portions of the East Wing before seeking substantial public input. This action was a breach of public trust! The decision to alter a national landmark of this magnitude without proper consultation or transparent review is a profound overstep. As a citizen, it is distressing to see historical structures dismantled behind closed doors, bypassing the very public whose heritage those walls represent.
The White House is a living museum, and the East Wing has historically served as a space of elegant restraint. My concerns remain focused on:
• Historical Authenticity: High-capacity modern ballrooms belong in hotels, not in the Executive Mansion. Replacing classic proportions with such a project diminishes the unique residential character of the White House.
• Irreplaceable Loss: Architectural trends are fleeting, but the history contained in the East Wing's previous design was permanent. Demolition has stripped away layers of the American story that cannot be easily replicated.

I urge you to halt further construction and pivot toward a restoration plan that honors the East Wing's previous look, one that respects both the craftsmanship of the past and the right of the American public to be consulted on the future of their most iconic residence.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:37:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Davies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Absolutely NOT! This project is over sized and not at all in keeping with the basic footprint of the building. It has not been designed with the proper historic architectural review.
From what I understand, it is NOT in keeping with the designated purpose of the East 'Wing and is simply a vanity project.
NO NO NO IT should not be approved

Date: 2/15/2026 3:34:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Parrish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Suggestions for the East Wing Modernization Project include:

Follow original footprint and architectural design to ensure symmetry to the entire exterior structure.

Update interior to current codes making sure to include access for all persons.

Decorate the interior to reflect its unique history using historic furnishings in a tasteful way.

Include professional looking flower and kitchen gardens in final landscaping design.

In a city as large as Washington DC is there are already large facilities that could be utilized as a ballroom when the need for one arises. Not sure how often an onsite ballroom would be used. Support your local community.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:34:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary MCCAVIT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i am sure we have rules and regulations regarding the repair of historical monuments. And i also am sure in doing so there would be many blueprints and engineering speciation's years in advance. this is a half assed way to go about building. Why would one man be allowed to change one darn thing. Just make EVERYONE obey all laws. and get some qualified people to run things in Washington

Date: 2/15/2026 3:30:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cerise LaCore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
Make it balanced visually and conform to the original style of the main house. Keep both the interior and exterior design tasteful and of classic design, with NO gold filigree plastered ANY where.
Make both interior and exterior entrances/interior design/restrooms, etc. ADA accessible/compliant.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is deemed absolutely necessary (for some unfathomable reason), please make sure it does not extend past the previous/current footprint.
Remove the cement patio and restore the rose garden.
Do not allow special interest or private funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:23:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I not only believe, I feel in my heart that the White House is the peoples' house.
I've felt what I think is a special connection to the building ever since seeing old, old photographs of it from during the Lincoln administration as I paged through some of my parents' books when I was in elementary school.
Fast forward eight or ten years, and we visited the capitol on spring break. We saw Mount Vernon, congressional
office buildings, inside the capitol, and we toured the White House! I still have the photos I took of President
John F. Kennedy and former First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy. A couple of years later, I was able to visit Washington, D.C. again with Close Up. I was able to sit in the House chamber in the upper gallery, and to go down into the basement of the capitol to see the catafalque they use when someone lies in state.
By this time, I had read about President John F. Kennedy, and even more about First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's
historical restorations of the White House and about different designs and periods of furniture. A guard at the White House even took my picture with the north portico in the background.

Considering this background, and more that has developed as I've seen photos of places in the White House (like the central hallway and the stairs going up to the residence) that are dear to me (like when President Joe Biden
and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden instituted the official White House Menorah)... Anyway, considering all the connections
I have to and all the emotional attachments I have to the peoples' house, I think it is monstrous, tantamount to
psychological warfare, what the guy who wears orange makeup has done to our house. The thing is, I've also
read and heard that he likes chaos; he thrives on it, so I think the best thing to do is to tie this decimation up
in research and discussion until 11:00 a.m. on January 20, 2029, and then declare and affirm that the White House
should be restored to its form as of January 10, 2017.

Then call on citizens across the U.S.A. to come and clean and pray and smudge -- there are thousands of us waiting for this-- and bless and re-consecrate the White House, and then start the machines and the crews

rebuilding and restoring 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW to exactly how it looked (Rose Garden included, thank you)
two weeks before President Barack Obama left office. At 1:30 p.m. on January 20, 2029, I think you should open
the gates to the peoples' house and let people in to pray and smudge and even start digging and start carrying
authentic materials to commence rebuilding and restoring our house.

The White House, including the East Wing, the Oval Office, and the Rose Garden,
all at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, should be restored to their form as of January 10, 2017.
The guy in the orange makeup and the too-long tie should be discouraged from
staying in the residence, from spending too much time at the complex at all, and,
by the Grace of G*d, from desecrating the structure any further.

I am all for a complete and thorough historical restoration of the buildings and grounds at
1600 Pennsylvania NW in Washington, D.C. I look forward to visiting it in its restored condition
and hopefully to living a lifelong dream of at least seeing the Oval Office and maybe being
invited to a function, even a dinner in the East Room.

I think a complete and historical restoration of the property is important to restoring the U.S.A
because many people identify with the White House as the people's house and a sign of
the strength and dignity of America.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:16:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ravyn Still
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

Absolutely NOT. A ridiculous eyesore and monument to one man's delusions of grandeur does not belong on our White House. He's treating it like he thinks he's going to live there forever; our constitution states otherwise. If he wants to build his gaudy, tacky, overpriced monstrosity of a ballroom, he can tack it on to Mar-A-Lago; it'll fit right in there.

Signed,
Ravyn Still

Date: 2/15/2026 3:04:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonia Mendoza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially

impractical. It will overpower the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months.

Date: 2/15/2026 3:00:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted by our current presidents lack of respect for our country's White House. I believe the East Wing should be restored to its original beauty with the only modern improvements limited to rewiring, plumbing, and invisible but necessary improvements. I would also like to demand that the Rose Garden be restored to its former glory. I believe The current president should pay out of pocket for these restorations since he failed to get the approval of the American people and the National Park Service.

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Date: 2/15/2026 2:57:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Duke Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing as it was historically accurate with upgrades for function and efficiency and make Trump pay for it! The destruction was unprecedented and criminal in nature. The American people did not ask for or need a giant ballroom or any monument to Trump. It is obviously just another con job from this criminal to enrich and enshrine himself.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:41:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:38:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raymond Goebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It should be designed by an Architectural entity that has extensive experience in the re-construction of historically significant structures, applying current code and ADA upgrades.
I see restoring the Rose Garden as an important part of the recovery process of the People's House.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:32:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/15/2026 2:23:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public comment should have been offered before the SOB demolished the East Wing. I suspect that this comment actually falls on deaf ears, but please limit the tacky gold ornamentation.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:21:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Liu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current proposal to build a ballroom in the East Wing is reproachable because the East Wing should never have been demolished in the first place without a proper review of the proposed plans ahead of time. There was no demand or need shown for a ballroom prior to the demolition. There is still no justification for an unnecessary display of excess in a time when so many people are going without. The only proper course of action is rebuilding the East Wing to its prior floor plan.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:15:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that Trump has demolished the east wing of the White House. I dont want to see a ball room. I want to see the
east wing restored.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:11:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe we should restore the East Wing to its form prior to the demolition, and that no ballroom or other building is permitted to be built. Restoration costs should be paid by the current President personally. It is an outrage that this destruction has occurred at all.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:08:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Bassett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to the original with modernized electrical, plumbing and safety codes.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:08:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Perre Magness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the White House East Wing ballroom. The White House is America's house and should never be altered without the input of the public and the advice of experts and authorized by the appropriate channels.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:07:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Zinna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty! This ballroom is unwanted, unneeded, and should not have gone forward without permission. The East wing improvements need to be stopped and replaced immediately with what was there before. The absolute lawlessness of the administration to forgo the usual procedures and permission for additions to buildings needs to be stopped and nothing like this should Ever happen again.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:06:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Hanggeli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom. The fact that the East Wing was demolished without a word from anyone in authority is disgraceful. Not even permanently altered - destroyed. Please keep in mind the historic value of the White House and replace what was destroyed. Not with something gaudy and self-serving, as the current administration seems to favor. Something befitting the history and grandeur of the White House, not the whimsy of the current occupants that will have to be fixed once they are ousted. Please let someone with an actual background in this work design the structure, not a political appointee. Please show that you care about something more than bowing to the insane whims of the current administration and build something that future generations will be proud of. The sane people of this country are counting on you.

Date: 2/15/2026 2:05:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHARYL WOJTASZEK
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.
It should not bear the current president’s name. It should still be referred to as The East Wing

Date: 2/15/2026 2:05:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brad Keimach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What Trump has done is shameful! Historic buildings can't just be torn down. He must be stopped. The East Wing must be restored. No one needs a ball room. The White House is not a season of Dancing with the Stars. It is the People's House, to be used for diplomacy, official business of the President and their spouse. Oh, God, please don't let him desecrate the United States any more than he already has. Let the restoration begin!

Date: 2/15/2026 2:00:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Hannafin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I first learned of the plans for a new East Wing for the White House, I didn't have a knee-jerk response. Though I have warm memories of visiting the White House as a youth, and passing through that very East Wing, I believe that architecture is a living thing that sometimes must adapt to the needs of the day. However, I also believe -- even more strongly -- that one of the cardinal rules of architecture (and of painting, and music, and any other art) is that the elements of a composition should work harmoniously, in proper scale and proportion -- and the proposed ballroom doesn't. It would, instead, turn the White House itself into a wing -- the People's House reduced to being an appendage of this new Greco-Roman temple built to honor . . . whom exactly? It all feels very unamerican to me, and very Albert Speer. I urge you to recommend against the project in its current form.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:58:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doneta Messersmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DJT had no right to demolish the East Wing or the Rose Garden and he should have to PAY for it to be restored. Put it back the way it was with code updates and such. How arrogant for him to assume that he could do whatever he likes to a place he's staying temporarily. The White House belongs the the people of the Unite Started not to Donald Trump. Restore it to its original size, style, architecture, etc. Also restore the rose garden. Again, at his expense!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:55:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Dasnoit USA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original design with needed upgrades to conform with modern specifications and keeping in scale with the rest of the structure.
When was the last time we needed a ballroom?

Date: 2/15/2026 1:54:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamera Deuel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reconstruction of the East Wing of the White House, should not alter the original. Upgrades to security, and current codes for safety only. That it was even started without the people to whom it actually belongs, the people and citizens or the United States should be considered illegal. And someone whose family has only been here for 3 generations to decide what is right in this structure is an abomination.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:49:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Choina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for giving me this opportunity. America is not a dictatorship and the whitehouse belongs to the people. We do NOT need a ballroom. Restore the people's house to the way it was 10 years ago, to be on the safe side. Update the wiring, update the ADA requirements but skip the ballroom. In 2 years we will want to forget this entire Presidential Term happened, not have a physical reminder of this blemish to our democracy.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:47:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Cantor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original form with only necessary modernization. Never let something like this happen again.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:46:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ida Tovar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as historically accurate as possible! Restore the historic Rose Garden and make this the people's house as it is meant to be!

Date: 2/15/2026 1:42:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Grossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The white house belongs to the people of the United States. The east wing was demolished without the people's permission. The term "modernization" falsely represents this project's intent. The proposed project will not benefit the people of the United States and should not be allowed to proceed. Legal action should be taken if the federal administration does not heed the wishes of the people of the United States. It is our house.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:42:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ELIZABETH BOSARD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing back to its original design with everything up to code. Also restore the Rose Garden. The East Wing should have never been so callously torn down, nor the Rose Garden paved over with concrete. This is not his personal house. This the People's House and a National Historic landmark. This atrocity should have never been committed without input from the people or input from preservation societies. His changes have done nothing to beautify the property, rather, have made it look ugly and devoid of warmth and prestige. And lets talk about the cost....all the costs were donated to cover it? By whom? There needs to be more transparency in what happens to OUR house.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:39:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that the entire East Wing was demolished without any input whatsoever from the American people, to whom the White House belongs. It is a further travesty that the idea of "modernization", as this form puts it, is to replace the iconic century-old structure with a gaudy, gold-lined symbol of this administration's unfiltered greed and unmasked corruption. Americans cannot pay for basic human needs, but the president gets to invite all his billionaire friends over for tea parties? No. Cancel this disgusting project immediately and re-direct those funds to the people. Let the White House appear as an unfinished construction site, so we never forget the shame this administration has brought upon all of us.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:37:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Boni Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom does not fit the proportional size of the existing White House. Furthermore, it is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer dollars. The East Wing should be restored back to what it was. It’s tearing down was illegal and unethical. The American people deserve the dignity of preserving the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:35:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Lessenger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Maintain traditional architectural design with advanced security system. Please no gaudy gold.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:34:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Wallner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gold gilded abomination currently planned is a mess! Stop this trump monstrosity please! It looks like trash and is way too,large from the executive building. The planned style and decor is trashy and would certainly be redone by a president with any taste or sense. Please rebuild the previous structuremand save The people’s house! This is not trumps house. It belongs to all Americans.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:33:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Schaffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a useless, wasteful and tasteless project. The White House belongs to the American people and does not need an elitist ego driven project.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:33:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Saweliew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the needless modernization project of the East Wing. I think the party whom initiated the precipitous demolition should be held legally and financially responsible for restoring the building as it was. A tenant never has the right to make changes to the building he lives in without permission of the owner. The American people have given no such permission, and I urge none be provided moving forward.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:33:33 AM
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Bocchicchio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's too late to save the historic East Wing, but at least we can stop the bloated, gold bedazzled, overpriced tackfest we've seen renderings of. The White House needs offices more than a ballroom--how about we build a properly scaled office wing? Or just put in a garden to replace the Rose Garden also destroyed by

this President? If it must be a ballroom, make it a normal size and with the understated elegance befitting the People's House.

And don't let any of it be funded by corporate donations. Such a terrible, terrible idea.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:28:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kendra Matson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The USA is not about vanity projects. Monuments in Washington DC are established through public input and agreement to honor patriots, not self-aggrandizing felons. RESTORE the East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:24:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing that is similar in size and scale to the original structure should be constructed to replace the old East Wing. It should be similar in design, height, and placement to the the original to maintain the symmetry of the entire Georgian-style structure. If it is going to include a ballroom, that's fine as long as it fits into the original footprint and design. I can understand the need to upgrade the plumbing, wiring, etc or the building to modern codes. A better designed visitor entry would be nice too. However there is no way construction should cost $200 million or more; the price keeps rising. Why? I want to see full transparency on what is being built, opportunity for public comment on each phase, and clear and verifiable accounting of every "donation" that is contributed and by whom, and what each dollar is spent on.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:23:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jude Diener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing with original exterior and do any needed updates to the interior. There was no way it should of been demolished in the first place.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:23:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Halverson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I HATE that the East Wing was destroyed! It was where the First Ladies made their offices. It's an offense that out was torn down.

The design as planned would overwhelm the rest of the White House building. And probably feature more tacky gold everywhere.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. It is owned by the American people. It should NOT become another gaudy vanity display for one man and his wealthy donors.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:21:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely disagree with the proposed size of the ballroom. It should not dwarf our capital. Please offer alternatives as we no longer have an East Wing and that monstrosity is an architectural nightmare.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:19:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Sansonetti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very unhappy about the proposed East Wing addition. The East Wing as proposed overshadows the White House. It is way too large. It's height is too close to the height of the White House. It definitely should not be as tall or taller than the White House. If its height is less than the White House then I think it should be significantly less.

Finally, I do not believe our country needs a ballroom next to the White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:16:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Crum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Subject: Comment on the East Wing Modernization Project – Proposed Ballroom Addition

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of the public who values the preservation of the historic federal core, I am writing to oppose the proposed 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom addition to the White House. The scale of this project far exceeds functional need. Industry standards indicate that a ballroom for roughly 1,000 occupants typically requires 12,000–20,000 square feet, making the proposed facility approximately five times larger than necessary. This raises serious concerns about proportionality and programmatic justification.

A structure of this magnitude would significantly alter the historic character, spatial relationships, and viewsheds of one of the nation's most important landmarks. It may also set a precedent for further large\u8209 -scale expansion within the White House campus, gradually eroding the integrity of the federal precinct.

Based on NCPC's review priorities—appropriate scale, protection of historic resources, and minimizing adverse impacts—the project appears inconsistent with several core Commission criteria. I also urge the Commission to request greater transparency regarding funding. If contributions are collected through a charitable organization, donors may receive tax deductions, effectively shifting part of the financial burden to the public.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that NCPC require a clear demonstration of need, a reduced footprint, transparent funding details, and a full alternatives analysis before considering approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Jeff Crum

Date: 2/15/2026 1:16:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East wing as it was before it was illegally destroyed in 2025. Add in any needed ADA improvements. Restrict the planned size of the security bunker underneath it to only as large as needed with the input of the Secret Service and military. Eliminate the ballroom plan. It is not needed for the American people. It does not provide any benefits to the American people.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:09:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to ensure that the East Wing complements rather than overshadows the White House. The project's development should be a flexible space that can accommodate various functions. All plans should be formally approved and competitively bid to multiple contractors. Funding should be secured and confirmed before commencing any additional work.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:09:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Allen Hallmark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC commissioners,
The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a travesty. That President Trump ordered this project without seeking the permission of Congress or your commission is also a travesty. The White House should be ordered to restore the East Wing to its condition prior to its destruction and the plan to construct a massive ballroom should be rejected until Congress and your commission has reviewed all the architectural, anthropological, and engineering plans to ensure that the project is appropriately sited and planned.

Thank you,
J. Allen Hallmark
Medford, Oregon

Date: 2/15/2026 1:06:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dilly Dally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed monstrosity is would be a national embarrassment on the same order as the person that thunk it up

Date: 2/15/2026 1:03:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Kelsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should NEVER have been torn down without permission and or comments from the public and going through the correct legal process.

This also goes for the structure to replace this illegal destroyed building of wing of “The Peoples House”.

We most certainly do not need an oversized gold gilded monstrosity that strokes the infantile ego of our current president. The funding for this building is nothing more than quid pro quo deals with billionaires.

Whatever replaces this wing of the Whitehouse, that structure should never outshine or overshadow it.

I think it should be a museum or educational building. Maybe teaching people the US constitution and what our founding fathers wanted for our great nation. I know a few folks who need to relearn this important part of our history.

Thank you for listening.

Date: 2/15/2026 1:02:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Clymer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose President Trump's East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is supposed to be the people's house but President Trump has destroyed the East Wing without the normal safe-guards that should have protected it. His East Wing Modernization Project is a monument to his ego, and is an attempt to put his remake the East Wing of the White House into a monument to him. We don't need this divisive project during the 250th anniversary of our country where we rejected autocrats and kings. The Founders would be appalled.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:59:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harry Mindlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a disgrace, to design and build this hideous monstrosity and deface the dignity of the White House. This is a project to flatter the ego of a thin skinned narcissist it needs to be stopped

Date: 2/15/2026 12:59:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This will be almost twice as big as the current White House. It will only be used a few times a year and is hideous looking

Date: 2/15/2026 12:56:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Hoefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA

accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Use original plans as guidance. NO GOLD. No special interest funds used to pay for it. Restore the rose garden at the same time.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:55:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Boodro-BIrzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild exactly to original architecture as it was with any modern functional updates. Restore the east wing as historically accurate as possible! Restore the historic rose garden and make this the people's house as it is meant to be.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernard Berne
Project Name: Fort McNair Building 61 Renovation
Project Number: 8527

See attached PDF file.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:50:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the building to its original design. The White House belongs to the people not to any one person.

The people do not need a ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:48:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East wing as it was. Do not disgrace the White House with that gaudy, grotesque ballroom building

Date: 2/15/2026 12:46:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Deneke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. Just no. This is a travesty. Sadly, of course, the destruction can't be undone. But Trump should not be rewarded by getting the obscene and unneeded ballroom he wants. The new construction should closely follow what he had destroyed. The East Wing had served so many in such beautiful ways. Please see to it that it is resurrected as closely as possible, and that the gaudy and overdone "gold" is omitted. We the people are not impressed and are not on board with the planned ballroom.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:42:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Schenker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition should never have happened. That is the people’s house, not the temporary tenant. Things like this should be decided by the people. The west wing needs to be restored to its original design, size and beauty as much as possible. There is no need for a ballroom and there should not be one on White House grounds. It is very sad that this has happened to our historic house in such an uncaring way. I also hope we can replace Jackie Kennedy’s beautiful rose garden. Please put our house back together the way it was. Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:39:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respect the historic scale and design of the White House. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style.
Update wing to functional fire, electrical, safety and security codes.
Decor should reflect the historic style of the entire building without excessive gilding.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:35:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Kadwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While additional room may be required ,at some times , for meetings, dinners and receptions I do not believe we “need” a “ballroom”. Tearing down the historic East Wing is not something most Americans are in support of. Shocking decision to destroy our history to replace it with an un-necessary monstrosity is such a slap in the face of all that came before us.
Nothing “replaces” our history, restore our East Wing to the original plan .
Build another building, not to overshadow the White House but to increase the beauty of our history. It does not have to be grand, we are a humble nation, it does not have to be bigger than the White House it’s self, a building to continue our legacy, a country for all, built for all. Thank you

Date: 2/15/2026 12:35:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loren Dunlap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should never have been destroyed without having been properly vetted. No new additions, be it an east wing or something else, should be undertaken without oversight, public input, and congressional approval.
Loren Dunlap

Date: 2/15/2026 12:33:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Fabre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a registered architect I find the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed replacement without proper approvals or the knowledge of the public or the Commission a crime. The proposed ballroom is out of scale with the existing White House and creates a huge imbalance in the design, particularly given that it will house a ballroom as opposed to the more important functions of The People’s House as the residence and offices of the President. There is no disguising that the project is solely intended to gratify the ego of President Trump, and the actions of this Administration with regard to the underhanded pursuit of this vanity project outside of the public’s view and knowledge and review of the Commission is entirely

unacceptable.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:30:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitch Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom should replace the former east wing.
The size of the proposed ballroom would dwarf the White House and detract from the balance of the buildings.
Also a proposed ballroom of that size is not needed for any state event.

This is a poor use of public funds and a visual eyesore as planned.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:28:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bradford Fleming Cochrane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Against the new ballroom.

+The planned ballroom is excessive and not in keeping with the architectural style of the White House.

+ The large size does justify the few times it might be used for state occasions.

+ The hasty and perhaps illegal destruction of the East Wing should not be rewarded with anything other than a rebuilding of the original structure..

Thank you. Brad Cochrane

Date: 2/15/2026 12:27:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Keeler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is being done to the White House is not only wrong it is illegal and gaudy. The wing should be restored and the current president should pay for it out of his own personal funds.
On a separate issue , get the "golden glitz" out of the rest of our house!

Date: 2/15/2026 12:25:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The WhiteHouse is a Living Museum. Any significant structural expansion risks altering the neoclassical proportions designed by James Hoban and the historical layers added by McKim, Mead, and White. The White House grounds (the Ellipse and South Lawn) are iconic greenspaces. In an era of remote connectivity and off- site venues, a physical expansion may be an archaic solution. The White House belongs to the American people and the ages. We are the temporary stewards of this site, and we should prioritize its preservation over contemporary convenience. I urge the Committee to seek alternative, non-invasive solutions for event management.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:25:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Andrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Although presidents always put their own stamp on changes to the White House it should be done following the laws and standards set forth by our country. By demolishing the East Wing without prior approval should limit if not invalidate any say on the final project by our current President.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:24:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Lienesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical. Its ridiculous size essentially overpowers the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved using the processes in place, not because a president decides on a whim that he needs a golden ballroom. Its financing should be controlled by Congress and transparent as well. The donor system of funding should not be permitted, as it turns what could be a proper construction project into a transaction between billionaires and presidential/ administrative favor. Besides being totally illegal (no congressional approval), the optics are horrible! Yet another example of Trump doing whatever he wants with pure disregard for long-standing, legal policies and procedures. He already illegally/improperly ruined/eliminated the historically significant Rose Garden; this Ballroom project cannot possibly be permitted to continue! The White House is the people's house, not Trump's house!

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Date: 2/15/2026 12:23:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzette McKee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely against what has been done to the east wing. This is not Donald Trump‘s house. This is the People’s house. I demand the following:

1 -Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style to its pre-demolition appearance

2 - Update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

3 - If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, with the appropriate approvals and reviews

The White House is the people’s house and is a place of historical and national significance. As such it must be preserved.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:18:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Croft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:17:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was dismayed when I read that the President demolished the East Wing of the White House to put in a ballroom. I find that extremely tacky. The President should be billed for the damage he inflicted on the White House and he should be required to pay the bill and return the East Wing to back to what it was before he ruined it. He should also be prosecuted for damaging a historical building.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:16:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Spencer Inskeep
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house - does not belong to this or any other president.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:14:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was introduced to the citizens of the US as an outsized sketch-up model of a desired "ballroom" followed by the immediate demolition of the historic East Wing. No serious plans, no review, and irreversible destruction of a structure that has been a part of the White House for generations. Therefore, I am highly suspicious of this proposal, and especially of the current administration's willingness to abide by reasonable standards of oversight for this project. Furthermore, funding has been promised but not verified.

Therefore, it is essential that the commission receive a fully detailed architectural design that can be evaluated for size, aesthetics and cost before any further work is done on this project. Similarly, it needs a clear financial plan, which can be verified and controlled via standard, government practice (not funded by the president's personal slush fund). Finally, if the project goes forward, it need detailed oversight, both physical and financial. Trump has a long history of not paying his construction bills, leaving structures bankrupt and unfinished. That must not happen here.

Bottom line: there needs to be a concrete, verifiable plan. It needs to meet size and aesthetic standards (the proposed size seems entirely too large). And it needs to be properly funded as a serious government project, not as a way to collect personal gifts from rich donors.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:13:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Bass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While typically section 107 would apply, The White House is exempt and therefore The President of the US, President Donald Trump, does not need to submit plans for authorization to the National Park Service. His plan is being done to match the existing historical elements of the current building and will ultimately save tax payers money in the future with its use on the grounds of the White House for events.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:13:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Fry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be restored to its original state as close as possible. No ballroom is ever needed.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:09:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to its latest iteration with any modernization necessary in regards to electrical, plumbing, fire code, etc. Hold the tacky gold applique. If a huge ballroom is needed, build it somewhere else in DC. President Tump's planned structure will overwhelm our beautiful White House.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:08:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Godfred
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, whoever tore down the east wing should be charged with a crime.
Any new construction should be of a similar size as the old wing so that it doesn't lessen the beauty of the White House in anyway.
Thank you.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:08:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryAnn Hirst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the administration ignored all precedent and rules to demolish the historic East Wing and then hire designers that would also ignore all guidelines that protect the White House and its grounds. All construction should be stopped and best efforts made to repair the damage and restore this historic building.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:07:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Hahne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Due to the blatant disregard of the regulations regarding changing the East wing, and the corrupt presumption of having the unilateral right to proceed before consulting with the required authorities, the President and the companies involved should be required to restore the East Wing to its prior condition at no expense to the Federal budget. They should be required to make whole the White House before their blatant and egregious actions. Improvements as part of the reconstruction are acceptable including a strengthened underground bunker than the facilities now located under the White House

Date: 2/15/2026 12:07:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Collier Cline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely do NOT build this monstrosity. Instead REBUILD the East Wing AS IT WAS. It was torn down illegally by the president and he needs to rebuild it using the original plans. NOT at taxpayers expense but with his own funds since he tore it down ILLEGALLY.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:06:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Skitka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president. Moreover, its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding is another pathway for bribes and courting favor than anything else. It also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months— it seems to expand as the donations/bribes come in.

We need something proportional, controlled by professional and mandated review committees, outside of the whims of the current office holder of the presidency, and invulnerable to possible corruption.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:05:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Ann Hirsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the NCPC,
The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is plenty of public space available nearby that can be utilized.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The occupant of the White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure while meeting modern safety and fire codes. The design should be tasteful and elegant, without any gold embellishments. Paintings and artwork should be neutral landscapes, seascapes, and other subjects that reflect the unique topography and nature of the United States. No portraits of any kind of the current occupant. No hidden tributes in the carpeting, wallpaper, or other designs of the current occupant. The East Wing is not a theme park.

The only major change should be making it ADA accessible both exterior and interior, eliminating entrance stairs in favor of ramps, wide doorways, ADA restrooms, and elevators able to hold more than one wheelchair at a time.

And on a separate note, remove the bar-like patio and restore the Jacqueline Kennedy rose garden without the Trump name attached to it.

Thank you,
Rose Ann Hirsch

Date: 2/15/2026 12:02:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pete Salisbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of a ballroom. Doesn't make a difference what party is in charge or who is President. The East Wing was historic. A ballroom for the elite? Not needed. Free or otherwise the answer is no.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:00:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia MacLean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is deplorable. The wing should be returned to it's former state with actual modifications that would update bit to include access for thedisabled, upgraded wiring, plumbing and security and cost saving efficiencies.
No gold toned accessories, but tasteful with a proper bid to former first ladies.
Absolutely no ballroom is needed.
And since "he" had all those donations to modernize the building, he can pay for it without any input to what is done.
And hold him accountable for violating the law by tearing done the historic East Wing.

Date: 2/15/2026 12:00:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Labrador
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Project Name: East Wing Modernization

NCPC File Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to formally submit my comments regarding the East Wing Modernization project (NCPC File No. 8733). As a taxpayer, I strongly oppose the construction of the proposed state ballroom and the modernization plan as currently outlined.

My opposition is based on the following concerns:

Misallocation of Public Resources: I believe this project represents a significant waste of taxpayer money. At a time when the nation faces numerous critical infrastructure and social needs, allocating funds toward an elite ceremonial space is an inappropriate use of public resources.

Misplaced Priorities: The prioritization of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom over more pressing national projects signals a disconnect between the government’s agenda and the actual needs of the American people.

Representation of the Public Will: This project does not reflect the will of the people. Government spending should prioritize essential services and infrastructure that benefit the general public, rather than expanding luxury facilities within the White House complex.

I urge the Commission to take these concerns into account during the review process and to prioritize fiscal responsibility and the broader public interest over this expansion.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:58:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryann Tworek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was shocked and appalled when President Trump abruptly tore down the East Wing of the White House. I'm disgusted by the massive vanity project that is the new "ballroom" and horrified at how he ignored all procedure, laws, requirements, and regulations to do what he wants and build a giant facility with his name on it. It needs to be illegal for any individual, entity, corporation, etc. to "donate" money to build a federal facility as such a "donation" just looks like a bribe to the president. Such private funds for construction certainly do not exempt the facility from all the procedures and regulations and Congressional approval. This must be stopped. Every nickel of "donation" need to be spent rebuilding the East Wing that was destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:58:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Stutzman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
The East Wing should compliment and not detract/distract from the White House. The project that President Trump has posited is, IMHO, way too extreme to be considered. it overpowers and overshadows that White House and that should never happen. Consideration must obviously be taken in regard to the size needed to accomplish the number of people that usually attend such a function as a Grand Ball. I don't think a 2 story building that diminishes the White House stature is a good choice. I think it should be 1-story, perhaps, there is a basement area?

The addition should resonate with the style, character and color of the White House. It should be awe inspiring but not garish-enough of the gold ornaments, it is garish!!. It should be representative of ALL Americans; every culture, race, religion, sex, creed, etc. It should be worthy of its place; there should be a palpable presence felt, like the Viet Nam Memorial. I think it would be nice to include an outside area with beautiful trees and flowering shrubs and maybe some formal garden areas with flowers of the seasons, a fountain/reflection pond would be nice.

I am angry as an American that President Trump took it upon himself to destroy a piece of history that will no longer belong to the American people without even asking them! I have never seen the East Wing and it definitely has its own history and this needs to be incorporated into the new building. He had no right to do this without going through the proper process that you are now doing....getting input from the people who own these buildings....the American People and NOT President. Trump.

It should be obvious to all who gaze upon the future building that this is obviously an American building, for the American people and not a shrine to President Trump. There should not be anything partisan about this project whatsoever! It is a place of gathering, of coming together as a People to experience joy, love, friendship and common experiences. It should express to non-Americans the pride we take as Nation of

immigrants, of a people who are generous, of good will and who firmly believe in Democracy and the Freedoms we hold so dear. "Through great power comes great responsibility." (Spider Man). I'd love to see this saying or some powerful statement above the entrance...maybe etched in Granite to remind all who enter, this is what America stands for. We all seem to need reminders these days. Thank you for stopping the project and making everyone go through the proper channels, asking the American people, including me, for our opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The grotesque attempt at gaudy, useless co-opting of the space formerly dedicated to the presidential spouse for the purpose of self-aggrandizement aside, overshadowing the main mansion with an edifice as decorative ans stylish as a church gymnasium would be an affront worse than the Canadian sacking and burning during the war of 1812.

Why anyone would consider this for a moment longer than an eyeblink is a mystery to me. The plans should be rejected out of hand and the space would be better left wrecked and razed as a more fitting monument to a Trump presidency.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is wrong. Not only is it too large, I never knew that he was going to completely tear down the East Wing. It is difficult to respond in a respectful manner, when I feel that we've all been kicked in the teeth. I wish we could restore the East Wing and locate and restore the artifacts.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cara McKinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely disgusted with how an entire section of the White House can be just torn down at the whim of any one person. No one had the guts to stand up to this ridiculous and shameful idea? This is not just a redecorating whim...You've allowed the People's House to be destroyed. History means nothing? What are we as a country if we throw out not only our history, but our rules of proper protocol? Let me say that it doesn't matter who the leader is, it's wrong. It's not political... It's about doing things the right way.
If only proper requests had been made followed by a true assessment, that would have been a start. And know that millions of Americans agree with me...

Date: 2/14/2026 11:53:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Marion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All of the government buildings in Washington DC belong to THE PEOPLE. Before significant changes are made to the Capitol, theremust be a period of discussing ideas, reasons for the changes, and probable results of proceeding with any changes being considered. President Trump is attempting to shift our national governance system to authoritarianism, rather than a democracy. The destruction of the East Wing was performed with no respect for THE PEOPLE or our shared history. The plan to build an opulent ballroom is completely counter to the spirit and the monuments of democracy. NO KINGS. No trappings of monarchy. Do not allow the rebuilding of the East Wing until historical experts and other upholders of our democracy have made suggestions for how to transform this terrible destruction into a part of the building that shows respect for a democratic government that celebrates all of the many positive aspects of our history, as well as the times when we went off course. We are a country whose majority is made up of kind, respectful, generous, honest people who take care of each other and work together to create a maintain a just and righteous society.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:53:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julee McTaggart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see a structure that is in proportion to the rest of the White House. It should not overpower the primary structure. The perceived need for a huge ballroom is not realistic given the historic nature of the White House .

Date: 2/14/2026 11:52:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Ogunnaike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the current occupant of the White House has flagrantly ignored our nation's laws and regulations in order to appease his outsized ego. He has TORN DOWN the East Wing of the White House, the People's House. A thorough architectural and historical review must be completed and legal, not regal, revised plans approved before construction begins. A serious fine should be imposed on the current administration and regulations reviewed to ensure that such bombastic overreach and destruction never happens again.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:48 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Everingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's ballroom plans are an unnecessary, vulgarly ostentatious expenditure. His unwarranted destruction of the old east wing was a wanton act of violence against national history.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:49:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Tomokins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing with updated electrical wiring, ducts, hardwood flooring, some marble. No Gold paraphernalia. If possible just restore everything back to 2008. We the people would appreciate that.
Thank you,
PS: FIND THOSE OLD BRICKS THAT WERE USED. SEND A SQUAD TO THE LANDFILL TO RETRIEVE THEM

Date: 2/14/2026 11:49:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Pence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park which is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. U.S. presidents have lived there during their terms since 1800. It is the most significant historic site in the United States.
It is required that the public have an opportunity to express their thoughts prior to any nationally significant places are permanently altered. Public opinion should be considered to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential.
Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval prior to any changes being made. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.
Public input must occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible. As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”
Donald Trump failed to follow proper procedure and acted as a dictator by destroying the East Wing of the White House. His plan for an oversized expensive ballroom is completely unacceptable. He must be required to pay for the damage he has done and the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was at Trump's expense.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stuart Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed East Wing project. The proposed two story structure will ruin the historical nature and aesthetic of the White House, a national treasure. In addition to the very questionable need for such a ballroom, I believe this administration has illegally bypassed laws in place to prevent such an action. I am in full support of stopping this travesty. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:47:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Bach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not make it 90,000 sq ft. It doesn't fit in with the existing structure.

Let the interior design reflect the history of the rest of the house - not golden everything.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Manfred Kiesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the kings vanity project! It's all about another place to name after himself. Now that you've already demolished the East wing.... STOP. anymore more construction. The American people did not ask for this. Get approval from the right people before any more damage is done!!!

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:44:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Clemson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was absolutely shocked and saddened to see the destruction of the East Wing of "the people's house" after the President told the nation that the new ballroom would not disrupt the existing East Wing and would be "near it" but not touching it. Aside from the American people being lied to about the project, after seeing the published plans and sketches I can only say the style and size of the planned ballroom is incongruous with the historic White House. It is ridiculously large in dimensions and height and should not go forward in its current form. I have further concerns about the funding sources for this project not being transparent . The lack of transparency is cause for concern.
Tearing down the East Wing was a travesty, building the proposed over-sized and over-stylized ballroom in its place is an atrocity.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:43:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barak Rosenbloom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't begin to express my fury at this project. The scale and scope of the proposed building is completely out of bounds with the historic nature of The People's House. I am not opposed to modernization projects that improve the physical infrastructure of the White House complex. But this is not that. The nation does not need a gilded ballroom, and certainly not one of the size of this proposal. Furthermore, the rushed nature is an insult to the American people and incompatible with how a democracy builds our public spaces.

Any project that so profoundly changes the nature of our capital should undergo rigorous public comment and review, be open to architectural proposals, and be authorized by Congress and paid for with public funds that are fully audited and accounted for.

The East Wing obviously needs to be replaced, after the mindless bulldozing of the historic structure. But it needs to be done in a way that honors our nation and democratic ideals, not the whims of the temporary resident of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:43:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Corning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.Do not allow private funding.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or use one of many existing options.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:43:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Kiesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that you've already demolished the East wing.... STOP. anymore more construction. The American people did not ask for this. Get approval from the right people before any more damage is done!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Kiesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that you've already demolished the East wing.... STOP. anymore more construction. The American people did not ask for this. Get approval from the right people before any more damage is done!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marigold Rowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President is a public servant. The White House belongs to the American people. No permission was given for the destruction of the Rose Garden, nor the demolishing of the historic East Wing. As an American citizen, I am VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to the garish and bloated ballroom project that will deface a historical and once-beautiful LANDMARK. This should not even be an issue up for comment. I am disgusted and deeply disappointed in the current administration, and in the government. Horrible.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to Donald Trump's actions in destroying the East Wing and not following the constitution. Allowing this to continue will just result in his continuing his hideous undertakings without being held accountable. Even though they have claimed to have reduced the height by removing the pediment, it still overshadows the White House. The design is Donald Trump's view of what is appropriate - not abiding by the design of the structure that represents the PEOPLE'S HOUSE - NOT Donald Trump's house. I understand that there is a precedence for renovations. This was a demolition initiated to bypass proper procedures. I believe it needs to be rebuilt as was initially in place, returning to the original plan of accessing unbearable ballroom through the east wing, and reducing its size to the original unapproved proposal. Or they can put this ugly ballroom on the south side. If there is no room - so be it.

The excuse that this MUST continue now is due to national security of the underground bunker is ludicrous. That was a choice that Donald Trump and his administration decided, without constitutional approval through congress, realizing there wouldn't be a bunker for the duration of this unconstitutional project.

This hideous design, internal and external, is visual pollution. That is an environmental impact that is unacceptable to the government that is suppose to be by the people and for the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michaela Groeneveld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It is the privilege of each president to occupy the people's house.

The enormous ballroom as proposed is aesthetically incompatible and will dwarf the Executive Mansion.

While the current occupant of the White House is saying that the project will not cost American taxpayers anything, I believe that funding the project from wealthy individual and corporate donors is an open door for bribery and corruption. It is an opaque process controlled only by the current occupant and his allies.

Any design and construction process should be controlled by Congress (as the people's representatives) and should be transparent. It should also be of a scale and design compatible with the existing structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:40:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people’s house and not Donald Trump’s monument to himself. We have already seen how garish and unbridled his taste is. This project is way out of proportion to the aesthetics of the building and with clear ignorance of its historical design. Put the brakes on this madman.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:40:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Rawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s a bit of a stretch to call it the East Wing Modernization Project. The East Wing was demolished without permission by the current administration. The administration plans to build an atrocity in its place. Good luck stopping it. The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States, not to an individual. It is historic. It is beloved. It must be respected, not wrecked. The Commission must go on record as absolutely opposing any further desecration of the building or of the grounds on which it stands (beautiful, healthy old trees were butchered to make room for new construction).

Date: 2/14/2026 11:39:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorian Palumbo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The last thing on Earth we need is a tacky golden ballroom where the East Wing used to be. Destroying the White House was an absolute disgrace, and one of too many insults hurled at the American people by this White House.

Release the Epstein files. Hold all perpetrators acvountable. Put the East Wing back, and while you're at it, restore Jackie Kennedy's beloved rose garden, take Rump's tacky flagpoles away and give us back our decorum and good taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:11 PM
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Name: Lisa Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to it's original footprint and historical use, to include restoring the Rose Garden. Modernize it as is necessary to bring it up to today's code standards, to include all ADA guidelines to ensure safety and inclusivity in a way that maintains the historic context of what was originally built before being destroyed without input from the people. This is the people's house and each president dwells in it temporarily.
Any redesign of the east wing should be done with keeping in mind the past functions of the wing, and designing it to be used as such once again.
If a ceremonial gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be designed and contained within the original footprint while so keeping space for what was once the original function of the east wing. If a ceremonial space is designed, restraint should be used, design should be in keeping with the original history of the building and inclusive of all past history, the key word here, inclusive. The White House is a symbol of shared national heritage and democratic governance. It should not be ornate, ordained with gold, or made to look like a palace.
The White House, The People's House, belongs to the people and should respect stewardship and our history, be inclusive and welcome to us all.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:35:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leya Luo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a corrupt mess and a pointless waste of money. Why are you doing this? You are destroying the nation for seemingly no rational reason at all.

I am strongly opposed to this project and hope everything you destroyed will be rebuilt.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:33:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lenor Krahn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Structure should be in proportion and balance with the existing structure. Ada accessible. Drone servailance protected structure. Not a disproportionately large structure. Height not to exceed current height of West Wing structure.

This is the People's House, not an entertainment structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:33:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ERNEST HOLBURT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the US; the president is a tenant. Before the East Wing was destroyed, there should have been public comment. When it is to be rebuilt, it should be by funds from all Americans. It is improper for it to be funded by private donations, it risks the appearance of bribery. Public input is critical, it is not the president’s decision. All plans should be submitted to, and funded by, Congress.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:33:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Illuzzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project runs against the spirit of the White House as the Peoples' house..it's funded by billionaires, for

billionaires, and not in the interest of the betterment of the people. The old East Wing cannot return, and its historical significance was not preserved. The new addition is contrary to the spirit of democracy and marks the ascent of oligarchy.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Ciano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially ridiculous. Dwarfing the existing Executive Mansion is not the show of force he thinks it is, but rather, it wakes us look weak the way a sad little girl writes her name in her school notebook over and over. It's an emotionally stunted form of ego masturbation. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not by a president, financing needs to be controlled by Congress, and funding also needs to be transparent. The donor system of funding means the president is accepting bribes. It also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months. All this for a pedophile is just sad.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Showfer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be modernized and made ADA compliant. The design should mirror the style of the West Wing. It's dimensions should not overwhelm the White House. Also the Kennedy Rose Garden should be recreated.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing does need to be rebuilt and modernized to accommodate the federal employees who must have the closest access to the president. There does not need to be a "ballroom." We are a nation of, by and for the people and the people need adequate space for workers who will meet their needs not gilded rooms in which leaders party. Recently, the White House has become over gilded and ostentatious to the point of nausea. Rebuilding this area of the building should be practical, forward thinking regarding electrical, electronic, plumbing and any other needs that should be hidden in the walls, with adequate heating and cooling systems. It should be simply done providing a background for work areas daily and for seasonal decoration that reflects the strong, caring nature of the American people. KISS (keep it simple stupid) was good enough for 250 years, it is good enough to move into the future.

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Name: H C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:11 PM
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Name: Laurie Taisey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Against THIS! The East Wing, was a significant part of White House history. The demolition erased a "significant piece of history," including the site of the family movie theater and the dedicated office spaces for the First Lady and her staff.
The demolition and replacement of this space effectively erased the physical legacy of women's contributions to the presidency.

The proposed $400 million, 90,000-square-foot, two-level ballroom project is too massive, with the potential to overwhelm the White House itself. Critics argued it disrupted the carefully balanced, smaller-scale, and lower design of the original East and West Wings.
oppose the tearing down of the East Wing to make way for the new ballroom. This a "gaudy" personal project that took a "wrecking ball to tradition," distracting from other, more pressing national matters.

And I add concerns regarding the handling of potential asbestos in the 1940s-era structure during the demolition process.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Hakeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the Historic East Wing as it was before it was vandalized, and bill Trump personally for the re-build. This was yet another criminal disaster of his own making through his own arrogance and vitriol. The country does NOT need another big building furnished in the "early whorehouse" style of Mar-a-Lago and Trump Tower. The White House is the historic "People's House" and deserves better care and respect than this Administration has shown it. I am livid. DO NOT ALLOW THIS MONSTROSITY TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:26:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Hassettt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Some excellent ideas from others and I am in total agreement with this!
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Incorporate a Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence Hall. Require all future president's to read them (out loud). No one should be able to enter that building without having viewed and reflected on them. Call it "Citizen's Hall."

Put back some of the furniture or items that were in the East Wing... IF any were kept.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:26:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MJ Devaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president made a unilateral decision to demolish the East Wing, ignoring regulations regarding procedures for changes to historic property. Nothing at all should happen without the approval of the relevant agencies. If those agencies reject the proposed "modernization" (a ridiculous euphemism, since the East Wing no longer exists), then the executive branch cannot proceed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:24:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Plonka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be built back at the exact same dimensions as it was and dedicated for use by the First Lady or First Gentleman. Include a bowling alley, a movie theater, an arcade, an exercise area, a pool, and a stage for performances for small groups of <100 people. It should also have sleeping quarters for visiting dignitaries. There should also be solar panels installed. We don't need a ball room because it isn't 1805.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:23:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Deutsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

How dare you knock down the East Wing of the People's House before asking permission of the People! You should be sent for a time out ... immediately ... to your own room at your own house. We'll let you know if we want you to return (likely not, given all the other tantrums you have had, the bullying at school and in the parks and other of our buildings. Even removing plaques and flags at national monuments! And we warned you about associating with the likes of Stevie Miller and his gang. We're going to take the cost of repair out of your allowance or make you do community service.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:23:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia McCoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is recklessly destroying our history with the east wing demolition and planned tacky ballroom. He needs to be stopped and the damage needs to be mitigated. He has done this without the people's permission, and is essentially accepting bribes from the oligarchs to pay for it. I'm so embarrassed for us.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosalie Hohnstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a first area of concern, the East Wing Modernization Project is not an appropriate name for the destruction of a historical landmark. The East Wing Reconstruction Project is closer to truth. Secondly, I would strongly urge the committee to restore the East Wing Ballrooom and Rose Garden to its former dimensions and architectural design. I have been extremely disappointed in the destruction of a historic landmark and the subsequent poorly thought out plans to replace the structure. Until such time that the public, requests, votes, on and adopts new plans, the only course of action is to rebuild what was destroyed as it was previous to 2025 and start the process fresh. I further believe that the people who destroyed this historic building should be prosecuted for trying to bypass the regulations pertaining to remodeling and or renovations of a historic landmark.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Hassett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an utter national tragedy that Donald Trump demolished the East Wing with no public input and no process. A treasure was lost forever. It is the People's House and I'm glad there is a chance for input. I emphatically disagree with a ballroom of any kind let alone 90,000. An event space with larger capacity okay, but don't call it a ballroom. Whatever is built should be smaller in stature and appearance than the

rest of the White House. It should be modest in appearance, not something that will appear grander than the White House. Hopefully, this expensive, over the top, unnecessary 'ballroom' will not be built.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Millard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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We do not need a gold plated ballroom. We are not a kingdom with a king and queen and royalty. I have been to Versailles and to the Hermitage. They are beautiful but relics of an age of autocracy. As a democracy we need a house of the people and by the people. We do not need to flaunt wealth.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I, personally, feel that the East Wing should be restored to the original dimensions that were there before Mr Trump illegally had it bulldozed. Modernize the wiring and fix anything that needs to be fixed as far as ADA accessibility and such. If a ballroom is really needed then please, for the love of everything this country stands for, put it somewhere else in the city. THE PEOPLE do NOT want a tacky, Mar-a-Lago style monstrosity, on OUR property.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Rozsa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I think the East wing should never have been destroyed in the first place. It destroyed a lot of history. At this point, however, I don’t think a 9000 sq ft ballroom is going to do much to serve the public, and I feel that it will dwarf the White House. Even if private donations pay for it, surely there will be cost overruns that will be paid for by taxpayers. Even if not, it will be expensive to maintain while being of use to a very small select number of people. If Trump gets away with this, next he’ll demolish the Kennedy Center and rebuild it to his taste. His taste is not in line with the vast majority of most Americans, and any major projects done to his taste will be expensive, but will most certainly have to be redone by whoever follows hi.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:21:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.
This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval. None of this happened as required, Trump just hired people and had the East Wing destroyed without thought of the people of the United States and their wishes and expectations. He literally destroyed part of the United States history. And the Kennedy Center was set as a living memorial for JFK.
While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The expectations of the people are that the White House, the monuments and areas that surround it are an almost sacred site. Not a piece of real estate to be molded into some one's idea of what they like. The White House is "the PEOPLE'S House". The current president just "resides" there during their tenure. If the president is unhappy with his accommodations he should be able to make minor changes to his living residence only. Quite a bit of what was destroyed were gifts from other countries as well as a part of a National Park. All renovations of any part of that area should and by law DOES require permission to change. Not to mention as the colonnade has been changed it is an insult to any and all previous presidents.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:21:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debi Siegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to the same dimensions as it was before Trump destroyed it. I can understand modernizing it, updating the electrical, making it more accessible to wheelchairs, making it safer if needed. But I am against building a big ballroom just to glorify a would- be king , and PLEASE no tacky GOLD filigree all over the place! Our White House is the People’s house and I’m very glad we the people are able to have a say in this matter. I feel Trump is not a very serious person, but our White House is a reflection of our great country , and needs to reflect who we are . And PLEASE restore the Rose Garden, and take out that ugly cement patio . THANKYOU!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:21:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: patricia volk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored. Our lovely Whitehouse does not need a ballroom the size of an arena.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:19:08 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. The destruction of the East wing was a tremendous loss to our nation and our history. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months. It's too late to recover what has been lost. Please stop the transition of the White House from the people's to a gaudy tasteless pile satisfying only one person

Date: 2/14/2026 11:17:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dora Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people do not want a ballroom. We want the east wing restored to it's original structure. One person should not have authority to tear down a historical property especially since he is only a temporary occupant.

We don't need it or want it since it will require tax dollars to maintain it. Stop the construction!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Vasquez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello:
To call it the "East Wing Modernization Project" is an insult to millions of Americans and people from around the world as we watched as the man in the White House destroyed an iconic piece of history when he demolished the East Wing WITHOUT going through proper channels. I am appalled by his actions and do NOT want a ballroom built on the White House grounds. His love of gaudiness, desire to put his name on everything and the fact that nobody outside of the administration asked for a ballroom is enough for the Commission to say NO! He has turned the White House into nothing short of a brothel with all the gold he's got hanging on the walls. Please, in the name of all that is decent, REJECT his request to build a ballroom and force him to rebuild the East Wing. I have visited the White House numerous times and I am devastated by what he's done to it. I implore you to stop the ballroom and force him to rebuild East Wing 2 like the original. I am a firm NO to building a ballroom.

Sincerely,
Michele Vasquez

Date: 2/14/2026 11:14:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Lovell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current plans indicate a structure that is far too large, dwarfing the White House residence. I am not in favor of this project with the current plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:13:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and plumbing to current code, and make interior ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:13:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynette Rizzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Instead of a ballroom that will look like it belongs in a tacky Vegas casino, they should build a museum to preserve the artifacts from the illegally destroyed East Wing. If any of them survived the bulldozers, that is. They belong to the American people and Trump had no authority or right to remove them.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that it is extremely important that any new construction on the White House grounds, and specifically at the site where the East Wing was egregiously destroyed, must be compatible in design and scale with the rest of the building. Further, its decor should be tasteful and classic, able to be "dressed up or down" to suit whatever occasion is being celebrated, or gathering is taking place. It must NOT dwarf the rest of the White House, clash with the rest of the White House and other nearby structures in design, and

must not be gaudily decorated in ostentatious fashion. Such decor would, in my opinion, limit its usefulness while adding to its cost, and serve no constructive purpose.
I think it is very important that the architects, contractors, designers, and decorators be persons experienced in working in historical districts, and keeping new construction compatible. They should be vetted by people not directly involved in the current administration. Maybe it would be possible to get some past WH inhabitants on a committee - Caroline Kennedy, some of the Bush family, maybe a representative from each of the first families that still have someone living who lived there. From what I've read, they seem to have a general reverance for the place. I don't think we should have any more concrete rose gardens or an enormous, gaudy, "golden ballroom".
Constance Martin
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Sand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for the American people and lives there as a temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. Any additions done should reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House. It should be restored to its original look. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. to current codes. Follow past processes for making needed, but historically sensitive changes.

Please do not add any gaudy gold accents throughout the new structure.

Please restore the beautiful rose garden as well.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Weinschreider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the White House is the home of the American people. It represents our history, both successes and failures. It is an unwavering symbol of democracy. The White House is a place that children can learn what is means to be part of this great Democratic experiment and, how they too, can be a force in shaping this great nation.I do not believe that one man's vanity, ego and eagerness to see his name in lights should be allowed to change the architecture. He is not making improvements that the American taxpayers can benefit from or enjoy. Our children will not learn from this demolition. We will not dance in his

ballroom. This will not make a veteran’s life easier or feed an unhoused person. No. I do not agree with the demolition of the the past nor the flagrant disrespect and disregard for the White Hoise of our future.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to its original form with modern electric lighting and power with new security systems. It should be consistent with the old architecture outside. And the space inside used in a fashion needed, a reception center/entertainment area and office space if needed. It should be decorated simple easily adjustable to accommodate the needs of the guests. The rose garden should be replaced! This is a house that belongs to the American people and should be a
Representation of its people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing was torn down with proper authorization I don't think anything should be built there. Plant a new rose garden or something similar.
Also there should be steep fines for tearing it down in the first place.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In general, at a time when budget cuts to essential human services like medical care and food supports are happening it seems completely counterintuitive to pour millions into cosmetic changes for the White House. This structure is to represent the finest in service to Americans as well as the cherished history of democracy. It was never intended to be a bastion for the extremely wealthy. To break the law in terms of moving forward with this without approval from the Congress is unacceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Stivers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing. This is closing the barn door after the horse has been... well, slaughtered. But, it seems we're going through the motions here, so I'll submit this comment.
Additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.
Additionally (so to speak), the project is an obscene absurdity that looks like an airport hangar or a Versailles-style banquet venue rather than a fitting addition to the historic residence, not exactly the right look for a nation governed by the people, for the people.
I hope you will be allowed to serve your mandate and deny permission to this abominable idea.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Tamas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be rebuilt with up grades needed per code to keep the history and style of the Peoples House the White House. I think the ballroom should be in another location that can accommodate the plans and it really isn't going to be the Peoples ballroom anyway because of the way it is being funded. Every thing should be made ADA assesible. The Peoples House has always been a symbol of Strength and resilience and compassion of the United States and the American people and I think it is just deplorable what had been done to it. Please restore her to her natural glory with upgrades as needed. Thank you, an American citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Remove all signage and gold filigree throughout the White House. Remove the plaques of the “Presidential Gallery” in the corridor, and install an appropriate photograph for Joe Biden. Restore the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Archer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like so many Americans, I was shocked by the sudden demolition of the East Wing of the White House. The plans that I've seen for the replacement structure do not appear to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards as the scale of the proposed new ballroom wing overwhelms the historic core of the White House. I hope that the process can slow down so a thoughtful plan that is thoroughly vetted can be developed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hope Alvarado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally demolished. It should be restored as much as possible to its original state visually, with upgrades to wiring, plumbing, and construction materials to meet modern building codes. Any funds that were pledged to pay for the ballroom should be used for the restoration. If those funds don't materialize then the Trump Organization should bear the cost of the restoration.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:03:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Tonetta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House does not need entertainment space. This is a temporary residence for the sitting President. It is not a palace. It is not one man's DIY project. This building should represent all Americans and all of American history. The destruction of the East Wing without the consent of Congress and review of the National Historical Society was wrong and can never be undone but it does not have to be rebuilt as a gaudy, tasteless room.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Ronan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not move forward because there was no significant engagement of the public before construction started. There was no federally-mandated section 106 process which is required by law. This project is illegal and should cease immediately. The scale of the proposed ballroom is out of sync with the rest of the White House campus and is garish and inappropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Simanton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This act of historic vandalism is a complete and utter disgrace and waste of effort.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Levett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a National Historic Landmark, the White House must be restored to its previous scale and design before the recent demolition of the East Wing, while updating materials and safety features as necessary. The scale of the proposed ballroom is unacceptable aesthetically and an unnecessary addition to the White House campus.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:59:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Byrne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectively request all renovations be completed according to established regulations. It should not overwhelm existing structure but complement historic structure. Consider destruction of East Wing a criminal act. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:59:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. It is a sacred trust. Any President is a temporary occupant of the house and should serve as a steward. I understand that aspects of the house need to be modernized from time to time. Any such modernization, however, should always put highest priority on historic preservation. Improvements should maintain pleasing proportions of the White House as a whole, and the interior should blend smoothly with the White House's existing interior. Decisions about the White House should always be guided by the National Capital Planning Commission - an organization created to keep these priorities front and center for the American People. As a public asset and historic treasure, the entire process should be public. White House operations and preservation are not and never should be a private sector enterprise.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:58:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Schuneman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this project as planned by Mr. Trump. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. As a part of our history, it should never have been demolished. I suggest it be rebuilt as it was. A ballroom is inappropriate for the people's house, and it's inappropriate to use my taxpayer dollars to create a playground for the ultra rich and powerful.

I suggest the East Wing be rebuilt as it was, using Mr. Trump's personal funds.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valorie McGovern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's vanity project is outrageous, tacky, and absolutely unacceptable. He has already turned the White House into a gaudy, gold-encrusted embarrassment. This enormous ballroom idea needs to be stopped. He has destroyed the East Wing, the beautiful Rose Garden, and essentially all of the the humble class of the entire White House. I hope that whoever is elected after him will restore the building back to it's classic beauty. But as for the ballroom, please do not let it happen. The size and tacky interior design that are planned is not what the American people want. We want the White House to be the People's house, not some attempted copy of other oligarch's residences throughout the world. It's truly awful what he's done to a once tasteful and elegant residence. Bigger isn't always better. And all that gold just looks atrocious.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Silidker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed size of this ballroom addition will dwarf the White House and West wing. The proportions will be totally out of whack. The White House Is an historical building, a major representation of our country, readily recognizable around the globe. Altering it so substantially is an assault on its historic significance. While the desire for an entertainment space has been expressed over several administrations, none have tried to alter the White House grounds in such a major way. A reconstruction of the original East Wing look and size (matching the West Wing) with a ballroom in that space would be a better idea.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:35 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irina Balan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed addition to the White House.

The White House is not a random building. It's a historic landmark, a symbol of the presidency, one that belongs to the American people. Any proposed additions must respect its historic scale, architectural integrity, landscape setting, and symbolic importance. A 90K sq ft ballroom exceeding the size of the White House will overwhelm the original structure and will shift the visual and historic focus away from the White House itself.

Additions to nationally significant historic landmarks should be subordinate to the original structure, compatible in scale, and harmonious in design. The priority must be preservation of the historic core, not expansion that alters its character.

The East Wing should be restored to its original proportions and architectural intent rather than expanded. If an event space is necessary, it can be built elsewhere in a way that does not compromise the historic fabric or prominence of the White House. The design must be dignified, timeless, and architecturally compatible. Not oversized, ostentatious, or stylistically disconnected from the existing structure.

I also strongly encourage full restoration of the Rose Garden as envisioned during Jacqueline Kennedy's tenure, preserving its historic landscape design and cultural significance.

Major alterations to nationally significant landmarks require thoughtfulness, restraint, transparency, and deep respect for history. We the people deserve preservation first, expansion second.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:54:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Strauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This whole project is an abomination. The White House is the people house. Any huge changes, such as demolishing a wing and replacing it with an even larger wing, need public review. Such changes need to be publicly funded.

I cannot give more of a comment than this, as the renovation plans are not available to the public. Since the plans are not public, I do not see how you can consider submissions like this the legally mandated "public comments."

Date: 2/14/2026 10:53:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Teachman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Proposed East Wing Project footprint and scale dwarfs significantly what is left of the historic White House structures therefore dwarfing the significance of the actual White House and west wing area. This should not be allowed as the ballroom is not the heart of the United States Presidential wing of our government, the White House is. The east wing should be replaced with appropriate scale and footprint structure with similar and historically appropriate scale facade and materials.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Blackman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please build an East Wing that is a continuation of the original style of the White House, with modern upgrades, restrained elegance, and no gold frippery. Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building. A ballroom is not necessary; the D.C. area has other gathering spaces, and the White House is not a hotel or exhibition venue. Restore the Rose Garden, and make 47 pay for all of it from his personal funds.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:51:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Smolar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Morning,

I want to express my extreme displeasure with the proposed scale of the East Wing Modernization project. While the People's House clearly needs a larger event space, the gigantic proposed building would be a travesty.

The original building was specifically designed to NOT be a palace. It was supposed to represent the people. Building an addition that is so much larger than the main building draws the attention away from the People's House and it's purpose.

Esthetically, the structure should be in proportion and simple. It should not challenge the White House as the tallest building on the campus.

Frankly, this project must be stopped as the actions taken so far by the administration are illegal and violate every process and procedure that insures the continuity of the People's House.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Smolar

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:43 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gabrielle Broche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To all Concerned
This is my written statement regarding the East Wing Project.

Disgusting and hubris are the words to describe this administration's (Donald Trump) selfish actions. In a time where Americans are working two jobs, can't afford their healthcare premiums and face his repercussions of tariffs and immigration chaos Trump's lack of concern is apparent.
The East Wing Project is inappropriate. This President can not go unchecked. It is the Ours not his.

I strongly oppose the construction of such a gross act.

Gabrielle Broche
American

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Berman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose building the proposed ballroom on the site of the former East Wing. The size of the project is gargantuan - far too big for the site. The proposed Whie House East Wing Modernization Project, as designed, will dwarf the White House, which should be the main focus of the property. The proposed WWMC is out of character with the original White House property, There is no need to build a ballroom the size and scope of the EWMP. There are many other facilities and hotels in the Washington DC area that can accommodate and more appropriate to holding large gatherings. The former East Wing facility either should be rebuilt, using modern design concepts in the same size and scale of the former East Wing. The huge size and design of the proposed EWMP diminishes the elegance and historic architecture of the original White House; it is totally inconsistent with the basic tenets of American architectural and historic preservation. The proposed design and construction of the proposed EWMC is totally inconsistent with the holistic approach that is rooted in the basic tenets of L'Enfant's design of both highlighting and preserving the historic precepts is Washington DC's acritude. Simply put, the EWMP is an architectural abomination that should be rejected. The East Wing property must be rebuilt with a structure that is the size and scale of the previous structure that will ensure and protect the historic character of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Brancamp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt in the same manner as the original. Modernize as needed but it should fit with the look and size of the rest of the White House. As proposed, the ballroom would completely overshadow the White House. It is said that a ballroom is needed -- aren't there other places in Washington, DC that can be used instead of building a new structure? It has also been said that it could be used for future presidential inaugurations -- this would limit who could attend the event and take away the ability of many to be part of the celebration.

The building, as proposed, is too large, overly ornate (I guess gaudy would be the correct word) and will be under utilized. Does it really need to be so large? Do we really need space for 999 people? Just who are we trying to impress? How much of the time would this building just sit there, unused, and wasting money to maintain? The claims are that it will be built at no cost to the taxpayer (which I really doubt) but who will maintain the building, provide security, provide utilities etc for the building? This will not be inexpensive.

Proper procedures to do the construction were not followed. It is my understanding, President Trump does not have the authority to do any of the work he has done -- paving over the Rose Garden, adding flagpoles, remodeling various areas of the White House, building a ballroom etc. Why has this been allowed and why hasn't anyone intervened? Don't the contractors have to get building permits for the work done? Isn't there supposed to be oversight from Congress? Doesn't the National Park Service have to be involved with all these changes?

In my opinion, this is a total waste of time and money. Rebuild the East Wing, updated as necessary, and find someplace else to host the few times a larger space is needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not feel the White House needs a ballroom. If anything, the east wing should be rebuilt to the same footprint that was torn down. The White House is only a temporary residence for presidents. It should not be turned into one person’s personal gold palace. It belongs to all the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:21 PM
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Name: TRACY KNIGHT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house not a billionaire’s exclusive club.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ned Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it's historical form...Thank you...Ned Cox

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris High
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing as close to as it was as possible. We do not need a ball room.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Loftus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house not extending beyond original (pre 2026) footprint. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house.If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Assure no private or special interest funds are used to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Assure no sitting President can influence design or name parts of the building after himself/herself or any members of their family. The White House is the people’s house. If it is indeed a "modernization project" then upgrade infrastructure and facilities to conform to modern day code, not some nouveau bourgeois garish gold palace. I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments. Especially since it is the People's House not a President's sole ownership.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harry Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea that the White House would be modified by the addition of a convention center sized building that would dwarf it as a monument to Donald Trump's ego is monstrous and should not be allowed. Federal authorities should not permit the erection of Albert Speer meets Liberace style changes to our nation's capitol. Doing so perverts our very democracy. Please disapprove this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Tousley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage has already been done to the People's House. If there is anything that can be done to stop or downsize this gigantic ballroom, please do it.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this monstrosity. Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was but with upgraded wiring, plumbing, etc. Adhere to any and all laws and requirements for historic buildings in this area. Stop any further plans for an un-needed "ballroom" in order to save the expense of having to tear it down when this nation returns to sanity.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Westerfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As with everything people are seeing and saying, this East Wing Project is a disaster. Let's say there is a Nuclear Event, the bunker is under the building with a Occupancy of 999. Will the bunker hold 999 billionaire persons and Diplomats? I don't think so. Will the bunker hold 499 persons? I don't think so. Is there parking around the White House for all these persons? I don't think so. The building needs to be lower than the White House and less grandious in the front. It looks too much like the Lincoln Memorial and Parthenon in Greece.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:43:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Crull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal demolition of the east wing of the White House should never been allowed to happen. The White House is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE, not a Trump property development. Capitulation to the egotistical design whims of Mr Trump at a time in history when our very democracy is at risk is untenable.
The American people do not need a ballroom.
The American people do not attend balls.
The American people need security, affordable heath care, food security and safety from being attacked by DHS masked thugs on the street.
The "private donations" for the ballroom are not donations, they are bribes.
PLEASE do not allow the proposed ballroom to be built. If you do, it will be torn down or repurposed in 3 years.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:43:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Warren Odom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If we're actually going to put a ballroom THAT big in that location, I suggest, just put it all underground (maybe with some skylights for some natural lighting, and/or stairways leading to the surface in different places). Otherwise it would just overwhelm the rest of the White House. Next to the ballroom would be the well-publicized bunker. Then on top, rebuild the East Wing looking essentially the same as it did on the exterior, but with a updated interior. This may cost more, but would preserve the view we all know and have become accustomed to.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this to be an unecessary construction that serves no purpose other than the whim of the current occupent. The citizens of the United States do not require a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:40:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Eagle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

• 18 U.S.C. § 1361 – Prohibits the willful injury or destruction of federal property. If damage exceeds $1,000, it is a felony punishable by fines and up to 10 years in prison.

• National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106 – Requires federal agencies to assess the impact of actions on historic properties and consult with preservation authorities. Bypassing this review may be a legal violation.

• 40 U.S.C. Chapter 31 – Governs the management of public buildings, requiring proper oversight for renovations or demolitions.

While the president has broad executive authority, this does not grant immunity from criminal laws, including 18 U.S.C. § 1361, which criminalizes the willful destruction of federal property valued over $1,000.

The "project" needs to be more accurately named, "The East Wing Destruction," as no such modernization is possible in the absence of the East Wing.

The "leader of the free world" is honor bound to respect the law and the will of the people, and should face appropriate consequences for failing to do so.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:38:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dori Reuscher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, with functional updates.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheri Keisner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the Peoples' house. As a child I remember touring the White House when we visited our Congressman at the Capital In D. C. My father taught history and he instilled in us a sense of respect for our government. Every artifact shares a piece of our shared history. Not something to be sold off or plundered and then dumped in the river at our public golf course. Our history should never be desecrated or auctioned off to the highest bidder. My father served in the Air Force during World War II as a tail m gunner in a B52

bomber. Am so thankful he is not alive today to see how one greedy man has destroyed the very values my father risked his life believing World War !! was the war to end all wars.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Roybal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While asking for statements after the East Wing has already been abolished seems somewhat pointless, I hope that there will be consideration to rebuild the wing in a way that preserves its formerly unique character and footprint, mimicking what was already there but updating as needed for utilities and security. This means working from the footprint as it was before it was torn down, without unnecessary expansion. This means keeping the symmetry and balance between the East Wing and the rest of the White House complex. This means restoring gardens and walkways that were removed. This means keeping the purpose of the East Wing in line with its traditional uses. I understand the need for a large entertainment space, but this should not be accomplished at the expense of the destruction of everything that was symbolic and historic in the East Wing. And, please, no reliance on gaudy faux-European decor such as an overuse of gold!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terra Groh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PUT IT BACK JUST LIKE IT WAS!!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:33:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Autumn Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"The East Wing was a portion of the White House complex in Washington, D.C. that was built in 1902, significantly expanded in 1942, and demolished in 2025."
To modernize the East Wing it would need to be still standing. The request for input from the people should have been requested before anything was done. But that didn't happen.
We also don't need a ballroom. That opens the door to people who usually wouldn't pass the security requirements to enter the White House access, creating security threats and concerns. This isn't England or France in the guilded age, we don't have a monarchy, we don't need a monarch's ballroom.
The original wing needs to be rebuilt, to code, as it was at the cost of those who didn't adhere to standards, rules and regulations. Those people have made TONS of money (illegally) off this country while sitting in office, so they can pay to fix the messes they made.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Patzlaff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the reckless and illegal demolition of part of The People's House as part of a vanity and corruption project by the current occupant. Privately funded means donors have a stake and want something in return. That's frightening. Our government shouldn't be for sale or held for ransom. I am sickened by the fascism coming out of the Executive Branch. As a licensed DC tour guide this project makes it impossible for regular Americans to view the White House on a tour due to the obstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue and now Lafayette Park. This illegal vanity project is impeding the ability for me and my colleagues to earn a living.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:32:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Lai
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should have been subject to public review before any work was performed.

The White House is the property of the people of the United States of America, It is not an entertainment venue, a hotel, or a convention center, and it does not need a ballroom.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian

style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King. The chief executive, whose job is to serve the people of the United States of America, lives in The White House as a TEMPORARY guest. Having any office holder making such drastic and unnecessary modifications to the People's House is tantamount to having a tenant conducting a demolition remodel of a rented house without the property owner's knowledge or consent.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure, subject to established structural, safety, and accessibility requirements. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:31:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Soikes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:30:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing is a travesty! It should be modernized to provide offices for First Ladies, Staff, WH Ofc of Legilative Affairs and miliary offices as before. The bunker probably needs some safety upgrades. The Family theater and Ceremonial areas should be rebuilt. The size of the building should remain COMPLEMENTARY to the size of the White House and not be a giant, tacky montrosity. If a ballroom is necessary, maybe some of the areas can be converted into multiuse rooms that make a larger area when necessary. It seems ridiculous to have a giant room that only used occasionally. Decoration should tasteful without excessive metallic geegaws. And most importantly, the person who tore it down without permission, should pay for it.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:30:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump illegally knocked down the East Wing and I do not support the construction of a ball room. The White House is for the people and not the oligarchy. The East Wing should be reconstructed with public funds to a similar footprint and function.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:30:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Schwarz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to you to object to the East Wing Modernization project. As A citizen and historic preservationist I can tell you that this project has not followed proper development procedures, has not followed safety procedures, and from a design perspective is a bad idea. The planning and execution of the project has not been done legally and the historic East Wing of the White House was demolished without a proper permit. This is the People's House, not the property of the President, and any modifications should've gone through the proper procedures in order to develop the project. Furthermore, project has not followed safety procedures, in that the demolition to place and proper precautions against contamination of the environment, and workers against asbestos, and other hazards were not taken. Finally, from a design perspective, the planned ball room is completely out of proportion with the existing original, White House and the West Wing. As planned, the ballroom would be a historic blunder and all oversight and historic preservation bodies with authority over this project should reject it. The administration must go back to the drawing board and design a restored East Wing that compliments the existing historic White House that follows proper procedures and gather public input in support of a better design. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Fawver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East wing should be returned to its original state. The current plans for a ballroom are grotesque and coming not what is needed! Janet Fawver

Date: 2/14/2026 10:27:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing ignoring proper procedures was an offense to the American people. The White House is the People's House. Any sitting President is just a temporary resident and should not be allowed to make radical changes to Our House.
This project should restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing, update wiring, plumbing, and other infrastructure, and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. You should follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The People do not need a gilded ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:27:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cara Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello - I am a 77 yr old resident of Warwick, RI. I have been a docent for 15 years and then office manager at one of the earliest trading posts in Rhode Island. This work has taken me to many historic conferences and affiliations at historic sites in local towns on both sides of Narragansett Bay and in Providence, RI. I am also an active member of a historic nonprofit in RI and have not only been on the Board of Trustees but written grants on behalf of this 160 yr old building: The Handicraft Club.
My education and appreciation for historically correct architecture has brought me in contact with many preservation specialists in Newport, Providence, and other important sites and properties throughout our state. I deeply respect our historical preservation consultants who carefully blend modern additions to pure historical spaces. I recommend a thorough inspection and consultation take place for the East Wing Modernization Project.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Handkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Were you consulted before the demolition occurred? Shouldn't you have input into all changes, including demolition? It seems that the demolition just happened practically overnight, without oversight or permission. Our government buildings should not be subjected to the whims of anyone who holds the office of President. No one, not even the President, should be permitted to make major changes to National Historical buildings. You should have a non-partisan committee exploring and approving any major changes--a committee that does not answer to the President. This ballroom is an unneeded, unwanted replacement for the East Wing and plans for it should be stopped.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lillian Beach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A 90,000 square foot ballroom is NOT needed! It would dwarf the existing White House structure. In the 249 years that America has existed, all presidents prior to the 47th never saw a need for such a huge ballroom! There is no need now. It is an ego project! No tax dollars should go to building it.
I think the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was prior to being illegally knocked down. Also, you should look into what happened to furnishings and art work that were in the East Wing prior to its unlawful demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At a time of staggering wealth inequality, inflation, and tariffs illegally imposed on the US by a man who thinks he is a monarch, this (also illegal) change to the east wing of the White House--which belongs to the citizens of the United States of America, not the sitting president--is a slap in the face.
It's disgusting.
The man sitting in the White House has only ever sought after his own financial gain and destruction of others. Since he has taken charge, the US has become a laughing stock of the world, and this attempt (including the illegal demolition of the previous east wing) to "modernize" something that did not need modernizing, is dystopian as hell. The sitting president cannot unilaterally decide to make changes to a building demarcated as a historical site, among all the other things he cannot unilaterally decide.
The US was founded on the guiding principle that we refuse monarchy, and this greedy, gluttonous attempt to remodel a significant historical site is insulting and sullies the very memory of the site itself. Scum like him, and his entire family, should never have been allowed in The People's House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Baron Dorff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The monstrosity of a 90,000 square foot facilty being installed in this location offends my sense of history, aesthetics and justice.
The outright ignoring of process and law involved in the destruction of a historical building was appalling.
The proposed design ignores design and architetectural scale principals in an intolerable way. This isn't a modernization project, it's a vanity edifice to a criminal. Anything other than an updated version of what was there should not be permitted.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:25:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wesley Melton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing was demolished illegally and with no review, there should be no ballroom allowed to be built by the individual responsible for the destruction of a cherished building. There has been little discussion of plans and what has been revealed has changed repeatedly. Because of the haphazard destruction of the East Wing I would recommend getting other options before proceeding with construction of an unneeded ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Brophy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Nather
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a complete waste of taxpayer money, and should be shut down. The East Wing should be reconstructed and restored to the historic site it originally was for the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please halt the East Wing demolition and restore the structure to its original form.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Dudley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any construction of a ballroom. I think the East wing should be put back just like it was, as it never should have been destroyed in the first place. The White House is, or should I say WAS beautiful in its original form as of 2021. None of the changes since then have made any improvement, functionally or aesthetically!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This was a solution in search of a problem, or rather an ego in search of a monument. Restore the East Wing with the original exterior, upgrade the interior to meet ADA and other current building code requirements. Forget the silly ballroom on the White House grounds. If one is needed, find other space in the district which can be developed for that purpose which can be available for all federal agencies to use. But, for goodness sake forget the proposed ballroom that would be bigger than the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liese Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our country is a relatively new nation. We have no ancient castles or royal palaces. The White House is our closest residence to be considered a regal national home. It is a special house on "loan" to each of our elected Presidents. The White House, along with the other Capital buildings, belong equally to the people of the United States. No one person, not even the President, has the right to demolish or change parts of the White House without the permission of the people. As a sacred and protected structure, there are specific procedures for rennovations and changes to the White House. This means no President is above the law nor are they able to ignore the rules and procedures. I implore this committee to protect "our" White House and keep it for the people and future generations. This means changes should only be made to maintain the structure or improve it for greater public benefit or access. Tearing down existing historic sections in order to engrandize the White House for an individual President, especially one who consistently demonstrates that he cares little for the historical significance of the White House or any other historic building, goes against the very essence of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not name it the Trump Ballroom or use Trump's name in any way. It is hurtful that he was able to tear down the original East Wing. He should have repaired the damage to the East Wing and picked property somewhere else in DC to build his ballroom. Did it really have to be part of the White House? Does it really need Congress's approval? Trump has yet to follow Congress; he does what he wants, when he wants. I feel like this comment period is a moot point. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Barbret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be re-built to the EXACT specifications it was before it was demolished with updated electrical, plumbing, ADA compliance etc.

There is no need for a huge ballroom. Absolutely ridiculous.

The President should only be allowed to personalize the family's living quarters and the Oval Office. The rest of the WH should be off limits. It should all be handled by the National Capital Planning Commission.

The Kennedy Rose Garden should be rebuilt to its former glory. Absolutely shameful that is was paved over.

Since the East Wing project was started without proper permitting, etc. The POTUS should be fined and have to pay to rebuild.

The hallway/area where the portraits are hung with the ridiculous comments under them that he wrote should be removed.

The entire WH should be off limits to the President with regard to remodeling, painting, refurbishing etc. (with the exception of his personal living space). It is a museum and belongs to the people of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Braun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow a ballroom room to be built for the use of Mr. Trump and his billionaire cronies. He has caused the demolition of a cherished portion of the historically significant East Wing. The American people are suffering and suffering under the debt burden created by Trump's policies while he and his billionaire friends and family are pocketing money that should be used for the Amerucan people. Please restore the east wing to its former state. He should pay for the damage caused.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Roscoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump tore down the East Wing without any approval. He should pay to rebuild that wing exactly how it was and no ballroom should be built on the White House grounds. There are many other venues in Washington DC that can host a ball, if needed. This is a perverted use of presidential authority without any oversight.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Heley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand firmly AGAINST this destruction of The People's House. A ballroom is not needed. Please re-build the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Sturgeon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity for citizen input. I do not think the East Wing must be rebuilt exactly as it was. However, it should be improved and be in harmony architecturally & historically with the rest of the White House and meet the highest building standards for beauty, functionality, and safety. As to whether it should return to offices, or a ballroom, or some other public space, prioritizing needs & functionality & efficiency are most important. The White House and its grounds are a relatively small space. No one is going to get all their wishes on this renovation. Please consider including some contribution from each state, territory, & Indian nation. Perhaps as simple as soil placed in the foundation or granite plaques around the exposed outer foundation. Something that brings us all together! As a citizen, I am proud to be included, even in this small way, in the East Wing Modernization Project. I wish you every success and will follow your progress.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:19:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Cromwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex as part of the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is one of the most significant historic sites in the United States and belongs to the American people. Altering this landmark with a massive new addition risks permanently changing its historic character, setting a troubling precedent for future alterations to nationally significant sites.

While modernization and accessibility improvements are important, such a large-scale addition should be carefully reconsidered. The White House's historic integrity, architectural harmony, and symbolic meaning are central to its role in our national identity. A ballroom of this size will overshadow the historic space and compromise the original design intent of the building and grounds.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission and other reviewing bodies to explore alternatives that preserve the historic fabric of the White House, minimize visual and structural impacts, and ensure full transparency and public engagement. Major changes to our shared heritage should be approached with the utmost caution and respect for preservation principles.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for public input on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Chris Cromwell
West Chester, PA

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Camrud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom This May Concern-
President Trump should be prosecuted for destroying public property. If only Congress had enough fortitude...
My opinion is that the East Wing should be restored back to its configuration before it was destroyed by the current tenant and that plan should include Jackie's rose garden. This is the White House where the nations business is transacted, not a hotel or convention center which would be a fitting space for a ballroom.
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide our input to have something positive to come out of this travesty.
Mark Camrud, Farmington, NM

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jahn Curran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing as an American citizen from Utah who was appalled by the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House--it's very unlikely that it can be rebuilt in the same footprint, style, and memory that many of us had who visited and worked there for a time. While I can sympathize with the idea of building a bomb-proof bunker for the President and many of his staff and family underneath the East Wing, I believe the cost is absurdly elevated, and it is hidden by a ghastly, gawdy, obscene 90,000sq foot ballroom. I oppose such a ballroom on several grounds, but the most important one is that it is not needed. And claiming that it is being paid for by wealthy corporate donors doesn't justify its cost, nor uselessness.

If it is decided by powers above me that a ballroom is appropriate, for aesthetic reasons I propose it be kept within these guidelines:
A--it match the same size and footprint as the West Wing
B--it match the architectural style (Georgian/Colonial?)
C--that private donations, if accepted, do not have any influence on ANY aspect of the East Wing's rebuilding
D--the offices of the First Lady and staff be rebuild, posthaste
E--that no mention or credit be given to Donald Trump for his demolition, ideas, plans, or reconstruction of the East Wing.
F-- that Any placards, website descriptions, White House guide narrations, etc., explicitly reference the illegal demolition of the East Wing, and that Mr. Trump was not justified in doing so simply because he was the President.

With best regards,
Jahn Curran
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Simmons Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Firstly, the fact that this project was launched and demolition occurred with no recognition of the legal public process is absolutely appalling! I truly hope public input at this point is taken seriously and reflected in the final product. This is not President Trump's building alone. It belongs to us all. It's not apparent why a facility couldn't have been built elsewhere so as to not demolish the existing building. Facilities and uses lost with the demolition need to be restored appropriately, including the Rose Garden.

The project's exterior should match the scale and architectural style of the remaining structure. The building should be comfortable to not an homage to Trump with the use of gold, which is unnecessary and architecturally gaudy. It should convey warmth but not opulence. The building should be required to follow all building code requirements for access and egress. As the public was not invited to comment on the need and design prior to it started, I do not support the use of public funds, especially when so may Americans are experiencing hardships.

The information provided on the website does not provide adequate detail of what is planned. More information needs to be shared.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Kimmy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that there are needs for renovation and modernization, but what is proposed is excessive and unnecessary. If this president wants to make garish changes to his property, fine. But this building does not belong to him. He is merely a temporary occupant. This will be too tall, too big, and generally too much. Overkill. As a federal building, it should not be a monument to his ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Walstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The occupant of The White House works for us and lives there as our temporary guest and should not be able to rebuild it to their own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It should be modernized to meet code, but maintain its ability to function as the office space and headquarters for the First Lady (or Gentleman) and their staff. The East Wing has served us well as the center for their projects, social, and ceremonial duties as it has for 100+ years, distinct from the West Wing, which is the President's seat.

Many First Ladies have developed policies from the East Wing including Carter’s mental health initiatives, Laura Bush’s literacy campaign, Michelle Obama’s promoting Let's Move to target childhood obesity, and Melania Trump backed Be Best, which advocates for children's wellbeing. For 100+ years first Ladies of the White House made big strides in the East Wing and the importance of those initiatives should not be taken for granted. First Ladies (or future First Gentlemen) should have a place to continue to partner with the present in service to the American people and have a professional space to do that, however they may be willing.

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those if needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: zachary B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the original east wing with all upgraded technology. No bunker, no ballroom.
If an event space is needed it can be at a different location in DC.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Taunya Strahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned that anyone who cares for or owns a historic property would show such little concern for it's preservation or the laws established to protect such properties. I lived in a historic district in Canal Winchester, Ohio. We were required to follow strict regulations, which at times, required us to use more expensive materials and to attend various meetings prior to projects to determine whether guidelines would be followed. While sometimes being an inconvenience it was a necessary inconvenience required to make sure the historic value of our community was preserved. It is obvious that it is now impossible to protect the historic value of the East Wing of The White House, the people's house, but it is essential that those responsible for its destruction and outright disregard for the regulations protecting such properties should be held accountable. If anything, the East Wing should be rebuilt as it originally existed. Thank you for allowing me to provide my input.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Power
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The modernization project should restore the East Wing to the original, approved footprint. The structure and wiring should be brought up to all applicable construction codes. The structure should be ADA compliant.

The new construction should in no way diminish the existing White House in size or decor.

The preservation and historical authorities should have approval/disapproval authority on all construction to ensure that the historical preservation of the White House is protected.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East wing as it was before. No gaudy gold designs allowed. Trump must pay for it as he violated the American’s White House by destroying East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:55 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Koivisto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization does not equal total and complete destruction. What has been done is vandalism on a grand scale, akin to the Taliban blowing up the giant, ancient Buddha statues in Afghanistan. The destruction of the east wing was done illegally, illogically, uneconomically, and for the purposes of graft/corruption/money-laundering/bribery in addition to possibly building Russian spy technology into the White House.

The White House DOES NOT belong to the current occupant of it. The White House belongs to the people. You DO NOT have our permission to destroy our property in order to build a tacky, overpriced, over-gilded effigy to the 1880s.

You do have to rebuild it as it was, with better materials (no asbestos, for example), better infrastructure, and no Russian interference or money from "donors".

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Whitaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. We are a Republic, not a monarchy, and the White House was designed to reflect that. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing. If a larger ballroom is needed, make only interior changes. Any changes to the East Wing should be historically sensitive and align with previous plans. Update wiring and other utilities as necessary, and make the interior ADA accessible. Ensure that the process for any project donations is clear, transparent, and public.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Breeden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with changes being made to the East Wing of the White House. Destroying any National Monument should be looked at very carefully. The cost involved and the future use logistics need to be carefully explored.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Whitaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Proses
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the wing to its former look. Recreate it as authentically as possible. Do not enlarge it in any direction.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write to express my vehement opposition to the unauthorized demolition of the White House East Wing and the construction of President Trump's proposed ballroom. This project represents an egregious violation of the public trust and a profound disrespect for the American people's patrimony.

The White House Belongs to the American People, Not Donald Trump:
The White House is a globally recognized symbol of American ideals, and it belongs to every American citizen, and not to any single occupant. Donald Trump is a temporary resident of the People's House, serving at the pleasure of the voters. He has no right to demolish a historic wing of our nation's most iconic building to satisfy his personal vanity. The White House is not Trump's private Mar-a-Lago estate; it is a public trust that must be preserved for future generations.

Historic Destruction Without Legal Authority:
The East Wing that Trump demolished without proper authorization held irreplaceable historical significance. Significantly expanded during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency in 1942, it served as the home of the First Lady's office since Rosalynn Carter's time and contained the Family Theater, East Garden Room, and the beloved Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. This was the first lady's domain, the only place she had to really call her own. While it's clear that First Lady Melania Trump doesn't care about First Lady spaces (or responsibilities, for that matter), Trump callously dismissed this space as insignificant. Yet it hosted weddings, state functions, and intimate moments of American presidential history for more than a century.

The demolition proceeded without an extensive public review process, bypassing the legally required

consultations with both the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. No president is legally allowed to tear down portions of the White House without any review whatsoever: not Trump, not any predecessor. This action was unlawful and contemptuous of established preservation protocols.

A Ballroom for Personal Aggrandizement, Not Public Service:
Trump's stated justification—that he needs a larger venue for state dinners—is transparently self-serving. The proposed 90,000-square-foot structure is an exercise in personal aggrandizement, not a legitimate enhancement of presidential functions. This ostentatious monument to Trump's ego has no place on the grounds of the People's House. The office of the President of the United States demands dignity, restraint, and respect for tradition. These are qualities utterly absent from this gaudy, oversized vanity project.

Private Funding Creates Dangerous Conflicts of Interest:
The claim that this $300-400 million project will be funded entirely by private donors is deeply troubling. Donors include charitable organizations, sports team owners, tech companies, media companies and billionaires, yet the administration has refused to disclose individual contribution amounts. When private interests fund presidential infrastructure, the president becomes beholden to those donors rather than to the American public. This arrangement invites corruption and undermines the independence of the executive office.

Moreover, any underground security infrastructure would ultimately be paid for by taxpayers, not private donors. This means the American people are footing the bill for portions of this project without any say in the matter.

Lack of Transparency Regarding Underground Construction:
Multiple reports indicate that the Presidential Emergency Operations Center bunker beneath the East Wing was dismantled during demolition, with plans for a classified replacement. Military involvement in what is ostensibly a ballroom project raises serious questions about the true scope and purpose of this construction. The extraordinary cost (approximately $3,333 per square foot, far exceeding normal high-end construction rates) suggests substantial underground infrastructure work beyond a simple event space.

The American people have a right to know what is being built beneath the White House in their name. If military-grade bunkers, data centers, or other classified facilities are under construction, Congress and the public deserve full transparency about costs, scope, and funding sources. The NCPC must not approve any plans that lack complete disclosure of underground construction details.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to:

REJECT any proposed plans for this ballroom project until full environmental and historical impact assessments are completed and made public;

REQUIRE complete transparency regarding all aspects of construction, including detailed specifications and costs for any underground facilities, bunkers, or infrastructure;

DEMAND full disclosure of all donor identities and contribution amounts before any approval is considered;

INSIST that any costs borne by taxpayers be clearly identified and subject to Congressional appropriation and oversight;

UPHOLD the public interest by refusing to rubber-stamp a project that serves one man's ego at the expense of American history and democratic accountability.

The White House belongs to the American people. We did not consent to this destruction, we do not support this vanity project, and we demand that our public servants protect our national heritage from further desecration.

Respectfully but firmly submitted,

Jessica Fuller
14 February 2026

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neil Halin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump's proposed ballroom design is abominable. He destroyed the old east wing without authorization and now is proposing a building dramatically out of scope and proportion. The ballroom, as presented, would dwarf the White House and dominate the views from all angles. If a ballroom is truly needed, build something architecturally appropriate.

In addition, doing this all behind the back of the American people by raising dark money is insulting. This is the "people's house" not a monument to a would-be king.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Sandhaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are many reasons the East Wing should not have been demolished - violation of preservation law, lack of notification to Congress - and the ballroom should not be built. It's out of scale with the historic appearance of the White House.

But to me the most important reason is that it's the people's house. President Trump is a temporary resident. It isn't one of his real estate properties to do with whatever he likes. His idea that Presidents have wanted a huge ballroom for the last 150 years is just ridiculous. I've been alive since Eisenhower was in office and not one President ever mentioned a ballroom. They all had more important concerns.

I urge you to stop this illegal, ego-driven project. Our tax dollars will be paying for the maintenance of this monstrosity for years to come even if private funds are raised to construct it to begin with.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Ellen Sandhaus

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Mead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

The recent modernization efforts in the East Wing of the White House represent a devastating blow to the historic architecture of the People's House. This building does not belong to any one administration, it belongs to the American people. Its walls, corridors, and rooms carry generations of history that deserve protection, not unilateral alteration.

Major structural changes were undertaken without clear Congressional approval and without meaningful public input. For a property of such national significance, this lack of transparency is unacceptable. The White House is not a private estate to be redesigned at will, it is a public trust, and decisions that fundamentally alter its character must involve the public and their elected representatives.

Beyond the moral obligation to preserve national heritage, there is a serious legal question at stake. The White House is federally owned public property, and its preservation is guided by long-standing statutory frameworks intended to protect historic assets. Laws such as the National Historic Preservation Act establish procedures to ensure that alterations to historic properties are carefully reviewed, documented, and subjected to oversight. Circumventing transparent review processes, or failing to consult appropriate preservation authorities, undermines the legal safeguards designed to prevent precisely this kind of irreversible loss.

Equally troubling is the apparent absence of meaningful consultation with historical preservation experts and organizations, including the White House Historical Association, whose mission is to preserve and educate the public about the People's House's architectural and cultural legacy. Any significant modification to such a historic structure should involve historians, preservation architects, and established historical societies to ensure that changes do not erase or permanently damage elements of national significance.

The justification that the White House "needs" a gargantuan ballroom or large-scale expansion ignores a more pressing responsibility: preservation. The priority should be restoring what was destroyed, down to the last brick, not expanding or modernizing at the expense of historic integrity. Architectural heritage, once erased, cannot be authentically recreated.

This was not simply a design choice; it was the destruction of public property at the highest level. Those responsible for authorizing and executing these changes should be held accountable. If legal review determines that statutory preservation obligations were bypassed or violated, and I can assure you they were, appropriate remedies should be pursued. Furthermore, the current Administration should bear the financial responsibility for restoring the East Wing to its prior condition, rather than placing that burden on taxpayers.

The American people deserve stewardship, not spectacle. The White House must remain a symbol of continuity, history, and respect for the nation it represents. Safeguarding that legacy is not optional, it is a constitutional, legal, and moral obligation owed to every generation, past, present, and future.

Best,

Tara Mead, BSN, RN
Angry U.S. Citizen
Proud Coloradan

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Toy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This abomination is an outsized, gross extension of President Donald J Trump's fragile ego.
It should not be built. Should it be built, it will be razed as soon as the current Administration departs.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Sackman-Aper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the ballroom planned for this project. It would be an eyesore of epic proportions and not in keeping with the architectural elegance of the White House. The only way to describe this project is "tacky". I also believe the damage already done to the East Wing should be paid for by the person who ignored the fact he did not own the property and desecrated it anyway.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and therefore does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station also has a lovely and large space.

The White House is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he/she works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. They should not be able to rebuild it to their own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: pamela roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i am against making a ballroom out of the east wing. It is not necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:03:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edwina Sylvester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am distraught by the illegal demolition of the historic east wing of the Whitehouse. Any rebuilding should be to scale of existing executive residence potion of the Whitehouse and it should be styled to match the rest of the property. None of this gold bullshit! It should be classy and refined. The exterior spaces should be gardened and not paved over like some outdoor food court! Trump had no business tearing down the people's house, please use good historical taste as your guidelines to replace what was stolen from the American people.
Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kathy Grossman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing and the White House are historic buildings and should be matched in style. The East Wing should be subordinate (smaller than) and in pleasing proportions to the original structure of the residence. There should still be an entrance for the people too. Most of us will never be able to attend an event in a ballroom, and I think this would be a gross tacky addition to the White House. Please reign in the scope of the project, or even return the East Wing to what it was before it was improperly demolished.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House Ballroom does not belong to this President. It belongs to "We the People." This country should not be so arrogant as to have an overly opulent "golden" historically destroying place for seating nearly 1000 people, and costing $400,000,000. This nation is hurting. This nation has lost faith in its government, been defrauded, been degraded, been shamed by this administration so much and now this man is continuing his plans to rewrite our history and build one to celebrate himself.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Veronda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please retain the original exterior dementions and archaecture of the East wing. New additions/construction need to accent the people's house not overshadowed it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Cagni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, is the People's House, It was designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. He has already changed a Lincoln bathroom and turned everything gold and gaudy. Who knows what else he has done behind closed doors.

If the current occupant does indeed have 300 million for a new ballroom, that money should be diverted to build a new East Wing to replace the East Wing that was demolished. (not use our tax dollars). It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

A side note: Please don't approve the building of an Arch. Also, monitor restoration of the Kenney Center before he takes it down to the studs.

It's appalling what is happening and we cannot let him get away with it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A large event space at the White House is probably useful. However, decorating it like an 18th century ballroom is not needed! Gilt and gold trimmings should remain in the 18th century as expressions of the excesses of the times. They do not belong in the White House!
Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing and update wiring, etc. Make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore the White House Rose Garden.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brent Begalka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish that the East Wing of the White House had not been demolished. Whatever Trump wants, he does (if he can get away with it). In this case, he hurriedly demolished the East Wing before anyone could tell him that he could not do this without comment or permission from certain agencies. He knew better, but he did it anyway.
I agree with the National Trust of Historic Preservation's objections of his plan. One of the objections: the ballroom's large size would make the White House look insignificant.
He plans to make the ballroom look predominantly yellow, perhaps with gold like his Oval Office and toilet. This is Kitsch, the opposite of Kunst ("art" in German). The building would look even more tasteless if he puts his name on it (like he did with the Kennedy Center).
I do not know what should be done as a replacement for the vacant space where the East Wing once stood. I leave the decision to an architect who would design something that is sensitive to the architecture of the White House. The National Trust would need to approve the design, and I know that it has good taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roderick Tuenge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Everything that Donald Trump has done to the West Wing is indicative of the waste and tasteless design that he intends for the East Wing replacement, the design is not in keeping with the design integrity of the White House, the scale is over powering and the look is indicative of the Russian authoritarian style that he wallows in. He's destroyed the Oval office, the East wing and we can only guess at the destruction that's occurred within the White House itself. He needs to be held accountable for the destruction of the East Wing and he should not be at all involved in the design, design approval, material selection or approval for the replacement of the east wing. If we had a First Lady that did something for the United states like previous first ladies then we would have a need for an office space and its dependent facilities, the East Wing should be replaced with a comparable space for future First Ladies/gentlemen that serve the country at the side of their spouse. The previous East Wing appeared to have enough space to accommodate dining and dancing from the videos and pictures I've seen and would have been sufficient to serve the purpose.

I believe that a committee of reputable designers, architects and historic preservationists should be involved in the process and the sizing and design of the building should be compatible with the existing structures.
Please stop this wholesale destruction of our nations capital and it's associated historic structures.
Rod Tuenge

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Schrode
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "ballroom" project is an abysmal idea. I am horrified that the East Wing was destroyed without the approval process and the idea of an addition that diminishes instead of enhancing the White House is unfortunate. Please do not approve the current proposal.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Mullen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is a great misnomer. It is not a project - the term implies that it has been well-planned, has adequate justification, has merit, and as undertaken by the U.S. government, has merit. This "project" has none of these features. In addition, it was not undertaken as a "modernization", rather as a sop to ego. There is absolutely no justification for this endeavor, and the demolition of the historic wing is a gross injustice. I live in a historic house, and I would not be able to demolish part of the house with justifying it to my muncipality. But the demolition was undertaken without any review, with the assumption that the addition would then have to be built. I'd rather see a hole in the ground as a memorial than to build the monstrosity that has been planned.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi Jernigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset that the proper channels of authorization and approval for this project have been ignored by the administration. This is the house for the people of the US, and any destruction of any part of it or plans for its future should respect the approval and review process. Ask forgiveness and not permission approach shows a total lack of respect for our country’s history and tradition.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Yancey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Evening!
I truly wish the destruction of the East Wing had not taken place. This belongs to the people of the United States and should be treated with respect by the president and his family who reside there during their term in office.

I wish the East wing could be restored to its original structure and decor. I also would like to see the Rose Garden restored. It is one thing to repair a structure if needs it but destroying and removing the history of it is not acceptable.
Thank you for taking the time to listen to my thoughts on this subject.

Sincerely,
Debbie Yancey

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cammie Lamey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.

The White House does not need a ballroom; nearby public space can be used when needed.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Electrical, HVAC, and security updates should be made to be up to date.

Respectfully,
Camelia Lamey
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing exactly as it was before it was destroyed, and stop messing with our stuff.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geraldine Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the temporary Residence of our elected President. As such, modifications should be reviewed by a Committee elected by the public, but in a timely manner to allow the temporary resident to perform minor modifications, if needed. Minor modifications might be a new garden, tennis court, covered walkway, technical updates, etc

I do not believe we need a 90,000 sq ft ballroom in the residence. This is not a Palace. There are many other event spaces available in Washington DC. I feel a ballroom with seating for about 400 persons, staff and catering is sufficient.

Exteriors and Interiors should match existing architecture. Please do not allow garish gold decorations.

I have no problem with modernizing the interior and providing updated security and technology.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the expansion of the East wing beyond the original footprint

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Dudash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree 100% with the concerns about the ballroom dwarfing and overwhelming the White House building. Regardless of the fact that the elevation of this addition will be the same as the White House, the scale of this ballroom is seriously out of proportion. I do not think that 38-40 ft ceilings are needed, so I would cast my vote to scale this building down. Making the elevation lower than the White House also preserves the historic significance of that building as the enduring symbol of our democracy. If it seating capacity was reduced to 750 people instead of 1000, this would still meet the needs of the administration for state functions. In closing I encourage the committee to hold your position and not be swayed by someone's self - aggrandizement initiatives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter McHurk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing ! Do not build the ballroom, it is a collosal waste of money! And it doesn't matter if the the money comes from private sources, those donors would just be contributing to a bribe!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa C
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and a piece of our history has been destroyed with the bulldozing of the historic East Wing. There is no way to replace that history. Instead they want to replace it with a large, gaudy ballroom that will overshadow the White House, serves absolutely no benefit to anyone and is a complete waste of money. It's a terrible look to sit in a golden hall while the country burns around him and people struggle with high grocery bills and layoffs.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:45:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darleene Powells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing according to the original plans, along with the Rose Garden constructed by Jackie Kennedy. Update the wiring, use environmentally friendly materials, and follow ADA accessibility standards. The White House does not need a ballroom that the vast majority of Americans will not be able to access. The White House, particularly the East Wing, should be considered a working museum.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Farrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build it back the way it was, including the Rose Garden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Stonum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RESTORE THE EAST WING AND UNDERGROUND SECURE “Bunker” to original configuration with current environmentally safe construction materials and structural design without any embellishment of gold. This is the People’s House that was destroyed without the necessary approval. The Whole Trumpian destruction of the White House proper needs to be restored back to the previous configuration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Strazdas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the white house was fine before it was destroyed. There is no need to spend hundreds of millions of dollars, public or private, to support someone's vanity project.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Szmanda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the extravagant, gaudy, wasteful "ballroom" should not be built. The White House is not a palace; it is "the people's house.

I understand that the money is supposedly being donated and the expense will not fall to taxpayers, but I have several questions about the legality of the funding, and the likelihood that is how this will be financed. If these billionaires can afford to donate to this vanity project, they can afford to pay taxes so that people who are not so advantaged can have healthcare, housing, etc.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: susan middleton elya
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My daughter and I toured the White House for the first time in 2024 and I am so glad we did since part of it is now gone. I feel as though the proposed ballroom will serve the elites of our country, not for the average American. And this seems wrong to me on many levels. The White House is for family trips and learning about our government. Although I love to dance, I can't see mysekf getting invited to the Trump ballroom. Trump promised it wouldn't affect the Whte House itself, yet it has. One man, even the president, should not be allowed to bulldoze our history in 3 days of his own volition. It's too late to save the East wing, but it's not too late to scale back the ballroom and make it more friendly to the public and not just for the billionaires.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Dickinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tessa Scheller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House Needs No Ballroom!

A ballroom will never likely serve the people but will rather be an edifice dedicated to the rich and elite

Please stop the destruction and return the East Wing to historical standards.

Thank You,

Tessa

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johnson Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I love the Capital area and National Mall. It is beautiful, meaningful and well balanced. Although I love in Michigan, I've been there 4 times in the past 10 years. It's a great spot to feel patriotic and learn or country's history.
I am concerned that the snake of the planned ballroom will dwarf our beautiful, historic and meaningful structures nearby. Please consider scale and visual balance when adding a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:36:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Drexhage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for a ballroom, despite current President stating that presidents from the last 150 years have always wanted a ballroom" The destruction of the current WH was never permitted or approved by any agency in DC, especially the Historical Societies!! The current model that Trump has now submitted is actually very tacky with his usual gold fixtures and definitely dwarfs our current WH. Please help us return our White House to its previous historical and beautiful home for future presidents to come that do not have a bigger is better policy and an unbelievable love of tawdry gold decorations!!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:36:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Bydalek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Kuhn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should resemble the old East Wing, just w/out the rodents and wiring problems and other problems. The renovations should keep with the style of the White House and shouldn't overshadow it. The proposed Ballroom sounds more like another Trump Hotel and is completely inappropriate for a property owned by the American People.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was a government purchasing agent for most of my career. I know that what was done to our beloved Whitehouse was not done following the Federal Acquisition Regulations. The East Wing should never have been allowed to be torn down without public input and appropriate hearings. The People did not need a new ballroom added. The entirety of its purpose was for the use of people that have enough money to go build their own ballrooms. I personally do not believe there was ever a "private donor" funding the demolition and rebuild of the East Wing. I do however believe that President Trump should be required to submit the full cost of the remediation and rebuild of the East Wing at his own personal expense, since he did not have the appropriate approvals to tear it down. The People should not be expected to fix his gross misuse of his position with our tax dollars. I believe it should be restored to its prior condition and use rather than having the additional expense of conducting new solicitations for architectural drawings for a different structure. The original architectural drawings and plans can be updated for code changes and reused. The only new solicitation then required would be for a new General Contractor. I also don't know how you can call it an "East Wing Modernization Project" when there is no East Wing left. This is not Modernization, this is a full on remediation of damages and restructure of a destroyed building. Someone should give this link to President Trump and ask him to acquaint himself with the FAR regulations followed by every other government employee in this country. He should not be an acception to the rule of law. https://www.acquisition.gov/browse/index/far

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is nothing more than a shallow vanity project to amuse a small man. The White House is not a luxury resort or a private estate; it is a historic symbol of American democracy. The extravagant proposed ballroom is out of step with the White House's purpose and symbolism, and risks turning a public institution into a stage for spectacle. Altering such an iconic building for the sake of opulence undermines its architectural and historical integrity. In short, the proposal feels unnecessary, tone-deaf, and out of step with what the presidency is supposed to represent.

It is also unimaginably tone-deaf and, frankly, disgusting for the President of the United States to build a $300 million ballroom when many Americans are forced to work multiple jobs to get by, unable to afford to buy a home, et cetera.

Along those same lines, the construction of this would be a massive waste of taxpayer dollars if publicly funded. However, if the project is in fact funded by private donations as Trump claims it will be, that raises ethical and legal concerns. Private funding for a federal property like the White House would likely sidestep normal Congressional oversight, especially considering the blatant disregard this administration has shown for our system of checks and balance thus far. From an ethical standpoint, what influence would these donors gain?

Finally, imagine the the precedent of altering an iconic and significant landmark for nonessential expansion!

The NCPC has an obligation to protect this symbol of America. I strongly encourage you to take that obligation seriously and stop this project from moving forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Means
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the plans for the East Wing Modernization Project are garish and overpriced. I also have serious concerns about the legality of the whole project.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen and Allan Lukoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000 sq. ft. addition is entirely too large for the site, and definitely not needed. Whoever is providing the funding is irrelevant. The project should not be approved at this scale.

It is disrespectful to our citizens that the prior structure was removed without permission from the proper authorities.

Given that there is now a gaping hole and the underground elements have been destroyed, no doubt something must be done. A more modest structure than that proposed, ideally smaller than 55,000 sq. ft., should be designed and built.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jared Eisenmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be returned to its January 1, 2025 condition at the personal expense of Donald Trump

for his flagrantly illegal destruction of an historical landmark. Under no circumstances should any changes be made to the look or function of the building from the fireplaces to the light switches.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:30:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Glass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House exemplifies the most glorious parts of America and its history – the peaceful transition to power that a democracy requires. By tearing down parts of the White House, without public comment and without the review of historians is to tear apart what we as a country have built. No one person or president should be able to so drastically change The People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Titus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. Because the current occupant chose to unilaterally demolish this functional wing of the White House, he should be forced to at least partially pay for the now-required reconstruction.

Due to the current President actions, a new East Wing is required to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It must be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, in order to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It once served as a functional gathering entrance for White House tours, operational office space, and apparently also housed the White House bunker. I would imagine that all of those functions are critically necessary.

If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom rather than serve in the capacity previously required, so be it--but it must be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:27:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Friedrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially

impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months."

Date: 2/14/2026 9:26:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Poignant Jr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the proposed addition of a 90,000 square foot ball room to the White House for these reasons:
First, it would unbalance the symmetry of the White House structure. The 1904 kept a balance between left and right wings. This is my primary aesthetic reason.
Second, sketches that I've seen do NOT reflect the style of the period in which the White House was constructed. The proposed structure appears "out-of-place".
Third, such a massive "ballroom" reminds me of King Louis XIV's Palace of Versailles. Trump should not to be remembered as a monarch.
Fourth, the "donations" of construction funds by private corporations appear no more than a way of purchasing favors ("bribes") from Trump and his administration. Such favors would include: courts and agencies overlooking or dismissing wrong doing of donor corporations and their executives; obtaining access to information not otherwise available to the public that would give the donors ("bribers") an advantage over their competitors.
Finally, it would perpetuate corporate purchase of access to officials that no private citizen has. It would be, in essence, a place for private meetings and celebrations of those who are increasingly controlling lives of ordinary citizens and small businesses.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:23:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom.

Leave the East Wing destruction alone as a silent testament to the current occupant's destruction of the United States of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:23:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E N Beaumont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is unbelievable that the East Wing was demolished. It violated norms & consent procedures.
The White House belongs to the nation. Not whoever is temporarily living there. It also has historical significance as an icon of this country.
The proposed addition was too big, being larger than the rest of the property. It was to be a monument to the donors with their names carved into its walls.
This project should be shut down immediately. The bunker be damned.
The costs of replacing the torn down structure should be born by the person who illegally tore it down.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original dimensions but upgraded to be ADA accessible with updated wiring.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madden Susan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal and inconsiderate destruction of the "people's wing" of the Whitehouse is part of the destruction of our government and its decline into an authoritarian rule by Donald J. Trump. This should not be rewarded with a huge, ugly ballroom. The East Wing of the Whitehouse should be reconstructed to its previous state as should the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Juntunen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing designed in a fashion parallel to the West Wing, so that the building maintains the iconic profile it has had for decades. It is critically important for the White House to remain an accessible and "first among citizens" type of structure, rather than develop a palace-like feeling. This remains the People's House, and it needs to reflect that spirit.

Modernization should include ADA accessibility, technological and security updates, increased energy efficiency and innovative construction materials to demonstrate American ingenuity. It would be wonderful if it pursued LEED certification - I'm not certain that's possible for a portion of a building.

If the majority of public input supports a ballroom, it should remain within the size and scope to make parallel to the West Wing. It should be tasteful and reflect a modern sensibility toward egalitarian

entertaining, not imposing or palatial. I personally support using a different building for ballroom purposes - I believe that a ballroom sends the wrong message for a building designed to house a working Presidential administration and living space of the First Family. However, a larger space for important state events may be sensible. Perhaps a space that could be both an auditorium and a larger-than-currently-available dinner setting would be more appropriate. It does seem important to provide working spaces for the First Spouse - that is typically quite a demanding job, and I think failure to plan ahead just because the current First Lady is not in residence would be a grave error.

Thank you for soliciting public comment on this important change to one of our most treasured historic places. I travel to DC frequently and try to go by the White House every time, and it always brings a shiver of pride and a lump in my throat. It is a regal yet welcoming building, with a rich history, and I hope you will work to both improve and restore it in a way that honors our heritage as a nation of, by and for the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:21:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Loebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where was the COMMENT PERIOD before the historic East Wing was DESTROYED? I am NOT IN FAVOR of ANY *ball room* project no matter HOW it is funded. The EAST WING AS IT STOOD SHOULD BE RECONSTRUCTED as closely as possible to the original structure, and the person who illegally tore it down should be made to PAY for it's replacement and fibed for the illegal razing. As it is now the gaping hole stands as a monument to the arrogance and stupidity of the person who ordered the destruction, it is emblematic of his other *projects* and he is like a bull in a china shop-- no scruples about destroying the People's House, where he is a short term tenant. Where are the items that were IN the East wing- the paintings, sculptures, carpets, etc? Where any historic elements saved. Or was it just carelessly bulldozed, all the historic trees clear cut? For shame. The world now looks at us and shakes their collective heads at our insanity.

NO BALLROOM. RESTORE THE EAST WING. PREVENT ANY FURTHER DESTRUCTION TO OUR HISTORIC SITES.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:21:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelley Rowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the desecrated east wing to some semblance of its historical glory! It’s a symbol of our nation and must be maintained.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The proposed design is poorly proportioned and is completely out of scale with the White House. It does not comply with guidelines developed by the National Park Service for construction projects at the White House and its neighboring park, which call for new additions to be compatible with the historic structure. The design team should revise and resubmit plans that follow the guidelines.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This will completely over shadow the White House. This is being done to soothe the president's ego. It can't possibly be legal. I don't see how it can even be finished before he's out of office.
This whole thing is just bizarre.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Holcomb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely disappointed and upset that the Trump administrative has ignored congressional oversight on the supposed renovation of the East Wing. In fact, it has been completely destroyed with no plans for its completion. This was an historic building and Trump had no plan except for a grandiose and delusional plan for a new ballroom with money from wealthy donors. Please advise as to a remedial plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Fink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I can understand the need for a large reception area, destroying history, and decades old trees (oaks) all without a thought to historical significance is unacceptable. I did not vote for a ballroom that dwarfs the White House , the People's House. The way this is being funded is completely suspect. Lying to the nation that the original house "won't be touched" is unacceptable.

Additionally, all the gaudy "accents" added everywhere is a sign of a lack of seriousness. The Rose Garden could have been modified from all lawn to pavers with lawn strips, keeping the natural element while

making the space more functional.

It's well past time to halt all the decorating and renovation nonsense. Let's modernize the People's House with thoughtful planning to preserve history while also addressing a need.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alesia Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original building at the expense of the individual who destroyed it. The destruction of the East Wing was vile, the act of a petty hateful individual, and completely unnecessary. The people of the US DO NOT NEED a ballroom. We need affordable healthcare, we need affordable groceries, we need affordable housing. We need living wages. We need humanity. We need a leader who is more concerned about the people he is intended to serve rather than his own vanity.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monette Meredith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that President Trump was able to tear down the East Wing without any approval to build a huge ballroom that is going
to be ostentatious adorned in gold, just like every other of his residences. The White House is the "people's' house", and not his personal permanent residence. The cost of the ballroom continues to skyrocket, and now he wants to make additional structural
changes to the White House. Where is the government supervision??

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maxine Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First off--why in the name of Hades does anyone need a ballroom which is almost twice the size of a football field?

Put it back to the original dimensions (in keeping with the dimensions of the rest of the building), but with ADA access and updated safety (electrical, etcetera) and code requirements met.

NO nasty, tacky, wanna-be dictator, cheap plastic gold gee-gaws. And get the money back from Mr. Sticky-fingers' overseas accounts.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Renwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing was a desecration of an American institution; just another in a series of vain follies committed by the current administration. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was, with whatever updates are required by current building codes, and the entire project should be billed to the fools that criminally ordered it's destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Frick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore it to original proportions. Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house. Maintain the historical integrity inside and out. Obviously bring up to code and provide the offices of the First Lady and staff. Please return the Rose garden and Jackie Kennedy garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura MacLachlan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello-

I strongly object to the construction of anything over and above recreating a duplicate of the East Wing with the necessary upgrades for code requirements. The White House does not need a "ballroom" for that many people to be in the building together for security and superfluous entertainment reasons. Lavish entertainment with the required security measures paid for and in place are an unnecessary expense for taxpayers who apparently don't deserve health insurance, SNAP food security assistance or fully funded Medicare and Medicaid. This notion is a slap in the face to all Americans that the current POTUS feels he should flaunt his opulent lifestyle on our tax dollars as people are left to suffer for lack of services any first world country provides its citizens. "Conspicuous Consumption" is not a good look for a responsible government. He should have been stopped from carrying out any kind of destruction long before now. This is not his permanent personal residence or retirement castle.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: john hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

restore it was it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danae Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's horrifying that that individual took it upon himself to destroy our property. The fact that he just wiped out the East Wing thinking he had the right is absolutely criminal. Under no circumstances should he be able to do anything except rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was updates are fine, no asbestos but no other alterations whatsoever should be made to that house. It doesn't belong to him and he doesn't have any right to make some obnoxious addition as his vanity project. He's a tenant.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:10:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Ufer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel this project only benefits the number 1% and won't be used by anyone in the general public. The funds would be well spent on projects for those less fortunate. I know they say this is being funded by donations. Those who donate are the top 1% and the money they have earned has come from the backs and hard workers of America who pay more in taxes then they do. He should have to put back the eastwing the way it was before he demo it without proper procedure, just like everything else trump does. I'm against the project!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Cranage-Littner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President of the current administration has shown a complete disregard for the country, history, and good taste. With the Oval Office being the primary example of why he shouts not be allowed to degrade anymore of our American identity

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paulette Kidder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am dismayed by the razing of the East Wing without any public review. The proposed ballroom is grossly out of proportion with the rest of the historic building. The proposed design is reminiscent of royal palaces, not the People’s House. I favor a redesign that respects the existing structure in proportion and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alex Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is astonishingly disrespectful to the American people that this public comment period is happening *after* the historic East Wing has been demolished. The White House is not one of Mr. Trump's tacky casinos or golf courses; it belongs to the people. His proposed design is impractical, gaudy, and tasteless. In addition, it was never made clear what about the previous structure needed to be changed--except that it didn't have Mr. Trump's name on it, perhaps. It is normal for Presidents and their families to redecorate and renovate the White House to better meet their needs, but it is not normal to take a wrecking ball to it.

The proposed design should be scrapped, and replaced with a tasteful and functional design that matches, as closely as is practical, the footprint of the previous structure, and harmonizes with the existing architectural style. Make the best of this destruction by designing the new structure with accessibility in mind, and up-to-date communications infrastructure, plus flexibility to adapt to rapid technological change.

In the interest of fairness, Mr. Trump can be allotted one bucket of gold paint, to deploy as he chooses, provided it is used in such a way as to be removed without structural damage by the next president who is not a short-fingered vulgarian. In this way, Mr. Trump can exercise his...unique personal taste, while recieving a useful reminder that, like all Presidents, he is a short-term occupant of the People's House.

Furthermore, Mr. Trump should not be allowed to get away with wasting the people's money on pointless vanity projects. There is an official budget for White House redecoration; he has expended it, and now he's done. I suggest that the Commission explore avenues for requiring Mr Trump to repair the damage with some fraction of the funds that he has corruptly gained from foriegn leaders and swindled out of his own voters, but if there is no legal mechanism for doing so, at *least* stop making us, the people, pay for it.

In the larger view, of course, what Mr. Trump has done to the White House is utterly insignificant in comparison to what he has done, and is still doing, to the reputation of the United States abroad, to the national and global economies, and to the faith of the people of the United States in the rule of law. But we can each only do the work that is in front of us, and the part that is front of you is the White House. Dig deep, call upon the strength and courage of the long line of Ameican patriots in whose footsteps you walk every day, and do the work.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deena Quilty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed ballroom. I don’t think the East-Wing should ever have been torn down without a thorough review first. I think it should be rebuilt.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luis Miramontes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Donald Trump works for the American people, The White House is the People’s house, as president, he is slowed to live in it, but he has absolutely no right to demolish, remodel or rebuild any part of it without approval of the People. It is appalling what he has done without regards to the sacredness of The White House. He does not own it!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:05:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Nadeau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write this in both sadness and anger. The plans for the Ballroom are awful.

First, the upgrades need to occur.

Second, the style of the addition (if there is one) should blend with the architectural design on the White House.

Third, there is absolutely no reason for this large of a ballroom. Half the size should be more than sufficient.

Fourth, half of monies already collected and all that come in the future. These monies need to be spent on actually helping our veterans. It's shocking that a ballroom takes precedence over the men and women that fought for our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Hoelzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am aghast that President Trump has torn down the historic East Wing of the White House -- the PEOPLE'S HOUSE -- without OUR permission. The PEOPLE will not benefit from a gaudy, Mar-A-Lago style ballroom. It should NOT be permitted to be constructed. Donald Trump should be held personally responsible for the cost to re-construct the East Wing as it was before.

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Name: michael rinaldi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the ballroom needs to be dedicated to Jeffrey Epstein. aka The Epstein Ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Meiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Visit flawed project should have never been able to start. Return East Wing to it previous state and by all means fine trump for expenses incurred.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Meyers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. It is appreciated and not taken lightly. I believe President Trump did this illegally with no approval from congress. He has destroyed American history in the process. Did President Trump remove the furnishings, art, and whatever else was inside before he selfishly bulldozed it? I am not in favor of this or any other of his self-centered ideas such as Trump-Kennedy Center, and a giant arch dedicated to him. Please do not let this happen and charge President Trump for restoring the East Wing. Again, thank you for the opportunity. God bless America \u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ?.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Camaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project should be a Giza-sized pyramid built as a memorial to all the US citizens who were killed by ICE in 2025.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ELIZABETH HANDEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1 person should not be able to just order the demolition of the East Wing or any other part of the Whitehouse without proper authorization. The ballroom trump wants to build will permanently alter our Whitehouse and how it looks. A huge ballroom which will dwarf the Whitehouse, will very likely be the most prominent building, taking away from the honorable Whitehouse and its importance. and prestige. It seems trump wants to build huge things and put his name on a lot of things to boost his ego. The Whitehouse is not for trump to garner more attention and bragging rights. He needs to show respect to our capital. If the construction does not go through the appropriate channels and process, it should not be approved. End this travesty please.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeleine Hymowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center.

The White House is not a Palace. it is not a monument to a single person, but reflects the history of this country. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure, with allowance for meeting current building code and technology needs. As part of the overall project, the Rose Garden absolutely be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Houser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, the renovation will essentially overpower the existing Executive Mansion.

Construction needs to be approved by a formal & legal & public process, not on a whim by any president and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent.

The apparent donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was with any necessary modernization. The White House does not need a ballroom, especially not 90,000 square feet which would be massive compared to the White House.
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Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy McIntyre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build back the East Wing the way it was. The ballroom is an ego project for a convicted felon that has no business running the country. BUILD IT BACK THE WAY IT WAS. ON DONALD TRUMP'S DIME, NOT OURS.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:59:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick L Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot express how disappointed I am and what is being done to our national monuments and the Kennedy Center. It's disturbing to me that failure to follow the prescribed procedures and force changes without the authority is beyond comprehension. As a disabled veteran the country I went to war for no longer exist. I was a Vietnam veteran and of course we weren't welcomed home with parades and fanfare. Yet a man who refused to serve the military now wants to deploy it against our citizen and direct conflict with our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.
Immigrants built this great country and the country has come to depend on immigrants who are true benefit to society and pay their taxes like all good standing Americans, who are not billionaires.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gale Kent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be rebuilt to its original footprint and architecture. The proposed ballroom is greatly oversized, way out of proportion to the rest of the complex, would be an eyesore that is not needed. The Rose Garden should also be restored to garden, maybe with a moderate patio. The Whitehouse grounds and park are meant to house the President and family while they are in office not a party palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hilborn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House East Wing was a despicable and selfish act by the executive branch. The proposed construction of a ballroom in its place is a frivolous vanity project, and should not be permitted. It's proposed design would dwarf the rest of our beautiful White House, and would be a shameful display of shallow self-aggrandizng on the part of the executive branch. The east wing should be rebuilt to match the exterior of the west wing, so that our nationally protected and beloved structure is proportionally. balanced, and its beauty restored. Do not allow the ballroom to be built.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing of the White House should be returned to it.it's original state with only the necessary structural changes necessary to upgrade safety and infrastructure improvement.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Godshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very disturbed by President Trump's plans to build a massive, opulent ballroom funded by corporate donations on the grounds of the White House. The White House is supposed to be the residence for a servant of the people of this country, not a palace for billionaires to flaunt their wealth and subvert democracy. Please do what is in your power to ensure that any renovations to the White House reflect democratic ideals.

Thank you,
Tim Godshall
Harrisonburg, VA

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Moe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a terrible idea to tear out the rose garden, and it is a terrible idea to build this huge ballroom. Please do not build it and please replace the ballroom. And since it was done without the legally required approval of Congress, please charge the restorationnot to public dollars, but Donald Trump‘s personal account.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Ramstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I can see the need for a sizable space to entertain foreign dignitaries and other important visitors to the White House, I feel the proposed size should be reduced significantly. Realistically, how often will the president need a space for 1000 people? And 40' walls? A waste of space and expensive to heat and maintain. I think that the space would feel uncomfortable and cavernous to a party of 100 - 300 people which i would guess to be a more average size crowd. Esthetically, I agree that the size should be smaller than the White House residence and in proper proportion to the site. While incorporating modern amenities, the historic nature of the site should determine the basic design elements.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Kuhn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted by the sudden demolition of the White House East Wing and the construction of a gargantuan, gaudy ballroom. The White House is not the personal property of any president to do what he or, hopely, she wants to do with it. It is "The People's House" and the president is merely a temporary tenant in historic public housing.
The demolition of the East Wing without proper approvals and public comment was a desecration of property belonging to ALL American people.
I believe that the East Wing should be rebuild in the same style as it was with all the appropriate improvements to the space and plans for the ridiculous ballroom should be eliminated. It is unwanted and being paid for by people looking to ingratiate themselves with the president.
Sincerely,
Michele Kuhn

Date: 2/14/2026 8:56:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave the People's House to the People. Stop the destruction of this historical monument. Do not destroy the history of our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nick Gerstner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House on the grounds of historic preservation and architectural integrity.

The White House is a nationally significant historic structure whose design reflects the principles of balance, proportion, and restraint central to early American civic architecture. Preservation standards require that additions to landmark buildings be compatible, differentiated, and subordinate to the original structure. A ballroom of this scale risks overwhelming the Executive Residence and disrupting its carefully maintained hierarchy.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties emphasize that new construction should not destroy historic materials, features, or spatial relationships that characterize a property. A 90,000 square foot expansion raises serious concerns about visual dominance, site impact, and long-term integrity.

This building belongs to the American people. Its architectural meaning must be protected through disciplined stewardship, not enlarged to accommodate spectacle. Any alteration should honor preservation principles and ensure that future generations inherit an undiminished symbol of democratic continuity.
Respectfully submitted
Nick Gerstner

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Martland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should be100% financially liable/responsible for restoring the White Houses East wing that he so arrogantly destroyed. Any restorations/changes that will made be to the East Wing (of the People's House) MUST receive approval from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Commission of Fine Arts and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bert Grissum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former specifications updating only the interior to comply with current planning & zoning guidelines to meet safety and security measures. Seek proper authorizations as required by law. Anything more would be considered a threat to the historical architecture significance of the White House which is America's House of We The People.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Schlatter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the committee:
As a U.S. citizen and voter, I am horrified and appalled by the genuine disrespect the current administration.has for history, ethics, and values of America. The president had no right to tear down the East Wing to build a glorified monument to his tacky bad taste and then to name it after himself. No right. He has the ethics and morals of an alleycat, but should know, as a builder, there are rules and protocols to follow and they do apply to him and his administration.
In conclusion, construction of his ballroom should stop immediately, and his personal wealth be fined and charged with complete restitution. He will inevitability file suit if you take such actions; your countersuit should place legal costs upon him personally.
Please, it is necessary to do the right thing to restore and make whole the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of any part of the White House should be condemned and not allowed to continue. Any acquired funds need to be used to restore the White House to it’s original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fidelia Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored to its former glory with the original dimensions and architectural style. This addition should also follow ADA guidelines. This is the people’s house, not the house of one person. The design of the ballroom should make the White House look ridiculous.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Bartow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Opportunity to save the East Wing and update or modernize its use has passed. The East Wing is gone. However, in keeping with historic preservation standards and accepted practice and in order to restore the historic appearance of the White House and its surroundings, the exterior can and should be recreated on the original footprint. The interior can then be finished as a ballroom with appropriate offices, restrooms, etc, but within the original volume of the East Wing as it stood before its demolition.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Acheff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel this project should never have been started without having a complete plan in place and authorized through appropriate channels. I consider it pandering to a president who only cares about power, money and appearances. Also, there needs to be more transparency about who is funding this project. The estimated price is over 3 billion dollars. As the existing structure is already demolished and will need reconstruction, I am hoping the plan will be scaled down in size so as not to dwarf the more important building, the White House. This President will only be in office for another 3 years and will not even fully benefit from this project. As an American representing the middle class it is hard to understand spending over 3 million dollars on a ballroom with gold gilded ceiling's that will only entertain those with power and wealth. This project is only for a president who needs to have power and recognition and praise. This is not for the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:51:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Brochu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs,
Please rebuild the East Wing to resemble what was there prior to the demolition. Use archives, photos, architectural plans and human recollection if you must but it needs to be put back to resemble the historical East wing. There's no need for a ballroom.

Thank you,
Susan Brochu

Date: 2/14/2026 8:49:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

It is horrifying that the historic East Wing of OUR beloved White House was destroyed in a night without our consent. I'm a US Citizen, a voter, and lover of historical buildings and architecture. Please incorporate my input into the design for this "renovation ".
1. Rebuild the East Wing to the exact same structure it was prior to this demolition.
2. Build new ballroom - if Congress agrees that we actually need one - on government land, not on the site of any current buildings or gardens.
3. Refurnish the East Wing in period appropriate decor and furnishings. No extra garish or tacky gold plated anything anywhere.
4. Dig up the concrete patio at the Rose Garden and restore it to the beautiful garden that Jackie Kennedy had created. The patio is ugly and stupid.
5. Put necessary guiderails in place to prevent criminally horrible debacles like this one that destroyed a beautiful piece of history on one moron's whims.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Elijah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the primary goal should be to restore the east wing with updates that make it even more sustainable annd safe and also I would love to see the rose garden back again.

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

This is not a home for a monarch, it's a temporary home for our leader, at the most 8 years. He or she should not be able to rebuild it to their own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:47:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't allow this ridiculous ballroom to be built. Rebuild the East Wing and restore the Rose Garden. The White House is the People's House built on the backs of the enslaved and no one has the right to demolish it or change anything. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:47:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Lannen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this entire project. The tearing down of the past structure without cause or approval was reprehensible. Since this is a historical structure, that should be considered when making any kind of renovations. The taxpayers should not be stuck paying for this when citizens are struggling to pay for healthcare, food, and essentials. Donations should be used to now repair the White House. Most importantly, the new structure should match the history of the current White House, not a new modern structure. It needs to be a cohesive building.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:45:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ilissa Hawley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President acted illegally when he tore the East Wing down. It must be rebuilt and restored to it's original design!!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyda Kiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With the historic East Wing already demolished and lost to the public, it is appalling that this project is continuing. A ballroom is not only extravagant and not necessary, it ignores the role of the White House.

This project should be stopped and a new project substituted that rebuilds and restores the East Wing.

This is the peoples' house not the private residence of a man.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Pelliccione
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:43:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M. T. BUTLER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Though security in our world is a growing concern, presidential inaugurations should be as open as possible to the general public and located outside the Capitol building, the site where laws are passed. This is symbolic but very important to us as a country.
Democracy is not about comfort and convenience but about standing together as individuals for the benefit of the whole.
The executive branch, in theory, should enact the will of Congress, which should represent the will of the people.
Presidential inaugurations should not be confined to the White House ballroom, away from the Capitol steps.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:43:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexandra Roosenburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project stems from an entirely selfish and individual need, not that of the country or its' people. In seeking to turn the White House from the People's House into his own, President Trump has systematically re-written and even destroyed history. There was no need to destroy the East Wing- it was not crumbling, unsafe, or unused. As a citizen that had been there the December prior for the Holiday Decorations, I can attest that it was completely safe and showed no signs of needing to be destroyed. Furthermore, the creation of an ostentatious ballroom that does not match the rest of the decor is both selfish and unwarranted. The White House is the people's house and the President wants a ballroom for himself and his own business dealings. I am certain that the purpose of the ballroom is not to invite the nation's everyday people in for events, but rather the one percent, who already have that access to the President and many other events and ballrooms. At a time when our country is heavily divided, economically, racially, ethnically, and politically, a new ballroom in the East Wing should be the lowest of priorities for the budget and resources. That money should go into programs and agencies that help the people, as a government for the people I would expect this to be a given. We shouldn't have to tell our government how to prioritize its' people, but here we are. Leave the East Wing alone, stop wasting money.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:43:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Rauhut
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes must be in character with the original building! And approved by the commission!
It is the people's house, after all!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Mutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I am an architect and have been practicing for over 35 years, including on renovation projects for significant cultural landmarks and additions to historical and culturally significant buildings.
I would like to share a few observations on the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. I recently was able to view the renderings which were previewed to the National Capital Planning Commission on February 11, 2026, and which were just made public. I have what, I hope the Commission will agree, I consider serious concerns about the size and scale of the proposed addition.

My comments are summarized below:
1. The size of the proposed addition is out of proportion with the existing main White House building. Its mass will dwarf that of the main residence building. The effect will be that the central residence would no longer the focus and fulcrum of the composition of the White House complex.

2. The proposed addition extends too far to the south. It extends further south than the facades of the adjacent buildings to the east and to the west. At minimum, the position of the facade should defer to and align with its neighbors. The two adjacent blocks serve to define and frame the park of the south lawn and foreground the composition of the Residence. The proposed misalignment will detract from the framing effect of the two adjacent blocks.

3. The large mass and the over extension to the south also physically alters the symmetry and balance of the south lawn and the south lawn driveway. The proposed mass will displace the east side of the oval driveway by pinching it towards the center. The symmetry of the lawn is lost and the width of the park in front of the white house is reduced by over 25% creating the effect that the White House Residence is no longer centered on the space of the south lawn. I would think that the integrity of the form of the central lawn space would take precedent over what will be essentially a service building of secondary importance.

4. My most significant concern is the detrimental impact that the proposed mass will have to the public's experience of the master plan for the original urban layout of Washington. The diagonal avenues of the DC city grid were originally laid out to visually connect and to provide long views to the various monuments around the city. Most significant of these are the long diagonal views towards the Capitol Building, The White House, and the major monuments arranged around the cruciform plan of the National Mall. The diagonal connections serve as a representation of the Union of States and physical manifestation of the genius of the checks and balance of powers in our government. The proposed addition extends so far south that the view of the White House along the visual axis from the Capitol along Pennsylvania Avenue will be blocked. The visual connection between the South Portico of the White House and the Capitol will be lost. This may seem to some as a small detail, but I would argue that it is extremely significant. It would effectively memorialize the political break in our current politics. The symbolic link of interconnectedness

between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch will literally and symbolically be broken.

I would humbly request that the commission consider these comments, and, at the very least, require the proponents to show existing conditions against the proposed scheme to demonstrate the before and after conditions of the site to make clear to all the potential impact of this project to our shared experience of the City. If this project were to be executed in its current form, I feel that it will become a scar on the beautiful form of our Capital City and will further prevent the city plan from serving as the shared didactic tool that it is, reminding us about what is unique and special about our American system of government. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
R. Craig Mutter, AIA

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Thornton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing of OUR House! You don't Need a ballroom, this isn't a monarchy and you are not a king! And personally I think trump should be arrested for destruction of public property!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Polychrome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the construction of a 90,000 sq ft Ballroom on the East Wing demolition site. It would be totally out of scale and design to the White House. The size and gilding are pompous and arrogant in comparison with the human and restrained design of the historic white house. The problem is what to do now that the East Wing has been demolished? I propose the demolition site be kept as is as a symbol of the vacuous and pointless administration that has destroyed the gardens and east wing, gilded the interior rooms and installed insulting presidential plaques. Thank You for the opportunity to comment

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Em Laverty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the original specifications, but update to code for electrical, ADS access, security, and provide more toilet facilities for women. A ballroom is not necessary, and in particular, a ballroom which dwarfs the rest of the White House is grotesque.

The current occupant is only temporary. It is not his property. It belongs to the people of the United States, and we should have been consulted prior to any demolition of an entire wing of the White House..

Additionally, restore the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Schmelzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First and foremost, please stop the madness. Please do not allow the razing of any other parts of the White House. Protect this national symbol.

Second, please do not allow additions to the West Wing or the main White House. Maintain the historic size, proportion, styling of these national treasures.

Third, the scale and styling of whatever plan is selected to replace the East Wing should maintain the approximate dimensions and height of the former east wing. The new addition should maintain the balance and proportion between the existing West Wing and the main White House.

A ballroom is unnecessary, and a 90,000 sq ft ballroom as proposed is a grotesque symbol of excess and poor taste. However, if we want to build one as the replacement for the lost East Wing, let’s make sure it blends into the existing architecture of this treasured historic site.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:40:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hogshead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the construction of Pres. Trump's proposed ballroom for a number of reasons: (1) It is financed by ultra-wealthy people who expect, if they have not already received, favors from the president; (2) even though financed by the ultra wealthy, it will ultimately be taxpayers who pay for its upkeep--or for its eventual demolition; (3) the 90,000 sq ft structure will dwarf and detract from the elegance of the 55,000 sq ft residence--architecturally, it makes no sense; (4) a lavish ballroom is inconsistent with the ideals on which our country was founded--historically, it makes no sense; (5) the White House is supposed to be "the people's house," yet few of us everyday folks will ever get to attend an event in the ballroom--but you can be sure, our tax dollars will be used to cover the cost of lavish events there; (6) the ballroom is just another attempt of Donald Trump to place his brand on our nation (think Trump-Kenney Center, Trump Rx, Trump Accounts); (7) the Trump administration did not follow the rules--indeed, they broke the rules, they demolished the East Wing before they even got permission to do so; and (8) the designation "East Wing Modernization Project" is itself a misnomer; a more honest project name is "Donald Trump Glorification Project." It's often said, "it's easier to get forgiveness than to get permission." Perhaps that's what Donald Trump is counting on. Permission is required for a reason. Do not forgive the administration's failure to

follow the rules. Say NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT to this monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:39:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catesby Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the size of the proposed “ball room.” The EST wing should be rebuilt at approximately its previous size. The should be a minimum of marble and no gilded surfaces. This is the president’s residence, not a bordello.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:38:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aren Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing, including the Rose Garden, should be restored to its original design with the exception of making any necessary improvements to align with modern building code and ADA requirements. The proposed ballroom is the fever dream of an overgrown child and wannabe dictator, not a symbol of democracy befitting the symbol of the USA that is the White House. I'm sure there are already petitions being drafted to restore the current destruction of the East Wing as soon as the next President takes office, and I will sign every single one. This is not the will of the People, and if those in charge of this project actually cared about that, comments would have been requested before the demolition began.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:38:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MELODY GLAVE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I believe President Trump demonstrated inappropriate and unlawful overreach in beginning the demolition without input from the Congress and the American people. He should be held accountable for the cost of restoring the East Wing to its original design under the auspices of the White House Historical Foundation.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Hurwitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Having visited the White House when I was in Elementary School in the late 60s, I would like it returned to its original state. It is unconscionable that the original East Wing was destroyed without proper authority. The White House was balanced architecturally and full of history. Upgrading to modern standards is acceptable but wiping out a piece of history is wrong. A ballroom is unnecessary since there are already venues in the D.C. area that have served that purpose for decades. This is an ego project and does not serve the interests of the American people. Shame on this administration.
Restore the East Wing!!! Period!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Diamond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down without planning and approval in the first place. Was anything of historical value preserved? I believe there is an appropriate avenue for necessary modernization and all the plans for the demolition and for the storage of what was housed in the East Wing should be released to the public. A new East Wing should be complementary to the existing structure and all funds related to it should be public domain. It should be paid for by the tax payers, not by billionaire donors, because the White House is the People's House. It should be planned in conjunction with historical architects. I love Washington, D.C., and it's history and it is devastating to see history be destroyed without record.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Shreve
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

The East Wing Project is totally unnecessary, and it a humongous eyesore to boot please rein in the craziness.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Cooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the new ballroom that Trump wants to erect in place of the East Wing that he took down without approval. The size of the project overwhelms the remaining White House structure and will be a monument to Trump if he has his way. Please do not allow this to happen and if possible, require that

the East Wing be put back as it was. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Howard Cheetham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
It should never have been demolished.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyce Lappin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't believe this is a good use of taxpayer funds if in fact that is how it is funded. If not it doesn't seem proper for donations to be used if they are in exchange for favors. What happened to the artifacts inside the east wing? Are they preserved or destroyed? The whole thing is disturbing.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:35:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharla Altschaft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing was destroyed by Trump. He should not be allowed to build a ridiculously huge ballroom. Since the east wing is gone something needs to be put in it’s place. It should be something useful and tastefully designed. Not a 90,000 sg. ft. monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:35:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darcy Vorhees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an extremely important building to America, and it makes no sense that on the 250th birthday of this country that one man has decided to tear down the east wing and do whatever he feels like with it. The building is America's, it's not Trump's. The Public, protectors of historical buildings, and other

departments need to be involved in decisions about this building, and now that he has already destroyed a huge part of it, it needs to be rebuilt as similarly to the original as possible. Right now this isn't a modernization project, it's a significant remodel of the white house, and it shouldn't be legal for him to have moved forward with it without any collaboration with others. This project needs to be stopped and people that actually care about our country and history need to take it over and do what they can do repair what he has done, and include an event space in a way that makes sense within the building. If that's not possible then another building should be created for it rather than completely disfiguring the white house. Trump should not be making decisions about the look and fate of the white house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:34:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah McDysan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been demolished before getting approval from the NCPC. The ballroom (if it is ever built) should not exceed the size of the original structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:34:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hoskins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the external footprint of the East Wing to match the rest of the White House, preferably a mirror of the West Wing.
The interior should be styled with the Era of the rest of the WH. Gold features are NOT acceptable, inside or outside. If a ballroom is needed, it should be discreet, and not be a focus for the entire WH structure.
The East Wing should remain called the East Wing, and NEVER named for a living political person.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:33:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lin Van Paris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Do not allow outside finances influence ANY of the reconstruction efforts.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:33:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisa Cousins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Short of rebuilding the original East Wing as it was, while meeting current building codes, the new structure should be built to the same exterior dimensions and architectural style.
Follow the established process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
The People don't really need a ballroom, but if taco wants one so bad, he can have one built elsewhere in DC. I bet there are a couple of filled landfills that could be donated to the cause.
The White House is the people's house, the People don't want/need/care for a gaudy ballroom.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS MATTER,
[See what I just did?\u-10179 ?\u-8676 ?]
Ellie

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Bates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back. A huge ballroom represents nothing but Trumps inflated and bombastic ego. I want the Rose Garden restored also

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the East Wing Modernization project. The East Wing of the White should be restored to exactly what it was before!

No ballroom glorifying the current occupant of the White House and restore everything that was demolished in a fit of ego. This should never have happened.

Respectfully,
Colleen McDonald

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Boyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This ballroom sucks ass. Terminate the project and impeach those responsible.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Poppino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Should be restored as nearly as possible to the original. Should not be so large as to diminish the rest of the White House- the people's house. Should be done tastefully- not all the gold that is in the oval office. That is not modernization. Rather it is a throwback to the Renaissance and reeks of kings and kingdom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kossow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People’s House East Wing should be rebuilt with the same architecture but including any necessary up to date features like wiring, plumbing etc.
If a ballroom is necessary, it should be in scale with the White House and contain murals of our beautiful National Parks. That’s Americas gold.
All the artificial gold leaf should be removed. The cement/marble patio should be removed and the rose garden replanted.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Lappin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Comparable scale to west wing. NOT anything close to size of White House. Should not obstruct views from any direction more than what it is replacing.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support having the project in size to not overwhelm the living quarters of the White House. It should appear visually balanced. The size of the proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the original residence.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:29:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ace Duquette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the east wing was demolished. The historical value of it was so important. I believe that is should be restored to a tactful way to depict what our America is about ....not a gold plated gaudy plave looking like a casino. Please please keep our American values in tact and stop the devastating demolishing of our very historical pleased....Kennedy Center being another place that need to be protected .. and any other place that this administration tried to take over from the American people and make it theirs..it is not it is all of ours and should not be torn down by one man's insecurity so he can put his name on it.
Please please save our history

Date: 2/14/2026 8:29:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom addition as planned. The size of the building will dwarf the White House, which deserves ti be the center of attention. The historic East Wing was demolished without approval of the people. Protect the dignity of the remaining White House structure without adding this gaudy monstrosity that is the world will view only as a monument to an unconstitutional acts.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Hyman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO NOT PERMIT EAST WING MONSTER BALLROOM. RETURN HISTORIC QUALITY TO THE WHITE HOUSE. DO NOT PERMIT FURTHER DESTRUCTION TO OUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND OUR HISTORIC CITY. THE SUPPOSED REDECORATIONS TO THE BEAUTIFUL MEANINGFUL WHITE HOUSE MAKE MY BLOOD PRESSURE RISE. PLEASE STOP FURTHER DESTRUCTION. THANK YOU.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a disgrace that this project was not open to public comment prior to demolition. This is a hostile attack on the history of the People's House, and pretending as if it is proceeding in any sort of normal or appropriate manner is a farce and spits in the face of the people of the United States. There is no telling the extent of the loss and damage that has already been done.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:26:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Healey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom project at the White House. At a time when many Americans are struggling with rising costs, housing insecurity, healthcare challenges, and underfunded public services, investing public resources in an expansion of ceremonial space reflects deeply misplaced priorities. Our elected officials and government leaders are public servants — they work for the American people, not above them. This project sends the wrong message about what matters most and does not reflect the urgent needs or values of the people they are meant to serve.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:25:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Hardiman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Construction projects on federally owned historical structures should comply with the established policies, laws, and principles. The people of The United States deserve clarity, transparency, fairness, and professional integrity in those persons we have entrusted to represent the best interests of ALL Americans.

The President stated that more space was needed at the White House to host Presidential functions, which should mean State dinners and similar national functions. The intent of changing or expanding the White House should be for events that benefit the American people, not just the current occupant of the White House. The current administration also claims that there is a national security risk to pausing construction: that risk would not exist if the original structure still existed, or if proper procedures and proper design/planning had been accomplished.. The NCPC and the NPS will certainly partner with other agencies to ensure that national security considerations will be included during both construction and the final design of any additional structure.

The White House is a national symbol of dignity and solid constancy. Its classical architecture inspires pride and respect. And it should remain a tasteful, stately, architecturally beautiful symbol of balance and steadfastness. It should be designed and constructed to last for many many years in our democratic republic.

I trust the National Capital Planning Commission's existing policies and rules to ensure a thorough and well-considered review of the historical significance, the architectural soundness and aesthetics, and future maintenance and modification of new construction.

This project should not be a vanity project for one ego, it belongs to all the American people. Any additions or modifications should serve the greater interests of the people - like security for our elected officials, safety and security of our government employees, highly amenable housing for the Presidential family, and a hospitable venue for entertaining domestic and state visitors on official business.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gobert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please insist that the East Wing be rebuilt according to the original footprint, and do not let Trump have any say in the process of building or decorating. What he has done to The People's House is disgusting and shameful.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Donatti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never been demolished with only the whim of the current president. It was a desecration of history. Donald Trump should be brought up on charges for destroying a part of our national landmark. In addition, the company who destroyed the East Wing should be charged also. We need to rectify and bring back parts of the East Wing that are needed, not a huge ballroom that will sit empty for most of the time.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamileh-Sofia diGuida
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unnecessary and a ridiculously expensive project that, regardless of how it is funded, the money should be used to fund projects that help the poor, hungry and/or homeless. Moreover, what favors will be paid to the "donors" of this ugly project?
Furthermore, it is ugly. It has no aesthetic value. Its style does not complement the neoclassical style of the White House.
The public was not given the opportunity to comment BEFORE our beautiful White House was desecrated. And neither was Congress.
The ballroom would be nearly twice as big as the original White House and would completely overshadow

it.

Please stop this project and restore the People's House to its pre-Trump majesty.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Zera
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing was torn down without the correct permissions granted from the US people is an outrage. To erect a gaudy, gigantic, and unnecessary ballroom in its place is an abomination. The American aesthetic is NOT to mimic the royal palaces of Europe. We did not fight a war for independence just to end up emulating our original oppressors. The space needs to be carefully considered and utilized as multi-purpose. The last thing the people of the US need to see is an insanely expensive construction project that then sits empty for most of the year.
As I live in Alaska, I shall likely never see the White House any time soon. However, that building represents all of the US, not just the ultra wealthy.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Tobin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions, use original footprint, make architectural style coherent with rest of the building, make necessary safety and ADA updates. Follow historic and legal process for making changes. The people's house doesn't need a monstrously big ballroom. Please forbid excessive gold filigree (it isn't a palace). Please do not allow special interests to pay for or influence the design.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Snow-Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT approve of Trump's plan for an unsightly ballroom. He's already destroyed the rose garden and most of the White House (the PEOPLE's house). He had NO right/authority to tear down the East Wing. I really resent the destruction of a most important part of the U.S. Capitol. It is my feeling that the East Wing should be completely restored (as it was) at Trump's personal expense. NOBODY wanted a ballroom (except for Trump; the man lies about everything). Please, act like "the adults in the room" and stop this architectural nightmare. I also would like to comment on my disapproval of Trump's proposed ARC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Kangas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hon. Commissioners,

I'm an old guy...I grew up outside Washington D.C. in Wheaton, Md.-

All our relatives would come to visit to go to Washington to see the sights...

Please do not allow anything other than a restoration of the "original" East Wing...

Please stop the current project completely.

Thank you for your attention.

Ed Kangas
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 8:22:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When our sons were 10 and 14 we took them to Washington DC and one of the highlights of our trip was a visit to the White House.
The historical significance of the "People's House" was overwhelming and awe inspiring and to cherish the memory of it, we bought that year's ornament for our Christmas Tree!
I'm saddened by the move of the Trump Administration to damage the architectural integrity, scale and proportion of the White House complex.
I would request that there be a comprehensive, un-rushed, thorough, and unbiased assessments from the Committee for the Preservation of the White House and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Thank you for your efforts to collect input in an effort to preserve this US monument.
Karen R. Smith

Date: 2/14/2026 8:22:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Rudolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should not be built. The east wing should be rebuilt in the original architectural design. 2026 HVAC Electrical plumbing and insulation standards etc should be followed.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:21:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Ludvigsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is difficult to know where to begin and what all to focus on with these comments. Some adjustments to the East Wing would be understandable, but the current administration's plan is unreasonable, ridiculously over the top, an insult to the nation's history, and quite likely being built on a system of our government being bought and paid for with favors being done in return. Any addition to the White House, which is supposedly the People's House, should compliment the beauty of the current buildings. A flashy ballroom is not what our People's House is about.
Please insure us that procedure, letter of the law and contemplative process will be a part of this project, not irrational impulses and unnecessary theatrics.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:20:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The country does not need an 89,000 to 90,000 square foot monstrasty dwarfing the 55,000 squaire foot White house. Particularly one guilded in gold like an 1890s bordello. Tackiness does not belong in our nation's capitol.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:20:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this ballroom construction. Has the need for this construction ever even been determined? What events have been prevented due to a lack of a ballroom of this size?
This is a vanity project to satisfy the ego of one narcissistic jerk.
Even if there were a need shown for construction of this nature, the proposed drawings are an ostentatious, gaudy, trashy mess, not at all fitting to be displayed next to our White House.
I am thoroughly disgusted at the destruction of the East Wing and the blatant disregard for the proper protocols.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:19:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eleanor Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to us The People and it never should have be torn down. It should be restored to it's original size and character to reflect the builders intent Thank you for your time and consideration.
Eleanor Taylor
Lifelong Washington,D.C Resident

Date: 2/14/2026 8:18:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Santo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Whitehouse belongs to the people not the president! The demolition of the Rosegarden that was part of our history was bad enough. Now the brazen destruction of the east wing is an act of treason to our country. The lawless congress, senate and Supreme Court no longer abide by our constitution to allow this to happen. WE THE PEOPLE will not be ruled by a dictatorship against our rights in the constitution.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:16:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Boehm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people do not need or want a Ballroom. Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. As the demolition was done without proper approval, the restoration should come from the private funds of the person who disregarded proper procedure and ordered the demolition to begin,

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Pastena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing renovation should be in character with the architecture of the main structure of the White House and not overshadow it.
In addition, the style should be classic and not gaudy.
Cost should be kept to a reasonable amount with transparency in the bidding process.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elise Hyde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the Whitehouse to its original dimensions and purpose. It is probably not possible to use period building materials but following the original footprint and keeping in the style of the rest of the Whitehouse is preferable and, if possible, make trump pay for it. It saddens me that no public input was requested before demolition started as this process would not have begun if there had been.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:14:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly opposed the destruction of the East Wing and believe it should be replaced with something of similar size and historic style. I very strongly oppose the construction of this obnoxiously oversized ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:13:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Zaenglein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. No. No.
He has already defaced our house. No More.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Sewell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
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Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Mayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. The proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the Executive Residence by almost double, dwarfing it and looking like an eyesore—a giant box. If event space is needed that is that large, it should be built elsewhere. It is a disgrace that the East Wing was demolished without warning—without going through the legal process. It is not the president's private property. It belongs to the taxpayers. It should be rebuilt as it was in style and scale, but with necessary modernization at the expense of mr. trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Redmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an absolute disgrace. The planned ballroom is a monstrosity and ruins the scale and design style of the White House, the PEOPLE'S HOUSE.
The East Wing should be rebuilt to the original floor plan while obviously including updated insulation, electrical, plumbing, and security work.

The Rose Garden should also be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: THERESA SHEPARD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because it serves as a welcoming place for the entire country, I suggest the East Wing not be used entirely as a ballroom. That is far too large and sends the wrong message. It should be warm and welcoming and not filled with gold-colored inlays and furniture and other extravagances that can depict a monarchy government.

Instead, the entire space can be made to section off for large events as needed. Make it functional for staff and media; visible to the public. Updated technology. Incorporate the 50 states somehow to show unity (murals) and countries to show alliances.

Perhaps an upper level for visitors, including the general public--not just visiting dignitaries and administration members.

Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Slattery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this building (ballroom). The size of the proposed structure would cause it to drastically overwhelm the White House which would detract from its historic and architectural significance. It is not consistent with the function of the overall site -- a place for the President to live and conduct the business of the presidency. It serves no discernible needed purpose for the American people and appears to be merely a vanity project of the current occupant. Not to mention the fact that the East Wing was demolished before submitting a plan to the planning commission.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Mezzomo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is absolutely no legitimate reason for this project. The American people did not request it, nor have they ever requested it. Any construction currently underway should be halted, deconstructed, and a rose garden planted as replacement for the one destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Ventura
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen, I condemn the inappropriate demolition process underway at the White House East Wing. The plans for the ballroom do not conform with the historical character of the White House. The replacement of the People's House, the east wing, with a ballroom doesn't align with the historical purpose of the space, or serve US citizens in any way. I am opposed to the construction of the ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:07:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edie Cutsail
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:07:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Strom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a majority of Americans struggle to pay for heat and food, as they see their insurance premiums rising categorically, this is an obscene waste of focus, effort and, without a doubt, money. I propose that no further work be done on the rubble that used to be the First Lady's office. Rather, I would like to see it remain as a symbol for the destruction already wrought and planned for our democracy. I do not want to see wanton, foolish and unnecessary destruction fixed. I want to see it a living reminder of the depravity of this administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:07:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Marie Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house yet you have this listed as the East Wing modernization project. How is something that has been completely destroyed considered a modernization project?

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm a former public school social studies teacher, a genealogist and historian by training. I am also a national parks aficionado and have had the privilege of volunteering at a national park for over four years. I have had the wonderful opportunity to tour the White House when I was in college. I'm very taken aback and how President Trump has treated the White House. It is not HIS house, it is the "people's house" and has been in the National Park Service's stewardship. It is also a historical building. I have a friend who bought a historical home, had to follow many rules and laws regarding its renovation as she returned it to its glory from the apartment building it had been turned into. The disrespect shown to the meaning of that building, the fact that it is the "people's house", many rules and laws have been flouted.
All construction (or destruction) should be halted completely. All laws and regulations in regards to the White House need to be strictly followed in this instance. This is not a pet project of the president's, this is something that is happening to a cherished historical building. Please halt all of this completely!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I am writing to share my thoughts on the East Wing Modernization Project. While understanding that buildings age and invariably need repairs and upgrades, there is a line between that and completely destroying history. This building has been a focal point of American pride for centuries. It needs to be treated accordingly.

As for the overall building, there is no reason a wing of such a grand building as the White House should overshadow the primary building. This wing should be smaller than the main house in height and overall footprint. It should be planned, built and maintained with future generations in mind.

From design to materials to final product, this should be something that can be shared with the American people for generations to share. Even if it isn't publicly accessible, this should be a building that considers future needs. It should be built of sustainable material with the spectacular workmanship we Americans love to deliver.

This should be built in such a way that it needs neither upgrades nor major repairs for years to come. This is a house of American Pride and it should remain that way. This property is already impressive, there is no

need to overdo it. The quality and care of its design will be obvious.

Thank you for your time,
Vicki

Date: 2/14/2026 8:05:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Eakle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:05:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should have never been torn down and this type of project should never occur without approval of the American people. The White House belongs to no one person, therefore, no one man is entitled to destroy an part of the historical building. The idea of building what was first presented as "necessary" is the opinion of no majority of citizens.

Before this type of project is even started; exact plans, costs, and approval of a nonpartisan committee must be required. Before any destruction or construction, funding must be secured and 75% in place (not just a verbal statement) before the initial preparation can begin. Fund raising cannot come with benefit to contributors. Design must complement existing historical buildings in area. Must not outshine, overshadow, overwhelm, the White House.

Proportion the final cost per citizen and then ask how many shares each citizen is willing to cover. I for one cannot afford to renovate or add on to the house I live in.

No one can benefit from donating to the cost of this project!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Louise Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely appauled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the manner in which it was done. My feeling is that it should be restored to serve the designated purposes and find some place else in D.C. to build an annex to accomodate a ballroom/all purpose building.
Thank you for this opportunity to share my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a retired teacher who took many field trips to Washington DC with 8th grade classes. Some of my students could not afford the cost of the trip but we always made sure funding was available to support these students. Why? Because we, as a school district, thought this was a crucial part of their 8th grade experience as American history was the focus of study in the social studies curriculum. We also thought students may only get this experience one time in their life.

As an educator you don't always know how school experiences may affect kids' lives later. But you do know they will most likely participate in the workings of our government. Be it voting, paying taxes, or applying for benefits.

The history of our great country is centralized in DC. The museums, the government offices, the Capitol, the White House. Any change to these structures deserves careful consideration. They are not mere buildings but represent significant parts of our story as a country. I can recall watching the students eyeing the White House for the first time. They were in awe. They wanted to get closer but our schedule prohibited a second look. It wasn't the beauty of the building but the significance of its occupants.

Many student groups tour DC. Hopefully many remember the structures they saw. Our country's history is embedded inside the walls and inside the minds of our youth.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:03:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Giddens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any additions done should respect, reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House. The White House East Wing should be restored to its original look on the outside - along with the once beautiful Rose Garden. If the inside can accommodate a ballroom in the dimensions of the original East Wing, so be it. Otherwise a ballroom should be build off site or another venue used for large meetings.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:03:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Kassas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Priorities should be considered. Veterans who are homeless need to have available shelter, food, and healthcare. The White House would not exist without our veterans. Improving existing and functional space for the Presidents and foreign visitors should fall far below the priority of working to help our veterans.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathe Gardenias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was illegal and devastating for the american people. The plans I have seen for the ballroom are way too big and overwhelms the rest of the Whitehouse. A bipartisan congressional committee should have a say in the plans. The president should not be able to soley decide on what happens to the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally oppose the destruction of OUR White House's East Wing and the planned rebuilding of it into a glorified Trump ballroom. He has no authority to do what he has already done to the People's House nor to proceed. The damage done is unforgivable, but please prevent him from doing more. It is illegal and unconscionable, and definitely for his own personal glorification and not for his country. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:00:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Blanchard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Proposal to construct a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The plan would significantly reshape part of the East Wing, replacing existing office space with a lavish new ballroom. Critics and architectural observers have already condemned the proposal as an "abomination," warning that it threatens America's architectural and historical legacy. The centerpiece—a Mar-a-Lago–style ballroom—has raised particular concern among heritage experts, who fear the loss of original design elements associated with past presidencies.

Former President Donald Trump has stated that the estimated $200 million cost will be fully covered by private donors and claims that no federal funds will be used, noting that he personally contributed. Reported donors include foundations, business leaders, and patriotic alumni groups, with a special fund established to manage the contributions.

Despite these assurances, serious questions remain. Observers have expressed concern about whether donors may expect favors in return and whether future maintenance and repairs—particularly for high-end finishes—could ultimately fall to taxpayers. Critics warn that hidden public costs may surface over time.

I am deeply troubled by this proposal. At a moment when American soldiers and working families are struggling, spending hundreds of millions on a ballroom feels profoundly out of step with national priorities. While the project is described as privately funded, the long-term financial and ethical implications for taxpayers cannot be ignored.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:00:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Deltufo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. The East Wing should never have been torn down. The proposed ballroom is a monstrosity that will destroy the esthetics of the Whtie House. It is too large, too ostentatious and a building meant to appease one person's ego. We do not need a gaudy ballroom at our White House. It is a highly offensive project and must be stopped. This is not something that is needed or desired by the majority of the American people. Please stop this project now!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Muir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic design should be rebuilt. Taking any action to tear it down was premature and lacked public input. The proposed ballroom is way out of scale with the historic building.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Altreuter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that the demolition of the East Wing was allowed to proceed, and that there is no plan, blueprint, or even architect to replace it.

The White House is not Mar-a-lago, it is only the home and office for the President, First Lady, et al. on an interim basis, for the duration of Trump's final term.

This is a historic building, part of the national heritage, not to be treated so blithely.

It is not the home of a king, so a gilded ballroom entertaining space is only proposed to salve the ego of a malignant narcissist.

Proper consultation and actual plans must be provided.

Restore the "people's house".

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing and Rose Garden and do not build the ballroom. It is neither needed nor wanted by the People. Remove the gaudy gold embellishments that have been placed all over the White House. Make the People's House respectable again. Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:58:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Waser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a 76 year old woman who was born and lived all of my life in the United States of America. Having grown up in the immediate aftermath of World War II, I became very interested in History, especially since my father served in the Army for the entire war.

I have been privileged to visit Washington D.C. on numerous occasions often leading school groups. Our nation’s capital with all of its monuments tells the story of our history! There is a good reason we have a Commisson to oversee these projects. The White House belongs to the people and to our history. No one person deserves the power to do as he/she chooses! Our public buildings and monuments provide a common understanding of our country’s development.

Studying History as a youth I could never understand how Hitler became so powerful. After watching what is occurring in the U.S. in the last year I do. Please DO NOT LET THAT HAPPEN HERE!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:54:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Groves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was part of the People's house. Donald Trump had no authority to demolish it. Any demolition should have undergone public scrutiny before his careless and callous act. Preserving history is a responsibility of our leaders and Trump has failed miserably. I am appalled by what has happened and the only way to ensure that the project conforms to both law and responsibility and the public should have their voices heard. No 90,000 square foot ballroom should be constructed as a monument to Trump. It is not necessary and should not happen. I am opposed to any plan Trump has for a golden farce of a travesty. Please do not let this happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my deepest wish that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former glory, keeping the historic architecture it once had. The structure should be the same size as it was before so as to appear balanced with the remaining structure. I also wish for the Rose Garden and Jackie's Garden to be restored.

The People's House Should be Restored!

Sincerely,
Mary Walton

Date: 2/14/2026 7:52:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Vondracek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keep new building/addition to same scale as the White House. Waste of space and resources to build such a huge addition.The interior should be in alignment with the decor of the rest of the buildings. Gold is not always glamorous.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:51:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
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Date: 2/14/2026 7:51:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dump Trump
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want it rebuilt exactly as it was to preserve the intention and hard work of those who built it in the first place. And that we don't want to memorialize an authoritarian government in the architecture of one of the most precious buildings in our nation.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:50:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Ufford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. The East Wing should be restored as close as possible to the original. No ballroom!!!!
It's absolutely horrifying what the man in the oval office has done to the White House and to this country.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:49:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Coose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hell No!!!!!!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:49:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RHONDA SHORTZ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, thank you for accepting public comments on a project of this magnitude rather than flatly allowing the President to destroy the White House.

The proposed ballroom, or East Wing Modernization Project as you are referring to it, is an ABOMINATION! A 90,000-sf building that will DWARF the White House forever should NOT be allowed! The White House SHOULD be the outstanding feature on the property and there should not be a MASSIVE structure attached to it.

The whole concept is just baffling. There are MANY facilities in D.C. capable of holding 1,000 people, why not just hold the events there? From what I understand we are only talking about maybe one event a year that can't be accommodated in the White House itself. DESTROYING our National Treasure for those VERY few RARE occasions when the White House isn't large enough just doesn't make sense.

In summary, either continue using tents or move to another venue, don't destroy the White House.

Thank you, and I hope common sense prevails,
Rhonda Shortz

Date: 2/14/2026 7:48:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dee Shoewalter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing needs to be rebuilt to original plans. Upgraded to code. No gauche gold that deviates from original style. No ballroom is needed. But if we need that type space build it elsewhere and to 50000 squ ft code. How often has a ballroom been needed? Aren't there other spaces that could be used? Washington DC is historic new buildings should not over power monuments and existing buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:48:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Nicht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am truly appalled at the Trump Administration's demolition of the historic East Wing without ANY consultation with the Architect of the Capitol or any consideration of asbestos mitigation.

While upgrades to the bunker underneath may have needed to be done there is a protocol to follow BEFORE a complete demolition of the above ground structure was done, AND proposals for any above ground replacement SHOULD have been submitted to public comment.

The intention of the Trump Administration seems to be to put Home Depot fake gilded tacky ornamentation more suited to an 18th Century French or Russian monarch on everything that is supposed to be for the PEOPLE. The PEOPLE's White House is not owned by its current occupant but by the entirety of the citizens of the US.

In my opinion, any above ground facility should look from the outside EXACTLY AS IT DID.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:48:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched in horror as the bulldozers obliterated so much of our history. It felt like a painful, self inflicted assault. It was physically and psychologically painful to watch where greats had walked destroyed for a gilded ballroom. I assume it cannot be put back and so much of our shared history is nothing but rubble now. That is bad enough, but the proposed ballroom should never be allowed to dwarf the White House. It is where revered leaders have lived and we owe it to them to honor that residence and not diminish it by having a grotesque, gargantuan ballroom overshadow it. We need to remember and honor the history of our country and the residence of our presidents by making sure that a gaudy ballroom does not loom over and overshadow it.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:47:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Sverdrup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was a resident of the District of Columbia for four years an am currently a resident of Alexandria, VA. I love the District and spend a great deal of time in it going to museums, monuments, the zoo and restaurants. I am adamantly opposed to the proposed ballroom extension to the White House in any form whatsoever. I am outraged the East Wing has been demolished. I think the plans for the ballroom should be scrapped and the East Wing of the White House restored. What has been done is illiegal. Please stop this monumental vandalism.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:46:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Klostermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not permit the construction of the Ballroom next to the White House. It is ugly, with all of the Gold Flashy decor. The White House has always been a building that reflected the American architecture, like early Americana. Similar to Williamsburg, Virgina, and Alexander, Virginia. Do not allow one president make such changes that I believe most Americans detest.

If possible, I would require President Trump or whoever was providing the funding for the Ballroom, to restore the West Wing to its original architecture. In the reconstruction of the restored West Wing, the modernization of electronics and safe bunkers could be built at the lower level to meet the needs of current security.

I am a concerned citizen, and feel that the President has exceeded his authority by tearing down the structure and civil penalties of some kind should be assessed against whoever signed the contracts for the destruction and removal of the West Wing, and the architects that designed and authorized the construction without proper authority. American taxpayers should not be responsible for paying for the restoration of the West Wing.

Thank you,

Frank and Shirley Klostermann
Collinsville, Illinois

Date: 2/14/2026 7:46:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy D'Amico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House, the People's House, should BE RETURNED TO IT'S ORIGINAL SPLENDOR, TOGETHER WITH THE DUPLICATION OF JACKIE KENNEDY'S ROSE GARDEN. Ballrooms already exist at many venues throughout Washington, DC. For National Security Reasons, an extended ballroom should not be a part of the People's House where the First Family resides. The White House is an Historic Property and should become preserved and updated within reason. The current demolition, without the approriate licensing, should never, ever have happened. Future Laws should prevent this kind of extreme disrespect for our Nation's People's House from ever happening again. Thank You.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:46:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Hirn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am terribly saddened that the People's House has been damaged beyond repair with the destruction of the East Wing. There was no necessity for the East Wing to be torn down. A 90,000 square foot ballroom is not necessary and money being considered for this room would be better spent in funding the VA, SNAP or other social programs that will benefit all Americans, rather than further inflating one person's ego.

I vote no to funding the new ballroom. I have no idea how the destruction can be rectified at this late date, but a 90,000 square foot ballroom is not the answer.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Tangora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the ballroom project.

I believe that the East Wing should be reconstructed using the same materials from which it was previously

built, insofar as possible.

The cost should be borne by the President and his supporters.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Champion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of the proposed ballroom to be added to the White House. The size of the ballroom will dwarf the White House itself, devastating the effect the White House has on visitors. The Executive Mansion is the official home of our highest elected official. It should remain a structure of prominence. The emphasis on a president's "party house" will create a lack of respect and sense of decorum for the office itself.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Bush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current proposal is inappropriate for the grandeur of the Capitol already in place. I propose a building in ratio to existing buildings and of the same presentation. And no gilt or glitter.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a U.S. citizen, I am vehemently opposed to the plan to build a ginormous ballroom! The president should be required to spend his own money to return the east wing to its previous condition before he had it destroyed!! The White House doesn't belong to him, it belongs to all of us!!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. I hope it helps stop this ridiculousness.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:41:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisa Pulido-Ragus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the modernization project because it is completely unnecessary (we do not need a ballroom that towers over the White House). Guests to the White House have always been accommodated properly and will continue to be. Our heritage dictates that the People's House be modest and humble not ostentatious and garish.
I am also opposed to the cost, the manner in which the current president destroyed the East Wing without any input from the American people, and the damage the ballroom will do to the overall aesthetics of the White House.
Most importantly, before any architectural plans are drawn up to fix the mess currently there, the American people should have the opportunity to suggest or comment on the plans. The decision to destroy and build on the publicly owned property of the White House and Capitol grounds should NEVER be in the hands on one person.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:38:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christa Cousineau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Do not allow special interests to “take over” the funding of this important project. The current president should bear much (or all) of the cost of the renovations, as he had the East wing demolished with prior approval or authorization.
Also, a new rose garden should be established, with the historical species of roses planted there. Newer species of American roses and hybrids should be in luded as well.
Also, a hall of documents including copies of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights should be incorporated into the new design, perhaps in an alcove leading from the main building to the East wing. They would serve as a reminder to the occupants, staff and visitors of the history of our nation and it’s progress.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:37:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Loesch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly support the proposal to construct a ballroom - that replaces the east wing of the white house. Our nation needs a large appropriately designed space conveniently located in the capital where our nation can sponsor large-scale events and banquets. This is an important part of diplomacy and the new ballroom can help meet that need plus meet the needs for other domestic events. President Trump's fast track construction schedule is a sound business practice as it will keep the overall price down by shaving years off of the typical government sponsored building project schedule. It is exemplary that the President has sufficient private donations to complete the project without impacting Federal taxes. I would suggest that a funding site (a foundation) be established that enables the average citizen to participate in the project through voluntary financial donations - It would be nice to compile a list of "National Ballroom Foundation" charter members who financially contributed - this could be another element of our nations'

250th anniversary celebration. I assume the East Wing Modernization Project is the national ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:36:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Skizas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose anything that changes this historic building at this time. Public support is not recognized at this time for such changes. Please preserve our history not our modern need for fame. There are plenty of ballroom in D.C. already that could use the commerce from these types of functions.
Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 7:35:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Benson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.
This review is also required under federal law."

If this review is required under federal law, then it would seem to me that someone broke the law in having demolished the East Wing before this review happened. The White House is often referred to as "the People's House" and is owned by the American people, not one man. Any President is a temporary resident and should be respectful of the laws concerning National Historic Landmarks and National Parks. It is incredibly sad and disrespectful that a portion of the "People's House" has been destroyed on a whim by a temporary resident.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamra Ingwaldson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project needs to halted before any more damage is done to our historical buildings. There are processes in place for a reason when it comes to historical buildings, maintaining them and their integrity. The current administration seems to have no regard for our shared histories, and that there is a reason for the rules.

Just because someone might want a bigger ballroom, doesn't mean it's the right thing to do at that location. Not to mention the other aspects connected to the ballroom that was destroyed.

Please, please, let people who know what they are doing, have the historical significance at the forefront of the planning and decision making, and are not driven by ego. Please, also, no gaudy gold gunk/decor.

Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Neuer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the east wing modernization project. It should not have been town down without approval. We don't need a big ballroom. The east wing should be restored back to it's original structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I6's a disgrace what he's doing to the White House. He never got approval for it either..

Date: 2/14/2026 7:33:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored to its previous dimensions and using the same architectural style as the rest of the White House. I believe no special interest groups should be paying for the restoration and believe that the person who tore it down should pay for all restoration and modernization, including any needed ADA accessibility accommodations, with their personal funds since that person made the unilateral decision to tear it down without permission. Tax payers should not have to pay for this person's brazen attack on the People's House.
The White House does not need a bigger event space as most of the taxpayers won't be invited to any of the parties that are hosted there anyway. Instead, making updates for modernization and accessibility, reinstating the Kennedy Rose Garden, and removal of any gaudy gold filigree should occur instead. That would be the right thing to do so everyone who visits to can enjoy it. The White House is a temporary residence for the President of the United States and does not need to compete with the palaces of Europe and the Middle East. We have no Kings here.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:33:01 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joshua Noggle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe America needs a ballroom, especially not one funded through private donations for unknown favors. If we need a ballroom, it should be funded by Congress and built according to the standard procedures. And it should be aligned with the standard architecture plans of the capital and not be a guilded monument to one man. I believe this project should be rejected.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:32:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LAURA SCHWARTZ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment

As a former White House Director of Events for the Clinton Administration, I believe deeply in the power of the People's House—both figuratively and literally. The White House is more than a residence or workplace; it is a living symbol of our democracy and shared history for all.

While I understand that thoughtful expansion and modernization is necessary to meet evolving operational needs, I was opposed to the destruction within the East Wing. That chapter now behind us, I respectfully urge that the East Wing Expansion be designed in a manner that is compatible in scale, proportion, and character, and clearly subordinate to the original structure.

Historic stewardship requires restraint. Additions should support and preserve the architectural integrity and symbolic prominence of the original building, not compete with or overwhelm it.

I respectfully request that the current plan be rescaled and revised to reflect these longstanding preservation principles.

With respect,
Laura Schwartz

Date: 2/14/2026 7:31:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Johnston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am no architect or designer but it seems that, as a subject that is of interest to the entire country, the design of this project should be carried out by professional designers and architects. Several reasons: 1) I do not trust the man who has instigated this to do the work with the best interests of the NPS in mind, 2) given his age, it is unlikely that he will be around to see the project to its completion, 3) I don't trust him to settle

on a planned design and stick to it. He has a history of poor methods and enormous over runs in completions.
Let those who have the training and the proven capabilities handle this for the US citizenry, to what ever final form it may take.

The way in which he began this is ample proof that he can not be trusted with historical US property.
Thank you,
Emily Johnston

Date: 2/14/2026 7:31:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Botts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be halted immediately. Mr Trump did not go through proper channels to have this project approved. It is not his house to do with as he wishes. It belongs to the American People and we have entrusted the various non-profit and governmental entities to manage the property for us.

IF private donations have been made to fund this project, those should have gone through the proper entities for distribution. Large donations for a project accepted, without authority, by the President may result in political influence by some wealthy individuals and businesses.

Until Mr. Trump has submitted this project through the proper channels and it has been properly and fairly financed, and approved, all construction should be stopped.

Additionally, Mr. Trump should make restitution for the damage he has already done to the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:31:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Dietrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposals for the East Wing that have been made public thus far, are far out of scale with the rest of the White House. Visually, it will take away from the beauty of the original house. I question the need for a ballroom big enough for 999 people. In the decades leading up to today, the largest indoor events at the White House tended to be State Dinners and these were accommodated by the White House as it existed prior to the recent demolition. The State dinners also don't occur very frequently. Inaugural balls are larger but only occur once every 4 years and are accommodated around town in various venues. The current President seems to do most of his entertaining at his private clubs, so I'm very unclear why we need such a large venue when the current occupant of the White House won't be in office to enjoy it and can take care of his parties elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Wickersheim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed White House ballroom because it makes little sense historically, visually, or fiscally, and would overwhelm the scale and character of the Executive Mansion. Major alterations of this kind should go through a formal approval process rather than being driven by a single president's impulse, and any funding should be subject to congressional oversight and full public transparency. Relying on private donors to pay for it raises serious ethical concerns and effectively removes any meaningful cost controls—as evidenced by the fact that the projected price has already doubled in a matter of months.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Sverdrup Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a former resident of MN, CA, IL, WI, DC and now VA. I am against the ballroom project and feel that the East Wing should be re-built the way it was. It was, in my opinion, criminal that it was torn down without approval and with the intent of going ahead with the project because it was already underway and supplies have already been ordered.

Please stop this destruction of "The People's House."

Date: 2/14/2026 7:29:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern, I do not see a need for a 90,000 sq foot ballroom added to the White House. We support the East Wing to be rebuilt to match the scale of the West Wing and to house the offices that were in the original East Wing. The construction to be done to the current building codes and ADA accessibility. Design and construction to be overseen by the National Capital planning Commission. I also do not think that this project should be paid by private investors or business'. Seems like it would be a proprietary grift to those involved. This is the people's house, not a building owned by big corporations. If a ballroom is necessary find a location off White House property. This is a residence and working house for our government. If it is absolutely necessary a much smaller and to scale of the original home should designed.

I would also like to request that you please restore the original Rose garden and respect its original intent. Remove the nasty photos and nasty comments of previous past presidents on the breezeway.

The focus of the buildings should be on the White House as a living residence and working space for the person holding the office, their family, and the people who need to work closely with the President.

Thank for for your attention to my concerns,

Sincerely, Chris. Clarke

Date: 2/14/2026 7:28:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Barnard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former configuration and appearance (as of January 1st, 2026) as closely as possible, while satisfying modern building code requirements, and the cost of the reconstruction should be paid by Donald Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:28:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the Commission to disapprove the East Wing Modernization Project until it complies with the existing procedure and review requirements. To do otherwise would encourage this administration to continue to break the law with little or no adverse consequences. I further implore the Commission to fully expose the donor and donor amounts given to this project and to explore what the donor will receive in return. As for the design itself, the project should be compatible with the existing surrounding architecture and be comparable to the humbleness that the Founders envisioned for the presidential grounds. The destruction of the East Wing was a deliberate attempt by the current tenant to force the creation of a gilded monument to himself that will most likely bear his name. This is the people's house. Your commission must represent the voice of the people in establishing the right balance and the proper oversight of all funding of the East Wing Modernization Project, not the impatience of it's current occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:27:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christa Cousineau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing of the White House restored to it’s original footprint and style. It would be preferable to increase the square footage to equal that of the West Wing.
The ballroom included in this design could be made larger, but not in any way obstructing the view of the main residence.
I would like to see the current President pay for these modifications, as he saw fit to demolish the previous East wing without prior approval or consent. Any monies raised from third parties should be returned to them, so as not to exert outside influence over the building itself.
Also, a rose garden of sorts would be a nice addition, to replace the one so carelessly removed. Perhaps it could consist of two separate gardens, one on either side of a walkway leading to the East wing. Or a garden bordering the front or back of the White House. Hopefully someone can obtain cuttings of the original roses that were planted in Jackie Kennedy’s rose garden.

The People’s House is a national treasure, and needs to be respected and honored.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:26:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am convinced that the currently proposed plans for the "modernization" of the East Wing will turn one of the nation's culturally iconic buildings into a gaudy, tacky, classless Vegas-style showpiece, rather than the dignified, tasteful space it deserves.

The current plan should be scrapped in favor of something more in keeping with the status of the rest of this national landmark. And it should be approved by more than just the current incumbent.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:24:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Abramczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House to make way for a ballroom. Modernization of the East Wing would have been appropriate if it was no longer functioning properly.

A ballroom is unnecessary; the idea of building one attached to the White House, one that would dwarf the historic and iconic building, is an affront to all of us as Americans, the true owners of the peoples’ house.

I sincerely hope to see a functional East Wing restored, with an exterior that echoes what was there before.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:23:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Felicia Sweet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see traditional architectural design that meshes with the rest of the White House. The ballroom interior should be not flashy with gold everywhere but have an interior design that is sophisticated and makes use of antique paintings that are already stored at the White House.

I don’t believe that the ballroom should be built as big as it has been planned and perhaps should also restore some function of the previous East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:23:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Thatcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to it's most recent condition prior to bulldozing. There is no need for a lavish ball room to overwhelm the space and change the historic appearance of the White House. This is the people's house and we do not need some gigantic ballroom - there needs to functional space for the work of the White House so updating and modernizing is fine. Destroying the building for a vanity project is certainly not maintaining the historic look of this most significant building.

No more gold please - it is so tacky.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JOSHUA DEUTSCH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support the modernization efforts of the current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:21:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Applin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. Personally I think he should pay to reconstruct the east wing and put it all back the way it was. There is already a ballroom that has been sufficient for other presidents.

But if he must have a new ballroom, the plans must be approved by NCPC or the national park service or whoever is in charge of the "People's House". He should not be allowed to do things without approval and it certainly can't be the size that the plans seem to show. Larger than the existing structure is just NUTS.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elinor Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was destroyed without notice and opportunity for public comment. I have borrowed someone else's words below because I agree wholeheartedly.

"Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA

accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house."

The new construction must BLEND with and not overpower the existing White House. I also believe the historic Rose Garden should be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Heafner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Update the protective bunker. Reconstruct the East Wing to the original size, shape, and architecture. Integrate updates for ADA compliance. Restore what was lost.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished. If the current President wants to build a ballroom on his own property and pay for it himself he can do that.

The East Wing of the White House should be reconstructed immediately. It should be rebuilt in keeping with the original dimensions and in keeping with the style of architecture of the original construction. Citizen tax funds used for demolition and contractors should be reimbursed by the current President from his personal funds.

I implore you to please intervene in this matter and restore and protect the significance of this historic place for all citizens to enjoy.

Thank you,
Paula Schultz

Date: 2/14/2026 7:17:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Alston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the PEOPLE of the United States, not the current inhabitant. The scale of the project should reflect the entire home and should be done tastefully with our countries history in mind.

Outside donors looking to curry favor with the administration should be prohibited.
The destruction of the rose garden and least wing to appease Trumps ego is egregious and insulting to myself and I believe many, many Americans.
Stop this grifter from destroying our country's landmark.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:17:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Fullerton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this a modernization project is a farce. This is not asbestos abatement, this is not installing running water, electricity or indoor plumbing. This was the razing of history, this was a fart in the face of everyday Americans. This is taking a house that is the symbol of the American people, a symbol of all are created equal and decimating it to make way for a room that only exists in mansions and palaces. A ballroom is the symbol of the rich, of nobles and royals--and Now corruption. There is a reason we the People had a House as our seat of government-- and not a White Mansion or White Palace. The White House is a place of government and should not be "modernized" to host parties and dances for billionaires. The only ball room at our nation's capital that id support would be a pit of bouncy balls for children.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:15:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Anne Magnuson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

EAST WING MODERMIZATION PROJECT!?? East Wing DESTRUCTION Project!!!

1."Demolishing the historic East Wing for this 90,000-square-foot, 1,000-person capacity project was a shameful destruction of American heritage for an unnecessary, garish space".

2. "This new ballroom looks like an 'airport hangar' that completely violates the visual harmony of the original White House design, creating an 'ostentatious' look."

3. "The lack of proper public review and oversight BEFORE the demolition process is more than concerning."

4. "Building a massive, private,, and costly, as noted by some on Facebook, entertainment space while the country faces economic pressure is, not only tone-deaf, but frivolous and a waste of money.

5. Private entities are funding a vanity project for President Trump. Let them be generous to the poor and hungry in this country - of which there are PLENTY.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:13:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Northup
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see The East Wing Restored to be exactly as it was before Trump brazenly tore it down. No need for a ballroom, there are other spaces to hold large gatherings. The White House is our house, a national treasure that should be kept intact with modernization as needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:13:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

History slips though our fingers while the crass and the greedy break down the symbols and the institutions of our republic. Rebuild according to ADA/safety regulations, architectural integrity, and good taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:13:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wesley Esser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is beyond outrageous. The idea that a sitting President could authorize the demolition of part of the White House without meaningful oversight is deeply disturbing.

If this was done without proper authorization and review, it is not just bad judgment — it is a violation of public trust. The White House is not a private property to redesign at will. It belongs to the American people, and any alteration to it should be subject to strict process and transparency.

No President is a monarch. No President is above the law. Acting unilaterally, without accountability, is exactly the kind of behavior our system of government was designed to prevent.

I strongly oppose any unauthorized changes to the East Wing. It should be restored to its original state — and if improper actions were taken, President Trump should be personally responsible for covering the full cost of restoring the damage, not taxpayers. The American people should not be footing the bill for reckless decisions.

This project must be halted immediately, and there must be a full investigation into how this was allowed to happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:11:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richea Brigance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house, a National Historic Landmark owned by the American people and home to our presidents. While additional event space may be needed, the East Wing should respect the historic scale and not dwarf the 55000 square foot Executive Residence. Please keep it in good taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:11:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Luedtke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so heartbroken as a lover of our Nation's history to see the entire East Wing demolished with almost zero notice. Projects of this magnitude should be planned carefully and with the full participation of constituents like the White House Historical Association, so that at the very least, plans could be made to conserve artifacts from the building. They should also be involved so that any addition is done in good taste, and is in full compliment to the iconic White House itself. The process up to this point has been done with no input at all, which is repugnant and an insult to our democratic National nature. It is, after all, The People's House, and not just the current occupant's house. Any changes will be "for the ages," and we want them to be worthy of country.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:09:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this desecration to the East Wing. This is a vanity project with OUR money for a dictator. The WH is OURS not this man's. There is NO reason to have huge balls at the WH, it's not a "party room". It is for official business of our country. And the tasteless pictures make me want to hurl....as I have felt since Jan 2025. Dinners have been held there forever with no need to blow it up STOP THIS ABUSE OF POWER!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:09:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Loewenstern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as proposed. It is out of scale with the White House and not compatible with the historical proportions or style. At this point since the original East Wing has been destroyed without public input or permission from various agencies, there does need to be some reconstruction of the East Wing - and it would be appropriate for it to include a larger entertainment space for official White House functions. But a grand ballroom of the scale and size proposed is not necessary for those functions. A new East Wing Corridor with necessary rooms and offices could be built to match the current West Wing - and yes, an entertainment space could be included that would be in good taste, match

the current architecture of the White House and be much, much smaller so that it would be in good taste and not overshadow the historical White House in its size and style. I agree with the National Preservation of the Historic Trust and the National Park Service that the project as it is currently being decided on is not a good one and should not be accepted. Moreover, the building may or may not be funded by private donors, but the future upkeep and maintenance will be paid for by the taxpayers, so they should indeed have some say in this.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:08:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carissa Lick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I was horrified to see images of the East Wing of the White House demolished in October 2025. This historic building belongs to the American people, not the sitting president. It was incredibly disrepectful of the Trump administration to literally destroy history without even bothering to get approval from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, let alone ask for public input from the American people before unilaterally making this irreversible decision. The new East Wing will dwarf the main White House, destroying the symmetry and detracting from the focus on the main part of this institution. Literally no one except President Trump saw the need for an enormous and garish ballroom, but he unilaterally destroyed the existing structure in order to build one. The fact that this building is being made with donations from private individuals and companies is extremely concerning as well, demonstrating one (of many) examples of pay-to-play influence and bribery in this administration. No president should be beholden to private donors. The president's job is to serve the American people, not his own ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:05:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Carnevale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any "modernization" of the White House and its associated buildings must be in keeping with the scale of building as it was prior to the unauthorized demolition which took place in 2025.

The White House is of tremendous, frankly incalculable, historical value to this nation and its people. A modest change that accommodates a larger gathering than can be held in the state dining room may have value, but not at the expense of the integrity of the White House as it has stood for the nearly 8 decades since the Truman Balcony was added in 1948.

The first step must be to replicate that which was ripped off the east wing to undo the damage that has been done. Then, allow architects and historians to work together to develop a thoughtful, appropriate plan for a complementary building which would seat more than the 140 guests that can currently be accommodated by the State Dining Room.

Under no circumstances should the 90,000 square foot proposal put forth by the current Administration be moved forward. It is utterly too large, dwarfing the White House itself.

Respectfully,
Colleen Carnevale

Date: 2/14/2026 7:05:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monika Schwartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to the same dimensions and plan from before it was torn down. The look of the building should be balanced on both sides.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:04:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing exterior dimensions, architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past (existing?) process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:04:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Balinda DeSantis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the scale of the proposed White House ball room. It is despicable that the East Wing was demolished without following protocol, and I hope the ball room will not be allowed to proceed as is.

I was fortunate to visit the White House as a US citizen in 2016 for the Christmas decorations, and it was so wonderful to approach the White House. I would feel sorry for future visitors to approach a ballroom. It's about the White House, not a ballroom.

I'm have no issue with building a ballroom that is appropriate in style and scale, and as long as that decision is not made by Donald Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:03:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: margaret Rodgers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the peoples house. Continue to treat it as a national landmark. Not a personal project. Use the East room and restore the area torn down as it was but with updates as needed

Date: 2/14/2026 7:03:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lillian Corti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a realtor, Donald Trump must know that if you move into a home you do not own and completely demolish it, you either pay big bucks for repairing the damage or you are liable to be prosecuted.
What he also seems to have forgotten is that the White House does not belong to him. It belongs to the American people and he lives there as a guest and servant of the people. If he really thought the building needed improvements, he ought to have had the decency to submit a proposal for the project to Congress. He had no right to demolish the people's house without Congressional approval and he should be made to compensate for the criminal damage he has caused.
The prospect of having Donald Trump preside over this project is particularly distressing because of his obsession with golden baubles. The man seems to think that the golden rule is a matter of interior decoration. He dreams of turning the people's house into a vulgar imitation of Versailles. He has no sense of generosity, no sense of compassion for his fellow citizens or the democratic institutions of this country. He is only interested in building some gaudy edifice as a demonstration of his personal dominance over the people he is supposed to be serving, The very idea of pouring a river of money into the construction of a ball room when the homeless population in the is country is annually increasing, is simply obscene.
Though I doubt that this hero of the Evangelical right has read the Bible, somebody should remind him of the passage where Jesus says that nobody should have two coats as long as there is anybody who does not have one coat. The same goes for property. Nobdy should be building a ballroom as long as there are American citizens with no roof over their heads.
The president boasts that the taxpayers will not have to pay for the ballroom because there are so many private contributors. In other words, the project is a dandy way of inviting gifts from anybody who wants to curry favor with the boss.
This project is totally corrupt and stunningly arrogant. The president should be required to restore the East Wing to its original dimensions as soon as possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:03:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A journalist on PBS stated, “ it needs to be done, but I don’t want Trump to do it”

Date: 2/14/2026 7:03:19 PM
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Name: Kourtnee Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored to its original design. I think destroying it as they did was incredibly disrespectful.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:03:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Sexton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House IS NOT Maralago. I am personally offended by the ostentatious display of gold and labels everywhere—such poor taste, this isn't Russia!

The East Wing must be restored to its original footprint, design, and facade. If upgrades need to be made to infrastructure or the PEOC, then make them. But the end result should be a RESTORED White House and Rose Garden. If the current residents think it's too small, please encourage them to trim their invitation lists. Or, they are welcome to leave. There are MANY large venues already available in DC to hold giant events. The current residents can party and dance in those venues to their hearts content.

PS— Someone please tell Melania that flats work better than spike heels when hosting/attending events in the restored Rose Garden.

Thank you for your attention to this matter! ;-)

Cynthia Sexton

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Name: Anne DeSantis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: kim jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

put it back the way it was.

thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:01:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Krafchin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. Not many of us have our own ballroom, especially one that can hold 1,000 guests. I understand the need for the President to be able to entertain leaders from around the world. However, this is clearly overkill and a vanity project for the world's most fragile ego. With people struggling to pay their bills and government services being slashed, I find the idea of this monstrosity to be abhorent and cruel. And the destruction of the East Wing without oversite is yet another example of the abuse of power and the woeful disregard this president has for the law and the disconnect from the American people. This plan needs to be trimmed down and the costs scrutinized with a fine comb.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:01:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nathan Leblang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a member of the American Institute of Architects I want to reiterate the comments made by the Institute to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House:

The White House is not a private building and its renovations should not be funded privately. The historic edifice at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is the People's House, a national treasure and an enduring symbol of our democracy. Any modifications to it—especially modifications of this magnitude—should reflect the importance, scale, and symbolic weight of the White House itself.

The design process also must rise to the significance of the building and to the importance of the proposed alterations. Any material changes to this historic landmark must strictly adhere to established federal processes for public buildings. To that end, we strongly encourage the following:

1. Qualifications-Based Selection Process
The Committee for the Preservation of the White House has a proud history of leadership in stewardship and preservation to maintain and improve the White House for future generations. While the proposed extension will be privately funded, given the magnitude of the project and the symbolism the White House carries for all Americans, we strongly urge a Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process to identify the most qualified architect or design team for this project. Adherence to the QBS process is the recommended approach for all public projects of national significance and will ensure the selection of professionals who possess the expertise necessary to balance the White House's architectural heritage with the functional requirements of a 21st-century presidency. We also encourage a robust, public-facing interdisciplinary feedback process—inviting input from preservation specialists, engineers, security experts such as the Secret Service, and sustainability advisors to address the full scope and complexity of the project.

2. Historic-Preservation Review
A rigorous historic-preservation review is critical to guarantee harmony with James Hoban's neoclassical style and protection of historic sightlines, such as Pennsylvania Avenue and Lafayette Square. Strict adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards (HABS/HAER/HALS) is essential to the safeguarding of the White House architectural legacy. It is critical that the Committee ensures that these standards are rigorously applied.

3. Transparency and Public Accountability
Private funding must not bypass the care and deliberation required for proposing and constructing new additions or making such significant material changes to the White House. Given the White House's symbolic importance, the design and decision-making processes must be transparent and open to public input. Providing public clarity on the funding, procurement, and design selection processes will signal the administration's commitment to accountability and the stewardship of the White House while easing public concerns about the changes being proposed to this national

landmark.

4. Proportionality and Design Harmony
The proposed 90,000-square-foot addition raises concerns regarding scale and balance. The design absolutely must harmonize with the White House's existing architectural proportions while preserving its role as both a national museum for the people, and the functional seat of power representative of the people. We urge careful consideration of adjustments that would align the proposed additions more closely with the White House's historic character.

5. Collaboration and Expertise
The AIA offers its full assistance and expertise to ensure that the project fulfills its goals while adhering to current, best preservation practices, and AIA's Framework for Design Excellence. In the spirit of transparency and openness to public feedback, we are ready to support and provide guidance on design criteria, energy efficiency, resiliency, and the fundamental and overarching balance of progress and preservation.

Nathan S. Leblang AIA
Santa Fe, NM

Date: 2/14/2026 6:59:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Montes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please See the attached PDF for comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:59:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Wyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the madness. No ballroom. No giant arch. Get trumps name off of the Kennedy Center. Remove the crappy gold from the Oval Office. JUST STOP.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:59:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Fretwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. It is a vanity project. Donald Trump is looking to leave a legacy of his Presidency in the form of buildings, not in the form of productive policy. The East Wing should never have

been demolished without prior approval of both the National Trust and the American public.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:59:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: L Dirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not be taller, wider etc than the main building. It should be returned to its original state. The bunker underneath should also remain the same size as it was. American taxpayers should be reimbursed for every penny of the costs.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:58:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Towers-Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down without proper permits or review. It should be rebuilt as close to the original plan as possible. Private oligarch donations for the Ballroom should be used to re-build the East Wing.

Remember Nuremberg

Date: 2/14/2026 6:58:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before this destructive act was undertaken. While it will no longer be the original historic structure, what was intended in the original design will be preserved. And most importantly, it will represent the People not it would be King. We do not want to memorialize an authoritarian government in the structure of the White House, one of our most precious national treasures.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J Barton
Lansing, MI.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:57:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Seemann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination that never should have happened. It should be stopped in its tracks and the white house should be restored to its former grandeur. There should also be an accountability for having demolished the east wing without proper permission.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:57:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Doran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ballroom comment

As an American citizen invested in the stewardship of our national heritage, I urge reconsideration of the East Wing Modernization and State Ballroom project as currently planned. My concerns are rooted in a patriotic commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and the preservation of our shared history as a nation..

The demolished East Wing represented more than a century of American history. While the White House has evolved throughout out that time, this project proceeded with unprecedented haste—demolition occurred within three months of the announcement, before comprehensive public review. Our national landmarks deserve deliberate, thoughtful processes that honor their significance to all Americans, not just current occupants.

The project cost has doubled from $200 million to $400 million in less than six months. This lack of budgetary discipline raises serious concerns, particularly when funded through opaque private donations that may create conflicts of interest. The American people deserve full transparency regarding who is financing alterations to the People's House and what access or influence they may receive in return. Proper congressional oversight would ensure accountability to taxpayers and future generations.

At 90,000 square feet—larger than the 55,000-square-foot White House itself—this addition risks overwhelming the architectural balance and historical character of our nation's most symbolic residence. Even if event space is needed, surely a more appropriately scaled solution could meet functional requirements while respecting the existing structure's prominence.

The circumvention of normal review procedures sets a troubling precedent. Projects of far smaller scope have undergone years of environmental study, public consultation, and commission review. Rushing this massive undertaking undermines the careful stewardship processes established to protect federal landmarks. Meaningful public input cannot occur after demolition is complete and foundations are poured.

I would encourage the Commission to consider whether:

- A more modest expansion could meet legitimate functional needs
- Existing temporary solutions, while imperfect, remain adequate for the limited occasions requiring large-scale entertaining
- Resources might be better directed toward pressing national priorities
- A slower, more transparent process would better serve our democratic values

The White House belongs to all Americans, across generations. Any modifications should reflect our collective judgment, not expedited timelines that foreclose meaningful review. I urge the Commission to

ensure this project receives the rigorous scrutiny, public input, and careful deliberation that our national heritage has been built on.

Respectfully,
Jill Doran
Seattle, WA

Date: 2/14/2026 6:57:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Salle Certo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First off, there should never have been a question that Trump could destroy the East Wing. The destruction of the White House's history is just egregious.

The construction needs to be approved by a process, not by Trump who uses his ego to push forth its building. He should never had been allowed to tear it down. The financing should be controlled by Congress and should be transparent. The system for funding appears more like bribes from the rich but ultimately, we the people will end up footing the bill. Trump has already taken billions from us one way or the other. I just give this building of the ballroom a BIG FAT NO!

No to Trump and his fanatical fancy to placate his lost mind and NO to the ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:56:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Rolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is out of scale and inappropriate to the Whit House.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:56:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kermit Traska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support President Trump's initiative to improve the East Wing of the Capitol adding the ballroom at no expense to the people of the United States.

Kermit Traska

Date: 2/14/2026 6:56:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tierney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination and desecration of the American people's property. It should never have happened and must not be continued

Date: 2/14/2026 6:56:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Wigle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
A ballroom is not needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:55:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hedwig Cerwinka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be reconstructed in keeping with the scale and proportion of the White House as a whole and should not be so large as to throw off the proportions of the entire building. This wing should be in keeping with the original style and materials used so that the style and materials used fit historically.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:52:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am still grieving the loss of the East Wing of the Whitehouse and Jacqueline's rose garden. I feel as if a significant part of our national history has been stolen and carelessly erased. None of us, the people, were given a choice in the destruction of the People's house. I really want it built back the way it was!

This hideous, 80'000 square foot, gilded monstrosity of a "ballroom" is meant to flatter, and make indelible, someone that this country would rather forget! He has wrought so much desecration on this country, devastation that will take many years to recover from.

Please don't allow this project to go forward. Trump is a very immoral and antagonistic human being who has hurt so many people. He deserves to be impeached and convicted not exalted and enshrined!

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my feelings and opinion. Sincerely, Tracy E. Cohen

Date: 2/14/2026 6:51:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shea Mizuno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Shea Mizuno, and I am a 32 year old American citizen. The East Wing Modernization project, specifically the large ballroom, is entirely unneeded, excessive, and a waste of the American taxpayer's money. Rather than elevate the official residence of the President, the new proposed building is disproportionate, and takes away from the majesty of the White House mansion.
Lavish parties and events that would take place in the ballroom do not serve the needs of the American people. The millions of American dollars that would be allocated to the construction and decorating of this new ballroom could be used in a plethora of different ways more beneficial to Americans, instead of satisfying the egotistical wants of the few. I understand that some modernization to failing structures was needed, but the proposed plans greatly overtake that need. On another note, there was no warning before the demolition of the historical wing, and the Jaqueline Kennedy Gardens occurred, and it is a tragic loss of about a century of American national heritage. I call for a more modest plan and reconstruction, nixing the ballroom entirely, with new plans created more within the style and size of the former East Wing. I also call for the replanting of the historical Jaqueline Kennedy Gardens in the area they were originally located.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:51:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katlyn Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely do NOT approve of the new project. I want the WH RESTORED to its original architecture. The only change I support is removing toxic chemicals and lead, and modernizing the plumbing or electrical system.
EVERY phase should be publicly approved and any donors to the project should be publicly listed and pre approved.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:51:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Haecker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC Members:

With the White House campus being a national icon, for any one individually to mandate such a major intrusion as the new East Wing is unconscionable. Now the question is, if all the required reviews determine that it is inappropriate, and Trump proceed anyway, what remedy do you have? None that I know of.

In addition to the illegal act itself, the current design is vastly out of scale, and the proposed east entry portico competes directly with and overwhelms the scale of the White House portico. As only Trump would want it, for this/his building to be grander than the White House itself. And, of course, the name of the project is now incorrect, there is nothing left to "modernize"

I urge you to do all possible to stop the project or significantly redesign it as a more subservient addition.

With anguish,

George Haecker AIA

Date: 2/14/2026 6:50:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:49:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gef Flimlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans for the East Wing Modernization Project should be immediately stopped. There was a process that should have been used by this administration which was totally ignored. This is not how a democracy should work especially for the Peoples' House.

I don't feel that we need an overblown ballroom, and especially one that might carry this president's name. I would suggest that this whole process go through Congress and it should be paid for by money taken from DHS budget.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts.

Professor Emeritus Gef Flimlin, Rutgers University

Date: 2/14/2026 6:48:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as it was, except to bring it to code. No gold filigree. Restore Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden. Absolutely no garish ballroom. This building is of historical significance to the people of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:48:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale is wrong.
Square footage excessive.
Trump name must be removed

Date: 2/14/2026 6:48:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Denner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage."

As is stated on the NCPC website, WE, the American people, own the White House, not the sitting president.

The White House is not a hotel. It is not a convention center. It does not need a ballroom. There are many venues in DC that are suitable for any president to host a large event.

The White House is not a palace for the sitting president. The occupant of the White House is not a king. The occupant of the White House is supposed to work for us. The occupant of the White House lives there only as a temporary guest, a guest of the American people.

The sitting president destroyed the East Wing, as well as the Rose Garden, without our consent. He

permanently altered the White House without permission, without permits.

Now, a new East Wing must be built. It should be built to resemble the original East Wing, destroyed by the sitting president, as much as possible -- in style, size, shape, & location. The new East Wing should look like the original East Wing & should fit in the same footprint.

Finally, part of OUR house was demolished by the sitting president. That sitting president should be forced to pay all of the costs associated with the demolition of the original East Wing & the construction of a new East Wing with his own personal funds. I know that, unfortunately, this is probably not within the purview of the National Capital Planning Commission,

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Erica Denner
Baltimore, Maryland

Date: 2/14/2026 6:48:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Priscilla King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in the Washington area and as a child out past time was spent visiting the national monument and museums. The destruction of the East Wing was horrifying to me as was the attack on the Capitol Building. This and the attempted changing of other government building is an attack on our history and I would like to keep any of that from moving forward and the East Wing and the Rose Garden restored. Please stop the unnecessary ballroom from moving forward.

Thank you
Priscilla King

Date: 2/14/2026 6:47:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Sapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt within the current footprint. That's very important to me. I suggest a national contest should be run open to professional architects and building designers and judged by a non-partisan commitee of architects and designers. All control should be out of the hands of politicians. It needs to be considered useful, tasteful, and even beautiful to both the people of the United States and to the rest of the world, as this is the wing most presented to visitors.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:46:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Bozeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please replace the East Wing with a structure similar to the one that was destroyed illegally. If the country needs a gigantic ballroom, put it somewhere else, not attached to the White House. The current inhabitant has desecrated OUR White House, and this would be one step in making it our house again.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:45:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Smithy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure including ADA accessibility needs. Please include a Kennedy Rose garden. Have it balance and be symmetrical to the West Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:45:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's definitely closing the barn door after the cows have gotten out.

Surely calling it a modernization after demolition has converted the East Wing to rubble is ironic and cynical.

I would expect more from a functioning government, but this joke of a government brings us nothing but scorn and disappointment.

Shame on the hypocrisy of these self serving crooks.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:45:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Irene Mccahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should not exceed 55,000 total sf. It should follow the historic architectural design of the current White House and include gardens and terraces, where appropriate in design. There shall be no gilded gold fixtures of any kind. The interior should be elegant, not ostentatious

and follow the beautiful design of the present White House. The building could have a ballroom that would accommodate guests at State dinners and include a fountain, and stage. The design must be approved by members of Congress with Congress members review if public comments. The majority net for this extension should come from donors, mostly citizen billionaires \u-10179 ?\u-8637 ?

Date: 2/14/2026 6:45:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Narten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, as the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical and should be kept that way.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it, but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:44:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its original design and appearance. The White House is not a hotel nor a palace nor a convention center. We don’t need a ballroom there.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:44:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mara Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was fine just the way it was, at 12,000 square feet it was in balance with the White House original architecture. It’s intent was a First Ladies office and a welcoming area for guests.

Return the wing to it’s original purpose, add a greenhouse and sunroom for expanded use of smaller groups.

The proposed building is too much ego, doesn’t make sense. The destruction of original just insulting. I

Date: 2/14/2026 6:44:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Weston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump overstepped his boundaries and destroyed an historical part of the people’s house. It is not his right to do so. He and his rich donors need to rebuild what they trashed back to what it once was, though the history of what it was is now lost.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:44:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Missy Mackin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That this project is using our hard-earned tax dollars for Trump's vile and tasteless vanity project is the least of my objections. It should never have begun and should most certainly end immediately.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:42:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our country is in such a terrible physical and mental state from the Narcissist-In-Charge that I have to say that in MY opinion, the East Wing needs to be repaired and restored and the plans for the ballroom needs to be shelved! The demolition was uncalled for and not even approved by our Government. Out of all this country needs for it's people, a ballroom to please Donald Trump and his cronies is the last thing we need. This country has been destroyed by everything he stands for and he needs to be reminded that he works for US, the people, not for his billionnaire friends he wants to impress.The powers that be that is letting him get away with everything he is doing to bring us to our knees needs to grow a pair and restore our faith in humanity by holding him accountable. There needs to be major changes in this administration, what are you going to do about it? I speak for many in this country and all of you know it. I also think, HE needs to be the one paying to have the East Wing restored. Thank you for letting me have my say.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:41:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Hoskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

IF this project is deemed necessary, it must respect the scale and architecture of the current Executive Residence. Under no circumstances will it overshadow the White House. It must reflect the elegant decor of the White House as executed by Jaqueline Kennedy. There must be no ornate, gaudy gilt in imitation of the palaces of middle eastern potentates.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:41:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Franz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to oppose the plan to replace the East Wing of the White House with a grotesque palace-sized ballroom. The demolition of the existing wing was performed unlawfully. A ballroom monument to Donald Trump, who fancies himself an American king, emulates Saddam Hussein's Palace in Baghdad. When Trump is no longer president, the American people, much like the free people of Iraq, will have to spend millions in taxpayer money to remove what was built.

Modernizing a historical building does not mean destroying it, although the symbolism of Trump destroying the White House is on the nose.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:41:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Schindler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild exactly to original architecture as it was with any modern functional updates. Do the updates that may have been needed. The White House doesn't need a ballroom. Don't let the size overplay the existing building. No Gold Glitter.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:39:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Ganey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this heinous destruction of the people’s house.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:39:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Pozek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I beg you to restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the White House, the people's house. Do the necessary updates to wiring, etc and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow the process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Changes should not be and CANNOT be allowed with special interest funds to influence or pay for rebuilding. FOLLOW THE LAW.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:39:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Gerber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think an ostentatious expensive ballroom would be a terrible idea, as millions of United States citizens go without affordable health insurance. We have children who go hungry. Why do we need a gilded ballroom?

Date: 2/14/2026 6:38:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Braund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that Trump demolished the East Wing for his vanity project. It it NOT his house - it is the people's house. He should be forced to restore it at his own cost to the original configuration.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:38:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Sims
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire process of demolishing the old east wing of the Whitehouse without the required due process is beyond belief. The proposed replacement now that demolition is fait accompli is likewise beyond belief..

Our Whitehouse belongs to the people and renovations to it need to follow the proper process. Personally,

I am not in favor of the proposed humongous replacement proposed. People are being imprisoned and/or deported. Others cannot pay their rent or properly feed their families. Many do not have healthcare.

A 90,000 sq ft monstrosity is going to dwarf the Whitehouse and after gaudy decoration will not send the right message.

A commission of the public should be created to come up with a tasteful structure that is architecturally consistent with the rest of the Whitehouse (and not overbearing).

David Sims
Houston, Texas

Date: 2/14/2026 6:37:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to the exterior dimensions and architectural style which previously exhisted. All electrical, plumbing, HVAC etc. should be brought up to current code. The building should also be made ADA accessable as possible, to be inclusive. All interiour designs should be consistant with the historical nature of the previous building which was illegally torn down. There should be NO GOLD ORNIMENTATION anywhere.

If a ballroom is needed, there should be another location within Washington DC which would be more appropriate, and available for the public to use. It should NOT be on the gounds of the White House. This is the People's House, not a location for Current Administration to entertaini only the top donors or followers of their agenda.

The restoration of the People's House should be paid for by the current administration ONLY! NO TAXPAYER FUNDS should be used..This disregard for the history of our country, to create a massive, gawdy monument to one's self, is beyond belief and needs to be rectified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:37:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has been one of the symbols of the United States and with that the Democracy that is the chosen form of government. The process that has been used to remove the East Wing and plan a Ball Room represents everything but democracy. The input of the public for this major change to the peoples house has been painfully absent. This cannot be accepted policy. It is too late to save the destroyed building. The images that are proposed show an addition the will dominate the original architecture of the building. I do not argue that an update to the building is not needed. The addition of a larger ballroom capable of

allowing for larger groups is a fine idea but this design goes far beyond this at a very unnecessary price.
I find it hopeful that there is a call for public input even though it is too late to save the demolished history.
Please let the public voice and input be taken into account

Date: 2/14/2026 6:36:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Scales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. Nothing more than another Trump vanity project. Trump should be personally responsible for restoring the East wing to its original glory.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:36:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is for the ego of our narcissistic president. It will serve as a venue to entertain his wealthy friends and others who will reward him financially. This project will not benefit our country as a whole.

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Name: Brian Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 6:35:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Jolie-Zotzmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of the proposed modification to the East Wing of the White House in Washington, D.C.
This project is just another self appointed tribute to our current POTUS, who never tires of patting himself on the back, putting his name on everything he possibly can and having another monument to himself.
The POTUS that we have in 2026 blatantly disregards the rules and laws of this country. He has already

finished the process of tearing down the East Wing, with zero authority. It is disgusting that anyone would act on his word to perform the disfigurement of our Nation's center for the office of the POTUS. The destruction of the East Wing, already finished, should never have been performed.
I refuse to be in favor of anything other than the painstaking reconstruction of the East Wing, as it was before the POTUS destroyed it. Further, the POTUS should be held 100% responsible financially and legally for the deconstruction and reconstruction. Personally responsible - no getting donors or being bailed out by anyone. Certainly, the tax payers/citizens of this country should never be held accountable financially or in any other way for this disaster, created by the POTUS and no one else.
The POTUS needs to face charges in a court of law for this flaunting of his disregard for the laws of the land - the land, the United States of America, that the POTUS is supposed to represent, and to care for.
This is my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:35:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lynn Treppa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to be similar to its appearance before it was destroyed and consistent with the rest of the White House. While it doesn't need to have the exact interior spaces as it did before the destruction, it doesn't need to have a ballroom either. A thorough survey of current and anticipated space needs should be done to determine the interior layout. Mechanicals should certainly be updated to current standards. Clean classical architecture and no "gold" embellishments.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:35:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Merwarth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild it the way is was. Same dimensions. NO Ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:34:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Buerger Linden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with Commissioner Mendelsohn's comments that the overall height/mass of the addition/renovation is too much. An interior space that is 38-40' high is not necessary and may even feel cold. Lowering the overall building height is my first comment. And then the footprint could also be reduced to lessen the visual mass of the building.

I also agree with the commissioner that it seems the project is being presented in a piecemeal fashion when it should be reviewed as a whole, showing all of the elements that are being incorporated or master

planned including the visitor center, proposed addition to the west wing, site changes etc.

While it should go without saying, incorporation of features that make the building fully compliant (and beyond) with the ADA are essential.

I'm a bit offended that the proposed lower level office space is labelled "First Lady's Offices", which presumes there will always be a male president with a female wife. There are many possibilities that make this labelling old-fashioned, most likely the election of a female president with a male spouse, but also possibly a male president w/ a male spouse. Something more neutral / inclusive should be used.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:33:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Callaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Whatever is built should be in the design, scale, and historical period of the West Wing. It should not be larger than the West Wing, but complement it.

The space should be multi-purpose. To build a ballroom to seat 900 people is ridiculous. There are no state dinners where there are that many guests.

Space must be set aside for offices. The space that would be used as a ballroom should be flexible to accommodate multiple size gatherings.

Most importantly, the interior and exterior designs should be respectful of a dignified and sacred place. No opulent gold fixtures. No outsized portraits of the current occupant of the White House.

What was destroyed cannot be replaced. But the new space can be appropriate, dignified, and reflective of the historical space that was torn down.

No giant ballroom. No tribute to one person. Just a tasteful and historically accurate and sensitive addition that pays homage to that part of our history that was destroyed.

Thank you.
Denise Callaway
Greenfield, WI

Date: 2/14/2026 6:33:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored and that Trump be billed personally for that. What he did was inlawful and insulting to the People's House!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:31:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Maxcey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having finally gotten to live a lifelong wish of visiting the White House during Christmas two years ago during the Biden administration, the history that that building encompass and held for even a small girl from a rule town meant so much to me as an American and as an American voter. I am completely against the building of a ballroom. I do not think it is something that was done through the appropriate channels, and I believe the Eastwing should be built back in the manner that it was when it was torn down

Date: 2/14/2026 6:30:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Hendrickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the construction of a large ballroom attached to the White House. I believe the White House East Wing should be restored to it's previous and historic condition.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:29:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Ricketts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored within the previous exterior dimensions and architectural style, while updating wiring, etc. and making it ADA accessible where possible. It should be comparable in size to the West Wing and the main house. Only needed and historically sensitive changes should be allowed. Restore the Rose Garden fully.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house, and was never meant to be a palace. It is also not a hotel or a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:29:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and does not need a ballroom. It is not a Palace, having been designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:28:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Franceschini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to this modernization in making a ballroom! The White House belongs to the American people and NOT to Donald Trump. If there was a need for repairs for the sake of maintenance, I can understand that, but for a ballroom, no!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:28:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate that there is a review process for all construction around the Capital. It’s too bad the damage has already been done. I don’t care that this is supposed to be privately funded. Not that it matters because this review process is taxpayer funded. And no doubt taxpayer money will be used at some point because sooner or later people will quit donating to this boondoggle. Maybe it will be cheaper in the long run to have totally dismantled the old building and build a modern one in its place. I understand the rationale. I just do not like the way this was handled by the Trump administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:28:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris Chicoine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently, totally opposed to this project. It was started illegally, in my opinion, and It is ridiculously enormous and unsightly. There is nothing aesthetically appealing about it. It would be an eyesore. It would ruin the White House property. But you have said it best:

"The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Why This Moment Matters
This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input."

Thank you.

Doris Chicoine

Date: 2/14/2026 6:28:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Marsden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am angry and disturbed that the President has overstepped his authority and demolished the East Wing without going through any of the proper steps to initiate such an act. I want all activity on the site to stop until proper procedures are initiated and completed. The White house is not the personal property of the President; it actually belongs to the country. Therefore the owners are the people of the United States. This means that US citizens, or their duly elected representatives in Congress, must be consulted before taking such drastic and unjustified actions. At the very least, established procedures and approvals must be followed. Therefore I call for all construction to stop immediately, and a proper plan to be submitted and approved before any further action is taken.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:27:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Knost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing (and removal of historic trees) was both horrifying and infuriating, but we can only move forward now. It is my opinion that the replacement be in line with the current size and style of the White House with appropriate symmetry, style, and taste; essentially restoring what was once there. If the current occupant of the White House still wants an ostentatious ballroom, he can build one off site somewhere and raise the money from a non-taxpayer resource. Maybe from his own crypto account.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:27:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana McCain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House East Wing Modernization Project
NCPC File Number: 8733

Applicant: Executive Residence at the White House

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a shocking act of vandalism. A historic section of "the people's house" was razed with blatant disregard for any input from agencies charged with safeguarding this National Historic Landmark.

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom should not be built. It will be grossly out of proportion to the remaining structure. To echo Prince Charles' comments in 1984 on a proposed addition to the National Gallery, the ballroom would be a "monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend."

The ostentatious style shown in building drawings would be more appropriate to a royal palace than to the official residence of the president of a democracy. The purported need for a space for official events larger than the White House can accommodate can be met by holding such gatherings at other locations in Washington. Official events of 500 or 1,000 people don't have to take place in the White House, especially at the expense of destroying the grace and beauty of the building.

The East Wing should be rebuilt as closely as possible to its original appearance, restoring the White House to its status as a cherished iconic symbol.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monica Snow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The final design of the proposed East Wing ballroom must match the materials of the existing White House and West wing and its mass, architectural design and features, and foot print cannot overshadow the existing White House. I had high hopes when I read in the 2025 Plan and the Administration's official notice in the Federal Register both called for all new and updates to federal buildings to adhere to Classical architecture features that have defined the built environment and beauty of our nation's capital.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to ensure that the proposed ballroom follow these Classical architecture guidelines. You have your job cut out for you, given the crass and bulgar changes that this Administration has made to the interior of the White House. Stay the course and make sure this new, and totally unnecessary addition, sustains and enhances the beauty of the People's House.

Thanks you,
Monica Snow
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Tunick-Cabeche
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA

accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house. The White House isn't his, it is ours.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tassielli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. Please reverse the damage that has already been done. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build it back to the original design allowing updates in fire, electrical and wifi. No TRUMP signs or gold emblrms.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hugh Gurney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to the gigantic ballroom being proposed and to the demolition of the current East Wing which served many important purporses including the origination for tours of the building. In my opinion, the recently demolished East Wing needs to be replaced using National Park Service guidelines addressing historic structures. The proposed ballroom is totally out of proportion with the remaining White House, one of the most historic structures in the United States.

The White House is the property of the citizens of the United States and needs to be treated as other historic structures owned by the federal government.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethany DeHamer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing is an atrocious power grab which has destroyed an important part of our nation's legacy. The only project that should be allowed is to rebuild what was there previously, as accurately as possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Anne Magee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not add an addition of 90000 square feet to the White House! It will dwarf the original building and will look unbalanced. If a ballroom is deemed necessary, please build it somewhere else. And replace the Rose Garden and get rid of all the stupid gold crap. This addition and ornamentations are beneath the dignity of the White House and what it stands for - the PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:24:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Reetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since Mr. Trump had the East Wing demolished without telling anyone, he should be the one to pay the cost to rebuild it. We don't need a fancy ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:24:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stefanie Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months. Additionally, the current administration is destroying the history of this country. Demolishing the East Wing before consulting with the appropriate authorities is another example of this administration's contempt for the rule of law. At some point, someone needs to reign the administration in.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:23:56 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Mittelstadt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its previous scale with as many historic features and finishes as can be reproduced. It will obviously need to be modernized with appropriate electrical and plumbing.
A 90,000 sq' ballroom has no business near the White House. A larger building for that purpose can be built on property away from the people's house, if and when a project of that size fits into an approved budget. We do not want "donors" paying for anything that will then obligate political favors and attempt to bypass established procedures and protocols.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:23:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Kelley Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American Citizen who reveres our nation's historical treasures, I feel compelled to submit my opinion about the destruction of the East Wing of OUR White House. Only twice, on January 6, 2021, and then seeing the East Wing destroyed, do I remember crying because of what was happening to our National landmarks.
Even months later, I cannot believe that the East Wing could have been so carelessly levelled with the intent of replacing it with a gargantuan "ballroom" that would dwarf the remaining White House. A gilt ballroom which perhaps a miniscule portion of the population might ever have occasion to attend. The idea is totally appalling.
If opinions are being surveyed, I would hope that my comments would clearly be in opposition to any hideous, oversized ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt in its former architecture and size with only interior modifications.
Thank you for the opportunity to offer a comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:23:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan Concerned
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put the building back to the way it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:23:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara mariconda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, or “the people’s house” as it has been called, has been a symbol of our democracy, iconic in form, design, and proportion. It has also evoked dignity, with a classical beauty that Americans have loved and respected through the years. As the people’s house it should remain a structure we can be proud of. The ill-guided notion that the White House should double in size for the purpose of a Trumpian palatial ballroom is abhorrent for a multitude of reasons. Size matters - to build a ballroom equal in size to the White House itself suggests that holding immense balls and parties for the elite and privileged is of equal importance as the real work of government that has always taken place in the existing White House. Moreover, for a president to make the decision to demolish the East Wing of the people’s house without the permission of the people is NOT the democratic way of doing things. President Trump seems to have forgotten that he will not be a permanent resident and that he is not the owner of this historic landmark. If the embellishments Mr. Trump has already added to the White House are any indication of what is to come in his mega ballroom it will only further serve to cheapen and tarnish the people’s house. I urge you to preserve the historic and architectural integrity of our White House!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:22:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McGrath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appose the proposed banquet facility where the East Wing used to stand. The destruction of the East Wing is an abomination and sadly can not be reversed. Our beautiful, historic landmark has been irreparably damaged. However the building of the proposed banquet facility can and should be stopped.

We should honor and respect our history and heritage. Any changes to our landmarks should be be approved and in keeping with the structure and the design of our White House. The scale of this structure is far too large to be built adjacent to the White House. The plan is for a design much more flamboyant than our neo classically designed structure.

Allowing this to move forward would set a dangerous precedent. Others may be as embolden and believe they can destroy landmarks and build structures in the architectural style they prefer. There is good reason these actions require PRIOR approval. Actions outside of these established standards will result in our historic structures looking inconsistent and lacking symmetry.

The proposed structure is unbecoming of our White House, and is unnecessary. As importantly the proposed funding of this project is inappropriate and appears as a bribery. If taxpayers have to cover the cost of this it would be an undue burden and significantly increase our national debt. Please do not allow this inappropriate structure to move forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:22:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kenney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style, scale, and footprint as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:22:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please please please put a stop to the wholesale destruction of this historic structure. Donald Trump does not own the White House and cannot to be permitted to continue the obliteration of American history. Restore the East wing, restore the Rose Garden. What he has done is a blight on Washington and on America.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:22:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Case
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes to a property of historic value must be reviewed by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation. The East Wing was wantonly destroyed without any real plan for what happens next. This is the people's house. The current resident is a temporary guest only. The whole project is a travesty.

The proposed elevation is completely out of proportion to the site and the remaining structures. It is also ugly, unnecessary, and poorly conceived. All things remotely artistic should absolutely not involve the current White House tenants.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:21:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Boyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Shame on every single one of you for what you have done to what used to be The People’s House. You have brought disgrace upon our nation with this abomination.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:20:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B J Alexis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

No, no, and no again. The White House is the peoples house, the peoples house and neither we, nor the Congress, gave permission to denigrate, destroy and dismantle the HISTORIC East Wing, where the First Ladies had their offices.

One has to wonder when getting an invitation to such WH extravaganzas how many of the invitees actually moan, not again?

Date: 2/14/2026 6:20:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison McCaleb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM! This is an unnecessary expenditure of our tax dollars. Trump should be impeached and face jail time for his numerous crimes.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:19:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Stinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months. The East Wing Modernization Project should rebuild the east wing...perhaps slightly larger but in keeping with the "White House" that is historically "The House of the People" and which was demolished without permission.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:18:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rondi Potter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this building (ballroom) for the following reasons:

The size of the proposed structure would cause it to drastically overwhelm the White House which would detract from its historic and architectural significance.

It is not consistent with the function of the overall site, I.e. a place for the President to live and conduct the

business of the presidency.

It serves no discernible needed purpose for the American people and appears to be merely a vanity project of the current occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:17:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicholas Hentschel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In a word, "No."
This "project" is not only illegal, not only destructive to the point of vandalism, not only a swindle, but it is a LIE. The ballroom will never be built. The Toddler-in-Chief is not honest enough to deliver on even the smallest of promises and not intelligent enough to even plan, much less supervise, a project of this magnitude, even if it were needed. There is no plan, no financing, and no public support to m are this happen. At best, this is an attempt to swing public money for the President's own coffers, and more likely, it is simply a short-sighted act of petty revenge against America, just like the paving over the Rose Garden. NOT ONE DIME!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:16:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the proposed ballroom project will overwhelm the White House. Any additions should conform to the original design. Restore the East Wing to the original design and if truly necessary build a ballroom elsewhere in the city. This is the peoples house and we should have been considered before any destruction began.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:16:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chloe Jashinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are living in a period of time when average Americans are struggling and the Gini coefficient has reached French Revolution levels. Nearly all Americans are a single medical emergency away from destitution, which makes the conversion of the people's house into a bloated, gaudy ballroom for the rich is beyond an insult. The fact that public comment is occurring well after the haphazard destruction of the East Wing only emphasizes the complete disrespect the administration shows for public heritage and public opinion.
Even more concerning are the funding sources for this project. Given the blatant pay-to-play corruption that this administration has encouraged – from donations in exchange for pardons, and foreign

cryptocurrency investment in exchange for proprietary technologies – how can anyone trust that donations to this project will not further compromise the integrity of our government? How much more will the administration and its inner circle profit off the people's resources and heritage? And what, if anything, is this going to do to help everyday Americans?
This process has been rushed, with little to no transparency, showing no respect for the White House as a shared legacy for the country. This is a pure vanity project designed to further enrich the wealthiest administration in history, at the expense of working Americans. I can think of no better symbol of the shameless, extractive excesses of this administration than taking a place of work, a place of history, a place of struggle, and turning it into a gilded bubble for the Epstein class.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:15:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marybeth Healey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am incensed that anyone person, least of all the president of the United States, had the audacity to take upon himself the destruction of a national landmark. I would appreciate someone or some agency explaining how this happened.
That said, I believe the east wing should be rebuilt as it was. Granted, updated technology, materials,upgrades, etc but basically rebuilt in kind. It should be paid for buy the "donations" that Mr Trump claims he has received. If that does not exist, the money should come from Mr Trump's "immense" personal wealth.
The whole thing is a travesty.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:14:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean Meurer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit this comment in opposition to the proposed large ballroom addition to the White House complex.

While I recognize the need for functional event space, constructing a 90,000-square-foot ballroom would significantly alter the historic character and visual balance of the White House grounds. The White House is not only a working facility but also one of the most recognized historic landmarks in the United States, and any expansion should be carefully scaled to preserve its historic setting.

Instead of a large ballroom, I encourage consideration of rebuilding or modernizing the East Wing with a modestly sized addition designed to accommodate smaller gatherings of a few hundred people. A thoughtfully scaled expansion could meet operational needs while minimizing long-term impacts on the historic site and maintaining the architectural integrity of the White House complex.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input on this important matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:14:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Kempf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sadly, the wing was illegally destroyed prior to any approvals. I would like to see the restoration of the wing to match the size and style of the previous, iconic structure. Internal structure should be ADA accessible, as the White House belongs to ALL the American People. The style of the interior should match the historical nature of the building, and avoid excess.

I would also like to see the grounds restored to their previous state. The only "modernization" would be to make them accessible to all.

If the current administration wishes to create something to fit their personal tastes, I do not want my tax dollars spent on something that is not intended for all Americans. I am sure there are many off-site locations that would be appropriate for such a construction.

Thank-you for the opportunity to be heard.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:14:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Arbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider the scope and architectural esthetic of this original structure as you determine appropriate size for any new building.

Trump originally assured we the people that the original East wing would not be touched. Then it was demolished. This beautiful historic structure already had the Rose Garden paved over. The Oval Office looks like a bordello with gaudy gilded statues and hideous gold paint.

Trump's tastes are certainly not reflective of we the people, and he is thankfully but a temporary resident.

If the east wing were actually to be modernized, simply replacing the wiring, and perhaps redoing the inside would have been more appropriate than demolishing this historical structure.

Please put the East Wing back to its original form. The American people have never requested a ballroom that the vast majority would never even set foot in.

Respectfully,

Heidi Arbury
American

Date: 2/14/2026 6:12:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Damyen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's great President Trump is electing to upgrade the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:12:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: wilson dobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fail to see how the public can make any comment when as near as I can determine there are no final plans regarding the size, exterior views, or landscaping. How can we comment on something for which the plans have not been finalized or even available in draft form? Come back to the public when there is something to show us. Personally I think the entire east wing structure should be restored in it's original appearance and size.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:11:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Flavius Rector
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a fucking sick joke. A brutal waste of money fueled by narcissism and inadequacy. Have a great day!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:10:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Silverman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project. Apart from the fact that it is unnecessary and smacks of a gathering place for royalty class where most Americans will never be allowed, funding this through private donation bri gs an unacceptable risk of corruption, where donors are granted large favors for their minimal contributions. We havent needed this for 250 years and we don't need it now.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:10:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump needs to be muted, muffled, and blocked from making any more physical changes to our institutions. He is a disgrace to this country and to humanity, and his White House renovations, like his entire administration, are a sad joke.

Shame on him, and shame on all those who back his insanity.

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Name: James Selig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any construction on the White House grounds should be “subservient” to the White House.

The new East Wing should be shorter than and much smaller than the existing White House.

There should be no structure built that would dwarf the White House.

Many thanks

Date: 2/14/2026 6:09:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Koni Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the East Wing as it was...it is the people's house not Donald Trumps folly. No ballroom. No bunker. No data center or whatever else they need to spend $400 million on. Charge the people who tore down the original East Wing without proper permitting or environmental oversight with the crimes they have committed.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:09:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lizabeth Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is perhaps the most iconic symbol of American history, culture, heritage, and patriotic

pride. It is the PEOPLE'S house; it is not the property of any one person. The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty beyond my ability to fully express in words. It MUST be restored to its former beauty and grandeur, and not be turned into a symbol of one damaged man's hubris and arrogance.

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Name: Lily Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You want comments after the fact?
Restore the East Wing back to the original building.
Trump should of never been allowed to do this.
He's destroying and dismantling everything good in this country. People, Places, Environment. He's Evil.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:07:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carolyn massey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

west wing must be made right foe the american people, it is the peoples house, once trump is gone and forgotten if ot built right it will mark a forever reminder of a self centered president who was not all there in his head. it needs to rebuit as close to as the original as possible.it will remain trump will not

Date: 2/14/2026 6:06:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Geri Kunkel-Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The travesty of the current administration demolishing the East Wing should never have happened. There is nothing but blatent disregard for the People's House, its property and history, or the future generations who will look upon it as the center of our nation's government.
Stop the ballroom construction. Stop the continuing demolition of My House, My Neighbors House, My Country's House. Drmand that restoration be approved and conducted according to set standards and rules. This so called expansion project is an embarrassment and a snub to all Americans.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:05:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Farrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any addition to the White House should not overwhelm the current building. Determination should be made - in advance - whether the renovation is necessary or beneficial. Plans should be submitted by qualified and experienced architects, approved by qualified personnel, and funds raised before any demolition begins. Qualified contractors should bid on the project using normal processes. Nothing should be demolished until a plan is drawn up and qualified contractors are prepared to go. Demolition should be conducted carefully, by qualified professionals, with a view towards preserving historic and significant parts of the old building. Funding should be provided by the U.S. government or by anonymous donors so as to avoid bribery or even the appearance of it. The funding should be overseen by an independent commission and the President should have no access to any of these funds. These suggestions should all be obvious.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Valvo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an historic building that belongs to the American people, the White House should have sought feedback before the demolition began. I have no doubt that areas of the building need upgrades and modernization. And I agree that such necessary upgrades should be pursued. I am not in favor of a ballroom however. The plans as currently rendered look completely out of proportion to the rest of the White House. I'm dismayed that taxpayer money would go to such a project. We the people should have greater input.

NO TO A WHITE HOUSE BALLROOM!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:05:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sweitzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current plans are garish, the actual room is very much too large, the entire set-up needs to be similar to the rest of the old, mostly wood trim White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:05:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Corwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing was a crime. Replacing it with something larger than the main White House building would be a slap in the face of all respected architects and anyone who respects architecture. Filling that building with bling would make it a butt of jokes for its entire existence.

Please put the reconstruction of the East Wing under the aegis of historic preservationists and people with a sense of aesthetics, not real estate magnates.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Brueder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a travesty that the East Wing was demolished. This is the people's house and Americans should have been consulted before anything happened.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. It must follow the historic design and not change any other elements of the building site. It should absolutely NOT be filled with gold embellishments or monuments or references to the current occupant of the White House. It needs to include offices for the first lady which were lost in the demolition and may have a respectable size ballroom/dining area for state dinners and other events. We should be able to see the final plans before any construction begins. There are laws regarding official federal building construction and renovations and these need to be followed.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:03:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Quinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the East Wing is an abomination. The White House, as a historical building is subject to rules and regulations that must be abided by in order to preserve our country's history. Any remodelling that involves changing the facade should be carefully considered and have its final plans approved by the Historical Society before a single brick of the building is touched. The wanton destruction caused by Donald Trump must never be allowed to happen again. Moving forward, care should be taken to rebuild the East Wing as soon as possible, so that the facade matches the West Wing and symmetry is restored. If, in the judgement of the Historical Society, a ballroom is needed, a competition should be announced, and architects should be invited to submit plans which the Historical Society should judge and then award the contract for reconstruction to the winning architect. In the meantime, all artifacts removed or reclaimed from the East Wing should remain within the Societies care, so that history can be preserved and they can eventually be redisplayed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my thoughts on the disgraceful destruction of the East Wing by Donald Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:02:12 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Pingelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, I believe it is a shame the entire East Wing was demolished, seemingly without the proper permissions. Second, since that historic part of the White House has been destroyed, I have a few suggestions on how to best move forward with this part of what I consider The Peoples' House.
The East Wing should be a place not merely for the super rich but for occasions for all groups of Americans; it should show the country's fealty to the American people. Rather than appearing gaudy and ostentatious, it should be decorated with high style and quality in keeping with other American institutions like Monticello or the White House itself. The space should be built at a scale in keeping with the White House throughout history.

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Name: Bryan Frost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. Bypassing the orderly review process for making alterations is an affront to the people. Expertise should not be trashed in favor of the "taste" and wishes of any single citizen. This project needs to be halted and the tried and true design and review process reinstated and followed. Otherwise, the People will undoubtedly choose to bear the cost of tearing it down and replacing it as soon as possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:01:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Park
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying US citizen, I ask that:
- the project exterior, from ground level up, design and appearance be restored to year 2024 aesthetics, and size;
- the structure interiors tastefully compliment the White House primary building;
- modernized facilities and infrastructure making judicial use of funds are provided befitting a publich governmental building; and,
- most importantly, the project is paused in its entirety (safety concerns only addressed for now) until a new administration is in place.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:01:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the destruction and exorbitant expense of the East Wing. I strongly feel it should be restored to it's original condition with only necessary upgrades for example utility improvements. There are many unoccupied buildings in our Nation's Capital that would serve as an ideal location for a ballroom. I feel if this ballroom is a necessity an alternative location should be the consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:59:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gayle Robison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Not just NO, but HELL, NO. This whole idea is an abomination and an insult to all the people throughout our history who strove to make Washington, DC a beautiful capitol.

Do NOT turn the East Wing into the world's largest penis extension. Just DON'T.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:58:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Theys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want this Tenno action to be designed by a bipartisan group who will respect tasteful design I do not want it to be a monument to the garish, cheap taste of Donald Trump. It should be modest and understated, keeping in mind that it represent the country, not any one person. Even the exterior should match the White House architecture to whatever degree possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:58:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building should be smaller than the Whitehouse. It is not a barn on a farm! The Whitehouse imperatively is the dominate structure of the property that demonstrates it is THE PEOPLES HOUSE! Not a FARMHOUSE with a barn.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jesse Lipcon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design could have been conceived only by a narcissistic megalomaniac wishing to imprint a legacy of tasteless imperial kitsch on our national capital, reminiscent of Hitler's imagined architectural designs for a post-war Berlin. It is grossly out of scale with the existing Whitehouse, and should not be built. If it is built, it will need to be demolished at great expense after demise of the current administration, in order to restore the capital's architectural dignity.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:57:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Strong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an assault on one of the most recognizable buildings in the world, and an analogy for Donald Trump's attack on every institution both Americans and many others across the globe hold dear. This misguided project has demolished an integral part of the White House, filled with history of every sort related to the previous occupants of the Executive Mansion, in order to indulge the demands of an autocratic personage the likes of which this nation has never seen. Erasing history in this fashion is a crime that can never be forgiven or fixed. Though this message will undoubtedly be ignored by those in charge of this foolish endeavor (if someone ever does read it), I simply hope to go on record as one of countless other Americans who oppose every action taken by this administration, which shows no interest in acting for the good of the people and is only concerned with inflating the ego of a sad old man and targeting those who would dare oppose him. This is a transparent effort to distract from the failings of this administration and the murder of American citizens and immigrants alike at the hands of what has become an effective secret police force. I pray that the future will find a better use for this new space than a tacky gold plated ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Atherton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At a time when Americans are struggling, when over one third cannot cover a $400 emergency expense and over 40% no longer believe in the American dream, the conversion of the people's house into a bloated, gaudy ballroom for the rich is beyond an insult. The fact that public comment is occurring well after the haphazard destruction of the East Wing only emphasizes the complete disrespect the administration shows for public heritage and public opinion.
Even more concerning are the funding sources for this project. Given the blatant pay-to-play corruption that this administration has encouraged – from donations in exchange for pardons, and foreign cryptocurrency investment in exchange for proprietary technologies – how can anyone trust that donations to this project will not further compromise the integrity of our government? How much more will the administration and its inner circle profit off the people's resources and heritage? And what, if anything, is this going to do to help everyday Americans?

This process has been rushed, with little to no transparency, showing no respect for the White House as a shared legacy for the country. This is a pure vanity project designed to further enrich the wealthiest administration in history, at the expense of working Americans. I can think of no better symbol of the shameless, extractive excesses of this administration than taking a place of work, a place of history, a place of struggle, and turning it into a gilded bubble for the Epstein class.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Law
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this now massive project as it's planned now. President Trump should have consulted with the proper parties involved prior to demolishing the East Wing. The White House is meant for a president to live in, no t to make any major changes to the historic building. Now that the entire east wing is gone, it is still possible to block and revise the grandiose plans for the now 90,000 square foot ballroom. The seating of 500 guests complete with tables could easily have been done from the building and completely avoid the demolition that has been done. I've frankly been against and certainly discouraged by this entire project

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margery Morrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House without the opportunity for public comments is indefensible. The administration must be held accountable for the destruction of this national treasure and must take full responsibility for repaying taxpayers for the damage that has been done and for replacing the structure and all the contents, furniture, artwork, carpeting, etc. to look as nearly like the originals as possible. No expense should be spared and the damages should be fully paid from the responsible individuals' private accounts. Each responsible government official found to be responsible should be charged with the same criminal offenses that any other civilian individual would be charged with if they destroyed all or part of any comparable national monument or national park structure.

Although utilities and materials can be updated, decor and aesthetic considerations of all kinds should be replaced with items as true to the original designs as possible. The White House is the people's house and a historical structure that should have been preserved as a public museum, housing artifacts and furnishings of past presidents since the founding of our country.

Many laws have been ignored and broken in the past year by the current administration, but after the heartbreaking detention of innocent immigrants and citizens, the destruction of a section of the White House is one of the most deplorable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bobby Ingram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the destruction of the East wing of the White House (without input from the American public) violated any trust citizens have for the current administration. Plans have not been submitted, reviewed or approved by the public. As important a structure as the renown landmark that defines our government should be controlled by the masses rather than by one egomaniac that seems to have lost his grip of reality and has no regard for laws in our country.
I recommend that the East Wing be reconstructed (with some improvements to modern structure) to reflect the intention of the American opinion and not the influence of a few people.
Sincerely,
Bobby Ingram
Oxford, Missiissippi

Date: 2/14/2026 5:56:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madelon and Samuel Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called East Wing Modernization Project leaves us terribly saddened and, at the same time, outraged. The White House is the people's house; it should never have been touched without the people having a say. We feel as if part of our history has been taken from us, desecrated and turned from a stately symbol of our American Democracy into a grotesque symbol of greed and authoritarianism.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Logan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:53:36 PM
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Name: Gary Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think tearing it down on one man's opinion was selfish and un-American.

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Name: Cherie Shore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any proposal for a structure of this magnitude should begin with a full accounting not only of construction costs but of long-term operational obligations. This should include staffing, maintenance, security, utilities, equipment, and event support, along with clear identification of how these ongoing expenses would be funded. If federal resources will ultimately bear these costs, the public deserves transparency about the long-term fiscal impact of adding a major new facility to the White House complex.

The case for such a large addition should also be supported by clear, publicly available evidence demonstrating that existing facilities are consistently inadequate for their intended functions. Without documented need, a project of this scale appears driven solely by preference rather than necessity.

Even if additional event space were justified, any expansion should remain subordinate to the original structure and respect the White House's historic scale and architectural character. The reported demolition of portions of the historic East Wing without prior review by the National Capital Planning Commission raises serious concerns about compliance with required federal planning processes and, by extension, the legality of the broader proposal. In addition, large privately financed additions to major public institutions create unavoidable perceptions of donor influence and pay-to-play access, which can erode public confidence. No comparable facility of this size has ever been required for official functions, making it reasonable to question whether any legitimate operational need exists for a project of this cost and magnitude.

At a time when many Americans face rising food prices, persistent inflation, and high healthcare costs, advancing what appears to be a vanity construction project risks sending a message that national priorities are misaligned with public needs. Major symbolic investments of this kind - without a clearly documented need for them - appear disconnected from the realities facing working families and taxpayers. Public projects at the seat of government should demonstrate clear civic purpose and broad public value, yet this proposal highlights a structure from which the average American would never see any direct benefit.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing of the White House should be larger than the current White House. It should be scaled in size appropriately to match the current remains of the White House. Modernization of its infrastructure is ideal with the architecture remaining consistent with the existing structure.

It should not be used for a massive ballroom. Another property can be built for a ballroom of such a magnitude proposed currently that does not interfere with the people's house or property.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Drummond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this not modernization, it's destruction. It should be restored to its original design, along with the Rose Garden and Jackie's garden anss charge Trump ofe ecery Penny.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:52:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maripat Wilkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My impression of the current iteration of drawings to alter the former east wing area of our White House is the east wing addition overtakes the current building significantly in height and heft and appears as a sports complex or airfield hanger.
The current scale and style of this world famous institution should be followed in designing any replacement or additions using good taste and grace.
A stately event room (aka ballroom) for governmental entertaining does not need to be a behemoth space to allow for a reasonable number of attendees most likely at the majority of events.
It should not be designed to accommodate a thousand people for a once in a blue moon event. There are other large facilities in DC to use if needed. Bigger is not better. It’s just bigger.
Dignified events call for tasteful design without meaningless accoutrements or an overwhelming scale of the room.
Regardless of who pays for it, this building is owned by we the people and any changes or additions should be a compliment to what still exists today after the past 250 years of protecting it.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My thoughts regarding the East Wing.
It should not be decided on solely by the president. Solely by ANY president.
It should not be financed by companies to hope to gain favor from the administration.
Our federal buildings and monuments are for and represent all the people . Yet, this building would be used mainly (if not solely), by the powerful and the wealthy . With our taxes paying for these events. So yes, we have the rights to have a say in the process.
It's extravagant in size and design. I believe nothing should overshadow the White House. Our house.

Thank you,
Ms. Joan Kelly

Date: 2/14/2026 5:51:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Although its too late to undue the destruction that has already been done, I do not think a ballroom is necessary at the White House. I loved the rose garden and the beauty it brought to the grounds. Please honor the people of this great country by rebuilding the East wing as it was.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To: National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
Re: Public Comment on the Proposed East Wing Modernization (White House Ballroom)
To the Commission,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project. This expansion represents an inappropriate intervention in our nation's most iconic historic site for the following reasons:
• Architectural and Historical Incompatibility: The White House is a symbol of neoclassical restraint and historical continuity. The aesthetic direction of the proposed ballroom does not harmonize with the existing structure. Introducing an architectural style that clashes with the Executive Residence undermines the integrity of a building that belongs to the American public, effectively eroding its historical character.
• Disproportionate Scale: The sheer size of the 90,000-square-foot addition is fundamentally flawed. At nearly double the square footage of the original Executive Residence, the proposed ballroom would physically overwhelm the historic building. A federal monument should not be overshadowed by a modern addition that prioritizes event capacity over the preservation of the site's original proportions.
• Ethical Concerns Regarding Private Funding: The decision to fund a major expansion of the Executive

Mansion through private donations is deeply troubling. Accepting hundreds of millions of dollars from corporate interests and wealthy individuals for a permanent federal structure creates a significant appearance of impropriety. This model feels less like a gift to the nation and more like a thinly disguised form of bribery or "pay-to-play" influence, circumventing the traditional Congressional oversight intended to protect the neutrality of the People's House.
I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal and prioritize the preservation of the White House's historical scale and ethical standing.
Respectfully,
Marilyn Hale

Date: 2/14/2026 5:51:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Madden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a new ballroom. Restore the portions that were demolished to meet historical requirements except with sustainable and renewable energy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We The People never gave permission to ANY POTUS to literally knock down a big (historical) part of OUR White House!!! We do not want a "big ballroom" for any reason, and especially not a gaudy fake gold trophy for a Pedophile POTUS!!! While the damage is done and a replacement building may be considered, perhaps a conference room large enough to accommodate the visitors to the White House may be a current option...the ridiculous 90,000+ sq foot atrocity he demands is highly inappropriate! He broke all of the rules, like a bully does, by doing the destruction so suddenly and bypassing proper channels.

We The People demand an appropriate review panel be assembled, by people chosen by the US Parks Service and NOT by the Pedophile, not any of the current fascist regime, but the appropriate panel.

We The People also demand an accountability of the "donated monies" of over $400,000 that he allegedly received. The funny money situation is disgusting and is not acceptable!!! Where is he pocketing these monies, why is there no accountability?

We DEMAND that this administration DO THE RIGHT THING!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Scheer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a ridiculous use of time, funds, and energy. The US government can use a convention center just like everybody else. Imagine what we could do with Flint's water supply instead.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:50:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Alderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the demolition of this national monument without the required approvals. I want the East Wing rebuilt in its original footprint and functionality. Also, the Rose Garden should be restored to its original condition. Stop defiling and defacing our democracy and its historic places.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:49:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernard Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored to it's original looks. The only upgrades should be to Roof, Plumbing or Electrical. If a Ballroom is truly needed it needs to be built some where else.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:49:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Markey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed scale is way, way too disproportionate to the White House. Current renderings show an overuse of excessively gaudy, gold decorations that are more befitting to the Kremlin than the usually more conservative and traditional designs used in the White House (before ugly, ill-fitting gold decorations were littered throughout). The process to determine the design should be done through the usual means of allowing architects and designers to submit ideas for review without prejudice to their political affiliations and without any consideration for any financial or material contributions to any party, group or individual-including the President.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:48:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Grande
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
A ballroom is not needed.
Restore the Rose Garden.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:47:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Varney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The total demolition of the East Wing is not a modernization project and should have never happened. This is a vanity project for Donald J. Trump which was initiated illegally and should not be allowed to proceed. A ballroom larger than the remaining White House is unnecessary and a waste of resources, a perfect example of not only waste, fraud and abuse but blatant corruption in which this administration continues to engage.

The history of the East Wing is lost forever and no further taxpayer money or corporate bribes should be spent. Any and all bribe money should be identified and used to reimburse taxpayers the costs of demolition. Any and all administration officials taking part in this travesty should be investigated and punished, including fined, for their role in this illegal vandalism of The People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:47:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was, and pay for putting it back from the same private donors trying to buy influence or avoid problems by funding East Wing destruction, ballroom, et al.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:47:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

The East Wing "modernization" project exemplifies so much that is wrong about this Administration. It desecrates The People's House, turning it into a vanity project that has no meaning for the American people. It was done with no regard for the laws, history, or architectural design. The size overwhelms the Whitehouse and creates a barrier to viewing the People's House, the symbol of service to America and its shared history. This is a project that should never happen, and if it does, it should be torn down as soon as the Administration is gone.

Thank you,

Eric Kessler

Date: 2/14/2026 5:46:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Hamblin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should ONLY be approved as a combination immigrant welcome center and intensive education/mental health oasis for the unhoused. The citizens of the UNITED STATES demand this.

Replicas of this facility should be built in every State in the Union.

The facility which is White House adjacent needs to be named in honor of Alex Pretti and Rene Good.

If these conditions are not met, then just plant grass in the scar where the East Wing used to be.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:46:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: denora OSsmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Keep this East Wing to scale. IT should not over shadow the current White House. IT does not need to be an ugly monstrosity that Trump is PROPOSING.! Now should it look like his golf course.. it is not his White House!! It is the citizens White House.. no gold garb like he has put through out the Oval Office - no portraits of Trump or his Family - no huge chandeliers ..! Keep it elegant for all presidents in the future not just TRUMP.. nor should it be named after him …

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Name: denora OSsmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Keep this East Wing to scale. IT should not over shadow the current White House. IT does not need to be an ugly monstrosity that Trump is PROPOSING.! Now should it look like his golf course.. it is not his White House!! It is the citizens White House.. no gold garb like he has put through out the Oval Office - no portraits of Trump or his Family - no huge chandeliers ..! Keep it elegant for all presidents in the future not just TRUMP.. nor should it be named after him …

Date: 2/14/2026 5:46:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Al-Shemmeri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The isn't just another building—it's a National Historic Landmark, a National Park site, and the people's house since 1800. Major changes to a property like that are supposed to go through formal reviews, environmental analysis, and congressional oversight.

Instead, the East Wing was demolished to make way for a proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom—larger than the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. Preservation experts are already raising alarms about the scale and lack of proper review.

No president, including Donald Trump, should be able to tear down part of a historic national landmark without transparent process, oversight, and respect for the site's history. The people's house deserves better than rushed, oversized projects that ignore preservation standards.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:46:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Martinez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:45:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rick Bak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the historic East Wing was a travesty. Building an unnecessary ballroom in its place is absurd and designed solely to fluff one person's ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:44:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruby Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a United States citizen, registered voter and taxpayer I do not approve of this project. The White House belongs to the American people. A renovation (destruction) of this magnitude and importance to the Country should have gone through a rigorous review and approval process rather than the whims of one erratic old man on a vengeance tour. I hope that your Committee will stop this development and put forth a transparent plan to restore the People's House to something we can be proud of rather than that monstrous proposed ballroom addition.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:43:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Knott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its previous state with updated systems and modernization. The 90,000 square foot ballroom should not be built. It would dwarf the presidential residence and would not add to the beauty of the existing structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:42:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicana Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This country does not need a government owned ballroom.
The East Wing of the White House, constructed in ca. 1904, served several functions that benefited America and Americans. It is now gone.
In its place should be constructed a more modern structure to provide space for most State events, and for events that include ordinary Americans. These might include dinners, conferences, and opportunities for Americans to meet with governmental officials in one-on-one or group meetings.
But, absolutely NO GARGANTUAN BALLROOM as currently proposed. If the needs of the affairs of State require a large venue, there are other options in the District of Columbia that can accommodate them. Alternatively, those events can be sized to fit within more modest and affordable rooms within a carefully designed and affordable new East Wing. That new East Wing should be designed to be architecturally compatible to the White House and not overwhelm the White House in any way. Elegance and proportionality should govern the exterior, while purpose-driven functionality should be the goal for the

interior, so that the new East Wing will serve a multitude of functions in service to and in honor of the PEOPLE of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:41:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Nicolaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior to the original dimensions and architectural style of the existing White House with updated wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. No gold, and bring back the rose garden.
A ballroom is not needed on the White House grounds.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:41:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Lutkus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of the most recognizable and historic buildings in the world. To build anything that would dwarf The Peoples House adjacent to the White House is unimaginable.
Please hold this and future administrations to the same standards that have always been upheld.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:41:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Wallert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the current plan to build a ballroom addition onto the White house for the following reasons;
1. The projected size—nearly twice that of the main residence—threatens to dwarf the White House, destroying the established classical symmetry of the East and West Wings.
2. The project required the demolition of the existing East Wing, this is the destruction of historic fabric.
3. The project broke ground without necessary oversight or approval from the National Capital Planning Commission.
4. The use of private donations for funding raises questions about corruption, and the project is an attempt to alter the "People's House" for partisan purposes.
5.The project has cited rapidly escalating costs (from $200M to $400M) and constantly changing designs.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:41:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tisdale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings,

I strongly oppose the ballroom project donald trump started without any regard for procedure or input from the people of the United States. The White House belongs to the people, not that tyrant sitting in it. He can build his tasteless ballroom elsewhere.

Restore the East Wing from the original plans and the restoration of 1940. Obviously build it to today's code. If trump wants to make changes to interior design, well I can't stop him using my tax money, but I'll be glad to pay for the next administration tearing it all down. And take down all the rest of that disgusting gold crap too. I want the rose garden restored to it's original design.

trump is NOT THE OWNER, he is merely a TENANT of the peoples house.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give my input on this matter. I sincerely hope you can stop this idiot from destroying the history of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:41:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Barrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to reconstructing anything in the White House. Its history is more valuable than any ballroom. Other than good maintenance, maybe adding a bathroom, if necessary, is as far as I would go. It's disgraceful that the destruction of the old wing has already taken place. Please stop this re-making of what we know and love, the US White House. Please do not permit such a massive overhaul of our vital history and the places in it that we honor.

I am sincerely yours,
Linda Barrett,
an alarmed but staunch lover of America, who is holding on by her fingertips as dearly respected and valued remnants of our nationhood are undermined.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:40:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alesia Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen I am appalled by what has happened with the East Wing. How were there not steps and

clearances in place for there to be a completely reviewed and approved plan prior to this historic structure being torn down? How can this be piecemealed together with plans approved a little bit at a time without approval of the overall project and how it fits with other projects in the area prior to the destruction of property?
Do we need a larger ballroom? Maybe? Does it need to be as huge as Mr. Trump proposes? In my opinion, no. Could it have been a less involved project that expanded what was the existing East Wing to meet that need? My assumption is yes but now we don't have that option. And this rush to tear down the historic East Wing, before full process, before full approval, before a finalized plan for what would be there in it's place is reckless at best and should be criminal.
The planning for the rebuilding project should be returned to the National Parks Service, General Service Administration, and Committee for the Preservation of the White House, for the planning and architectural approval, including interior decorations, and to Congress to appropriate funds. This is still the people's house and any changes and redecorating must have full approval of the appropriately authorized committees and agencies prior to any changes. There is no need for the height of the ballroom to be 38 ft ceiling height, in addition to it overwhelming the White House in overall footprint. It could serve the same purpose and be just as impressive to be an 18 ft or so ceiling to be shorter and not over powering to the primary White House, and would look totally fine for the heights of the cornice to be different and in fact may be preferred to provide appropriate impact of the White House as the primary & more impressive structure. It is concerning there is not a set handicap accessible egress directly from the ballroom and the lower level. And to the point in the discussion of the presentation, it sounds like there will need to be an additional structure to provide for security clearance prior to entrance. This is overall disappointing and poor planning. Stop construction until all plans are finalized and approved.
It is also disrespectful and in poor taste for the office of the First Lady to be in the back corner of the building by the kitchen. How 1940s to think her place is by the kitchen. Let's reconfigure the first floor to place the First Lady's office in a more easily accessible and respectful location maybe toward the front of the building please. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:39:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Kimball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for providing this information. My concern is first the size of the building. I do believe it could be scaled back in height and overall size. Second, I believe the other projects referred to should be included in a comprehensive plan. It seems that the White House will become a centerpiece to the final plan. Which is fine, however, those plans appear to be already in the works, as I'm sure other administrations had discussions also. It seems a full, complete plan should be made. I have been a visitor to the White House and I do see a need for a better public visitor entrance and experience. No doubt the age of the building and any modernization is difficult due to the original structure and additions.. Which is exactly why a full plan should be made now. And, please, no more demolition without prior disclosure. The comments about security are a very thin excuse. I'm of the opinion that perhaps the reason a ballroom hasn't been built previously might be because the expenditure for the number of occasions it is actually needed might not have been worth taxpayer dollars. (The inconvenience of catering and portable facilities included). And really, let's not compare our nation's rather brief history to a King being able to entertain in the family palace. Please carefully consider the size and overall additions carefully and openly. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:39:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Gorjance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yes, the White House needs a space adequate to host indoor state dinners, but not as outsized as proposed. And certainly not guilded. Seriously. Adding modern secure conference rooms/bunkers beneath is warranted, as is restoring office space and whatever other functional spaces the unpermitted demolition eliminated.

This cannot be a political influence project. Either fund it through Congress or make sure private sector/foundation gifts are handled with complete transparency. And do not name it after DJT.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:39:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Faoro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs the maximum oversight as possible. This administration has shown it does not follow proper protocols when they demolished the East Wing. Is there a need for a ballroom? Is there's need for a ballroom of this size? A rendering of the addition out of proportion with the remaining White House and the west wing. Where will the east wing staff work now that their space has been demolished. Obviously, this project needs to be reviewed by expert architects.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:39:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerald Vanslambrouck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Miss,

I feel that we don't need a golden ballroom built on the East Wing site. Its ostentatious nature is unnecessary. The site should be used for more practical purposes.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:38:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. The proposed gigantic ballroom with an underground bunker is NOT in keeping with the idea of the people's house, but rather with a dictator's house. It is important that we do not allow any president to destroy the people's house for any reason. In addition, this proposal does not make sense from a functional perspective either. Lastly, the funds required to build this are excessive

and indefensible. Rebuild the East Wing instead of this monstrosity to restore the building to its former self. Do not be intimidated by this administration. No matter your politics, you should be against the destruction of this important symbol of democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:38:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Bennett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of "the People's House" represents the supportive partnerships that mark the very best examples of our Oval Office occupants. The lifeblood of a people exists in its relationships, and how they are symbolized. A huge, bloated, frequently empty edifice overshadowing the principal visual symbol of our country casts a sad shadow of pretension over the actual living heart of our country's history; we deserve so much better.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing modification is a grotesque Trump egotistical, self-adulation, abomination. It was illegally initiated, abandons all sense of decorum, and should be halted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: dorothy ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president does not own the White House. The American people do, why I came to live here many years ago was the certainty that this was the case and would remain so.
This small person in soul has destroyed much of what were admired aspects of living in America and has no character features to compensate for his abject failings as a man, leader, or statesman.
We in the Commonwealth are embarrassed to be associated in the world affairs of this nation under this excuse for a president and his lame party which supports his shallow grip on power.
The illegal destruction of this capital building needs to be remediated in whatever ways remain to fix the mighty cock up that it is now.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sacrilege

Date: 2/14/2026 5:36:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, architecturally, and financially impractical. The model shows it overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president. The financing should be controlled by Congress and be transparent. The donor system of funding advantages a system of bribing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annoyed Historian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a huge ballroom. This is the White House, not the Palais de Versailles, and the president is not a king. Moreover, as this project was begun under false pretenses and without going through any of the required permitting or notification processes, Trump should be forced to put everything back the way it was - and pay for it out of his own pocket. He destroyed the property of the United States, without authorization or precautions, purely to satisfy his own overweening vanity. At most, he should be allowed to make minimally impactful changes that will improve the usability of the space inside the East Wing - but no huge, tasteless additions that would overwhelm the historic fabric of the People's House. And he should absolutely have to go through every regulatory, permitting, and review process applicable to rebuilding and renovating such an important piece of our history, to ensure that all of the decisions made will be consistent with the historical fabric, design, and purpose of the space. If he wants to make a shabby, tawdry space to entertain his billionaire buddies, let him do it at Hock-a-Loogie and not the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Sadie McFarlane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE do not let the ballroom in the East Wing go forward. It's not only embarrassingly tasteless and tacky, it's completely unnecessary, unwanted - and illegal.

I would be interested in looking into plans for the bunker underneath the destroyed East Wing. Perhaps all the remnants of past mistakes could be hauled away, and a rose garden planted to replace the one that was also destroyed.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:34:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Thomson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the desecration of East Wing of the White House. The current resident seems to think that it belongs to him and not the American people. It must be reconstructed exactly as it was with the current resident footing the bill.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Vorobiev
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization? The East Wing was wrecked on illegal orders from a maniac. "I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction." - Isaiah 14:23. Let this space remain empty, as a reminder of criminal hubris.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:34:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Greiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regardless of who "pays" for the project, it should not include any Crystal Cathedral Totem to a precocious man-infant Temporary Resident. The intent of the East Wing as a workplace under the direction of every OTHER 1st Spouse for the benefit of The People should be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:34:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sander shipper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East wing rebuilt to bring it up to modern standards, while preserving the historical heritage of the White House. The footprint and above ground appearance should duplicate the original building.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Moy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing as close as possible to the original historic building that was torn down.

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Name: Terry Risner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly oppose this unspeakable boondoggle. It has been a disaster from its inception, and looks to be worse than even the original plan provided. Not only has the beloved East Wing been demolished for this project, along with the destruction of several beautiful trees, the proposed ballroom is nothing short of a catastrophe, given its scope and apparent uselessness for most White House events. Count me as a "No" vote, with no chance of ever convincing me that this is appropriate use of the White House grounds.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:32:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to see a ball room built where the historic East Wing once stood. I would like to see the East Wing reconstructed to it's previous specifications.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Edison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Accessibility is important to ensure viewing by all those desiring access for viewing and participating in public events. Excluding any interested visitors due to mobility issues should be reduced. Large ballroom stray rooms should be reduced considering that such rooms are available in the surrounding DC area. The

White House should be reserved for the use and enjoyment of the general public and not for the elite unless it is for the benefit of all Americans not a particular party of political interest. Gold highlighting and use is not particularly appealing to the general public.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:32:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeremy Thorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President's Mansion (the "White House") should remain the focus - architecturally and symbolically - of the entire property. The replacement of the East Wing should honor that design and should not overshadow the historic residence.
It's public-level purpose should serve only state functions and should match, in exterior and interior design, the historic appearance of the main building (prior to 2025). Any privately-donated funds should serve to complete the approved design and should not be understood to have any influence on the design or function.

It is well-known that the secure areas on the sub-level serve as a "bunker" and command center for the Executive. While modernization may be necessary, because of national security and sensitive intelligence reasons, no private funds should finance the installment of this area - only public funds. The intermingling of private influence with classified, government operations should be looked at with utmost suspicion.

Also, the unapproved destruction of the previous federal building (the "East Wing") should result in a fine of maximum penalty, assessed against the pool of donated private funds.

The White House and its entire property is a national treasure, housing (temporarily) the duly elected Executive and should always maintain its historic appearance representing the people and history of the United States and not be looked upon by the (temporary) Executive - a servant of all the people of the US - as his/her personal remodeling project.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:32:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Kroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm highly opposed to the East Wing modernization project as it has been submitted. It does not honor the people's house or our history. It is disproportionately large and looks out of place. The White House should not be changed based upon any president's ego. The project as submitted would be an embarrassment for the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:32:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Whitney Leeson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

First, I want to say I am horrified at the bulldozing of the East Wing. Regardless of what people thought about the size or security issues of the East Wing, it was a space important for women's history. I see this as a direct attempt to diminish the legacy of the United States' first ladies.

Second, The current proposed project needs serious oversight. Taste is in the eye of the beholder and I think who determines what is "tasteful" and in keeping with the historical landscape of the White House should be the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It shoud NOT nor every be Trump or his bootlicking minions. He is "tasteless" to say the least. IF the United States really needs or even wants a state-of-the-art ballroom of those dimensisons with all the security features imaginable, then it should be put underground. Something of that size needs to go underground so it does not dwarf the other component parts of the White House. There should be a balance to the architectural elements of the White House. The proposed East Wing addition looks monstrously disproportionate.

Third, Enact legislation, so that we do not find ourselves in this situation again. What do we expect from Trump's 3rd year in office? Oh....I know... let's actually just go ahead and bull doze the White House because he needs a bigger office (said with great irony and exaggerated eyeroll included).

Whitney A. M. Leeson

Date: 2/14/2026 5:31:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Canfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If Biden or Obama knocked down part of the People's House they would have been run out of D.C. If any laws were broken I hope everyone involved is punished. If not I hope this abomination is demolished like one of those statues of Sadaam Hussein and the original East Wing (and Rose Garden) restored. And please take down those idiotic "burn plaques" on the colonnade. What a bunch of idiots. It's embarrassing.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:31:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Troccolo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% opposed to the current plans for replacing the now destroyed East Wing of the White House with a Ballroom for 650 people. Here are my reasons:
1. The difficulty of finding an Architect to undertake this project, and the withdrawal of at least one architectural firm to complete the plans is indicative of the obscenity of size and disproportion of the proposed replacement for the East Wing. The square footage proposed will not only exceed the size of the

West Wing, it will exceed the totality of the current White House including the West Wing. Therefore aesthetically the proposal is ridiculous.
2. Functionally, the destruction of the East Wing for the purpose of a 650 occupancy Ballroom while eliminating the offices of the First Lady is not within the founding principles of our democracy and this POTUS should have no say on this matter. We should not trade off the space of offices of the First Lady and the recreation areas of the First Family for a Ballroom that would be used only on rare occasions. The East Room has an occupancy of 200; even this exceeds the average size of its occupancy. Only on a handful of occasions was the South Lawn set up with tents to accommodate larger groups.
3. The Declaration of Independence: The current POTUS embodies every reason for which we declared our independence from England: (a) obstruction of Administration of Justice, (b) Judges dependent on his will alone, (c) "sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people", (d) in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures, (d) the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power, and (d) "A prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to the the ruler of a free people, etc. We declared our democratic values that preclude an autocracy.
4. The Constitution of the United States: (a) Article II. Section 1. : the Presidency is limited to four year occupancy, two times; no temporary resident as such should have the right to determine the reconfiguration of a National Landmark; (b) Article II. Section 1 AND Amendment XII: the current occupant tried to overturn the peaceful counting of Electoral votes on January 6, 2021 in direct conflict with Article II; (c) the current occupant took an Oath to "... preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." yet he has continually undermined the U.S. Rule of Law; (d) Section 4. there is ample evidence which leads to suspicion of treason, international dealings possibly tantamount to bribery, and other misdemeanors; (e) Amendment I: the current occupant has undermined the provision that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble..."; (f) Amendment IV: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated ... without probably cause..." has been abrogated by the current administration in regards to ICE activities; (g) Amendment XIV and XXVI: the current occupant's denial of the birthright citizenship provision should deny his destruction of any part of the "people's" house and further it is the right of all citizens 18 years or older to vote; (h) Amendment XV the current occupant's goal through SAVE cleverly couches the aim to deny the right of certain citizens to vote; (i) Amendment XXII: the current occupant continually flaunts the provisions that "No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice..." by suggesting he may just not leave or will not hold elections.
Therefore, Aesthetically and Functionally the destruction of the East Wing and the proposal of a 650 (down from 900) occupancy Ballroom is wrong. Additionally the pretentiousness of such a gilded ballroom is not within either the Founding Fathers vision for a democratic nation nor the current aesthetics OR projection to the world of the values and aspirations of our nation. Already Impeached during his first term, POTUS's flagrant disregard for the norms of the Presidency should have and should continue to preclude his influence on a National treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:31:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Sundahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark owned by the American people. Any major change to a building of this importance should be carefully reviewed and fully transparent.

At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would be larger than the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. That raises real concerns about scale and whether the addition would overwhelm the historic structure.

Please ensure a thorough review, clear public information about the design and visual impact, and serious

consideration of alternatives that would protect the historic character of the White House.

The public deserves a meaningful voice before permanent changes are made.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:30:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Fryer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Kimball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"I am against the new White House ballroom because it is a Trump vanity project and is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months."

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Pagendarm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the over-sized ballroom that President Trump destroyed the East Wing of the White House to build. Such an event space isn't even needed for presidential entertainments. The East Wing should indeed be rebuilt, but in balance to the West Wing in style and scale, perhaps with an event room. But this is the publicly owned, and funded temporary residence and offices of the president of our nation. It is tax-payer supported and it is not Versailles! As an owner of this historic building, I am appalled that a temporary resident would be so destructive and incur so much expense for work that is not for maintenance, and updating of systems.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:30:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elsa Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East side of the White house exterior restored without any expansion. It should be in the style that is appropriate for a historic building. Any expansion should be postponed until such time we have an idea as to what the needs are. I prefer an intimate White House that reflects modesty, simple beauty, and classic American architecture. In addition, I would not like to spend money where it is needed, not where it is wanted.

Thank you for your consideration.
Elsa Payne

Date: 2/14/2026 5:29:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jorunn berg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. YOU had no legal right to rip down the white house. it belongs to the citizens of the United States of America. YOU will need to replace it as it was at your expense or go directly to jail. The WHITE House does not need a ballroom. YOU are a temporary resident. (the term might be shorter than you think). You are an embarrassment to the American people.
YOU will also restore the lovely rose garden that was started by Jackie Kennedy.

LEAVE THE WHITE HOUSE ALONE!

Date: 2/14/2026 5:29:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.
The United States must have a say in what is being proposed in the renovation.
I do not agree with what is being proposed. It does not capture the American spirit, instead it looks like the type of 'public
' building you see in a communist dictatorship. That is not the United state of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:29:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: nr fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

Comments should have been solicited before Trump bulldozed the East Wing.

The construction plans should have been submitted before Trump bulldozed the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:27:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Hecker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I Think it is a travesty that a citizen who is a temporary resident has torn down a national treasure in their own interest and with no permission or approved professional deign input from the appropriate channels.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:26:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tyler Storey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historic building used for centuries to house the president, their family, and to hold briefings, meetings, and presidential events. The proposed changes to the White House cheapen the historical nature of the property and cheapen the grandeur that is this marvel of architecture. There have been many issues already with this project and the fact this committee allowed them to demolish parts of the building and destroy historically significant locations is an abomination. If this project is to continue, it needs to be to the same standard as the architecture and design of the rest of the residence and make sure it is simply up to code and building standards as well as making it ADA accessible so that everyone may be welcome. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:25:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Brier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal demolition of the east wing aside, what is done in its place should not overpower the White House. I watch ed the presentation of the proposal, and while I think the architects did a good job of designing a building that mirrors the buildings around it, it is too big and dwarfs the Peoples' House. The President resides there at our pleasure and his destruction should be addressed. Any need for expanded space for events should be smaller and in keeping with the scale and proportion of the existing white House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:25:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of a huge ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. I would very much like to see the original footprint and design of the East Wing re-built with a modernized infrastructure. The Rose Garden should be re-installed as well.
Thank you
Jill Smith

Date: 2/14/2026 5:24:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Blodgett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was criminal. This Country elects officials to represent us and I question how and why they didn’t stop it. The White House belongs to the USA. I know that the congressmen, senators and representatives are aware of what’s happening in this Country. Why aren’t they stopping it? Trump is planning to stay. You have to realize that.
Stop it. Impeach him. Impeach Vance, Bondi, Hegseth, all of them.
Save us!

Date: 2/14/2026 5:23:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Pace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is considered "the people’s house." It should not have an overwhelmingly large building with a completely different architectural style attached. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the original East Wing. Use this opportunity to update plumbing, wiring, etc. and make the building ADA accessible where possible. Environmentally sound processes and materials should be used. Changes should take into account the sensitive history of the original building. Special interest funds should not be allowed to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:23:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Seiberling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the expansion of the White House according to the currently proposed plan.

The proposed wing is grossly out of scale with the White House.

Additions to historic properties should be in keeping with the original architecture, or at least should harmonize with it, and should be subordinate to the original structure. This proposal does not fit these criteria.

The event space does not need to be large enough to accommodate the largest possible gathering; temporary solutions to expand the space have been found in the past and can continue to be found.

I am distressed at the way the project was undertaken, without proper review. The White House belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump.

I hope that revised plans can be proposed for a far less ostentatious and grandiose wing that can house events, but is also in keeping with the original architecture. It should not diminish the original structure and disrupt the sight lines.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:22:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CHARLES R COFFEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You are destroying the aesthetes and symmetry of the National House of our US President not the house of D J Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:22:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ames
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I think the project is not in keeping with the historical style of the white house. I believe there is an excess of "glamour" out of keeping with the intention of the founders. I think it's a little late to be taking comments since the demolition has already taken place. I believe the scale of the project is too large and will not look well with the existing structure. Nancy Ames, Jefferson City Missouri

Date: 2/14/2026 5:22:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to say that while the East Wing may have needed modernizing, and while a large room for state dinners and inaugural balls and such may be desirable, the plan that seems to be unfolding right now under President Trump is appalling. I own a small, lovingly restored 1860 Greek Revival house in New England. I have strong feelings about scale and proportion and history and aesthetics. Expanding and/or renovating historic buildings must be done with utmost care, and it's clear that care is not being taken. Ninety-thousand square feet is absurdly oversized; it will dwarf the existing White House. Please don't let this travesty continue, Better to let the site sit empty, for however long it takes, than to erect a monstrosity. What Trump has in mind would stand for all time as an embarrassment to our nation's capital. Please don't let it happen. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:22:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hashway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Y’all should have opened this to the public before you tore that part of the building down.

I think a ballroom is a waste of space, time, and money, regardless of who is paying for it. (And I, for one, am extremely suspicious about the fact that it’s being paid for by wealthy billionaires, at least one of which has dined with Jeffery Epstein.) The cost to build it is also ridiculous. This was a waste of the federal government’s time, some fat cat’s money, and the American people’s attention.

There are legitimate problems in this country and we the people don’t want a ballroom for the elite, we want to see all the files released and the perpetrators brought to justice, healthcare, affordable housing, and uninfluenced elections.

Maybe those billionaires paying for the ballroom could pay for any one of those items instead; besides our elections, they already have enough undue influence over those.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:21:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerri Carmine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, this project was decided and implemented too quickly. While some renovations may have been justified, they should have gone through proper channels. At this point, I would suggest a hold on the work until a more thorough evaluation is completed.

Thank you,
Gerri Carmine

Date: 2/14/2026 5:20:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ammons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom on the site of the sadly demolished East Wing of the White House. I am dismayed that the demolition of the East Wing took place without prior review of the historic significance of the structure; without submission for review of plans for renovation or reconstruction; and without any recording of the the historic and archaeological information contained in and around the structure, as would be done before and during demolition of any similar historic building anywhere in the US.

The American people are the owners of the structure and the land on which it sat, such ownership to be administered through the National Park Service. To demolish it without regard to any laws and policies pertaining to an historic building is a slap in the face of the American people. No other historic structure in the US could be demolished without the knowledge and consent of the owners, and without following accepted practice. To assert that because of an exemption in a law that the current administration can do anything it wishes, indicates no respect for the rights or wishes of the American people.

I agree that it may be possible that the U.S. administration has need for a larger public space for key diplomatic and public events than is currently available in the historic buildings on site. Tents are not always convenient. However, it is possible, prudent, and indeed mandatory to fulfill such a need through traditional channels. Whatever is to be reconstructed or built anew on this site must be:
• Subject to an environmental impact and historic preservation review, including review by the White House Curator and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House;
• Subject to an assessment of priorities of need for activities housed in the White House complex, including the need for office space for First Ladies, and maintenance of the architectural integrity of the White House overall;
• Subject to a transparent cost analysis and approval by appropriate constitutional bodies. The East Wing was not, and should never be, a private building constructed by private funds. Private funds can be used, but only with no conditions attached, and all construction must be subject to public review and approval through all legal and customary channels.
• Subject to a study that would consider other possible locations for a large public event space in Washington D.C.

Linda Ammons, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Anthropology
Assumption University
Worcester, Massachusetts
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 5:19:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Strand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am passionately opposed to the proposed 90,000 square foot replacement for the East Wing of the White House. It is an abomination and an insult to the American people. It is entirely out of scale with the White House. If it is built at all, it should be no larger than the White House. Proposed plans should be available for public view, comment, and modification before any construction is allowed to take place. A plan of action should be made in the event that construction is initiated before approval, and to stop such construction from taking place. My first choice would be to restore the East Wing to something resembling the one that was torn down, and that criminal charges be made for its unauthorized destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:19:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Rogge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. Tearing down the East Wing to build a monstrous gold plated vanity ballroom that overshadows the White House is an abomination. All concocted without Congressional approval by a temporary occupant. The White House was designed specifically to be humble and not a palace for a king or dictator.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:18:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Gittleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House modernization project is nothing more than a vanity project for our current president. It is a travesty to have destroyed so much of this national treasure already with no goal other than to enrich himself and debase this hallowed building.

The White House should be a welcoming place for all and an exemplar of what the USA stands for and represents around the world. This project will sadly become the new representation of our once great nation - greed, gaudiness, and corruption.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:17:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Oelhafen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are opposed to adding a ballroom or any other like sized addition to the East Wing site. We instead would like to see a recent NV edition of the demolished structure that mimics the demolished structure. As closely as possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:17:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annamaria Orla-Bukowska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project name is erroneous: one cannot modernize what no longer exists. That said, these are troubled times, thus any renovations of the people's house, America's house, our White House should be the last of federal priorities. No ballroom has ever been needed thus far, and no ballroom will ever be needed because America's nearly 250-year-old heart rejects such a transplant. To celebrate, but above all, honor the achievement of a quarter millennium of democracy, it is truly the hard-working, deeply-engaged folk who should be brought to the fore. It has been the blood, sweat, and tears of everyday Americans that has made this upcoming anniversary of the United States possible; they are the ones who have weathered every storm, fended off all enemies, and toiled to upraise this great nation. We neither need, nor want gilded halls that recall Henry VIII, Marie Antoinette, or Kim Jong Il.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:17:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S G
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Terrible that the East Wing was torn down without public input. A 90,000sqft addition is out of proportion. If it must be replaced, the new East Wing should balance the footprint of the remaining public White House. It is a huge wound on our Capitol City. The amazing palaces around the world have stood through time as a memorial of greatness and beauty. The world is laughing, once again, at American folly. We don't learn from history because we don't understand it.
NO TO an enormous 90,000 sq. ft. ego project of a single president. Honor all those who have gone before, and those who are yet to come. It is OUR HOUSE.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:17:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D. Peter Vigue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is horrific!!! Protocols weren't followed and historic landmarks have been destroyed, without any prior discussion nor approval. Obviously the structure has been razed and is gone, so this is water over the dam. But there should be a severe penalty as there would be for anyone who destroys a National Historic landmark.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:17:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Frederickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the construction of a $300-400 million ball room adjacent to East Wing, I prefer to have the East Wing replaced/renovated charging Trump with costs. The plans should be approved by NCPC. Any money collected for ball room should be used for maintenance and construction of NCPC projects.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:16:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deena White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't believe area that large for a 'ballroom' is appropriate. I'd prefer nothing else be built there at all.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:16:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Favarulo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit my comments regarding the proposed ball room. I am against such a huge addition that dwarfs the White House residence. I don’t believe there is a need for that large of a ball room. The White House is a place where our presidents reside, not a party house. It should keep with its historical significance.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:16:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Findlay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Hello,
This is NOT an improvement of the East Wing of the White House, the People's House. This is a misappropriation of time, effort and money all to glorify the fragile ego of a madman, Donald Trump. The projected size and scope of this disgusting facility will dwarf the White House. The message of "Let them eat cake!" will be loud and clear. While the American people are deciding between paying rent/mortgages or medical bills or buying food, this administration will be building a party room and saying "Screw the American people. We are rich and powerful. It's our right to dance and dine in our guided cage." STOP this worthless, useless vanity project! Do true honest improvements in other areas that actually help inspire the people. Not this golden slop which, if there is another presidential election, will NEVER be used by the next inhabitant of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:16:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Ethier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update ADA accessibility standards, restore Jackie's Rose Garden, make any needed electrical wiring updates, if a ballroom is needed build it somewhere other than the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:14:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Travis Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000 sq ft ballroom is a terrible idea. It’s vastly outsized and will be gaudy and ostentatious, like almost everything president Trump does. He should not be allowed to proceed with his proposal.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:14:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Stanton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the demolition of the East Wing for the building of a ballroom that will overshadow the White House. All building plans should have been presented and approved before any demolition was done. The East Wing should be restored and any ballroom placed somewhere else. The bunker has been exposed (that i don't believe that we were suppose to know about). The White House is the People's House, not Donald Trump's house that he can do what he pleases like at Mar A Lago. Deny the building of the ballroom and restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:14:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely concerned with allowing the former East Wing of the White House to be replaced by the ballroom which Pres. Trump wants built in his honor. In my opinion, this is a vanity project aimed at cementing his mark on the United States. While the President has already demolished a portion of the People's House, he must be stopped before we become the United States of Trump. This is not an exaggeration. He has already re-named many national monuments and other things in his own honor and is actively working on re-naming things such as Washington Dulles Airport and the New York/New Jersey Tunnel with his own name. Please stop him from continuing on this course. Thank you for your considering this request.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:13:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Stafford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The abomination proposed by trump cannot be completed as he intends. Its only purpose is to facilitate the grift of the president. We do not need or want a monument to his ego that screams 'you are not my concern' to people who are struggling to make ends meet.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:13:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Corey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This unwanted, improper, and obnoxious replacement of the East Wing with an oversized ego project is repugnant to everything that made America great. OUR White House is not to be converted into a minor dependency to a tawdry party palace at the whim of its temporary tenant. Any replacement of the East Wing now stolen from us by unapproved destruction must be scaled significantly from the gross blister now proposed (and underway). Smaller, lower, and scaled to the actual purposes of government instead of the dreams of an egotistical president seeking maximum fawning.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:13:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Nutter-Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt in its original form allowing for security, water, sewage, comms & electrical updates. The White House does not need a ballroom. The bunker beneath should get the same as lited above.
We the people deserve transparancy & respect in decision making about the historical structures & property that houses the highest level of government. Having said that, no financing should come from donations or people that reside outside the US or have dual citizenship. Architects should be American born & workers should be American citizens or have work visas & pass background checks.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:13:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hensley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern,

It would be a disgrace to build a giant ballroom that would sit empty most of the time to replace the destroyed East Wing of the White House. The White House is the PEOPLES' house. It should not be changed on the whim of one person or to allow vanity projects. The East Wing should be rebuilt, giving a gracious and safe entrance for tours, offices for the First Lady, etc. First ladies throughout history have played important roles in soft diplomacy, in caring for the American people, and providing a reminder that our Presidents are just people, not unassailable gods. Their work is important and should have a space to continue. Please do NOT build a horrid, giant, wasteful ballroom.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Kim Hensley

Date: 2/14/2026 5:12:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original footprint and glory.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:11:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Dale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the addition is too big. It dwarfs. It is not necessary for it to be this big. And the public has had no chance to help guide the aesthetics.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:10:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Meacham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the East Wing "Modernization" project as described to the public. It is far too large for the District and far too overbearing to sit next to the elegant White House. It is more in keeping with the Roman Emperor Nero's Golden Palace than with our government by and for the people.

It's bad enough that the White House has been made into an open construction site without permission. Don't allow it to become a monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:10:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa McSwigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commission members,

Known as the "People's House," The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American public with critical stewardship by the National Park Service. As home to our presidents since 1800, it is certainly one of the most significant historic site in the United States. The National Historic Preservation Act offers guidance and process for our country's history, heritage, and architecture. While signage, documentaries, photos, books, etc. can serve as great ways to document our history – there is no substitute for having a tangible extant structure to bring history to life. While I was dismayed by the process regarding the demolition of the ball room, there exists a chance to make sure there is input and procedure surrounding the east wing new construction. It should not be guided by simply one person as this will have impact for decades to come.
This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential to the process. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. We can't just pick and choose what gets a public process.

Typically and hopefully a good process will yield a good outcome.

As stated in the 'Design Guidelines for the White House and President's Park' (1997), issued by the National Park Service: "The White House and President's Park are first and foremost a public trust, an important part of our national heritage."

Any significant change to a historic building of this import should follow a rigorous and deliberate design and review process. Recommendations include establishing a qualifications-based architect selection process; enacting a rigorous historic preservation review; prioritizing transparency and public

accountability; considering “proportionality” and “design harmony”; and leveraging collaboration and expertise across the architecture profession. Other recommendations include:

-Enact a Comprehensive Preservation Review

-Evaluate Impacts to the White House Grounds: The proposed addition appears to significantly extend into the landscape south of the existing East Wing. This impacts not only the layout and configuration of the buildings, but also the surrounding landscape that is equally important to the historic character of the White House and the President’s Park (including Lafayette Park and the Ellipse). As such, any changes to the White House grounds should be carefully deliberated and involve appropriate landscape experts.

-Consider Broader National Impact on Historic Preservation: As one of the most significant and visible historic properties in the country, any project at the White House whether it involves interior renovation, changes to the landscape, or a new exterior addition, acts as a national precedent in the treatment of historic properties.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:10:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rick Groszkiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a national disgrace! There was NO need to completely demolish the east wing of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:09:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As far as I am concerned people are at the white house to work not to dance. Yes modernize eating areas for formal dinners. Have a hall, of reasonable size, for entertainment. But not for grand balls etc. Please keep within the time period of the white house. And please restore the east wing. Thankyou for your time.
Martha Carroll

Date: 2/14/2026 5:09:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historical building that belongs to the American people. Any change that involves bulldozing an entire wing should have had a review process including architects and historians (not political appointees) before those changes were begun. Certainly, the construction should not be funded by companies or individuals who may be seeking to curry favor with the current administration. History has happened in the East Wing. What became of the furniture and paintings that were in this wing? The construction seems rushed and ill-advised, and the dimensions are an affront and significantly affect the visual image of the White House. Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style. Follow the procedures that have been followed in the past for making needed changes while respecting the history of the building. One person should not be able to unilaterally decide what the people's house should look like. A ballroom could be constructed elsewhere, not here on the White House grounds. There might as well be a sign "Monument to Special Interests." I am disappointed in this rush to bulldoze and would like to see the East Wing, in its original dimensions and size, restored.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:08:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Edison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing with improved access upgrades. Please do not build a ballroom, there are many venues in the local area to fulfill the need for larger events.

Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 5:08:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Rhoads
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore to original condition, anything else is unacceptable.

This should NOT have been started without extensive review. Since it was, the only appropriate action is to restore to original condition and block any changes for four years.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:08:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty to destroy the East Wing. Any such renovation must be planned and approved by appropriate

Congressional action. Stop all action until Congress has specifically passed legislation specifying all groundwork and plans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Slifcak Villa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

I would like to request that the design, square footage, and purpose of the proposed ballroom be appropriate in scale for hosting events (without being excessive) while being in harmony with the design of the rest of the White House. While I understand that an improved space may be needed for hosting our honored guests, I do feel the current project is excessive in cost, design, and scale - I cannot understand why a ballroom at the proposed square footage should be required when it's nearly double the size of the Executive Residence. I am concerned about the excessiveness specifically in regards to using taxpayers' funds to pay for this project - it's not clear how it's being paid for and I can only assume we'd use taxpayer funds to complete the project. Furthermore, I have concerns about the public not being notified ahead of time of the demolition of the original East Wing. As a member of the public I ask to be supplied with more information on how this project is being funded and how what remains of the White House will be preserved as this project continues.

Thank you.

Michelle Slifcak Villa

Date: 2/14/2026 5:07:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Rekerdres MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Go ahead and add a Whataburger inside so that you can host quinceañeras and graduations at this cheap conference style ballroom.
We used to be a country that inspired the world. Now, we are embarrassing. The rest of the world is laughing at us and the executive branch cannot be bothered to consult and architect or consider historical context of this space.
For shame!

Date: 2/14/2026 5:07:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ROXANNA HERNANDEZ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build a ballroom. The White House is not there to entertain but to work for the people. I object to this project. Waste of tax payer money.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:07:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: nancy Mahlstedt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the proposed massive addition to the white house,both beyond comprehension for proposed need and ugly beyond measure. The space should be returned as closely as possible to the original structure

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Boller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing to build a vanity project for billionaires is a massive scar on a historic symbol of our democracy. Trump states (without any accountability) that he has raised private funding for

the project. This "private funding" is bribery, creating a playpen for people who have profited on sex trafficking, torturing immigrant children, and ruining the reputation of our country as a bastion of liberty and generosity. The government needs to restore the East Wing with architectural plans designed to honor the fact the the President is not a King and that the Executive branch of the government is one of three.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:06:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Maranto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE, do not let Donald Trump get his tiny little hands on more of our precious American heritage! What he has done already is abominable. And make him give back all the bribes to him earmarked as contributions for the East Wing too.

Sincerely,

April Maranto

Date: 2/14/2026 5:06:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Albright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be brought back to its original form. This is the United States of America and the White House belongs to the people, not to the president. We don't need a huge ballroom to conduct the business of the United States. There are better ways to spend the money of the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:05:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Buerkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months."

Date: 2/14/2026 5:05:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Capriotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style
Update wiring etc. to conform to current code.
Make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Return the interior decorations.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city
The White House is the people's house.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:05:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Sleeth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that this addition is needed and therefore support it.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:04:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Gaughran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Carey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House

complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.
At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.
The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.
If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:04:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Willits
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With the original structure gone (without comment or permission, I might add) there is no way to modify it. The proposed new structure totally dwarfs all dimensions - length and especially height - of the rest of the White House. The new structure should be kept in a scale that is complimentary to the main building and not dominate it. And it should also allow for the reception of guests, dignitaries and heads of state as the original East Wing did. Thank you for this opportunity. I fervently hope that the Commission can reign in the design to reflect the beauty of OUR White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:03:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ouida Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently object to th 90,000 square feet construction if a ballroom. My concerns are:

1. The project is wasteful spending since it makes no sense to build out a vanity ballroom that would overshadow the 55,000 square foot White House.
2. The project proceeded in my opinion with no prior input or authority to do so, therefore any new construction should have appropriate approvals and authorizations in advance of the final project
3. The East wing project should be re-built out at an appropriate cost to the American taxpayers who do not have deep pockets to fund whimsical fantasies that may exist in the heads of our elected officials. Appropriate and competitive bidding processes should be utilized.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:03:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Zehner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare this administration tear down the east wing. This is the people's house, not your house. It should not be built upon, but rather be an empty barren memorial to the theft of our collective national heritage. A reminder that we once forgot about democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:03:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Thea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This plan is an utter abomination and a bald act of narcissism. This structure should never have been started and, if it cannot be stopped must be condemned and torn down on Jan 20, 2039.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:03:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having worked in the New York City Architectural profession for companies which worked with the person responsible for the destruction of the White House's East Wing and seeing first hand how Donald Trump conducts jobs and seeing his political trajectory any construction taken by the current Republican Administration should be torn down after their time in office. These projects will be fast tracked sub-par constructions which will be filled with foreign listening bugs due to lack of construction oversight and deliberate welcomed foreign interference. Leaving them up will be another hindrance to a functioning democracy and a reminder of how poor decision making can happen at every level of society.
A public commission (spanning multiple election cycles) should be implemented to establish what replaces the void left by the actions of this administration and the White House's previous East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:02:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly nc Seminara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA

accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia DeGrace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My country does not need a golden ballroom for the 1% billionaire class to dance, party, and feast while the 99% are struggling to pay rent and feed their children. Donald Trump was reckless and pissed on the National Capital Planning Commission with his action of bulldozing the East Wing without approval.

I want the East Wing rebuilt with the external structure looking as it did before Trump demolished it, as though it were his own personal property. The interior can be rearranged and modernized as the Commission sees fit.

Our country is being run by politicians who do not care about the people. We are only a means to enrich their pockets, or in this case, to stroke Trump's ego. We are being kept in line by fear of reprisal. Well, if this comment gets me on a "deserves punishment" list, Donald Trump can KMA!

Date: 2/14/2026 5:01:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: patricia parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should be redesigned to blend with the architecture and scale of the remaining White House. Though a banquet facility might be needed, the scale is not in line with American values. Offices and rooms for work should be part of the replacement. If the White House bunker is under the glass ballroom, I'd be concerned about security for the entire building. Please do necessary upgrades but ditch the gaudy Versailles wannabe golden dance floor.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:01:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Fitschen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is appalling that this public process is commencing AFTER the destruction on the East Wing. All construction on this ballroom should cease immediately and revisions made to the plans. The WH is not the property of Trump. Stop this

Date: 2/14/2026 5:01:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Edison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing with improved access upgrades. Please do not build a ballroom, there are many venues in the local area to fulfill the need for larger events.

Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 5:01:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Schriever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their former glory. Trump had no right to destroy the heritage of the people of the United States of America without input and approval!

Date: 2/14/2026 5:00:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Schubeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed East Wing Modernization Project.

While the architectural renderings appear thoughtfully designed and visually striking, the proposed structure seems to dwarf the White House, arguably the most iconic building in the United States. Based on the materials presented, the new building appears to be nearly twice the size of the White House. Given the historic and symbolic significance of the White House campus, I question whether a structure of this scale is appropriate in such close proximity.

If the intent of the modernization is to create enhanced space for events and official functions, it is unclear why the building must be so large. The renderings also suggest a substantial amount of office space. I am not certain why these offices could not be accommodated within existing federal facilities, particularly in light of the recent downsizing of the federal workforce.

Additionally, there does not appear to be a direct link to the project drawings on the East Wing Modernization Project webpage. I was only able to locate them by navigating to the agenda for the upcoming meeting. For a project of this magnitude, one that would significantly alter the character of the White House campus, I believe the drawings and related materials should be prominently posted and more broadly accessible. The American public should also be afforded adequate time to review and provide

meaningful comment.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:00:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rene Fester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the construction of a ballroom in the East wing of the whitehouse. I believe the original demolition occurred outside of legal procedure without input from the American people on one of our national landmarks. I would like to see the East wing restored to its original structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:59:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Longbotham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump is an illegitimate dictator disqualified from the presidency by the 14th Amendment for waging seditious treasonous insurrection against the United States of America. This is a waste of time and money. A notorious fraud and thief as president is likely to enrich himself illegally yet again off this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:59:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Todys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Kendrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. The fact that President Trump bulldozed the East wing (literally & figuratively) without proper review & congressional approval is appalling.
While expanded event space may be needed, the East wing renovation must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The final project must follow these guidelines and be proportional to the West wing for visual symmetry, without removing any more trees of historical significance. If an event space can't be accommodated within a proportional footprint, then it should be developed elsewhere and alternatives for the use of a re-built East wing considered.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:58:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project. This was an unsanctioned demolition of the East Wing of the White House with plans to build a highly expensive, enormous, out of proportion "ballroom" that is allegedly to be funded by private sources and not taxpayer monies. However, there is zero transparency on this project. Private financing raises concern about emoluments influencing the POTUS, and taxpayer monies should not be used for what amounts to a personal fantasy of this president.

In my opinion, there should be no such project without a thorough input from the public and Congress, and moreover the President must be held to account for the massive destruction to the People's House that he has already undertaken.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:58:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Albright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If possible, the East Wing should be returned to the dimensions it was originally. A law should be passed (or maybe observed) that the White House is a temporary resident for the President while he is working in DC. It is not his personal space to do with as he pleases. However, I guess it is too late now. The East Wing should be office space for The First Lady and an area where history of the White House is provided. It should be an Art Gallery for those paintings that The Smithsonian has in storage so people can see them.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:58:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Crosbie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree or approve of President Trump's proposed East Wing Ballroom as currently proposed.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:57:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janine Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom should not be approved. In the drawings and renderings of what the finished ballroom will look like, it dwarfs the White House. This building will overshadow the White House and become the focal point of the complex. The East Wing is an ancillary structure. It should not be drawing attention from or competing with the main White House building. Before the criminal destruction of the east wing, the White House was symmetrical and balanced. Whatever is reconstructed should be constructed within that same footprint and restricted to the same height as the previous East Wing to return the White House complex to a symmetrical and balanced appearance.

Whatever is reconstructed should also provide the now eliminated office space for the first Lady and staff that was housed by the East Wing. Elimination of the first ladies office space deprives the United States and its citizens of a valuable resource through the charitable and critical work prior first ladies have done, and will do again in the future. Any modernization efforts cannot eliminate this functional staff space to merely provide a luxury entertainment venue, at the taxpayer's expense.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:57:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The country does not need a huge ballroom. The East Wing that was demolished had offices that staff members needed to do their work

Date: 2/14/2026 4:57:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Derek Schuld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why are we wasting money on this project? Aren't there more important projects we could work on as a nation instead? If we must, however, I hope it will be something stately and in keeping with the overall aesthetic of the White House. Sadly, I expect something more in line with the Doma Auria given the garish tastes of the current occupant. I urge this commission to confine the scale and décor of this ballroom to be

something more appropriate to the historical place in our country that the People's House has traditionally held.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:57:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Gingras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is the people's house - our representatives, including the Executive branch, must respect that above all.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:56:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Shea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am among many citizens who object to the addition of a 90,000 square foot ballroom to the White House. The proposed plan is out of scale to this historic building and is the result of planning without public commentary or the guidance of the national trust and National Public Planning Commission.

The idea of an interior space for state functions is fine. Let it be for the people, not funded by private corporations or individuals who have vested interests in cozying up to the current administration for financial gain.

Let any decision be guided by representatives of the people, skilled architects and engineers and historians so so that it reflects the character and history of this country.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:56:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SUSAN A. PERRY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historically protected building and belongs to the citizens of the United States. We have a right and a duty to protect it from any person trying to make major alterations to it in any way without prior permissions from the appropriate bodies.
What has taken place already - - the removal of the East Wing - - is most egregious, illegal, and shameful.

Please stop any and all further work on this site until until all stake holders have had input, and that all bodies having authority of any kind have had more than enough time to review any and all plans.

(This is such a slap-in-the-face to every U.S. Citizen. How could bulldozers simply have rolled in there and demolished this piece of history ?? So shameful.)

Thank you.

Susan A. Lemble Perry
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 4:56:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lif Strand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be a crime for a publicly owned building to be razed without public input. As for this project, the East Wing no longer exists and obviously can't be modernized. Replacing it with a ballroom is NOT modernizing, it is a slap in the face of taxpayers.

Under NO circumstances should a ballroom be constructed in that space. If anything is constructed, it should be a duplication of the East Wing's architecture, with functional modernization only, i.e. duplicate the destroyed East Wing but modernize electrical and other construction to current building code standards. The new construction should appear to be no different - no larger, no more modern than it was - except for safety/building code upgrades.

Let me repeat: NO BALLROOM under any circumstances!!! NO reward for Donald Trump for razing the East Wing!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:56:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Hershman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house! It belongs to ALL people in this country, NOT just the rich. I cried over the demolition at Our House. The East Wing was iconic and belonged to the strong women among us. This demolition is criminal, maybe treasonous.
As a 63 year old citizen, I want my East Wing restored now.

As a public school teacher, I have visited “My House” a few times over the years, and I taught the students I accompanied to feel the legacy, walk through the halls that shaped our history, and pay reverence to the People’s House: of the people, by the people, and for the people. No other country in the world can say that!
I want My House RESTORED, and if a bigger ballroom is needed, it should be on scale with existing structures, strictly monitored by Preservation Architects, and free of gilding and grandeur. I want the People’s White House to represent all people in this country—poor and rich, native and immigrant. The White House should feel welcoming, not overpowering, to the average citizen.
Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:55:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Diebel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The irresponsible and improper destruction of a portion of the White House is abhorrent, and a desecration of our history. Putting an outsized ballroom, which serves no public purpose, is equally abhorrent. If a structure is put in place of what was the east Wing of the White House, it should be one that reflects the important history of the building and highlights the historic purpose of the portion that was destroyed. A gilded ballroom which will only serve rich donors is not appropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:55:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Crow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly opposed to the proposed White House ballroom. A ballroom is completely unneeded, as the country has managed for a couple of centuries without one. It will destroy the historical and aesthetic quality of what's left of the White House. In addition, any such construction should follow the process that currently exists, rather than being determined by a single man. The financing proposed is certainly vulnerable to both the appearance and the reality of bribery of that single man, especially as the proposed price continues to balloon.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edna Caudle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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No ballroom is needed.
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Speckman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an historic building and the personal residence of the president of the United States. It was a beautifully proportioned as well as functional building before the destruction of the East Wing. The demolition should never have happened. The president does not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom, which would be so disproportionate to the rest of the building. I would like to see the facade restored to its original size. The planning for the interior should be transparent to those in charge of maintaining historical buildings, in accordance with current building codes.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:54:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or rent a current building.
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Date: 2/14/2026 4:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terrence Raven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Beyond the obvious security risk posed to participants of any given event hosted in such a high-profile, potential mass-casualty target, or that it dwarfs the iconic White House it abuts, doing anything other than restoring the East Wing back to it's original architectural design pays homage to someone whom I'm not sure the majority of the American people wish to honor so. Perhaps Ralph Nader's words, in his 13 February, 2026, email should be considered before we move further forward on the plan which was imposed on Us by someone history may show to be the most corrupt leader We have ever known:
"Trump – by far the most impeachable of presidents and the least negatively branded by his opponents – must wonder about his luck. Consider, he is a convicted felon, a chronic liar, a serial law violator, a repeated sexual abuser of women, a crooked extortionist, a hugely corrupt user of the White House to enrich the Trumpsters, a shatterer of the social safety net for tens of millions of Americans, a slasher of safeguards and scientific research against catastrophic climate violence and pandemics leaving America rapidly defenseless, and a crazed suppressor of solar energy and wind power while boosting the omnicidal oil, gas, and coal industries. Moreover, he pathologically breaks his promises and pledges, presiding over record waste,

shutdowns, and censorship, ushering in the DARK AGES for America.”

Date: 2/14/2026 4:54:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JMichael Wharton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Again, overwhelms the existing White House! See my prior comments. Insufficient setback from street. Where is parking? Streetside plaza needed. Unnecessary southside columnade, leads to nowhere. Height should definitely be less than existing White House, perhaps only one and a half stories. South side should definitely align with front of existing White House. Prove that capacity need be more than 500 people!
J. Michael Wharton
Graduate in Architecture, UC Berkeley, CA

Date: 2/14/2026 4:53:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myra-Bea Linger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored as was originally designed, with updates that were needed. If that White House needs a ballroom that bad, it should at least be designed to the dimensions of the previous East Wing. However there are existing areas near by for ballroom usage. The East Wing has usually been used by the First Lady, believe it should be left for should usage. Many First Ladies have used this space for great works. Also believe that Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden needs to be restored

Date: 2/14/2026 4:53:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cal Goodlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When a country is desperately beleaguered and suffering such sadness, we need no ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:53:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Mierzwiak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This space should be dedicated not as a ballroom, but as an integrated space between the executive branch and the people, emphasizing the many components and cultures that make up American life. It should be historically accurate to the main building and no larger than the west wing side of the structure for balance.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:53:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Denette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one should be allowed to make an end run around the process. It shows a disdain for the people, the system, precedent, and law.

Accountability.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:53:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael DiDomenico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will make this polite. Don Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House was shameful. The plans for a what I describe as a '"palatial" ballroom are grotesque. The concept fits a dictator, not what the President of the United States should represent. As such, I would prefer to leave the space empty, no construction, until Don Trump has left office.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Heckscher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please no huge ballroom

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jena Humphreys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to everyone. As a preservationist and a citizen, I implore you, please do not continue this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hofer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes, improvements, updates or destruction of any public building effectively owned by the citizens of the United States should be decided by the citizens of the United States and never by one man, even if he is temporarily occupying any public building. What has been done by this president is a travesty against the citizens of this country and our Constitution. He should be held criminally liable for the destruction of the East Wing of "THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE" and be charged with restoring it to it's previous condition - at his own expense! I believe that the same should be true for the Rose Garden. This man has done nothing but feed his own ego. The White House lawn should not look like a McDonald's parking garage lot!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SJ S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO - we do not want or need a Ballroom at the White House!

This is nothing more than a Donald Trump vanity project.

The White House is owned by the People of the United States and Trump has no right or authority to construct a gaudy Ballroom.

The White House is an integral part of our nation's seat of government. It deserves solemn respect - it is NOT an entertainment venue.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Marie Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The facist in the White House - aka The People's House - torn down the East Wing with zero approval from The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. The fact that President Trump bulldozed the East wing (literally & figuratively) without proper review & congressional approval is appalling.

While expanded event space may be needed, the East wing renovation must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The final project must follow these guidelines and be proportional to the West wing for visual symmetry, without removing any more trees of historical significance. If an event space can't be accommodated within a proportional footprint, then it should be developed elsewhere and alternatives for the use of a re-built East wing considered.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carolyn jost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of part of the people's house is disgusting and illegal.
This was done without approval of the National trust or other body
it was done to boost the ego of 1 person.
Please stop the construction of this ballroom and other projects.
We do not need a ballroom which includes guest rooms!
The White House is for government business not personal pleasures.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:00 PM
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Name: Carol Mei
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore East Wing to original status complete with Rose Garden. No ballroom, which is a monstrosity!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:50:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Varner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Begin by halting all work until the project complies with all phases of the process for altering historic buildings. Then if, and only if, the designated architects agree to an appropriately designed addition that complies with and melds with the remainder of the White House should any construction proceed. If, on the other hand, the plans are rejected, the president should be presented with a bill to cover the cost of rebuilding the east wing exactly like it was before he took it upon himself to demolish a building that he does not own. Garnish his wages for the rest of his life if necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:50:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Metcalfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House in while represents our country. Its footprint runs thru the history books. Until the day that trump tore down the east wing, very few on this planet knew the White House as anything but what it was.
He destroyed that in a day. He changed the historical landscape. It hurt our hearts. It was like a small 9/11 all over again. We lost a bit of who we are. And we were helpless and blindsided.
What are the rules worth if they do not apply to even the highest office? I am not exaggerating when I say that the people of America believe that he desecrated the house that belongs to WE THE PEOPLE. He is being allowed to dance all over OUR history.
Putting his name on memorials and making plans to build memorials to himself (the arch). All the time ignoring the rules defining the mechanics of those changes.
PLEASE put a stop to his attacks on our capital.
Keep him accountable to your building regulations and filings for approval. We've lost so much already.
In fact, Denny him the ability to build or destroy or refurbish ANYTHING while he is in office.
People are starving and not getting paid while he plays Bob the Builder. I for one am exhausted helplessly watching him destroy our country for his own glory.

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Name: Renee Lafont
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the East Wing should in anyway dwarf or overshadow the rest of the National Public buildings and monuments which house our Government. It should be tasteful, not gaudy, not overwhelming in decoration, treatments or facade. I believe it was adequate as it was, and should be replaced as closely aligned with the previous structure as possible, while providing any necessary (emphasis on necessary) additonal space deemed appropriate by the National Capital Planning Commission. I believe that modesty and symetry are excellent architectural features for Government Buildings. Understated Elegance should guide the design.

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Name: Maureen Keegan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let the East Wing Modernization Project proceed. Any plans to replace what was destroyed should be reviewed and overseen by the groups that have historically been involved in approving renovations of US government buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:50:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Stockwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the east wing modernization project. The east wing was a historic space for first ladies offices and I would like it returned for that purpose, as close to the look, size and space of the original wing. This is the people's house and historic grounds and as such the people should be provided with specific plans that retain its historic character, detailed cost analysis and funding transparency before the project goes forward.

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Name: Beth Cann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild to the original specifications adding any updates needed to meet current safety and accessibility codes. Restore the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:49:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marta Biegler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While neither a historian or architect, I do believe I have enough knowledge to comment on the current plans for the East Wing project. I completely understand the need to provide a safe room for those in the White House. Having adequate room, updated services such as HVAC, water, electrical, etc. is certainly necessary. An area with space to live modestly during a crisis is also required. What I believe is being planned is more than required for comfort and safety.

From a historical perspective, I completely agree that the scale of the project is completely out of proportion with the rest of the White House. The exterior drawings continue to change from week to week. This building has been the People's House and therefore the people should be involved in the process, which has not happened. The NCPC has been removed from the process as well. From what I was able to research, there were no historical groups involved in the planning prior to demolishing the East Wing until after the fact. We do not need a palace. We need a functional wing for security and the offices that were previously there, with a slight increase in square footage as deemed necessary by the NCPC. It should conform to the current building in size, form, and style.

From a practical point of view, there is no need for such a massive ballroom. With very rare exceptions, the current ballroom handled up to 200 people and most recent events entertained smaller groups. The cost of

furnishing, staffing, maintaining, and utilities for this massive, yet seldom used room, will fall upon the American taxpayers, with no real benefit. Finally, the marble and gold decor is completely incompatible with the rest of the White House, as well as an added expense not necessary to have a functional room.

Financing for this project is also an issue. While President Trump states that he has donations to cover the costs, I have serious concerns. He has not listed those who have donated. He has, especially over the past few years, engaged in quid quo pro, which makes me concerned that these donations will greatly affect our government's ability to serve all the people. The price has, from the most recent data, doubled. Based on the President's previous buildings, he tends to cut costs by not paying contractors for their work, which is completely unacceptable, but should be considered a possibility. President Trump, whom has been in the building business for decades, knows that permits are required, from planning to demo to building. He has decided that his position supersedes these requirements, which makes me wonder if the permitted work will be the end result. The latest that I have seen looks similar to the current White House. I do, however, doubt that this will be the building that our current administration will erect, as he continually produces new materials, drawings, and comments on the project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxanne Derni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No President should be able to control OUR public buildings. That is too much power in one person. The point is, the buildings belong to all of us. An independent commission or committee not controlled by the President should approve and sign off on the new building to replace the now destroyed East Wing. Presidents come and presidents go, buildings last for hopefully centuries. No building should have the imprimatur of just ONE person.

I hate the gaudiness of the Trump Gold, it is gaudy not pretty. An independent committee/commission is never going to approve that much gaudy gold, or ANY gold. Funding should come through Congress, not private donations. IF there are private donations then the donors need to be revealed and there should be a maximum limit on how much anyone can donate. To NOT have a cap invites favoritism and corruption, "You give me $5 million for the new building that I alone control the design and build of, and I'll remove some federal law or regulation you don't like."

A President may give input just like any other American. A Non Profit Historical Preservation organization together with a bi partisan special committee of Congress should run the show. There can be no back dooring who appoints the committee to run the designs and plans. What good is it if the President appoints majority members to the committee, then they are beholding to him and will simply rubber stamp his wishes. I stress INDEPENDENCE, this must be an independent committee.

And for the Love of God I do not want it so HUGE that the Presidents are inaugurated there. I like the inauguration to continue on the steps of the United States Capitol. The first thing the committee should do is simply vote on the seating capacity of the Ballroom. Once you have agreement on the seating capacity THEN do design work. Everything flows from an agreed upon ballroom seating capacity. For me, I think about 300 sounds about right. We don't need more than that. If it is too big then it simply becomes event space for the President to promote himself. We all pay for the lavish dinners and he stands up on the dias for his personal glory. After all the business of Government is NOT having mar-a-largo style parties, we don't need that many parties, they do not benefit the people, they benefit the President. The Ballroom gets converted into a big rally hall if it is too large, nobody wants that (well save one peson).

FIRST the committee votes on the maximum seating for the new ballroom, do that as the very first thing. THEN look at designs and plans that meet the voted on requirements. As is said on the streets during protests,
"Whose House?" the refrain is "OUR House" That is what i believe. It's OUR House and no one President gets control of our public buildings. The President can give input and that is all. No control. No control by the President.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Josué Ungido
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President's two-acre vanity project is a waste of taxpayer money to gratify only one person: the President himself. It's already an eyesore, and will only grow worse if allowed to continue. Stop this criminal Administration's fascist takeover of the very geography of our nation's Capital.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:47:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Boehm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing “Modernatization” project is nothing more than a disgusting ego project of a wannabe dictator. The fact that the demolition was done without the approval of the NCPC or the American people is proof of the complete lack of respect the current administration has for the very people they claim to represent. The renderings themselves are garish, ugly and more in line with Trump Tower than the White House. Such a massive, tacky ballroom has no other purpose than to act as venue for this pedophile’s campaign events. If this project is allowed to move forward the only good it will do is to serve as a monument to one of the most corrupt and reviled administrations in history. Perhaps it should be allowed to be built so the American people will never forget how close we came to allowing a white nationalist to destroy our country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Goodlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This past Christmas, my 20 year old grandson actually helped me decorate our Christmas tree. It had been several years since he did this and he was fascinated by my collection of "White House Christmas Ornaments." He read the information about each ornament and we talked about each one. They all capture a unique time in our history and in the history of the "People's House." There is no need to modernize the White House other than normal additions such as wifi, smoke detectors, better kitchen equipment.... This world is so fluid, it is important to have some constancy. Our national monuments and the White House

need to offer that. Paving over the Rose Garden and demolishing the East Wing were actions taken without authority and they diminished the People's House. The current incumbent should pay out of his own pocket to repair what he has broken. If this were done by a tenant in a rented apartment, the tenant would be assessed fees. In a country that cannot afford to offer universal healthcare, one where children are going hungry, and our elderly cannot afford medications - spending funds to "modernize" the east wing is more than just wrong. It is horrid.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:47:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Stephens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This massive project is an abomination. The White House belongs to the American people and is not Trump's to do with as he wishes. His barreling ahead without any regard for proper procedures and approvals is a slap in the face to all Americans. As a retired federal employee, I worked across the street from the White House and never took for granted the history and majesty of the building. I am sick over the destruction that has already taken place and appalled that regulatory board appears ready to rubber stamp whatever Trump wants. He will not rest until he has gilded everything in DC, built a ridiculous arch and put his name on every federal building. We must stop him now.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:46:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allyson Law Kissell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting my comments and can only hope it's not the equivalent of shutting the barn door after the horse got out. Maybe the White House needs a ballroom. A "normal" ballroom requires up to 15 square feet per person. Add a stage and dance area, for 500 guests and 15,000 square feet would be considered more than adequate, so I'd say for the White House, I'd allow 20,000 square feet. Because the East Wing is totally gone, my thoughts are as follows: Construct a 20,000 sq ft ballroom. Build reasonable offices for the First Person and his/her staff. It's the People's House, so build a thoughtful museum with mobile exhibits that change maybe 4 times a year, to tell our American story, honestly and meaningfully. Create a small performance space for children with walls decorated with art projects from schools all over our country(again changeable), with a place for children to watch plays, listen to musicians, have the President or First Person read a story etc. And finally, a place to honor our veterans - something very special - I don't know what. My own family has veterans going back to the Revolution and up to VietNam. So many people to be honored.

The outside of the building should balance out the West Wing and fit alongside the main building. Please, no European palace, no replica of Mar-a-Lago, just something traditionally American, styled with pride, honor and simplicity. Something for ALL Americans.

About me: my paternal side arrived in Massachusetts very very early, but my maternal side arrived in Virginia Colony before the March 1622 massacre at Jamestown. My 4th GGF was Thomas Law, married to Martha Washington's granddaughter. He paid for the building of much of early DC and his house still stands in the SW Waterfront neighborhood. I have a lot of pride being American. I didn't know that would be tested as much as it is now. Thanks for letting me comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:46:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Marks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If a grand ballroom is truly needed on the White House grounds, then build an adjacent building, and leave the White House stay intact as it has been since 1800. Personal whims are not legitimate reasons to change something that has stood on its own for so many years.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:46:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Luptowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A totally unnecessary waste of taxpayer money. Rebuild the east wing. There are many ballrooms at hotels in Dec that could be utilized. Or build an appropriately sized room attached to another location. Do not allow this abomination to continue. There also is no money to build it. Trump has obviously pocketed any donations that have been made.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:45:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was fine how it was and was a historical structure. It balanced the architecture of the west wing and was an appropriate scale to the rest of the White House. The proposed ballroom is a gold-clad abomination that would both dwarf the White House and would throw off the balance and symmetry that existed with the west and east wings. Any new construction must match the shape and scale of the East Wing. No one needs or wants the proposed ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:44:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara BOWYER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is massively out of scale for the rest of the White House and surrounding grounds. I agree with architect Bruce Redman Becker, who Trump removed last year from the Commission of Fine Arts. He blasted the design as “a poorly proportioned pseudo-neoclassical structure that is completely out of scale with the White House.” The current design will overshadow the iconic main mansion and alter long-protected sightlines around the complex.

Find another site if he's keen on creating a monolith!

Barbara Bowyer
A concerned citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 4:44:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Snead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I personally think any plans should come from and go through the commission, and approved through public opinion and votes, before congress. We the people, who find and elect our government, should have the say. Proposals can come from the different branches, but should be a majority opinion through polls. Especially in times where our elected officials have blind loyalty and kiss the ring instead of caring about their constituents opinions!
In my personal opinion, the East Wing should have never been demolished. Especially without all of the Parks and Commissions approvals, or any concern about public opinion. That man is only a temporary fixture in our government, and should have no say in our establishments. Shouldn’t he have more important things to focus on than remodeling??? That can not possibly a duty of the POTUS. If the structure needed repairs so badly, we should rebuild a historically accurate restoration, without any gold fixtures. If a ballroom was agreed to be a necessity for our government…which doesn’t sound necessary to me… than the other departments should oversee planning and ZONING and construction. We do not need to build monuments to this man. His name does not need to be plastered on any building he gets his hands on. There is no need for these new Goliath monuments, including the arch!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:43:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Dunn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Trustees,

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the White House was an abomination, a complete smackdown of the building's historic value--and likely of the rule of law as well, since it was a unilateral decision of the current president. This comes on the heels of the cementing-over of the elegant Rose Garden, giving that once-green space the look of a swanky outdoor bar in the tropics in which dignity is completely absent.

This wanton destruction of our nation's heritage sites needs to be rectified through legal action and

accountability. The man responsible for these hostile actions has pockets deep enough to pay for restoration, and he should be compelled to do so.

Please do all you can to restore justice--and beauty--to our White House grounds.

Thank you,
Martha M. Dunn

Date: 2/14/2026 4:42:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lee Moseley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

I vehemently oppose the ongoing desecration of the White House with absolutely no citizen input and zero consultation with historic preservation specialists. This is our White House for heaven's sake; not Versailles. Please reign in the illegal attempts to destroy and erase our history.

Mary Lee Moseley

Date: 2/14/2026 4:41:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Toubol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I compared state dinner capacity across several countries to the proposed ballroom space. The proposed capacity appears to be far out of line with comparable venues and stated purpose. It suggests indulgence and unnecessary extravagance. This does not reflect the image I expect our country and its ideals to project. (See table for comparison.)

I also ran a quick estimate for space requirements based on a capacity of 650 guests, including some consideration of back-of-house needs (protocol, security, ceremonial presentation, etc.):
650 guests × 40 square feet per guest = 26,000 square feet

Which raises important questions:
1. How much of the proposed 90,000 square feet is actually ballroom space versus offices or other uses?
2. Is the full scope appropriate and necessary?

Heads up, while I ran the numbers off 650 capacity, President Trump is now talking 999 capacity for the ballroom, which is even more out of line.

Renderings released by the Trump administration show the new wing visually overshadowing the existing White House (the People's House!!) I do not believe that passes the "vibe check" for what the most symbolically important building in our nation should convey.

Source data: ChatGBT search
I trust someone else can confirm actuals on this type of data for more thorough comparison.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry jablon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ridiculous waste of taxpayer money, not approved in advance or authorized by congress.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:41:20 PM
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Name: Tim Fricker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom project is purely a vanity project to stoke the ego of the current occupant of the White House. The proposed facility is vastly out of scale to the rest of the White House and will negatively impact the existing structure. If a ballroom is truly needed, it should be of a scale that fits the grounds better and doesn't destroy the aesthetics. Perhaps the best choice would be to locate it in an entirely different place.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:40:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: May Simons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not completely opposed to adding a space to the White House grounds for special events. I understand that the White House is old and could benefit from some renovation BUT
The White House belongs to the American people. Each President occupies it for a limited amount of time. The White House is not a palace and its design reflects the fact that it is occupied by a servant of the American people and the Constitution, not a King or Queen. That should not change.

If the White House is to be renovated and added to, there should be a call for proposed designs from different architects. Those designs should then be reviewed by the proper authorities and once several designs have been reviewed and selected, the selections should be put before the American people.

The White House belongs to the people and the people should decide when and how the building should be modified and how much of our hard earned money should be spent on such an endeavor.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:40:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is disturbing that destruction of a part of this iconic building took place without consideration of the need for the steps to receive approval. In addition is whether there is a need for such a large and ostentatious addition to the American people's house. It is supposed to be a residence and work place for the president while in office. It is not supposed to be a palace.It is also an American museum for our citizens and others to visit and see where history has been made and learn of that history.

Consideration needs to be taken on how the appearance the main structure will be altered and the effect of the construction on the existing structure. I am not an architect or engineer. I am appalled that steps were skipped in this plan that could have long term negative effects on the viability of this treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:39:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find the proposed White House ballroom to be an affront to the American people and a disgrace to the normal, legal approval process.
It is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion.
The distruction of the East Wing of the White House without oversight is a crime and should be prosecuted as such.

Any construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a self serving president.
Its financing should be controlled by Congress and be transparent.
The donor system of funding appears as bribes and there is currently no cap on costs as the price has doubled in the last few months.

I believe no such building should be approved.
Remediation and reconstruction of the East Wing, or some appropriate architecture should be thoroughly overseen by the appropriate agencies and the cost should be borne entirely by the perpretrator of this abomination.
To serve the prople.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:39:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Hagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an illegal monstrosity and should never have happened, but now must be placed in the hands of experts trained in historical preservation and architecture.
Trump should have no say in anything regarding this project. It is the People's House, not his.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:39:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Starz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Any donations for a ballroom should be transferred and used to rebuild the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:39:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Rupp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the proposed renovation to the (already destroyed) White House East Wing - to say nothing of the suggestion that a 250-foot triumphal "Arc de Trump" be erected near the Lincoln Memorial - are projects more suited to a megalomaniacal dictator than to an American presidential administration.

The loophole that exempts the White House from historical preservation restrictions - that has resulted in Melania Trump's unilateral paving of the Rose Garden and Donald Trump's taking a wrecking ball to the East Wing - should be closed immediately; as the peoples' house, held in trust by sequential presidents, the White House should not be prey to the whims of a single person, especially not to one with no respect for or knowledge of governmental institutions or American history.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:38:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Kuhlman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. The occupant is only a temporary tenant. I believe that the East Wing should be restored to the same appearance as it was during the previous administration, incorporating modern features and following modern building codes as needed and as they can be accomodated while preserving the original appearance and design. Donald trump had no right to bulldoze the building.

And this would be an excellent opportunity to restore the Rose Garden as well .

Date: 2/14/2026 4:37:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Hieb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild it as itnwas. Nobody except trump wanted a renovation.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:37:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Oney
Project Name: Washington Dulles International Airport Master Plan
Project Number: MP10

No public building, airport, bridge, or other structure should be named after a living President

Date: 2/14/2026 4:36:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Werner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Obviously something must be built since it was torn down without permission. I am writing to ask that what replaces it works with the historic building and not with the current tenants taste. This is not one person's building. It belongs to all of us and no matter the funding should reflect the history of that building. It will remain long after the current occupants have left.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:35:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Ikehara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the East Wing modernization project as currently proposed. These plans do not seem to take into account the fact that the East Wing has historic importance and any major changes should face careful scrutiny by preservationists, by architects, and by the public. The White House is the "People's House" and we should have some say in substantive changes to it. I don't see that this is happening (despite this call for public comments). Instead I see a conspicuous lack of transparency about many issues, including cost, funding, necessity, and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:35:46 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Wilcox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should not be built. Or scaled back. Anything added should be in the scale and style of the existing White House. Stop the gaudy gold plated trend. This is a historical landmark and has so much meaning to most of us in this country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Oney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand opposed to this project. No single person, even a President, should make a decision with so much impact on historical buildings. This President has abused his duty to protect historical buildings and has ignored knowledgeable historical and architectural groups.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:35:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Collier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed size is way too big. It should not overshadow the main residence.
Also, PLEASE be sure the interior elements are consistent with the (formerly) restrained architectural style, and not the over-the-top schlock that the current administration is bringing in elsewhere.

The Wal-Mart Halloween aisle is not the appropriate place to shop for the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:34:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Ryman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the former East Wing with the former Georgian architectural style, scale, and exterior dimensions, maintaining the symmetry of the entire structure so that it aesthetically balances the West Wing.
Install functional updates for ADA accessibility.
Bring the structure itself, the electrical, and plumbing, up to code.
If historically sensitive changes are needed, honor them.

Keep in mind this is the People's House, it is not a palace. A monarch or an oligarch was never intended to occupy this building.
Our democracy is unique, and our People's House should continue to reflect that philosophy.
It is the temporary residence of a leader chosen by the people of the United States.
Consequently, do not allow special interest funds to influence, or pay for, the rebuilding of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:33:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please cancel all plans for a ballroom; it is not needed. As an American and a taxpayer, i urge you to have the East Wing rebuilt with its original design. Upgrade for ADA accessibility, if that is still allowed, and then restore the furnishings and decor that are allegedly in storage. The White House is an icon. It was destroyed once by fire and rebuilt, so let's do it again.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:33:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jonathan Rackham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that the men and women who came before us who founded this country, built the White House, and have defended it and what it stands for, would be extremely disappointed that attention and citizen and taxpayer money is going to this effort, as opposed to repairing our national union. By allowing this project to even be considered at this time, we are letting down generations of Americans before and after us.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:33:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This country needs a 90,000 square foot ballroom like a fish needs a bicycle. Enough said.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:33:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DAWN CHASSE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely not. This project is wasteful and an abomination to a national landmark. No!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:33:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dayle Hosek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, no ballroom. The building was wonderful and historic, enjoyed by adults and children alike. It represented our country to others. Unfortunately the East wing has been destroyed. There is not a need or desire for a ballroom, particularly one which will likely detract from and overwhelm the remaining building. I vote NO BALLROOM!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:32:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The loss of the historically significant east wing is a tragedy. The building of this monstrosity would amplify that tragedy a hundred fold. The money is already in someone's pocket, and to throw additional funds to build a tacky gold-lame shack on grounds of the people's house would be an abomination. Please stop this.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:31:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Whitehead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a monumental waste of time and money. Completely unnecessary. Why should we prop up an old man's ego when he is an embarrassing criminal?

Date: 2/14/2026 4:31:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Waldron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a U.S. Citizen, I feel it's important to speak up about the importance of historical architecture, especially in such locations at the White House, the "house of the people". I do not feel a President has the right to significantly alter this building without the approval of the country. There should be an approval process in place for the review of any interior redecorating or any permanent interior or exterior alterations. I do not believe there should ever be an instance where a large part of a building is torn down and destroyed unless it was previously damaged by an act of nature or is determined to be unsafe.
Buildings can be modernized and improved but the historical significance of a building should never be destroyed.
This current project has been a mess from the beginning without a plan and is now at a standstill. It's yet another embarrassment to our country. This current president does as he pleases without any ramifications or repricusions. Defacing the White House should not be allowed and it should be put back in a way that honors and mimics the current building and looks architecturally similar.
This president must be reined in and the historical significance of National governmental buildings, memorials, spaces, & lands must be protected.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:31:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Weisman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I always thought that the White House is the people's house. I also thought that before anything could be done, that there is a long legal process involved in the renovation. I was horrified to see photos of the destruction of the White House. I don't understand how the current occupant of the White House has the audacity to decide that he wanted a ballroom so he went ahead and tore down the building without asking "permission ".
Is there anything that can be done to restore the White House to how it should be.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:30:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Volkman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Presidents have precedent for modifying the White House. If funds are private, I have no problem w/ a ballroom. I find it shocking and embarrassing that State Dinners, etc have had to be held in TENTS!, or other offsite venues. It's time for us to have a proper venue to host foreign and domestic leaders.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:30:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gennell Kidder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a National Historic Landmark owned by the American people, the White House is the People's House. It was deliberately designed in a restrained Georgian style, defined by balanced proportions and modest scale. Any renovation should respect and restore its original architectural character, preserve its historic footprint, and maintain symmetry with the West Wing and main residence. Essential upgrades — including wiring, infrastructure, and ADA accessibility — should proceed through established historic preservation standards.

The East Wing should be rebuilt in keeping with the scale, placement, and design of the original structure, ensuring visual harmony across the entire complex. Landscape improvements should honor the historic gardens, including a faithful restoration inspired by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's Rose Garden, without unnecessary ornamentation or excess.

Permanent changes to one of our nation's most significant historic sites must reflect the voice of the public. The White House belongs to the American people and should be preserved with that responsibility in mind.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:29:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jack and Bev Davies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do NOT support a massive 90,000sf ballroom.
We support the East Wing of the White House to be rebuilt to match the scale of the West Wing and to house the offices that were there previously. The new East Wing should meet modern criteria for construction and ADA compliance. Design and construction should be overseen by the National Capital Planning Commission.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:29:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Hobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Of course the White House should be kept up to date with occasional renovations. But, the proposed east wing renovations are not about just keeping up to date. The footprint and size of the "wing" shouldn't exceed the Executive Mansion. Please put a permanent end to this project as designed and find something suitable for the space that maintains the style of the original.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:29:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dori Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project primarily lacks required public review processes and the violation of federal preservation laws. The project was advanced without meaningful involvement of the National Capital Planning Commission and other oversight bodies, which is a violation of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966. The project was advanced before the public could weigh in. There was no opportunity for transparency and broad engagement

Date: 2/14/2026 4:28:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing is historic and never should have been bulldozed over, It should be replicated as best we can to it's original status.
It's incomprehensible how this travesty was allowed to happen. We should have legislation to prevent this from ever happening again to any historic site.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:27:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Misti Howie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the project that has been proposed for the East Wing of the White House. This property is historic and is owned by the people. Obviously the damage has already been done since the East Wing has been torn down but what should be constructed in its place should keep in line with the historic and proportion of the entire White House complex. The current president has proposed an outsized ballroom as a monument to himself. Not only is the proposal inappropriate, it is unnecessary in the current form.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael DeHart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the size and scope of the president’s proposed ballroom are outlandish as they will dwarf the present White House. I understand there are times when modernization is wise, even necessary, but these renovations, begun without authorization or vetting are too large and are embarrassingly self centered and a-historical.

Please help the president scale back his plans and expectations.

Thank you,

Michael DeHart

Date: 2/14/2026 4:27:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Gillesby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an absolutely terrible idea. It smacks of bribery. Any rebuilding must follow the proper channels and be respectful of aesthetics, history, and restoration of "the people's house." Please stop this abomination.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:27:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Kloc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House. It is not a palace. It does not serve exclusively as the current Presidents private residence. Any modifications/renovations to the White House should respect the historic and cultural significance of this iconic building which serves as a symbol of our democracy. I would suggest that any further construction at this site should restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style/color of the East Wing while allowing for modernization of the mechanical systems and improvements to the accessibility of the structure. The interior decor should be tastefully updated and reflect the architectural style and details of the exterior of the building, not the current President's personal taste. All historically significant artwork and artifacts should be returned to the East Wing. In addition, any changes made to the White House (by the current President) that reflect partisan attacks on former Presidents MUST be removed.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:27:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucinda Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a TERRIBLE thing. Now that it's done, building a mega-ballroom to eclipse the White House is a TERRIBLE thing. However, since something has to be done to fix Mr. Trump's giant hole in the ground, my comment is that the construction should be publicly funded (take a few dollars from DHS immigration concentration camp construction). Further designs MUST go through the appropriate planning and design agencies as per the following:

"Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.
This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must

undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval." This is the law!!

Please make the new building compatible with and not greater than the existing White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:26:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonja Grove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am astounded that the project is called the East wing modernization project. To take a historical building that was in quite good condition, and make it into a ballroom; it is one more example of this administration‘s disrespect for the historical significance of the “people’s” house. I also cannot imagine that my comment or any other in opposition will make any difference to the steamroller effects of this President.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:26:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Over the years I have enjoyed many trips to Washington, DC and have thought a great deal about the destruction of the East Wing and the changes being considered. While many renovations have taken place over time, all have been purposeful and minor in nature. The destruction of the East Wing for a Ballroom just seems to be wasteful, and has no purpose when one thinks about the People’s House. Adjustments should be made with future Presidents and First Ladies in mind. To that end, a rebuilding of the destroyed offices for future First Ladies makes a great deal of sense. Please also note that a true “addition” to the White House should not dwarf the existing building, and should be modest in nature, not a design that attracts undue attention. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:26:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Bechler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Next time such a project is planned, follow proper protocol for planning and public comments BEFORE such an historic structure is torn down. This building, "the people's house", should be rebuilt and restored as it was. There is no need for a ballroom, particularly the one that is wanted by one person. Keep the classic and tasteful lines of the building and please do not allow any more gaudy gold!

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bechler

Date: 2/14/2026 4:26:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liza Hamill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The addition of a ballroom to the White House is going to be a giant waste of taxpayer dollars. How many "balls" do normal presidents hold while in office? This is a project by and for Donald Trump. It will turn "the people's house" into a catering hall. Put it back the way it was. He's only got three more years to get any use out of it anyway.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:25:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Burcham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt as it was, and no giant ballroom should be built there. Build a ballroom elsewhere if desired, but the White House is our house (the People's House). Presidents are temporary guests or lodgers, not owners. The historic importance of the White House should be recognized and respected.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:25:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Schuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:25:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Berkson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Put in a dazzling rose garden. And NO GOLD FILIGREE! The White House is the people's house. I believe that the person who destroyed the previous structure without permission should be held financially responsible for the renovations, not our taxpayer funds. In addition, he should receive any criminal punishments that any other citizen would receive for destroying/desecrating public property at this scale.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:25:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House that was destroyed without consent should be replaced with a structure that is compatible in size with the remaining (and previous) structures and updated for today's electrical and technical needs.
The presidential family should not be jeopardized by large populations of visitors or events. A ballroom next-door would be an inappropriate place for a family to raise their young children. It should be their safe place, their American home.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:25:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sandra haines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If there was ever a project that was unnecessary- it would be this one.
As a taxpayer, I would like to see occupants of the White House - working, not hosting balls!!!

The fact that destruction has already taken place, should give weight to the decision to enforce some kind of control over this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:25:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Tufts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House ballroom is a negligent waste of taxpayer money. Spend those funds on children and medicaid.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:24:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cat Jefferson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, design and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. It should be duplicated in most every way of what the former East Wing was, with the addition of modern electric and internet.
The White House, the People's House, is neither a hotel nor a convention center. It does not need a ballroom. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King. He works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:24:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Hinkle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is beyond unfortunate that the original, historic East Wing was unlawfully demolished without any notice or oversight. It is also a travesty that there are no punishments for doing so. I oppose any further development unless it is to restore the East Wing to its original appearance. The proposed rendering is grotesque and solely serves to exalt one person, whose name shall remain unspeakable. When everyday Americans are struggling to meet the cost of living and provide for their families due to the ill-conceived and irrational decisions of this administration, the last thing that should be under consideration is a golden ballroom for the golden calf.

Thank you for allowing this important opportunity for public comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:23:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara DeMeo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Neoclassical style is intentionally symmetrical.

A new East Wing should be constructed in the footprint of the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If

it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original design of the entire White House and should not overshadow it.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:22:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Pullum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need an exorbitantly oversized, garish, ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. The East wing should be restored to it's former self in design, style, and functionality.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. The peoples house should never have been allowed to be demolished like trash.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the new East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:22:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daphne Rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the former East Wing with the former Georgian architectural style, scale, and exterior dimensions, maintaining the symmetry of the entire structure so that it aesthetically balances the West Wing.

Install functional updates for ADA accessibility.

Bring the structure itself, and the electrical plumbing systems, up to code.

If historically sensitive changes are needed, honor them.

Keep in mind this is the People’s House, it is not a palace. A monarch or an oligarch was never intended to occupy this building.

Our democracy is unique, and our People’s House should continue to reflect that philosophy.
It is the temporary residence of a leader chosen by the people of the United States.

Consequently, do not allow special interest funds to influence, or pay for, the rebuilding of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:22:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Hermes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input to the East Wing/Ballroom project.
I am opposed to what I feel is a desecration to the People's White House. It is not suited whatsoever to the current configuration of the White House and grounds, it is not representative of "we the people" and the taxpayers will be forced to maintain this no-doubt rarely used, extraordinarily ostentatious extravagance. Please deny/revoke authorization for this vanity oroject. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:21:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine LeBaigue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please ensure that the structure built in place of the now demolished East Wing of the White House is built so it annexes The White House and does not dwarf it. I see no need for a "ballroom" in 2026 as there are many other places in Washington DC that can be used for events, concerts, dinners and dances. The presidency is not about showing off wealth and entertaining dignitaries. That is part of the job, but a small part. An administrative building seems appropriate and necessary. We need a building that is in keeping with our history which is modest and dignified. A building that dwarfs the White House is humiliating for the historical buildings and dignity of our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:21:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Mero
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There should be no ballroom! The East Wing should be reconstructed as close to original as possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:21:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Ann McKelway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the White House is the people's house, it also is a visual reminder of all of the presidents and families of presidents who lived there for a time.

The White House is American and should continue to look like the heart of what is best about America: community, honesty, hard work, kindness, helping.

Changes to the White House should respect America and Americans. All Americans -- not just oligarchs.

I oppose any addition or renovation or change that makes the original White House look small in comparison. I oppose any change that celebrates money over all else.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:21:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie jeffrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed design should be rejected. Its scale diminishes the significance of White House itself, the central feature of the property, the historic People's House, It is grandiose in conception and is unimaginative in its use of classical architectural vocabulary.
The fact that this proposal even exists is due to the unlawful destruction of the East Wing. without any input from anyone other than the President himself.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:20:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am hopeful that the east wing will be returned to its original form along with the Rose garden. The ballroom should be build elsewhere and not overwhelm the existing structure with its size. Possibly at a different location. The new east wing should replicate the original historic building. Thanks for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:19:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vanessa Wassenar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm not really in a position to know whether the east wing needed modernizing but I do know that any plans should have been submitted to the historical commission for input or decision. The tear-down is typical of the way Trump operates - he acts with impunity and never apologizes. He has no regard for anyone or anything that is not driven by his ego, and he has no sense of decorum either.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:19:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Steel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom project should not be allowed to proceed. The East Wing should be restored to its state as of July 2025, including restoring the works of art that were displayed there.
The proposed project is much too large for the overall balance of the building.
As the "People's House," any decisions about substantial changes should be made by a duly representative group with official stewardship of the property - not by any single individual.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:19:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Hagenbuch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. It was torn down with no respect for rules, historic regulations, or a solid plan. The proposed ballroom would dwarf the existing White House. It is unseemly and would be an eyesore for years to come. If the admin wants a ballroom, build it elsewhere. I also support limits on the "remodeling projects" happening with the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JMichael Wharton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing "Modernization" Project nest to the White House is grossly overdone. The setback from the street appears to be inadequate. The height of the proposed ballroom should definitely be lower than the White House, perhaps only one and a half stories. The front columnade is in the wrong place, as it should face the street for appropriate access, with appropriate street side plaza. Adequate parking is not addressed. The footprint of the proposed structure is far too imposing, compared the rest of the White House. The "ballroom" should be moved back to be inline with the front of the central structure of the White House. And prove that the ballroom need have more than a 500 person capacity!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Mihacsi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not a luxury resort. It is a National Historic Landmark. It belongs to the American people — not to one president’s ego.

Tearing down part of the East Wing to build a 90,000-square-foot ballroom larger than the Executive Residence itself is not preservation. It's vanity construction on sacred civic ground.

This building has stood since 1800. It has survived war, fire, depression, and constitutional crises. It does not need to be supersized to match anyone's appetite for spectacle.

Federal law requires review for a reason. The National Environmental Policy Act exists for a reason. The National Capital Planning Commission exists for a reason. Historic additions are supposed to be compatible and subordinate — not dominate the original structure.

If expanded event space is needed, there are ways to do it that respect scale, history, and design. A 90,000-square-foot monument to excess is not that.

The White House is not Mar-a-Lago. And it should never be treated like it is!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Finsterle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My first BA is in Art History with an emphasis on 19th Century American architecture. I opposed the illegal demolition of the East Wing of the White House and oppose the adjacent construction of a 90,000 square foot structure of any kind. The nation's capital has multiple venues to accommodate large gatherings and destruction of "The People's House" to build a gilded Trump vanity project is not only unnecessary, it is a crime.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bartley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project will produce a huge obscenity. It will dishonor the White House and American democracy. Please do everything possible to prevent its construction.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Lorusso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to comment on the East Wing renovation project. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt in proportion to the original building size in keeping with the historical structure of The White House.

Modernization of electrical, heating and plumbing should be allowed but the interior space should be replicated to look like the original building, in keeping with the historic structure.
Tear up the concrete patios and replant the Kennedy Rose garden.
Regards,
Elizabeth Lorusso

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In 1984, I was a guest in an East Room luncheon on the occasion of Eleanor Roosevelt's 100th birthdate. We ate off the Roosevelt china, and seated nearby were two Roosevelt sons. I was in awe. I shook hands and was photographed with Nancy Reagan. I was powerfully moved, near tears, walking through that sacred space. Born in the Land of Lincoln, here I was viewing the original art of Abe Lincoln's portrait! I adored his work and integrity. I swelled with pride at the history and leadership of our nation.

In 2025, I was again near tears when I read of the East Wing's destruction, and sickened to watch the tear-down in progress on television. I wondered, How did this happen without comment or approval?! And especially in the flagrantly unlawful way it was conducted.

My sincere hope is to restore the East Wing's historical properties as much as possible, while integrating the necessary changes to meet modern-day code. No ballroom—back to its design, with the 1949s updates reflected atop the original build. Please, I wish for no gold filigree anywhere, even if will be removed later when we have a president who is not so engaged with flourish. I hopefully expect the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden to be fully restored to its glory. Grass where new concrete covers the soil. And if at all possible, to replant one or more trees from the same stock of the one that was destroyed.

The White House and its grounds are part of our cohesive history, we the people, and should not be changed by the capricious nature of any one president. This is, after all, the People's House. And whoever sits behind the Resolute Desk is a temporary occupant. If we don't already have strict legislation preventing this happening again, I would hope for a Congressional move to protect the replacement wing from any future changes unless passed by Congress.

P.S. Give President Trump and his billionaire friends the bill for correcting this massive, insulting error. It was all just political currency.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:17:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir/Madam,
I find the plan to build a ballroom completely inappropriate at all. We the People do not wish for our money to be wasted on this useless structure. White House residents have only an occasional use for a structure this size. If they want to have a soiree with that many people, rent a space. It is a total waste of OUR money.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:16:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Perrault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a "modernization project." This is illegal destruction of public property, and Mr Trump should be charged with a crime for what he did.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:16:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Friedman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is complete and utter insanity. It's ridiculous that the President was allowed to tear down part of the White House with no oversight FROM ANYONE.

This is a CRIMINAL ACT. Those who did this crime should be indicted and sent to prison for destroying part of one of the symbols of our country.

They didn't get permission from anyone they just did it. Which is how this President operates. That is wrong. He is not the King, he is not the Emperor and he cannot do whatever he wants whenever he wants.

I'm utterly disgusted. This project MUST BE STOPPED. I oppose ALL CHANGES TO THE EAST WING. It should be replaced exactly as it was. At the expense of President Trump and the construction companies who tore it down illegally.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:14:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed demolition of the East Wing of the White House to construct a 90,000 sqft ballroom would represent a profound disregard for historic preservation, fiscal responsibility, and the symbolic integrity of one of the most important civic buildings in the United States. The White House is not merely a residence or event venue. It is a living museum, a National Historic Landmark, and an enduring symbol of American democracy recognized around the world. The East Wing, while modified over time, has long housed essential offices and supported the functioning of the executive branch, and its footprint contributes to the architectural balance of the Executive Residence grounds. Undertaking a massive expansion for the purpose of hosting larger social events would fundamentally alter the historic character of the building, require significant public resources that we do not have flexibility to use that quite frankly should be utilized to solve countless other needs FOR the American people, and set a troubling precedent that even the nation’s

most iconic landmark is subject to dramatic alteration for political or personal* priorities. Preservation of historic structures is not nostalgia, it is stewardship and its vital. Once altered at this scale, the architectural and cultural continuity of the White House cannot simply be restored. This is not the DJT House, it's the American peoples. And we say NO.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:14:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Whitehead
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project as proposed by President Trump is far too large for the existing residence. In any other neighborhood within the USA, a proposed addition of this size to an existing home would be denied by either a city officials or an HOA ARC. Scale and proportion is important not only to the property in question but also, to the surrounding neighborhood.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Agee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of the ballroom and any further demolition should be halted until there is thoughtful review and an informed apprasial by outside experts of the design (independent architects and experts in historic preservation) of the way this extension can compliment the existing building. A shocking and authoritarian act that desecrates the beauty of a building that belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:13:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia L. Letky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it originally was but updated to today's codes. Restore the Rose Garden and please, no gold tacky decorations.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:13:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norma White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly believe that the approval process must be followed for buildings of this nature. The plans should go before the appropriate committees for approval. And if approved continue, If Not approved. cease all work and return to the original condition.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:13:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was aghast when I saw the East Wing of our White House being destroyed. The White House was a beautiful, well balanced building. Now it looks sad with one of the wings missing. I remember, on several occasions visiting the WH and entering through the East Wing. It brings tears to my eyes just thinking about the destruction.

Please don't let some monstrosity of a ballroom be built in its place. I think the façade of the west wing could be copied for an event space. I understand wanting event space, but not some garish gold plated ballroom. The American people, as a whole, are humble. We don't need to impress the world with a grandiose ballroom. OUR White House is not supposed to be a palace. We loved OUR WH the way it was. The WH belongs to US. The president is just a temporary resident.

Many Americans are struggling to pay for necessities, like food, child care, and health insurance. It is hurtful that anyone would think that projects like this, and the planned arch, are a good way to spend money. It is "Let them eat cake" attitude. The wealthy will do what they want, and average citizens be damned.

PLEASE STOP THIS PROJECT

Sincerely,
Kathleen Duncan

Date: 2/14/2026 4:13:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: janet Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my concern regarding the East Wing Modernization Project. The project should not move forward without the executive branch follows the procedures required by any person, department, or institution who desires to make changes to any historical building belonging to the people of the United States. The structure should not be larger than the existing White House and no tax dollars should be used unless approved by Congress.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:12:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McElligatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's an absolute travesty that Trump tore down the historic home, which belongs to the American people. He should not be allowed to initiate any reconstruction projects which have not passed all commissions that are to weigh in on renovations at historic buildings. Reconstruction should be in the style of the demolished Wing so that it appears to not have been ripped off and destroyed. There is absolutely no need for a new ballroom. The reconstructed Wing should not contain a ballroom unless the proposed size is small enough to fit into the original footprint.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:12:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Yacovissi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How sad to be commenting on modernizing the East Wing of the White House when it no longer exists! We should not be in this position.
The East Wing should be rebuilt with appropriate updates to mechanical systems and ADA compliance. It should be designed to complement the architectural style of the main house and to balance the West Wing. It should not overshadow the residence but be an adjunct to it. With the availability of many ballrooms in Washington DC, I don't think there needs to be such a huge ballroom in the White House, when the current facilities have been adequate for preceding presidents. Vaulted ceiling and walls of gold filigree are not appropriate in the people's house. Quiet elegance does not need opulence. Our presidents are not kings! As a nation, we impress our allies by our actions, our promises, and our reliability, not by extravagance. The White House should not look like it's imitating Versailles.
I also think the whole project should be paid for by Donald Trump, from the money he has grifted by selling influence to the powerful. Those should not be allowed to point to the East Wind as their accomplishment. Trump destroyed the East Wing without following the rules and he personally should pay to replace the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:12:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leta Woodburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump disregarded all the policies and laws put into place and destroyed the White House East Wing without proper approval and oversight. I ask- demand he personally be held accountable and personally have to pay for all the damage and repairs. It’s the people’s house, that man had no right! Please let me know the outcome.
Regards,
Leta Woodburn

Date: 2/14/2026 4:12:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Martin-Taggart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under no circumstances should the ballroom be built. The east wing should be restored to its former structure and left alone. If a ballroom is needed, build it as a separate structure somewhere else.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:12:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The audacity and disregard of all Americans and our institutions by the shameless destruction of the East Wing of our White House is another act of a dark mind. So many times we have been pummeled by an ego disrespectful of these United States.
This administration is rife with corruption and incompetence to the point of destroying the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:11:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

put it back exactly the way that it was. alternatively, plant a garden of species native to the area. plant a forest of trees. white house does not need a gold ballroom as a symbol of obeisance to wealthy elites. the proposed ballroom is antithetical to the idea of the people's house and the callous manner that construction was begun is a disgrace and an outrage.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:11:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Hoyt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the ongoing demolition of the White House East Wing and the construction of a new, massive ballroom. The White House is not a private residence but a sacred historical landmark belonging to the American people.
The current, rapid demolition of this historic area—including areas used for important, longstanding

functions—without permits,proper public disclosure, congressional oversight, or adherence to the National Capital Planning Commission's review processes is alarming. Furthermore, reports that this construction is being driven by private, special-interest funding raise significant ethical concerns regarding access and influence-peddling.
I urge you to take immediate action to:
Demand an immediate halt to all demolition and construction at the White House East Wing.
Ensure a full, independent investigation into the decision-making process, funding sources, and ethical implications of this project.
Restore transparency by requiring that all proposed changes to this national landmark go through proper, public review processes.
The hasty destruction of our national heritage for private, "ostentatious" expansion is unacceptable. Please stand up for the preservation of our history and demand accountability.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:11:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Reena Kaplowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please let sanity prevail & stop the proposed 90K sq ft addition to the destroyed East Wing. Let people who are qualified to the historic purpose & appearance of the White House prevail. Thanks for the opportunity.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:11:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For nearly two centuries, Presidents and their guests have entered the White House through the iconic North Portico. This prominent façade serves as a powerful representation of the White House itself, as well as the United States, both domestically and internationally. Its image is closely associated with the nation's history and values. The proposed East Wing Modernization Project, featuring a 90,000 square-foot ballroom is very concerning. The scale of this addition is disproportionate compared to the existing structure, which threatens to overshadow the central building and the North Portico. The White House, home to Presidents since 1800, stands as perhaps our most important national landmark and should remain recognized as the residence of the President rather than merely an entertainment venue. Given that the initial changes have already impacted the structure, it is essential to develop a new plan for reconstructing the East Wing. This plan should ensure that any new additions are appropriately scaled and harmonious with the historic nature of the White House, thereby preserving its significance and dignity.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:10:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Martha Churchman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Considering that demolition of the East Wing occurred illegally before plans for renovation were finalized or reviewed, this project should be considered replacement construction, not renovation. As for any new construction project, a thorough needs assessment must be completed and architectural plans should consider all functional needs to be included (for example office and reception space and public assess as well as secure areas). The replacement East Wing should be designed consistent with the scale and style of the remaining parts of the historic White House, and decor should be consistent with a mature Democracy, not a palace.

Costs should be moderate, consistent with high quality and enduring value, and funds must be authorized and appropriated by Congress. Any gifts for construction or furnishing should be received only as authorized by congress in the public interest and must be fully disclosed, consistent with ethical requirements and avoidance of the appearance of conflicts of interest.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:10:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Albert Santy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is reprehensible that The President feels that he can, without any approval, simply corrupt the architectural balance of the White House, The People's House, by adding an outsized, gross ballroom addition to simply feed his own ego. This abomination should be stopped, immediately.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:10:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Fruehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have an artist with historical education review the design for a proper scale to not denigrate this important landmark and reminder of our history.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:10:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sean Graham-White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the new White House ballroom because it is historically, aesthetically, and financially impractical, essentially overpowering the existing Executive Mansion. Construction needs to be approved by a process, not on a whim by a president ... and its financing should be controlled by Congress and also be transparent. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else and as we've seen it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:10:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dahlonega Peck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Should be restored in original architectural style with modern updates to code (electri al, fire sprinklers,etc.) Scale should match the rest of the building. Redo should include East Wing offices for First Ladies / First Gentlemen as before. Make it ADA accessible. Plant a beautiful rose garden. No gold (faux or real), except perhaps in frames of original art. Keep the name "East Wing", not named after a person.
Does the White House need a ballroom? It's managed quite well so far without one.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:09:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Landvatter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the proposed ball room addition to the East Wing of the White House. The sheer size of the proposed addition will completely destroy the beautiful aesthetic of the White House. The center, that is the main portion of the White House, must remain the primary focus of the building and be geometrically balanced by both the East and West wings. As such, any enlargement of the East Wing has to be minimal; it absolutely has to be much smaller and lower in profile than the main section.

The White House is easily one of our most cherished landmarks and icons. It is a building that is universally recognized not only for its architecture but also for all that it stands for. In my opinion, the proposed large ballroom would completely destroy this aesthetic and instead place the ballroom front and center.

The White House is only the temporary home of the President. It does not belong to him. Rather, it belongs to we the people. While there may be a need for a ballroom somewhere (though that is a debatable point), it certainly shouldn’t be built at the expense of destroying the aesthetic of our White House.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views with you.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:09:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An unnecessary project. No!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:09:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Strickland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any addition to the White House should complement the architectural design of the current White House. Trump's proposed ballroom does not. The White House is the People's House and should reflect the history of its people, a history of quiet simplicity not the grandiose designs of Versailles. The White House should be restored to its original look along with the once beautiful Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:09:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 4:07:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Tussey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House ballroom is an abomination and an eyesore and completely inappropriate. The destruction of the former East Wing was itself abominable not to mention completely illegal. The White House belongs to the American people, not to Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:07:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. Trump's plans for adding a ballroom to the White House is are overblown, foolish, and ugly. The size of the ballroom is much too large in comparison to the rest of the building and it will be an eyesore. It begs the question, why was the building demolition allowed to happen in the first place with no oversight or government approval? He does not own the property and he is a temporary resident. His attempt to change the structure of the White House and then slap his name on this new addition it is appalling.

As a New York City resident I am well aware of the Trump family's real estate scams and schemes that have gone on in this city for many years. He is well-known for unlawfully tearing down properties as he sees fit and putting up ugly buildings, while cheating workers out of their pay and benefits.

The man has no shame, no ethics, and certainly no level of architectural taste. He is unfit to live in the White House and has no right to re-design the presidential home by adding a monstrous wing to it to feed his fragile ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:07:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Elkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any additions to the White House should be in scale with the Residence. The proposed ballroom addition is not and would dwarf the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:07:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Gill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house. Not a palace. The East Wing should have been preserved and updated, not unlawfully demolished. That must never happen again.

Restore the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, plus restore Jackie Kennedy garden / Rose Garden using primarily native plants. Bring the facility up to code for things like fire, electric and ADA compliance. Use Energy Star equipment. Follow past processes for making necessary changes with a focus on honoring historical sensitivities. Use classic, historically accurate designs while rigorously avoiding the gauche golden adornments currently in fashion at the white house.

If a larger ballroom is needed, rent a facility or construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:06:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ethel Tyus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

POTUS' ill-conceived ballroom addition should be:
1. scaled to match the initial overall profile of the East Wing,
2. the interior walls should be movable, accordion-type space / room separators, &
3. the fenestration should match or replicate the original spacing for the windows.

I anticipate that the next request will be to add a second chair to the Lincoln Memorial.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:06:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Guest Jr.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the destruction of the East Wing is already complete, the planning committees and other decision-makers have an opportunity to restore what has been taken away. Do the right thing, do not give in to vanity projects, and rebuild the East Wing in a very similar size and aesthetic to what it was before. The White House does not need a ballroom, and it especially doesn't need a bloated addition that makes the historic building a caricature of what it was before.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:06:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Galbani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that since there was no lawful authorization to destroy the East Wing, it should be rebuild exactly as it was to keep the White House architectural harmony intact. A 90,000 square feet ballroom would be aesthetically awful, and I don't believe it is needed

Date: 2/14/2026 4:06:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Mebus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

No, no, no! As a United States citizen, I oppose the construction of a ballroom or anything similar to replace the East Wing of the White House. The White House is the peoples house, not the Presidents House. The East Wing should never have been demolished!. In fact, it should be replaced!
This ballroom plan is not modernization, it is destruction of our history.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:03:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this comment to express strong opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization project as currently described. The East Wing and surrounding grounds are not ordinary government office space—they are part of the historic fabric of the White House complex and represent decades of national heritage, including the long-standing offices of First Ladies and the historic landscape associated with the Rose Garden and adjacent structures.

Any project that alters these historically significant spaces should meet an exceptionally high standard of public justification, preservation review, and cost transparency. At a time when taxpayers face ongoing economic pressures, allocating substantial federal funds to large-scale structural changes that may compromise historical integrity raises serious concerns about fiscal responsibility and project prioritization.

I urge the Administration to pause further action until a full public accounting is provided, including:
1. A detailed cost-benefit analysis demonstrating the necessity of the project;
2. Independent historic-preservation impact assessments made available for public review;
3. Consideration of renovation or preservation-first alternatives that maintain the historic character of the East Wing complex.

The White House belongs to the American people, and stewardship of its historic spaces should emphasize preservation, transparency, and responsible use of taxpayer funds.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:03:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Schrimpshire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To: National Capital Planning Commission (Project: East Wing Modernization)

The White House is not just an “event venue”—it’s a National Historic Landmark, a national park unit, and an enduring symbol of American democracy, stewarded for the public by the National Park Service. That status demands an exceptionally careful approach to any permanent alteration.

I understand the desire for improved event space and modernization, but the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition raises serious concerns about historic scale, massing, and the long-established architectural balance of the White House complex. An addition of this magnitude risks becoming the

dominant visual element rather than a respectful, subordinate component.

NCPC should insist on:

1) a full and transparent National Environmental Policy Act review that seriously evaluates smaller and less intrusive alternatives;
2) clear alignment with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, including compatibility and protection of historic character;
3) design changes that preserve historic sightlines and ensure the historic White House remains the primary, defining form on the campus; and
4) adherence to the normal accountability safeguards referenced in the review process, including review by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and appropriate congressional oversight.

If the project cannot meet those standards, NCPC should require major redesign—or reject the proposal as currently conceived.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:02:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erika Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, PLEase, PLEAse, PLEASE! Do not allow this abomination of our, THE PEOPLE'S house. The committee should require the president to rebuild the East Wing to exactly how it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:02:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: laurie childs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original state, and if it is too late to save the "people's house," please don't allow the construction of the "ballroom." It will diminish the stateliness and significance of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:02:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Opal Krout
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this travesty that has befallen "our house" without due process. The White House should not have to compete with any other building. My desire is to return it to its previous condition, but if not possibe, then the proposed unnecessary ballroom should be diminished in size to the original size that comprised the East Wing only...not 90,000 sq.ft. The 250th anniversary of our country deserves better and

my American Revolutionary Patriots in my family did not fight to bow down to a wannabe dictator or king that thinks all he has to do is throw his arms around and we we bend down and kiss his royal ass. We didn't then, and we won't do it now! Respectfully submitted for your consideration. Opal Krout

Date: 2/14/2026 4:02:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Drake Wauters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Images of the proposed new east wing of the White House appear to mimic the White House and upstage the White House in scale, fenestration, and apparent stature toward public viewsheds. The proposed wing is so overwhelming a statement, it makes leaving the west wing intact seem ludicrous and could easily trigger a symmetrical wing replacement at the west side in the near term. The wings should be dependencies that are of lesser stature to the White House, if the White House is indeed going to be kept. Wings that make the White House look unimportant or meager are not a welcome message at any time in our nation's history, even in these times.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:01:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kari Diehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing EXACTLY as it was before, and restore the Rose Garden as well. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:00:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Eduardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing which was ILLEGALLY demolished, should be replaced EXACTLY as it previously was. There is NO need for a gigantic ballroom to serve a president's ego. The White House belongs to ME and every other US citizen and the president had no right to demolish part of the people's house.
Replacement of the former East Wing can be done and SHOULD be done.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:00:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: carol kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Absolutely Not! The American People own the White House. Donald Trump is merely a tenant who lives there with our permission. Tenants do not get to bulldoze your property and erect monuments to themselves. Legally he should have to rebuild what he broke according to the direction of the property owner, the American People.

Any changes to the white house must be approved by the people through an independent commission not appointed by the president or affiliated with him and the construction must not be paid for by corporate bribes. We must put back what Trump illegally destroyed but he may not have any part of it..

The plans that Trump has presented are unacceptable. There must be a solicitation of proposals and an independent panel that chooses the design and implements the changes. This cannot be handled by Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:59:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Rackham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed “ball room” is an absolute joke of an addition. This is simply a way for Trump to tacky up the White House while wasting millions of dollars on something that is not necessary. He doesn’t need to have a ballroom at the White House to entertain, the president is supposed to be governing the United States. The National Trust must step in and tell him that he is not allowed to do this, you need to limit the waste of tax payer money. Building on the already existing floor plan will be the only acceptable move. Trump shouldn’t have illegally tore down the existing structure simply because he wanted to. Out a stop to his regime and his outlandish spending.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:59:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Wend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to express my opposition to the destruction of the White House East Wing, and the construction of an ill-conceived, and ego-driven ballroom, on what is understood to be the people's house, and publicly owned property. I feel that this vanity project must be halted, given more thought and input from Congress, historic preservationists, and the American people. To see the East Wing defiled and razed was an outrage and insult to the citizens of the United States of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:59:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Castleberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I cannot express how sad i am that the president of the United States chose to desecrate the White House. This project needs to be shut down and the east wing restored. And this president needs to be reined in.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:59:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Paulsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Aloha, I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.
At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.
The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.
If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. I do not support the re-building being influenced and/or financed by special interests (people, companies, groups, domestic and/or foreign). Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.
Thank you for your consideration. Suzanne Paulsen

Date: 2/14/2026 3:58:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Rockafellow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to this so-called "ballroom" project. It radically alters the whole look of the White House, dwarfing the original building. It is an illegitimate vanity project by trump requested by no one. It will be an eyesore dedicated to the most unpopular president in White House history and funded by oligarchs seeking to influence trump for economic gain. He must not be allowed to get away with this. I want the east wing rebuilt, paid for by trump, and he's at it, tear out that ugly patio and restore the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:58:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Kieke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:58:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Wachter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild east wing with needed upgrades. If a ballroom is built it shouldn't overwhelm the White House, but compliment it. It shouldn't be gaudy and there shouldn't be anonymous donors.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:58:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nom dePlume
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House - after the apparent illegal demolition of the East Wing - isn't just inappropriate. It's a vulgar, narcissistic middle finger to the American people. This is not "restoration." It's not "improvement." It's a grotesque ego project designed to inflate one man's legacy in marble and gold leaf. The White House is not a goddamn resort property. It is not a campaign donor's playground. It is not a dictator's palace-in-waiting. It belongs to the public.

Let's be honest about what this is. Donald Trump has never met a gilded ceiling he didn't want to slap his name on, and now he and his sycophants think they can literally reshape the People's House into a monument to excess. Ninety thousand square feet. A ballroom. While Americans are dealing with unaffordable housing, collapsing infrastructure, climate disasters, and medical bankruptcies. The audacity is staggering. The optics are disgusting. And the contempt for ordinary citizens could not be clearer.

And then there's the funding. Oligarchs offering to bankroll this monstrosity "without public cost"? Spare us the bullshit. Nobody spends that kind of money out of civic spirit. They expect something in return: access, influence, favorable policy, pardons, contracts. When billionaires finance construction on the seat of executive power without transparent oversight, that is not philanthropy. That is corruption with better lighting.

Demolishing historic structures and erecting a chandeliered ego chamber in their place is the behavior of insecure strongmen who crave spectacle because they lack substance. It is gaudy. It is wasteful. It is ethically rancid. And it reeks of the same cheap, authoritarian aesthetic that confuses size with strength and gold trim with greatness.

Americans are pissed off. Not mildly concerned. Not politely disapproving. Furious. Because this is our house. Our history. Our executive branch. And watching it treated like a tacky development project for the glorification of one man's fragile ego is infuriating beyond measure.

If this administration believes it can bulldoze norms, sidestep oversight, and build a gilded shrine to vanity without backlash, it is profoundly misreading the country. The public sees the excess. We see the corruption. And we see the staggering disrespect for the people whose democracy this is supposed to be.

This proposal should be rejected outright, not because it's expensive, but because it is emblematic of everything rotten about this regime's priorities. Enough is enough. FDT.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirk Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed changes to the East Wing risk undermining the historic integrity of the White House, a site whose meaning derives not only from its symbolism but from the continuity of its physical fabric. Alterations of this scale threaten to substitute permanence with expedience, privileging contemporary taste over stewardship. The East Wing, while modest in appearance, contributes to a carefully evolved ensemble that reflects generations of public service and restraint. To dramatically reshape or remove it would sever that continuity, reducing a living national monument to a customizable backdrop rather than a shared inheritance.

Equally troubling is the precedent such changes would set for governance and public trust. Major interventions at nationally significant sites demand rigorous review, transparency, and broad public consent—standards that exist precisely to protect common heritage from unilateral decisions. Proceeding without exhaustive, open evaluation signals that history is negotiable and that civic process is optional. Preserving the East Wing as it stands affirms a commitment to democratic values: that national symbols are held in trust for the people, not reshaped at will, and that the past deserves careful care rather than irreversible revision.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:56:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Teller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sad and horrified at the demolition of the beautiful and useful East Wing (and grounds) in our nation's Capitol. It is a selfish act of egotism that has destroyed decades (centuries?) of history and stewardship and care for how our executive branch functions and appears to visitors, diplomats, ambassadors, Heads of State, and the staff who work(ed) there. I would like it RESTORED to what it was in earlier 2025.
I do not think a ballroom is needed, wanted, warranted or appropriate. I wish I could give my comments virtually to demonstrate how strongly I feel about this travesty of the current president. I hope my written comments are read and acted upon.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:56:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: An On
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop wasting money on pointless ugly destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:56:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Hibbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "ballroom" is not necessary and a complete waste of money. Reported to be funded only by donations, prior claims to this effect by the current occupant of the White House have proven inaccurate and have resulted in taxpayer monies used to fund his vanity projects. For over 200 years, the White House has been able to host formal occasions. The proposed construction is a monstrosity; the original architect has deemed it physically impossible to construct., and the per square foot costs have been deemed to be exorbitant. The project has not been put out to bid, but seems to have been awarded on the basis of political favoritism. This monstrosity is designed to be a monument to only one man, not the citizens of the United States.

I strongly oppose the construction of the "ballroom" and urge that the East Wing of the White House be restored to its original architecture, with the necessary upgrades to electricity, water and other infrastructure.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:55:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is going to be decorated withall that tack gold. It is insulting to the peoplewho work everyday struggling just to make ends meet! Shame on your millionaire donors to throw their money to the president's vanity egomaniac project rather than help a million charity causes. Shame on the donors and eternal shame on trump. One day it will be changed, destroyed, or named The Democracy State Dinner Room.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:55:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celeste Baxter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would suggest that we put the East Wing back together the way it was with the addition of some modern materials that safeguard the building from fire or further demolition.

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Name: Wendy Gabriel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing to look like it was, as much as that is possible. As the destruction was done without following the rules regarding this and with out the legal consent required, I very much hope that Donald Trump be held responsible for the destruction and the cost that will now be incurred to fix it. Sincerely, Wendy Gabriel Orange, Ct 06477

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I thought the destruction of the revered and historic rose garden was the worst thing to happen to the White House under the tenancy of any of its temporary inhabitants. I never could have imagined the scale of the historic building's destruction under Trump's second term. In some ways, Trump's unauthorized desecration of the Nation's White House is symbolic of his supporters' continuing desecration of other jointly owned national real estate: our parks, forests, air and water. This act of destruction, this blatant ignoring the Nation's vital interest, needs to be rectified by ordering its complete restoration at Trump's cost, accompanied by his sincere apology. As I remember, when his first term started, he described the White House as a "dump," but he did not extend his scorn for the Nation's revered presidential home beyond words. Its unauthorized physical mutilation for reprehensible personal glorification must be called out for what it is. We cannot rely on agencies of the executive branch, now saturated with his personal devotees (aka bootlickers), to take action. It must be Congress' outraged legislative voice and the courts' actions to order restoration of the presidential mansion to the design chosen by the people. The starting point should be a bill introduced on Capitol Hill.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:54:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Stafford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to something similar to the original design. There is no need for a ballroom,

especially one of the absurd proportion of the current design. For my lifetime(82 years) the current facility has been sufficient to entertain world leaders. The gaudiness being added to the White House in general is diminishing the classic look our country as always enjoyed. We are the laughing stock of the world because we have allowed a tasteless individual to occupy the "peoples house".
My comment is for NO ballroom, at least not one of the proposed size, and not one with the Trump name on it.
Please restore the rose garden,too!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:53:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David DeAngelo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's horrible.

It's a monument to one corrupt man's ego, nothing more. I am sure there are rules in place that should have stopped him from tearing down the East Wing in the first place. Had he any respect for the office or the country itself he would never have torn down the East Wing.

I do have a question, in the event that the ballroom does get built. Trump is proud to say that its construction is being paid for by private donors. Here's my question: WHO WILL BE PAYING FOR THE MAINTENANCE of the ballroom after it's completed?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daphne Bryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a slap in the face for every American. The White House is the People’s house. It is not a vanity project for the president.

I am opposed to everything about this project. Restore the East Wing in its entirety. This isn’t “modernization;” it’s simply self-aggrandizing destruction of a historic building. This should be a no-brainer. Trump’s ego knows no bounds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will open my comments by saying that the project should never have been started without the full, approved plan having been published for the American people to see and understand the scope and their cost in future years.

The "ballroom" should be no larger than the White House residence itself. Current information online indicates that the previous room was capable of seating 650 people and most events were not near capacity. State dinners and other international honored guests should not include the number of guests that the current administration wants to include. Every member of Congress and their plus one is not needed. The honored guest could not possibly need to meet even 650 guests, let alone 1,000.

The future maintenance should be considered. Security, cleaning, servers, maintenance staff and more will be an ongoing expense even if the building cost is being born by wealthy donors. The American people should be the ones paying all costs so that there is not the question of what is being promised to big donors in exchange.

Obviously, since the East Wing has already been demolished, it is necessary to rebuild a space, but it definitely should not be a vanity project and in no way should it be the "gilded" room that the current president has indicated he wants it to be. We should be able to expect the re-building to be in keeping with the dignified buildings that DC already has.

My choice would be for a building addition no more than 10% larger with upgraded utilities. The drone proof roof and bulletproof windows are overkill. It is not a bunker and we don't need one.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:51:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beryl Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public commentary and input should have been considered PRIOR to reckless demolition. The East Wing should be restored to its original design, consistent with the rest of the White House, along with the Rose Garden and Jackie Kennedy's garden. ADA and other code updates could have been retrofitted, and should be part of the reconstruction. This project was never about modernization, it was always about the ballroom, which is nearly twice as large as the rest of the White House footprint, dwarfing the important symbolism of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:51:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing should be built back as it was. Tearing it down without following process is not working in good faith with the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:50:55 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Acquaviva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please return the White House to its original purpose and glory. We the people want it to be a place of steadfastness and strength in democracy. It should not be sold to the highest donators. It is the property of the people and that should be maintained, as it was always meant to be. It should not be named after someone who has very little knowledge or regard for the history and culture the White House has always portrayed. It should be a place that reflects the wants and needs of the people, not one person, and certainly not the present occupant.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Herkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination. Shut it down,
Look. I accept that the East Wing deserved modernization and was badly in need of updating and improvement.
Modernization is a planned, careful process undertaken with caution and oversight, with the goal of increasing a historic space's comfort, safety, and future utility of the building—in this case, a building that belongs not to its temporary occupants, but to the American People.

This project is not modernization, it is an act of wanton, illegal destruction, personal aggrandizement, and political corruption masquerading as modernization.
Shut it down ASAP, turn the planning of a real renovation over to the building's administrative curators, and underwrite it properly, with funding through proper channels.

If billionaires want to fund a new wing for the White House, let them pay for it with taxes lie the rest of us.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:50:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing before it was torn down, as it provided balance to the building, maintained historical significance, and represented that the White House is the People's House. Any necessary upgrades to the building should be made within the original footprint. There are other venues for a ballroom to the scale suggested needed by this administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Penix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My first request would be to put back exactly what was there before our current president tore it down. If that isn't possible, the East Wing still should look similar on the outside so it blends and balances as before. We might need a ballroom, but not a gargantuan one. If the new/restored/proposed wing contains a ballroom, the size should be only what is truly necessary for most functions. I believe offices, etc., are necessary also.

It is a travesty that we lost what was there, and there should be a law that it cannot happen like that ever again. If a previous law was broken regarding getting permission to alter historic buildings, then appropriate punishment should be meted out.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:50:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, bring it up to code, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:49:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janis Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is inappropriate , ostentatious and out of scale . I oppose it in any shape or form except the restoration of the demolished East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Muriel Finzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea of building a huge ostentatious ballroom is totally contrary to the rest of the White House. While

space is needed, particularly given the demolition of the east wing, there is no need for a classless box to totally destroy the façade of the White House. Anything built should fit with what is already there. Something of a reasonable size and a similar design. The proposed ballroom is a travesty and should not be allowed to be built at the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:48:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Blake Hanick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The agregious and illegal destruction of the East Wing must be rectified at the expense of this administration. There is NO need for a vanity ballroom when the populace can't afford groceries, a home and/or healthcare.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:48:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should not have been demolished. No authorization was obtained prior, making this a violation, if not a crime.
A ballroom is a waste of time, money and energy. Build housing and clinics for veterans instead.
The East wing needs to be rebuilt as it was, using funds stolen and diverted by the current administration. This should cost the American people zero dollars.
Fines of $300,000,000.00, should be imposed on the president for this assault on the people's house. The current administration should have zero say or access to this project, now in the hands of the Historical Preservation Society.

No ballroom. No tax dollars spent. Charge and detain those who are responsible for this atrocity.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:47:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer L
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, my biggest concern is that the ballroom will dwarf the rest of the White House. It won't look balanced. In addition I would prefer that it keep with the historical and classic look that it has always had. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:47:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dominic Beretta-Senn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Horrible waste of resources spearheaded by a megalomaniacal sexual predator masquerading as a President. History will be unkind to anybody who supports this blatant self aggrandizement by the worst President in the history of this country, possibly in the history of the world.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Beth Chandler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please build the East wing as it was before the demolition with updated modernization meeting building codes. Please do not increase its size. The White House needs to continue to be a reflection of the American people not the current occupiers of the White House. Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 3:46:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Minor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am firmly against anything Trump wants to do to the White House. He's already RUINED IT by tearing down the East Wing; what else are you going to allow him to do???

Date: 2/14/2026 3:46:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Merrily Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the construction of this monstrosity in close proximity to the White House, and I would have opposed the destruction of the East Wing had I been consulted about it! In addition to being of a size that will dwarf an historic building, this "ballroom" is completely unnecessary. Presidents of the United States have entertained beautiful in the East Room for generations, and many grand establishments, from Buckingham Palace to the Newport "cottages," supplement entertaining space with attractive tents. I've gone to gala dinners in such tents and there is absolutely nothing "cheap" or shabby about them. President Trump's proposed ballroom is nothing more than another tribute to his ego, which is so enormous that I doubt it would fit in the ballroom, were it to be constructed. But please, please don't let this happen. The White House doesn't deserve this insult to history and good taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:45:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicky Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People, it does not belong to the current resident. That being said, Donald Trump did not have the right to bulldoze the East Wing. He behaved like he is above the law and there should be consequences for that. Now there is nothing but a pile of rubble so renovations must be made. I am strongly opposed to the huge ballroom, and especially the tasteless, gaudy, chintzy and ostentatious interior design features proposed by Mr. Trump. The size and scale should not overwhelm the White House itself. It should not be funded by private individuals or entities as that creates a quid pro quo relationship. Construction costs should be modest considering the huge national debt. Perhaps a sitting President who behaves so recklessly should be required to pay out of his own pocket to repair the destruction he has caused, much like individuals who may have used bad judgment when on a back-country outing can be billed for rescue costs. The American taxpayer should not be on the hook to fix a huge problem of one individual's egotistical choice.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:44:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Ostrander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people, not any single president. I am displeased that the project so far seems to be in response only to what the current president wants. I am grateful for the opportunity to comment and reinforce the importance of input from the people.

While I am doubtful of the actual need for a ballroom, I can appreciate the other modernization and efficiency improvements included in the scope. My biggest concern is the overwhelming scale of the new building. I'd like to see the footprint and height reduced in order to respect the dominance that should be for the White House. I think the ceiling height of the ballroom could be reduced without affecting its utility or beauty.

I think the question of adding another level to the west wing colonnade should be addressed right now. The correctness of that design should be evaluated before the east wing project proceeds at its proposed height. Once the east wing is moving forward, it removes the opportunity to evaluate objectively. Instead the west wing decision will be subjected to the pressure to match the level that will be part of the new east wing.

I also do not want to see so much gold bling inside the ballroom like has been done in the Oval Office. It looks cheap. The design components should reflect the architecture that has been in place at the White House before its transformation into Mar a Largo north.

I am not an architect, just your average citizen. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:44:28 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Conroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt in the style it was before being destroyed without the People's permission.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose Trump's renovation plans. Should congress decide more space is needed, the process should be clear and transparent.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:43:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Tardy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt, with updates in wiring, ADA compliance, and other needed structural updates. If a ballroom is built, it should not be larger than the actual White House. The actual White House should continue to be the focus in both size and importance. The Rose Garden needs to be replanted.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:43:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Shimek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is truly abhorrent to spend this kind of money in this way while the cost of everything continues to rise for anyone who isn't a millionaire. If the White House is to remain 'The People's House' we need to adjust the perspective of the current administration from greed to respect for all lives.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:43:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Drissel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original configuration and allow improvements to comply with current building codes.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:43:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerreen Brandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While it is too late to ask for the East Wing to remain as it was, I would like to recommend that the bulldozed site remain AS IT IS until Congress actually votes and approves funding to build for the PEOPLE of America. Understanding that employees of the White House need space to work, understanding that presidential dinners and events need a space, understanding that there were many uses of the former East Wing- it is time to stop, think, and allow a VOTE on this in Congress. A vanity project has no place in Washington DC, let alone near the People's House! Please encourage all stakeholders to slow down and really consider what is needed and wanted in this space. Until then, leave it as it is.

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on changes to the White House area.
Best regards-
Kerreen Brandt
retired educator

Date: 2/14/2026 3:42:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ivy Gerbis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its condition before the demolition. No man, not even the President, has the unilateral right to make changes to the people's house. It's a historic landmark and a symbol of our national unity. Billing a ballroom that dwarfs the whole structure is absurd. It implies that wa are a nation that values elites and excess more than the will of the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:41:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Perry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom on the site of the East Wing of the White House. I think it

should be restored to its former size and purpose. At $400,000,000, the cost is $4,444 per square foot which is obscene. While you're at it, the rose garden should also be restored. The few times a 999 person venue is needed the government can rent space at one of the many hotels and event venue's across the city.
Kind regards,
H Perry

Date: 2/14/2026 3:41:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Shields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any demolition to the historic White House or grounds should be determined by the people by a vote and only with approval by Congress.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:41:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

2/14/2026

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

As an American citizen and taxpayer, I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. While I recognize the need for modernized event facilities, I urge the Commission to address the following three critical areas before final approval:

Historical Preservation & Scale: The newly released renderings suggest the ballroom's height (and substantial square footage) may compete with the historic 1792 Executive Residence. The Commission must ensure the addition remains subordinate in scale and that the redesign of the East Colonnade does not irrevocably damage the National Historic Landmark's integrity. I also think that the building should not be designed solely as a rarely used ballroom but, rather, should be a building that can be utilized in a number of ways such as meeting rooms, offices, etc.

Architectural Integrity: The neoclassical design should be evaluated for its long-term compatibility. Specifically, the integration of salvaged materials into a structure of this massive footprint requires rigorous oversight to prevent an appearance that diminishes the site's authenticity.

Transparency & Ethics: Because this project is privately funded, there is a heightened need for public disclosure regarding donors and long-term maintenance costs. The public interest is best served by total transparency regarding the influence behind this permanent addition to federal land.

I also would like the input of nonpartisan groups such as the White House Historical Association, National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Society of Architectural Historians to be given the utmost importance and respect.

I request that the Commission prioritize these substantive concerns during the March 5 hearing.

Thank you,
Christine Reid

Date: 2/14/2026 3:41:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Behrens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Such a personal vanity project has no right to exist at the people's house. Besides the unauthorized demolition of the east wing of the white house is a good reason this ballroom ought to be rejected outright.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:40:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven M Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the destruction of the East Wing, without proper notification and process, was a terrible mistake. I would like to see the East Wing reconstructed on the same footprint, and with the exception of needed structural improvements, restored as close as possible to it's original floorplan. If it is determined that a modest ballroom is needed, I think some other unoccupied parcel of land should be used for that purpose.

Thank you,
Steve Gibbs

Date: 2/14/2026 3:39:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jed Somit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in opposition to the planned ballroom.
First: I think the current plan is structurally too large to fit with the current White House.
More importantly: I think that a period of citizen and expert participation, to identify what the need for a ballroom is, if one is needed how large it should be whether it should be at the White House or somewhere else, and the appropriate decor for a democratic institution, is necessary. It should not be built to suit one person's ego or affinity for gilt, or devotion to feudal French fashion. I think several approaches should be vetted by a board of architects, historians, interior designers and engineers, a board appointed by actual

merit not loyalty. Those different versions should have a comment period by citizens. Only then should any construction proceed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:39:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryAnne Glazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want my tax money used for this insipid vanity project. Please leave the White House alone and spend the funds on something smart and useful, like maybe feeding people? Shoring up the infrastructure? Providing health care to folks who can't afford it? Even reviving the space program -- there are many ways this money can be better used.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:39:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teddy W
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find what is being done to the white house to be not only disrespectful to its history but also a complete waste of time, money, and resources. I have no issue with updating buildings but for a historic building such as the white house it should be done in a way that preserves its history. This "renovation" was entirely unnecessary. The whitehouse belongs to the people, not the Trump administration. It should be up to the people of the US to vote on any renovation that would vastly affect it, including ones like ripping up the rose garden and dramatic aesthetic revamps.
While the people suffer in this country, struggling just to afford day-to-day life, our white house has been dressed like a pig in makeup, like a mockery to our struggles. The white house is a symbol of America, it should reflect us, not mock us.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:38:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Sackman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the

original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:37:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Samdahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should NOT have been torn down and should NOT be replaced with a huge ballroom! The White House has historical significance and that must be honored in any remodeling plans. Large scale events can happen elsewhere and do not need be attached to the White House. Let a team of respected historical architects and archivists solicit ideas and submit plans in a thoughtful, drawn-out process that involves public input.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:37:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sandra miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After it is built, are the billionaires going to pay to
-A/C
-Heat
-the meals for 500 billionaires and multi-millionaires and their +1
-the additional cleaning staff
-mop the floors
-clean the bathrooms
-stock the toilet paper
-dust the tables and chairs
-wash the tablecloths
-dust the gold embellishments
-clean the windows
-maintain the roof
-maintain the exterior
-paint the room.

If it will be taxpayers paying, has Congress allocated tax dollars to maintain it?

Date: 2/14/2026 3:37:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Thackara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom project is a complete disgrace and waste of money. There is absolutely no need for an "entertainment" venue of this magnitude. Washington, D.C. has a plethora of sites where large gatherings can be held if the need arises. This is nothing more than an ego-boosting project for Mr. Trump and never should have been started in the first place. It is a disgrace and a slap on the face to our national heritage, OUR national house. It should be stopped -- and, if possible, the East Wing should be re-constructed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:36:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Avolio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. Tearing down our history was appalling. Rebuild in the style of what was destroyed and of an appropriate proportion to our existing White House. The style should be consistent with the values of the American people and should transcend individual desires because their time in office is temporary.

Hold the people responsible for the destruction of the east wing financially accountable.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:36:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryan George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. And NO GOLD FILIGREE! Restore Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:36:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Krause
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to convey my horror and fury over this disfigurement of the White House just to pander to this President's ego. There is no legitimate reason for a Ballroom that will dwarf the entire White House, it will look ridiculous instead of elegant as it does now. Plus the fact that the destruction of the East Wing was started in the middle of the night without any of the proper procedures done (par for the course for this cretin). I am so sick and tired of his doing what he damn well wants, completely disregarding proper procedure and not being held accountable. I, for one, and I know I'm not alone, demand he personally fund the reconstruction of the East Wing to it's former glory and for God's sake don't let him build some stupid arch, another monument to his boundless ego.

This is not an administration anyone will look back on proudly, please don't allow him to leave permanent buildings to memorialize this disgrace.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:36:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Eorio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This so called illegal ballroom and the unpermitted destruction of the East Wing needs Congressional approval and must not “overwhelm “ the White House! Current renderings make the White House look too small.
Ideally, the East Wing should be rebuilt!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:36:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francine Melia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination, ignoring historical value and respect for a landmark in favor of ego and selfishness. Unfortunately, we cannot turn back the clock to before the unconscionable destruction of the East Wing, but rebuilding with respect and a professional is the only path forward. The expanded space may be needed/wanted, but this is absolutely a grotesque and egotistic farce that cannot procede. It would outsize the current remaining structure without any reasonable design or planner at this point, and would cost far too much. This must be replanned from scratch with an apolitical, educated, and professional architect/planning team and not at one individual, temporary, madman's will.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:36:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Powell-Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous design and function. Grandiose spectacle to feed an insatiable ego is not an acceptable use of our resources.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Burns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original footprint and design with functional updates for usability and security. Restore the Rose Garden and Jacqueline Kennedy garden. If a ballroom is necessary, it should be within the original footprint.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jared Bond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm all for a new east wing and ballroom, but please ensure that the scale does not dwarf the White House proper. The most important building in the country should not be dwarfed by a giant ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ehren Clovis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's difficult to put my feelings about this into words… a piece of history was destroyed to feed someone's ego. It's unthinkable that the president of our country would lie about his plans and then do this kind of damage. His actions have been disrespectful to every American citizen and especially to those who — under normal circumstances — would have had a role in this process. The planned construction will not suit the space and is not needed. To dwarf our historic White House with a giant party room is just more evidence of Trump's contempt and disregard for America's past, present, and future.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Barfoot
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before it was illegally detroyed by trump. It is a total travesty that he tore it down in a fit of pique because he was angry at 7 million people turning out on the second "No Kings" to oppose his efforts to destroy our democracy (a project which he has continued).

Replacing the East Wing with a gaudy 90,000 square foot building that would dwarf the remaining White House should not be allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Narramore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the desecration of the East Wing and would like to see its restoration to its former state. It is a desecration of our history and wonderful architecture to build what has been proposed. Thank you.
Rebecca Narramore

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenna Bergvall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an affront to American history. President Trump has desecrated not only a wing of the peoples house, but erased decades of work by First Ladies. This needs to be stopped and remediated immediately, with injunctions put in place so nothing like this can happen again. What a disgusting overreach by a disgusting human and an appallingly cruel regime. Shame on everyone who didn't step in to stop this. The contractors involved should lose their licenses.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JL Angell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified at the wanton destruction of history, especially of First Ladies, that has already occurred and the plans for a monstrosity to destroy the heritage, ambience and further make the place anti-public instead of serving the people like has always been primary function of POTUS and White House staff and residents. All you can do to restore what was lost and prevent these horrid changes will be most welcome and patriotic.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:34:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah McCready Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just no! Not wanted, not needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:33:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Asher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'd like to state my opposition to the addition of a 90,000 sf ballroom to the White House -- at least as it's currently imagined. While I'm no architect, the renderings I've seen suggest that the addition will be way out of proportion to the rest of the structure, diminishing the iconic building Americans have come to know and love over the decades.

There may be a need for a large, ceremonial gathering space in Washington D.C., but if it could be located away from the White House, it could be used by all kinds of organizations -- possibly generating revenue for the government -- and not requiring all the security that's necessary with bringing hundreds of people onto the White House grounds.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:33:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This President must be accountable for the destruction he has done to the ‘‘People’s ‘‘ House and also be required to follow the regulations stated in law. The East Wing must be restored to its original design and purpose.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:33:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Demaree
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like most actions taken during the Trump administration, the destruction of the East Wing in favor of a ballroom is a solution in search of a problem that is also a grift. The White House is the people's house, it is not for the aggrandizement of a single individual, nor should it be used to host events so large and grandiose that they resemble 18th century France.

What Trump has done to the White House in general is ghastly: gold everywhere, bizarre signage, and an overall "Mara Lago-fication" of a vaunted part of our history. Not satisfied with making everything tacky and bizarre, he then decided to, without oversight, approved funding, or input from anyone else in the other two branches of government, let alone any citizens, completely destroy 1/3 of this building. It's a travesty,

pure and simple. We don't need an enormous gold-encrusted ballroom. It doesn't serve our country or the goals we should have.

"Modernization" is Orwellian as a description, for sure. We could've modernized the East Wing with new plumbing, electrical, etc. Instead, we have a hole in the ground. Since we are now forced to build *something*, let's make it a functional part of our executive branch, one that will serve both the government and the people they serve. If a gigantic ballroom is somehow necessary to keep our country running, there must be a plot of land somewhere that's more appropriate, and not one dime of taxpayer money should go towards it.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:33:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C Clark Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An effort must be made to restore as much of the beauty and dignity to the East Wing as possible. It must not overwhelm the surrounding buildings or detract from them in any way.
The Rose Garden should be restored to it's original beauty and intent.
The best architects and technology should be procured.
At 75, I may not actually live to see these things happen and the fact that they were wantonly desecrated and destroyed has saddened me greatly.
Please do everything and anything to restore our heritage and the trust of Americans across this great land!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:32:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Maley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house and should reflect the historical integrity and respect given to it by We The People.\u-10180 ?\u-8710 ?\u-10180 ?\u-8712 ?

Date: 2/14/2026 3:32:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CONNIE COCKRELL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to this project. Nothing should be built in honor of the 45th/47th dictator-in-chief. He should be severely punished for proceding without authorization. He should be billed for the reconstruction of the East Wing and all rebuild should be exactly as it was with the exceptions of modernizing plumbing, electrical, and internet/communications.

In no way should the commission support this man-baby's plans to plaster his name all over Washington D.C. Do not use my tax dollars in any way to aggrandize this sociopath.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:32:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Plotkin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is anything but an enhancement. The destruction of this historic portion of the building to replace it with a gaudy, oversized and unnecessary ballroom is a crime of historic proportions. Not only should the original structure be replaced and enhanced with up-to-date wiring, heating and air-conditioning, but the restoration should be paid for entirely by the current president. His wanton destruction on this treasured iconic American presidential residence without the permission of the appropriate body borders on a criminal act.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:31:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Broude
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this project approved. U.S. citizens have many needs, and a gigantic ballroom is not one of them. Even if initial construction might be paid for with private funding, taxpayers like me will have to pay for maintenance, security, and other unending expenses.

Please do not approve the project.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:31:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yancey Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly feel that anyone has the right to voice their objections to the White House renovations and I wholeheartedly do so. . The White House is not the property of any President. To destroy the historical Integrity of a graceful and dignified building in the way it has begun is an act of hubris without foundation. It may open the door for future Presidents to act similarly without impunity! Please prevent it from happening.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:31:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned by the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and by the proposed construction of the "ballroom." It is clear that the normal process for making such profound changes has been circumvented. As we approach the 250th birthday of our republic, this is no time to forsake a process that considers the views of key stakeholders and the general public. From an aesthetic point of view, the scale of the proposed addition dwarfs one of the most important symbols of the United States (The White House, itself). All of the great monarches of Europe had grand, and sometimes gaudy ballrooms. This country is not a monarchy, and will never be one. We don't need architectural statements that reflect the whims of temporary leaders, no matter how narcissistic they may be. Let us preserve the principle that our national built symbols are to be stewarded, not remade by fiat.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:31:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanette Nuessle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully, completely and wholeheartedly oppose this project. I will never forgive this seated president for the damage he has done to this historic building. It should be restored to its previous state immediately.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:31:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Crowley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt using the original exterior dimensions and architectural style. Update wiring and plumbing. Bring everything else up to code. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Dedicate a space in the East Wing for the First Lady or Gentleman’s offices. In addition, restore the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:31:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katharine Wilder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's hard to believe we have reached the point where a sitting president needs to be reined in from destroying our heritage. No president has the right to single-handedly tear down structures as iconic as the East Wing without full collaboration with NCPC and others. The pay-to-play aspect of the funding here also sets a terrible precedent. What have these funders been given in exchange? How much is Trump's cut?

Please consider the future if he is allowed to move forward with this tasteless project, as well as the Trump Arch.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:30:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Steele
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house, always has been, and we must repair the damage that has been done by the current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:30:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Overton-Healy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that the East Wing was demolished without proper authority. At minimum, the act was mere vandalism. At worst, it violates the will of the PEOPLE, and all sense of collective democracy. Any "modernization" should be reestablish the East Wing as closely as possible to what was destroyed (allowing for modernizing meet current building codes), and nothing more. Certainly no ballroom or any other monument to a deranged traitor's ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:30:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Jung
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A 90,000 foot ballroom is rediculous, and should not be build. Plus, it is too expensive.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:30:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Houghton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of the “ vanity” ballroom proposed by this president. I am appalled that the East wing was demolished without prior consideration by any agency. Destroying this part of the White House to replace it with an enormous and unnecessary structure simply to appease and aggrandize this president is, in my opinion, unacceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:29:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annmarie Signey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not an architect, nor have I ever worked for any government building/planning department, but I do know that a signle individual, no matter who they may be should not be allowed to destroy a national/historical building that without input oversight from the appropriate entities. The final design should not overwhelm with its scale. The purpose of the Whitehouse should not become a grandiose glaring monument to one old man’s folly.

If it is determined that a larger ballroom is truly needed, building requirements for expanded kitchen and powder room facilities should also be incorporated.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:29:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Levin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is clearly against the stated requirements. It's a behemoth and will dwarf the White House. Further, the White House is the peoples' house and nothing should be done to any of the structure without the peoples' approval.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:28:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Harmet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why is our government spending so much money on this project when there are way more important issues happening in our country? Our administration needs to work on their priorities. The only purpose to this modernization is to appease our selfish president.

Isn’t this a historical landmark? One that is not to be altered? Where are the checks and balances?

Date: 2/14/2026 3:28:02 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Dodson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suggest a modest sized formal reception room and office space, if such space is even needed. And/or a formal garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:27:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Enderle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as it was. The East Wing should never have been torn down, the White House was violated, history erased. A ballroom is not needed or required. There is plenty of usable space in the DC area which can be used/contracted for special events. The demolition of the East Wing is a travesty and a mark against American History.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:27:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Holler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was and that will blend with the rest of the structure. Install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
Replant the rose back garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Kae
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing of the White House was torn down was just disgraceful and I would hope that there will be some accountability for it being done improperly to happen. So many emotions when this happened. Definitely angry that it was done, sad for all the history that was lost. Pissed off that a part of "the People's House" with zero regards to the citizens of the U.S.

The idea that a 90,000 sq foot ballroom that will dwarf the rest of the White House is ridiculous, unneeded

and wasteful. Since it was torn down improperly in so many regards, I think it should be rebuilt as closely as possible to the original. As Michelle Obama stated that it was the heart of the White House and I feel that the White House needs that to balance the West Wing and all the heavy and serious things that take place there (well used to).

Disgraceful that it was originally being funded by bribes to the President. Where did all the money go now? Guess right into Trump's Qatari bank account. If this gets rebuilt in the future, taxpayers will have to fund this but I think since Trump had it torn down illegally, he should be made to foot the bill personally.

Sincerely

Christine C. Kae

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Ferrante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing project appears significantly out of proportion with the historic scale and architectural character of the White House. If additional entertainment or event space is genuinely necessary, it would be far more appropriate to locate it elsewhere. At present, I have not seen a compelling justification for a structure of this size or purpose.

The design itself resembles an oversized pseudo\u8209 -neoclassical addition that is inconsistent with the White House's established proportions and does not align with National Park Service preservation guidelines.

It also sends an unfortunate message at a time when essential health care programs are being reduced or cancelled for millions of Americans. The fact that private donations are being directed toward this project—funds that might otherwise support urgent public needs—reinforces the perception that national priorities are misaligned. It is not surprising that observers abroad view this as an ill\u8209 -considered national priority.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Reade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My first request for this modernization project is that Donald J Trump not be allowed any input at all. He showed disdain for our history, disdain for your processes, disdain for any input from us, and destroyed our building in the middle of the night to keep from having to hear our outcries.

I am not a designer or an architect. But I have full confidence that if this is placed in the hands of true Americans who care about our history and about the Democratic process, we will have something beautiful to replace what we have lost.

At the very least, this should not be some golden structure with Trump's name on it. It needs to not

overcome the rest of our beautiful white house with its size, and it's facade should be in keeping with the rest of our house.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Slaughter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen and a veteran, I am horrified that the People's House has been so badly defaced and destroyed illegally by a single temporary tenant.
This must not be allowed to continue. Our history is becoming a mockery during this current era. No one man has the right in our democracy to claim property belonging to the people simply because they feel entitled.
Changes as necessary within the proper guidelines and processes are understood, but this destruction is none of the aforementioned.
Please make the right decision and stand with the people who stand with America while we are struggling to stay the United States.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt exactly as it was before and used for the same purposes, as office spaces for the first lady, etc. The White House does not need a ball room. This "president " has been extremely selfish, wanting to build a Versailles-style ballroom when the Amercan people are dying due ho lack of health care. The proposed ballroom will dwarf the current White House, and destroy the symmetry of the people's house. We are not France and have no desire to have a gilded ballroom. If the current occupant wants that, let him move to France.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Both what this project is and how it has been done have been horrible. Tearing down the East Wing itself without any approval process was antithetical to Rule of Law and what the White House and our government should stand for. Now the idea of a large building that competes with the White House itself in sight lines and size diminishes the White House. This process and plan both should be slowed down, and represent national interests, not the whims of one person.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:26:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Knight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am stunned that this project could move forward with no participation from the National Trust, and essentially none from the architectural community.

This is public property, it is NOT the President's personal plaything and as such this project should never have been permitted to proceed without being vetted by the people's representatives.

It will remain a stunning reminder in the future of the results of electing people who do not respect the law and do not intend to follow it. Hopefully it will remain a monument to folly that we never repeat.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Holter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing this “president” has done is legal or in good taste. From the “portrait gallery” to the tacky faux gold “ornamentation” and the desecration of the bathroom with marble - it shows vapid arrogant thug taste!

He started the renovation for the “ballroom” without permission or even a plan! He is a destroyer of history and a banal egotist who needs to stop! This is the people’s house not the dictators house!

Stop this and restore the property - if he wants a ballroom - put one in where all - congress etc can use it! America is not the personal property of Trump!

Stop the reckless destruction of our property - if renovation is needed - go through proper channels!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:24:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Cheatham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m an American citizen, who opposes any new constitution at the White House. I oppose an unnecessary ballroom. I want the East Wing replaced.
The laws protecting our National treasures need to apply, and be followed.
I say No ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:24:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maxine Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump and those following his commands or being bought off have done a serious injustice to the White House, heritage and future. His needs for gold and fancy are not the only way, he should be stopped and damage control taken over by level headed, conscious folks.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:23:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Wiegard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the current administration's destruction of the historical East Wing of the White House and its plan to replace that irreplacable structure with a disprportionately immense, grotesquely vulgar ballroom in keeping with President Trump's horrendously gaudy taste and self-aggrandizement at taxpayer expense. It will be a total waste of $400M because it will be demolished by the next Democratic administration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People own the White House, the "People's House", and the executive residing in it is just there by our leave. No constructions projects should be allowed without our say-so. The destruction of the East Wing was a monstrous destruction of part of our country's history. "We" do not need or want a lavish ballroom that dwarfs the main White House. The executive renting the space doesn't have the right to change what is ours without permission. No additional construction should be permitted without correct plans and permits that keep any changes to within the parameters of the NCPC's rules.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:22:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the East Wing was demolished without going through proper channels and procedures, President Trump

should be PERSONALLY on the hook for replacing the wing back to its original state. NO taxpayer funds should be used. After it is restored, THEN he approach the committee about changes he would like to make.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:21:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elida Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since I am a proud owner of the White House I am especially disgusted by having it disgraced by Trump's vulgarity and poor taste!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hilleren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is nonsense. Our president should not live or work in a palace. He demolished the people’s east wing to build a beacon to grift and corruption. All i can hope for is that the next administration tears whatever he constructs down to the foundation.

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Name: SANDRA STEINMETZ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: A W
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An abomination. A ballroom is not “modernization.” Build it back how it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:20:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Abram
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see our East Wing rebuilt in the original style and in proportion to the standing White House. I do not believe we need a ballroom that destroys the symmetry and is not in proportion to the White House. I am very sad it has been bulldozed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:20:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Cholski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A huge ballroom built on a personal whim is not appropriate. If such a space is needed for a big crowd's entertainment, then other arenas in Washington, DC could be used. What replaces the East Wing should mesh with the original White House design, not tower over it, and fit a needed function for the executive branch of government.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:20:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsy Aller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and other integral functions as needed, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past, established processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Do not allow private funding to influence style or structure.

The White House is the people’s house. As such, it should exude grace, simple beauty, a style that acknowledges its history, and accessibility.

Please also restore the rose garden and other natural areas in lieu of excessive hard surfaces. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Urquhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 3:19:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Canavan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing including any upgrades needed. Such a disgrace that it was torn down so quickly. A ballroom is not needed but work spaces for the First Ladies would be nice to have back.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:19:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Autocrats around the world do this -- raise huge palaces as permanent memorials to their inflated egos. You can see them in Russia, North Korea, Belarus, Turkey, throughout Africa and Central Asia.
The latest renditions show a grotesque carbuncle, fully the size of the White House and West Wing combined, completely out of scale with the current central mansion, dressed out in faux-Beaux Arts trimmings. If ever built, we can expect it to have all the class and style of Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue (the monstrosity that replaced the Art Deco Bonwit Teller, a small gem).
Just say no.
This is the People's House, and any renovations should start with the people, be paid for by the people, and celebrated by the people. Not a palace raised on a whim to gratify one man's ego, as well as a financial scam and opportunity for bribery.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:19:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the reckless abandon with which Mr. Trump ordered the old East Wing to be demolished. Further, I am appalled that he is moving forward with yet another monument to his narcissism and ego. One thing is for sure: money cannot buy taste. His current "improvements" to the Oval Office do not make it elegant, but only tawdry. I am alarmed that he may bring the same lack of taste to the monolith he is building to replace the East Wing. Who, other than Mr. Trump, felt that we needed such a huge edifice in that location? I had heard no such opinion expressed in the press ever.

Please, at the very least, ensure that a respected, politically-neutral architectural design firm is engaged to design and oversee the construction and interior finishes of this ridiculous waste of taxpayers' money.

Thank you,
Susan Adams

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Kipp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Following the rules of historic preservation should be a priority in the PLANNING stage of a renovation. This administration has no respect for protocol or history. Ripping out the rose garden and demolishing part of the White House should not go unpunished. This type of mentality and disregard for rules must stop before more of our nation’s historic structures are rendered obsolete.
A ballroom is not needed or wanted by the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:18:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederick Brawn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any addition should not dwarf the White House and all donors should be public

Date: 2/14/2026 3:18:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy McKenna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel a part of our history has already been destroyed. Tearing down the East Wing was an illegal act completed without obtaining proper permits. Please don’t allow him to build a gaudy, gilded monstrosity that does not reflect the history of our great nation. Our nation deserves so much more. His presidency will be over in 3 years and we don’t need to have the stately seat of our government further damaged by this

malignant, narcissistic buffoon. Rebuild something that reflects the principals our nation was founded upon and blends with the current majestic structures. Tell the president that all the gilt in the world cannot make you classy. It just means you are trying too hard. If you defecate in your pants in the Oval Office, you're beyond ever being considered classy.

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Date: 2/14/2026 3:17:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: N G
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down such a major part of the WH without previous input and approval is wrong on many levels. Historic preservation is important and should be a prime consideration. If modern updates to meet current codes are needed they can and should be done WITHOUT DESTROYING THE BUILDING.

I believe that the East Wing should be restored to what it was before it was destroyed. And those responsible should be made to pay (in cash!) for the destruction and restoration.

I think adding a provision that states any contractor doing work in the White House should obtain a permit that specifically states what is to be done . The Historic Preservation office should approve it . If the contractor doesn't follow the rules , then they are fined. Make it difficult or impossible for anyone contracting to do what trump has "ordered" to follow through without necessary approvals. Make all contractors tell the WH , they won't do anything without the permit.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:15:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Felton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our President is not royalty. They do not need a massive ballroom. I wish for it to be restored to its former state.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:14:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Pita
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House Ballroom as it is currently designed is much too large and will forever ruin the aesthetics of the People's House. The interior design looks like something from an antique Eastern European palace or the Kremlin. If built it will become a white elephant, too large for most functions. Additionally, building such a large structure, intended for large scale VIP functions so close to an active roadway will make it an easy target for those who would do us harm.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:14:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Yarnall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update electrical, HVAC, restrooms etc. ADA accessibility where possible. Restore the original historic nature that was destroyed . If the space cannot accommodate a larger ballroom ,construct it elsewhere in the city. There are multiple modern buildings nearby that have space that could be remodeled or added to accommodate a “ballroom”The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:13:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Oxner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I sincerely believe this east wing should be reconstructed as close to the most recent building before it was torn down. So much history destroyed. I don't believe we need a ballroom of 90,000 feet as it would look ridiculous. Perhaps an event space could be found elsewhere. I don't see the people's house needing a ballroom as most people could never attend . Please put the house back to its original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:12:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Gailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For starters, you don't tear down the East Wing and then ask for permission to do so after the fact. Clearly the first plan was just the demolition of the old East Wing, with no filed and/or approved plans in place for the new complex. In that Donald Trump and his rich associates have done this, they need to fully foot the total demolition and reconstruction costs (based on current rebuilding costs), not based on promises, which is a typical Trump strategy. Beyond the actual costs of rebuilding the Wing, attention must also be addressed to the surrounding features (ie., landscaping, courtyards, walkways, outdoor meeting areas, etc.) which have been compromised. (Unfortunately, I don't fully trust that the handshake-binding 'promises made' in terms of reconstruction costs will be carried through. The only way to insure that will be the case will be to have each of these multi-millionaire donors enter into legally binding contracts on how much they will donate, when those funds will be forwarded to the project and what the terms are for their donations.). In my mind, not a dime of public monies should be used in this demolition/reconstruction project. They broke it and they need to fix it in full. (Future building maintenance and landscaping, would, of course be on the public's dime, but only after every last bit of reconstruction is in place.) In that the East Wing has been totally razed; I would suggest what I hear a number of other citizens offering in terms of advice. Reconstruct the East Wing to the specifications and dimensions of the original East Wing. (As the East Wing had been built as a complement - as a mirror image - to the West Wing.) The original East Wing was designed over the terms of multiple Presidential administrations with careful consideration. My suggested changes would be in the design of the current, state of the art electrical capabilities of the building, including current computer-friendly servers and computer infrastructure; modern insulation practices with the ceilings, walls, windows and doorways; follow current handicapped access requirements throughout; install state of the art plumbing improvements; and security issues such as hardening the building to withstand attacks, all new furnishings, drapes, etc., to replace those that have been destroyed and trashed; among a number of other important considerations as they present themselves. In terms of the plan to build a ball room, it is my understanding that the original East Wing had such a space, albeit smaller. Modernize that space. Building the huge Trump-inspired ballroom would ruin the symmetry and the balance of the original Capitol building complex. Encourage Trump and his buddies build a large ballroom elsewhere in Washington D.C., whose ownership is to be turned over to the United States and is not to be operated as a private entity.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:12:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Heddinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please do not build a ball room anywhere near the People’s House. The White House.
Really ball room is not needed anywhere. Thank you

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Name: Lisa Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be built back to the same dimensions it was before it was torn down. Our White House was beautiful. It will look ridiculous if a 90,000 sq ft monstrosity is allowed to be constructed. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:12:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lila Ralston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

The White House, although it serves as the residence of the President of the United States, belongs to the people of the United States. It is not the personal property of the President (any President). To destroy part of this historic structure and replace it with a monument to one man's ego is an act of theft, a blatant violation of law and procedure, and an insult to every living and deceased citizen of the United States.

To allow this project to proceed is to entirely surrender yet another instance of what is supposed to be government of, by, and for the people, in favor of truckling to the monstrous narcissism of a single individual.

As an American voter, taxpayer, citizen and resident, I call for an immediate halt to this "modernization" and demand that Donald Trump personally repay any funds that have been expended so far, plus an amount sufficient for restoration of the historic East Wing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:11:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Braden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Should NOT overshadow the White House

Date: 2/14/2026 3:11:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edie Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee,
I am not opposed to the building of a ballroom.

I object to the wanton destruction with no permission or oversight. The White House is a landmark.
A ballroom should have been placed elsewhere. No forethought was put to parking or access.
We are not Dubai, China, Japan or St Petersburg. We do not need imperial palaces.
Even the White House (I have toured it many times) has been defaced with the portrait gallery-hanging derogatory plaques of previous presidents; and the gaudy gold decorations placed, while erasing the history of the "People's House". A person with TEMPORARY RESIDENCE should NOT be able to make specifically arbitrary changes without checks and balances.
The destruction is done. Modernization and construction needs to occur as soon as possible. Yes, they need this-but forethought and planning should have occurred.
Please, do what is best for this landmark, the people, and democracy. Please exercise prudence with the price tag.
Respectfully,
Edie Reynolds
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 3:11:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Gieschen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely am 100% against this destruction and desecration of the east wing. This is the people's house and the historic nature of it is a national treasure. Certainly electrical and plumbing updates might be needed and if historical experts and others believe that certain aesthetic or safety changes need to be done, so be it as long as it is done in the proper way. This ridiculous ego maniac believes he owns everything and can change at well. This is not true. I want the East wing restored as closely as possible to its original and I would like the bill sent to the Trump family.

While we're at it I want Jackie's rose garden restored. What has happened to our national treasures is horrible beyond words. I appreciate that now public comment is being allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:11:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am furious that the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was not done within proper protocols. Any other president that took such action would probably have been impeached. The ballroom plan sounds like another tasteless, over the top decorating project that President Trump appears to favor. A new wing should reflect the current architecture of the rest of the White House and should be in scale to the rest of the building. It should be completed AFTER Trump has left the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:09:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing destroyed the visual symmetry and the historical value of the wing. The East Wing was especially important to female visitors and as a place the First Lady used as a greeting area and her office. . Because the White House belongs to the people of the United States, no president should be allowed to make major changes to the structure without public input. Further, the construction of a large ballroom is not only unnecessary but also an affront to those who tour the building and see a grandiose room that reflects not the history of the building but instead the inappropriate influence of wealth and ego.
The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before its destruction with the only changes being modernization to improve it. The appearance of the exterior should be exactly as it was before the unauthorized, shocking demolition of a part of our history. The people of the United States do not need an elaborate ballroom fit for a king that serves no purpose other than cementing the concept that the White House is for an elite class and not for the majority of citizens.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:08:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie A Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please replace the East Wing with construction that restores a balanced visual presentation of the White House. An ostentatious oversized ballroom vanity project is an embarrassment and should be rejected. When a large ballroom size space is needed, a tent canopy could be extended over a plaza fronting an appropriately sized East Wing. When cover is not needed for special events, an outdoor plaza could be a welcoming place for the public to enjoy.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:08:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the East wing has been illegally and unconstitutionally destroyed, the perpetrator, POTUS, needs to be fined accordingly and be made to restore the structure to original design including appropriate upgraded building and safety standards. Any government money used to destruct the building needs to be repaired to the people of the US.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:07:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Stanford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty of epic proportions. A historic, national landmark was demolished in the cover of night to make way for something the American public neither asked for nor wanted. It should be rebuilt. If not back to what it was, then to something tasteful and size appropriate for the space. The current proposed "ballroom" is tacky, gaudy, disproportionate and just wrong.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:06:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Beaudry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original plan and footprint with appropriate ADA adaptions and modern needs. I am not in favor of a grand ballroom. The East Wing should be restored to its original style with updated functions. I wish the same input had been made about the rose garden , now destroyed. It should be restored also. Thank you! Jill

Date: 2/14/2026 3:06:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Rooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are no circumstances under which we, the American people, need to see a diminished White House next to a garish Trump Ballroom. It is a moral and constitutional crime that the east wing was destroyed without governance by the Board. History was destroyed, it disrespected our past First Ladies and building a ballroom for Trump will FOREVER stain the aesthetic and historical impact of the White House. Every time we see it will cause anger and sorrow in most Americans.

It’s disgusting.

Furthermore, for people to be bribing Trump by donating to his ego project is an expansion of his grifting and influence peddling, and ill advised policies and direction he is taking this country. The White House and those within it should honor the history of the grounds and buildings.

Restore the east wing. Restore Jackie's rose garden.

Don't let trump do this disgusting, ego driven project…or build a stupid archway to honor him. He is an embarrassment to this country. History is going to rank him as worse than Hitler or Putin. The entire world is laughing at us, is angry at us and is disgusted by us. Do your part to stop his outrageous and demented impulses.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:05:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Kuhl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put everything back the way it was as of Januaty 1, 2024. And make sure Trump pays for thus ridiculous sham.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:05:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Coronado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the East Wing needed remodeling, it should not have been torn down. The East Wing should be rebuilt. If an event space is needed, then it should be much smaller than the monstrosity being considered by the trump administration. It should be in keeping with the architectural style and maintain the balance of The White House. In no way should the current plan move forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:05:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Schwimmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building should be re-built exactly as it was except for modern updates such as wiring and electronics. NO GOLD accoutrements!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:05:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ray McDuffie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is unforgivable. The blatant disregard for the history of the White House seems impossible to comprehend. This is not the sitting's president's home, it is the people's home and he should not for one moment think that it is his to do with whatever he wants!

We don't need a ballroom for more money to be passed under the table, we don't need a ballroom to charge school's to have graduations, we need it to be exactly what is was before.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:04:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Donaldson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC:

As a citizen mindful of our country's history, I strongly object to the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House.

Not only is the building of invaluable historical significance, it's a symbol of our country. It means something to our people, and has stood intact since it was repaired after the War of 1812. No foreign enemy had

damaged it in 213 years, but now it has been severely compromised from within.

The planned ballroom would be no less than a desecration of the People's House, in service of one man's unquenchable hubris. He has no right to do this to a building that belongs to all of us, NOT to him. He plans to erect a monstrosity that will have no relation to historical construction and will instead violate all principles of taste and elegance.

This ballroom project MUST be stopped, and the East Wing should be restored such that it's as close a copy of the original as possible.

Thank you.

Denise Donaldson

Date: 2/14/2026 3:03:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Stack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original 1902 condition. Certainly, any wiring, lighting or plumbing can be updated to the codes in place in 2026. The White House as a symbol represents all the people of the United States. Continuity of this symbol reassures pride in our nation. No one president can decide if he or she wants this symbol altered or destroyed. The president is a guest in the peoples' White House. Any changes to this historic symbol must reflect the sentiments of the people of the United States. The White House is not a palace...it should not be decorated with false gold or ballrooms. It should be "decorated' with the ideas that the American people value.... Self-government, freedom and the right to choose.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:03:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen E Hagebusch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center,

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure."

The East Wing currently sits in rubble. Shame on all who allow this to proceed without benefit of the the input of the American people who actually own the space. No ONE person should be allowed to flaunt laws

and regulations in order to feed an ego and definitely no "pay to play".

Put it back with structural upgrades (electrical, etc.). The United States needs to recognize our heritage without destroying our history. Gold glitz does not, nor has it ever, represented core values of the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:03:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Solheim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any replacement of the East Wing of the White House should be limited in size in order to be in balance the rest of the complex. It should be the same size as the West Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:02:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Dale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ask as a citizen of the United States, that the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt and restored to a wing that reflects and complements the existing White House. Neoclassical style and sized to complement, not overpower, the main building.
The wing should be decorated in a classic, TASTEFUL style that shows dignity and respect for the creation and roots of our country.
Provisions must be added to the design to update wiring, plumbing and security. Provisions must be included to ensure the building is accessible to all citizens.
I do not agree that a ballroom is necessary for our country or government. However, if the country's CITIZENS feel that one is required. Our citizens should be expected to provide the funds so there is no expectation of favor from special interest providers.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to offer my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:02:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Jarrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it was a travesty to tear down the East Wing of the White House. If a Ballroom is needed it should be on scale with the White House proper. The current plan is a monstrosity. Please tell the White House that they cannot go forward with the current design. It's the people's house not Trymp's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:02:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Spankroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

American citizens own the White House, not the current resident. Restore the East Wing to its original state. Americans don't need a tacky ballroom. It breaks our hearts to see what has been done to Jackie's Rose Garden. Please stop the insanity concerning this complete disaster.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:02:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Calvert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all calling the proposed architect and design of the East Wing a "Modernization Project" is just not true like everything this man says. Allowing him to make a mockery of the history of the White House and all it represents is just wrong. He and his administration are trying to gut our Democracy and allowing him, as an avowed Authoritarian, to do this just plants himself squarely forever in our midst. The thought of this is just horrifying to me and so many I know as well. To have any lasting reminder of this incompetent, vicious, hateful, convicted felon, and misogynist is a slight to 90% of the people who live in this country. Additionally, a jury found Donald Trump liable Tuesday for sexually abusing advice columnist E. Jean Carroll in 1996, awarding her $5 million in a judgment. Jurors also found Trump liable for defaming Carroll over her allegations. Please, do now allow this horrible human being any kind of lasting tribute to himself. You must not approve this project. Instead, please appoint an architect to build the East Wing as a representation of our history and in line with the design and architect of how the White House looked in previous administrations. We, the people, do not want a Mar A Lago in our White House.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:02:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Yates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There are publicly available spaces that have been successfully secured and used for a wide-variety of executive office events. Continuation of that practice is a more prudent use of resources and space.

The White House, the People's House and was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a permanent resident; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint with careful attention to design details both interior and exterior that maintain the historical design aesthetic while bringing them up to modern code and technological specifications needed for state functions.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:01:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Schwarzbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing the way it was. Please have a complete inventory of everything that was there available to review and compare once the reconstruction is completed.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:01:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Stenz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Construct a new East Wing in the original location replicating the thrust of the former East Wing to include First Lady/Gentleman offices, intimate conference and support spaces to honor the original purpose of the demolished building. Keep in mind current and future technological, safety/security and ADA needs. Install landscaping around this building to honor and showcase former first ladies/presidential contributions during their respective tenure to serve as a living history and reminder of former administrations.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:00:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Chalmers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting this comment to express strong opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization project as currently described. The East Wing and surrounding grounds are not ordinary government office space—they are part of the historic fabric of the White House complex and represent decades of national heritage, including the long-standing offices of First Ladies and the historic landscape associated with the Rose Garden and adjacent structures.

Any project that alters these historically significant spaces should meet an exceptionally high standard of

public justification, preservation review, and cost transparency. At a time when taxpayers face ongoing economic pressures, allocating substantial federal funds to large-scale structural changes that may compromise historical integrity raises serious concerns about fiscal responsibility and project prioritization.

I urge the Administration to pause further action until a full public accounting is provided, including:
1. A detailed cost-benefit analysis demonstrating the necessity of the project;
2. Independent historic-preservation impact assessments made available for public review;
3. Consideration of renovation or preservation-first alternatives that maintain the historic character of the East Wing complex.

The White House belongs to the American people, and stewardship of its historic spaces should emphasize preservation, transparency, and responsible use of taxpayer funds.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:00:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American citizen with great respect for preserving the past, I am registering my opposition to the proposed east wing modernization project aka Trump's Ballroom. With such a short history, the United States needs to protect and preserve as much as we can to document how this country has evolved and taken shape. The White House belongs to the people and not to any officeholder; we decide how this site should be protected.
I understand the need for updates to historic buildings and sites, but not the outright destruction of an American icon. If we need a ballroom, find a new site, but do not desecrate this sacred ground. We have already destroyed the east wing as we knew it and CANNOT allow any more destruction of "our" house and its property.

THIS PROJECT MUST NOT BE APPROVED,!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:00:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Fairbank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom proposed by Donald Trump is much too big to big to be an addition to the White House. If a ballroom is to be built it should match the dimensions of the West Wing and restore the symmetry that Trump destroyed when he ordered the destruction of the East Wing.
The financing of the repairs to the White House must not be controlled by Donald Trump because it will become another avenue of corruption for him. The current pledges of financial contributions look like simple bribery.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:00:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this. It is not Trump's house, it is MY house and my neighbor's house. He should not do the without our approval. I can't imagine this is being done legally.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:59:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Anastasio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.

At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.

If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.
Laurie Anastasio

Date: 2/14/2026 2:59:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Moreland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make it no bigger than the West wing and in proportion to whole building. This is not supposed to be a palace— we have no king.
No gaudy gold decorations.

Use same materials and style as was there before.
Restore the rose garden which was beautiful and a necessary part of the landscaping.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:59:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Tuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is, in my opinion a wasteful vanity project of the current administration. Previous administrations have gotten along just fine without a gigantic ballroom. I would much prefer that no money (wherever it comes from) be spent on the project, but rather spent on restoring the East Wing to its former footprint and use. It was demolished without anyone's input. It is part of the People's House and should rebuilt as such.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:59:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Rollins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If a new ballroom is needed, it should be made to fit into the footprint and design of the new East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:59:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dakota Jessie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find what has happened to the East Wing of the people’s White House disgraceful. Without receiving proper approval and seeking public input, the administration tore down an entire section of the White House. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before being ripped down. The American people do not want and do not benefit from a ballroom that they cannot use. Just last year, I led a group of high school students on their first tour of the White House, and they were amazed at the awe and grandeur of the East Wing, and they have since asked me several times for updates on why the President is tearing down the East Wing, and they are disappointed that it is a piece of history that is now gone. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before the administration tore it down without receiving proper approval and public input.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:59:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Kuhl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore and update infrastructure including the Rose garden.
Thankyou

Date: 2/14/2026 2:58:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was a Republican voter for 40 years. The travesties occurring under this administration is assaulting and I believe illegal. The demolition of the east wing of the PEOPLES HOUSE is a direct assault on all Americans past and present. The Trump Administration ignored all legal processes such as Congressional approval, NCPC, APA, NEPA and environmental impact studies, preservation laws, amongst others. I cannot change a home I own without a permit and approved plans and yet this GUEST in the PEOPLE HOUSE has demolished an entire wing and has grotesque, every changing plans, to build with our monies an albatross of a structure for his own Aggrandizement. What country am I living in? I will never vote for another Republican and will be changing my party affiliation to Independent. I am an American who stands with the Constitution , the Rule of Law, equal rights and that includes the POTUS and his bullying administration and sycophantic GOP reps whether they believe it or not. This must not be allowed to proceed any further.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:58:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Zemke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House had historical significance that spanned generations of presidencies of both parties. It was the working space for First Ladies. It's demolition without prior authorization or warning was a serious act of vandalism that cannot be allowed to stand.
The current, and temporary, occupant of the White House should be directed to rebuild and restore it to it's original condition as his personal, not taxpayers expense. The ballroom construction needs to be blocked. There should be no consideration of appeal.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:58:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The projections of this project that I have read and seen show this addition to be a hideous eyesore and grossly out of scale with what's left of the existing building. It is an insult to the history of the Presidential Residence and the Presidency itself.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:58:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My family and I are vehemently opposed to the construction of a massive ballroom at the White House. This is the people's house, using the people's money at the whim of a wealthy man in order to entertain wealthy heads of state, dignitaries, extremely wealthy CEOs and anyone else in his circle of millionaires and billionaires. All while the people struggle to pay for groceries, have lost their jobs because of doge and will continue to lose jobs to unregulated AI, struggle to pay for health insurance and a severe housing crisis. The very people who would utilize a ballroom, including the president, do not care at all about the American people or those of us struggling. The optics of this would look very, very bad.

The East Wing needs to be restored to what it once was, the Rose Garden restored and some semblance of normalcy conveyed. A ballroom is NOT a necessity and we insist that it not be built. It is a massive waste of money and will ruin the footprint and historical significance of the entire building.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:57:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Mahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely concerned about the damage that has been done to the East Wing with no formal review process. This is an NHL, and it should be criminal to destroy a huge part of it without going through compliance. Stop the destruction, record the condition, and hold those accountable who allowed this to happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:57:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shaun Chavis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to its appearance, purpose and size prior to the 2025 demolition. The ballroom project is projected to dwarf the actual White House in size, which seems inappropriate given the significance of the White House not only as the home of the President of the United States, but the

significance the White House has had to the entire world.

The East Wing as it was before 2025 should be rebuilt and restored because of its function for the First Lady of the United States; because it housed the history of First Ladies of the United States, and because it has been part of American history and culture that should not be erased or displaced.

Further: No part of the White House should be privatized. It should be the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:57:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilarie Schmalz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen I consider the East Wing as partly mine. And it appalled me to the floor that MY president took it upon himself to willfully, illegally, and recklessly bulldoze down a part of MY history and heritage. He had no right to do it.
Do not, do NOT replace our East Wing with a monstrous, oversized, inappropriate and godawful "ballroom". Dance somewhere else, for heavens sake. We don't need a throne room in the United States (or at least we didn't used to…)
Now that the American taxpayer is going to be forced to pay to clean up this completely unnecessary mess that's been made, at the very least have the decency to build a quiet, sober, appropriately styled building to be used for the serious WORK of this country. And while you're at it, replant the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:57:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Keehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM< PERIOD>>>>

Date: 2/14/2026 2:56:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this project. The East Wing of the White House should never have been torn down and it should now be reconstructed to match the original exterior appearance and interior style.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:56:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Steiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The renderings for the new 'ballroom' at the White House is shockingly unattractive. It feels like the design ignored the historic character of the building entirely. It is far too large and ruins the iconic look of the building. In addition to size, you cannot count on what Trump finds pleasing in decorating a space (eg is the Oval Office). His taste runs closer to the Liberace era or Saudi Arabia on steroids.

Please don't let him ruin the White House. It would be ideal if it could be re-built to duplicate the previous East Wing as I'm not sure why we need a ballroom anyway.

I think he forgets it's the people's house.

Please save this building from his garish ideas.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:56:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Safbom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If it is necessary to have additional event space and to also modernize an underground bunker the size should not overpower the White House. Trump does not have unilateral authority and should not have demolished the East Wing without approval from Congress. In addition, a detailed building plan should have been presented to and approved by Congress before any removal or construction started. Congress is losing its power and Trump needs to be stopped in his overwhelming defiance of Congress authority. The President does not own the White House nor its grounds, the citizens do. It would seem logical that Congress and its citizens would require Trump to personally pay for the destruction of our property. Our tax dollars are being wasted on vanity projects and illegal acts domestically and worldwide. Trump is grifting and adding to his personal wealth.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that it is down, it’s fine to build a ballroom but please have it be tasteful (no gold leaf everywhere) and have the design be fully approved by the trust. Also, it’s obvious that there will be some sort of bunker built below it. Please make sure it is state of the art so that further destruction is not needed. Also, NO NAMING PLAQUE ANYWHERE WITH THE WORD TRUMP. No hidden logos, etc.. It is not for any one president. It is for the office of the president.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:56:22 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Ziegler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes or modifications to the White House must be approved first by a Historical Commission as well as an architectural design committee and finally reviewed and approved by congressional majority votes. This regime has bypassed all of these requirements, simply demolishing a beloved piece of history, with the plan to erect a huge monument to the current so called president.

This is wrong. The destroyed East Wing cannot be replicated, but a close facsimile should be built—not some gargantuan gilded ostentatious monstrosity that isn't even needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:54:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonya Knies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of a massive ballroom being constructed on the white house grounds. This will ruin the beautiful architecture of the peoples house. This project needs to be rebuilding the outside of the white house to its original features and architecture.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:54:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Ferrante
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see it restored to the original form. It should not dwarf the main White House, it should be balanced with the West wing. Modernize it on the inside, but the outside should mirror the West wing. Also it would be beautiful if they brought back the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:54:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: roberta levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

According to the statutes, Trump does not have the authority to tear down and build a new east wing to the White House.. especially, as he did not seek proper authorization for this project. he is violating the law and the spirit of the law. Since the east wing has already been demolished, it needs to be rebuilt, utilizing

current building codes. the White House does not need a "grand" ballroom that is 900,000 square feet. and since he demolished it illegally, he should be made to pay for the rebuilding using his own funds, the US government, or rather, the people's monies.
as the White House is the people's house, he cannot do with it as he deems ....

Date: 2/14/2026 2:53:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret W Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written comment. I appreciate the case being made for the need for a modern and secure facility. I have two questions which I hope will be addressed in future meetings as more details on the project are made public.
First, what is the current capacity of the East ballroom in the existing White House and what is the frequency of events annually that exceed that capacity currently?
Second, it appears that the First Lady's officers are relegated to a single corridor directly opposite an expansive commercial kitchen. How well will these functions be isolated from one and another? How will the First Lady's office suite reflect her social and professional status when it's across the hall from the kitchen?

Date: 2/14/2026 2:53:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Peck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so called "Ballroom" is a travesty. The old building is gone and now in its place is a towering building out of sync with the White House beside it and over wrought, over gilded and just plain ugly.
Not to mention what might be hiding under it.
Fine, do a new wing but make it FIT and of reasonable size and proportions, fit for a historical area and building plan.
Oh, and cut the overwhelming glitz - it should be classic not like Mar a Lago!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:53:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Centner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current design is wholly disproportionate to the White House, and appears to be another office building. The White House is not an imperial mansion (by design). It is supposed to be a home representative of a democratic leader, not an autocratic one. Any addition must be smaller and lower in height to the existing White House.

There has been insufficient investigation by the White House over alternatives to building a new ballroom. The mansion is linking to several nearby buildings. The White House also has a tunnel to the Treasury Building. U.S. Treasury Building houses the Cash Room. Located in the north wing and completed in 1869, this two-story, 72-foot by 32-foot room features marble walls, a gold-leaf ceiling, and a cast-bronze balcony. It originally served as a public banking space and now serves as a ceremonial meeting room. This is more than sufficient to host any ball. The Indian Treaty Room in the adjacent Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), formerly the Navy Department Library, is a large, historically significant, two-story room measuring approximately 30 by 40 feet.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:53:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thunder Levin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump ordered the demolition without going through the proper procedure. He should be required to pay for the East Wing to be restored to its exact previous appearance. He should be required to pay for this personally, not with taxpayer funds. Then, and only then, should there be consideration of potential improvements or "modernization".

Date: 2/14/2026 2:52:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Quimby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish the opportunity to comment had been provided for before irreparable damage was done to a priceless piece of American architecture/history. This project is nothing but an attempt by a person with a fragile ego to ensure their name is cemented in public consciousness. This project dis not match the existing character of the building, district or even the country. It is a travesty what has happened and I ask that you halt tho project before even more damage is done.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:52:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Conrow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Decor should be timeless and tasteful—no gold. Restore the Rose Garden to its former beauty and splendor. If a full-scale ballroom is necessary, build it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:51:42 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Rudolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want this hideous "ballroom" built on the White House grounds. "President" Donald J. Trump solicited questionable secret financial pledges from people and organizations who seek to gain unknown influence over the U. S. Government. "President" Donald J. Trump deliberately demolished the existing structure before Congress and the American people could stop him. This is an old trick of nefarious developers that should not be perpetrated on the "people's house" I do not trust in the good judgement and good taste of "President" Donald Trump to create a structure that does not embarrass the United States as his previous hideous changes to the interior of the White House bave already done. He will soon be gone, the sooner the better. He has no right to deface the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:51:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Ettlinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I do not oppose the idea of a ballroom per se, no addition to the White House should overshadow the historical building. This plan should be scaled back to a reasonable size that fits in with the overall footprint.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:51:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne York
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Renovations to the White House have occurred over its life time. However, this renovation is different in scale. It does not seem like an historic renovation. The precedent of more formal review set by previous presidents wasn’t followed, disrespectful of the American people. Additionally, the United States could better use the resources now needed to restore the East Wing.

Since the White House is the "people’s house," the people should have had a say in any major changes. The president is just a custodian of the people's house when they are there. Rebuilding of the East Wing must be done carefully to preserve every element of history. The White House must be preserved as a working house, not a party house, not a palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:50:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia THAXTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly the way it was. No expansion!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:50:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Parish-Philp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to demolish the East Wing of the White House in order to construct a 90,000-square-foot ballroom.

The White House is not simply a residence or event venue; it is a living symbol of American democracy and an irreplaceable historic landmark. Each architectural addition and modification reflects a chapter of our nation's history. The East Wing, though more modest than other portions of the complex, plays an important functional and historical role within the White House grounds. Its demolition would permanently alter the integrity and balance of one of the most recognizable civic spaces in the world.

While expanding event capacity may serve practical purposes, such goals should not come at the expense of historic preservation. Large-scale new construction on this footprint risks disrupting the architectural harmony, landscape design, and symbolic character of the Executive Mansion and its surrounding grounds.

I respectfully urge the Commission to prioritize preservation, explore alternatives that do not require demolition of existing historic structures, and uphold its responsibility to safeguard the long-term integrity of the White House for future generations.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Kerry Parish-Philp
San Diego, CA

Date: 2/14/2026 2:50:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Chaves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Whatever goes up in place of the East Wing, it should be in keeping with the aesthetics and history and scale of the rest of the White House. The current plan proposed by Trump is way too large and grandiose. It is meant to serve his ego, rather than the citizens of this country. And the fact that it is funded by private donors makes it that much less appropriate for a democracy. Plans should be drawn up by historic preservationists who set humility and simplicity above ostentatiousness.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:49:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Grieb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the White House to its near original self. When Drumpf leaves, destroy any sign that he was there.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:49:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please DO stop this ballroom project! Stop the "Independence Arch" project. Preserve our White House and stop Trump from doing any more damage!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:49:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karl R Scheffy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby.
The White House is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. The occupant should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure, with current ADA and security upgrades.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sid Shapiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This is one of the stupidest projects I have ever heard of. It is a waste of money and human capital. We don't need another senseless project to satisfy our dear leaders insatiable need to fill the hole in his head and heart. In addition, it's just another way for Trump to launder bribes.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:49:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House was a disgrace, and the desire to construct, in its place, a ballroom which will over-scale the historic White House, is both ill-conceived and will forever alter the White House grounds and buildings. It's completely inappropriate, ugly, out-of-scale, and will be an eyesore.

As a citizen of the United States, I couldn't be more against this project. I hope it is stopped, and an appropriately scaled rebuilding of the East Wing is developed in it's place.

Thank you.

John S. Davis
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 2:49:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Nemmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization is necessary if the building needs repairs or updates. Tearing down the historic East Wing to build an unnecessary vanity project is beyond the understanding of the average American. I feel that the East Wing should be rebuilt in the same fashion that it once stood.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:49:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is abhorrent to me that the current east wind of the White House, the people’s house, was destroyed before public comments no a hearing was held. This blatant disregard of our history, culture and law is

unheard of from prior residents of this building. Any new construction should be proportionate in size and architectural design to the current structure.

I think that the appropriate course of action would be to restore the office space and meetings rooms that were removed. A updated space for the offices of the First Lady would be appropriate . Further consideration of the need and design of an appropriate public space for presidents to entertain foreign dignitaries, including public comments and review should be done. Perhaps this could occur as part of the renovations for the Kennedy Center.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:48:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Sieverling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Oh my gosh, our history is getting trashed, completely trashed. I will never have the opportunity to go see the East Wing as it historical was before it was torn down. I am just sick. We do not need a Ballroom, we need the east wing restored to it's former glory. Please stop this mad man from destroying any more of history before all is lost.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:48:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Knight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just rebuild the east wing. No ballroom at all. Name the East Wing the Obama wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:47:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather McMahon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Firstly, the demolition of the historic East Wing was undertaken without proper regulatory oversight and in haste. The 17-page Environmental Assessment (EA) that granted permission for wholesale demolition was a mockery of the Section 106 and Section 110 processes that law-abiding citizens have been undertaking as

part of the regulatory oversight process since 1966. Fleeting administrations do not own the White House; they steward it for generations to come. Good administrations steward priceless resources like the People's House carefully, thoughtfully, and understanding that minimizing impact to such an important symbol of the United States of America is in everyone's best interest. I do not think an addition the scale of which would overshadow the original is an example of good stewardship. It doesn't even adhere to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for new construction to historic resources. I hope, since the powers that have oversight failed the American people when it came to the demolition of the East Wing, step up this time and safeguard the review process, so that when a new East Wing is constructed, it is compatible and harmonious with the original, sacred building.

Thank you.

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Name: Robert Blackaby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My wife and I both object entirely to this project. There is no redeeming quality, or benefits for "We the People" it is obvious that it is only being done to prop up Mr. Trump's inflated ego, and it is another

example of his determination to destroy our traditional institutions/facilities, and place his name on everything he can - When will all this absurdity stop? - Robert J. Blackaby III

Date: 2/14/2026 2:47:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecile Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:47:25 PM
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Name: Wayne Whisler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should not dwarf the White House. Its total square footage should not be more than that of the White House, and it should not be taller than the White House.

The demolition of the East Wing without approval from Congress or voters is a crime. Donald Trump should be arrested for destruction of public property.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:47:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara M Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new permanent, secure, flexible event space that holds up to 1000 guests has been needed at the White House complex for decades. The largest event space in the Executive Mansion is the East Room which is ca. 3,000 square feet and holds a maximum of 200 guests. During the past 20 years, events at the White House hosting more than 200 guests have been held in temporary tents erected on the South Lawn with mobile catering setups and portable toilets provided for the guests. This sort of makeshift arrangement is quite unacceptable since the erection of the tents and their removal for each use are both time consuming and expensive, as is the use of mobile catering units. The tents damage the South Lawn adding another expense for resodding the grass. The use of portable toilets, while necessary, seems beneath the image that the White House should present whenever VIP guests are being entertained. As an American citizen, I find this whole temporary system degrading and embarrassing.

The East Wing Modernization Project should include on the upper story a new flexible event space (aka 'ballroom') which can seat up to 1000 guests. There should be a proper professional catering kitchen,

storage closets for event furnishings (table rounds, chairs, linens, etc.) a secure cloak room and beautiful bathrooms/powder rooms for the guests to use. There must also be security features and easily accessible fire escapes so that the event area can be evacuated rapidly and safely. The building must also be fully ADA compliant. Use the lower story of the building for offices for the First Lady and other important event related staff. The building, however, should not be so large that it dwarfs the Executive Mansion in any way. The building footprint must not go beyond the existing circle pathway. Period.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:46:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy D'Elia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the rebuilding should reflect what was there before with improvements to safety, infrastructure, and usage. It should not overshadow the rest of the building and grounds it will stand upon. Perhaps the ballroom should be built in another part of Washington D. C. so its size will not overshadow the current structure. Hopefully it would not take design advise from the current administration since it will be here long after they are gone. A noble building yes, but not one that looks better suited to a palace setting. Magestic and simple, please. Plus it shouldn't not be named after a living person. Thanks you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:46:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Chambers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My major concerns are 2-fold:
1) That the new ballroom will in no way or sufficiently be architecturally congruent with the historic White House, & grounds, as it should be;

2) & perhaps of utmost importance: doubling its size will make it exponentially more difficult to secure!! Twice or 3x as many guests will also require that many more servers, butlers, etc., & vetting & ensuring both staff & guests prior to events, as well as, in the moment upon entry to the EastWing event, will become an absolute Security Nightmare, regardless of any perceived new security measures & equipment installed.

This is a benighted project!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Buell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, thank you for getting "involved" with this project. Maybe I misunderstand your purpose, but wasn't the current administration supposed to consult with you BEFORE totally tearing down the East Wing (and its history)? That, in itself, is a travesty in my book. I was lead to believe, that this was supposed to be a "modernization", not total rebuilding. But that is water that's already passed under the bridge. Additionally, the proposed 90,000 sq. ft size is WAY out of proportion (almost twice) to the 50,000 sq. ft size of the main residence and in my mind would look ridiculous next to the main building. This is sounding more like a vanity project for one man, rather than "let's bring it up-to-date" kind of project.

I also have concerns about how much control this Commission actually has, considering the current administrations' documented history of playing fast and loose with Constitutional law and regulations. I'm hoping there are enough Commissioners on the correct side of the Constitution to direct an architecturally and period correct rebuilding of the East Wing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project...

Date: 2/14/2026 2:45:17 PM
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Name: Christina Ashley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was before it was illegally destroyed by the current president.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:45:00 PM
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Name: Donald Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As long as the facade is compatible with existing structures, I feel that it is a needed addition. Other,smaller, countries have a formal ballroom. There is no reason for us not to. Especially if it can be funded by donations.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:44:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Trost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the proposed ballroom for billionaires being considered to replace the illegally demolished East Wing. I consider this a desecration of a National Landmark and National Park that belongs to the people of the United States, not to a select few members of an exclusive club.

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Name: Cora Armenio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In some respect I find this call for comments laughable since he has already torn down the historic wing of the White House. Going forward, I feel that a park/pavilion should be put in this area commemorating the works that took place in the East Wing. I would not allow him to build the monstrosity that he calls a ballroom. Please do not allow him to continue. He has no regard for history or decoram.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:43:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Warnesky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the current plan for enlarging the east wing of the White House. I believe that the president's house should not be grandiose, but a reflection of the diversity and culture of the USA. It should not permanently reflect the tastes of just one man. If the president wishes to decorate his personal spaces in a grandiose style, that is his perogative. But the White House is not his personal space. It belongs to the people of the United States and should be reflective of that. The president should take this into consideration when renovating any portion of the White House. It was never meant to be a palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:43:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Herrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it was. Put the ballroom somewhere else; there is no need for a 90,000 square foot ballroom to dwarf the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:43:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Shelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has been destroyed, I think that a ballroom addition would be useful. I have faith that the NCPC will develop an appropriate plan. But, do not, I repeat do not let Trump take over and dominate the project. I have seen his decorating style. His style is (IMO) not appropriate for the White House. Also, I

feel that the project should be paid for with the “people’s money”. Private equity in this project would not be acceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:41:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Schafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden teardown of the historic East Wing with little planning was, frankly, heartbreaking. (Same for the Rose Garden).
Any new construction must be proportional to the original buildings. If ballroom space is indeed an issue, this can be accomplished by clever architects and design so that a new wing blends properly with the original buildings.
Thank you so much for providing the space for comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:41:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen McGraw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible.

Federal property does not belong to any president. The design should include public and federal staff guidance to ensure that any new construction abides by federal preservation guidelines.

Karen McGraw Architect

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing Modernization Project, including the construction of a 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

This proposal raises serious concerns under multiple federal preservation, environmental, and planning frameworks:
1. The scale of the project is excessive and inconsistent with federal preservation standards. A 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom is incompatible with the historic character of the White House grounds, which are protected as a National Historic Landmark. Under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, new additions must be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale, and proportion" of the existing resource (36 C.F.R. § 68.3). This proposal clearly fails that requirement.
2. The project continues a pattern of alterations that have already harmed historic spaces. The recent redesign of the Rose Garden and changes to the East Wing have diminished the historic integrity of these areas. Under Section 110(f) of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306107), federal agencies must "minimize harm" to National Historic Landmarks. This project does the opposite, compounding previous damage.
3. The White House is a public institution, not private property. As a National Historic Landmark and the seat of the Executive Branch, the White House belongs to the American people. Major alterations must be approached with transparency, restraint, and respect for its national significance — not treated as private real\u8209 -estate expansion.
4. The funding sources for this project must be fully disclosed. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4332), the public is entitled to understand the context, assumptions, and potential influences behind federal actions. This includes identifying funding sources, donors, and any associated expectations. Transparency is essential to maintaining public trust.
5. The proposal lacks a demonstrated public purpose. Federal preservation law requires agencies to justify adverse effects on historic properties and to consider alternatives that avoid or reduce harm (36 C.F.R. § 800.1–800.6). No compelling public need has been articulated that would justify such a large and intrusive addition.
6. The project poses avoidable environmental impacts. The White House grounds are a mature cultural landscape with limited ecological resilience. Large\u8209 -scale excavation and construction threaten historic plantings, soil stability, stormwater patterns, and the remaining biodiversity of the South and East Grounds. NEPA requires federal agencies to consider less\u8209 -damaging alternatives and to avoid unnecessary environmental degradation (42 U.S.C. § 4331(b)). This proposal does not meet that standard.
7. The project risks unnecessary security overreach. Major expansions of the White House complex often trigger additional permanent security perimeters, restricted zones, and hardened infrastructure. These changes can further limit public access to the nation's most symbolic civic space. Security needs must be balanced with the White House's role as a public institution — not used as a blanket justification for unchecked expansion.
8. The project sets a dangerous precedent for future administrations. Approving a 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot addition opens the door to future expansions that could permanently alter the White House beyond recognition. The NCPC's role includes preventing precedent\u8209 -setting actions that undermine the historic, civic, and symbolic integrity of the nation's capital. Allowing this project would erode that responsibility.
For all these reasons, I urge the Commission to reject the ballroom addition and require a preservation\u8209 -focused, environmentally responsible, and publicly accountable approach to any future modernization efforts. The White House should be protected — not expanded beyond recognition.
Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American People and the President do not need a ballroom attached to the White House. We have not

needed one in the last 249 years, so we have already proven it will be a huge waste of our tax dollars and will be an underutilized asset for our government's needs.

With sincerity and regards,

B Hunter

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Klippel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:40:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump should be arrested for destroying the East Wing of the White House!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:40:29 PM
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Name: Linda Link
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project - The Ballroom. The structure is unnecessary and I'm very concerned about how it's being funded. Looks to me like it's being funded by friends of President Trump, who he has not named. Smacks of bribery to me! The White House is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, their input and approval is needed before any renovation/tear down is considered. This was not done. The new ballroom is way too big for the building it's attached to proportionally. President Trump does not own The White House, the American people do. He had no right to make such a major change without consulting The Historical Society and Congress! Please stop the building of this monstrosity!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Higdon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored according to the original plans with current codes and accessibility features incorporated. The decor should be appropriate for the original design of the White House , the People's House. The Rose Garden established by Jackie Kennedy should be restored and the tacky gold embellishments should be removed. All Presidents' portraits should be displayed without the disgusting plaques beneath them. The gold does not fit in with the history and character of our White House as it was established. If a ballroom is needed, it can be constructed at a different location, or use one of many more appropriate locations within the D.C. area. All renovations should, and must, go through the procedures already established.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:39:22 PM
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Name: Patricia Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing with dimensions in keeping with the historical scale and architectural style of the White House! Please follow the precedent and processes for making needed(not wants of the sitting president) but historically sensitive changes. Adding a ballroom and changing the architectural significance of the White House should not be done in a whim. If a ballroom is needed please consider this could be built elsewhere. Our president and all future Presidents should be made aware this is not their position, but temporary living arrangement for their term of office. Any and all changes must go through the correct process to make even small changes. If we keep chipping away wings, rooms, offices and other parts of the White House, the historical appearance and integrity of the building as a whole will no longer be recognizable as The White House of the United States. The many historical events that have occurred in that most prized building, the people's house, The White House will be lost. Please make sure any addition does not dwarf the architectural design of the White House.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important matter concerning our White House East Wing destruction, construction and integrity to our American History. Dolly Madison saved some of our history and now We the People want to do the same.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:39:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Wagner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Planing Commission,
Being the daughter, that had many conversations ,with my father a planing commission lead design employee, I know the way this East Wing Project has proceeded breaks all the rules. It is heartbreaking to watch this.
I love Washington D.C.. To add a ballroom to White House is not a bad idea if needed.
Go trough the process. The stench of this ballroom built by this vile man will linger for
many years. Thank You

Date: 2/14/2026 2:39:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the 90,000 sq ft ballroom. It is disproportionate to the rest of the White House, poorly designed, and lacks credible architectural and regulatory input. It simply is a vanity project for Trump. If such a space is truly needed, it could be built elsewhere in the District as a freestanding structure—with appropriate reviews and approvals.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:38:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Col Barbara G Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart broke when I saw that the East Wing and all of its' history had been destroyed without any heads-up to We the People. All of that history, all of the unbelievable moments that we shared with our Presidents and First Ladies as well as the honored guests that walked the corridors of the East Wing, gone, destroyed, eviserated without any coordination required before it was accomplished. Why? For what reason?

It appears to be that it was destroyed for the current president to build a bigger building he could put his name on it as he did on the Kennedy Center. It was the old, "…easier to ask for forgiveness instead of permission". The destruction came as an unbelievable action of a huge insecure ego and such an action can never ever be forgiven. History will not report such destruction positively. It is/was an assault to the history that the East Wing held in the Whitehouse history, the history of the United States, and another black mark on the history of the current administration.

Replace the East Wing according to original form with updates according to current building requirements re plumbing, electric/gas, insulation, building materials, etc. Restore the balance of the original Whitehouse and restore its' original name, the East Wing.

Shame on the destroyers. History will register your names. Names to be spit on.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:37:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tucker Winter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the original facade to the East Wing. There is absolutely no reason that a large ballroom (which we don't even need, but it seems that ship has sailed) can't be built within the original footprint.

The main White House *must* remain the focal point of the building. Only plans approved by the White House Historical Association should be allowed and nothing should be done without their explicit consent.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Brigham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the project as currently designed and funded. If changes are needed to the White House to accommodate larger events, a thoughtful public process should be followed to identify the need, design the project and find funding. The current President is a temporary resident and should not act unilaterally on our nation's heritage.

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Name: Penny York
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For the record I am a former planning commissioner and elected city councilor. Also a former member of the Rose Bowl Operating Company. As you probably know, the Rose Bowl is a Historic Monument.
Public process is important, especially for these national treasures.
The East Wing should never have been demolished. This tragic disregard for such an honored public space disqualifies the current occupant of the White House from conducting ANY further modifications.
However the planning process can begin. Starting with a complete survey and analysis of the White House grounds and structures. Next should be a legitimate needs assessment. Not the needs or preferences of one individual, but the needs of future presidents and employees.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Brock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America. Adding a massive ballroom is unnecessary, and wasteful. The purpose of the White House is to house the President of the United States, not to have parties and dances. For the last 230 years, every President has been able to have State Dinners without the addition of a hideous extension that detracts from the dignity of the existing White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tricia Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore to original appearance and add back the rose garden

Date: 2/14/2026 2:36:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ines Monguio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the construction of proposed ball room at the White House. As proposed, it is an esthetical aberration worthy of Donald Trump's esthetics. The White House, the People's House in the United States does not need to (or should) look like something an XVIII century French king would believe befits his importance. Instead of simplicity, elegance, welcoming embrace of celebrating important events, that pompous abomination of marble, gold, and cut crystal will serve to remind attendees at future events how low the US of A fell fell during Mr. Trump's presidency.

In addition, the proposed ballroom will dwarf the profile of the White House. It truly will signal strongly that this project is an ego-driven whimsy that will cost millions and provide little.

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Name: Cynthia Franks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Michael Innella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'll start with saying that demolishing the East Wing without going through the normal process disgusts me. Now we have no choice but to put something else at what will be taxpayer cost, because the whole "private funding" was and is BS.

I am against any design to which Donald Trump has any input, approval authority or whatever. It is obvious to anyone with half a brain that all he cares about is some sort of monument to himself. The last design that was floating around is an overblown monstrosity. Therefore, until I see a design that is better suited to the

overall scalle, appearance, etc., of the existing buildings, I am AGAINST the ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:35:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Tanttila
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I see the destruction of the East Wing as a crime and can't believe it was allowed to happen. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the same footprint, or a footprint that mirrors the size of the West Wing, with the same exterior design as the rest of the White House. The interior should be designed to meet the needs of future presidents and their spouses, not the need of the current man who destroyed the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:35:11 PM
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Name: Jennifer Luikart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I served 7 years on my community historic district commission. The purpose of the commission is to protect historic structures in our community. We have had a few instances when individuals have made changes without permission to do so. In those instances they have been required to rebuild the structure as it had been. The same should be required of the President, and it should be done at his own personal expense. Anything less is a travesty.

The white house is the people's house with rules for renovation that must be followed. He is not a king and is not exempt from the rules in place to protect our national treasure. Shame on him.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Gates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Never have I commented on a federal construction project; I’ve never assumed I knew more than those proposing construction projects and have appreciated that those doing so would have the integrity, intelligence, historical knowledge and competence to understand the nuances and effects their proposed projects would have.
Seeing the entire East Wing of the White House demolished without batting an eyelash, President Trump has demonstrated that he has none of the above qualities. His actions are those of a spoiled two-year old. He wants something, and insists on his way - or throws a tantrum if he doesn’t get it.
The American public - as well as the National Capital Planning Commission - can only react at this point. The East Wing of “the people’s house” is gone, bulldozed into a pile of rubble. How tragic and sad for the annals of American history and its architecture.

I would propose restoring the East Wing to its former footprint with the new exterior space matching what was destroyed. The inside can be reconfigured to provide sufficient event space - to match the other interior designs of the first floor; gold is not necessary nor very esthetically pleasing. Private donors nor the current president should not be consulted as "designers." Let those from this commission or its designees make such decisions about the interior look of the new East Wing with regard to historical continuity. In my opinion, a gold palatial-look is not pleasing nor historically accurate.

Thank you for reading and considering my comments.

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Name: Kim Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty and quite obviously a way for donors to score favors with Trump. With all the problems in this country including people not being able to afford housing, healthcare or food, the last thing any administration should be doing is destroying the people's house and wasting millions and/or billions on a ballroom that only the elite will get to use

Date: 2/14/2026 2:34:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nanette Sklenar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The unilateral destruction of the East Wing of the White House represents an egregious violation of both law and public trust. The White House, including its East Wing, is not the private property of any temporary occupant, it is a registered historic monument and national park, held in trust for the American people. Its preservation is protected by federal statute, and any alteration or demolition requires strict adherence to preservation laws, review by the National Park Service, and approval from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. None of these processes were followed.

The decision by this administration to demolish a portion of this irreplaceable structure without due process is a direct affront to the rule of law and the nation's shared heritage. The East Wing has stood for generations as a symbol of continuity, service, and the people's access to their government. To destroy it without authorization is to disregard the collective ownership and stewardship responsibilities that define democratic governance.

If a ballroom or event space of such scale was genuinely required, ample alternatives existed. The National Capital Planning Commission and the General Services Administration routinely identify suitable federal properties for temporary or permanent construction. Expanding or constructing a new facility elsewhere on federal grounds, or even off-site, would have met logistical needs without desecrating a protected landmark.

This administration's unilateral act demands immediate investigation, restoration of the damaged structure, and the establishment of safeguards to prevent any future unilateral alterations to national

heritage sites. The White House stands not as a personal residence but as a symbol of the Republic itself. Its integrity cannot be compromised by the whims of any individual, regardless of his office.

In sum, the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing is an act of cultural vandalism and legal defiance. The American people are the rightful stewards of their historic institutions, and those entrusted with their care must be held to the highest standard of accountability.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Wimmers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer, I'm appaled that you tore down the existing building before congress could approve this. You are breaking the law an wasting tax dollars to glorify a grifting pedophile. His name should ingredients be on a building that the citizens paid for.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:34:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ANNEMARIE JONES
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the size planned for this project is is too big and will stand out like a sore thumb. It should align in size with the West Wing and the main part of the White House. As a taxpayer, I object to the monstrosity that is being planned.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an author of the application which put Timken Vocational High School on the National Historic Register, I fiercely ask that any construction at the White House including the East Wing meet historic renovation standards including:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc.
Make the interior ADA accessible where possible
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Sincerely,
Nancy George
[redacted]

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Date: 2/14/2026 2:34:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pete Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,
Please restore the East Wing to its former historic blueprint with only necessary improvements like plumbing , electrical etc. No ballroom! Also this should be funded by public donations that are spent only for this project ! Any leftover money should be given to Washington non profit that benefits children. Thank you !

Date: 2/14/2026 2:33:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzan Holmquist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why was the resident of our White House not stopped before he demolished the east wing?
Everyone knew he was going to do it yet only now is this being addressed. He said publicly he did not have permits. He would get them after the demo began. The White House does not need a ballroom to satisfy the presidents ego. Whatever is happening now must be stopped. The president needs to be responsible to build it back in better condition. The funds need to come out of his personal money and his donors not taxpayer dollars. Anything that's done going forward needs to be monitored in a timely manner to stop him. I had the honor of meeting President Kennedy in the Rose Garden in 1962. That rose garde no longer exists because of the man living in the White House and his spouse . We need to have tradition.. We do not need a gaudy gold oval either probably done with taxpayers money

Date: 2/14/2026 2:33:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dagmar Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed Ballroom is not in compliance with the rules. The sheer size of this Ballroom would dwarf the White House and look like a monstrosity compared to the main structure. This vanity project is a disgrace and not needed on the White House grounds. There are other venues that can be used to host events. The current Administration has demolished the East Wing without asking the Public. This alone is outrageous. The White House belongs to "We The People" and not to the current occupant. He is living in the White House like anyone who is renting a house, he has no right to destroy and remodel a building as he pleases. Do not allow this project to go forward. We don't want it and don't need it!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:33:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Schwerdtfeger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I strongly believe the East Wing needs to be rebuilt with the exterior to look as similar to the original structure as possible, including the same architecture style and scale, with the understanding that some aspects may need to change to bring the structure up to modern building code (doorways may need to be widened, windows may need to be lowered, etc.). It should fit approximately within the original footprint and retain approximately the same height. The interior should be remodeled to ensure that it is ADA compliant with full wheelchair access and other components required to address a variety of disabilities, such as FM loops for the hearing impaired in applicable areas, etc. Likewise, the interior may be remodeled to fit current needs for office space, bathrooms, etc. If the determination is made that a ballroom is required within the East Wing, it should not encroach on any office space required for any department or work previously assigned to the East Wing, unless alternate office space is provided elsewhere within the immediate vicinity. The architecture details and decor should remain similar to the original structure and should NOT be decked out with gold leaf everywhere. Landscaping should also be similar to what was around the previous structure.

Furthermore, I vehemently believe that, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES, should Trump's name appear anywhere on the structure, either by signage on/near the structure, or even by name in paper documents (e.g., referring to it as "Trump's East Wing" or the "Donald Trump East Wing"). He took it upon himself to destroy a vital and culturally-significant structure that is important to our history, in blatant disregard to the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws surrounding historic buildings, as well as recommendations and past-practice of the National Capital Planning Commission, and there is absolutely no way that he deserves to have his name associated with a reconstructed East Wing.

Thank you for considering my written statement of public comment in your decision making process.

Sincerely,
Shannon Schwerdtfeger
Los Angeles County, California

Date: 2/14/2026 2:33:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: acadia zangi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dont do this

Date: 2/14/2026 2:31:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Aycock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The complete destruction of the East Wing is horrifying. In no way should President Trump have anything whatsoever to do with any plan to rebuild the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Rothman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To maintain the character of our capital city, the White House needs to be a part of the existing architecture… that would preclude attaching a 2-story ballroom that overwhelms the existing structure.

It turns the People's House into a palace.
If there is an addition, it should fit with the current architecture.

It seems our current president is trying to build monuments to himself.

That's only appropriate after he's dead… and if he has accomplished something.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: anne slavich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing project:
I am in favor of replacing the East Wing with an updated structure that resembles the building that was torn down. I would also be in favor of the person responsible for demolishing the original structure, without authorization or permits, should pay for its reconstruction. It is not the citizens who are responsible for this illegal move, but our current President. Perhaps all the money that was promised by wealthy supporters, should be reallocated to the rebuilding of this structure.

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Name: Joe Householder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hold the project until someone not convicted of felonies and with horrific taste is not in the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:29:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Kunkel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be replaced as it was. This administration has done everything without following appropriate protocols. As such, the project should be terminated and the East Wing should be restored. If the project is allowed to continue, it should be a more appropriate size. 90,000 square feet is grossly larger than the adjacent building.

Please terminate this project and return the East Wing to what it was.

Thank you,

Kristine Kunkel

Date: 2/14/2026 2:29:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Laureano-Cilio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the White House belongs to ALL Americans. Changing, demolishing or adding anything should be something citizens have a say in. I feel that the building should be restored to its original state. No President has the right to make such drastic changes without the consent of the people. Modernizing this structure should not encompass demolishing an entire section of the building. The history of this building should remain. There are castles in Europe that have remained as they were and were maintained or preserved. There is no excuse to do this without proper authority from the citizens of our country who pay our taxes. This is a wasteful project that could help secure so much more for the citizens who would never benefit from a ballroom. There is nothing wrong with the spaces currently available inside the White House. As a natural born citizen I demand that this project not be allowed to move forward as intended. I believe this building should be rebuilt to its existing plan and intention. The history that was destroyed from all the prior First Ladies who has ther offices in this section is a great loss to our history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing regarding project 8733.
While I appreciate the opportunity to comment, I'd like to first state on record that this administration destroyed part of the People's House, the White House, the place President Lincoln and other past presidents lay in state, destroyed the holder of OUR history prior to today, without the legally required steps to change the building, and has developed a plan to remodel without respect to the history and actual

owners of the building, and excluding the proper involvement of the management of the OUR house, the National Park Service. The destruction of OUR house and OUR history is unacceptable. It is absolutely vital that the National Park Service take on the planning of the replacement, and that the current plan be scrapped for these reasons: The purposes for this space are not designed to serve the people of our country, and call into question whether this is a space designed to actually undermine our democracy. At a minimum the details and uses are designed to glorify a single man's idea of grandeur and power and do not reflect a respect and harmony with the rest of OUR house. The exterior of the building is too big and is not architecturally designed to be in balance with the rest of the exterior of the building. The cost to US, as owners of this house, in taxpayer funding, are completely insane and were never agreed to by Congress, OUR representatives. No public bidding has happened to make the construction component fairly offered. This project needs to come to a dead stop, the process needs to follow ALL of the steps involved for design, proposal, review, bidding and approval, and Congress needs to agree that any security details including data centers proposed are not able to be leveraged by a person with aims to overthrow our laws. To summarize, OUR house should be preserved or revised using the processes that exist to protect the American public's interest and ownership.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Although it is too late to preserve what was there, it is not too late to turn this disaster back onto a better course.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:27:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Hafers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this proposed ballroom in place of the already torn down East Wing of the White House. It is a disgusting use of money and a terrible optic after laying off thousands of workers in the federal government and accusing them of being lazy, to then wasting money on this unnecessary project.

1) First of all, President Trump had no right to tear down an entire wing of the White House, the people's house, without first getting approval from your organization. I'm sure that's why he didn't, as he knew he wouldn't get it. How he had the gall to literally bring in construction equipment and knock down our own history is beyond my comprehension.

2) Secondly, we do not need an opulent ballroom. Why is this necessary? In our current economic times, I don't care who is donating the money, these funds could be used for more pressing concerns, like enhancing and preserving some of our other national parks that are in need. Why do we need another thing Trump can put his name on? Disgusting.

3) Thirdly, the current design is outrageous. Even if I believed the argument that we "need" a ballroom, the current design will dwarf the White House and ruin its aesthetic beauty. Let's listen to the architects who have resigned (I wonder why) because they have artistic and historical integrity and cannot ignore the fact that this is an awful design. Surely, if one can prove we actually NEED a ballroom, which I disagree with, surely it can be built with more common sense and a tasteful design that would blend it in naturally on to the current White House - perhaps it could be designed lower into the ground so it wouldn't be so large or high?

I would vote for forcing the current administration to rebuild the old wing it destroyed in its entirety, using those funds it collected. President Trump should be BILLED for the entire cost of tearing this historical wing down and forced to rebuild it. He should also be censured somehow for just going ahead and doing whatever he wanted with no consideration at all for the country. This is all about him - he doesn't OWN the White House. Everyone gets a chance to redecorate - sure - not tear down entire WINGS because he wants a building for himself. I am nauseated just writing this comment and I sure hope you are listening to the people on this one.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fletcher Catron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is iconic. It is a historic structure that has served as a central point of focus in our country for two hundred years and that continues to be perfectly useful in its current configuration. Nothing should be built that overwhelms or even intrudes upon the architectural/visual centrality of the original building.

That is the general rule that should be followed in this case. With respect to the particular proposal to build a ballroom, the size overwhelms the White House and will both reduce the visual significance of the historic building and will throw the entire executive office complex out of balance. While I disagree that the president needs a ballroom at all, that boat seems to have sailed. That being the case, the structure should be reduced in size by two-thirds and should be relatively short—perhaps sunken into the ground-to allow the White House, itself to be most prominent.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE. Any and all significant changes should go through an official approval process. I hate to see the projected finality of that monstrosity of the ballroom, but if that is what passes the OFFICIAL APPROVAL PROCESS, then I will accept that.

WE DO NOT HAVE A KING. THE WHITE HOUSE IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:26:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: pamela owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is the result of unplanned destruction of public, historic property. The proposed ballroom is a vanity project, a waste of taxpayer money, and an outsized and outlandish eyesore. It is not an appropriate use of public funds, nor is it an appropriate use of space on the White House grounds.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:26:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Backes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be restored, with modern utility updates, to its previous exterior appearance. The rooms within the building could be ballroom or office space, but the exterior should revert to the original design making it symmetric with the west wing. The bunker below the building should be built to recognized security standards.
Plans should include notice that any contractors doing work not authorized by these plans (such as those contractors that tore down the east wing) will be sued and held liable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenni Ritchie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project to "modernize" the East Wing should not involve building an addition out of proportion to the rest of this historic building. It should also avoid tacky gold ornamentation. All interior and external design should fit the era of the existing White House. If it is not entirely funded by private citizens, it should not be rebuilt at all, and all donors need to be publicly disclosed.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:24:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: PATRICIA Euell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, Mr. Trump is only about serving himself. Without regards to rules or standards he destroyed a part of our history. If upgrades were needed in the East Wing he should have gone thru the accepted procedures and submitted his plans for review. I truly believe he thinks he can do anything he wants, whenever he wants. He is wrong. His over lords (Heritage Foundation) rule thru him. He and they must be stopped from any further destruction in the Country.

I am 79 years old. I have a much better brain than trump. I see 1939 written all over Project 2025 and beyond. My Father and all my Uncles fought against men like trump. Please don't let their sacrifices be erased.

Patricia Euell
Tivoli, New York

Date: 2/14/2026 2:23:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Keefe Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am grateful to have the opportunity to submit a comment about the destruction of OUR beloved East Wing & the proposal to erect an immense & gaudy ballroom in its place. We the people had no such opportunity to have our say before the wrecking ball destroyed OUR East Wing & it is hard to describe the physical sense of assault & deep sadness that I felt when I first saw photographs of that havoc.

No, the established guidelines were not followed. He had no right. I am incensed. But then I am incensed almost daily at the ongoing march of actions that Trump has no right to take & blithely takes anyway.

Just as bad, this new ballroom is a monstrosity. It's ugly, gaudy, unbefitting as a project when so many people are in deep need of assistance, & unbefitting as the representation of a democractic nation.

Please halt this horrible mistake.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Gillin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing to the White House should be subordinate to the central hall of the White House. Since the central building is approximately 55,000 feet, the new East Wing should be significantly less in size so that it does not dominate the entire White House complex

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hetrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It has been obvious for many years that the East Wing of the Whitehouse was woefully inadequate for hosting presidential events, however the destruction of this historic structure was and is wrong on so many levels!! Historic buildings deserve our protection and careful and detailed deliberations before they are altered. No one should be above the law. The blatant disregard of process is stunning and should not be allowed to stand. While some will argue, "What's done is done" there should be no rewarding this behavior! Let the spot stay empty until proper planning and process is followed. Prosecute this criminal behavior, all the way to the top.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:23:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucia Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

This project is a travesty and embarrassment to America. While there may be cause for modernization, tearing down the East Wing is not warranted and should never have happened. Restoring the wing, perhaps with interior or infrastructure may be needed, although not without going through proper procedures.

Thank you for making the public aware of our right to comment. Please persevere.

Sincerely,
Lucia Miller

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Iris Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of OUR house should be restored to its original dimensions, consistent with the style and presentation of the contiguous portion and harmonious with the West Wing. Exterior decoration should be modest and respectful. The gardens should be restored to reflect their historic design and function.

Internal systems should be modernized and enhanced in a reasonable manner to take advantage of energy-efficient advances, particularly with improvements to HVAC, insulation, etc.

Internal decoration should be tasteful, avoiding self-aggrandizing displays.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Medlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wing should be built to resemble its previous appearance prior to it being demolished. If Congress decides that taxpayer money should be used to include a large meeting space, perhaps that space could be built underground. An underground ballroom that could double as a security area would be beneficial considering the world dignitaries that will frequent it. With modern technology the ballroom could be equipped with virtual windows connected to cameras on the exterior of the White House. Perhaps some of the amazing technology used in Las Vegas (The Sphere) could be used here as well, but on the inside of the building. Imagine the virtual walls described in Fahrenheit 451.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:20:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Accles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, let's follow the proper channels/procedures before we make decisions about altering properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These properties were placed on the register for legitimate reasons after a lengthy process was completed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings!
As an American, I am horrified by the wanton destruction of our historic buildings by the Trump administration. Equally horrifying is the shocking waste of taxpayer money in his endeavor to leave his mark. Truly, at this point in time, I'm not really convinced the east wing needs to be rebuilt at all. Maybe in the future when sanity has retuned to our government and everyday Americans can afford to live here. IF the east wing must be rebuilt, I am firmly opposed to its dimensions being enlarged from what it was previously. It should remain "The People's Wing": same size, same decor, no "upgrades". The PEOC does not need upgrades either.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Carol Flynn

Date: 2/14/2026 2:19:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Giles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House -- belonging to the American people for over 200 years. The White House doesn't belong to a single president and should not be subject to their whims. It is a travesty that the demolition of the East Wing took place, even more so given that there was no advance notice and no meaningful opportunity for input from professionals like historic preservation experts and architects.

While tragically the East Wing cannot be restored as it was, any further action must respect that the White House is the People's House. Any proposed work should be carefully and thoughtfully collaborated on with historic preservation experts, undertaking a thorough review, including potential impacts to the grounds, character, and history of the White House. Transparency, preservation, and design excellence must be top values -- all of which were sorely lacking when the demolition of the East Wing took place.

As a United States citizen who cares about our collective history, memory, and national buildings like the White House, I urge you to never make a mistake like the unexpected and uncalled-for demolition of the East Wing again, and to do what is in the best interest of the American people as a whole.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Cherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Additions to historic properties must respect their historic scale and design, and be subordinate to the original structure(s). At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would almost double the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence, making it incompatible in scale. The White House as it currently appears is an iconic image that has symbolic meaning to the American people. The destruction of this image should not be allowed.

Furthermore, plans to replace the East Wing should have been submitted and approved BEFORE the East Wing was destroyed. The President who directed this circumnavigation of the law should be held personally accountable for failing to follow the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: R Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no demonstrated or proven need for such a large venue. The city itself has many meeting areas capable of serving the capacity the President says he needs. In addition, this is being built over a sensitive bunker. Prior approval of size, style, need, has not been done, and this project should be stopped, with a new East Wing to be developed in line with the design and size of the current White House. This is the people's house, and present protocols and procedures that exist to protect it should be followedl

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Doherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Audacity has defined the current presidency. As regards construction & renovation, it amounts to audacity both in design sensibilities and in self-importance, sense of personal ownership, and flouting of norms and dignity. This trait of the president's needs to be tempered by a thoughtful re-scaling of the East Wing proposal, (since we now have no choice but to do SOMETHING, given the demolition that has already, disrespectfully, taken place.

The new wing's event space is reportedly needed, but the size has become ridiculous. It should be right-sized (diminished in size), with the participation of architects who respect the history of the White House, and as the introductory statement by NCPC stated, to keep the emphasis on the main White House building. The new East Wing should be stately and dignified, and decorated with as little gold gilt as

possible!

Since 1800, the White House has been the home of presidents--but never kings. Keep the Versailles look for MarALago,

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Bentel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the size of the ballroom. At 90,000 sq feet it will be oversized as compared to the rest of the White House. 20,000 to 40,000 should be more than enough room for gatherings, and official events. Bigger is not always better… this project should not overwhelm the rest of the site. The ballroom style and size should be in keeping with the previous buildings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Neville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty! I do not want a ballroom. Restore the East Wing for its original purpose, serving the people of this country!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:18:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Hosler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I assume this is for comments regarding the ballroom President Trump intends to bill on White House grounds.
Having never attended a formal event at the White House, it would still be easy to believe that an updated, somewhat larger space may be needed for this type of entertaining by our government.
But after watching how President Trump has turned the White House into a version of an imperial palace or the Tajma Hall with absolutely no sense of American history, I have to wonder if the ballroom scope and scale he is planning isn't more for his own edification and self-importance than about having a nice place to have state dinners!
What does it say to the world if a party room is bigger than the White House where governing takes place?
The president has already shown his total disregard for this being the people's house and not his personal residence. Tearing down the East Wing with no appropriate and required approvals because he wanted to is not only abhorrent, but shows quite clearly that he will do whatever he can to move forward with what HE

wants and not what's best for the current and future use of this property.
Clearly I'm not against an accommodation for formal use, but it needs to be representative of this country, not of the wishes of this wanna be dictator.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brigita Taliaferro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a massive ballroom. It is not a hotel, convention center, or royal palace. Since the project is privately funded, and not taxpayer funded, or taxpayer approved, it should be built on private property elsewhere in DC and the sponsors could use the massive ballroom for functions other than Presidential indulgence. The occupant of The White House is not a King, he lives there temporarily. He should not be able to rebuild any part of the People's House to his personal tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

Restore rather than rebuild the East Wing. The dimensions and architectural style should remain the same. Update and modernize standards to meet or exceed current codes. Make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. A modest ballroom for more intimate Presidential functions is appropriate in the East Wing
If a massive ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, or rent an existing ballroom as needed.

The newly restored East Wing should have an art gallery exhibiting art from K-12 students of all U.S states and territories. Also, a replica of Jackie's Rose Garden should be built into the East Wing restoration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: K M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If the East Wing Modernization project is what you're calling the new ballroom now, let me say I am appalled at the destruction of our historic White House. Everything that this administration has proposed, or done, has supported the destruction of our landmarks, the death of our citizens, and advent of facism in our country. It's disgusting in every way and the fact that it's perpetuated by the Republican Party to uphold the "president's whims" is pure cowardice. He's clearly raped children, lined his own pockets with our money and has surrounded himself with sycophants that have kept his not so secret behavior covered up for years. Restore the East Wing to its prior state, and impeach, convict and jail the deranged, dementia ridden pedophile in office. If digging up ground and razing structures re so important I heartily suggest that excavation begins on his golf courses, on Epstein's island and the New Mexico property.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The project is another manifestation – this one physical – of a man who seems beyond the control of any elected body. It should never have been started. If our laws and regulations are to have any validity, it should be halted immediately as illegal.

Legalities aside, there is little to nothing redeeming about the project. Architecturally, it is both banal and abhorrent. Symbolically, it is the triumph of ruler over citizenry, of cupidity over reserve, of imperialism over democracy. There is nothing significant to be gained by its construction and much to be lost, spiritually and perhaps even morally.

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Name: Teri Peasley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the People's House and the East Wing has been demolished with no input from the People. This destruction resulted in the loss of a historic piece of Our House. Any President is a temporary invited guest vs. an individual who can destroy property without following our nation's laws and guidelines.

As you consider the East Wing Modernization Project, consider rebuilding in the image of the previous structure while also enhancing features that bring the space up to code. There is absolutely NO need for a "Golden Palace" as a ballroom. Review previous structural documents, photographs, and oral histories about the space. Rebuild it in the orignal footprint which honors our nation's interest in having an unpretentious seat for a sitting president.

In addition to rebuilding modestly and appropriately, the Rose Garden should also be re-installed. This was a space honored for the way it exuded peace in times of trouble (like 9/11) and times of celebration; it was an intimate space that brought our leaders, and others, directly into our living rooms in meaningful ways.

The East Wing was destroyed by a sitting president who has absolutely no regard for the American People, our founders, and the World. It was done with no regard for existing laws and governing protocol simply because "he could." This is unacceptable practice and our contry needs to restore the East Wing to its former self while also updating its infrastucture.

Thank you!

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Name: Melissa Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am strongly against this project as it makes unnecessary changes to the White House. There is no need for a ball room that is funded by private donors seeking favor from the president. Additionally the scale of this project will not fit in with the current White House. Money would be better spent ensuring that the White

House is fully ADA compliant. If an addition is needed it must match the size and style of the building as is. But there is no need for a giant ballroom at the White House. There are plenty of other spaces in DC for this.

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Name: CJ Barclay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Its infuriating that work was started before this review process was initiated. No plans submitted, was the destruction even properly permitted??? Make the space safe and stop all further work until all the preliminary work is done, including funding. If we allow private funding, it needs to be put up in advance, including enough for overruns (we all know there will be overruns!) also, all contractors need to be free of pedophiles, just as they need to be removed from any office or appointed position they currently occupy ! No more criminals in government! No more covering up for corruption!

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Name: Janet Sayre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am commenting on NCPC File Number: 8733

The new East Wing addition should not overwhelm the existing White House elements. Please follow the guidelines below and only approve new construction that is compatible in height and scale with the Executive Residence and the West Wing.

The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital | Federal Elements
UD.C.2.1 The site planning of federal buildings and campuses throughout the region should relate appropriately to their surrounding context, including:
1. The surrounding uses and scale of existing street and block patterns.
2. Compatibility with nearby buildings, including height, massing setback, materials, fenestration, and scale.
3. Local community goals.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Kaplan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project is a travesty. The White House belongs to the people of this country and not whoever

happens to be its current inhabitant. The fact that part of it has already been destroyed is criminal and the perpetrators should be prosecuted as allowed by law. If I were to graffiti the Grand Canyon or the Library of Congress I'm sure I would be prosecuted for that crime. This is no different. The country does not need a ballroom. It needs affordable health care and funding for the NIH. It's ludicrous that we are even being asked to comment on such a frivolous, irresponsible and unnecessary project. The Eaat Wing should be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:16:16 PM
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Name: Debra Costa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! Stop this. The White House should not be turned into "Mar-a-Lago" north! Donald Trump has no respect for "the people's house" and has already destroyed enough of our history.

While I agree there may be a need for a "state" ballroom to accommodate visiting dignitaries, this is NOT THE WAY. Nor is it the place.

Respectfully,

Date: 2/14/2026 2:15:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have been started in the first place. Mr Trump illegally had the old East Wing torn down instead of following the correct processes and procedures. At this point, all activity on the site should be halted until a valid plan can be submitted and approved in the correct way. If a ballroom has to be constructed on the site, it should not be the dominant structure of the White House. And if it is constructed, it should never carry any name that would in any way refer to Trump.

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Name: James Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was flabbergasted by the total neglect of process in the destruction of the East Wing. Yes a modernization and upgrade is necessary but the way it is being done is an affront to history and tradition. My desire is to see a building not decked in gold and looking similar to the way the sitting President has made the Oval Office look like Versailles Palace. We do not need a king to be surrounded by gold in the Oval Office and we do not need the East Wing to look like a convention center in Monte Carlo. Please allow historians to have

an input and cooperatively arrive at a design that reflects the American tradition of a nation pledged to equality for all its citizens. The President serves at the consent of the governed and the East Wing should be a place all Americans would feel comfortable within.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mari Harrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom is not "modernization." I'd like to see the exterior dimensions and architectural style restored. Since it now needs to be completely rebuilt, it's a good time to make updates to the wiring etc., and make the interior ADA accessible.
This and all administrations need to follow the established process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house, not the president's to tear down!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:11:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Lewicki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am NOT in favor of the East Wing modernization project. We the people should have had a say in this plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:11:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Monti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom has all the hallmarks of an authoritarian leader building a monument to himself. The plans are gaudy, grotesque and an affront to the historic nature and public ownership of the white house.

These plans must not be approved!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:10:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Perkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house, and an historic building, not the president's private property. The decision to raze the East wing by the current administration was irresponsible.

The reason given for this wanton destruction was that there was no adequate space to hold public events. Reasonable or not, If that were truly the issue, a proper proposal should have been made and plans should have been submitted in advance.

Obviously, now the East Wing needs to be rebuilt, but the president's proposal for a ballroom that dwarfs the White House is unacceptable. Whatever the proposed design, an architectural firm with proper experience and credentials in historic preservation should be hired, new plans should be in keeping with the architectural integrity of the White House and the plans should be subject to full and strict review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: D. Linda Loew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I stand firmly opposed to the destruction and reinvention of the White House East Wing. This is clearly intended as another Trump self-aggrandizement project. It serves no purpose for this country at large and is an insult to citizens and taxpayers. It will destroy the image of the White House, literally and figuratively. The money for this project will almost certainly come from taxpayer funds, which are sorely needed for health care and other projects directly affecting our citizens.
Why are we building a ballroom when people in this country are starving and homeless and without medical care?! The optics and reality are just terrible!
Please don't approve this project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Siener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not go ahead. It will irrevocably ruin the entire aesthetic and historical aspect of the White House. To call it a "modernisation project" is highly deceptive and not truly accurate. It is a huge ballroom, a huge ballroom is not necessary and is simply a vanity project for President Trump in his attempt to leave an indelible mark on everything American. His well known garish and tacky taste, with his penchant for shiny gold makes one shudder when thinking about the final outcome,
No other president has contemplated such an outrageous destruction of our country's most famous historical site. Please do not allow President Trump the opportunity to ruin it.

The lovely and historical Rose Garden has already been paved over without public input. That should be the last thing to be changed by President Trump.

CANCEL THE BALLROOM PROJECT!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:09:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the old East wing is gone, it clearly needs to be replaced. What ever goes there should be multi-functional to prevent the waste of a single use facility. It should not dwarf the current building and should be balanced with the west wing. It should be publicly funded, to prevent fraud and grift. It should not be the huge gaudy thing the president has in mind: to prevent abuse of executive power.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:09:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Hauk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, via private donations only.
The White House is the people’s house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Holloway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How about cese and desist unti a real need and plan is in place. What a waste of tax payers money! Thank you. Sarah Holloway

Date: 2/14/2026 2:08:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: paul finley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don't ruin the stately White House building with an out of proportion monstrosity that has been proposed. Rebuild it in line with what remains of the building. Use it as office space as it once was. Nothing more needs be said. Just be rational, not insane like the person who wants to build to satisfy his own fragile ego.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The EW Modernization Project is a violation of our American heritage by a president who does not understand democracy or constitutional law. The East Wing should never have been torn down, it was an illegal act. The funding of the new wing if pure graft from a president who continues to violate the emoluments clause. The new design is hideous and an insult to the architecture of the capitol. This project should be suspended immediately, and the East wing should be replaced as it once was.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:07:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Shuldberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express concern about the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House. Due to its historic and symbolic importance, any major expansion should be carefully limited in scale and designed so it does not overwhelm or diminish the existing structure.
The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation state that new additions should not damage historic fabric and must be compatible with the building's massing, size, scale, and architectural character. This proposal, as described, raises serious concerns on those points.
I strongly urge that all legally required public review processes be followed, including consultation and review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, with full transparency and opportunity for public input.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Destiny Savage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is not a prop for political spectacle. Destroying or dismantling parts of it to stage a ballroom setup is not just wasteful — it raises serious concerns about respect for public property, preservation standards, and the rule of law.

The White House is the People's House. It belongs to the American people, not to any one individual, administration, or political campaign. Any structural changes made for personal branding, political fundraising, or to elevate personal image undermine the integrity of a historic national landmark and erode public trust.

What is even more troubling is the audacity of wealthy donors and special interests using events like this to curry favor. When access, influence, or proximity to power appears to be exchanged for money or political advantage, it raises serious ethical red flags. Even the perception of that kind of transactional politics damages faith in our institutions.

We should expect transparency, strict adherence to preservation laws, and full compliance with ethics standards when it comes to changes to federally owned historic property. Public spaces should serve the public interest — not private interests.

This isn't about party — it's about principle. Our institutions belong to the American people, and we should stand together in protecting them from being treated as personal assets.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:07:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Prof. K. Edward Lay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President's demolition of the East Wing to be replaced by and out-of-scale Ballroom without approval of the NCPC, Commission of Fine Arts, and others is a blatant disregard. The White House complex is the People's House not an oligarch's residence!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Algien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been demolished without proper approval. A ballroom is not needed. The East Wing should be rebuilt, at the current President's expense.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:07:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Christianson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. It should not be altered to provide for the whims of one man. It should be designed to meet the needs of the people within the rules already established, especially not 30,000+ square feet more than allowed. The “modernization” project should complement the historical significance of the White House. Gaudy is not an improvement

Date: 2/14/2026 2:06:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Carmichael
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express strong concern regarding the proposed construction of a new East Wing (aka White House ballroom), specifically its size, design approach, and projected cost.

The White House is not the property of any single administration or individual. It is owned collectively by the American people. The President, regardless of party or policy agenda, is granted temporary tenancy for the duration of a constitutionally limited term. Because of this, any major structural changes to the White House complex should be guided by restraint, historical stewardship, and broad public interest — not by short-term personal preferences or symbolic "monumental" projects.

From publicly available descriptions, the proposed ballroom appears to be out of proportion to the scale and character of the existing White House. The size and materials reportedly under consideration suggest a structure that would compete with, rather than complement, the historic residence and its architectural heritage. Furthermore, I have read news reports that it will be painted to match the White House -- WHY PAINT??? Additions to such a nationally significant building should preserve and enhance continuity, not overwhelm it.

Equally concerning is the limited functional utility of the proposed space. A facility designed and intended primarily for catered events, occasional gatherings, a movie theater, and office space for the First Lady does not justify an extraordinarily large capital investment. These uses, while valuable, do not represent core governmental functions.

In a time when Americans face real economic pressures and when federal resources must be carefully prioritized, the cost of this project is excessive for what would be, at best, an occasionally used space. How many safe, secure and elegant ballroom rentals (there are at least a half-dozen in the DC area that can accomodate 650+) could be held over how many years for how many Presidents and occasions with $400,000,000 (Four Hundred Million!!!)??? We do not need to fund a part-time receiving room for political donors, corporate bigwigs, lobbyists, syncophants and hob-nobbers!

Fiscal responsibility and respect for national heritage are not partisan values — they are civic ones. Large-

scale expenditures on prestige construction projects risk sending the message that symbolism is being prioritized over stewardship.
I respectfully urge careful reconsideration of the scale, design, and overall necessity of this proposal. If additional event or support space is truly needed, alternatives that are more modest, historically sensitive, and cost-conscious should be explored.

The White House belongs to every American — past, present, and future. Decisions affecting it should reflect that shared ownership.
"Thank you for your attention to this matter."

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Carmichael, Ossining, NY, DAR eligible citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 2:06:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to lodge my objection to the construction of an add-on to the historic White House, an addition that would dwarf the existing structure.

Although renovations have been made before, they have conformed to the historic architecture that has graced our Capitol for more than a century.

That this reconstruction of the White House was initiated without approval and with monies from the billionaire class is unacceptable.

As a citizen of the United States, I strenuously object to this narcissistic project undertaken by a temporary resident of the People’s House.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:06:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Mlinar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to take the shape of replacing the East Wing of the people's house to as it was before the bastard had it demolished illegally. Funds for the project should first come from his personal family taxes and his organized crime syndicate RICO judgement.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:05:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom will be a disgrace. Make them restore the East Wing to what it was. There is plenty of room in the White House for gala events.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:05:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Suriani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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A chunk of our White House was bulldozed without authorization, and the man responsible must be made to personally pay for the damages. The structure needs to be restored to its former appearance. The plumbing and electrical can be upgraded, and the bunker should be modernized. But when complete, it must look like it did before. As for the ballroom Trump envisions, CANCEL it entirely.

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Name: Richard Reuther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Someone dropped the ball. With the president "doing his thing" without following the law, how do we recover? Where is the $400M that has been "donated" by business and wealthy individuals for the project? Heads need to roll; fines and jail time seem appropriate.

The work done illegally needs to end. Full stop. The contractor, it would seem, was working without proper

authorization. Anyone with a scintilla of understanding knows that there MUST be a public process for such a project. The arrogance of the president in this matter must be addressed. Democracy demands time. Planning. Public input.

Let's go back to Square One. Is this project necessary? Other than the president and his minions, we don't hear a lot of requests for a "ballroom." Something has to be done about the illegal destruction of the East Wing. The rubble cannot remain unless as an example of the disaster that this administration is. Do we replace the office space only, or do we consider the need for a larger meeting space? Does it have to go on the White House grounds? If it's going to dwarf the White House, perhaps it should go somewhere else. Consult some experts. The president is not an expert in everything. He will be gone within 3 years, God willing. We do not need to pander to his whims.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:04:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Louise Beaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT believe that a 90,000 square foot Ballroom, (or any ballroom) is needed for the White House and definitely must NOT be approved.
I DO want to see the former East Wing rebuilt in the same style and to the scale it was before, meeting current building codes and modern standards. I also want to see the Rose Garden restored.
IF it is determined that additional office or entertainment space is needed beyond the original floorplan and layout, then plans should be drawn and submitted and the PROPER channels and steps taken to move it forward.
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

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Name: Cynthia Piercy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing in keeping with the rest of the White House. While a somewhat larger wing may be desirable, it should reflect and compliment the White House not dwarf it. The White House is not and never will be home for a king. It is a privilege for the president and his or her family to reside there. They have no right to destroy any part of it at their whim, with all changes requiring approval by the NCPC. Congressional oversight and public input should be considered as well as input from The National Trust for Historic Preservation for alterations, including excessive additions of gaudy gold embellishments to the White House. Restore dignity to our stately White House.

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Name: Eric Rohrbach
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Trump has no approvals to initiate this undertaking. There has been no oversight or time frame assigned, nor is there any sort of a working budget in existence, anywhere.
He has, again, with no approvals, suddenly, but with obvious, prior arrangements, altered/demolished a large portion of a venerated federally owned structure.
This behavior has now assumed the norm of this administration.. Laws, required governing procedure, and rules applying thereof, are not subject to his whims and knee jerk impulses, only to others.
The Legislative, and Judicial branches are treated in the same manner, Trump does what he pleases, how and when he pleases, the established protocols of government apply to everyone else, not him.
Who will put the brakes on this massive juggernaut of blatant corruption based on Trumps' never ending lies and self serving behavior?
Will it be you?

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Name: Jay Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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We do NOT support any efforts to expand, improve, or modify the east wing from what was illegally demolished. Put the original architecture back into place and rebuild exactly according to registered and executed previous design plans. The build process MUST be publicly competed, LEGALLY VETTED BY INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, and in line with expectations held for all other historic construction projects.

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Name: Haywood Jablomeigh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The utter disregard for the history of the East Wing has been incredibly appalling. It was demolished without any public comment, in order to appease the whims of a sundowning madman. The only thing that our tax dollars should be used for in this area is the construction of a public dunk tank that Trump, his cabinet members, and other sycophants would be required to sit in on a daily basis. You could charge the public for an opportunity to dunk these clown, with funds being utilized to compensate the people of Minnesota for the Federal invasion of their state. I guarantee that lines would be LONG

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Luster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the ballroom construction plans are totally out of scale. The White House, with all of its history, should not be dwarfed by a nearby building. I believe that a much smaller space would serve the purpose and allow events to be held indoors.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to calling this a "Modernization Project" in a clear attempt to give this criminal act an air of legitimacy. I ask that Donald Trump be fined the entire cost of a full restoration and that a lien for $500 million be placed on his private properties to satisfy the lien.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:03:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Silver Ghent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled that the East Wing of the White House was summarily destroyed without a review process because President Trump requested it. His plan is to have a ballroom built, so he can leave his mark on the White House, as he did by destroying the Rose Garden. Like the fabled Ozymandias in Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem, Donald Trump's goal is to build a monument to himself, so that we may look upon his works and despair. We are despairing already, and we are mourning the destruction he has wrought, including stomping his footprint on the Kennedy Center. Now he wants a huge ballroom, but for what purpose, since he is not hosting balls or massive state dinners. He simply wants an edifice to mark with his name.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: The Rev. Doug Earle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the White House is a historic, treasured landmark and National Park, owned by the people of the United States under the stewardship of the National Park Service, any substantial modifications to the buildings should be held to the highest standards of forethought and design with knowledge and with input from the public. The sudden, complete, and illegal destruction of the East Wing is the antithesis to a process due such a symbol of our country. Therefore any reconstruction proposal should be held to the highest standards of process and architectural design.

Replacing the now destroyed East Wing with a disproportionately large, gaudy and unneeded ballroom at the whims of a single individual must be stopped. What's been done so far has been secretive and capricious. What comes next must be public and planned, in order to mitigate the damage to the building and injury to the people already done.

Moving forward should be handled by a Committee, appointed by Congressional channels to oversee a process which will repair and enhance our national treasure. The Committee should be comprised of recognized leaders in the fields of architecture, design, history, historical preservation, the arts, and others. There should be a formal and public process to develop a plan to rebuild. All should be under Congress, with oversight by the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The People need the Commissioners to act swiftly to full extent of their power to see that this happens.

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Name: Barbara Coughlan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was born and raised in the DC area. As a youngster my mom and I would visit historic sites every chance we got. During my public service career I was fortunate to work at the main Treasury building, 1st floor,

West side with huge windows and a front row seat with views to the East wing and South lawn. The WH symmetry and lack of garish overload is what makes it so beautiful. It may be that a larger formal hosting space is needed but for the sake of elegance and taste let's not permit a "ballroom" to overtake the substance of the WH as the people's house. It is unfortunate that the President's desire to put his personal stamp on everything and his willingness to ignore proper protocol and classic architecture has led us to this juncture. Please consider reasonable alternatives to the current proposal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has been a travesty from the start. The destruction of any part of the White House without first gaining project approval from both the NCPC and local agencies should be treated as a criminal offense. The Administration has displayed an arrogant disregard for every typical protocol that would be required of any other individual or business in the metro DC area. The East Wing should be restored completely as it was originally designed and constructed.

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Name: Antonio Manzano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 14, 2026

Board of Directors
National Capital Planning Commission
Washington DC

Dear Sirs:

We hereby want to offer our services as experts in organizing High Profile Banquets with a lifetime experience starting from Italy and many other countries around the globe, including Special Dinner with President John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan during their Presidential Adminikstration.

My partner, Italian Master Chef Angelo Amoroso has been private Chef to Luciano Pavarotti and Frank Sinatra for over 25 years each one, He is currently living in Verona, Italy now in February 2026. His experience has been in five continents with his exclusive Mediterranean Haute Cuisine based on Herbs and Flowers.

Besides this exquisite background we are thinking to complete our Banquets along with top notch music artists such as personal friends like Andrea Bocelli whom was discovered and sponsored by Master Chef Angelo Amoroso and Luciano Pavarotti when Andrea Bocelli was only 17 years old. Through our Musical Ambassador Andrea Bocelli we are in position to complement several presentations with top ranked American composers and musicians, close friends to Andrea Bocelli like composer David Foster and many other artists.

Please give us the honorable opportunity to present a sample of our exclusive Mediterranean Haute Cuisine based on Herbs and Flowers.whenever you inform us through email or whatsapp. We are 100% you will all love meeting with Italian Master Chef Angelo Amoroso as soon as you may want us to meet in Washington DC.

We have additional projects willing to develop in the East Wing Modernization Project with personal friends such as Italian Architects, Decorators and well talented musicians to give the East Wing Modernization Project a total impact in High Profile presentations.

Besides all the above stated we are willing to lead a very ambcious project to teach all American citizens to eat well, along with simple recipes from the Mediterranean Haute Cuisine based on Herbs and Flowers, helping the American citizens to stay healthy all their life with nutrition plans we are more than willing to share and sponsor fro the East Wing to The People of the United States.

Looking wforward in meeting you soon, we remain.

Warm regards,

Italian Master Chef Angelo Amoroso
Verona, Italy
[redacted]

Antonio Manzano.
VP Marketing Director for Angelo Amoroso Worldwide Projects (AAWP)
Caracas, Venezuela
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Crockett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What an unAmerican monstrosity this building is. If it is built, the next president will tear it down. Why waste the money? Stop the madness and spend it on the people, not the billionaire donors.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Spohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Use the appropriate scale to restore the East Wing to maintain symmetry to this historic building. Please refrain from folding the building to keep a historicallly accurate appearance. Certainly modernize electrical and safety systems and provide full ADA provisions.
Thank you for he opportunity for input.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hannah Haynes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This ballroom is a blight on the White House, and it should not be constructed. The destruction of the East Wing should have never happened. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on this nonsense.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Castleberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This is a travesty. The East Wing should be restored to its previous structure.

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Name: Angelina Stuart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am extremely disturbed by the gutting of the People's House without any input whatsoever from the public! Our taxes fund the government and all entities so without a Congressional vote or putting it up to the American citizens, this was by far the largest destruction of our country's most valued house. Stop the destruction and rebuild the East Wing as it was. We do not need a large bunker or ballroom. Thank you for your attention to this matter - the American Public.

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Name: Patricia Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would like to see the East Wing of the White House returned to the way it was prior to being torn down. Modernization would certainly include electrical updates, ADA compliance, and anything necessary to be in compliance with current rules and regulations for new structures. Redo it to reflect exactly what was torn down with zero permission or oversight. I disagree with the need for a ballroom. If the ballroom does move ahead, I think that what is floated by the president is unnecessary, especially when compared to the site of

the actual White House itself. In the event that a ballroom is constructed, it should complement the White House, not overwhelm it. It needs to be tasteful, not gold and garish. Is it possible to return the Rose Garden and remove the concrete, as it looks tacky. Lastly, why is he adding all the gold embellishment? Can that be limited to the "office" only. It's the People's House, not his house. Please don't let him ruin our house further.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:00:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryLynn Tipton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please stop this project.
The White House is considered to be the "People's House". The proposed ballroom does not represent the American people. Therefore, it should not go through as planned.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:00:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ilona Fecske
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Under no circumstances should tRUMP be allowed to build his ridiculous ballroom. In fact, he should have been stopped before he destroyed the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:59:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House Restoration with updates:

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Do not allow use of special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rogers-Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please restore the East Wing to its original size and design, adding the modern upgrades needed. The proposed size is far too disproportionate to the existing residence and west wing. The size, scope, and cost are unwarranted given the availability of suitable space for large events in Washington, DC. And please! NO gaudy gold filigree. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:58:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lemmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed East Wing ballroom is a monstrosity and must not be built. I would rather see nothing there than to see a huge ballroom addition that dwarfs the rest of the White House. An proportional modernized East Wing could be rebuilt and space for large state dinners incorporated into the design. Nobody needs a 90K SF space like that. Absolutely nobody.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:58:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Evelyn Stenseth-Johnsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This "Modernization" project should be halted immediately. There was been no official review before the East Wing was destroyed, only the whim of a deeply morally flawed individual.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:58:11 PM
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Name: Andrea Loughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for allowing comments to be submitted on the matter of the East Wing and possible construction. I strongly feel adding a new portion to the White House that would eclipse or overshadow the existing historic structure is in extremely poor judgment. I am also saddened by the fact that the previous East Wing was torn down without proper oversight or input from the citizens who own the building. Each administration is temporary and while there have been changes by previous administrations none have been so unthoughtful as this one. There needs to be great thought and weight put into what this is going to be or if it is to proceed at all. This should not be pursued just on the whim of one person who doesn't even own the property or structure that is being changed. Personally I don't believe it should proceed at all. And I really don't think it should be paid for by corporate sponsors. Corporations don't need anymore sway over

how things work in our count! ry.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:58:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roca Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing consist of more than a ballroom. It also contained the Executive Residence and the Presidential Emergency Operations Center beneath the building. These are important and historical places in American history. We have not heard about the impact of this project on these historical facilities.

I object to the hubris of wrecking the East Wing, as if it were personal property of the current resident.

Please, do not allow this plan to be executed. Take the donated funds and restore the ruined East Wing.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:57:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Cleary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed size of the ballroom to replace the East Wing does not match the rest of the architecture. The size is too large and the interior is ostentatious rather than a showcase for American values. We don't want, nor need, an American Versailles. If a ballroom is needed, I don't believe it is needed to the size of this proposal.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:56:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom & Teri Dorner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project. We feel that this project is totally unnecessary and would be an affront to the citizens of this country and to the ascetics of Washington D.C. and especially to the White House and the immediate area. President Trump is totally out of line by proposing and moving forward with this project and especially the tragedy of the East Wing being torn down strictly on the unilateral efforts on one person and no input from any other entities or people. The only person who wants building is President Trump and certainly not "everybody for many years" as he has claimed.

Please do all you can to see that this monstrosity never gets built!!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:55:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing should be restored to its original form & structure, including all historical parts built by slaves. This was a historical structure that belongs to Americans, not a president! It should never be made into a ballroom!! It was wrongfully destroyed & needs to be corrected! Let the one who destroyed it, pay for it!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:55:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Carroll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project is proposed as a huge ballroom attached to the White House but as large as the White House in square footage and stories. It is not necessary being a secondary use to the main building. This seems to be something to please the current president but is not realty necessary as the White House does not do that many large functions where this huge building would be put to use. The White House is historic and should not be diminished by a large building attached to it. So it does not serve the people in the country but is a monument to a sitting president who will be out of office in 3 years. It is also not funded as mentioned by private funds, as the cost has gotten so high and the donations will not meet these costs. Let us see a plan for something smaller, less expensive, more in scale with the size of the White House and something that will meet the usual use for large gatherings. We do not need to build a monument to a sitting president.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:55:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I think it is very important that the public and historical preservationists be consulted BEFORE major renovations to key historical places. Given what's already been done, we should ensure the new design is led by historical preservationists ensuring the original design and historical significance of this building is honored. Additionally it is essential that the new designs are entirely ADA compliant, with the latest best practices for ensure inclusion of all. This cannot and should not become a monument to a sitting President.

Funding sources for all parts of this project should be public knowledge. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:54:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Sundheimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The size of the building needs to be smaller than advertised. It should not be the largest part of the White House.

And someone other than Trump should make decision about the design. We don't need a lot of gold!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:53:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marvin Friedlander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the East Wing to the way it was before the demolition. Sometimes so called improvements are disimprovements.

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Name: Beverly Mushinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed Ballroom is not compatible with the White House … there are many public and private spaces in DC that could provide Ballroom space of this size in the rare instances that such a room is needed.

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Name: Diane Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I wish to express my interest in the proposed reconstruction of the East Wing of the White House. I was extremely agitated by the demolition of the historic East Wing without any input from historians or any architectural review. Now that this has happened, we need to make certain that any new construction is in keeping with the historic precedent. The East Wing needs to be of a scale and style that is harmonious with

the central part of the White House without overwhelming it. The entire facade of the White House should be balanced. I feel that the need to keep the central portion of the White House as the prominent portion is much greater than the need for an ostentatious receiving space or ballroom. Please remember that this is "the People's House" and not meant to be overly grand or showy. I appreciate your attention to these concerns.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Name: Beverly Mushinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Reyes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Replant and restore gardens.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louisa Dang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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I am especially concerned about the lack of accessible entrances and exits to the proposal ballroom. According to the architect, the only non-stair entrance is via the White House entrance. If guests need to vacate the ballroom for an emergency, they will need to use the stairs. How would wheelchair users, the elderly, and those with mobility issues exit the building quickly? Also, I agree with one of the commissioners who said that the plan is being done in sections, rather than a whole. This entire enterprise is very questionable and the fact that only two commissioners had constructive comments is very concerning. The others seem willing to agree with anything, which undermines the whole process.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Jenkins Braconi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do NOT want a ballroom for renovations at the White House. It is heart breaking that the Wing of the White House was ripped apart! How could anyone, including the President of the U.S., be able to do that? The People should be able to help decide what gets repaired or added to the Illegally demolished section.

Please nix the ballroom idea, and perhaps elicit ideas from The People, suggestions on how to repair the damage? Renovate??

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Eckels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am a licensed architect practicing in New York. I strongly oppose the proposed White House ballroom on architectural, civic, and ethical grounds.

Architecturally, the proposal appears grossly out of scale with the existing White House complex and largely derivative in expression, diminishing rather than respecting one of the most symbolically important civic buildings in the United States. Major additions to the White House should demonstrate exceptional design stewardship and a clear public purpose; this proposal does neither.

More troubling is what the project represents. The White House is often described as “the people’s house.” A massive, rarely used ballroom—particularly one framed as a personal or prestige-driven project—risks projecting exclusivity and executive self-aggrandizement rather than democratic openness. Even if privately funded, such a project raises legitimate ethical concerns about the role of private donors and corporations in financing high-visibility presidential amenities. The appearance that wealthy interests can curry favor through large donations to presidential projects undermines public trust in government institutions.

At a time when the United States faces a severe housing affordability crisis, this type of project also sends the wrong message about national priorities. According to the Pew Charitable Trust, the country is short an estimated 3.8 million to 7 million homes, and by some analyses even more, after more than a decade of underbuilding. This shortage has driven record housing costs and left millions of Americans unable to afford stable housing.

Redirecting private philanthropic and corporate capital toward housing production, preservation, or affordability initiatives would have far greater public benefit. The cost of a large ceremonial ballroom could instead support housing for hundreds—potentially thousands—of American families. At minimum, national leaders and donors should demonstrate that they recognize the scale and urgency of the housing crisis affecting communities across the country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Woodson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I cannot find the words to describe how shocked, appalled, and disgusted this entire project makes me. I watched in horror as our East Wing was demolished. I actually cried tears. "Modernization Project"? What a gross euphemism for this endeavor! Please do not allow this project to go forward! No ballroom. No "modernization" project. Restore our historic East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Yes, Yes, Yes, America needs a Ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:50:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elisabeth Dingus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Dear Members of the Commission,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the demolition of the historic East Wing and the construction of a new 90,000-square-foot ballroom at the White House complex.
The White House is not merely a private residence; it is a National Historic Landmark, a symbol of American democracy, and the property of the American people. The proposed project represents one of the most substantial and destructive alterations to the White House in modern history.
My protest is based on the following concerns:
Evasion of Legal Review Processes: The project has proceeded without the standard, legally required public review processes, including consultation with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. Bypassing these checks denies the public its right to be informed and to comment on changes to federal property.

Destruction of Historic Fabric: The demolition of the East Wing, which holds significant historical value, is an irreversible loss. Previous assurances that the project would not touch the existing structure have proven false, as demolition work has already targeted the building.

Overwhelming Design and Scale: The proposed 90,000-square-foot, multi-story structure threatens to overwhelm the White House itself, disrupting the carefully balanced classical design of the complex.

Safety and Procedural Transparency: The rapid, un-shrouded demolition raises serious questions about the safety of workers and the handling of hazardous materials (such as asbestos and mold) in a highly sensitive, occupied environment.

This project prioritizes a private, personal aesthetic over the preservation of national heritage. The American public deserves transparency and a seat at the table when historic federal property is altered.

I urge the Commission to halt this project, enforce all mandatory, formal design reviews, and ensure that the public's voice is heard.
Respectfully,
Elisabeth Dingus

Date: 2/14/2026 1:50:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Wikle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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With the constituency from both political parties struggling to make ends meet and worrying about paying for health insurance, the notion of spending millions on a vanity project like the proposed "ballroom" is egregious. Coupled with the fact this demolition and expense was not approved by Congress gives one pause on just where the Administration's priorities lie.

If the President wants a ballroom, then he should be made to pay for it himself.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry Dickens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am totally disgusted with the way we are allowing the current administration to do whatever he wants to do without regards to laws and historical structure like the East Wing.
Please stop the worst president ever to run our Country.
Thanks for listening,
Larry L Dickens

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Name: S B
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. We deserve a say on whether this new ballroom gets built. I am against it. The East Wing should never have been torn down in the first place.

At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

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Name: MARIO SALCIDO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a disgrace and a waste of our tax money. That money could have been used for anything else we are struggling to afford. Donald Trump is a narcissistic loser.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jade Gant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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While I respect the historical significance and ongoing needs of the , expanding the West Wing at a time when so many Americans are struggling sends the wrong message.

Across the country, families are going without health insurance, parents are choosing between work and child care, and too many households are facing food insecurity and rising housing costs. These are not abstract problems—they are everyday realities for millions of people.

Public resources and national attention should be focused on stabilizing families, strengthening communities, and ensuring that basic needs are met. Leadership is not only about buildings and expansions; it is about priorities. And right now, the priority should be people.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:48:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Podrebartz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed modernization and conversion of the East Wing into a ballroom is a high-risk use that conflicts with the building's original design and creates long-term financial exposure. The East Wing was not designed to function as a large assembly space. Converting it into a ballroom requires extensive structural, mechanical, acoustic, and life-safety modifications that significantly exceed the cost of a typical modernization. These investments are largely irreversible and do not improve the core performance of the asset.

From a financial standpoint, the return profile is weak. Ballroom revenue is episodic, highly seasonal, and dependent on continuous sales, staffing, and marketing spend. It introduces new fixed costs, including specialized AV, higher utilities, increased maintenance, and dedicated labor, without guaranteeing consistent utilization. In many markets, ballroom demand is already saturated, putting downward pressure on pricing and margins while increasing competition.

This approach also introduces opportunity cost. Capital allocated to a ballroom cannot be used for upgrades that directly support the primary revenue drivers of the property. Instead of strengthening the asset's competitive position, the project adds operational complexity and financial volatility while eroding the architectural character that differentiates the building.

A successful modernization should preserve the integrity of the structure while reinforcing durable, repeatable revenue. The East Wing ballroom does neither. It compromises the building, increases risk, and diverts capital away from higher-confidence returns.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelly Strohm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Chapin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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There is a proper procedure for changes to a place so important to the nation. There is no excuse for letting a would be dictator run roughshod and demolish the East Wing - and then plan a huge ballroom. Trump's plan is so out of scale with the Whitehouse in relation to the site. He is ignoring that whole tradition of main building plus two flanking other smaller structures so familiar in that part of the country and in European precedents.

Please do the right thing and stand up for the people, our history, aesthetic coherence, and the rule of law.

best, Peter Chapin, artist and former professor of art and student of Vincent Scully

Date: 2/14/2026 1:48:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Falkenstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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No golden ballroom, especially nothing with trumps name on it. Follow reasonable plans to restore the east wing and sink a ballroom underneath if that is needed. You can put the bunker below that. Restore the symmetry to the white house footprint.
And for heavens sake put Jackie's rose garden back in, restore our history. And get his name off the Kennedy center- it's an abomination.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:48:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harold Bottomley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Update and modernize what's necessary, but return the East Wing to it's original appearance and purpose.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walt Klingenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As it is clearly laid out, the White House belongs to all Americans by auspices of the National Park Service. Plans were not reviewed, nor permission given to tear down the East Wing as a beginning to construction of any ballroom.
I believe that the President should be forced to restore the East Wing to its original condition, ON HIS OWN DIME!
Should he not complete the restoration by the end of his second (AND FINAL) term, he should have to pay a non-compliance
penalty, that is COMPOUNDED DAILY!
Perhaps, after the restoration, if remaining time of his term permits, the President can add on a ballroom to the existing structure,
following approval of the plans he submits.
A possible location might be the (former) Rose Garden, which I believe he has already destroyed, WITHOUT PERMMISSION,
by covering the area with pavers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!
-Walt Klingenberg

Date: 2/14/2026 1:46:56 PM
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Name: Georgann Chayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the People's House, it is and was meant to be temporary lodging for the occupant residing there for one or two terms. Therefore, as one of the millions of Americans whose house it is, I strongly object to the desecration of the East Wing and the outlandish plans for an outsized and garish ballroom. No one should be able to have done something like this on a whim, ignoring rules, guidelines, standard norms, and consent from the American people. Whatever happened to preserving and protecting our national treasures, especially the most important one of all?

Date: 2/14/2026 1:46:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Llewellyn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I feel quite strongly that the White House East Wing should be restored as it was, obviously with modernization of plumbing, electric, and other items needed. The past profile of the White House was beautiful and symmetrical. A ballroom as proposed would destroy that and would overwhelm the existing White House. A ballroom might be needed, but if so, it should be located somewhere behind the White House in a size and manner appropriate to the rest of the White House. And NO donations from special interest donors should be used, at all. This is "the people's house" and should be built and funded in a manner that protects that legacy.

Thank you for allowing this opportunity to express my opinions.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:45:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RANDOLPH CROSS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am deeply concerned and dismayed that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without proper public notice, permitting, or opportunity for comment. The East Wing is not just a structural feature—it is an integral part of the White House's historical and architectural identity, and its removal represents a troubling disregard for both preservation standards and the public process.

At a minimum, all further work on the East Wing modernization and ballroom projects should be immediately paused until the public comment period has concluded and all legal and procedural

requirements have been satisfied. The administration should be prepared to restore the East Wing to its prior condition if that represents the will of the public and the Commission.

Whether a new ballroom is necessary or desirable is a matter of opinion, but it is one that should have been publicly vetted long before any actions were taken. If additional event space is truly needed, it should be constructed in a suitable location that does not come at the expense of iconic and historically significant portions of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Corcoran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the East Wing of the White House by the Trump administration is a desecration. It is a greater symbol of the destruction of American constitutional ideals by Trump. This destruction should be halted immediately. I can't stress enough how opposed I am to this, or how disgusted I am viewing pictures of this blatant destruction of American history. Stop this immediately.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:45:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ted Barrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical
Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:45:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie Redmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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-Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
-The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
-Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.

It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this! If standard protocol was not followed in the decision to demolish, the person responsible shall be fined/held accountable.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:45:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Valeri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve of this president's 'ballroom', replacing the East Wing to the White House!!

If the White House is the People's House, who would ever use such a gaudy, non-sensical ball room? A King? And the No King's Act eliminates anyone in the United States. The People would never use it. It is meant for the elite rich of the world, and not the People of the United States of America.

I cannot believe this president tore down the East Wing without approval. Lord knows whatever he will do next. Thank God the Kennedy's are fighting for no name change on the Kennedy Center. He's destroyed the Rose Garden and made it into a McDonald's outdoor patio. The inside of the White House is a gaudy gold; I'm sure he thinks gold is the sign of a King. Well, he's no King. Not at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

He's destroying the United States that I've loved. My husband served in the Coast Guard for 23 years and I worked at the National Geographic for 46 years. We are both native Washingtonians and hate to see these frivolous changes because of someone who is in office for only maybe 4 years.

PLEASE, PLEASE do NOT allow any further 'creation' of someone who has no taste, only a demented look at my Country..

Charlene Valeri

Date: 2/14/2026 1:45:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Lavarnway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For the East Wing Modernization:
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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house. Do not accept contributions to this project from special interest groups or individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Pam Lavarnway

Date: 2/14/2026 1:44:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richelle Starnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have President Trump replace the East Wing to the EXACT specifications externally that it was before he had it torn down without approval. Id like the internal rebuild to be as close to the original East Wing building with updates for modernization in technology (eg. electricity/plumbing) approved to improve what existed before he destroyed it. Please ensure that President Trump completes this restoration of the East Wing using his own money. Maybe he can fund it from the 500 million dollars that was "invested" in the Trump crypto company by UAE.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:44:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alta Walters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current demolished condition is the result of a violation of the public trust. Those responsible, those who thought they could bulldoze the process, along with the East Wing, should be held accountable. Mostly, the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. However, I'm not immune to the concept of modernization, so first there should be a comprehensive needs assessment done to determine what new or revised uses would best benefit the interests of the country--and those uses should be included in the rebuild, to the extent practicable by the limitations of the historical footprint. A ballroom? Only if the needs assessment determines that that is in the interests of the nation. Certainly, the massive 90,000 square foot monstrosity that would've dwarfed the existing historical structure, is not appropriate. If a smaller public meeting space that is consistent with both needs and historic preservation can fit into the plan, then permit a smaller ballroom to accommodate diplomatic events. But it must be consistent with the overall

functionality of a working White House. This isn't a pipe dream, the American people deserve a deliberate process for the people's house. The rebuild should be paid for by those who demolished our historical structure, without any consideration of saving the best of it.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:44:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: lisa goldman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to the previous construction but with any updated safety and accessibility features needed. No more special interest money!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:44:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Garrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition of the East Wing has been a serious mistake. Building the proposed ballroom would be a tragic historical and architectural error.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:44:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rick DeLappe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the building of a ballroom on the White House grounds. It is detrimental to the integrity and beauty of the public space.

The country has much higher priorities and this is a colosal waste of time, money and energy. Not to mention the underlying vanity of this.

I am also opposed to addition of the Archway near the Lincoln Memorial. Thanks for taking comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:43:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Geraty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am writing to request that any approval of this project be in keeping with the historical significance of the East Wing. The White House is a national treasure that belongs to the people and the proposal of a ballroom that dwarfs the rest of the White House is garish and not in keeping with the dignity of the White House, nor does it pay any respect to the previous uses of the East Wing. Please do not approve a huge ballroom that will demean the White House for decades to come. Thank you for considering my remarks.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:41:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Tippitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is concerning when a presidential administration appears tone deaf to the republic they are supposed to be leading by example. When groceries, supplies, cars, homes, almost everything a family needs are so expensive that average middle class families are struggling and the poor are doing without, the last thing we want to see of our leaders is extravagant excess. WE the people do not need a ballroom. WE the people do not need gilded anything that costs an exorbitant amount but looks so cheap. WE the people expect more from all our leaders than we are getting in every aspect of leadership. I do not support the placement of an obnoxious ostentatious ballroom at any expense.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:41:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Friend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump illegally bulldozed the East Wing of our National Seat of Government.
He is a failed real estate grifter, a convicted felon, and an international pariah.
He also has notoriously terrible taste in everything, including food, clothing, and architecture.
He has the taste, the manners, and the morals of a pimp.

These reasons alone forbid the construction of the tacky ballroom.

There are also the National Security implications involved.

Jack Smith has evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that Trump committed espionage.
Mueller's unredacted report shows that Trump is, at the very least, a useful idiot of Russia.
Anything he gets built will be bugged to the max by every foreign adversary of our country.

This is another stand alone reason why Trump cannot be allowed to build any governmental structure.

If our democracy survives the Trump admin, he will be a permanent blemish on our reputation, like genocide and slavery.
Or like Hitler to the Germans.
How are you going to explain the misbegotten ballroom then?
The eyes of history are upon us.
Do not build this madman's folly.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:41:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Emery Sheppard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
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Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:40:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure, especially for security purposes. NO BALLROOM! Return the Rose Garden as well. This is the people's house, not an entertainment venue.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:40:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Netz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the addition of a ballroom is necessary on the people's house. Such a large ballroom is intended as a vanity project for the current administration instead of a benefit to the American public. I am

deeply offended that the East Wing was demolished without follow proper protocol, removing historic spaces without consideration of the impact. The ballroom is far too large to fit appropriately with the White House, eclipsing the remaining residence. It is in the best interest of the American public for the project to be stopped now and prevented from proceeding further.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:40:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emanda Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:40:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild using the previous footprint of the East Wing, keeping the size and symmetry of the White House in tact. Use building materials and decorations that compliment the historical feel of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:39:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly encourage restoring the East Wing to its original exterior dimensions and architectural character, while modernizing essential infrastructure such as electrical, mechanical, and safety systems. Interior spaces should be made ADA-accessible wherever feasible, consistent with established preservation standards. Any necessary updates should follow the long-standing process used for historically sensitive modifications—balancing functionality with respect for the building's architectural integrity.

If additional ballroom space is required, it would be more appropriate to construct a new facility elsewhere in the city rather than altering the historic structure.

The White House is the people's house, and its preservation should reflect that shared stewardship.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:39:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mia Bullock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East wing should be restored as much as is as possible to the state. It was in before the demolition without the historic societies approval or congressional approval. Money should come from Trump's own coffers. His own Pacs. Taxpayers need to be reimbursed for the theft and vandalism committed by Trump. The White House is my house. I'm a citizen of the United States. I pay taxes. Millions and millions of other citizens also pay their taxes and that White House belongs to us all of us. Trump merely rented the space he destroyed Rental property, and now we the United States citizens and taxpayers as his landlord demand restitution.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:39:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Weinrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original design. Since the demolition was deemed unlawful, the funds for restoration need to be funded by the individual or individuals, or group that funded the original illegal demolition of the East Wing.

It is my opinion that the private fund for the illegal demolition and building of the east wing ballroom will declare bankruptcy instead of paying for the demolition and restoration, which is a ploy Trump has used for any project he has been involved in, the American people will end up paying the restoration bill.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:38:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Mukomela
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Esthetically, the size of the east wing building should not exceed the size of the White House. The White House is a beautiful, historical building and should always be the predominant structure. The new building, unfortunately, will no longer be a historical building but needs to fit in with structures of that era. It was a criminal act to destroy the old building without due process and should be litigated as such.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:38:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Morain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for any kind of new ballroom at the White House. The East Wing should never have been destroyed.

The East Wing of the White House should be restored as it was, with the only modernization being in its code updates to keep it current and up to date with security.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:38:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Montes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can not even believe that as I write this, the East Wing of our historic White House is already destroyed. No permits, no comments, just destroyed. And the fact that the person in charge of the replacement has shown over and over that he is is a classless buffoon. He destroyed 1/3 of a natural treasure with ridiculous plans to build a monstrosity that will completely overwhelm the architecture of the rest of the building. And if we are completely honest about is, he is doing it simply so he can add his name to another gaudy building. It is the people's building, not his. Please make him replace the East Wing exactly as it was and he can put whatever kind of security under it that he feels he needs. It is pathetic that he is protected by the most powerful nation in the world and yet he still lives in fear.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:38:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Hughes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President is in clear violation of his rights to demolish the East Wing without going through the appropriate channels. I do not understand how our President continues to ignore protocol and gets away with it. At this point, the building is torn down and he is not accountable for his actions without appropriate authorization. Impeach him.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:37:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janelle Elmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and public trust, home to U.S. presidents since 1800. President Trump's unilateral bulldozing of the East Wing—literally and figuratively—without proper review or congressional approval is appalling.

While additional event space may be needed, any East Wing renovation must respect the White House's historic scale and design. A proposed 90,000-sq-ft ballroom would dwarf the 55,000-sq-ft Executive Residence, violating basic preservation standards that require additions to be subordinate and compatible. Any rebuild must be proportional to the West Wing, preserve historically significant trees, or else be located elsewhere with alternative uses considered for the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:37:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Sheppard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In terms of the renovation project at the White House we are concerned that the normal procedures were not followed in terms of the proposed ballroom. As. Former journalist I have followed many similar projects through the process of gaining approval, and understand the value of comprehensive review seeking input from affected parties as well as the general public. It's seems as though following the announcement, that construction vehicles showed up and began quickly dismantling the East Wing with grand promises of a grand space for VIP events. Regardless of the claims of millions in private donations the addition served a critical role and should never have been demolished without careful consideration. We support restoring the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. This is not the time to simply ignore the past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes, no matter who is sitting in the Oval Office.
If a ballroom is in fact needed, I would suggest that we explore constructing it elsewhere in the city. However, as a frequent DC visitor on business trips, I believe there are a half dozen premium hotels within a five minute drive of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, which are more than capable of hosting a few formal events a year which is likely the need for this and future Presidents. There is likely a long list of more urgent needs for the American people. Let's not forget that the White House is the people's house. We elect a President every four years and they work for us. This whole effort is the kind of action we would expect from a king or authoratian dictator! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:37:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Misty Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the new ballroom must comply with the previously set standards, namely that any addition not be larger that the White House itself. The proposed monstrosity is not only ugly and overpowering, it is also completely unnecessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:37:21 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Herbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed addition of a ballroom to the White House because the decision process is rushed, biased and driven by the President personally. It does not reflect the "due process" and deliberation that should attend major changes to the core Washington space that belongs to the American people.

I do not trust the entities in place to review and approve the project because I believe they have been staffed by political allies of the President whose top priority is to please him.

I was appalled at the President's peremptory destruction of the historic East Wing because it happened without any regard at all for that feature's historic character and value.

The drawings I have seen to date are garish and out of scale.

If this goes through, it will set a precedent for even more "because I said so" initiatives from this President and further his tendency to ignore law, protocol, regulation, tradition and the opinions of others.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Herr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom! The White House is the people's house, not an extravagance to the wealthy. All gold trim should be removed as well.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: larry stanley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to it historically acccurate rendition.
Our country deserves to be protected from unwarranted destruction of its treasured historical symbols.
thank you,
larry stanley

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Schulte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Once the building is restored to its pre-2025 state (updating utilities as needed) we can discuss any necessary changes.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jolene Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing back to how it was before it was bulldozed without permission. Charge the work to the person(s) responsible for destroying a national landmark without prior authorization. It should NOT be charged to the taxpayers. A ballroom IS NOT NEEDED, and is a very wasteful project.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should have never been torn down without the public being involved. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Gonzalez-Perez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public opinions about the East Wing Modernization Project. I request that you restore the East Wing of the White House as closely as possible to its state prior to the recent demolition. Within those parameters, this would be a good opportunity to update any wiring, ventilation, HVAC, etc., issues. The footprint and architectural style were intentional and are should be replicated to maintain the historic aesthetic of The People's House. Also, please restore the beautiful and historic Kennedy Rose Garden that distinguished the White House exterior for over half a century. Please do not allow special interests to influence or fund the construction. If a ballroom is necessary, please construct it in a different area of the city to allow for such an expansive building and the security buffers needed for world leaders to attend functions there.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jeanette mooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that past presidents have wanted a larger space in which to host events. The destruction of the beautiful East Wing before plans were reviewed and approved was an unnecessary waste of time, money and destroyed a part of an historical building. The wing was compatible to the esthetic structure of the White House- the "People's House". The White House does not belong to the current occupant. It is on loan, and as such, should not be renovated by whim. If a larger event space is needed, proper architects and review committees need to be involved to make sure the wing does not overshadow the main building. It should be a multi-use wing, so that the expense to build it is not wasted on only large gatherings.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:35:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samuel Martland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to this project. I was distressed by the demolition of the East Wing because of its association with important historical figures like Eleanor Roosevelt. I am opposed to replacing it with a giant ballroom, which sounds like it will be so large as to overshadow the main building of the White House. The White House is primarily a residence and an office building. The work of the President, cabinet, and staff should be the principal purpose of the building. There are already spaces suitable for state dinners and similar functions of the type typically called for in the course of the duties of the President (hosting foreign dignitaries, meeting ambassadors, and the like). On those rare occasions when the President is called upon to host a giant party, it can reasonably be done in other federal buildings in the capital or in private buildings designed and rented out for the purpose.

In about 1850, an American author named Townsend wrote a book called "The New World Compared to the Old". He argued that the republics of the Western Hemisphere were less ostentatious and more practical than the kingdoms and empires of Europe. In one chapter--profusely illustrated with engravings--he compared the official residences of the heads of state of various countries. He pointed out the relative smallness and plainness of the White House as an example of American frugality and equality. The White House still has something of that humility, even with new wings, and even though security concerns no longer let anyone who wants to walk right up to the door. Based on the descriptions I have seen, the proposed new east wing with its ballroom would transform the White House into an arrogant symbol of exaggerated executive power.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:35:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Codi Hennessey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have begun in the first place, it’s entirely unnecessary. It is an obvious waste of taxpayer money to build a “ballroom” to satiate a morally bankrupt, self obsessed, financially corrupt, intellectually challenged, dementia addled old sexual abuser’s greedy ego.
The White House is a symbol that has risen and fallen multiple times throughout the history of our republic. Many presidents have contributed to renovation, modernization, restoration and fully rebuilding it after its destruction from war and fire. This president only seeks to appease the wealthy (and himself), which would make it a symbol of corruption and greed more so than it already is or has been.

Furthermore, the east wing was used by many First Ladies of the presidents to champion numerous worthwhile causes to further the very people their spouses were to serve. To demolish the past design in favor of a corrupt politicians desire to have opulent, self aggrandizing parties funded on the tax payers dime is an affront to Women, Americans and democracy as a whole.

Instead of the “White House” being white, perhaps the building should be renamed the “People’s House” and take different themes per each new administration to show a commitment to unity and Americans of all stripes. Surely that would be much better symbolism for a government run of the people, by the people, for the people. Somehow, I suspect the current government doesn’t align with these ideals that should be “as American as apple pie”.

If there’s any doubt, I am entirely against the demolition and the construction of a foolish “ballroom” in the east wing but would much like to see the previous design restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:33:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggi Brose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 1:33:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of an oversized ballroom and the continued bastardization of the People's House by the current President. I want to see the East Wing restored to its historic status as much as possible, with accommodation as necessary for accessibility and security. No fake gold ornamentation, no Mar-a-Lagoing of its uses, and don't name anything after Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:33:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Lorusso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing without input and without consent from the People was offensive. But, that is on par with this administration, I suppose. At this point, the damage is literally already done and the money should be invested in the people who were severely impacted by the cuts in HR 1, the worst bill in history. Thanks for screwing us over.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:33:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am trained as an architect and historian, and my comments about the East Wing Modernization Project is that it has violated several regulations. First, there was never any public comment period or public review of the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House. There needs to be a penalty levied against such a blatant violation of the law, as there would be with any demolition of an historic building without any review or approval. Second, the East Wing was demolished by the tenant of the White House - the President - rather that after a decision-making process by its owner - the people of the United States. This, too, should involve a penalty, again as would happen if any tenant tore down part of an owner's building. Third, the ballroom addition is too tall and too large, not only for its proximity to the White House, but also for its aesthetics and functionality. It dwarfs the White House and its proportions are ungainly and overblown. If the President wants a bigger ballroom, then he and his architects should consider partly burying it in the ground so that the top of the ballroom is no higher than the West Wing. A partly buried ballroom would provide a terrace on its roof that could be used for the President's helicopter and the one-story above ground would have windows that illuminate the ballroom, without the building overpowering the White House. Design can reconcile differences and in this case, the President can get the ballroom he wants while the White House can remain the dominant structure on the site, as it has been since the beginning of this country.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:33:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: NANCY SOTTOSANTI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire property is the"Peoples' Property' and should have the input of the People--thru the appropriate channels. I agree with the following comments:
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thank you for letting the People talk!
Nancy Sottosanti

Date: 2/14/2026 1:33:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lambert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the new addition to over power the beauty of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:32:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BRUCE RECTOR
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an out of control project. The cause of this being an out of control ego (pejorative meaning) of the current President of the United States. It is time for the real owners of this building to control the outcome. How the NCPC thinks this should be done is fine with me as long it is nothing like what is happening now.

Private funding of this project is a very slippery slope and should be disallowed. I would rather it be rubble than what the President is proposing.

This is way more than a symbol, it is essentially sacredness. Please take action.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:31:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jo Jablonski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would support restoring the East Wing to its original stature with the same materials and design. I am not in favor of building a large Ballroom. When I visited our Capitol in Washington DC, our tour showed the beauty of this structure. This White House is not meant to be be a castle. It is the home of our country. It should be preserved as it was when it was rebuilt in 1942, to show the skills and artistry of the time and the beauty it deserves. The simplicity of the East Wing is more reflective of our history. A grandiose ballroom is not fitting for the White House. I am hopeful, the East Wing will be back again.
Thank you for allowing input in this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:31:31 PM
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Name: Maritza Mena-Malave
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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short time resident of the White House and this project needs to be downsized considerably. It does NOT need to be 90,000 sq ft. If he wants to have large events, he can have it at his home in Florida. Even though it is being "funded" by private donors, these donors will most certainly want something in return for their so called "investment/donation".
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Name: Nancy Fortuin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My City values and invests heavily in historic preservation. I expect the same of my nation's historic assets. I found the rush to tear down the East Wing with no public review to be horrifying. I have viewed only the pictures of the proposed ballroom and the fact that it dwarfs the rest of the building is also horrifying and not worthy of the grace and understatement (relative) of The People's House. I will adamantly oppose this project until there is appropriate and objective review.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:30:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlene Horowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: East Wing Modernization

This proposed ballroom is an abomination. It destroys the character of the People's House in its intent and purpose. The White House complex is in the center of downtown DC surrounded by historical landmarks

and commercial enterprises. The East Wing no longer exists. Right now it is just a gaping hole that once contalned the memories and projects of the nation's First Ladies. This is the vanity project of a man suffering from senile dementia who intends never to leave the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:30:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Meeks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project title is misleading and implies a simple renovation when the original historic east wing has already been demolished. It is true the White House could use a larger event space and updated offices however the new building should not outsize and overshadow the original White House building. If the new east wing were the same size or slightly longer that the original White House and no taller than the main house, it would still provide a sizable event space on one floor and plenty of space for offices on another floor. It also would not cost nearly as much as was quoted for trump's plan. Please consider architectural proportions and keep in the same styling as the original White House. This new building will be used to entertain foreign dignitaries and therefore should be in keeping with federal Greek revival style of the main house rather than an embarrassing gaudy extravagance.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:29:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Foster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tacky dance hall is a sick megalomaniac's pathetic and indecent project.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:29:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Ellet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing. Do not build the ballroom! If any type of ballroom or entertainment space were to be built, it needs to be a reasonable size that doesn't drastically change the appearance of the White House. The main structure should be the more prominent feature. It should be something that appeals to the masses, not just to the current president.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:28:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Suchor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to any changes that President Trump wants to make to the White House. There is no need for a Ballroom that will be larger than the White House. There is also no need for an Arch in Washington DC. President Trump should have to pay out of his own pocket for the repair to the East Wing of the White House that he demolished without permission to build his Ballroom.

Any and all major alterations of the White House property should have complete review and approval of the National Capital Planning Commission BEFORE work begins. If work is done without such approval there should be monetary penalties to all parties involved in the work.

Any changes should have a complete review that will look at preserving the historical integrity of the property and ALL costs involved prior to any work being started.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:28:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been torn down. It should be built back but not as a ballroom. Trump should be required to pay for the build back with his own money for not following the correct protocols.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:27:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Flaxman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that Trump has removed the East Wing of the White House, the National Capital Planning Commission needs to keep close tabs on the construction of the new wing to make sure that the construction meets the specifications that are submitted and approved by the commission. The commission should only approve plans that do not dwarf or diminish the grandeur of the historic White House, the People's House. Trump should also not be allowed to put his name on the outside of the building.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:27:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Felts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was not performed in accordance with written regulatory provisions. Congress not being involved in the decision process was in direct violation of such provisions. The project must be halted immediately and the grounds be returned to its previous state. The East Wing must be re-constructed to its original form prior to its destruction. I feel the full cost of the re-construction be born by the president, since he was the only one who authorized the destruction without proper authorization.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:27:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

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The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

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Name: Dr. Jon M. Huegli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the framers of the United States Constitution feared, the White House incumbent has usurped the authority the voting public has invested in its representatives to decide on actions such as this. From this country's beginning, our founding mothers and fathers sought to protect the governed from a capricious, immoral, and self-aggrandizing monarchy. The current United States president's White House ballroom building practices that circumvented our representation proxies at the decision-making table duplicate the self-serving whims and fancies of George III prior to the Revolution that we celebrate today! The incumbent's unilateral and personally financed building ambitions remind us of the tyrant King who taxed our forefathers into submission to his will in retribution. The incumbent's independent naming of government-financed buildings after himself demonstrates his ignorance of an underlying principle of United States government leadership across the three branches: humility in servant leadership, which treats the position as an honor, not a right.

The White House was intentionally built to house a servant of the people, not a king, emperor, autocrat, or plutocrat. That issue was resolved between the Federalists and Democratic Republicans before the White

House was built. As a result, it was intentionally designed to be modest in both aesthetic and size, yet intended to dignify the office in the eyes of visitors and statesmen. Over the last centuries, it has always been treated first as a home for the president, not a showplace. A modest proportion was preferred to an ostentatious large scale. It was to eschew the appearance of a palace or monument for an individual.

The incumbent's circumventing an established policy and procedure for reviewing and deciding on building projects is unlawful and should be punished as treason and the usurpation of the rights of American citizens. The use of plutocrats' money to impose upon the American public the megalomaniac will of one individual violates the Constitution in an unprecedented way. The outrageous disproportion of the dancehall in relation to the White House building and grounds reflects the incumbent's self-flattery at the expense of the American public's preference for leadership modesty and humility, as exemplified by the residence's greatest president, Abraham Lincoln. We must ask: Would any of the prior presidential incumbents impose on patriotic Americans such a Taj Mahal memorial to himself as has the present one?

I urge the rightful representative decision-makers to abandon the dancehall project, to haul away the portions of the building that have been constructed, to secretly bury the materials so that they are not used to memorialize this failed putsch debacle; instead, restore and preserve whatever remains of the White House wing that was obliterated and destroyed. I urge our rightful government workers and representatives to select among the existing public buildings those that can easily accommodate the number of visitors that the incumbent exaggerated would attend a public event that he and future presidents would hold. Consider replacing the cost of applying gold foil to ceilings and filigree with outfitting an appropriate number of restrooms, stalls, and urinals that can also accommodate plain American folks and foreign visitors with limited mobility. At a time when the current president is spending unprecedented millions of taxpayer money on trips to and from his own mansion, please make decisions about this building fiasco that counter these frivolous costs that we, the silent, non-plutocrats, can no longer financially support. Represent us with spiritual wisdom and strength!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:27:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clarisse Sirianni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It’s a disgrace. Trump tore down a government property without any input from agencies. Restore and rebuild the east wing. No ballrooms for his vanity project

Date: 2/14/2026 1:26:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda McErlean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition of the historic East Wing was a malicious action and to replace it with a vulgar monstrosity that will dwarf the White House itself is unconscionable. We are a democracy and should not be building a monument to monarchial lavishness and extravagance that is inconsistent with the spirit of our nation. Any replacement should be in the same scale and style as what was criminally destroyed and should exhibit a restrain and humble rationality more consistent with what our country once did and should again be presenting to its citizens and the world.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:26:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hollingsworth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the original East Wing.
- update to current constrution standards
- modernize the underground bunker
- restore the Rose Garden
- use historic levels of interior finish and design, not tacky gaudy gold trinkets
- build it with the reverance and dignity it deserves, worthy of the Peoples house

Date: 2/14/2026 1:25:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hinda Rosenbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should be restored to its original look along with the once beautiful Rose Garden. The current occupant had NO prior authorization to destroy the historic East Wing (or Rose Garden). The demolition of the East Wing by the current occupant is therefore illegal. The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us, the people, and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own garish and outrageous tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
The White House, the People's House, is not a palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
A replica of the old historic East Wing should be re-constructed to replace what was cruelly destroyed. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. Modern updates to electric, plumbing, and access for the disabled should be done as well.
Bring back the historic East Wing (and Rose Garden) that were destroyed!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:25:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Sawyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions visually balancing the West and East Wings, and restore the architectural style in keeping with historical norms and uses, update wiring to bring everything up to current day code, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow established protocol for making historically correct modifications. Replace the Kennedy rose gardens.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:25:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen DeFlora
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that the East wing of the People's House was destroyed to suit the whims of a mad man. The White House is not Mara-logo. The White House does not belong to any President. It, in its entirety, belongs to the People of the United States. I am ashamed of this administration and its follies.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:25:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Caldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a Total waste of money. And the fact that he demolished the East Wing to begin without approvals is total disregard for our nation. The WHITE HOUSE is Not His! It belongs to the People of this country. Guys is a total disgrace.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:25:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Stern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The Peoples House. Please restore the East Wing exterior to be the same size and design as the original which balances with the West wing. Updated electrical and plumbing to codes. Inside- an event space /ballroom with limits to fit into those dimensions. Upstairs office spaces. Please restore Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden. It is missed and the concrete patio is unappealing at best. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:25:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Fiest, what must be establish is what is really needed. The design, appropriate scale and execution follows. THIS CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY ONE MAN,

Date: 2/14/2026 1:24:57 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Schmarje
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the footprint to exterior dimensions and architectural style. Build a secure modern bunker. Update wiring etc and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Do not construct a ballroom.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:24:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim English
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm only half serious here, but that half comes from my heart. What if we (once future progress on the "ballroom" is halted irrevocably) leave the ruins of the East Wing as they are, as a reminder of how close we came as a nation to the demise of the United States as we have known it for 250 years. The gas chambers of Auschwitz have been preserved to remind us of the horrors of the Holocaust. The battlefield at Gettysburg has become a monument to the horrors of the Civil War. The Colliseum in Rome reminds us of the human sacrifices that occured there. Monuments do not always memorialize good events. They also serve the purpose of reminding us of the darker times in history so that they hopefully will not be repeated.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:24:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Ostrander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a absolute abomination. The demolition of the East Wing was illegal and uncalled for. No planning, discussion, or studies were conducted. Two-hundred and twenty-five years of history were demolished at the whim of the POTUS. Another example of the POTUS thinking he can do whatever he wants. I am absolutely against anything other the the complete and authentic reconstruction of the East Wing. The POTUS should be responsible for the costs, as well as fined for the damage and destruction he caused.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:24:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Gillespie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I was devastated when the East Wing of the White House was torn down without any input from the public. It belongs to the American people—not to any one president. The White House is an historic building. The East Wing should be restored to its original dimensions and historic architecture. It might contain a small ballroom, movie theatre, kitchen, and offices for the First Lady. The decor should match the character of the rest of the White House. It should not have a "lavish interior including chandeliers and ornate columns." It should not be ostentatious. The ballroom should only be used for official government functions and not for entertaining the president's political friends or donors. ADA accommodations should be included so that it can serve everyone.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Kulick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed size of the ballroom is way out of sync with the rest of the White House size and shape. A much smaller footprint with facilities for a larger crowd from that of the existing facilities could be acceptable without overwhelming the White House and the grounds around it. As presented now, it is totally unacceptable to me.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:24:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Corn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an absolute disgrace that our beautiful historic Whitehouse is being demolished on the whim of one man with dubious taste and no sense of history. Maybe the public should have been asked before he hauled out the wrecking ball.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:23:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Grady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal to construct a new ballroom on the roof of the White House is not just an architectural misstep; it is a profound act of institutional disrespect. The White House is not a private estate, a corporate resort, or a gilded monument to personal taste. It is a living symbol of American democracy, restraint, and continuity. To treat it as a canvas for vanity construction projects undermines the very ideals it represents.

When leaders begin to treat historic institutions as extensions of their personal brand, we cross a dangerous line. The presidency is not ownership; it is stewardship. The building has stood through wars,

depressions, assassinations, impeachments, and peaceful transfers of power precisely because each occupant understood (at least nominally) that they were temporary caretakers of something far greater than themselves. A rooftop ballroom, particularly one pushed through by a president known for self-aggrandizing projects, would blur that distinction between public trust and private indulgence.

Under Donald Trump, we have repeatedly seen a governing philosophy that equates authority with entitlement. The notion that a sitting president could alter one of the most historically significant buildings in the world simply because he wants to reflects a broader pattern: governance driven by ego rather than principle. The White House is not Mar-a-Lago. It is not a luxury property to be remodeled at whim. It is a national landmark held in trust for 330 million people, and for generations not yet born.

Beyond symbolism, the precedent is corrosive. If one president can fundamentally alter the structure for personal or political spectacle, what prevents future occupants from further reshaping it to suit their own tastes or agendas? Institutions endure because they are insulated from impulsive, personality-driven changes. The White House should be preserved, not personalized.

Opposition to such a project is not about aesthetics alone; it is about defending democratic norms. The presidency demands humility before history. A rooftop ballroom would signal the opposite: that legacy, tradition, and institutional restraint are subordinate to spectacle and self-image. That is not leadership; it is indulgence.

The White House belongs to the American people. It should remain a symbol of continuity, not a billboard for one man's ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:23:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is complete waste of money and has destroyed THE PEOPLES HOUSE in a lawless reckless manner. This might as well be King Louis XVI in Versailles. Honestly I feel like this is an impeachable offense for President Trump. Among many many MANY offenses. He wrecked the Kennedy Center too. As a resident of the DMV for 50 years, this is highly egregious and should be stopped NOW. Fuck King Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:23:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Axtman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should have been reviewed long before the demolition occurred. There was no oversight on the claims of structural integrity issues, etc. A modernization does not normally mean bull doze and rebuild. What is the Total Cost of Facility Ownership, on this 90,000sf ballroom? How is the American public going to pay for the upkeep? Is this going to become the norm in DC, what's next, for the "modernization" wrecking ball?

Please stand up for our national historic places and treasures and be build the East Wing, as it was designed. Of course, upgrade the systems, and allow for better flow for services, but a 1,000-seat ball room

and a subsequent addition the West Wing, so the aesthetic is maintained, should be a hard NO!

Thank You

Date: 2/14/2026 1:23:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kandy Hunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House, the People's House, it is not a Palace.
It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
I was surprised on my first visit to DC how small the entire structure of the “White House” is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!
It would nice if Trump had to pay for the reconstruction with his own personal money.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:23:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Hulett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East wing should be constructed to mirror the West wing from the outside perspective. Inside, it should be designed to accommodate the offices and meeting rooms needed for the people who lost access when the prior building was demolished. The building of course should be modernized and brought up to code, but it should also be designed in keeping with the esthetic of the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:22:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

New wing must be consistent with original building- no excessive size or gaudiness. Rose garden must be returned.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:22:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Standish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. The demolition of the East Wing of the White House violated the Administrative Procedures Act and National Environmental Policy Act. The project lacked proper public review and approval from bodies like the National Capital Planning Commission.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:21:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Herbst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find this whole process to be executive branch overreach. The clandestine destruction and removal is currently under legal review. The public outcry has been notably against these actions despite party affiliation. Abandon the project as proposed and start with an independent or bi-partisan committee interested in seeing functionality first! Leave the grandiosity to the alterations already completed!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:21:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeleine Mcclellan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed Ballroom is ugly and architecturally dissonant.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:21:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hearing of the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was heartbreaking. The pictures made me want to cry. The "modernization project" is anything but. Please accept this comment as my opposition to both the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed project.

Thank you,

Julie Olson

Date: 2/14/2026 1:20:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Bond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom to replace the East Wing. I support rebuilding it to look as close to the original as possible with the inclusion of alterations to bring it up to code and to make it ADA accessible. I also strongly oppose any decoration that consists of the very tacky gold filigree. It is the PEOPLE"S house. Please restore it to be just that!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:20:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Howard Scholl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The WHite House is NOT in need if an90,000 sq ft ballroom. The intention of our forbears was to provide a structure to house the President and his family. It was never meant to have a grossly oversized and obscenely ornate ballroom attached to it.
White House dinners and special events have always been held IN the White House, and we Americans do not need a structure almost twice the size of the original building, just to satisfy the ego of someone who will soon no longer occupy the WHite House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:19:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mike dalena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is unnecessary and a scar on the nation’s capital. The historical White House has been

eternally damaged by the destruction of the East Wing, the destruction of the Rose Garden, and the destruction of the building's interior with cheap plaster and gold tone nonsense.

This ballroom must be halted and the money raised used to rebuild the East Wing as it was before Jan 20, 2025.

There is no reason for the white house to have such a huge and ostentatious structure dwarfing the original home. What is happening with this administration is out of control and every stop must be put in place for the integrity of the nation, the people, and physical structures that hold real symbolic stature.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:19:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO! NO BALLROOM!!!
Since the east wing was destroyed without notice, without commission approval, and without the opportunity for public comment, PLEASE pay attention now to the wishes of THE PEOPLE to whom the White House belongs! NO BALLROOM!!!
Leave it alone so that when the current "occupant" leaves, someone rational can reconstruct the wing!
NO BALLROOM!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:19:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: peter van aken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wiing of the White House to the same dimensions and scale as it was originally. Make the interior ADA accessible and using the latest fire and electrical building codes.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:19:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's house, Our house, we don't want or need a huge ballroom that only billionaires will ever get to see. It is already a travesty that the historic East Wing was demolished without approval!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:19:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Coe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We should have been asked this before they destroyed the East Wing. It should be restored to its original design with any upgrades necessary for safety. We do not need a ballroom at the White House. Please stop the destruction of history!

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Name: Sammie WILSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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There's nothing that can be done now since it's torn down but it should have never been desecrated to begin with. Updating and restoration absolutely but not demolishing. I believe the size and scope of the project is ludicrous and the plans are garish, ostentatious and abhorrent. I'd love to see it built as it was and certainly not the size proposed. The cost which is supposedly being paid for by donors needs to be provided and placed in an account that cannot be accessed by the President. The donations have all the markings of expected reciprocity to the donors and worries me. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and a monument to its citizens. Therefore the citizens and the historic preservation oversight committee should be given the final approval and decided upon accordingly. The new design is a definite no vote from me.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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What this President did to this beautiful and important landmark is a disgrace. Please restore it to the original size and ensure that it is RESTORED in keeping with the original design and its historical significance. Modernizations should be things like wiring, accessibility, and other infrastructure needs but otherwise it should be RESTORED to its original design and aesthetic. Please don't let this despicable and traitorous President put that gaudy gold everywhere. Thank you for fighting back. If only you could have stopped it before he destroyed what belongs to the American people. If a bigger ballroom is needed, go elsewhere to find one. I am sure that Washington DC has one that could be rented as needed. Please continue to stand up to this tyrant. Hopefully we get our country back soon. If only it was as easy to restore honesty, integrity and dedication to the Constitution as it will be to rebuild and restore this beautiful ballroom. MAKE TRUMP PAY FOR THIS PROJECT. He has certainly made enough money while in office to pay for it. He needs to be accountable for this and so much more.

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Name: Amy Dubow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I would like to see the East Wing returned to the way it was before it was torn down...exactly the same. I would not like it to be adorned with gold trinkets. I would also like the Rose Garden back to the way it was, not concrete. In my opinion, this should be done at Donald Trump's expense, since it was destroyed by him, without the consent of the National Capital Planning Commission.

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Name: Christine VanDerwill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It's been devastating to see this President treat the White House and its grounds as his personal Mara Lago North. Unfortunately, all of his taste is in his mouth. I think the East Wing should be rebuilt with necessary upgrades, possibly reconfiguring the interior spaces to be more practical/useful. The rose garden should be restored, maybe with a smaller, artsy patio area. I agree with the person who said that there are other buildings with room to host "balls."

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Name: Megan Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I vehemently oppose any proposal that would impact the historic people's White House. It is wrong that this began without approval from the citizens who own this building. The residents should face consequences for their actions. . The current administration would do well to remember that The White House belongs to the American people, not to any temporary occupant, and its preservation must take precedence over personal vision or legacy projects.

As a U.S.citizen and a citizen of the state of Alabama, I urge decision-makers to reject any plan that cause the historic integrity of this national symbol to be in jeopardy. Work on the property should be strictly limited to restoration of the previous East Wing exterior dimensions and architectural style, along with necessary modernization of infrastructure, safety systems, and ADA accessibility improvements where feasible. All updates should follow long-established processes for historically sensitive changes, ensuring preservation, not reinvention, remains the guiding principle. There should be construction at a different space, rather than replacing or altering the current historic structure, if additional event or gathering space is deemed necessary.. There is no justification for sacrificing the character of one of our nation's most important landmarks for convenience or spectacle.

The White House is the people's house, entrusted to each administration only temporarily, and it must not be treated as a personal project or monument. Do NOT allow the President, now or ever to build a monument or likeness unto himself upon these or any other federally recognized lands. This is appalling that it even needs to be said, as it is one thing for future generations to decide to honor a former leader, but no present leader should require or even suggest such an idea.

Finally, historical features and landscaping should be restored and preserved. Recent exterior additions or decorative elements that detract from the building's traditional dignity should be removed, and future renovations should reflect restraint and respect for history, not personal taste or trend. The American public, including past and future generations deserve stewardship that protects this irreplaceable national treasure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Very few are in agreement with a large tacky ballroom. Bring back the East Wing with the same class it had before being illegally torn down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin OGrady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Late last October, millions of Americans awoke to the horror of images showing the East Wing being demolished. It was a shock to the system, and seemed incomprehensible that the president could independently order the destruction of this beloved piece of history.
The White House is a historic treasure that must be preserved and safeguarded as the "People's House."
The East Wing should be restored to its original design—incorporating intentional renovations and updates that make it safe and functional in the modern electronic/digital age.
Please interview the five living First Ladies of our nation and ask how they would have wanted their office, their staff's offices, and the general spaces in the East Wing modernized to better serve workers and visitors—from world dignitaries to groups of classroom children.
It is imperative that we set an example about the importance of historic preservation in our nation. These structures showcase architectural styles of days gone by and convey stories about our forebearers.
We must honor and cherish our historic sites and preserve them for the coming generations.
POST SCRIPT
As far as the proposed ballroom, it is a completely tone deaf project that is a slap in the face to millions of Americans who are struggling to make ends meet in this time of ever-rising costs.
It is financially irresponsible to build an ostentatious ballroom that will require perpetual maintenance costs and would only be utilized a few days out of the year.
If, for whatever reason, we need a ballroom, it should be built elsewhere and designed as a multipurpose space that will serve the people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Mangiameli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i am oppossed to the construction of the ballroom. It's proposed construction has already and will continue to deter from the original structures simplistic beauty. In my opinion it is a political stunt to enhance the status of our president and not a need. Projects like this should be debated and approved by congress and not just one persons pet project. Future generations will also be forced to live with this addition long after this present administration is gone. I would be in favor of rebuilding the original structure with minimal changes and modernizational.improvements.

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Name: Janice Geddes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having destroyed the East Wing and bulldozed the adjacent area for an unauthorized and unnecessary ballroom, this administration has one again trampled the mores, rules and wishes of the American public. With the complete disregard for historic buildings and sites, trump has proved once again that he cares nothing for history or rules.
I am absolutely opposed to this construction and feel that the way this was implemented deserves a large fine, at the very least, to be paid personally by trump. If a ballroom is actually determined to be necessary, by the vote of a group of professionals and historians, then it should advance without input from the president, whose only goals are rooted in self-aggrandizement and ego. The size and scope should be commensurate with the existing buildings, designed and planned by committee, not fiat.Any recovery of the destroyed East Wing and subsequent repair of surrounding land should be paid by trump, as well.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Shroyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see a much smaller ballroom, with the East Wing restored, to whatever extent possible. This is the house of the people, not of the current occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:15:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Shean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it originally was before Trump destroyed it. This demolition of our national treasures and the People's House has got to stop. Trump is a disaster in every possible way.

Restore the East Wing!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:15:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Coeli Hoover
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and any extensive work should follow all processes set forth in policy and law, including contracting procedures. While a modern event space may be needed, the size and design, both interior and exterior, should reflect and complement that of the existing structure. All historic contents of the prior East Wing must be properly preserved and retained. A qualified and nonpartisan committee of historians, architects, and preservation professionals should oversee the project and approve the design. The process must be transparent and follow all existing laws and policies. Any Administration is merely a temporary tenant, the White House and its contents belong to the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Peranteau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen, a White House visitor, a teacher of historical theory and criticism, and one of many who feel connected to our history through authentic structures, I'm deeply distressed by this project and its chosen procedures. From following the information and video you provided, it became clear to me that the architects and planners want no input and provide for it only when pressed to. From the images provided by the architect, it became clear to me that the proposed structure diminishes the White House's presence and stature, through its incredible footprint, its matching roofline, and its sheer presence through intrusion. There is no acknowledgement anywhere that this building belongs to the people, and the powers that be are there to protect and preserve if for the people.

I'm disappointed in some of the commissioners' support "without reservation" for the project that violated to the point of complete disregard correct procedure and still provides very little information, as well as very little respect for the Trust.

The final comments of the chair left me feeling he was eagerly rubber-stamping the project, suggesting we need something "fancier" in order to compete with countries without our history or type of government. He didn't seem to understand what the duties of the Trust are and that it exists to see that our history remains authentically ours. I've seen the office of the President remade in that sort of commercial image and fear for the White House.

Thank you for this opportunity for regular people to offer input. I hope in can be considered.

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Name: Lecia Finney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The design is poorly planned, which leads to cost and schedule overruns. Additionally, it is a waste of taxpayer money where a rental facility will be less expensive and more multipurpose for long term satisfying the need.

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Name: Allen Michie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

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Name: Marilyn Wacks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump has already demolished the East Wing of the White House, which is not his house, it is the People's House. — in defiance of his own public promises, federal oversight, and basic respect for our shared national heritage. There are no approved plans for the ballroom, no permits, no historic-preservation review, and no indication that priceless historical artworks or artifacts were protected before demolition began.

Trump has said publicly that the new ballroom is privately funded by himself and friends. Those unnamed friends reportedly include corporate and defense-industry executives whose companies do business with the government — the very definition of a conflict of interest. This private financing makes the desecration even more disturbing. The White House belongs to the American people.

The National Capital Planning Commission must investigate the legality of the ballroom construction and determine whether the President violated the National Historic Preservation Act and the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act. Until such time as this can be determined, freeze current and future demolition until proper oversight and independent review are complete.

If it is decided that the construction is legal, then The National Capital Planning Commission must require full disclosure of all donors and companies funding the construction of the ballroom.

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Name: Kristin Mellon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since there was no permission granted to demolish the East Wing of the White House, the Peoples' House, I believe Donald Trump must be required to pay to rebuild the East Wing as it was. Construction upgrades to meet current building codes are of course appropriate. Donald Trump must have no part in the reconstruction except for providing the funds which must be received up front of the construction.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Edmonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to indicate that I am totally against this project. I was horrified when I saw the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and how that was done without adequate input from the citizens of the U.S. and without proper oversight. The White House is the "People's House" and the president does not have the right to destroy it in the way that he did. And the concept of a "ballroom" to replace what was destroyed is also horrifying to me. Our government exists at the will of those governed and yet a "ballroom" indicates that only those with power, influence, and money would ever be allowed to use it. The plan for it shows it will be ugly, gaudy, and incredibly costly. Its construction is not a proper use of taxpayer's money. If billionaires fund it then there is no doubt that many of us who are ordinary citizens will be excluded from it. In addition those who funded it are likely to seek favors from the administration in response to the donations. Were this to happen, that would be grounds for an investigation of corruption. but if the construction of the ballroom is primarily funded by tax payer funds then the people should have the right to evaluate any plan for the construction and to reject it. I am completely against the construction of the proposed ballroom and believe it does great damage to our nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sue Backus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of the most important historical buildings in the United States and a critical part of our national heritage. That it was summarily bulldozed without any public notice or input is alarming and heartbreaking and should be a clear sign that there must be a nonpartisan review process in place before any further action is taken.
Although the White House spaces may need updating and modernizing from time to time, current plans that show an enormous building dwarfing the main house are not consistent with the historical architecture

nor are they warranted. There must be a rigorous and deliberate design and review process to ensure that the new east wing is proportional and in harmony with the main White House.
This process should be transparent and include public input and not turn on the whims of a single person.

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Name: Donna Seidel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald J. Trump has done despicable damage throughout our country. Please follow the law and stop this desecration of The People's House. It was built as a relatively modest building to represent what the United States stands for. The population of this country are hard-working people who spend carefully, and only as necessary. This administration does not intend to reflect We The People, in his ego-driven pipe dreams.

The current ballroom has history and has served all administrations well. Should the proper process decide that a larger ballroom is truly necessary, put it somewhere else, completely away from the White House. And don't allow tacky bordello gold to predominate!

Completely RESTORE the East Wing of the White House! Make any handicapped accessibility that is needed, as well as any health and safety accommodations.

Do not allow private donors to pay for either project. Charge Donald J. Trump for the costs, and force him to pay the contractors for what he caused to be destroyed or started so far.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Bruggeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want the ballroom built. It is gaudy and unnecessary. It is to serve one man, not the American people. And the fact it would be bigger than the White House is obscene. No to the ballroom or anything else huge and gilded in goal. That does not reflect American values.

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Name: Jane Cates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see a building on the scale of the old east wing. Could a smaller event area be constructed? I do think an indoor event space is a good idea. I would also like to see a space that builds on US architecture rather than French,

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Name: Robert Maroc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the East Wing of the White House should be restored to its previous state. The White House is a symbol of our democracy; it is the People's house; it is not something a sitting President should be able to manipulate for his own priorities. The scale of the proposed addition is completely out of touch with the size of the White House itself, and the costs involved will be an undue burden on taxpayers. We the People don't want a ballroom that only billionaires will ever get to see.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: SC Whalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sudden, callous and unannounced destruction of the East Wing is a National Tragedy.

The White House is the People's House, not the President's, and any changes should be made only with the approval of rhe People of the United States of America, via our elected representatives, along with input from the National Historic Preservation Society.

Please halt all work on the East Wing Site until all proper congressional debate, approval, and allocation of funds are properly undertaken.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: M Preston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to object, strenuously, to the tasteless potential addition to our, We the People's, White House. Beyond tasteless, the architecture is totally at odds with the south facade of the WH. In addition, the 90,000 sq ft desecration is almost two thirds again the 55,000 sq ft of the WH. I don't see the need for such an addition of this size for the stated purpose. A wing that dwarfs the original structure is an abomination, and its visual mismatch is glaring and unacceptable.
Do not approve this or any design undertaken without the lead direction of the properly designed commission for the design of Federal buildings.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki M. Delaski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
1. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style,
2. Update wiring etc.
3. Make interior ADA accessible where possible.
4. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
5. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
6. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
7. Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
8. The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
9. Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
The White House, the People's House, is not owned by ANY president living there. The president and his family are tenants and as such cannot make changes without permission.
The White House was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leonard Martello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was begun without any forethought to the size and scale compared to the rest of The White House. There was little if any planning before the President began tearing down the historic East Wing. It is going to dwarf the rest of the complex, which has housed presidents since the time of John Adams. Stakeholders should have been sought for input, this was not done, at least not publicly. This is America's house, not Donald Trumps. Shame on the President for recklessly altering The White House without following proper and legal protocols.

Sincerely,
Leonard Martello
Bedford Hills, NY
Proud American Citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 1:10:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Lionarons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see the East Wing of the White House restored to exactly the way it was before Trump had it demolished.

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Name: Cynthia Marlowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry. Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.

It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

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Name: Lori Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express that I do NOT support this project. This is the People's house. At a time when there is so much true NEED in our country, I cannot condone spending any funds, even if they are all "donated," to this project. After it is built, it will still need to be maintained by taxpayer funds. Additionally, this ridiculous ballroom completely dwarfs the existing structure. It simply does not belong there. It is unnecessary, it is a vanity project, and it needs to be stopped.

The White House is an historic structure. Any changes must be reviewed and approved by the proper authorities. The people of the United States deserve to weigh in. Certainly, the United States Congress must be included. The fact that the complete destruction of the East Wing occurred without any prior approvals or input is unconscionable. Any "donations" earmarked for an unneeded ballroom should be instead be mandated to restore the White House to what it was.

I sincerely hope that you will do everything in your power to stop this waste of resources and to have the East Wing returned to its former status.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Zambiasi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.
This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.
While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Commissioners need to hear directly from the public. As Carol Quillen has said, the American people deserve “an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Plourde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I do NOT support the renovation and modernization of the East Wing. It is my desire that the space be rebuilt and restored to its intended use & former splendor - architecturally, historically, and culturally. Any renovation must respect the historical scale & design of the White House without exceeding the scale of the original structure. Any modernization must not be gilded with ugly gold accents, but only follow the historical norms of the rest of the White House and be in good taste and slightly understated.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. It was a blatant disregard for the American people for one person to

destroy it on an ego whim and was done without the proper submission to be reviewed by Congress as stated, "Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval."
What was done to the East Wing of the White House is a travesty and an affront to the American People. Now the taxpayers must pay for a completely new building rather than updating & repairing what needed attending to.
I submit my comments in good faith that they will be taken into account and help disregard the proposed modernization & expansion - We, the American people to NOT want an oversized, mega entertainment building - We want to have an historical place of memories, respect, and solidarity that we can look at and maybe sometime visit where we can relate with our heritage.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Dvorak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The loss of the East Wing is irreparable. The ballroom is a joke and a scam. Please stop it from being built.

Joe Dvorak

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Clement
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of historic structures of any kind without regard to the peoples voices and historic preservation is absolutely abominable. Save OUR HISTORY from the whim and self indulgence of one Tiny man!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original state with upgrades to comply with current building regulations. The rose garden should be restored as well.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicky Sykes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our country doesn't need a ridiculously oversized ballroom larger than the White House just because they have them in foreign countries formerly run by Royals who were out of touch with the average man. The size of the event space and the overall building should be in keeping with the lines of the White House. Does the ceiling height inside need to be so tall that the building eclipses the White House? No, it does not. Let's not let this turn into the oversized presidential vanity project it looks like it's headed for. Build a reasonable ballroom within the current aesthetics and sizing of the White House, minus all the faux gold trim, of course.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Ettinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom built. I would like the East Wing rebuilt and I think Trump should pay for it!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenifer Kaneer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please, above all, maintain an understated elegance. Avoid the gaudy gold "trim" that has been inflicted on the White House interior. Please reflect the "no kings" esthetic, this is a democracy. I fear this is dwarfing the White House, and looks extremely inappropriate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rona Layton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an absolute disgrace that trump had the East Wing demolished without authorization. He cannot be allowed to take that action without consequences. He should be required to pay for the reconstruction of the building as it was. The White House is not his house - it belongs to the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:15 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as a temporary guest of the People. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished wtihout authority. Any additions should reflect the symmetrical design of the current White House. There should be no pretentious decor suggestive of an autocratic regime and most importantly no tawdry gold ornamentation. The Rose Garden should be re-created in or near its original site.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Lehsau-Findlay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am thoroughly opposed to East Wing Modernization Project. It is a travesty that the historic east wing of the people's house was destroyed without oversight at the whim of temporary resident. The east wing needs to be rebuilt as it was. A grandiose oversized ballroom is the last thing our nation needs. The expense of upkeep alone, for use once or twice a year, is absurd.
Oversight is needed moving forward to protect what is left of the integrity of our nation's iconic Presidential residence.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Hobbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been torn down without review and approval, and someone should be held accountable. The size of the proposed ballroom is too massive and needs to be scaled down so that it’s smaller than the White House itself. It should not be decorated too lavishly in things like gold and marble, as that does not best represent America; we are not about palaces.

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Name: PIERCE SHANNON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be reconstructed to duplicate its original outward appearance. A moderate increase in size would be appropriate, but not the wholesale destruction of any recognizable connection to the White House itself. All necessary modernization should be limited to the inside of the building. So much damage has already been done to the dignity and image of the White House by this president, it would be shameful to let this project proceed as it is currently configured.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:07:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is misnamed as "modernization" and would be better named the "Desecration Project." The historic East Wing should never have been demolished but now that the damage has been done, it's imperative that Congress, the National Trust and all other legal entities assert their power to stop this abomination. It is an insult to the memories of the two Roosevelt presidents, and totally out of proportion to the People's House. Plus, I don't believe the "private" contribution party line and feel that we, the taxpayers, will be funding this and the other grotesque vanity projects ramrodded through by Trump. Shame any architect who participates in this sacrilege. Future generations will long remember if the protectors of our national architectural heritage stood up to stop this defilement. Lay down in front of the construction cranes, if you must! All americans will thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:06:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Coe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of our nation's White House and demand restoration of the destruction before an addition of a ballroom is allowed to proceed. Taxpayer money must be considered and the guidance of our Committee on Historic Preservation allowed to oversee this and any other projects that deface or alter our historic monuments.

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Name: Herb Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This in not the person property of the President The law should be followed and nothing should be destroyed without approval under existing law and regulation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Herb Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 1:05:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Burley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would prefer that the East Wing be restored completely as office and small event space within the footprint of the structure that was removed without regard to its importance as an historical building. Updates to security, communications, power and temperature control are acceptable. The exterior design should replicate that which was destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:05:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharla Brechbill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After watching the presentation at the January 8 commission meeting, I am concerned about the size and height of the East Wing project. To say it won't matter because it will be hidden behind trees is disingenuous. I would like to see views from other parts of the property, such as the entrances to the White House. What will visiting dignitaries see as they approach the ballroom? I don't see any way to disguise the fact that in size and in height it totally overwhelms the White House. I also have concerns about the casual mention of renovations to the West Wing. Once again, there is absolutely no way to "restore balance" without demolishing the whole West Wing and starting over. Please please please don't do that! Since the damage has been done, something must be built to replace the East Wing, but please consider making that new structure less opulent and more in keeping with the rest of the White House complex.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:05:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace Cauthorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t destroy this property that belongs to the American people. It would be a travesty.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:05:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cari Downing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to the historic architectural design, with updated interior work spaces.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:05:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lora Schaeffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, having been performed without permission of the Historic Preservation Advisory Council, was not only a disgusting breach of historical preservation protocol but a scar upon the psyche of patriotic citizens of the United States. It follows a pattern of destructive malice on the user of the current executive administration that includes the destruction of the Rose Garden and defamation of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

As such, while the reconstruction of the East Wing is necessary to continue its important role, the current admission has demonstrated a lack of ability to take on this project. The public cannot have confidence that this administration will take into account the history, purpose, or indeed even the architectural integrity of such a project. The public cannot have confidence in the funding of such a project - whether it be a waste of public funds or an investment of private funds looking to curry favor - would be in the best interest of the country and its people.

Review of any proposal for reconstruction and modernization of the East Wing should take this into account and consider that the best option may be to leave the state of the East Wing as it is until confidence is restored in the ability of the administration to construct a building (and grounds) that will not only be a reflection of the needs of the modern age but also respectful of the history and art due to one of the most iconic buildings in the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Nuttycombe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the plans for a gaudy "ballroom" are almost too outrageous for comment. The fact that a convicted felon, rapist, and failed businessman (six bankruptcies; numerous failed ventures) would desecrate perhaps the most significant American building for his own ego is such an obviously bad idea. There is no benefit for the American people. The business of the White House does not require an enormous ballroom. Plenty of ceremonial parties have taken place in the former East

Wing over many decades with no need for "extra space." And don't get me started on the desecration of the interior of the White House with faux gold adornments.

Agreeing to this building is a dereliction of duty for any true American.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Delorenzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should not have been destroyed! And replacing it with a new building that would dwarf the remaining buildings is wrong.

The new building should be the same size and have all the historical furnishings replaced to their rightful place.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Suiter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This plan is an abomination. It is tacky and beneath the dignity of this beautiful historic property that represents our nation.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Sisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and a beautiful, historic building that should not have had the East Wing demolished. It should be restored to be consistent with the original construction, not turned into a huge, ugly, gold ballroom that Americans don't want. If the original building can't be restored to how it was, then minimally it should be kept to a size and style consistent with the rest of the architecture of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jodie Burgess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be either restored or replaced with an historically accurate and functional building. There should be no ballroom or any other building built on the site of the historical East Wing except the functionally and historically accurate replica of the previous East Wing of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Vanfossan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom in the site of the former east wing of the White House. Facts supporting the need for an enormous ballroom have not been presented. There was not any permission given for the destruction of the east wing of the White House. There has not been any oversight for permission, design, architecture, historical preservation or need for s ballroom. It should not even need to be said that no one individual should have authorization to tear down a portion of a national historical building. Since the destruction has already been done, any new construction should be carefully done with permission and oversight from the lawfully authorized agencies. An enormous edifice on the grounds of the White House would overwhelm the building and make the overall presence of the White House be diminished. Just because something could be done does not mean it should be done. Please stop this destruction of a national treasure, our White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CAROLYN HERRING
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed ballroom. I believe it is just a vanity project for President Trump and not something regular people will benefit from. I am appalled at the destruction that has already taken place of the East Wing. It is heartbreaking to see our national property treated with such disdain. I do not trust the President's assertion that it will be paid for with private money rather than taxpayer money, and if it will be the private money will essentially be bribes by oligarchs to their own benefit. Please stop this.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:03:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Motyka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. Any White House new construction must adhere to the original intention of the design; that is, as a home for the president that reflects the ideals of this democratic republic. We rejected European aristocratic and

kingship notions and thus the White House should not be viewed as a palace but a humble home that projects the people's vision of the purpose of the United States.

2. The fact that past presidents reconstructed and revised the White House should not set a precedent for overhauling an entire wing, offsetting the argument that other presidents undertook revisions.

3. The Planning Commission must question the need for a White House "ballroom." The White House is not the palace of Versailles.

4 . The President must follow the law in undertaking reconstruction as did past presidents.

5. The White House is not only a living space for its occupants but is more importantly our house. "We the people" must have a say.

6. The Planning Commission must consider the future of the White House given that this proposal will last with us long after the present occupant is gone.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:03:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas A Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:03:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Herceg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the White House East Wing Modernization Project.

The White House is an historic building and national landmark. It is the people’s house. The occupants of the White House are really just “renters” of the space furring their term as President. They are not the owners of the building and should not be allowed to make significant structural changes without the approval of the owners.

I own my own house now, but when I rented houses or apartments, it was always very clear what I was allowed to do and not do. I could make minor adjustments, furniture, wall hangings, etc. and I was responsible for mowing the grass, changing lightbulbs etc. It is unthinkable that a renter could demolish an entire wing of a building without permission.

It is likewise unthinkable that President Trump would demolish the east wing of the White House without

permission. And I am shocked that his actions were not stopped when the first wrecking ball was brought to the White House grounds! His actions should have been stopped much earlier in the process. And, he should be held fiscally responsible for reconstructing what he tore down. That is what a renter would be responsible for if they did a similar action to a property that they were renting.

If the east wing needed upgrades and or modernization, fine. If it is ultimately determined that some form of large event space is needed on the White House grounds and the east wing is the best place for it, fine. But the process should be done properly, through official channels, and with multilevel approval before even one shovelful of dirt is moved.

Please stop this tear down process of the people's house and return the proper approval processes to the project.

Thank you,
Scott Herceg
Petoskey, Michigan.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:02:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modifications to historic public buildings (the White House is the people's house) should not be done to satisfy one man's ego. It should be a thoughtful process by historic preservation experts, in consultation with the "client," on how to balance contemporary needs with the historic qualities of the building. This should have been followed from the beginning. The process should be immediately halted and reconsidered by professionals. Returning the historic building to how it was before should be at the expense of the parties who demolished it, and then appropriate modifications to meet current needs should follow the appropriate process with the appropriate experts consulted and appropriate oversight included.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Skidmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's do a gold inflatable bouncy house until the idiot in office is thrown out.

This project can not be bigger than the Mai. White House and any gold must be easily removed.

DELAY, DELAY, DELAY

Date: 2/14/2026 1:02:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Garza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of Government money. A small meeting room will suffice.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Anthony Devezin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

TO: National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)

RE: Ethical and Temporal Implications of Project #8733 – East Wing Modernization

DATE: February 14, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Eric A. Devezin, MPA, DPA Student

Statement of Concern: Challenging Administrative Chrononormativity in Federal Infrastructure

As a researcher in public administration, I am writing to object to the current implementation of the East Wing Modernization Project. My research focuses on administrative chrononormativity—the ways in which rigid, normative timelines (such as the four-year political cycle) are used to marginalize community input and bypass ethical safeguards. This project is a textbook example of "temporal exclusion," where speed is weaponized to serve private interests at the expense of public trust.

The administration's "accelerated" construction timeline is designed to ensure completion before the next inauguration. This adherence to a normative political window has directly resulted in the bypassing of essential oversight. By prioritizing the "fast time" of private donors and political legacies, the project excludes the "slow time" required for:

Understanding how such a massive private expansion affects the public nature of federal lands. The demolition of the East Wing occurred without the deliberate, transparent deliberation required by law. The "10-Year Integrity Block" as a Temporal Intervention
To counter this chrononormative pressure, I propose a 10-year access moratorium for all major donors (including Big Tech and defense contractors).

A 10-year block serves as an "anti-chrononormative" intervention. It ensures the impact of the donation outlasts the immediate political cycle (two and a half presidential terms). By de-linking the financial contribution from the donor's ability to access the space within a normative career or political window, we effectively neutralize the "pay-for-play" incentive. In conclusion, the NCPC must not allow the administration to use "urgency" as a shield for corporate influence. I urge the Commission to reject the current project timeline and implement a mandatory 10-year cooling-off period for all private financiers to ensure that White House infrastructure serves the public interest, not a temporary donor-class agenda.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Frodsham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The exterior dimensions and architectural style should be restored, wiring etc. updated and made interior ADA accessible while following and maintaining historically sensitive changes. The White House is the people's house! A ballroom is a frivolous expenditure and not a reason to destroy a National Treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the White House complex.

The White House, the People's House, is not a palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Restore the renovation to its prior exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, plus any other interior modernization needed. Also, make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes and approvals for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or use an existing public space.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luciann Amaral
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:52 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Sasser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
THE WHITE HOUSE IS THE PEOPLES' HOUSE!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorri Rumburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the White House east wing, visual symmetry should be the guiding design feature. Please retain an appropriate size relative to the White House itself and congruent with the west wing. The need for an event space seems reasonable, but there cannot be a need for occupancy of 1000+. Determine a reasonable size for attendance, (250?), keeping in mind the additional expense of seating, tables, linens, flatware, and plates. Keep it a manageable number and the size of the space equivalent to the West Wing. The destruction by Trump is an outrage and his taste in decoration is too gaudy. Please don't replicate what was done in the Oval Office and other spaces.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Goodwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the current proposal for East Wing modifications. The scale of the proposal seems out of scale with the rest of the structure and the grounds. It will destroy the inherent symmetry of the buliding and the graceful architecture that currently exists. I have seen no compelling rationale for changes that will so significantly impact the historic and iconic architecture that is a landmark of our nation. I respectfully ask the NCPC to deny this modification plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Sjogren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be returned, as much as possible, to its original state, respecting the continuity of the rest of the building. I also believe that the garish plans for a large ballroom should be rejected. It is clear that the president wants to build a structure that is similar to those he has coveted in the middle east countries, and a palatial building to honor himself. We are the United States of America, and the White House should not be changed into a spectacle of "fake grandeur". This money could be so much better spent on more worthwhile things such as health care, reducing taxes for middle to low income families, and insuring that people do not go hungry. Refer to World Central Kitchen as a perfect example. Clearly this ballroom is being used to garner favor from the president by "donations". Please let this be an example of drawing a line on what can be done in the name of profit and bribes.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Adrian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization does not mean tearing a thing down! The project needs to be paused until there can be much greater oversight to rebuild the East Wing in a way that is as historically accurate as possible, and no ballroom!
President Trump should have to pay for this out of his own pocket and/or fines should be assessed because he did not go through proper channels before embarking upon the demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorre Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have not spoken to one person who believes this Ballroom of Trumps is a good idea. While millions cannot afford food, housing, or medical care, billions will be spent on an atrocity.

The Trump teardown was done without approval or going through normal channels. I believe this was on purpose - we cannot undo what has been done.

The White House is the People's house, and the people must have a say, as well as the conventions of historical preservation.

Why can't the ballroom be built somewhere else? Trump has created a mess, and shame on anyone who will put money forward to pay for this thing, which is an insult to most Americans.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Westergard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I understand the need for additional space in the area that used to east wing, I am appalled at the idea of a ballroom that almost doubles the size of the White House itself. The United States has access to architects far wiser, more competent, and less inclined to gild everything than our current president.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:00:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Renner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even calling this agenda item the "East Wing Modernization Project" is a travesty. This is nothing but ego and self-aggrandizement run amok. The demolition of the East Wing should never have occurred. Any project arising out of this illegal and idiotic act is tainted from the outset and deserves the highest levels of skepticism and scrutiny. The current proposal is not at all in keeping with the historic character of the White House as a whole and should be rejected with prejudice. An independent commission of experts, not appointed by those with an interest in the project (i.e., the current occupant of the White House or his appointees) should be tasked with developing a proposal for what should be built on the footprint of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:00:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryAnn Morrissette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Committee,
I wish it to be known that I am very much opposed to the current plan to erect a giant ballroom attached to our White House. There should have been, and now needs to be, carefully developed plans which are in keeping with the size and appropriate use in mind for our current and future presidents. The planning and building of the ballroom and any other uses for this space should be done by experts in historic buildings and should not be opulent but should be designed in the style and to the scale of the existing White House.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Morrissette
Citizen of the USA

Date: 2/14/2026 1:00:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Auwaerter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

The administration's proposed new east wing / ballroom is out of scale and poses a significant adverse effect both on the building and on the setting/cultural landscape of the White House. The ballroom is in stark contrast to the historic modesty and restraint of the President's House, and will throw the whole composition out of balance (even with the proposed second story addition to the West Wing--another adverse effect). These additions will destroy significant design features of both the original President's House and the wings.

If this were reviewed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, it would be a clear case of anticipatory demolition (building and other landscape features) and the project would be moving to addressing how to mitigate adverse effects. Where is the documentation of the old East Wing that was done prior to demolition? Has the administration consulted the cultural landscape report for the White House? There are so many questions.

As a historic place of the highest order, the White House deserves careful planning and collaborative design. Thank you for taking public comments into account, and please take them seriously without influence from the administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:00:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janell Roundy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and ALL of its properties and elements belongs to THE PEOPLE of the United States. It does NOT belong solely to trump. He has absolutely NO RIGHT to do whatever he wants with it, excluding the family living spaces.

It is appalling that he has destroyed the wing to build his glory ballroom like a toddler throwing his temper tantrum, doing whatever he feels like, without supervision and guidance.

Trump has a responsibility to WE, THE PEOPLE, and he has continually troden on that trust. WE, THE PEOPLE should have had a say in his destruction of the historic wing.

Restore it, and make him personally foot the bill.

Signed, disgusted with Trump

Date: 2/14/2026 1:00:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the footprint of the original wing. Update mechanics to current standards. Retain classical design elements. A gilded palace Ballroom is a vanity project, and does not belong in the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:59:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This has been terrifying from the start. Watching OUR White House being demolished was one of the saddest moments of my life. So much history and the physical story of the maturation of America is bound up in that building that should be held sacred to a citizen of this country. The 'project' was started with no consultation with anyone other than Trump's 'friends' who gave US no opportunity to weigh in on OUR feelings and attitudes around this edifice. This displays yet another reason Trump MUST BE MUZZLED. He has no appreciation for the damage he does and has empathy for no one.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:59:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Scholtes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the original structure. If it must include a ballroom it should be a smaller structure inline with the size of the rest of the Whitehouse.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:59:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lotz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The amount of disrespect this administration has for its people and the people's house is immense. This project should have been stopped before it started. Petty vanity projects are not in our best interest, they are to stroke the ego of a deranged, dangerous and traitorous individual who is killing our democracy. He knows he will never be honored unless he personally makes it happen. Return the wing to its original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:59:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachael Tin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom dwarfs the current White House. The White House is an enduring symbol of our nation and our federal government. I believe the addition of the ballroom will turn that symbol into a joke and will be nothing but an eyesore in the heart of our capital.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:59:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DORCAS Hand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen and consistent voter who is engaged in our democratic system, I am appalled that our president would decide he needs to glorify his own name by installing a gilded ballroom the White House doesn't need. Perhaps some renovations were in order, but the lack of process. We woke up one morning and he had torn everything down to ensure he would/could not be denied. We do not have a king on purpose, and behavior that resembles monarchical is unwelcome.

All that said, please ensure that from this point forward legal requirements for the approval process are followed to the letter. The White House will be stuck with whatever decisions are made fgor a very long time. We should not have to witness bad taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:59:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J P
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As proposed—at least what has been shared with the public and not accomplished in secrecy, including the illegal and hasty demolition of the east wing of the White House—the project would inappropriately serve as a problematic monument to Trump that Trump thought he could circumvent the law to build. It would be a permanent stain on our nation's most precious monument.

The laws of the nation and of Washington DC must be respected and adhered to. Which also means that a full and comprehensive Environmental Impact Analysis must be undertaken, and a full and comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement must be completed and subject to public comment before ANY further work is completed. The analysis must be made considering the conditions prior to the destruction of the East Wing as the baseline, so that any adverse environmental, historical, or cultural impacts of that action can also be evaluated and mitigated.

Accordingly, it should include an analysis not only of the proposed ballroom and the destruction of the east wing, but also the destruction of the Rose Garden, which was also implemented without public input. And it should consider what is reasonably foreseeable about future proposals. For example, we should not be building anything or ever in the future be willing to consider anything that could be named or considered an "Arc du Trump," or anything remotely similar that could also degrade and devalue the worth and integrity of the grounds of the White House and surrounding areas, and anything that could be seen as a mockery of American principles, even by such a cheapened joke of a name.

While we're at it, the degradation of the Kennedy Center for the Arts should be corrected. No additional names or changing of the name on the building is allowed by law, and must be immediately reversed.

The proposals that have thus far been made public must not be given any preference in the development of alternatives, particularly since they were developed without public input and in an attempt to circumvent legal and historical requirements in a fait accompli action that resulted in monumental loss. The design that has currently been shared is a horrific example of a continuation of such hasty, inappropriate decision-making processes, and the proposed design dwarfs and mocks the White House, the symbol of our nation.

The analysis should consider wholistic and cumulative impacts, including the impacts of paving over the Rose Garden.

Demolishing the historic east wing without review or approval was catastrophically inappropriate; the loss of historic value representing our nation's history of "the people's house" will already serve as a black mark in our nation's history and will remind us of the consequences of hasty and impulsive decision-making, as well as of implementing and following improper and unlawful orders. It will always be a reminder of the divisions that can be created in our society when thoughtless or self-serving actions and policies are undertaken.

The destruction that has already occurred—which includes not only the destruction of the east wing, but also the changes made to the Rose Garden, the improper inclusion of additional names and wording on the Kennedy Center for the Arts, and any other projects that the public has not been properly informed of and given an opportunity to provide comment for, must be evaluated objectively, ameliorated and mitigated. Further adverse impacts must be prevented.

All future activities must not only to comply not only with the law, but respect the deeper historic and cultural significance of the site and the grounds and the building. No structure should ever be named after any president who has been impeached, and NO national structures should be named after presidents who have been impeached.

What is clearly needed at this time is a functional East Wing. You must thoroughly and objectively evaluate the need for a new ballroom, with an analysis supported by research and facts, based on a need of the PEOPLE of the United States. IF we genuinely need a ballroom, specify the uses and limitations. Specifically state that the design and siting must be compatible with and conform to the design standards and norms for the entire site and grounds. It must not be disproportional in size, and it must not be larger than strictly necessary. It absolutely must not dwarf the White House or in any way diminish the cultural or historical significance of the White House itself; the design must COMPLEMENT the existing site and complement the White House.

It absolutely cannot be a monument to any recent president, corporation or commercial entity, and it must not be named after any recent president, corporation or commercial entity. Its uses must be strictly limited to the public good and not for any partisan purposes. No private funding shall be allowed if any benefit is received from that private entity that is not available to any other member of the public, because this is an extension of "the people's house," and any commercial exploitation would be vulgar and inappropriate.

The design of the new ballroom itself must be based on historically and culturally significant styles and principles, in order to complement and enhance the White House and the White House grounds.

The style must not reflect or be similar to or make any reference to any privately-owned ballroom, including—but not limited to—any structure or interior design at the complex currently known as Mar a Lago in Florida.

The design must be singular and must reflect the broad and diverse history of the United States, so that ALL people, regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, physical ability or disability, and political opinion, will feel and be welcomed. It must never be used for private gain or subversion of the principles of American democracy. It must be tasteful, not gaudy. It must not reflect the style of any single individual.

Nothing about the style, function, operation, or uses of the structure can benefit any single individual,

private entity or corporation. It must not be used for private or political fundraising or campaign events.

Its design, style, siting and uses must not reflect any single individual or entity. It must reflect the totality of the American experience, and must not be limited by any Executive Order that excludes or denies the full diversity of the American population. In fact, it should reflect and continue to tell the story of how the White House came to be, and the history of our nation, for better or for worse, including, for example, a solemn recognition of the genocide and mistreatment of the original Indigenous inhabitants of this nation, the errors of slavery, the Jim Crow era and the racist and exclusionary laws and policies that followed, such as the Chinese Exclusion Act and the unlawful internment of Japanese American citizens during World War II.

It should reflect the benefits of inclusion and the necessity of recognizing the civil rights of all people. It should strive for the future inclusion of all, as outlined in our Constitution. It should recognize the contributions of women. It should reflect that we are a society of Indigenous and immigrant peoples, who should continue to strive for a more perfect union. Given the historically divisive time in which our nation currently exists, this project should serve to acknowledge and correct our exclusionary tendencies and work toward healing the national divisions of the 21st century.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:58:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Benidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. Just no. Do not approve any design from Trump and do not allow him to proceed. He has flouted the law and requirements and history and should not be allowed to move another thimble of dirt or place anything in the ground. No.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:58:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Miccio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Force the government to restore what they illegally destroyed. No other solution is acceptable. All funds to fix the destruction of the East Wing should come out of Trump's personal money, not one cent from taxpayer money.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:58:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lar Welch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No no no no. Children need food, they don’t need a ballroom. Seniors need medicine, they don’t need a

ballroom. Our environment needs protection, it doesn't need a ballroom.

This is completely and utterly unacceptable. Stop this egomaniac and his rich white man's club.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:58:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Russ Manuel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My stance is that the demolition of the east wing on the white house was/is a horrible decision and probably unlawful. This project must stop now and any funds collected towards the Ballroom should be used to rebuild the east wing. Any temporary occupant of the white house has no ownership of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:58:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lilith Gist
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To destroy part of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE deserves a prison sentence. This was not only WRONG, it was a CRIME against our nation. I don't care what deluded and frankly EVIL people who support a PEDOPHILE CRIMINAL who somehow stole power think - we want our EAST WING BACK. Rebuild what has been destroyed and put these criminals in prison.

TRUMP IS AN EVIL CREEP AND EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO SUPPORTS HIM AND HIS BULLSHIT REGIME IS GOING TO HELL ONE DAY - THEIR SOULS ARE FORFEIT. TRUMP RAPED CHILDREN REGULARLY AND NOW HE'S RAPING US.

The true American People who did not vote for ANY OF THIS will not stand for much more. We have a right (paid in BLOOD BY OUR ANCESTORS) to expect and DEMAND that our leaders (paid handsomely while we struggle) do GOOD THINGS with power.

Instead, we are drowning in a CESSPOOL OF WICKEDNESS AND ONE DAY SOON WE WILL TAKE BACK WHAT HAS BEEN STOLEN BY RUTHLESS, EVIL MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL NEVER SEE THEY ARE BAD FUCKING PEOPLE.

trump will not be in POWER FOREVER AND WE CALL UPON GOD TO TAKE HIM OUT.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:57:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Clary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern: I strongly advise that the original East Wing should be rebuilt.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:57:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renata Germino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a life long visitor of DC, I have an abundance of pride for the White House and what it represents. I have many fond memories of visiting over the years.
Please do not let one person bulldoze his way through changing our national monument forever. I am so proud of our country and the WH needs to be preserved.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:57:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Burstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First things first. Will my questions be answered?

1) Why is the Project called the East Wing Modernization Project when the entire East Wing has been demolished to make way for the ballroom? This is not a modernization project it has already been a desecration of a U.S. Citizen space without any input. I am heartened by this opportunity to voice my opinion.

2) The East Wing should never have been demolished without proper oversight. It has taken too long for this oversight to become a reality. Where was this group when the demolition was taking place? The law has been broken and someone needs to be held accountable for this action. I am aware that accountability is a popular word in this time. Where is the accountability for this demolition? As you noted "The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage." Since this did not happen prior to the demolition of the East Wing where is the accountability and who will be held accountable for this?

2) I would like my voice to join others in shaping decisions. I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was prior to demolition. Can a tally be made of those in agreement with me? If they are the majority will anything be done in that direction?

Date: 2/14/2026 12:57:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Vogel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not just the president's office and residence it is the people's house and the unbelievable speed at which this project is moving does not give we the people time to comment. One day the East Wing was there and the next it was gone. That brought me to tears. My daughter was a White House intern and worked in the East Wing for the first lady. There must be oversight for this project because Mr. Trump will only be living there for less than three years from now. Other presidents will use this space and to make it all glitter and gold is not the American style. There must be input from someone other than the current president. That's why we have preservation groups, to prevent things like this from happening. Unfortunately it's too late to bring back the East Wing but it shouldn't be replaced with a monstrosity that overwhelms the rest of the White House just so Mr. Trump can party in a Mar-a-Lago type ballroom. No president no matter his/her party should be allowed to do this unfettered. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to modern codes and standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. No gold gilding. So tacky.
Restore the Rose Garden.
The White House is NOT a palace. Restore it to its modest decorum.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Christensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed massive ballroom is terrible. The destruction of the east wing is an abomination.

Please register my vote as a resounding NO to the ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Craven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow that massive building to be built. He needs to replicate the East Wing as closely as possible or leave it for the next President to rebuild. Can't believe we even have to say this.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Hafner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to Donald Trump's excessive idea of a ballroom!! I understand that the East Room can only hold 200 people, necessitating tents outside for larger gatherings. Past presidents have made due with that arrangement, why can't future presidents do the same, after all Trump will be out of the White House soon enough? Larger gatherings result in less ability to connect with everyone and then what's the point?

Then there's the matter of the money it takes to build this ballroom. I have NO DOUBT in my mind that the American taxpayers will pay for a large portion of Trump's proposed ballroom, if not all of it. I do not want my tax dollars spent that way!!

Finally, given the way Trump trashed the East Wing before asking for permission - showing tremendous disrespect for the Nation Capital Planning Commission, a well as the American people - I propose that the Commission grant permission to rebuild the East Wing, preferably on Donald Trump's dime, not the American people.

Thank you and good luck with this process. I really do not see a need for a grandiose, gold and crystal filled ballroom in the People's House. Let Trump build it in Mar-a-lago.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Micki Hammond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project, including the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. The key issues here are complying with NEPA and receiving congressional approval. Neither of these has been done. The National Trust for Historic Preservation sued to stop the project, alleging the Trump administration violated federal laws by beginning demolition and construction before obtaining necessary approvals from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts. The decisions were made in complete secrecy and undertaken without public disclosure or proper consultation. The claim that this project must go forward due to national security reasons is blatantly false. The demolition of our national historic landmark without proper authorization or public input is a travesty. This administration does not own the White House or any part of its grounds. The American people do. This administration's actions violate the US Constitution's property clause, which grants Congress authority over federal property.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: June Kortad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the 90,000 sf ballroom project. I do NOT want my tax dollars supporting a vanity project. Nor do I support maga-donors currying favor with the Executive by way of their donation to a frivolous project.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:55:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Of all the depredations of the second Trump administration, the summary destruction of the east wing somehow hits me right in the heart. The building was so beautifully symmetrical and quietly elegant as it stood. To see the heavy equipment rolling in and demolishing it was such a shock, and it seems to symbolize how so many of our cherished institutions are under attack. If it's not possible to rebuild and restore it to its original beauty, please do so as closely as possible. Thank you for accepting comments from an ordinary citizen about the White House, a historic symbol and the public face of the dignity and integrity of the executive.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:55:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kenneth harmeyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't allow this monstrosity to be built. If it is built please make sure it is less than 40,000 square feet.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:55:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nobody needs a 90,000 square foot building. Rebuild The East Wing and add a ballroom. A regular sized ballroom. There is no need to dwarf the living quarters. As a citizen of this country I am appalled that this project was started without any plan for the build and without prior appoval. The United States does not need GOLDEN buildings and certainly not with effigies to a sitting President. Not one taxpayer dollar should be spent on this remodel. It was not needed and it was not wanted.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:55:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karola Alford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our current President has lost sight of the importance of tradition and shared history. The proposed ballroom dwarfs the presidential residence and appears to be a vanity project created to satisfy one man's giant ego. Please bring back the beloved Rose Garden and make it bigger. Return balance to the design of the White House with upgrades to wiring, plumbing, and ADA requirements. Please stop the construction of the monstrosity of a ballroom. Return the East Wing to its former state.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:55:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce and Sharon Sander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should have never tore down the East Wing of the White House. The White House doesn't belong to him and it is an historical landmark. The country is supposed to have the say-so on the people's house, not Trump.
This whole project is not befitting the White House. It is an ugly monstrousty and way out of proportion for the White House. We are so sad that he has demolished the East Wing without due process.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:55:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Bruno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style. Update the electric, plumbing and security to modern standards. Include ADA accessibility. The East Wing should not overshadow the White House. The interior design might not fall under your jurisdiction but if it does, please avoid the tacky gold accents.

Thank you for all you do and for halting the rebuild process until standards could be restored. It broke my heart seeing what has been done to the peoples house. My family home was razed after Hurricane Sandy and looking at the bulldozed land brought back the pain of losing a piece of oneself.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Engelland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Restore it back to what it was and restore it to last! Return the rose garden. No ballroom is required. No gold filigree. If a ballroom is required it must fit the footprint of the east wing and be done in such a way as to not interfere with the architecture of the White House itself. Restore not replace should be the mission moving forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:54:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Winkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Those In Government:

I would like my federal tax dollars used for social services that feed the hungry, house the homeless, and provide medical care to all. Do not use them to build a gaudy ballroom. Thank you.

Sincerely,
A Citizen of the United States

Date: 2/14/2026 12:54:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was an iconic visitor entrance to the people's house and has now been destroyed and desecrated. To built a ballroom on the site bigger than the residence itself is detrimental to the importance of the White House as a symbol of American freedom and respect.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:53:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I need to survive. I have my Masters Degree. I work full time and I'm not surviving. I need healthcare. I need rent to be lower and minimum wage to be higher. I need student loan debt forgiveness. I need government to address the needs of the American people. This is a GROSS misappropriation of any funds.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:53:49 PM
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Name: Marietta Kellum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should never have happened. Trump has bordello taste and cannot be trusted to represent all citizens in the rebuild of the East Wing. Better it should wait till he's gone. Leave his ruined building reminding us all what we've become. I'm not an architect so I have no ideas on how it should be built, I just know it needs to go through a planning committee and reach a consensus of a group of experts, being mindful of history and purpose. And not funded by billionaires who think that because they throw money at something that they have more say.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a tragedy that the East Wing of the White House was destroyed without consent or approval. It will be an even greater tragedy to build a ballroom in its place. The American people own the White House! We have lost the historical value of what has been destroyed without our approval or your approval. It is too late to do anything about this tragedy so fill it in, landscape it, and maybe put a new Rose Garden in to bring beauty not cement and umbrellas back to the White House.

And, as has been shown, not only do I think it outrageous that billionaires would bank this build so they own a piece of our property but that the costs are outrageous when the typical American is struggling to pay their bills. And, as with so many other things, ultimately we should not be obligated to pay for construction we don't want when they decide to silently back out or not absorb the outrageous expense to build this monstrocity.

I plead that you deny the request to replace the historic East Wing with a gaudy 90,000 square foot building we do not want.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:53:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not the private property of the POTUS! it is the people's heritage and must be preserved for posterity at all costs!!! I resent this arrogant pathologic narcissist and convicted felon just tearing it down to build himself an outrageous balloon with our tax payers' money!!! A man who cooked the books like a mafia boss in New York!!!! The genius con man who got himself an out of jail free card must not be allowed to build any ballroom!!!! Furthermore, he must repair our White House!!! it's bad enough my Medicare cost doubled for his tax break!!!!

Stop this ballroom project and make Trump pay for the damages and rebuilding our White House with some

of those $billions he made abusing his position like selling pardons for convicted felons like himself at his million dollar dinners in our White House!!!

I am begging you to correct this out of control self serving POTUS who is the worst ever and must be stopped from such abuse of his power! Did he check with the heritage foundation? No! He is not above the law!!!!

Thanking you in advance for preventing this outrageous disrespectful and self serving project with the people's money! This man is mentally incompetent!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:53:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Boone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Comments by the American people were to provided PRIOR to any construction, demolition or enhancements. This administration thinks that they are above the law and that no rules apply to them. We certainly would NOT have approved the demolition of an historical building. The original plan called for a separate building that would have not touched or affected the White House. The White House belongs to the American people NOT Donald Trump or any other president or entity. The demolition of the East Wing is an affront to the American people and the Constitution.

The American people do NOT need a ballroom. There are other available options to host a large gathering or ball.

The new (2 times the original estimate in value and size) is unacceptable and unnecessary.

The average American people are concerned about inflation, the cost of every day items necessary for living (rent, gas, food, healthcare) and NOT grandiose living that Trump's multi-millionaire/billionaire "friends" "require". What a joke!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriam Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While it may be that the East Wing of the White House required updating, tearing it all down is a travesty. Please rebuild it in the same style and scale as the original with appropriate updated plumbing and technology and accessibility. We, the People, do NOT need or want a gaudy, massive ballroom. Thank you for restoring our House to its functional and accessible home and office building.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:52:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison Gerhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as previous with modernizations for current regulations (wiring, materials, ADA compliance, etc.).

Date: 2/14/2026 12:52:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

HELLO..
My name is Shannon Brown and I live in Alabama...
I would just like to say that I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt back to its normal state before being demolished and have the rose garden pit in its place... everything back to the way it was before it was demolished by trump..
Sincerely,
Shannon Brown
02-14-2026

Date: 2/14/2026 12:52:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon hauxwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After the historic East Wing was summarily demolished without the input of its owners (the American people), it's still worthwhile to try to forestall the construction of this grandiose manifestation of Trump's bloated ego.

When Americans are challenged to buy groceries or pay the rent, squandering millions of supposedly-donor dollars on this boondoggle makes no sense. The American people have not requested a grand ball room, nor will its construction do them any good.

The people will not escape investment in this travesty - disrupted traffic, ancillary costs, personnel expenses will all wind up on our doorstep, not to mention usurpation of public space in pursuit of one narcissist's fantasies. It's an embarrassment, an insult to the day-to-day labors of ordinary citizens.

Please do what you can to bring this project to a screeching halt, before Trump's pathologic self-adoration causes even more harm to the country and its citizens.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:52:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kodi Jeffery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing is part of the history of the White House. It had a lot of structures in it that can't be easily recreated, and its destruction is absolutely shameless. I am appalled and disgusted that the Trump administration would have done this without any warning and without a moment's notice for the public to comment or to really take a look at what was being destroyed.

We need to do all we can to reconstruct what was lost. We cannot allow such a precedent to go unchallenged. It is never OK for a president to randomly go in and destroy the people's house. It is not his. It is ours. Had this gone through the proper channels, that would've been one thing, although from what I've seen of this ballroom, I can't imagine I would've ever been OK with it. The depictions of it are absolutely hideous and would dwarf the historic White House. This needs to be stopped. And the East wing needs to be reconstructed to the best of our ability – at Trump's personal cost. He destroyed it. He needs to rebuild it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Vides
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing as a preservationist, and I'm alarmed that the East Wing was demolished before going through the appropriate public review, approvals, and documentation expected for a nationally significant historic resource. That sequence is backwards. When historic fabric is removed first and the process comes later, it's not modernization; it's a fait accompli.

Modernization of the White House complex should follow accepted preservation practice: transparency, alternatives analysis, and review before irreversible actions occur. Demolishing the East Wing without proper approvals undermines public trust and sets a dangerous precedent for how landmark public buildings are treated.

I'm also deeply concerned by the design direction for what is proposed to be built in place of what was destroyed. A replacement should be guided by the White House's character-defining qualities with restraint, legibility, hierarchy, and human scale paramount in the process without demands that force an oversized footprint or a showpiece interior. In particular:

Scale and massing: Any new construction should remain subordinate to the White House, not compete with it. A large ballroom or ceremonial volume risks distorting the architectural hierarchy of the complex.

Proportion and rhythm: The White House complex is defined by disciplined proportions and a coherent façade rhythm. Replacements should not introduce bulky elevations, oversized fenestration, or a "grand" composition that reads as a new primary building.

Siting and setting: The East Wing's role in the overall campus and viewsheds matters. Additions that expand outward or upward can permanently alter the setting and the historic experience of the site.

Materials and detailing: A credible design must use compatible materials and detailing without veering into pastiche or value-engineered imitation. Compatibility is not the same as copying, and neither is it a license

for a dramatically contemporary object that shouts over the historic architecture.

Function driving form: If the proposal requires a building that can only work at a monumental scale, then the proposal is the problem, not the historic resource.

At minimum, the public should receive:
- environmental impacts of lead and asbestos released during demolition and what safeguards were taken to protect the public and workers,
- where items removed from the East Wing were taken, how they were cataloged and what is the plan for restoring many of the items back in the new design, including space for the First Lady and her staff even if the current temporary one has no interest in the space,
- a full alternatives analysis (including smaller or off-site options),
- an explanation of what review/approvals were bypassed and how compliance will be restored,
- an independent preservation impact assessment for the replacement design going forward.

The White House is a public trust. Process matters and so does design discipline, especially when the loss is irreversible and should not be at the whim of the temporary occupant of the White House without following the legal and required process for approvals.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: JULIE MENEGHINI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will keep my comments simple and brief. No. Part of the White House was already demolished without the consent of the people. No. Plans have already been put in place without the consent of the people. No. This is the People's House; the President leases it - we own it. No ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:51:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Ellis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed 90,000 sq foot ballroom beccause it would not be in scale to the White House. I believe that the original East Wing should be restored with the same exterior dimensions and matching architectural style as the White House. Update wiring and any changes which would make it in line with current ADA accessible access throughout within the guidelines of current codes. If a ballroom is needed, then an appropriate site should be found, not on White House property, and processes should be followed to make it cohesive with other buildings in Washington DC. Also a budget for a new ballroom, located elsewhere, should be passed by congress, not private donations. Since the East Wing was torn down without consent, the money that was "donated" for the ballroom project should be used to rebuild a modern East Wing. The American people should not have to pay for something that was done without consent.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:51:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorene Delaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the White House, which is the people's house, must be restored to its original design along with Jackie Kennedy's rose garden. The American people do not live under a monarchy and any modifications of the east wing should have begun only after the approval of the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:51:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Olgren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC:

I was exremely alarmed and saddened by the disgraceful, authoritarian actions of Donald Trump in tearing down the historic East Wing. He willfully ignored all legal and traditional procedures for submitting project plans for a required federal review and obtaining approvals. The fact you are now reviewing plans and requesting public input after the East Wing has been destroyed shows the disasterous results of Trump's distain for rules as well as the inability of federal agencies to carry out their preservation management roles.

I no longer trust any aspect of this project to Trump. He is already planning to enlarge the ballroom beyond the size shown in your documents, and its height may block the view of the White House. If Trump is left in charge, he will answer only to his own ego. I expect a Trump Ballroom would be a gilded monstrosity that pays homage only to himself. In my view, planning for any East Wing building must be done without Trump or postponed until he is no longer in office.

Sincerely,
Christine Olgren

Date: 2/14/2026 12:50:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lonnie Spinozza-johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the People's House for a multi-million dollar grift is a terrible thing. This administration has used it's power for profit. People are suffering while the rich get richer. I am not as well spoken as I could be but am passionate about protecting my country. I truly hope there are enough comments to stop this!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:50:13 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: SUSAN JACOBI-JOHNSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it disgusting that the East Wing was abruptly torn down without any permission or review. The plans that I have seen are garish, and so oversized that they will dwarf the actual White House. While the need for a larger social area, and/or modernization, may have been legitimate concerns, there was a right way and a wrong way to go about it. Trump chose the wrong way. He holds the public and the proper review and regulatory authorities in contempt. The project gets larger and more garish with every iteration. PLEASE - find a way to prevent this monstrosity from utterly ruining the White House complex and grounds. A cement Rose Garden can be torn out relatively easily - this, not so much once completed.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:50:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Cue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace.
It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Bacon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is gaudy and too big for the site. No buildings larger than the White House should be allowed on the property. The historic East Wing should never have been demolished without following the proper process, and this atrocious building should not be allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:49:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neal Skorpen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is nothing but a grotesque monument to a narcissist's vanity. The abrupt destruction of the East Wing was a crime against all US citizens. The White House and all American monuments belong to the people. They are not toys for a temporary president to smash and stack at will.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:49:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharyn Siebert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in a home designated historic by my town. We were required to maintain a number of original items on our home's exterior due to this designation after research by our town's historic preservation panel's research. None of this was done before the desecration and destruction of the current administration of the historic White House--the people's home. This is a disgrace of untold magnitude to appease one man's ego!

At very least, more concerns should be voiced about how this project continues.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sears
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it should be the same size and scale as the west wing. Definitely not 90,000 square feet. It could be a smaller ballroom or just restored to what it was-just updated. Simple and elegant, but not trimmed with gold. This is the people’s house, not a king’s. Please replace Jackie Kennedy’s rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:49:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Thier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing as it was. Do not build a ballroom. This is not property owned by a president or a party.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:49:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Magnuson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people do not need this monstrosity of a ballroom on the grounds of the White House. Considering that the East Wing was illegally dismantled without proper approval, it should be restored to its former state with the funds that were collected for this unnecessary ballroom project.

This ballroom project and the destruction of the East Wing are a travesty, and should not be allowed to stand. The ballroom design is tacky, and the size and scale of it will make the White House complex an eyesore and an embarrassment.

Please stop this senile old man from turning the people's house into a vanity project for his own glorification. He is unwell and unhinged, and he has no business remodeling public buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:49:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colby Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be fully restored to match the outside of what was torn down. If changes to the inside need to be made in order to better use the space - such as plumbing, room structure, security, etc. - that's fine, as long as it matches the integrity and dignity of the original east wing, and the windows, dimensions, etc. conform to the original placement of the original exterior. If additional windows are desired, they should be added in a manner that does not disturb the symmetry of the overall White House so that both the east and west wings appear symmetrical from the front and sides.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Bilsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to as it was prior to Trump's destruction. Under no circumstances build a ballroom or any other structure. Please fine Mr. Trump personally and make him pay for the restoration as if he were just a regular citizen who changed historical property without proper authority. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Blum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the construction of a ballroom of the size being proposed in place of the White House East Wing. Nothing built on the White House site should dwarf the White House itself, which this ballroom would do. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people. No demolition of any structure on the grounds should have been allowed to happen. Unfortunately, that is a ship that has already sailed (and, truthfully, there should be some punishment imposed for having demolished the structure without proper permits or public comment). But just because there is now a demolition site where the East Wing previously stood that is an open and ugly scar doesn't mean that it is right to allow something to built in its place without required public comment. Especially something that is out of scale and inconsistent with the historic nature of the site and its existing structures, as this ballroom most certainly would be. This is our shared national heritage! No one President has the right to alter it without allowing the public to be heard and to help shape decisions regarding this important historic site. DO NOT SELL OUT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BY APPROVING THIS BALLROOM!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:48:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dona Cameron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the proposed, huge ballroom to be built to dwarf the The White House, which was designed and built with modest dimensions, balance, and restrained aesthetics. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. If a larger space is needed for a specific event, use existing space in the city.

If possible, restraints should be set up and enforced to keep the dignity of the White House and all monuments and memorials.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:47:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Keenholts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express concern as to the proposed size of the planned ballroom. The proposed plans would dwarf the size of the existing structure and be visually out of scale. This would deter from the stately appearance of the White House, the Peoples house. It would also be historically inaccurate. The size should reflect similar ballrooms built in the same period of the White House with relation to size.
I would also express that any building materials that are used in this project be historically sympathetic and preserve the visual historic integrity of the entire complex.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the Peoples house.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:47:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Stemmler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I consider the proposed size and scale of this project to be totally unacceptable. I feel this project should be stopped immediately and a review committee should reevaluate and downscale what has been started to something more in keeping with the size, scale and design of the existing White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:47:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Vasquez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing was wrongfully demolished. The White House is the People's House and its treasured history must be preserved. No further changes whatsoever should be allowed without Congressional oversight and proper govermental procurement. The hideous ballroom planned will be an architectural eyesore and dwarf the planned style of the White House and East Wing. The projected cost and expenditure of taxpayer dollars is grossly excessive. There must be no expenditures of taxpayer dollars without Congressional approval and oversight. The East Wing should be restored exactly as it existed prior to the reckless and wrongful demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:47:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Harbarger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing does need modernization such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, security, and internet needs. What it does not need is the enormous amount for a grandiose ballroom. The people, me/you/the ordinary will almost never see it. This not need to be representative of some copy of an old ballroom found in other countries. Our country is not like that. If this ballroom is ever completed, will never serve a purpose unless it is our current US president. I am deeply ashamed of what has already been destroyed without the proper authorizations and permits. I am deeply saddened that a few people are willingly donating huge amount huge amounts of money. Why won’t they donate to build new schools while there current schools are deteriorating or building/updating hospitals and clinics in areas of our great country that do not have them. Thank you for allowing comments,

Date: 2/14/2026 12:46:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerilyn George
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Structural improvement only. DO NOT ALLOW Trump's tasteless garish gold decor ruin the east wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:46:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Joseph Copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing public comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Scherr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am hoping this project will be as close to the original east wing as possible. Historic preservation of this house of freedom needs to inspire we the people to save its past and show our future generations that we are dedicated to our freedoms and that we are good stewards of the past.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxane Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Founders never intended the White House to be a palace, and I think we need to honor their vision, especially in an era when billionaire excess has become anathema to the American people. There is no need to turn the people's house into Mar-a-Lago north, or to provide a ballroom large enough to contain multitudes. If a large reception space is deemed necessary, it should be tastefully decorated--not Las Vegas gold--and it should honor the design and proportion of the rest of the building. If the Trump project is allowed to go ahead, it should be destroyed by a future President.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project as currently depicted by President Trump is tasteless and intrusive on the architectural sensibilities of the White House campus. I lament that the East Wing was torn down in such a sneaky and underhanded way, However, what's done is done.
I strongly urge that the scale and scope of the new East Wing be proportional to the EXISTING White House and West Wing. Do not illegally tear those down too. The White House is the People's House.
The East Wing interior must be imbued with quiet, understated class and elegance. It's not supposed to be a gaudy homage to one person's aesthetic, but rather a commitment and constant reminder that "We the People" choose who is temporarily allowed to use the White House, associated buildings, and campus.

Respectfully,

Robin Henderson

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Sadly we can't undo the damage done to the historical East Wing of the White House. This building belongs to the people of the United States and should've never been demolished. While I understand the desire to modernize things, it was uncalled for and a degradation of history. I would like to see it restored but given the cost perhaps a memorial garden honoring the former first ladies similar to the rose garden that was also destroyed. We are a disgrace as a nation with every single action the current administration takes. I'm okay with waiting for a final decision on what to do with the space until we have some adults with full cognitive abilities making the decisions.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: WILLIAM LOFTUS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a totally unnecessary destruction of the “People’s House” that was carried out without congressional approval or historical review. This is nothing more than a vanity project for the current president, funded by people and corporations wishing to gain favor with the White House administration. In other words, bribery that seems to be sanctioned. While too late to restore what has been destroyed, review of the current plans must be done now.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary perlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should be thoroughly vetted and approved by historic preservation professionals before it begins.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:44:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Wherlock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve the ballroom. It is out of scale to our beautiful White House. Since the East Wing was pulled down before permission was received, the East Wing should be reconstructed at Trump's expense. We should not allow any president to alter the White House without getting approval through the proper channels. Please respect the history and maintain the beauty of the White House. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:44:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Christian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment on NCPC File No. 8733 – East Wing Modernization Project

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed East Wing Modernization Project at the White House.

While I recognize the stated need for improved event capacity and reduced reliance on temporary structures, I urge the Commission to approach this proposal with the utmost caution and rigor in the following areas:

1. Historic Preservation

The White House is not merely an executive residence; it is one of the most symbolically significant historic sites in the United States. Any permanent expansion must be subordinate in scale, design, and visibility to the Executive Mansion and consistent with the historic character of President's Park.

The Commission should require:

-Clear visual impact studies from Pennsylvania Avenue and E Street
-Strict limitations on massing, height, and architectural prominence
-Demonstrated compatibility with the historic cultural landscape

A permanent ballroom-scale structure risks altering the historic composition of the White House grounds in ways that cannot be undone.

2. Landscape Integrity

The White House grounds function as a carefully composed civic landscape, not simply open space available for development. The relationship between built form and garden space is central to the site's identity.

The Commission should ensure:

-No net loss of meaningful open landscape
-Preservation of sightlines and ceremonial axes
-Landscape restoration plans are equal in quality and permanence to any new construction
-Minimization and thoughtful integration of security infrastructure

Temporary tents are visually intrusive, and so too can permanent structures fundamentally alter the spatial balance.

3. Ceremonial Continuity

State functions at the White House are ceremonial expressions of the presidency on behalf of the American people. Any new event venue must clearly reinforce, not compete with, the historic East Room and the established ceremonial procession.

The Commission should require documentation demonstrating that:

- The new space remains architecturally and symbolically secondary
- The East Room remains the ceremonial anchor
- The new venue supports state functions without redefining them

The White House is a working institution, but it is also a living monument.

4. Fiscal Responsibility and Governance Safeguards

Given the scale of this proposal, the Commission should require transparency regarding:

- Full lifecycle cost estimates
- Funding sources
- Long-term maintenance obligations

In addition, I am deeply concerned about the risk that a permanent ballroom-scale venue could be used for purposes that blur the line between official state functions and personal or political gain.

The White House must never be modified in ways that create even the appearance of enabling private gain, political fundraising, or commercial-style events under the guise of state functions. Appropriate safeguards, use limitations, and oversight mechanisms should be clearly articulated as part of the project reviews.

The Commission's role is not only architectural but also civic.

In closing, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to apply the highest standards of preservation, transparency, and institutional integrity to this proposal. The White House belongs to the American people, and any permanent alteration must reflect long-term national stewardship rather than short-term functional convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda L. Christian
Rangeley, Maine

Date: 2/14/2026 12:44:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bradley Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My first comment is that, "the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision." The East Wing is already gone, so it's kind of hypocritical to say we deserve an opportunity to shape that decision.

Second, my general philosophy is that any changes to significant historical places should follow the vision of the place and the surrounding area. Any White House modifications are not exempt. They are not exempt from environmental regulations and hearings. They are not exempt from being a part of the historic scale and design of the White House and surrounding buildings.

It was criminal to undertake such a project without the appropriate brainstorming, planning, hearings and input.

Maybe it's time that the president and his or her staff have a building that is not a historical building as office space.

Immediately, I suggest the project be scaled back to retain the look and feel of the property.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to express my opposition to President Trump's move to destroy the White House. Such an ostentatious and ugly addition to the White House--initiated without democratic input--is an affront to all Americans. The addition will irreversibly change a truly iconic American building for the worse, only serving to highlight the absurdity of the president's garish oligarch style.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Gordinier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that the East Wing should be constructed in a manner and style consitant with the style fitting the White House. Updates for safety concerns and modernization would be considered. I do not approve of changes in size or having it lead to the monstrosity of the ballroom that is currently being

proposed. As for all the gross decorations that will no doubt be placed, please make them easily removable for when a president with style comes into power. Thank you for this opportunity to speak my mind .

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Drea Carbone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I do not oppose modernization, I do think the proposed ballroom reeks of faux-splendor and is truly only meant to exist as a permanent reminder of our present President and nothing more. It adds no value to the White House and has already destroyed a historic wing. The proposed plan would dwarf the White House, making it seem like entertaining is the main goal of the building versus governing and preserving both history and the current nation. While already grand, the White House was always meant to be The People's House. The Library of Congress building was created and decorated to be an impressive place of grandeur to impress foreign dignitaries. The White House should remain the grand building it is and not be overshadowed by one man's quest for immortality and power.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JEFFREY CONLON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to what it was before it was destroyed. Reasonable improvements should be made to make it fulfill a more democratic purpose as opposed to being a place for the powerful to come and eat and dance while US children go hungry.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Moyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore to original design with modern upgrades. No ballroom. Spend tax dollars wisely. NO political favors bought with contributions ! This isn't a castle for a king, it's the people's house .

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The President of the United States had no authority to begin work on the East Wing of the White House because the White House is a National Monument. Federal law required a review. Major construction projects, like the East Wing Modernization Project in Washington, D.C., must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval. President Trump has done none of this. This project should not continue until the letter of the law is observed. As a concerned citizen, I urge the administration to respect the established protocols for our nation's historic landmarks. We must ensure that the East Wing Modernization Project is conducted with the transparency and legal oversight that Washington, D.C. landmarks require.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of the White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

No gold applique. Those who did not get approval for the teardown should be held accountable.

Brian Miller

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Mann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored to its original design proportioned to the size of the rest of the capital. In addition, the rose garden should be fully restored. Trump should be assessed all costs.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Girard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any modernization project for the White House must go through appropriate approvals and vetting before construction and demolition begins. That obviously did not happen here, and I am beyond heartbroken and angry that a piece of our American heritage has been attacked in this way. My views for this project: 1) further work must include funding to restore what was damaged, 2) full inspection of the remaining structure must be conducted and prioritized to ensure no future issues due to the demolition, 3) provision to ensure public White House tours can still be conducted, 4) any new structure cannot dwarf the existing structure and must be in keeping with the original architecture (eg, same style, smaller than the existing structure, etc.), 5) construction of a new building on the site needs to demonstrate clear need (eg, space required as existing spaces are insufficient, etc)

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Bello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed White House Ballroom and the associated East Wing Modernization Project.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a symbol of our shared national heritage, owned by the American people and stewarded for future generations. Major changes to this iconic structure should not proceed without full transparency, rigorous review, and meaningful public engagement.

My concerns include the following:

Lack of Transparency and Review
The demolition of part of the historic East Wing began without the project undergoing the legally required federal review processes that ensure public input and accountability. These include review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Commission of Fine Arts, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and congressional oversight.

Impact on Historic Integrity
This proposed 90,000-square-foot addition risks overwhelming the existing White House architecture and permanently altering sightlines and historic balance. Preservation experts, architectural historians, and national preservation organizations have warned that the scale and massing of the new ballroom are incompatible with the White House's classical design and historic character.

Public Stake in the People's House
The White House belongs to all Americans, not just the current administration. Major alterations should reflect the public will and respect the public's historical, cultural, and democratic significance. Proceeding without proper public input undermines both preservation law and public trust.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the proposed modifications in their current form, require full compliance with all relevant preservation laws and review processes, and ensure that the voices of the American public are genuinely considered before irrevocable changes are made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Celia K Melenbacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare trump destroy the East Wing of the White House to bolster his fragile ego. The people of this country need food and stability not a multi million dollar grotesque ballroom. He is an abomination to the presidency! THE EAST WING NEEDS TO BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL FORMAT NOT BE MADE IN TO A trump SHRINE!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Pivnick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a historic landmark that should have had public say before destruction occurred. The trumps should pay to restore it back to the way it was before they moved in and took it upon themselves to destroy it. It should not fall on the taxpayers to restore the building and no one besides the trumps and their billionaire buddies want a ballroom. That funding could go towards the American public.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Two Wolves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to replacement of the East Wing with a garish, oversized ballroom. Since destruction/demolition of the previously existing East Wing of OUR White House has already happened, it's too late to oppose that part of this modernization project, but what I'd like to see is reconstruction of the East Wing as it appeared prior to demolition, but constructed to current code. I'd also like to see restoration of Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden at some point.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicky Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply concerned about the unapproved destruction that has taken place at the White House. This “house” belongs to the people of the United States of America. Each elected president only resides here during their term and while it serves as their home it has a historical significance and value that are truly priceless and should never be changed without approval of the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Gordner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave the White House alone!! It's not a palace! It's the people's house! Enough damage has been done to that place without we, the people's, consent!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Masterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ridiculous, illegal, ill-advised, and pointless, this "project" is a desecration of one of this nation's most sacred places. Impossible to "undo," this demolition should be charged to the president's personal expenditures until paid. If Trump has to wash dishes or cut the grass, so be it.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:40:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Cordeiro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump had no right to destroy a public building for his own fantasy. Please require that the White House exterior be returned to its previous appearance and that previous functions such as the First Lady’s office be returned. Modernization of the space and function should occur as long as the decor fits with the vintage design of that beautiful PubMed building

Date: 2/14/2026 12:40:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Ness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Spending great sums of money on a playground for a narcissistic, traitorous pedophile, while millions of children go hungry everyday and lack proper health care and educations, is the height of inhumanity. The United States is not pre-revolution France. Enabling despicable aristocrats to lord it over the citizenry while completely ignoring the needs of the people that they are paid to protect is not the American way.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clifford Zink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the Capital Planning Commission - The enormous scale of the proposed East Wing addition (Modernization Project), does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties at nationally-designated historic sites, which provides that:

"With new additions, the massing, size, scale, and architectural features of new construction on the site of a historic building must be compatible with those of the historic building. When visible and in close proximity to historic buildings, the new construction must be subordinate to these buildings."

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/taxincentives/new-construction-in-historic-properties.htm

Because the massing, size and scale of the proposed East Wing addition will significantly encroach on the National Landmark White House, please reject the current proposal. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:39:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Kearns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing and Rose Garden were destroyed without proper process or approvals. They should be restored to their original scale, architecture and function, with updates to meet current codes including ADA. A ballroom is an unnecessary waste of space and taxpayer dollars. If built, it will be both an eyesore and a reminder of a very dark chapter in this nation's history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Baehm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My opinion is that this should not be a ballroom, it should be a useful room for the purpose of conducting the business of the government and DOES NOT NEED ANY GOLD GLITZ added ! It should be a useful and tactful structure adding needed work space it should also be adorned with displays that have to do with our country past and present.

It should include display pictures and stories that remind people who work there of the disasters, murders, and grift from the current administration as well as watergate and the 45th presidental term; to remind the people who work there of the horror that (our Gov.) has done to it's own people. IT SHOULD SHOW THE PUNISHMENT those people endured for their misdeeds to OUR COUNTRY'S PEOPLE ! HISTORY SHOULD NOT BE DESTROYED IT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED AND PREVENTED FROM HAPPENING AGAIN !!

In other words this rebuild needs to be a functional room for business of our government, as well as a display of misdeeds and punishment for those who dishonored our Gov. and it's people. I sincerely hope this is an honor to our Gov. not a gaudy ballroom to entertain and encourage more grift, not a giant party room for the elite rich of our country.

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Name: Elizabeth Jipson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please find a way to design a new space with elegance and grace, in keeping with the aesthetic of the historic White House. Understated rather than gaudy, please.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:39:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Lafreniere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I OPPOSE the stupid narcissistic ego-driven monstrosity which is the East Wing Modernization Project. And if it ever gets built, the Trump Estate should be forced to pay for its demolition, not taxpayers. The National Capital Planning Commission should REJECT this vanity project.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:39:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Curcio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To: NCPC
Re: White House East Wing monstrosity
Dear Members:
I beg of you with great urgency to thwart the unfortunate, ongoing process of destroying the East Wing of the White House. Clearly this ill-conceived disaster is meant only to satisfy the impulses of a loose-cannon egomaniac.
The heartbreaking damage already done and inevitable redesign will push costs further into the stratosphere of hundreds of millions, sure to be shouldered by taxpayers. (I seriously doubt private

donations will cover a fraction of the estimated $400 million expense.)
A bloated ballroom soldered to one of our great national landmarks and its grounds is a blight without the oversight of the country's best and most sensitive architectural and landscape designers. This project, along with the insulting treatment of the Kennedy Center, national parks and proposed D.C. archway, makes me weep for the future.
I wholly support close supervision of this runaway horror show.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:39:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Baly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is an abomination. It is too large in relation to the White House and is tacky. The East Wing should be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:38:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am shocked an appalled that the East Wing was torn down without any review or plan in place. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Please hire competent architects with knowledge of history to design something compatible with the White House and stop the proposed abomination from being built.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:38:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hjortnaes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am looking at the current design of the Ballroom proposed by President Trump. I would hope that the architects would be able to determine that this plan is wrong for this location. The proposed Ballroom should not be larger that the White House itself. This would detract from any view of the White House. It also should not be higher or as high as the White House. It needs to look smaller than the White House for esthetic purposes. If need be, place a large part of the Ballroom underground so that it's placement does not make it look too large. If that restricts the size to 500 people or less, that will be OK. What would be the purpose of a Ballroom larger than the White House itself.

I understand the need for a Ballroom since there is no place currently on the White House grounds to hold an event. However, it needs to be compatible with the White House itself and not overshadow it.

Thank you.

Dave Hjortnaes

Date: 2/14/2026 12:38:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Tyberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House.
Speaking as one of the People, I would ask that the East Wing be rebuilt to the same size, symmetry as the former East Wing, but with the updates required to make it the best modern East Wing possible.
If there is an occasional need for a ballroom space, make a contract with one of the many other large spaces that are already available in the DC area for important gatherings. A new huge ballroom for occasional use is a waste of money—money that could be directed to address some of the real needs of the citizens of this country.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:38:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Rosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RESTORE TO ORIGINAL EAST WING SPECIFICATIONS.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:37:54 PM
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Name: Theresa Reagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Changes to our White House were not done according to law. It is shameful how the wing was torn down without the proper process. Any addition should complement the rest of the existing White House. The current plan to build an enormous ballroom does not fit with the existing building. The plans should not move forward. Independent professionals should be the ones to draw up new plans that would restore the White House to its former self. I am very much against this President's plans for our White House!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:37:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I believe a ball room of these enormous dimensions would be a detriment to the People's House. Our lovely White House has always been a symbol of our proud nation. I think it should be restored to it's original beauty. If there is a need for a larger ballroom in fitting with the proportions of the landscape, there should be a study where it would be the most convenient to parking, since not many Americans have access to limousines and where it could be easily protected, and a elegant moderate building on it's own.I truly believe overpowering a beautiful symbol of our country is a mistake of grand proportions.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:37:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Fullam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This process should have been done before the wing was destroyed. The new structure should be in keeping with the present design, not overpower it. Just wanted to show my agreement with what you have said.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Jurnack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace.

It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!
Sincerely yours,
Judith Jurnack

Date: 2/14/2026 12:35:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DJ Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These thoughts were originally written by a friend, but covey my feelings perfectly:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Van de Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization?? What? You mean the DESTRUCTION of the East Wing, which has already taken place? This building was a national treasure, and is owned by THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. Trump should be tried in a Court of Law for his crime of destroying it without any prior approval. YOU ARE THE ENTITY THAT HAS THE POWER TO DO THAT. Declare him a criminal in violation of all regulations that apply to any construction concerning the East Wing.

BALLROOM? Do the American people need a 90,000 square foot BALLROOM? When people are being kidnapped and sent to concentration camps? When Americans are struggling to meet their monthly bills? WHO LIVES IN A WORLD WHERE SPENDING $400 million dollars on a place to have parties for rich people is even on the table!

STOP THIS MADMAN! YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT!!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:34:54 PM
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Name: Pamela Wetherbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

- Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
- Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
- Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
- Restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.

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Name: R WRIGHT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely not. We the People do not want, or need, a ballroom of any size at the White House. There are plenty of spaces available for large gatherings, both at the White House and elsewhere in DC. In the current state of the administration, I doubt there are enough allies out there to fill the press room, much less a ball room.

Our government representatives should be governing instead of partying.

Build back the East Wing as it was. And while you are at it, return the Rose Garden.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:34:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Hibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Whatever is constructed should complement the existing structure in both size and architecture. It should be functional all year and be similar to what previously existed with safety upgrades. I do not agree that an addition that would dwarf the original structure is appropriate.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: HEATHER NASH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
No tacky gold filagree. No president's name anywhere, especially living presidents.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:34:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Norton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed ballroom project at the White House complex. The White House is not simply a residence for any one administration; it is a historic symbol of the American people and a site of national and international significance. Any changes to its historic fabric should be approached with the utmost care, transparency, and respect for preservation standards.

I am troubled by reports that the project involves major alterations to the East Wing and that the process appears to be moving forward without broad public input or clear justification tied to long-term public benefit. Decisions affecting the White House grounds should reflect the values of stewardship, continuity, and respect for history, rather than short-term political or personal priorities.

I urge the Commission to carefully review this proposal through the lens of historic preservation, public transparency, and the long-term integrity of the White House complex. The American people deserve a thoughtful, open process when it comes to changes at one of the nation’s most important landmarks.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you. Since the East Wing is already gone, we might as well build a multifunctional building.
Not larger than the previous building.
The same size as the previous building.
It can include a ballroom. The current ballroom holds 200. Tent events hold 300. We do not need nor want

a 900 person ballroom. Something holding 300 - 350 would be fine.
Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Natalie S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the country celebrates our 250th birthday, honoring our collective history and heritage, it is ironic that the administration has acted in bad faith thus far ignoring the very framework that enables us to protect that heritage until court ordered to follow the National Historic Preservation Act (which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year). Irreversible changes have already been made and there is little trust that the NHPA will be followed going forward. There must be real assurances that the process will be followed, including following the Deptartment of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The historical integrity of the people's house must be maintained. It should not be garnished with the tawdry gold decor evocative of a medieval child king's desperate need for creating a legacy that us peasants see for what it is: unbridled pleonexia. A ballroom for kings does not belong at the people's house and Donald Trump is merely a guest. I oppose this "proposed" change and wish to see the East Wing restored to its original design. Other gathering spaces for wanna-be oligarchs are available elsewhere, like Mar-a-Lago or Epstien's Island.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen C Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I do not disagree that the White House needs an APPROPRIATE meeting space, the current project as planned would deatroy the essence of the People's House. I respectfully ask that the scale be brought to a reasonable size; restore the original East Wing as it was, with a new purpose, as an enlarged meeting space that can accommodate large gatherings, without the ostentatious, unsighly visage that dwarfs the White House and serves no purpose other than to accommodate a fragile ego.
My objection to the current plan is not driven by politics, but the knowledge that the planned ballroom will most certainly drive further discourse and division among the American people.
Personally, I feel that moving forward as planned will allow a monument to self-aggrandization that would forever be a wound to the People's House that will never heal.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Covington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this "modernization".
It was never needed and is another Trump travesty in order to glorify his ego regardless of what damage he will do in the process.
This is the people's house.
Do your job, commission, and do not fall for Trump's lies and machinations in this.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:33:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Kay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one should be adding a ballroom onto one of the most important buildings in the United States without going through the approval process. Furthermore, the addition's size should be appropriate for the size of the rest of the structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Millman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I have worked in government for over three decades. I don't ever recall an elected official or for that matter any official unilaterally tearing down a structure without going through a proscribed process and without input from the public. In New York City we need Council approval to rename a street in honor of a local hero.

If there are regulations that would have governed the destruction of the East Wing and the looming monstrosity that is to replace it, please apply the appropriate penalties. If there are no regulations please draft some ASAP to prevent such abuses of power in the future.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kari Darvill-Coate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when Donald Trump destroyed the East Wing of the People's House. It was a terrible blow to the people. I object to some monstrous ballroom that will dwarf the White House. I also was dismayed to see the Rose Garden destroyed. The White House does NOT belong to the temporary occupants and should not be altered or destroyed without public approval. There is so much history there.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Hawk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project and respectfully request it immediately stop. This project and design are atrocities. The design is not keeping with the decorum of the people's White House. There should be a public committee that was formed to explore the project before any demolition took place. I request that Mr. Trump personally pay to rebuild the historic east wing. No one needs a giant ballroom. Go to the Hilton if you want that . Not in our White House. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:32:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandi Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty and a blight on our national history. If anyone had done this type of demo without approval, we'd be fined and stopped. I had to renovate my 90 yr old home in Baton Rouge according to the rules of the historic commission for the city and no man or woman whether President or dog catcher should be allowed to destroy willy nilly the PEOPLE's House. It's not owned by the president, it is leased for the time he or she is in office. There are no exceptions. Destroying our history is not an option and not a right. Simply put this is one man's need to put his name on anything and everything and rebuild it in his gold plated image. Shame on him and shame on us if it is allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:32:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Lenio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the historic East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the people of the United States, was demolished. And with no prior authorization. Since that terrible act cannot be undone, I at least want the proposed ballroom to fit in proportionally with the remaining parts of the White House. 90,000 square feet is way too big compared to the 55,000 square foot White House. At a minimum, the ballroom should be shrunk to a proportional size.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Gaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's set aside the travesty of destruction. Future construction should be architecturally compatible with the existing White House. It should not exceed the height or size of the existing structure. The White House must remain as the dominant structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:32:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Barrett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,
It was shocking to see the East Wing of the White House destroyed without any comment or feedback from the public, including guidance from historians, architects and preservationists. A piece of history was destroyed so thoughtlessly. While perhaps arguments might be made that a larger ballroom would be useful, the size and scale of this is completely unnecessary and is not in keeping with the size and scale of the White House. The East Wing is gone, but before something new is erected I hope time is taken to consult with historians and preservationists to build something that all Americans can be proud of and that maintains the dignity and beauty of the White House. We can not turn back time, but we can hopefully build something that is not a tribute to one very vain person, but a tribute to the legacy of the White House and the needs of the building now and for future generations.
Thank you for your time,
Kathy Barrett

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Name: MONICA BREDEN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its historically accurate condition. He should never have been able to destroy the people's house without the consent of we the people. Please, please, please restore to original condition. A proud Citizen is all I am and I love this country and everything we have historically stood for. Now we are despised and the subject of ridicule all around the world. Make it right again.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:31:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Beisman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please STOP the desecration of the "people's house". Trump is a tenant not an owner. He has no right to destroy our historic landmarks with his vanity projects. Please make him put the East Wing back the way it was. The monstrosity he wants to build will dwarf the White House, a beautiful historical representation for our country to cherish and enjoy for generations.

Thank you,
Kim Beisman

Date: 2/14/2026 12:31:08 PM
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Name: Jacquelyn Kuehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled and totally opposed to any and all deconstruction/reconstruction of the White House.

Mr. Trump has said that he has "deep respect for the history of the White House and for the Rose Garden."

Let's see that in action.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:30:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carlene Goldthwaite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From the Preamble to the Constitution..."to ensure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity..."

Our architectural heritage is as important as other aspects of our unique American culture, telling our story in more than words. The fact that we choose to honor and set aside buildings and plots of land as National Heritage sites affirms this philosophy and our commitment to celebrating a shared history. We may not always like or "feel good" about the sites - but they are part of our history.

Changes this administration has made to the Oval Office make it look gaudy and cheap - decrying the importance and gravitas of the office and the Office. The illegal razing of the historic East Wing was, unfortunately, not halted before the damage was done. This ill-conceived plan must not proceed.

I strongly oppose any efforts to turn this space into an aggrandizement of greed, and ask the Planning Commission to embark on a process to rededicate this space to support the work of the Executive Branch, the needs of the nation, and the First family who must live nearby.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:30:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Schrader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this project-in-progress. The proposed project visually dwarfs the white house, which is our primarily important executive site, and is an opportunity for this president to receive bribes from the ultra-wealthy in an inexcusable way. I oppose the obvious prioritization of the rich and powerful playing in our faces rather than working for global peace and prosperity. I oppose the loss of a white house wing that serves the work of the first spouse. Prior First Ladies have always had an important function for the country. Future first spouses will also, and need a place dedicated to maximizing their service to us.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:30:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Greg Crawford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this horrible massacre of our
house, the people house (The White House). I am against the building of a ballroom. Restore the East Wing!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:30:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the proposed changes to replace the East Wing with a modern ballroom facility is wonderful. The exterior continues the elegance of the current White House and provides much needed space for larger events and to entertain foreign dignitaries.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:30:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our current president seems to believe it's better to do whatever he wants and not even bother to ask permission or go through established channels and processes. The East Wing project should be halted if for no other reason than it was illegally begun, without advance notice, public review, or projection of plans. The resulting demolition of the wing and storage or disposal of its contents, along with irreverence for previous administrations' designs and efforts, shows this president's disregard for The Peoples' House. We would not have sat still if a bomber took out the entire east wing. How is this any different?

Date: 2/14/2026 12:29:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States of America and retired National Park Ranger, I humbly suggest to the NCPC that no building next to the White House should ever overshadow that structure. It is the home of our Presidents, the symbolic seat of overseer of our democracy and the People's house. No structure should ever make it appear smaller or less important to the world.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Holly Cahill

Date: 2/14/2026 12:29:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Manzon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good day,

The White House is a National treasure not only for its architecture but its rich and varied history in the function of this country. For an ‘‘administration’’ to just start demolishing part of The White House is just abhorrent. It does NOT belong to the current ‘‘leader.’’ It belongs to The United States of America and all Americans.

Please do what you can to stop this travesty. Can it be rebuilt as it was? One only hopes. A 90-thousand square foot ballroom is ludicrous. It is not Las Vegas.

Please take the time to think of our forefathers and all past American Presidents. What would they think?

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Paul Manzon
South Carolina

Date: 2/14/2026 12:29:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Garone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Simply put, this atrocious abomination must be stopped IMMEDIATELY, and the astounding insult that "President" Trump perpetrated on the American people must be rectified by reversing the utter destruction

that he caused. His egomaniacal, unilateral decision was egregious and offensive to every American, and the reckless waste of money involved -- and that will be involved if this banal project continues -- proves that he is financially irresponsible. THIS MISGUIDED AND UNNECESSARY PROJECT MUST BE STOPPED.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:29:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not merely an executive residence, but a living symbol of the nation, safeguarded by law. As an American citizen and tax payer, I want the East Wing restored to its original form. I definitely do not want a nearly 90,000 sq.ft ballroom added. Any additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:29:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Oceanak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No! This is the people’s house not the President’s house. In addition, based on review os his prior personal properties and recent White House renovations, tacky, exceedingly tacky style does not fit with the image America should project. This is not the residence of some grand personage in his castle.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine VanPatten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First and foremost, this ballroom project is an entirely unnecessary and ridiculously expensive vanity project. It should be scrapped entirely. Rebuild the now destroyed East Wing to the purpose and dimensions it originally had, updating it with the latest technology as needed. Restore Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden to what it was before 2016.

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanne Brand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of this, the People's House, should be fully restored to it's previous configuration, as should the rose garden. If a larger ball room is truly needed, it should be separately built, not part of any White House destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bob Keiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are processes and procedures in place that allow for the discussion and approval for renovations to any and all historic sites. NO ONE - including the President of the United States should be permitted to bypass them. Donald Trump has single handedly destroyed a piece of history and that action of his needs to be stopped right now. And the East wing needs to be restored to its previous construct at his personal cost.

Thank you.
Bob Keiger

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B-Ann Swaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Committee.
The White house is the People's House.
Please restore it to original design with upgrades to wiring and structure to make it restored to design. . If ADA upgrades are appropriate or needed make sure that is accomplished. Any process should go through review and acceptance by the historical preservation returning it to it's original glory and splendor. The Rose Garden should also be restored.
I reiterate. Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.Please use the original plans include the upgrades to systems as needed. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. It is not a palace but the People's House. There are plenty of large spaces in DC that can be used as a ballroom and are during inauguration balls.
The occupant of the White House is a temporary guest not a king.He should not be able to demolish or build to his taste since it is the Peoples' House.
Since it is called modernization please approve just that not changing the intent size or shape of the East wing .
Thank you for considering this as any changes should be considered before demolition.
Respectfully
B-Ann Swaney

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Nickerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are a nation of rules and laws. The White House, and all federal buildings, are assets that belong to the American people, not to any one individual, party of Administration. There are rules governing architectural changes to these buildings and grounds for a reason...so one person's whim or ego cannot destroy historically significant buildings and grounds, and so these treasures remain a source of pride, use and value for all Americans. Donald Trump's illegal, unauthorized destruction of the storied East Wing of the White House is an afront to all Americans and a contempt of the established due process for any demonlishon or construction. The project should be haunted immediately. Donald Trump and the backers if the project should be held financially and criminally responsible for the same, and be mandated to pay restitution to the American people. A separate committee should be firned to manage the replacement of the East Wing to its original status.
Furthermore, Donald Trump and his Administration should be barred from making any other architectural changes changes for life.
Lisa Nickerson

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Colombo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the Whitehouse East Wing. No ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:27:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Eggen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public comment should have been asked BEFORE the demolition of the East Wing and Rose Garden. It is completely unacceptable and beyond outrageous that these historic landmarks were destroyed. Restore the East Wing and Rose Garden as they were, with modern electrical, ADA, and safety features. This is what the American people want.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:27:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosanne Ragnacci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that this project should be privately funded.

I do not believe that any historic building/place should be altered, renovated, or demolished without the approval of Congress.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:27:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Kathrine Hay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
No private interest groups should be allowed to finance any projects to the White House and it's grounds.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:27:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Dunham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As proposed, the ballroom will dwarf the existing White House, the "people's house" a symbol of America. If a larger space is in fact needed for formal events, the space should be constructed elsewhere. The current view of the White House should be maintained as it has in the prior decades, a view that's etched in American history.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:26:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa DeGroff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The resident of the White House is NOT a home owner. His tenancy is more akin to service members in military housing. There would be hell to pay and damages due if we had ever demolished part of our military housing while serving overseas.

Mr. Trump should be required to reimburse the US for ANY costs associated with the unauthorized demolition and for costs associated with making whole the rebuilding of the East Wing as it was, with US only paying for modernization such as appropriate computer LAN rooms and wiring for 21st century needs, IF and only IF they were not already installed in the East Wing building

This man has no authorization for changing buildings and should be held responsible for any damage he has or will do to these historic buildings.

v/r,

Lisa K DeGroff

Date: 2/14/2026 12:26:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Watterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:26:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark OBryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Republican Party & private donations should be responsible for all costs associated to rebuild the East Wing and add a ballroom if a ballroom is necessary. Republicans caused this mess and should bear the responsibility to pay for all costs to repair the damage. Trump should be blocked from any decision making as he has shown he does not respect the history of public property and he has never respected US law.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:25:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was destroyed without public comment and without any approvals from congress or historic groups. My comment is put it back the way it was. It was a historical building and part of our history. The White House is the People's House, NOT the President's house. As one of The American

People: PUT IT BACK. Also put the Rose Garden back. Restore the East Wing historically and restore the Rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:25:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Crocker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. The Presidential occupant is just passing through. Structural changes to the White House should require Congessional review, with approval votes thru both the House and the Senate—The will of the People deserve input from all our elected representatives.

In my view, Trump is trying to turn our House into his version of a European palace. He's remodeling the White House into a Vegas Hotel….all that gold looks cheesy. The concrete Rose Garden??? Please—-save our monuments!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:25:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ashley Draine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return it to its former state with the president being held financially responsible for its restoration. The people did not ask for this gaudy ballroom and do not want it.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:25:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Dluger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for such an oversized, bloated wing that dwarfs the White House. It diminishes the majesty of the original structure. Plans must be significantly revised or better yet, scrapped.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:25:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Foley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building is an abomination. It doesn't even reflect the architecture of the actual white house. It looks more like a convention center overly gilded and too large. It is there to satisfy the ego of one man. It will stand forever as a monument to corruption and the over the top lifestyle of the rich and famous. It is a building that is out of touch with the American people and serves no purpose in the running of our country. A much smaller building plainly in scale with the White House would be much more welcome. Also requiring the donors and their gifts to be made public and approval by congress is an absolute necessity here. In the name of everything that America actually stands for it must never be built. If it is built I would support anyone who promised to take it down.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:24:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Farwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I propose the construction of an improved East Wing entailing the resumption of its previous functions along with appropriate modernization, and in a scale and architectural style respectful of its place as an element of the executive residence.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:24:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size and eventual use of the proposed White House State Ballroom is a blatant accommodation to the billionaire and elite class and a blatant rejection of democracy. If this project goes through as Trump has planned, it will permanently render "The People's House" obsolete through its size, dominance in relation to the rest of the structure, and future use. The cost to taxpayers regarding the extensive dinners, servicing, and security of the elite class utilizing this space will be astronomical.

I respectfully disagree with this proposed project.
A concerned middle-class U.S. citizen,
Elaine Williamson
Kansas

Date: 2/14/2026 12:24:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin DeGeorge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If the East Wing footprint remained the same as it was prior to the demolition, and included a space where presidents could sit in the middle of the room and observe photos, audio history, and artifacts from some of the most damaging presidential decisions and some of the most beneficent presidential decisions, it would

be a reminder to all who seek the office what power they wield.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:24:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Pande
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My suggestion for the rebuild of the East Wing of the White House is that it must be no larger than the West Wing so that it is balanced and does not overpower the White House itself. It should keep the style of the building including the decor matching that of the original. In my opinion the removal was done illegally with no concern to the possible harm to the original historic structure or the grounds around it. There should be compensation from the people who allowed this destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:24:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hinsvark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to submit my objection to the proposed ballroom at The White House.

The proposed ballroom is not in the same scope and size of the current White House and would actually make The White House, the Peoples House, look unsubstantial. Instead of being the focus, The White House would be diminished by the proposed structure.

A replacement of the recently demolished East Wing is called for. I would propose instead that it be as close to the original as possible. A grand dining room with a dance floor and stage for musicians/speeches with perhaps a small vaulting of the ceiling and extending towards the back of the White House footprint would be acceptable as long as the ceiling does not exceed 1 1/2 stores. The West Wing could then have its ceiling vaulted to assure symmetry.

DO NOT allow this proposed monstrosity to be built.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:24:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Gayeski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was very upset when this was knocked down. Please restore it to its original purpose and style. It should not be bigger then the White House.. If we need a ballroom build it somewhere else.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:23:27 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryanne Murray Kulp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the construction of a 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom on the site of the torn down East Wing of the White House. It's size alone is totally out of keeping with the current buildings it will complement (overshadow).....it's cost will eventually end up being a drain on the US taxpayer as I expect it would outlast the current POTUS who is prone to large parties and grandeur on a scale we don't need.....are we a nation of party-goers and revelers that we need such a huge space to party???? Donations will build it???? I think we've heard that before and without money in hand, I don't trust donor promises.

A facility of that size would require additional staffing, utilities, maintenance, and security resources. Over time, these recurring costs would be borne by taxpayers, making it important to evaluate whether the functional benefits justify permanent budgetary commitments.Even if privately funded, a massive ballroom looks tone-deaf during a period when Americans are dealing with high housing costs, healthcare struggles, and numerous disaster recoveries. Expanding entertaining space at such incredible costs feels disconnected from everyday concerns.

Could large events be hosted at other federal venues in Washington when needed? Washington already has major federal and cultural venues capable of hosting large events, including: The Kennedy Center, the Library of Congress and the National Building Museum. These facilities regularly accommodate events far larger than White House state dinners.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:23:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for opening this opportunity to reject Trump's destruction of The People's East Wing and many other national treasures and historic monuments. No one person or President has that right. This President is especially untrustworthy to do anything outside of his own selfish and gaudy interest.
Sincerely,
Deborah Martin
Norwich, Vermont 05055

Date: 2/14/2026 12:23:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Trump Administrations destruction of the East Wing was not done according to the "will" or "previewed" by the People which they serve. They need to be accountable and submit to the committee plans for the ballroom at a significantly reduced size as not to dwarf the White House. I would prefer no

ballroom be erected at all This is a temporary residence for the current occupants. They have no entitled right to destroy and rebuild a monument to their specific needs or a vanity project to only serve the current Administration. They will be long gone when it is finished. I would like the ballroom idea scraped and the East Wing rebuilt fo reflect the original purpose it was designed for.
Joan Miller

Date: 2/14/2026 12:22:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Milas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to express my lack of support for the ballroom project. The White House, often referred as the people's house, should not be modified in such a flamboyant manner. The American people have more pressing concerns than a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:22:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Olive
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing. No ballroom necessary. No further demolition unless sanctioned by NCPC and historical society.

PS: No Arch of Triumph 250 ft tall!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:22:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump capriciously tore down the east wing, he needs to pay for its restoration with his own money.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:21:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jillian Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolition of the East Wing was done illegally and without public comment. Therefore, it is my opinion that the East Wing should be rebuilt meticulously to preserve the dignity of the original historical structure.

I will also add that I do not believe the White House needs a giant, gaudy ballroom. It sounds incredibly tacky. At a minimum, any addition to the White House should match the historical scale of the building. The proposed height of the ballroom is ridiculous and should be reigned in.

I'm also deeply uncomfortable with how this project is being funded. It feels like donors are buying influence and persuasion with this.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:21:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candice Gingrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,
I was horrified when Donald Trump raised the East Wing to the ground without any type of approval in order to allegedly construct a ballroom. He solicited donations from powerful business people in order to construct it. Those "donations" were obviously bribes. What an absolute disgrace.

We the People own the White House. Trump had no right to destroy the East Wing. I fully believe it was done to erase the work of former First Ladies, as well as provide an area for him to actually build a bunker with a ballroom on top. He has no intention of leaving when his term is up.

The NCPC needs to block him from constructing anything new where the East Wing once stood. The only exception is to make Trump rebuild the East Wing as it once stood. I'm talking an exact replica. While he is at it, the Rose Garden needs to have the same treatment. No permission was given to dig the garden up and replace it . What was once a gorgeous outdoor area is now a disaster of a 1980s style hotel patio. What a total disgrace.

I won't even begin to go into the gaudy gold lettering and trim throughout the entire White House, or the disgusting remodel of the Lincoln Bathroom.

Everything Trump touches turns into a gaudy piece of trash.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:21:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project is too large - not to scale with the White House. It is also unnecessary and ill conceived. Offices are needed more than a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:21:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Rosczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is too big for the White House! The main structure should not be dwarfed by the absurd size desired by our egomaniac president. The East Wing should never have been demolished without any concern for the proper way of making changes to a structure that belongs to the American People! This planned ballroom should be rethought!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:21:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is completely out of perspective and balance for the entire White House complex. It has moved ahead illegally, without proper process, and most certainly without public input or comment. The very idea that we are only NOW able to comment, AFTER complete destruction of the East Wing, is an insult to every citizen of the US. Please STOP this project before it is too late, and BEGIN a legal, valid, appropriate process to even evaluate the NEED for a structure, much less one of this size.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:21:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eileen Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. We need a reputable architecture firm to design an addition that respects the fact that this is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE -- not a Mar-a-lago-like personal entertainment venue for the current deranged occupant in the White House. (no gold decor, please!)

The public MUST be involved. Thank you for the opportunity.

P.S. And where has the $400 Million gone -- perhaps tax payer money, perhaps donors, who really knows? It all sounds corrupt.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:20:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the “People “ not any President!
Restore the East Wing only with updated electrical systems, etc. within it’s original blue print

Date: 2/14/2026 12:20:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jawad Salah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing and plan for the construction of an obscene, gilded monument to the ego of Donald Trump - the worst President to ever hold the office - marks one of many “low points” in the history of this nation. Beyond its sheer aesthetic bankruptcy, its overwhelming ugliness and lack of elegance, it is unconscionable that a convicted felon and credibly accused sexual predator who has done everything within his power (and much outside of it) to dishonor every principle the White House is supposed to protect, would be allowed to raze the East Wing and raise this abomination of a monument to his massive, fragile ego in its place. Donald Trump, a cruel, racist, profoundly ignorant criminal who history will eventually recognize as the black stain on this country that he is, should not have the ability to deface the White House as he has.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:20:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cliona Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the White House East Wing with correct proportions to its former grandeur. Please follow the correct permitting procedures for reconstruction, restore the furnishings, office space. It may be a further discussion if reconfiguration may be necessary for event space within the reconstructed walls. No gold adornments but an acknowledgement of our states in all glory.

Remove the offensive portrait of President Biden depicted as an “auto pen”. All presidential portraits past and present be given equal display space.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:19:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Braedyn Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my outright opposition to the White House East Wing Modernization project

initiated by President Trump in violation of existing law.

The White House complex is a designated National Historic Landmark and among the most symbolically charged architectural ensembles in the United States. Although the East Wing itself dates largely to 1902 and was substantially rebuilt in 1942, it forms part of the evolved historic fabric of the Executive Mansion.

Under preservation standards—particularly those articulated in the National Park Service Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties—new construction must:
• Preserve historic character-defining features
• Avoid conjectural additions
• Be differentiated yet compatible
• Not destroy historic materials or spatial relationships

A substantial East Wing expansion risks altering the proportional balance between:
• The Executive Residence (1792–1800, rebuilt 1815–17)
• The West Wing (1902 onward)
• The East Wing (20th-century evolution)

Even if technically reversible, scale and massing changes can permanently disrupt the historic composition of the site.
In addition, the White House grounds, shaped significantly under Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., are integral to the historic setting. The East Wing fronts areas tied to ceremonial and diplomatic arrival sequences.

The proposed expansion will:
• Alter historic circulation patterns
• Encroach on designed open space
• Interrupt long-standing axial views
• Disrupt archaeological resources beneath the grounds

The site itself—not just the building—constitutes a protected cultural landscape.
Historically, additions to the White House complex have been incremental and reactive to functional needs (e.g., wartime offices in 1942). A large contemporary expansion could set precedent for:
• Continued enlargement of the complex
• Functional over historic considerations
• Escalating executive footprint on a highly symbolic civic landscape

Preservation practice evaluates cumulative impact, not just individual projects.

The White House site contains layers of 18th- and 19th-century archaeological deposits, including service buildings, landscape features, and infrastructure. Excavation associated with a major East Wing project could:
• Disturb undocumented subsurface resources
• Permanently erase research potential
• Compromise interpretive opportunities

Archaeological stewardship is a core principle under federal preservation law.

Although the White House is federally controlled and not subject to all local preservation controls, responsible stewardship historically involves consultation under:
• National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106 review)
• Advisory bodies and preservation experts
• Transparency regarding alterations to nationally significant sites

If a project proceeds without robust public and scholarly review, it will conflict with best practices in cultural resource management.

The White House is not merely a residence—it is a national symbol. Architectural alterations are perceived as statements about governance and legacy:
• Perception of executive aggrandizement
• Disruption of a long-recognized architectural icon
• Alteration of a structure associated with shared national identity

Historically significant buildings demand restraint; preservation ethics prioritize continuity over expansion.

From a preservation standpoint, alternate solutions exist…functional needs can be met through:
• Reconfiguration of existing interior space
• Off-site administrative relocation
• Temporary or reversible structures
• Digital and operational modernization

Preservation doctrine holds that new construction should be a last resort when historic fabric is at stake.

In conclusion, I am adamantly opposed to this project for the following reasons:
• Protection of historic integrity
• Preservation of designed landscape
• Archaeological stewardship
• Avoidance of precedent
• Adherence to federal preservation standards
• Protection of national symbolism

The White House complex represents over two centuries of layered architectural history. I favor minimal intervention and careful continuity rather than an expansion that will permanently alter one of the most significant civic structures in the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:19:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Wisniewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

According to the law the time for public comment was BEFORE construction started. Since the law was not followed here are my comments:
The exterior of the East Wing should be restored to its original appearance and the necessary modernizations (electrical, security, etc.) should be made to the interior of the building. There is no need for an enormous gaudy ballroom as tall as the central portion of the White House. If the administration wishes to construct such a monstrosity they should locate a different site within the city.
And while we're on the topic of making significant changes to the White House without public comment - The rose garden should be returned to its original appearance and all of the tacky gold gilding that has been applied to every possible surface should be removed.

Jennifer Wisniewski
MA Public History

Date: 2/14/2026 12:19:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mrs Doughty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the building back to the original design. The destruction of this historical building should *never* have happened. Any modifications should have been approved, in advance of demolition! This unlawful activity should not be tolerated. Rule of law should apply to all (if we hope to keep our democracy).

Date: 2/14/2026 12:19:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Dworak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support a ballroom. I urge you to RESTORE the historic East Wind as well as the Rose Garden. the proposed monstrosity of a ballroom is a vanity project and is neither needed nor wanted by the citizens of the United States. It will also ruin the clean lines of OUR White House and is an embarrassment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:18:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Rinaldi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House as before and up to current building codes. The cost of repairing the destruction of the East Wing should not become a tax payer burden. The Trump Organization should be made responsible for all restorations.

The unnecessary ballroom should be located in a different area of the city, as not to take away from the beauty of our White House.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions on the destruction and restoration of our national treasure; The White House.

Dorothy V Rinaldi and Family

Date: 2/14/2026 12:18:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Shields
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly feel that the destruction of the East Wing in order to build a huge ballroom is wrong. The East Wing was apart of the White House, the people's house. Trump should have gone through the proper channels to have this approved. Congress and the entity that governs over public projects of historical buildings definitely needed to be involved. Trump only wants this gold tacky ballroom to feed his ego. I want the East Wing to be restored. Trump needs to be stopped.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:18:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: M Pearson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Very simply, please restore the East Wing to what it was. The history and integrity of the White House is far more important than the whim of a giant ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:18:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Nordike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:17:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Surowiec
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern. I am 63 years old and don't understand how a president can just do whatever he wants to the "People's House" . This isn't just a little remolding, redecorating thing. He has tore apart our history of some great memories that will never be replaced. There needs to be some sort of accountability for this and over site for what will be put there in place of "our" East Wing. What he has done to the East Wing is a prime example of what he has done to our country. Heart broken, senior American citizen in Indiana. (Jane Surowiec)

Date: 2/14/2026 12:17:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmen Sutter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:17:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Earle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am grieved by the demolition of the East Wing and the complete lack of transparency with the planned rebuilding. The White House has been known for years as "the people's house." This demolition occurred without any input from citizens, any consultation with appropriate historic preservation groups or, for that matter, Congress. Please halt this process as soon as possible, and allow the Historic Trust to take charge of the plan and the reconstruction.
Mary Earle,
San Antonio, TX

Date: 2/14/2026 12:17:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Bourke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center. Most importantly,
the White House is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features. The total square footage of the White House is 55,000 square feet. It seems to me that adding a 90,000 square foot ballroom would be out of step with the requirements put forth in these Standards.

The occupant of The White House works for the People of the United States and lives there as a temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild the structure to his own personal tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:17:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a travesty and should be declined! How is it possible for Trump to knock down much of the White House without ANY approval and then try to build an unnecessary and garish ballroom that dwarfs and decimates the WhiteHouse and is a vanity project to Trump?? Where is the oversight by congress and appropriate departments? The funding is very suspicious - we don't even know the billionaires (foreign and domestic) that are "donating" money and what favors they will receive in return. It's pay to play and grifting in plain sight. STOP the travesty now! Decline the East Wing "Modernization" Project now!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:16:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larken Egleston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop ruining our country's historic landmarks. The White House belongs to the American people, not the President who resides in it.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:16:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Mishler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern,
I am submitting this comment in opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

This proposal raises concerns regarding federal spending prioritization, statutory review standards, and long-standing preservation principles governing nationally significant historic properties. While expanded event space may be operationally desirable, federal capital investments must be evaluated against competing national needs, including critical funding demands within health and human services systems

serving vulnerable populations across the country.

Under the federal review framework applicable to this project, including interagency planning review, environmental impact considerations, and congressional oversight, projects of this scale should demonstrate clear necessity, proportionality, and consistency with federal stewardship obligations. The scale of the proposed addition — approximately 90,000 square feet — would exceed the size of the existing 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. This introduces legitimate policy concerns regarding precedent-setting expansion of federally protected historic executive facilities.

Federal preservation standards have historically emphasized that new construction associated with landmark properties should remain subordinate in scale, visually compatible, and minimally impactful to defining historic features. A structure exceeding the primary historic residence in size challenges those long-established preservation principles and risks altering the historic hierarchy and character of one of the nation's most symbolically and historically significant government properties.

Additionally, federal capital planning should consider opportunity cost. Large-scale construction expenditures for ceremonial or event capacity expansion must be weighed against documented national needs in public health infrastructure, community health access, and human services delivery systems.

I respectfully urge the Commission to apply strict scrutiny to the necessity, scale, fiscal justification, and preservation compatibility of this proposal, and to consider whether alternative, less impactful solutions could meet operational needs while maintaining fidelity to federal preservation and stewardship standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment and participate in this review process.
Signed,
April Mishler, CT

Date: 2/14/2026 12:16:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore rose garden. Forego garish gold leaf.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:15:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please ensure that the replacement for the White House east wing is of a size that doesn't overwhelm the actural White House. Many of the proposed pictures look much larger than the White House. Also please consider the use that past Presidents have put the space to. We have the current President campaining for a hugh ballroom. But is this really needed? Have any of the past presidents indicated that the current entertaining spaces were inadequate? What do the living past Presidents say - did they feel the lack of a

large ballroom. Historians who are familiar with the writings of deceased Presidents may be aware of thier need (or lack of need) for a large ballroom. Please ensure that there is a sound design that can be accomplished in a timely manner. It should reflect reflect the good taste of the other Federal buildings which have met the test of time. It should not be built to satisfy the whim of a single president. Ideally it should be funded through normal federal funding methods, not by donations which do not allow transparency and appear to by bribes.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:15:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "Modernization" is a garish embarrassment to and a slap in the face of all Americans. I am fully against it as an affront to art, architecture, American history, the dignity of the White House, and to the American system which is designed to counter tyranny.

This is an abject waste of money, if for no other reason than the next President will have it immediately demolished, and the old East Wing restored, at the expense of those who funded the "Modernization"....just watch how the rats scurry out of the limelight then!!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:15:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsay Crago
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed renovation of the East Wing is in poor taste. It will dwarf the White House, which should be the main attraction at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The cost and size far exceed the supposed need. It does not even match the existing structure. The East Wing never should have been demolished without public input. This is no more than a corrupt vanity project and it should not be allowed to continue any further. The only person who wants this is a convicted felon. I am so glad our family visited DC before the inauguration and were able to experience it before the dismantling of buildings, editing of museums and landmarks, and troops arrived. Please put a stop to the ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Voge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to it’s previous size. It can be a multifunctional space, but it must depict the elegance and sophistication of the peoples house. The grounds should be restored to their previous beauty.

The person responsible for the destruction of the east wing should be held personally liable and compensate the American people for the destruction by covering all costs of the restoration. It was pure vandalism to destroy the structure and the rose garden. Anyone responsible should be prosecuted for their malevolence.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hicks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

it was appalling to watch the historic East Wing demolished at the whim of a president who dismissed the legal process for undertaking this project. The damage is irreversible. However, the legal process for replacing the East Wing can be re-asserted to ensure our historic building is not permanently disfigured. Please assert this authority and ensure that an addition is designed that will honor the history of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Lichti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored and the ballroom project scrapped. No one wanted this project; it is a vanity project being built to appease POTUS. It is too expensive and is completely unnecessary. Further, POTUS should pay a hefty financial penalty for ignoring the rules and regulations surrounding structural changes to a building that is his temporary residence. It is our house, not his, and he has already been allowed far too much latitude. We cannot recover all that he has destroyed at this point.

Please stop his vanity project from moving forward and restore the White House to its previous state. The bribes that have been given to support this project should instead be used to reinstate programs that were illegally cut by the current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Haig Garabedian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am certain that the plans for the project will be as gaudy and hideous as this president has made the Oval Office and nearly every other project he has been involved with. There is no need in this country to have a ballroom this size. It has not been needed for any function in the past, nor will rational future presidents need it, and it would degrade the historic appearance of The Peoples' House. Please require it to be reconstructed with the exterior appearance as it was, with whatever interior and structural improvements are necessary to bring it up to modern structural and security standards.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sicard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Winston202 posted this in a comment section and it expresses my sentiments: “I am a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in the Design Category and recipient of 29 design excellence awards from the American Institute of Architects. Trump’s Ballroom Building is a grossly oversized pig of a building that vastly overwhelms the smaller historic White House. It is not a ballroom building. It is more of a convention center. It is a grossly inappropriate uncouth slob of building. It is a mind boggling awful monstrosity of building that reflects poorly on our country and the rich architectural heritage of our nation’s capitol.”

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Name: Beverly McCain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed new building is an abomination. Obviously, it has to be much smaller in scale, 20,000 sq ft. No gold gilding, the architecture and decorations are to be in line with the White House - prior to the current resident. It was a disgrace that the East Wing and so much of the historical areas have already been destroyed. Since there obviously has to be something in its place (without a concrete patio with picnic tables and umbrellas ala Mar-a-Lago, it should be distinguished and tasteful, not gaudy and tasteless.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:13 PM
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Name: Melissa Jeffrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I get a nice place to have dinners, but the design and construction should be consistent to the original design. In this case. Form should be over function. I worked at a library that was 78000 SQ. Ft over three stories. A pretty good sized ball could have been just on the first floor. Big is not always best.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do NOT allow the construction of the 90,000 square foot ballroom. It will damage the appearance of the White House, cost a tremendous amount of money that should be spent on helping Americans with food, home, and health care costs, and it is, in fact, totally unnecessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:14:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Bland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified when I saw pictures of the demolition of the East wing of the White House. An American landmark, the White House and it's iconic configuration, has been a staple in Washington DC for decades. Countless students have gone on DC field trips, including my own family. Countless souvenirs have been purchased with the East Wing still intact. Countless photos are in Americans homes with the East Wing still intact. The loss of this landmark really hit the American people emotionally, because of the assumption that it was indeed the people's house, and not owned by any one person. The loss is incalculable already. With the building of a huge ballroom, the pain would be magnified for many Americans. Please do not allow this construction.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:13:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Mannion
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely heartbroken that the East Wing has been demolished before people ever had a chance for input, or that the legal procedures were followed. If there is a necessity to expand the ballroom, it should not be a ridiculous, Las Vegas-style, over the top monstrosity. It should reflect the spirit of the 1800s when the building was constructed. It can be elegant, but colonial in an architecture. It is the people's house, not a palace. It should not be adorned with massive amounts of gold. The most precious thing in that addition would be the people who attend events in it from all walks of life - a reflection of a democracy, not an autocracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:13:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. It is an embarrassingly large structure that will destroy the White House's majesty. It serves no valid purpose and is a waste of taxpayers' money.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:13:29 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Singer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I'm honestly shocked and disgusted. The White House isn't just a building—it's a symbol of the country's continuity and history. This decision feels reckless and disrespectful. The East Wing is part of the White House's historical legacy. Destroying it feels like an erasure of tradition and a betrayal of our responsibility to preserve national landmarks. Decisions that affect historic federal properties deserve transparency, public input, and respect for our shared heritage.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:13:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Buerkert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, there are many options elsewhere in the city. The White House is the People's House, not a personal residence for the serving President. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden from the flat, soulless space it is now. The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry. Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People PRIOR to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:12:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Skvir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:12:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Heiston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The vanity project that resulted in the demolition of the East Wing in order to replace it with a gaudy, oversized ballroom must be stopped. The addition to the structure, as presented, would dwarf the White House in size. It is unnecessary as the government has facilities to house large gatherings, and although claimed by the President as being funded by donors will ultimately cost taxpayers. Instead, the White House must be compelled to rebuild the original East Wing structure as it stood.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:12:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Beermann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of this project overshadows the WhiteHouse itself. Seems on the overly large side

Interior space should be tastefully done and not the over the top gold leaf that now adorns the Oval office. The ostentatious look of gold makes American look greedy and tasteless

Date: 2/14/2026 12:12:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Lindelow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the addition of a larger space for entertaining at our White House may be a positive, the size and scale of the proposed "modernization project" is very much out of proportion to the rest of the complex. The White House is not a palace and its historical significance should not be dwarfed by a modern addition.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Welych
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It belongs to no one person. Therefore, it must be treated as a national treasure and not a private residence. Any actions that alter the function or appearance of the People's House must be reviewed AND approved by the Committee for the Preservation of the White House (initiated under President Lyndon B Johnson), the White House Historical Association (started by Jacqueline Kennedy and responsible for accurate and historical restoration) and the National Parks Service. None of this has happened, and some of those entities have in fact spoken out against the architectural disaster that is the Trump design: oversized, which skews the classic proportions of the White House, and is

designed to be gaudy and faux throughout. A random pastiche of classic styles, replete with overwrought gilding, is inappropriate in a functioning democracy. Rather, it bears more than a passing resemblance to the mansions of tinpot dictators such as Saddam Hussein. What does that say about the state of our democracy, then?

For all these reasons, I state for the record that I am in resolute opposition to the gargantuan ballroom proposed for the site of the rudely demolished East Wing of the People's House.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Hampton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I 100% absolutely categorically OBJECT to this project. It is vulgar, gawdy and inappropriate to have a ballroom that dwarfs the residence.
It is also absurdly expensive per square foot which makes it all the more suspect.
This is not Mr Trump's personal home, it is the people's house and this ostentatious monument to his ego is entirely un-American.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Gehringer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to its pre-demolition state. I don't believe a tacky spectacle is how we should represent the heart of our government.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Laycak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please find my comments regarding the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House below:
Restore the exterior dimensions and exterior/interior architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. Refrain from tacky gold paint unless the original structure included it.

Do not use Donald Trump's name anywhere in, or on, this building. This building belongs to the American public and should not be named for an individual, especially one so despised.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.

It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Wullenschneider
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt with design influences that keep it architecturally compatible with rest of the Whitehouse. Offices for the First Lady need to be reestablished. If the need for a secure event space can be established, build it somewhere else. The Whitehouse is to serve the purpose of providing living quarters for the President and his family.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Schoenfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an historical asset. It is the People's House.

Restore all exterior dimensions and architectural styling. Update systems (ie plumbing/wiring/HVAC) and use materials. Restore window appearances. Make interior ADA accessible wherever possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

No gold embellishments. Exterior should be in traditional style (Georgian, and no more hardscape than was present in 2016).

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. If a bunker/sec ops facility are needed, construct them below ground within the restored perimeter of the structure.

Thank you for preserving the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:07 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Douglass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Despite assurances to the contrary by the White House staff, the demolition of the East Wing proceeded in haste in 2025 without the legally required reviews of the project. The intent was to proceed with construction of the new East Wing without review. This project is in violation of numerous laws as a result. It took an injunction to halt it. The damage is done and cannot be reversed. However, a proper review of the plans for the new construction can at least ensure that the new construction is compatible with the architectural style and mass of the White House.

The White House has been the home and workplace of every president since John Adam's moved in. It is arguably the most significant building in the United States. The proposed massive 90,000 square foot ballroom (whose size has been growing since last year) is totally out of proportion with the White House and West Wing. It is overly grandiose and the need to seat 900 guests at any one event seems questionable. In my opinion, this project does not fall in line with historic preservation standards and, at its present scale, would be a waste of funds. I urge that the proper reviews proceed as legally required, and that modifications to the plans are done to bring them more in line with the existing structures.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:11:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Mocenigo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an American icon. It belongs to the American People and not the current occupant. Any changes to it should be thoroughly reviewed. That the destruction of the existing East Wing was allowed without public input shows an absolute lack of respect for the will of the People.

The proposed ballroom design completely distorts the White House. If it is indeed imperative that a ballroom is needed for the good of the People, then it should be designed so the majority of the structure is below grade so that the above grade portion resembles to East Wing prior to its destruction. It seems to me that all the stated goals can be achieved with such a design direction. The above grade portion would allow natural light and the high-ceiling desired for the ballroom could still be achieved by building some of the height below grade. Moreover, such a design would make the structure safer and more secure from an attack.

While a larger, more secure space for holding diplomatic functions may make sense, it should be done aesthetically and in character with the size, scale and design of the existing structure (and particularly the former East Wing).

I also highly object to the idea such a large space would be needed for inaugurations, since such ceremonies should be performed in public, in the light of day and with enough space to accommodate the historically-sized crowds attracted by popular presidents.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rosenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild and upgrade the original East Wing, along with restoring the rose garden. IF a ballroom is necessary it should be constructed as an offsite structure, AFTER plans are submitted and approved. And NO GOLD finishings!! Would prefer art work depicting historical events in American history.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: cynthia rutledge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Plans for this were not pre-submitted at all. Destruction of the historic East Wing was improper. Proposed renovations do not fit with the scale and gravitas of this public building. I oppose Trump's grandiose, over-the-top designs, and also the sheer, overwhelming size of this plan

Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lynn Delfino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not wish to see this proposed monstrosity built after the president tore down the East Wing without any sort of approval. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Dineen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kristen mckinstry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS PROJECT NOW. Under no circumstances should any version of this project be approved. All steps that have been taken to date should be restored to original condition, including complete rebuilding of the historic East Wing of the White House, without any added marble or gilt. The people, citizens, voters of the United States - of whom I am one - have long viewed the White House as a symbol of our history and of suitable decorum for an icon of our country, not a party venue for oligarchs. No temporary resident should be permitted to impose questionable (at best) personal ideas of "taste" on OUR property. (If any resident wants a solid gold quilt on his bed, or mirror on the wall, fine. Let him take it with him when he returns the property - broom clean - to us, his landlords.) The White House has, and should, house serious efforts to build a world of freedom and justice for all persons everywhere because we hold it as self evident that all people are created equal and endowed with inalienable rights. It should not be reduced to a post-golf hangout for the few who can afford to flaunt their wealth, and especially not at the expense of those who contribute to coffers designed to serve the best interests of us all. The White House is NOT a private palace, it is a public monument. And don't permit it to be renamed after anyone either.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Nilson Baird
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination.

The United States is not a monarchy. The White House is not a palace.

It does not belong to a president but rather to the people of the country. We were not asked for our permission.

The 45 previous presidents didn't need a ballroom. They never asked the US taxpayers to come up with something like that and asking crony capitalist friends to fund your vanity project is just completely wrong.

Put it back the way it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Rae
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reject ballroom expansion project. The East Wing should be reconstructed in a design and scale consistent with its previous stature as a component of the White House. Offices and rooms consistent with previous designs and uses should be restored. Necessary upgrades to Building Codes and security measures should be incorporated. Please also consider replacement of the Rose Garden.

The ballroom proposal would overshadow the remaining White House structure and project an image of grandeur unbecoming to the “People’s House,”

Date: 2/14/2026 12:09:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Livingston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for a ballroom in the People's House. It should be rebuilt as it was, with modernization and up to code.
Absolutely no gold filigree!
The history I recall rose garden should be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:09:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri McKee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to any part of this project moving forward. This administration destroyed the historic East Wing to build a monument to his ego which is not needed or wanted by the true owners of the property, the American People. The President does not personally own this property and does not have the right to independently destroy historic structures and then reap the reward of erecting a monstrous, unwanted, unneeded structure. I strongly request this entire project be stopped. I also vehemently request that all historic pieces of art, furniture and other items removed from the East Wing be accounted for and placed in a museum or other secure location to ensure they remain for the benefit of the American People.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:09:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Oglethorpe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the "People's House." It is a treasured and world renowned building. The current desecration is indicative of what happens when commissions and processes that are there to protect the nation's architectural heritage are circumvented and rank amateurs seek to impose themselves on the building. Any process arising from this admirable opportunity to comment should focus on the description of this as the People's House. it's repair must be a collaborative venture including architects, historians, qualified members of the public. Change is a fact of life and has to be managed. Heritage is a collaborative thing, requiring mindful consideration and consultation. Society as a whole should be included and a wide variety of opinions taken into account. I have no expert credentials really to comment other than those of a deeply concerned and offended citizen that this house, the People's House, should have been so desecrated and what is to be done about the damage to our national treasure. Thank you for this opportunity to contribute.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Destiny Marks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of this project is not proportional to the size of the historical building, nor is it necessary. Every presidential administration prior to this has made the current size of the building work. This is a waste of money. We the people are not working hard just so funds can go to making a party palace at the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is OUR house,
the citizens of the
United (not Divided) States of America.
Like much of Trump's doings, this was done illegally without going through the proper checks and balances.

He should have to pay to restore it to what it was.

And then IMPEACH HIM!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is too large. The project cost too much money. The beneficiaries of this project are too few, too narrow, too specific, i.e., not for the general public. This project is detrimental to the overall health and well-being of the Washington DC area. This project is a heartbreak and is good for nothing. It should be scrapped in its entirety and never thought of again.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom, restore as much as possible after the Ape ruined it!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: paula weal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Gold oppulance is not associated with the values of the founders of the United States. We are a relatively young country, founded by immigrants looking for opportunity to change the life they lived under Kings and Royal Families who ammassed weath on the backs of the people. The rise of an oppulance ballroom would only exist to usher us in the direction of Kings and Royalty and celebrate their wealth. I would hope that is not what we are all about. That we will not celebrate wealth until w e are all living in comfort, with full bellies, safe housing, and good health. Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. No golden monstorous ballroom to impress other heads of state and oligarcs is needed to remind us we have a long way to go for everyone to live the "American dream."

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Leimbach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, provided for the use of a duly elected President and his administration. It is, especially, a rental property and should be treated as such. If changes are sought, it has to be done with the consent of, and the approval of, the owner.
One does NOT demolish something that does not belong to him first and then seek approval. In fact, I do not recall this President ever seeking approval. Ever.
He insists he has such good taste that he will build some structure that everyone will love. I see how he cheapened the Oval Office- his tastes are not mine. Glitter may belong in a bordello. It does belong in the People’s House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ava Talamantez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was so upset that the East Wing was demolished without proper permissions and now our taxpayer money has to restore what was already there!

I would like the East Wing Restored with the exterior dimensions and architectural style it was to begin with, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
I don’t believe a ballroom is needed, but if one must be constructed do it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Andre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernizing is one thing. Demolishing to fundamentally alter the idea of one of the most iconic buildings in the United States with a program that is fundamentally at odds with the ideas this country was founded on is another. The White House should be a modest space. There is simply no need for this work. The same programs should be accommodated elsewhere. There are numerous other government spaces to host programs like it. Please reject this proposed alteration

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda M Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President had absolutely NO right to remove the West Wing without going through the process for building anything! The West Wing was fine, and WE DON'T need a HUGE ballroom! He is tearing up our history. Please stop this so called man!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Rhymer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

The White House, the People's House, is not a palace. A showy ballroom is not needed, there are plenty of venues already in D.C.
It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics to fit the ethos of our budding democracy.
Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is, I know I was.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden to its previous glory, not the current bistro patio which is a disgrace to Jackie’s memory.

I’m not going to say better late than never, but you’re really behind on this one. I’m so glad I took my family to see The White House before this desecration.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Duis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the East Wing to its original condition. It was illegally destroyed!
It doesn’t need a ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Monson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom and remove all the ugly faux gold detail. The house was originally designed in the federal style of architecture and should be returned to such. Also the rose garden should be returned as Mrs. Kennedy envisioned.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the East Wing Modernization project and feel that the magnitude/ opulance of the proposed plan promotes an imperialist impression that the United States of America should not represent to the rest of the world. We are a democracy and this White House is the People's house and any alterations or improvements should represent practicality, inclusiveness and representation for all our citizens. This project as it stands now is nothing more than a disgusting, selfish, and imperialistic exhibition of our current administration's blatant disregard for the laws of this country and Democracy in general. We have a president, not a king, and he must abide by our laws.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gwen Glass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the current proposal. The White House is the people's house, and as such, needs to be cared for and modernized by a more durable entity than a fleeting presidency. As far as I am concerned, the proposed ballroom is comically oversized, reflecting a single individual. This is no way to treat the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nelda Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a national shame that the East wing was torn down without authorization or public comment, but the deed is done, and now we have to reflect on what to do next. Foremost, do not allow the ballroom to be built. Do not allow anything to be built immediately. Grade the land and plant grass and maybe some flowers, preferably wildflowers native to the area. The Earth and we need time to heal from this assault.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:06:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Dorchen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the legitimacy of Trump's 2nd ascent to the presidency is in question, as he was publicly witnessed both inciting an insurrectionist attack on the nation’s capitol and taking further steps, for example his call to Brett Raffensperger attempting to convince the GA Secretary of State's office to "find" him 11,780 votes, toward overturning the results of the 2020 election, and should therefore have been disqualified from either running for or holding office, and since all his actions and those of the nongovernmental underlings and the executive administration over which he presides have shown zero regard for law, regulations, court orders, rudimentary decency, the Constitution, fairness, or rational debate, whether with others or internally, it is obviously unwise that allowance should be given to such a feckless and transgressive administration to make any alterations or additions to government property, especially so public a building as the White House, unless they are willing, as guarantee with moral and material collateral, to simultaneously undergo comparable alterations, including demolition already having taken place, to the physical flesh of their own persons.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:06:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marisa Dodge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing never should have been destroyed without public review. The proposed ballroom is much too large . It will exaggerate the already unbalanced look of the White House as it is now without the east wing.

The once stately atmosphere of the White House as a symbol of our country will be changed to give the impression that we value ostentatious display over common sense.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:06:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Veronica Craven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house. Put in a dazzling rose garden. And NO GOLD FILIGREE!
Rebuild as nearly identical to previous space... if necessary, construct a ballroom elsewhere.
IF this is OUR house... maybe ask BEFORE destroying a historic space.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:06:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerri Post
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should be halted. A 90,000sf ballroom is a monstrosity and will dwarf the White House. If a new or improved bunker is needed then build that but a huge ballroom will be an eyesore. The East Wing was part of one of the most historic and recognizable buildings in America and it should never have been destroyed. Please stop the building of the ballroom and preserve “America’s House”!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:06:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Buffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is quite out of proportion with the White House itself. Is an "event space" attached to the White House truly needed? If so, a case needs to be made for it, including consideration of size. If the East Room can host events with up to 200 persons, why is a 999-person space necessary? The number seems arbitrary, and is a third again higher than what was proposed in mid-2025.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:05:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susa nna Natti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned about the massive size of the proposed ball room and oppose its construction. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park and the proposed addition does great damage to the aesthetic and historic nature of the building and the site.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:05:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Kenyon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that it was a travesty that the East Wing was demolished. It should be rebuilt in the style that is befitting the original style and decor of the White House as it now stands. No tacky gold sconces or flourishes. Also, this needs to be done BEFORE any work is done on a ballroom. The proposed ballroom is ridiculous in size and decor and does not give an appropriate respect to the historical deign of the White House. In destroying the East Wing and putting up a modern structure that looks more like a gilded office building is an affront to the pride and the history of our Capitol. Lastly the amount being spent on the ballroom is horribly offensive to all those citizens who now cannot afford healthcare and groceries. I don't trust that the "donated" funds will go towards a project that represents our country in a gracious and welcoming light. Please reject the size and design of this project and build something that we can be proud of and has a name that honors our Constitution.
Sincerely,
Patricia Kenyon
Asheville, NC USA

Date: 2/14/2026 12:05:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: julie jacobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an outrage. Do not allow Trump's wasteful tacky vanity project where he can host more parties to continue grifting to enrich himself from guests starting with his "fundraising" for this project. Nobody needs or wanted this so called project. He did the demolition improperly, and will build a tacky gold-dripping eyesore. He exploits and finds loopholes around everything and he must be stopped. He has no respect for the white house, the city of D.C., institutions, norms, laws, etc. Please do your job and stop this wasteful project. His administration cuts food aid for kids & families, for seniors & veterans, education & research & science budgets, etc. yet somehow there is enough money for this garbage? He cannot march around DC and just do construction projects (his surprise project to "update" the Kennedy Center is based on it FAILING under his bogus "leadership") unfettered - please do your jobs and oppose this. And if he tries to do it anyway, arrest him - he needs to follow the law like everyone else.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:05:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Hoverter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seriously, authoritarian much? This is the worst display on American soil of authoritarianism. It’s not cool that U.S. taxpayer money is being used to fund a ballroom we don’t need.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:04:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lakota Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud citizen of this country and having visited our capital and admired it's beauty, I was appalled to see the destruction of the East Wing. The proposed ballroom is so very disproportionate to the building itself that it would be a monstrosity ill-fitting the overall aesthetics of the White House, and is wholly unnecessary. The amount of space typically needed can be easily ascertained from prior events and the addition built accordingly. No one is saying an event space is not warranted, just that it should be done within reason and preserve the look and history of the White House as much as is possible. And I honestly think most citizens would be willing to foot the bill of a smaller ballroom to avoid the possibility of "pay for play".

Date: 2/14/2026 12:03:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Comento
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see complete restoration of the East Wing of the White House, including return of all furniture, pictures and artifacts. If it is necessary to upgrade electrical and ADA access then that should be done during the rest restoration I should say the rebuilding of the east wing of The People's White House. Further all gold ornamentation, etc. that has been added to the oval office and other areas of the White House should be removed, further there should be complete restoration of the Rose Garden. The White House sits on 18 acres of property. There is sufficient area that a ballroom scaled to be appropriate to equal or lesser size than the White House could be built on that property in back of the White House connected to the east wing via a breezeway. Any ballroom should not be visible from the front of the White House.. any other changes that have been made or alterations to the White House during this administration should be removed.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:03:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing put back exactly as it was prior to demolition. It needs to be offices for the First Ladies.
Thank you,
Jamie White

Date: 2/14/2026 12:03:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Lamothe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Planning Commission:
It was very upsetting to see the East Wing demolished. I am opposed to the proposed ballroom. It would be an eyesore. This proposed ballroom is so large that it would overshadow the White House. Furthermore, the ornate design is not in keeping with the colonial style of the demolished East Wing, or the White House. This is the United States, not Napoleon's France. A building somewhat resembling Philadelphia's Independence Hall would look better. I feel a more modest redesign is in order. A structure that would be in keeping with our colonial origins would be mush more fitting than an oversized room with an ornate interior.
Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.
Sincerely
Judith Lamothe

Date: 2/14/2026 12:03:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Willard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this gigantic ballroom to be built. The East Wing should never have been torn down and it certainly should not be replaced with something larger than the remaining building. The fact that the office for first ladies were in there, is a slap to women all around the country.

While I understand that perhaps there was a need for a larger meeting space, it needs to be done in a manner that respects the visual effects of the original White House. While you are at it, can the Rose Garden be restored as well?

Date: 2/14/2026 12:03:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mable McCrary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ditch the tacky, gold!! We are NOT a country of fake posers. Bigger and flashier is not who we are Stick to classy

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please NO. The White House should not be dwarfed and overshadowed by any ballroom. Preserve history. Preserve dignity.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Shame on President Trump to think he has a King-like mandate to change landmarks and historic places owned by the American people. He lived in the White House once before for four years, and he is in again for four years, but he is just a temporary resident of our national property. As a landlord of the historic White House I'd first like to ask to have all the tacky gold painted nick knacks be removed from every room on the White House. Phony golden flourishes are a reminder of the King we overthrew 250 years ago and have no place in the home of our Democratically elected temporary resident.
Now, about the ballroom. There are plenty of places in the District of Columbia for balls and ceremonies to be held. Cancel the extravagance of an outsized ballroom and restore the historic East Wing to it's appropriate design. This time it should include a large sign that states "This Building is the Property of The American People. Mind Your Manners and Do What is Best for the Owners of the Building in Your Short Time Here."

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Hongisto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American public does not need a ballroom. Please restore the east wing (with modern amenities). I would be in favor of having Mr. Trump pay for the restoration but do not let him decorate it.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Simmons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this new addition would prove to be an asset for our government. Every president in the past has made changes to the exiting buildings, grounds or facilities. I am excited to see the finished product and I thank President Trump for making these plans.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of the White House East Wing by this so-called president was a CRIME!!! Prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law!! Require that bastard to pay—out of his own personal pocket—for a total and complete and historically accurate reconstruction of the East Wing as it was in 2024. The same goes for the Rose Garden. This so-called president is a FELON. He needs to be removed from the White House and all of that stupid gilding and the grotesque plaques removed. I want the White House FULLY RESTORED to its condition prior to this "administration" taking office. He is a national disgrace and a full and present danger to our democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Courtney Amabile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Due to the improper adherence to process, destruction of a historic structure with the highest significance to the United States people & its story, it is of my firm opinion that this project should not be allowed to move forward & that reconstruction of the East Wing in exact detail be mandated by the ACHP & other governing bodies. The East Wing for many symbolized the seat of power for the First Lady, a structure that represented that women can make a difference in government even as we await the first elected female president. The destruction of the East Wing underscores our president's disdain for women in power and highlights in bright white spotlight that he believes he is above the law. The practice of renovation in the White House has processes, review committees, and required compliance to Secretary of Interior Standards - none of these processes were considered, used, and were wholly ignored. This is just one of many reasons I believe the committee should consider this project dead on arrival. If we as Americans, who care about historic structures are required to follow the SOI Standards when nominating, owning, or rennovating structures on the National Register of Historic Places, so should the president. In fact, that office should be the greatest defender of the historic places and structures that underpin our very identity as Americans. If our laws are so easily worked around, this becomes a chink in the armor of all that protects our history, our country's legacy, and represents the longstanding democracy we have fought to keep.

The ballroom is an abomination on many fronts. Singularly, I object to any tax dollars being used to support this space being built - including those which are being used to spend time even reviewing this abhorrent proposal. The space harkens back to czarist times, with lavish parties thrown and expended for on the backs of the unknowing and repressed commoner. Is this truly what our democracy is now expected to represent? Replace the seat of women's power in the People's House with a structure that represents debauchery,

overindulgence, and mirrors palaces of dictators, kings, and queens in places that until recently were our enemies. This ballroom is out of character for not only the structure itself but the democratic values the structure represents. When we look at the SOI Standards, you cannot in good conscience look at this newly proposed ballroom and think that it does not change the integrity of the White House significantly, both in structure and significance to the American people at large.

I ask you to strongly rebuke this proposal and any others that come before the committee that do not represent a keeping with American values, based in standard. The criteria in the SOI Standards are laid out thus that they are used to judge for overall significance and integrity - these projects wholly diminish both at this site.

Keep the President and his office bound to law and precedent. Deny the construction of this defilement to the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Stauffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A much smaller , relatively plain large room should suffice for any purpose where people need to gather and interact socially. Instead of "ballroom", I think "Gathering Room" should be the term used. NO GOLD DECOR OF ANY KIND! It shouldn't look like a palace. An architect may be able to design a few necessary offices integrated alongside the Gathering Room.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Vaughn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reconsider this project. I don't think anyone would disagree that the WH needs constant renovations and upkeep, as any building of its age would. I don't think anyone would disagree that the WH is residence, workplace, and historical site. I would hope that whoever manages the maintenance would attend to all of those purposes. I am saddened to see that lack of forethought that went into the demolition of the East Wing and the manner in which funding and permissions occurred. The White House reflects American strength, which at its best, does not need to oversized and flashy. We are at our best when we are steady and balanced, and the proposed addition does not convey that message at all. I'm also saddened to see the loss of the First Lady's Office. Recent First Ladies have had such robust programs to improve the lives of Americans, and losing that center does additional damage.

It is still, and always, the PEOPLE'S house. And the people don't want this.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:01 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Krener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to register my objections to the proposed East Wing Modernization project. This should not be a vanity project for our current administration. MarALago style is suitable for those who like gilt and gaudiness. If people want to join private clubs celebrating that... then it is their prerogative. But the White House is the people's house, and its form and function should be determined by preservationists and designers who consider our history and future. That disqualifies the current administration which seems hell bent on turning national monuments into casinos catering to billionaires. What has already happened to other redecorated areas of the White House is an illustration of the crassness and contempt inherent in the current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:01:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Coalter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This has been one of the most heinous acts committed by this administration - a giant FU to the public; a trashing of historic property.
It symbolizes the attitude of this admin of its dismissal of the Constitution and all markers of American democracy. it must be stopped.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:01:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: tiffany cain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my disapproval and despair of the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. I believe it is illegal to ignore all rules and codes of such a beautiful historic property and President Trump plowed ahead and destroyed the building without asking US, THE PEOPLE what we thought of his giant ballroom plan. I am very heavy hearted that history has been lost without going through the proper channels to preserve what is normally catalogued with a project like this. I fear that no one really knows what happened to important relics here because it all happened so fast.
Thank you,
Tiffany Cain

Date: 2/14/2026 12:01:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margo Holley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace.
It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Hiegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom inappropriately will dwarf the original iconic White House. The size has been steadily increasing and is not necessary to provide sufficient entertainment space, particularly in its height. It has been publicly stated that if it is built as currently proposed, MORE destruction of historic structures on the West Wing side will be necessary to balance the structure. That is an outright admission of its out of balance scale.

All this in addition to the blatant disregard for the approval process before the destruction began and the obvious attempt to pack the approval bodies with supplicants.

It is also unclear regarding funding sources and maintenance expenses. Nothing has been said about how to fund the West Wing destruction.

As a taxpayer, I respectfully request disapproval of the current proposal.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Moloney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lloyd Mueller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be restored/reconstructed. The exterior dimensions and architectural style should be kept if possible. Physical plant updates were needed for the old East Wing and can be accomplished with an appropriate restoration. It is important to have any new construction reflect the scale and historical significance of the White House campus.

If a large ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Creating a 90,000 ballroom at the White House is absurd. Additions must be historic in design, and relative in size.
An addition of no more than one third of the 55,000 sq feet of the White House should be the maximum! Also, an architectural firm of renown should be engaged to ensure that the addition conforms with the historic value, size, and scope of our revered White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Landers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I think a reasonable case can be made that having an adequate entertainment space at the White House is worthy of consideration.

However, there are procedures in place to ensure that the project is well thought out. In the case of the proposed "Ballroom" for the White House, this clearly is not the case.

The previously existing East Wing was torn down and some subsurface construction has already started with no approvals from either the NCPC or the US Commission of Fine Arts. This is just another example of the Trump Administration's disregard for law.

Please ensure that the ballroom is no larger than is required.
Please ensure that the addition does not detract from the existing White House.

It is also concerning that the project is being financed by contributions, primarily from companies that have business dealings with agencies of the US Government. At the very least, the names of the donors and the amounts contributed by these entities should be a matter of public record. Contributions over some reasonable amount, perhaps $1 million, dollars should be made public. Avoiding the public record for these contributions by splitting the donations into small amounts to avoid the cut-off, should be prohibited.

Sincerely,

John J. Landers
Bethesda, MD

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Summers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, do not let the current administration move forward with the plans to build a ballroom where the East Wing once stood on the White House complex.

Built in 1902 and expanded in 1942, the East Wing served as an important place for the First Lady and her staff and was where guests and visitors were welcomed.

The current administration has already demolished the Rose Garden and turned it into an unappealing picnic area.

The architectural style of the East Wing complemented that of the existing complex, while a ballroom would appear garish at best.

Restore the East Wing to it's previous beauty and functionality and maybe the American Public will sometime welcome the First Gentleman as its occupant.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:59:55 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donnie Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should stop, the donors be identified and their donations owe ineligible for tax b benefits.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:58:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacey McGee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom addition is too large. It is almost twice the size of the White House itself, which will be dwarfed by this new building. How can we project power and discipline to the world if this administration is allowed to dwarf the singular symbol of said power and discipline? There is no need for a ballroom and the people of the Inited States don't want it.

The historic East Wing was demolished with no thought of the people of the United States, to whom are its rightful owners. As such, this ballroom cannot go forward as it would be the fruit of an act that went against the wishes of the American people.

Please listen to The People.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:58:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Doedli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do NOT build a gaudy "ballroom" to appease Mr Trump. Rebuild the East Wing with appropriate upgrades and include Mrs Kennedy's Rose Garden. It is after all the People's House. It is not, nor was it ever, intended to be a palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:58:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed structure is too big, too ostentatious and architecturally incompatible with existing structures. Absolutely not

Date: 2/14/2026 11:57:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Bolduc-Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to president Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House and to the removal of the Rose Garden. The proper process for changing portions of this historic property were not followed, making the changes illegal. They should be returned to the state they were in when this administration was sworn in.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:57:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teryl Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt to reflect how it was before Trump tore it down. There is no need for a ballroom and the proposed size of the ballroom will not reflect the historical nature of the rest of
the building.
Please stop this from happening.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:57:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My husband and I urge that this addition respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:57:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Trice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This seems an unnecessary and ugly project to me, destroying the symmetry of a beloved historic building. A ballroom does not strike me as a necessary or desirable accessory to the American presidency for either business or personal affairs and it is an architectural offense. This is the home of the American people, not just the president of the moment, and it should be restored to its historic outline for future generations to treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:57:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Hollis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, making functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. If a ballroom is really necessary, which is questionable, it needs to be at the same scale as the current White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:56:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
A ballroom may be needed, if so construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:56:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wayne Horner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing wrong with a ballroom but only in the footprint of the former East Wing and in appropriate scale with rest of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:56:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Huttenlocher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please prevent this giant expansion from happening. The People's House does not need a huge golden ballroom. This is not a modernization project, it is a symbol of one man's contempt for American history and an attempt by him to leave what he believes is a great legacy to himself but what is actually a massive stain on this country and its history. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:56:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Enlarge it only to a size that is appropriate and proportional to the existing structure. Do not enlarge to the current proposed size that is so massive it overwhelms the rest of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:55:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The original East wing building should not have been destroyed. Any new replacement should restore the facade of the original and be designed in harmony and proportion to the existing White House structure. It should not visibly overpower the remaining buildings. This is the people's house and it's origin, history and significance should be respected and honored.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:55:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ensley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit herein my concerns as to the East Wing Modernization Project.

What is not of concern so much is the ballroom; it's fundamentally what lies beneath: an AI generated security facility to be run by Palantir. Public information has stated that Palantir requires 90,000 square feet for any such AI headquarters; note that the
administration has stated that exactly a 90,000 square footprint is required for the "ballroom."

This project was never about a ballroom. It was always about what lies beneath.

Ownership of this security facility has never been any secret; for a commercial entity - and indeed, a partisan one at that - to
control any, or much, of our nation's security - especially in its physical position relative to the White House bunker (previously
known as the White House Fallout Shelter, during President John F. Kennedy's administration - a security program of which my
father - Dept. of Agriculture - was included). Indicating thus, in times of national breach that any such private entity would be
stationed within the walls of "The People's House" has been proven by past effect to be consequential to productive resolution
for our democracy and its citizens, and not to benefit our democracy so much as the commercial entity.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:55:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Heinz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an American citizen and I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is the People's House; it belongs to the people of the United States and not the President. The proposed ballroom is entirely inconsistent with the architectural design of the People's House and will be used not for the American people but for a select elite few. This project is wasteful and an affront to the true needs of the great majority of Americans.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:55:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Kahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't allow this. The proposed ballroom will be an eyesore, and will rob the presidency of any dignity it might still have. Please don't let this nouveau riche buffoon damage the White House any more than he already has.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:55:09 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Scheier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not have been started without going through this process. I believe the East Wing should be restored to it's original configuration. An event space may be needed, but it does not have to be on the White House grounds. The illustrations I have seen show an oversized, tacky box sticking out of the side of the White House and overshadowing it. Scrap this plan and return the White House to what it is meant to be; the home of the president and his office, not a tacky showplace.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:55:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Roder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has already been demolished it is difficult to comment on it's "Moderniztion" Project. Plain and simple - it is a travesty what they've already done to the People's House. It's NOT Mar a Lago and it doesn't need a giant golden ball room that is bigger than the entire White House. There is so much history attached to that building and to DC. LEAVE IT ALONE!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kadavy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider building a new structure which mirrors the East Wing that was demolished, with all code updates as necessary. I don’t see the need fora ballroom, as there are other venues nearby. The structure should reflect the Georgian aesthetic throughout. Restrained grace. In addition, the rose garden should be put back, perhaps with some stone walkways to save those pesky high heels! Thank you for your consideration

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Williamson-Fitzgerald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings:

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on the "Modernization Project" of the East Wing of the White House.

We, as Americans, do not realize how little opportunity we have to appreciate history. Our own country's history is only not quite 250 years old, and our naivete stands out to the rest of the world's citizens like a flashing neon sign. Even the older areas in the Northeastern United States, like Boston or Newport, Rhode Island, which have establishment signs from the early 1600s instill a sense of awe in those of us who are connected to our ancestors and our history. We have so little connection to it on this continent.

Because the White House itself is a historical landmark and a public building, it literally belongs to us, the citizens. The destruction of the East Wing in 2025 to make room for a gilded ballroom - which, now, several months later remains to be paid for so the building area stands in ruins - is an ugly metaphor for what is happening to our country and to the hearts of every American when we look at the People's House. A significant and beautiful piece of our past has been purposely ruined by someone who spun fanciful tales about what was supposed to replace it but now there is only rubble. It is a glaring and obvious symbol of the America of today.

Please rebuild and restore the East Wing of the White House, but only when it is safe to do so. The building itself will never be able to be replaced, but perhaps it will be one piece in a foundation to repair a very broken country purposely torn apart.

I appreciate your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Onley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing back to its pre-destruction dimensions with modern upgrades to code and to restore its functionality as living history.

We the People do not want a ballroom. If a ballroom is needed, please build it off of Ehite House grounds.

Also, the Rose Garden needs to be restored as well.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Dowling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:54:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffry Ring
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It has always been my understanding that the White House belongs to the people of the United States of America. No one person has the right or the authority to make any change to that structure without the consent of the American people. The East Wing, that was destroyed, needs to be rebuilt to match the West Wing and create symmetry. Any and all other changes and/or additions to "Our" house should be removed immediately.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:53:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nilda Lopez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comments are for the White House East Wing Modernization Project. Instead of building a 90,000 sqft structure, restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style as close to the original as possible, respecting the historic scale and design of the White House. Update to current safety and accessibility codes. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:53:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William WAUGH
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any changes to the White House that have been proposed or carried out or partially carried out or pursued by Donald Trump. The people need their heritage back.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:53:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: john petersen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

i do not feel we need an overpriced ,unneeded ballroom just to support the President's vanity. Propper procedures were not followed prior to the demolition. I feel that President Trump should pay to have it restored back to it's original design at his expense. The white house is not owned by donald trump, it is the people's house.The country has more pressing needs than a Mar-a-lago ballroom.The white house is an historic structure that should not be destoyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:53:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: judith chelotti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Are we really doing this? A ballroom? How many real Americans have ever been in a "ballroom". What a complete travesty. There will be a day these billionaires will be gone. And what will be left with. I guess now that the white house has been demolished something must be done. But it shouldn't be this.Or be some awful tribute to a man who doesn't give a hoot about this country. And I am AGAINST using my tax dollars that I have worked hard for is going to this complete ridiculous project. And don't fall for the "this is a matter of national security" garbage. These people lie as they breathe. This is the people house not anyone else's.
Make it small and make it fit into the existing structure. Make it look like America not a billionaires play thing. This is such disgrace.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:52:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberley Vietz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No. Just no to this destruction of a portion of a historic building with great significance to the US. The proposed garish addition will not be of benefit to the building or the American people. It will be a waste of funds that could be used for many more beneficial purposes.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:52:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter Walkington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House (The people's House, Presidents do not own) was done without consulting congress or the citizens of America, completely unacceptable and should be restored to its original historical state with minimal and necessary upgrades and the approval of more than one person, such as congress and the American citizens.

Thank You, Walter Walkington, American Citizen and registered Non-Partisan Voter.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:52:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna McCall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it as was before torn down

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Name: Donna McCall
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Restore it as was before torn down

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jewel Spies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To The People of The United States:

I believe the destruction of the East wing of the White House is a desecration of our history. We have protocols and rules for altering historic sites. NONE of these were followed. It must be stopped and the East Wing restored. I also believe the Rose Garden was another desecration. The cost should be born Donald J Trump, personally for the repair of the East wing. The White House stands for more than just one egomaniac. It is a representative of our entire fight for Democracy. PLEASE stop this destruction.

Thank you
Jewel Spies
Fargo, ND

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William and Deborah Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are totally againist this project and the destruction of our national treasured White House - we are gravely saddened that this man has been allowed to destroy this treasure at his whim without any recourse. This Ballroom has nothing to do with our culture or history, they can't be trusted to care and preserve these monuments to our history and people, as they are purely being done in support of his own selfish vanity and desires at the expense of our culture and history. This needs to be stopped, so much damage has been done to the White House already - if continued and they are allowed to proceed we feel we could loose the current White House completely. As the damage already done is irreparable, you can't restore history and memories. We are greatly saddened and in fear of loosing our history to this selfish, one sided man, and his trek for vanity..

Gravely concerned American's,
Deborah and Will Schmidt

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: marc sailor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Proposal is completely out of scale and will be a horrendous addition. Please revise to something more appropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Harray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, so the federal laws concerning changes to the White House must be followed, not ignored. I write in support of following those laws and gathering much more input from concerned parties before this project continues.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't believe the East wing should have been torn down to begin with. I certainly don't believe the monstrosity being planned should be allowed to be built, overshadowing the White House. Please don't allow this to happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:18 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Sackett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for opening this project to public comments. Please see attached PDF file.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yolanda Lerma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom is not needed. The people working on this should be arrested for not getting the proper authorizations PRIOR to tearing down the East Wing. They should pay to have it rebuilt as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Starr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO gold leaf and NO statues or plaques with TRUMP Mentioned anywhere in or on East Wing

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Braidwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because the White House is a recognizable symbol of our government, I believe nothing should take away from its original design. A 90,000 sq ft ballroom would overpower the building and change its appearance in a totally undesirable way. The rationale for such an addition is also questionable, as occasions where attendance is 1000 or more are rare if not nonexistent. For those reasons, I firmly oppose this addition.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:51:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: hal kuehne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump breaking the law again. Who needs a 1/2 a billion dollar party house for the rich. We are all struggling in this country due to his tariffs. Lies and breaking the law is all we ever see from Trump. Our family is totally against it. We are independent voters. The Republicans are complicit in his lies and schemes, Dark times for our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn VanOrder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission:

The White House is the People's House. Donald Trump is a only a temporary resident.

This is why I do not want to see this ballroom built. He did not get the traditional congressional approval or any input from the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission or the Committee for the Preservation of the White House for the demolition. He has an administration and Republicans in Congress who turn a blind eye. He has been allowed to not divest in his businesses and to take “bribes” from corporations and foreign governments. It appears that he has no accountability.

The East Wing was demolished in days to make way for this 90,000 square foot ballroom with an initial cost of $200 million. It is now at $400 million, with donations coming from private donors, which raises significant ethics concerns of its own. It will dwarf the People's House.

We know that Donald Trump does not care about history and tradition. We just need to look at what he has done to the Rose Garden and the interior of the oval office.

This is America steeped in tradition and history and our decisions should reflect this. Not the whims of one man who wants his name on everything and to gold plate everything.

Please do everything in your power to stop the construction of the ballroom.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirl Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the American people need a ballroom of that magnitude. A place to hold meetings/events of a substantial size is acceptable (maybe the size of the tent). There needs to be a room for the public to meet and the first lady to have like the old wing. We do NOT need to spend that much money building this ballroom while millions of American's do without health care and food and gas prices are high. Thank you

for allowing my input.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Gomez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Asking for public comments now is like closing the barn door after the horses are out: a little late. Maybe someone could cite the reason why a ballroom is necessary? Sounds really antebellum and definitely not something the average American (me) would use or care about or benefit from.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the aesthetic and architectural destruction of our house--the White House belongs to the people. Presidents are just passing through. An addition this huge is out of proportion to the rest of the White House; and beauty is all about proportion.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Coughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition and proposed rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House is an abomination for multiple reasons. All previous Presidents respected the historical weight of that building. This man does not. This renovation is endemic of his disregard for the country, its history, its people -- anyone but himself. The White House belongs to the people, not the President. Please don't allow him to dismantle our history any further than he already has. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phillip Brooke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

REQUIRE TRUMP REBUILD THE EAST WING AT HIS OWN EXPENSE FOR VIOLATING THE LAWS PROTECTING

DESIGNATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Fire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to share my disappointment in the razing of the White House East Wing without a comprehensive approved replacement plan. Going forward, I would like to see a reasonable, not expansive wing replacement in a style that compliments the White House architecture. The goal would be to include modern construction and utility upgrades that would reduce economic upkeep to the extent possible, while maintaining the historic look
our country has come to identify with the home of our highest office holder. While my comments seem blatantly obvious to me on how to address this unfortunate turn of events, I appreciate the effort to reset the required (originally ignored) process. I also believe the original committed “donations” secured should be pursued in covering the costs of replacement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Toni Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the proposed addition of the ballroom to the White House. Such a building would destroy the architecture
integrity of the White House. The White House is not a venue for weddings or other celebrations and never should be used as such.
The scale of the proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the rest of the structure and would look ridiculous. The White House does not need a ballroom. In addition, there are plans to add a second story to the West Wing. No president owns the White House. It is the peoples' house and all planned changes or additions need proper approved. The demolition of the East Wing was a tragedy. The demolition company should have asked to see papers of such approval and should also be held accountable. The White House just does not need a ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:50:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Mcrainey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed ballroom addition is an abomination and totally incompatible with our White House architecture. This President needs to be reminded that this house belongs to the American people. He is just a temporary tenant and must have the Landlords' approval before making any changes to the home. I DO NOT APPROVE!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:49:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clare Petersberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As someone working on making the congregation I serve ADA compliant, I understand the need for modernization.

I also understand the need to keep the project to scale and in the style of the existing building.

What has been shown on the news about "the ballroom" does neither. It outsizes the White House itself and the drawings make it look like a convention center draped in gold. As a country, this does not reflect our values.

The east wing should never have been torn down. It could and should have been modernized without demolishing it.

The Lincoln bathroom is now absurd. No one needs a toilet right with a window that goes the length of the toilet! The marble is a mockery of who Lincoln was and what he stood for as a leader.

The rose garden should not have been paved over.

Modernization did not require any of this.

Please bring in historians AND architects for any future projects on the White House.

Sincerely,
Rev. Clare L. Petersberger

Date: 2/14/2026 11:49:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ms. McDaniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the East Wing section of the White House to be replanted with hardy roses and pathways for visitors to stroll and enjoy the historic grounds of our White House.
The rose garden that was torn out has been sorely missed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:49:33 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla janson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The trump " ballroom" is an ugly monstrosity that would dwarf the white house and wreck the symmetry of the building. The asshole who arranged for the existing structure should be required to pay for the reconstruction of the east wing, just as it existed previously, with HIS OWN MONEY, and also reimburse for the initial destruction FROM HIS OWN FUNDS.
The ballroom trump envisions is not necessary, hideous, and the upkeep, which would be paid for by taxpayers, is a lousy use of our money to please a tasteless, gaudy wanna be king asshole.
From an aesthetic point of view, it is ugly , dwarfing the white house . practically, it wouldn't see much use.
Cost wise, a firm NO when this country is running record national debts.
Trump can build his own tacky shiny " ballroom" with his own funds, on his own property. Keep his tacky imperialistic hands off our capitol.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:49:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original plan and if necessary, update it with modern wiring, accessibility, etc. If an additional space is needed for events, such as a ballroom, it should be built somewhere else. The White House should be restored to its original version prior to the Trump administration. And by this, I mean, the East wing and the rose garden. The White House is the “people’s house” it should not be changed at the whim of any president. What has been done under the current administration is an insult to the people of the United States and the plans for a ballroom are vanity project for a man who has no respect or understanding of what it means to be president or to follow the constitution of the United States of America. It is the plain act of a man attempting to leave his mark on anything so he’ll be remembered. And he certainly will be remembered as one of the most vile individuals ever to sit as president. The funds raised for this so-called ballroom should be used to restore the East Wing! I urge this committee to vote down this ridiculous ballroom and to restore the East Wing to its original version now! Thank you for allowing us, the people and citizens of the United States, to comment on this plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:48:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla janson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:48:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Rhoades
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are so many things I want to say but I will keep it rated PG. The White House belongs to the people and there are rules that are to be followed as to how things are to be done. This administration has done none of that and destroyed part of our beloved house for the purpose of stroking his own ego to put up a ballroom that is not needed (nor a bunker) and certainly not to the scale of which he wants. This administration has destroyed he beauty that once was part of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. He has made a beautiful rose garden into a common concrete patio and torn down the East wing. I am totally against any sort of ballroom being built on the grounds and the East wing should be rebuilt as best as can be since the original masonry is forever gone. All construction equipment should immediately be removed from the White House grounds until a final decision has been made by NCPC. Please do not let any more of our history be destroyed just because it is not "glitzy" enough for one person.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:48:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Eddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The abhorrent, unnecessary need for this project requires careful planning to RESTORE the East Wing of the White House to pre-demolition status. It is obvious that best building practices including state of the art materials would be employed in the redesign of this beloved space. I can also envision modern/updated restroom/kitchen spaces. In no uncertain terms shall a ballroom of any size be included in the design. Square footage of the final wing shall not exceed that of the demolished structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:48:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassandra Good
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of this proposed addition is wrong for the site to the point of appearing ridiculous; when I initially

saw images of the planned structure, I thought they were fake because I could not fathom that anyone would propose such a building in this location. No amount of professional architectural design and classical features can overcome the outsized scale of this building. It will diminish the prominence of one of our nation's most important historic buildings, the White House, and be a blight on the landscape of Washington, DC. As a historian of early America with a focus on early Washington, DC, I believe this project would subvert decades of thoughtful historical preservation and city planning, permanently harming the city's historic fabric. The symbolism of a ballroom to host exclusive gatherings, paid for by wealthy donors seeking political favors and looming over the people's house, is an affront to the ideals of the nation's founders, particularly George Washin! gton.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:47:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Engelmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Because it has been determined that Trump was not authorized to demolish the East Wing of the White House, why has he not been charged with vandalizing one of our national treasures? Conversation about modernization of the East Wing are inappropriate until accountability for its destruction has been established and penalized. Trump should be required to pay (personally) for all of the damages AFTER criminal proceedings for the felony vandalism of federal buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:47:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is ridiculous. This is the People's house, not a convention center or Las Vegas hotel. The East Wing of the White House must reflect dignity of the office and the United States, and no matter what the architecture, the proposed ballroom will not do that. The previous East Wing was sufficient to host any number of events, including diplomatic functions, so a space that dwarfs the White House itself is insane. The only purpose of this proposed ballroom is to host events for lobbyists and other people to ply their trade directly to the Executive Branch in wild schemes to violate the emoluments clause. Since it is necessary to rebuild the East Wing after its premature demolition, we must have something, but this insane edifice complex cannot be allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethany Koch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed modernization of the East Wing of the White House is a misuse of taxpayer dollars and reflects a troubling overreach of executive priorities. At a time when Americans are facing pressing

economic challenges, allocating public funds to redesign or “modernize” a historic structure sends the wrong message. The East Wing is not simply office space — it is part of the architectural and historical fabric of our nation. Rather than altering it to reflect contemporary preferences, efforts should focus on restoring the building as closely as possible to its original blueprint. Preservation — not modernization — should guide any renovation, with a commitment to salvaging and utilizing rescued or historically appropriate materials whenever possible. Stewardship of public property requires restraint, respect for history, and fiscal responsibility.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Linn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Many of us have dreamed of visiting the white house our entire lives and the First Ladys offices to feel the importance of our Nations history there. Now our lifetime dream has been demolished. Please, restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house. Again, please make the restoration of the west wing as historically accurate as possible! Restore the historic rose garden and make this the people’s house as it is meant to be.
Please maintain the historical integrity inside and out, bringing it up to code and provide the offices of the First Lady and staff, restoring the inside as well, back to its original decor, architecture and exquisite craftmanship, with all the historical artifacts from former fist ladys, and NO GOLD extras.
Please return the Rose garden and Jackie Kennedy garden as they were.
If that requires demolishing the newly installed patio well, so be it!
This is the peoples’house. I still dream of visiting and seeing it in person once it has been restored to its original glory. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Conroy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing to its original size and style with modern upgrades. Trump needs to pay for the rebuild but not any of the upgrades.
No ballroom at all, the proposed 90,000 Sq. Ft. is a monstrosity of an ego project that dwarfs the 55,000 Sq. FT. White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Ferrenz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the ballroom construction where the East Wing of the White House used to be. The demolition of part of the People's House was offensive. I recommend rebuilding the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Stephenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect the existing historic White House building. A ballroom that may be appropriate for a hotel may not be appropriate for this historic shared national treasure. Designs which show a wing equal in size to the existing Executive Mansion destroy the classical balance of the building.

If more space is needed for special events, there may be other options. One option may be to bury the ballroom underground and have a smaller proportional entrance at the surface.

Thank you for considering this feedback.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene Flick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been deeply concerned regarding this addition to the White House. Many comments proceeding the demolition stated no demolition would take place, the structure would not take away from the integrity of the White House and several other assertions. While there may be a need for larger facilities, there is no need for a structure to resemble Versailles. There has been long standing tradition of this complex being the Peoples House and I feel “we the people” strongly object to the plans as they are being presented. We have already been subjected to the loss of the Rose Garden and paving of the lawn for a gawdy patio, all without the proper planning and authority in my opinion. Raising $400 million dollars for this monument to greed and ego is absurd. The billionaires who have donated to this project are expecting favors and thus like so many other things in this administration reeks of favoritism and graft. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want a ballroom built on White House property. It is a National Landmark and Park and I wish it to retain it's historical value. I was extremely angry that Trump tore down the East Wing without even notifying American citizens or our representatives, destroying our beautiful White House. A ballroom would

destroy the beauty of Our House further and I am strongly against satisfying the wishes of one man. I would like the East Wing to be rebuilt using the original architect's plans. We must rebuild what one man destroyed on a whim.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:46:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People of the United States, NOT the sitting President.

Forget the ballroom, the east wing needs to be rebuilt and used as it was intended.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild what Trump destroyed. This never should have happened.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathie Wardell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The projected 90,000 sq ft expansion of the East Wing goes far beyond being a modernization project and is a blot on the historic White House landscape - and all to satisfy the ego of the President. The fact that the previous structure was demolished in the space of such a short time seems to indicate that they understood that there would be considerable blowback from such an ill-conceived plan.
I am encouraged to know that you are collecting comments from the public and hope that there is still some hope of scaling back the project.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide suggestions from the people of the United States of America as to how to proceed with the reconstruction of the east wing of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace.
It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.
Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is.
The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Please restore the Kennedy Rose Garden.
The new wing must not extend the previous footprint so as to preserve the symmetry.
Exterior additions should not overwhelm the original building.
It certainly would have been nice to consult with the People prior to the demolition of this!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Cimino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is The People's House!
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
A Ballroom is Not necessary. DC has plenty of party space readily available elsewhere in the city.
Be certain to use the, so called, Donations gifted to tRump for his Ballroom. He destroyed the East Wing and must not be allowed to keep any of that money!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Selena Watts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is ill conceived and demolition was done without consent from the American People. It is strictly a vanity project for the current President and I oppose the use of the space for a lavish ballroom that has no regard for the aesthetics of the White House complex.The demolition has already destroyed historic magnolia tress and the Jacqueline Kennedy garden, plus the history of the building itself.

The fact that this was planned and implemented without consent of the citizens of the country is a red flag that the planners knew the majority of the people would not approve. Since the demolition has already commenced, other plans to rebuild this part of the White House should be discussed with care for the story it will tell for history, and approved by us, the citizens..

The White House is the People's house, not the current President's. He is only a short term resident and should have no power to change an historical building without approval from the People of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Micheel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I am appalled at the current republican administration's blatant refusal to follow established procedure before destroying the East Wing of the White House complex. The ever-changing plans of a future ballroom that would dwarf the living quarters of the occupants of the White House and change the symmetry of the complex are grotesque in their conception.

This is not a simple addition like those in the past (swimming pool, basketball court, etc), but a demolition of part of a national monument that belongs to the citizens of the United States of America — all without permits, oversight, agreement, consensus.

Stop this. Restore the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:45:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Kechkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

The rebuild should comply with ADA regulations and modern safety standards.

Bear in mind when considering its design, that this is the People's House, not the home of billionaires. It should reflect historical, tasteful and quietly elegant design.

Thank you for seeking the opinions of We the People.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:44:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Pelham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just don’t. Don’t be tone deaf. Fund democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:44:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyn Bartlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:44:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Buesgen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What the current president has done to the East wing is just another example of his OVER REACH! Every other president has followed the process to modify the historical White House. I was horrified to see the East wing beginning destroyed. This was outrageous that he thought he didn't need anyone's approval. He is NOT A KING and this is not a DICTATOR!!!!!

Ellen Buesgen

Date: 2/14/2026 11:44:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sunny Powel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Respected Committee Members,

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a travesty that should not have happened without over site and input before it was destroyed. The White House is the people's house. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is just one example of actions of this president who continues to ignore and defy procedures and policies. It speak volumes to the graft that is taking place in this administration.

Now that it has been demolished it is imperative that it be restored to its former beauty and not be built as a craven monument to a despicable man. This is an opportunity to update and improve the structure but should in no way overshadow the composition of the completed White House building. The current plan to build a massive ballroom is disproportionate to the architectural grace of the White House and I believe is only being done to build a bigger bunker and take bribes from the president's rich friends.

The cost to this country and its people is tragic and makes us an embarrassment on the world stage as is everything this administration does.

I pay with my taxes to maintain its beauty and integrity of this national monument. I do not want some garish, ill placed, gilded "ballroom" to sit on the property I own.

Most Sincerely,

Sunny Powel
Property Owner of the White House, the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:43:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Nichols
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is fine to modernize the interior but it HAS to look just like it did on the Outside! Put it back to its Historical style and Size! Get rid of tacky gold.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:43:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eugene Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should not have been demolished in the first place. Return it to its original size and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:43:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Biastre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Dear Planning Commission,

The East Wing is part of the "people's house," and changes should be reviewed by this commission, preferably before initiation. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, and other infrastructure. Make any possible interior and exterior changes to comply with ADA accessibility guidelines. Make the necessary changes, but maintain the wing's historical accuracy as much as possible. If a ballroom is required, consider constructing it on a different site. The Rose Garden should be restored. I'm not sure this is within your scope of work.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. I reiterate, the White House is the people's house. No President should have the power to alter it without review.
I thank the Committee for its diligence.
Susan Biastre

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not move forward with the proposed ballroom project. While it seems reasonable to increase space for state dinners and offices somewhat, the proposed project is too big as it dwarfs the original White House building. The East Wing renovation should not exceed the size of the original White House in height or square footage and should be no more than 2/3 it's size for appropriate scale. This should provide ample room for state dinners and office space without wasting precious taxpayer dollars and creating the appearance of pay for play by soliciting donations in exchange for political favors. And please, no tacky gold silliness stuck to the walls everywhere. Please decorate the space to match the traditional decor of the White House prior to 2025.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Curt Edlund Edlund
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the White House East Wing as it existed on January 20, 2026. You do not demolish an historic building and then ask for comments on how to replace it with an inappropriate monument.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johna Vaughan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and renovated as close to original plans as possible. The current President needs to pay for all costs associated with accomplishing this. All costs to plan, rebuild and renovate will come from the President's own, personal coffers. Any monies that was spend on the demolition of the East Wing will be reimbursed, by the current President, out of his own personal coffers. He did NOT get proper authorization for any demolition of the previously existing East Wing, and it is NOW HIS RESPONSIBILITY to fix what he created, NO donations, NO taxpayer dollars or grants.

If he wants a ballroom, he can build one with his own money on one of his golf courses.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariann Brooks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow Trump to build his gaudy monster ballroom. It is a tribute to his own enormous ego, and nothing more. It would not suit the dignified history of our nation's most recognizable building, the White House. Nor would it be a contribution to the "people's house" since no regular citizen would ever be invited to use it. Instead, I propose that Trump be ordered to return the East Wing to its former glory, undoing all the damage that he has inflicted on this precious, irreplaceable historic site.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:42:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimball Jonas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House is not being 'modernized,' it has been *demolished*. You can't 'modernize' something that no longer exists, except as rubble.

The President, who ordered the demolition of the East Wing of the White House without asking anyone's consent, wants to *replace* it with a gigantic ballroom that would dwarf the White House proper. This would be an abomination and should not be allowed to proceed. It should be left to either Congress or some future Administration to propose a replacement for the East Wing that is more in keeping with the East Wing that was, and is no longer.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan VanderMeer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to officially register my opposition to the proposed ballroom addition to the White House by the Trump administration. The scale of the addition (both in footprint and in height) is out of proportion to

the original structure and will overwhelm and diminish the sanctity of this historically significant residence. The main structure (iconic White House) should remain the largest component of the complex, both in terms of footprint and height. Furthermore, the current administration had no right to bulldoze the preexisting east wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Misdraji
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the project is too large for the scale of the White House. I am concerned that a “ballroom” is not congruent with the home of the leader of a democratic republic, as ballrooms are elements in palaces. Therefore the scale should be reduced and decorative elements should be modest to reflect a more humble design. The good lead that the president seeks to favor should be eschewed in favor of more classic and humble coloring and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Stokosa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore our treasured White House to exterior dimensions and architectural style prior to the recent unlawful demolition of the East Wing. Include ADA accessibility. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere.
The White House is the people’s house. Respect our history while incorporating restoration improvements.
Gold filigree does not belong here.
Thank you for allowing my comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Delsignore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
No gold appliques!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clifford Duke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original form. Its destruction was illegal and an assault on one of the most important historic buildings in the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethany Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly OPPOSE this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Varney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a historic building that belongs to the people of this country. The level of distraction that occurred without their consent is horrific.

I strongly disagree with any further “modernization” and would instead like the building to be replaced to its original form with limited changes to accommodate modern needs.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becky Irving
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Totally unnecessary project.
Waste of money
Money could be spent in areas of actual need:
Health care
Education
Infrastructure

We don't need a ballroom, we need projects that are supporting the taxpayers

Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 11:41:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard MacDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

TERRIBLE. TERRIBLE. TERRIBLE.

I support rebuilding the East Wing consistent with it's original historical appearance and a scale that is appropriate for the remaining Whitehouse structure. This would be 1/4 of the total structure when completed with an allowance up to 1/3 of the total structure if needed to meets it's design requirements. Thank you, Chris

Date: 2/14/2026 11:40:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese Bodine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a historic building, the People's House. We the People do not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom as part of our house.. If there is an actual need for such a building, it should be separate and apart, not part of the White House or its grounds. I am shocked that the East Wing was demolished without any oversight. Again, we own that house. The current resident is temporary.

Making small changes, such as improving the tennis court or a swimming pool, that do not affect the actual structure of the White House, are fine. Structural changes should never be done without public agreement.

I am against the East Wing Modernization Project. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before, same style, same functions.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:40:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Mendez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely horrified that the traditional East Wing was bulldozed without a thought to preservation of the history and tradition of that edifice! The proposed ballroom area is too big and gaudy to serve as an addition to Tge People’s House. It should not be as tall as the White House or as large as has been proposed. I would prefer it to be rebuilt EXACTLY as it was before, perhaps with bunker modernization. The People don't need a huge ballroom that few of us will ever see. Please scale this project down and make it something that We The People can be proud of, not embarrassed or ashamed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:39:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Esplie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing of the White House was razed. My feeling is that any ballroom addition

must include a complete restoration of the East Wing. Furthermore any ballroom attachment must be lower in height and smaller in area than the residence. The exterior must be a continuation of the historic appearance of the White House.

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:39:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DeeAnn Leuzinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. NO GOLD EMBELLISHMENTS!
If a ballroom is needed, make it conform to the White House footprint or construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:39:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Galvin Galvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

ALL STOP. No further demolition or construction should take place on any federal historical landmark while Trump is president. The man and his regime cannot be trusted to do anything best for the American people. This president is only looking for ego projects to put his name on. Well, the United States of America is not his ego project. I say clean up the rubble plant a garden. Why should we be even considering a project like this when there is no money. And American taxpayers are not paying for it.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:39:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in favor of the changes suggested by President Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:38:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of this project. The scale of the "renovation" will dwarf the White House and totally destroy the look of that historical building complex.

I also feel that all of the planned gold accents are gaudy, cheap looking and seem to be channeling a Russian motif, not a US historical building.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:38:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanna Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hell no.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:38:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nick Egnatz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House to be replaced by a grand gold tinged ballroom is antithetical to democracy. It was his decision alone. We the people were not asked to participate at any level on the destruction of part of our beloved White House to be replaced with a huge, out of scale, ballroom. I've visited Washington, as have so many of my fellow citizens, yet none of us have been asked our opinion on this huge Trumpification of our nation's beloved White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:38:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Ivy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the US, I wholeheartedly do NOT approve of ANY of the changes made to any of our landmarks, including the White House. What has already been demolished is a travesty to our nation and should be made whole, to exact previous standing before it was illegally torn down. Those involved in the demolition should be held accountable and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

I do NOT approve of a new ballroom (or bunker) for this corrupt president and his regime.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:38:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Simeon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing and replace the rose gardens.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kasandra Paholsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolishing of the east wing to build a ballroom bunker is atrocious. The white house had beautiful architecture and balance. From what I've seen, the plan is to make the ballroom large putting the whole structure lopsided. Trump broke the law and should be held accountable not rewarded with an ugly design. Build back the East wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sophia Wozniak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m appalled at the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the people’s house. The White House is an iconic and historic structure. We should not alter it significantly for anything other than truly necessary reasons. It is our history, both good and bad, and we must maintain it for the generations to come. We the people do not need -nor did we ask for- a garish ballroom. It’s despicable that this project proceeded without following the proper channels. What’s been done sadly cannot be undone, so I wish to voice my support for restoring as closely as possible the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:56 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1. Size: footprint and height. The proposed State Ballroom building is grossly disproportionate to the core White House and West Wing.

2. Access: parking. Presumably the 650 guests (seated) or 1000 guests (standing) will mostly arrive by car, the nearest Metro stations being Farragut West and McPherson Square. Events will require support of 200-300 servers and additional security staff. Total 1000-1300. Where's the parking for the majority of these people? This ought to be part of the plan.

3. Access: security. Access to the facility, whether or not for Presidential events, will require security screening at least at the level required for the White House, the West Wing, and the Executive Office building. Has adequate space been identified in the building design to accommodate security screening for 650-1000 guests?

4. Operation: kitchen facilities. The present White House kitchen can provide seated meals for 140 guests. The new facility is intended to feed nearly five times as many seated guests. Are the intended kitchen facilities adequate to this magnitude of food service?

In sum, the proposed State Ballroom grossly distorts the historic balance of the White House overall, and the project design is unclear as to the building's provision for secure access, parking, food service, and other event support for 650-1000 guests.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Blackwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is entirely acceptable to update electrical services, and modernize to allow for ADA requirements, but please restore the East Wing to its previous footprint. A ballroom can be built somewhere else in the city. Adding a huge addition will detract from the historic original architecture, and be more of a tribute to one man's ego than contributing any historically appropriate addition. It is akin to painting a mustache on the Mona Lisa.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Wagoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear temporary stewards of our great nation,
With regard to current plans for renovations and additions to the historic People's House aka The White

House, please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is The People's House. Allocate our money to more important issues that need funding. Spend minimally and make only necessary changes that are not lavish, so, no gaudy interiors dripping in gold. Put in some kind of garden. There's enough concrete in the world. Do right by the people. We are watching.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing is sad. I'm glad my child was able to see our country's White House in tact prior to this monstrosity that they have planned. It's disgusting that a "party room" should be the focus of our White House.

The rendering is awful & I hope the project scale is greatly reduced so as to not take away the focus of the prior layout of the exterior of the White House. Since the public was not asked for their opinions prior to the destruction of the East wing I can only hope a compromise can be made with the new construction.

I know my comments won't matter but at least I can tell my young child I made an attempt at preserving our country's history.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Je8 Burn5
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a disgrace to the sanctity of the White House that the building has been demolished without consideration of its significant part in the history of the very country the proposed ballroom is intended to glorify. If this project was properly planned it could have been executed without the destruction that has already occurred.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Teiko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No way should this transformation take place,now or ever to our historical and sacred places .

Date: 2/14/2026 11:37:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larry McDaniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a stupid, vain project that never should have been started by Mr Trump.
Destruction of the old East Wing was illegal to begin with.
No authorization was obtained to tear down the East Wing.
I believe that Mr Trump should be required to rebuild the East Wing as it was at his own expense.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emmy Sorrells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of Alabama, I strongly oppose any proposal that would further demolish or substantially alter portions of the White House. I am appalled that the current resident thought it was acceptable to demolish and destroy OUR house with zero impunity, repercussions or consequences. The current administration would do well to remember that The White House belongs to the American people, not to any temporary occupant, and its preservation must take precedence over personal vision or legacy projects.

I urge decision-makers to reject any plan that compromises the historic integrity of this national symbol. Work on the property should be strictly limited to restoration of existing exterior dimensions and architectural style, along with necessary modernization of infrastructure, safety systems, and ADA accessibility improvements where feasible. All updates should follow long-established processes for historically sensitive changes, ensuring preservation, not reinvention, remains the guiding principle.

If additional event or gathering space is deemed necessary, while I feel strongly it is NOT, it should be constructed elsewhere in Washington, D.C., rather than altering or overshadowing the historic structure itself. There is no justification for sacrificing the character of one of our nation's most important landmarks for convenience or spectacle.

I further urge leaders to remember that the White House is the people's house, entrusted to each administration only temporarily, and it must not be treated as a personal project or monument. Do NOT allow the President, now or ever to build a monument or likeness unto himself upon these or any other federally recognized lands.

Finally, historically appropriate features and landscaping, including Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden, should be restored and preserved. Recent exterior additions or decorative elements that detract from the building's traditional dignity should be removed, and future renovations should reflect restraint and respect for history, not personal taste or trend.

The American public deserves stewardship that protects, rather than diminishes, this irreplaceable national treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:41 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Damgen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Baker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE do not build a monstrous gilded East Wing that dwarfs the White House and is an embarrassment to the American people!
The East Wing should be in tasteful proportion to the existing structure and not detract from it in any way.
If we actually need a huge ballroom, build it elsewhere!
Make America (Elegant, Tasteful, Sane, Beautiful, Practical) Again!!!!
Thank you for your hard work!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Mahoney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since DJT has destroyed public property, the law applicable to destruction of public property should be applied. A large
Piece of history has been destroyed at his orders without the consult of the NCPC and with total disregard for the fact that he is only a visitor at this property . He must be stopped. If we forget our history we are doomed to repeat it. What is right is right and this destruction at the hands of a felon and would be dictator is abominable.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Sherrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is out of proportion to the White House. The scale is all wrong. If this goes forward it may be hard to correct. Thanks; Bruce

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Courtney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I highly oppose the East Wing project as currently proposed. The manner in which this project was initiated has soured the entire undertaking beyond the ability to salvage it. The site should be stabilized, and a full new project proposal, reviewed and vetted by the proper authorities, should be put forth in line with historical preservation and national interest.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:36:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is titled "East Wing Modernization Project" but it isn't, is it? The East Wing has already been arbitrarily destroyed, not to support the people, not from any need, but because of one man's whim.

And the proposed ballroom is an excess, not only size, but also in style. Out country's building have always reflected both simplicity and dignity. They demonstrate restrained elegance as befitting a powerful nation that doesn't have to drape itself in gold. The new ballroom is tacky and gaudy—a better fit for a gambling casino than a government building. Only someone with incredibly bad taste would think this building is an asset. If it's built, we will eventually have to tear it down for the ugly monstrosity it is.

I am actually astonished any architect would sign their name to this project. I guess some architects just have no self-respect.

It would be to everyone's best interest not to build this ugly thing. Because if it does get built, it will be torn down in the future and something better adapted to the land be built. What a waste of taxpayer money.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:35:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DORIS DEREMER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should reflect the original scale and design of the previous wing. The project should conform to current ADA standards, incorporate the latest technology and provisions to make it "future proof" so further expensive renovations won't be necessary. Since this is truly the "People's House", it should be open to the public, and be used for public events, not as a gilded set piece for the political Elite. The interior and exterior details and decorative aspects should harmonize with the rest of the White House, an understated elegance reflective of the long history and temporary nature of any single

administration, not a monument to bloated excess and the personal taste of one occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:35:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm just an ordinary citizen, but when the president tore down the east wing in his fit of temper, he tore out my heart.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Do not include any gold filigree that is currently covering the White House.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Has anybody justified the actual need for a ballroom? How large of a ballroom would be needed anything at the current location would need to remain within the previous sizes. The White House and connecting east and West Wing were symmetrically pleasing and should be that way in the future. This is not a chance to take bribes. This is for the purpose of restoring what the temper tantrum tore down.
The White House is the people's house.
Also, we don't need a new arc and we don't need the current presidents name on anything else also all of the precious items that were in the east wing can they be recovered and returned to their places also, we should include something that would prevent this from ever happening again.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:35:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elayne Waggoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing is an abomination. PLEASE ...Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Tomazic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that the "events space" needs to be built at all. There are plenty of event spaces in Washington DC (of all sizes) and this money could be better spent in other ways.

Do not build this monstrous eyesore!

Terry Tomazic

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing citizens the opportunity to express their opinions on how OUR historic buildings are being demolished and altered. I am incredibly angry that President Trump was even allowed to demolition the East wing and destroy all its historical significance without any type of consent or approval from the American public. That being said, I do not agree with his current plans to build this oversized, gold gilt laden ball room which will no doubt be a tribute to himself and not the America citizens. I do not know what the needs are for such a structure but if in fact it is needed, then the construction of it should follow all necessary protocols to ensure that the size is consistent with the White House and will not overshadow it. It should be built and furnished following strict guidelines along with other similar historical building in our nation's capital and not be designed and furnished as to the wishes of one man. Especially when that man has no regards for the wishes of the American people, no respect for the historical significance of our historical structures and does not even have the support of most of the American people. Thank you again for allowing me to express my thoughts on this subject.
Richard Eaton
Indianapolis, IN

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Nazian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see several things happen after the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the adjacent Rose Garden. First, I believe that Donald Trump must be held responsible for the iconic Rose Garden , the historic East Wing of the White House, the missing pictures of the original decor and the portraits of the First Ladies who graced the offices created for their use. To not do so allows the disrespect for this building, and the chauvinistic disrespect for the women who have served this nation to be tacitly approved. He should pay for the disrespect he has shown for the People's House.
Then, the first priority is to rebuild the offices for the First Ladies and First Gentlemen to come. This is a recognition for the tremendous contributions they give freely to these United States. Remembering the use of the building and the events held in the Rose Garden as testimonies to the role of beauty, grace and elegance in the life of this nation, part of our responsibility is to maintain the most recognized structure in America. Allowing for improvements to match current building codes, and to fill expanding uses, the East Wing, at DTs expense, should be restored for the purposes for which it was intended. All portraits, files, mementoes and other historical artifacts must also be restored. Further, laws and policies must be instituted to prevent this from happening again. Sincerely, The Rev.Susanne Nazian

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Smothergill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, with its symmetry, had long been a symbol of the balance of power between the presidency and the other branches of the government. At no other time has this balance of power been so sacrificed, and the plans for the mega-ballroom attached to The Peoples' House is a glaring example of how this president has plans to sacrifice a national treasure to his own whims. The companies and wealthy who have donated to this plan, to gain favors from the president, in other words, bribes, should ashamed. When there are so many dire issues needing attention and money from the government, focusing on making an ugly palace out of The Peoples' House, is a travesty. Not only does the planned huge extension to the White House look grotesque, but it flies in the face of history and the needs of present day America.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harvey Barnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Great project, long overdue. This ballroom and East wing construction needs to continue.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeleine Yates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should not have been torn down without first getting approval and submitting an architectural plan. This is a historic building and needs to have plans that are aligned with its historic significance. I live in a historic town and my house is circa 1890. To change anything about our house requires us to to present a plan to the Historic Commission for approval and then get a permit. That the East Wing was summarily torn down without any review process is an affront to those of us who play by the rules.

Besides, the people of this country own that house, it does not belong to the President. A 90,000 square foot ballroom sounds really wrong for our White House. Its not like any of us regular people will ever be invited!!

And I don't like how the project started at $200 million and has crept to $400 million. What stops it from becoming $500 million? And since this White House appears to trade favors for $$, what are the people who have donated money getting?

Respectfully,
Madeleine Yates

Date: 2/14/2026 11:34:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Plesco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A 90,000 sq foot ballroom is a poor use of taxpayer dollars and as a taxpayer and a US citizen, I outright reject this idea. Instead, restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Restore any safe bunkers below, but protecting the plans from foreign assets. Sadly these have probably already been compromised. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house. We don't need a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:33:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Harmet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
As a tax paying citizen and lover of American history, I resent all work being done to the White House, Capital Building or the Mall. These are simply vanity projects and serve zero purpose for the American people. This administration has already destroyed the East Wing. I am pleading with the powers that be to save the People's House from their vanity projects. America does not need a ballroom they will never see. This is a waste of funds. This administration cannot be trusted when they say it will all be paid by donors. These "donors" will now own Washington DC.
This destruction will be your professional legacy. What a sad thing. Please….do the right thing for Washington and for the American people. If they don't matter to you….do it to save your legacy. So you can look your grandchildren proudly in the face and say "I stood in the breach when DC was threatened". Sounds dramatic….but what is happening in America calls for nothing less.
Thank you. Thank you for doing your job and not 47's bidding. Your descendants will thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:33:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the east wing should be restored to its previous style and use. I do not believe we need a larger ballroom than we previously had. I also think decoration of this wing should be consistent with what was removed: no garish gold accents are necessary. Any renovation needs to be in keeping with the previous style. This is the people's house, it is a White House. Furthermore I think President Trump ought to be replacing this using his own funding. He had no business using taxpayer dollars to tear down the existing structure. And at a time when people are going hungry and cannot afford their healthcare insurance

taxpayers should not have to be putting the bill for something that was not necessary. Thank you for taking my comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:33:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D S Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The U.S. White House is a national historic monument.
The destruction of it should NOT be allowed, especially on the whims of one person (who happens to be convicted felon).
Stop this now!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Tupper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to previous size and architecture. Upgrade foundation etc to code. Restore the original furniture. Tasteful decorating without gold. Restrict the president from further destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Stoeckel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All construction on this project should be stopped immediately. The destruction of a historical portion of the “People’s House” is a disgrace to our country’s rich history of freedom for all. Whatever damage has been done should be corrected and a beautiful lawn with a plaque should be erected in the area indicating the history of the East Wing and why it was destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Hannah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully believe that the destruction of the East Wing of the White House (which does NOT belong to the occupant) was wrong, if not criminal.
I feel it should be returned to its previous condition, paid for by the individual who ordered the destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia McDermott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying citizen of the United States I object to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House for the creation of a ballroom. The White House belongs to the citizens of this country not the current occupant or his family. I believe this entire enterprise had been done illegally. Congressional approval was not saught nor given nor was approval of the American citizens saught or given. I feel laws have been grossly ignored and the construction of a ballroom needs to be stopped and the East Wing completely restored with the existing funds that were raised for the ballroom

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Peress
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom will dwarf the White House and forever change the look of DC for the worse. Scrap the ballroom and restore the East Wing the way it was before the teardown.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:32:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Cederholm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The NCPC and the historical society should be the ONLY groups who have ANY input, with the suggestions of the public, on the PEOPLE'S HOUSE. Since the demolition was done unilaterally, Trump should be responsible for ALL the funding. The outside design should compliment the previous structure with updated electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning. It should be ADA compliant. This is not a palace so none of the over the top gold gaudy decorations and interior design. I don't object to a larger formal dining room for state dinners but with tasteful decorating. The Trump Administration should no longer have ANY say, just provide the money. This is not to be a replica of Mar La Go.
I also feel that the Rose Garden be returned to the way it was. I believe this was removed without any input of your groups at whose expense.
Don't get me going on the Kennedy Center.
Money could have been better well spent on those American children with food and shelter insecurities.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Pickford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house! The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

The reconstruction of the East Wing should be similar in architectural style, size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Lepley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like the ballroom to be built at a size that is visually compatible with the size of the White House. The decoration inside should be restrained and incorporate something from each of the 50 states.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitzi Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Scale is the most commonly overlooked consideration of renovations and additions, and ignoring issues of

scale is where most bad projects fail.

The ballroom must not make the White House itself subordinate to it by any means. No need has been demonstrated for a larger ballroom.

It should be rebuilt exactly as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Ogan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposal for east wing modication should be accepted. Please ask that the building height of the new east wing does not exceed that of the existing, historic white house. please advice that the name of hte building be something generic and not named after a person born in the last 100 years.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachael Ustorf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored to the original exterior dimensions and architectural style with updated wiring etc. and added interior ADA accessibility where possible. Follow past process for making needed, but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is necessary, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:31:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Pomies
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished illegally. The proposed ballroom is simply a monument to an over-inflated ego. I am strongly against this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:30:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can’t believe one man had the power to tear down the East Wing. It breaks my American heart.
That being said… The proposed ballroom is entirely too big and is not in balance or proportion to the existing White House structure. I think plans need to be revised.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:30:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARY DIXON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center, I'm sure DC has plenty of those. There are many large buildings in that immediate area that, I'm sure must have large areas that could be used as ballrooms.
The White House, The People's House, is not a palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a king, he works for the people and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, style, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:30:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Epley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This needs to stop. We do not need a ballroom. We do not need a bunker.
The current president of the US appears to believe the peoples house is his own. He has already demolished decades of history in what he has destroyed so far.
I urge you please to look at how he has already defaced the Oval Office and the rose garden. Looks like a Starbucks patio now.
He needs to be reminded that he is not king and not a dictator, and we have systems in place to do things properly.
Please stand firm.
Please keep in mind, over say the last decade, how many balls were held in the White House? Not enough to warrant overshadowing the people house with a monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:30:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Stachelczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to the scale of this project and the fact that no permission was requested before the East Wing was torn down. The White House is the People's House, not any president's personal possession. If a new space is needed for formal dinners and gatherings, plans must be submitted for approval through the proper channels. Please halt this project until the requisite approvals and permissions are obtained.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:29:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Diemand
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should have been done before any demolition was done on the East wing!!! Stop everything now and make him restore it to it's previous grandeur. Since this is the People's House, the people should have had a say in it. And while we're on the topic of restoration, make him tear up his patio and replant all the roses that First Lady Kennedy had planted.

Our pos potus has destroyed everything he has touched, it's time to put a stop to this human (??) wrecking ball.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:29:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ketner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having grown up during the Kennedy era, I was mesmerized while watching Jackie Kennedy tour us through the White House. Widely considered the most recognizable and symbolic building in the United States, I was heartbroken when a wrecking ball ripped down an entire wing, with the realization that it would be replaced with an oversized ballroom that would dwarf the original structure. The size is completely out of scale and would forever alter the gracious appearance of our beloved White House. The previous ballroom was obviously large enough to host Princess Diana and John Travolta. It is absolutely unnecessary for a new one to be that large. Please ensure that the new structure balances the existing structure.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:29:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Baxter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I am glad to have a way to share my feelings on this project, I am deeply disturbed and disappointed that we the people had no say in the demolition that has already taken place and can never be made whole again.

I do not know what type of gathering space is needed for OFFICIAL White House activities but I can tell you a gold gilded monstrosity of this magnitude is more fitting for kings and palaces; it seems inconsistent with who we are as Americans.

The timing, while us regular folks are struggling to keep gas in the car, food on the table and afford our health care, is absolutely tone deaf. I believe it is a lie to say private "donations" are funding this. Donations are given without strings attached and without the expectation of repayment in any form; I am confident this is billionaire quid pro quo.

One man should not have this level of unchecked control over what does not belong to him as an individual. This is the people's house and the people should have been consulted long before now.

Thank you,
Lisa Baxter
America Citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 11:29:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda Callicutt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing, no building should ever overshadow the White House. This is the people's house. Presidents are guests and should never be allowed to renovate, tear down or change like it's their private home. Or be allowed to destroy without proper authorization and approval or designs by neutral parties.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:29:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mindy Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its original design, with any interiors updates, such as wiring, plumbing, etc. Do not let Trump design anything and charge all restorations to him!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:29:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am APPALLED at the destruction of OUR White House.

There must NEVER be a “ballroom” allowed.
Especially one almost twice as big as what is left of our White House.

As depicted, it is tacky, grotesque, and a waste of our money. It is proposed to cost much more than originally stated, and will overshadow our House. It adds NOTHING to the White House and is in no way necessary. Plenty of state dinners have been held (many in the East Wing) without that huge monstrosity that is being proposed.

The East Wing must be rebuilt. I would prefer we close to the original plans as possible, but I realise that might be very difficult.

Right now, it’s a huge, ugly wound. We must restore OUR house. Rebuild the East Wing in some way.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:28:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Hollencamp Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Growing up in a DC suburb, I had the opportunity to visit the East Wing many times. Two of my children, one who went to GW and the other who worked for the NRC, also toured and attended events there. It was heartbreaking to see the casual demolition of a part of the White House that contained so much history. It is also infuriating that the contributions of the First Lady, beginning with Eleanor Roosevelt, be reduced to rubble without a thought of their significance. Jackie Kennedy’s amazing restoration of the White House, as shown in her 1961 documentary, was a testament to the importance of maintaining the history of The People’s House. I have read several stories about the intentions of architects who rebuilt the White House after it was destroyed by the British in 1812. Maybe it is folk lore, but it seems their goal was to create a modest residence for our President and not a palace for a king. The East Wing has been called the heart of the White House, balanced with the brain in the West Wing. I hope for a complete restoration of this balance, both literally and metaphorically.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:28:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Bender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the proposed ballroom, why now and why so huge?
We (the United States) have managed to go 225 years without it. We are not some European monarchy and the White House is not, nor was it ever intended to be a palace.
I understand and applaud the need for renovations to keep the White House safe, but not random ideas to add unnecessary and, most likely underutilized space that will destroy the aesthetic appeal of the current structure.
Please have the current president restore what he has destroyed and leave the building as he found it.
Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.
Ken Bender

Date: 2/14/2026 11:28:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Hemenway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the East wing modernization project. This is the People's House and the building should be restored to its original specifications. The People do not need a 90,000 sq ft "ballroom" they will never be allowed to step foot into under the current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:28:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Hubbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed massive ballroom intended to replace the demolished East Wing is an abomination. It is fit for a tin-pot dictator, not the president of the United States (who doesn't even know how to dance, btw). The White House is meant to be the People's House, not a Trump resort full of golden ornaments and trashy events. Let Trump party at Maralago (or, better yet, Rikers), and let the people of the United States have a dignified, historic, appropriately designed White House. Rebuild what Trump tore down, now!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: philip farmiloe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an Architect of almost 70 years old, I have spent my entire life and career trying to reconcile the needs for modern development alongside of existing environmental conditions (I worked predominantly in the UK where conservation zones and Grade II listed buildings are the norm) and of course respecting ANY adjacent or protected historic structures. In my opinion, the current "design" presented by the Administration would be an utter disaster in terms of scale alone when viewed against the Whitehouse itself.

If this has to go ahead, I would like to see the proposal reduced considerably in volume and scale with architecture that respects closely the original building.
In terms of detailing and design, please can we NOT resort to the current predilection for adding tacky gold leaf decoration to any / all forms and surfaces?
Also- if a more modern solution is explored,(which is possible if sensitively handled), is there any opportunity I wonder, to at least recess the form into the landscape and possibly explore sustainable/green roofing, which could give back external garden space to replace that which has been so thoughtlessly destroyed?

The peoples' house deserves a much much better solution.

Philip Farmiloe.RA

Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kellie Springer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi-

I am writing to say that I oppose the commandeering and destruction of the People's House by the current administration.

The White House is not Trump's private residence to do with as he pleases. There are regulations, rules and a process to follow for such historical entities, and none of those were even considered. The White House is not meant to serve as a Presidential memorial or to boost an ego.

The corruption, both financial and procedurally, needs to be held to account and haulted. I ask that all future reconstruction follow the rules and protocols already set forth and that the current administration be forced to cease the destruction of our American heritage and property and abide by the law.

Thank you.

Because the White House belongs to me too,

-Kellie Springer

Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariana Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally destroyed. Trump should be prosecuted for breaking the laws protecting historic buildings. His ugly plans for an unneeded ballroom should be stopped. Out of proportion, no doubt drenched in tacky gold paint, embarrassing in its overwrought flourishes unbecoming to this proud symbol of the United States of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail ODonnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build a Ballroom as part of the People's House. This Ballroom is for the elite and their guests, not the American People of the USA. It does not represent American core values - that we have a Government Of The People, By The People, and For The People - which is clearly an inclusive statement of ALL Americans (Lincoln, Gettysburg). We the People (the Constitution) don't want or need this, it doesn't represent most of us. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Gail ODonnell

Date: 2/14/2026 11:27:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Fleishell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the NCPC, I would like to express my distain for the off the charts disproportional planned replacement for the East wing of the White House. This is the Peoples' House, and should be treated as such, rather than how the current administration is acting as if it is owned by just the president.

James Hoban designed a symmetrical White House to reflect the dignity and stability of the American government. For the most part, subsequent additions have respected that symmetry and scale. At nearly twice the size, a 90,000 square foot addition to the East wing will dwarf the symbolic original building and sadly ruin the symbolic symmetry of the People's House. I am also concerned about the interior decor being made to look like a palace instead of the classically modest look the White House has maintained for two centuries.
Any changes to the symbolic historic buildings in our nation's capital should be coordinated and approved by this commission, which was formed to protect and preserve all of the peoples' buildings and distinctive layout of Washington DC.

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A Ballroom is NOT needed. There are plenty of venues available to be used in the area. A large conference room may be needed, but should be constructed elsewhere.

The White House is the people's house, and the President only a temporary occupant.

Oh, and get rid of all the tacky gold crap everywhere. It's just embarrassing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

DRB

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Name: Elizabeth Hanes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing was a travesty and, I believe, illegal. No further construction should be allowed to that space until plans have gone through a full review and approval process by the NCPC.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:26:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris McNeill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be replaced within the same footprint with required up to date modifications per building and security codes. Is is not the personal property of President Trump to with whatever he wishes. Demolishing it without going through proper procedures is a lack of respect for both the office and the American people. For this reason I believe he alone should bear the full cost of its reconstruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:26:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara (bubba) Gaynor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 79 yr.old citizen I have never witnessed such disregard for rules or regulations concerning “Our” White House…it is not a rental on fifth Avenue and the current occupant has ignored the laws that protect this Home of History…they should reconstruct the east wing to originality…Thank you, barbara gaynor ……ps.please conduct oversight on any other demolitions(Kennedy center) or edifices to be erected(Arch of “shame”)…

Date: 2/14/2026 11:26:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deila Mangold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of The East Wing without appropriate permissions is criminal.
It should be rebuilt to provide the symmetry that the classical People's House should have. Appropriate updates to modernize functions should be included to keep the offices running in the future.
I an personally appalled at what this criminal president has done to the East Wing and the Rose Garden. All should be restored and the gold being should be destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:25:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnne Shull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to the ballroom project. Tearing down the east wing was done without proper approval. I feel it should be replaced just as it was. If a new gathering space is really needed, plans should be presented to the authorized persons for approval and go through the proper channels. No one has the right to destroy the People's House on their own. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:25:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Hiedeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unless a President is able to provide concrete proof of multiple situations where there was not adequate space for event activities, no changes should be allowed. Since no previous President, to the public's knowledge, has experienced problems with event venue sizing, it seems that the burden of proof on the current President should be very substantial.

In the event that such proof cannot be substantiated, President Trump should be required to restore the East Wing to its original state. Where are the historical art objects and furnishings from our country's history? It feels like a crime that a single person could unilaterally destroy such an important part of our country's history.

I trust the Commission to protect our history. Please make every attempt to restore our beautiful White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:25:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Moorehouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support work without special interest funding per past processes for NEEDED changes to historically significant buildings like the White House. Any additions or modifications should respectfully consider the

historic design and scale of the White House. I support restoring the exterior dimensions and architectural style. I support making necessary updates to meet code for electrical service and ADA accessibility standards. The White House is the people's house.

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Name: R Bjorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Every inch of change should have been proposed, reviewed by architectural and zoning laws and approved by Congress. The White House is THE PEOPLE's HOUSE!!! Did anyone even ASK The People?

Date: 2/14/2026 11:25:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Forbes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It is the single most important, most recognized building in the United States government. It's historically significant, which is a vast understatement. Part of this building, the east wing, was torn down on a whim of the President of the United States. This should never have happened. Unfortunately, there's no way to take it back, so how do we move forward? I think it should be built back to look essentially as it did before. Expand it slightly, with emphasis on the word slightly, to provide more area to be able to have state dinners or whatever entertainment might be needed if that's a concern. I do not feel that a humongous ballroom is appropriate or needed.
Whatever is done, needs to be done with the full approval of the people of the United States of America to whom this house belongs. Not just to satisfy the whims of the current occupant of that house. I also feel that the current occupant of the house should be the one that has to pay for the restoration personally, because he is the one responsible for destroying what was there.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:24:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Physical destruction of the White House is not the sole prerogative of any president. The destruction of the East Wing before allowing for full review and approval by all stakeholders, including the American people, who collectively own the building, was both illegal and unethical. Americans never asked for a "ballroom," nor do most of us want one. The question remains, what should be done to rectify the widespread damage that has occurred?

For the East Wing Modernization Project, I recommend rebuilding the East Wing exactly as it appeared before, using photographs and architectural drawings of the original construction. As for modernization, construction should emphasize energy efficiency and wiring that accommodates modern day uses. Construction materials and approaches should be chosen to minimize the impacts of climate warming gases and environmental impacts. All costs should be borne not by the taxpayers, but by those who made the initial decision and order to destroy the historical East Wing.

Thank you.
Mark Wilson

Date: 2/14/2026 11:24:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Velde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the modernization of the East Wing needs to restore the outside dimensions and style of the original East Wing. The interior should be updated to be ADA compliant, and the electrical and mechanical systems updated. This building had significant historical meaning to the citizens of the United States and should not have been destroyed without their input, especially without following required guidelines and laws.

A ballroom should be constructed elsewhere, not on the grounds of the White House. The size of the planned structure overwhelms the entire site. Please restore the White House East Wing to it's original look.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:24:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Gania
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment on Project #8733 – White House East Wing Modernization

To the Commissioners of the NCPC,

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My visits to the capital have always centered on admiring the White House for its iconic Palladian symmetry and neoclassical design. The introduction of a 90,000-square-foot structure—nearly double the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence—would fundamentally destroy this balance.

I urge the Commission to require that:

Scale and Subordination: Any new structure must remain subordinate to the main residence. A building that

exceeds the footprint and massing of the original home diminishes the White House as the central focus of the campus.

Footprint Preservation: Development should be restricted to the footprint of the prior building to maintain the historical spatial relationship between the residence and its wings.

Symmetry: Any addition must harmonize with the existing architectural landscape rather than overwhelming it.
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Name: Tammy Glynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This building needs to restored to its original condition. The process by which it was ‘destroyed’ was illegal, and a theft from all Americans. No one asked for or wanted this to take place. There appears to be many code violations in this project. We do not need this ballroom. If a ballroom were to be built, the proper protocols must be followed. Taking the control of our precious landmarks is a crime, and Trump should be prosecuted and forced to pay for the rebuilding of our property.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:23:43 AM
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Name: Melinda McLane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original footprint. If additional space is needed for special events such as a State dinners, interior design could be modified for reasonable space. Anything larger should be at an offsite location. Interior decor should be in line with historical precedence, no ostentatious or gaudy extras not in keeping with the overall decor and the historic nature of the White House. Thank you for considering us in this process.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:23:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Cremos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the esteemed members of the National Capital Planning Commission:
The White House is the People's House. It is the temporary residence of our Public Servant-in-Chief and its design should reflect the democratic republican values of the United States of America: balanced, proportional, open to the public to the greatest extent possible, and transparent in its construction and spending. The White House does not need a ballroom; showiness and opulence have no place in the People's House.
The new East Wing should be proportionate to the rest of the White House rather than overwhelm it. It should include any necessary upgrades to wiring and other infrastructure. It should also be designed to physically accomodate and welcome visitors of all ages and abilities.
Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
Sincerely,
Jacqueline Cremos

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Name: Allen Kidd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Benjamin Harrison proposed a dramatic and guilded expansion to the White House during his 1889 to 1893 term. Thankfully it never happened as it would have irreparably destroyed the classic elegance of the People's House. The current proposed expansion is a monstrosity that also must be stopped. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and not to Donald Trump. No president should be allowed to construct a Domus Aurea.
https://ghostsofdc.org/2013/12/05/fascinating-unbuilt-expansion-white-house-1892/
https://archaeology.org/issues/online/collection/golden-house-of-an-emperor/

Thank you!
Allen Kidd
World Language and Social Studies Teacher
Muncie, Indiana

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: nancy Kincaid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I resent the fact that trump tore down the East Wing without permission and also the Rose Garden.
I want him to be penalized by having to pay for the renovations himself and return the “donations” he received, to the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Isaacman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the People's House, the White House, is both folly and egotistical. Creating a gigantic structure that will leave the rest of the White House in its shadow symbolically sends the message that the partying of the rich and powerful is more important that the work needed to be done for Americans of all stripes. Will he be permitted to put his name on the ballroom as well? Will he gild it in gold as he has done to so much of the White House? When he tore down the East Wing as bit of my heart, and that of many Americans, sank as a part of our House was defaced. Please do not permit this to continue!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Ladd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I would like to state that the proposed ballroom is much too big and should be in proper proportion to the White House. Tearing down the East Wing was a horrible action that should not have been allowed, as was

paving over Jacqueline Kennedy's rose garden. Many of the ugly gold fetishes of Trump will need to be taken down once his time is up. Thank you for your attention to this matter, Karen A Ladd, registered Democrat.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Hathaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original state with all the necessary upgrades. Please do not make the addition larger than the existing White House. Please do not change the name to that of the current occupant of the White House. Please do everything in your power to protect all the government buildings. DO NOT GIVE UP! Thank you for the work you do.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:22:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.If an event space is needed keep it to the original dimensions of the East Wing.
Stop wasting tax payers' dollars on unneeded projects.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:21:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Grimwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original state with updates to to infrastructure. Return the Rose Garden. Be certain it isn't gaudy! Finally, since Trump destroyed it illegally have him pay to restore it.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:21:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Alvord
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House occupied on a temporary basis by the First Family. No significant modifications should be made to the White House that serve one person's sense of aesthetics or "need". The East Wing should be restored to its former architectural form and function with modernization of mechanical, electrical and security systems. In the history of the USA, there has never been a "need" for a 90,000 square foot ballroom monstrosity to "serve" the White House, and there is no need for one now. As with other aspects of law and procedure, the Trump administration ignored the laws and regulations that govern significant modifications to federal public buildings. This is not acceptable on any level.

Not only should the East Wing be restored to its former self, the rose garden should be restored, the hideous marble bathroom should be restored to its former self and all of the gilding applied to all parts of the White House to serve Trump's vanity and sense of style should be removed.

The White House has never looked as tacky as it currently does, and all to stroke the vanity of a single megalomaniac with horrendous taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:21:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robyn Vanderburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

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Name: Susan Ruston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing with updates to code. This is a house not a castle. Build a ballroom somewhere else if needed at all. Use existing building space as a ballroom.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

DRB

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Name: Linda Luke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently against the proposed replacement for the destroyed East Wing. The destruction was the action of one man's biased and uneducated decision and the wishes of the American people were not consulted, nor were the guidelines set for historical buildings in our nation's capital.
This project is an exorbitant waste of public funds at a time when our economy is already cutting back on services such as health care, education, and food assistance.
We can do so much better than build a monument to one person's ego. I am ashamed about what he has done to the People's House.
Thank you.
Linda Luke

Date: 2/14/2026 11:20:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Judkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I am against the building of Trump's ballroom. He's already destroyed a large part of the White House complex, and this would only compound the damage. The huge ballroom would dwarf the White House, the people's house, the symbol of the United States, and it would make the White House look ridiculously small by comparison. Holding large events in the greater DC area not only supports DC businesses, but it gets the president and his political guests off the White House grounds and into the public eye, where the president should be. The White House is not a fortress where the president can hide away - it's a house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:20:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Hadden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an appalling usurpation of power by the current occupant. The East Wing should never have been demolished without the proper vetting by all concerned parties. The East Wing should be REBUILT exactly as it was before it was illegally torn down by the current occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:20:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, I feel that the East Wing of the Whitehouse should retain its proportion to the main building. If a larger event space is needed it should be built elsewhere. Keeping the historic character of the property is very important and overshadowing the main/center building would be unfortunate.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:20:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Gooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House as the “People’s House” is a physical symbol our developing nation’s history. It belongs to none of us, but to all of us. Although the damage may never be undone, every effort should be made to restore our nation’s symbol in accordance with historical precedent and adherence to established legal requirements. Every effort should be made to heal this wound in the nation’s psyche.

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Name: Jenna Burton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darel Snodgrass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild to match the West Wing as closely as possible in style and scale. Include modern code and ADA compliance.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:19:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Calvin Hanrahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People’s House; that’s simple and easy to understand. The deranged and mad current occupant has no right to renovate or destroy any potion of that sacred structure. Stop the destruction and begin the restoration.
Sincerely,
Dr Calvin M Hanrahan

Date: 2/14/2026 11:18:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Postoway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am for the Modernizing the East Wing of the White House which will improve safety, accessibility, and efficiency while preserving this historic space for future generations. Entertaining guests to the White House in a tent, which has been done in the past, is no way to receive guests.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:18:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the destruction of our national history and leave the White House intact. What a rude embarassment a gold leaf monstrosiry is to our once proud people. This is not who we are as a nation. Members of our society are hungry and without health care, clean air and water. Don't diminish their suffering furthur by lining the pockets of trump for his own amusement. Give me my REAL history back.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:18:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Della Kweskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to what it was before it was demolished, with any improvements that may be needed. The People's House is the house for the people. Not just for an elite circle that a wannabe dictator wants to use to bribe his donors.
The obnoxious gold decorations that the now occupier of the White House has added dismantle the integrity of the People's House.
He is a temporary occupant and has no right to destroy the people's house.

The rose garden should also be restored as it was a beautiful addition before it was paved to look like a fast food court.

Thank you!
Della

Date: 2/14/2026 11:18:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Gower-Godfrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its previous construction.

The White House is NOT a party event venue, nor should it be treated as such. While meetings ARE held at the White House, the addition of a "ballroom" would present a dangerous security breach access point. Hence, no, the East Wing should be restored, with additional attention to security protections included in this rebuild.

As for "where" to host large groups exceeding 1000 attendees for Approved Political Events, I suggest consulting the 200+ years of documented records for where large events have been securely held previously. Or have Carpenter's Hall, The Liberty View, The National Constitution Center, Mount Vernon, The Jefferson, and Hilton Chicago all become "nope" venue locations?

Date: 2/14/2026 11:17:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kari Sigerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed $300-$350 million garish White House ballroom project is unnecessary and lacking clear authorization, potentially impacting a historic, protected public building. This is not private property.

It is important to remember that the White House is a public building, and decisions regarding its future should consider the perspectives and interests of all Americans.

The 90,000-square-foot, multi-story structure is too large. It will overwhelm and dwarf the existing historic and iconic White House.

The alarming and sneaky process of using private donor funds to bypass federal review for this project raises concerns about transparency and honoring proper procedures.

The brazen and unauthorized demolition of the East Wing destroyed part of our American heritage; the proposed design is vulgar, garish, and crass. An embarrassment. The embodiment of this vulgar and ugly period in our democratic history, and we do not need to be saddled with this gargantuan eyesore for generations to come.

This ballroom raises legitimate questions about priorities and motivations. It is important to consider the ethics of allowing substantial private funding for changes to the "People's House," whether such actions are even legal, and whether they align with public interest.

This project exemplifies this administration's misplaced priorities and unethical, sleazy tactics.

It is not his house; it is ours, and he is destroying it.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:17:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Hanlon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing demolition is an act of violence against the American people. It was not permitted.

The Capitol grounds are sacred, and bringing in bulldozers, which by the way, the occupier of the White House said he loved because it meant he'd make money on a new building soon, has hit us in our heart. The White House is our house, not the plaything for one mad authoritarian dictator.

The person who ordered this act should be punished to the full extent of the law.

The new ballroom wasn't even more than a figment of the man's imagination when he ordered the demolition. The photo he showed for the new room/building was an existing room in a building in Europe. He had no plans, no permits, and no concern for the property which includes the underground rooms there where he did the demolition.

The new vision for a building is out of scale, and a casino dance hall is not appropriate for the capital White House property. I want this act of violence to be stopped, and a plan to be made that reflects what the people think is best moving forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:17:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Staeven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be restored AT TRUMP'S EXPENSE! If that is not possible, then I would suggest that any additions be in proportion with the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Kenoyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House needs to be restored to its previous condition. It belongs to the people, not the President, and he has no right to tear parts down and rebuild in a very ugly manner. The President does not have the right to put his name and face on everything as he is not the king.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Mutzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I hereby submit my written comments about the purposed 90,00sq ft ballroom on the grounds of the White

House.
I believe it to be a travesty of architectural design,, scale and style. The size of this monstrosity is totally not in keeping with the architecture of the White House itself and it is also completely impractical given the tremendous increase in the number of people it is proposed to accommodate. The kitchen would have to be completely enlarged to be able to handle the increase in meal preparation for the added numbers of guests and just about every other aspect involved would have to be increased.

The scale and size would throw the entire appearance of the White House off balance and it would look gargantuan.

This administration MUST be held to the same standards as every other Administration in our history..they must NOT be allowed to just knock down, dig up or destroy whatever they want without following the proper channels as EVERY OTHER PRESIDENT HAS DONE. That blatant disregard for the standards, rules and practices should be enough to deny them to continue with this architectural disaster and the entire project should be shut down and not be permitted to proceed.

I am 77 yeas old and have lived through many administrations of both parties...I have NEVER seen anything so destructive both literally and figuratively as this one and they should be stopped before they do irreparable harm and damage to OUR monuments and buildings. The White House is the PEOPLE'S house it is NOT the property of whatever President happens to reside in it at any given time. Please hold them accountable and make them follow the rules like everyone else has. Once you give them an inch, they take EVERYTHING.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinions as a tax-paying American citizen.

Paula Mutzel
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Venzon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing market modernization project was anything but it was torn down because of the whims of a narcissist. With no permits no submissions no warning the historical monument was torn down. Now proposing a ballroom the plans have changed many times from a smaller project to a huge opposing project that will dwarf the Whitehouse.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a treasured landmark belonging to the people of the United States. It is only a temporary residence of the current President and he does not have the authority to make these drastic changes. He most certainly does not have the authority to construct a great "ball room" with his name on it to serve as the " kings palace" while he is in office. I question that the funds for this palace will be raised by

donors and even if this happens, what will they expect in return for the millions of dollars that they donate? I also question how the cost of the demolition of the East Wing was paid, no doubt by the tax payers who did not even want this to happen.

It is long past time for Congress and the courts to reign in this would be king. Put an end to this madness that we are seeing every day and that is alienating friends and allies worldwide. This is not what the American people want or deserve.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Best
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House was a beautifully structured testimony to our founding principles of balance of powers between the three federal powers. The White House stands as a grand "People's House," not one which stands to express an unnecessary grandeur and opulently ornate superiority. This ballroom as currently planned is not intended to stand as a site in which celebrate the accomplishments of Americans. It will, under Donald Trump, become his place for fundraisers, corruption, and the pleasing of his rich supporters.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Singley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to the addition of a ballroom at the White House. The destruction of the East Wing was not done lawfully. President Trump has stated the addition of a ballroom will benefit the American public. There is no scenario in which I can foresee the American citizenry being welcome in this space.

I request the Administration restore the People's House to its original form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With All Due Respect,
Susan Singley
Veteran, Citizen, Constituent, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Voter

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Lambert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Krotz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Done! Everyone should weigh in:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
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Date: 2/14/2026 11:16:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexander Froner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is it really necessary to have a 9,000 sq/ft office and ball room complex attached to the White House? It's bigger than the White House! If they need more office space they have plenty of building that they fired staff from to use. As far as the ball room goes it is something that is used rarely and no need to seat 650 to 999 guest. They say that private individuals will be paying for it. Sorry but I don't believe that. It will go over budget and the country will stuck with another bill. And get rid of all the gold inside. The is not a French Palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:15:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Gaidrich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose any sort of "addition" or ballroom space being added to the people's White House. The demolished East wing needs to be restored to its original condition at the expense of the person who demolished it without any permission!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:15:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Neil Zevnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom to replace the destroyed East Wing is unacceptable in so many aspects. Proper channels have not been used, necessary approvals have been railroaded by partisan appointees. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Construction should be blocked and further work halted until proper and unbiased approvals and plans are ratified.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:15:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Heston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened that the east wing was callously and recklessly demolished. I want it restored to its original condition with functional improvements. No building should outshine the main building that contains the Oval Office. No tacky gold embellishments should disgrace the building. It's not a palace. It's the people's house. The rose garden should also be restored and the building should be rebuilt to its historical accuracy. Make the White House great again by returning it to the people and to its original glory. Shame shame shame on Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:15:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Vanoflen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the most absurd thing I may have ever seen, what an absolutely terrible decision to demo the east wing and build a gaudy ballroom that serves no purpose for the people. Put an end to this wasteful spending, people are barely surviving.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:14:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: PAMELA Bice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction and disregard of the historic value of the East Wing of the White House. The president's plans are vague and have no redeeming vallue. The design looks cheap and tawdry and

looks more like a bordello than a place that represents the people of the United States. I request that you do NOT approve any plans submitted by the president and instead have a commitee formed of architects and historians to design the replacement of what has been lost. I pray and hope that the historic contents of the East Wing were preserved and stored before the destruction happened. If not, then shame on the president for his wanton disregard of our house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:14:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Eckert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, this project was not necessary, and certainly should not have been started before being given permission to do so. If an update to areas of the East Wing are necessary, then rebuild and do the updates. If POTUS needs a larger venue for an event, then host it somewhere else. In any case, rebuild the East Wing back to its original size and design, make necessary updates, and clean up the mess that was created on the once beautiful grounds.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:14:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stewart Benedict
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project. It has already destroyed historic aspects of the White House and the look of the proposed ballroom will totally destroy the overall look of the White House. The project should have gone through the proper channels.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:14:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all it should not have been torn down without congressional approval and public comment. But now: Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. It should follow the past footprint and not interfere with line of site of the White House itself. A larger area could be created to entertain more guests.
If a ballroom is needed (not sure if it is) construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:13:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lafferty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Morning,

I do not think a ballroom is necessary. The East Wing was destroyed by a person that has no respect for The Peoples House.

Trump should be financially responsible for paying the rebuilding cost.

If the ballroom does go thru, it should not dwarf the White House and should Not be named after Trump.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:13:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:13:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as a basic American citizen who is appalled at the level of disrespect that has been shown to the White House, one of the most iconic American buildings in our history. The fact that the East Wing was just pulled down with no warning and no legal process is shocking enough but President Trump has made it clear that he feels no need to be bound by the laws and rules that guide any renovation project for such an historic building. The proposed designs are wholly inconsistent with the architecture and scale of what is left of the building and his intention to carry on through to materially changing the West Wing must not be allowed to proceed.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Rowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the destruction of the East Wing was done illegally and there should be repercussions to all those involved. The East Wing should be rebuilt with modern facilities, full ADA accessibility, and be approximately the same size as before. No gold plating, no obscene ornateness, no gaudy textiles should be used. A huge ballroom is not needed for the peoples house, it is only required to feed the huge ego of our current president. Please don't waste the money or resources by building a ballroom. Build a modest structure that will have usefulness far into the future for the a large number of staffers, not a ridiculous ballroom that only the very rich will ever be invited to use.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dekeyser Margaret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing of the White House - the People's House. Restore as many of the historic architectural elements as possible. NO BALLROOM.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane M
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing should never have happened. Now that rebuilding is going forward, the size and scope must be drastically scaled down to blend with the existing residence structure. The country does not need, or want, a 90,000 square foot ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tanya Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Firstly, it is criminal that the East Wing was demolished.
Secondly, the only appropriate use of that space is to approximate what was there, in scale, size, and purpose.
Absolute NO to that hideous "ballroom". No, no, no!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:16 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Benjamin Gimarc
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed White House ballroom is greatly out of proportion to the White House complex. The White House is a residence for the first family. Its entertainment arrangements should be in proportion to those required for reasonable family entertaining. If the president needs to entertain 1,000 guests, a facility should be built in some other part of the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:12:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Travis Eriksen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Please do not let the fact that it was already demolished color your decision in any way, except as you consider it was done illegally with none of the required process.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary-Jo Baniecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Weems
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a Maryland resident who grew up visiting Washington, D.C.'s historic sites, I've always seen the White House not just as a working building, but as a shared piece of our national story. Generations of families experience history there, and that public connection is part of what gives the place its meaning. I understand that facilities evolve and that modernization can be necessary, but the White House is a historic landmark first—and changes to it should be handled with the highest level of transparency and care.
What concerns me most about the East Wing modernization project is not the idea of improvement itself, but the process. Moving forward without fully engaging the public comment process undermines public trust and sets a troubling precedent for how we treat nationally significant historic resources. Public review isn't a formality—it's a safeguard that ensures changes are thoughtful, balanced, and accountable. Skipping or minimizing that step suggests urgency is being prioritized over stewardship, when both should be possible.
I urge the responsible agencies to pause, fully engage the proper review channels, and invite meaningful public input before proceeding further. Careful, transparent planning can still address functional needs while honoring the White House's historical, cultural, and symbolic importance. This building belongs, in a very real sense, to the American people—and decisions about its future should reflect that shared responsibility.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE!!
*Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
*If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
*The White House is the people's house. It is not a monument to any one person.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Berryman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the east wing should be demolished and should be restored to how it was architecturally at no expense to taxpayers. Whoever tore it down should pay for it. I do not want a ballroom at the people's White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffani Velez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr. President,

This is the the East Wing is the People's House, not yours. To tear down a historical building, without seeking permission from the People, to make a monument of glory for yourself (in a ballroom) is unacceptable, unpresidential, and a disgrace to the history that's already been destroyed by you. Seek only the advice of historical architects anchored in the preservation of all American history, not just the history of which you approve and want to elevate. All of America matters, not just your wealthy, disconnected, corner of it.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tomas Diego, III
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new design is horrendous and out of place with the historical nature of the White House. It must be scaled down by at least 60% to allow the original structure the grandeur it has always received.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Hough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Given that the administration has destroyed the existing East Wing without authorization, it is important that the structure built in its place comport with the historical design of the White House complex. Building a gaudy 90,000 square foot ballroom does not meet this goal. If a ballroom is to be built, make it of a size and design that achieves a practical purpose for the space.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:11:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clay Britch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this horrible project to continue! This is not needed or wanted by the majority of Americans. It is a giant waste of resources and money that could be better used else where.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:10:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Crane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project. The expenditure is unnecessary and inappropriate, given how many citizens are struggling with basic needs. To put America first, apply that money to healthcare instead. The absence of a 90,000 square foot ballroom does not hinder our President from fulfilling their duties and entertaining dignitaries. It is a vanity project that does not fulfill any American's needs. It does not benefit our citizens, and it will grossly overshadow the taste, history, and function of the White House (the people's house).

Date: 2/14/2026 11:10:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Hett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that the expansion aligns with the intent of the building or esthetically matches the the existing structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:10:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JENNIFER DI SALVO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

The unlawful demolition of the White House East Wing is an outrage that should alarm every American who cares about our nation's heritage and the rule of law.

This wasn't a routine renovation. A 123-year-old structure—expanded during World War II and serving as the heart of the First Lady's office for generations—was razed without NCPC review. Your commission exists specifically to prevent this kind of destruction, yet you were bypassed entirely. If that's not unlawful, what would you call it?

The East Wing wasn't just bricks and mortar. It was part of our national story. When I visited Washington on my 8th grade trip, walking through our nation's capital was a core memory. These buildings aren't just government offices—they're living connections to our history. They're where millions of Americans, young and old, come to understand what our country is and what it stands for. The East Wing was part of that experience, part of that story. And now it's gone. Forever.

That's what people don't seem to grasp. This isn't like renovating your house where you can change your mind later. Once you demolish a 123-year-old building, it's gone. You can't rebuild history. You can't recreate the walls that witnessed decades of American life, the rooms where First Ladies from Eleanor Roosevelt to Jackie Kennedy worked, the spaces that evolved alongside our nation through depression, war, and social change. All of that is now rubble to make way for what amounts to a personal vanity project.

As an interior designer who works in the museum space, I can tell you that conservation is paramount in historic preservation. It's well known that this president's taste and grasp on historically accurate

architecture and design is nonexistent. We've already seen his "improvements" to the West Wing—gaudy gold plastic appliqué moldings that look like they came from Home Depot. His understanding of good design is an abomination. And now he's been allowed to demolish an irreplaceable piece of American architectural history to replace it with whatever tacky vision he has in mind. To say nothing of balance, symmetry and scale. This is a national nightmare.

These are cultural and historic institutions that belong to the American people—not to one administration, and certainly not to one man who treats our national heritage like his personal property. We've had presidents renovate the White House before. Truman gutted the entire interior in 1948, but he worked with Congress, preservation experts, and commissions like yours. He understood that the White House doesn't belong to him—it belongs to us. There was transparency, oversight, and respect for the process. What we're seeing now is the opposite: secrecy, circumvention of established procedures, and a complete disregard for the idea that these buildings are held in trust for future generations.

My kids will never see the East Wing. Their 8th grade class trips won't include the building that mine did. That piece of American history is just gone, and for what? So one president can stamp his name on something with his signature tasteless aesthetic? That's not how this is supposed to work.

Here's what terrifies me about this precedent: if the president can demolish historic portions of the White House without meaningful oversight, what's next? The Kennedy Center is already facing extensive alterations. What other national monuments and memorials are vulnerable to being remade in the image of whoever happens to be in power? How many more pieces of our shared heritage are going to be erased?

The NCPC needs to act. You need to issue a formal finding on how the East Wing demolition proceeded without your review and what that means for your authority going forward. You need to conduct rigorous review of any other planned alterations to historic federal buildings—especially the Kennedy Center. And you need to establish clear procedures to prevent this from ever happening again.

These buildings aren't ours to destroy. They belong to every American—past, present, and future. They belong to the schoolkids who come to learn about their country. They belong to the citizens who visit to connect with their government. They belong to future generations who deserve to inherit the same American story we did. The East Wing is already lost. Don't let the rest of our architectural heritage follow.

I'm counting on your commission to stand up and do the job you were created to do: protect our nation's capital from this kind of reckless destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:10:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Keltz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The total destruction of the East Wing was an abomination to the White House. The current president had no right to unilaterally decide that a ballroom was needed. His acceptance of money, if any has actually been donated, is a sure sign of quid pro quo. We just don't know what he has traded for those 'donations.' The public has had to put up with the current president accepting bribes to get this done. The price has doubled already with probable price increases in the future.
We have been told that past administrations have renovated the White House. Yes, after careful studies where done to determine what needed updating, what could be reused and the benefits to the building. There has been no studies on how much asbestos was released into the air around the White House and how damaging those fibers could be to employees and tourists alike.
There has been no good reasons why a ballroom of this size even needs to be built. Over 1000 people converging on the White House will result in massive traffic jams that even on a good day Washington is

sometimes hard to navigate. Who will provide food, setup, takedown and cleaning services? There has been no mention of how much on-going maintenance will be once completed, which WILL be covered by the American citizens.
The current president has stated that the space will be large enough to hold the presidential inauguration there. This is slap in the face of every citizen who has ever travelled to Washington to see a presidential inauguration live and in person.
And lastly, how many times will this space be used per year?

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Degyanskyq
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO GOLD. Try good taste (maybe there still is a standard), simple, functional, calming. keeping the function/purpose in mind.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Geraci
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Bottom Line: I don't want my taxpayer dollars going toward this obscenity of a project. The White House East Wing does not need any modernization or upgrade. I know it is already destroyed; it should have been left historically intact!

While the administration maintains that the White House ballroom project—currently estimated at $400 million—is being funded through private donations and the President's personal resources, several taxpayer-centered concerns and legal challenges have emerged.

Hidden Long-term Costs: Critics warn that while initial construction may be private, taxpayers like me will likely bear the long-term costs of operating and maintaining a 90,000-square-foot facility, which is roughly the size of a mid-major college basketball arena.

Bypassing Oversight: US District Judge Richard Leon has expressed skepticism, describing the use of private funds as an "end run" around Congressional oversight. Taxpayers often rely on this oversight to ensure public property is not altered without a transparent, legal review process.

Ethical "Pay-to-Play" Risks: Watchdog groups and lawmakers have raised "pay-to-play" concerns, arguing that allowing corporations (such as Amazon, Google, and Lockheed Martin) to fund White House additions could create conflicts of interest or the appearance of selling influence.

Economic Optics: During periods of federal financial strain or government shutdowns, critics argue that pursuing "opulent" aesthetic projects is inappropriate while ordinary citizens face economic difficulties.

Loss of Historic Assets: The National Trust for Historic Preservation filed a lawsuit arguing that the President is a "steward" rather than a "landlord," and that demolishing the East Wing without public input or

environmental studies violates federal law.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Trager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a hotel nor a convention center nor a palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. If some aspects of the White House are outdated then they surely should be addressed, but not at odds with the values that we as a country have held for nearly 250 years.

We have a ballroom and there are other, larger spaces available for events as needed. The inauguration takes place on the steps of the Capitol and that's where it belongs.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. If there is need for a larger space then it should be documented. And if alternatives have been exhausted, then the new ballroom's size and shape should be in harmony with what exists. Or, the ballroom can be built elsewhere.

Please restore the Rose Garden too. A "club" on the grounds of the White House speaks to exclusivity which, again, is not an American value.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Kerelko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer and citizen, I wish to object to the plan for East Wing Modernization. It is much too large and will dwarf the existing White House and West Wing. The fact that it has been proposed without prior evaluation of what the needs are is very poor planning and we should expect better from the federal government. Your commission should start over from scratch!
The administration should not have demolished the East Wing without the required process.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitchell Grubler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Calling this an "East Wing Modernization Project" is disingenuous and deceptive after totally demolishing the East Wing to erect an out of scale, 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

The proposed ballroom on the White House grounds is much to large and will diminish the presence of the iconic and historic White House. Our nation's historic home of the Presidents needs to be respected and not dwarfed by this proposed new structure. It is time to throw out this proposal and go back to the drawing board for an East Wing addition that respects the integrity of the nation's most historic home.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Quanbeck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am upset by what this current president has done with our White House, YES ours as it belongs to the people. Between paving over the Rose Garden and demolishing the East Wing, even the additional flag poles. We need to build a new East wing and maybe a small ballroom. But the current plans are just rediculous and will dwarf the White House. STOP this gaudy construction.
Thank you David Quanbeck

Date: 2/14/2026 11:08:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Welton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe, the East Wing should be rebuilt in the original foot print, resemble the previous style to blend with the rest of the house. Up dates, i.e. electrical, plumbing, ADA should be put in place and it should return to working areas for the first lady and staff. The Rose Garden should be replaced and the 'cement resort patio' removed. If the reception rooms are not large enough - rethink the invitation list, or hold the reception elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:09:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Krogh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Comments should have been solicited before the destruction was done. However, now that it is done and some sort of rebuilding is on the agenda, I am happy to comment on what should be done with the People's House. i believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt on the exact same footprint as the old, at the same height and with the same exterior features. The building should be ADA accessible. The Rose Garden should be rebuilt. There should be NO BALLROOM. Washington DC has plenty of spaces available for such things. This does not belong in the People's House. There should be no gold features like have been added to other parts of the White House. This is NOT a palace belonging to any president. It is the people's house and presidents are temporary stewards of the historical building. I would also request that since the destruction of the East Wing was done solely by the current president with your consultations or approval, the current president should pay for the reconstruction out of his own pocket, and not the pockets of the American people. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:08:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annamarie Horvath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose a ballroom where the East Wing used to be. I do not believe the demolition of the East Wing was legal. Trump shouldn’t be allowed to build anything on that space. I suggest we leave the ground as is to remember what tyranny looks like.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:08:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annamarie Horvath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:08:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gilliamsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be put back in place to reflect the original exterior design. If they need new

entertaining space make the first floor of the new East Wing into that type of space and configure the upper floors into the necessary office/meeting/living spaces.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:08:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Zuelke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is absolutely baffling that one person can single-handedly decide to alter landmarks that belong to the American people with no input or advice from our legislative bodies. While the White House has been altered multiple times over the two centuries, each significant renovation has been done with Congressional approval. My vote would be to force the administration to restore the East Wing using the private funds and go to Congress to receive authorization to make the changes he desires. If allowed to stand, while the project MAY be initially funded using private funds, it will fall to the taxpayers to maintain it, and the question of ownership is murky at best.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Dargevics
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe firmly that the White House truly is the People's House. We elect whoever wins the vote through honest and fair election procedures.
All historical buildings should never be touched, inside or out without the approved written consent from all appropriate organizations.
What the current administration did to our White House is an abomination. It literally was heartbreaking to see the East Wing destroyed without consideration. What was done is not only legally wrong but was morally bankrupt as well. Each nominee who wins the honor of becoming President must without a doubt need be a Steward of protecting all Historical Sites. Legalities and rules must be adhered to strictly by each and every individual who wins the Presidency without exception.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Sykes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please follow the government’s traditional rules regarding renovations to “the people’s house,” not Trump’s big plans. He should be made to pay for the damage to all the government’s artifacts that he had destroyed without permission!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:21 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Gates
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing this in opposition to the proposed ballroom project at the White House. The project was first described as not impacting the East Wing, would be adjacent to the existing structure.
The complete demolition of the East Wing was an affront to all Americans. It was deplorable.
The East Wing needs to be restored to its original footprint. Not a massive ballroom that dwarfs the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:07:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela DiPonti-Curren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is so stupid

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Stuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear sirs and madams,

I think it's horrible that the people's house was defaced by the President. I think the East Wing should be restored to its former fashion. I think that there should be no ballroom erected. The monies collected from oligarchs should be returned. Our President should not be allowed to grift in the White House.

Sincerely,

Sandra Stuck
US citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ghislaine Sheehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NCPC should manage both the design and construction project. It was a travesty that the East Wing was torn down without their oversight. Right now the proposed ballroom will overwhelm and unbalance the White House. The President has far more import issues to focus on.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jana Wentzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.

Do not decorate it in the gaudy gold that the current administration prefers. That is tasteless and embarrassing.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rodney Keeling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ability to create a hospitality center at the White House is clearly in the National Interest. Politics, national and public policy needs spaces for large gatherings of policy makers, citizens and foreign leaders to meet and share ideas, experiences and perspectives that will enhance the future of not only America but also the world. The establishment of such a venue at the center of American Democracy will be a benefit to our nation and the future of peace and prosperity in the world.

The design of the new East Wing should be the focus of this hearing, not the appropriateness of the project at this site. The traditional design that has been proposed is preferable to any egocentric architectural concept of a modern design for the site. Keep the design traditional and complementary to the White House itself.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Dasilva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore to the buildings original size and design. NO gold clutter.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine OMalley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No no no! No Ballroom. Rebuild the East Wing and send the bill to Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:06:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Vonder Haar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition should have never been allowed to occur without a pre-approved plan that followed existing procedure in place.
A ballroom would detract from the simplicity and magnificence of the People's House.
This project needs to be started over from scratch with proper input and permitting. The security requirements for the below ground portion can be processed appropriately as well, with proper oversight and input.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

It is absolutely outrageous that the federal government is even considering expanding the ballroom at the White House at a time like this. This proposal is profoundly out of touch and tone deaf to what Americans are facing every single day.

Families across the country are struggling with skyrocketing grocery bills, higher rent, rising utility costs, and an increasingly competitive job market. People are working longer hours, taking second jobs, and still finding it hard to make ends meet. Small businesses are fighting to stay afloat. Young adults can't afford homes. Parents are cutting back on essentials just to keep food on the table.

And yet, instead of focusing every available dollar on policies that directly support working Americans, lower costs, strengthen job opportunities, and stabilize housing, the administration wants to spend taxpayer money expanding a ceremonial ballroom? How does that benefit the general public in any meaningful way?

This is a misuse of public funds, plain and simple. Government spending should prioritize infrastructure,

education, healthcare, public safety, disaster relief, and economic relief — not cosmetic upgrades to an already historic and functional building used primarily for high-profile events.

The message this sends is deeply troubling: that appearances and prestige matter more than the real financial pain people are experiencing across the country. At a time when millions are worried about paying rent, affording groceries, or finding stable employment, allocating funds to expand a ballroom feels not just inappropriate — but insulting.

If leadership wants to demonstrate that it understands the urgency of this moment, it should shelve this proposal immediately and redirect attention and resources toward the everyday Americans who are asking not for grandeur, but for relief.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Lahman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Julie Lahman
169 Stanolind St.
Healdton,Okla.
73438

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed construction of a new ballroom at the White House, while advocating for the restoration of the East Wing instead. I believe this path aligns with both historical preservation and responsible use of resources.

Firstly, the East Wing is a significant part of the White House's architectural heritage. Restoring this historic area would not only honor the legacy of past administrations and the architectural integrity of the White House but also ensure that we maintain the historical narrative that defines this cherished institution. The East Wing has served various essential functions, including housing important art collections and serving as a site for diplomatic events. Revitalizing this space would allow it to continue to serve meaningful purposes without the need for new constructions, which might alter the character of the grounds.

Moreover, constructing a new ballroom could divert crucial funding and resources from pressing issues that require immediate attention. In an era where budgetary constraints are prevalent, directing funds towards the restoration of existing structures would maximize the impact of our investments. This approach not only preserves our history but also allows us to allocate resources more effectively to address contemporary challenges.

Finally, building a new ballroom raises questions about necessity. The current event spaces within the White House and its grounds have successfully accommodated a range of functions for generations. Rather than creating a new venue, enhancing and adapting existing spaces would provide flexibility while respecting the unique architecture of the White House.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposal for a new ballroom and instead focus on the restoration of the East Wing. This decision would honor our past, respect our resources, and maintain the character of the White House for future generations.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Lahman
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DAVID CHAMBERS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

STOP THIS PROJECT. IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND UGLE. FASCIST DON'T GET TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THE PEOPLES HOUSE. THE PEOPLE DO.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original East Wing as it was. If a ballroom is needed, build it elsewhere in DC.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Zumpfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the genesis of this project shows the current administration's disregard for the input/will of the American people. Allowing any further movement on this project would assume that the administration would continue on their desired path, rather than take on the historical and civic responsibility of such a huge alteration to the peoples' house. Their stated goal in several pursuits has been to "move fast and break things", and that seems to be consistent here.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: W Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

FU tRump for willy-nilly tearing down the East Wing for your vanity project.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Herder-Blahnik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not approve the plan for the 90,000 square foot addition. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Also restore the Rose Garden to its original splendor. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Melone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's an abomination. Trump had absolutely no business tearing down the East Wing and his stupid ballroom is nothing more than a vanity project for him to stick his name on. There must be no action taken on a ballroom. The East Wing must be restored. It's is OUR HOUSE, not his personal property and he needs to treat it as such and go through proper channels before any more work occurs.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:05:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Craine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that what Trump did to the White House was unnecssary, and unlawful. No We don't need a Ballroom of that Magnatutde. NO we did not need a Patio. We need the Rose Garden re-estabished true to form, The East wing needs to be rebuilt to specificatgions, Hopefully he did not get rid of the furniture, art work, ETC... We will never be able to match the materials the East Wing was made of but we can make it better and still represent all the Historical actions that were made in the East Wing. If we need a bigger place to entertain, the Kennedy Center was always available, or we need to build on another piece of National park land in Washington DC.
What trump did was disrespectful to the people of the United States. NO other tennat in any other home has the right to make renovations without the owners agreement, I was not asked and would not have agreed to the addtion to an ostentatious ballroom that trump envisoned. Oh and get rid of all that Gold trim in the Oval Office makes it look tacky.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christianne Brinneman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the idea of modernizing the White House by adding a new ballroom. The White House is not just a residence or event venue — it is a historic symbol of the nation's heritage and democratic traditions. Altering its structure for aesthetic upgrades, ego pandering, or expanded entertainment space risks diminishing its historical integrity. Preservation should take priority over expansion, and any changes to such an iconic landmark should be approached with extreme caution and respect for its original character. Please restore to its original integrity. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Verwey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Do not allow private entities to fund all or part of this project.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It seems like a huge waste of time and money to build a ballroom. I do understand the money is donated. And I wonder at what cost to regular Americans. This project stinks of corruption and a misguided sense of government purpose.
We, as a country, can do better than this. We are not all billionaires. This project benefits no one but the super wealthy. Shame on the government for wasting money.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Washington is awash in event space. The Executive Mansion does not need a gargantuan "ballroom" as if it were a Palm Beach resort. And it most certainly does not need a gargantuan subterranean Führerbunker — which, I speculate, was the actual plan, for which the "ballroom" was merely a pretext. The regime should be compelled to restore the former East Wing to its most recent configuration and to disclose the identities of the alleged "private donors" supposedly contributing to the cost of the unauthorized demolition and planned disfigurement; provide a detailed accounting for every dollar actually received and every dollar already spent; and remit funds equivalent to the entire amount received to the US Treasury for such use as the people's elected representatives in Congress shall determine.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Buss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the addition of a gigantic ballroom to the Whie House. Not only is it aesthetically displeasing to the eye, it is historically displeasing. The White House is the historical symbol of the people of the United States. To plaster a ballroom to this structure denotes a complete lack of reverence for who we are as a people. The White House is a shrine to our beginnings and a place where each presidency has contributed to its history. No one president must have the ability to erase the history of the past.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:04:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Meacham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please be sure whatever construction is done matches the existing structure in every way. To have torn down the East Wing in the first place was heartbreaking. It might have been altered from the inside rather than allowing that maniac to bulldoze it. ANY alterations to historic buildings or institutions should be approved by the appropriate committee whos members were not appointed by president 47. It's outrageous that any of our beloved institutions and buildings, including the Smithsonian collections, should be changed to fit one person's ideology. Thanks for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:03:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed expansion plan put forward by the Trump Administration. While I understand the desire to enhance our nation's capital, I believe this particular proposal raises several significant issues that warrant careful reconsideration.

First, the excessive scale of the expansion threatens to overwhelm the existing urban fabric and disrupt the architectural balance that defines the character of our capital city. The proposed structures appear disproportionate in size and style compared to the surrounding historic buildings, which could undermine the aesthetic harmony that has been carefully preserved over decades.

Second, the cost of this project is substantial, and I question whether the funding sources have been fully vetted and transparently disclosed. Given the current economic challenges, it is crucial that public funds be allocated responsibly and with clear accountability.

Third, the expansion poses a serious risk to our nation's historic sites and may violate the National Historic Preservation Act. Protecting our cultural heritage should be a paramount consideration in any development plan, and I urge the Commission to ensure that all preservation laws are strictly upheld.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully ask the National Capital Planning Commission to reconsider the scope and design of this expansion. I encourage a more measured approach that respects the historical significance, architectural integrity, and fiscal responsibility that our capital deserves.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Margaret James

Date: 2/14/2026 11:03:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% opposed to this ballroom being built. It is WAY too big, and way too gold. It is not a palace. The White House is not a personal residence and it should not be altered to accommodate the ungainly visions of one person. Absolutely not. Money of this magnitude should not be spent on ballrooms when we have hungry veterans living in tents on the street. Building this ballroom would create a standing testament to greed, gross indulgence and fakery.

Holly Smith

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project does not meet any test of historic preservation protocols in process and purpose and is truly

disgraceful.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Hunsaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to how it was originally built, with code required upgrades. No replacement for the East Wing should overpower the original White House structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to any stupid ball room. He should be made to pay to repair any damage done.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Brink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of tThe White House should be restored to it's design on 1/19/2025. It should be restored utilizing private dollars obtained from Donald Trump, The Trump Organization, and The Trump Family. The alterations and destruction to and of The East Wing without permission from the bodies that oversee chages to the historical property and grounds should not be corrected with public dollars.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rosenston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one wants this revolting expansion except the President. The demolition never should have stared without an approved plan that complies with historical standards. The White House is not like the national monuments on the National Mall - it is the people’s house and the people do not want an expansion that will completely change the look and scale of the property. Dozens of presidents have managed to function successfully in the White House for decades without a ballroom of this proposed magnitude. The currently

proposed project is unnecessary and inappropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Shamblen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should have never been allowed, the West wing should be restored to its original use. IF a ballroom is needed, put it somewhere else. Yes it is possible to modernize without building some gaudy temple to Trumpism. There are more important things to spend the people's money on.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: sandra a szufnar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size and look of any modernization to the white house must conform to historical perspective. I am totally opozed to a gigantic, unnecessary addition for a ballroom.
Could the funds raised for this project be used to rebuild the razed east wing??
An updated visitor center and offices for future working first ladies would be practical and in keeping with the purpose of " our" house.

Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Laborde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please have the East Wing restored and brought up to code to maintain the symmetry and history of the property. If a ballroom must be built, it can be placed elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyndsie Yurgal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should be returned to its previous state. What it was before the current occupant had it destroyed for his own personal vanity project.
The White House is the People's House.
Modern updates in the area of electrical, plumbing, and safety features should be appropriated while keeping the original integrity of the size and symmetry.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Self
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
This project will end up costing taxpayers dearly just in maintenance costs not to mention HVAC costs! And who benefits from a 90,000 sq. ft. Ballroom? It sure won't be the people paying for it. Why does the Whitehouse need such a facility? I my opinion, it is not needed!

Date: 2/14/2026 11:02:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ALVENA BAXTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should never have been torn down. I am absolutely NOT in favor of a ballroom. Someone has got to stop all these major changes to the architecture of OUR public government buildings.

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Date: 2/14/2026 11:01:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Suber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Board:
As an American citizen who loves our Country I implore you:
Our History in written word, geographical importance and historical structures are to be protected for all Americans to learn from, to enjoy and to feel that they too are valuable to the fabric of this Country from generations past to the unseen future. I have always felt an affinity to the Old. The before. The beginning of our beautiful Country in all its forms. I personally have owned historic structures and have loved the stories that they encompass from times gone by. An old Grist Mill, with stories of wagon stops, monthly mail collection, campfires and the songs emitted from that shared experience. I have owned a pre-Civil-war home that was once 100 acres of cotton fields where I could feel the burn of the Sun and the Whip upon the backs of those whose only crime was to be captured and sold. I have owned a 1920s American 4-Square and heard the echoes of the Great Depression with lines of men blocks long praying to be chosen for one of the few jobs available at the Textile Mill. All these voices have a great story to tell. The story of America. Its struggles, its mistakes, its triumphs. When the East Wing of the Peoples House was demolished without a Eulogy to its great purpose the American people lost more than a building. They lost Trust and Faith in our Nation, Of being a Nation of People who collectively chose their destination. We the People were blinded by the rash action of one man who decided our future without our consent. This action tells us so much more about our Nation than its physical structures and I hope one day the Rebirth of the East Wing will be the Rebirth of Trust and Faith in our Nation. I am only one voice; I wish for all voices to be heard. I want what is the Peoples House returned to us. I wish that it will be re-built just as it was except for modern convenience. To Restore the Faith and Trust of the American People. I also feel that a law has been broken along with our Trust and Faith and that there should be a reckoning. So, you have my view. I am sure you all take your assignments seriously and will do what is right. Thank you for allowing me to speak.
Susan Suber
Mountville SC
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Date: 2/14/2026 11:01:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kurt Begalka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under the heading of: It's easier to get forgiveness than permission - the administration should admit that demolition was premature and restore the general look of the East Wing while adding logical amenities that a rebuild now allows.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dominique Rychlik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Along with many in the Washington area and the country, I was devastated to see the East Wing torn down with no plan in place developed with proper review and historic appropriateness. It is a metaphor for this administration trashing norms and lacking respect for history. I would strongly support a rebuilding scale and style appropriate to the White House which will not overshadow it. It should not appear above ground to be larger than that which was torn down in haste leaving a terrible eyesore.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the demolition of the East Wing without any public input (or knowledge for that matter.) Now that the damage is done, I respectfully request that the exterior dimensions and architectural style be restored in order to match the White House itself and not dwarf it. They can make it ADA accessible and make only historically significant and sensitive changes. While there is a need for entertaining, there is no need for a ballroom designed for dancing. President Trump has Mar a Lago for his ballroom dancing, and no other presidents have required that much space. By the time it is built, his term will be expired. Moreover, there should be no gaudy goldleaf splashed all over the place as the next administration would probably have it removed. The public was reassured that private donors would pay for this, but it appears that will not happen and this will be taxpayer funded, so we, the people, need to have a say in it.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Buchberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished, and it definitely shouldn't be rebuilt to look like a gilded Versailles Palace. The United States rejected monarchy in 1776, and we should not be building a monument to wealthy people with too much power in imitation of royal palaces. The demolished section should be restored as historically accurately as possible, and sanctions against those who destroyed it without proper consent put in place to ensure such desecration of the public heritage that belongs to the American people doesn't happen again.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karin Zalec
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please STOP! We hate what you're doing. Trump has no right to do this without the consent and approval of the American people to whom the White House and all attached buildings and outbuildings belong. The size is ridiculous. The architecture and interior design are ridiculous. We don'e want ANY ballroom, let alone a gaudy monstrosity like this.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Gemmill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom will destroy the dominance of the main White House building which is shameful. The balance will be destroyed. I do NOT support the ballroom!! It is an abominable addition being built to satisfy the wants of 1 person. This is not a political statement; it is a statement in support of maintaining a beautiful, historic, icon of our country. Please do not allow this disparaging ballroom be built. Restore the East Wing. Please!

Terry Gemmill

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Ufford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was horrified by the images of unauthorized destruction of the East wing by the current tenant of the White House. I am strongly in favor of restoring the East Wing so it is symmetrical and balances with the East Wing.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Justine Quirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be renovated in the same size, style, and aesthetics as what was recently demolished, including modern updates with regard to accessibility, infrastructure, and safety. It should be the place where visitors enter. There should be offices for the First Lady, secretaries and other support staff. A gathering space may be included to host dinners and other social activities, but certainly not as large as 90,000 square feet. The Colonnade and Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden should be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 11:00:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Hockensmith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a direct attack on the White House, "The People's House". Trump had no right to demolish the East Wing and yet, he did it anyway. The East Wing of the White House should be restored to the exact dimensions, etc. using the millions of dollars that Trump's rich friends donated for the "Trump Ballroom".

When is anyone going to stand up and stop Trump from destroying our national treasures for his own benefit and/or to slap his name on memorials, etc. dedicated to former Presidents.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:59:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Dundon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Don't allow private interest funds to be used
Restore the Rose Garden
NO gold filigree.
The White House is the people's house, keep the integrity of the building but do upgrades ONLY as necessary for public health and safety.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:59:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Moffatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't express how strongly I oppose this project as proposed. The sheer size of the proposed ballroom alone make it an eyesore that will overshadow the people's house. It appears less of a necessary and appropriate renovation as more of a vanity project and some type of attempt to create a lasting monument to one man's ego. This does not serve the people of the united states. Obviously, damage has already been done, but any reconstruction should go through a rigorous, transparent, and legal review before anything is approved. Ignoring traditional channels and legal requirements for rebuilding a property that belongs to the people of the united states must not be allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:59:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Landry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 10:59:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janie Boutwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a mockery of American values to turn the People's House into a meeting space for cronies of the administration. I am opposed to both the manner in which the destruction of the East Wing was done and the proposed purpose of the modernization project.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:58:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Craven
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These comments are directed to the proposed building of a ball room on the site of the East Wing. The NCPC should reject this proposal for a number of reasons.

1. The proposed "ball room" is out of proportion to the two historic structures to which it will be attached. The proposed Ball Room is much larger than the historic White House and West Wing. While certainly it would be appropriate to provide a new East Wing, such design must be proportional to the extant buildings.

2. The proposed "ball room" is dissimilar to the buildings to which it will connect. The White House has, historically, been "the people's house" with comparatively straightforward decoration and a singular lack of "gold leaf" and the like. While, for the moment, the White House has been bedecked with gold leaf paint (for which no approval was received) it will likely be restored to its former look upon the end of the residence of the current occupant. In contrast, the "decoration" being proposed for the ball room would appear to be more permanent in nature.

3. There is no need for a ball room. Washington DC has numerous facilities which are appropriate for this action. For example, when the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center was built, it included a central rotunda which was designed to double as a ball room and large ceremonial space. In addition, the RITC has in place the support structure for such operations.

In sum, the proposed ball room is not only unneeded, it is excessive in size and will negatively impact two major historic structures. To the extent that a new structure is needed to replace the East Wing, it must be proportional in size and design to the buildings to which it is being connected. If the ball room is approved as currently proposed, it should be built with inexpensive materials and designed to be easily torn down.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:58:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kent Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have been horrified by the plan that has been put forth by Donald Trump to destroy the East Wing of the White House without any public review or discussion, and to replace it with a ballroom of enormous

size that would become an eyesore and an insult to the history and the charm of the White House, the People's House.

It would be incumbent upon Mr. Trump, who has plenty of personal funds, to rebuild the East Wing exactly as it existed before he went ahead with his unplanned and unapproved demolition.

If every previous president of our nation since 1800 has been able to live and work within the White House (including Trump himself) without any problem, then the proposed plan of this president should be totally rejected.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:58:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Cook
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Well something has to be built since Trump went and illegally destroyed it (vandalism of a federal building?). Fine, build a ballroom but it should not be larger than the west wing.

I recognitions is an exercise in futility since he will do whatever he wants but thank you for the opportunity to speak out

Date: 2/14/2026 10:58:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump had NO permission from the American people to tear down the east wing of the white house. WE THE PEOPLE own the white house and the east wing and demand all construction stops immediately.

WE do WANT this new east wing.

Trump should be required to rebuild the east wing exactly as it was before using ONLY his own money.

This is outrageous and illegal and should result in his removal from office.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Mansfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destroyed East Wing should be restored to what it was before. Trump had no right to destroy it, it is the

people's house with procedures in place for approval of changes made. Trump broke the law by tearing it down without following these procedures. Trump does NOT own the White House!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly against this project. The demolition of the East Wing should not have happened. The plans for this ballroom will ruin the balance of the other structures in the grounds.

I understand the need for infrastructure and security; that could be achieved without razing existing structures and tradition.

I'd personally like to see this project stopped and the funds used to reconstruct the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Rudolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild it the same size and dimensions as the original East Wing that was destroyed. No gold appliqué.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Peddy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House, THE peoples' house, has historical significance to this country from its commissioning in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt to it's expansion forty years later by his fifth cousin FDR.

Architecturally, the wing added balance to the White House after the 1902 addition of the West Wing by President Theodore Roosevelt. The proposed ballroom, to replace the East will, will be over 40,000 square foot larger than the space it is replacing. This will throw off the architectural balance of the building.

In my humble opinion, the East Wing should be rebuilt using the original blueprint so it is historically accurate. Additionally, the Rose Garden should be restored to its magnificent beauty.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Baird-Forristall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do NOT desecrate this historic site any further than our President already has by his unlawful tearing it down without authority. It must be kept a tasteful, classic design that is in the realm of decorum maintained by the rest of the White House. Use lawful processes to reverse the damage already done.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Muleski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the historic facade and architectural integrity while modernizing infrastructure, electrical systems, and interior spaces to enhance accessibility. Implement carefully considered renovations that respect the building's heritage and significance. If additional event space is required, develop a complementary venue in an alternative city location. The White House remains a symbol of democratic governance, belonging to all citizens.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Dolibois
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to ask you to please review very carefully the proposed plan for a White House Ballroom. This 90,000 square foot building is almost double the size of the entire White House and will dwarf that iconic symbol of America. In the architect's rendering displayed by the White House Press Secretary it is impossible to even find the current White House structure.

As a former member of Mrs. Nixon's staff who worked in the East Wing assisting the Social Secretary, I was intimately involved in planning state dinners and other social occasions which took place in the White House. Elegant state dinners were held in the State Dining Room which seats approximately 140 people. An additional 50 guests were often invited to come after dinner for entertainment and dancing in the East Room. These dinners were intimate affairs and part of their magic was the experience of being inside the White House. No one wants to be in an adjunct building in a large crowd with lengthened security protocols. The White House is owned by the American people, and the President is only a temporary

occupant who should never be permitted to change it single-handedly.

Last but not least, the very fact of and the optics of constructing a 200-million-dollar building, when many Americans are losing health care, paying higher prices for goods and services and thousands of people are starving throughout the world are in opposition to the values of the culture of the America that we all cherish.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Susan L. Dolibois
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Date: 2/14/2026 10:57:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenn Gordon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No no no no no no no no no no no no no and no.
Oh, and F DJT.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:56:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Hudspath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing on the White House is disgraceful. Add in that the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom is so big it will dwarf the rest of the White House is completely ludicrous and an example of the narcissistic hubris that this administration has demonstrated at every turn. This cannot go forward. The gold encrusted spaces we are already enduring are horrible from every viewpoint but this addition is so much worse by any measurable metric.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:56:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Rust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original design with safety and modern building code upgrades if required.
Trump should have no imput after showing he is irresponsible to follow the law or the public's imput. He should be fined and have to pay for the restoration including the Rose Garden and any portraits or furnishings he may have had destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:56:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emma Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The 90,000 sq ft addition is not in accordance to the original intent and design of the 55,000 sq ft executive residence.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Torline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My understanding is that the proposed ballroom will dwarf the remaining parts of the White House. I object to the way the demolition of the East Wing was done with public input and without following protocol for improvements to buildings of historical significance. I also object to this project because the White House belongs to the people of the United States. It should not be altered due to the whims of one president because it does not belong to the president but to all US citizens. It is our White House and not Trump's.

I would also like to note that the January 6th riot instigated by Trump in 2020 also damaged another historical structure (the Capitol) and the damages were paid by the US taxpayer.

I object to rewarding the capricious acts of this president. He needs to be held to account and not catered to. Destroying the East Wing first and then trying to secure permission for his proposed alteration of the White House should demand legal action against the Administration and not simply acquiescence to his whims.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

The new east wing should be in proportion with the existing west wing and central building so these two buildings do not need any work

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building was made by the people for the people. To have it made into a ballroom is not to the standard of the American people, just to satisfy a whim of a madman.
The elegance and very meaning of the building itself being under siege.
Future generations will be quite interested in why America let the whims of a few destroy its own history of our most indelible home.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Mihalek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As such that The White House is the people's house and major changes are NOT at the discretion of the POTUS TEMPORARILY residing there, I OPPOSE the Trump's Ball Room project.
I am appalled that POTUS was allowed to demolish the East Wing. He should not be allowed to build anything in its place.
Let the construction area remain as it currently stands. Plant trees and gardens in that area. Until such time that sanity reigns again in Washington.
Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Bixenman, MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Register me as strongly opposed to the "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House, and to the already accomplished demolition of same. The project is nothing more than a vanity project of our current White House occupant - a man of such poor taste that he elicits vehement negative comments from all spheres.
Trump proceeded with this illegal demolition with no regard to regulations or public opinion. He personally should be held responsible for the cost of rebuild - to its former understated elegance. This is, and always will be, THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Tracy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original appearance and function. Restore out side and inside following the historic appearance of the remaining Whitehouse building , upgraded to comply with all building codes and ADH requirements. No gold filigree.
Restore the J Kennedy rose garden.
Any newly desired feature such as a ballroom should be located on a different piece of property where its size , needed facilities and parking would be adequately covered and not interfere with the historical footprint of the peoples White house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:55:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Brantman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this giant ballroom. There should be a multi use space here that could be used for events when necessary and open to the public when not used for an event. It should be in scale to the existing structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:54:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Umpleby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Whatever ends up being constructed in place of the east wing, it should NOT be any larger than the original footprint. Preferably the original east wing will be reconstructed st Trump's personal expense. He demolished it without permission or public input. This is unacceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:54:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That one man, no matter his position, has overstepped his authority and demolished a historic wing of The People's House is beyond unforgivable.

In reality, this is not an updating but rather a remaking to suit the self-interests of the president regardless of the drastic and irreversible impact on the nation, especially during the country's semiquincentennial celebrations.

The proposal needs to be reframed in the perspective of an individual’s personal wants masquerading as

his right to the detriment of America's dignity and history, as well as being a profound disrespect to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and all it serves and those American citizens it represents.

We cannot keep selling out our historic structures just because someone can pay for it.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:54:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Burch Mattson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While we certainly have more pressing problems to deal with, the wanton destruction of a historical building and national monument is an embarrassment and one that needs to be corrected immediately to prevent creating some sort of precedent.

The committees responsible for overseeing this process need to adhere to the guidelines for historical preservation and either commit to restoring the East Wing as previously built or create plan that actually aligns with and respects the history and modern day function of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:54:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East wing of the White House to its original scope and dimension creating symmetry with the West wing. Upgrade plumbing, electrical and security to current standards. No gold embellishments and restore the Rose Garden..

Date: 2/14/2026 10:54:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unfortunate use of power and administrative overreach. Though a ballroom may be needed this is the “People’s” house and should be approved by congress and the people. The East Wing should be put back to its original structure with the possibilities of adding a ballroom attached. We the tax payers should not be in the hook for this project. I am against this project progressing forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:53:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the East Wing structure as it was prior to destruction. Some items may need to be upgraded such as electrical, plumbing .... with the condition absolutely NO DEVIANCE in design or structure from what was demolished at no expense to taxpayers and no bribery donations are to be used. This should be totally funded from the personal assets of Donald Trump and / or the Trump organization. This was a personal assault on our country and it's legacy to the People's White House by a tenant given temporary use of the building by way of becoming a President of our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:53:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Insley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed Ballroom addition to the White House is totally overblown. The architect's renderings are gaudy and tacky, not elegant. Even if it is paid for by donations, it is not a fitting use of funds. The East Wing should be restored at Trump's own expense for desecrating the People's House. Do not allow this monstrosity to be built. Also, Trump's Triumphal Arch should never get built.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:53:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy D Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop calling it the East Wing Modernization Project. That's just craven.
Make the stupid buzzard REPLACE our East Wing as it was, sans bunker, or data center, or whatever he claims it is. Having said that, I can attest, as a Democrat, this was an absolute gift to us. Folks didn't care that he is a pedophile, a 34-time convicted criminal. Everyone has a "first time my parents took me to the White House" story. It angered and activated the 2025 Virginia Voters in a way nothing else did.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:53:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Merantza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Building footprint not to exceed 45,000 sf.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carah Thomas-Maskell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project vehemently. The project should not proceed and a full restoration of the East Wing, as it was originally, before the illegal demolition by this lawless administration took place, should be undertaken.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Lawyer. Cousin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I was devastated seeing the destruction of the people's Whitehouse. There was no warning and no chance for the Historical Society to do anything to stop Trump. He chose to bulldoze his way to whatever he chose to do, with no care about the history of the Whitehouse.
The Whitehouse should be RESTORED exactly to the way it was pool and all ! And DONALD TRUMP SHOULD BE \u-10179 ?\u-9041 ?% financially responsible for the restoration. Up front!
. If There is to be a ballroom added, it should be a separate building on the premises. But since he caused this destruction, and the money disappeared he should also be financially responsible for the cost of this addition.,
Up front before construction starts. He needs to be held responsible for his actions and shown that even though he is the president he does not have the right to do as he pleases.
Thank you
Brenda Lawyer

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Holmes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against building a ballroom on the White House property. The East Wing should be rebuilt with the necessary modernizations.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Hondrogen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration is the most corrupt in American history! Trump should be impeached for destroying a government monument without permission, along with using taxpayer dollars to enrich his family and administration, and a rap sheet of his countless other crimes. This corruption should never be tolerated, and this president should be put in jail.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Malone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of a ballroom. The proposed size is inappropriate and the faux Versailles decore antithetical to democratic values

Date: 2/14/2026 10:52:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted that this current administration can just take a wrecking ball to historic property that is owned by the people of the United States of America. Destroying our public institutions, especially those associated with and around the White House is objectionable beyond words. Our properties are entrusted to the American people and those lawfully appointed to oversee their updates and renovations - not by some golden-gilded band of flying monkeys with jars full of crypto currency and no oversight.

FOLLOW THE LAWS GOVERNING THIS COUNTRY: updates and historic renovations must be approved by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, and comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.

WE ARE A NATION OF LAWS. LET'S ACT LIKE ONE.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:51:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed plan for a 90,000 sq ft addition to a 55,000 sq ft executive residence is not in accordance with the original intent and design of the White House. The choice is simple. This plan is NOT compliant with thus simple directive.
What a ballroom? Find somewhere else to put it. It does not belong as part of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:51:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Johnston Burrows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to this behemoth of a building. It is not necessary. It is a waste of money whether taxpayer money or donated. It is too big for the space and will destroy the aesthetics of the people's house. The current resident of which would do well to remember it is not his house.
I further believe the East Wing was destroyed unlawfully and everyone responsible for that should be held accountable to the fullest extent under the law.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:51:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Brewer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The title of this project is misleading. It is not "modernization"; it is replacement of the beautifully proportionate East Wing with an disproportional building that dwarfs the classical beauty of the White

House with a monstrous "wannabe" palace-imitating behemoth totally unsuitable. Of course, now that the East Wing has been, unlawfully in my opinion, completely destroyed, a replacement is necessary, but its design should be classical, its size should be proportionate to the West Wing and certainly not overshadow the central President's House. This project is an attempt to create Versailles on the Potomac and that is not a good look for our Republic. Please, let those who are skilled in architecture and historic preservation and restoration have final say on what is only necessary because the East Wing was unlawfully torn down. It is the people's house, not the President's House to do with as he pleases.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S. Gail Dering
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's hideous ballroom design looks like a cheap restaurant with gaudy gold decor. He should face some punishment for tearing up the East Wing and the rose garden. We deserve better than what has been done and what has been proposed. He is treating the White House as his own property against the majority will of the people. Stop this cheapening of the White House and the grounds around it.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Restore furniture and decorative furnishings from previous building as possible. Survey surviving First Ladies to understand what spaces are needed for their use.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Molter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I very much oppose the plans that have been revealed for the replacement -- NOT "modernization" -- of the White House East Wing. In designs that have been made public, it is clear that this gaudy monstrosity of a rectangle is meant not as an upgrade to facilities that President Trump had torn down without seeking the proper permitting and oversight, but instead will be one more monument to the glory with which Mr. Trump views himself.

Perhaps the former East Wing was outmoded, but surely "modernization" could have been accomplished

without destroying the existing structure. The planned building will overshadow what has been seen as the home of the U.S. president since 1800. Past additions and renovations have been conducted with proper oversight and with an eye to being in line with existing structures. Everything Mr. Trump has done to the White House during his second term has been in very poor taste -- cheap, gaudy golden fixtures in the Oval Office; the horrific "modernization" of the Lincoln Bedroom bath, making it look like it would be more at home in a Holiday Inn in Vegas; the destruction of the lovely Rose Garden, replacing it with a patio that looks like it came straight from Home Depot, all so that female gusts wouldn't have their high heels sink into the grass. He has refused to take into account any sense of history and remade the White House as a shrine to himself and personal retribution against former presidents he does not like.

It is too late to bring back the East Wing, but it is NOT too late to stop Mr. Trump's ridiculous plans to use its replacement for self-aggrandizement. There should be a new historic and esthetic review of these plans, which should be scrapped or remade so that the ballroom does not overshadow the main White House. And under no circumstances should Mr. Trump be permitted to affix his name to the structure in any manner, ala his besmirchment of the Kennedy Center. Stop him now, while you have the chance.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Lin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the structure and scale it was before its illegal demolition. Upon rebuilding, please ensure that the facility is fully ADA accessible to all future visitors of the People's House, so all know they are welcome. Thank you for allowing the public to lend their voices to the due process of this project.

Sincerely,
Teresa Lin

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Glenn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom far exceeds the size of the existing Executive residence and will in no way reasonably enhance the historic significance and scale of our former edifice. While we absolutely need to rebuild after the demolition, 90,000 sf is a monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:50:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristi McMahon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

From the depth of my love for my country I totally disprove of what has happened to the people's house. I want to see it restored to it's original beauty. We, the people,, do not need a vanity ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Bader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is unconscionable that the East Wing was torn down without any regard for its historic importance or without any approval from anyone including congress. However the East Wing is now history and I understand the need for more office space in the White House. I do not understand the need for a giant ballroom that would dwarf the White House itself making it look small and insignificant next to the ballroom's giant size. Through the years many important State events have been held in the White House and I have never heard of complaints about the lack of space for these events. I see no need for a giant ballroom, especially in these tough economic times.

If something is to be built on the east side of the White House, it should be consistent with the scale and architectural style of the remaining structure. It should not dwarf the historic residence and it should contain offices and other spaces necessary for the functioning of the first family and the staff. There should not be a ballroom. The color gold should not be allowed.

Most importantly it should be personally paid for by the person who illegally ordered the East Wing torn down in the first place b

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Bourgard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house, restore it to it's original form with modernization of electricity etc. build a ballroom if need be in a different location, certainly not attached to the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Middlekauff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remember going with my 6th grade class to Washington DC (a multitude of year's ago) and marveling at The White House. Reading now about the thoughtless demolition without any approval has angered me and many many others. What will be next?

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claudia Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Aloha,

As a 73 year old United States citizen, I am deeply angered at the disregard for the PEOPLE's HOUSE. BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision.

With all due respect, I ask that the East Wing is restored to the prior historical exterior dimensions and architectural style, update the wiring and other necessary upgrades and make the interior ADA accessible where possible.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

The White House is the PEOPLE's HOUSE.

With aloha,
Claudia Kane
Kailua-Kona, Hawai`i

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Hester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of the ballroom is clearly not compatible with the rest of the complex. Bigger is not better. Hiding the addition with trees is not a permanent solution.

A much smaller design to accomodate a much smaller number of people should be pursued.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Fehlner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Such a travesty. Please have it restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:49:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Locklear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of The White House was destroyed without the proper authorization or review by the current Administration and should be evaluated for potential replacement based on existing blueprints and documents produced at the time it was constructed. Likewise, the Rose Garden, co-designed and constructed by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, should be replaced in its original location using historic photos and documents outlining its specific details and materials.

The White House and the Administration should be admonished for its failure to follow established procedures and all plans for existing and future construction plans should be halted and subject to review and revision or cancellation based on a panel of historians and experts on history of architecture and history of The White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Hermes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was so reckless, selfish, and deeply offensive that many of us felt it viscerally. To proceed with a vanity project of this magnitude would only legitimize the harm done to the original structure, emboldening its ego-maniacal "builder president" to press forward along an already ruinous path . Adults should never reward children for destructive, impetuous behavior.

The proposed ballroom—oversized and ostentatious—stands as an affront equal to the initial act itself. It is neither desired nor necessary on such an extravagant scale, particularly given its ill-considered placement beside one of the country's great houses.

I and countless others (who are unaware of this website) are vehemently OPPOSED to this offensive, arrogant, and dare I say corrupt project. It is a resounding NO from this American.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Keppler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House needs to be restored to its original beauty and historic appearance. It needs to be a place

of reverence not ostentatious
History needs to be preserved
The beautiful unique rose garden should also be restored
When he's gone the Oval Office should also be restored with all that fake gold removed. Again it is a place of reverence not gaudy decoration
Thank you for this opportunity

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty-Anne Zarcone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House should retain the historical architecture of its established style. Never should the thought of mere entertainment overwhelm the center of this refine building's main purpose of cradling the singular power retained in the Oval Office responsibility and power of the Executive Branch of government The White House should never be used as an a$$ in the seats event center. I would think there are plenty of off-site venues to host large gatherings of unnecessary elites. The dignity of a stately dinner or doing is enhanced by a more intimate setting. Restore the East Wing with grace and style and modern quality construction. Approval of any/all changes to the site should be only after careful consideration and direct input of an approved public board or commission i.e. The National Capital Planning Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in addition to direct revue of Congress representing the wishes of the American people. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joni Sensel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans to build a ballroom in place of the East Wing should be scrapped altogether. First, the people's White House should represent our democratic republic and the serious business of government, not drunken parties. Second, making the most visible (and as planned, largest) part of the most iconic building in the country into a place where influence is peddled by rich and powerful people makes a mockery of the entire idea of a republic where law-abiding citizens are "created equal." Third, the current plans for this "modernization" to be even partially funded by private organizations, mostly corporations and billionaires, completely contradicts the values our Constitution lays out in which government -- and its buildings -- are for and by the PEOPLE, not corporations and a few randomly rich individuals.

The plans for the ballroom are a travesty, and the destruction of the original East Wing a crime that most Americans (even the president's supporters) abhored. Please show us that citizens still have a voice in this country and reject the ballroom plans altogether. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Polly Eskew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that the East Wing was torn down. I was lucky enough to take each of my grandsons on a tour of the WH when they graduated from 5th grade. We walked through the East Wing. I think the East Wing should be rebuilt exactly the way it was!
I believe there should not be a ballroom that dwarfs the White House. The White House is historical and a symbol of our country and should be left alone.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Bowman Fleurov
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings and thank you for your work. I'd like to see the east-wing ballroom expansion enhance the White House while remaining historically apropos. It should be within proper proportions as deemed by the historical association and esteemed historically minded architects, while still adding timely pieces such as ADA accessibility, energy-saving yet beautiful lighting, etc..
I completely understand the need, especially in the part of a country that gets very cold and very hot to get away from temporary event tents, however it must be a tasteful, understated, and architecturally, appropriate addition.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:48:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Holzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the rebuilding of the east wing of the Whitehouse; please restore to original size, proportions and function, update structure and utilities for long term clean energy sustainability, if possible add a public functions room that can be used by we the people for events such as new citizen swearing in. Restore the rose garden. Please keep the design tasteful and elegant and in line with what it was before it was torn down. No gold filigree or ostentatious, useless decoration. Please include gender neutral restrooms and make sure the structure is a shining prime example of accessibility to all, especially anyone with a disability. It's the people's house, make sure we all have a way to enter. Decouple the budget from updating the presidential bunker underneath.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Enily Geiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal and immoral destruction of the East Wing needs to be rectified. The wing should be restored to its former design, with the electrical, plumbing and other mechanical upgrades needed to meet modern usage needs and codes. A CLEAR MESSAGE NEEDS TO BE SENT THAT THESE STRUCTURES VELING TO THE PEOPLE- NOT THE PRESIDENT!
(and take his name off the KENNEDY CENTER as well!)

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Foy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not in need of a ballroom of the size proposed, which will dwarf the remaining structure. The East Wing should be restored to it's previous footprint and architectural style. The symmetry of the entire White House should be maintained. The interior should be brought up to modern standards of code and ADA compliance, with design that flows with and compliments he rest of the building's interior.

Ample ballroom spaces are available already within the Washington DC area, so these changes are not a "need", they are a "want." If it is truly deemed necessary for the White House to have it's own ballroom, then it should remain within the confines of the previous East Wing footprint. The symmetry of the entire White House should be maintained. Any gardens that were destroyed by the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing should be restored. Please keep it tasteful, it should not be gilded in gold as if King Midas himself lives there.

The fact the East Wing was demolished without following the proper protocols is an absolute disgrace.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Kloehr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal by the National Capital Planning Commission for a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House is not only an affront to our nation’s historic integrity but also an egregious misallocation of resources at a time when the American people are struggling to make ends meet. This expansion, far from being a necessary upgrade, stands to become an eyesore that overwhelms the historic architecture of the White House—a symbol of democracy and humility.

In an era where many Americans face economic hardship, prioritizing a lavish ballroom for extravagant parties is, quite frankly, a joke. It reflects a disturbing disconnect from the realities of everyday life. While ordinary citizens grapple with rising living costs, this administration seems more concerned with hosting opulent gatherings and indulging in leisure on lavish golf courses. The desire for a grandiose event space reveals a troubling tendency to prioritize elitism over the needs of the public.

Furthermore, the sheer scale of this proposed ballroom—larger than the Executive Residence itself—demonstrates a lack of respect for the historical significance and architectural harmony of the White House.

This administration’s apparent disregard for the will of the people is evident in its decisions. There is a growing sentiment that leaders are more focused on their own desires than on addressing the pressing

needs of those they represent. If we are to honor the legacy of the White House, we must ensure that any changes reflect the values of the American people, rather than the whims of a privileged few.

It is essential that the NCPC hears the public's outcry against this proposal. We must advocate for a vision that respects the past while remaining grounded in the present realities faced by many Americans. Let us demand that the integrity of our nation's most iconic landmark is preserved, and that any future developments stay true to the spirit of service and humility that the White House embodies. The time for lavish excess is over; the focus should be on community, not extravagance.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathyrn Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not just a building. It is a national symbol - a public home that belongs to the American people, not to any one leader, party, or political era. That is why proposals to dramatically alter its historic footprint, particularly for something as unnecessary as a grand ballroom, deserve serious scrutiny and public opposition.

A massive addition to the White House complex would not constitute service. It would be a spectacle. The idea of constructing a ballroom larger than existing historic spaces raises an obvious question: Who is this really for? Americans do not need a palace-like event hall to strengthen democracy, improve lives, or solve national problems. We need leadership focused on healthcare, education, infrastructure, security, and the everyday realities facing working families.

When public architecture becomes about ego instead of governance, it sends a dangerous message: that power is something to display rather than something to responsibly steward. The White House has endured for centuries because it represents continuity, restraint, and the democratic ideal that presidents are temporary, but the nation is permanent. Transforming it into a personal tribute project - a monument to one individual's legacy - undermines that ideal.

History shows that authoritarian leaders often seek to reshape national symbols in their own image. Americans should reject that impulse, regardless of party. The presidency is not a throne, and the White House is not a canvas for self-glorification.
Preserving the integrity of our most important civic spaces is not about aesthetics alone. It is about values: humility in leadership, respect for institutions, and the understanding that public office is not meant for personal glorification.

If this ballroom is intended to serve the public, the public deserves full transparency about who is funding it. Instead, the reporting shows that donor names have been released without contribution amounts, while other donors remain anonymous. Watchdog groups such as CREW have warned that many donations may not have been properly disclosed under lobbying laws, and members of Congress have demanded answers about whether private contributions are being exchanged for access or influence. This is not simply a renovation question—it is a democratic accountability question. Americans should not accept major changes to the people's house being funded through secrecy and unanswered ethical concerns.

The White House and its grounds should remain what they have always been - a place of service, not a stage for vanity.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Telford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is outrageous that the East Wing was demolished before any public comment thus defying the law; specifically NEPA and section 106.
Any rebuilding of this structure must not occur until there is substantive public input
Any new structure should consider:
—doing an inventory of any elements of the old structure that may still exist
—reuse of any elements of the original structure that may be available as appropriate
—making sure the scale of a new structure is appropriate for the setting
—architectural integrity of any new structure that complements the existing White House structure
Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Wolford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should not have been torn down with zero regard to the preservation of historical artifacts. The East wing should have been treated with care and dignity, not treated like a decayed building. What's happened is incomprehensible.

As far as the new structure goes, it shouldn't be built. Trump should have to live with that mess as a constant reminder of his craven incompetence.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Peskin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

See attached.

February 14, 2026
TO: NCPC
FROM: Sarah Peskin, [redacted]
RE: East Wing Modernization Project
NCPC File Number: 8733
Agency: Executive Residence at the White House
Installation: White House Grounds
As a design professional, I find the proposed project entirely out of scale with the existing structures. It is orders of magnitude too large, and diminishes the residential scale of the White House. Furthermore, the

process through which this proposal is being advanced is dishonest and offensive to me as a federal government retiree who served honorably for 30 years, most of them at the National Park Service where I was proud to adhere to all laws pertaining to actions protecting historic structures.
As an American citizen, I am disgusted by the hasty actions that demolished the existing East Wing without adequate consultation with the public, and with disregard for environmental compliance. And by the way this project is being financed. We deserve more.
Shame. Signed, Sarah Peskin

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down. Therefore, now that it is gone, I believe that it needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was. It was a historic structure. Many significant cultural and historic events have happened there.

The proposed ballroom is way too big and would dwarf the original and primary part of the White House. By contrast, the now demolished East Wing was perfectly proportioned. This is so important!

As part of the restoration, any original furnishings, artwork and artifacts with historic or cultural significance also need to be restored to their rightful place.

Thank you for your consideration

Date: 2/14/2026 10:47:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly believe that the project as outlined will tarnish our most country's most historically important building. The White House has long been an icon - depicted on currency, portrayed in cinema, and visited by millions. To add an East Wing that dwarfs the original building not only looks like a Frankenstein attempt at architecture, but it belittles the historical significant of the building as it stands. Across our country, historical buildings are protected for a reason and to set this precedent I fear would have resounding consequences in a loss of culture, pride, and the American story.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Proffitt
Project Name: Transfer of Jurisdiction for Bridge 78 - S.O. 25-03850
Project Number: 8745

Stop the corruption now!

Any changes need to be approved as provided and no private money should be involved. Accepting private funds is pure corruption. Those that “donated” have received quid pro quo benefits. Why are there not criminal investigations regarding the demolition?

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rae Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House remodel projects should serve the purpose and nature of the people the president represents not his personal interests or ambitions. The house should not be made a spectacle. Preserve history!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence, permanently destroying the historic scale and design of the White House. Any East Wing structure which may be constructed must be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The proposed structure is garish, distasteful, and entirely disrespectful to the history and architectural significance of The White House.

Further, the destruction of the previous East Wing without due process was eggregious, as is the pay-to-play funding which is proposed for its replacement. This must stop.

As a direct descendant of several former occupants of said structure, I am aghast and furious at what is being considered for "The Peoples' House."

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm not a architect, just a US citizen. First of all, replace the Rose Garden! Next, something that will balance and enhance the existing structure that represents our nation-something free and open-to remind us of this

period of time in our nation's history and how we overcame it. Something for We, the People which we, too, can access. Something we can celebrate. Something paid for from lawsuits from the current tenant, not taxpayers' money would be a solace for what was stolen from us. Find a designer that can do that.

Respectfully,
Mary Jean Cunningham

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to express my opposition to the "East Wing Modernization Project" in the strongest possible terms. It is disgraceful that the East Wing, a historic part of the People's House, was demolished without notice, input, or permission from US taxpayers. I am appalled at the proposed garish, disproportionately scaled monstrosity of a ballroom, and it should not be approved or built. This project is an affront to the American people and degrades the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Jacoby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a tax paying citizen of the United States I wish to express my deep disapproval with the process employed in going forward with a modernization project of the East Wing of the White House. Our Congress and the people should be included in decisions involving changes to the White House. The current president is a temporary inhabitant and is not the owner of the building and therefore should not be allowed to make decisions without input and oversight by the above and those appointed by the above.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:46:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Randy Hutcheson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let us speak plainly, for plain truth needs no ornament. The proposal before us — to construct a new ballroom at the White House — demands not flattery, but common sense.

Common sense tells us that a building which stands as a symbol of democratic modesty should not be burdened with a hall of grandeur it does not need. The White House was never meant to rival palaces or courts. Its power lies in its restraint. To enlarge it with a massive ceremonial chamber is to forget the very

principle it was built upon: that the government of a free people should be dignified, not extravagant.

Common sense tells us that the form of a ballroom — a vast, windowless box — is wholly incompatible with the architecture of the Executive Residence. The White House is a composition of balance, proportion, and light. A ballroom is a structure of bulk, darkness, and span. One cannot marry delicacy to mass without injuring the former. To force such a form upon this landmark is to commit an architectural contradiction.

Common sense tells us that the scale required for such a room would overwhelm the historic grounds. A ballroom is not a parlor; it is a cavern. It demands height, breadth, and machinery. On a site already constrained, such a mass cannot be made subordinate. It would stand as a rival to the Executive Residence itself — a violation of every preservation principle that governs additions to historic properties.

Common sense tells us that the architecture of the White House is not merely a matter of walls and windows, but of meaning. Its hierarchy is clear: the Residence at the center, the Wings in support, the landscape as frame. A ballroom would introduce a fourth major mass, disrupting the clarity that has endured for more than two centuries. It would turn a disciplined composition into a crowded cluster.

Common sense tells us that this proposal duplicates what already exists in abundance. Washington is filled with secure, dignified venues capable of hosting state\u8209 -level events — halls built for crowds, for ceremony, for spectacle. To carve up historic ground to replicate what the city already provides is not stewardship; it is indulgence.

Common sense tells us that preservation is not the enemy of progress, but its guardian. We preserve so that future generations may inherit the symbols that shaped us. We preserve so that the nation's most important buildings remain legible, honest, and whole. A ballroom is not a necessity. It is not a modernization. It is not a public benefit. It is a permanent alteration to a national treasure for a purpose already served elsewhere.

And finally, common sense tells us that when an undertaking threatens the character, scale, and integrity of a National Historic Landmark, the only responsible answer is to say no.

The White House does not need a ballroom.
The nation does not need this burden.
And history does not need this wound.
What we need is common sense when evaluating this proposal.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:45:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Repp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose building this ballroom at all. If it is built, I oppose it being this large size and oppose its opulence of its decorations.

I strongly oppose building a ballroom attached to the White House and especially one this big. As a Democratic Republic, our government is in place by the citizens of the United States for the good of all. A ballroom attached to 'the people's house' (as the White House is referred to) would be used by only the upper tier of citizens (that make the most money). Because of this, building a ballroom for the use of a few citizens flies in the face of requirements, building regulations in this area, and history. Everything in and around the White House should and historically has been (except for personal use space for living, offices, etc) open to the public. The ballroom would not be and therefore should not be built. The East Wing destruction should not have happened, either.

As a long time Christian, daughter of a pastor and granddaughter of a missionary, I also object to spending this amount of money, even if privately raised, to build something like this. This money should be spent for other things, like making sure all can afford health care, food, housing, heat, etc, not something for just a few people to enjoy.

As a retired couple, my husband and I are watching our finances closely, as our local property taxes, expenses for water/sewer/garbage, electricity, gas for heating house, and food have gone up. Electricity, natural gas, and food (even at discount stores) have increased substantially. My supplemental Medicare insurance went up, too. We know many people around us who are having a difficult time paying rent (property taxes in this state are usually passed through to renters) along with other living expenses. The food pantries are being used more and more in our state and locally. I give to one and our church is involved in serving meals to those in need, so I know this personally. Churches, including mine, are trying to fill the need, but it is difficult with so many in need because of the Federal cuts. These are long term citizens in real need. Locally, a meat packing plant closed that employed hundreds. People are trying to get jobs, but the salaries here are low, too low to pay living expenses because of the rising costs, Having worked in hospitals, I know that they will have to write off care for many people because more people here can't afford insurance and many smaller businesses in this state do not offer health insurance as a benefit (that is why these employees were on Medicaid but no longer are.. A friend of mine, who worked as a nurse for over 40 years, had to declare bankruptcy because of medical expenses. These are real people who have been and are working.

I am a Us citizen, born in North Dakota, grew up in Minnesota, and worked as a Registered Nurse, Nurse Educator, and Medical Researcher in Minnesota, Texas, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. I have resided in South Dakota now for over 40 years, raising a family with my husband and working. I also have Multiple Sclerosis, severe arthritis, a heart condition, and Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (genetic) which limits my activity.

Again, for all the above reasons, I oppose building this ballroom at all. If it is built, I oppose it being this size and also oppose the interior opulence of its decorations.

Sincerely,
Mary E Repp,
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 10:45:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Belt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please consider reconstructing a replica of the demolished East Wing of the White House. If it must be a ballroom it should fit the footprint of the previous building and match the architecture to preserve our national heritage.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:45:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Sweetman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the White House is a travesty. The renderings I have seen envision a golden dome structure that would destroy the symmetry of the entire White House. If we must have a ballroom it should be within an east wing structure that compliments the architecture of the west wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:45:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mindy Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello.
Please restore the East Wing to its former appearance. We do not need a "ballroom" at the White House as there are other suitable buildings for this use in and around Washington.
When restoring the razed building, please do not add anything additional to the space (just restore) and keep the decor tasteful.
I would also like to see Donald Trump pay for the restoration out of his own pocket as we the people should not be held responsible for the cost of his damage.
Thank you for your time
Mindy Jorgensen

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Gonzalez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:44 AM
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Name: Doris Dallas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people. Restore the East Wing as it was with internal modern updates. We don't need a ridiculous sized ballroom! Restore the Rose Garden too.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:39 AM
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Name: Kris Reiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:38 AM
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Name: Laura Kemper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified that the current occupant has chosen to demolish an entire historic wing of the White House, in order to make a tribute to themself. It’s beyond comprehension that this wasn’t presented to a board, senate or other preservation groups that would give formal approval. Trump doesn’t own the land or house he occupies. The people do.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jeff thisted
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

He destroyed the ballroom without asking the public what they thought.
Make him pay to rebuild it out of his own pocket.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:44:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was so tragic that this destruction wasn't halted before it even began, but then here we are. A big ugly Ballroom is definitely not the solution, and I hope that the Historic Society comes up with the absolute best solution. Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:43:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Toomey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe that the sitting present allowed both the rose garden and the east wing of our historic white house to be utterly destroyed with no oversight, permission or consideration of the public interest in maintaining this one of a kind space. He's been convicted of 34 felonies including rape with zero accountability so far, so I don't this will do anything, but any additional legal action is better than nothing at all. I whole heartedlly protest this desecration of our sacred public space.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:43:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of the current plans for the current plans for the East Wing. This plan dwarfs the whole house. The scale of it makes the rest of the house look like a doll house. Bigger isn’t always better. This is the people’s house. Most people are not interested in this gaudy display of wealth. We want to see well constructed artfully planned building representing people who define themselves as hard working artisans not some cheap plastic nod to European aristocrats.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:43:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is unnecessary and completely out of scale with the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHERINE Lipelt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I object to having any of my tax dollars used to build any replacement structure that goes beyond the previous footprint. We do not need a Las Vegas style "ballroom". That would be a slap in the face to the history and integrity of the previous structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Evenson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be reconstructed after our current administration is gone. The corruption, and inappropriate actions of the entire cabinet, and the president should prohibit them from building anything that will represent what they are doing to our democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DANIEL SMOTHERGILL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current occupant of the White House, whoever it may be, does not own the White House. It is a residence provided the occupant by the people of the United States. For the occupant to change the building in a major way without the general consent of the people is a travesty, a bald case of 'go head and do it; deal with the consequences later'. Sad to say, the history of the current occupant is replete with this approach to historical buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Patton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "modernization" project (#8733) is an affront to the historical integrity of one of our nation's most important architectural monuments. It is excessively large in scale, unattractively designed, undignified in concept, and stylistically discohesive with the original building. The unpermitted demolition already undertaken has been sloppy and unprofessional and poses a risk to the remaining structures on the site. The new design is guaranteed to become an eyesore and a magnet for international derision. I urge the commission to reject this disgraceful design and entertain serious, professional proposals for a renovation that respects the dignity and function of this historic site.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom would be an Oligarch Party Palace--which does not serve Americans except for a grifting autocrat and his sycophants. No president should co-opt the memorials of past presidents, nor should he or she erect memorials to themselves. (And nor should billionaires be able to buy favor with a U.S. president. That would make us a banana republic.)

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Name: Bonnue Pond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gigantic Trump ballroom to replace the destroyed East Wing is an unnecessary, costly project. It is certainly NOT something that the American people are clamoring for, despite Trump's claims. This is an embarrassment and an insult to our shared history and reverence for what America should represent in terms of architecture and values.

A monstrous, glittery ballroom built as a vanity project for Trump's ego is the opposite of what America should represent--freedom, equality, decency, and serving the best interests of the majority of citizens. This ballroom serves only Trump, providing him with a "monument" to puff up his"legacy."

The size of the ballroom will overshadow the White House, making the People's House look like some sort of strange afterthought to the addition.

This should NOT be built!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:42:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Elizabeth Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the Trump administration recklessly, wantonly, and deliberately destroyed part of our White House. Ironically, this is an even more appropriate metaphor for his presidency than the excrement his followers smeared on the walls of our Capitol. Why? Because in this instance, as in most of the decisions he has made, Trump has not only broken the law but has also deliberately sought to destroy priceless symbols and aspects of our democracy, from the electoral process to the Bill of Rights to a performing arts center named in honor of another president, whose assassination was marked by a time of great national mourning. At every turn, he shows utter disrespect for the United States and for our ideals of "equality and justice for all," let alone common decency.

I request that the Trump administration be fined for this malicious and illegal destruction of the East Wing, and be required to restore it to its original state, as directed by experts in architectural and historic preservation that are chosen by professional organizations, not by Trump or by his appointees.

Thank you for considering my request and for working to preserve aspects of our national history rather than altering them to satisfy the whims of a would-be dictator.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:41:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheron Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The 90,000 square foot ball room Does Not Need To Be built. The American people were not even considered when he bull dozed part of our history. The White House does not belong to the president. We pay for it in our taxes. The East wing need to be rebuilt as close to the original as you can get. This was the space for the First Lady. With the next president hopefully we wil have one and he or she will need an appropriate office in our White House.
So NO to a enormous ball room.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:41:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Pinette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to its former footprint and dimensions. Respect should be paid to its former architecture. Funds for the project should not be solicited from outside interests.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:40:33 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: McCaslin Donna
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the current president feels the need for a gilded age, outsized ballroom; I believe the scale and decor is nothing keeping with the design of the White House. It should not be out of balance with the existing West Wing. There should be consequences to the current administration for the negligence in their rush to destroy "our" house. And while you're at it, can you remove the gold lettering from the exterior of the building & restore the rose garden? That Mar a Lago patio is also a nightmare.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:40:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Ross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly believe that the White House and grounds belong to all people of the United States of America. The East Wing should have never been torn down, nor should this ballroom be constructed without proper oversight. While additional space may be necessary for state dinners, this should go through proper review.

It appears that not only will this building be much grander than needed, but is funded by 37 companies and individuals including Meta Platforms, Apple, Amazon, Google, Lockheed Martin, and Microsoft, according to Fortune.com. It seems to me that these private donations will buy favors from this administration to serve the special interests of these companies, not the 340 million constituents of the United Staes.

Surely the National Trust has a variety of sources to guide the decisions, and I have included a few that I find beneficial to explaining the true purposes of the project. I did not include Whitehouse.gov as it is no longer a reliable source.

Please do not allow this project to continue, Thank you to the National Trust for opening commentary.

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Name: Georgina Esposito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Margot Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I totally oppose the construction of this ballroom. The size will dwarf the White House and the East wing which was illegally destroyed should be reconstructed as it was. If a ballroom is deemed needed it should be much smaller and planned and constructed under the guidance of those groups whose job it it to oversee such projects. The White House belongs to the American people not the President.if

Date: 2/14/2026 10:39:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Nisi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's critical that any new build conforms to the scale and style of the original building. And will serve the public interests as much as possible. Absolutely needs to be done with careful oversight by experts in historical architecture.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:39:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Cleveland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my horror at the damage done by destroying the East Wing WITH NO OVERSIGHT OR APPROVAL. The plans for an enormous ballroom that will dwarf the White House is ridiculous and nothing more than a vanity project. Please follow normal architectural and engineering guidance from the National Park Service (NPS), National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), and the Commission of Fine Arts.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:39:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Tart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am happy that construction has been halted on the east wing. The demolition should never have occurred in the first place. The East Wing should be restored as close to it's original state following current code guidelines. The White House is the People's house, it does not belong to donald trump. He can do whatever gaudy decor he wants at maralago, but NOT at the WH. The cost for repairs and restorations should come out of his personal bank account, NOT the taxpayers money. He has destroyed our democracy, our nation and our credibility on the world stage, and now he has destroyed our History. Do Not let him build that stupid arch either! And also put back all of the former presidents portraits and remove all the fake plastic gold baubles he has tarnished the walls with.

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Name: Andrea Greco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

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Trump.is not paying for this project, we are. There is also private funding involved which is a recipe for corruption. I am AGAINST this project.

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Name: Nora Fischbach
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Tearing down of the East Wing broke my heart. This is not modernization of the East Wing, its destruction of the East Wing. It was not necessary to do so in order to add a ballroom. Nor is it necessary for the ballroom to be so huge that it overpowers the White House. Our history matters. The White House is an important symbol of our democracy. While the President has the right to modernize, for example, a bathroom, or add something that does not disturb what is historically there, he should not be allowed to alter the building itself without permission. The White House belongs to the people, not the President. Please put a stop to this.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:39:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Clipp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It broke my heart to see the East Wing being torn down. I humbly ask that the East Wing be restored to what it was. This OUR history, not a simple construction site. Please bring it back to it's former beauty. Thank You.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:39:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Gibbs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This dictator-glorifying "ballroom" should never have even BEEN a project! And how did this deranged man in the Oval Office ever get past this commission to tear down the East Wing to begin with???? The whole thing is such an un-American, heartbreaking, disgusting ego trip. And YES, I have an opinion:

DO WHATEVER YOU CAN AT THIS POINT TO STOP TRUMP FROM TOUCHING EVEN ONE MORE INCH OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL TREASURE. NO BALLROOM!!!

Just one of millions of incensed, heartbroken Americans,
Kelly Gibbs

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Name: Jennifer Cogar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:39:19 AM
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Name: Jan Cook
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Name: candice Blake
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Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and a significant piece of our country's history. Building a golden ballroom is a disservice to the people, to the sacred history of the space and to the ideology that our country is founded on. The space should be used to welcome the citizens and foreign visitors with a warm aesthetic and an atmosphere of dialogue and service - not lavish decorum, self indulgence, and grandiose grandstanding.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:38:44 AM
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Name: Ann Doll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, Let us be correct in the project name. This project is no longer a modernization project. The project should be changed to something more accurate as the East Wing Replacement Project. Based on information available on the internet the Executive Residence is 55,000 square feet and the West Wing is 40,000 square feet. Since we cannot get back what has already been destroyed at the hands of the trump administration. I would like to propose the East Wing replacement mirror the West Wing in size and style. Hopefully, using some materials from the original building as to preserve some of our history.

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Name: Stephanie Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want to see restoration of the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, update necessary wiring, etc, and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow established process and procedure for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city as a stand-alone structure.
The White House is the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:38:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Sutton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and put back into place. The White House has absolutely NO NEED to have a giant ballroom, any more than it would make sense to install a chicken coop there. The current occupant of the White House obviously has issues in his head about who owns the place, and last I heard, it's "The People's House".

P.S. Get rid of all the gaudy gold in the WH, too.. The White House shouldn't look like a sheik's palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:38:29 AM
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Name: Patricia Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed project. It is completely incompatible with the character of the White House complex in its size, scale, design and pure garishness. The pre-emptive destruction of the historic East Wing is a possibly irretrievable disaster but does not justify allowing anything like the current plan to go forward. I believe that the project should now be focused on restoring, to the extent possible, what was there before. Or, at the very least, requiring a replacement design that is consistent with the historic executive mansion in its look, size, and design. STOP this disaster before it goes any further.

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Name: Deidri Nielson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East wing exactly like it was and remove the current regime

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Name: Laura Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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“The White House.” To go back to a high school English class, the words function as a metonymy, an obscure word for a common usage – something that stands in for something else. The White House is not just an important historical building, part of an important historical landscape, but a symbol of the presidency and even the president. In that way, it is symbolic of democracy itself.

And that symbol of democracy should, therefore, be subject to the highest standards of historic preservation and architectural planning. If we don’t preserve and protect one of the most important

buildings in the nation, what do we protect? How can we, in good conscience, create and enforce any historic preservation regulations if we don't protect this symbol of democracy itself?

But the destruction of the east wing of The White House and the landscape around it is more than a violation of historic preservation regulations and norms. It has become emblematic of the abuse of power by one man, elected by less than 50% of the electorate, aided by the powerful and wealthy people who stand to gain from his favor. A huge, gilded ballroom, overshadowing The White House itself, is replete with the ugly symbolism of cronyism and autocracy.

The built environment is a powerful element of public narrative. L'Enfant understood this when he designed Washington. He was a gifted architect, artist and engineer with a beautiful vision for civic spaces. The man who has already wantonly destroyed part of The White House and proposes this inappropriate enormous addition, has none of those skills. And the rushed process of destruction, design, and, according to their own filings in court, construction of infrastructure, has been a bald attempt to evade the expert review of his plans. Please stop this now, while you still can.

And for decency's sake, please don't call it "modernization." You do not "modernize" by starting with destruction.

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Name: Renee Keller
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Name: Jim Carnes
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I write to express my strong opposition to President Trump's plan to remake the historic East Wing of the White House in his own grandiose image. The proposal is so aesthetically offensive and emotionally disturbing that it's difficult to put my objections into words. For more than two centuries, the White House, nestled on its park-like grounds in the heart of Washington, has stood as an embodiment of America's democratic ideals. Modifications and additions to the building have consistently maintained a sense of stately simplicity in keeping with the respect -- not obeisance or dazzlement or awe -- generations of Americans have felt for the building's succession of residents, our highest elected officials. Trump's "pimping out" of the White House interior and immediate grounds to match his garish private resort is desecration enough, but at least those decorative abominations can be reversed by the next occupant. Although Trump has already demolished the old East Wing, allowing him to erect in its place a monument to his own unbridled ego would be a permanent blight on a shrine to democracy cherished around the world.

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Name: Bernadette Jolles
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I am respectfully submitting the following comments on the East Wing project. While I understand that some modernization was required, such as adding ADA-compliant features, communications hub updates, and possibly a new underground bunker for the President and his team that would feature all modern communications equipment - that modernization did NOT require demolition of the previous East Wing. Now that it has indeed been demolished, the process for making historically sensitive changes to national monuments must be followed. There must be a full review of the plan to rebuild, restoring the exterior dimensions and including limits on the size of the new wing, and preserving the architectural symbiosis with the existing building. Independent architecture professionals must be the ones in charge of making decisions that will last many lifetimes, well beyond the current Administration. The White House is a symbol of our country and it cannot be defaced in any way. It belongs to all Americans and must remain a monument that represents all Americans, not just the current Administration. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, or use other venues already available throughout the city.

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Name: Sherry Oberhaus
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I am outraged that the East Wing was demolished without any public input. Further, the proposed ballroom would be an abomination in its place, far too large. I feel it is simply being proposed to further public opinion in favor of the president, when in fact it may do the opposite. Stop the construction of the ballroom. I am in favor of restoring the East Wing to something more like what it was.

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Name: Kathryn Hope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is a relatively modest mansion that is in synch with our nation's republican roots. The proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the White House and drawings show garish decor typical of tasteless oligarchs in other nations. I am appalled and saddened that the current occupant of the White House feels it necessary to inflict his grandiosity and bad taste on future generations.

The profusion of unnecessary flashy ornamentation now trashing up the Oval Office should serve as a warning. Washington DC is NOT Riyadh or Moscow and there is no need for the US to adopt the over-opulent decor of government buildings in those cities.

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Name: Kurt Wilhelm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Why was there no comments before you tore it down! What happened to all the furnishings inside. Build it back the way it was!!! You have no right to ruin our history.

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Name: Karen Easton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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A ballroom can be built anywhere. A structure of such preposterous size should not be allowed to draw attention away from the White House.

We need to restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. We should adhere to past processes for making needed but historically-consistent changes. And it should not be rebuilt with private funds!

The White House is the people’s house and should not become a monument to one person's ego.

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Name: Linda Farmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Since the east wing has already been destroyed

I feel
That we have to consider a ballroom built
To fit with the People's house, not the gargantuan ballroom proposed. Also return the First Lady's office. Please consider making it something elegant not grandiose.

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Name: Susan Slora
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Restore it to what it was with any necessary code adjustments. He had no right to do what he did.

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Name: Pat Westrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. I encourage its reconstruction in place of the proposed ballroom. The current proposal is out of scale with the White House and does not adhere to good preservation or design principles.

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Name: alison cain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing as it was prior to illegal demolition was perfect in its proportions, size, dimensions, footprint, profile, cladding, and color.

The only acceptable design of a structure on the site is one that replicates the proportions, size, dimensions, footprint, profile, cladding, and color of the destroyed historic structure.

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Name: Nicole Belkov
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It’s really simple. There was no authorization to tear down the historic east wing or to dig up the beautiful rose garden. This is America and the White House belongs to all of us. It is NOT a castle. I don’t know what can be done to restore what has been destroyed. I do know that a gold trimmed ballroom is not representative of our country or our people. At least the garish gold trim defacing the interior of the White House can be easily removed and the concrete covering the ground of the former rose garden can be destroyed and a beautiful garden replanted. The destroyed east wing, at this time, just serves as a symbol of what our democracy is becoming. Do we rebuild? I will leave that decision in the hands of the National Capital Planning Commission where it should have been in the first place. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Name: Linda Huggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update construction to code. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The White House is the people’s house. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. The project should not extend the previous (current) footprint. Rebuild the former East wing in the same style and scale as before, should be in line with the existing White House and West wing. Not overshadowing our house.

If a ballroom is needed could you reuse one of the other government buildings nearby.

Just a few thoughts
Thanks for allowing the comments

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Name: Therese Schneider
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Name: Connie Whorton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please restore the East Wing to its original beauty. It should never have been demolished! It should be as close as possible to the original design, only updating electrical and plumbing. No GOLD!!!!!! The ballroom should not be built as part of the White House.

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Name: Dian Cenar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore Easy wing to its original dimensions and design. There is plenty of event space in Washingron DC. The White House should have center of attention.

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Name: Lisa Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please restore the original foot print of the East Wing to its original size and architectural design. The White House is the people's house and special interest funds should not be used to influence or pay for the rebuilding. We understand that updates are needed and the building should also be ADA accessible.

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Name: Jane E Cook
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While this should have been done BEFORE the East Wing was destroyed so that travesty could have been prevented, my comment now would be that it should now be rebuilt exactly as it was. A gilded ballroom is not needed at our White House, period. Many historic events have been held there exactly as it is, and can continue to be.

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Name: Karen Hull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The current name East Wing Modernization Project seems like a misnomer now that the current East Wing has been bulldozed with no oversight or input by the public. Going forward, I suggest the plans should be revised in both size and scope to keep with the original Georgian architecture and not dwarf the original White House footprint A massive ballroom which might only be used infrequently to entertain the rich and famous is not necessary.As a parent/chaperone, I brought my then second grade son along with his classmates and their parent to the White House unveiling of the Sacagawea coin by First Lady Hillary Clinton. This people's event was held in a tent temporarily erected on the grounds and was quite lovely. If a permanent ballroom/event structure is deemed necessary, it must be limited in size and not ostentatious in decor. Is it possible for this addition to be built underground? Was that possibility considered? The White House, the People's House, is not a palace. Restoration, not destruction, should be kept top of mind in its design and execution. The current residents are not permanent residents.

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Name: Timalee Nevels
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What has been done thus far is an affront to all Americans. Demolishing this historic building without proper process, real plans we can all see is horrific. Do we need a ballroom? Maybe. Should it be in proportion to the rest of the structures, yes. Modernization does not mean demolition of our history. Our building.

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Name: Mark Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am disgusted by the changes to the White House, as the current administration seems to treat our property as his own. The comment period by NCPC is the first encouraging thing I've seen.

I do not want to have edifices built to the ego-maniac who currently serves as President. I do not want his name venerated in any permanent Capital buildings. What ever gets spent on his memorials to himself, will be lost as future generations have to unwind the damage being inflicted on the United States.

I question how it is that 46 previous Presidents have managed to hold State Dinners, State Visits and respectful entertaining in the White House. Certainly each President should be able to make changes to help make it a workable residence or maintain the structures. This Ballroom is NOT that kind of change. Destroying the Rose Garden is not that kind of change. It is imperative that this administration be reminded, in the most forceful manner, that changes to structures owned by "we the people" REQUIRE pre-approval of the NCPC.

We have NO KINGS in the United States.

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Name: Janice Alder
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Restore to its former glory as much as possible. So sad to see history destroyed. Heartbreaking!

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Name: Mandy Reid
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I will try to keep any political opinions out of my comments and focus on the reasons I am opposed to the ballroom that would be true no matter who proposed the project. I am very opposed to the ballroom in place of the historic East Wing of the White House. One of the beautiful aspects of the house was its symmetry. It was very disappointing to see a structure that had historic significance destroyed without the kind of care you would expect thoughtful, educated leaders to undertake. A ballroom could be located any number of places without creating the tackiness of an unbalanced, outsized add-on situated in a place that continually reminds viewers of what was in that space previously. There's just something off-putting and deeply unattractive about a building that obviously is "an addition". It doesn't comport with the dignity of a capital city of a country that thinks and plans well. While I have other thoughts about the philosophies that prompted the removal of the old east wing without following the proper legal and ethical framework in place for such changes, the more universally applicable rationale that would stand no mater my politics is that the removal of the historic building section and replacement with a proposed ballroom will be deeply discordant and tacky.

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Name: Mallary Blado
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The White House is the people's house. Restore the 1942 exterior dimensions and architectural style as it was. Do not extend the footprint. Update the wiring, etc. and make the interior ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes, and make sure it confirms in size and style to the West Wing and Residence. A complete list of individuals and corporations who donated with the amounts donated must be made public. If a non-partisan committee decides that a ballroom is needed, a large space in another government building can be repurposed.

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Name: Ellie Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore East Wing to original footprint, size, style including any functional upgrades needed. Return Rose Garden to it's pre-Trump 2 destruction. Other facilities in DC can be used for large functions, press conferences, etc.

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Name: Dawne Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Since the property is already partially demolished at the least, it should be halted and all attempts made to restore to the previous design specifications for structure(s) removed. The people did not approve and were not given any opportunity to provide any input. Restore it entirely for historical sake and the benefits of the people.

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Name: Lonnie Johns Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I am writing to ask that this project not go forward with the proposed design. This design does not honor the overall historical significance of the White House . The fact that destruction of the East Wing occurred before a review was undertaken shows complete disregard for the process and lack of understanding.that the current residents are not the owners of the White House: the American people are. Please halt this project

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Name: Kristen Mccarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I feel the east wing should be restored to its original station No to a ballroom or any thing Donald Trump would suggest This was originally a public area form the people to tour and should never have been destroyed I also feel the taxpayers should not pay for it to be restored and Trump should be responsible for

returning it to its original building
Thank you
Kristen McCarthy

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Name: Nancy Macy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please limit this project to an appropriate scale. I would truely like to halt it altogether. However, since I doubt that is possible, I hope you can exersize some damage control and limit the defacement of the White House. It's not his house. It's our house.

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Name: Leslie Miller
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I am totally against this ballroom project. The proposed space is way too big and will dwarf the rest of the White House. Also, like anything trump, it will be tacky and “pay to play” for his oligarch buddies. Please don’t allow this monstrosity to be another trump stain on our country.

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Name: Mary Graff
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As stated in Preservation Brief 14: New Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings, to build a "compatible" addition to a historic building that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilition, "the new addition should be smaller than the historic building-it should be subordinate in both size and design to the historic building." The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House Complex would dominate the landscape, overshadowing the White House.

If we are still following laws and preservation standards in this country, the ballroom addition would be considered incompatible. In any other circumstance, architects would be advised to go back to the drawing board and resubmit designs that are more in keeping with thest andards, which are as follows:

• A new addition should be simple and unobtrusive in design, and should be distinguished from the historic building- a recessed connector can help to differentiate the new from the old.

• A new addition should not be highly visible from the public right of way; a rear or other secondary elevation is usually the best location for a new addition.
• The construction materials and the color of the new addition should be harmonious with the historic building materials.
• The new addition should be smaller than the historic building-it should be subordinate in both size and design to the historic building.

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Name: Rosemary Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The proposed ballroom project is a travesty and yet another example of how Trump constantly curries favor with corporate interests rather than looking out for the needs and interests of the average American. Please stop this ill-conceived project in its tracks.

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Name: Karen Dowd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I believe the modernization of the east wing should be in keeping with architecture and scale of the White House. It should have access for those with physical disabilities as well as visual and hearing disabilities. The interior design should also be in keeping with the original design of the white house. This is "the people's house" not the "king's house", so no gold, not ostentatious, a welcoming entrance and a room which can be used for entertaing, but is not dedicated to entertaining.
It is our house and should feel comfortable for any person no matter how wealthy or how poor to enter and feel welcome!

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Name: Barbara Ditzler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Unfortunately, Trump demolished the East Wing. I do not support building a large ballroom. The White House doesn't need a ballroom that dwarfs a main structure. Please refuse this project as it is fraudulent. The taxpayer would be holding the bag and not donors.

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Name: Leslie Pressel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I get the need for space but this is an abomination!!!

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Name: Jeanne Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the beauty of the East Wing restored in the same proportions as the original which was shamelessly bulldozed as well as the gardens. I think the proportion should not overtake the existing buildings but should just update what was originally there. While a ballroom may be needed, it can be built elsewhere so as to not allow uncontrollable amounts of people around the grounds of the White House. I also would like to see the gilded gold decorations removed and restore the significance and beauty that was originally there

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Name: Alice Bolin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I object to this project. This beautiful building is being changed without the approval of the American people who own it. The building does not need a ballroom - the president has managed to hold big dinners for decades without one. The money - even though it is blood money - available for the project could be better spent for health care or education.

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Name: TONY DIVIGGIANO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This ego-driven monstrosity must be altered to conform to the original dimensions and style. As was stated by the NCPC, additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and reflect the design of the

original structure. This is MY house and I never had the opportunity to voice my concerns before the East wing was destroyed. Now we must restore it to its original grace and elegance.

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Name: Joyce Densmore Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The destruction of the East Wing is a tragedy that cannot be corrected - there are no "do overs", but a well-designed, well thought out project can ameliorate its loss. Construction of a new building must be subordinate to the White House (not larger) and it must enhance the overall site while filling a need identified by a legitimate group of historians and leaders. It must be designed by architects who are experienced in working on historical buildings and who understand the long history of OUR house. The design of the addition must also involve the input and approval of Congress, the National Parks leadership, and Washington DC historians. Last, a gaudy, gold encrusted "taj mahal" is NOT what the people's house should be. Any new building must be in a style that adheres to the design and style of the White House prior to the current resident's ridiculous, tasteless additions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for offering the opportunity for input.

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Name: Janet Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The blatant destruction of the East Wing was our first clue of this administration total disregard for following established guidelines. The proposed "improvements" which include the construction of a massive ballroom that will dwarf the main White House is totally uncalled for. The history and provenance of the People's House needs to be maintained. A massive ballroom (vanity project) is not necessary. If the current resident of the White House needs a space to entertain 900 people, let them go elsewhere. There are plenty of venues that can host - not the People's House. The stately dignity of the White House and it's grounds must be maintained.

The current resident should be held responsible for the reconstruction of the East Wing and its grounds to their former state.

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Name: Julie Monson
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The White House is the people's house!

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Name: S A
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The ballroom changes the very character and historical significance of the White House. Moreover, in this dire time when many Americas are fighting financially to care for their families, the monies spent on the ballroom can better used for the health of families in America as well as internationally. It will be a "Marie Antoinette" monument if constructed as proposed.

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Name: Andrea Houlihan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restoration of the East Wing, replicating the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, is essential. Follow required processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Demolition should never have happened. The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:30:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: TERRI DAULTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was the people’s entrance and the home of the offices of the First Lady. This horrific administration just tore it down with no input. This stupid ballroom is not needed or wanted. It’s a waste of money. I hope one day I get to see this whole crime ring of a regime go to jail. Fuck all of you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerald Finch Finch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support President Trump's plan to build an appropriate event space "ballroom" to replace the East Wing. I think it is admirable that the cost of the project is mainly coming from private funds. Past Presidents, going back to the early 19th century, have usee
public funds for White House remodeling, renovation and additions. This new space will be much better than hosting foreign dignitaries in tents on the lawn.
I am a long-time member of the National Trust and I am extremely disappoint in their action to stop this project.

Please approve this project so that it can move forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nadine Ball
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for providing details of the proposed modernization of the East Wing. I’m excited that the area will be accessible and built to last another century. I am writing only to ask that the wing be architecturally symmetrical with the west wing and that the ballroom be well away from the People’s house. Finally, that none of it have the garish white and gold currently favored by this administration. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. Gaudy gold emblems do not represent this original restrained design.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. In addition, the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden should be restored to its original design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to see this new building overshadow the main White House building or obstruct the view of other important buildings in the area. It should follow the same architecture style as the other buildings. Also, the funding should be transparent and Congress should be involved, even if the funding is private. Without Congress, private funding can cause corruption. The name should be kept the same - The East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Kornfeld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT want to see the 900(+/-) sq.ft. Monstrosity of a ballroom that Trump has planned built!!!!! A smaller, more proportional structure equal in size and basic appearance of the west wing should be designed, and approved through the appropriate channels PRIOR to construction. Trump has started this boondoggle of a project, but should be completely removed from the process as his gaudy, unsophisticated and materialistic tastes do not reflect those of most Americans

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna M Lopardo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald J. Trump should and needs to be held accountable to destroying "the people's house". It's obvious that the area has been irreversibly damaged. Nobody should be able to assume they have indefinite authority over any historical property. America is not a dictatorship.
Mr. Trump should be forced to pay for any restoration that can be done to this area. When he is no longer on this earth, it should become the responsibility of his heirs to repay the damage he has done. In addition, Mr. Trump needs to be fined for destroying this property, without being able to contest the penalty/amount. This individual is doing damage to our National Parks and all that is included in that

jurisdiction.
Please do not let him get away with doing this damage to our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Flournoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is evident to most Americans that the East wing of the White House was illegally destroyed, and NO ballroom should be erected there without a majority vote from the nation, as well as legitimate oversight and approval of the historical and legal societies which should retain control over such projects.
Most of the public are horrified at the destruction of OUR White House, and do NOT want a fancy ballroom to entertain the wealthy. Al funding for this project should be investigated thoroughly, as well.
So NOT allow building to proceed, make a garden instead, to replace the one willfully covered over in cementt , another space to entertain only the wealthy.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:29:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susanne Ryder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt to a size and manner consistent with the previous structure. Not an exact copy mind you, but a new structure that returns the previous symmetry while modernizing for ADA compliance and technological advancements. A "ballroom" is not needed but an enlarged multipurpose meeting and event space would be pertinent. The grounds around the structure should include a botanical garden which would serve two purposes. The first would be honoring the historic gardens which have been destroyed recently. The second would be to act as an extension of an expanded meeting/event space for guests to enjoy.

The new structure should also include the previous office and work areas including a modernized Office of the First Lady/Gentleman for their expanded work.

Lastly, and moving forward, language needs to be strengthen in all appropriate documentation to clarify the purpose and ownership of the White House. The White House is the peoples house and as such is owned by the people. The sitting Presidents "home" is the Executive Residence...not the entirety of the White House. The President enjoys the privilege of this residence at the invitation of the American People. They do not own it!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Mendenhall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This unlawful destruction of a historic building is shameful.
Rebuild the East Wing using green energy materials. Seek to make it a net energy building.
Use the money that was donated to Trump for his obscenely oversized ballroom.
Stop the grifting.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored with upgrades. The present tenant had no right to destroy an historic building.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I ask you to please stop the heinous destruction of our nation’s House. This construction needs to be immediately halted and have the complete reconstruction of the East Wing in its original form started immediately. The present occupant of the White House had no legal authority to implement his vision on the rest of the country. The reconstruction costs should be his responsibility and those of the investors alone. American taxpayers should not have to shoulder this vandalism.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHRYN Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of the ballroom seems excessive.

TRump's decorating with"gold" is over the top and gaudy. That should be reined in and done by a professional.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Townsend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to original structure, style, size and NO “GOLD” EMBELLISHMENTS, please?! Update electrical, plumbing and HVAC as needed. We don’t need some giant ballroom at the WH. That’s government property and those who occupy the WH are temporary guest residents. The actions taken by the current resident and staff have destroyed history! Unacceptable and an example of how NOT to be a good steward of OUR HOUSE.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Steiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Agree with another submission. Well said.
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A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:28:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raylene Belcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I and my family are very much opposed to the proposed ballroom being considered. Not only is it too large, it should not be a ballroom at all. The destruction done to this historic building should be replaced with something in keeping with the rest of the white house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:27:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Benton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I watched appalled and furious at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House the "people's house". This was done without input or permission from any agency or department that should have been consulted before demolition occurred. The proposed construction of a new ballroom which would dwarf the White House itself should be prohibited. It would make the ballroom the focus instead of the White House. The Executive Mansion is not a Trump resort or convention center. Room for banquets and entertaining may be necessary, but a much smaller and more restrained building is preferable. One that architecturally blends with and doesn't overwhelm the existing structure. Please don't allow the proposed construction to proceed.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:27:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ida Priscilla Ivester
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trumps proposed ballroom is hideous in size and ugly in design. It has no business being built as it would overshadow the white house itself. The East wing itself needs to be rebuilt as it was before Trump trashed it. No ballroom, no ballroom at all.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:27:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla HAWKE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the illegal destruction of the East Wing I would like to see it fully restored to it's previous appearance, and the person responsible for said destruction be charged with the cost and not have tax payers foot the cost of this folly.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Shuff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for an on-site event space of this scale. The White House is not a resort and its primary purpose is not entertainment. The size and scale of the building are in line with the overall scale of the Federal zone of Washington DC. Our Executive is not a monarch and as such does not need a castle-like compound to recieve visitors.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was disappointed to see that the East Wing was demolished without approval. To honor the history of the building and our country, the ballroom plans should be vetoed. The wing should be rebuilt with the same layout as before with the inclusion of modern systems that make it more environmentally friendly and sustainable (insulation, HVAC, etc).

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Traver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Full restoration is the only acceptable design. Hold Trump accountable for the lawless destruction of federal property without a public process or permit.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:26:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Chase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the East wing should never have been demolished without review by the NCPC. That being said, the proposed "ballroom" , at least from the artist renderings, is totally out of proportion with the existing White House. Also, there is no need for something that large to be built. While there were a couple of outliers, the average attendance at state dinners by the last seven presidents was 100 to 300 people. The number of state dinners held by the last seven presidents does not warrant the construction of a separate, single use facility such as a ballroom with capacity for 900 people.

While the current White House occupant claims that he and private donations would fund the building of this monstrosity, it would be the US taxpayers who would have to pay for upkeep, maintenance, heating and air conditioning, security, etc.

While the current White House occupant thanks that the White House is his own private residence & that he can do what he wants with it, it is not his own residence. He is merely a temporary occupant while serving in the role of president. It is my sincere hope that a future Congress will enact laws to prevent this kind of desecration in the future and that it will require approval by the NCPC and Congress for any future president to change so much as a lightbulb.

All in all,I think that the NCPC should not approve this ballroom and require the East wing to be rebuilt in its

former design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:25:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:25:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Seaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a gaudy addition that dwarfs the original structure. The new addition should be of the same size and architectural style as the west wing. The original Georgian architecture was symmetrical and the new structure should adhere to that design principle.

Special interest groups or “sponsors” should not be allowed to fund the project.

It should not be a gaudy gold palace. The White House is the people’s house and the design and style should reflect that. It should be of timeless design and not cater to the temporary occupant’s tacky style or lack of taste.

The concrete patio should be removed and Jackie Kennedy’s rose garden should be restored.

While maintaining the original classical design, it should incorporate the most up-to-date green energy.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:25:04 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Sims
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ugly building is too large and tall. It makes the historic White House look small. Why do we need a ballroom for more than a thousand guests? The building should be half the size and much shorter than the White House. The building does not need to be so elevated with a grand set of stairs and pillars on one side. Like Trump, this proposed building is grotesque. If this monstrosity is built, I will vote for the presidential candidate who pledges to tear it down. The White House belongs to the people, not Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Courtright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is "the people's house" and any significant structural changes requires public input The proposed changes, to make it into a ballroom, do not fit my concept of what the White House should be I strongly oppose the changes to the East Wing

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Belser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down part of the Whitehouse was totally illegal and should never have been allowed to happen. The White House is the building of the American people. What I would like to see is that historical building be restored to what it was before this demolition happened. At the very least this “Ballroom” project needs to be stopped now.

Any other national monumental that Trump wants renamed after him or remodeled to include any mention of him should be denied. His name needs to come off of the Kennedy Center and no Trump-ordered remodeling of this historic building.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Nabity
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. The fact that President Trump bulldozed the East wing (literally & figuratively) without proper review & congressional approval is appalling.

While expanded event space may be needed, the East wing renovation must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The final project must follow these guidelines and be proportional to the West wing for visual symmetry, without removing any more trees of historical significance. If an event space can't be accommodated within a proportional footprint, then it should be developed elsewhere and alternatives for the use of a re-built East wing considered.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:24:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue-Ellen Pennington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good morning.
I am appalled that this chance to voice opinions on this project are being done AFTER THE FACT when guidelines dictate no major changes are to be done without the public commenting.

While more space may be needed to host larger groups, the aesthetics of the addition should not diminish, or outshine, the existing structures. No space created should be larger than what would equal the size/square footage and dimensions of the West Wing.

The need for attendance at a function should not be as great as holding a "rally", that is not what the White House is for. Hosting delegations/leaders from all over the world would not necessitate a ballroom the size the current administration is proposing.

I respectfully suggest that the size and scope of this project not exceed the current square footage of the West Wing so as to keep the balance in place of our House. We, the people, are the custodians of this center and symbol of our government and we should not cater to the personal "whims" of any sitting administration.

Thank-you for your attention to this very important matter as any change or addition will be in place for years to come.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Laney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project as designed is too large for the space on the White house grounds. It will dwarf the White

House itself which should be against the law. As designed and shown on TV the project is gaudy and over-the-top in materials and space. While I agree that the United States may need a place to host larger gatherings than we now have, this one is too large and too gaudy for our country. A more simple large entertaining space would be so much in keeping with our values and monuments/spaces in the capital. This has too much marble and Way too much gold. It reminds me of Versailles or some other much earlier European palaces and the gaudy grandeur of the Arabian countries now. Too much is too much. Squelch these plans, please and have the administration come up with something not so grandiose.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the reckless disregard for our national buildings by this Trump administration. I am firmly opposed to the east wing demolition and creation of an obscenely garish ballroom. Please stop this.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I respectfully ask that you uphold whatever abilities you may have to terminate any such plans for this 'project'. We The People are completely against what has happened to The People's House at the hands of the current administration, and any horrendous and ill begotten 'plans' for the proposed 'ballroom'. The parties involved in this Crime should be charged as appropriate, and the only 'modernization' that should be approved is to rip out the Maralago Patio until such time as the Rose Garden can be reinstated.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:23:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Marks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled and heartbroken by the unannounced destruction of a portion of the White House, a historical building that belongs to citizens like me. This entire project should be abandoned, including work on the horrific ballroom and arch. The East Wing should be restored to its original condition and the costs reimbursed to the taxpayer by everyone responsible for this lawless destruction of taxpayer-owned property.

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Name: Laurie Marks
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Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Krusberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to the configuration before it was demolished under the current administration. Taxpayer funds shall not be used as East Wing removal was not legally authorized. The current occupant of the White House shall be personally financially responsible to fund East Wing restoration.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Jacobs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave it alone…Trump is not to be trusted to create anything that is design or historically congruent or attractive.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Koziol
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The hasty demolition and complete, willful disregard for historic preservation, the initial lying about the cost to the public, and scope of the size of the building to dwarf the rest of the White House is an attack on America and its values. The project must be immediately halted, and the East Wing of the White House immediately rebuilt and restored back to the exact standards as it was before, down to the last floor tile,

loadbearing wall, and dimensions. The cost of this should be one hundred percent funded by the Trump Administration with constant reviews by a neutral committee, and public hearings on progress of rebuilding.

There is nothing modern about the East Wing project, let's not call it that and be realistic about why it was done. The East Wing must be restored exactly as it was, even if the current foundation must be ripped out and replaced as it was before.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leonard Battipaglia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re-build the East Wing. Do not erect an abomination glorifying all that Donald Trump is, and all that America is not.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would have preferred to be informed why the White House needed a ballroom versus other possible uses for the east wing. I don’t believe we need a ballroom of the size that is being proposed (or what we are threatened with). I strongly support any regulation, or a demand, that requires that such major changes to the White House be reviewed, monitored and supervised by the proper body that has oversight over such renovations. The current proposal for the east wing is a travesty to the eyes. Make this nightmare go away.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:22:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyndi Baugher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the work you do.
Please restore the West Wing to historical accuracy. Of course with a few updates to include more accessible access for handicapped.
Please build ballroom, or not some where else.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:21:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Fotos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a horrible violation of the trust of American citizens. The White House is not owned by the current occupant; it is merely used for the temporary housing of that current occupant.

What Trump has been allowed to do in the White House is an absolute tragedy. The gold leaf, the treasures removed, the treasures added without regard to environmental concerns of their age-related needs is horrifying. The wall of shame he has installed of past presidents is a wall of shame for what he has brought to the White House. It is not a reverent one to the men of history who have tried their best to lead our country in a direction that will benefit everyone; it is a representation of the weakest, least-liked and most despicable man to ever hold the office of President.

I am ashamed of our current government. I didn't want it; I didn't vote for it, and I cannot understand how it has been left to un-due so much of what ordinary Americans hold sacred. The destruction of the East Wing is just another example of the long list of atrocities this presidency has been allowed to perpetrate on this once-great nation.

I eagerly await the midterms when the citizens of the real America can stop this abuse of power.

Regards, Janet E Fotos

Date: 2/14/2026 10:21:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariessa Dobrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historian, I am utterly appalled at how little thought was given or taken before destroying the entire East Wing. I understand the need for modernization but the White House is supposed to be a people's house, not a palace. A modest ballroom for events has no need to be larger than the rest of the White House. That no care was taken to preserve the East Wing is a terrible precedent. Any new building needs to be done carefully and with consideration for the original. Ideally with some kind of memorial to the previous space. In addition, the loss of character with the gaudy decorations and patio has harmed the beauty of Jackie Kennedy's vision of the Rose Garden. Something needs to be done so no one, not even a president, can do a reckless destruction again. The everyday people in historic districts must follow the rules. Our history, especially in our 250th year, deserves respect. When modernization is required, the space should follow best practices, not destruction! .

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:21:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Schuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the gracious proportions of what was so precipitously bulldozed. The proposed palace ballroom is antithetical to the very foundations of our government: No one is above the law, no kings, no golden gewgaws to amuse the very richest among us while citizens are disenfranchised. Restoring what was destroyed would be an inspiring metaphor for what will be a long process of restoring the soul, the decency, and the reputation of our beloved country.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:21:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Herr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing with modernized wiring, plumbing, HVAC and communications. Make it ADA compliant. The rebuilt structure should be the same size, footprint, floor plan, architectural style and decor as the pre-2025 structure. Once the structure is restored we can discuss any changes.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:21:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Ohrt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed monument to Donald Trump's ego is a horror. Garish, un-necessary, and tacky, tacky, tacky. Donations for its construction are thinly disguised bribes from the ultra-wealthy for Presidential favor.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:21:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Ann Mercer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Also, restore The Rose Garden. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I heartily object to this project as it is described- particularly the grandiose size and scope. It seems to be misnamed, labelled as “modernization” as if that was the primary goal? While all Presidents want to leave a mark of their presence in history in some way this one feels out of proportion, frivolous, unnecessary and expensive in a time of great anxiety about affordability by average Americans. I feel like this is something that should be approved by our representatives in Congress and senate to at least honor the constituents they work for and attempt to reflect in some way the peoples choices. Frankly, it feels disrespectful to Americans at large.
A more Modest, less expensive and flamboyant modernization aligned with the original building would reflect authenticity, respect for Americans and proper humility as good leadership can often display.
Thank you for asking .

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kraig Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not the place for an enormous ballroom. Contributions for the ballroom should be used to pay for rebuilding the East Wing instead.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Womack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare the president demolish part of the White House. It is not his permanent property. He should have gone through channels at least. At best, just leave it alone.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roda Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Sowden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing "modernization project." What a euphemism! The ballroom should be consistent in size and appearance with the rest of the White House. This is the People's House. The People can't afford Versailles.

I wish I had a concept to attach, but I'm not architecturally gifted, only appreciative.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:20:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Church-Jamesson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a national disgrace that the current resident of the White House felt he did not need to comply with any rules regarding the demolishment and proposed replacement of the East Wing. No better example could exist of the contempt with which he views the citizens of this country, whose house it is. Our opinions were neither solicited nor desired in advance as required by law.

The White House was never a palace, and never should be, as we are not meant to be a country of royalty. James Madison warned repeatedly that excessive wealth concentration in the hands of a few was dangerous for our survival as a nation. This proposed addition is a monument to exactly that, both in the hasty demolishment by presidential fiat rather than the lawful procedure and in the size of it, which dwarfs the original jewelbox of a building. Understandably, modernization may have needed to be done, but that is no excuse.

Any replacement should be designed to current standards, including ADA, which can easily be done seamlessly in new construction. The structure should be subordinate in scale to the residential portion of the building, and ideally maintain its symmetry. Details should be classical, simple but elegant as in Federal architecture. Gold should be minimal or nonexistent. The building should have a human scale, rather than being so bloated as to suggest "poor folk not welcome here". (The idea of holding inaugurations there is a poor one, as it prevents everyday Americans from participating.) There should be beautiful landscaping featuring native trees and plants.

This is a symbolic building, as well as a functional one. Its structure should reflect the belief that we are a country of laws, not of kings.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:19:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Evelyn Eichorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I heard the early news of plans to literally rape and strip of the White House one of its defining features, the wings, I was devastated. I couldn't believe it was true. And, then I saw the footage of the actual wrecking of the east wing. AFTER, we already saw the Rose Garden destroyed, which should have never been allowed either.

PLEASE hold the Administration accountable to the People of the United States. The White House is our building and we should have had the opportunity to speak to its care, its modification, and its future use!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:19:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Henthorne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare this project be termed the "East Wing Modernization" project?

There are many reasons to oppose the Trump ballroom, including:

* The lies the Trump Administration has told about how the proposed "ballroom" would not affect the existing White House.
* The outrageous destruction of the East Wing with no warning, no proper input and no respect for the fact that the White House belongs to this Nation, not any one president and certainly not one self-obsessed man.
* The purported funding by those who wish to curry favor with the Trump Administration.
* Donald Trump's treatment of the White House as though it is his personal property and he is free to do with it as he pleases.
* The grossly excessive size of the proposed ballroom.
* The "dictator style" of the ballroom.
* The continued norm shattering and waste of history to please one man's ego.
* The waste of public treasure -- in all senses of that term.

One could go on and on listing the serious adverse effects of what has been done and is proposed to be done.

Donald Trump's lawless and self-interested actions should not be rewarded by pandering to his wants.

The only right course of action at this point is to call a halt to further unilateral action by a lawless Administration and institution of a proper process (including qualified historians, architects knowledgeable about creating public buildings and persons qualified to help determine the appropriate functions of a new structure) to create a building in the place of the former East Wing that will truly be in the public interest.

Please do not conduct a review that affords only the appearance of process while serving as a rubber stamp for the selfish, egotistical wants of one man.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:19:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Favreau
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of our most historic and recognized buildings. Any changes should be consistent with the existing building in size and historic components. An addition that exceeds the existing size and scale of the White House would distort this historic landmark. The need for these changes is not well documented and needs to respect the history, scale, and design of the existing historic landmark.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:19:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Corin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project never should have begun without approved plans. Work should immediately cease until a reasonable plan is submitted and approved. The scale of the proposed building is destructive to the entire White House complex. A $400 million "ballroom" on the White House grounds is not needed. The plans for a new building should be modified so that the scale and appearance of the addition more closely match the destroyed East Wing. Perhaps the interior could include a "ballroom" that is more in keeping with the scale of the destroyed building. In summary, I hope that the Commission will be able to (1) Place a stop-work order on the current construction until an approved plan is in place; (2) Accept designs from approved contractors for an East Wing that closely resembles the one that was destroyed; (3) Approve construction of an East Wing that we can be proud of, not one that resembles a gold-decked palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chet Orloff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, NOT to the current occupant of the home, especially to one who called it a “dump” when he originally moved in.

Trump’s behavior and actions are despicable, disgusting, and hardly up to the standards of a junkyard manager (with sincere apologies to all who hold such positions), much less a president of the USA.

Chet Orloff

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:23 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederick Childs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The entire historic East Wing of the White House has been demolished, the historic and beloved Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden has been paved over, historic trees planted by former Presidents have been torn down, the historic Lincoln suite has been turned into a marbleized sanitarium, the revered Oval Office has become a cheap gaudy tacky replica of a failed casino or demagogue's palace, the White House Walkway has literally been vandalized with demeaning and derogatory slurs on prior Presidents, and who knows what other desecration has occurred or is under way – none of which were done with the required reviews, permits, legal approvals, or congressional authorization.
Apart from any litigation that is or may be taken to delay or stop this continued destruction of this and other historic and iconic symbols of our American democracy, I ask the members of the NCPC to reject all of the plans being proposed for any new construction, alteration, modification, demolition, or other changes to the White House and all associated structures, buildings, and grounds.
The entire White House (i.e., "People's House"), ancillary structures, buildings, and grounds should be reclaimed, restored, renovated, and preserved to their condition prior to January 20, 2025 (not including any other previous unwarranted and unapproved changes made between January 2017 and January 2021), with appropriate upgrades and improvements as appropriate in accordance with applicable codes, standards, and procedural requirements, and coordinated with other relevant agencies and organizations including the NCPC and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
The expertise of recognized leaders and documentation in the areas of historic preservation, architecture, history, construction, etc., should be employed to ensure all restoration and renovation is consistent with the history of the buildings and grounds.
The proposed supposed "ballroom" or "event space" is an abomination to the history of the White House, its former distinguished occupants, and to the American people who have cherished, honored, and visited its hallowed halls. If there is a need for larger, more permanent space for executive and state functions, it should be placed in a more appropriate location without disturbing and destroying our historic heritage.
You have a solemn duty to protect our shared history, especially this year as we celebrate our republic's 250th anniversary. Your decisions on this outrage to our nation's most iconic symbol of our democracy will affect and impact our history forever. Please act wisely and reject this desecration. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Lillibridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restrict the size of the renovation to the original build. Please keep the aesthetics in line with the rest of the building so that one couldn't tell it's newly constructed. Please be conservative in the cost.
Thank you!
Michelle Lillibridge

Date: 2/14/2026 10:18:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Probst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original form, updated and modernized to current code. The original East Wing was illegally destroyed. A ballroom almost double the size of the Executive Residence is not needed or wanted, and will create an eyesore on a historic site meant to transcend generations. Furthermore, a ballroom will create huge maintenance issues and utility bills, the cost of which will fall on the backs of taxpayers. Restore the East Wing as it was, preferably funded by the current resident of the Oval Office, who started this project illegally to begin with.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:17:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Olivia Gazda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing by the Trump administration without the proper due diligence, approvals, and consent of the appropriate agencies one of many disgraces to American democracy, apolitical processes in place, checks and balances, and the American people. The White House is first and foremost, the people's house, not any president's personal estate or entertainment grounds. Plans for an unnecessary ballroom that would be nearly double the size of the existing White House would be a gross misuse of American taxpayer dollars, especially considering the vast majority of Americans would never have the opportunity to set foot in this ballroom. If this was a project that was of interest to The People, they should have had the opportunity to weigh in prior to the project beginning, as required by all other levels of government.

Already, hundreds of years of history has been destroyed by the carless and callous demolition of the East Wing and there is not true way to rectify that other than turning back time. However, to attempt to restore what has been lost, the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to exactly the way it was with period appropriate finishes as to when it was constructed, with necessary updates to code as applicable including ADA compliance.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:17:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jose Orta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot believe that the Trump Administration took it upon itself to demolish the East Wing before getting approval from the National Capital Planning Commission. This building belongs to the people of the United States. The ballroom currently envision is too big for the rest of the structure. It makes for bad aesthetics of the White House. It will severely altar the symmetry, balance, proportion, and harmony of our beloved White House.

You must ensure that if a ballroom is constructed, the ballroom structure will be visually cohesive and be proportional to the rest of the White House.

Jose Orta

Date: 2/14/2026 10:17:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allie Stalla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of tax payer dollars.
Additionally, part of living in the White House is keeping with the historic building. I live in the historic neighborhood of Washington DC we can modernize to an extent, but we have to keep within the spirit of the historical House. I believe these ballroom modifications to the White House for exceed a reasonable modern update.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:17:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Montoni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not waste our tax dollars on this vanity project to support the ego of one person. An expanded ballroom is not a necessity. It's already pitiful that the East Wing has been demolished. Don't make matters worse with a bloated over-the-top ballroom that will surely be decorated in a tacky, low-class manner. This is one of many embarrassments for the United States. I hope that you also consider restoring the beautiful Rose Garden instead of the concrete landing pad that has replaced it.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:17:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nell Walton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand that the historic East Wing has already been removed and that a replacement structure is under consideration. My concern is not modernization itself, but use and proportionality.

Historically, the East Wing served primarily functional purposes — offices, staff operations, and public access support. Replacing that role with a largely single-use ceremonial ballroom strikes me as an inefficient and inflexible use of an extremely limited and symbolically important site.

Single-purpose spaces are difficult to adapt over time and serve the public only intermittently. By contrast, flexible office and support space would align more closely with the East Wing's historic function, better accommodate evolving operational needs, and represent a more prudent long-term investment in stewardship.

I respectfully request that the Commission carefully evaluate whether a large ceremonial ballroom is the most appropriate replacement use for this location, or whether a more multi-use, adaptable design would

better serve both preservation principles and the public interest.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:16:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen who has toured the White House and other historic buildings in DC, I am disheartened that the East Wing was summarily and without proper review by NCPC demolished.

While I understand the need for upgrades to historic structures, I also firmly believe in historic preservation for renovations, especially for the Peoples House.

Modernization of the White House must follow the customary review process.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:16:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The addition of the ballroom to the Whitehouse is preposterous. The White House belongs to the people, not Donald Trump! Please stop this project immediately.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:16:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Americans love our architectural landmarks - the White House reflects national values and spirit.

There has never been an outcry for a secure, government mega-party space within the residence.

The proposed east wing ballroom is a waste of space and will defile the silhouette of a much loved building. However, any part of the White House, including the East wing, should be restored and/or modernized for safety, and to preserve its original character.

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Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Egger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the modernization of the East Wing needs to be built at the same size as the prior East Wing to maintain building symmetry. The exterior should look as much llike it did prior to it being illegally demolished. It should be in the style it was originally built in. There should be no increase in Sq footage or height of the building from what it had been prior to demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kornegay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Wyatt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those.
The White House is the People's House. It is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. Any reconstruction should include a nod to American history, not DJT's awful taste in things.
The current occupant of The White House has forgotten he is a temporary resident. He works for the American public and lives there as a guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it. In fact, Donald Trump should be financially responsible for repairing the damage he inflicted when demolishing the East Wing without prior approval.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished, as functional office space as it was, but not to a ballroom. Ridiculous. When rebuilding the former East Wing, assure it is in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. No ballroom. And no gaudy gold. The structure should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. And, while you're at it, replace the Rose Garden.
Finally, prepare a plan to return the Oval Office and that walkway to its original look, no gauche gold ornaments and stupid Wall of Fame or whatever that thing is about former presidents.
Lastly, let your budget to include this line item: Enough burning sage to remove all essence of DJT when he

finally moves out.
Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Higley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans submitted by Mr Trump do not reflect the needs of the American people. Like his ego, the proposed scope and size of the ballroom serve only one person - Mr Trump and his billionaire friends. That it would dwarf the size of The People's House isn't surprising since he minimizes the work he should be doing to improve the lives of ALL Americans. Instead, vanity is what matters to him. While it may be true that the East Wing needed to be modernized and a ballroom a needed improvement the casual disregard for following the rules and procedures to make it happen resulted in the dismissive destruction of historical property that cannot be undone. The project should be right sized so it aesthetically pleasing and not an austentatious representation of the grift this man has brought to the White House

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Pendry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House, the “people’s house” as it is known around the U.S.A., we the people must have a say, and I say no. The fact that one person took it on his own accord to destroy a portion of the White House (the “East Wing”) underscores the importance of public input. It has already been permanently altered, without input. This in itself is a tragedy, and a violation of law. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. This proposed addition is not compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

In summary, I oppose this project and the original East Wing should be reconstructed.

Thank you.

Jo A. Pendry

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Dawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to the American public, and should never have been undertaken without going through the appropriate approval processes. The manner in which the East Wing was bulldozed, without notice, should not mean that the rest of the project proceeds in a similar "bulldozer" manner. If it needed to be "modernized" a "golden ballroom" is not the way to do that.

The garish "golden ballroom" as shown in renderings, does not fit into the historical nature of the rest of the buildings of which it would be a part, and reflects nothing more than a sad attempt to imitate similar structures elsewhere in the world. The proposed giant ballroom is unneeded, and will likely go mostly unused.

For the East Wing project to move forward, it should go through all the *normal* processes. Create a call for proposals, with historically appropriate and agreed-upon design criteria, as well as a reasonable budget and timeline. Review the proposals, call for public input, and award a design. Then proceed with construction: proposals, bidding, and awarding of contracts to construct, and appropriations by Congress to fund the project.

The only reason this is now being called a "matter of national security" is the manner in which it was initiated in the first place, and is only meant to hurry it along without proper consideration or procedures. A golden ballroom does nothing to address that problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Haines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as historically accurate. And the people who broke rules to not do any alterations without oversight should be charged with paying for it to be built.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:15:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Quackenbush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design. And since Trump illegally demolished it, he should pay out of his own pocket for the rebuilding of it

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Soreng
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Yanacheck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow the new East Wing to dwarf the center main structure. Maintain balance and style. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the ballroom and support the restoration of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHLEEN ADAMS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to a 90,000 sf Ballroom that would dwarf even the original building . A new East Wing

should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical and should be maintained at all costs. Also, the White House was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. I would hope that they would keep within the elegant and simple decor.

I was extremely upset when the East Wing was demolished. It should never have been destroyed without having and approved plan in place. It smacks of hubris.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Dewar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the 90,000 square foot ballroom addition as proposed primarily because esthetically and architecturally it is inconsistent with the architecture and purpose of the White House, our house. The height of the new building should be consistent with the existing structures. The architectural style should blend with, and not overshadow, existing structures. An architect with experience renovating historic buildings should be part of the design team. I also object to private funding for this endeavor, however since the existing structure was destroyed by Trump without any approvals, the replacement should be completely paid for by Trump or his estate as restitution for destruction of property owned by all people in the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Hughson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is suffering of every kind within our nations borders as well as across the world. Renovating a building by a man with absolutely no feeling or concern for this suffering so he can entertain people from our home and from abroad is simply wrong. People who appear to be wealthy in a very sick sense. Might it be better that they gather in a volunteer fire department social hall or in a nearby space already steeped in America's history. A building that might help them reflect on what is actually important. This building is a room in "our" home. Not the president's personal space to play his games and satisfy his ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:14:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Keen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Where do I start on the many, many reasons I disagree with Trump adding a ballroom to the White House? I won't state the obvious reasons - but, here's what I will say: we're heading into very scary territory with Trump. I fear on a daily basis just how much wiggle room those who can stop him will give him. And the fact that he is "adding on" to the people's house as if it's his own - that he already demolished a piece of history without those who should have stopped him stopping him- that seriously sends shivers throughout me, as do many other circumstances surrounding this presidency. Say no to this man, for Christ's sake.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Wiebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

(Sorry for the duplication. I put in my full address on this one.)

While it may be true that the White House could use an updated event space, the scope of the "Trump ballroom" seems excessive. Since the demolition has already been done and something must be built in its place, please advocate for a reasonably scaled, tasteful re-build that honors the architecture of the White House and that will stand the test of time beyond Trump's occupation of the presidency. And under no circumstances name it after this president.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Jill Wiebe
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Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Do NOT allow special interest money to buy favor in this project.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolynne Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this hideous "ballroom" monstrosity. There is no need for it. Restore and rebuild the East Wing to what it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Draghetti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, and should not be vulnerable to indiscriminate demolition by the current temporary occupants. Please design the new East Wing in the footprint of the destroyed building, consistent with the design of the White House. Certainly, updates to infrastructure are important and acceptable. If any of the interior features were salvaged, thoughtful incorporation into the new building should be attempted. Garish and tasteless gilt decoration detracts from the esthetics of the building. Such projects of important historical building renovations should be carefully designed with consideration for function and historical preservation. "Donor" funding by cronies and those seeking favor from the executive office for projects of this type should never be allowed.

The Rose Garden should also be completely restored. The White House does not need a mall food court.

Thank you for this opportunity to advocate for the preservation of our iconic national symbpls.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melise Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I heartily oppose the construction of this ballroom. I strongly feel the East Wing should be restored to its original form and that the rose garden should be replanted.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chet Bober
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is clear the White House could use a larger, more modern event facility. It is imperative that it fit the scale of the existing campus, and be designed and decorated in a style that harmonizes with the current structures. It is also imperative that the design and construction of the facility be the product of a collaborative effort of the groups and agencies which have oversight over the White House campus, and not

subject to the whims of any one individual. The White House is the People's House, and as such should strive for a look that is not only timeless but also reflects the dignity of the United States of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaytee Lipari Shue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this giant ballroom and instead restore the original east wing, or expand the gardens. The White House is not a pet project, it belongs to the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:13:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Boelter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nothing should be built that is out of scale related to the White House. Nothing should be built until after 2028. No private donations should be accepted from parties that represent any kind of influence, real or perceived, or quid pro quo.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kecia Frevert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's way out of scale, and not in keeping with existing architecture. Definitely NO.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: saundra george
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This destruction of the East Wing of the White House was horrible, a metaphor for what Trump is doing to the country. First of all, this is the White House, not the Palace of Versailles. The huge addition on the East side of the White House will dwarf the building, forever marring the symmetry of the building. He did this as he does most things, on a whim, without legal approval. Restore the East Wing to it's previous appearance.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Wiebe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While it may be true that the White House could use an updated event space, the scope of the "Trump ballroom" seems excessive. Since the demolition has already been done and something must be built in its place, please advocate for a reasonably scaled, tasteful re-build that honors the architecture of the White House and that will stand the test of time beyond Trump's occupation of the presidency. And under no circumstances name it after this president.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
Jill Wiebe
Sister Bay, WI

Date: 2/14/2026 10:12:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Pope-Rainey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Vanity projects are not modernization. The East Wing of the People's House has been destroyed (without approval or oversight) and there is no way to rectify this. But building a monstrosity of a ballroom that will dwarf The White House is adding insult to injury to American citizens.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Keyserling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The recent demolition of the East Wing is the greatest insult to the Executive Mansion since its burning by British soldiers in 1814. The addition of the "Ball Room", if permitted, would be a not too distant second. As designed, it's a hideous, unnecessary monument to one man's obsession with leaving his "brand" on everything. It would be an architectural insult to the property and, more broadly, the District, and the inventory of Federal buildings. I urge that nothing of that scale or style be permitted. And further, that only proposals that conform to the size, design, and scale of the original executive residence.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Paul Keyserling
Beaufort, SC

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Allain Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Just submitted!

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marg Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as near as it was before the mango Mussolini destroyed it. Perhaps enlarge it and modernize it to make it more functional as office space and more energy efficient. WE DO NOT NEED A GIGANTIC BALLROOM!!!! Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:11:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Kuykendall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is an architectural travesty that has already erased important elements of America's history. The NCPC must immediately halt its construction. No additional work must be done at the site until allowed by the responsible authorities.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Monzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.
The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.
The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.
A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Poulter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The country does not need a massive, tone deaf ballroom available only to the privileged few who are invited to certain White House events. It is not appropriate in size/scale or functionality and is wildly fiscally irresponsible. Building this ballroom would unacceptably worsen the grandeur and beauty of the White House.

We should require the rebuild of the East Wing within its original footprint funded by the same individuals who were responsible for its demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Leber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for attempting to right the wrong already done.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this is a waste of resources. We the normal American people are having a hard time buying groceries at $100 or more a bag for our families. Our health insurance premiums are insane amounts of money. The inflation that keeps going up is causing mortgage interest prices to be so high. I want kids safe and educated. I say this proposed project is a waste of money that could be so much better used. This administration is so wasteful and out of touch with the American people. They don't represent us at all.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrice Aylward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a former team member of an architectural / engineering firm. There are guiding issues our architects addressed when designing new buildings: How does the design meet the sky/horizon, how does the design meet the ground, how does it welcome visitors, how does it turn corners, how does it relate to its neighbors. The projected design of the ballroom component of the East Wing Modernization Project gets a failing grade, particularly as to how it relates to its neighbors. From a contextual viewpoint, its size fails to acknowledge the historic significance and the importance of the White House. Dwarfing the White House communicates that partying is more important than the responsibilities and duties of serving as president. There should be a way to accommodate the needs of state gatherings without destroying the vistas of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:10:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Wiggans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House for the following reasons:

1. The 90,000-square-foot size is out of proportion for the existing site. Any replacement should be in balance with the rest of the White House.

2. The design is out of character with the original design and would stand out like a sore thumb.

3. There is no need for a 650-person capacity ballroom in place of the historic office and reception space that was unjustifiably destroyed by a lawless administration that did not submit final plans to the NCPC or the Commission of Fine Arts as required.

4. The project was fast tracked and avoided the necessary independent review and Congressional oversight in an attempt to implement a project that would not stand up to unbiased scrutiny and would most assuredly not be approved as currently envisioned.

5. This project is an addition to the White House federal parkland. For the administration to seek funding of the project by private billionaires and corporate donors invites corruption and is wholly inappropriate.

6. It is clear that this is strictly a vanity project to satisfy the ego of an authoritarian president who is only interested putting his mark and/or name on as much as he can during his term in office rather than doing what is in the best interests of the country and the tax paying citizens.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:09:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Bizzaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its original splendor, not this fiasco of a proposed ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:09:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jess Marcon Zabecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it was prior to the illegal demolition. Ensure that its restoration is historically accurate and remains the same size as it was before. Find another location for the ballroom but we shouldn't be spending taxpayer dollars or taking donations from anyone to build this.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:09:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Bradshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) Committee Members,
I respectfully submit comments about the proposed East Wing Modernization Project.
I have been committed to preserving historic buildings around our great nation for many years.
Preservation is important and strengthens our communities.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. I am extremely upset that a portion of The White House was torn down without public comment or involvement of the National Trust.
Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible.
Yours,
Catherine Bradshaw

Date: 2/14/2026 10:08:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:08:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Federwitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it's former look. Small upgrades or improvement's would be ok but the general look of it's original form should be restored. There is no need for a grand ballroom. The destroyed trees should also be replaced with appropriate successors.
Thank You
Virginia Federwitz

Date: 2/14/2026 10:08:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Perryman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a voter and US citizen, and I want the present administration to adhere to the existing law. The East Wing should not have been demolished. But since that's happened already, it needs to be rebuilt in such a way that the structure is as close as possible to the previous structure.

Of course, we are aware that due to many reasons, renovations must be ongoing. However, the destruction of public property is against established law. Citizens should not have to pay for the building, furnishing, or any part of the rebuilding project.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:08:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannie Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The United States taxpayers do not need the burden of maintaining a massive ballroom that is really serving the ego of a self-admitted sexual predator.

Restore the East wing and stop destroying the monuments to our democracy and our democracy.

The current administration is absolutely heinous in their behavior toward taxpayers and the history of our great country. They need to stop tearing things down and stop building monuments to themselves with taxpayer money.

This is exactly the opposite of being fiscally responsible and every penny that has already been spent should be reimbursed by the guy who was best buddies with a sex trafficker for decades who is currently occupying the oval office.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. Christine Bunce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was proportioned to the rest of The People's House updating basic areas such as electricity, plumbing, security etc. If the resident of The People's House finds it necessary to have "balls." s/he can find many places in Washington to accommodate that activity. If there was a "basement" that should also be rebuilt with modern day security and amenities. All areas should be accessible to anyone who will visit. The architecture should align with and enhance the existing People's House not overwhelm it. The interior should be refined not gold plated. We are a hardworking, sensible country. The People's House should reflect that along with our history(e.g.skip the gold!). So bottom line - rebuild what was there! I am disgusted with the plan as put forward by the resident of The People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Schonberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly believe the size of the proposed ballroom is absolutely too large and completely out of scale with the residence and will serve to diminish the visual impact of the White House. I was distressed that ordinary procedures were not followed in the demolition of the east wing and hope that the wing could be restored and, if absolutely necessary, a significantly smaller ballroom be constructed. Please do not let the current

administration proceed with the ballroom as planned.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Posnock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This vanity project will overwhelm and cheapen the historic center of our democracy. Building this ballroom at the same height as the White House will diminish and change the structure from a symbol of America to an entertainment center.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style. Update interior as necessary and make structure ADA compliant.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the building of a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Sheehan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the rushed nature of this project. Because the White House is a beloved structure for US citizens, any changes to it or surrounding structures needs to be accomplished with care and consideration for their wishes.

The White House does not belong to its current occupant and that person cannot make unilateral decisions about changes to it or its surroundings.

Any “I know best” hubris must be countered by those who are in the position to study and recommend changes, like the NCPC.

Thank you for your efforts.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original dimensions and outward appearance. Upgrade electrical and make the wing ADA compliant. Decorate to express conservative values; do not use gold leaf baroque.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new ballroom will be a difficult hearing environment (with hard surfaces and distant loudspeakers) for people with hearing loss. The construction time, before the final floor surface is laid, would be the perfect--and cost-effective--time to lay wires for a hearing loop system that can broadcast sound directly to hearing aids and cochlear implants that come in with the inexpensive telecoil receiver.

The U.S. Supreme Court chambers offer this, as does--effective recently--the National Cathedral, and it is wonderful (requiring no need for people to check out or wear conspicuous equipment). For more information, see
https://www.hearingloss.org/advocacy-and-resources/get-in-the-hearing-loop/

For installation advice and experience, contact Andrew Oliver at the National Cathedral:
aoliver@cathedral.org

Thank you for making the new ballroom a national model of hearing accessibility!

David Myers
www.davidmyers.org

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mimi Wolin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a once proud American citizen I ask that you restore the East Wing to its original architecture.
Do not build an oversized eyesore with cheap gold ornaments and excessive tackiness. Honor the history and heritage of the original West Wing.

The current president should pay for the damage and restoration as he is personally responsible for the destruction. My tax dollars and your tax dollars can not be used for this project.

A once proud American

Mimi Wolin

Date: 2/14/2026 10:07:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgianna Brisbin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current administration’s proposed plan is not compatible with the existing structure, does not have the alleged private funding and is ugly.

Private funding for public buildings is nothing but access for sale in the current administration and is extremely problematic.

Even more concerning is the fact that permits were not obtained for demolition and the National Historic Trust was bypassed. This administration must be reined in and the East Wing must be returned to its original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Viney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom's scale and height are too large, threatening to disrupt the balanced classical design of the White House, The renovations will negatively affect the surrounding landscape, including the President's Park.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyn Cromar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing project should be a restoration of what was demolished at the same scale to previously exant architecture. If the replacement wing needs to be scaled up to increase usable square feet, the increase should not surpass the footprint of the main White House building. The White House is the People's House and was designed to be approachable and balanced, not a palace. If there is need for a large gathering place for state events, the wing should provide the highest and best use for the executive branch. If the wing requires significant below ground construction, the national intelligence agencies should partner to oversee the subterranean build out for highest and best use.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the East Wing Modernization project and the proposed construction of a ballroom on the grounds of the White House.

I do not believe the White House needs a ballroom or any structure that is so out of proportion with its historic scale and character. A ballroom is an antiquated concept that does not reflect modern needs and represents an inefficient use of valuable and symbolic space. The White House is not a resort or event venue; it is a historic public building and a working seat of government.

I am particularly disturbed that the East Wing was reportedly torn down without clear public permission, permits, or a finalized plan made available for review. This raises serious concerns about transparency, process, and respect for preservation standards that should govern any work on a site of such national importance.

The White House belongs to the American people. Any major alteration to its structure should involve proper planning, legal authorization, and public accountability. Decisions of this magnitude should not be made unilaterally or without open explanation.

I urge you to reconsider the direction of this project and to provide clear information about the approvals, permits, and long-term vision behind it. Preservation of the White House's historical integrity must take precedence over unnecessary expansion.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Becker

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior look of the east wing so that it retains its historical look. Modernize the interior to make it more efficient use of space and ADA compliant. Absolutely limit the use of the gold look to make it less ostentatious. Put a ballroom somewhere else. If the decision goes counter to this, make sure the donated funding is in place before building a ballroom. In no way should the construction funds come from taxpayers dollars.

Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:06:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Kreklow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its former glory. NO BALLROOM. To add a ballroom would overshadow the rest of the White House with its mass. An event center away from the People's House (the White House) can be used/obtained/modified IF, and only if, we really need it. (We don't.)

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to any one individual. While residing there, we expect our presidents to treat it as the national treasure it is. Noone should be allowed to destroy any portion of this treasure. Full oversight by NTHP and Park department is essential in maintaining the historic accuracy and integrity of the building itself.

To allow Trump to destroy an entire wing, tear up the yard and begin construction on a monstrosity of a structure cannot be allowed. In addition to violating the people's house, the fact it is being funded by private donors is alarming. What favors are being promised to these individuals and corporations in exchange for their money?

Please do all you can to stop this construction before it goes any further. We the People are depending on you to fight for us.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda Dolbeare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let this current Trump administration destroy our heritage due to his arrogance and self importance. He has his own interests in mind. Please he builds and bankrupts anything he touches. Just look at his track record. We need to put him in his position of his own TV show "You're Fired"!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Frazer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for taking public comments.
1) I was very disappointed that the East Wing was removed during the Government Shutdown without an approved plan in place. There should be a penalty.
2) The new building should not be bigger than the White House itself. Just as a bird can't fly with one wing bigger than the other…. Please maintain the same architecture and symmetry of design from the outside so the grounds are visually appealing to all from the streets. Please keep the gold inside to a minimum or at least removable. It is not classy.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurence Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should not have been demolished without proper review, as it is gone and not practical to recreate the space should be rebuilt as effective space for the Executive branch and White House Family in harmony with the existing structure. There is NO need for a ballroom, the East room is adequate for receptions and similar functions. Allowing President Trump to proceed with this extravagance and future upkeep for him to leave his mark on "our peoples house" is unacceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Shaffner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the ballroom should be a maximum of 20,000 sf per architect's handbook for guests. Nota massive convention center size ballroom that overwhelms the 55,000 aft Whitehouse.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katye Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There are other public spaces available for this purpose.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian

style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Furthermore I would advocate the NCPC lobby to have law enacted that explicitly states that any project impacting the size or structure of national buildings, parks or other publicly owned property must have the consent of 2/3 of the Congress before it can proceed. Our publicly owned land is the people's and should not be subject to partisan whims and politics.

Thank you for the work you do and for the opportunity to submit comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kay Reinhold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

It would also be nice to restore the Jacquelyn Kennedy Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Kaye-Moses
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House including the East wing belongs to the people of the United States. Anything that has been done to damage the White House and it's East wing is an offense against the people of the United States. Anything that has been done without the permission of the people of the United States and or any official permission to damage or transform any part of the White House or the East wing is offensive to me and should be offensive to every other citizen of the United States of America. Anything that can be done to ameliorate the damage that has already been done and or rebuild the East wing would give heart to the empowerment of the people of the United States of America and go a long way to restoring citizens of the United States' faith in our country and the institutions and foundation on which our democracy has been built, because the White House is one of the iconic symbols of the strength of democracy in our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:05:03 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Leach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house! Restore the east wing to its previous glory and appropriate size. No president has a right to do what has been done. He slapped Americans in the face tearing down the walls. Restore the East Wing and the rose garden. He should pay for the repairs (not the public) since his actions caused the damage.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:04:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Webster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that Donald Trump was able to destroy the East wing. The East wing should be restored. DJT should be made to finance it out of his own pocket. There should be NO ballroom built. Donald Trump apparently thinks this is his personal property that he plans to remain in. It does NOT belong to him! Also, nothing should be financed by private donors. That is corruption.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:04:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kira Baltazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House! How is it not registered as a Historic Landmark? Before major changes are made the people should have a say. This destruction of our nation's foundation needs to stop.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:04:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruby Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an tyrants illegal act without Congressional approval.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:04:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Crouch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to this project because it is predicated on the desires of one person (Donald Trump) rather than what is ultimately beneficial to us, the American taxpayers to whom the White House ultimately belongs.

The White House East Wing should have not been razed. It will forever be a stain on the current administration's legacy that it desecrated one of the most important historic sites in the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:03:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Mayhew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to express my anger and frustration with the handling of the demolition of the East wing of the White House and the proposed ballroom. While we cannot undo the loss of history the destruction brought us, we can stop the vulgarity of an enormous ballroom being built on what is the people's house.
The fact that an entire wing of the White House was just demolished without the consent of the people is criminal. And the fact that a proposed ballroom by a criminal is allowed to go through any sort of process of acceptance is a historic crime. Luckily, it is a crime we can prevent.
As a citizen of the United States, I refuse to allow it to continue without protest. If a ballroom must be part of the rebuilding of the East Wing it needs to be within the parameters of code, be equal in size to the original East wing and not to exceed current zoning and building codes. The architecture cannot be beyond what is already acceptable within the National Parks current rules and guidelines for any building within the White House compound and should maintain the same architectural style and feeling of the current White House without the additional fake gold applications from the current administration. We, the people, do not want our tax dollars funding a room that a demented, federally indicted criminal wants to sooth his own ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:03:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Oswald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My husband and I are against building such a large ballroom and we would like to see the project scaled back to a more appropriate size and far less grandiose.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frances Villiers-Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Remove all that gilt in the rest of the White House.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larissa Brookes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can't believe this project is happening in the United States. Why do we have so little respect for the exacting, high-caliber craftsmanship that created the historic East Wing -- beautiful construction that was demolished almost gleefully? While that destruction was painful, the proposed "ballroom" is insulting and grotesque.

By flattening the East Wing, we threw away taxpayer dollars and thousands of hours of labor. And for what? A hideous, tacky, grift-engorged "ballroom" that's a monument to one man's narcissism and greed.

I urge you to stop this "modernization" project.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David BLADE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana McLaughlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has been done to the White House and is planned by the President for a ballroom is desecration of the Peoples' House. Since the destruction has already occurred, whatever replaces it should give consideration to the esthetics of the total building - it's proportions and symmetry. If it is to be replaced by a ballroom, it's exterior should be the same in appearance and size as the previous wing. I would far prefer that it simply be replaced in its former form and for its former purposes.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Vaughn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has always been The Peoples House. It does not belong to the current occupant. What Donald Trump wants for the White House is immaterial unless he convinces congress to act legislatively. Therefore you must ignore the President in this matter and follow the established procedures for making alterations to The Peoples House.

We live in a democracy governed by norms and the rule of law. We did not vote in a monarchy inspite of what the current president and his allies wish for. Please draw the line hear and make congress act if changes are necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sidney Felman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
As part of the project remove all of the gold decorations installed by the current occupant and restore all of the landscaping removed by the current occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anca Vlasopolos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RESTORE THE EAST WING AND THE ROSE GARDEN. No person in the U.S. except the billionaires needs this disgusting projected ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sallie Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am so very appreciative of the opportunity to speak on the atrocity of what is planned and what has already occurred with respect to the East Wing Modernization Project. First, I am disturbed that anyone can take the liberty of making such a major move for the future of the White House. This absolutely should not be allowed to happen because no part of the White House belongs to any one person, regardless of their position. The White House belongs to the American people--not to the President. It should be treated as such. Secondly, even it we were in agreement with the major Modernization, now is NOT the time. Too many Americans are struggling to support necessities.

There are priorities. Modernization of any room in the White House is not one of them. Please stop this from happening.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Frolio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their original form. Monuments to megalomaniacs are not for the People's House. Restore the process for design and building on Federal property.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:02:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianna Carothers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any further renovation or building should be reviewed & approved by NCPC before it commences.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Manahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Very simply put: because this project has not been conducted in good faith to the American people nor in best practice, and Congress has not passed legislation in relation to the demolition, construction, or

appropriation of funds for this project, it should be mandated that the original East Wing design be restored in line with historic preservation standards (per the National Trust for Historic Preservation). The White House is "The People's House" and should not be treated as some ego-stroking project of this administration. In the year of the 250th Anniversary of this nation, we should be celebrating historic structures, not dismantling them.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I am adamantly opposed to what has been done already to the east wing of OUR white house and adamantly opposed to the monstrosity that Trump has planned! It breaks my heart that the historical east wing is gone. The planned building will absolutely overpower and overwhelm OUR grand White House! It must not happen! And he should pay for the rebuilding of the east wing that he should never have been allowed to destroy! I cannot put into words how strongly I feel about this! Thank you for your time and allowing me to voice my very very strong opinion. Have a nice day.

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Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Myers Lynda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a new ballroom . I support a committee to review how room was used in lat 15 years and then design a space to hold a common Nbr of ppl and a space mingle as needed. Cost to be considered .

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:20 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stanley Gross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What the President has done to the East Wing is a shanda.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Sander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "modernization" of the East Wing is, at this point, a moot issue. Trump illegally demolished a historic wing of our historic federal government building, leaving a wound against our country in its place.
His demented idea of a ballroom is to create a gaudy landmark of his greed and authoritarianism. Perhaps he wishes to install AI systems created to surveil attendees, record actions and statements spoken there, and weaponize them with his corrupt and complicit Justice Department to punish, detain, implicate attendees for his personal agenda of retribution and extortion.
Unless Congress prevents this act of blatant lawlessness, citizens will be paying for this monstrosity for the foreseeable future.
It is possible that in Trumps morally corrupt ideation, he plans to have installed a "system" which he alone can control, thereby holding the entire government and country hostage to his sick "negotiations". It doesn't take much to imagine all the ways this structure could be used to further his authoritarian plans to destroy democracy in our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Farnum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to express my deep concerns on the destruction of the East Wing . The total lack of honesty regarding the project by President Trump is beyond belief. No historical building should be bulldozed without complete permits and transparent plans. This is not the President's property...he is a tenant at the will of the people. He has shown himself above the laws...permits and planning boards of our Nation's historical buildings.
No further action on his grand gold ballroom should be permitted. The East Wing must be restored and Trump must pay for that restoration. The company he hired to destroy the wing should be fined heavily as well. No single person whether President or not should have had the power to destroy our Whitehouse. Trump w I'll soon be gone from office but it is up to you now to decide if this disaster remains to the People's House.

Sincerely...

Sharon Farnum

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rikke Goldhirsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is atrocious. The original East Wing needs to be rebuilt.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Laman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My opinion is the event space doesn't need to be be built on White House grounds. Please rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was before. Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Faith StClair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No.
Just no.
We don't want or need a ballroom or a king.
We want healthcare.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:01:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Weissbard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house, not a palace. A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Holt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The hurried demolition of the East Wing and the lack of thoughtful planning and public comment on the new ballroom to a testimonial to the ego of one man. President Trump is impulsive and ill-advised. He is besotted with the architecture and aesthetic of the country club--which is far from the correct approach for the White House, an historic resource which belongs to all of us. The thoughtless speed of his actions serves one purpose only--to ram his concept down our throats and leave us with the unpleasant task of demolishing this gaudy, monstrous albatross beginning on January 20, 2029. Please slow down this train wreck!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Hendrix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not an "East Wing Modernization Project". This is a destroy the classic White House East Wing in violation of historic and regulatory precedents to replace it with a trashy, meretricious "ballroom" so badly designed that at least one architect has quit. The White House does not belong to the President. It belongs to the People. He is only a tenant and has violated the terms of his occupancy. Not to act is to put all of the White House at the whim of the current occupant. What is stop him from tearing down the main building and replace it with a Trump Tower?

The project must be halted immediately. The President must be required to develop and submit for approval a full site development plan that restore the East Wing in harmony with the overall White House architecture, and the President must pay for the reconstruction project with his own funding.

Do not abdicate your responsibilities to the people of the country. Stop the demolition. Stop the current building plan. Require presentation and approval of a comprehensive building plan that restores the dignity of the West Wing and sharply limits the attempts of the current occupant to spread his gaudy imprint across our House.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marguerite and Douglas Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:
It’s challenging to know how to fully describe our shock and horror and disgust at the singlehanded, entirely

uncalled for destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. Our response remains as it was when the destruction first occurred - visceral and angry. Not since the Twin Towers and the Pentagon were hit on 9/11 have we experienced such outrage as citizens of the United States. It's horrifying enough to see the White House dripping in kitschy gold embellishments and other evidence of temperamental outbursts aimed at previous occupants of the White House, but to see the building itself bulldozed for an oversized, monstrously tasteless and entirely unnecessary vanity project - appalling. While we recognize that the damage cannot be undone - we encourage a full restoration of the White House without delay - and a full accounting of the objects that were in the East Wing before demolition occurred. We the People deserve nothing less - in fact, we deserve far bett! er!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, members of the National Capitol Planning Commission should condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the administration's reckless and unlawful razing of the White House's East Wing.

If a new structure is to be built where the East Wing once stood, it should be tasteful, consistent with existing architecture of the White House grounds, and shouldn't overwhelm the White House residence itself. I'm not sure that a 90,000 square-foot grand ballroom meets any of these criteria. And while additional entertaining space may be needed for official functions on White House grounds, I worry that over time a glitzy White House ballroom will come to be seen as a place for elites and party donors to hobnob with administration officials at private social events behind closed doors.

I would recommend scaling back scope and size of the proposed construction so that the new building looks like a wing of the existing White House, providing some sense of symmetry and balance with other White House architecture. I'd also like to see the purpose and design of the proposed building change from a space purely built for entertainment and social events to more of a mixed-use facility which could also host educational tours, student learning activities, art or science exhibits, or other events held in the American public or national interest.

I would also recommend that, if a large 90,000+ square-feet entertainment or social complex is really needed on Capitol Hill, that members of the National Capitol Planning Commission begin drawing up long-term plans to acquire and develop a space which is more suitable to such a project than the limited space created when the East Wing of the White House was recklessly and unlawfully razed without public input or Commission engagement.

Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Clemson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I cannot unsee the demolition of the East Wing of the People's House last October, nor the gaudy interior ballroom design shown in the photo that President Trump held in his hand.

My comment is the planned ballroom’s 90,000 square foot size seems to overwhelm the existing historic structure rather than harmonizing with it. I hope there is still time to change the overall dimensions, especially the height.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has already done irreparable damage to the East Wing. His ballroom is a vanity project rather than an actual need. It is also serving as a way for companies and wealthy individuals to flatter him and get on his good side - effectively bribing him to get things they want.
This project and any other changes that Trump has made or plans to must be stopped.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Robison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am reassured by the return to the opportunity to comment on the East Wing renovations, as provided by the National Historic Preservation Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, among others.

I hope there are legal consequences for the current administration's unilateral destruction of the East Wing portion of one of the most cherished architectural icons of the American People's House.

This is not a politically based disagreement with the current renovation plan. Stating the obvious, of course buildings need to be maintained and updated to current uses.

Maintaining the elegant proportions of the current footprint and heights keeps the focus on the People's House aspect of the building as the previous additions demonstrated.

Formal diplomatic entertainment functions should be supported, but not become the primary function of the White House, and as such, the buildings need to be functional but not grandiose.

The East Wing renovation should be fit for purpose, without creating an extravagantly exclusive experiences at the expense of the American people.

This is in keeping with both the historical design of the building and the foundation of our Nation.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Spurrier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want any construction to follow standards that will preserve the character of the White House and be proportional to the existing structure. Plans and spending on the project should be properly vetted and approved, not left to the whims of a self-aggrandizing president who destroyed and desecrated the East Wing without authority and permission.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Terrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to it's historic dimensions. If he needs a ballroom, build it somewhere else. Take out the concrete patio and replace the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 10:00:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Richenbacher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, destruction of the East Wing should never have been allowed. I would prefer that it go back to its original design. Given that the destruction has already occurred, I would assume that is not possible. I do not want to see the new construction larger than the main section of the White House. What Trump has designed will look totally out of proportion. Please don’t let him make everything gold! Gaudy and poor taste. It needs to be functional. Do we really need a “ballroom” to accommodate that many people? That simply means that the taxpayers will be spending more to wine and dine Trump’s pals. And most importantly he MUST pay to make this right. Taxpayers should not shoulder this burden., Updates and modernization would have been enough!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: PJ Capps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the East Wing, with appropriate accessibility, in proportion to the White House, and historically correct.
Before constructing any “ballroom” there should be a needs analysis and a properly approved design. The Rose Garden should also be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Fraser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The sequencing of this project has been reversed - starting demolition without oversight and the lack of information about it has not made Americans feel like this project is for the benefit of our country. Preservation and stewardship components are happening after the fact vs up front.

As the centerpiece of the project, the massive ballroom raises questions. From what I've observed of our foreign policy and relations in this administration our state activities are not about being a gracious host across a broad group of countries and attendees, so why do we need this enormous venue? There are already spaces that are adequate. The renovations are looking more like a Trump prestige opportunity driven by his own taste and desire to entertain, which I do not think jives with American history, sensibilities, and heritage. I have concerns about the security and operations component and about systems and data centers being built in, around, and underneath this construction. It has been announced that this will be privately funded - taking money from the private sector for these types of projects is a terrible idea. Not only does it not keep us balanced and rational about how much should be spent in the current "waste reduction" environment, but it seems like an opening to potential corruption and at risk of exceeding legal privacy and security rights of American visitors.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Halliday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing has been a shock. Once a thorough and unbiased review has been made of the site, including an environmental analysis, plans need to be drawn up by a company with NO ties to the current administration. If the idea of a large ballroom is determined to be appropriate, then the review also needs to look at how the East Wing was used in the past and to ensure that the new space can be used for those purposes.
This cannot be an ego stroke to the current president because the White House does not belong to any one administration; it belongs to the citizens.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Soreng
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the construction of a new East Wing in the form proposed by the white house. In the first place it was illegal to tear the East Wing down without prior approval from the authorities responsible for overseeing any modifications or reconstructions operations of Federal Historical Properties. In the second place the White Hose design for a new ball room was not approved by the authorities responsible for overseeing any modifications or reconstructions operations of Federal Historical Properties. In the third place, plan to equal or exceed the remaining portion of the White House would be an embarrassment of architectural imbalance and should be rejected by the authorities responsible for overseeing any modifications or reconstructions operations of Federal Historical Properties. The National Trust for Historical Places should not endorse this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Shelby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To The Commission,
I write to you today to state my objection to the wanton destruction of a part of our National heritage, the White House.
This building belongs to the people of this country, and while minor changes have been made to it through the years, they have been carried out through the proper process and agreement. Support has been bipartisan and the footprint of the building was never affected.
The current project to create a ballroom by "bulldozing" through anything resembling a thoughtful and democratic procedure makes a mockery of everything the White House stands for.
This is The People's House, not a privately owned residence or casino, to be demolished and changed at will.
I sincerely hope that this project is stopped, and that the perpetrator of this illegal action be made to pay whatever sum necessary to return the property to its former architectural dignity.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Amy E Shelby (citizen of Pa.)

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sonya Michaels
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good morning,
Regarding the demolition of the White House East Wing without any foresight, permits, Congressional permissions, etc.
The East Wing should not have been demolished before permissions were given to build a gigantic eyesore of a ballroom that was never needed. Our country does not have balls, huge dinners, etc, every day, or even every year, to justify building a monolith for that purpose. No matter if it was funded by donations from rich people wanting favors from a president who is not authorized to give them. This building would be nothing more than a monument to a giant presidential ego.
While people are homeless, jobless, can't afford basic food and Healthcare, a non-egotistical president would have considered the people he is supposed to govern first, before taking on an generally unwanted

project.
Now, we the people, are stuck with a giant pile of rubble where a once proud People's House Wing stood. Either the president rebuilds what was taken from us, or he is held responsible in totality for ruining it. A yard full of sod is not the answer.
Hold this man and his administration responsible for the various destructions done to our house. Nothing else will be acceptable.
Sincerely,
A citizen of the United States
Sonya Michaels

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah McLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to express my anger and disdain at the unauthorized wholesale demolition of the East Wing. This beautiful classic building is one of our primary architectural treasures, a symbol of our nation. In its balanced design is a statement of the ongoing mission of every President to consider maintaining critical balance in this position's leadership. The notion that Donald Trump could, on a personal narcissistic whim, decide to violate this exquisite building, introducing not just an inappropriately overinflated addition celebrating his lust for attention, but then to select a completely different architectural style, on behalf glamour and bling, to make a glittering statement of his Nazi-esque decor tendencies. This is utterly disgusting. He doesn't need a gigantic ballroom to entertain his billionaire donors, further encouraging them to feel apart from and above the American citizenry.
Thank you for putting an end to this wasteful vanity project. Please restore this building to its modestly glorious and appropriately symbolic appearance. Sincerely, Deborah McLeod

Date: 2/14/2026 9:59:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should be restored to its original look along with the once beautiful Rose Garden. If a ballroom really is necessary, have it built in another area not attached to the white house. If built, it should be designed with a formal/classic look with no gaudy gold decorations and should not have trump's name attached to it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Morrill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was illegally done and the very least needed to construct on the site is a study of why and what is needed to serve the nation.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Lehman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be rebuilt to be as close to what was already there before the destruction started. Update and modernize it. Make it up to code in all ways necessary - electrical system, fire safety, security system, ADA compliant, etc. Also please add back in Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden. We do not want or need a gold plated, marble everywhere, over the top, ballroom. The White House, The People's House, should be in a style that everyone feels comfortable in. Keep it in line with the architecture and style of the rest of the building. Modest not gaudy.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Day-Copeland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project entirely. The scale of it and the lack of public support or Congressional involvement is completely inappropriate. A smaller project could be considered which is vetted by appropriate historical commissions and Congress, with plenty of time for taxpayer input (it is our house and does not belong to one man).

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Demmler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its previous architecture and update the interior of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE as needed. Also restore the Rose Garden as designed by Jacqueline Kennedy. The White House represents we the people, it does not need a tackily decorated ballroom. There are other places in DC for that

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Evia-Lanevi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No significant exterior changes should be made to such a historic site as the White House without planning permission and pubic input. It is the People's House, not that of an individual president.

The building's dimensions and architectural style should remain intact or, at least, in proportion to adjacent structures. The hiring process of architectural and general contracting firms should be transparent and open to multiple bids.

If a ballroom is needed to exceed the White House's current dimensions, it should be built elsewhere. It could potentially be a revenue-generating (rentalable) site when not in use for government purposes. However, no ballroom or other structure should exceed that of the White House, especially in terms of height.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Evia-Lanevi

Date: 2/14/2026 9:58:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Sarkes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The exterior dimensions and architectural style must be restored to the original with updated wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Proper procedures must be adhered to for this historic property.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Ridgely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the construction of a huge ballroom next to the White House, a construction project which if built as planned would overshadow the architectural symmetry of the White House (prior to the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing) and serve as a continuing reminder of the poor taste of the current administration. I have no objection to a state ballroom somewhere in D.C., of appropriate size to hold state functions, but not there, not at that scale and not merely as an expression of the whims of a president whose sense of style, scale and grandeur are completely inappropriate to the history, tradition and sense of proportion of the executive mansion.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Ledman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as close as possible to the original. In a time when history is being erased/rewritten, when beloved areas of the White House are being destroyed, allowing the wing to overshadow the original White House would be another slap in the face to Americans who look at the White House as the home of freedom and justice. Full of history and traditions and representing the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robbin Parrish
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The total destruction of the east wing of the White House was done without approval and should be stopped. It was sickening to see the historical integrity of the White House destroyed in such a manner. This is not Trump's house, it is the people's house.

The ballroom should not be built. The east wing should be restored as closely as possible to its original condition.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dayna Perkowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is limited functional need for a ballroom. First Lady's offices and admin, guest reception area, etc should be restored and updated to modern building / electrical / accessibility code. And please do not add the cheap looking gold gilt everywhere; it is not in keeping with centuries of White House aesthetic.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A travesty, an abomination! Where does Trump get off destroying the East Wing and building an unnecessary, massive eyesore? Never mind the illegality of the whole thing....

I am against this project, wholeheartedly and angrily.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean and Nancy Criddle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We were dismayed and appalled to see the East Wing torn down without input from Historical Preservation experts. We are opposed to the construction of a Ballroom building which dwarfs the Main White House in size and scope. It is overwhelming.

Please engage historical preservationists, historical architects, historical designers to determine the best uses for the new building. Perhaps a SMALLER ballroom might be useful. Office space for the First Lady/First Gentleman are traditional.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lacey Minton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Presidents aren't kings and America and the White House belongs to THE PEOPLE. We PAY FOR THEM. The second we let narcissist pedophiles bulldoze our buildings with foreign and bribe money, America is less safe.

Donald Trump is not above law and he is not above the legal processes we have in place for federal and historic buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Lemaster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East wing does not fit or blend with the colonial architecture of the White House, the interior is hideous, Greek and not at all appealing to the majority of Americans. The White House is not a European palace and should not resemble one. It is a government building not a social club. Improvements by other

presidents never tore down the structure and only added amenities such as a pool and the rose garden. How can a president tear down the East Wing without permission or approval? This entire project is so disheartening to all Americans.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa & Alexander Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should reflect the original scale and design of the previous wing. The project should conform to current ADA standards, incorporate the latest technology and provisions to make it "future proof" so further expensive renovations won't be necessary. Since this is truly the "People's House", it should be open to the public, and be used for public events, not as a gilded set piece for the political Elite. The interior and exterior details and decorative aspects should harmonize with the rest of the White House, an understated elegance reflective of the long history and temporary nature of any single administration, not a monument to bloated excess and the personal taste of one occupant.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:57:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former design, with modest changes as necessary to modernize, within the original architectural style and layout. There is no need for a decadent, monstrous ballroom that does nothing to serve the needs of the American people and destroys the stately aesthetic of the White House. If an improved bunker, or additional seating for state events are required, then the administration must go through the same process every other president has in getting the plans reviewed and approved, prior to bulldozing the people’s house, in as nonchalant a way as he has bulldozed the Constitution.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:56:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Vlahos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should visually balance the west wing and therefore be about 40000 to 50000 feet at most. A 40000 sq ft ballroom is sufficient.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:56:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Ann Hieber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored with the same "footprint" and architectural features as it had before being demolished. Needed technological, electrical, plumbing, etc. updates should be completed, creating a very modern building with historic and architectural appeal. If a ballroom is truly needed, it should be constructed elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:56:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Castle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as close as possible to its original style and design, with exceptions made for modernization and ADA accessibility standards. The White House is supposed to be the people's house and shouldn't be a symbol of one misguided president.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:56:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Gangloff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that this project was begun without due process is disturbing, and anti-American. To destroy something as sacred as The White House - the Peoples House - without discussion and input from historic preservationists and other experts and without approval of Congress is wrong. The fact that damage has already begun is no reason to allow this project to continue. Stop the ballroom. We are, or should be, a nation of laws.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:56:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Heiden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a descendant of ancestors who fought in the American Revolution (my father was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution). I also am a descendant of immigrants from Ireland and Great Britain. I received a B.S. in History and briefly taught history in middle and high school. I share this background because it shapes my perspective on history and the value of our monuments. The White House is an historical monument, first and foremost. The individual elected to hold the office of President is a temporary guest in the White House and any modifications to the White House and grounds should be subject to approval of the National Trust. The destruction of the East Wing by this president is an affront to

the historical relevance of the White House. Additionally, the proposed “ballroom” is an insult to the “People’s House” because its purpose is to entertain the elite and will not be available or open to people of lesser means. The project must be stopped, the ballroom must not be built, and the East Wing should be rebuilt to its original grandeur. History is meaningful and must be respected, admired, and preserved.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Bogigian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s house. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margo Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore to original. Leave no trace of this current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Berman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this desecration of the People’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination and a desecration of what was an elegant, architecturally significant house. They need to restore it back to the original East Wing and find another location for the ballroom if needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Daves
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep history and stop tearing it down. There are plenty of meeting spaces around DC that can be used when needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Stine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't "modernization", it's a monument to the current White House resident's ego. Everything about this project is wrong—the hasty demolition, the sketchy funding, all of it. The White House is an historic site, the People's House, and an ostentatious monstrosity like the proposed ballroom should not be allowed to dwarf it. Better to leave the site empty.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:55:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Macaulay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is outrageous that the East Wing was demolished. Period. Giving commentary on a "modernization project" to an empty piece of property is preposterous. The White House does not need a ballroom. It is ridiculous that the American people and this Commission are put in this previously unimaginable position

by the whims of a self-serving autocrat. Replace the East Wing. No ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JULIANNE Zovko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore to original size and construct with any updates to wiring, plumbing, ramps, etc.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriyam Nitzberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, modernize for technology, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daryl Hatch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore to its original form with some modernization. It should not be paid for by taxpayers, but the man who ordered its destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauren Prince
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing has already been irreversibly altered without proper procedures being followed. Therefore, any further planning and construction must be out of the jurisdiction of those who illegally demolished the east wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa McHugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is unbelievable that part of the White House was torn down without any approval beforehand. The East Wing should be restored to its previous appearance and not allowed to be destroyed by a temporary resident.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is out of context with original building or its original purpose. We need no more monuments to this president nor his imprint on the city. It should be scaled way back and built closer to the former East Wing footprint.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Montondo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I agree with the need of a "ballroom" for the White House that addition to the East Wing must be in keeping with the principle that the White House is the "People's House" NOT the President's Palace. With that in mind any addition must not dwarf the original mansion. It should be limited to a single story above ground and a minimal square footage to accommodate a state dinner. The current plans being put forward by the President would transform the White House to a European style vanity palace. Further, the project should be paid for by public funds or small donations, not by large private donations by wealthy donors which create the appearance of malfeasance.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Armstrong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. NO one person has the right or privilege to make a decision on its future. The decision should be made by a committee of professional historians, architects and those with knowledge of historic preservation. I support the National Trust for Historic Preservation being involved in the process.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:54:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Burke-Dugener
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a completely unnecessary vanity project of the president. We have gone 250 years just fine without a ballroom. While I agree with modernization the rest is a complete waste of time, resources, and an eyesore.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:53:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Schmarje
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the footprint to exterior dimensions and architectural style. Build a secure modern bunker. Update wiring etc and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:53:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Withers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby. For example, the central space at the National Building Museum is huge and Union Station has a lovely and large space. If a designated ballroom is necessary, the federal government can select another nearby location to renovate to create a ballroom; it does not need to be and should not be located in the White House.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics—that was a deliberate decision to communicate an important message: the occupant of The White House is not a royal ruler; they serve the people and live there as our temporary guest. They should not be allowed to rebuild it to their own tastes, no matter who pays the construction bill.

The East Wing should be reconstructed in the exact footprint of the East Wing that was demolished. It should be the same in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing must house a ballroom—despite all previous occupants being able to host dignitaries from around the world for decades without one—that ballroom should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:53:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build an enormous ballroom. A ballroom larger than the house is not needed to serve the people of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:53:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark owned by the American People and maintained by the National Park Service. Destroying the East wing without public input and environmental study is/was a crime and should be handled as such. . .

Date: 2/14/2026 9:53:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Heil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the dumping of the destroyed material on public golf courses. All of this was done without legal authorization. Now in haste the new wing is being planned with no input from the proper channels representing the American people and funded by donors to curry favor with this administration.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before the White House is permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible. As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

Date: 2/14/2026 9:53:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Berry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to the way it was, including the bunker, before he took a wrecking ball to it. Update whatever needs it: wiring, plumbing, flooring, insulation, etc.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:52:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Clifford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While understanding that additional event space may be needed, the scale of the East Wing ballroom design currently being contemplated is wildly disproportionate to the size of the primary White House structure.

The White House is an historic property, a symbol of our country, and an image easily recognizable worldwide. The White House itself should remain the primary focal point with any additions to the structure itself or within the compound.

If allowed to go through as currently proposed, the ballroom will dwarf the primary Executive Residence, becoming the main focal point of the property. The United States of America should NOT be symbolized by a ballroom. (Not to mention this will destroy the previously existing symmetry of the Executive Residence with the connected East and West wings.)

Construction of the ballroom as currently proposed should NOT be allowed; plans should be reworked to bring it back into proportional scale with the existing Executive Residence and West Wing structures before construction is approved.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:52:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Haase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to state my opinion on the proposed East Wing Modernization Plan. I understand that the current president has an architectural style that he finds appealing. Unfortunately, he has vulgar taste in architecture. If the proposed ballroom has to be built, I favor a much more historical approach, something that would blend in with the current style of the White House.

Furthermore, it was reckless and possibly criminal to have destroyed the East Wing of the White House. In the future, I must insist that any remodeling or new construction must meet with the approval of the advisory committee.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:52:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonia Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe as the People's House the East wing project should be in keeping with the design of the existing structure and also be within the architectural proportions outlined by the NCPC, not the proposed gross deletions put forth by the current administration. Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 9:52:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Williamson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Update construction for safety and security of the President/visitors. Make sure there is space for the spouse of the president to conduct their business.

If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:52:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Healey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tara Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed replacement of the East Wing is far too large. The scale should align with what was there and the square footage should be a portion of and should not exceed the main building. The replacement should align architecturally with the main building.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing and the proposed “Ballroom” were done with no planning , no EIS, no consultation with Congress or the Parks Department.
Please stop this project and begin a transparent process that honors the history of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Ginsberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a disgusting vanity project undertaken to please one man. If it was shocking to see the Rose Garden made to look like a restaurant patio, it was devastating to see the East Wing torn down. The ballroom in progress must be stopped and all legal processes followed to determine how to rectify what has already been done. Please reject all plans for the ballroom. It is unnecessary, funded by bribes, and a clear example of an out of control President disregarding decades of precedent to stroke his own ego. The White House does not need a ballroom. The people of the United States do not WANT a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra McClanahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since this agency wasn't consulted before the destruction occurred, I don't believe we owe this administration the privilege of building anything new or larger than the original building. I request as a taxpayer and citizen that the original East Wing be replicated as it was before the destruction, with the exception of any modernization that makes the area safer and more habitable, such as electric upgrades, security improvements, ADA adjustments, and any other structural updates that are necessary to allow the occupants to be safe and comfortable as is reasonable and necessary. No ballrooms by billionaires, no gold-plated monuments to ego, no tacky Vegas-style decor. This House is a place of dignity that honors of our history and values. If this president wants a playroom for his wealthy benefactors he can build it in Florida on his own dime, or theirs. This is the People's House; not the president's personal playground. We demand that our tax dollars are the only money spent on this restoration so that there's no question about who owns the building. We can just count it as a loss to our ignorance for electing this man. Better than owing Saudi Arabia a "favor" for their financing. While you're at it, let's talk about rescuing our Rose Garden from concrete hell.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Scruggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First. The east wing should be 100% restored to how it was before. How disgusting that it was touched without approval and this administration should be held accountable. Secondly IF a ballroom is to be added it should be to scale
Of the East wing which would be 1/2 the size that this administration wanted it to be. Third. Enough with the gaudy gold. It should just be white. It is the WHITE house. This administration should not be allowed to decorate it. Fourth I would also demand the rose garden be rebuilt as part of this project. They had NO RIGHT removing and paving over it. It's disgusting.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Fuchs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our Whitehouse is a national treasure and should not have been torn apart by Trump or any other person without approval of the NCPC. The East Wing should be restored and if a ballroom is required it should not be located in that space. The idea of building a 90,000 square foot ballroom is totally ridiculous. Who will pay for the upkeep on this enormous monstrosity? And if this is paid for by donations, what benefits will these donors receive in return? State dinners have been held in tents on the Whitehouse lawn in the past and have been quite lavish and beautiful! This country does not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom with all sorts of gaudy decorations to impress people. Rather, people should see the pride America has in its history and its protection of this history!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:51:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Shafton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be restored to it's former glory for the use of future First Ladies. Modern technology and security would be expected.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Proffitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the corruption now!

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Any changes need to be approved as provided and no private money should be involved. Accepting private funds is pure corruption. Those that “donated” have received quid pro quo benefits. Why are there not criminal investigations regarding the demolition?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Rose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ball room attached to the White House that is larger and not in proportion to the current buildings on the grounds. The current President should not have torn down the attached historic building without authorization. He didn't take care in the environmental impact of such deconstruction of a historic building. This is not his permanent residence and is only on loan to a President for either 4 years or 8 years. As I said the new building should be in size and proportion to its current surroundings. It should mirror current outside style that the planning commission decides best fits the national landscape of our nations capitol. The interior should reflect the standards of the people and not the standards of anyone wishing to be king. In other words color scheme should be muted and tasteful. All offices that were present in the old building should be restored. Any basement area or if true bunker should be restored so that they provide exactly what is needed to save the lives of those who seek shelter within it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Mock Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The law should be followed in the case of the East Wing Modernization Project. We do not need a grandiose ballroom that is nearly twice the size of the White House. Select another architect that is not beholden to ONE MAN. Renovating a national treasure should not be at the discretion of the President and his billionaire friends trying to remain in his good graces. The U.S. is not a dictatorship and the current administration should be held accountable to follow the outlined process. This is absolutely ridiculous that one MAN is being allowed to dictate the construction of a ballroom to glorify himself.

Sincerely,
Sandra Mock Myers

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Postma
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since we were not given the choice to leave the White House as it was, I feel this is too little too late. My first choice would be restoring the White House as it originally stood. Should you go through with this disastrous plan to build a ballroom, it should only be to scale and not be gilded in gold. I am hoping that a designer with a taste befitting the People's House will be used and that it will be tastefully to scale and not burdened on the backs of those of us working to pay the taxes.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kay mccabe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

why not rebuild the East Wing with modern updates and open it to the public the way it should be. and fix the rose garden why you're at it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Lee Rachiell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization shouldn't ignore history. The 'surprise' demolition of our White House's East Wing actually shook this 54 year old to the core. Having seen the Miniature White House when I was 30 in 2001 at the

Texas State Fair just post 9/11/01. It was inspiring & "I will see it someday." A handful of years later, in my ignorance, when I went to D.C. I didn't realize you had to "pre-arrange" a WH tour. I have the book, seen shows, movies and interviews. Now it won't ever be the way I imagined.

Please, have respect for our nation & do your best to preserve our past... restore (obviously with updates) the PEOPLE's House to the best of your ability.

There is no cry from our amazing nation to build a monster ballroom which throws the whole esthetic off.

The grandiose "let them eat cake" ballroom's vision is actually a stab in the heart from what I have ever known as a United States citizen and Nevada Native Born.

Build & modernize the bunker... but take a breath &, please, make the EAST WING the most accurately resurrected building in the WORLD! (There will be stories for ages to tell.)

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Sacksteder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it ridiculous that you are looking for comments on the destruction of a significant portion of our White House after the East Wing has already been destroyed. I would like to see it restored to what it was before it was hijacked and torn down. We don't need a ballroom in the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Henson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to prior historical shape, dimensions while be modernized. Since Trump was ok tearing it down he can foot the bill to rebuild it. In the world I and most people live in, if you damage something you pay for the repairs.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the White house to it's historical beauty. A ballroom larger than the house is not needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:50:07 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Partridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, modernize as necessary, make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house. Also funding should be the normal process and not private donations and special interest groups.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An event space is needed on the White House grounds. This is a fact. Scale, compatibal design, and viewscapes must be the overiding decision points for this undertaking. The current proposed renderings show a builiding which does not consider any of these factors. This is unfortunate and should not be approved by NCPC. Please do not allow the White House and its grounds be Mar-a-Lago'd.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Turner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marion Eagen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The original East Wing should not have been torn down without prior authorization. None of this project should have been started without a thorough study.
Because no study was done, and no prior authorization was given, all construction should be halted. The White House is an historic building that belongs to the people. One man's idea to build a ballroom that will dwarf the size of the existing structure is counter to all that we Americans believe about representative governance. My personal feeling is that the East Wing should be rebuilt according to current code; but if a ballroom is authorized, it's size should be of a size that is much more in keeping with the existing structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Findley
Project Name: Glen Echo Management Plan Amendment
Project Number: MP312

If you're going to do something, DO IT RIGHT! Following rules is what the majority of us learn at an early age. If you can't follow the rules you should pay the consequences!!! It is tragic that this has happened and no one stopped him!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doree Bardes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There *may* - and i stress "may" be a need for a larger gathering space for public functions. But i heartily disagree with the authoritarian manner in which this project was carried out. Without oversight, without public comment, and without any kind of approval, this regime went ahead and bulldozed one of the most significant public buildings in the nation.

The price tag keeps going up and up. There is a constantly changing roster of architects. No plans were submitted for approval. Nobody seems to know where the money purportedly raised to build this structure is located, or if it has even been raised yet. And i suspect, inevitably, that the American taxpayers (which are mostly NOT billionaires) will foot the ultimate bill.

I am wholeheartedly opposed to this project - as a fourth-generation American, a citizen, a voter, and a taxpayer. In a just society, the so-called "funders" of this unlawful project would be required to bear the cost of restoring the East Wing in its entirety. We should not be a pay-to-play government, handing out bales of cash from private donors in return for concessions. Yet here we are.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Papen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing to its original state. Torn down illegally. Rebuild in original form.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy J Baldwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a gross defacement of the White House. The proposed style is entirely incompatible with this landmark. Further, its scope and scale dwarfs the original structure, at almost double the square footage. This is clearly in violation that it must be subordinate to the main building.
I find the concept and proposed execution offensive.
At the least, it requires a major resizing and redesign.

It was bad enough paving over the Rose Garden (although that won't be extremely hard to reverse) … please don't let this permanent abomination proceed as-is.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy J Baldwin (NC)

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margo Gaffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Haley Keller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:49:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Higeons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, plumbing and any outdated features. No asbestos. Should be ADA accessible. Make historically sensitive changes. NO GAWDY gold finishes. NO gigantic size. It should remain a size that does not overshadow, but blends with the current structures, within the old footprint. Do not allow personal funds from wealthy contributors, that reeks of corruption and undue influence. The supposed addition of an underground bunker should be addressed also. It should not be a secret underground club for oligarchs and their allys.

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Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Kelch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the peoples' house. It needs to be appropriate for all citizens, our history and traditions, and all presidents, not just the one office holder.

It is completely inappropriate to build a gigantic ballroom onto the White House. The proposed East Wing is

out of scale both to the current building and the symbolism and purpose of the presidency itself. The East Wing modernization project began in disgrace by ignoring normal procedures, public comment, and the architectural history and beauty of the existing structure. It is not a proper use of our limited taxpayer dollars. The project deserves to be terminated.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Holley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore this wing to its past elegance. The White House does not need to be an event center.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been bulldozed without the people's consent. A huge ornate ballroom is not needed and I think the area should be sodded and made presentable until modest plans can be drawn up for a replacement that doesn't overshadow the main building. Our president should be made to compensate the people for the cost.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gibbons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. No president should be permitted to alter the structure or add to it without approval of the people. It is in the stage of destruction now and how sad as the history is lost. The east wing if completed will dwarf the House diminishing its image. The House has always been instantly recognizable without a description. Going forward that will no longer be true. This destruction is galling disrespect for the House and its history.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Takacs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored to its original form, as well as restoring Jacqueline Kennedy's Rose Garden, which had historical significance. Any and all necessary improvements to the wiring, etc. to bring the facility up to code should be made. I do not think an oversized ballroom that would dwarf the original structure of the White House is in the best interest of the American people. If the current administration wants to build an outlandish ballroom, they can do so elsewhere without compromising the integrity of "The People's House."

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original state or redesign it to include a reasonable ballroom that does not overwhelm the rest of the White House. Upgrade the underground situation rooms and bunker.

Please do not allow President Trump to have anything to do with the new design or build. He has no perspective, taste, or reverence for this critical historical building. He also is known for not paying contractors, workers, etc., and will pocket as much funding as he can for personal use. The new addition should not be named after him.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to a balanced size and exterior to the West Wing. There is no point at this time in attempting to create an exact replica of it as it was. However, it should be comparable in design and esthetic to what was there to begin with. I, personally, don't think a ballroom is needed, but should it be deemed appropriate by a majority consensus I would accept that. However, it's size and decor should

always be modest and comensurate with the actual White House itself. Please restore some dignity to Our House!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a third generation American, the White House is a symbol of our nation, a temporary home of the president who is supposed to be leading us. The continual destruction of historic parts of the grounds for personal vanity projects is disgusting. Presidents are temporary CARETAKERS of those grounds and they need to be respected for the history they represent and be for ALL Americans. The "expansion "should never have been undertaken. Actual care must be used to restore our nation's home back to what was intended- a place to welcome leaders from within and without our country who are dedicated to bringing peace, true leadership, and respect to everyone.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:48:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Rubado
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am heartsick at the demolition of the east wing in its entirety..and even more heartsick at the monstrosity planned. My opinion is that to maintain the esthetics of the building it needs to be reconstructed allowing for modifications inside which would better suit current needs.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Penland Godsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the East Wing project.

It is my opinion that the East Wing of the White House should be reconstructed to its original external appearance, with appropriate updated modifications to the interior. This would restore the visual integrity of the original structure.

I have no objection to the construction of a Ballroom built on property nearby or adjacent to the White House; however, it should not be attached to the White House except perhaps by a Colonnade. The scale and design of the new construction should be complementary to the White House and should not visually overwhelm the original structure.

The interior should be of a traditional design with appropriate ornamentation. Rococo architecture would

NOT be appropriate for this structure! The use of gold leaf and other ostentatious decoration should be prohibited.

Thank you for considering my comments

Annette Godsey

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Orten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President had no right to tear down the East wing to build a ballroom. He isn't a king who needs a ballroom so he can host his parties. The White House belongs to the American people - not to the person who happens to be residing there. He didn't follow the law, he just got his followers to show up and tear it sown. He has lied about the money "donated" for the project.

Now tax payer money will have to be used to rebuild it. He should be prosecuted for his actions and forced to pay for the rebuilding of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Bundy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The dignity of the White House has to be respected. It symbolizes respect for our democracy which is under attack daily by this administration. The people also need to be respected and I appreciate this opportunity. An oversized, gaudy structure is reflective of Donald Trump's ego, not the soul of America.

It's obvious that the East Wing should never have been torn down, especially in the underhanded, manipulative way it happened. I feel it should be rebuilt as it was with modern improvements. Adding an additional building at a reasonable size that is cohesive with the rest of the White House should be separate. Covered access from the White House would be simple to achieve. This would restore the integrity and respect the White House deserves as well as create more space for events.

I have confidence this could be achieved with the money that has been donated without impacting taxpayer dollars.

Thank you,
Suzanne

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Bollinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
It must not extend the previous (current?) footprint.

Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house.
Put in a dazzling rose garden.
And NO GOLD FILIGREE!

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Mylott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not go forward. The size and scope of the new structure will dwarf the existing building and will be an abomination to the People's House. Additionally the administration that tore down the East wing without any review, notice or permit should be forced to rebuild it to its original design and size.

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Now tax payer money will have to be used to rebuild it. He should be prosecuted for his actions and forced to pay for the rebuilding of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:28 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Tavarozzi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the east w I ng back to its original form. We the people don't want a billion dollar ball room, we can the money for the people

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Caruso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All my life of 81 years I have held the image of OUR White House close to my heart as a symbol of our great country. To so radically change that image to a hideously discordant monument to one mans vanity is an affront to every citizen as well as being illegal. Please take control of this situation and try to undo the damage as much as possible. I love my country and the total disregard for our laws must stop.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Glick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. Restore the East Wing and build your ballroom on Epstein's private island where all the billionaires can continue to be above the law. And restore the beloved Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:47:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on this project. I am both sad and angry about the unapproved demolition of the East Wing and the paving of the Rose Garden. I love and respect history and our national treasures and believe the White House is one of them that deserves our full attention.
Please proceed with caution on this project. This is our nation's house, and any changes or updates to its main structure should require a thorough and measured research and evaluation process that involve architectural construction and historical experts at each step of the process. This is a project that requires thought and care with each step. I hope the addition will not be as large as originally proposed. It should be much smaller and coordinate with the type of construction and materials of the house and its west wing.

Although I would like to comment on how the interior is decorated, I'll place the focus of my comments on the construction of its size and architectural size.

Again, please proceed with caution on this project and respect the history of this building and how it will look if an addition overshadows the size and intent of the original structure. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Durgin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east side of the WH, which was destroyed without consent or comment, should be restored so that the exterior is visually balanced with the architecture of the rest of the building. Adding height to accommodate expanded interior space would be acceptable so long as it doesn't create security problems. The interior should be restored to accommodate office space as previously used. For the public areas including the ballroom, the period style could be mixed to showcase more modern, American decorating styles such as Art Deco, mid-century modern, California easy living. I prefer the restoration of living trees and gardens instead of the cement patio recently installed.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Hagood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Cost of reconstruction should be borne by the one who tore it down illegally.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the east wing to its original building!
The destruction of the people’s house is not acceptable!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol OHare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American who votes for the candidate I feel is the best candidate for president (Democrat, Independent or Republican), I found it interesting to recently read in a Teddy Roosevelt biography that the administration surprised him with a tennis court adjacent to the White House when he first took office. If this happened today there would be a media storm and social media explosion. That in mind, I don't have any reservations about a ballroom being built since dignitaries are welcomed and entertained by all of our U.S. presidents.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Gaudet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the size and scope of this project. The white house is not a palace.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Sockler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing and proposed "renovation" - Trump's Big Beautiful Ballroom & Bunker" - are a disgrace and embarrassment. The White House belongs to the people and is not the President's personal property. This historic property should not be cheapened at his whim!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DR. YLCE IRIZARRY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House served as an important historical structure that housed contributions made by female public figures. I am
adamantly opposed to and troubled by the erasure of its history. The east wing should be restored to its prior structure, perhaps with the exception of it being updated to be fully compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. All of the changes that have destroyed the character of the White House including the addition of fake gilded wall decorations, the destruction of the rose garden, and anything altered its appearance without cause for improvement of safety or accessibility needs to be removed. The White House, its grounds, and adjoining property are part of our national heritage and their integrity should be maintained as such.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:46:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Hartleben
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing needs to be restored to the way it was completely with the only change being upgrading disability access. Also restore the Rose Garden removing all the concrete or whatever it is.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:45:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Witte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was torn down. I would prefer the interior to go back to how it was so future First Ladies are able to have their offices for themselves and their staff. It is my understanding that a huge ballroom is simply not necessary in the White House and that former presidents have rarely needed a space that warrants one.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:45:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Rappold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Require rebuilding of the East Wing to its previous appearance and configuration - but with upgraded electrical, HVAC, water/sewer, communications. And hold President Trump responsible for the costs of his destruction of the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:45:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hochschwender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the proposed construction of a ballroom and the demolition of the East wing. I further protest against any plans going forward by this administration without full investigation by national historic trust.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:45:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Ashby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be returned to a place for the President's spouse and his/her work. It should be a welcoming place, fully accessible and modernized, to welcome guests from this country and others, surrounded by gardens for outdoor activities. If we are smart, it will contain functional and flexible space to accommodate work, hospitality, quiet meditation, and small gatherings. It should be designed with the future of the presidency in mind, and not for any specific President and Spouse. It is the People's House, loaned to each successive President but in the trust of the People of this Country.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Cavenee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The White House is the people's house. We don't need a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MJ Branigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored to the same footprint as it had prior to its recent and destruction. The only changes should be making sure it is ADA accessible.

As for the ballroom, I believe if it is built it should not be built on the White House grounds, especially if its size dwarfs the White House itself, which should predominate on the site. It could be built elsewhere in DC where it can also function for the people of the US, the public in general. A building that size should be used for more than the relatively rare occasions of exclusive state dinners/functions. If it's a public building it should be accessible to the public.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Kingsley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hasn't there already been demolition on the "proposed" project?

A ballroom is not a good use of our tax dollars. It's even worse if outside donors are paying for it. Should we be beholden to MORE wealthy companies and individuals? No. If they're so willing to spend money, perhaps more thoughtful projects can benefit.

Nobody asked for comments before the bulldozers began to tear apart our house. What now? A gaudy golden ballroom? No.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Reuter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our current administration reminds me of "a bull in a China closet". Dismantle and destroy seems to be their agenda. Turning the East Wing into a ballroom is just one example. Trump dancing around the room with his wife while cameras send the images around the world. This country is TOLD once again we will bow to his mental illness. I don't want a ballroom in my United States Capitol. I want the East Wing to continue to provide space for the business of the people. Thank for the opportunity to speak. That is being eroded more and more with each passing day. Pamela Reuter

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHRYN KIRCHNER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty and an affront to our history. I beg you not to allow destruction of the East Wing of the White House, intended for the sole purpose of selfishly aggrandizing and feeding the inflated ego of the current President of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MJ Welsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the bastardization of the White House. The People's House exists to serve the People, not the ego of one man. There is no world, real or imagined, in which the proposed ballroom is anything more than

a vanity project meant to scar the landscape with an indelible stain of one man's authoritarian pursuit. Not only does this project fail to serve the People, it betrays them. I don't know whose white and gold palace Trump is trying to emulate, Epstein or Putin, but it needs to stop.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barb Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to how it looked before it was unnecessarily and illegally demolished. This is not Versailles, it belongs to the entire US; our taxes pay for it and we had no say.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Jewett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it stood before being demolished. President Trump should be required to personally pay for the construction. If any other citizen destroyed a building they did not own, they would be held accountable.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:44:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clare O'Neill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even the name of the project is deceiving - the East Wing no longer exists!

The current plan for a monstrosity of a ballroom dwarfs one of the most important buildings in the history of this country, and places that building in a position of inferiority to an entertainment venue. The current plans cannot be allowed to proceed, especially since the entire project was begun with NONE of the approvals required by the various agencies that should have been involved from the start.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Bender
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not replace the East Wing with an oversized ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Squires
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project should remain on the same footprint and same height as the original. It must go through the historic review process.
They also should be fined substantially for not submitting plans, getting proper permits and permission to tear down an historic wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Park Planning Commission members,

As a US citizen and a taxpayer, I humbly request you to reduce the size of the proposed East Wing modernization project. The proposed building should not be larger than the main section of the White House and should reflect the classical architecture of the White House. The interior design should also reflect the general taste of the White House, not its current occupants. The White House is supposed to be a symbol for our nation, not a vanity project dedicated to a single person.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Torchia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the President must be held accountable for the destruction of a national landmark, including the rose garden and the ridiculous cafe seating. He should not be above the law. I realize that's not your job, and that you likely agree; but I feel compelled to include that opinion.

New construction should be in keeping with the scale and design of what was already there. Maintain the visual balance of the original design. Visual attention should not be drawn to a wing because it's ridiculously bigger than everything else. The House should visually be a 'whole'. If it includes an unnecessary ballroom (how often does one truly use a ballroom?!), fine; but priority should be given to restoring the First Lady's space and other day-to-day functional spaces. We can hope there will be a real active/working First Lady in residence again in the near future. The decor should also be in keeping with the tradition of rest of the

House — skip the pretentious gold leaf on everything. It can be modernized without losing the sense of history and grace, but we're well past the Gilded Age. It should still maintain the designation as the 'East Wing' and not be named after 'him'. We do not honor those who destroy our history.

If the Kennedy Center is allowed to be destroyed in the same way (which it should absolutely not be), add the ballroom on to that reconstruction. That's actually an entertainment space. That's where it would make more sense. But, again, maintain the tradition of the space. Elegance, not gaudy.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Cromer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is an affront to the American people and all future construction should be halted immediately. Trump showed no care for the history of the PEOPLE'S house when he tore down the east wing. He should not be allowed to sink millions of dollars into a project pandering to his own ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Krys Pettit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic site and any adjustment or rebuilding should go through and be approved by Historic Preservation and not be undertaken for self-service and unnecessary adjustment that does not benefit or enhance the original historical architecture. The White House belongs to the citizens of this country and not one individual and any adjustment should be approved by the citizens or reasonable and recognized representatives of the citizens and the historical committee.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARJORIE KING
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision."

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, etc. and make the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Do not make this building taller than the

White House or West Wing.
Remember the White House is the people's house.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence the rebuilding. Do not attach any President's or other individual's name to the building.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:43:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Copanic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be carefully restored, not converted into a ballroom, because it is a working part of a historic public institution, not a venue for spectacle. Its offices, visitor spaces, and functional design reflect decades of civic purpose, supporting public engagement, national service initiatives, and the daily operations that connect Americans to their government. Preserving that legacy honors the continuity of democratic traditions and the people who have worked there in service to the country.

Restoration would protect the architectural integrity and historical meaning of the space while ensuring it remains accessible and useful for future generations. A ballroom may offer temporary grandeur, but thoughtful preservation maintains authenticity, stewardship of public resources, and respect for history. The East Wing deserves investment that sustains its mission and legacy rather than reshaping it into something detached from its civic role.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:42:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Pisano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my opinion that the president needs to restore the East Wing to be exactly as it was before he knocked it down. He destroyed a part of American history, our history, without a thought in his head for anyone but himself. This is absolutely disgraceful and should not be allowed. Because he did not get approval for the removal or the new plans to build there, it absolutely must be restored exactly as it was before demolition. I'm sure the plans or blueprints of some kind exist in the records somewhere, and that is what needs to be built exactly where it once was.

Additionally, part of this restoration needs to include the restoration of Jackie Kennedy's rose garden. The rose garden was always a noted part of the White House and it is not acceptable for one individual to decide to remove it. Bring back the roses!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:42:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gene byrge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

modernization, my giddy aunt! Trump should be made to pay 100% of all costs to completely restore the east wing to the condition it was in before he called in the bulldozers. his destruction is an abomination and the proposed ballroom and other plans he has disclosed should never get off the ground but should be stopped right now before they progress any further.
Restore the east wing to what it was before Trump... at trump's sole expense

Date: 2/14/2026 9:42:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Hancher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed ballroom because:
-- Its exterior design is ahistorical and vastly out of scale with the existing (remaining) White House.
-- The interior design is garish -- "Gilded Age Brothel".
-- Privately funding it circumvents accountability to the public through its elected representatives; public infrastructure should not be for sale or subject to the whims of an individual.

As a voter, citizen, retired Navy Officer, and structural engineer, it offends me on many levels.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:42:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Parsons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to how it was before some twit tore it down without this handy review period. Update it to modern building requirements, including relevant accessibility/ADA concerns. Rent some other place if we need a ballroom. Make sure to restore the landscaping while you're at it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:42:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Catalano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please halt any changes or additions to the White House and make every effort to restore the East Wing back to its original facade. The East Wing is a living memorial to the countless historical events that graced its walls. Destroying this space without proper authorization and oversight is unacceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:42:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Jurgovan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.
It is unconscionable that a temporary president ignores all required procedures and single-handedly destroys a property owned by the American people. It is even worse that a monstrous addition is scheduled to be built with no proper input. Please ensure that the future reconstruction is accomplished through the proper channels.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tabitha Mingus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, not the Trump's house or any President who temporarily occupies the residence. The First Family are tennants not owners. They have no right to unilaterally change the White House in a significant manner.

The demolition of the East Wing should never have occurred. The company who did the demolition should be sued and never allowed to bid on any government projects again. The Trumps should be held financially responsible for restoring the East Wing to its original state, albeit now wiring, HVAC, plumbing, and other structural elements will need to satisfy new construction codes.

I am appalled and sickened by the utter disrespect this First Family has shown to the White House and its grounds. There is a difference between restoration and destruction followed by replacement. Aren't there rules about whether buildings in DC can be taller than the Washington Monument? Why is it acceptable for this President to ignore laws, rules, and norms? Where is Congress? Why are there no consequences for the destruction?

The East Wing needs to be restored to its original glory, and the idea of building that monstrous, gaudy ballroom should be scuttled forever!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Owens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Thank you,
Kristin

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Crowning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized demolition of an historic building, the PEOPLES' House, is abhorrent. When rebuilding and modernizing for future presidents must be done with a mind to the scale and presence of the original architecture. An addition that is almost twice the size of the original, central building denotes that the essence of democracy lies not in the main halls, but in a vanity project of a failing president. Please do NOT allow such an insult to the nation's capitol by diminishing its presence. Any new ballroom can be longer but not taller than what existed prior to the destruction of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Viv Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom! The East Wing should be restored exactly as it was!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DeAnn Marcum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore & rebuild the East Wing to the exact same design as it was before it was illegally torn down without proper approval. Restoration and preservation of the White House should always be the first priority when any construction is done. The rose garden also needs to be restored and the garish fake gold

accents and other non-historic elements need to be removed and the original design restored. The current state of the White House is a national embarrassment.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Aderer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was not legally approved before it began, so to allow this to move forward would be rewarding lawlessness. I am against this project moving forward during a time in our country when people are struggling in a multitude of ways, and our President's attention should be elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Camilla Liebold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the President from destroying the White House further by limiting the size and scope of this so-called "ballroom" he wants to erect in place of the East Wing, which he tore down without going through proper channels and protocols. We can't bring back that structure, but you can prevent him from putting up a monstrosity in its place. For the love of god and all that's holy, stop him.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelly Geiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An absolute travesty, if not outright crime, occurred when Mr. trump selfishly destroyed a huge section of our White House. Under no circumstances should his crime against our nation be rewarded with the oversized and inappropriate ballroom. The wing should be rebuilt as it was and reopened as a public museum. A small dining room should be added and everyday that it is open to the public, a randomizer should offer a meal to incoming guests; turn what would have been lavish taxpayer funded dinners for cronies of Mr. trump back to the people of this country. As to needing places to hold state dinners…why? Why are so much of our tax dollars going to impress foreign dignitaries, or more likely in the case of this regime…foreign billionaires come to pay off Mr.trump in exchange for whatever they want. There are many federal buildings to use as venues around the DC area that should be capable of holding actually necessary dinners, of which there really aren't any. Taxpayer money should not be used for these lavish affairs. Leave governing and diplomacy to official meetings, not to include unnecessary functions such as costly balls or dinners.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:28 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Welsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and any president residing there is a temporary tenant and caretaker, not the owner. Any additions due to "personal taste" are inappropriate. Any decor should represent the entire country and all of our cultures. The White House was deliberately built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics, and the Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The smallish scale of the White House was illustrated that the president was supposed to be a man of the people, not a king in a palace. As an owner of a 100+ year old home in a historic neighborhood I'm always cognizant of keeping any updates and repairs appropriate to my home's age, style, and the surrounding area. Similarly, any modifications and additions to the White House should adhere to the historic dimensions and architectural style of the building, both interior and exterior. No work done by previous tenants to the White House should be removed or destroyed to maintain the historical integrity; the Rose Garden should be restored. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:41:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Montag
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to watch the original East Wing fall to the ground. Any plans I have seen in the news show an oversized building that looks hideous. America does not need a ballroom, let alone an oversized one. Americans do not want a ballroom which they will never see. And, we certainly do not want to pay for something so unnecessary. Rebuild the East Wing as a replica of what existed there prior to its' tragic demise. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing, especially without going through the proper channels, is a disgrace. We do not need a giant ballroom. This whole charade is just a massive ego massage and was not wanted by US citizens. The President does not own the White House, he is merely a temporary resident.

I do not want this huge ballroom. I want the East Wing restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Simutis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt in an architectural style and with materials consistent with the rest of the building. It should be designed by a woman architect. The infrastructure should be updated. It should meet ADA guidelines. There should be childcare facilities for the children of staff who work at the White House. There is no need for a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Vaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has traditionally hosted many grand events in the past with no indication that facilites are lacking. Now an extravagent ballroom is proposed by one man who has already started the destruction of the hisotric East Wing, and for what purpose? To provide a venue for extravagent parties attended by politicians and obscenely rich people? Any ordinary United States citizen will NEVER have access to this space.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Morse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House Ballroom should be cancelled. It is a national disgrace to consider such a wasteful project of our taxpayer dollars, while the United States has worst homelessness rate among industrialized nations and a national debt of over $38,685,686,000,000!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rochella Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House. What does it mean to modernize? And why do we have to modernize? There is nothing wrong with a traditional home in a modern city. I believe the White House should reflect all of our histories.

Bring back the East Wing, which balances the West Wing. Let's not forget it was the home of the First Ladies and one man since construction. Nothing speaks louder than eliminating the contribution of women to the development and success of this country.

And bring back the Rose Garden and include a community garden. We need a welcoming arrival place for ordinary citizens as well as diplomats to show our true culture and concern for all citizens and guests.

A Ballroom for one man is not an image that The United States of America was founded on, nor needs to project.
The White House, built by slaves, represents the good and the shameful that reflect his and her story without embarrassment, shame or gloating.

We want and need a place we call the People's House to reflect "we the people" of The United States of America.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri DeLong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision.”

This should have been done before a wrecking ball was taken to the existing East Wing!

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The new wing should not exceed the old footprint. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Do NOT allow private or special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

The White House is the people’s house!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, bring it up to code, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or scale it to fit in the original footprint.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:40:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Markham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Now that the East Wing has been demolished, I am in favor of a several year period where ideas are collected for how this space could be used in the future. It might be that a park or some memorial grounds might be a better use of the property in question. I feel strongly that no decision should be made at this time. Tensions are high, and immediately commencing a building project on this site is not in our nation's best interest. Sincerely, Julie Markham

Date: 2/14/2026 9:39:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gardiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore East Wing to its original size and footprint. Modernize the materials, room sizes, utilities, and such, as needed, especially to insure ADA accessibility. Tasteful interiors, please; no garish gold finishes! If it is determined that a ballroom is needed, then plan and build one at a different location. Also, please restore the rose garden!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:39:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Boehmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was devastating to see pictures of the East Wing being ripped off and destruction with no regard for the history of the White House and those who occupied that space temporarily and respectfully. My preference would be to restore it back to what it was and Donald Trump build his own ballroom away from the White House so he could make it as tacky as possible like Mar-a-lar-go. If that is not possible then the ballroom should be constructed as closely as possible to the scale of the East Wing to match the style of the White House exterior. The interior should match the classic style that blends with the White House not the over the top gaudy gold overlay on everything and Mar-a-lar-go style. Please be strong enough to right this wrong that was done and the disregard that Donald Trump had for the house of the people….The White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:39:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Regina LaRocque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern:

I am writing as an American citizen.

The demolition of the East Wing and planned construction of a ballroom addition to the White House has fallen far outside the bounds of what American citizens expect for the stewardship of our shared national historic sites. The White House belongs to the American people, and the process by which an ornate ballroom is being added to the structure is deeply flawed. Citizens and historical preservation groups have not been able to provide input into the changes to this national historic site, and I am writing to object to both the planned project and the process by which the construction has been undertaken.

Regina LaRocque
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Date: 2/14/2026 9:39:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Hazelton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom would be a monumental waste of taxpayer funds that would be better spent improving, roads, schools, services, etc.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Putnam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it May Concern: The tearing down of the East Wing was a horrible act of selfishness. The East Wing should be rebuilt with modern day needs in mind, but using the same footprint as before. While you're at it, put back the rose garden and remove all of the concrete that was poured. Americans need to have some dignity at the White House! Again, stop the ballroom crap.
Respectfully, Elizabeth Putnam, American citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Tripp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Demolishing the East Wing to make room for an unnecessary, obnoxious, overblown, “pay to play” ballroom is ridiculous. It’s not for “the people.” The people will never use it or likely ever set foot in it. It’s for the overgrown man baby facist in the White House to feel important in front of his equally repugnant “friends” and to further his “I can do whatever I want & you can’t stop me” attitude.

Please restore it back to its original form, as well as the Rose Garden. Bring some dignity & class back to an otherwise currently classless & undignified White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Stompe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Given his disregard for law or process, and style more in keeping with a monarchy, it is vital that the current president not be allowed to create a ballroom at the White House without supervision and regulation. The structure will outlive the current president and must reflect our nation's values and ideals.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Fricke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing did not need to be "modernized". It was torn down without notice to the American people & without their consent. The proposed ballroom is not needed & the scope/size overwhelms the White House. Please oppose this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Compton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom addition to the White House is totally inappropriate. The White House is an iconic representation of our entire country. It is as easily recognized as our flag. It stands for the United States of America. To add the ridiculously huge ballroom will completely destroy this imagery. It is, in short, an abomination. Please, please, please do not let this happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Patton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm just a concerned citizen with no particular connection to the East Wing but I would urge the Commission to reject any changes to the site. Rebuild the East Wing as it was, with modernization to the extent that do not affect the exterior. There must be no "ballroom!" We are not the Court of Louis XVI. We are Americans.

Our government belongs to all of us, not the elites who want to wine and dine and dance in gold-plated splendor. And please also plant roses around the exterior. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:38:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lee Haas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO NOT BUILD THIS 90,000 sq ft MONSTROSITY currently being proposed by the Trump administration. I am sure that talented people with taste can come up with a plan to modernize and better use the space WITHIN the footprint of the now demolished East Wing that will not diminish the still existing historic White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This monstrosity of an unneeded ballroom was never approved by the people. It's the people's house, not the current resident's. Return the east wing as it was, and put back Jackie Kennedy's rose garden. As I understand it, anything added or changed is supposed to conform to the structure it's added to, not tower over it. Again, we don't need another ballroom. There's plenty of spaces like that in DC. Restore the east wing as it was, for future occupants of the people's house!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracii Hickman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new east wing should be proportional in size to the White House. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Focus on what existing space is lacking, and limit to those needs. A ball room is wasted space with limited use.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Elkan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House not the property of the elite. This ballroom is a blatant display of indulgence and wealth. The people of the United States of America are not helped by having our elected leaders attempting to portray OUR HOUSE as if it were the home of a monarchy. If our elected leaders and our government, who are there for US, can be so tone deaf to this, then they should find another job. The gulf between the average citizen and the gilding of our House while they are losing services that our taxes pay for is only acceptable to narcissistic elitists.
Shame on this occupier of the people's house for thinking he has the right to destroy and bastardize our property as if he owns it (and us).

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby.

It is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical. The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure, but be ADA compliant and include no gold appliques or filligree. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, it should be made to fit into the original footprint, design, and aesthetic.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Brechner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m 100% against this project which has already begun implementation without approval. It is a travesty. A modernization or upgrade to taxpayer owned, public buildings must be by the people’s consent and with complete oversight of known, respected, historic preservation experts.
The “tarting up” of the Oval Office has proved to be extremely ugly, a joke in the world, and definitely UnAmerican. I shudder to think of this project handling in the same manner and ‘style.’
Give the People’s House back to the People, not to a wannabe king. We don’t need a ballroom larger than the actual White House. More space to dance while people are dying from lack of health care or access to food benefits, environmental pollution now untethered to any laws which will kill people, unlawfully jailing

and murdering of Americans in the streets, is UNAMERICAN. Protecting pedophiles and their cronies is UNACCEPTABLE - and they and their billionaire friends will be the ones dancing, not ordinary Americans who actually PAY TAXES!
This project is UNACCEPTABLE.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathleen Markham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style to complement the West Wing. Update interior and make ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or update Willard's ballroom. The White House is the people's house and it should be restored to its original design, along with the Rose Garden and Jackie's garden.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Lynx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a travesty. The White House does not belong to any one President, but rather to the people. I want to see a complete review of this project, and have the current President restore it to its original condition. He should also be heavily personally penalized for this destruction.

NO BALLROOM IN THE EAST WING! This addition permanently changes the historic nature of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Hannum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My thoughts on the East Wing Ballroom project;
The size of the proposed ballroom destroys the architectural integrity of the White House.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
The White House is the people's house. It has survived for generations without an opulent addition like the proposed plan. If Washington DC needs a larger ballroom facility (though a number of hotels would suffice) it doesn't need to be attached to the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm asking that your organization immediately deny the ballroom from being constructed, and that the Whitehouse be restored to it's previous state. The president had no right to destroy the east wing of the people's house, and he should face consequences for it. Use the money he's supposedly collected from h oh his cronies, money from his own pocket, to rebuild it. I believe I speak for the majority of Americans when I say his destruction of the Whitehouse, and our nation, as well, must be stopped!
Thank you for this oppportunity.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Eaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House had historic and architectural value. It should be rebuilt. The building should be no larger than the former was, not taller than the White House House structure and not be a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:37:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lu Eyerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed modernization is inappropriate for the historical context. My family and I do not support these changes and ask that all measures possible be taken to protect the surrounding historic property.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:36:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Grogan Ikerd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a 4th generation Washingtonian, great grand-daughter of US Senator Thomas Carter of Montana, and someone who has always been proud of our Nation’s capital, it’s baffling to me that any individual can

think they have the authority to unilaterally make such sweeping changes to the structures that represent the United States. This is the People's House, not the home of a single individual. Destroying our heritage without regard to the law is unconscionable. The East Wing must be rebuilt, obviously, but let's do it with taste, input and guidance from those in the historical preservation realm. We don't need another example of the Gilded Age.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:36:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Civilinski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House is an atrocity. It must stop now and be rebuilt exactly the way it was. Trump and his gang need to be prosecuted asap for all of their illegal actions. We the people demand that action be taken immediately before they destroy our country any further.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:36:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arthur Weiler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom addition is an abomination that is totally unnecessary. Even if it is used three times a year it cannot be financially justified. It is a vanity project for someone looking to put his name on things to cover up the fact that his actual deeds are lacking. It was started without proper planning and review to apparently make it harder to deny the project the legitimacy it lacks. The Government should be building desperately needed office space, not an empty ballroom that is designed to emulate Leonard's of Great Neck.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:36:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Steiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I love our country and I love history. I appreciate architecture of all styles and eras. I beg that this addition is toned down to blend with the aesthetics of the West wing, and that it does not overshadow the main, original structure. The proposed addition is an embarrassment, and won't even be complete until the current administration is long gone. It is a tragedy that they were even allowed to bulldoze the East wing and they should somehow be reigned in.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:34:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betsey Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to the president. It belongs to the people of the United States. There are laws and rules in place to protect the our national treasures. Congress and the federal agencies and commissionsnthat are entrusted with oversight of these treasures must do their jobs and protect them from ruin by our narcissistic, corrupt president. It is a insult to the people of The United States of America that no one with the power will stand up to this man and safeguard the White House. It's obvious that the people across the nation have spoken and continue to send the message that we have had enough. Please listen to us and then do your job.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:34:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Devin Dotson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Find ways to down size this addition, or seek ways to put portions underground and not visible above ground.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:34:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Whitten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the East Wing of the White House and to formally object to the reported unauthorized destruction of portions of the existing structure.

The White House is not simply an executive residence. It is a National Historic Landmark, a symbol of constitutional continuity, and one of the most architecturally and culturally significant buildings in the United States. Any proposal to substantially expand or alter it must meet an extraordinary threshold of necessity, proportionality, and legal compliance.

A 90,000 square foot addition to the East Wing represents an expansion of exceptional magnitude. Such a large-scale intervention risks permanently altering the historic massing, spatial relationships, and architectural integrity of the White House complex. Additions of this size threaten to overshadow the

historic core structure and fundamentally change the character of a site that belongs to the American people.

Equally troubling are reports that elements of the existing structure have already been destroyed without proper authorization or full public review. If accurate, this represents a serious breach of established federal preservation processes and undermines public confidence in the stewardship of nationally significant historic resources. The National Historic Preservation Act and related review frameworks exist precisely to prevent incremental or unilateral alterations to irreplaceable public landmarks.

Before any consideration of expansion proceeds, I respectfully urge the Commission to:
• Conduct a full investigation into the reported unauthorized demolition or alteration.
• Require complete transparency and public disclosure of all actions taken to date.
• Ensure full compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 review requirements, and all applicable federal planning standards.
• Reject or substantially reconsider the proposed ballroom addition unless it can be clearly demonstrated that it preserves the historic character, scale, and integrity of the White House.

The White House is a shared national symbol that transcends any individual administration or temporary need. Once altered at this scale, its historic fabric cannot be restored. Expansion for programmatic convenience should not come at the expense of architectural integrity and lawful process.

I urge the Commission to act with caution, transparency, and fidelity to its preservation mandate.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:34:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Massini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing of the White House should be built in scale with the West Wing in order to create a pleasing balanced appearance. The original building should be the focal point when observing the building. The wings are necessary for current staffing needs but should not be"outshine" the original building.
The interior needs to be designed to accommodate needed staffing as well as a visitors center. This is the People's House and we should have the ability to visit. The current president must agree with this sentiment since he has put labels on all parts of the White House. Why else would such labels be needed?
And above all—no gold.
Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 9:34:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Taulbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Mr trump:
This is an abomination to our historically beautiful White House.
You step on history and re-make it in your perceived image.
You have no right to destroy history and replace it with gold tackiness, like you already did.
You were voted to be a president not a destroyer.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Mooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the building to its original design along with any necessary improvements to bring it up to current safety codes. It should not overshadow the White House. The decor should be as originally designed with respect and dignity of the People's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Whitten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the East Wing of the White House and to formally object to the reported unauthorized destruction of portions of the existing structure.

The White House is not simply an executive residence. It is a National Historic Landmark, a symbol of constitutional continuity, and one of the most architecturally and culturally significant buildings in the United States. Any proposal to substantially expand or alter it must meet an extraordinary threshold of necessity, proportionality, and legal compliance.

A 90,000 square foot addition to the East Wing represents an expansion of exceptional magnitude. Such a large-scale intervention risks permanently altering the historic massing, spatial relationships, and architectural integrity of the White House complex. Additions of this size threaten to overshadow the historic core structure and fundamentally change the character of a site that belongs to the American people.

Equally troubling are reports that elements of the existing structure have already been destroyed without proper authorization or full public review. If accurate, this represents a serious breach of established federal preservation processes and undermines public confidence in the stewardship of nationally significant historic resources. The National Historic Preservation Act and related review frameworks exist precisely to prevent incremental or unilateral alterations to irreplaceable public landmarks.

Before any consideration of expansion proceeds, I respectfully urge the Commission to:
• Conduct a full investigation into the reported unauthorized demolition or alteration.
• Require complete transparency and public disclosure of all actions taken to date.
• Ensure full compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 review requirements, and all applicable federal planning standards.
• Reject or substantially reconsider the proposed ballroom addition unless it can be clearly demonstrated that it preserves the historic character, scale, and integrity of the White House.

The White House is a shared national symbol that transcends any individual administration or temporary

need. Once altered at this scale, its historic fabric cannot be restored. Expansion for programmatic convenience should not come at the expense of architectural integrity and lawful process.

I urge the Commission to act with caution, transparency, and fidelity to its preservation mandate.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Baruch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination. There should NOT be an enormous room bigger than the rest of the building appended on to our once-beautiful White House. It's illegal and the East wing should have never been razed. It is outrageous and disgusting. We do NOT need this.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Pezzulich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "modernization" of the East Wing is unnecessary and wasteful. The White House has no need for a 90,000 sq. foot ballroom, and the money could be much better spent on projects that actually help the average American.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Lindsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The arrogant President DJT knowingly and willingly bypassed all building permitting processes, thinking himself above the law, in order to build a monument to himself with, as he admits, “other people’s money”.

I would suggest that the East Wing be rebuilt to function as a WH Visitors Center and Museum, perhaps as a part of the Smithsonian complex. This would give more meaning to the name “People’s’ House”. Trump should be fined enough to cover the entire cost of demolition and reconstruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sterchi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting comments as an American citizen without any training in architecture or construction. I have been horrified by the rogue actions of the Executive Branch in the demolition of the East Wing, which appear to have ignored basic review procedures by the NCPC. Even more offensive to me as an American is the size and scale of the proposed ballroom as it relates to existing structures, all for the purpose of hosting exclusive dinner parties for the world's elite, allegedly funded by the world's elite. Given that the Executive Branch has also successfully demolished critical diplomatic relationships while pandering to wealthy corporate donors, I can only imagine who will be having dinner in this facility - the people who paid for a table.

It is unconscionable to plan for a 'party' space that dwarfs the White House in scale, and is in fact almost double the square footage of the White House. As an American, I would like to imagine that what goes on inside the White House is focused on improving the lives of Americans regarding security, safety, health, happiness, and general well-being. There is nothing about a 90,000 square-foot ballroom that suggests these are the priorities of the current Executive Branch. What it does suggest is that the current Executive Branch is more concerned with pandering to, if not competing with, royalty across the globe.

To me, the images of the proposed ballroom reflect a complete disconnection with the American people. We are a nation in crisis. We have armed, masked thugs engaging in an all-out assault on our civil and human rights. We are afraid to send our children to school for fear of being shot. We struggle to pay for basic healthcare, and are more likely to choose to pay for groceries over paying for overpriced health insurance. Our natural resources are being pillaged for the sake of big oil and big tech, while our monthly utility bills skyrocket. How exactly are we supposed to feel about the callous demolition of a part of our shared history so that a monolith can be constructed for rich people to party the night away?

This issue is bigger than architecture. It is bigger than urban planning. It is a direct affront to the American people.

I do recognize that, as a planning commission, you are bound by existing rules and regulations about what to do with a giant hole in the ground. Everything about this situation sucks, and I'm sorry for you all. I'm sorry for us as a nation.

We all deserve better.

Wishing you all good luck in your endeavors to clean up this mess. Please remain true to history, to procedure, and to the benefit of the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:33:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dan Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. External design should reflect the previous 2024 design style. Garden and plantings around the area should also be restored to 2016 styling.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city, not on the White House grounds.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Poole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What stands out in my mind is how this project over powers the historic White House original building. Being almost twice as large as the original building, the project totally out of scale with the White House.

Past additions and updates have bowed to the original building by staying discrete and in most cases built into the landscape rather than on top of it.

I question the need for garish gold design in the interior drawings. This type of design does not echo the quiet strength of the American people, rather it insinuates an imitation of royal opulence that again, is the antithesis of the image most Americans are most comfortable with.

Finally, I do see any need for an oversized gathering place for White House social occasions. Will the public be invited to any State Dinners or State Receptions? HA! I see more of a need for better scaled, moderate sized State functions.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Jeffries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house. Professional historical designers should be consulted on the function of the space and flexibility for the future. Not Gaudy but tasteful. There needs to be assurances that Mr Trump be required to follow guidelines set forth.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Callahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Skip the ballroom. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house. Make Trump pay for destroying the wing without permission.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Russell-Kramer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original size and shape so that it is historically accurate. It is a major part of our country’s history and should not be altered.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:32:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Crittenden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While there have been many changes to the White House wings. These were necessitated by changes in how people lived and functioned. We no longer need ice houses and coal storage space. We no longer house slaves. However, over time the changes came slowly and with approval of congress. They were logical changes made legally that reflected the changes in American society.
I disapprove of the destruction of the East Wing. It was a brutal surprise to the people and it changed the image of a historical building. The wings had balance while the destruction of the East Wing and placing of it with an immense ballroom would not. I have not seen any real justication for building a ballroom connected to the White House..

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E Diann Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm sending these comments to you express my dismay over the dimolition of the the East Wind of the White House. We have laws in the country that need to be followed. The President and elected officials are not above the law. The white house is the house of the people and as we are required to follow the law so should the President.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudie Stancliff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House was designed to be the people's house, professional, elegant but regal. It was intended to house within the same manor as most citizens. It was purposely built to not look like a castle, mansion, or a grand manor because that's what Dictators have and we are not a Dictatorship yet, nor should our house represent that type of government. Build it off- site and call it Trumps Danchall for all we care, but leave our house alone, you've destroyed enough.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Ventocilla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return it to its original design. It’s OUR White House. It does not belong to Trump or any president. I was deeply upset to see it being bulldozed by a temporary occupant to build an entertainment space for billionaires.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Coleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this project. The scale is not in keeping with the rest of “The People’s House.” It dwarfs the working areas of the White House and is garish in its taste. The proposed funding is from”private sources” and would be considered an inappropriate gift..or potentially “donations” for access. Clearly the demolished east wing will require replacement…let the scale match the current West Wing scale and let the design come from a competition of a diverse group of architects.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Strasser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am submitting these comments in the hope that the NCPC will take a harder look at this project. I watched the NCPC's January meeting with dismay as only one commissioner voiced serious concerns about the way this structure will overshadow the White House. In contrast to the public's overwhelming opposition to the destruction of the East Wing for a 90,000 square-foot ballroom, the commissioners as a whole remained passive in the light of information that the foundation footprint could not now be changed, that "maybe" the architect would consider lowering the ballroom height and now, I understand, the plan might include trying to raise the height of the west portico to match the ballroom height. I found it interesting that the First Lady's offices were going to be underneath the ballroom with the kitchen and housekeeping facilities and that maybe in the future her offices might be moved elsewhere. All this done for the sake of a gigantic ballroom.

It is apparent to me that the NCPC has lost the narrative of what the "People's House" should be. This country was founded by people who were more likely to tear down the ballroom at Versailles than to build one. We are a nation of farmers, soldiers, small business owners, teachers, doctors, civil servants. This oversized, Imperialistic structure says loudly to the American people that this house is not for you. I urge the NCPC to consider this project with more of the spirit of the American people in mind.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: cindy martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the "peoples" White House in Washington, DC is an act of vandalism. The White House does not belong to the sitting president, it is only a temporary residence the president and congress are responsible for maintaining, as they are it's temporary guardian.

It is widely known and understood the current administration has no understanding of history. They refuse to show respect for those who have come before and those who will follow as residents of the White House. Not only is it a refusal, it is an utter lack of a moral compass that guides intelligent people to care for something on loan to them.

This must be stopped by any actions or means available. To succumb to the petty whims of a petty administration must be agressiively fought and prevailing to protect our heritage is a must.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Mersiovsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal destruction of the East Wing is a national tragedy. Since the wing is gone, it must be replaced. It should be replaced with a structure that complements the rest of the White House. Not over shadow or over power it. In addition, the funds to replace should come from the President's fundraising and not a dime from the taxpayers. In addition, all historical artifacts must be returned in the condition they were in. Otherwise, a fine should be levied for each piece.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen McCormick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, including the East Wing, is The People's House. The People overwhelmingly oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed Ballroom to replace it.

The People respectfully insist on the following:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hillary Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a DC guide specializing in American History, I do not support the size or scope of the proposed new East Wing. I also object to a part of the "People's House" being removed without prober review.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris McCabe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have read the protocols for construction changes to federal landmarks and parks such as the White House. The Trump administration's unannounced wreckage of the East Wing should have triggered a judicial order to cease and desist. The administration should be held accountable for the destruction it has already wrought before we even consider its proposal to construct another structure that no one voted for and that would add no value to the national park that is the White House. US presidents are tenants in the White

House, not its proprietors. Donald Trump acted unlawfully when he destroyed the East Wing. There should be no further consideration of his ballroom construction project until his misappropriation of federal power and money is legally addressed.
President Trump has already degraded other parts of the White House (see Lincoln bathroom, which now looks like an upscale tourist hotel rather than the handsome and historically appropriate decor he destroyed.) He is not qualified to determine the architectural style of an addition to the White House. The National Trust for Historic Places should move to prevent his imposition of his garish and vulgar taste onto a national monument that we will all have to live with. He has no legal right to preempt proper oversight of his actions in these matters and should be stopped from this overreach.
Finally, this administration has arbitrarily cut funding for essential programs that support all manner of needs in this country. Any public funds spent on his ballroom would be more properly spent on citizens' practical needs. Congress makes appropriations. As for his argument that private wealthy people are funding the construction, that only invites improper influence by people with business interests such as government contracts and personal enrichment and advancement. I consider the Trump ballroom an illegal attempt by an already fatally compromised public servant to interfere with public property for his own egotistical obsessions. I strongly appeal to the NCPC to not only reject this illegal attempt to usurp authority, but to pursue legal action against the president. This is our country, not his personal fife. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Danielle Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don’t think the east wing should have ever been touched in the first place. It’s history. And now it’s permanently gone. He should have to put it back exactly the way it was. He doesn’t get to redecorate the people’s house without our input. He should have to put the rose garden back too. Don’t let him defile the Kennedy Center like he’s planning to.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Valentine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be restored to as close to the original dimensions as possible, but with updates for things like ADA accessibility and environmental improvements. If a ballroom is needed it can be built elsewhere in the greater DC area.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:31:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Gautier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When the British burned down the White House on August 24, 1814, the President had fled for their safety - American soldiers were galvanized to shore up American defenses, and led a successful stand in Baltimore against the enemy. When the Russian asset Donald J. Trump directed the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, American citizens argued about it on CNN and Fox News. That should not be the end of this story.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was. The traitors to the American people who destroyed it should be arrested, tried and held to justice.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:30:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Lindorff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tha key word is “restore”.

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow the appropriate process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house. This concept should be respected.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:30:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Turco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am abhorred that this man can, on his own, decide to tear down the East Wing of the iconic White House and build a gold plated whore house looking ball room. It is beyond appalling and must be stopped and the White House returned to what it was. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE stop this madness.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:30:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa A Harreld
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a tragedy that the East Wing of the White House, The PEOPLE'S HOUSE, was demolished without any consideration from the people. Allowing Trump to build a bunker disguised as a ballroom that will inevitably be funded by taxpayers dollars is a slap in the face to hard working Americans. His "fundraising" is nothing more than bribes from his oligarchy chronies. This cannot continue. This project cannot be allowed to move forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:30:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Otto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to Trump's proposed ballroom as the East Wing Modernization Project. The East Wing and all the history it carried was torn down with no concern except for the aggrandizement of Donald Trump. The proposed ballroom is tasteless, tacky, and was never needed in the first place. It's cost, now estimated at $400 million, is a totally unneeded expense in the economic climate that is so hard for the taxpayers of this country. Although Trump claims it will be privately funded, I don't believe it for a minute, given his track record of grift and nonpayment.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:29:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Russo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing, Rose Garden, and White House interior and exterior decor to status as found on January 20, 2025. This is the People’s House and the people did not ask for extensive redecoration nor the demolition of the East Wing and Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:29:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Carpenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can support the modernization of adding event space to the existing structure. Now that the East Wing has already been demolished, in my opinion unlawfully, it makes sense that it should go there. The size and scope of the project should take in account the current structure and should not be the dominating feature. The current proposed size is excessive and is being built as a vanity project. It needs to be redesigned to align with the current buildings aesthetics.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:29:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Allardice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I am a co-owner of the White House -The Peoples' House. As I was not personally apprised of the demolition and dismantling of the East Wing, I offer the following suggestions for the restoration:

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

The current resident of the White House, because they demolished a publicly owned property without prior authorization, should be held accountable for the cost of the restoration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne E Jirka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
I am a senior citizen and to my recollection this is the first time I have ever been invited to comment on any project.
As you said in your invitation The White House is "the American Peoples' House" It belongs to us.
How is it possible that one person can unilaterally order the paving over of the Rose Garden to create a patio, redecorate the Lincoln bathroom, and demolish the East Wing to create a ballroom without asking the People first?
In reality, how many American people will get the opportunity to enter a 90,000 square foot ballroom.
Now that the wrecking ball has done its damage, you ask my opinion.
My preference would be to simply patch up the hole with plywood and whatever money we would save by not building a $300 million dollar (That is the figure I heard but most likely that will go up.) ballroom, give it to the people. Help the American people with health care needs, education, and housing relief among other needs.
My second choice would be to create either a homeless shelter or an area with a snack bar where the public can gather for discourse, poetry readings, and musical programming among other things. This would be a welcome alternative to the doomed Trump Kennedy Center.

You know what happened to those who uttered the words, "let them eat cake."

Dianne Jirka

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janis Solomon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With all due respect, the appropriate time for would have been BEFORE the unwarranted destruction of the East Wing. This administration has run roughshod over respect for law, tradition, and common decency. This is only one example of its contempt for the fundamental values of history in this country. It appears that the gaudy gilded style of the decadent French Rococo period is the choice of this president, the more fake gold, the better. It will be a disgusting reminder of a disgusting person and his administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing. This proposed ballroom is not proportional or necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Scholtec
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm struggling to contain my rage and submit a civil comment. Where was this action before the East Wing was destroyed? We The People absolutely do not want an ugly, gaudy, tacky ballroom slapped onto OUR White House. Restore the East Wing to the way it was before this dictatorship got their tiny hands on it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Saucke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Significantly downsize or scrap this ballroom project. It is disgraceful the East Wing was torn down without permission. Nothing in this project should reflect the current President's tastes or self-aggrandizement.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pauline Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the plans submitted by the President. Any modernization that occurs needs to be faithful to the history, existing structure and scale of the White House. We do not need a ballroom of this size in the United States of America. Plans need to go through a proper vetting process by all involved channels, not rushed through.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaye Windel-Garza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was disgusted by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House to "clear the way for a ballroom" that dwarfs the White House and is not in keeping with its dignity and historic nature. The White House is one of the primary symbols of our country, though sadly it has become a mdiphor for how our President is unbalanced. Please restore the East Wing as it stood and deny the addition of this grotesque ballroom addition.
Thank you,
Kaye Windel-Garza

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brandi Heath
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding. Please stop this administrations destruction of the USA.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:28:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Klockars
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a new, larger ballroom. The White House, the People's

House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

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Project Number: 8733

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Thank you,
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Picard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national treasure and I am disgusted, saddened and disappointed over the destruction of this historic landmark. It is my hope that the East Wing can be reconstructed with updates to meet current codes. If a ballroom is a necessity for the business of the nation to occur erect it at an alternative site with donated funds. My tax dollars should go to the good of all citizens, not to indulge the whims of one person with no care or understanding of American life.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:27:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Celen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed construction of a ballroom in place of the East Wing. This is America's house.

We the people neither need nor want an ostentatious vanity project on the site of our beloved White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:27:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachael Walkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US Citizen and someone who respects and loves this country and its history, it was shocking to me that the historic East Wing of the White House, full of history and memories, was ripped down without any input from the tax payers or historical preservation oversight. I understand the need for a large event space to hold state dinners, large meetings, and celebrations. But, there already exist beautiful spaces in and around DC where this is and can be done. If there is a thoughtful plan and legal process of assessing existing space on the White House grounds, and it is found that a tasteful, historically similar structure that does not dwarf but accentuate the beauty of the White House then I would fully support a ballroom being built onto the existing structure. It should, however, never outshine the original White House, which is a beacon of liberty, statesmanship, democracy, and freedom unto the world.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:27:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia Poole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I woke up to the news that the East wing of The White House was being bulldozed in order to be replaced by an immense ballroom that, in my opinion, no one wanted. It was a total gut punch to see this destruction of the people's house. The citizens did not know. Who approved this destruction of a national historic landmark? I don't want to see a gilt edged tacky ballroom built which dwarfs the existing building. I want the East Wing restored to its former historical footprint. This abuse of our history should be stopped. There should NOT be any arches built. Our country is not an imperial state with a king. The historical footprint of the District of Columbia has long been a place where all the people could gather and celebrate our history, learn about our struggles to become better and share in the beauty of the area. If I want to see an arch or decadent ballroom, I'll go elsewhere. Put the people's money where it belongs, back into our welfare, not ballrooms for the Epstein class.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:27:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Aldrich-Wolfe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom at the White House. If the East Wing cannot be reconstructed, since it was illegally demolished, the site should remain empty. If a ballrooom is needed, it should be constructed elsewhere. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and should reflect our

shared values that all people are equal and that we are self-governed. This means the White House should be modest and welcoming and NEVER a symbol of grandiosity or king-like symbolic power.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:27:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: KATHRYN MCCONNAUGHEY
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where to begin? Cost (outrageous)? Need (there is none)? Aesthetics (atrocious)? Fancy models, look-how-much-time-we-spent-on-these diagrams, spiffy promotional videos, fallacious appeals, "experts" waxing poetic--spin all you want, but there is no need for such a gaudy, self-aggrandizing monstrosity. Even if there were a genuine need, the cost far outweighs any "additional seating" or "convenience." It is not a "modernization" of the East Wing; it is a desecration of an iconic symbol of these United States.

And when can we comment on this heinous proposal for an Arch de Trump?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:26:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Mahaffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Reject the building of that ugly, monstrous ballroom. The East wing needs to be rebuilt as it was. It was illegally destroyed without the proper authorization. This executive should not be allowed to get away with doing as he pleases.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:26:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Glaunert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished without any of the proper considerations that even the most minor of public, historic buildings would have received. I have to wonder what architectural features that might have been saved were permanently destroyed. Unfortunately that is now a done deal; but it’s not too late to recover the structure to its original appearance. Modern infrastructure can certainly be included but it should be returned to its original appearance. A Trump makeover in its overpowering, drama laden grandeur is inappropriate and would stand as a testament to the years of trauma that the Trump administration is has subjected our country to. Please, please, please, do the right thing and correct the damage. Return the White House to its historical appearance and the architectural balance that was in place before the bulldozers attacked.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:26:57 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You must be kidding. The country does not need a giant sop to the oversized ego of a maniac addict to fake suntan products. Since it's been ripped down already it does need to be replaced, but something appropriately sized and in harmony with the existing site and sight-lines would be ideal.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:26:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Everman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and does not belong to the current tenant who unlawfully destroyed the East Wing without our consent. The East Wing should be reconstructed as it was at Mr. Trump's (not taxpayers) expense. This is what a responsible parent would demand of a child who has defiled another's property. As to the argument that expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. and proceed only after securing approval from the American people and appropriate agencies. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed garish Mar-a-Lago style ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in design and scale and subordinate to the original structure. I oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project."

Date: 2/14/2026 9:26:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kneip
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should never be built. The White House should be restored to 2024 design, preferably at Donald Trump's personal expense.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:25:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Vogel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its original state! Put back the Rose Garden! Get the correct names back for The Kennedy Center and the Gulf of Mexico!

Put a stupid, unneeded ballroom somewhere else. The people have an affordability crisis while you build a ballroom?

Get that tacky gold stuff off of the walls!

We, the people, are angry, appalled, and embarrassed.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:25:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Rudell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be restored to a state as close to the condition it was in before January 2025 with only upgrades to meet modern code standards and maintaining the footprint and facade of the former east wing. The contractors who participated in the destruction of these wing should be legally and financially liable for the gross violation of the American people's trust in the destruction of the existing east wing and no work should be done toward creates that god-awful eyesore that is the "ball room"

Date: 2/14/2026 9:25:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amelia Shea-Koufos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I reject the proposed addition of a "ballroom" where the East Wing once stood. I am also concerned with any changes planned for the underground bunker. Which, in my opinion, is the actual purpose of the proposed new ballroom. A larger bunker would require a larger structure! I believe this is all a distraction for the current resident to expand the bunker to avoid being removed from office when the time comes. I hope you are looking into this as well.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:24:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this ballroom should not proceed as it does not follow the guidelines set for historic places. The White House belongs to the people, not one person.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:24:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Grillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. It does not belong to any President, who is after all living there rent free on the public dime.
- restore the original symmetry, scale, and historical period style
- update the utilities to make the building"green"(Solar?) and energy efficient.
- require that access and use be ADA compliant, including the bathrooms.
- require that the interiors, including design and furnishings, be selected, installed, and maintained in a history- appropriate manner.
- no gold paint anywhere!!!
Thank you for inviting comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:24:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Makhyoun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historical places, such as the White House should not be altered without prior approval. Trump should be reprimanded in my opinion.
This should never be allowed to happen again.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:24:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ensley, MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

1 clean up all the debris caused by the demolition
2 plant trees and grass
3 send bill to the President

Date: 2/14/2026 9:23:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindsey Hayes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would have been opposed to the complete demolition of the east wing. All of the variations I have seen for new construction, including a ballroom, have been grossly out of scale with the existing white house. Both the placement and the scale of the new construction of the ballroom competes with the historic white house.In such a way that it would not be approved.If it were, for example, a local historic project under review. i recommend that the east wing offices and facilities be replaced in scale with the existing White House. And that should a new ballroom be desired by the american population that it be constructed elsewhere on the site.So as not to compete with the white house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:23:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Boniface
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to it's original footprint. Do the necessary updates, but make have it conform to the original look. If the interior is not divided into smaller rooms and offices, it should certainly be big enough to accommodate rather large gatherings such as press conferences and dinners. There is no need for the White House to have a big gaudy ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:23:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Glick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The only acceptable answer to this is to restore the east wing to its former dimensions with an upgraded interior space. Further, restoration of the rose gardens and public entrance are necessary for the public good. This feckless dream of a ballroom which dwarfs the current structure is a waste of tax payer money and simply a vanity project.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Bruno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have no confidence that this project is being completed in a manner which reflects the solemness of the White House. This appears to be a reckless, vanity project. The White House should reflect the democracy for which we stand - not a gaudy, gold abandonment of our basic values. The final plans should be open to the public and should reflect a humble, understatement of the highest office in the land meant to serve the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C F
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing, you malignant narcissist pedophile!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Hanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be restored to the former exterior dimensions and architectural style. Electrical and plumbing improvements should be made. Any and all access point should be made ADA accessible. If major changes are needed for safety, allow the public to comment on them before making them.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda OConnor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion the proposed "Ballroom" is too large and would overshadow the historic beauty of the Whitehouse. I would just be embarrassed by this gaudy disrespect. It is suppose to be "the people's house" not a kings want.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose Sepeda
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to us .. the American people. We should have a voice in how any changes or updates are made.
We love our country and want to be proud of the home we allow our presidents to reside.
We want that home to reflect dignity, respect, and elegance. We also want it to stand up well and be protected for generations to come.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:22:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Raybould
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:21:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mike Tidd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully, it's my opinion that the East Wing should be restored as closely as possible to its original design. Form and scale should be consistent with what had previously existed, as should the intent and overall presentation of "the people's house". Historical consistency with an absence of grandeur or ostentatious decor feels a proper representation of what the house was always meant to portray. Modesty and respectful treatment of something that belongs to every citizen of the United States are conditions that should never be violated. The White House was never intended to be a palace or tribute to any one of its temporary occupants, but rather a symbol of who we are as a people, and what we represent to the rest of the world. I respect that improvements and modernizations might be necessary over time, and understand that many changes have taken place, but all have occured within a framework that served to preserve rather than destroy, obliterate, or materially change the building, it's "feel", or what it represents. Plenty of other venues exist that would accommodate a need for more space or seats without desecrating a symbol known to every American. It's also my feeling that some major portion of the cost should be borne by the person who authorized the destruction that has already taken place without proper oversight or approvals. My many thanks for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:21:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harry McNally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any project that isn’t the restoration of the East Wing to its appearance before its unauthorized destruction should be canceled.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:21:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Middleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update the wiring, and ensure the interior is ADA-accessible wherever possible. Follow the established process for necessary yet historically sensitive modifications.

If a ballroom is required, which it isn't, it should be built elsewhere in the city.

The White House belongs to the people, not to its occupant. He is a guest, and guests do not alter their host's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:20:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Crosby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building is too large and ostentatious. While a ballroom is needed it should not look like the Parthenon with columns everywhere. It should fit the look of the White House which was built at the start of this country. The styles should match and not be so gaudy. Is it truly necessary to have a "ballroom" that is so much larger than the house itself? It doesn't blend in at all and is just "too" much!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:20:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Betty Ford once said that “ the east wing is the heart”of the White House. The current 90,000 square foot ballroom addition does not reflect the history of the building. The additions should never over shadow the main White House but like the cardiac system of a body support and sustain the rest of the building. I understand that there is a need for a bigger venue for functions but this should be more tastefully done and not overshadow the main building. I also think in this current time, the price tag is too high and the money should be spent supporting the American People. Please deny the current project as designed and ask for a scaled down version

Date: 2/14/2026 9:20:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shanna Marlow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our national monument has been destroyed both physically and metaphorically by a maniacal, greedy, corrupt, horrible human. Please stop the Trump madness. If this ballroom is allowed to move forward, he will desecrate every other national monument and museum we have. No one approved the use of taxpayer money for this project and the bribes he's being paid to fund it are ridiculous. THIS IS ANOTHER CRIMINAL ACT BY A CORRUPT CRACKPOT ADMINISTRATION!!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:20:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracy Simons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing the PEOPLE to have input on the PEOPLE'S HOUSE:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Construction should follow, and NOT extend, the original footprint of the East Wing.
It should also include returning the Rose Garden to its previous layout. The concrete patio needs to be removed as the proper process was not followed and the change was hideous.
Any additions done should reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House.
The White House has evolved over time, but every addition becomes part of its legacy. It’s worth taking the time to get it right.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:20:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

t should never have been able to destroy the East Wing of the White House and should be penalized for it's destruction. Past presidents have gone through the proper procedures to make changes, to modernize. He is NOT above the law. The "ballroom" he proposes to build has not been vetted to see if any part of it meets current needs for the White House and will be a huge waste of taxpayer money to serve the purpose of boosting his ego. I do not want my taxes wasted in service of a corrupt person. Instead, he should be required to pay back the money spent on the illegal destruction and not allowed to have any input into what plans might be developed to use the space created by his destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:20:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Frank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is insane. NO, NO, NO!!! Regardless of how it is financed. This a boondoggle for the only benefit of Donald Trump's ego. And it's TOO BIG for most events. When would it EVER be used??? There's only one person in the world that wants to build this. Trump if I have to spell out.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:19:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bev McPeak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the original was already decimated
The new structure needs to be calm and serene . Understated elegance , not Bridgerton , gold gaudy .
It must not overtake the White House (our house).
The experienced architects will know what to do, and should not be coerced into an overdone monstrosity .
I wish I had more experience in the arena of renovations .
I hope we can be at peace with the outcome

Date: 2/14/2026 9:19:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: richard weigman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop construction of "the ballroom". REBUILD THE DESROYED EAST WING AS IT WAS.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:18:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Huth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a wasteful, unnecessary, and total waste of money; a visual abomination; an abuse of presidential power; and yet another marker of a growing authoritarian government. Any way this can be stopped is a good thing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:18:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sean Hjorth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style - the dimensions must not extend beyond the previous footprint. If additional space is needed, use space below ground level (so that visible exterior footprint matches previous footprint).

Make the interior ADA-accessible where possible, and make appropriate modernizations (wiring, etc.). Follow established past processes for making needed (but historically sensitive) changes. Share plans with the public during the planning phases (with exceptions for security purposes).

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:18:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Maddern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed design for the new White House East Wing is too massive and dominates the residence which is the prime purpose of the People's House. The proposed design is not in syne with the rest of the property. Finally, the destruction of the former East Wing was done without input and consultation with the Planning Commission. There is also questions about where the funding is coming from and the lack of Congressional advice and consent. We don't need a Ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:18:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Domenica Genovese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing as a concerned American citizen to express my strong opposition to the proposed White House ballroom renovation. As someone who deeply values our nation's heritage, I urge you to pause this project until the American people have been given a meaningful opportunity to participate in decisions affecting this irreplaceable national treasure.

The White House—the Peoples' House—is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by all Americans and held in trust by the National Park Service. It has served as home to our presidents and stands as one of the most significant historic sites in our nation. Every room, every architectural detail tells the story of who we are as a people.

I am deeply concerned about several aspects of this proposed renovation:

First, the potential loss of historic character troubles me greatly. The White House embodies more than two centuries of American history, and any modification risks diminishing the authentic historic fabric that makes it so meaningful. Once original features are altered or removed, they can never be truly restored.

Second, I am troubled by the apparent lack of public input and transparency in this process. Before a site of such profound national significance is permanently altered, the American people deserve to know the full

scope of proposed changes and to have our voices heard. The people have a right and a responsibility to help shape decisions regarding modifications to this structure.

Third, I have specific architectural concerns about introducing modern ballroom facilities into a building of such historic integrity. Contemporary modifications could clash with the character and craftsmanship of historic spaces.

I respectfully urge you to pause this renovation project until a thorough and transparent review process can be conducted. Our nation's most important house deserves nothing less than the most careful stewardship we can provide.

Thank you for considering my concerns and for your service to our nation.
Sincerely,
Domenica Genovese
Ocala, FL

Date: 2/14/2026 9:18:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Borders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the 90,000 square feet ballroom project. The East Wing must not exceed the size of the main building of the White House. I strongly oppose the 1970 country club aesthetic of this administration's East Wing design. I support hiring an architecture and design team with at minimum 20 years experience in historical design, research, and modernization. I do not trust this administration to manage the project; a non political committee should lead the project. Seriously, This Old House should lead the team.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:17:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kaitlin Bledsoe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a DC resident in the past, I absolutely do not think this project should be allowed to occur and the East Wing should be rebuilt to the exact way it previously was.

The right process has not been followed, and no ballroom is needed to host events at the White House. We don't need a Maralago in DC, it's just not needed. No other President has wanted to do this, nor would they ever have dreamed of doing it, with or without permission.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:17:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trudy Crippen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president is a tenant, a temporary resident of the White House, and he does not have the right to destroy it.

The destruction of the east wing is unacceptable. It does not matter whether we need a ballroom, no president should be permitted to destroy public property until he follows the established process.

As the descendant of a long series of patriots, going back to the American Revolution, I am deeply offended by this haphazard project, and concerned about its future.

Please stand up for the American people when you decide how to move forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:17:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where are the plan, perspective and elevation drawings? All that is available on the White House website are interior designs.
There are shocking demolition photos available in the media, and hideous plans shared in the media, but the WHITE HOUSE SHARES NOTHING USEFUL.
From what is available to the public currently, my comment is that the planned expansion is GROTESQUE, because it dwarves the rest of the White House. It will be the tail wagging the dog, architecturally, and ugly to look at.
The point of the White House was NEVER TO MIRROR THE PALACES OF EUROPE. It is the house of the PEOPLE OF THE USA, and NOT the President, who only borrows it for 4 years. The closer the design looks like a palace, the further it gets from republican ideals.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:17:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca English
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should be designed as a temporary structure utilizing the least expensive materials possible since the prior structure was removed without permission or oversight. The planned structure is obviously to be used to solicit campaign donations to the current tenant or to glorify him personally. It should be removed and the prior historic structure rebuilt along with the gardens. We the people do not need future reminders of the trump Epstein cruelties every time we look at what once used to be a classically designed structure. I suggest tarps and recycled lumber in a size compatible with what is left of the White House and this only allowed if there are no other modifications to the White House property.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:17:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This 90,000 ballroom addition should not be made to the White House. The White House is a designated National Historic Landmark and although more room may be needed, it should not exceed the boundary rules on size. The White House is owned by us, all of the American People, not just the President…no matter who is in that position.
I personally am appalled by the destruction of "our house".

Date: 2/14/2026 9:16:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Snyder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 9:16:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JACK HALVORSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When referencing the scale of the project, one should clarify that the 'footprint' of the original White House is approx. 14,200 sq. ft (168 feet x 85 feet). The planned dimensions of the addition is 90,000 sq. ft. which is more than 6 TIMES the size of the WH.

Before approving the final plans, those in the decision making process need to justify such a HJUGE addition that dwarfs the size. How often will the ballroom be used? Does it justify building such a large room? How about annual costs for upkeep etc.

What is wrong with the decision making process that the destruction of the East Wing was allowed without any input?

How will the public be assured that those contributing to the new ballroom will not receive any favors from this president or any other public figure / entity?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:50 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Farmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be reconstructed to the same size and appearance as was illegally demolished by Donald Trump.
Thank you for your consideration

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Nelson Nield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous purpose and architecture, while adding adjustments to provide for ADA compliance. Please do NOT make the East Wing into a ballroom. Any ballroom should be located somewhere besides the Whitehouse.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original state. It was architecturally consistent with the rest of the building. Trump did not have authority to demolish it. No ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pat Marcello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to oppose the currently proposed alteration to the White House, appropriately called the People's House. I believe the title "East Wing modernization" is inaccurate. Modernization implies upgrades to an existing structure. Tearing down the existing East Wing is destruction, not modernization. If in fact, ALL parties concerned, agree that additional function space is required, it must and should be seamless in style and form as The White House. The current administration that occupies the White House touts the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. We are babies compared to world cultures. And those cultures, throughout Europe and the Far East know how to retain significant public spaces in order to

magnify their culture. The White House is exactly that in the United States. Again, thank you for your efforts to retain the character of this important cultural icon.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Novack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My family and friends are all horrified at the destruction of the east wing of the
white House ! We all fear that our. country is becoming a dictatorship. Donald Trump must be held accountable for all his crimes.
Further building plans should be approved by the people and the institutions providing their expertise and knowledge. Hold Donald Trump accountable!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. Steve Iseman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project began without proper authorization, and is being funded in a manner that is not in accordance with the law. The proposed project is also out of scale with the surrounding structures which violates NPS policy. I believe that construction should be halted and that an independent commission should be established to make sure that going forward these issues are addressed. This project as conceived and handled sets a dangerous precedent.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Matchett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I agree the White House can benefit from a larger meeting space, I think the addition is still looking out of proportion to the original structure. It should be shorter than the original main section, and the outside entrance appears too showy. The interior as pictured is more representative of a palace than of the people's house, and would be more pleasing to the eye than over embellishment if it were more traditional. It should represent our country, not castles of the old world. As Lincoln said, this is a government "Of the people, by the people, and for the people". Simplify! Please don't let this change the character of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:15:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the east wing should architecturally match the west wing. It should be made very sound to the standards in protections that are fitting for the people's house. It should have Ada compliant everything. When I am old I want to be able to fit my wheelchair through the doors and walkways. It should be in the original footprint. If a ballroom cannot fit in the space, then this ballroom should be built elsewhere, but not on land the people's house belongs!!! Give us back what is ours in the form that it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jana Bergman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Firstly, I find it horrific that the East Wing was torn down without opportunity for public input. The building is in fact a living historical location since it is where the President of the United States (POTUS) resides and works, and is timeless as it spans multiple administrations. It is ultimately funded by taxpayer dollars and major changes should be considered by those who pay for them. Some of the interior changes are very distasteful. The signage added at the Walk of Fame is partisan and totally inappropriate. That is a wasteful use of the People's money to stroke the current occupant's ego.

I would like NCPC to consider the overall dimensions of the proposed ballroom in the East Wing modernization project at the White House. The main building should not be dwarfed by the proposed ballroom. The overall layout of the White House buildings should be considered in its entirety for symmetry and balance of the White House complex. I am not in favor of a ballroom footprint that would dwarf the serious nature of the main building and the Oval Office.

I reiterate displeasure that the East Wing was demolished without opportunity for public comment. Destroying the existing structure without input was inappropriate because now we do not have the opportunity to request the project remain in status quo. It is too late so now we have so request no action be allowed, or action be allowed with restrictions in sizing, design, etc, or allow what the current occupant desires. Therefore, I am stating my opinion no action should be allowed until there are better options proposed.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wylie Faw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Completely unnecessary as there are many less obtrusive options as well as private options available. Do not build this ugly monument to Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House represents a profound loss to our national architectural heritage. This structure was not merely an appendage to the Executive Residence—it was an integral component of a carefully evolved historic campus, reflecting generations of civic stewardship, architectural continuity, and national identity. Removing it severed a tangible link to the story of American governance and erased a piece of the cultural fabric the Trust has long fought to protect.

Proposals to replace this historic wing with a large, obtrusive ballroom would compound the damage. Such a structure would disregard the White House's established architectural language, overwhelm the scale of the historic grounds, and undermine the integrity of one of the most symbolically important buildings in the nation. A project of this magnitude, especially one perceived by many as a personal vanity initiative of President Donald Trump, does not serve the architectural, historical, or civic interests of the American people.

The White House is a national landmark, not a private estate. Its preservation must reflect restraint, continuity, and respect for the generations who will inherit it. I urge the National Trust to take a clear stand: the protection of our shared heritage must outweigh any short\u8209 -term political or personal ambitions.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pilar Pueyo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Do not allow special interest private donations to fund the project.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emma Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage." Direct quote from the NCPC website. BEFORE. BEFORE permanent alteration. The American People never got to give their opinions on the East Wing before it was demolished. It was done illegally. The White House belongs to the American

People, NOT the president. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was, where it was. It must be constructed to a high standard, with strong, high quality building materials and modern tech/improvements only where needed. It needs to look the same as the historic original building, and Trump needs to foot the entire bill from his personal wealth as part of reparations for demolishing it in the first place.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:14:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wesley Tapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing represents a small part of receptions at the WH. Presidents should be able to make minor cosmetic changes, but not overhaul and decimate entire buildings.

Now that it has been destroyed, we need to put something back in place. It should fit in the size and sensibility of the WH and West wing. It could house some additional updates space for WH and 1st Lady offices.

Trump should lose his ability to participate in any meaningful changes to this plan. He should also be held financially responsible and have to pay back his demolition cost as well as a rebuilding cost.

We do NOT need ballrooms at the WH. It is a place of government. There are plenty of venues in DC that the WH could use if it really wanted to have a large gathering.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Fildes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an absolute abomination and unsanctioned destruction of American history. History matters. Rules matter. Public opinion matters. The Administration does not operate in a silo and the American people have not consented to the destruction and desecration of The PEOPLE'S HOUSE. Sadly, the irreversible destruction of the East Wing has been carried out WITHOUT approval, and we must stop anything else from being done at this point. The project must be halted completely and indefinitely until somebody with ANY semblance of competence and the proper respect for our country's democratic norms is able to shepherd a reasonable repair to this monstrosity of a project. NO NEW BALLROOM.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BRANDY COOPER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom at the White House is completely unnecessary. Such an addition displaces the important

functions of the East Wing which previously housed the offices of the First Lady. Ballrooms can, and should be, rented.
Any addition to the White House should never dwarf the original structure. The additions should keep with thw style and scale of the original House. This is not a palace. Thia is not a gaudy convention center. This is the People's House and ahould be respected as such.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cusack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the People's House should be restored EXACTLY how it was before the wanton destruction perpetrated by the current administration. The administration had no right to destroy any part of the People's House without a referendum on the subject. If the current administration is so desperately in need of a ballroom, it should be constructed elsewhere and at the complete expense of the current administration AFTER they pay for the restoration of the East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Engel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All older buildings sometimes need updates. For the White House, any updates must preserve the historical exterior dimensions and architectural style, but update wiring and HVAC to current code. Any changes should also be ADA compliant and accessible. Adhere to and respect the established process and historical style before making any changes. Submit and obtain prior approval for all drawings, get permits for and get inspections for any work.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antonio Manso de Sousa
Project Name: National Museum of Natural History Wireless Communications Equipment Installation
Project Number: 8750

Restore the White House. Up date the security and the technology to keep it up to date. Use the money for the ballroom to do it. That money was meant to be used for the ballroom which is intended for the White House. The people should not have to pay for something we did not approve or need.

Antonio Manso de Sousa. USA citizen.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:28 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luci Edris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The exterior of the East Wing should be appropriate to the rest of the building. The interior can be modernized for safety, etc. but remain consistent with the rest of the building. Do we really need a ballroom? If we do, place it somewhere else, this is the peoples house and needs to remain the stately building as it is. And NO GOLD FILIGREE!!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MG Harman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing does not need "modernization". It is/was a part of history that should be preserved.

No one President or individual should have the power to change or destroy historic buildings, monuments, gardens, etc.

IF a larger space is needed for events, a separate structure could be designed and located elsewhere on the grounds. All such projects should be submitted for review to appropriate historic preservation authorities and approved before any work begins.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Klauke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Keep architecture and decor compatible with American history. Gold plating is NOT needed.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Morque
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is vastly too large, at least 2x of the footprint it should be and dwarfs the White House. It is completely inappropriate for the site. It turns the White House complex into an event space / catering hall that will be used for overtly political purposes by current and future administrations. The architecture could have been done by AI; not interesting or original. The best thing I can say is that the circulation plan seems to work given the site constraints but would work much better and be more elegant and dignified if the "modernization plan" were half the size.

I am a developer and if this application came before any local P&Z Commission it would get denied unanimously. Not the best of the American ethos.

Kim Morque

Date: 2/14/2026 9:13:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Westwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DJT needs to be held accountable for demolishing the east wing without proper process. He exceeds his authority in so many ways! Whether or not we need a ballroom at the White House should be discussed and determined by Congress. It is The People's House, not DJT'S!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristina Gessel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While some things can never be restored, take the effort to restore the East Wing architecturally to its former layout and dimensions to respect the history the space held. This process would naturally upgrade the wiring, plumbing, etc. but also should consider adding new accessibility. A ballroom would not fit well in the area where the East Wing stood.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shalah Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style to the original form.

Update wiring, plumbing, and security enhancements.
Make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Patten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage already done is horrendous. At this time it would be preferable in my opinion to either leave it alone or rebuild the structure that was demolished in the same style and aesthetic as closely as possible. Any building should be done ONLY under close supervision by the proper authorities from architectural and engineering plans completed by firms completely independent of the current administration, and work done by firms contracted by an independent oversight firm to ensure no changes, additions or subtractions to the plans happen without approval from this body.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an affront to the American people.Tearing down the East Wing of our White House was not something the citizens of the U.S. agreed with or wanted. Allowing a narcissist to destroy our capital, tearing down our history for one ridiculous structure after the next, is criminal.
Turning Jackie Kennedy's beautiful rose garden into a patio was horrendous enough. Acquiesing to the building of some monstrous ballroom that will dwarf the White House and display to the world the indifference and carelessness of this person for our country's treasured places, who puts his selfishness before all and simply wants his name plastered on everything possible, is beyond the pale.
Enough is enough.This person has not followed any of the rules in place to protect our historic places, or anything else for that matter.
The result should be that the White House, occupied by our presidents for over 200 years, be restored to its original form immediately. Not everything should be modernized. Some should be maintained and cherished. You wouldn't tear down and modernize Notre Dame, the Taj Mahal, Buckingham Palace. Why the hell would anyone want to destroy the White House?
This is what happens when you elect someone who thinks his trashy buildings hold some appeal for anyone but himself and then stand by and allow him to turn our White House into another campy Mar-A-Lago. No, thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Glew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Way too large and out of scale. Overwhelms White House. Proposed interior architectural details and finishes way too ornate

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:12:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Wienhold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination to the people' house. Do not approve this. Stop it. It's a vanity project and a grifting opportunity for the worst President in history. The proposed "ballroom" would dwarf the rest of the building. It is aesthetically awful. And I shudder to think of the Caligula like interior. The fake gold industry will prosper. Everything else will shudder at the utter lack of taste and obscene money spent to try to fill the whole in this tyrants soil. Don't be complicit. This is taking a blow torch to historical preservation.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Segarra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed monstrous ballroom should NOT be approved. It should NOT be bigger than the Whitehouse, it should NOT be Trump's ballroom, and it is NOT necessary.

I deeply resent that the East Wing was demolished without this regime going through the proper avenues. This administration is running roughshod on this country and wasting the taxpayer's money that could be better spent elsewhere.

If it is deemed necessary, it should NOT be built with private donor funds that implies a quid pro quo, and it should NOT have donor names anywhere on it. Even if built by donor funds, who will furnish it, staff it, and

maintain the upkeep? The taxpayer, I am sure.

If it is deemed necessary, it should NOT be built according to Trump's designs and wishes, it should be done by bid and awarded to the contractor that can make it the least intrusive and can build it according to the National Historic Preservations standards. It should complement the White House, not overshadow it.

I stand strongly against this ballroom that the people will never be in a position to enjoy. It will only be the oligarchs that would have the privilege of going there. It is a massive waste of money and resources that could be better used elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Gaimari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the existing structure. It would make what is arguably the most important building in the United States look trivial and ridiculous. There are more reasonable ways to repair the damage that has already been done. Restoring and updating what was destroyed would be the best recourse, in my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Hiddemen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing. We don't need a ballroom. And the cost should not come from the taxpayers, but from Donad Trump personally.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Goodness
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing never should have been destroyed, but now that it has, I would like to see something in its place that contributes to the beauty of the people's house, and adds to its history. Not a slab of concrete, a ballroom, a patio, or more green space. Nothing that accentuates one mans administration. Perhaps an addition that displays flags of the world to demonstrate that we haven't turned our backs on the rest of the world!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Howlett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please. We have witnessed history with a select group of Monks walking for Peace to Washington. The message: be mindful, one step at a time. And in Washington DC, the People's House lay in rubble. The White House tumbled in destruction....for what? Pride? Power? Taunting? When I look at the photographs I feel betrayed. This is NOT A MONARCHY. Ballroom? Bunker? The fact that "bunker" is whispered is terrifying.
Look at America now. Monks walk for Peace, reminding us we can rise and be compassionate. As they walk, ICE runs rampant, swooping up children and citizens, creating chaos and terror. Citizens are dead at the hands of masked men with guns, pepper spray...citizens are suffering from a broken insurance system, and grossly inflated prices. The "government " tells us, "well get things changed." No change. Without insurance 1 DOSE of my medicine is over $2,000.
How? Read and listen to what the rest of the world says and think. "Let's give Trump a custom jet, then we can control him." " Maybe if we do business with his children no one can associate us with Trump senior." Oh, and let's not forget pardoning. People tried and convicted of crimes regarding Jan. 6. People lost their lives, people sustained life altering changes, "pardoned ". Trump called for violence to overthrow an election that had been acknowledged, monitored as fair and open. And now, like icing on the cake (you can have your cake and eat it too.) he builds his own Monument to his grandiose vision of himself. The destruction must be stopped, rebuilt. This is The United States of America. Stop him. Give the people of the US "their house".
Sending YOU courage and strength of conviction with morals that are just for everyone. Follow the Constitution and show us you know what it says.
Respectfully, Kathryn, NYS

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The whole premise of the ballroom is not necessary. Who has ballroom dancing these days? If it is a space for large dinners, the intimacy and selectivity of such functions becomes lost if they are the scale of events that could be held at the Washington Hilton. They are not properly campaign events due to the Hatch Act. Entertaining of foreign dignitaries, is more special when it is at a smaller scale and highly selective in terms of attendees. We have been able to get along without a ballroom for 200 years, so why do we need one now? The building is primarily a residence with intimate entertaining spaces and some closely affiliated official functions. Turning it into a "party space" is an unnecessary expense. Funds, both government and private, should directly benefit the American People, especially those in need, and not the rich and powerful.

The White House should be the dominant architectural feature on the property and everything else subservient to that. The proposed ballroom is totally out of scale. Such modifications to the White House should be essential for the functioning of government and the requirement to change it should arise from the people, not from a limited term tenant!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:11:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Muccigrosso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a travesty! This isn't a "modernization" project; this is an "It's all about me...Donald Trump" project and I find it abhorrent. There was and is NO NEED to make modifications to the White House. His giant ego and his absolute power to do as he pleases (including rape women, have sex with minors, break the law, break the Constitution....break the White House to "renovate") is beyond anything I have EVER witnessed and he/this project must be STOPPED.

He is a human wrecking ball....with one objective - control. Not this way. Not by defiling our government buildings and frankly, just defiling our government.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:10:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Storms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A little late to this dance, aren't we??
Do not allow him to run roughshod over the law and tradition and decency.
Let it be a fallow field.
Or, turn it into temporary housing for unhoused veterans in DC.
Let's pause the building of new ballrooms until we can't afford to give our veterans robust medical care.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:10:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If Trump is only a TENENT in "The Peoples House", and the NCPC is the "landlord", who dropped the ball in limiting what Trump can do, and is doing, to the White House? As a TENENT (and I don't CARE if he's GOD HIMSELF!), Trump should be FINED for destruction of property, and reminded AGAIN, the White House is NOT HIS TO DESTROY! He also might be reminded that other D.C. properties are also NOT HIS TO DESTROY! Grow some SPINES, and tell trump NO! Is that too much to ask?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:10:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julia Lyons-Ryle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Asking for public comment on an alteration after having already destroyed the structure in question is laughable. Here we are, however, so here is my input: the building should be restored as it was.
Barring that, any new construction should be done to the most stringent codes, and strictly adhere to the historical cultural Neo-classical aesthetic of the original White House. Avoid garish decorative additions that only appeal to the current, temporary resident. He's our guest.
The scope and scale of the project must be approved as law requires, and not exceed the needs and requirements projected for the project. NO HIDDEN ITEMS, and no scope creep.
Ensure full accessibility and ADA compliance, and include publicly accessible areas (because again it is the People's House).
This should all be done within a strictly overseen budget, using open bidding contracts. The money for the project must be put into an escrow account, to ensure contractors are paid. All contractors should be vetted and qualify for high security clearance, and be publicly posted. The site should be repeatedly swept for any unwarranted devices.
Again, this is an insulting exercise to ask for our input after the destruction is complete - nearly in the dead of night. We the people will not forget.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:10:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise James
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow a 90,000 square foot ballroom to be built. It's my strong opinion whatever structure is built should be the same footprint as was the East Wing and fit in with the classic style of the White House. It's the "People's House"- not Donald Trump's Golden Palace" and this administration should have to follow the rules. It's also my opinion after this administration leaves the Rose Garden should be returned to a beautiful grass lawn and get rid of the tacky Mar-a-Lago umbrella tables.

Sincerely,
Denise James

Date: 2/14/2026 9:10:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Banchich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a gut punch to see the East Wing bulldozed (without permission, etc). A rich people's ballroom that dwarfs the White House and Capitol is, to put it lightly, inappropriate--and another gut-punch to the American people.

I do not want taxpayer money going toward a ballroom. I do not want private money going to a ballroom (private donations in these days for such projects are at bottom bribes).

The East Wing has traditionally been the space for the first lady's projects and offices: so the bulldozing of the East Wing, well, another gut punch for women.

It's my understanding that the East Wing was also a favorite section during tours of the White House for

regular people, i.e., not just for the rich; now that's gone.

What happened to all the paintings and historical furnishings, etc, that were in the East Wing? Where's the inventory? Where are they stored?

Bulldozing the East Wing was essentially bulldozing part of our history; it was a travesty. If anything, a exact replica of the East Wing should be built in its place--and funding for it taken out of the private coffers of the person who has been making himself and his cronies rich by abusing his office, our laws, government regulations, our history, and our democracy.

No ballroom please. Most of the American people hate this intended project. We did not vote for this.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valerie Radatz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion, the ballroom at the White House should never have been started without proper discussion, planning and pre-approval. This project is unnecessary and ridiculous in scale! But that time is passed and there is no choice but to move forward now to fix the destruction. So, a ballroom it is. But this must not be an obscene monstrosity permanently attached to the people's White House! I don't care who is paying for this, but especially if taxpayer money becomes involved in any way, scale and costs need to be controlled and limited! There is absolutely NO need for a 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom dwarfing the White House! This country has managed to make it 250 years without being able to throw "magnificent" and grand parties in a dedicated party palace. I'm sure we'll manage to go on a little longer without the world record holding, largest ballroom ever. The American people have much more mundane concerns in their lives than where the rich and powerful and influential get to party in Washington. Things like food, shelter and healthcare! There are very important things that should be on the agenda rather than this gross vanity project!!

But since there is no choice but to go forward and fix the damage now, and since a meeting space is a practical idea that should have been discussed prior to any work, then any commissions and groups involved in this project now MUST make sure that the scale and type of architecture compliment the White House. If the building can only entertain 250 people and not 1,000, so be it! The scale and look of the building is much more important than how many get invited. This building should serve a reasonable purpose and throwing tacky "look at me" parties isn't it!! Sincerely, Valerie Radatz, a concerned U.S. citizen

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Kerby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

""modernization" ??????
You tore it down already and no amount of public outrage will prevent the planned monstrosity or sway the current administration to do the right thing. if you are listening .....Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house. Treat it like it is and not some opportunity for grift.
Diane Kerby

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Flint
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore (rebuild) the East Wing extremely similar to how the exterior was before it was destroyed. It should have similar exterior dimensions and architectural style (like the West Wing and existing White House), with updated wiring etc. to current code and integrate ADA accessibility. Provide a visitor's entrance and offices for the first lady/first gentleman. Interior should be based on documentation scans done before the demolition. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Restore the gardens to how they were prior to the destruction.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: AMY BRZUCHALSKI
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With the history of the Whitehouse being so rich and vast, I feel it is important to rebuild the East Wing back to its original build as closely as possible. The architectural styles used during the original build should be maintained while the mechanical aspects are updated for use and efficiency. Thank you for considering my comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Durning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I taught U.S History and Government for over 30 years. I have visited Washington, D.C. and the People's House, our White House. It is a beautiful testament to our history. It is agonizing to see it without the East Wing, especially when you consider the history of that particular space of the White House. While I understand that perhaps there is a need for an addition of a larger meet/greet space, I do not agree that it should be almost twice the size of the White House. The White House stands as a beacon with the Capitol and the Washington Monument. That is the way it should stay. New plans should be created that are tasteful and maintain the history of the White House.

I appreciate being able to express my feelings as a citizen of our country. Thank you for the opportunity.

Mary Durning

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish for the exterior of "the peoples house" to go back to being symmetrical to the rest of the house. The interior needs to fit the needs of the government, so I have no opinion about that.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Lynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have never needed a giant ballroom nor do we as a country. This should be restored to its previous grandeur even though that has been destroyed to assuage the ego of one man. Funds to restore should be provided by him and those who were going to donate in the first place. This is our house. Thank you for your attention to this matter. GSP

Date: 2/14/2026 9:09:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and should reflect the values of a democratic republic.
Deny a 90,000 sq ft ballroom.
Replace the Rose Garden.
Stand up for the architectural integrity of the building and how it should reflect our melting pot nation of immigrants and the average citizen.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style,
Determine the use of space based on the actual needs of the office and living space needs. Base this on the average US homes living space and the general entertainment needs of the POTUS.
Refuse grandeur and extravagance in The People's House.
Build it as Green as possible
ADA accessible

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house. Put in a dazzling rose garden. And NO GOLD FILIGREE!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building should be restored to its original purpose and proportion but updated to be ADA compliant. The building should be in similar style, complimenting the rest of the existing structure. No gold filigree. The Rose Garden should also be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Leidy Koontz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to construction of ballroom on White House property. Restore the East Wing to predemolition profile.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynda Altovilla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House was deliberately designed and scaled to be a home, the People's House.

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, but take the opportunity to make modern updates, especially making the interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow all legally required processes for making needed changes but remain historically.

The White House is the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Spencer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

“Modernization?” A hideous dance hall to feed the ego of a narcissist is what this is. He destroyed the East Wing without permission and wants to erect an unnecessary over-sized “ ball room.” NO!

ABSOLUTELY NO!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Bardos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible of the original East Wing that has been destroyed without allowing public input; the White House is the people’s house. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. This should not be funded by private special interests. Taxpayers will be paying for future upkeep, utilities, events, etc. I have an issue with paying, and future generations paying for gaudy gold extravagance: this is not a royal palace. Again, it is the people's house...presidents are temporary tenants and should abide with respect to it and history. This is a time when many of us are struggling, so I feel it is very prudent to keep grandiose building projects to down-to-earth planning, which should be done step by step, not overnight. The Rose Garden should be restored as well.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marjorie Marcus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house. Do not allow it to be funded by private citizens, foreign governments, political action funds, or foreign governments.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Agnes Stairs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

An absolute disgrace the east wing was even torn down. Building the ballroom would be like putting a giant pustulent pimple of greed, authoritarianism, and depravity near a symbol of democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Asher Whitney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My strong belief is that demolition prior to public comment & a review of alternatives was likely illegal, at best a mistake. Bottom line: I am appalled by the waste of taxpayer dollars and reckless disregard for rules, precedent, good taste and common sense displayed in this unnecessary project. That said, something must now be built to fill the hole. The new East Wing should be of the same style, and similar scale, as the old one. We've managed quite well without a gigantic opulent ballroom in the People's House thus far. Stop throwing good money after bad.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:08:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished and the proposed ballroom should not be built. Relevant agencies should carefully consider any replacement for this historic building and the replacement should be compatible with the scale and design of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to lodge grievance retrospectively at the appalling arrogance of summarily destroying a public historic building without clearance, consent or guidance. Through that East Wing entered thousands (millions?) of school children on tours of "the people's house," myself, my children and my grandchildren included.

Now, faced with the construction of a scarcely-needed accessory structure on this PUBLIC HISTORIC site, it is vital that form and function address an actual need, not merely one individual's whim and grandiosity. That said, the massive mausoleum currently proposed, utterly out of scale and design with the existing PUBLIC HISTORIC surroundings, will permanently stain the grace and simplicity of our public lands with an ugly, unneeded lasting testament to vanity.

Most people grant that exclusivity offers greater cachet and value than milling throngs at events hosted by our nation's leadership, and the District abounds with more capacious venues if and when needed. The sole purpose for a hall of this scope can only be to placate a pretender dreaming of Olimpiastadion cheers.

And honestly, *must* we gaze on a permanent monument to all of this, once that person is gone?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Mullally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty. The fact that it was done without consulting this organization is criminal. The White House belongs to the people of the United States not to a temporary resident. I don't know what, if anything, can be done to restore the East Wing but those who destroyed it should be held accountable in some way.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Ameika
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave our white house as is.
this is not a historical icon to be torn and remodeled to include a ballroom.
What a waste of our money to use for the whim of the ruling class. stop the foolishness.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebekah Craig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project is a totally unnecessary, self-indulgent waste of money - even if the money was donated by billionaires! Take the billionaire's money and spend it on things that actually NEED to be done, improved, created, etc. Projects that benefit all classes of Americans.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:07:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Sherman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Wellington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, I find it very disappointing that the demolition for this project happened the way it did. The White

House belongs to the people of this country - not any given temporary occupant.
I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in a similar style and foot print as the old East Wing. I do not believe we need an enormous ballroom as there are many facilities in the area that can host large festivities. The people need their government to be sensible and not cater to the whims of ego.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Neese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts. Second, I hope my thoughts make a difference. I was devastated to see the East Wing demolished. So much history, so much meaning, and so much tradition just gone. It meant something to me and I hope you hear the same thing from millions of other Americans. Our current president is treating the people's house like it is his. I am sure the East Wing had no significance for him because we have a First Lady who is not interested in being First Lady. It should be rebuilt and continue to be the East Wing for the First Lady. Let's return the people's house back to what it was. We do not need a ballroom that is decorated in fake gold.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Owen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Besides being an architectural and historical monstrosity, the proposed ballroom would deny access to all Americans who are not wealthy or politically connected enough to be invited to events in this space. It would become the president's personal party room. The funding for the project is questionable as well, but wherever the money comes from, this is a colossal waste of resources.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Claire Rosenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The White House is the People's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Andrews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the rebuilt East Wing:
1) Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
2) Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
3) If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere on the property or in the city.
4) The White House is the people's house, do not allow special interest money to be used for the project.
5) ultimately, the East wing should match the historic proportions of that which was demolished, so it do not detract from the overall appearance of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:06:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin weissbratten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please just rebuild what was destroyed and bill the Trump family for their rampant disregard for the people's property and for building codes and local laws

Date: 2/14/2026 9:05:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bernadette Naquin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Based on the presentation at the Jan 8 meeting, it appears that this modernization is needed. My concern is that it is too large and dwarfs our beloved White House. Is there an opportunity for revision of the size?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:05:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commission,

I do not support the planned East Wing Modernization Project.

there are several reasons, however first, the plans as shared through press conferences and news reports would over power the White House and would look awful. This was not planned with the existing structure in mind, and would dramatically change the footprint of the existing structure(s). Additionally, the way this

project has been implemented so far is deeply problematic, and the people responsible for flagrantly breaking the law should not be rewarded for their actions. And finally, there are serious questions about how much money was raised, if it was bribery, and how much of our taxpayer dollars would be spent on another vanity project for this administration.

We don't need a massive ballroom. This is wasteful and has already led to unnecessary destruction of federal property. The president should be held responsible and should have to pay to rebuild the structures he demolished out of his own pocket.

Sincerely,
Jessica Murphy

Date: 2/14/2026 9:05:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Steck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Madam/Sir,

It was with great sadness that I saw the demolition of the East Wing. While I understand the need for renovations, the White House is an historic building, and as such, needs to be dealt with using care and respect for the history and traditions of property. I grew up in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, and visited the White House on several occasions (meeting President Ford and President Carter). It was an honor that I will never forget. The addition of an enormous ballroom would not only dominate such a beautiful, and once symmetric, building it would simply be an abomination. With the changing times, the need for a large ballroom has perhaps grown, and may be simply addressed by using innumerable facilities in the D.C. area.

With respect, I beg the Planning Commission to carefully consider what is most needed, as well as what would best suit the limited space upon which the White House sits. A large addition requires an immense amount of parking for guests, security issues, and most important for a building which is part of our nation's history, a destruction of the grace and proportions of the White House. The East Wing is unfortunately gone, but it is possible to build an addition which respects the original building and graces the land upon which it sits. The current proposal, which I have only seen general renditions of online, does neither. Please respect the "People's House"!

Thank you for your time and careful consideration,
Mary Steck

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LW Walker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore/replace what you can of the original East Wing. Please restore what you can of our democracy. Please DO NOT create a monstrous ballroom. Please have historians involved, and create something tasteful and appropriate to who we are as a people. We thank you for your attention to this

matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoeAnn Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very upset that America's home has been bulldozed without its owner's - the American people - consent. I would like to see it restored to it's original size, with proper accommodations to security as well as scale and dignity. Thank you, JoeAnn

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Brault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
Require all damages paid for by the president who never had permission to destroy our national treasure for his desires of grandeur.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House has always represented the United States, more than the Capitol building. The destruction of the East Wing is an abomination. The rebuild should follow all the rules of the Historical Society. It should not be larger than the West Wing. I have no hope that the current resident of the White House will obey the rules. There must be someway the building can be saved to reflect the historical view.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom project should be denied and the East Wing should be rebuilt to appropriate past scale and historical design. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Cripps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House holds the history of our nation. This new "ballroom" dwarfs it and really only serves as a monument to one man. Bet his name will also be attached if it's ever completed. We are not about one man. We are about the People. To add insult to injury, the normal process of making such changes has been subverted. Trump should be required to put the land back to what it should be. At this point, if a new East Wing is needed, that needs to be planned for as well.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Number one. It never should have been torn down in the first place. Trump does not own the building. Number two it should be rebuilt to align with the original structure not on a whim of someone trying to copy other dictators. The new plans are horrific and an insult to our history.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:04:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Claybaker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is unfortunate that the original East Wing was bulldozed without proper approval or oversight. I further believe that the building of the ballroom is ill advised.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:03:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Fabian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, which should have never been torn down, update electrical wiring and install up-to-date heating, cooling, and plumbing, and make the interior ADA accessible.
Decorate in a tasteful and budget-conscious manner.
Follow all currently legally mandated processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Restore the rose garden.
If a ballroom is still needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:03:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ohman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore original design with NO public money. The destruction costs already incurred should be charged to the Trump family.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:03:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RICK PARMENTER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing to the same scale as what was demolished with a design matching the White House and the west wing. Include a room to host large functions if the non-partisan stewards of federal buildings deem that is necessary and the best use of the space. Interior design and finishes should be tasteful, subdued and complementary to the White House decor BEFORE this administration took occupancy. No one wants a gold-plated, bedazzled structure with gaudy finishes. This is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE!

If a large ballroom is needed in DC then work with the local government to fund and build a shared facility in an appropriate location in the metro DC area.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:03:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Craigmile
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to demolishing the east wing and equally opposed to building the proposed ballroom, and I do not believe these projects should be paid for by taxpayers

Date: 2/14/2026 9:03:05 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Riemens-Van Laare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, make the building ADA accessible. I would like to see it done as a historically accurate restoration project. Interior design should reflect the historic tone of the White House and should be chosen by a design team
appointed by the Historical Commission. Anyone attending an event can as easily travel to an off site event space as they can to a White House ballroom, therefore a ballroom or event space should be built elsewhere in the city or area. I am deeply saddened that the historic East Wing was demolished. I don't believe this would have been allowed had the proper review process been followed. Further, I would like to see all who were involved in sidestepping the Historical Commission held accountable and fined if at all possible. Further, The President is a temporary resident of The White House, not an owner. Any ornamentation added to the physical structure without permission should be immediately removed, including gold signage and gold filigree medallions added to walls unless prior approval has been obtained.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eve Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East Wing with a plan to construct a Home Depot version Versailles will ruin purposely simple silhouette of the White House. The Founding Fathers purposely selected a simple and symmetrical architecture to represent what we are as a nation. We have no pretension that we are "ruled by a royal class." Our nation was created through the blood of common farmers and tradesmen who were willing to die for a new form of government that was intended to serve all citizens....not just the "elite."

A grandiose ballroom is demeaning to our heritage.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Lucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Simple. Simple. Simple. No gaudy gold. Make it scale appropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna C Flanigin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Having been born and raised in Quincy, MA, history runs in my blood. My city, my state have preserved hundreds of buildings and homes. Visitors can go back in time, imagining the daily lives of our forefathers, instilling in them the pride of our newly formed republic.

Every spring, I would take my children on the train to Washington, to revel in our nation's capital. The destruction of the East Wing weighs heavily on our minds. This was the heart of our people's house. The huge ballroom will only be used occasionally. Its size outweighs the White House, boisterous, ostentatious, out of character.

What would the founding fathers think?

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erica Oliver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of the proposed East Wing renovation — particularly the ballroom — feels disproportionate and inconsistent with responsible stewardship of a historic public building. Proceeding without clear public engagement and transparent funding disclosures raises serious concerns about accountability.

Before any further demolition or construction occurs, there should be independent oversight, published financial documentation, and a preservation review. If those standards cannot be met, the project should not continue.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Kerrigan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No, just no. I want the original East Wing to be re-built to the exact specifications it was. NO BALLROOM! This is our government, not a toy for Trump to play with. NO BALLROOM. I can't say it enough. This is NOT the will of the people!

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Lamb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I have visited and toured the East Wing in the past, and so I was devastated at the destruction of it. As an American who is passionate about our history, I would like to see the building restored to it's original condition. If that is 'off the table' then I believe the new structure should not be larger than the main structure, as this would be asthetically horrible and undermine the importance of the main structure. Further, it should be understated and elegant, without gold leaf and no single President's name should adorn the facade.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:02:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Mingoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back brick by brick, as it was, however possible. He had no right to destroy it.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Danuff-Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior EXACTLY the way it looked before. Do not make it larger, smaller, different than before. This was the people's house, not any 1 man's or party's. Restore it! This wasn't a modernization project, it was a distraction and ego project. Asking for comments now is the most ridiculous thing imaginable. Restore to East Wing, and them money should come from Mr. Trump's pocket, not the taxpayers.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Drinsinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel there is no reason to have a ballroom. There is the need for a space that was there in the past. The First Lady's offices and a rose garden that refreshes the mind and soul. Make it look close to the previous building and charge Trump for the destruction of the original building.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Arzt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project was started with bribe money and zero oversite. Continuing with it, in any capacity, would be tantamount to approving what was done.
This project was a monument to one man's ego. Not the reflection or desires of a nation.
Restore the White House. It will never be what it was, but it can be whole again. Modernize where needed, but rebuild it in a manner befitting its legacy.
If a ballroom is needed, and I think we'd all like to see some proof of that need before spending the money, have it go through the proper channels, from start to finish. Without anyone's name attached.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teo Drake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While it is too late to prevent the utterly devastating destruction of the historic east wing, it is imperative that what is rebuilt is done thoughtfully and in keeping with the current architecture. A large ballroom is not what the White House or this country needs at this time. The footprint of the replacement structure should not be larger than what was removed. Restoring the rose garden and outdoor space is as important as the new structure. The symbolism of beauty as well as the harmony of public and private space at the White House (the people's house) feels important at this time.

This President should not be rewarded for lawlessness. Nothing that gets built should have any tacky gold leaf or gaudy displays of "wealth".

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: RICHARD HYLTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for watching over so many important projects that meet the needs of our country and reflect its character.

Please do not allow this president to leave an outrageous monument to himself that will last generations.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Shrader
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I adamantly oppose the garish plans that I have seen on the news for what is proposed for a huge gilded ballroom. I strongly feel that whatever replaces the east wing should fit in with the architecture and scale of what is currently at the White House. Everything I've seen so far regarding what is planned is horrible and an insult to the architecture and feel and vibe of our White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:01:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Miranti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not belong to any president. The East Wing should be rebuilt to match what was originally there. The interior should be updated to meet the needs of those who use it daily. The needs do not include a ballroom. If the president wants a ballroom with his name on it, he can build it off public land.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Mullahey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When I was in 8th grade our school took a trip to the White House. I will never forget how beautiful it was. Years later I was invited to go back as a delegate from the DAR Daughters of the American Revolution. The

White House is sacred to my family and the American public. We were devastated when we saw on the news not only the East Wing being torn down but also the portico. All that history! President Trump mentioned building a ballroom on White House grounds and NOT touching the existing structures? What happened to that plan? The new plan for the ballroom is excessive, totally overshadows the White House and should be scaled back to a foot print smaller than the White House. You don't need 38 to 40 foot ceilings and at 90,000 you can probably seat 2000 people which is totally unnecessary. Please, go back redesign smaller and more representative of the original design. Also, a two story West Wing portico? When does this stop? Also funding, we don't want a White House that has political advertisements of who gave what. If new infrastructure is needed go to Congress and get it approved. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hansen-Rhodes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way you found it. You should have asked for these comments before you destroyed a historically valuable property. This property belongs to the American people not the current administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the addition of a 90,000 sq ft ballroom to the White House. If modernization is needed, do it, but keep it at the same scale as the original. Anything more is simply self-aggrandizement on behalf of the current resident. I also think the current resident should be personally fined for destruction of federal property.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new ballroom must be architecturaly compatible and sympathetic to scale and scope of the remaining building. The previous balance of the wings made the silhouette recognisable and should be constructed accordingly. Historical Monuments must retain their original design and reflect their heritage even if modernization is required or desired.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:31 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Knights
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With regard to the White House East Wing, restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house.

Do not allow special interest groups money influence or pay for the /building/rebuilding.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbie Edgington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

PLEASE. return the East wing back to it's original splendor! Trump had NO RIGHT to destroy this....all of that history....heartbreaking.

Date: 2/14/2026 9:00:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Gorrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am just an ordinary citizen who has worked since age 16 to get to this point in my life when I am retired with an adequate income. At 77 years old, I am working feverishly as an UNPAID volunteer in a ministry that helps our less financially blessed neighbors with food, housing, medical bills, utility bills and justice for themselves and their families. I don't have time to read all the plans/rationale for destroying the East Wing of the White House. I don't have time to read the plans for building something in its place. I expect it to follow the rules that are already in place for the management of historical properties! I don't want it to look like a casino! If you need further thoughts from me, feel free to contact me.
Joann Gorrell

Date: 2/14/2026 8:59:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Luczaj
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House East Wing
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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:59:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: evelynn eighmey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish it had never been torn down. If it has to proceed should be in proportion to the white house shouldn't be larger. No gold bawdy decorations

Date: 2/14/2026 8:59:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Gamelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For your consideration on the matter of The Modernization of The East Wing:

As a citizen of these United States of America, I am outraged that this project has been implemented without the proper protocols put into place for pre approval. The White House, along with The East and West Wings are among the most classic examples of historic edifices on The National Register of Historic Places. They have always been national treasures, irreplaceable parts of our Nation's history. To see The East Wing destroyed in the careless matter that it was, was a shock and awe moment for many of us Americans! The planned ballroom never received the proper pre approval of the planned architecture and the scale in size in reference to the dimensions of The White House (The People's House, as it has been referred to). As a citizen, as a tax payer of this Country, I feel this project should be immediately halted and not allowed to proceed. I will even go as far to say that The East Wing should be reconstructed, piece by piece, as if it were decimated by a fire or other catastrophe. Its removal was unlawful! Unauthorized measures were taken by the main occupier who took liberties to portray himself as the owner of the property, rather than a temporary tenant! The history and integrity of this infamous structure should have been held in high regard of it's invaluable historical significance. The proper channels should have been taken to obtain step by step authorization, including the very approval by The National Registry of Historic Places. It is not too late to halt what could be a horrific infringement on our very rights as Americans to uphold institutions and properties that belong to all of us, in our hearts and in what we hold very dear.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Respectfully yours,
Sharon Gamelli
Durham, Connecticut

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing belonging to We The People was illegal and I expect it to be restored to its original state including procuring original materials and I expect that to be paid for by the individual or individuals who broke the law in the first place by tearing it down illegally and ordering it torn down illegally.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Samantha Nelson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild as it was making appropriate updates.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Schwindt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion the east wing never should have been tore down. It removes a historically relevant structure for a new vanity project. I think the east wing should be restored to its previous structure and function.

If the ballroom moves forward it certainly shouldn't dwarf the rest of the White House and it shouldn't look like some pimped out golden shrine to Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Harding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA

accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding

Date: 2/14/2026 8:58:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penelope Cromer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To The Commission: The EAST WING should be restored to it's previous footprint and elevation, making ADA modifications in a tasteful and appropriate manner. Any mechanical (electrical) updates should be addressed at that time. Exteriors of the structure should be in keeping with the architectural design and aesthetics of the White House overall. No private funding should be allowed for this project. Thank you for allowing the PEOPLE of the United States access to input as to what The PEOPLE's House should be.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ethel Mertz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel the East Wing should be restored as it was prior to destruction. If a ballroom needs to be built, find another property to use for construction. The ballroom size should also be limited. And while I'm on the subject, kill the arch plan as wrll

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Mokros
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on an issue that is not only about architecture, but about history, stewardship, and the fundamental character of one of the most important civic buildings in the world.

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House—undertaken without meaningful review, public comment, or engagement with the appropriate planning and preservation bodies—is nothing short of an irreversible loss. It represents the erasure of decades of institutional memory, historic continuity, and the lived experience of the First Families and the American public.

The East Wing was never simply an annex. It was a place of purpose. It was where the Office of the First Lady was located—a space where generations of First Ladies carried forward initiatives that shaped national conversations and improved lives. From Lady Bird Johnson's environmental leadership to Rosalynn

Carter's mental health advocacy, from Nancy Reagan's preservation efforts to Michelle Obama's work on military families and childhood health, the East Wing was where those efforts were conceived, staffed, and executed.

It was also where history met humanity.

It was home to the White House Family Theater, a quiet and deeply personal space where First Families gathered not as symbols, but as families. It was where children watched films, where moments of normalcy existed within an extraordinary life. These are the kinds of spaces that rarely make headlines, but they are essential to understanding the White House not as an abstraction, but as a lived place.

Equally important, the East Wing was where we welcomed the American people.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors each year entered the White House through the East Wing. Schoolchildren, veterans, families, and citizens from across the country and around the world passed through its doors. It was the threshold between the public and their government. It was where the abstract idea of democracy became tangible. It was where the People's House became real.

That phrase—"the People's House"—is not accidental. It reflects the explicit intent of George Washington himself, who insisted that the presidential residence not be a palace. He rejected designs that were overly grand or monarchical in scale. He understood that the legitimacy of the presidency depended, in part, on restraint—on the symbolism of accessibility, humility, and civic purpose.

To replace the East Wing with a grand ballroom of a scale that dwarfs surrounding buildings is not simply an architectural change. It is a philosophical departure from that founding intent.

The White House was never meant to compete with Versailles. It was meant to stand apart from it.

This is not an argument against change. The White House has evolved over time, as it must. But that evolution has historically occurred within a framework of stewardship, review, and respect—for history, for precedent, and for the public. Decisions affecting the White House complex have always recognized that it belongs not to any single administration, but to the American people and to history itself.

That is why process matters.

The absence of transparent review, the lack of public engagement, and the apparent bypassing of preservation and planning norms are deeply troubling. The National Capital Planning Commission exists precisely to ensure that changes to the monumental core of our nation are undertaken thoughtfully, transparently, and with due regard for their lasting impact.

Once demolished, the East Wing cannot be restored. Its walls carried stories. Its rooms witnessed moments of national and personal significance. Its spaces reflected the human dimension of the presidency and the civic dimension of democracy.

We have not simply lost a structure. We have lost a place where history happened quietly, every day.

Future generations will judge not only what we build, but what we choose to erase.

I urge the Commission to fully examine the process by which this demolition occurred, to reaffirm the principles of transparency and preservation that have long governed the stewardship of the White House, and to ensure that any future changes honor both the historical integrity of the complex and the founding principle that the White House is, and must remain, the People's House.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Mokros

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Mahoney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House was demolished without permission or a plan. That house belongs to the people and the current occupant has no right to alter it without permission, yet this has already taken place. The current President's vision is not practical nor a proper use of public nor private funds. Private donations for a project like this are not appropriate and appear to be bribes as nearly all of the donors have government contracts or business interests with the government. There is no financial oversight. The White House is a residence and a work space. The need for a ballroom of this scale is wildly unnecessary and does not take into account the historical nature of the building nor the aesthetics of the surrounding properties. The government should stop construction immediately and create a more reasonable space for entertaining in line with a democracy, not monarchy.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:57:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucia DiVenere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to condemn this president's gross misconduct in destroying the East Wing. The White House belongs to each of us, the American people, not to any single person, and surely not to this president.

He acted without respect to history, established process and oversight, and requirements. We woke up one morning to bulldozers raking down the East Wing.

In destroying the East Wing, this president caused severe damage, literally and figuratively, to our Nation's Capitol and to its people.

Precedent will be set in how the Commission rules on and responds to this egregious act and display of one person's ego.

I strongly urge the Commission to use its full authority and scope, to publicly denounce this president's desecration of our beautiful White House, and to act in every possible way to demand and ensure it is restored to its original state, including demanding that this president fully pay for all restoration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your serious consideration.

Lucia DiVenere
Washington DC

Date: 2/14/2026 8:56:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is grossly overdone and not in line with architectural standards for the White House. It also raises questions as to the sources of funding to be used to finance the project. It is stated that it will be funded through private donations however these "private" donations will come with the expectation of special treatment for the donor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:56:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Kunz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this project as it has nothing to do with modernization, but instead building a grandiose ill fitting ballroom who's only purpose is to try to fill the empty void inside of Donald Trump where a soul is supposed to be.

America does not need fancy ballrooms to "enhance" the White House, the White House is an historic building where the President is supposed to reside to serve the American people .. not a place for a grifter who thinks he can impress with tacky gold gilding so he can take bribes for pardons, decrees, and other paybacks.

Allowing this to go forward would reward this administration for already breaking the law wherein they destroyed the east wing without prior approval. And now they want to say "oops my bad"?

The proposed scale of the ballroom would make it a monstrosity .. widely out of scale with the rest of the White House and other national monuments in the DC area. The simpleton in the White House somehow thinks bigger is better which is not always the case.

The White House is the people's house .. it belongs to the America people .. not to the temporary resident who is crass and tacky. The East Wing should be restored to it's original size before Trump destroyed it without permission.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:56:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
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The White House is the people's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Colon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my understanding that the due diligence and design phase of a "modernization" project to one's property should occur BEFORE demolition for said project. This pitiful effort to collect input from the American people about what they desire from a project that they never asked for, wanted to pay for, or frankly never even dreamed of. This vanity project of a gilded Despot will be remembered as a monument of the obscene.

That being said, and outside of demanding that the East Wing of my house be returned to its prior glory of warmth and history, I have demands. I demand that the architecture and artistic integrity of the White House remain steadfast to the traditions of the property. This is to say that we maintain the austerity and humbleness of Americanism (re: no gold plating or otherwise oligarchal embellishments). I demand that the builders and employees of this project be paid handsomely and with great respect, unlike the enslaved men and women who built and rebuilt the house after the fire of 1814. I demand a restoration of the Rose Garden, the destruction of which is a desecration of inexcusable proportions. I demand ADA-compliant access including gender neutral and family bathrooms. I demand that the walls be full of art and the halls echo with the music of our people. At all times. I demand that the facility be fitted with a large-scale commercial kitchen that is capable of feeding thousands of hungry people who gather outside its doors because the we're forced to pay for this god forsaken project instead of food for their family.

This is a disgrace. This is Nero playing the violin while the capital burns. This was not your decision to make at a property that was never yours. I humbly pray for your forgiveness as you gather data to justify building an empire of dirt.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Yeager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately, the East Wing is already gone so it must be replaced with something. I would like to see the project totally removed from trump and his administration and taken over completely by a bipartisan historic committee to make a decision on what to build and how to build it..

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore architectural exterior in same footprint. Update to comply with ADA where possible. Restore to original purpose for east wing. If event space or ballroom is still seen as needed, place elsewhere in DC. RESTORE rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house, and Trump's stewardship of the house ends at the end of his current 4-year term.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore this building to something similar to the previous size and design. This will preserve the historical integrity of the U.S. People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phyllis Thibault
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild it at the same size as the old east wing, but with modern interior.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Cohen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House's East Wing should be restored to its original form and function. Updating codes, and technology, as well as ADA compliance should be a part of that. We do not need a ballroom, never mind one that huge. The proportions of the White House must be maintained.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:55:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Albert Hoskinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East wing modernization project in any form. It is inappropriate, ill-conceived and beyond what is necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jason Welle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size, scale, and proportion of the new ballroom overshadow the historic White House. While I can respect the desire for a permanent space to host very large gatherings at the White House without using a temporary tent, this design must be scaled back significantly if it is to be built adjacent to the White House so as not to overshadow - almost literally - the executive mansion.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Chase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was torn down illegally which is really the first order of business.
The United States does not need a huge, intrusive, out-of-scale ballroom to entertain rich and powerful people when Americans don't have healthcare and supportive government programs to help with enough childcare, food assistance, and FEMA assistance among others.This is simply a vanity project with no consideration of the architectural surrounds or the will of the people of the United States. It is one more travesty visited on the country by the Trump administration.

Thank you
Jill G. Chase
Vermont

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanne Kalvar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, especially how it has been conducted, is an atrocity. No consideration was made for the history and purpose of the people's house, and the current proposals overshadow the White House itself in what only can be called a monument to one man's towering ego. The repair project needs to be removed from current hands and placed in the hands of someone who can properly keep it to its correct scale and historic alignment.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Corgiat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Truly a disgrace to our nation. Not everything today needs to be bigger, gaudier, or more tasteless. Rebuilding should only be done by architects and approved by a national committee of experts.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:54:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Felicia Mazur
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is a gaudy and immense building that overwhelms a wonderful symbol of democracy, the White House. A smaller, more tasteful addition should be built, especially in light of the unwarranted demolition of the East Wing. The White House is OUR house, the American people's house and we should have a say in how it's being changed.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Reinhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ballroom atrocity added to the destruction that's happened to our White House since this administration took office. My heart hurts at what's happened to the oval office, the East Wing, the halls of our house. Just stop... stop.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:42 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesanne Fliehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished without approval. The proposed ballroom is a monstrosity that only satisfies Donald Trump's need for ostentatious gaudiness and over-the-top spending. ANY building should be approved by Congress.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Angelo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an obscene travesty that cannot be undone.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Peters
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed structure will dwarf the White House. Is it necessary? There is a ballroom and many event spaces in the Capital. Destroying the East Wing certainly gives rise to modernization (which was necessary), but to my knowledge the space has not been designed by a sympathetic architect. It should be.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Haseltine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chelle Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House's East Wing is an integral part of our nation's history and its demolition is an attack on the generational growth represented in its quarters. What was demolished was over a course of several days dismisses the invaluable service of First Ladies like Eleanor Roosevelt as she worked tirelessly to advocate for the WASP and Tuskegee Airmen during a time of national and global need. Now this president seeks to erase this history in favor of a poorly fashioned ballroom intended to dwarf the Peoples' House. I cannot be allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:53:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doreen Grasso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the White House belongs to the people of the United States, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project, although it feels a little late in the process. I think the East Wing should be returned to a footprint similar to what was there before it was bulldozed - balanced and mirroring the West Wing in size and architectural design. I am assuming upgrades in electricals, mechanicals, ballroom kitchen area, security, etc. would be welcomed. However, the design should be in the Neoclassical style it had been, to include the East Colonnade, gardens, circular driveway, portico, ballroom, etc. If the ballroom needs to be enlarged for the comfort of guests, it should be done in a modest way, with nothing overly grandiose and showy (no over-the-top gold leafed ornamental features) which do not reflect American values or ideals. I think Americans were proud of and supportive of the level of grandiosity of the former design and do not want something in the style of the Baroque Palace of Versailles. It is not the time or the place for such ostentatiousness.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:52:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: GEORGE OUIMET
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this is completely unnecessary and a waste of energy and funds. It is more of a tribute to one "mans" ego than something useful for the American people. If it has to be done it has to done tastefully and kept in historical context with the rest of the White House and surrounding architecture.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:52:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

What good does it do to ask for comments after King Dimwit already tore it down? Maybe ask BEFORE next time?

Date: 2/14/2026 8:52:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Bulone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Personally, I think the destruction of the East Wing to create a ballroom as an ediface to this "Epstein" Administration is most simply a vanity project. But if it must be constructed it should follow the architectural style and design of the remaining portion of the White House and should serve the functions of State rather than the ego of any specific person.

Taxpayers of all stripes have paid from their wages or savings over time to create an elegant symbol of the prestige of the Presidency and of the Executive Branch of government in this White House. It's regrettable, shamefule even, that our current president finds it "not good enough" for his purposes. Let this project, then, maintain the gravity originally imbued in the original building and forego any sense of filigreed ostentation as might befit a monarch. Rather, let is represent the earnestness of everyday Americans, whose House it truly is, not with airs of golden flourish designated by an open-for-business president, but with the dignity of the historically strong, enduring, freedom-loving people of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:52:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:52:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Kichman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, I am appalled that any ONE individual regardless of title could direct destruction of any historical building without proceeding through proper channels and submitting paperwork, especially in our nation's capital! These events in the past always required much scrutiny and took a lengthy time. With this in mind penalties should be invoked anyone who was involved with the recent demolitions and pave overs. It was extremely distasteful to remove the gardens, pave them and then use that area as a car dealership space.

Next, the East Wing should be replaced with updated security and technology while maintaining the integrity of the building and historical details. It should definitely be ADA accessible for all. Some limitations should be established for decorations in hallways and offices. As stated previously, no changes should be made without a historical committee or perhaps civilian representatives from various areas of our country. The current administration has demonstrated an excessive desire to cover everything in gold. For many, myself included, this has gotten out of hand and has become distasteful. We removed ourselves from kings and are not interested in recreating the Palace of Versailles. A motto to follow would be "Everything in moderation."

With the upcoming anniversary of our nation near, please consider artwork and items of interest representative of all 50 states and our multiple territories. In this way the People's House would truly represent the People, provide a learning experience as well as being inviting to all who visit. These could be changed from time to time by location or updated by the states and territories.

As for the ballroom, while I accept a larger entertainment facility may be necessary I would recommend this structure not overshadow the historical buildings. Most of these were built before we had equipment that allow for our extremely large buildings. At one time buildings were limited in size, for example 6 stories, because we had no elevators. If this group decides the blueprints of the current ballroom are acceptable perhaps a different location should be found so the building stands alone instead of overshadowing our historical buildings.

Finally, NO building in DC should be named for a living individual and the name choice should be submitted to a supervisory group composed of a mixed group including some civilian representative of our nation selected at random.

Thank you for allowing the people to speak and considering our ideas.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:51:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellie Ellerbee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing shouldn't have been razed without Consideration of the Commission. Since it has been demolished, it's even more important for the Commission to listen to and be guided by bipartisan input so the current Administration doesn't create an even bigger mess than it already has.
I also don't want Donald J. Trump to decorate the interior with his tacky, gaudy, gold colored filigree. Not only is it not in good taste, it doesn't represent The People.
Please bring some good sense to this project!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:51:49 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Tamburrino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe a larger updated event space is probably needed but what was done underhandedly by the Trump administration was not only done by not following procedures but the planned ballroom is way too big. We, the taxpayers, pay for the State dinners and do we really have so many of them and with so many invitees, to warrant this monster of a room? Scale it down and let them scale down their guest list!
I feel the whole project should be scrapped at this point and reworked with the proper agencies. As it is now, the ballroom idea is embarrassing and amateurish.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:51:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecil Beasley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No need for a gilded mausoleum of a ballroom. Add more meeting room space, but also add additional offices. The building should NOT overshadow our House of the People, the White House proper. The United States does NOT need to prove itself via gaudy cheap gold trim and trinkets everywhere. Decor should be dignified and understated. This should be a building for serious offices, and working functional meeting space. The space should also double as an entertainment space in terms of dinners, etc. There should be a space for emergency personnel and any equipment they might need to treat emergencies on the spot until transport can be arranged, either for medical personnel coming in or taking patients out. In addition, there should be sufficient restrooms to accommodate the maximum number of people allowed.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:51:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Huntoon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I absolutely and unequivocally DO NOT support the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the building of a huge ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:51:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Wormell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Leave it alone and do not allow anything be done until a new president is elected. The destruction of the East wing was the illegitimate illegal act of a facist government that destroys everything it touches. Where is the money to pay for it? Where was the authority, planning, permits to tear it down? Not one penny and not one step forward on this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:50:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Fay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the White House “modernization” project to add a ballroom. This is a frivolous and expensive expenditure of tax payer funding that only benefits a few elite people. The money for this project should be redirected to social programs that directly impact the health and well being of people in the US who struggle to afford health care and housing.

Any East Wing project should be dedicated to historic preservation and modernization of office space for Executive staff and journalists who work at the White House. The US does not need another monument to celebrate wealth when it is held by so few.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:49:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Ream
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this project, and I wish that the East Wing be restored to its previous condition without delay.

1. This gaudy, outsized 'ballroom' abomination is an unnecessary and unwanted tribute to pretense, and does not reflect the theme and importance of The Peoples' House.
2. No one consulted me, as a citizen, what should be done with my property.

Signed,
A Proud Citizen of The United States of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:49:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ola Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to Mr. Trump's unauthorized destruction of the East Wing in an attempt to erase an historical structure and build an unnecessary ball room of gigantic proportions. I want him to use the millions he's raised from his friends to restore the structure .

Date: 2/14/2026 8:49:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To little to late. It will never be restored. Perhaps Tax Payers should get damages reward!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:49:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Georgia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Although much damage has already been done, please consider rebuilding the East Wing of Americas home as it was, it never should have been destroyed!
The White House is one of the most historically significant buildings in the United States, and the East Wing is part of that legacy.
The East Wing reflects architectural decisions and expansions made during key periods of U.S. history, especially the early 20th century.
Altering it risks erasing or diluting physical evidence of past administrations and eras.
Architectural Integrity
The White House complex was designed as a cohesive whole; changing the East Wing could disrupt the balance, symmetry, and intent of the overall design.
Even "minor" alterations can create inconsistencies with materials, scale, or style that are difficult—or impossible—to undo.
Cultural and Symbolic Value
The East Wing houses spaces closely associated with the First Lady and staff, giving it symbolic importance beyond its physical footprint.
It represents continuity, stability, and tradition in American governance—values that are undermined when iconic structures are frequently altered.
Legal and Preservation Standards
The White House is protected under federal historic preservation laws and guidelines, including oversight by preservation bodies.
Changes would require extensive review and could set precedents that weaken protections for other historic sites.
National Identity and Public Trust
The White House is not just a working building; it's a national symbol that belongs, culturally, to all Americans.
Significant changes may be perceived as prioritizing temporary needs or preferences over long-term stewardship.
Slippery Slope Concerns
Approving changes to the East Wing could open the door to future alterations driven by political trends rather than preservation principles.
Once altered, original features cannot truly be restored—only replicated.
Functional Sufficiency
The East Wing already fulfills its intended roles (offices, entrances, ceremonial functions) without structural changes.

Modern needs can typically be met through internal, reversible updates rather than architectural modification.
International Precedent
Many nations preserve their executive residences with minimal external change to reinforce legitimacy and continuity.
Maintaining the East Wing as-is aligns the U.S. with global norms for preserving seats of government.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Pohl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the original East Wing without any oversight was an abomination, and the plans for a grotesquely giant gilded ballroom are horrible. Obviously something needs to be built onto the East Wing now, but it should be smaller than the main White House building, similar in aesthetic, and ideally rebuilds the original East Wing plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Sapinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project as planned at 90,000 sq. Ft. Is wildly out of proportion to The White House which has been and should continue to be the focus. It's relatively modest size and neoclassical architecture reflect the egalitarian values of this country and we should not allow the inflated ego of one man to overshadow it with this proposed monstrosity. This is The People's House!, and we object to it's desecration.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Stancil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of this disproportionately sized ballroom is an absurd request from this reckless president. Demolishing the East Wing with zero oversight should have come with consequences, but here we are.

As sixty percent of the country lives paycheck to paycheck, it is a slap in the face to any American paying attention that something this opulent and excessive would be constructed at The People's House. This important place of American history does not belong to the current president. He is a temporary resident.

I understand that this being paid for by private, corporate donations rather than taxpayer's money. Given this administration's proven track record of using American assets to benefit the president, I find this entirely unacceptable as well.

What deals were made that benefit him, personally, rather than the Country as a whole? Does anyone know? Or will the trend be allowed to continue for him to be in violation of the emoluments clause?

I strongly disagree with the scope of this project and the "Let them eat cake" message it sends to American citizens, struggling to exist in this increasingly poor economy. At THE LEAST, this president should be held accountable to the existing procedural oversight that Congress has to oversee White House construction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robbie Hassell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back as it was, modernized, since the demolition was not approved. We've never needed a gaudy ballroom before and we don't want one now.

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cassie Moskos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The majority of the square footage should go back to restoring the East Wing. And then if a ballroom is needed can be added with some of the remaining square footage, as long as it is in line with the size and scale o the rest of the building. It should be constructed with similar materials and design elements to look like one seamless structure. It shouldn't have his name on it due to the overall destruction he cause and for violating the process.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unnecessary project that takes away from the historical significance of the original design of the east wing as a working area for the First Lady and installs a monument for the ego of a convicted felon and rapist. The project does nothing for the American people and stands to dwarf the orginal historical nature of the White House and surrounding area. This project will become a gilded eye sore of tacky gold spray paint giving a cheap casino look to a once historic living museum.

The White House and East Wing must me restored to it's original state and this ego driven narcissistic project needs to stop. The project has ballooned to be a monument to a authoritarian tyrant who gives no regard to the American public and would rather send money on unnecessary self serving vanity projects than doing any real infrastructure projects for the rest of the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:48:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be replaced and should not be larger than the White House or the West Wing. It's exterior architecture needs to be the same as the White House style and the White House should be balanced in the center of the grounds. It seems ridiculous to me to have a ballroom for 1,000 people. The logistics of serving that many by White House staff would be a nightmare, as would checking that many people through security..
The plans shared by the president show no thought or care for the American People. The house and grounds belong to all of us and not this president and his wealthy friends. If he wants that big a ballroom he should build it on his own property.
I also demand the Rose Garden be replaced. It, too, belonged to the people.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:47:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Donovan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Recreate First Lady's work and reception area.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:47:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Flaherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I think the White House should be beautiful and large enough to be both home and office to the President, I also feel it should be representative of the country. Most of us have very little interest in a ballroom, much less one built for the satisfaction of one man's ego. If we must fill every inch of the space, let it be with something useful, something to benefit more than the socially and financially elite.

Thank you.

Liz Flaherty

Date: 2/14/2026 8:47:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Chavez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To those involved with the East Wing Modernization Project,

• The destruction of the East Wing should never have taken place without consultation of the American citizens.

• Clearly it is a “vanity project” by the Trump administration.

• I am not an architect but I do know what is appropriate for the White House which stands as a monument to the United States and the World.

• The destruction of the East wing was and is obscene.

•. Whatever is installed should be architecturally in keeping with the original building.

I feel the demolition of the East Wing is an outward symbol of the destruction of the American Democracy.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:47:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Fuller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Remove the gaudy, cheap looking gold leafing throughout the White House. It is undignified and classless.

Thank you for taking comments on this project!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lacey Wootton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was obscene. Don't make it worse with the addition currently under consideration. It is too large, too ugly. It dwarfs the White House-- the People's House, not Trump's House. The proposed ballroom is a monument to a temporary resident's ego, designed to dominate the main building. Please, listen to the people. Do not approve the current plans! Ideally, I'd want the East Wing back. If we can't have that, demand a more modest, proportional plan the respects the main building.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Mancuso
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing modernization project:
-Standard processes and approvals through governmental organizations should be followed
-Do not allow for investment and payments through private organizations and businesses who can draw future benefits or influence through said donations
-Restore and preserve sight lines to all sides of the White House as outlined
-Allow for public hearings in regard to final plans and elevations
-Secure ADA access
This ballroom extension is absolutely unnecessary and does not benefit the general American public.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Simons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA

accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Schilling
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of this project is incompatible with the existing White House. The design does not in any way attempt to fit in with existing architecture of our historically significant White House. If more space is needed it must be done in accordance with policies and reviews that were built in to regulations that have been ignored in the illegal destruction of the East Wing and the design proposed with no review or sensitivity to how a ballroom could be designed so as not to overwhelm existing structures .
This project must be stopped immediately and any proposed new construction done with full input and review from appropriate boards, commissions and public comment as outlined in existing regulations.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathy Klockner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing back to its original footprint. Add back ALL historical details.
No ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Melvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans for the giant, tacky ballroom are a disgrace. Please don’t allow this project to go forward.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Meltzer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a vanity project for an egomaniac who has zero regard or respect for rules, regulations and American

history. He destroyed the Rose Garden, ruined the Kennedy Center, has cheapened the entire appearance of the Oval Office, hung his photo on government buildings, marbeled the Lincoln bathroom and wants to create an Arc de Trump. He needs to be stopped before he destroys anything else.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jim Berlstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since it is too late to NOT rip down the old East Wing, I would like to see it remain an empty field, as a monument to the criminal activities of a lawless president. Build NOTHING there.
Thanks,
Jim

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Correu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. Restore the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:46:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Lemkelde
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled at how it was just demolished without thought for preservation of facades at the very least and just inside renovations.
Please have it look tasteful and seamlessly blend into existing structure for whatever is decided on for this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:45:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Clancy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
No private funding, and no separate, individual's or company's name on it.
Any art should reflect all Americans.
If a bigger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:45:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Burkard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the building and gardens to what they were before the 2025 demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:45:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Agnes Wozniak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the "people's house". Its reconstruction cannot be planned by a single individual or be funded by parties who have vested interest in gaining access to the president. The need for a larger ballroom is well known but its style and size should be in keeping with the rest of the White House. And, please, ENOUGH WITH THE GOLD LEAF!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:45:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vanessa Harper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:45:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Bethea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Interior architectural style should be the same as the previous structure allowing for NECESSARY improvements (e.g. ADA friendly furnishings, safety improvements, etc) but should reflect the previous style and design what was destroyed. Both garden spaces should be restored.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

A ballroom is not necessary at all as other space already exists in the area that can accommodate large gatherings.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Rakowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is there a courageous and creative law firm out there that can initiate a class action on behalf of the People of the Unites States against Donald Trump and his billionaire "donors" for intentional tortious destruction of the White House? There was no legal basis to take a wrecking to that iconic and beloved edifice. In addition to actual damages the matter should ask for massive punitive damages to discourage similar wreckless conduct. A dollar number well over "$10 blllion" would be a good place to begin.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Buffer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Architectural and artistic features of original room should be included in the design
Thank you,

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Luanne Broadstreet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The intended construction of a ballroom attached to, or an addition of the White House is a desecration and abomination of an American symbol and property. Under no circumstance should this project be allowed to move forward. The original East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt and restored as closely as possible understanding that it would need to be brought up to current building code and standards. The President should be prosecuted for destroying a public property without approval or consent.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Giudice-Teller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While we may need a new space for entertaining it needs to enhance the current architecture of the White House and not overshadow. It should reflect America thru the decades, its people, not just one era or color scheme no copying styles or sizes of buildings from around the world. Bids and drawing should be submitted for the people of the United States to see and possibly vote on by the people to reflect US then a committee to review the top 5 choices. Choice of firm to build and architects to draw should bids from companies all over the, not friends of current administration and yes, they will have to be vetted.

This building and new offices for the First Lady will need to be built to last the next 50 years, so we need to think about what the possibilities will need to build in for the future ie wiring, WIFI, lighting, security, ease of internal moderation without tearing the entire structure down. Need to also look at energy efficiency, use of well-made materials to last.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Nevala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don’t need a fucking ballroom. Tell vonShitzhispants to go fuck himself.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people's house should not have been torn down without proper authorization, but since it was it should not be turned into a ballroom. Any money raised for that project should be used to build the wing

back as close to the original as possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paula Fee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore to its original design.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:44:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Bryant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/14/2026 8:43:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Ehli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not want to see a huge ballroom. The size should be harmonies with the rest of the White House. Not a lot of gold. Simple and elegant.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:43:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cathi Below
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I oppose any construction projects the Trump administration proposes for the vacant lot that was the East Wing. This administration has already demonstrated a unique disregard for our laws and the American people. Please do not further his agenda of self aggrandizement by approving the administration's plans for a ballroom. This does not serve the American people.
Sincerely,
Cathi Below

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bonnie Crosby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO. The White House does not need a ballroom for the rich and famous and corrupt. Regardless of who pays for initial rebuilding, CITIZENS WILL FOOT THE BILL FOR FUTURE PARTIES. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DOING BUSINESS, NOT WINING AND DINING AT THE WHITE HOUSE. UNNECESSARY. HE CAN'T EVEN DANCE. HE HAS DESTROYED WHAT DOESN'T BELONG TO HIM. Citizens will never be invited to enjoy the stupid ballroom and his tasteless decorating is an embarrassment.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Zach Thomaswick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The addition of a ballroom to the White House is an unneeded vanity project to boost Donald Trump's ego. It destroys the historical site and creates a massive eyesore of what used to be a defining building of American Democracy. Comments should have been gathered before the destruction of the historical site before the illegal demolition. The only work that should be done now is restoring it to it's former glory. Make the White House great again!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Antony Newboult
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building should be restored to its original state.

The current occupant should be tried in court for authorising the demolition that has taken place so far and prevented from undertaking any alterations or demolitions to other buildings and monuments that belong to the nation.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Pegg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

It is obscene that trump has demolished the original East Wing. It should be rebuilt at Trump's expense to the original plans of the White House. Do not allow that disgusting huge ballroom to be built.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:42:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Hiers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not opposed to an event space that is appropriate in scale and decor to the existing White House. Since this building is “the People’s House”, it should reflect the design and elegance in keeping with the architecture of the other Washington historic buildings. I oppose the 90,000 square foot proposal and especially object to the gaudy gold embellishments that have been added to the building so far!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Salva
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I personally think the whole thing should be put on hold or even discontinued, as there was never any proper attempts at getting public input in the first place. The white house and extensions (East Wing) belong to the PEOPLE, not one person. Therefore, the people are required to have input and to say yes or no to such an endeavor.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Colburn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former size and architectural style. The interior upgrades should be limited to updating electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems and modifications that make the wing ADA compliant. The interior style should be a reflection of the White House in its fit and finishes. A ballroom can be constructed elsewhere. The people’s house should be restored to its former footprint and architectural style.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, formally known as The Peoples' House, is just that-the Peoples' House. It does not belong to any president. He has the privilege of living in it during his tenure. At no time should a section of the historic House be torn down to create an eyesore without the approval of the People and the NCPC. To build a "Ballroom" that wouldn't be available to the People is a no go for my family and me.

Were my taxes used to pay for the demolition of the East Wing? Supposedly donors are paying for the ballroom. Does that mean they're paying a bribe?

Please hold the line and don't allow that, what Trump will consider a shrine to himself, ballroom to be built.

To quote the current President, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: J Smetana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its original beauty as it aligned with the rest of the White House. There should be no gold filigree to take attention away from the architectural structure. The grounds should include the rose garden and the beautiful trees so that visitors can walk through and enjoy all the natural beauty that was once a part of the White House grounds.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice McVey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in a house built in the early 1800's on the National Registry. And I lived for many years in older homes - one hundred years old. I was horrified when I saw the East Wing being destroyed with absolutely NO care for the history of the wing and the beauty that it added to the campus. And now I see designs for a grossly "over the top" monstrosity that will be overbearing on the property, I am deeply saddened. The buildings that are on the grounds are NOT owned by our current president so why is an elected tenant allowed to do this?

Date: 2/14/2026 8:41:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy De Glopper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The cost of the proposed ballroom is money that could and should be put to better use. The average American citizen, whose tax dollars will maintain it for years to come, will get no benefit from it. We do not need to build and maintain an extravagant space for very occasional use, surely there are existing nearby facilities that can accommodate large events. Additionally, the proposed size overwhelms and detracts from the look of our beautiful existing white house. This is a self-serving, expensive project that serves only our current administration's giant ego, not the American people. Please do not reward our President who has already violated established procedure by tearing down the existing East Wing, by approving this project. Instead, make him raise private funds to repair the damage he recklessly caused,

Date: 2/14/2026 8:40:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Gaimari
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think that this ballroom is a good idea for the White House. It is too big and would dwarf the size of the Executive portion of the structure, giving the impression to the world that dancing and fun is more important than governing.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:40:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Lawson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The desecration of the People's House with the unapproved demolition of the East Wing is unacceptable. Trump is a tenant not the owner of the White House grounds. The East Wing should be rebuilt using modern construction standards including ADA accessibility but in line with the original design with Trumps private funds not taxpayer dollars. The demolition was not approved by anyone. Incorporating a ballroom into the White House property is not in itself a problem but the design and scope of the structure needs to be proportionate to the White House and in the same architectural. The design must be approved by the White House historical trust and the architect should be selected by the trust.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:40:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary K DavisHaidle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop the construction and any other further changes to ANY public building or land that is not in compliance with current laws. Anything by this President or his administration has no historical benefit,this also includes the proposed arch. Simply NO!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:40:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jen Kephart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this action and restore what was present before demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:39:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lindy McDaniel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:39:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The idea of a ballroom is not a bad one. A larger meeting space will be nice. The addition, however, should complement the exterior of the existing building both in appropriate size and in subdued decoration. The interior should also be decorated in a subdued, elegant manner, not covered with expensive and gaudy gold. The room itself should NOT be named after any individual.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:39:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Best
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the East wing to its original size. The update is not needed and looks ridiculous. No American cares if the White House has a huge ballroom. If this is truly being paid for by donors which I highly doubt then put the money to projects that are truly needed. This is just a vanity project to the current president who plans ti never leave.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:39:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Wilner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be 100 % restored to its pre- demolition state. This includes historically accurate architecture and approximate interior design. The president received no permits or approval for the destruction of public property (owned by the tax payers, not by him), and every legal avenue should be perused to ensure that this restoration is paid for by those who thought it would be a good idea to tear it down. The taxpayers should not bear this burden. Also, the companies who partook in the demolition of the East Wing shall be investigated and fined accordingly. If they have an issue with these fines, the corrupt trump organization should be made to pay them. Nixon was a lightweight compared to the immorality and pigheadedness of this administration and they should not be allowed to be above the law.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:39:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: WILLIAM PIKE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that the modernization of the ballroom is long overdue. Having to erect tents and temporary shelters to host large international events is rather embarrassing for our nation.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:38:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Strouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be restored to it's previous design/function with any updates for modernization and restore the Rose Garden, etc. that were changed. Taxpayer/federal funds should NOT be used! The current President should fund the entire project(s) with own personal funds.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:38:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please, please, do not let any new construction distract from the original building, the residence. A grandiose ballroom of the proposed size is not necessary for special White House functions. Let there be a limit to the size of attendees rather than try to accommodate a palace sized crowd. It should be a part of the People's House, not a palatial space for adoring fans or a monument unto itself.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:38:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Gorman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt just as it was before it was illegally demolished. The original idea of an attached ballroom makes more sense to me. Also the gaudy gold that has desicrated the entire White House needs to be removed. It makes our White House look like it was decorated by Temu.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:38:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Francesca Merritt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is a part of American Heritage, not a part of a building owned by any one person or President. The bulldozers destroying the East Wing was a symbol of the American democracy itself being attacked. Dictators take monuments of the past and replace them with statues and monuments of their own image. The proposed ballroom will be gaudy, tacky, and reminicient of the gold lame discos that is seems to be the taste of our president. I want the old East Wing restored to its former glory and the Trump family to pay back the American tax payer for all the costs and expenses that it will take to do so. Can we add pain and suffering to the bill? While you're at it bring back Jackie's rose garden. Bring back the historic building, no corporate interest ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Weaver
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an historian I value our national landmarks. The destruction of the East Wing cannot be undone. I ask that whatever is constructed in its place should be subordinate and in the spirit of the main structure. In a world where the federal government claims to not have the funds to care for the health and welfare of its citizens, they should not be using their funds to build an ostentatious ballroom. Make this new space a place for learning or the arts.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Donald Trump Vanity Project known as the Ballroom should be immediately cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original condition prior to its unlawful destruction. Furthermore, Donald Trump should be made to pay for its restoration.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is over powering in size to the white house. It makes the house unimportant in scope. The house should be the dominate feature. The cost is excessive when other items on the federal level should take priority. This project is not for the common man to enjoy.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:37:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela ONeal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project has not gone through proper process and should be paused until a fully detailed plan can be developed. The East Wing is part of our-the people's- history. Alternative plans should be reviewed and most importantly, historic preservation professionals should be leading the project at all stages.

Ballrooms existed in the 18th century. There is a reason one was not built at the White House, which is that the founders were repulsed by the extravagance of Versailles and the European monarchy. Building something like this now, in our 250th year, is an affront to their vision.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Milam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Full disclosure- I used AI to organize my thoughts.
I object to the current East Wing modernization project for several reasons.

First, it appears that the demolition of the East Wing proceeded without review or approval from the appropriate federal preservation and planning authorities. Major alterations to historic federal buildings — particularly one as significant as the White House — should undergo formal review to ensure compliance with established preservation standards. The absence of transparent approval raises serious concerns.

Second, I am deeply concerned about architectural compatibility. From the renderings that have been released, the proposed addition appears to overwhelm and visually dwarf the historic main residence. The White House is not simply a functioning building — it is a national symbol whose proportions and classical design have been carefully preserved for generations. Any addition should be subordinate in scale and consistent in style.

Third, the proposed interior design, based on released images, appears overly ornate and inconsistent with the restrained elegance historically associated with the White House. The concept resembles an exaggerated Gilded Age ballroom rather than a space reflective of the building's established character.

I also question the necessity of constructing a new ballroom at all. Historically, presidents have successfully hosted large formal events within the existing White House footprint. For example, during President Reagan's administration, state dinners and formal receptions — including those honoring Prince Charles and Princess Diana — were held without the need for a separate grand ballroom.

Finally, I am concerned about the motivation and legacy implications of this project. This was not a publicly discussed need, nor one broadly requested by the American people. Given the scale and permanence of the addition, it is reasonable to ask whether it serves an institutional purpose — or a personal one. Once constructed, will this space be branded in a way that associates it with a single individual rather than with the presidency itself?

For a building that belongs to the American people and represents continuity across administrations, any significant structural change warrants transparency, restraint, and broad public confidence.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C.B. Alexander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and other infrastructure improvements and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MARK VOGEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to this unlawful desecration of one of our national historical landmarks. No President should have the right, with or without public funding, to alter, remove or demolish a landmark as sacred as our White House without legislative approval. Recent loss of the Rose Garden was outrageous and bad enough, but now loss of the whole, historical East wing is nothing short of unauthorized desecration. Unfortunately, the damage has already been done and it is not clear what remedy is available to properly amend and restore things.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Shonebarger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Welk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, making any structural/ADA/plumbing/electrical upgrades as needed while maintaining historical context. Restore the interior to its original function(s). If a ballroom is truly needed, build it elsewhere without destroying/modifying existing monuments. Those living in the White House are temporary guests in the People's House; it was never meant to be, nor should it ever become, a monument to a single inhabitant.

(and while I'm here, if y'all can do anything about restoring Jackie's Rose Garden, please do!)

Thank you for considering my comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Phillips
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, the addition should be on an appropriate scale and in keeping with the design of (what is left of) the White House. The proposed design is, in a word, a monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Hoffman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has happened to the White House is a tragedy. As a DC resident I have been appalled at the utter lack of respect for a historic landmark. The White House isn't owned by the President; instead it is their responsibility to be the caretaker of this public monument. The proposed work does not enhance the White House, and it does not serve the people of this country. The East Wing should be replaced to be as it was, with little change to the previous floor plan. We are meant to respect history, not demolish it. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ostrowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:36:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoria Meadows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House addition is a travesty. The proposed “ballroom,” with its ever-inflating price tag, will destroy the symmetry and aesthetic of the White House. There is no need for a “ballroom” that nearly doubles the size of the current White House. Rebuild (at the expense of the person who knocked it down without authorization) and modernize the interior of the East Wing, and if a “ballroom” is needed to entertain foreign dignitaries, build it at a moderate size where it cannot be seen from the front of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:35:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Upson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt to appear in similar style as the one that was destroyed by the Trump administration. There is no need for a building that dwarfs the main house. This is a house, not a convention center. The addition could have a meeting space but in proper proportion to the existing buildings. The building materials should also reflect the same style as the White House without gaudy adornments. Thank you for your oversight of this important historic national treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:35:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alynn Nathanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, i object to this project because the process is flawed. Demolition of the East Wing was undertaken without any approval or even notice. Second, I see no justification for the project as it is envisioned. What need is there for such a large entertainment space, dwarfing the White House itself? Third, the secrecy surrounding the donors to the project raises the prospect of corruption. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/14/2026 8:35:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Rakowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom plan at 90000 square feet should never be approved. It's way too large. It totally dwarfs our historic White House completely and takes the historic focus off the main building. We do not need anything like that. In our country and no one president should be allowed to make this decision alone and dictate his gawdy sense of taste on the project. It is not in the best interest of the American people who will never get to even use it and it completely ruins the classic sense of the White House and the history that that building holds for all of us American people to have a 90000 square foot gilded ballroom that dwarfs the White House! Please stop this!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:34:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a definite NO!! The cart was put before the horse on this one and the East Wing should not have been torn down to begin with. Also, 90,000 square feet is way too large, compared to the size of the main building. No to.both.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:34:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is too large, too destructive to the White House, making the building a palace not a "people's house." The process has been handled badly, without respect. Private donations to fund the project are not noble or generous, they are efforts to gain favor and access to the president. If this were important to the people, it should have been funded by the nation. Unfortunately, it is not important or of value to the people. It will be used only by the rich and powerful. It is obvious that this is another "Trump" project, something on which to add his famous name. It should have been stopped earlier, but it should be stopped now.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:34:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martin Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:33:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Inman Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the original East Wing space should be restored exactly as it was with the original facade, etc. The upgrades should include modern electical, plumbing, wifi, etc. If the square footage allows a larger space for a ballroom thats okay because space that was used for offices can be replicated elsewhere in the building. Interior decor should reflect the 50 states and their unique geologic attributes - America the Beautiful - not gaudy gold decor but subtle colors that are make it the peoples house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:33:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julie Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the footprint of the White House to its historical size. Update the interior wiring, plumbing, etc., as needed. Build a ballroom somewhere else, not on the property.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlotte McIntyre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There was no review/assessment made before the demolition of the East Wing. We, the American Public, watched as part of our cherished building was destroyed by the whim and for the vanity of the current president. As he has demonstrated with other objects of our heritage, the president is insensitive to the history of our country except where it serves his ego.
I was devastated and angered by the destruction of the East Wing!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deidre Butkus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the dumbest waste of money and it seems President Trump thinks the United States has an unlimited surplus of money that he can tap into. Stop this ridiculous project and the American people do not support this!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fran Carnevale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House before public comment was shameful. I'm glad you are opening up for comments regarding the construction of the trump ballroom before actually building it, although I am skeptical that anyone's opinion other than trump's will be considered.

The permanent damage is already done, so there's no going back. That said, there is no reason that the White House needs a ballroom of the size proposed. I am against this project, and am in favor of restoring the East Wing offices and functions as they were prior to the demolition.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John H. Jameson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We need to preserve, not destroy, the East Wing and its important history. The East Wing, as a monument to our shared cultural heritage, should be restored and reconstructed prior to the submission and approval of any new plans for a ballroom or other construction projects as required by law.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D Mirek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is obscene that the destruction of the East Wing of the White House took place. This is the People’s House and NO changes should have occurred with out public being informed and allowed to comment. The administration staff responsible for the bulldozing of the East Wing must be held accountable, financially and legally for destroying a historic building without permission.
That being said, the East Wing should be returned in its entirety to its status before this insane destruction took place.
Return the visitors entrance, the First Ladies offices, everything that was there before the destruction.
The American President does not need a “vanity ballroom”

Date: 2/14/2026 8:32:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Kalinowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the Peoples' House, not Versailles. It is a travesty the East Wing was demolished without fanfare, attempts at preservation, or a clear plan for development. What is currently planned is a vainglorious monstrosity out of scale to the rest of the property. It is too late to save the former East Wing, but it can be rebuilt at appropriate scale, in a manner befitting the dignity and humility of the people who

should be occupying that residence.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Voigt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Building a huge ballroom that overshadows the rest of the White House will be atrocious. If a ball room is needed, it can be built somewhere else in the city. Rebuild the East Wing making it current in terms of wiring and accessibility. It should not overwhelm the rest of the building. This should be paid for by trump personally as a fine for destroying the East Wing without appropriate approvals.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sansi Hargrove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First Ladies need on-site office suites in the East Wing, and all Americans need access to tour the White House. The President would like to have indoor party space which he already has in the East Room. There is a long history of tents on the south lawn for larger parties. A 90000 sf, multi story building attached to the East side of the original residence would look entirely out of place, destroying the entire symmetry of the structures and requiring rebalancing at the west end with even more expense and a terrible result. The entire thing must be rethought from start to finish with only 2 considerations: restore the East Wing and create a larger event space building well south of the Residence with surface access for the public.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vickie Sammons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the external dimensions and architectural style. Update wiring and make ADA accessible. All changes should be historically sensitive. Ideally build his ballroom elsewhere and quit tampering with the people's house. The changes that have already been made to the White House are gaudy and trashy. Leave it alone.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katrina Tiffany
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is generally acknowledged to be “the people’s house.” As such, it is critically important that any changes significantly altering its dimensions or purpose are subject to public comment - regardless of funding source.
Please ensure that the new version of the East Wing does not overwhelm the rest of the structure and that its design and decoration are in keeping with the history of the White House as the residence of a working president, not a monarch or an Vegas entertainer.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:31:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Zehe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of these United States for 76 years, I wish to urge the NCPC to consider modernization of the People's House. The East Wing of the White House must serve to welcome all citizens to this historic residence and seat of the Administrative Branch of our government. As such, its humble beginnings must be honored. It has served to welcome humble citizens since its beginnings, and there are other well-appointed rooms in the White House designed to welcome foreign dignitaries and delegations as well as elected representatives and invited guests as well.

The proposed 'ballroom' eclipses the existing White House in volume and detracts from the historic purpose for which the Residence has served. While appropriate celebrations are certainly appropriate to the purpose and design of the White House, extravagance must never overshadow the dignity or scope of the serious nature of the business to be conducted there. It is not meant to be some sort of 'resort' for entertaining the elite, nor a frivolous party venue.

Rather, the serious and business of this Nation's history and governance must remain the foremost consideration of any and all renovations. As such, the proposed 'Modernization Project" (AKA preposterously mischaracterized as a 'Ballroom') is completely our to character and denies the very dignity, reverence, and simple elegance of the historic structure and must be denied. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Wanzenried
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support adherence to the current requirements—that the new East Wing conform to the aesthetics of proportional size, style, and structure.
tRump’s grandiose, gaudy, gold-laden design is an abomination. Please maintain consistency with the classic architecture and design we all recognize and admire.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Penny Walsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned about the physical scale of the project as it seems to overwhelm the current White House structure. I am also concerned with the proposed grandeur of the interior. The United States of America is not a monarchy and thus representing us in this fashion is a slap in the face to our heritage. While meeting space is probably needed, the proposal is well beyond the budget that should be expended for this project. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Mcknight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back with appropriate code updates. It's part of the "people's house" not the billionaires house".

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Mathews
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the People's House - why on earth do we, the people, need a ballroom that big? For our president to wine and dine billionaires solely for his own benefit? Rebuild the East Wing as it was before it was demolished - but make it better for all by ensuring it's ADA-compliant.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore The People's East Wing and Rose Garden.
Look for a alternative site to build a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lyn Joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, not a palace. It's outrageous that this project started BEFORE any Congressional, public, or preservation input and guidance. It doesn't matter if it's paid for by private donations--it's the AMERICAN people's property. As it's rebuilt, it needs to be ADA complaint, designed to compliment the house (not dwarf it in size), and have NO GOLD decorations. No part should have DJT name on it either.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Delores Wernette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the original exterior dimensions as well as the exterior & interior architectural style, but update with modern amenities (electrical, HVAC, wireless, bathroom facilities, ADA accessibility). I would also like to see the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden restored/recreated in its entirety in the original space.

Thank you for your oversight of this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:30:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Larson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that what is going on at the Peoples House, The White House, is egregious! None of the public had input, it is a terrible idea that a narcissist wants, and should be restored with said narcissists funds, not the peoples monies.
Also, restore the Rose Garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:29:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Clara
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the property of the PEOPLE. The President gets to live there while in office, but the building and property belong to the people of the United States. DJT has desecrated a national landmark. He has failed to take his pet project through the proper channels to get it approved…..by the people who own it.

Deny DJT any authority to continue his authoritarian destruction of our monuments.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:29:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Angiulo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:28:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susannah Kerns
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
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Name: Diana Burrows
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
The total destruction of the east wing was not done within the proper channels. Therefore, it must be restored to it previous specifications, along with any modern updates in may need due to the most current guidelines pertaining to safety and security. We DO NOT need anything fancy, gold and gaudy. It DOES NOT need to be a ballroom! We have enough venues available for any "parties" this, or any other administration may need.
This administration needs to be punished for failure to follow proper procedures for demolition and destruction of the peoples house and grounds!
Sincerely
Diana Burrows

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Mclendon-Kaye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of this project dwarfs the existing White House & is unreasonable for security purposes.
Modifying the scale to fit the existing building will make it inappropriate for the intended use.
The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.
Modifications on this scale should have been pre approved.
I am against this project Entirely!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amber Melone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "modernization" is a farce and an embarrassment to the American people. The east wing should never have been torn down in the first place and to replace such a thoughtfully crafted, historic establishment with another gaudy, gold-shellacked monument to the child king trump would be yet another stain that man has forced upon this country.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to know why there was no comment period before the East Wing was destroyed. Being a relative to the rest of the year, young country, preserving our history is even more important. Great care should be done to restore the East Wing as much as possible and if a larger gathering space is needed it should be carefully integrated into the historic design. It has been heartbreaking for many Americans to see the destruction at the White House and that the administration skirted all the safeguards that should have prevented it.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nannette Kiray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The abrupt removal of the East Wing without approval of the People and input by National Preservationists and Historians was an abomination. If additional space is needed? A careful consideration with accredited Historically trained architects and Historians is necessary to create a new East wing that does not dwarf or

put a carbuncle on the face of our White House. It is the People's House and the current occupant is a temporary resident.
Secondly, the Rose Garden needs to be restored to its original magnificence and the hideous eyesore of a patio that was put in its place demolished and removed. This renovation and the monies involved should be included in the plans for the East Wing.
We have no need for a Ball Room.
This is not the 19th Century.
There are no Kings in the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Guillermo Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think is úseles and senselness.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:23 AM
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Name: Mary Kummer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a disgrace that the East wing was demolished. The White House belongs to we, the people. Creating a ballroom that will be used a few times a year, if that, is unnecessary. The White House should be retained as the historical structure it is. If a ballroom is needed, it should be built elsewhere. Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frederica Merrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please deny all permits for construction until an investigation into corruption, bribery, destruction of public property, theft of public property and other illegal acts associated with this project can be filed against Donald Trump, private citizen, after the end his Presidential term. This is a crime scene and evidence of misconduct should not be destroyed. Please add signage indicating the status of the area as a crime scene.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Palmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the proposed giant ballroom. It doesn't appear to be the proper scale or style of the current White House. I am horrified that the East Wing was demolished at the whim of the current president without any input from congress or any historic committees. I also question where the funding is being sourced and how it will be accounted for.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:27:13 AM
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Name: Betsy Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up in an historic home on Nantucket and I am very familiar with both the necessity for preservation and requirements for updated systems. First, the renovation of the White House East Wing should only be done in the original footprint of the building unless improved security and/or systems are mandated. All height must be preserved and exterior structure be appropriate to the restoration. While I would like the interior to be preserved as well, I do understand the necessity to look to the future for specific needs. These changes should be based upon needs of the people for transparency and inclusion. I would suggest multiple exhibits done on a rotating basis for public's education. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to this issue and see that the American people have an input into the design and build of this historic building addition. This is SO important.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:26:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Willard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/14/2026 8:26:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: GAYLE Telford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support a building that maintains the integrity of the historical residential structure. The White House has always been a symbol of American democracy throughout the world. Building an East Wing that overpowers the residence destroys that image and is so very unnecessary. Do not waste public money in

any way to build something that should never have been taken down without saving historical integrity. This is the people's house and should be designed modestly to reflect not only its actual "need" but to be a visual "accent" to the other buildings. Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 8:26:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kusey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A little late to the party aren't you? You should veto the ballroom or reduce its size and tie in the architecture to the house. The main house is the focus, not the wings. Where are these guests going to have their transportation parked? Not all will arrive in a limo. Trump has no vision, except that bigger and gaudier, the better it will.be. He has trampled on historic property.

His arch of whatever is much too large and his name is to be removed from John F Kennedy's Memorial.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:26:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Krista Blackwood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision."

Key word: BEFORE. Nothing about this is BEFORE.

The White House was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics with symmetrical proportions. The destruction of the East Wing destroyed that symmetry. The proposed ballroom is 90,000 sqft; it would be a gaudy architectural behemoth hulking over the White House and is the very epitome of bad taste.

Because Trump Administration razed the East Wing without going through the proper avenues to get approval from the NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts, and congress, the only just solution is that the new ballroom be denied and the East Wing fully restored. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:25:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenda Linton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Reconstruction must follow the original neoclassical architecture. No gaudy gold ornamentation.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:25:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump needs to personally pay to reconstruct the East Wing and restore the rose garden. He had no right to destroy or change The White House. He is only a tenant, not an owner.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:25:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Yeary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is part of the people's house. It should be restored to its original architectural design with updated electrical wiring and insulation but without changing the footprint or size.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:25:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie Witkiewitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a horrific situation and I expect all comments will not be reviewed given the nature of this project, whereby the East Wing was DEMOLISHED without any public input. I do not support the building of a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Eagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What has already occurred with the destruction of the East Wing is an abomination! Whatever is rebuilt should only be in the footprint and exterior style of the original. However the internal space is configured should be designed for future use…not to appease the desires of the current administration!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:28 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Pieritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was shameful for the East Wing to be destroyed without any public comment, and the proposed replacement is an abomination. No structure should be bigger than the White House - the Peoples' House - and the reality is that while modernization may have been needed the proposed $400million replacement is too huge . We really don[t need such a large building to hold thousands at a state dinner. Any replacement building should be no larger than the White House, should contain limited in any gold paint or gilding (we are not a monarchy) and should not be named after anyone.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Moran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Project should be changed to the original dimensions of the East Wing. Project should include updated code work and enhanced safety protocols. Exterior should be the previous design's appearance. If a ballroom is desired it should be built offsite. This was a historic building with an unbelievably important meaning to the country. This needs to be rectified and not charged to the taxpayers

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Andrea

Date: 2/14/2026 8:24:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the White House East Wing in its original design with new features for ADA access and modernization. This is the people's house. It should be available to all the people for centuries to come in the federalist style which represents our enlightenment heritage, our democracy, and our Constitutional freedoms.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house. Make it balanced visually. Conform to the original style of the main house

Date: 2/14/2026 8:23:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marianne Hocking
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing the commision to express commentary on the East Wing modernization project. The White House is a well recognized international al symbol of the US. It's history and architecture deserves respect and preservation. I realize that updating historic structures is indeed necessary. However, that update should be kept within the scale and artistry of the original design. A 90,000 square foot ballroom would overwhelm this beautiful icon. It should be built elsewhere. Also, our founders rejected a king, therefore I feel that gold and distasteful overembellishment is inconsistent with our revolutionary history

Date: 2/14/2026 8:22:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wintfred Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the building should be put back to the way it was before it was demolished. Additionally, I believe the President should be made to pay for the entire reconstruction with his own funds...NO taxpayer monies used!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:22:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Romeo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My primary concern is that the historic building has already been destroyed prior to input or review by this group to approve the replacement of this structure. You can not go back in time, but what can you do to prevent similar attacks on our history?

I agree that there should be a secure location for hosting visiting dignitaries, but am hopeful that the replacement structure is tasteful and representative of our history, not a toast to gold and debauchery.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:22:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Bossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

So what can be said about the East Wing Demolition and the illegal plans to build another garish, golden calf in the place where history was destroyed? First, We the People can state that there is an established process for such projects that was NOT followed and the perpetrators should be fined or charged as appropriate. Second, We the People have a special place in our souls for "The Peoples House" and want it treated with the respect and dignity that it is deserving of. That was not done in this project, there was no thought given to what the People would want done! There is validity to America's need for an appropriate venue in which to house state dinners and entertain foreign dignitaries but this project did not follow the procedures clearly defined by this Committee. The historic East Wing has already been torn down. It cannot be restored to its original history, so we are left to determine what We the People would have done with the gaping wound upon OUR House that now exists. My fervent hope is that this Committee will find a way to thread this needle appropriately. To find a way to restore space for which the East Wing was originally intended and suit to purpose and to provide a new ballroom for the FUTURE, not some ugly, garish golden calf that the current administration thinks of as displaying opulence and granting some air of royalty, because in America we DO NOT HAVE ROYALTY. We the People do NOT bow to a King! Therefore, this is not a palace! We the People do NOT have a Queen and the People's House belongs to us. So I implore those with saner minds to force this building project to be in keeping with the heart and soul of America. No Gold, except to display our Amber waves of grain. No royal purple, except that which shows our purple mountains majesty. Create a place for real patriots dreams, that see beyond these troublesome years we find ourselves in. Create a space that projects Americans in all of our diversity and glory. A space that does not honor one man, but instead honors ALL the men and women who have died defending our nation. Make this a space ALL AMERICANS can be proud of, please. Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:21:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Fletcher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former resident in the DMV, I have many memories of visits to the White House starting when I was in high school. It broke my heart to see the East Wing torn down with no respect to its history. Any planning should start with how often a state dinner is even held. The proposed ballroom is a monstrosity that would dwarf the White House. I fear the current resident would use the space for WWE fights or other undignified

events mentioned previously to be held on the White House lawn. Restore but modernize the East Wing using the guidelines of people who are professionals who respect history and realize what takes its place should be dignified and reflect it being the people's house and not a style more in keeping with a failed casino mentality.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:21:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nan Stenzel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Professional designers should be consulted on the function of the space and flexibility for the future. Not Gaudy but tasteful. Everything does not need to be glitzy gold and marble. The design should take into account ALL of the United States. Make it honor all states, all regions, all of our history. And be useful and functional.

The size should not be larger than the residence. It needs to be proportional and appropriate to the buildings around it. The design should be in accordance with the rest of the historic buildings.

It is must not look like a gaudy palace for kings. It is the people’s house not Trumps house.

The donors MUST NOT get any benefit from their donations. They must NOT use it as a charitable deduction on taxes. There must not be a pay for play or quid pro quo. We want an independent fiscal audit of every dollar in and out.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:21:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: rita sasse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This desecration of the People's House by a meglomaniac and his tasteless wife is an affront to any and all Americans who value history, beauty and fiscal responsibility.
The razing of the East Wing without proper authorization should be considered a criminal offense. and all involverd parties held to account

Date: 2/14/2026 8:21:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Verhagen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing of the White House should only be updated for structural reasons. Please return the building

size and facade to match what was there previously. This part of “the people’s house” should welcome visitors (dignitaries and citizens alike), should house offices for the President’s spouse, and the basement should house secure facilities. That is all. No ballroom is needed, as this is a house and office building for the President and her/his staff. We can use one of many other federal buildings in DC to host large events. Again, please return the East wing to something that matches the West wing and NOT anything larger in size or scope. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:21:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Faith Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the East Wing "Modernization" Expansion project. It is an enormous waste of tax payer's money. Money earmarked for this project would be better spent on those US residents who are in need: housing for the homeless, feeding the hungry, providing legal services for those who can't afford it, public schools, environmental protection and so many more worthy efforts. This White House "modernization" expansion project will not serve the public or our nation, but rather serves to undermine the true values that this country's citizens hold.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:20:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Gurney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against the building of a huge ballroom where the East Wing once stood. Architecturally it throws off th total look of the White House and detracts from the main building. It is much too large and out of proportion and serves no real purpose for our country. With all the things we need to spend money on, this is just a huge waste and does not contribute to a better life style for our citizens.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:20:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lya Wodraska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ridiculous this review is only happening after demolition. The wing should be restored as close as possible as well as the landscaping

Date: 2/14/2026 8:20:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elyssa Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in support of this project. The White House is the people's house and I am not supportive of the choice to use private funds and public funds to make the changes.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:20:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I disapprove of the size of the ballroom. Too late now to object to it at all since he already tore down the East Wing! But it should be in the same building style as the White House and not some contemporary box. Also, the list of who is paying for this should be made public as well as who will pay for the upkeep of this monstrosity. He is adding costs for the American public for a building that wasn't needed. I'm sure there is plenty of unused space within Washington DC that could have been renovated for a ballroom space. I worry about the renovations planned for the Kennedy Center as well which he also has not communicated the plans.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:19:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Barrons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:19:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Rumberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the plan to replace the demolished East Wing with an outsized ballroom. Since the East Wing is gone. The new construction should be complementary to the White House, proportional and stylistically appropriate. As determined and designed by experts.

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Name: Debbie Woodbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Date: 2/14/2026 8:19:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Maia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Restore the rose garden.
The White House is the people’s house, not a dance hall.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:18:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Obrien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing should be restored to its original state. This oversized ballroom will overwhelming to our beautiful White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:18:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Hoehne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don't need a massive ballroom. The destruction of the East Wing was a desecration of a national monument, the footprint and the facade of that building need to be restored. Internally, the building could be adjusted and modernized.

We don't need a massive ballroom on the People's House. The destruction of the East Wing was a desecration and needs to be halted.

We don't need a massive ballroom on the People's House. All projects should be researched planned and go through proper channels.

W DON'T NEED A MASSIVE BALLROOM.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:18:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sigmund Finman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a waste of tax payers' money and is nothing more than a vanity project by the ham fisted Donald Trump.

Do the right thing for our country and deny him this egregious plan.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:17:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wanda Webster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I would like to see construction of the ballroom reversed and

the east wing restored. I have no issue with modernizing the east wing office spaces and do not object to any impro v events made to save energy or increase security.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:17:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginny Canady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christa Turk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish for the East Wing to be restored to its state prior to it being torn down in 2025. Put it back exactly the way it was and make the President financially responsible for those costs.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:17:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Perryman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it's a destruction project. This absolutely should not be allowed to proceed. Further work should follow the properly established processes, subject to public comment, and be government funded.

However, merely stopping this misconduct isn't nearly enough. Whoever authorized the project to begin without proper oversight also must be held accountable, to the full extent of the law. There was a time when the executive actually followed the law. We need to return to that.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:17:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shrader Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Whitehouse is the people's house and East Wing and rose garden as well, should be restored to it's pre Trump state. This is an important historical site and symbol of our country recognized the world over.

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Name: Sandra O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 8:16:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Bagley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former dimensions with upgraded utility systems. No ballroom should be constructed. There are many appropriate facilities in D.C. that would serve for state functions. Simplicity and symmetry should be maintained.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:16:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Keim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project (giant ballroom). The White House is not meant as a way to flaunt wealth and provide entertainment, so does not need an enormous ballroom. This will also alter the entire look of the White House and grounds with the ballroom dwarfing the historic White House. Furthermore, this project will cost hundreds of millions of dollars while the US deficit is already skyrocketing. This is not a responsible use of funds and, if supposed donations are used, it is still ethically wrong and looks like money for bribes, favors and general corruption.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:16:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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It must now be rebuilt. The current size is WAY too big. There needs to be more input from historical sources, architects, etc. to make it fit in with the White House. It needs to remain white, not gold. Everything Trump gets his hands on, turns into a disaster. I'm not yet convinced that it's being paid for by donations. Somehow, we, the taxpayers, will end up funding it.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project (giant ballroom). The White House is not meant as a way to flaunt wealth and provide entertainment, so does not need an enormous ballroom. This will also alter the entire look of the White House and grounds with the ballroom dwarfing the historic White House. Furthermore, this project will cost hundreds of millions of dollars while the US deficit is already skyrocketing. This is not a responsible use of funds and, if supposed donations are used, it is still ethically wrong and looks like money for bribes, favors and general corruption.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:16:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Shinbaum
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I like the symmetry that the East wing provided and would like it restored exactly as it was before the vandalism. I would like to see all of the vandals sued to hopefully recoup the cost of the restoration.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:16:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Claps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom MUST be reviewed by historical preservationists and reduced in scale so as not to overwhelm the original building. The White House belongs to the people: one person doesn't get to change it without our consent.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrice Calise
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing and the public garden alongside it must be restored to its original dimensions, with updates for security and ADA compliance. It is astonishing that the People's House should have been decimated without consent from the people, historical review or any kind of oversight or plan. If a ballroom is " needed," it should be constructed elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Wilber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is very unfortunate that a portion of the White House was demolished seemingly without approval from anyone except the current occupant who, in my opinion, had no right to grant that approval. Other alterations he has made to the residence demonstrate a level of taste that is not in keeping with the historic nature of the building. The proposed addition of a ballroom is completely out of scale with the existing structure. The renderings shown recently show a structure the design of which has nothing in common with the White House. The design, and in fact, the entire project should be scrapped. The concept of a one thousand person ballroom is unnecessary
and seems to me to be nothing but the egotistical pipe dream of one individual. I am of the opinion that the original structure should be meticulously restored to it's original condition and that this work should be done at the personal expense of the individual who ordered the demolition in the first place. This is the people's house. In no way should it use to express in any permanent way the design ideas of one individual nor should it in any way be considered a monument to an individual.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:46 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Munn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing of the White House should be rebuilt as it was and modernized. Handicap accessibility should be added. No ballroom should be added to the White House property. If Donald Trump wants a ballroom he can purchase property elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Schmitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Scrap the ballroom. Restore the East Wing to its original form and glory. It should always be kept in the same size and scale as it was before it was torn down. We do not need a gaudy monstrosity that dwarfs and destroys the People's House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linette Lowe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the US, and I am outraged that the present administration has demolished the East Wing without regard to its historical and cultural significance. It should be rebuilt to honor the First Ladies who worked there, adding a modest event space in keeping with the original decor and architectural style. Every effort should be made to retain its original character. And there should be legal consequences for this administration's willful destruction of the People's property.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Kervina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should not be larger than the Executive Residence. A ballroom addition is fine. But it does not need to outshine the existing structure. Please create an East wing that compliments the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:15:05 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am extremely sad to have witnessed the destruction of our White House. It is the People's house. I believe we need to restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible. Follow past processes for historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in Washington DC.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:14:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David A Baldinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No additional building should overshadow the White House itself. The entire ballroom proposal is repugnant and cheapens the dignity of what the White House represents . This is the house provided by the people for a president's use and not a private playground for an ego driven occupant. The entire project is shameful, extravagant, and unnecessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:14:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No one needs a monstrosity attached to the White House. Reconstruct the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:14:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy Margaret
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed scale is horrific. The project must be scaled to enhance the glory of the White House and have balance with the West Wing.
Thank you for your attention to this matter

Date: 2/14/2026 8:14:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Friends,

I am aggrieved that I cannot be with you in person today; and while modern email is a poor substitute for a little eye-to-eye communication, it must suffice.

The only ballroom our dear leader needs is in those too tight golf pants he wears. Moreover, the desecration already committed upon the East Wing is only out matched by his daily diaper blowouts.

Ah, I suspect you may take umbrage at my colorful descriptions, I don't blame you. The image of a 300 pound orange pustule poured into a pair of formerly white trousers is indeed offensive as is the mental image of a dotard gleefully squishing through his daily assaults on the Constitution; however, that is the truth.

Truth ain't pretty, much like the destroyed East Wing.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Schmidt

Date: 2/14/2026 8:14:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyrra Gelinas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:13:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Zack
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The replacement East Wing should be proportional to the rest of the White House. It should also include the space there previously for the First Lady or First Gentleman. An enormous ballroom would be out of place and damage the appearance of the White House House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:13:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Pouch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House complex is a United States historical site. Modifications to the building must preserve the architectural and historical significance for future generations. All modifications should align with the original structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:13:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Frans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to have input to this project. The long-believed idea that the White House is the People's House has always been important to me. It has been a place of hope, of respect, of believing the people in that house were in fact truly working for the betterment of this country and for the people who live here. The current Administration has taken away that feeling of belonging. I resent the Administration taking down the East Wing the way that it did. I'm always up for upgrades and that type of thing, but that's not what happened here. I don't see that the "People" need a ballroom. The "People" do not benefit from a ballroom. What would I recommend then? Since the East Wing has already been destroyed, maybe a nice garden would be warranted. Let it replace the one that was also destroyed. There are many fine establishments and venues in DC if the Administration needs the space a ballroom provides. And that by itself would greatly help the DC economy.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:13:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Latricia Olson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East wing restored and the ballroom be built elsewhere if we have to have one. All updates need to be in keeping with the historical nature of the White House. ADA updates should be made where possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:13:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Neiswander
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building is way too big. It overshadows the White House which is an historic building and the seat of the Executive Branch of our government. Please bring it into proportion with the White House. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Hawkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectively, I request the East Wing of the White House, known as the People's House, be replaced to the size comparable to the size that was demolished. It should NOT over shadow or overwhelm the central or main structure of the building. Upon completion of the building, it should remain being called the East Wing, even though it may be used for official gatherings as dinners & meetings.

The interior furnishings and decorations of the wing should be consistent with NCPC planning of other federal buildings and keeping in line with the historic preservation of White House structure.

As a site note and as an American citizen, I never spoke to the need of a giant ballroom for the White House nor have any of my family and friends.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Kolb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. First of all the White House is the People’s House and does not belong to DJT. It is well known that he doesn’t follow laws or policies nor does he have the authority to make a major renovation without input from the Preservation group who ensures the historical structure isn’t damaged or destroyed. Perhaps a ballroom is needed but not 90,000 feet with 40 foot ceilings. We all know it is all about him. The White House isn’t Marl-a-Lago and the ballroom, if designed and approved by those in charge of any major structural changes to the White House, doesn’t need to be gilded as is DJT’s taste. His changes to the Oval Office and other areas are disgusting though hopefully temporary but the ballroom will be a permanent fixture and needs to be tastefully done.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Renee Seiders
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

No one has the right to destroy the people's house.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Muckian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a full blown fiasco and should be canceled. There was a rush through demolition so the proper abatements (asbestos, lead, etc.) would not have to be done. There is no clear plan. There has been no adherence to normal protocols for changes to public property— The People’s House. Please rebuild the East Wing so it once again complements the rest of the White House. We the people do not need a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Becki Shriner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not desecrate the American people’s historic White House with this god awful monstrosity. It is too big. It is disrespectful. It’s all about his ego. It is not in line with historic design and scale of the White House. It is not in keeping with the original structure. It would be the laughing stock of the world. It is sheer lunacy

Date: 2/14/2026 8:12:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: elizabeth kessler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the 'Trump' Ballroom

Anything built near the White House should be done in the same style of the White House and should compliment the existing structure (what is left).

No one person should have free reign to change, tear down and design anything concerning the White House and lands.

It should be in a size that adds to the aesthetic of the current structure, not over power it and definitely not satisfy the gaudiness and be 'the biggest thing' which seems to be the love of the current resident.

All of the Gold accents that are Trump's favorite things should not be the decorative form. It should have elegance and be HISTORICAL in design both inside and out.

All of the billionaires money should be limited to a much smaller amount per person, ($500,000 each) and the public should be allowed to donate to building structure and be involved in the design.

Most important - The East wing should be rebuilt as close as possible to the original.

All the Gold additions to the White House should be removed and accents taken back to the historical design of the building (not necessarily original as before the current resident redecorated).

Most important it should be the will and design of the people not the will and design of the rich and laws passed so that this never happens again in the future.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Laubert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project is an abomination. It destroys the historical proportions of the White House, altering the appearance of this national landmark for the sake of stroking the president's ego. The funding of this project by private donations is extremely concerning and as it is under judicial review, potentially illegal. This president has proven time and time again that he can be bought, and will aid the unethical, money-fueled interests of corporations and wealthy individuals using his power as president as long as he gets a handout. This project MUST be halted and reversed.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melinda Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing in its original dimensions and use.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Patterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic east wing of the White House was an abomination & affront to the American people. The horrible “ballroom “ trump should not be allowed to be built. He should be held accountable for his egregious actions.
A building added on to the White House should be built similar to what was there. But since the opportunity is there, to build it in the similar style but larger but still in proportion. And making it to the needs of today.
I am appalled that republicans were ok with what trump did. He had no respect for history or the value of architecture & antiquities.
A sad moment among many perpetrated by trump.
Virginia Patterson, Newark Ohio.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Fouraker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original structure. It never should have been torn down.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:11:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jefferson McConnaughey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even without consideration of the complete lack of need for this project, the proposed ballroom is so grossly disproportionate to the White House itself and to other nearby buildings as to be a permanent and gaudy eyesore detracting from the other historic structures and monuments in the area. The absence of any architectural merit or context is painfully apparent. The former East Wing should be restored with updated infrastructure as needed or required.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:10:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sina Fritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the changes to the people's house. Please restore the East Wing in keeping with the design and aesthetic of the original, updated with modern conveniences. The people's house should reflect taste, honor and class as it has for decades. It should not be a gaudy spectacle adorned with gold tchotchkes.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:10:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Pugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find what has been done up to this point to be egregious. Moving forward, the East Wing should be restored as close to the original as possible with modern updates. The White House has functioned well without a ballroom and can continue to do so. The White House is not a palace and the president is not a monarch. Restore the East Wing, no ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:10:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Millie Sweeney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes within the same footprint. Correction to damage made illegally (i.e., without proper review, public input, design approval, with verified construction and historical expertise) and restoration should be done at the expense of the current occupant, not taxpayers.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city and using the legal channels required for design, approval and construction at taxpayers' expense.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Mundy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

White House has been unlawfully carrying out the construction because Trump hasn't gotten approval from Congress or submitted his plans to the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, another oversight board, for review.

The size and cost of Trump's "ballroom" is an affront to the historical building known as The People's House just so the current president can have a big party.

I also object the the fast track of this project without any review and the replacing of appointees, who have traditionally had substantive expertise in architecture, historic preservation, or urban planning, with presidential loyalist.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen St.John
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the WH to build a ballroom is an attack on the historic architecture and the values upon which our country was based. No politician should be allowed to destroy the People's property for his/her own ego. No company accomplice to this destruction should continue without a fine. Stop this physical and symbolic destruction of our humanity and its values.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Julianne Blacker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely no. The White House does not need a vanity project for any President. Rules exist for a reason.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Kolb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. First of all the White House is the People's House and does not belong to DJT. It is well known that he doesn't follow laws or policies nor does he have the authority to make a major renovation without input from the Preservation group who ensures the historical structure isn't damaged or destroyed. Perhaps a ballroom is needed but not 90,000 feet with 40 foot ceilings. We all know it is all about him. The White House isn't Marl-a-Lago and the ballroom, if designed and approved by those in charge of any major structural changes to the White House, doesn't need to be gilded as is DJT's taste. His changes to the Oval Office and other areas are disgusting though hopefully temporary but the ballroom will be a permanent fixture and needs to be tastefully done.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:07 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Pratt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called modernization of the East Wing of the White House should not include a completely out of proportion and gaudy ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt to the previous size and dimensions inside and out. Tearing down the East Wing without permission has permanently destroyed part of The Peoples House and should be rebuilt as it was previously by a Historic Preservationist but with improved functional modernizations (HVAC, electrical,plumbing,etc). I do not want to see an "addition" of a ballroom that alters the overall aesthetic or design of The White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Tobias
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in a town with a strict historic covenant. Any property in the district must have materials and plans for restoration or remodeling approved before the work is done. That includes colors of paint, historically compatible materials etc, We even have a tree committee to approve of tree removal on properties in the historic district.

That is why I was shocked to see our beloved Whitehouse lose its historic East Wing removed without an intense period of debate. And now I am shocked to see the plans for a huge ballroom addition that will alter the footprint of the original wing and look imposing and unbalanced beside the current Whitehouse.

I ask for strict oversight of historic preservation rules to be followed in this project. The new building must blend in with our beloved Whitehouse. It must be built with historically compatible architecture and materials. It must celebrate the people of America- let us never forget that the Whitehouse is the "People's House"- not a monument to one man or party. Each President is a caretaker for a few years, but the Whitehouse stands year in and year out for "We the People".

Date: 2/14/2026 8:09:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposed addition is an afront and insult to the cherish and revered structure that is the White House. All previous additions have been done is such a way as to preserve the stature of the original White House. The new proposed structure will overpower and diminish the importance and respect due the central building. If this goes forward as planned, it must be demolished as soon as sounder minds are in control.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:08:49 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Haselton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing without warning was a criminal act and a taking from the American people.

The proposed ballroom is grossly out of scale with the early 19th century White House. Its design is ill thought out and a desecration of the site. Who determined that 90,000 square feet was appropriate or needed?

Whatever is constructed in this space needs to be designed with sensitivity and a focus on timeless design, not the whims of a single individual.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:08:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Ambrose
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore this building to the original size, purpose, and appearance, but with updated materials, plumbing, and electric. Do NOT replace this building with a ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:08:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerry Bidwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Very simply: The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House was never approved. It must be restored to its original design at the expense of those who felt entitled to change this important public monument at their whim.
If we, as a nation, decide to build a White House event space in the future it must be done with the peoples consent.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:08:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caryl Carthew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe it should be restored to its previous dimensions. This should have been reviewed prior to any demolition. I do not believe we need a huge ballroom.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:07:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Christian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not go forward with this project. It has already destroyed the history of the People's House. While the current President resides there, it is not his permanent residence, and the people deserve a voice in how it is being altered to fit the desires of one temporary resident. The People do not need, or desire a 90,000 square foot ballroom that most of us will never see from the inside, or even be invited to enter. This is a vanity project, unnecessary and unwanted.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:07:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Brittingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored back to what it was before it was destroyed. The funds should not come from taxpayers. This was done illegally and the perpetrator should be the one responsible to pay for it. There is no need for a ballroom bigger than the building itself. Any updates needed in electrical, plumbing etc. should be made with the historical setting in mind to minimize any change to the architectural detail. If said ballroom is needed, find another location other than the White House.

On another note - what is being done to prevent the destruction of the Kennedy Center?

Date: 2/14/2026 8:07:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Yavorsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Past administrations have updated and upgraded it, most often in light of its origins, its architectural style, and the nearby historic monuments. This proposed demolition and rebuilding is a desecration of our history and how we are able to see it. If a ballroom is necessary for public functions, or state entertaining, it can be rented at one of the nearby hotels, What has been demolished should be rebuilt. Our history should be respected, not transformed into a place of tacky glitter.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stacy Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house, so I very much appreciate the opportunity to comment. The preferred option would to be to restore the White House to its original footprint. If this project must continue, several revisions need to be made to ensure its historic integrity. The proposed plans are too large, both in footprint and elevation to the existing structure. The building should have a more prominent setback from the ellipse and should match the elevation of the west wing. Materials should match those of the original structure and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Bollinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing of the Whitehouse restored to it's original look and dimensions. It is the People's House, a historic structure and presidents who are allowed to live in should do no structural changes or destruction without going through the proper procedures and input of the people. Personal decor in the presidents living area, I understand as long as it is not doing permanent damage.
There is no need for a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Walat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trumps plan to build a 90,000 sqft addition to the White House is a monstrosity and only a building built to pamper his ego. This is not a thoughtful and well studied project that reflects the history and tasteful beauty of the historic building that is the People's House but an attempt to over shadow the building with a tasteless and garish structure that would be better suited on the strip in Las Vegas.
Do not allow it to be built but rebuild the East Wing with some modern updates that reflect the size and scale of the historic main building.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Bultman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored to the original size with updated office space for the First Lady. The use of marble and gold ornamentation should be limited. The exterior should look like the original building. If a ballroom is needed it should be on the second floor where all stately older homes of that time period have their ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Bushong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should be rebuilt so that it looks from the outside much like it did before, especially in the scale/size. Of course, current modern construction methods should be followed such as updated accessibility. As for the inside, it should blend well with the current historical building. If the square footage of the proposed ballroom will not fit in this space, it can be built elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:06:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kryste Nelsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a collosal waste of money and the fact that the demolition was done the way it was unacceptable. This project should be scaled down in size and cost, and significant oversight needs to occur since this is supposedly being financed with dinor money. The potential for impropriety is astounding.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:05:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Stroud
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East wing should be proportional to the remainder of the existing White House, not dwarf it!
Interior must also reflect the period of the original. No gaudy gold-plating!

Date: 2/14/2026 8:05:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Dunk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The White House is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:05:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phil Breunig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be restored to its original design, along with the Rose Garden and Jackie's garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica Niziolek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please replace the East Wing as Jefferson had designed it. This is the people's House. Does not belong to the current occupant. The person who was able to make this decision independently without consultation should cover the cost of the rebuild. The people should not have to foot the bill. Another, stronger bunker should be replaced. Thank you for listening to this matter.
Citizen, Jessica Morris Niziolek

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Jenkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should be equal in size and structure to the West Wing. If a new ballroom is needed it should be constructed off site of the White House. The new East Wing should be updated in a style that is as similar to the West Wing as possible. It should be handicapped accessible and use environmentally conscious materials.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Breunig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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It should be restored to its original design, along with the Rose Garden and Jackie's garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Diamond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the addition of Trump's "ballroom" to the White House grounds. It is not necessary, and it would destroy the beauty, grace and balance of the White House itself--which is the People's House, not Trump's latest project to tart up.

I was horrified to see that Trump tore down the East Wing. That is an historic part of the White House; many of the previous First Ladies did very important, patriotic work there. He has no right to disrespect them and their contributions by tearing down their offices and putting up a hideous, monstrosity, glorifying his ego....

I also think what Trump has done to the Oval Office and the Rose Garden are horrible/tacky. The Oval Office now reminds me of the Harry Potter set, not a seat of serious national business. They are just not in keeping with the standards of elegance and relevance they have been in the past. In short, stop messing with our history and our historic buildings....

Date: 2/14/2026 8:04:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Sommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to its original dimensions to preserve the architectural balance of the White House. Provide within and below the East Wing the facilities that existed prior to its (unl)awful demolition. The People's House does not need an enormous ballroom; the original event space was large enough. If anything must be updated and modernized, let it be electrical, plumbing, hvac, and communications. This must be a RESTORATION project, not a renovation project.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:03:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Franks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the People have been deeply disrespected by this whole project. The East Wing should be restored, along with the symmetry of the White House as a whole, and the true purpose of and need for a ballroom reevaluated by a bipartisan committee. This is OUR house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:03:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the east wing should be restored to its original state. This oversized ballroom will overwhelming to our beautiful White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:03:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Ohman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural design while updating wiring etc. Be sure it's ADA compliant. Make needed, but historically sensitive changes.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:03:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary O'Connor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For many many years I have been fascinated by pictures from official White House dinners. To see our presidents graciously entertain foreign dignitaries and Hollywood elite was inspiring and things that dreams are made of.
The room that this function was held in always seemed large enough. There is no need to waste money on a new building.
The destruction of the East Wing that was done without permission after he told us that it would not be touched was a slap in the face to all Americans. I thought there were laws about destruction of government property with real consequences.
I feel that any monies pledged or received for the construction of an unnecessary ballroom should be used to restore the East Wing and if there isn't enough money from private donations then I feel that trump should have to pay for it.
In conclusion I say NO most emphatically to the 90,000 square foot ballroom monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Mayman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sickened by the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House. My wish would be to have Trump pay out of his pocket for the reconstruction of what he destroyed. In lieu of that, a new East Wing the same size at the existing West Wing should be built under the guidance of architects and the National Trust. A ballroom can be built elsewhere if necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Levin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not allow this ballroom to be constructed. I have been a student of American history since childhood and have deep respect for our history and historical buildings. Nothing gives me more pleasure than visiting Washington, DC and touring these places. I had the privilege of living in the city for several years while a graduate student at The George Washington University, and my biggest thrill was the day President Reagan waved to us from Marine One as it was landing while we were playing touch football on the Ellipse. My opposition to the demolition of the East Wing and this proposed ballroom are not political but are from my love of history. The East Wing had always been the location of the offices of the First Lady. This project makes the assumption that like the current holder of that office, future First Ladies will not be engaged in the well-being of our country and need offices. If the past tells us anything, this is not so as past First Ladies set their own agendas of issues they wanted to use their position to work on. Often these were advocating for children or were health related issues, and I believe that future First Ladies will want to do so as well. Modern First Ladies are well educated women who want to put their skills to work for the people, and the East Wing gave them the offices to do so from. The proposed ballroom is too large for something a future President may have no use for, and it's footprint is too large to fit with the beauty of the White House. It will be an eyesore, and could be rendered unnecessary by the next President who will be inaugurated not long after building will be completed. So it will barely even be used. Over the centuries updates and additions to the White House have been done. But they have been small and/or easily retrofitted to something else. And they have NEVER been of a size and scope that dwarfs the building itself. The proper thing to do is to rebuild the East Wing as it was and bring back the important and necessary spaces that have been lost. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Spitler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a travesty what trump has done to the east wing of the white house. I think it should be returned to it's former state with accommodation for more meeting space if that is necessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Avery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Preyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump's actions in razing the East Wing of the White House are a desecration. This house is my house, our house, the people's house! The house is borrowed from one presidency to the next; it does not belong to any president. This is shameful, and the replacement needs to be made by skilled architects and meet preservation standards, not Trump's whim.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:02:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cory Topel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since Donald Trump ordered the demolition of the East Wing before seeking any approval whatsoever, he should be fined and ordered to pay to have it reconstructed exactly as it was before.
America was founded in protest of a tyrant king, and it should forever remain a democratic republic.
Donald Trump needs to be held accountable; if not for his multitude of other crimes, at least for this one.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:01:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tametha Tracey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is way too big (90,00 sq feet). It should be scaled back so that it's proportional to the remainder of the White House, and nothing should be gold, because that's tacky. It's a bit like if Barbie got

elected to president, and she declared that everything had to be pink.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:01:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doris Hinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to this ridiculous, waste of taxpayer money ballroom project. It's an eyesore, and totally unnecessary.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:01:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxann Thurow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be punished for demolishing the east wing. It should not be rebuilt as a ballroom, but it should be reconstructed as it was, and Trump should have to pay for it.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:00:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a public space of national significance, and must be considered cautiously and thoughtfully.

The final plan must be of scale, consistent with design, scale and long-term needs, and by consensus of national historic and architectural experts.it must comply with NEPA and other oversight organizations and first be approved by Congress.

The proposed plan is none of these. Demolition was illegal, plans have been drafted in secret, and this process is untrustworthy and inconsistent with our national interests.

Please oppose both this design and this exception to rules and established procedures.

The proposed design itself is wholly unacceptable. It is outrageously too large, too ostentatious and inconsistent with architectural style and dimensions. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring annd other HVAC and building infrastructure to bring up to present codes, and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

This is the people's house, and must reflect our history as well as our future. If a larger , permanent ballroom is necessary, design and build it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:00:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacquelyn Evans
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for this ballroom. Our government is meant to serve its citizens, not to throw huge parties at our expense. Particularly now, when people are struggling financially, it would be unconscionable to spend money on such frivolity. It invokes images of pre-revolutionary France, when nobles were partying while citizens starved. The proposed structure does not serve the needs of the people, and should not be built.

Date: 2/14/2026 8:00:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Stryd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep the White House property historically accurate. If large events are needed, there are plenty of other properties in the area that could be leased or used, but the White House building itself should remain the focus of the property physically and aesthetically.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no way I can accept a ballroom that is bigger than the historic White House. It would be an abomination! The historic East Wing has been demolished with no authority.

The ballroom should not be built as I feel there is no need and the renderings are too opulent when compared to the historic White House. The East Wing should be replaced and paid for by Trump who destroyed it with no authority.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Visek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If this were just an ‘East Wing Modernization Project’ it would be fine. But it’s not. It is a complete tear down of the East Wing and the addition of a 90,000 sf ballroom. This ballroom will be almost twice the size of the White House itself, making the White House appear tiny next to it. Public comments and review should have been done before any alterations were made, to include tearing down the original East Wing. I keep hearing about a 90,000 sf ballroom, but I don’t think that’s the only thing that will be built there. What are the dimensions of the rest of the East Wing? Why was Trump allowed to tear down the original East Wing in the first place. He doesn’t care about laws, rules, or the Constitution and thinks he can do whatever he wants. I’ve also heard that the new construction will be at least two stories high, which will make the entire complex look off kilter. It’s a ridiculous vanity project, one that he has already named after himself. What about the other ridiculous building projects he plans with his name on them? What about renaming the Kennedy Center after himself? I am totally against building this project as it is currently designed. It is not in keeping with the original design and will make the White House, the PEOPLES HOUSE, not Trump’s house, look ridiculous.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vanessa Cox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Turning the White House into a revolting gilded party place for the rich is not in the best interests of the country. It was demolished without permission. Rebuild it the way it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:59:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill Newbold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong concern regarding the proposed White House ballroom project and the process by which it has advanced.

The White House is not merely an executive residence; it is a national symbol and a historic treasure belonging to the American people. Significant alterations to such an institution should involve transparent public input and careful deliberation. I am troubled by the perception that major decisions affecting this historic property have moved forward without adequate opportunity for public feedback and national discussion.

Regardless of the Commission’s ultimate determination regarding the project itself, I respectfully urge that no portion of the White House complex be named after a sitting president. The White House represents the office, not the individual who temporarily occupies it. Preserving that principle is essential to maintaining its symbolic role as the people’s house rather than a monument to any one administration.

Thank you for your consideration and for your responsibility in safeguarding our nation’s historic institutions.

Respectfully,
Bill Newbold

Date: 2/14/2026 7:58:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bethany Dentler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed on White House grounds, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure, and a 90,000 square foot addition would overwhelm the Executive Residence in an entirely inappropriate way. It would destroy the character and historic footprint of a sacred space, and this project should be denied and sent back for redesign.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:58:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawne Holcomb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style; interior rebuilt to modern building codes and ADA accessibility standards. Follow past process and rebuild much as it was, but allow for the needs of a 21st century presidential residence and workplace.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:58:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it was a travesty to see the bulldozing of the east wing of the white house. I do not think that the President should be allowed any input in the design. He is a temporary resident. He had no right to alter the image of a building sacred to the American people. An image that used to be a symbol of our great nation to the world. In my mind, it has now become a symbol of greed and arrogance of a single man.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:58:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Lam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Respect the original architecture. Modernize security and wiring etc as needed. Do not enlarge the space. Preserve the balance of the existing structures. If a ballroom is needed, build it elsewhere.
Shame to all who participated in the East Wing's destruction. The People's House has been defiled and its history destroyed. Please be respectful in rebuilding it back the way it should be, not turning it into some gaudy monstrosity.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:57:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Richerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is superfluous to white house business and a waste of money. Build the East wing back. I oppose this ballroom construction. Trump should be punished for demolishing the East wing without any approval.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:57:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer, I'm appalled at the demolition of the East Wing, and respectfully request it be returned to it's previous state without taxpayer expense.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:56:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene Tay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think a ballroom is a good idea for the White House. I am upset that the entire east wing was demolished before review by agencies and organizations assigned with this task.
I request review by these agencies. I know these agencies will ensure that the ballroom project design will be consistent with the architectural style and scale of the White House. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:56:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Laughman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of the proposed ballroom is to large for the rest of the White House. The scale should be changed and made smaller. Historical architects should be enlisted to provide a more appropriate scale along with style. A monstrosity in its current proposed form.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:56:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Winter Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I beleive adding a new wing that keeps to the integrity of the building would be a appropriate. Additions have been made over the years that keep the "look" of the building. It's dimensions should not over shadow the original.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:55:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Ketcham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not sure that I would call this the East Wing Modernization since the POTUS tore it down without prior approval, however this monstrosity of a ballroom he wants to replace it with is too big. The size of this ballroom should be scaled back as to not overshadow the White House, and you should have a designer come in so that everything isn't gold filigree and marble.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:55:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, does not need a ballroom. It is neither a hotel nor a convention center; DC has plenty of those. There is public space available nearby (I believe it's the Commerce Building) and the central space at the National Building Museum is huge. Union Station has a lovely and large space.

The White House, the People's House, is not a Palace. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. Visitors to DC are often surprised at how small it is. The Georgian style is intentionally symmetrical.

The occupant of The White House is not a King; he works for us and lives there as our temporary guest. He should not be able to rebuild it to his own tastes, no matter who is paying for it.

A new East Wing should be constructed to replace the East Wing that was demolished. It should be similar in size, shape, and placement to the West Wing, to maintain the symmetry of the entire structure. If it is determined that the East Wing should house a ballroom, so be it--but it should be made to fit into the original footprint and design.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:55:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Kauzlarich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

To allow for a ballroom that would overshadow the White House would be demeaning to the historic structure

Date: 2/14/2026 7:55:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Moss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the East Wing modernization as it's currently planned. I understand the need for space but the addition, as proposed, will dwarf the existing White House. The White House is one of our country's most important national monuments. The size and scope of the planned ballroom diminishes the importance of our nation's history by its very distraction from the original residence; a place where world events have been shaped. The new ballroom is less about needed space and more about building a monument that no one would ever be able to visually ignore and many see as a monstrosity. Please vote "no" and require a resubmission of plans that show some architectural dignity and respect for the White House and our history. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:55:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherrie Hitchcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project, as planned by President Trump, should cease. If there is a need to fix

electrical, plumbing, etc. where the gaping hole currently exists, it should be done and the facade replaced in the style of the White House. There is no need for a ballroom to be attached to the White House. It can be built elsewhere in the city. Away from the White House might even be easier for guests to arrive and depart from for dinners and whatever events a ballroom would be needed for. Despite all the glamour the Presidents current and future may desire, we Americans are a simple people - farmers, mechanics, small business owners and the like. The White House is the People's House and should reflect that in design. Please stop this project.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:55:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Motyka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the whole way the historic east wing was summarily demolished to make way for a vanity project for Trump. The administration bypassed all of the rules regarding alterations to historic buildings. Further, this is the people's house and deserves the respect and input from the American people. I am appalled at what has been done. The careful review and approval (or not) of any need/desire to expand event space as part of a renovation of the White House is absolutely essential. Now that the demolition has already occurred, the commission needs to pursue all remedies, including possibly rebuilding the East Wing with its original footprint. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to comment. This is what democracy looks like!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:54:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Loveday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First thank you for asking for comments. The East Wing should be restored to the original exterior architecture while the inside is made a tuned to the needs of the building. Whether it be offices, meeting rooms, it doesn't matter. It is the people's house and should serve the needs of the people, not the president.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:54:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacob Klein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support a ballroom instead we can put either a data center there instead of in our rural communities, a Walmart or Amazon warehouse could fit nicely. But I would rather have a large monument erected to commentate how many times people were listed in the Epstein files. So Donald Trump can get his name in first place hopefully that will stroke that fat ego he has that he is compensating for with the lack of other organs.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:54:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peyton Varner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the East Wing Modernization Project primarily because they sidestepped the necessary processes to begin demolition of a historic building, but also because the size and scope of the project is inappropriate for the existing compound. Small changes are reasonable—a massive ballroom of this size is not. Likewise, the occupancy capacity for this plan poses, I would think, security liabilities for the White House itself. What event would possibly need an occupancy capacity of that size and is it necessarily and cost efficient to have such an event at the residence of the president of the United States when other venues are available? Moreover, would events like this be happening regularly enough to justify the cost of construction? If not, it's wasteful spending on what amounts to little more than a vanity project.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:54:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Markosky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring, plumbing, etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Keep the footprint the same size as previous and replant the trees/gardens. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:53:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Megan Nishikawa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a historian of Early America. Watching the illegal and unnecessary destruction of the East Wing was a gut punch. This new monstrosity of a ballroom is out of step with the history and design of the White House. The White House is the peoples' house. If a sensibly sized ballroom/meeting space is needed then it must be accomplished within the limits of the law and with full transparency for the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:53:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Riggleman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as an updated office space to give the complex a balanced appearance.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:53:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: N Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an abomination and a gross misuse of funds and power.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:53:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Strom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been demolished. I would suggest, rather than build a large ballroom, that it be rebuilt to its original size and architectural splendor, honoring its historical significance and its relationship to the rest of the White House complex.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:53:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Polly Brockett Flanagan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house and we need to have a say in any major changes to it, even if our chances of using it are small. We don't want this proposed building as proposed by the President. We want a reasonably sized building in proportion to The White House, approved by the organization dedicated to honoring our history.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:52:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Heemskerk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be rebuilt as it was and be dedicated to immigrants, people of color, women and children, and LGBTQ+. The interior should be designed to be used for forums and dinners for them, to be a place to discuss what our country needs to do to be inclusive, to live up to our goals of liberty and justice for all.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:52:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Shultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an embarrassment for our country to have a single person make a decision to tear down an historic part of the peoples house to add a gaudy ballroom that will be way bigger than the White House! I think he should be made to build the the west wing back the way it was!! How does the President get away with demolishing the west wing without permission?

Date: 2/14/2026 7:52:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Payne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi,
I am abhorred with what happened to the East Wing of the White House! No matter who it is, one person does not have the right to destroy a historical building, especially the People's House. I believe that the building should be restored to its original condition and President Trump should help pay for the restoration to let him know that there are rules to follow as to what can be done to the White House.
Thank you for letting me comment,
Jennifer M Payne
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 7:52:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Hart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the historic East Wing restored, as much as possible, to its previous exterior appearance. If a larger room for entertaining can be built into the previous footprint, I think that would be acceptable and if AC and heat etc can be updated so that larger groups can be comfortable in the space, that would also be acceptable.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:52:02 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katheen Heiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am devastated that our President bulldozed an important historical part of the building without authorization or approval of his plans. The gregarious plan that he made would, in my opinion, ruin the beauty of the building. I see no need for anything the size that he proposes. I also don't believe that he will do all of this without using any taxpayer money. We certainly don't need any ostentatious decor. The White House should project the history of this great country and conform to all regulations. It's time to stop this administration from breaking all the rules without consequences.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:51:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lia Willis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing , with the President paying from his personal account, as he tore it down without permission. It should not be larger than the Whitehouse and should be a place of business, rather than a place for parties. The exterior should match the rest of the white house. It should NOT be named after the president. It is the east wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:51:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Bowes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was illegally destroyed. A proposed ballroom is not in keeping with the historic provenance of the existing White House, neighborhood or District of Columbia. It serves only one man’s ego. If anything, the East Wing should be rebuilt to original specifications.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:50:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: d bra
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition and intended construction of a new White House Ballroom is execrable! The images of construction equipment tearing out the existing structure leaving huge piles of debris is perfect metaphor to the dismantling and destruction Trump has made of our existing form of government-trampling on the

Constitutional Rights of anyone living within the United States and shredding the 'separation of powers' inherently written into our Democracy. I oppose this shameful, ugly project.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:50:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size of the new addition should be scaled down to be an enhancement of the existing structure and not be larger than it. The architecture should blend with it and not be overly ornate. One person should not have the deciding voice but a panel of historical, architectural, and design experts should shape the project.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:49:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Sailer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing modernization project as currently designed does not provide the proper balance to the original White House. The start Wing should be built in a promotional manner to the West Wing and the main House. This is our nation’s home to our President and needs to be designed for the long-term.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:49:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Nowotarski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Return the outside of the building to its previous state to balance the overall look. Interior improvements could be modernized to include an event space that fits the overall look of the White House. An outdoor space could be added adjacent to the east wing to create more event space. Update electrical, plumbing, HVAC as needed.

Overall, it should be returned to its previous appearance with internal modernizations as needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:49:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Winkler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

NO ballroom. Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:49:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirsten Sollie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back the way it was. The president had no right to destroy that historic building. Do NOT build a ballroom. The government doesn't exist to have social events. It is to do the people's work.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:48:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirlee Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I continue to be outraged by the destruction of the East Wing and the way it was handled. It is like those responsible said "just tear it down, then they won't have a choice and I'll get what I want".

I agree with the learned architects that the new building should be compatible in style and size and not overshadow the White House. That said, my opinion is that, as proposed, it is way too big. My personal taste tends to be minimalist and I would like the background to be restrained (NO to gold trim!) and simple with well executed lighting and beautiful chandeliers. It should be a blank canvas to work with for each event so that they are unique and memorable in their own right.

I know that you will do your very best and for the White House and the citizens of this great nation. Wishing you good weather for construction and hoping that youknowwho doesn't sue or indict you.

Thank you for taking on this challenging project.

PS - Please do not name it after that horrible deplorable.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:48:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Marx
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No Versailles! We don't need a "grand ballroom" that's both a sop to one man's egomania and, as it stands now, a complete grift. Make him rebuild the East Wing out of his own funds, wages garnished if necessary to pay for it, as it stood before he sent in the wrecking crews.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:48:09 AM
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Name: Gloria English
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East wing to its orgilnall visual design while upgrading the infrastructure! Thank you!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:47:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Dunford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

50.000 square foot east wing renovation would be an abomination to the White House. It is too large, gawdy, twice the size of the principal structure, would overwhelm the White House grounds, and for what? It is a disgusting proposal to build a disgusting monstrosity that should be reversed immediately. AND,… it is a public disgrace to force the whims of one individual on the entire American public. As a proud Marine Corps veteran the east wing renovation is a disgusting attempt to highjack U. S. History and American culture.
Put back the original at its original scale.
Plus get rid of that tacky gold leafing currently applied all over the White House. It is a tacky, tasteless disgrace.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:47:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Lang
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for inviting comments on the proposed East Wing modernization project. The White House is the People's House. It serves not only as the official residence and offices of whoever is president but as a living symbol of American democracy. It is neither a palace nor a monument to aristocratic wealth and power. It therefore does not need to be lavishly ornate or dazzlingly impressive. In fact, to represent the American people, it should not be either of those things.

The former East Wing should not have been demolished without approvals. Thankfully it's not too late to plan its replacement wisely. It should complement the historic White House, not exceeding it in size or height or attempted glamour. It can be a welcoming, functional, and dignified place to host guests from other nations without being anything close to 90,000sf. Please scale it down from the original proposal.

The East Wing used to be the point of entry for ordinary people coming to Washington DC who chose to visit the White House, experiencing for themselves one of the immense privileges American citizens have in our participatory democracy. As a nation, we should not trade that symbolic access for a ballroom designed

to entertain the wealthy and powerful elite.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:47:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Conaboy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the new east wing ballroom scale and style be compatible with the existing White House. I do not want it to dwarf the beautiful existing historical building. And I do *not* want it to be covered in golden doodads. It should be in keeping with the traditional style of the White House. It belongs to the people and its style should reflect that. Nothing gawdy.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:47:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Borrebach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. Every four years the people lend it to a new president. No one, ever, has said we need a ballroom. Especially one that dwarfs the current White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the style and size of what was destroyed. Period.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:46:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Hoehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of having a President, any President, trample, ignore, or by-pass the process that has been put in place to thoughtfully plan for structures in our nation's capital.
The hasty demolition of the East Wing was a blatant disregard for the system of checks and balances. Please consider adding policies to your process to prevent things like this from happening again.
With regard to the ballroom, I currently have zero confidence that the President and his staff has any respect for the National Capital Planning Commission's expertise or authority. Please work hard to make sure that a prudent path forward can be achieved.
Thank you for the work that you do to protect and preserve our nation's capital.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:46:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Calhoun
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is difficult to emphasize just how egregious the disregard of the demolition process has been. The White House is the PEOPLE'S House, and blatant indifference to longtime regulations that protect our nation's heritage has apparently become a sad reality in these United States.

That travesty having been accomplished (obliteration), it is hard to visualize a reinstatement of professional architectural and government standards at this present time. On the oft chance there will be a return, one hardly needs to state the obvious that any addition that projects to the FRONT, or towers OVER the current White House would be wholly inappropriate. Why not just demo the entire thing (White House) and start over?

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eva Schindhelm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see our Peoples' House so thoughtlessly and unnecessarily desecrated because of a whim of one person. I would hope that the new event space would not dwarf the current White House, that it be of modest proportions, and that the architecture compliments the current building. (Seriously, how ofen would a ballroom be used, and why cannot current spaces in the White House suffice, as they have for all these years?). I would ask that the planning commission take time in decision making, remembering that the current occupant of the White House will only be there for a few more years, but that what will be built will be permanent. Finally, I would ask that, as much as possible, the green space around the addition be restored...it was thoughtless and disrespectful to destroy the gardens planted by First Lady Johnson dedicated to First Lady Kennedy.
Thank you for considering my opinion.
-Eva R. Schindhelm

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne Koehler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This oversized monstrosity should not be built. It needs to be in keeping with the size of the west wing and the white house. It also needs to be toned down on the overuse of golden glitz.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:45:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not destroy the White House heritage and disregard historical preservation guidelines. This project violates the National Historic Preservation Act. Replacing usable office space with a private ballroom undermines the building's dignity.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Cleveland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Recommend the East Wing is restored to the original exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Wells
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.
This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval."

The East Wing has already been demolished. So who is going to hold Trump and his administration accountable? There's no going back- it can't magically be reconstructed with historical significance as it once was. This is a huge loss for White House history. It's also a huge loss in national public Trust in our federal government and its processes. I can't emphasize enough how extremely disappointed I am that this unilateral decision was made and official processes were ignored. But that seems to be how the Trump Administration operates. And too many lawmakers and those in the general public don't care, as in their eyes, he's akin to God and may do as he pleases.
History will not look favorably on what has already been done to the White House, or in general, on the decisions and actions of this administration.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see the east wing of the White House demolished.

When I toured the White House I thought the room where State diners were held looked small, but exclusive. If everyone can “come to dinner” then the event isn’t as special as when a guest list is more exclusive.

I hate the idea of billionaires funding it.

I hope the next president brings back the rose garden, gets rid of the tacky plaques and gold gaudiness. If Trump wants gaudy he should stay in Florida.

The White House is a public monument and should not be changed without the people of the United States approval.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Henle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of a 90,000 square foot ballroom. Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. All parties must follow the past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house and we do not want this monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Greetings! Bulldozing the First Lady's Offices and building a ballroom in the White House is not a good idea and one I oppose. The way in which it was done - without appropriate approvals and notice indicates the project is proceeding badly. Please stop. Thank you. American Citizen, Christine Fisher, Cedar, Minnesota

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Small
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild a replica of the East Wing with modernized heating, air, plumbing and electrical.

Can a more scaled down ballroom be built elsewhere on the grounds to match the size and scale of the White House? And please, no gaudy gold accoutrements.

And while you're reviewing, can you ensure that portraits, paintings, furnishings, dishes, etc., have not been destroyed or given away as gifts?

Thank you for this opportunity.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:44:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Canty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, change the title of this project to the Donald J. Trump Vanity Project. The American people have not been breaking down the doors to tear down the East Wing to build an oversized, ostentatious ballroom. The East Wing had enormous historical significance as it was the operational center for some of our most famous and productive First Ladies such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Rosalyn Carter, Michelle Obama and Betty Ford. It should be restored to its original condition as a testament to these inspirational women. This ballroom should not be built to feed the insatiable ego of one man. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Ken Canty.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:43:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The look and function of our White House has been irreversibly changed. The addition should reflect the original wing that was demolished. Offices should be returned and a smaller event space added. Also, all that gaudy gold should not be allowed. Our White House should reflect the dignity of the office of president and not denigrate previous presidents or the American people. Our White House has always been an international symbol of our country. Now it is an embarrassment.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:42:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Weston
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should not be larger than the White House itself and should be comparable to the east wing facade. Giant changes like this shouldn't be allowed to historic structures in the first place; especially

without permitting. I cannot even change my windows without a building permit so I'm not sure how the east wing was able to be demolished. Please rebuild and restore the east wing. If you need an event space, when you rebuild the east wing, maybe make it a more flexible space so it can be used for the 1st lady and other offices, and then also as an event space when needed.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:42:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jessica DeVries
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a waste of money. The White House does not need an obnoxiously sized ballroom. I am appalled that demolition happened on our beautiful historic White House without going through the proper approval. That is not the President's home to do as he wishes (to the structure), he is a temporary tenant. What other temporary tenants have a right to change the structure of the house they live in, when they do not own it. The size of the ballroom would be unnecessary and would horrible with the rest of the building. Please charge the tenant to build things back the way he found them…including the rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:42:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Wieland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare you destroy the East Wing and attempt to desecrate the White House with a ballroom. This is the People's House, not Trump's new lair. I don't want to even think about what he and his cronies are up in this sacred space.

No ballroom. No desecration.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:42:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Tarasi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the People's House is an illegal abomination. What's done is done in terms of the destruction but the building of the Grand Ballroom must be overseen by proper authorities to maintain the integrity of this important historic structure. This administration should be barred from undertaking any additional new construction projects as President Trump has proven that his sense of aesthetics is seriously lacking and not befitting the soul of our nation. He wants to turn the People's House into the billionaire's house reflecting his hideous taste leaving yet another permanent stain on our country.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:42:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Wronkiewicz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East wing of the White House and the plans for a massive ballroom that, by the president's own account, will dwarf the rest of the building, without oversight of national organizations dedicated to preserving and ensuring that any modernization of the People's House preserves its and the surrounding ground's legacy, speaks to this as a vanity project for President Trump. There has been no evidence that such a structure is needed, no evidence that this modernization is in keeping with the significance and history of the building. This project needs an immediate halt and national independent preservation organizations need to be brought in to help plan the rebuilding of the east wing and any changes made to it.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:42:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelly Partrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It saddens me to see what has taken place on White House grounds over the past year. I would like to see the east wing restored to its original state (maybe with a couple modernizations here and there as needed). The ballroom idea should be scrapped until such a time that there has been proper planning by individuals/organizations that appreciate the aesthetics of the White House as opposed to someone who wants to spray gold over every surface.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:41:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Albert Henning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing has already been torn down via Executive Order. I recommend strongly the East Wing become a National Monument, and placed into a state of formal Arrested Decay, similar to the state in which the Kennecott Copper Mine in Wrangell St Elias National Park and Preserve has been placed.

My recommendation is neither specious nor frivolous.

Our nation faces its deepest political division since the Civil War. Reminder 'monuments' to that devastating period of our history were effected, in the hope that terrible period would never recur. Battlefield memorials are obvious. But, so, too, is Arlington National Cemetery; it serves as a rebuke to the Confederacy, and to the ideals upon which it was founded. The historian Heather Cox Richardson has described in detail the Confederacy's anti-democratic and counter-Revolutionary ideals — among them most prominently, that men are NOT created equal.

Our nation requires a rebuke of our present political state. This state includes the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. I can think of no better way to effect such a rebuke-reminder, than to leave the White House exactly as it now stands.

Most sincerely,

Albert K. Henning, PhD
[redacted]

Date: 2/14/2026 7:41:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Bidigare
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style.
Make all needed updates such as wiring, safety needs, etc.
Meet ADA accessibility standards.
Make changes that are historically sensitive.

If truly needed, construct a ballroom at another location in the area.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:40:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Hankins, III, OSB
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be restored. No ballroom. And the person ordering the destruction should pay for the restoration. This is pure vandalism on an imperial scale.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:40:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that you are requesting a response after the East Wing has already been demolished is ridiculous. Had you asked me last year I would absolutely have said no to building this preposterous ballroom.!It's just a vanity project for DJT. Of course now that there is an empty lot next to the White House maybe you should request designs and bids from architectural firms around the country. Im sure they could come up with something more in scale and appropriate for that site. Remember, it's the people's house. It does not belong to DJT!!! He will be out of there within the next three years.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:39:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Googins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trumps demolition of the historic structure was not authorized by Congress or the people. Having no research or impact statement before demolition is an abomination of tradition and lawful standards that resulted in the vandalization of an American treasure. To prevent further losses restrict the President to submitting proposals before taking and demolition or construction of Federal property.
It is imperative to restore the structure as a lesson to future president to follow protocol.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:39:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: I Powell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. No ballroom should be added to the White House.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:39:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Felicia Daniela
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:39:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deb Holly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the East Wing..as it was. This is the people's house not Trump's to do whatever he feels like. History is to be preserved. Restore the Rose Garden while you're at it.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:38:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daisy Konowal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the modernization project of the East wing,
I think it is wonderful that the White House will have a proper event space for delegate's from all over the world to meet and a visitor's entrance that are not trailers.
I do think that the proposed plan is extremely GRANDIOSE and out of scale with the White House and the West Wing. The proposed height of the structure is too high with relation to the White House. I'm not exactly sure why they can't lower it since the interior is just the top of the ballroom.
I did watch the committee meeting and it seems as if it's all getting done in different phases which are not being brought to at one time to this committee. It would seem that an overall plan should be brought to the committee all at the same time.

I also find it extremely concerning that this is being privately funded. This is the People's building, not the billionaires building and should be funded by the federal government.

Thank you for your attention
Daisy Konowal

Date: 2/14/2026 7:37:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeleine Trichel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing of the White House:
1. No ballroom
2. Reconstruct the outside to look as it did before demolition.
3. Inside should be handicap accesible, modernized for Communications and other amenities, office space and meeting rooms.
4. No tacky gold decorations.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:37:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn McCurdy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in favor of restoring the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the now demolished east wing. Wiring, plumbing, security, and accessibility should be updated from what it was. All approval processes that have been followed in the past for making historically appropriate design changes should be followed.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:36:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Fowler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee Members,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ballroom project associated with President Trump.
This proposal reflects a troubling disregard for the historic integrity of our national spaces. Buildings of national significance are not blank canvases for personal legacy projects. They represent the collective history, values, and democratic principles of the American people. Alterations of this magnitude demand restraint, preservation-minded leadership, and a commitment to protecting the character and symbolism embedded in these sites.
Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the financial implications of this project. At a time when public funds should be directed toward pressing national needs, allocating substantial resources to a ballroom expansion is difficult to justify. Fiscal responsibility must remain a priority, particularly when the expenditure does not clearly serve the broader public interest.
I urge the committee to reject this proposal and instead uphold the responsibility to preserve the historical and cultural integrity of our national landmarks while exercising prudent stewardship of public funds.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Christina Fowler

Date: 2/14/2026 7:35:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mila Hathaway
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why in the world was Trump allowed to knock down the East Wing with no apparent oversight in the first place???? Presidents should have to get permits and there should be some process and procedures put in place! He just does things willy-nilly. Now we have a big ugly mudpit there. Don't get me started on the rose garden. I just had my deck replaced and it appears I had to go through more with permits and inspections than Trump did. That is ridiculous! I am so upset by this clown just doing as he pleases. Please do anything you can to make him accountable. Don't let him knock everything down!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:35:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Eriksen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Please do not let the fact that the East Wing was demolished color your decision in any way, except to consider the fact that it was demolished illegally without any review. What was done illegally must be undone and the restoration should be seamless and fitting the standard of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:35:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Speas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, President Trump needs to be heavily fined for destroying this property, which belongs to US, without going through proper channels. The project team should exclude anyone who has donated to any fund that contributes to Trump's personal wealth or political power. Only then can we citizens be sure this renovation is being conducted in the interest of the legitimate owners of the property.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:35:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ava Sloane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the original East Wing. It was designed to fit into the scale of the White House, not the huge abomination being proposed. The building contained so much history that has now been lost. It saddens me beyond measure.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lee Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing extravaganza project is an affront to American history and ethos. We are and need to continue to survive as a nation of humble patriots and not megalomaniac self-promoters as embodied in the proposed project's out-sized glitz.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: patricia hade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A large ballroom serves no public interest, only the interest of a small group of people. The project appears to be a vanity project that adds no value to the White House unless they are now going to rent it out.
I am adamantly opposed to an addition to the People's House which has no benefit to the American people.

Pat Hade

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annemarie Redmond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new ballroom should be simple but well appointed and appropriately proportional to the remaining White House. Skip the gaudy gold ornaments and go with landscape and/demographic paintings that represent our beautiful country and cultures. It is, after all, the people's house. The President is the caretaker and temporary resident, not the master of that domain.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:34:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dana Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing of the White house, the Rose Garden, and Jackie's Garden to their original designs.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:33:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Chiaramonte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This country does not need a gargantuan ballroom for parties at the White House. Restyling the East Wing can include a much smaller space for gatherings, plus it should include office space and meeting rooms for the future First Ladies, her staff, and the planning of other projects that are relevant to the welfare of this democracy. It should be historically "styled" to reflect its standing as part of the Peoples' House. The Peoples' House is not a "party house" - oversized and gaudy ballrooms do not serve the American Public. There is important work to be done to preserve this nation. Return the East Wing to its rightful functions. Restore the grounds, including the Rose Garden and let's move forward and away from the travesty that was inflicted upon this important National Symbol.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:33:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecelia Ciarleglio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Per Christine Hughes:
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:33:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Ventura
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strenuously object to the project in its present form which is unwarranted and ill planned. A ballroom is the vanity project of a person who is only a temporary occupant of the people's house. Its size diminishes the existing structure, and is not necessary for the building's intended use. The East wing should be restored to the uses that serve all of the American public.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:33:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Cwiakala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the East Wing AND the Rose Garden to their previous status. The scale of the proposed ballroom is ridiculous and overshadows the White House. Perhaps funding for the rebuild of the East Wing could come from the personal coffers of the person who had it illegally torn down.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:32:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Castle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The big beautiful ballroom will detract from the true purpose of the peoples house. The scale and size of it will create an imbalanced look. It will serve no purpose and the look will scream ostentatiousness that does not reflect what the true purpose of the building is meant to represent.it is the temporary home of our leader. A place where they live and work. Not a place designed to hold outrageous wealthy parties while the average person struggles to get by. The gold decorations added to the White House have already destroyed the look along with the petty posts under photos of previous leaders. This is not what the founding fathers had in mind when they built the house of the people, by the and for the people. The ballroom is neither of these. It's being built to stoke and satisfy one mans ego. It must be stopped and the building returned East wing rebuilt for it previous purpose, as a place for the 1st man or woman to use.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:32:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Fimmen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing as it was with ADA updates and minimal improvements as needed. Restoration costs should be paid by whoever made the final decision to demolish it.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:32:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Broberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to the facility the American people know and love. The current construction activity was not approved by the relevant authorities. Put the ballroom elsewhere in the city. It could probably go in virtually any commercial property and then you just add some gold touches here and there to appease.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:32:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Loren Impson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Finally a smooth path to record public comment. This particular issue is somewhat like closing the barn door after the horse has left for the forest. Projects like the East Wing should be fully vetted prior to demolition, It Wasn't. The scale of an addition to a national treasure should never overshadow the original. Expediency of desire should Never subrogate to history and decorum. I personally find the entire concept of the ballroom, in its current form and intention, to be a disgusting abuse of power and a demonstration of extremely poor taste. The fact that it is being floated with bribes does not validate its completion without a complete re-thinking of the scale and proportion.
Thank you for the opportunity to submit input.
Loren

Date: 2/14/2026 7:32:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back exactly as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:31:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Gerlach
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified at the damage he has done to OUR House!!! Please make him stop construction!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:31:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/14/2026 7:31:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katherine Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the East Wing project. I would like to see the East Wing restored to its original architecture and scale, with modern wiring, ADA compliance, etc. I do not feel that we need or want a massive ballroom that will overshadow the White House. Please consider returning the East Wing to its original purpose. If the entertainment space is to be expanded, it must be in scale with the original building. I would prefer to see the Rose Garden returned to its original state as well, rather than a massive patio, which is cold and sterile. This is, after all, the people's house, not a palace, and should reflect that.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Obriecht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was. If a ballroom is genuinely needed, find a site away from the White House. The current design would overshadow the people's house. And avoid gaudy gold. It should be stately and tasteful if built at all.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kayla Schramm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We shouldn't be allowing the president to destroy what has belonged to the people. Leave it how it is!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Ackerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Architectural plans should be presented for approval and comply to standards used elsewhere for restoration of historical buildings. Since it has been publicly stated that taxpayers money will not be used because "private" donations have been secured, those funds should be used. If not located, Donald Trump should be held responsible for breaking the law and regulations and should be held responsible for construction costs. No gaudy gold decor should be allowed. This is the people's house, not the would be king.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mandy Pursley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was heartbroken to see a historic building demolished before proper steps had been taken for this project. I would like to see the building restored with similar architectural style to match the White House, and for the new building to remain smaller than the White House residence so that it does not overshadow our beloved landmark. The exterior entrances should reflect ADA accessibility compliance in a thoughtful, perhaps even artistic, way.

Please make sure the building remains reflective of its purpose to serve our citizens throughout many generations and administrations, and avoid any architectural styles which appear to be heavily leaning towards subjective personal taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristine Schreiber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and should be the primary visual on the White House estate. The East Wing (and West Wing for that matter) should not dwarf the main house. Rebuilding and modernizing security, fire, electrical are fine, but the same aesthetic of the White House should be continued on the exterior of the new East Wing.

To put it plainly:
East Wing smaller (shorter, less prominent) than White House.
Aesthetic should match the exterior of the White House and East Wing - not "modern design."
Under no circumstance should any president's name be attached to the exterior of the East Wing / Ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:30:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Quinby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing plan size reduced to be in scale with the original structure. The plan should be architecturally compatible with the original structure. Omit any plans for gold embellishments that call to mind a Russian czar's palace. Reserve space for trees and gardens surrounding the structure. Upgrade electrical services for safety and ensure handicap accessible accomodations.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:29:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Stratton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing to its original design keeping our history alive. Update it to assure its safety and yes add more square footage as needed but not this atrocious huge gaudy building you have proposed.

Why is this administration taking down our history in Museums and monuments it doesn't like, and now taking down the Peoples White House East Wing. This has to stop.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:29:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Donnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A massive ballroom overshadowing our historic whitehouse is neither appropriate nor tasteful. While the damage has already been done, I strongly believe that the replacement East wing should be appropriate to the setting and role of the whitehouse. If we ignored how we got here, treating those like a fire or other natural disaster, we'd be looking toward a modernized wing which echos and respects the historic setting it replaces. This is no different. The replacement should be a aesthetically appropriate, and should follow the historic lines of the east wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:29:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ray Becker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged!
Not just the waste, the destruction of history, so many artefacts just thrown in a landfill! No regard for how the self-centered acts can affect millions of taxpayers. Creating an edifice so out of balance with the existing structures, like a huge carbuncle on a minnow.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:28:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Madeline Almodovar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be rebuilt to its original specifications as it holds cultural significance to the entire U.S. if additional event space is needed, it must be built using the original specifications then add to it in a conscious manner not to opaque the overall structure of the White House. Maybe do a modular space that is multifunctional. All health, safety and environmental protocols and regulations must be followed.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:27:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Simonds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Good Morning,

I am writing to express my deep concern re: the abrupt destruction of the East Wing of the White House, a house that belongs to ALL citizens of the United States.

The drawings and renderings that have made public show a disproportionately large and visually unbalanced design for reconstruction. The very fact that the demolition occurred suddenly and without proper review and authorization is troubling and, sadly, without recourse.

At only proper way to proceed is with full review that is managed not by the current resident of the White House but by the NCPC and other governing bodies.

Please, do your job.

Sincerely,
Lucy Simonds

Date: 2/14/2026 7:27:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Yark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore, repair the damage and back away from the public property.
Before any further vandalism, ask for permission from the owners.
I am angry about the disregard for historical traditions.
Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:26:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Lloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing it down was a crime against history and the National. This is not his to destroy. He should face accountability. If I tore it down I'd be in jail facing millions of dollars of fines.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:25:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristina Rask
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am GREATLY opposed to the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition. I wonder at how the east wing was allowed to be demolished in the first place and would like to know what penalties will be assessed to the company/individuals who participated in it's destruction without permission or the required public comment process. I believe the east wing should be restored to is original form.

I am also GREATLY opposed to the construction of any arches.

I am also GREATLY opposed to the addition of Trump's name to the Kennedy Center and believe it should be removed promptly. As this was also done without permission, what penalties will be assessed to the persons/company that put the additional name on the Center?

Date: 2/14/2026 7:25:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Thorner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The gaudiness of the proposed addition is blatantly out of proportion with the White House. No local building should dwarf the White House, a symbol of and for "the people." The fact that we've been able to do without the proposed ballroom all along suggests the need is only occasional, in which case, it seems entirely feasible to rent such a space, many of which are available in DC and surrounding suburbs, thus putting that money into the local economy on an ongoing basis. The current project's funds could and should be devoted to one or more of the cut programs for children or into programs that will benefit The People rather than their so-called leaders. The funding sources for the proposed ballroom seem rather dubious, according to news reports, and I suspect Trump, as his long history clearly displays, has zero intention of paying the contractors who will perform the work, which seems unlikely to be completed within the term of the current administration, which may indicate Trump's and his minions' intentions to cancel future elections and remain in office. Finally, it's time to teach our presidential toddler about consequences for his refusal to obey the laws and norms he swore a sacred oath to uphold. He tore down the East Wing of the people's house without approval or permission from the appropriate agencies or any regard whatsoever for norms of behavior by our leaders. Someone with some cujones should be willing to tell our Orange Mussolini NO, you misbehaved, now you can't have your ballroom. Conclusion: NO ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:23:56 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing as close to its historic state as possible. This should never have been allowed to have been demolished in the first place. Any significant changes to the White House should be approved by the people prior to construction. I'm opposed to any remodeling that is not essential to maintain the building or requires significant structural changes.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:23:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Harmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was never "modernization". It was destroyed for distraction and one man's vanity. History wiped out. The White House is not a palace, and does not need a palacial ballroom. The East Wing should be restored as best as possible, as soon as possible, with any alterations or renovations to be approved by the NCPC, and Congress. While you're at it, how about restoring the Rose Garden? Stop letting this nutcase destroy Our house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:22:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Haddox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

LOCK THAT CROOKED REGIME IN THE WHITE HOUSE UP!!!
What are you people WAITING for? An armed uprising of irate grandparents???
Seriously? You actually expect us to calmly discuss a building addition in the face of the INSANITY residing in the Executive, Judicial, and Congressional Branches of our government - all controlled by the head kook in the Presidency???

Let me remind you of more IMPORTANT Matters that need attention FIRST:

~ Nominating completely UNQUALIFIED persons to lead various high offices in government.

~ DOGE and Elon Musk's Special Government "services"

~Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti and all the other DEATHS caused by his GOON SQUADS

~The "Trump-Kennedy Center"

~A Memorial Arch to Himself

~Selective Whitewashed History at Historical Sights

~Abruptly Ending Scientific Research Of Great Importance Without ANY Review

~Abruptly Ending Foreign Aid Programs - Except Israel's!??? - Without ANY Review

~Withholding Congressionally Administered Funding from colleges and universities until they acquiesced to his petty demands of obeisance

~Armed ICE goon squads presence being needed to save Americans from "thousands of dangerous criminal illegal immigrants" being utter bullshit to justify a personal army attacking communities who voted against him.

And so much MORE...

The whole lot of them needs to be rounded up, marched into jail, and charged with HIGH TREASON!!!

And you want us to focus on a building addition that the dope has already completely DESTROYED without getting our permission.

Please see a licensed professional therapist soon.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:22:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Wolf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like most average Americans, the White House has held a special place in my heart. Built by slaves, it has graciously housed living history since John Adams' time.

It is a national treasure with unparalleled history, and it is now on the chopping block.

As part of our National Park system, the White House belongs to the people, not to Donald Trump, despite what he thinks and says.

He has no legal right to demolish large parts of it, and certainly no right to turn it into his own personal gilded castle. He has Mar-a-Lago for that.

I strongly urge you to cease the butchering! Americans DO NOT WANT IT!

Respectfully,
Debra J Wolf
Lansing MI

Date: 2/14/2026 7:22:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Prager
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House ia an historic building and part of our national heritage. This project not only will "modernize" the East Wing, but will also destroy years of history. The East Wing has served, and can continue to serve our country well. There is no need to destroy what is there to create an extravagant ballroom that is not needed. Please leave well enough alone. Either cancel the project completely or at least modify it so it will be dignified and not "over the top." Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:21:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Hance
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This administration cannot be trusted to act in the best interest of the country. An independent 3rd party, not selected by this president, should take over the restoration plans of the East Wing. Secure the building site and hold off on completing anything for it until this criminal enterprise is out of offices.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:21:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Weimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should NOT proceed under Trump's current plan. It is the PEOPLE'S house, and he is no more than a temporary tenant.

Preserving the historical integrity of this American icon should be of utmost importance. We are losing too many icons in the name of "progress." The east wing should be restored to its former state.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:20:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Panchison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please put the East Wing back exactly as it was before.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:20:23 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: denny figuerres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the east wing to exactly how it was. What trump was doing was unnecessary and inappropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:20:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO BALLROOM.

Build the East Wing back the way it was. DO NOT let Trump get away with this.

thank you for asking for comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Medley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This needs to be restored to the original building in as true to authentic methods and materials as possible. And it should not come as a taxpayer expense, but as at the expense of the administration who broke the law.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Fredericks
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the East Wing was demolished. I would like it to be rebuilt the same way it was before. We have no need for a ballroom to entertain President Trump's billionaire friends and fellow criminals.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Crippen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was outraged by the destruction of the East Eing of the people's house but I am furious that the current administration plans a ballroom that far exceeds the size of the residence itself. There can be no practical reason for building such a structure other than to inflate the ego of the current president.

I urge you to deny this blatant abuse of power by withholding approval for these ridiculous plans

Date: 2/14/2026 7:19:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to the original structure and Trump should be made to pay for it. The White House is the PEOPLES HOUSE not trump towers or a casino. He should have no say over the reconstruction....only pay for it.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:18:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Starr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reconstruct something on the scale and usefulness of the original east wing which was demolished. Disallow the building of the balllroom which will be out of scale, minimally useful and only for the rich and famous, ugly and over-budget.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:18:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tina Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please hire highly qualified, non- partisan architects who specialize in historic preservation.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:16:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Grace Hanners
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the building of the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. The scale of the addition is grossly out of proportion to the rest of the building. A ballroom of this size is not needed. Any new construction should be subject to approval by the appropriate agencies as required by law.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:16:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aney Massie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since American history was willfully destroyed without any oversight or permission, I believe President Trump should completely restore the East Wing to the state it was in before he took office and entirely at his own expense. What has happened is a travesty and a tragic loss of American history. While I'm commenting, all vanity projects like the arch are a waste of taxpayer dollars with the only purpose being to help puff up the EGO of dear leader. That money would be much better spent on governing the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:16:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no way this would have been approved, but you were WAY too slow in your actions. Why didn't you speak up when he first started tearing down the East Wing? Now something has to be done, but this ballroom is WAY out of scale with the rest of the building. And I don't think it was necessary anyways. This has been a HUGE waste of money, and please don't insult me by saying it's all paid by donations. That opens up another can of worms.....

Date: 2/14/2026 7:15:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my deepest regret that the East Wing project was started without authorization or input from the Trust, Congress or the American people. This is not a building for one man, but a representation of our country. The tearing down of the East Wing without regard to that is disturbing and disrespectful to the American people and the original purpose of the building.
This project should be in keeping with the architecture and beauty of the White House, including size and

ornamentation. This current project seems to have begun without oversight or proper planning. Now it stands as an eyesore.
If this new ballroom cannot adhere to the architectural integrity, scale and design standards of the White House, the East Wing should be brought back to the original design at no expense to the American taxpayers.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:14:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Grinnell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The building should not have been demolished before completing the proper process. A multifunction gathering space in keeping with the original building design should be built and should include replacing the lost offices that were in the East Wing. No gaudy gold. It needs to be understated, functional, and in keeping with the existing building design.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:13:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Randall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since its construction, the White House has stood as a symbol to the world of shared power between the government and the people of the United States. Now it has become a symbol of wealth and exclusion. The title of the project “The Modernization of the East Wing” is a bandage to hide the real intent of the destruction that has taken place already. What ever was destroyed must be rebuilt with high historical accuracy. True historic preservation says that no updates or embellishments should be done unless it’s a repair which must look like what it is replacing. Turning the East Wing into a party venue is an insult to the working men and women who built this country. The United States does not need a ballroom because only dictators and kings throw state dinners. Almost 350 years ago we fought a war to get rid of a king and all that monarchies symbolized and now we are backsliding with this idea of a ballroom. There are people in this country who live in historical homes who would have faced serious consequences from local preservation societies if they had done a tenth of what was done to the East Wing. I strongly urge you to put back what was demolished and fine all the people who had any hand in it’s destruction because that’s what would happen to anyone who destroys historic buildings in the way that the East Wing was destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:13:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Kowalczyk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,
Please do not allow this abomination of a building to be built. The White House is not owned by the current

President who is living in it. It is owned by us the people of the United States of America. I feel we the people should decide what is built on that historic land. Not a person who thinks they are the King. Please shut this project down!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:13:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Cobb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposal does not represent America's history. It's opulence and extravagance do not reflect a democratic government. It does not blend well with other government buildings in its vicinity. And, it is ugly. Thanks for your attention.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:12:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daneen Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The reconstruction of the East Wing should preserve the previous structure's footprint and height for aesthetic harmony. A ballroom, if included, should match the scale of the existing residence. All plans should be reviewed by the public before the start of any construction.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:12:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Salter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a historic travesty! Our Nation’s White House belongs to the people of the United States, as do ALL federal historic buildings in Washington, DC. Without any consultation from the public or historical preservation consultants, the East Wing was demolished. The design and purpose of this project was never reviewed under existing laws and policies. Therefore, the East Wing demolition and proposed ballroom must cease until public review, historical evaluations and public consensus on further construction is achieved.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:12:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debbi Barker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This modernization should be in accordance with the original design. It should not be turned into a gold monstrosity. Honestly it should have never been torn down to begin with.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:11:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lou Ann Bruce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I prefer to see the old wing and rose garden restored. Failing that, this new construction should not be out of proportion with the rest of the White House. This entire debacle is an obscene waste of taxpayer dollars.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:11:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Neighbors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Its one thing to allow a President to change decor at the White House without approval but it's another thing to demolish a very large portion of a historical building without any approval or oversight. The safeguards put in place so things like this don't happen need to be more than guidelines and put into law so this can't happen again. In my mind this building is a representation of this nation's character and should reflect the history of this nation not the opulence in one man's mind.
These plans should be rejected and redesigned to represent the character and architecture of the building. In my opinion the nation doesn't need a ball room that large and I believe the rooms that were destroyed were more significant that this proposal. The public entrance and the First Lady's offices need to be restored and if there is space for a large room for state dinners so be it.
Thank you for allowing me to commet.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:10:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine MacDonagh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should be completely restored with updated infrastructure and ADA compliant. No gaudy oversized ballroom please!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:10:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alan Gambrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply opposed to the oversized and corruptly funded East Wing replacement. Commission members, please demonstrate some integrity as you deliberate.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:10:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Unger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not want this gaudy ballroom and the bunker that Trump is building below it because he intends to never leave. He has pocketed the money he got from donors so he will use taxpayer funds for this. He had no right to destroy the people's house. He needs to pay out of his own pocket to restore the east wing to what it was. We do not want this vanity project. We don't need a ballroom!!!!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:08:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Cavery
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is too large for the location and from photos published so far completely tasteless.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:08:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Morningstar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom in no way should dwarf the remaining part of the White House.

And the construction must be consistent with the style and design of our existing structure.

Please no HUGE addition

Thank you
Jane Morningstar

Date: 2/14/2026 7:08:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Semprebon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom does not fit with the rest of the White House. This American citizen believes that the East Wing should be restored to how it was before it was illegally demolished.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:08:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Sampson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the building has already been torn down, I would recommend it be replaced with a new building, within the same footprint as the original building. No addition should dominate over the White House. All designs and plans should be made public and should reflect the date and design and materials of the present architecture.
Thank you for this opportunity.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:06:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marla Samko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its previous state. No one has been asking for a ball room. No one was consulted before the destruction of the prior East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:06:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This renovation should proceed with Congressional oversight including consultation with professionals in historic architecture. The building should take into account form and function, not just size, and should be upgraded to be accessible by all and use modern, energy efficient materials. I don’t know how you penalize the destruction of the original structure but it is unfortunate that reviews and procedures were not followed before demolition. Importantly, we must account for every penny of funding for this project to be

sure it is not yet another avenue for Presidential bribery.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:06:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wendy Trommer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing to build a gilded ballroom is an abomination. This project is an ego driven alter. For years the White House has managed quite well, and if additional space is required it should be done in keeping with the original structure and style. Further, the East Wing needs to be restored. Once the current resident is gone, the next First Lady (or Husband) will require the space.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:05:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Skowronski-May
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This renovation is not need by the American public who would never get a chance to use it. The demolition of the existing East Wing without proper public comment beforehand is a crime and a travesty that the historic building has been lost overnight. Do not let the ravaging of the public buildings continue for the ravings of a an individual. DO NOT ALLOW THE BALLROOM TO PROCEED.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:05:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A new ballroom at the White House would be a thoughtful and forward-looking addition to the historic residence. Designed with a modern yet timeless aesthetic, it could provide a versatile, state-of-the-art space for hosting official ceremonies, diplomatic receptions, cultural events, and community gatherings directly on White House grounds.

By expanding on-site event capacity, a ballroom would enhance operational efficiency, reduce the need for off-site venues, and allow the Executive Residence to better accommodate large delegations and distinguished guests. With careful architectural planning, it could complement the historic character of the White House while incorporating modern technology, accessibility features, and sustainable design elements.
Overall, a well-designed ballroom would strengthen the White House's ability to serve as both a working government space and a symbol of national hospitality, creating new opportunities to host meaningful events in a setting that reflects tradition, professionalism, and progress.

Thank you, President Trump!

Date: 2/14/2026 7:04:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Connors
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am angered and appalled at the destruction of the former east wing without any public consultation. I feel a replacement that dwarfs the Original White House is abominable. Any replacement must keep scale and aesthetics in mind, and should be architecturally consistent with the existing building. It should be reserved and dignified and not plastered with gold tchotchkes.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:04:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Blunk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Rebuild updated secure vault.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:04:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Jares
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While it has been stated that the initial cost of this massive ballroom is to be paid by private funds, the ongoing maintenance and repair will, no doubt, be borne by the taxpayers unless there is some sort of large endowment fund established for such a purpose. It is unfair, undemocratic for this project to continue without following an established process as done for other White House projects. This is the property of the people of the United States, not the current resident. The Constitution clearly intends for Congress to control the purse. Deny the project unless and until Congress allocates funds and provisions for the future are made.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:03:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meika Weiss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This is the people’s house. Tenants can paint but never destroy.

The East Wing should be restored largely as it was, with updates for accessibility and general modernization. The First Lady’s offices should be restored, as should the Rose Garden (landscape/gardens should also be protected). Restored exterior elevations should be indiscernible from the original. The interior should be finished in a period style in keeping with other areas of the structure.

Any ballroom should be located so as not to disrupt the visual appeal of the White House when viewed from the front in particular. Off-site locations should be considered.

Under the circumstances, all renovations and rebuilding should be paid for from the president’s personal bank account and no expense spared. This is the people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:02:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edward Huckleberry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This American would like the ballroom named The Jeffrey Epstein East Wing so those that come later will never forget the clown show we are currently enduring. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:01:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Winder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed modernization project for the East Wing. An updated, underground secure facility might be necessary, but the size and stated purpose of the proposed project appears excessive, and does not comport with the meaning or intent of the applicable guidelines for an addition to historic structures. The main structure is perhaps the most symbolic of our nation's capital, and any addition to it should be consonant with its modest style.
I suggest that the commission do everything in its power to control the design and purpose of this proposed project.

Date: 2/14/2026 7:01:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CATHY AUDORFF
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House and its exterior should be restored to the original architectural style.

Interior can be upgraded regarding electrical and plumbing issues to meet today's standards and it should comply with ADA accessibility codes. There should not be a ballroom added onto the original structure. If a ballroom is needed, it could be built in another location. Restore the historical elements of the East Wing where possible.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:59:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Munn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would prefer to see a WH addition be respective of We, the American people. The vast majority of us are working hard to provide a roof over our heads and food on the table. The WH and any additions should be constructed with a remembrance of our history and a well understood vision of representing middle America, the vast majority and not the few rich and elite. Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 6:57:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alejandra Nolibos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The modernization is unnecessary and out of scale with the building and grounds. I do not think it should go forward as planned. The East Wing should be rebuilt at scale and in an austere style consistent with a Republic.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:56:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan McCaffrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Recreate the East Wing with updated facilities. A 90,000 sq Ft wing in that location would look oddly out of place. Preserve the original look of the East Wing and build the huge ugly building somewhere else or use one of the buildings of the dismantled departments like the USAID Building. We the People do NOT want the look of OUR beautiful capital city altered to someone’s personal taste.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:56:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Bisson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the east wing built back to it's original state of being. It should have never been torn down to begin with . Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:55:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan T Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the People's House was torn down in a capricious action without consent of the people. This is a wrong that must be corrected.

The 'ballroom' plan is a grandiose attempt at self promotion and is an act of hubris that we must not, and do not accept.

The East Wing is an historic place that we need to respect, and need to restore to its original form, function, and footprint. Update the structure's integrity; replicate its original form and appearance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:53:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Couet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect the historical integrity and scale of the White House and make an East Wing that matches, and does not overtake the rest of the building while maintaining the historic exterior look.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:52:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Lake
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project, unfortunately, should never have begun. The public was not given a chance to share comments before the tearing down of the East Wing. Now the POTUS wants to build a ballroom that may not cost the taxpayers money but will certainly buy favor for the people donating money to the project. This project should instead be built as a gallery or museum space for visitors and at a minimum should include replanting of the trees that were torn down and perhaps a new rose garden since the POTUS decided to pave over the previous one. There are many great options for projects that will benefit the people of the United States without making the POTUS beholden to private donors. Sincerely,
A concerned citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 6:52:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Yersky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

After reviewing the video of the January 8th NCPC meeting on this subject, I have the same concerns as Commissioner Phil Mendelson.

1. The proposed size of the East Wing project is too large in scale and diminishes the Executive Residence. An event space for 1000 is excessive. It should be cut down to perhaps 600, and the gathering foyer does not have to be so large. From what I have researched, it appears that most State Dinners all over the world are generally scheduled to have 150 guests. While the idea of "breaking bread" with the entire Congress is a laudable ambition--actually far, far, far, more appealing than hosting a UFC event--it would be a rare exercise. This appears to be more of a party center, and we the public should not be paying for an "event space" that surpasses the scale of executive work space.
2. I do appreciate consideration of ADA compliant entrances and exits, and the development of utilitarian space such as a commercial kitchen.
3. I am very concerned about NOT having a complete plan presentation when there is also ongoing discussion of proposed changes to the visitor entrance, enhanced pathways to the West Wing, and especially changes in Lafayette Park (the only peaceful view of the White House for the public). The scope of the project appears to be much more than "the East Wing" and complete transparency is required.
4. I would also like more information on proposed proximal landscaping on the south side of the complex (not just information about the grove of trees limiting sight lines from the street).

Date: 2/14/2026 6:51:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Holladay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its historic measurements and facade, with upgrades to services such as electric as needed. Floor plans should be updated for practical use, but with respect to its former layout. Keep the decor tasteful and understated as it is The People's House, not a palace. It should reflect our country, our times, and our history.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:51:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anna Byrnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing the way it was, put the rose garden back in, and throw the ballroom project in the trash where it belongs.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:51:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Rhodenbaugh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Asking for comments now, after Trump has already mutilated the White House, is like asking me how I feel about
possible surgery, after my right arm has already been amputated.

All I can say now is that I hope the ballroom built will be much smaller than that projected, that it not be tackied up with gold doodas, and that it not be named Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:50:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its previous state. Update any and all infrastructure to bring it up to code and be ADA accessible. If there is money appropriated from Congress for a ballroom, it can be built elsewhere in the city. The White House (and grounds) belong to “we the people” and “the president” is merely a temporary tenet and should not have had unilateral authority to destroy OUR building. I had the good fortune to visit when i was younger and am heartbroken for everyone who has now been denied the chance to see the beauty of the East Wing. Thank you for taking the time to listen to all of us who DO care what happens.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:50:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Genin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is extremely upsetting the East Wing was demolished without the appropriate permission being given, and also that the administration is planning to build a ridiculously oversized and ornate ballroom, as well without going through the appropriate oversight channels. I do not agree with these actions, and fully

support any initiative taken by the National Trust for Historic Preservation towards returning the White House grounds to their former state.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:50:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Scholnick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern: When I saw the pictures of the demolition of the East Wing on the news, I almost cried. It is as if someone had destroyed a part of a national building with a bomb. The protocol of restoring or altering a PUBLIC building had not been taken. It was as if some entity had decided to destroy my own home without my consent. The White House is not a private property personally owned by one person. It belongs to all Americans. With all that needs to be fixed in this country, building or not, the last thing we need is a ballroom, let alone one that even the architect said was too big. Purpose behind the building, matters. Aesthetics, matters, the LAW, matters. Precedent, matters. And now that the demolition has been done, illegally, to say they must finish the work for national security purposes is disingenuous. If national security was an issue, they would have followed the proper protocol in the first place. I am totally against a ballroom or any such structure being built in the East Wing's place. Any upgrades to the "bunker" underground ought to be scrupulously checked and approved by LEGAL protocol BEFORE included. A national public structure accessible to all Americans and/or a structure for the NATIONAL work of the First Lady/Gentleman would be appropriate as a replacement for the current building wreckage. Living in the White House, President or FIrst Family or not, does not give the residents or federal workers a blank check to do whatever they want with it. If we allow this ballroom construction or any edifice to be erected against the legal protocols, aesthetics and proper legal vetting of the financing of said project, then we are creating a corrupting precedent. Thank you for allowing me to state my case.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:50:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Obrst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the Trump plan to expand the East Wing.

I support rebuilding the East Wing at the same size as it was before it was needlessly destroyed.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:50:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dolores Kalnasy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the representation of our country. The east wing should not have been destroyed. No matter who is in the White House I do not believe a ball room is representative of what this country is

about. It should be rebuilt as it once looked. Updated for security and even an under ground bunker if necessary. It should be of the same size as it was with the offices as before. It should not be larger than before or change the look. I would not want any president to hold banquets as the new proposal suggests. This money should go for money needed for updating transportation for airports and roadways. It doesn't matter if the money is donated. Donors to this might expect something in return and this is not how the United States operates. Return our peoples house as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:49:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Phoebe Azar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:48:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be restored to match the current White House esthetics. I think the rose garden should be restored as well. I don't think we need a banquet hall or dining room. President Trump's plans are too big for the location. Even if it fits, it overwhelms the White House main buildings and looks awkward. I know each President tweaks the location and puts some of their personal touches in it but his plans are too grandiose and cost too much money. Thank you allowing me to register my comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:45:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Stark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored similar to how it was as close as possible. But if a ballroom is needed to provide more space for official functions, please design it in such a way that it is not such a towering monstrosity next to what remains of the White House. Do it professionally in a tasteful manner. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:44:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mary Beth mansfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It horrifies me that one man has been able to make radical changes to the People's House. He is trying to recreate the Palace at Versailles-a testament to the rulers who let their people suffer while they wasted money on gold leaf. I find myself humming a tune from Les Miserables as I write this. If the 400 million dollar ballroom looks as tacky as the redone Oval Office, we will all regret this tasteless change to Our House.
Presidents should be able to make structural changes to their residence AS NECESSARY! They should be able to make cosmetic changes within the allotted budget as they wish to the private residence only.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:44:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerard H Fuchs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project degrades a grown ensemble that was built over generations, and mars a site that is in good taste as is.
This projects costs enormous sums, will surely be built to reflect Trump's gaudy and kitschy taste and does not represent the US.
This project serves only to satisfy the ego of a narcissistic man who is mentally deranged, see other projects: renaming of the Kennedy Center, Dulles Airport, Triumph Arch in DC, Penn Station in NYC etc. etc.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:43:34 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Adam Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization project should not be approved.

1. The Trump administration did not consult with NCPC prior to destroying the existing East Wing of the White House. This alone should be the basis for a lawsuit against the administration.
2. The proposed structure will overwhelm the aesthetics of the White House itself, making the People's House look small and weak.
3. The event space that Trump wants to construct - his gilded "ballroom" - will be a reminder of Versailles and a "golden age" that does not represent the lived experience of the majority of the American population. Frankly, it will be ugly and tacky.
4. The funding for the renovation, from private citizens and corporations, seems to act as a quid pro quo for access to President Trump and White House officials.

Please put an end to this, and demand that the Trump administration restore the destroyed East Wing to its original condition.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:42:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allison MacMillan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House was one of the most horrifying things I could imagine. Doing it without consulting and going through the proper process is illegal, and Trump should be made to restore the East Wing exactly as it was and using his own money. This offense was an offense to all Americans. This is a place of honor, a place many of us have visited or want to visit because it is the White House. Trump was truly wrong performing this very illegal act and he should be forced to make reparations. He should also be fined, as we would fine anyone for destroying public property, and possibly serve a jail sentence for this aggregous act.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:42:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Hobart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To begin, demolition should obviously not have occurred until a full historic design review was completed. I've lived in a historic district where changing an exterior paint color on my house without approval would have resulted in fines and work stoppages. Why is this different?

Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style of the East Wing and Rose Garden. Of course, updates should be made to modernize the electrical, HVAC, lighting, etc. in space, make it ADA accessible, and improve security. Follow past process for making needed changes while ensuring historic appropriateness.

Should it be determined that a ballroom can be built while maintaining the integrity of the building design and proportions and making sense within the historical context, large private donations to fund this project should not be allowed as they appear to be currying political favor.

If a larger, modern ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:41:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing the public to comment on potential changes to The People's House, a federal property. In my opinion,

1. Any project on federal property should follow existing laws and policies. This will be stating the obvious but bears restating.
2. Unless there is an emergency, work on properties that are part of our national heritage should be done deliberately and properly and not be done in artificial haste. In this case, there is no emergency. Let's tap the brakes here.
3. Any project on federal property should use federal funds. Private money creates conflicts of interest (aka grift) and the impression of private ownership.
4. Due consideration should be given to keeping the property in service to the public, not to a select few. How would taxpayers be using the proposed space?
5. Please be transparent about projected ongoing maintenance and capital costs of the proposed space, and indicate who will be responsible for these costs.
6. Any project proposal should consider how it could blend into and enhance, not dward, the existing site.
7. The White House, simple in scale, has always shown the world that our president lives in a house, not in a palace. This should continue to be the case.
8. No person should be above the law. Please do your best to show us that this is still the case, even if the White House has already been vandalized and parts of our national heritage destroyed without any intelligent consideration or discussion.
9. As a lover of our national heritage, I request that the committee work to ensure that any White House project represent our nation in the best possible light and not look like a cheap casino.
Thank you for your consideration

Date: 2/14/2026 6:41:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Grimm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The former East Wing should never have been torn down in the first place. This was done on a whim without any of the proper authorizations. The White House is the People's House, not the plaything of any occupant, including the current one. With that said, and since he was allowed to get away with it with no repercussions, my feeling is that an attempt should be made to restore the previous building as completely as possible, with the cost coming out of the private funds of the current White House occupant. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:40:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Cantin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern: I, James Cantin of Sarasota Florida. make one request regarding the East Wind Modernization Project: Please guarantee that the new East Wing must be no larger than 55,000-square-feet... the size of the existing Executive Residence. Capping its size to LESS THAN 55,000 square feet must be respected to ensure that the physical and visible nature of the new East Wing shall not pull focus or overshadow the historic importance and beauty of the existing Executive Residence.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:40:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory niedzwiecki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back in exactly the way it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:38:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Skip Zimmerman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to state my position in complete opposition to this project, especially the manner in which it was undertaken. Further, I believe multiple laws were broken in the destruction of public property for which the perpetrators should be arrested, tried, and convicted. Please hold the current administration accountable for breaking my White House and stop this project in total.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:38:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Saul-Sena
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a proud American citizen, I value our history and our culture of due process. The White House belongs to us all and any proposed alteration requires public debate and consent.

I demand that the rules be followed and that the proposed defilement of our most historic public building be stopped. The lack of accountability by this president is unacceptable.

The proposed ‘‘modernization’’ is out of scale with the existing White House and ugly! This design is inappropriate and must be rejected!
Sincerely,
Linda Saul-Sena

Date: 2/14/2026 6:36:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Jarvis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What an absolute disaster. The White House is the people's house, and we had no say in the destruction. This is a historic house, and what was lost is a major piece of history. To be replaced by an oversized, gaudy, unnecessary ballroom.
It was never presented for approval, much less approved. This is one man's egotistical folly, a mane who won't even be in office to see its completion. Funding is questionable, at best.
We must stop being cowards, and demand restoration to its previous state at his cost.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:36:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tracey Bloomer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. Restore Rose Garden.
The White House is the people's house, not a personal palace for the president.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:29:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Lawrence
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was historic and an important symbol of the role and power of first spouses. Tearing it down to build a ballroom to entertain wealthy elites is a slap in the face to the rest of us. Please restore to its original size and configuration.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:28:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Haller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House belongs to the American people — not to any one president. It should be restored to its original function and historic character, not rebuilt as an ornate, gold-trimmed ballroom/bunker. All those responsible for the illegal demolition should be held accountable.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:27:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Abooey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an eyesore, a vanity project by a megalomaniacal sociopathic narcissist to overcompensate for smal hands and an even smaller phallus, and serves no interest to the taxpaying America public. It will be an eyesore of gaudy tacky fake apray painted gold, and an affront to the eyes, a cheap casino knockoff addition that will dwarf the historical structure of the known White House.

Why should we allow a convicted rapist and felon to disgrace the white house any further? The East Wing as was was vital to the firstnlady and daily white hiuse operations, and should be restored as it was to maintin the symmetry of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:27:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CJ Raabe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing original exterior dimensions and architectural style to honor and respect the history of our Country and of the structure. Ensure wiring, plumbing and security features are updated to modern standards. Make interior ADA accommodations where needed. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The building should be modernized to allow those who will work in the facility to have all necessary facilities in order to complete their required tasks. Restore exterior landscaping to enhance historical aspects of the structure. Do not allow golden embellishments; but rather hire architectural firm that designs and manages construction of historical buildings.

The White House is the people's house. The individuals who hold offices and positions within the government are temporary residents of the building; they do not own and must make any changes with regard to the history of the building and the laws surrounding the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

If there is truly a need for a larger entertainment facility, it should be constructed elsewhere in the City. The White House is the office building of the people's government employees and the temporary home for the holder of the office of President.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:27:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Hovey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Forget what the president wants. Put back the East Wing as closely as possible to the original building.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:26:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Barney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:26:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Gow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

New Federal building projects should set a very high standard and encourage architects to add a structure that is cutting edge in that it adds to the history of architecture representing our current time period and not just a pastiche of previous styles.
It should be appropriate in size and respectful to existing and. Neighboring structures

It should not damage or destroy existing structures

It should uphold and follow all building guidelines.

The White House ballroom project fails in all these categories and should be halted and any future project be thoroughly reviewed

Date: 2/14/2026 6:25:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peter Borgemeister
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Commissioners,
I believe that allowing the proposed ballroom to proceed as designed would be a grievous mistake. It is seriously overscaled relative to the existing White House and West Wing and will be very costly to undo in years to come.
I'm also concerned that the East Wing was demolished without any opportunity for review or comment. This sets the bad precedent that people can simply ignore the existing review process and proceed on their own. Washington, DC is not Dodge City!
Sincerely,
Peter Borgemeister
Retired Architect

Date: 2/14/2026 6:24:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Waite
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why I Oppose the East Wing Modernization Project
1. Unregulated Demolition of the Historic East Wing

The White House is not just a functioning executive residence and office—it is one of the most iconic historic structures in the world, symbolizing American democracy and continuity.
My opposition begins with the unregulated demolition of a major portion of that structure.

Lack of Proper Oversight: From what has been publicly disclosed, this project moves forward without the level of historic preservation oversight that should accompany changes to a National Historic Landmark. The East Wing's architectural and historical integrity deserves more protection than routine administrative approval.

Irreversible Loss: Once you tear down or radically alter historic fabric, it is gone forever. Demolition—even partial—entails a permanent loss of heritage that no modernization can truly replace.

Precedent: Allowing major demolition without stringent preservation standards could set a dangerous precedent for future modifications to federally protected sites.

Historical buildings are not museums, but they do warrant more thoughtful stewardship than this plan appears to offer.

2. The 90,000-Square-Foot Ballroom: Unnecessary Scale and Purpose

The proposal includes a massive new ballroom addition—nearly the size of a professional football field.

Questionable Necessity: The White House already hosts state dinners, receptions, and large gatherings. There is precedent for hosting events without requiring huge new additions. The size and scope of this ballroom exceed what is reasonably needed for official functions.

Cost vs. Value: In a time of rising public expenses and competing budget pressures (from infrastructure to healthcare to national security), committing massive resources to a single construction driven more by desire than necessity is fiscally irresponsible.

Security and Congestion: A venue of this size brings logistical and security challenges, potentially disrupting the surrounding neighborhood and straining Secret Service resources.

A modern administration should be able to host dignitaries and events without building what amounts to a private convention center.

3. Pay-for-Play Concerns and Donor Influence

One of the most troubling elements of the project is the perception—if not the reality—of a "pay-for-play" dynamic involving donors.

Donor Access and Special Treatment: Reports have circulated that certain wealthy donors, fundraisers, or political allies appear to have privileged access, influence, or informational advantage regarding this project. Even if no legal violations occur, the appearance of favoritism undermines public trust.

Private Influence on Public Architecture: When private money and connections start shaping public, symbolic landmarks, it raises questions about whose interests are being served: the American people's or those of elite insiders.

Lack of Transparency: Key details about contributions, how donors were selected for consultation, what influence they exerted, and what benefits (if any) they derived remain unclear. This ambiguity fuels skepticism and erodes confidence.

Public architecture—especially the White House—should not become a vehicle for special interests.

4. The Design: Tacky, Out of Touch, and Unfit for the White House

Aesthetic disagreements are subjective, but in this case many critics (and I include myself) find the proposed design to be out of step with the dignity and architectural heritage of the White House.

Inappropriate Style: The proposed ballroom's design does not harmonize with the neoclassical and historic character of the rest of the White House complex. Instead, it risks looking like a generic convention center slapped onto a world-renowned historical site.

Lack of Elegance and Restraint: The White House represents not only executive power but national identity. Its spaces should reflect that, with timeless, refined design—not flashy or ostentatious elements that draw attention to themselves.

Public Perception: Many people perceive the design as tacky or overly grandiose—in a way that feels self-indulgent rather than representative of national dignity.

Architectural updates should enhance the legacy of the White House, not undermine it through poor stylistic choices.

Conclusion

In summary, I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project for the following reasons:

Unregulated demolition threatens historic preservation and sets a troubling precedent.

The 90,000-square-foot ballroom is an excessive and unnecessary addition that misallocates public resources.

Pay-for-play dynamics with donors undermine transparency, fairness, and the public trust.

The design aesthetic is out of touch with the heritage and dignity the White House should embody.

This project should be reconsidered with full transparency, rigorous oversight, strict preservation standards, and a design that truly honors the history and symbolic role of the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:22:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Therese Kline
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the White House to its natural state as close as possible

No ballroom. That was an absolutely ridiculous thing to do and shame on whoever did it without asking for public comment.

Return the White House to its original state as close as possible

Date: 2/14/2026 6:22:05 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Sharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While there may have been some updating and modernization of the East Wing needed, the total destruction of a historical structure is devastating. It may be the president's residence while in office, it belongs to the people of the United States. So much of the White House and the grounds have now been destroyed and the cost, both financially and historically, is overwhelming. Future generations will never know what the true meaning of what the White House represents, all they will know is that they see a man tearing apart what he wants like it's a giant toy. Watching the East Wing be ripped off within a matter of days- before anyone even realized just how devastating the destruction would be- was heartbreaking. NEVER in my 68 years did I imagine I would see anything like this. We the people need to have the right to determine the course and scope of major changes to our House.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:21:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ben Grossberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A giant ballroom on the White House would symbolize that the American government prioritizes the concerns of the rich over the majority of working-class and middle-class Americans. The space would be better used to address the needs and concerns of the American people, not in entertaining the wealthy, the powerful, and the famous. Is our Government fully captured by Big Money? It seems like it might be - so much so that, with this ballroom, they are willing to mock us, the citizens, with how little our concerns matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:20:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: stephanie Gill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return to East wing to its former appearance and function. Any project for some ballroom, which this country does not need could be done elsewhere.

We also add that the former Rose garden be restored?

Respectfully appalled and waiting for democracy to be restored

Date: 2/14/2026 6:20:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doyla Rosati
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Would like to see the involvement of the Park Service, Smithsonian, Preservationists, And Historians involved in the reconstruction of the East Wing.
Historically known as "The People's House", it was shocking to see my East Wing disappear practically overnight.
Hopefully, a more measured and thoughtful approach can guide it's replacement.
Most Americans are very proud of our Nation's Capital.
Thank you and God Bless America.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:17:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank Munther
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an absolute tragedy. An absolute criminal act. Trump has destroyed something that wasn't his to destroy. Without an actual plan to rebuild. We've seen pictures of what it might look like, but no plan and spec. Trump does shoddy work, at best, someone needs to take this project away from him. He should be prosecuted for criminal destruction of property. This act wasn't, " an official act of a president "

Date: 2/14/2026 6:15:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara S Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please do not permit anymore raping in pillaging of the White House by this administration. What has been done to it already is a disgrace, shameful and an embarrassment to the country. Cease and desist. Enough is enough thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 6:14:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen MacLeod
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East wing of the White House should be totally restored and replaced back to its most current iteration prior to its unauthorized destruction. NO addition of a ballroom should be included. IF a ballroom is considered for inclusion it should be built with the proper proportions to the surrounding structures, with similar, tasteful, decorations within the internal ballroom space. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts and consider them.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:14:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maria Soares
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please greatly reduce the size and scale of the ballroom to be added at the east end of the White House. What funds will be allocated for the building's operations and upkeep in the years to come? From where will those funds be taken? Current costs to provide gatherings in the Rose Garden hardly seem enough to cover the operational costs of a building twelve times the size.

Will adequate parking space for guests and staff be provided and where will it be placed? Will the building be available for private party rentals? If so, what sort of security measures will be needed between the ballroom and the White House areas?

It seems that this enormous building, even if built using private donations, will only become an albatross on the future White House operations budget.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:14:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Warren
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately, the current Temporary resident of the White House didn't follow proper protocol when he decided to demolish the East Wing. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive updates.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:13:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the current plans for the East Wing of the White House as described in press and media.

Proper approval steps were not taken, and it is appalling and upsetting that demolition of the current wing actually occurred. Thank you for allowing citizens like me to have a voice, however small, in the consideration of our nation's treasures.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:13:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Passarelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Respectfully request that the ballroom be scaled back in size to meet the symmetry of the original WH: under 20k sq ft.

The people's house should be a welcoming affair for domestic and foreign dignitaries/people and showcase, without direct attribution to one president, a place to host lovely dinners and events. The theme should align with the historical significance of our country and not gutted and gilded in gold. That's an affront to our melting pot roots.

Finally, the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden should be restored as a place of remembrance and peace. No one person gets to eliminate history and dominate our house.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:13:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Beck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not let the man currently in the White House to continue to treat it as if he owns it and doesn't even need to obey local zoning laws. This is the People's House. I'm so angry that he was allowed to demolish the East Wing without any repercussions. We do not need a gigantic ballroom just to soothe his inflated ego. I personally think he should be required to put everything back the way he found it, at his own expense. Barring that, the National Park Service should, with NO pressure from the current office holder, determine what the current needs for meeting space and others uses are, and entertain proposals/designs for the project, the winner to be decided BY THE PUBLIC. This new construction should not be named for the current office holder, who seems to need to put his name on everything he owns and even things he doesn't. Perhaps to satisfy this need, the new building should have an exhibit named for him, documenting the former building and its destruc! tion.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:13:06 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Diehl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has no right to do ANYTHING to alter national monuments without the consent of Congress, the

National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Rebuild the East Wing EXACTLY as it was and keep your fucking hands to yourself

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Date: 2/14/2026 6:10:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marlene Simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The East wing should be reconstructed back to it original form. The tearing down of the East wing was a slap in the face to the people of the United States. While it needed to be modernized, it did not need to be taken down. As far as a new ballroom, it should be constructed in a different location and decorated in an historical fashion. None of the Gilded nonsense that has been put in the Oval office. It needs to be tastefully decorated to gracious standards in keeping with the dignity of the Capitol of the United States of America. Thank you for your time.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:09:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tinia Polk Kenemuth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe protocol having been completely disregarded, should be accompanied by financial penalties and blanket denials of future projects. (The beg for forgiveness rather than ask for permission process has resulted in a destroyed/ completely razed building). I believe the East wing should be restored as the ballroom and made ADA compliant and I do not think any additional structures should dwarf the existing 55,000 square feet of the White House. All of the modifications should comply with building codes and approvals through committees.
It is a publicly owned capital building and should not be treated as a personal real estate asset.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:09:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: michelle zito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom is ridiculous. This should not be allowed to be added to the white house. THe people of this country do not need a ballroom. We need healthcare, affordable housing and to feel safe. We do not need a ballroom to pander to an egotistical dictator such as Donald Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:08:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's a garrish vanity project - overpowering the quiet majesty of the White House.
Tear it down!!!
and paint the Oval white again!!

Date: 2/14/2026 6:08:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Pajka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled at the wanton destruction of the East Wing with apparently no approval.
Since it must be replaced, and event space is needed, an addition of an appropriately sized and scaled event space would seem logical. This space should be in keeping with the historical nature of the building and should not ‘‘dwarf’’ the residence.
I also think, that since Mr Trump promised to fund his project privately and purported to have 400 million dollars towards it, he should bear the cost of the destruction already done, without approval, and fund construction of a new space.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:08:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Retain original footprint. Build back to look the same as it was before. Update wiring and ADA. Do not allow Trump to decorate or have any hand or imput into decorations.
If a ballroom is needed find the space elsewhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:08:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Roberge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people’s building, and any changes to it should reflect thoughtful stewardship of our shared history. The proposed East Wing ballroom addition creates an asymmetrical and visually unbalanced appearance that does not align with the architectural integrity of the existing structure. Beyond aesthetics, dedicating this space to a ballroom does not appear to be the best or most necessary use, especially given the functional and preservation concerns it may now create. Alterations to such an iconic public building should prioritize balance, historical character, and genuine need.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:08:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Von Grossmann AIA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition, new program and intended build are an excessive impact on the historic White House. The scale of the intended alterations is absurd and throws the complex's composition so far out of whack that aesthetics will be a distant memory, The demolition has destroyed many spaces of historic significance. And, I'm confident that the interiors will bear no positive relationship to the remaining historic spaces. One of the USAs biggest treasures, the White House, which belongs to me and and all citizens, had its leg cut off without appropriate review. I call that criminal.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:05:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Trussell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its original form, including the surrounding Rose Garden. It is a travesty to have destroyed and altered this building of such beautiful historical significance - simply on the whims of an emperor who has no clothes. While minor improvements (such as restroom facilities and ADA accessibility) are warranted - please restore this building to honor its past and the history of our beautiful country.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:04:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Petty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The President has already started demolition, so something must be built. However, permission should have been sought before he began this project.
His planned "event space" is unnecessary and an eyesore. He's treating the White House like his own personal property, which it is not. This ballroom he wants to build would minimize the fact that the White House is the center of our government and not the center of President Trump's social life.
Restoration of the East Wing is what SHOULD happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:04:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: john hofker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

this is a horror story and must be stopped and rebuilt

Date: 2/14/2026 6:03:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Fadner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don't let this happen.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:03:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Millie Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe the damage done to the east wing should have been allowed. Nobody even tried to stop it until it was already demolished. This project should not be allowed to continue. Bunker or no bunker, golden ballroom will just be yet another hideous eyesore that that tax payers will have to clean up and pay for. I believe it should be left the way it currently looks. That will be trumps legacy. In the future when he is gone proper permits, and reliable architects and contractors can be brought in and replace the East Wing as close as possible to what it looked like in December 2024. There should NOT be an oversized gold crusted ballroom that simply put shows that the USA is an arrogant self involved country with a fetish for all things gold crusted. That's not an American value I want my country to be remembered for.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:03:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorene Schramm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not feel the people's house should have a ballroom added. For nearly 250 years, our country has entertained dignitaries in our White House without a large, formal ballroom. Since he destroyed our East Wing illegally, though, and now something needs to be constructed, a multi-use, functional space seems appropriate. Not oversized to dwarf our house. Not hold-filled and gaudy like a palace. A tasteful, appropriately-sized space that is compatible with our current house, reflective of our country's cultures and heritage. The President (all of them) must acknowledge that he or she is a temporary resident, a renter, if you will, and DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMOLISH THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.

Date: 2/14/2026 6:00:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Betz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I understand the need for a new ballroom and modernization. When the Office of the President holds diplomatic dinners they should not have to put a tent up on the White House lawn! However, the new structure should not dwarf the White House itself in terms of size. The White House is an important historic and cultural building, and part of the identity of the United States. Any modernization needs to be architecturally correct and not be larger than the White House itself.
Thank you for bringing this to the attention of "We the People"!

Date: 2/14/2026 5:59:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheridan LeRoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The surprise demolition of the East Wing without public notice or formal approval of such a radical change to one of our most loved and historic buildings is intolerable. The funding of this vanity project through coerced donations further tarnishes what can only be called a tasteless, inappropriate, unwanted vanity project. It must be stopped. The East Wing must be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:58:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

At this point in time, there does not appear to be any need for a 90,000 square foot ballroom to be attached to or to be any part of the White House. In fact, without any substantial documentation, no

ballroom at all is needed. There is sufficient room and space within the existing White House to entertain any world dignitary as needed.

The historic East Wing should be rebuilt back to its original design and features and once again opened up as the public entrance to The People's House.

Thank you for allowing We, The People a proper avenue and opportunity to give input into what is obviously an unnecessary vanity project.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:57:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Kelley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing as close as possible to what was destroyed

Date: 2/14/2026 5:53:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Hayden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing in order to build Trump‘s ballroom is such a narcissistic, ego driven project. Without any oversight by the national trust for historic preservation, Trump continues to use his playbook for corruption and total annihilation of any legal precedent. I can’t imagine that this ballroom if it’s ever completed will be anything but a horrendous sacrilege to the White House itself. He has no authority to tear tear down and historical building, except that no one will stop him. I don’t understand it, and I am very angry over his continued abuse of power.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:53:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Davignon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House should reflect the conditions of the majority of the American people. If the current White House dining room is too small for very large gatherings, perhaps more intimate dinners should be embraced. An East Wing where visitors can be welcomed, and which provides suitable working space for those who work in the White House should be built. The proposed ballroom is an abomination, an expensive and unnecessary piece of conspicuous consumption designed to inflate the egos of the very wealthy. Please omit the guilding! If the President's plan for a ballroom is enacted, a future President should convert it to a shelter for the homeless where it would be utilized on a daily basis.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:53:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Creswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare you cut healthcare , food aid, and necessary federal jobs to fund vanity projects for yourself. No East wing modernization and no WWE stadium! I suggest that the president take the billions he has grifted from us, workers and taxpayers, and corrupt foreign governments and put money back into food , healthcare. and housing

Date: 2/14/2026 5:52:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annette Ehly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to voice my concerns on the new construction of the East Wing. I am not questioning the need for a larger ballroom because I do not have the facts to assess the need.But the renovation should compliment the existing structure (White House) & it should be in scale of the current structure & not dwarf the White House. It is perplexing to me how a wing could be be destroyed without following the procedures in place. If memory serves me correct it is the People's House not the President as sole owner. I actually would like to have the East Wing restored to its past glory. Once you destroy a physical historic site it becomes a faded memory. My hope is that the new construction will actually occur as it stands now the site is an abomination. My hope is the new construction reflects the stately appearance of the White House. Thank you for allowing my comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:51:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen G Belgard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

America has earned a unique and admired position in the world, but we did not acquire that status by being ostentatious or exhibitionist. One of the things I've most appreciated about my country is that while the White House, its grounds and attendant buildings are attractive, well-maintained and elegant – they are not flashy or excessively lavish. This is somewhat unusual in world history, since other nations often have extremely large palaces or other extravagant residences for their governing leaders.

To my regret, I have never been able to visit the White House. Nevertheless, all my life has been spent watching as this iconic, revered place was respected and preserved for future generations.

I am still bitterly disappointed and outraged that the East Wing – a relatively modest but graceful building with 124 years of American history behind it – was so childishly, illegally and abruptly leveled without a thought. (Think of the world-changing work that occurred there.)

The very thought that a massive building of 90,000 square feet, laden with the crass gleam of gold leaf everywhere the eye can see, would replace the East Wing – makes me nauseous.

I believe this proposed ballroom is the disgraceful, selfish grandstanding of a rogue, destructive President. Under no circumstances could I ever agree with its construction.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:49:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamela Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Committee, I am writing regarding the proposed ballroom at the White House. I feel this project is not in line with the aesthetics of the current building or the historical architecture. I also feel that the desecration of the historic building was a horrible act. This should have never happened. No one man should have been allowed to take an excavator and tear down part of a historic building without going through proper channels. This is the people's house, not Donald Trump's house. If a ballroom was/is needed, it could have been built as an addition to, in another area or location, not in place of by tearing down part of history. My feelings are this: the money he has now to build his so-called "big beautiful ballroom" should be used to restore and rebuild the White House to the way it was pre-Trump. If a ballroom is needed, place it somewhere else, even a location off the whitehouse property, not in a place to dwarf the current building. If building a ballroom in another area proceeds, I think your organization should oversee the project and not allow him to fill it with gaudy, tacky decorations as he has with the White House. He's made a real mess there with his tacky gold accents. Also, please take his name off the Kennedy Center, his name should have never been placed on that building nor should he have been involved with any of the administration of the KENNEDY center. He has ruined everything he has touched. In summary, require his to restore the White House to the pre-demolition condition, if a ballroom is necessary, procure another location offsite, do not allow him to decorate it. I am absolutely opposed to building a ballroom as currently proposed.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:49:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kelley Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You should never have destroyed the original building, a ballroom is a stupid waste of tax money. You say we can't afford free school lunches for children yet you want to spend god knows how much on a gaudy ballroom?! I say absolutely not! We have much more important and serious things that money needs to go towards.
Updating buildings to match modern technology and to preserve the safety of electrical wiring, etc is one thing. But bulldozing parts of the White House without the people agreeing us lunatic. How dare you argue over budgeting and shut down the government over and over while also building some ridiculous ballroom that is not necessary. Our government needs to rethink it's priorities

Date: 2/14/2026 5:46:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: V S
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:38:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Roland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re the proposed ballroom at thr White House

Any additional meeting space is required to be in keeping with the original White House, in scale and in decoration. It should not be finished in gold and marble, and it should not dwarf the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:37:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Lacking engineering expertise my only basis for opinion on the east wing project is historical aesthetics. Dwarfing the existing building to construct an event space of this size is inappropriate. We visit the Whitehouse frequently, and turning it into a socially focused building instead of a daily workspace for ongoing government business devalues it as an historical space. Instead of attaching a ballroom to the existing building take time to find a nearby location that can be converted for international social events. Maybe there is an available space nearby that wouldn't require construction of a new building. The old post office would have been a good choice. An already built nearby space that could possibly include guest accommodations should be a consideration. If a social space is needed consider other options.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:37:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt, and the adjoining grounds landscaped to their appearance and function prior to demolition to respect the historical significance of this property.

Additional event space could be provided by the addition of an appropriately scaled ballroom or event center on the White House grounds. Covered access to the event space should be provided by walkways with appropriate awnings similar to other covered walkways on the White House grounds, an appropriately scaled colonnaded walkways, and/or underground access. Facades should be coordinated in style with the extended facade of the White House. The height of the ballroom/event space should be coordinated with the current White House building and should not exceed the height of the midpoint of the top floor of the current structure.

Interior decoration of the proposed ballroom/event space should be appropriate to the role and significance of the space. They should be coordinated with the decoration and style of the main residence/ office space of the White House to reflect the historical significance and restraint expected within the residence and associated properties.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:35:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Sahm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing was fine as it was. There is no need for a 90,000 sf ball room. The Presidency is about policy and actions to help average people. Ballrooms are for the rich and powerful. No one President should have the right to significantly modify (other than for safety) the WH or ancillary spaces without an independent review. Any money should be appropriated by Congress (not billionaires' money) and they should appoint a committee to manage those changes. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:33:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Merlino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Vote no, stop this obscene abomination from happening to our White House. And restore the Kennedy Rose Garden to its full national beauty.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:31:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Diermeier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I can understand the desire to add an entertaining space that allows for hosting I have two major

concerns.
First is the size. To have a singular wing be bigger than the central structure is going to ruin the overall look of this national treasure. There has to be a way to create a space that can serve the purpose desired, without ruining a place that generations have visited on family trips, class trips, solo adventures and political pilgrimages. The White House has had an instantly recognizable facade for decades, protect it.
The second and equally concerning issue is funding. I don't think a Presidential vanity project should be fast tracked for funding but more importantly it CANNOT be done through "private donations." Whether anyone would ever be honest enough to admit it there clearly are implications of turnabout to the folks who are "donating" to the project. That can't be allowed to happen. And if that ballroom stands with the private funding from billionaires, it will be a billboard for corruption for its lifetime.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:27:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandra Weber
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump has made drastic changes to the White House and acts like it's his own personal property to do whatever he wants. He went from being a spoiled little rich boy to an entitled, egomaniacal adult. I would like to know how his ballroom is going to benefit the American people since it is owned by all Americans. Who gave him permission to make these drastic changes? A ballroom, really, I can't think of anything we need less!

Then there is, or was, the beautiful rose garden which is now a huge cement slab. Just another of Trump's whims to show he's the boss and can do whatever he wants. Who gave him permission for that?

This man is ruining everything about our country and he's moving fast to do it. If he isn't stopped soon there won't be much left to salvage. Someone has to have the guts to say no to him, which he's not used to hearing.

I am not just speaking for myself, but also for millions of other people who feel the same as I do.

Thank you,
Sandy Weber
Toledo, Ohio 43615

Date: 2/14/2026 5:26:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christina Hartmayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:21:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E Gail Bray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. The current resident broke trust with us in demolishing the East Wing without following guidelines. The plans for a ballroom are obscene, as are the residents.
I propose the trump family, as any renter, pay for the damages and restore the East Wing with their personal funds.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:18:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Quattro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow the current occupant of the White House to continue to desecrate our historic and venerable public buildings. These sacred spaces do not belong to him and he has no right to destroy them and their value and meaning to the citizens of this country.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:16:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Elliott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the 90,000 square foot ballroom project as the size of the proposed building is out of scale with the size of The White House itself. Visually it will not be out of scale and will take away from the overall view of the property.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:16:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Millicent Accardi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was a shame to tear down the East Wing! Now, we have an opportunity to rethink the best use of the space.
The proposed building
1) Should not "dwarf" the original structure (White House) It should be a smaller wing, an add-on to enhance, not distract from the WH.
2) Should be close in style to blend in with the WH and match the existing historical architecture.
3) Where possible, elements from the old East Wing should be incorporated to establish historical continuity.
4) Should not negatively impact the view from the WH or the historical view OF the WH.

5) Do the people need a ballroom? Is this the best use of the space?

Date: 2/14/2026 5:15:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Law
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write to first lament the loss of the East Wing of our White House, with no warning to the public that such massive change was coming to the structure of the building!
I would also ask that the committee consider the fact that the planned ballroom would dwarf the rest of the White House and would not follow your own rules that any addition should not be larger than the existing building.
Ideally I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was. If this is not within your powers please ensure that the new addition is within guidelines and not a 90,000 sf space that would not be in keeping with the White House.
Thank you for considering.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:12:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Scherer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing to its prior glory. It is our country's heritage and history. If a ballroom is truly needed it can be placed elsewhere. Further, the destroyed gardens should also be restored as they were before beings brutally maimed and eliminated. ALL further changes should be approved with funds appropriated by Congress, not through bribes via oligarchs looking for favor.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:09:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marguerite Gousie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this project in its entirety. I believe that the general population should have major input on this project that, in my opinion (and perhaps many others), is a desecration of our already-beautiful White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 5:04:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Swanson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing should be in the footprint of the building he tore down/removed without permission. The exterior should match the style of what was removed illegally. The new wing should have modern wiring and facilities that meet ADA compliance.

Perhaps an exterior covered portico can be added to said "ballroom" to provide additional space for events.

Questions to be answered...
How frequently is the space used for event?
What are the size of these events?

All construction should adher to a competitive bidding process.

There should be NO gold adornments. The Whitehouse and associated property is the Peoples House and temporary residence of any President not the personal palace of any elected occupant and their family.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:57:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the East Wing should not have been destroyed. This was a personal decision by our president, Donald Trump, with no other authority. It is an affront that he thought he could destroy this People's House without any input from the public. I don't want him to get away with building a memorial to himself--a grand ballroom that no regular American will ever see. I wish to suggest that the East Wing, as it existed before, be rebuilt with more modern materials and general building improvements, but without any changes. Donald Trump needs to understand that he answers to the American people. What he did is absolutely disgusting.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:52:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Everett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very opposed to the so called renovation. I am already heartbroken that ai important part or American history has been destroyed with the demolition. To allow the proposal to rebuild would show total disregard for “the peoples’ house” because the majority of our country is not in favor of allowing this project to continue. Its future use is not intended for the people but for politicians, rich donors, and lobbyists, the very people who are responsible for the demolition. To allow the renovation would set a dangerous precedent for destroying even more of our nation’s buildings as well as condoning not following proper legal procedures and guideline. My opinion is NO!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:51:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Wayte
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, rebuild and restore the East Wing to scale, as it was before. If anything is added on that side of the house, it should only be flora, such as trees and Presidential roses with plaques about how they came to be in each variety bed. Only walkway paths to allow visitors and employees to enjoy while viewing the garden, with maybe an additional water feature to scale.No golden designs need to be used as it would take away from the peaceful aesthetics.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:48:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: MaryAnn Dean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished. It held historical significance and was not in poor condition. A ballroom is unnecessary. The proposed size of the project is not in keeping with the overall design of the White House. It should not have been undertaken without proper review and approval as part of a historically significant structure.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:46:01 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Babbitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It does not belong to the president who lives in it for a few years, and is not at the disposal of the president. Even a worthwhile change should not be made by presidential fiat. That is even more true of the current foolish and destructive plans. Please do not allow this "modernization."

Date: 2/14/2026 4:40:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cherie Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a crime and should not be allowed. Destroying part of the White House for a vanity project no one wanted is a crime.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:38:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C JACKSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Time, and the occupants with different needs, have guided the White House through thoughtful and vetted transformations — each shaped by the nation's growth, the people's will, and the demands of governance and security. Through every change, it has remained true to its original purpose — a house of the people.

Recognized throughout the world as a dignified and distinguished residence, it stands adorned with some of the finest architectural stone carving ever produced in America — an august house, yet a house and not a palace.

The White House stands as a powerful symbol shaped by many hands over time—its walls bearing the weight of both pride and pain and legacy. For some, it represents a history marked by injustice that cannot be ignored or softened. For others, that very history is seen through a different lens—one that justifies their own narratives and claims, sometimes at odds with the truth and experience of those who have long been marginalized.

Too often the conversation around heritage is hijacked for selfish gain, grifting, or by those who weaponize cruelty as a means to "own" their opponents.

True preservation requires honest and inclusive respect for all stories, ensuring these symbols remain a home for everyone—not a tool for division or personal agendas.

This tension reveals the complex layers of our past and the challenge of honoring a shared foundation in a way that is honest and inclusive.

As a member of a historical society that is dedicated to preserving and documenting our shared history, preservation is not just about bricks and mortar, but about recognizing all the stories that have shaped this place, ensuring it remains a home for all.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:33:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Heidenreich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally opposed to this project,. The destruction of the East wing was was inexcusable. The proposed addition
is obscenely over sized and inappropriate.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:31:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Pfeiffer-Fuchs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:31:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Ryan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If possible, restoration should restore the East Wing to its original outward appearance while perhaps making the interior into a sizeable meeting area for social functions but keeping the design tastefully in accordance with the existing decor of the original White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:30:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Vigdor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should be reconstructed to it's prior state (before it was demolished). A ballroom is a waste of tax payer money and does not serve the American people's interests. It's both

political and architectural folly to alter the East Wing - doing so may lead other nations to view the US as being dismantled, building by building.

The Rose Garden should also be restored.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:27:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Naomi Manifold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wing should be replaced in the same or similar configuration as was originally there. Update the interior spaces, but the exterior needs to reflect the clean lines of The Peoples House. The Money pledged for the ballroom should be used to repair the damage done by the current president. A ballroom or event space can be built elsewhere in the capital.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:26:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennie Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:23:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Suzuki
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please deny the entire project. The scale of the building is all wrong and the design is garish and ostentatious !!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:22:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Coker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

We don’t need a freakin’ ballroom. We don’t need a monstrosity as a shrine to Trump. We don’t need an Arche de Trump. Make it stop!

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan D Chemey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as a concerned citizen. The White House belongs to all Americans. Not to the current occupant. If I owned a rental property and the renter tore down the garage and tried to put in a pool at my expense without my consent, I would be justifiably upset.
This is 300,000,000 times worse than that.
The current occupant needs to restore the WH to its prior condition at his own expense. No further with shorts be done to construct anything without the proper vetting and approval processes.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:18:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Nason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I as most Americans were shocked and heartbroken to see the craven destruction of the “East Wing”. Nothing but restoration of same will satisfy our wounded hearts. We don’t need a huge ballroom. The White House used to be a source of pride. How can one trust a man whose idea of decoration at parties is women in champagne glasses?
Please do all you can to keep architecture historically accurate.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:17:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Knapp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, apparently contrary to the current resident's belief, belongs to the people of the United States of America. Living there is a privilege granted to the current President by them, and said privilege does NOT confer ANY right or permission to make whatever alterations to the structure the current resident desires without their consent. Only someone who presumes that the office comes with the rights and privileges of a king would initiate massive changes such as those we are now witnessing merely on the excuse that HE believes they are necessary. The sudden destruction of the East Wing is an atrociously brazen affront, not only to the measured and legally required procedures that exist to protect the integrity of the White House, but also to the American people themselves.

At the present time, any work that is not required to preserve the remaining scraps of the underlying structural integrity of the East Wing should IMMEDIATELY be halted and the legal and proper review process should commence. No advancement of the construction of the so-called "ballroom" should be permitted unless and until the proper historical, structural and necessity reviews have run their course. If, and ONLY IF, the reviews result in the determination that the proposed "ballroom" is the optimal use of the space, the next logical and historically accepted step in the process should be a competition for design proposals, which would be rigorously and professionally vetted. Several proposals should then be offered to the American people (or, at least, their elected representatives) to select the best and most appropriate design. Throughout this entire process, the current resident should have no more say or influence on the final outcome than any other American citizen.
The White House is not just a place for the President to hang his/her hat and coat and sleep at night while serving the American people. It is an historically significant national treasure that deserves far better and deeper consideration than to be subject to whatever whims happen to occur to the current resident. Please do not permit the atrocities that are being inflicted on it to continue. Rather, give the American people their rights of ownership - let them determine what happens to their White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:14:52 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C Hofstetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If a reception room is needed then build it out of DC city limits. Washington, especially the White House area is already crowded enough.

Dont let Trump design or decorate the interior. He has horrible taste. Very gaudy.

The interior should reflect all 50 states.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:06:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecily Cauldwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely no. This administration has wasted too much money on ice and should have zero funding for things like ballrooms.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:04:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Huse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called East Wing Modernization Project is in fact a desecration. You can't modernize something that

has been destroyed by a Russian asset and would-be tyrant. It's hardly an accident that the East Wing Trump brought down contained the Office of the First Lady. Why wasn't a political body able to stop this destruction of the People's House before it was completed? Are all laws inconvenient to a dictator with a tantrum-management problem just to be disregarded?

I am especially worried that Trump and his Putin-paid followers will raise money in the ball room for dangerous policies that go against this nation's interests. What's to stop MAGAts from throwing a fundraiser there to raise money for Russian troops attacking children's cancer hospitals in Ukraine? Or hosting fundraisers for his pedophile buddies who need legal representation for their heinous crimes while their attack dog and chief gaslighter, Pam Bondi, smirks in the foreground?

If this nation survive's Trump's rule, I hope the East Wing is restored along with an exhibit about the dangers of creeping fascism.

Date: 2/14/2026 4:03:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tami Absi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Replace the structure exactly as it was. This isn’t a party house. It’s a working residence for a current President. Trump had no right to bulldoze the people’s house in the first place.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:59:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Dimon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Your mealy-mouthed response to such a significant change to a historic building of this import should alert all preservers of Historic Entities. The obvious comment of “should follow a rigorous and deliberate design and review process” is unacceptable because it is a rule we all have had to memorise for survival in this career. Since the project announcement, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has expressed concern and offered recommendations in five areas: establishing a qualifications-based architect selection process, enacting a rigorous historic preservation review, prioritising transparency and public accountability, considering “proportionality” and “design harmony”, and leveraging collaboration and expertise across the architecture profession. Laughable under this administration. The first public whisper of this happening should have sent every applicable agency, local and Federal to stop the demolition!! You either were too afraid to stop it, or you’ve been bribed.
While the White House is CURRENTLY exempt from the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 that requires federal agencies to consider the effects of federal projects on historic properties, given the exemplary significance of this site, we urge the NHPT to redefine this as a structure that MUST abide by Section 106 of the NHPA of 1966!! The deliberate and non-approval by the NHPT as well as local Planning, and the public, thus done in secret, the administration should not be allowed to continue with a ballroom, never asked for and in the requested size should be immediately reviewed, and the size equally proportioned to the White House. Did any of you even think this would happen? Most likely not. As a certified, educated preservationist and retired university instructor of Historic Preservation, I wonder just how many teeth you actually have!! If you acquiesce to Trump's demands, you will have set a precedent that will not only stain your reputations but will become fodder for the courts to battle over for

years to come!! We have abided by your “rules” for decades, now you are willing to throw them out! As the society of historic architects stated, and I quote, “Consider Broader National Impact on Historic Preservation: Known as the “People’s House,” the White House is one of the most significant and visible historic properties in the country. Any project at the White House, whether it involves interior renovation, changes to the landscape, or a new exterior addition, acts as a national precedent in the treatment of historic properties. Recognising this, we urge the White House to carefully consider our recommendations so that the project can have a positive influence on preservation practice, policies and procedures across the nation.”
Do not allow this atrocity in its current size to go forward! It is only a vanity project that does not have one thing to do with the American people!

Date: 2/14/2026 3:58:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Ford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find that the subject "East Wing modernization project" is rather misleading. Because due to the impulses of the president. There is nothing left to modernize, other than a large hole in the ground. Demolishing a historic building, that belongs to the people of the US. Is a travesty. To do so, without a real architect plan, or permission to do so. Speaks loudly about the president's disdain for following the rules and laws. It was never about modernizing the East Wing. His actions were fueled by his own ego and pocket book. Where are the artworks from inside? Where are the billions pledged by many companies for his ballroom? And what did they want in return? The president had no right to destroy part of the people's house. Trump's ballroom, should never be built. It's an insult to the citizens who are struggling to buy groceries day to day. The people's house shouldn't be built on the foundations of one man's ego.
Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:48:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully oppose the proposed expansion of the White House East Wing. The East Wing is an important part of the White House complex and contributes to the historic balance, scale, and character of the White House grounds.

Now that the structure has been removed, I strongly urge that it be rebuilt to reflect its previous appearance, footprint, and architectural character.
Demolition should not become an opportunity for expansion that alters the historic proportions of this nationally significant site.

Preservation means maintaining the visual and historical integrity of the White House complex for future generations. Reconstruction should prioritize restoring what was there, as opposed to enlarging it.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:42:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Greene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disappointed in the unnecessary destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House and disagree with replacing it with a ballroom. The new construction should focus on craftsmanship and balance the West Wing in style, size and function.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:40:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Covens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello! The White House East Wing/ballroom addition should respect the historic scale and design of the White House. 90,000 sq ft is too large--it will look ridiculous for the ballroom to be larger than the residence, and it makes no sense the entertainment space would need to be that large. The exterior design should compliment the existing structure, and the interior design should be tastefully appointed in a manner that aligns with the elegance that existed before the oval office was turned into the current gold emporium it is now.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:39:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Heaney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make the current administration reconstruct the east wing of the Whitehouse back like it was. I am 70 years old and it hurts my heart more than I could have ever imagined to see the majestic "People's House" reduced to a pile of rubble. We have gone over 200 years without needing a gaudy gold Las Vegas style ballroom attached to our Whitehouse. A ballroom could have been built in any other location without destroying part of our history.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:38:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Heeb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I totally agree that the size of the currently planned ballroom is way out of scale for the original historic building. It would appear that the planners are trying to keep up with the Joneses (the "Joneses" being the French with Versaille Palace or the British Royals with Buckingham Palace). We are neither French nor British. We do not need to compete with anyone. Many of our government buildings in Washington, D.C. reflect our American taste for subtle elegance. The White House should reflect the same.

I do understand that there may be a need for a larger assembly area. However, I really doubt there is a necessity for a 90,000 Sq. Ft ballroom (unless the intent is to invite a goodly amount of the entire population of Washington, D.C. to dine and dance. All at once.). An open assembly room sized to match the other wing would be appropriate. Or if that would still be too small, than take some of the construction money and expand the other wing (though not larger than the main building.) Perhaps extra space added to the other wing could be used to replace those offices of the First Lady which were razed. Then build the second wing to match the larger size of the first for visual balance. I am guessing that given our then unhappy relationship with the United Kingdom (in the 19th century) technically, this building was not intended to be constructed in the "Georgian" style, but I believe it should have the symmetrical aspect of a Georgian house as it did before all of the unapproved destruction occurred. It should have a balanced appearance.

Also, while we're on the subject of destruction, please PLEASE have the occupants remove all of the gold decoration stuck or painted onto the walls in the West Wing (and who knows where else). They too are not in keeping with the intended design period of the house. To put it in kinder terms, these glittery doo-dads (and the ridiculous signage) look like what old American society used to call "new money". The White House is neither a palace nor a bordello and should not look like either. The Peoples' House should exude nothing but graceful, period-respectful elegance.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:35:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support an oversized "Ball Room" to replace the East Wing. I particularly don't support the tacky style that Donald Trump mistakenly thinks is elegant. I would far prefer that the new East Wing be a rebuild of the old East Wing. It was balanced, more than adequate and beautiful.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:32:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Marsili
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under no circumstances should there be anything but a full restoration of the destroyed building. It was destroyed maliciously and without approval and should be returned to its original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:32:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dita Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern;

The replacement of the east wing- oh god anything but an Epstein styled gold ball room!! Something for the people would be good. Maybe put a nice rose garden where it once stood?

Thank you
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Date: 2/14/2026 3:28:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candis Pomykala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom this may concern. I am extremely upset about the removal of the east wing and rose garden as well as the oversized ballroom plan as is. While I understand a need for the ballroom, I don't feel that it should overshadow the White House. I'm sad about the loss of the East Wing and Rose Garden because I felt they balanced out symmetry of the building and held great historic significance. The ballroom, as currently planned, makes the White House seem insignificant while the ballroom comes across as garish and crass. When I visited the White House in 2019 I walked it's hallowed halls and rooms with reverence and pride. I felt it was an honor and pride to be able to visit it. I am sick with the careless destruction it has so recently received. Our nation's home should be a place of classic taste, not an overblown example of self engradnation. Please bring back it's classic symmetry and make any additions appropriate enhancements.
Sincerely,
Candis Pomykala

Date: 2/14/2026 3:28:25 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please rebuild the East Wing to original plans,. DO NOT build the eyesore that the ballroom would be. thank you Karen Sullivan

Date: 2/14/2026 3:18:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Megley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should not be as large as Trump is proposing. It should not be larger than the rest of the White House. It should match the style of the rest of the building. The New ballroom should not end up being significantly larger than the demolished East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:16:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dinah Bahlman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that President Trump ordered the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. He had no authority to do so without following the normal protocol in place by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. If more space was needed for large gatherings, a simple extension of the building should have been considered. As a U.S. citizen I do not want to see some gaudy gold "monument" that satisfies President Trump's enormous ego erected. The space should be done with taste that represents our great country's heritage and traditional architecture. It should match the style of the rest of the White House that all previous Presidents have honored.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:13:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Dahman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not really an east wing modernization project because the east wing has been destroyed without following proper protocol. Iyt seems to have been under the “it’s better to ask forgiveness than to ask permission” theory. The east wing was part of history and it was destroyed without a thought being given to the historical aspects. Although keeping the east wing is no longer possible, I feel that it should be replaced with something that complements the current structure of the White House, The monstrous ballroom that is proposed does not meet this criteria. Someone, besides Trump, should oversee whatever is constructed, All the gold in the proposed drawings makes it look cheap. We are not a monarchy and we do not have a king.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:05:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Wilson-Dopirak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish that Donald Trump had never touched the White House without first asking permission from the National Capital Planning Commission but because of who he is he took it upon himself, to rip the side of the White House off. I digress. I feel that we do not need a giant ball room that looks like something from the Palace of Versailles. There is enough gold in the Oval office and other areas of the White House that will have to be painted over, without adding more. glitz. Something that fits the period of when the White house was built and of course much smaller than Trump originally planned.. It should not be bigger than the White House itself. The first lady's office should be returned to that area and an entrance for the public to enter as well. In otherwards, please return the East Wing as it once was but perhaps a little bit larger.

Date: 2/14/2026 3:03:16 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Franz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don't you dare allow this fascist regime and it's treasonist dictator to move forward with this hairbrained ballroom idea for the peoples house! This fascist regime has killed American Citizens in cold blood, it has bombed boats with absolutely no evidence that they were drug operations, they have invaded Venezuela a sovereign nation to steal their oil, now they are trying to restrict and strip our rights to vote. We the people do NOT want this regime to have any say as to what happens to the East Wing of the Whitehouse. How dare you entertain the idea, it's an affront to the American People!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:54:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Bowhay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the ballroom construction!
At a time when there are so many American people financially struggling I think it’s very irresponsible to build a 400 million dollar ballroom! It is definitely a “they can eat cake “ appearing non empathetic moment!
That money could be used for so many other projects that could service more citizens!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:51:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Moore Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed East Wing.

The destruction of the former East Wing is an abomination and insult to the American people. The bad will resulting from this action makes it difficult, if not impossible, to comment without bias. This is clearly one man’s vanity project.

Ideally the appearance of the new East Wing should complement the existing structure. It should not dwarf the White House. The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom is almost 2x the size of the existing White House. This doesn't make sense.

Please don't allow the project to move forward as is. The People's House shouldn't include a massive ballroom. It's not a resort.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:48:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kate Rushing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored as it was. Certainly upgrades to plumbing, wiring, etc. should be done, and amenities could be brought into the 21st century. But the basic layout should be restored. A ballroom could be built on another area of the property, and should be scaled to a size that wouldn't dwarf the White House. The architecture and furnishings should be done to complement the rest of the building in the same Greco Roman style.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:46:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This would be a disaster. Donald trump should have no input on remodeling the Whitehouse. His vision is tasteless and is not necessary. He has already turned the decor of the Whitehouse into the look of white trash trailer decor. He simply wants monuments to himself and it sickens me.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:41:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gail Mank
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it all back the way it was. It was torn down as the whim of one person not willing to follow the rules to put up garrish vanity project that does not fit or belong. This is not the time of antibellum balls. No one was waiting with baited breath for a ballroom that costs an ungodly amount of money. The outside of the east wing should be restored to it's former appearance to redeem the historic character of the building as a whole. The proposed ballroom would look like an oversized bouncey house nest to the existing satructure, would cheapen the entire white house, and would become a monument to flauting the laws of historic

preservation.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:39:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please prevent the construction of the proposed "ballroom" addition to the White House property. It is a reprehensible exercise in egotistical vanity. The scale and character of this project is entirely inappropriate for the White House property and will compromise its place in the history of the United States.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:39:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: N Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow construction of a 90,000 sq fr ballroom. I'm appalled trump
Singularly made the decision to tear down the east wing. Any new construction should be forced to be made with the original design of the east wing in mind. The people's White House is not a weekend party sight for personal use by trump or any other president. It is for officially business that is paid for by tax dollars. No ballroom design should eclipse the people's house nor designed be allow to reflect a country club.
Thank you

Date: 2/14/2026 2:32:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Duncan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have seen drawings of the proposed ballroom and calling it a Modernization project is a euphemism of grand proportions. Since the East Wing has already been destroyed, a similar looking, but modernized in the true sense of the word, office structure should be built. An event center like my local San Jose, California one of about 35,000 square feet might be placed near by, perhaps partly underground and definitely not over powering the historic "People's House!"

Date: 2/14/2026 2:32:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Dunlap
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House buildings are maintained with tax money and should require public and administrative review and approval before major changes requiring new construction should begin. The president is an elected official and has no authority to demolish public buildings without public review and consent. Do not proceed further without public review and comment. To proceed without public review and administrative recommendation is to disregard the American people.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:30:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Daulton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
Please restore the East Wing of our nations beloved White House. As a daughter of a World War ll veteran and lifelong citizen, I want the White House restored to its former glory - immediately. Please use funds that are currently set aside for the sad demise of the East Wing of the White House into a tacky ballroom to pay for the complete restoration. Please return the East Wing to its former glory as it was before being unlawfully torn down. Shame on the persons that have torn down our beloved American symbol of enduring liberty and freedom so many fought and died for. Repair our White House East Wing to its former enduring glory.
Thank you, Kathy L. Daulton

Date: 2/14/2026 2:28:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Cotter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a horrific vanity project for Trump. He tore down OUR house without any input. The white house does not belong to any president. It belongs to the citizens. Do not build an unnecessary monstrosity of a ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:27:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Brassard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the plans for the ballroom are not in keeping with the style of the White House. It will dwarf the existing building and with all the gilt and marble, will not be in keeping with the style of the White House. Since the East Wing was demolished without prior approval, I think the money for the ballroom should be

used to rebuild the East Wing and put it back to its original state.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:25:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Holly Coolidge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Commissioners need to hear directly from the public.

Letting this unwarranted assault on an historic building that is REPRESENTATIVE of our country's executive power (not the actual power itself) seems as if it is meant as an intentional affront to the citizens of the United States and ape-ish posturing for the rest of the world. This is literally pissing away (and on) one of our nation's greatest treasures without any other desire than to leave DNA all over it. There is no desire to contribute, only to contort. Stop and reverse the damage by rebuilding the East Wing in its original form/plan, only up to code and modernized to accommodate greater activity.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:22:11 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dawn Fornillo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it truly disturbing and unethical that the President of the United States took it upon himself to decide to tear down the East wing and then start a garish restoration in gold of a ballroom that has nothing to do with the people. The White House is the people's land and property. The President is graced with being housed there while in term. To start this project without notification to the people was disrespectful for the citizens of the United States. We have many more issues that need top priority than ruining the White House so that a ballroom can be reconstructed. It is a waste of the taxpayers money and time! I think it should be halted and forced to be reapproved first and then a less garish display of reconstruction. Start doing the job the American people need, not what you want in gold and trivial nonsense to entertain foreign dignitaries, only to be redone again once you are out of office by another President!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:22:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Joyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an insane abomination that destroyed a historical wing of the White House without permission!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:21:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Joy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This space needs to be of the people for the people. A ball room so the elite compete with the elite is only serving the tiniest slice of humanity.
How can this space support and inspire the broadest sections of all of us?

Date: 2/14/2026 2:19:32 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keran Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the Whitehouse should not have been destroyed. Since it has been, I think a rose garden should be temporarily installed there until a new President is sworn in. Then, we can consider just how to begin repairing the Whitehouse, our nation's reputation and the relationship our citizens have with our government.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:15:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Grieder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was torn down without proper review or permission. And now he wants to build a gilded monument to himself that will dwarf the White House and likely be so ornate as to overshadow the White House in the most garish way possible. And supposedly he intends to include a bunker as part of the ballroom, probably to barricade himself in when he is forced out. This vanity project must be stopped at all cost. He must not be allowed to build something so out of proportion and character. Getting approval is not optional. Please, stop this from happening.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:13:49 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Levy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House. There appeared to be no consideration in retaining the historic objects and decorations in the destroyed building. Replacing it with an out of scale, garish ballroom is an insult to the people of the US. The fact that this action was taken without any concern for the established processes and received no appropriation approvals adds insult to injury. The President is a temporary tenant of the White House. The White House is the property of the people. For this overreach, the President should be evicted, and every attempt to return the White House to its pre-Trump splendor.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:13:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allan Rubin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Broaching the integrity of the White House for a gaudy and historically inappropriate addition that violates the nature of the building is inexcusable. Though the idea of a ballroom has been one proposed many times over the years its presumptuous of the current administration to propose one so out of scale with a building so historically important. In the scheme of Washington DC architecture the White House and Capitol building are integral parts of US history and a self proclaimed patriot should never be allowed to do such out of bounds and authoritarian proposals, let alone actually destroying the East Wing as done.
The Ballroom should be detached from the White House and as a freestanding edifice be given its own ID. That would serve both the administration and future ones better than the current proposal. Please keep the integrity of the White House closer to the intent of its original builders who knew well what their predecessors wanted and achieved and kept to that program with full respect and understanding of who we are as a nation and what American stands for. As far as I understand it they did not endorse anything like what is being proposed there. RESTORE the White House and build an independent Ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:13:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Wagoner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that this project is necessary. But now that it is necessary, please restore the East Wing to its original, historical glory -- no gaudy gold; no ostentatatious Maralago cheap look. I understand it needs to be larger to eliminate the need for tents when large groups gather. But please keep it in scale with the White House -- not as an overbearing addition for high society. This is the peoples' house and building, not a palrty palace for the Trumpstein class.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:11:24 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristy Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged that Trump wants to sell off our National Parks, shred the ESA, and end SNAP, all while he desecrates the White House with a tacky, unnecessary ballroom, like he's Marie Antoinette. It's absolutely shameful.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:10:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hugh Harwell, MRP
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

RE: NCPC File Number 8733, Applicant; Executive Residence at the White House

As a very concerned citizen for all my 79+ years and a former Navy officer who has lived and worked in D.C. and visited the White House multiple times in years past, I am grateful to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for providing me the link opportunity for this comment. I am an Ecological Planner, Designer and Builder with a Masters in Regional Planning from The University of Pennsylvania in 1975. Among my consulting project experiences in D.C., are the irrigation design for the World Bank Headquarters Streetscape and for the Western Presbyterian Church relocation landscaping, for which I also provided construction supervision.

Having watched the video of NCPC's 1/8/26 meeting with the architect's preliminary schematic presentation, I am writing to express a few primary concerns:

1. While the basic functional needs and objectives were summarily outlined and seem to have some practical sense, there was no substantive information presented with quantification of the functional program needed to justify the new building's size, footprint, mass or height on any of its elevation views. Simply stating that previous studies have been done and reviewed by the architect, with a decision having been made for the "smaller option," does not explain the rationale for that decision or why it needs to be so big and out of balance visually with the rest of the existing White House from all angles of view, especially on the south where it is viewed from the Ellipse as well as the sidewalk.

Before approving any new construction proposal, the Commission should insist on reviewing a comprehensive, detailed analysis of what functions requiring spaces of what size for how many people and what points of access are the minimum needed to serve reasonable goals and objectives. The height should be reduced by at least 10 feet or more, and the length and width should be notably reduced as well to fit the building more comfortably on the site in harmonious balance with the Mansion and West Wing.

Our President is not a monarch, so we don't need to compete with Windsor Castle. The architect also should not attempt to make it a mirror image of the Treasury Building across the street on an adjacent site. The White House is a separate distinct building with its own characteristic style developed over centuries. That historic style should be continued, not overwhelmed. Even with some trees buffering its visual mass, as currently designed, it would be much too imposing and distracting from the Mansion. at least on the south side.

2. All existing and healthy trees on the sire must be very effectively protected from any damage or losses by

the design and during construction. A well qualified urban arborist should be included on the design team to provide necessary specifications for construction documents. Not just the visible trunks, branches and canopies, but their extensive root zones also need careful protections. The feeder roots of the oldest trees likely project at least 2-3 times their canopy radii in the soil, even under any existing pavements. Those roots should not be cut by excavators. If such cuts are irrefutably unavoidable to meet the minimum program objectives, every cut root stub should be protected and treated by an expert arborist before any construction occurs and skilled pruning should be done as well. During construction, no vehicles, equipment or materials should be operated, parked or stockpiled on their root zones. That would compact the soil even more than it already is and might well damage the roots, leading to decline of the trees. Any trees that must be sacrificed to the design or irreparably damaged during construction must be replaced by large, healthy specimens of the same species at suitable locations for their mature growth.

3. The new street tree species must be carefully selected for compatibility with the urban environment, with their mature sizes given very careful consideration for each planting spot to avoid conflicts with all anticipated future users and activities. They each must be provided a substantial planting bed with enough soil volume to sustain their growth and health to full maturity. At the World Bank Headquarters, that was achieved by removing existing sidewalk paving and compacted soil, filling the voids with nutrient-rich topsoil and suspending the replacement paving across solid footings to avoid soil compaction and allow root growth. They were carefully designed around all underground utilities. A short walk down the block from the White House to inspect their current condition would inform the new design very well.

Thank you for all your thoughtful consideration.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:07:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret StJohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East wing should never have been demolished. We lost so much history of the First Ladies and the movie theater and other spaces when it was destroyed. The proposed ballroom is a monstrosity. There is no need for a ballroom that will dwarf the entire White House. If something that big was actually needed it should have been made some where else. The east Wing should be restored so it matches the rest of the white house again. The First Lady and other offices need to be returned to the White House. If there is then room for a smaller function room to be added in a manner that doesn't dwarf the entire structure it should be considered. If it can't be don't do it, only the East wing being put back is needed,

Date: 2/14/2026 2:03:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: K Wirtz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. Make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. The size and footprint should not exceed the original footprint. Modernize where possible without gaudy/tacky embellishments.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house!

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Zydek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions & architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. Keep out the tacky gold. Example of tacky gold is how the Oval Office currently looks.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
There's no need for a huge gaudy ballroom that dwarfs the White House and takes away from its significance.
Please never forget the White House belongs to We The People.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: G H
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by all of the citizens of the USA, not the current president.
It is a historical building & can not be legally changed by a current president. He is Not the Owner!!!
This nonsense that a President can do or not do as he wants is not supported by the Constitution or any Federal Law.

Date: 2/14/2026 2:01:13 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I grew up within 20 minutes drive of the White House. I toured there in elementary school. I studied the traditions of our White House, and all the Presidents. It truly is The People's House. I was aghast to see the destruction happen so fast, and with so little oversight or review by historians, architects, preservationists or the public. I am so worried that historical artifacts and momentos have been bulldozed and hauled away. The gargantuan, over-sized, overly decorated (Rococo or Baroque style) ballroom that has been proposed is better suited to Versailles than the simple elegance of the rest of the White House. At this point, I hope that, even if the rooms are not restored to something like their former use and beauty, if it is to be a ballroom that it is kept to the scale and quiet elegance of the rest of the building. One can hope.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:59:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Magill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I fully support the rebuilding of the White House East Wing proposed by President Trump. The White House and the Nation deserve an accommodation for functions that acknowledge our position in the world.

I am forced to provide my email address in order to comment. Please do not sell or distribute it.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:59:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenn Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's important that the East Wing not distract from the White House. Therefore, the footprint and height must be visually smaller than the White House. The style should harmonize if not be identical to the White House. Most importantly it should have an interesting outline as opposed to a rectangular big box. Interior decoration should be restrained classical with a minimal color palette and without ostentatious details.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:59:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anthony Barilla
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ballroom Comments

The English word "ball" has its origins
in the Latin for dance / Once
I heard a friend explain
to a cafeteria full of elementary school kids
that the Spanish word for dance
was related to the word "ballet" /
A murmur of recognition followed / Then
a pile of lunch trays clattered
onto the counter in the kitchen
and my friend started counting
the musicians into the first exercise /
Dancers (ballerinas included) often count
in eights, cueing off at five / Maybe
this doesn't seem strange to you
but most musicians I know think
one measure at a time and "one"

is where we feel most comfortable /
I can't consider a ballroom without
imagining the famous scene
from War and Peace (although to be
honest I might be confusing that ball
with the one in the film Russian Ark / I find it
impossible to keep track of things
anymore, and especially parties
that I've never been invited to) / I can't
consider a ballroom but I feel
compelled nonetheless to comment / Once
I heard the sound of recognition
from a cafeteria full of elementary school kids
and I thought to myself "we make
the same sound our whole lives" / The shape
of a circle with our mouths and then
"Oh" / My friend explained the origin
of a word and these kids could not
help but sing the universal song
of recognition in response / I find it
impossible to keep track of things
anymore, especially when it comes
to this government / If it wants to throw parties
we're tempted to imagine that perhaps
that's a less damaging activity than others /
But I can't consider a ballroom without
imagining the famous scene
from War and Peace / Wherein the dance
and every word and glance that surrounds
it solidifies the wider social construct / Allows
the powerful to remain so / Dance is
often poeticized as freedom but also
it can be a kind of control and I wish you
wouldn't / I wish we wouldn't tear down
more than we handed out and turn
away more than we invited in / I imagine you
in your new Ark and the rest of us
immigrants outside in the snow /
Maybe we hear the sound of a waltz
or something more modern / Maybe then
all of us will recognize you for what
you are / We'll shape our mouths
into circles and together sing
the universal song of recognition /
Oh, we'll say / Oh, what they wanted
most of all was to dance

Date: 2/14/2026 1:56:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hudson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am totally against this. This ballroom is much too large for the white house building. The east wing was a necessary section of the building,beautiful offices for the First ladies and many historical items. A ballroom should be placed on a non government piece of land,i Putting this on the White House building is disgusting. This building belongs to the US , not to Donald Trump. This is so sad to try to do. This is not his palace. Please prevent this . we need someone to stop this.
thank you
kim hudson

Date: 2/14/2026 1:55:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: angelina gontczaruk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt EXACTLY as it was before. It should be paid for out of Mr. tRumps personal finances, not the taxpayers. There should be NO UNNECESSARY BALLROOM. This should commence asap.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:54:44 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy radtke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Should be returned to size it was. New wiring and lighting, security updates as needed. Should be fine for state dinners. Ballroom could be another project in another building. Maybe Kennedy center. Please don’t put gold dodads everywhere. Removing tables for dance floor if that’s possible. Thank you for soliciting my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:53:22 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Colleen Filbey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What ever building is built, it should not over shadow the beautiful White House. The people's house deserves a banquet room but not an excessive, gaudy monstrosity.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:53:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Weage
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has been demolished, I can see a need to build additional space. The new construction should NOT outsize the residence portion of the White House. I can see a need for an event space, but it needs to be more modest than the atrocity proposed, and definitely more stately, classy. Forget all the gaudy gold embellishments. Decor should reflect the historical design of the White House. A portion of the space should include meeting rooms for smaller conferences, or flex space where meeting room size can be modified. A space for state dinners does not need to be 30 feet tall.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:53:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be FUNCTIONAL office and administrative space. The structure should not exceed the stature of the Executive Residence.

Art should represent and respect all demographics of the United States populace. Spending should initially be 0.5% for art, the minimum allowable. SUBSTANCE over material should be emphasized, i.e. emotionally-moving works by starving artists over gilded materials. Works should be bipartisan.

The structure and its contents should be paid for by federal funds (or by fines for destroying the original structure without permission) -- as gifts to the executive office are illegal. Quid Pro Quo should not be allowed.

Bunkers should be designed to disallow communications from Presidents not heeding election results.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:52:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In regards to this wing that already has been destroyed along with its history, I would like it to be returned to its original design with a few modifications. As an elder and person trouble walking I would like to see it ADA compliant. Safely required and built with environmental agréable products. No gold decorative adornments as such has been added to other rooms. As this is the peoples house and not one persons this rebuilding should reflect that. I am sorry that this is happening after the building had already been torn down. I see no reason to have a ballroom of that size plus we have not needed one in 250 years. Please don’t let big money take this over.
Thank you
Cindy Graham

Date: 2/14/2026 1:52:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicki Mihajlich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should be rebuilt exactly as it was. Fascism was battled in that building. Mrs. Roosevelt used it. The building should reflect that, and honor it.

If the physical plant need an upgrade, that would be reasonable.

But the First Ladies of this country made significant strides in that building to empower women, minorities, and Trade Unions. Literacy and health were championed.

The East Wing was about work. It was about helping the citizens of this country.

It was not about power, privilege, or ostentation.

Please make them restore the East Wing.

Thank you
Vicki Mihajlich

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:47 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Honebrink
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I remain horrified that President Trump alone authorized the demolition of the East Wing of our White House. I find it ridiculous that the White House has operated with its existing "event space" just fine over the decades -- no other President in decades has declared the lack of event space an emergency -- but now suddenly, under President Trump, the White House needs a huge, opulent ballroom. I disagree. I would suggest that the East Wing be restored as close to its original design as possible.

However, if it ends up that it is truly essential to the United States to build a ballroom where the East Wing was, it is extremely important that the addition to this historic property be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The ballroom should not be larger than the entire White House itself and should not vary in design.

Thank you for taking my opinion into account as a tax-paying United States citizen, one who studies history and values historic preservation of the people's house, the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vicky Redlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

It is imperative that historic properties are maintained to reflect their integration with other similar structures. As a member of my local Landmarks Commission I am well aware of the rules for historic preservation and believe they should be followed to respect our United States history. The historic East Wing should never have been razed and any rebuilding in place of the former should reflect that now erased structure! No ballroom that overshadows the nation's house is warranted. No oversized behemoth will be erected to dwarf the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:51:41 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Denton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
My name is Amy Denton. I am writing to speak on the East Wing Modernization Project. I think it's a great idea and I wonder why it's taken this long to create such a meeting place. This project has raised several questions for me. Questions that I hope will be answered with the completion of the ballroom.
Question 1: Why has it taken to 2025 to create such a ballroom?
Question 2: Why has it been acceptable to host heads of state in a RENTED TENT?
Question 3: Why has it been acceptable to have heads of state use RENTED TOILETS?

This is being paid for with private donations and President Trump's personal fortune. The tax payer is not paying for it. This is an idea whose time has come a while ago.

So, YES, the. ballroom needs to be built.

I do wonder what social media would have been like had it existed when President Truman completely renovated the White House and ripped everything out.

Thank you.

Amy Denton

Date: 2/14/2026 1:49:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fuck tRump
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project is wrongly conceived. Destruction of the East Wing was an inappropriate action, which likely would not have been approved through the prescribed process.

Construction must not proceed until NCPC approvals have been obtained. Also, I do not want that approval to be granted.

Also, importantly, this large project will almost certainly be completed in the three years remaining in the current president's term.

Do not approve this project. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:49:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Adams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am strongly opposed to the ballroom that is planned to be built on the site that was formerly the location of the White House East Wing. Removing this wing from the White House was an egregious error that should have been subject to public comment. Our nation's historic buildings should be maintained and preserved, not bulldozed for vanity projects of our President.
As the White House East Wing has already been destroyed, I would request to rebuild the wing with the same footprint, rooms, and furnishings that were previously in place. The President should personally pay for rebuilding of the East wing to the exact specifications of the prior historic wing. A monstrosity of a ballroom that would dwarf the presidential residence is the worst possible plan for this site.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:48:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am stunned that a wing of the White House was demolished without any oversight as required from Congress. This is so wrong! The building belongs to the citizens of the USA, not to the current resident. This man should be charged with property damage and jailed for this madness of destroying a building that does not belong to him

Date: 2/14/2026 1:45:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joy Denison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against the construction of a 90,000 sq ft $300-400 million ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:44:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Treml
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

What a shame the East Wing was destroyed for no reason. It should be rebuilt as it was. We don't need a ballroom. We need the Peoples House to look like it use to.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:37:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Henderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the idea of the ballroom is not the way to go. As the original rose garden has been demolished, I'd suggest the space be used as a conservatory. This combines both a gentle space to view beautiful plants along with spaces to pause the walk and relax. The public could visit, and historically, a conservatory was in the same space. A smaller garden space opening up on one end could allow wonderful "dog walk" for the sitting president.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:37:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Noreen Lassandrello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

THe east wing project needs to go through a process whereby the people of the USA can view the plans. It is the people's house. The White House is one of the most important historical buildings in the country. The east wing needs to be replaced in proportion to the existing building.

THe president has no right to choose the plan, as he had no right to modify the White House without submitting plans. There must Absolutely be No Ballroom funded by businessmen bribing the president!!!!!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:36:35 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Peggy King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is the big deal? I have been in that space and it was too small for any type of get together, especially for entertaining foreign dignitaries, and did not represent our United States well. Thanks to President Trump, it is being paid for with private donations and not costing we the American people anything. I am grateful that he has saved us money and is giving us a beautiful state of the art ballroom. I can't wait to see the finished space.

Thank you,

Peggy King
American Citizen

Date: 2/14/2026 1:34:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sabrina Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom size of 90,000 SQ ft is abhorrent. The proposed proportions are disrespectful to the public, and while renovations to the interior would be acceptable, the proposed changes detract from the outdoor aesthetic relative to the visible green space.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: J R Merrick AIA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 14, 2026

Subject: East Wing Modernization

To: National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and fellow Americans

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House for the construction of a Trump Throne Room is a betrayal of our nation and an international embarrassment. The work must be stopped: Dead.

1. The White house belongs to the people, past present and future. It does not belong to the current occupant or to donors extorted to contribute to the president's private and personal aggrandizement.
2. The setting and architecture of the historic 'white house' is an icon of American political identity, a home for our president, a memorial to the vision of our nation's founders and shorthand for the executive administration.
3. Congress has not discussed the need nor approved funding to create this imperial sized dance and dinner room for the Epstein oligarch class.
4. The intent of established oversight has been circumvented. All responsible oversight persons were first replaced with persons guaranteed to approve whatever plan the president may have concocted.
5. The devious demolition of the East Wing is emblematic of the worst practices of smarmy property developers memorializing their disregard for the rule of law.
6. Political Patronage dinners for hundreds are appropriate to private settings or temporary tents.
7. The scale of the throne room is incompatible with the white house, an architectural obscenity and clearly intended to pave the way for an equally obscene addition to replace the west Wing.
The architects for this abomination should be shamed for participating in this act of international scale vandalism.

The underground space designed for national security in the event of war or disaster can be buried and an

appropriately scaled East Wing reconstructed by a future administration under responsible oversight.

Imploring your assistance in terminating this travesty,

J.R. Merrick AIA

Date: 2/14/2026 1:18:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicholas Drummond
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an architectural designer, preservationist, and collector of historic Americana. The demolition of the east wing was horrifying. The new design shown is absolutely absurd. It looks ridiculous, dwarfing the White House. It is singularly the most terrible architectural project proposed by the Federal government I have ever seen. Ever. The design itself is just awful. The architects and designers behind it should have their licenses revoked for participating in an illegal construction project that has desecrated a national monument. Anyone that supports this project should be ashamed. Anyone that enables this project to happen should be punished. This is the people's house. It's supposed to be, anyway.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:17:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Gugich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to construction of a ballroom on the East Wing site. It should never have been demolished at all. I want it rebuilt as it was before. Thank you. Karen Gugich

Date: 2/14/2026 1:16:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Burken
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historical buildings under the jurisdiction of the NCPC should not be renovated, let alone destroyed, without permission, approved plans, and confirmed financing. This building belonged to the people and was demolished without permission and with lies about the scope of changes. The new addition must meet all requirements, fitting within the historical context of the surrounding area. No person’s name should be attached to the building or site. Financing details must be disclosed and approved.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:16:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betts Abraham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was greatly saddened when President Trump rushed to demolish the East Wing of the White House. It was a grave violation of the trust of American citizens and, I believe, a violation of the law. I am vehemently opposed to the construction of Trump's ballroom and I want it to be stopped permanently. I would like to see the East Wing reconstructed the way it was before its destruction. Use the ballroom donations to pay for it. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:16:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Loeb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop! Put back the Eastwing. We have no national need for trump’s gaudy vanity project. It overwhelms the rest of the white house. He tore the east wing down without approval. He is not a king. It’s the people’s house NOT his. Please stop this!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:15:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffrey Janis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no right to destroy the east wing, He lied and said he wouldn't destroy it and now he will continue to lie. He feels he's above the law and will do whatever he wants. It's not HIS house - it's the peoples house. His reckless behavior must be stopped before he totally ruins this country. There are laws and regulations - for a reason. Do you know how you can tell he's lying? His mouth is moving!

Date: 2/14/2026 1:14:33 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Overman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East Wing with modernized wiring and security features, but keep the historical features. If you want a giant ballroom, build it elsewhere. We don't need a throne room.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:13:53 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Mardeusz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the East Wing as the home for the First Lady/ First Gentleman.
Please restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere on the grounds using input from architects, historians, and others who can make sound decisions.
The White House is the people's house and should NOT be altered without consultation with appropriate experts.
I have visited this lovely building on two separate occasions and loved doing so each time. I remember when Jacqueline Kennedy showed the renovated People's House to the nation as a television special in the early 1960s. The last time I was there was in 2023 to see the Christmas decorations, which were gorgeous.
When the East Wing is rebuilt, please ask Caroline Kennedy to do the honor of showing us what has been done.
Thank you for your time and consideration of my ideas.
Best wishes, Carol

Date: 2/14/2026 1:13:40 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Faucher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Fix this travesty.
The White House is the people's house. Temporary occupants should not be able to alter architecture without following established guidelines and submitting the necessary paperwork for review and approval or denial. No exceptions.
Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:13:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Moyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see the East Wing restored to its former look. Since it was torn down without proper authority, I think 47 should have to pay for it, not the tax payers. He also should be barred from any input on the rebuilding. OUR WHITE HOUSE is a beautiful building, or at least it was before an unsightly hole in the ground was left by demolition crews. Restore the Rose Garden at the same time.

WE DO NOT NEED A BALLROOM at the White House! President Harry Truman oversaw a major renovation on the White House that didn't change the overall look of the building. That's what I want to see.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:12:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Terry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a cultural cornerstone of U.S. Patriotism. It is a recognizable symbol known all over the world. To demolish a section without any approval of the citizens of this country, by a temporary resident, was inappropriate. The planned replacement would look as out of place as putting a Starbucks attached to the Lincoln Memorial. Trump should be forced to build an exact duplicate of the former East wing down to every detail and forced to pay for it out of his own pocket.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:12:09 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ANDREW JARCHO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Build the East Wing back exactly the way it was before that ignorant son-of-a-bitch had it torn down.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:10:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is an historic building, and the east wing did not need to be modernized. Trump's planned ballroom is too large for the scale of the area, is not needed, is a waste of money, etc. Please do not approve it.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:09:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Moir
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely opposed to this proposed project. Our nation has no need for a presidential "ballroom" of any kind, least of all one that would attempt to copy something from Versailles. Yet another example of an ego-

driven fancy. Enough damage has been done to the White House already, in more ways than one. To describe it as a "modernization project" is just another attempt to fool the public. This should never be permitted by the NCPC. "We the People" have had enough of this fascist dictator and his sycophantic minions.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:57 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harriet Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How disgusting that the President is building a garish monument to himself in the form of a ballroom that will dwarf the White House and only makes the beautiful building built for the people look ugly.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janie Elson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing to what it was before trump illegally tore it down. Make updates to electrical and plumbing and then replace the original footprint. We need to preserve the architectural integrity and style of the White House. That people’s house.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: mickie johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt and maintain the original design. The ballroom should not over power the Whitehouse,
It should be smaller or in a different location.
Simple but elegant without the gaudy gold that the present resident of the White House has th Tuen everywhere.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Mary Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's house. It is not a casino. It is not an event space. It is the home and office of the president of the United States and his or her family, as well as offices for the conducting of the business of the executive branch. There is no reason to have humongous events at the White House. When dignitaries come to visit the space that was there was adequate. Big does not mean better. The exterior should be restored as it was with interior being updated for modern needs.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:08:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Howe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel strongly that any new East Wing should be no taller or longer than the wing it replaced. There is NO need for a huge ballroom addition to the White House. The White House belongs to all of us, not to one man for his egotistical need for adoration. If he wants a huge party let him have it at his fake palace in Florida.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:07:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shirley Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What an incredibly egotistical project. Those donations should go to help those who can no longer afford insurance, provide free breakfast for children at school, and so much more. We do not need a gaudy, ostentatious ballroom, and it breaks my heart to have watched the east wing destroyed. Please, get your priorities straight.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:07:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vanity project for Herr Trump. Too big and ostentatious violation of the Hatch Act.

No doubt Trump and his hand-picked committes and Boards will demand that interior design to be a reflection of his New York City home .

Trump disregards the solemnity and history of White House and the Oval Office and the physical evidence they represent of our Democratic form of government and the history that formed it.

Trump interpretation ofthe White house is just another vessel and display case for his obsession with the trapping of power embodied by German, Ancient Roman , Italian , and Liberian dictators, among others.

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's historic renovation of the White House public spaces stands as an exceptional interpretation of American idealism and history.

Trump's view of the White house makes no room for his predecessors or the historic events that preceding his residencies.

It is as if he desires not only to remake the White house, but a building site he purchased, demolished an existing structures and planned all the details of a golden palace dedicated to his own greatness as a king, supported by millions of devoted followers.

I implore the commission to protest vigorously and fight diligently against elements of the ballroom project they are able to impact.
they are able

Date: 2/14/2026 1:06:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: E Soublet
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I urge Congress to reject any planned construction of a ballroom at the White House. The East Wing was destroyed without permission or permits. The plans for the new ballroom were not subjected to standard review and will completely ruin the aesthetic of the White House. There is no guarantee that material used will be made in the U.S. or that the labor used will be union shops which protect their workers. There is no guarantee that the costs will not be passed on to the taxpayers. We do not have kings in the U.S. The White House is the people’s house and the people deserve to have any additions or remodeling done by someone who understands history and the importance of preservation.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:04:37 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an unnecessary expense when the Republicans and Trump are cutting back on Health Care & Environmental Expenses.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:03:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenelle Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It should never have been torn down in the first place without going through the proper channels. Whoever signed the papers for tearing it down should provide 150% restitution for the cost of rebuilding the East wing--plus the cost to the rest of the nation for detracting from real work that needed to be done

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:55 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Tharp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should be proportional to the White House, decorated with quiet, timeless taste. Paintings of beautiful scenic views of our country would be nice. No gaudy gold decorations, please. It should blend in with the existing buildings.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:27 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robertson Renate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be built back according to the previous plan, using the most modern sustainable and durable building materials and designed for maximum energy efficiency and passive solar. Furthermore the building should be dedicated to the children of the United States, both citizen and non-citizen, immigrant and native born, as as recognition that every decision made in the White House affects the future generations and with that in mind, a public sculpture should be commissioned on the lawn of the rebuilt East Wing that explicitly affirms the dignity and value of all children of every race, ethnicity, and ability level. There should be an inclusive educational and recreational complex for family friendly cultural events and performances which represent the many cultures from all around the world which contribute to the beautiful diversity of the United States and make it great. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I will look forward to visiting Washington, D.C. in the future.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Pfeffa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a ballroom to satisfy Trump's ego. His ego will NEVER be satisfied. We can rent a lot of ballroom space in hotels for the cost of that monstrosity.

Please put the East Wing back the way it was. Future First Ladies will need their office space back. While we're at it, restore the Rose Garden, too.

Date: 2/14/2026 1:01:15 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Dana
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Let's call this project what it is: a monument to the massive ego of a corrupt, tin dictator who is destroying the country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Davidson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Date: 2/14/2026 1:00:10 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Annie McCann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Biggest waste of money at a time when the country is drowning in debt, joblessness, homelessness and greedy billionaires pocketing taxpayer money. This is what this corrupt government decided is important! Lining rooms in gold and pockets with money from hard working Americans. Disdainful and pathetic.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:46 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Flaherty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If a ballroom or event space is required, it should be architecturally compatible with existing structures - done in the same style (NO GOLD, NO GAUDY) and commensurate in size (certainly no larger than the entire residence.) The design should be done by architects committed to the preservation and honoring of historical structures. This construction is for posterity, not to reflect any single administration, after all. And put back the damn rose garden.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deirdra McAfee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Washington is a city of national monuments. To have done this damage without notice, consultation, or permission to one of our most important national monuments—a shrine to, as well as a symbol of, our long history of free elections—is simply outrageous. The projected plans and this demolition are esthetically, as well as morally ugly. It's too late to repair the destruction, but luckily, we can consult historical documents and restore the East Wing to what it was before an untutored administration's shallow wants and wishes turned the structure into rubble.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:56:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Faust
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the demolition of the East Wing of the White House was illegal and has destroyed a significant part of American history, I would like the East Wing to be rebuilt with modernization to accommodate new technologies but to be faithful to the original size and design of the East Wing. President Trump should have no say in this restoration since he illegally destroyed it. It is very simple in my view, put back what he destroyed to preserve the symmetry of the buildings and the history of our Country.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:54:20 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Whaley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is so critical that the most important residence in this country, The White House, undergo a full and thorough planning and review process before construction resumes that would be irreversible. Changes in sizing and mass that are not compatible with the current form of the White House must be denied, despite private funding for the project. The history of this all-important building must be preserved, and any improvements proposed must be thoughtfully considered to maintain historical integrity.

The National Capital Planning Commission must exert it's responsibility to ensure any changes to the East Wing are compatible with the scale of the existing White House, and preserve this historic treasure.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:53:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jacqueline Brissey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished in the first place. However, since it no longer exists, whatever is constructed to replace it should have the same footprint as the former construction. it should NOT be slathered in gold simply to satisfy the ego of its current occupant. If bathroom facilities were lacking in the previous structure, more accommodation should be made, but they should be gender-neutral facilities, with separate family units available for nursing mothers or parents with small children who need a bit more room than regular stall units. The style of architecture should be in keeping with the White House so it doesn't look like an addition. If adorned with artwork, paintings, photographs or other similar pieces should reflect the unadulterated U.S. history -- not a white-washed version. We should be proud of our country, but we also need to remember that we have been far from perfect in how non-white citizens, immigrants and first nation people have been treated. We must do better!

I appreciate this opportunity to provide input. It is certainly unfortunate that the proper way of handling this matter was not done in accordance with the usual methods. I certainly hope this commission will have some say in whether the triumphal arch gets built (I hope not!!!!)

Date: 2/14/2026 12:51:42 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House needs to be restored as closely as possible to what it was prior to this horrific destruction. It held a valuable place in our country's history, the offices of the First Lady & her staff, areas where holidays were celebrated & memories made. That it was allowed to be demolished with no respect to its storied history is outrageous. The White House belongs to the people of this land, not to any one president. As such, no president should be allowed to destroy or deface it, irreparably, Someone needs to make the current president aware of this, & stop his running roughshod over our sacred monuments & memorials. His actions are disgraceful & uncalled for.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:51:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeannie Keyes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing just like it was. We the people didn't ask for a stupid ballroom. Plenty of occasions for dancing have been hosted beautifully without this senseless expenditure.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:50:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Dooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dump the whole idea.

Or, make it to seat about 200 and restore office space.

Definitely no gold leaf.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:49:36 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Crystal Stoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

*Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style,

*update wiring etc

*make interior ADA accessible where possible.

*Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

The east wing should be equal to the west wing. Do not make it larger than it once was. It will look horrible and asymmetrical if you try to throw a huge ballroom there. It was not a smart idea. I cannot believe it got destroyed before the public could weigh in and before permits were pulled. I'm still shocked.

No ballroom! If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:48:53 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Everett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House! The East Wing never should have been demolished without prior public comment and approval of the final design. Nevertheless, the replacement structure should not exceed the footprint or height of the original East Wing. Careful consideration should be given to what functions are most needed and appropriate, and a ballroom should be included only if there is enough room after more frequently used functions are accommodated. ADA and energy conservation measures should be incorporated. The historic character of the building should be restored as much as possible. Thank you for the (belated) opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:45:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I agree with a previous post in restoring the exterior dimensions and architectural style with upgraded technology and security. Build a "Special Events" center (not ballroom) next to the East Wing that is lower in height than the White House and would accommodate around 250 people or the average number of invited guests for a White House function. The National Trust for Historic Preservation should decide on the interior furnishings, comparable to how Jackie Kennedy restored the White House. No donor names on the building_ maybe a small plaque next to the restrooms.
Thank you, I hope this is not too late to change the course that Trump has in mind.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:14 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela McDonald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the East Wing just as it was before it was torn down. There is no reason for a ballroom and wasting money.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Esposito
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an historian and archivist, I am horrified with the permanent damage done to the White House in complete disregard of all protocols and procedures. The destruction was totally unnecessary as is a "golden ballroom." There is no reason to add a ballroom of any kind to the White House. This project is completely and totally unnecessary.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and designed to function as the country's Presidential work space. As such an oversized, egotistical ballroom is ridiculous.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:12 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucille L Fritz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is OUR house and should not be allowed to be changed on the whims of the President without proper process.

All plans should be submitted for review and approval to be in keeping with the historic integrity of the building.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:43:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Mason
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

FUCK DONALD TRUMP for lying to the American people!
FUCK DONALD TRUMP AND THIS ADMINISTRATION for tearing down the East Wing of the White House
This is unconscionable.
NO ONE in this current administration is qualified or should be allowed to make any changes or additions since they destroyed the existing structure without proper permissions and approvals. This administration should be held criminally liable.
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT WANT A HUGE BALLROOM
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT WANT A BUILDING THAT DWARFS THE WHITE HOUSE
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THEIR EAST WING BACK, period.

I say NO to Trumps plans. DO NOT ALLOW him to besmirch the white house any more.
DO NOT include a bunker where he can hide while he sics the miliary on the American people.
DO NOT include a bunker where he can hide wihle he tries to barricade himself in the white house after he loses the next election

Throw that piece of shit out and make plans for the remedy without him or his cronies.
Throw him in jail for his crimes! LOCK HIM UP! LOCK HIM UP! LOCK HIM UP!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:42:58 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Barnett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's House, suffered horrendous damage with the recent demolition of the East Wing. The is the biggest and most disappointing alteration to the White is over a hundred years. in more than a century. The demolition demonstrates the loss of reverence for continuity. The East White is not original to the White House, but its lineage reaches back to Thomas Jefferson. The form of the East Wing, now destroyed by wrecking balls, began in 1902 under President Theodore Roosevelt and was completed in 1942 under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Any replacement needs to honor the history of the White House and be something that the People see as appropriate and in scale. This gilded outsized ballroom appears to serve no purpose beyond boosting the ego of our narcissistic president and should never be built. It is not in keeping with the style and scale of the rest of the existing building and looks better suited to some place like Mar a Lago. An enormous ballroom will not be used on a daily basis, unlike the destroyed East Wing which until recently served as the offices for the First Lady and other staff working in the W/hite House.

This proposal should be scrapped completely and instead the blueprints for the East Wing should be retrieved from the National Archive. They should be updated to enhance the electrical system to meet the demands of the modern age. Increased energy efficiency through better insulation, low-flush toilets, and other features to meet at least Silver certification by LEED should be undertaken. A replacement for the East Wing should be built using these revised blueprints using materials which can replicate the look. Interior renovations to floor plans can certainly be considered to increase the functionality of the building. This may include increase the size of space used to host diplomatic dinners or events to honor visiting dignitaries or celebrities but not to the scale of the proposed ballroom.

Why do I oppose this ballroom proposal?

The project required the demolition of the century-old East Wing which provided a formal entrance to the building. The ballroom will not. Architectural historians termed this "cultural vandalism," as it replaces American history with a structure designed to mimic a private resort.

The expansion proceeded without standard approval from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC). The administration bypassed federal preservation regulations and the National Historic Preservation Act, seemingly without any hesitation.

The funding for this proposed monstrosity of an East Wing replacement appears to be "Pay-to-Play." The project, according to the presidents, is being funded by private donations. I fear these donors—including corporations with federal contracts—receive now improper and perhaps illegal access to the president. The ballroom is unnecessary. This massive addition (designed for a thousand attendees) is an ego-driven project rather than a functional, diplomatic upgrade. Any review of plans should be paused pending resolution of legal challenges from preservation groups.

There are numerous environmental concerns. Besides the destruction of the historic Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, no procedures were to taken to abate risks of hazardous materials that were in the East Wing. Given its age, I and others are certain all the walls had layers of lead paint. It is believed asbestos was used both for noise reduction and insulation. Rather than hire a firm knowledgeabel in how to take down a building with these hazardous materials, it was simply knocked down, releasing those substances into the air and presumably coating all the surrounding area with hazardous dust (which also has not been removed by anyone with the appropriate knowledge and training). Construction workers are certain to stir up this dust and breath it while working on this ballroom at potential long term risk to their health.

So, for multiple reasons, the Ballroom should be axed for 1) lack of real need, 2) lack of resolution of legal issues, 3) lack of approval by the NCPC in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, 4) aesthetic reasons of scale and function, and 5) lack of attention to environmental risks to workers caused by this reckless demolition. This is the People's House. It is not Donald Trump's House. He is merely a tenant and had no right to undertake this demolition for this foolhardy effort to massage his ego (which apparently demands constant reassurance and applause).

Thank you for your consideration of my and others' comments opposing this replacement for the destroyed East Wing.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephani Vatu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the entire project as the AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR ACTUAL

CHANGE TOWARDS RUNNING USA
A BALLROOM IS NOT A NEEDED NOR ANYWHERE A NECESSITY!
WE HAVE MANY MORE VITAL SERIOUS MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED WITH RESPECT, INTEGRITY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
Proposing a Ballroom Renovation when our country is in TATTERS ,THE WORLD IS LAUGHING AT US !
ITS
ABSOLUTELY A SPIT, SLAP, PUNCH, TO ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE to have the Audacity in Proposing this Renovation WHEN ITS ABSOLUTELY NOT NEEDED IN ANY WAY.
Respectfully,
SV

Date: 2/14/2026 12:41:38 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Oswalt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the east wing! Just as it was! Make a smaller ballroom if needed, but dont Make it outshine the older buildings. And stop with the gold on everything!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:40:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn McClain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not sure a ballroom is even needed as no other president has felt it necessary. If the committee deems it is necessary, please build it at another site. The White House is the people's house for the people's business to be conducted, not appropriate for a ballroom. And make sure our tax monies are not used in construction! Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:35:43 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Hamilton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Regarding the East Wing Modernization Project--The White House is the People's House and a beautiful, classical looking building.

Any East Wing addition should be smaller than the White House itself. It should not be taller than the White House either. Otherwise, it will be out of balance, it will no longer be beautifully situated, and it goes from being the People's House to just being an annex to a big ballroom space.

It would be a shame to build an over-sized, unbalanced-looking addition, just to have future generations have to tear it down because it looks bad and out of place. Do it right the first time, make any addition in proportion to the existing White House. Bigger isn't always better.

If more space is needed, add it below ground so it can't be seen and can't dwarf the People's House. Thank you for allowing input into this process.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:35:29 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CONNIE GRIFFIS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the country, not to whoever occupies it at the moment. Demolishing a historic wing and replacing it with a grand ballroom feels more like personalization than stewardship. I don’t want to see something flashy or gaudy take the place of part of our shared history. The East Wing was part of our historic fabric. Any replacement should reflect restraint and respect for the building’s legacy. A grand, ornate ballroom doesn’t feel consistent with that tradition.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:34:26 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammy Higgins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing in the first place was inappropriate. The East Wing should be restored to as close to it's original architecture as possible, but to include handicap accessibility. If more space is required for large functions, the structure should be a respectful and modest one that complements, but does not out compete the White House. The White House must be the main building, and all other campus buildings must retain the look as submissive the White House.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:34:00 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Connie Rogers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and all the public buildings in Washington, DC belong to the people of the United States. They should not be razed or modified without approval by the public. They are part of our collective heritage. I object to any modification that has not been approved in the manner established by law.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:33:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nina Andrew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled and dismayed by the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House as well as the murder of the Presidents' trees. The plans for a huge ballroom, which, I'm sure, will be gaudy and unworthy of our already great nation, are disgusting. I feel the construction should be permanently halted and the East Wing rebuilt. American taxpayers should NOT pay for it. It should be paid for by the person who ordered the demolition and also by the company or companies who illegally carried it out.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:31:23 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Anthony
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please include ADA accessibility standards wherever possible. Please maintain the current architectural integrity of the WH. Modernize electrical and plumbing. Please decorate in a tasteful, humble, not gaudy style. Please don't make it look brand new. Since the EW is traditionally considered the 1st lady's wing, please find a way to pay homage to all First Ladies. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:29:04 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Kallio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep the ballroom to scale with the rest of the White House. Update the bunker and modernize the electric. Do not make it the gaudy, over the top monstrosity that Trump has planned. It should be tasteful and dignified.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:28:48 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Broomfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We have no need for an oversized gaudy ballroom. I'd prefer to see the property restored to its former appearance with necessary upgrades. And paid for with money, in theory, already collected from "donors" to the ballroom.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:26:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Murray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This "project" is not any sort of modernization event. It's just a personal self aggrandizement for Mr. Trump. A dreadful and unnecessary waste. Please consider restoring the original East Wing with appropriate updates as needed. Trump has scarred our country enough.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:26:17 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Grant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed East Wing ballroom renovation.

At a time when many Americans are facing significant economic hardship — including rising healthcare costs, housing instability, and difficulty affording basic necessities — allocating substantial taxpayer funds to a lavish entertainment space reflects misplaced national priorities.

Federal planning decisions carry symbolic as well as financial weight. The White House is not a private residence; it is a public institution that represents the values and stewardship of the American people. Projects that appear primarily oriented toward prestige, spectacle, or personal legacy risk undermining public trust, particularly during periods of widespread economic strain.

The Commission has a responsibility to ensure that federal development aligns with the broader public interest. In this moment, the public interest is best served by directing resources toward infrastructure, healthcare access, housing stability, and programs that tangibly improve citizens' lives.

I respectfully urge the Commission to table or reject this proposal and to encourage fiscal restraint and prioritization of essential public needs over ceremonial expansion.

Government spaces should reflect service to the people — not self-celebration.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:25:03 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Kennedy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to any structure that upstages the original White House building. A ballroom addition should not be the focus of the residence of the President of the United States of America.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:20:02 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Romunda Harris-Fonville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No public input was received before the wrecking ball demolished history. Preservation was not consulted or considered. This is a waste of money and a harsh break to the continuity of the people's house.
We do not need nor do we desire castles or monuments of nothingness. We do not need nor desire any of the gaudiness that is hallmark of the Trump brand. There is no desire for gold lacquered name branding to a would be King.
Now that the East Wing is destroyed maybe pay homage to those who constructed it, those on whose land it sits and to the constitution that native and enslaved descendants forced this country to live up to.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:19:39 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any exterior changes or additions to a designated historic property must first be reviewed by a qualified governing body. The demolition work proceeded without permission or permits. The proposed addition is hopelessly out of scale to the rest of the building. The White House is the people's building, not subject to the whims of its temporary resident.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:18:07 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robin Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Obviously this project needs to be done but it shouldn't be done by donations. Trump himself should have to pay for it.

Without approval from Congress, criminal charges should also be bought against Trump for decimating part of a historic landmark.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:15:08 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Rankin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel new construction should not draw attention away from or overshadow the main structure. It should blend in with it. The new addition, as currently planned, will dwarf the White House. This is unacceptable. Is there some other location this could be built?
What has been destroyed should be rebuilt as closely to the same as possible, but with updates to bring it to code.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:13:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is vitally important that all projects involving significant changes to the historic People's House, AKA the White House, be approached via legal and traditional methods, gaining input and approval from the people and their appointed boards and/or committees. Shortcuts must not be taken. Modernizing is an important goal as long as the heart and essence of the historic building and its contents are preserved. I was heartbroken when the historic East Wing was destroyed without public input or the proper approvals, as were millions of Americans. Going forward, that kind of destruction cannot happen again. Going forward, expert designers and historic preservationists must take part in the reconstruction of the East Wing. Great care must be taken.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:13:39 AM
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Name: Stacy Barry Coffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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2. the current project proposal is a space that is larger than the actual Whitehouse. It is unnecessary and garish in size, does not fit or complement the historic building.
3. there are plenty of large spaces in Washington DC that have worked perfectly fine for large gatherings, inauguration etc. This is a waste of money to build an unneeded and unwanted ballroom on the whim of the current resident.
4. it is a quid pro quo situation to get 'donations' from people and then provide them with government favors, tax breaks, government contracts etc. it is shameful and disgraceful and not what most Americans want from their government, selling out the national monuments to the highest bidder.
5. This is a temporary residence and it is unconscionable that a leader who will be there for a 4 years is emboldened to take a wrecking ball to the history and landmarks of the American people while disregarding the laws and rules that govern updates and changes to national historic places and public monuments.
6. The design needs to be shrunken and modified. The East wing was offices for the First Lady, theater etc and that is what should be replaced, with modern conveniences and facilities to support the work of the First Lady and staff, leisure space for first family etc.
7. The design should come from the American people through a rigorous selection process just like the other recent monuments, Vietnam memorial, Korean War etc
8. it should be replaced with a design that is complimentary to the Whitehouse, not one that dwarfs it.

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Date: 2/14/2026 12:10:59 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jody Himango
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its original state before it was unceremoniously bulldozed.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:51 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I, as a citizen of this country, am horrified by the attempt to diminish the stature of the national treasure

known as the White House. This residence does not belong to whomever resides in it, it belongs to the citizens of this country. He is but a temporary occupant and has done so much damage to this historic house since he took office. The destruction of the Kennedy rose garden, the tearing down of the East Wing which gave the house a symmetry and stately appearance, the classless gilding of what once were majestic rooms with a rich history. Now this obscene and tacky blight on the architecture of an American treasure is the next defacement of our house! I'm concerned that this gaudy "addition" to property that Donald J. Trump does not own will cost millions to build. It will not be useful in any way other than to please his ego. There is absolutely no need to build anything of the size he wants. If a larger room was needed to host state dinners, then a much smaller room would suffice, not one that dwarfs the original structure. In my 75 years I do not recall any other president demanding that he needed a new "ballroom". They made due with what they had to work with and somehow everything worked out just fine! I realize that Trump has been to England, France and other European countries with much longer histories than the United States of America. And, quite frankly, he was envious of the palaces he saw there, and wanted one of his own. So, if he wants a palace so badly, then let him build it on his own property and not on property that belongs the the entire country. I cannot imagine how much it will cost to undue the mess he has made of the White House once he is gone, nor can I understand how Congress sat by and did nothing. And I mean, by Congress, the spineless Republicans who have aided and abetted every illegal action he has taken. He follows no rules, and thus far has never had to pay the consequences for any of his malevolent deeds! So I am saying that as a citizen and American, I cast my vote against this defacing of the White House

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:24 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Schmit
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished. The proper process for requesting or making changes to this historic property were NOT followed. Donald Trump does not own the White House and is a temporary resident. He should NOT be making changes that extend beyond redecorating. The scale of the replacement wing should be proportional to the west wing and smaller than the main White House. There is a need for replacing the First Lady offices that were demolished as future first ladies might actually live in the White House, unlike Melania Trump who is rarely there. And other First Ladies may do work that benefits the citizens of the United Sates. I propose that the East Wing be rebuilt at the expense of Donald Trump to the specifications the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) recommends.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:21 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheri Pabst
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing is an assault on the “People’s House”. I oppose any ballroom or garish building in this spot. Offices should be built for taxpayers business. A reasonable sized dinning room with dance area is an acceptable option. The footprint of the rebuild should be the size of the original East Wing. A monstrosity is not welcome. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:08:11 AM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Constance Lane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed Ball Room is an abomination. Since the East Wing was illegally demolished there should be a architecturally appropriate replacement for future First Ladies. Do not let the current administration intimidate this commission. The White House is OUR house not belonging to this grifting property developer. Thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:07:49 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Belinda Isley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The so-called East Wing Modernization Project, otherwise know as the Orange Felon Ballroom and Bunker, should never have been stated without the proper protocol and approvals. We are playing catch-up here, but catch-up it is.

Firstly, the audacity of ANYONE taking it upon themselves to destroy a building owned by the AMERICAN PEOPLE just because they think it'll be fun to host many hundreds of people in glorious golden (eye roll) splendor, is mind-blowing and shows in vivid color, the deranged mind of the afore mentioned Felon.

It may be obvious that I am not a fan of this modernization plan, and I would wager if put to a vote, the AMERICAN PUBLIC would agree. Not only do we NOT need this ridiculously expensive project, WE DO NOT WANT it…! I don't believe for a minute ^Felon will pay a personal dime for it. He will leave contractors holding he bag and leave it a shit-hole like he's left everything he's ever touched a shit hole.

Sadly, the damage has been done by the demolition of the East Wing, but please do not add insult to injury and build what ^Felon has proposed. I have an idea…put in a rose garden. Or build it back and charge ^Felon.

Sincerely,

Belinda Isley

Date: 2/14/2026 12:06:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. D. S. Doran
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It matters NOT whether I (or anyone) approves or disapproves of the project. What does matter is that the

proper channels for approval or denial be followed according to law. Such changes are NOT in the power of the person who proposes the project!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:05:54 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Wiggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing should never have been touched! It is part of America's history and should have remained intact! This ballroom project is a vanity endeavor by trump and his oligarc cronies. The fact that the funds have been donated by Trump dickofants makes no difference.
It is a desecration of America's house.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:05:30 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: C Gifford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for finally including 'we the people'. Any construction outside of safety/infrastructure improvements should be considered unnecessary at this time. There's never been more division between economic groups of Americans. Adding classless decor, garish additions and the willful destruction of history simply screams 'let them eat cake'. I fear the people will chime in with their own scream of 'eat the rich'. Let's take care of each other instead of spending senseless dollars on demo, decor or deleting historical truth. Funding or contributions from private interests, billionaires and cronies should be never be allowed. This isn't the America we want or were promised. We have bigger problems than fitting the rich and privileged onto a new dance floor. It's reminiscent of fiddling while Rome burned, or saluting Third Reich monuments while so many died. No, thank you.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:04:19 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gene Marshall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Proposed White House Ballroom-----

NO, NO, HADES NO! Rebuild the East Wing and put the Ballroom, with No Gold Garbage, somewhere else. mr. trump has no say.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:04:18 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Cutting
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The historic East Wing of the White House was torn down without proper approvals taking place. It should be restored--with proper approvals--as is practical using current materials and processes at the expense of the one who tore it down--Pres. Trump.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:50 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Lemoine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, by law additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House.
At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure's size and design elements.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:02:45 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr Barry Sulam
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The need for a ballroom constructed for the magnitude of guests entertained for formal state occasions must comply with the SOI Standards if it's to be sited in the NHL historic property vicinity. It ought to judged for its potential adverse effects to those qualities that made the NHL eligible.

Alternative sites ought to be considered if the adverse effects cannot be mitigated because of the scale, massing overpowering the architectural salient features of the White House.

The British burned down Madison's White House in an act of revenge during the War of 1812. Truman rehabbed the structurally compromised historic presidential palace. Those adverse effects were mitigated by carefully considering the needs of the occupants and the continued preservation of the character defining feature that makes the White House (WH) retain its NHL eligibility.

If the ballroom alternative is chosen at another site, far enough from the WH then the impact will not threaten the NHL listing going forward. Anything less will endanger those qualities and make the NHL listing in jeopardy of being delisted because of the adverse effect going unmitigated

This sets a precedent that puts other NHL properties in risk of being overwhelmed by overdevelopment and poor planning. Preconceived grandiosity without considering less impactful alternatives flies in the face case precedents and renders the SOI Standards weaker and without the force of the NHPA laws, guidelines and statutory history.

Date: 2/14/2026 12:01:28 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melody Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible.

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

I do not like what the president is doing to the White House...the people's house. I want it returned to the configuration before he brought in the bulldozers. This is not *his* house to do with as he wants! We do not need a huge ballroom!

Date: 2/14/2026 12:00:31 AM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any addition should use the original footprint, not to over shadow the main part of the White House. It is very important to be historically accurate.

I wish this demolition had never happened. I understand if things need updating and to make things accessible.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:59:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jana Linenberger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing the people to speak on this project. I think the East Wing needs to be built just as it was before with maybe an increase in square feet of 10,000 feet max. It should not double the White House nor should it look vastly different. This was a historic building and should have never been torn down. Replace it to look as it was. Not one average citizen cares if we have an enormous ballroom. Maybe wait until after this administration is no longer there to finish construction so it doesn’t become tacky looking. Also since it was torn down without approval it needs to be built without taxpayer money. The rose garden needs restored also.

Thank you
Jana Linenberger

Date: 2/13/2026 11:57:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ryan Box
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment Opposing East Wing Ballroom Construction

Dear Committee -
The White House is not a private estate. It is a National Historic Landmark held in trust for the American people. Presidents are temporary residents. The building endures beyond any administration.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, federal agencies have an affirmative duty to protect and preserve historic properties in their care (Section 110) and to rigorously evaluate any undertaking that may affect them (Section 106). A new ballroom in the East Wing is plainly an "undertaking." It demands transparent review, public consultation, and demonstration that historic character and integrity will not be compromised.

Precedent matters. Major interventions at the White House — from the Truman reconstruction to later restorations — were undertaken as structural necessity, not aesthetic preference. Alterations were justified by preservation of the building itself, not expansion of function.

The claim that this project would be privately funded is irrelevant. Stewardship obligations attach to the property, not the checkbook. Private dollars do not dilute federal preservation law, nor do they relieve the public of long-term operational, security, and maintenance consequences.

The White House belongs to history as much as it belongs to us. Any proposal that risks altering its historic fabric must meet the highest legal and ethical standard — necessity, transparency, and preservation first.

Anything less diminishes a landmark that is not ours to personalize.

Respectfully,

Date: 2/13/2026 11:57:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Lacampagne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not be happening at all. No one has the right to desecrate the White House. The problem is that no one is stopping the president. We will be left with another mess that needs fixing to the tine of millions. I hope he can be personally charged for this damage. He seems to have made enough in year one to cover this. Most corrupt government in modern times in the WORLD.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:56:10 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patti Shinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing that was bulldozed to the ground should be rebuild with the same dimensions, style etc. as it stood prior to bulldozing. The East Wing should be restored to match previous size and to include any ADA requirements.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:55:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment Opposing Construction of the East Wing Ballroom at the White House

To Whom It May Concern:

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The East Wing, though modified over time, was a part of the historic fabric of a structure that has evolved carefully and deliberately since the early 19th century. Alterations to such a site must meet the highest standards of necessity, preservation, and public transparency. The addition of a ballroom — particularly one justified as a convenience or aesthetic enhancement — does not meet that threshold.

The United States has long upheld preservation principles grounded in stewardship rather than personal preference. The National Park Service Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties emphasize retaining and preserving historic character and avoiding new construction that alters defining features or spatial relationships. Introducing a substantial new assembly structure into the East Wing complex risks precisely such impacts.

Furthermore, the assertion that the project would be "privately funded" does not resolve the fundamental issue. Privately funded alterations to nationally significant historic properties are not thereby exempt from preservation scrutiny, public accountability, or ethical concern. Philanthropic funding does not convert a public trust into a private project. Transparency regarding long-term maintenance, security modifications, and operational costs would also be essential — as these inevitably become public responsibilities.

The White House has endured war, fire, expansion, and restoration. Each major intervention has been undertaken with extraordinary caution and national deliberation. It would be a disservice to that legacy to approve significant new construction without comprehensive public review, preservation impact studies, and meaningful consultation with historians, architects, and the American public.

Stewardship of irreplaceable national landmarks requires restraint. The impulse to build should never

outrun the obligation to preserve.

I urge that any proposal for an East Wing ballroom be halted pending rigorous preservation analysis and full public transparency — and that alternatives be explored that do not compromise the integrity of one of the nation's most important historic structures.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Murphy

Date: 2/13/2026 11:54:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Sellers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have a degree in architecture from the University of Virginia. I practiced architecture for a few years before branching out into construction management and real estate development. I am now retired.

I am a fan of classical design. I live in a beautifully scaled and proportioned Georgian Revival home designed by a noted North Carolina architect. So my opinion is an informed one. When I heard the new architect of the East Wing speak at the recent hearings I thought he was very reasonable and he certainly has a lot of experience. But the proposed new wing is too massive. It overwhelms the Executive Residence and is the proverbial tail wagging the dog. In my opinion, it will truly be a mistake if the new structure is not scaled down. I hope there is a way to make that happen.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:54:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Kiefer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for this opportunity to give input. I vehemently oppose the Trump east wing ballroom project. It is an offense to everything the white house should represent, and looks to be illegal in many ways. Please stop it.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:53:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Rodríguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Alicia Rodriguez, I am a citizen and a resident in the Maryland area. For years ive been visiting and walking along the monuments and the historical areas in Washington DC. We do this not just when we have visitors from out of town but on a monthly basis with friends because we love the historical aspects

and open areas of the monuments. The white house is part of the history of this nation and I consider the tearing down the east wing an atrocious act of disrespect! There is a reason you dont build a 20 floor building in DC... We don't want the downtown area to look like every city in the world! We want it to remain special! We want to preserve the aesthetic nature and the beauty of the city. Washington DC is not about Gotti architecture.. it's not about the greed or egos of who builds the highest building! That's every other city in the word... not Washington DC!! Washington DC it's about laws, it's about government, it's about respecting the people's power. It's about preserving truth and hope... Not building ballrooms so we can apeace an egomaniac, demented, narsacistic man who has brought nothing but shame, disgrace and cruelty to our country.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:51:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Stauss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the American people's home, It is a historical building who's heritage should be respected and kept intact.

It was my understanding that any remodeling of a historic building had to go through a process of review before changes were made.
President Trump decided that he was going to make a ballroom and went ahead destroying the east wing without getting approval of anyone.

President Trump likes to say that the addition will not cost the American people anything as he has donors who will pay for it. We know how he likes to have his billionaire friends donate to him in exchange for his support of items they want passed. This is wrong!

President Trump does not respect history, it is time that we show him it is important to the American people and to keep his hands off! Stop his ballroom project.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:51:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled to see the East wing being destroyed by President Trump who is acting like a dictator, not an elected official. The White House isn't his private property, for him to alter such that he can throw larger parties. Rules matter!

Date: 2/13/2026 11:50:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Brinegar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The tearing down of the East Wing of the White House is both a travesty and a crime against ALL Americans. No President has the unilateral power to do this. His new 90,000 sqft "ballroom" should be stopped. You might as well put a big flashing neon sign on it saying his name with arrows flashing and pointing to the front door, on the front of it. That is how repulsive the idea of this is.

For 250 years, we have built a history of "us". Of America. Of our common past, present, and future. The White House is a symbol of our Democracy. Of our One Person, One Vote. Of our Face to the World. it took him just a few short days to completely destroy the Entire East Wing. He has destroyed a huge part of America. It Was OUR White House, not His.

It CANNOT be replaced with an atrocity like his "ballroom". America is not a cheap hotel that you rent out the conference room for holiday office parties and graduation celebrations. And now he wants to add "executive suites" !!! Is this to become our perpetual Trump Hotel??? He can't get one built in Moscow, so he will build one here, with taxpayer money??? You know that constantly increasing $350 million will never be spent on it. He does not operate that way. He has already destroyed the bathroom in the Lincoln Bedroom.

We CANNOT allow our history or our historic buildings to be destroyed on one man's whims. This Project must be stopped. We CANNOT let him continue with this ever-expanding ballroom. Currently, his plans will make it larger than the White House he has allowed to stay standing, for now. Deny him permission to build this ballroom hotel. Force him to rebuild the replacement East Wing, with the exact exterior it had before.

It CANNOT be allowed to continue. We must preserve our Historic and Iconic White House. And he must be held accountable for destroying OUR White House. He had no right to do this, and that ballroom should NEVER BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!!!

Thank You.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Freeman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the east wing has already been destroyed, continue with the ball room but at just half the size. Rebuild the west wing offices, etc back so the white house returns to be what it should be, the operation center of our presidency and the first family. The size of the buildings should be appropriate to not diminish the historical white house. Priority should be returning the building to what it was originally meant to be. A place for our executive branch to work and the first family to live comfortably with the first lady having appropriate space to contribute to the presidency and our country. The first lady is important and does meaningful work and should have offices to manage it.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:48:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Poss
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is certainly a significant building, but its primary purpose is to be the temporary residence of the POTUS' family. Large functions can and should be held in the many enormous venues which exist in Washington D.C. The exterior of the East Wing should be rebuilt so that it appears the same as it was before its destruction. The interior should be updated with modern wiring, lighting, plumbing, etc. It should be configured to serve the same functions it served before with adaptations to improve any areas which were outdated or underused. It should be decorated in such a way that it integrates the history of our country with functional and tasteful spaces. Furnishings which were (presumably) removed should be put back into their locations in the new structure. To completely refurbish would be wasteful. The NCPC should be the agency which selects and hires anyone who does any of the reconstruction of the White House Easy Wing. Since the current administration has demonstrated a failure to follow protocol, it should have no role in the project.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:46:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Carpenter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It seems a bit late to open up public comments only after the east wing has been destroyed.
This project is a vanity project of a seriously disturbed temporary resident of the White House and should not move forward at all.
Tearing down a historical space without presenting the idea to the public for comment before hand is unforgivable.The ballroom plan should be scrapped and something more appropriate built there.
Something that might possibly reflect what the real values of our country should be versus being another place to fill with gold leaf and marble that signifies nothing except greed and stupidity.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:46:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda McClamrock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please limit the size of the East Wing to keep it in scale with the residence. It should not be larger than the residence! Perhaps it should be replaced at exactly the size it had been.

Could a ballroom be placed behind the White House so that it doesn't destroy the beautiful proportions of the existing buildings.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:45:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyndy Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment Opposing Proposed East Wing Ballroom Construction

To the National Trust for Historic Preservation:

I write in strong opposition to the proposed construction of a ballroom within the East Wing of the White House, a designated National Historic Landmark.

The White House is not a private residence subject to discretionary expansion. It is a federally owned public trust property whose stewardship transcends any single administration. The President is a temporary occupant. The building belongs to the American people.

As a National Historic Landmark, the White House is afforded the highest level of recognition under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Section 110 of the NHPA imposes an affirmative obligation on federal agencies to protect and preserve historic properties under their jurisdiction. Additionally, Section 106 requires federal agencies to consider the effects of undertakings on historic properties and to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a meaningful opportunity to comment.

The introduction of a substantial new ballroom structure within the East Wing complex constitutes an "undertaking" under the NHPA. Any alteration that risks impairing historic character, spatial relationships, or integrity must be subjected to rigorous review, transparent documentation, and public consultation.

The assertion that construction would be "privately funded" is immaterial to preservation compliance. Federal stewardship obligations attach to the property itself, not the funding source. Private financing does not exempt a project from statutory review, nor does it mitigate long-term public costs, security implications, or maintenance burdens.

Major alterations to a National Historic Landmark demand necessity, restraint, and full legal compliance — not preference or convenience. Absent comprehensive preservation review and public transparency, approval of this proposal would undermine both the spirit and the letter of federal historic preservation law.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy L Murphy

Date: 2/13/2026 11:44:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Pierson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's hard to know where to begin with my opposition to everything about this project. Proper approvals for a structure of this scope, and the destruction that preceded it? This administration's disregard of law and propriety is the foundation for its disregard of the purpose and history of the White House itself. This monument to despotism, one man's vanity, and bad taste is un-American. It makes a mockery of the ideals on which the nation was founded. It is a bribery palace built with bribes. Its design, if that word can be used, defiles the austerity and scale of the People's House. It is a mortification and cannot be allowed.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:42:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Haldane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national monument, owned by the American people. It is not owned by Donald Trump. Renovations and demolition/replacement of a structure fall within the purview of ownership. Therefore, any significant changes to any part of the white House should be determined by the citizens of the United States. As the burden of cost for the proposed project (ie Trump's ballroom) will inevitably be borne by the taxpaying citizens, the plan also falls within of the citizens of the United States. The economy of the country is failing, as reflected in the increase of poverty and lack of affordability of the American people in their everyday lives. That and many other situations drastically indicate the need for taxpayer dollars to be spent on behalf of the people, not one man's ego.
Do not let this fiasco proceed.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:42:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment Opposing Construction of the East Wing Ballroom at the White House

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I urge that any proposal for an East Wing ballroom be halted pending rigorous preservation analysis and full public transparency — and that alternatives be explored that do not compromise the integrity of one of the nation's most important historic structures.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Murphy

Date: 2/13/2026 11:41:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Abbott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the East wing of the White House is a travesty. It should not be constructed; it should never have been started. It is an embarrassment to the American People. Stop the construction!

Date: 2/13/2026 11:41:36 PM
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Name: Meg Murphy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Respectfully submitted,

Meg Murphy

Date: 2/13/2026 11:41:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurel Landes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No ballroom. Please build back a historically pleasing East wing that matches the architecture of the present White House and West Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:40:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Fred Flores
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any changes to any part of the White House has to approved by the people of this country and Congress. Mr Trump took the initiative to make changes to the White House and did not follow the appropriate process. I ask the he follow proper procedure.

Trump wants to add a ballroom. The gaudy

description of the changes and gaudy gold decorations are inappropriate. The White House and changes attempted to be made are
Inappropriate. These changes are gaudy and inappropriate. They cheapen the people's house. At the same time, the money used could be put to better use for example: education, research for childhood cancer, or feeding the homeless and elderly who lack resources.

Thank you for your time,
Fred Flores

Date: 2/13/2026 11:35:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karynn MacKinnon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely not. The whole fact that this project was started without proper authorization or permits should doom this illegal project. Desecrating a national monument is inappropriate. The dubious funding is suspect and needs to be investigated. But mostly it's completely inappropriate to gild the White House and building an unnecessary ballroom sends the wrong the message for the house of a public servant answerable to the people.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:34:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Douglas Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT approve of this project without proper approvals and a chance for public and expert input as required by law.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:33:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kara Gniewek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is unwelcome and unnecessary. It does not benefit Americans. The White House is supposed to be the people's house. The current Administration has no consideration for history or ethical operations. They also have abysmal taste. It is a vanity project unbecoming of our nation.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:33:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tom Chamberlain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't actually know where to start. I can't really critique the project plan, because there doesn't seem to be one. I was shocked to see the historic East Wing unceremoniously demolished after Trump said it would not be touched. And I guess that sums up my problem with this "project." There was no process. There was no concrete proposal. Just unilateral action from a transient occupant of the nation's property that feels very much like vandalism.

I am opposed to the idea of a 90,000 square foot anything on the grounds of the People's House. I would rather see a restoration of the old east wing foot print. We don't need a ballroom. No one I know of wants to see one. No President should be allowed to act unilaterally and impulsively. It's just not right, and Trumps plunging popularity underscores this.

I vehemently oppose this project and urge you to reject and oppose it to the extent of your ability.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:33:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Earnol Brewster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an atrocity.
Please stop it and rebuild the East Wing!

Date: 2/13/2026 11:32:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Alderman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my opposition to the plans submitted for the East Wing Modernization Project.

While the White House has had several renovations and additions throughout our history, they have all been to accommodate the day-to-day business of the Executive branch; minor changes have been made to the residence side. This proposed renovation does not fall into either category.

The White House is preserved as a museum by Congress. The proposed renovation is not acting to preserve any part of the history of the building and does not show any type of modernization upgrades similar to the ones done during the Truman administration. Congress is the governing authority of Washington, D. C, and any requests to make changes to a federal museum should come from them, and this one has not.

From an economic standpoint, the proposed construction is a bad business move. Current balls or dinners that do not fit into the current spaces at the White House are held at local businesses, held at national museums with local businesses hired for the decorating and catering, or have a temporary tent set up on the White House lawn. Supporting those local businesses are a good, direct way to support the local and national economy.

The number of events you would need to take from local businesses and instead hold at the proposed ballroom in order to claim you have "saved money" on the rental costs would take decades, especially when combined with the tax revenue loss from not supporting these local businesses.

The proposed project is not preserving any of our nation's history, is not updating the White House to be able to handle the daily business of the Executive branch, and is not serving the American people in any way. The only option is to have original East Wing rebuilt.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:30:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Timothy Getz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NO GAUDY TRUMP BALLROOM! Restore wing to its historical greatness without ridiculous third-world, embarrassing, excessive gaudiness. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:29:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michele Kriz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A ballroom that dwarfs the White House is unseemly and elitist. The destruction of the historic East Wing without oversight and proper approvals is a travesty. In a country that cannot afford necessary basics to educate, feed, and house its citizens who have fallen behind in our economy, the last thing we need is a ballroom, and justifying it by claiming it will be funded by private parties who will expect favors for their investments — how could they not, when the same administration sells access for contributions — adds insult to injury.

The fact this project was undertaken under false pretenses (a claimed renovation, in reality a total tear down), without the necessary approvals, makes it even more insulting. No one is above the law in the USA.

I strongly urge you to deny approvals for any rebuilds that are not in keeping with the architectural integrity of the original design. This is not a country where kings can do whatever they wish to governmental structures that are owned by the American people and safeguarded by you.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:28:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hilary Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to this revolting ballroom project. As with so many other new developments in our society, I can barely bring myself to believe this is a real possibility. And yet, if we've learned nothing else in the last year, it's that the inconceivable turns out to be conceivable.

This simultaneously grotesque and tacky building has no right, on any level, to be built. It is in an affront to the country, to the law, to sanity, and to taste. In and of itself, it is hugely ugly, ridiculous, obscene and tracks exactly the features of its instigator's ego, corruption, and internal ugliness.

Please, please do not allow it to be built!

Sincerely, and with gratitude,
Hilary Brown

Date: 2/13/2026 11:25:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Horner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like millions of Americans before and after me, I believe that the White House stands as the physical embodiment of our democracy itself: it is not perfect, but it endures. As long as the flag rises over 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, so, too, does the dawn rise over a new day for our nation. The White House is so fixed in our country's pyschy that its very form is etched in our national consciousness. Throughout its 226 year history the mansion has faced many grave threats, from the British in 1814 to the Truman renovation of 1948. Had it not been the home of Abraham Lincoln, the White House may have fallen victim to the Victorian age of excess. It is, unquestionably, too small to accommodate throngs of people. It is, unquestionably, too old to accommodate every modern device. But that is precisely why the White House is so critically important to preserve, protect, and defend: it is among the very last structures in our nation that physically connects us to our founding. Every president since 1800 has understood that unspoken rule: do what needs to be done behind its walls, the White House must appear to remain unaltered. For two centuries no president has pierced its walls---not even Truman. And now we have a megalomanic detemined to recast the White House in his own imagine. This must not stand. This must not be allowed to proceed. The East Wing should be reconstructed as it was, the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden should be rebuilt, and a ballroom, if so desperately needed, could be built in a way which honors and blends in with the White House. This is not Mar-a-Largo, this is not Manhattan. This is the People's House, and we the vast majority of the people stand diametrically opposed to the President's plans for the "East Wing modernization." Please do what you know is right, what you know your children, grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren will thank you for: stop this ballroom and preserve our nation's heritage for your descendants.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:23:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Ferguson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's horrifying that Trump has destroyed an entire wing of the White House. The working people of the

United States will never see or dance in Trump's ballroom. What a waste! It's OUR White House. Not Trumps! It's disgusting!

Date: 2/13/2026 11:20:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Jo Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Mary Jo Williams
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Berman
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Hello. First, a question. Did the East Wing require demolition? Was the public asked before the bulldozers rolled? The answer, sadly, is a distinct no. This treatment of the People's House is an abomination. While many First Ladies have historically worked from these offices, our current First Lady spends most of her time in NYC. But what about the next generation of earnest women leaders who want to conduct work from the White House? Will they be relegated to the kitchen?
Having lived in DC, I know of many massive ballrooms already in exiatence. The incredible and historic

ballroom at the National Building Museum comes to mind. What a gem! Return the East Wing to its original scale please. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:18:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Emily Cahill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that this ballroom should be built. I think it is tasteless to build such a huge and gaudy building while inflation and rising prices have many Americans struggling to buy groceries and afford basic necessities. In addition, tearing down the eat wing was the destruction of a historic space. Lastly, I am concerned that it is being funded by private donors, including defense contractors and tech companies, because I believe that is a conflict of interest and could cause ethical issues.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:17:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Katie L
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

I believe the proposed ballroom is a disgrace and a complete disregard for the unique history and significance of the people's house. It is a project that is steeped in the unique ambitions of one man whose greed and narcissism should not leave a more permanent record on this country than they already have on the hearts and minds of this nations' electors.

We have few historic buildings so painstakingly preserved while simultaneously adapted to modern use. The white house should not be 'flipped' at the whims of any president who so blatantly disregards those who have occupied the space before them and the consequences of their leadership.

I say this is an American who spent formative years in my early career living and working in Paris. Versailles exists as a unique time capsule and memory of the crown, which has been enduringly replaced by democratic institutions- who pay tribute to history but do not attempt to revive the opulence and repression of the past.

Advancing the ballroom project at the proposed scale, or quite frankly any scale, is fiscally irresponsible, disconnected from reality, and disrespectful to the millions of American families who are pleading for our government to provide basic human rights like healthcare and education. It sends a clear message that the elite will continue to disregard the needs of the many to serve their narrow interests, fuel their egos, and destroy any monument, institution, or individual that are at odds with their dystopian vision of public service.

What's more, should an East Wing ballroom be built that dwarfs the original structure, it would symbolically assign leisure and entertaining as superior to the painstaking work of true governance and the pursuit of better futures for our children, our planet, and society.

As we have already seen all respect for precedent and authority sidelined, the NCPC must be severe and

exacting in its review of this proposal and exercise every tool at its disposal to prevent this structure from ever marking the skyline of Washington D.C.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:17:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Donaldson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition is, truly, a gaudy abomination. It is far too large in comparison to neighboring wings and to its importance. Its size makes it appear to be the principal section in the complex while, in reality, it is the least important. It is out of proportion to the rest of the complex architecturally speaking and in relationship to its role in government affairs. It also covers ground that would have far more appeal as a garden. Its ostentatiousness is obnoxious. Please, since you can't resurrect the old wing, at least reduce the size of this proposed structure to something in proportion to its neighboring wings.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:17:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nasrin Mazuji
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was very dismayed when the East wing was destroyed with no oversight or public input. It should be restored to its original design with the bribe money given to the present occupant of the WH and not with taxpayer dollars. The US does not need a gold plated ballroom paid for by oligarchs. The while project was tacky and unnecessary.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:16:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Trogu
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comment supports upgrading the East Wing to a room that, WE, THE PEOPLE, can be proud of when the foreign dignataries visit our Country. State dinners can then be held respectively without being crowded into the old wing. The new East Wing Ballroom will bring the United States up to the level of other Countries, which the U.S. citizens can be proud of when the visitors from other Countries visit our President...regardless of party affiliation! This project is funded from donations so the construction will not come from the taxpayers.

Make our Country respected world again! Look at Saudi Arabia and their areas, we need a room that is respectible and inpressive for our foreign visitors!

Date: 2/13/2026 11:16:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Meade
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After watching the January presentation on the preliminary design for the East Wing Ballroom, I find that I agree with Commissioner Mendelssohn. The new addition is out of scale to the White House and other buildings in the area. If it was not as tall or as large a building, it would blend in better with the surroundings. The current trees on the grounds will hide part of it, but trees don't live forever. If one or two die and are removed, there will then be a large starkly white ballroom building detracting from the beauty and importance of the White House.

Commissioners and architects said that Americans deserve a large venue for entertaining visiting dignitaries and holding special events. Very few Americans will ever be in that ballroom for such events, so it really isn't for the American people. While there is probably a need for a larger venue for such events, one must keep in mind that the United States of America is not a kingdom or monarchy or other empire that needs to impress with over-the-top grandeur and size. Is it realistic to expect the American people to foot the bills for 1000 people to be entertained and fed on the White House grounds? Perhaps something a little smaller, maybe 700-800 max, would be more appropriate. The comparison to King Charles entertaining in Windsor Castle is not relevant - we are not a kingdom, empire, with a royal ruler.

Future presidents may not choose to make use of such a large facility. And the American people will foot the bill to maintain this building, without ever getting to enjoy it. With construction, energy and maintenance costs rising year-over-year, a smaller building makes more sense. Presidents could welcome and entertain distinguished guests with a well-designed, high-class, and more intimate building that could accommodate 700 people or so. if, in the future, it is determined that a larger ballroom is needed, the design of this building appears to allow an addition to be built without tearing it down and starting over.

The US sites of importance have typically been built with a little restraint, while still including class, quality and endurance. Please continue this 250-year tradition.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:15:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monique White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe that a ballroom is necessary. I do believe that he (Trump) should have the wing built back like it was before he defaced a National Monument with his own money in his pocket. I also believe that he should be punished for destroying The PEOPLES HOUSE. Just like anyone who is caught defacing any National Monument.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:15:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Florence Harty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this monstrosity. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:13:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carissa Villalovos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a HEINOUS waste of resources. This project is a disgrace to the American people, who are drowning in debt, struggling with cost of living, and widespread housing crisis. This project is a disgusting waste of resources, and truly just another one of many representations of the gaudy, tacky, incompetent manner of this administration.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:13:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Autumn Dillon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support this change. The demolition of the White House before going through the appropriate process is appalling. The East Wing should be restored to what it was and not some grotesque testament to an administration that cares nothing for the American people.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teri Reed
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project that our current White House resident tried to complete without the input of the American people, is a travesty. He has treated the White House the way he has the country, by doing what he wants without regard for laws or regulations.
This entire project needs to be shut down and he should have to pay for the restoration from the billions he has profited from his time in office.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:12:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharie Shada
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, and we expect it to be taken care of that way. This wing should never have been demolished. However, now that it has been, I hope very careful consideration is taken for what comes next, and a glass ballroom is NOT it. The replacement should fit the existing style of the building, and connect to the ground level as it originally did. It should not connect to the East Room.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:12:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean Price
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How are you getting a thousand people anywhere close to the White House for a ball. Rebuild the East Wing, put Trump in jail.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:12:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alison Stankrauff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing as a concerned American, a lover of history, an archivist, and someone who loves her country. The proposed alteration of the White House is short-sighted and runs against keeping an important part of our shared American story intact.
PLEASE Do Not alter it!
Thank You,
Alison Stankrauff
Detroit, Michigan

Date: 2/13/2026 11:11:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the project based on the size of the planned project relative to the executive mansion. Additionally, the destruction of the East Wing of the White House is shameful and the administration should immediately cease and have an independent third party assess the actual feasibility of this ballroom while rebuilding the destroyed East Wing. Also, please do not let the administration cover everything in gold. It's unseemly and smacks of kings and royalty.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:10:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Watkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged by how this project was started and designed with absolutely no public input. The old East Wing was demolished with no advance warning and with no firm plans in place for the new construction to follow. Secondly, the proposed new ballroom is massively oversized and not architecturally complementary with the rest of the White House. This ballroom should not be larger than the historical "People's House" of America. We do not need a gilded monument to Donald Trump.

Please demand some reason, restraint, and architectural taste into this project.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:10:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Doug Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suggest a building on the same scale as the White House. Two, conceivably three, stories. The interior consisting mainly of offices and meeting rooms of various sizes. If there is a real need for a "ballroom" render it to scale and keep it modest. And get rid of all the silly gold bling.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:07:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eugene Debs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I vehemently oppose this destruction of our publicly owned building! The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is the most significant historic site in the United States. I demand that the National Capital Planning Commission take immediate action to halt this project.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:07:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Gregory
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom plan, a monstrosity, should be abandoned. Any addition larger than the actual White House damages the architectural sanctity of the White House, a building used twenty-four hours a day. Furthermore, a ballroom is like a football stadium, used very few evenings a year versus the grounds that are there 365 days a year. Does everyone who goes to a White House function get a tour of the house? No! Therefore, the president and guests may gather at one of DC's many hotel ballrooms to dine and dance.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:06:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: AC Cross
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern
The destruction of the East Wing done with no input from the American people is a disgrace and a disservice to our shared cultural heritage.
It should be stopped now and no further destruction should be allowed.
Thank you
AC Cross

Date: 2/13/2026 11:05:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Gallagher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In order to maintain the historic integrity of the White House, any addition should maintain the size and design of the original building. It should never have been demolished without public input and definitely should NOT exceed the size of the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:05:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Franich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not change the historic White House as we have known it. To destroy this part of the building that has been there for so many significant events is a tragedy.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:04:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Brinkerhoff-Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not a designer of historic buildings, but as a citizen, I believe the new wing of the Peoples' House should be:
-a size in proportion to the existing structure
-reflective of our nation's history
-useful in regard to modern needs, while maintaining dignity

and NOT a Ball Room!
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Date: 2/13/2026 11:02:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindy Hendrix
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Rebuild the East wing that blends with the White House, not an UNNECESSARY ball room. It is imperative that is historically accurate to the White House design and the aesthetics as the original architect James Hoban designed it. Putting up a huge building is irresponsible with our tax dollars and our national heritage. You can modernize the inside but the outside must remain historically accurate and in design with our internationally recognized main White House structure. This is the type of design that makes the District of Columbia so special and recognizable. Having a building larger than our White House would diminish its significance which has me questioning if that is the actual goal?
US Citizen, DAR member and Interior Designer

Date: 2/13/2026 11:02:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Schew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The complete destruction of the historic East Wing is an abomination.

This is not Trump’s White House, it belongs to the United States of America and any and all modifications, renovations, demolition and construction should take place under the strictest supervision to pay homage to the historical significance of the building and its surroundings. Any construction should also be transparent with respect to budgeting and funding. Trump has claimed “private donors” have paid for too many projects already without any financial transparency. It’s more likely that these donors are participating in pay to play or bribery for favors in connection with their private interests.
The East Wing should be restored to its former condition and expansion projects should be halted permanently unless and until they are appropriately approved.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:01:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. Mha Atma Khalsa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a concerned American citizen and taxpayer, I am outraged at President Trump's illegal destruction of the East Wing and his plans for an outrageous gigantic ballroom that would dwarf the rest of the White House. Congress should step in and take over plans to rebuild the East Wing in a manner that respects the overall architecture of the White House and the fact that the White House belongs to the American people and not to Trump, who is a very temporary resident.

Date: 2/13/2026 11:01:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Coon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House should not be a palace, but a place that the common man can be welcomed. It is not a place for the wealthy to be shmoozed or for "pay to play." It should be inkeeping with the whole structure, not overwhelming it. Hold the line.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:58:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deanna Gustavson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I want the destruction of the East wing (for Trump's concrete ballroom) to stop!

Plans for reconstruction should be presented to the National Planning Commission for approval before beginning any new construction.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:56:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shaun Treat
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:55:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mockus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not a palace because we are not a monarchy. The East wing should be office space in keeping with the service our government and its employees should provide.
There is no need for a ballroom.
Even if the ballroom's construction is funded by donations, it will require tax payers to fund upkeep, maintenance and the events that happen there.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:55:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Hamby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern :

It concerns the American people , that this occupier of the people's house is not allowed to do any more damage to the public s property like he has done so far . He is decorating like trailer park trash person and spending our money like water while he abuses the American people on a daily basis .
What he has done to the east wing he should be jailed for destroying public property and be made to pay to rebuild it like it was ,but he isn't allowed to have anything to do with it only the preservation. While we're at it put back the rose garden and he should pay for that as well .
He is a disgrace and his actions are a disgrace and what he has done to the people's house he should be removed like a renter when they destroy your property.
Thank you and please do not let him touch anything else .

Date: 2/13/2026 10:55:18 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Brodsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel we should respect the history of the White House and its grounds, as well as the scale and architectural style of the site and the surrounding district. I recommend the East Wing be rebuilt, with simiilar exterior style, and not much larger than what existed previousl, and with similar interior decor and finishes, and improved security and other technology infrastructure. The East Wing itself had its own history that has now been erased, though we have a chance to bring back something that respects the architecture, history, and usage of what existed for many years. The ballroom as currently conceived, is not appropriate for the site, because it is too big, wasteful, projects a level of opulence and triumphalism that most Americans can never experience, and probably will be shuttered and shunned during administrations of future Democractic Presidents. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:53:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Cutler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for allowing the public to comment on the expansion of the White House, the people's house. The White House has served 43 presidents since 11/1/1800 and has been an important symbol of the greatness of our country. However, a new massive wing will dominate and overshadow the original White House. From what I have seen, the ballroom will be completely out of proportion with the rest of the building. Will this new Trump Room be available to the public or just for the president's inner circle? Is there really a need for this huge addition?

Date: 2/13/2026 10:51:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The name of this project is itself a joke and an offense. What I have read and seen only validates the need for a thoughtful process before touching national treasures like the White House. The proposed ballroom is an architectural and aesthetic monstrosity, woefully bereft of elegance or taste. I am disgusted.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:51:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karl Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission Members,
The White House is a historic national treasure. It was designed and built to be a permanent symbol of our democracy. Trump has no right and no authority to destroy the East Wing and replace it with a gaudy memorial to his failed presidency. All work on this desecration must cease until it is determined that he has the authority to raze this historic landmark.
I would like a response including an explanation how he was allowed to do this.
Karl Johnson
[redacted]

Date: 2/13/2026 10:50:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alexander Vollmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Designating this project as an "enhancement" is a travesty on the English language.

This effort is a decimation of a revered national structure and should be halted forthwith all as it is for one person's super-inflated ego!

I strongly oppose this monstrosity and request that the structure be reconstructed to its prior configuration!

Date: 2/13/2026 10:49:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Kane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Of course, it's far too big and overshadows the White House itself.

Why does the new wing have Corinthian columns while the rest of the White House has Ionic columns?

Date: 2/13/2026 10:48:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Philip Reimer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No, no, no!

This is a Trump ego project, not a project for the American people.
This is a project for a thief, a liar, and a molester.
This project would look completely out of place with the surrounding buildings.
This project is ugly and gross.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:47:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: john loventhal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need to build an outlandishly expensive balroom which nobody including Trump will ever need.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:46:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Holton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The so-called "ballroom" is grotesque in size and purpose. The drawings show it diminishing the White House, which should not be allowed by anyone under any conditions. Any addition, if considered seriously, should be subordinate to the White House in size/scale and balance the footprint.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:46:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Nardella
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against Trumps ballroom. This is a vanity project by a man who has no respect for the history of the East Wing which he destroyed. In addition, I object to his private funding of this project. It raises to the level of bribery. We don't need a ballroom, we need a president who cares about our country and its people NOT billionaires.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:45:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellen Harmon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed size of the replacement for the now defunct East Wing seems way out of proportion to the

White House itself. A smaller ballroom might be in order as this is not the country nor the economic climate for grandiose, lavish public institutions.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:43:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cindee Moyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed "ballroom" which is to be connected to the new East Wing is a monstrosity. It dwarfs the White House and is NOT in keeping with the style of the White House. The east Wing was destroyed, lost all its history and should NOT be replaced with a gaudy gigantic building that does not even match the architecture of the White House. It will look like a square boxy Godzilla hanging over the People's House.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:43:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose building a large ballroom where the East Wing was. The East Wing should never have been torn down without permits and public notice. There should be public input into any plans for the replacement of the East wing. The plans should go through a thorough vetting to make sure that what is built is appropriate for the site and the historic importance of the White House

Date: 2/13/2026 10:43:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: anita simons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. No president has the right to demolish any part of the White House and certainly any remodeling must be approved by Congress. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. This administration has gone rogue with our national treasures and must be stopped and held accountable.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:42:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tim Reeder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,
I am submitting this comment to express my deep concern and strong opposition regarding the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom within the White House complex.
The reported removal of the East Wing represents a profound and irreversible loss to a site that belongs not to any administration or individual, but to the American people. The White House is a national historic resource and a symbol of the continuity of our democracy. Any action that permanently alters its structure, character, or historical integrity should only occur following full transparency, public engagement, and appropriate congressional authorization.
The fact that demolition has already occurred raises serious concerns about process, oversight, and stewardship. Decisions affecting a site of this national significance must follow established preservation standards, including thorough review under federal historic preservation and environmental procedures. If such review was incomplete, bypassed, or insufficient, corrective action is warranted.
The proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom further compounds these concerns. A structure of this size would significantly alter the scale, landscape, and historic character of the White House grounds. Such a major addition does not reflect preservation—it represents a substantial transformation of a historic site whose integrity should be protected for future generations.
Additionally, the use of private funding for permanent structural changes to a national historic property raises serious ethical and governance concerns. Public landmarks must remain free from any perception that private financial interests can shape their long-term development. The White House is public property, and its evolution must be guided solely by public interest, lawful authority, and transparent oversight.
Given the circumstances, I respectfully urge the National Capital Planning Commission to take the following actions:
• Immediately halt any further construction or site alteration related to the proposed ballroom
• Conduct a full review of the demolition process, including compliance with congressional authority, historic preservation requirements, and federal review procedures
• Require full congressional authorization before any new construction of this magnitude is permitted
• Develop and require a plan to restore or appropriately reconstruct the East Wing in a manner consistent with its historic character and established preservation standards
The physical integrity of the White House is a matter of national trust. When changes occur without clear public accountability, that trust is weakened. The American people expect careful stewardship, adherence to law, and respect for the historical significance of this national symbol.
I urge the Commission to exercise its authority to protect the historic character, public ownership, and long-term integrity of the White House complex.
Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to responsible stewardship of our nation's historic resources.
Respectfully,

Date: 2/13/2026 10:40:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Steward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a member of the Village of Frankfort, Illinois, Historic Preservation Commission I am proud to participate in the process of reviewing all external changes within our historic district. A public hearing allows comments and input from all who so desire. Most, if not all, municipalities in the nation with historic districts follow similar democratic processes to protect, change, or add to their historic assets.

Thus, I am appalled and disappointed that there was no review before the demolition of the East Wing of the "People's House" and the proposed construction of a ballroom. This was the destruction of American history without any discussion of the merits or demerits of the project. This is not a political issue but an effort to protect American material history. If there is to be new construction to replace the old site that should be held up to public review and comment. Before such national treasures are permanently changed, the American people deserve to have a voice in the process.

I urge all parties involved to stop, look, and listen before any new construction resumes. It would be nice if the new construction involved American citizens in the process reflecting the ideals of the 175 year-old Declaration of Independence. The White House is the people's house and any changes should include the people's input.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:40:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lanie Lass
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historian, taxpayer and citizen, I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. I do not believe companies and donors should be permitted to fund a ballroom or other construction or renovation plans at the White House, because funders may ask for or expect special favors and lobbying. The President does not own the White House. It is a temporary residence and temporary office space during a term, not a personally owned property. Perhaps the President can purchase land elsewhere in Washington, DC with his own finances and build a ballroom, conference center and hotel. It is not clear whether workers were subjected to asbestos. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:37:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the enduring symbol of the presidency. The office is bigger than the person who occupies it at any given moment. Because of this, significant changes to it should not be made unilaterally.

The changes underway are so significant that they require an unbiased analysis of their impact. From what little has been made public, it appears that these changes go far beyond modernization. They change the fundamental nature of the building. It is outsized, overbearing, and will destroy the beauty of a building that has been carefully developed over 200 years.

More importantly, it will create exactly what Washington and Jefferson did not want - a place fit for a king. The White House was designed to be modest in comparison to the homes of European monarchs. It is the home of an elected leader, not royalty.

Any addition should not compete with the central structure and be consistent with the values that drove the orginal design.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:37:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Schofield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Additionally, the design should reflect that this is the People's House. It should be modest and moderate not glitzy and flashy.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:33:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Tamor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The "East Wing Modernization Project" is a joke and an abomination. The White House is SUPPOSED to be "The People's House", but only rich toadies to our current president are ever going to go to this stupid ballroom.

I AM UTTERLY OPPOSED TO this "East Wing Modernization Project".

It is appalling that this president has torn down the East Wing of the White House and wants to build this monstrosity.

UGH.

Thank you for taking my comments. I only wish they would make a difference.

-Sarah Tamor

Date: 2/13/2026 10:31:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Butler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Folks,

When we need desperately food for hungry children in the country, our infrastructure fixed so our bridges don't fall down, homes for the growing homeless, and healthcare for huge numbers of uninsured families, I think the ballroom plan is frivilous. That said, the East Wing and the rose gardens are already destroyed. No

one was consulted for that demolition. Now this ostentatious ballroom meant just to give a stage to the preformance of politicians who serve themselves rather than serving the people they have been elected to serve, is embarassing and demoralizing to citizens who live lives of moral integrity, of kindness to their families and to their communities and who govern their daily lives with prudence and common sense. We are seeing a structure glorifying greed and pomposity being attached to the White House, rather than any inspiration of the values of freedom and benevolent world leadership that used to charactoerize our beautiful USA. My heart is sad.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:28:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronda Reynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was destroyed without thought or permission. The historic integrity of the People's House should be restored. Update the wiring, safety, and energy management systems but the historic structure should be restored. It is an American tragedy that a historical monument was destroyed without foresight. The current president does not have the authority to destroy the People's House. Our House must be respected and protected.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:25:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Burr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a travesty. The proposed ballroom as described is out of proportion with the remaining White House building. The rebuilding of the East Wing must be in keeping with the historic and aesthetic value of the remaing structure. A significant history was lost when the East Wing was illegally demolished. The White House does not belong to its temporary tenant (the President), but to the American people. The whim of one man to destroy its legacy and build a monument to himself and his cronies must not be allowed. Federal law spells out the steps that need to be taken in order to alter historically significant and protected spaces. The White House is more than a building; it is a symbol of America recognized the world over, and as such, must be preserved and respected. Ideally the East Wing should have been modernized within, not razed. Let us hope that it will be rebuilt in a tasteful manner that reflects the historical significance of the White House and not that of a gilt crazy narcissist.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:25:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron McGill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO BEGIN! Restore the east wing and SCRAP the entire monstrosity ballroom project. This was all to stroke the ego of a conman, grifter, rapist CRIMINAL. End it!!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 10:24:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: jean a rice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not let that idiot ruin the white house!

Date: 2/13/2026 10:23:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sean Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am firm in the belief that the proposed addition of a ballroom as it has been designed is completely inappropriate in scale in comparison to the historic White House. I am not debating the need of or not needing such an addition. Rather, what has been presented is just completely out of scale when inserted into the existing White House complex. The entire historic White House complex has evolved over the centuries, reflecting the needs and tastes of current presidents. Any changes have always been thoughtful, studied, and in keeping with the dignified design of the President's House. This project does not reflect any of this.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:22:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Bidwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Such a huge tragedy that the East Wing was demolished without due process. I was angry and appalled. Now, I am not in favor of a ballroom which will be built on top of a data center and other necessary facilities. I suggest the gaping wall be closed with appropriate design. Then cover the area with rich soil and build (or rebuild) a rose garden and, perhaps, an orchard of heritage fruits and nuts to preserve native species. We do not need more spectacle and merriment for the rich from around the world. We do need more natural spaces to remind the country that we are only one cog in an interlocking system that supports us and that we are responsible for.

The ballroom is the personal fantasy of an angry, evil man. Do NOT build it.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:22:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Frank A Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No Ballroom...

Date: 2/13/2026 10:21:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tiffany Schmitt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the addition of a large ballroom at the White House.

The White House is not merely a residence; it is a carefully evolved architectural document spanning more than two centuries. Originally designed by James Hoban in a restrained neoclassical style, the building reflects the architectural ideals of the early republic. Introducing a large new ballroom risks disrupting the proportional balance and compositional harmony that define the structure's historic character.

As a National Historic Landmark and global symbol of American democracy, the White House represents continuity, restraint, and institutional stability. Significant structural additions—particularly those driven by contemporary functional demands—may shift its identity from a preserved civic monument to a modernized executive complex, potentially diluting its symbolic gravitas.

Also, historic architecture often derives its power from restraint. The White House's scale is intentionally modest when compared to European palaces, reinforcing the American rejection of monarchy. Adding a grand ballroom could unintentionally evoke the scale and ceremonial excess associated with royal residences, undermining the philosophical foundations embedded in its design.

The White House's setting—particularly the South Lawn—is integral to its architectural composition. The building was designed as part of a broader landscape ensemble. Any significant new structure risks altering sightlines, spatial relationships, and the historic setting that contribute to its architectural significance.

It is not necessary to make such a change when alternatives already exist. State dinners and large receptions are already accommodated within existing spaces such as the East Room or at nearby venues. Expanding the building footprint for occasional ceremonial use do not justify the long-term architectural and preservation impact on one of the nation's most significant historic resources.

For these reasons, I oppose adding a large, out-of-scale ballroom to the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:17:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andy Fox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new building should look exactly like the one that was illegally torn down -- at least from the outside.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:17:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Day Gravel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the destruction that has occurred of the White House. I am appalled that the East Wing Modernization Project has not only happened but has been allowed to continue without following the process. The White House is a National Landmark that is owned by the American people. Please DO NOT approve a 90,000 square foot ballroom that has been funded by private donors to secure favors.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:16:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Herrmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The recent modernization proposals for the White House East Wing raise serious and legitimate concerns regarding scale, transparency, and fidelity to the historic character of the presidential complex. While modernization and infrastructure upgrades are both necessary and expected for a working executive complex, the size and scope of the East Wing projects appear to push beyond routine rehabilitation and into transformative expansion. Such expansion warrants careful public scrutiny, particularly when it affects one of the most symbolically and architecturally significant structures in the United States.
The East Wing has historically played a supporting role to the Executive Residence, housing offices for the First Lady and staff while maintaining a relatively modest architectural profile. Its scale has traditionally deferred to the prominence and neoclassical dignity of the main residence. However, current proposals suggest substantial reconfiguration, underground expansion, and structural modernization that could alter the spatial balance within the White House complex. Even when additions are largely below grade, excavation, structural reinforcement, and mechanical system overhauls can materially affect the historic fabric of adjacent buildings, landscapes, and sightlines.
A central concern is whether the cumulative massing and footprint of the modernization efforts respect the established scale of the historic structure. The White House complex was never intended to resemble a sprawling federal campus; its architectural power lies in proportion, restraint, and clarity of design. Expansions that incrementally enlarge the East Wing risk diminishing that restraint. Changes that may seem modest in isolation can collectively alter circulation patterns, landscape features, and the experiential character of the grounds.
Equally troubling is the piecemeal manner in which the broader White House complex plans have been presented. When modernization projects are segmented into discrete initiatives—mechanical upgrades here, underground additions there, security adjustments elsewhere—it becomes difficult for observers, preservation advocates, and oversight bodies to assess the total cumulative impact. Transparency requires more than isolated project descriptions; it requires a comprehensive master plan that illustrates how each component fits into a unified long-term vision.
Without a holistic presentation, stakeholders cannot fully evaluate compliance with preservation standards or determine whether the work respects the historic scale and integrity of the Executive Residence and its surroundings. Incremental approvals may unintentionally bypass deeper scrutiny that would accompany a

single, consolidated proposal. This approach risks normalizing expansion by degrees rather than confronting the architectural and symbolic implications head-on.
The White House is not merely an occupied residence or office building; it is a national symbol whose architectural continuity conveys stability and democratic tradition. Alterations to its East Wing should be guided by the highest preservation principles, including reversibility where possible, minimal intervention, and clear deference to the original design hierarchy. Modern needs—security, accessibility, infrastructure resilience—can and should be accommodated, but not at the expense of proportion and historic character. At a minimum, a comprehensive disclosure of all current and anticipated modernization initiatives within the complex is warranted. Such transparency would allow for informed evaluation of cumulative scale, visual impact, and long-term precedent. The American public deserves confidence that changes to this iconic structure are undertaken with restraint, respect, and full appreciation of its historic significance.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:14:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Wollenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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While a ballroom is useful for state functions, as shown it is oversized and would dwarf the Residence. The design should be better integrated with the historic character of the existing structure.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elaine Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the “People’s House” and Donald Trump does not have the right to rip down part of this great symbol of the United States and our Constitution. The wound should be filled in and a garden should be planted. No replacement to the East Wing should occur during the current administration as the funds to rebuild should be allocated by Congress, not from extorted funding from the American oligarchs.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:09:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeffery Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop all construction and restore what was demolished. This is the people’s house and should be reopened for public tours.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:09:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The vandalism of the East Wing was an abomination. And no one wants a giant faux-Versailles "ballroom" to overshadow the entire White House. There is no need for anything of the sort. Donald Trump should be made to pay to restore the damaged White House as it was, with fresh materials. And the dump of the asbestos-laden rubble needs to be remediated properly too.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:08:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Black
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a person that grew up in the DC area, I was blessed with opportunities to visit the monuments, Smithsonians and historical buildings that made me proud of our American Heritage, especially those that made these places living tributes for all to experience. When I saw the demolished East Wing, I was brought to tears that such callous destruction of American history happened and all I could think of was how it was pure greed and selfishness behind such a horrendous act! It will never be the same and unfortunately, these plans to build a "ballroom," which appears to again be due to pure greed and selfishness, will further bankrupt our glorious standards for historical places in DC, as well as add to the National Debt. Neither are good for everyday Americans. To continue to insult us by stating it's a security issue further illustrates just how removed the wealthy are from any true reality for everyday Americans. I cannot, morally or ethically, believe that any politician would support this "ballroom" plan unless that politician is inept and does not understand their position is to support their constituents, not "kiss the ring!"
DO NOT LET THIS TRAVESTY HAPPEN. TOO MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN LOST!

Date: 2/13/2026 10:08:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Todd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A fundamental aspect of design of the White House is the simplicity, elegance and modesty of the White House itself.

This will be destroyed by the tasteless monstrosity proposed for the East Wing.

If the construction is for some reason authorized to proceed, plans for the removal of the structure should also be required at the same time.

Gregory Todd

Date: 2/13/2026 10:07:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Volpato
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

The White House Complex does not belong to Trump and any major changes he wishes to make MUST include the opinion of the people of these United States and the Historical Committee. It is the Peoples' House not the Trump House! I vote NO ballroom and he must rebuild the East Wing to it's original design.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:06:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Dannenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unnecessary ballroom should comply with all required regulations for renovations. All permits must be obtained before construction begins. A committee of Historic Preservationists should make all design decisions not one narcissistic man with no architectural design experience. Remember he destroyed the Bonwit Teller logo in NYC after promising he would preserve it. The ballroom size should be limited to fit in asthetically with its environs. And it should NOT be named after 47. It should be called the East Wing.
I actually think the East Wing should be reconstructed to its original design at 47's expense. It was torn down illegally with no repercussions. The demolition company should lose their licenses.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:04:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Sheehy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people's house.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:04:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sara Core
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am against this ridiculous vanity project of Pres. Trump. But the old East Wing has already been torn down, so I'm not sure what to say or ask for! We do NOT need a huge ballroom, and the gold fixtures that I have seen pictures of are gaudy and cheap looking! This president is not going to stop until he has taken over everything as dictator! Stop this now! Rebuild it as it was, in proper proportion to the rest of the White House. Even if "private donors" have funded this, that $ could be used to provide healthcare to folks without insurance, or food for the hungry! Get your priorities straight!

Date: 2/13/2026 10:04:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First - this project is rather "cart before horse," is it not? If done correctly, the current administration would have gotten feedback and permission for the project first, not after they tore the East Wing down. Given that the damage is done to the people's house, I want to say that I am completely and totally against this "modernization" project, as would be anyone who believes in our democracy. The only thing I would suggest for that space now, except for rebuilding it exactly as it was before, is a hall for a "Museum of Democracy," a facility that documents the lies and crimes of the Trump years as we come to know the full scope of them, the gaps in our laws that allowed he and his cronies to exploit our democracy, and warnings to future generations of what we had, what we lost, and what we must never allow again.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:04:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I'll understand the need for updating and modernizing the White House, I don't find a 90,000 sq ft ballroom practical. How often is a ballroom needed, 4-6 times a year, if there is a way to make the space smaller in scale,not over powering the White House itself, and design a space that could fulfill day to day needs and be converted into a larger event space as needed, it would make sense. But not as a space that will collect dust but cost money for upkeep. Come up with a better alternative that meets the day to day needs of the White House and it's staff.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:03:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historian devoted to the architectural and civic integrity of our nation's capital, and as one who has walked the corridors of the Executive Mansion with reverence for its layered past, I rise in unequivocal opposition to the construction of a ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House unless and until it passes the full and transparent scrutiny of every appropriate architectural, historical, preservation, and congressional review body — and is funded through duly authorized public appropriations.
The White House is the People's House. It is the residence of the President; it is not his private estate. Its walls enshrine not merely the lives of individual officeholders, but the constitutional continuity of the Republic. Every brick and balustrade belongs, symbolically and legally, to the American people.

History provides clear precedent. When Theodore Roosevelt undertook the 1902 renovations that formalized the West Wing and added the third floor, he did so within the structures of federal authority and professional oversight. When Harry S. Truman confronted the near structural collapse of the mansion and authorized its comprehensive gut renovation between 1948 and 1952, he did so only after Congress approved the effort — an undertaking of immense national consequence carried out transparently and at public expense. The controversial Truman Balcony itself was debated openly, reviewed architecturally, and defended as a necessary structural and functional enhancement.

Later presidents likewise acted within institutional bounds. John F. Kennedy, working closely with Jacqueline Kennedy and preservation experts, initiated a historically rigorous restoration that treated the White House as a museum of American democracy rather than a canvas for personal taste. Barack Obama

authorized modernizations and security updates through established federal processes, subject to professional consultation and congressional appropriations. None of these changes occurred at the whim of one individual. None bypassed oversight. None were justified by ego or spectacle.

To proceed with the demolition of a portion of the White House complex and the construction of a grand ballroom without full review by preservation authorities, architectural commissions, congressional committees, and the public itself would represent not progress but desecration. The White House is not merely a functional residence; it is a national monument, a site of collective memory, and a living symbol of constitutional order.

The destruction of any portion of this historic complex absent due process would not be an act of stewardship. It would be an act of erasure.

Those who authorize such demolition — including contractors and crews who would carry it out — must understand that they would not be participating in a neutral construction project. They would be altering a protected national symbol whose preservation is a matter of public trust. Accountability must attach to all who would treat this civic inheritance as disposable.

A ballroom may flatter the vanity of an administration. But the White House was not built to glorify individuals; it was built to house the office of the Presidency within a constitutional framework that outlives them all. If expansion is truly necessary, let it proceed through lawful appropriations, professional preservation review, and full public transparency. Let it be funded by the people, debated by their representatives, and designed in harmony with the architectural and historical integrity of the Executive Mansion.

Anything less would betray the very principles the building was meant to embody.

Date: 2/13/2026 10:01:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hollie Wolverton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing to oppose the 90,000 sq ft ballroom addition to the White House, which would be a blight on this historic building that belongs to all Americans. If an expansion is necessary, it should be carefully and fully reviewed by the appropriate parties BEFORE any construction starts and the scope of the project should be aligned to the building itself, not overpower it. The architectural design and decor should also be in sync with the building's history and purpose as home for democracy (not a gilded castle for a king).

Date: 2/13/2026 9:59:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Smock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump must be held accountable for the destruction of the White House’s east wing, and pay for the complete restoration of all damage done, so it is rebuilt exactly as it was!
Trump has no right or authority to destroy any national monument or building. Trump himself and his family is a desecration to the White House and to the United States, and must be removed from the White

House ASAP by any means necessary.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:59:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kris Miles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization project:

The wanton destruction of the East wing of the White House without public discourse is unsettling.

We the people have established rules for Historic Preservation, more especially in the District of Columbia. There is a process in place to prevent wholesale destruction of Historic Properties.

The occupants of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue have a duty, to be good stewards of the property, they are merely tenants. What property owner would allow a tenant to demolish a building they do not own. There would be consequences.

Please restore the East Wing immediately. The tenant should bear the cost individually.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:56:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Ragusea
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing must be properly proportional to the main building.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:56:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Cadbury
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am outraged at the action of the president in tearing down one of our national treasures without any public consultation or input from National Historical Conservation organizations. I believe he should have to rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was and at his own personal expense. Once it is fully restored, he is welcome to apply to the appropriate entities for permission to make any changes he feels are necessary, and await the results of public and expert consultations before proceeding with any changes to The People's House. The man needs to be taught a lesson.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:55:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people.. All people. It does not belong to the president. It is the residence of the president during his or her term. The proposed ballroom will dwarf surrounding structures & work was begun without affording the peoplen an opportunity to make comments. What might look good in West Palm Beach does not necessarily look good in DC. The White House now looks like a Vegas cheap casino with cheap gold paint on everything. No ballroom..

Date: 2/13/2026 9:55:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellin Klor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House, not Donald Trump's house. I strongly object to the inappropriate size of the project, the destruction of historic East Wing offices, and the high handed, unaccountable manner in which the project has moved forward.

It is time for architects and contractors with the respect for history and tradition that the White House deserves to scale back this project and remove it from the control of a man and his staff who are singularly unqualified to finish the wretched destruction that they started.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:54:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Shaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish to express my opposition to the addition of a 90,00 sq ft ballroom to the White House. This project is an ill conceived vanity project which would greatly diminish the historical integrity of the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:54:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rita Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This past autumn the Trump administration tore down one of the most important historic structures in Washington, DC, the East Wing of the White House. In doing so, they totally demolished a historic building built in 1902 and renovated in 1944, without regard for Section 109 of The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, Pub. L. 89–665, 80 Stat. 915) is legislation intended to preserve historic and archaeological sites

in the United States. The act created the National Register of Historic Places, the list of National Historic Landmarks, and the State Historic Preservation Offices.

The President now wishes to replace the East Wing with a building designed to engulf the main Whitehouse being planned at 90,000 square feet. In addition, the new building does not take into account the dignity and Thomas Jefferson concept of a presidential home fit for an elected citizen but not a king. This is a grotesque replacement without proper consideration of the historic nature of the site and even illegal under the 1966 act.

Adding to this destruction of a public national registered building is the secrecy with which this new building is being planned. It is unknown if there was proper asbestos mitigation during the demolition, proper permitting precured before beginning the take down, and proper archaeological and environmental surveys performed as per legal requirements. It is also unknown whether the architect has taken into account the appropriate respect for the Whitehouse and west wing proportions as well as the historic positioning of the destroyed historic rose garden and Jefferson visitor entrance.

This is not a renovation but a purposeful and selfish replacement and if it doesn't follow proper reviews for historical preservation and appropriateness for its site, then it should not be constructed and the money should be used to rebuild the 1944 building along with any remnants of its 1902 predecessor.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:54:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: kathy raimondi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored exactly the way it was. The only updates should be ADA accessibility. It was an historic building that should never have been torn down. We the people do not need a ballroom or a huge monstrosity of a building that overshadows the West Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:53:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Tackett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past processes as adhere to by EVERY OTHER ADMINISTRATION for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house and the people should have been consulted BEFORE demolition of the East wing. The focus of the building(s) of the White House and grounds are to provide a living and working space for the person holding the office, their family, and the staff who need to work closely on a day-to-day basis with the President. Congress should be consulted and provide approval prior to any demolition or major construction where government funds are being expensed, as is their obligation according to the “Powers of the Purse”.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:52:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith JHoeflschweiger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unilateral destruction of the East Wing of the White House {The People's House} is an insult to the nation. Not only were prescribed procedures not followed, but it also appears to have been impulsive and self-serving. This administration had already destroyed the Rose Garden. Which also belongs to the Nation. Not the individual living there. The minimum redress would be replacement of the structure. It also seems equitable to fine the administration for desecration of public property.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:52:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the members of the National Commission Planning Committee,
I oppose the grandiose ballroom. I do not support the destruction of the East Wing (or the elimination of the Rose Garden or the updates to the Lincoln Bedroom).
If there is to be a ballroom, I prefer it to be equitable in size, appearance and historical architectural accuracy as to the prior East Wing. i support the preservation of historical sites as being kept to the original presentations, and having accurate historical details, not excluding facts. I also sadly acknowledge the already destroyed East Wing which could have been upgraded in a humble fashion following and adhering to legal protocols while supporting the meaning of
'The People's House'. Please make sure the East Wing truly tangibly matches and balances the rest of the building in the style of the present architecture both internally and externally.
Thank you for your time and service.
Catherine McCarthy

Date: 2/13/2026 9:51:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rev. Grace Ferris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that Donald Trump should be compelled to restore the East Wing to what it was at his expense. Architecturally and aesthetically the former East Wing provided balance and symmetry to the White House complex, resulting in elegance befitting of its purpose. The monstrosity proposed by Mr. Trump would grossly overshadow the White House itself while cheapening the entire institution of the executive branch. If, as Mr. Trump claims, presidents have been wanting such a facility for 150 years, it would have been built. The proposed ballroom is nothing more than a monument to himself conceived and built by an extreme narcissist. The Trump ballroom would be to the District of Columbia what “truck nuts” are to a pick-up truck.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:50:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leigh Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House by its current tenant and do not wish to see any more modifications to this historic structure, no matter who is paying for them.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:50:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joyce Frohn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project proves to the world that the USA is just another Third World Country, building huge useless buildings to celebrate leaders without doing anything for the people of the country.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:49:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the east wing is an affront to the historic meaning of our White House.
To turn it into the glorification of one man is an abomination.
Certainly, renovations of any building of historic significance should be reviewed and directed by the persons qualified to do so.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:48:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cora Peirce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historic Preservation Laws are to be upheld and not as an after thought.
The total disregard for due process and discussion about such an undertaking was deliberately ignored. The fact that it was destroyed without proper consultation for such a vital historical property, has the potential to set precedent for others to follow suit.

I do not care about a gold leaf ball room or a bunker to protect some financial contributors and their families…
I care about the future ahistorical preservation of historical property that are now at risk, due to these illegal actions on this undertaking.
Show me how this ill thought destruction of the East Wing benefited the Citizens of the USA?!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 9:47:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to its previous form immediately.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:46:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Saville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners,

I have reviewed your project materials and watched your Jan 8, 2026 hearing on the East Wing Modernization Project. Based on the drawings presented, I considered the new East Wing to be out of scale. The addition overwhelms the original central building in both size and height. As a landscape architect, I appreciated the consideration being given to the pedestrian level views from Pennsylvania Ave NW and E St NW. I believe the proposal, if built as shown during the hearing, will look awkward and disproportionate from both streets. I was skeptical when I heard comments suggesting that the future plantings will mask the oversized addition. I don't believe this is accurate or appropriate.

The project team indicated that they will be bringing multiple items to you, including a new visitors' entrance (I may have the name wrong--apologies) to replace trailers now being used, and I believe they mentioned changes to the West Wing? I would ask that the team return with at least a schematic of their campus plan together with a revised proposal with a smaller footprint and lower height for the East Wing.

Thank you for providing this opportunity for commenting.

Leslie Saville
Kensington, MD

Date: 2/13/2026 9:46:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Shockley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

First off I cannot believe an entire Whitehouse wing can just be demo'ed instantly with just no approvals or anything....but here we are and what is built back needs to be the best it can be .
1. Nothing taller or wider than what was there.
2. Though I'm not a classical architecture fan the exterior look does need to fit in with what's left.
3. Create an office suite for the future First Ladies.
4. No dining room needs to be 90,000 sf.
Thank you

Date: 2/13/2026 9:44:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherry Followill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely against Trump's demolition of the East Wing. It is the people's house and he did so illegally. It should be rebuilt to its original state…not larger, and items that were removed should be returned, Trump should be held accountable for his illegal actions.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:44:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean Hedstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Modernization? What a joke. This structure and the White House is a nation al treasure. Bad enough the current admin has transformed the interior into a gaudy burlesque embarrassment. The distraction of the East Wing is an insult to the American public. We need no palace for the self-aggrandizing wanna be emperor to leave his stamp on our heritage. Spend the funds to rebuild it in the original form.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:42:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Conn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump said he would build a beautiful ballroom. He said it would be paid for. And HE SAID the East Wing would not be touched. Then he took a wrecking ball to it! For over one hundred years numerous presidents and their families have lived in the White House and some of them added to or remodeled the East Wing! I have not heard if the contents were saved when it was demolished. I doubt that man did anything to preserve its history. There should NOT be a ballroom. The East Wing should be built back the way it was. And shame on the people who want to buy favors from trump. This is a tacky project that won't do anything for Americans! Trump is EVIL! People have been killed by trump's followers doing his bidding. All over the world! In Gaza. In Ukraine! In the Caribbean! In Minnesota! The last year has been a disaster! NO

BALLROOM!

Date: 2/13/2026 9:39:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorelle Edwards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rose garden was beautiful. We do need an ostentatious ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:39:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Barton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do NOT approve of this project. The demolition of the East Wing without getting approvals is a horrid over reach of the President. He has no right to knock down the East Wing without going through the proper channels.
The huge ballroom is an abomination.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:39:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: ROBIN SCHORE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was an act of vandalism. If it were done by any other person than the individual occupying the White House, that person would be in jail and be required to pay enormous fines and be required reconstruct the destroyed building wing to exactly what it was prior to the vandalism. The work should be done, of course, under the supervision of appropriate experts and authorities.

A public building was destroyed. In effect, a national monument, a genuine symbol of America, was both damaged and destroyed. A rather beautiful scenic view was destroyed. The building needs to be restored to what stood prior to the vandalism. This was a criminal act. The perpetrator needs to pay for his criminal act.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:39:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jayne Jurgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

We the "real" people of America have no need for a 90,000 square foot ball room. This project must be terminated. Too much irreversible damage has already occurred. The hard working people of America took pride in the East Wing and somehow it needs to be returned to "the peoples building". We must reclaim our rights and reclaim what our hardworking forefathers fought to preserve.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:38:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eric Dobson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new building exterior should replicate the building that was removed. The interior can be newly planned.
It is important that the exterior of the building does not intrude on the White House or other adjacent historic buildings. The scale and massing are critical.

We willmlive with these decision for generations. it is important it be done right.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:38:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BERNICE WELLINGTON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that a president demolished a part of American history without any regard for the country’s citizens or that they pay for maintenance of the White House. The average citizen will never be invited or benefit from his ballroom. It will not be used for charitable fundraisers. The president’s agenda for the White House should be voted on. The White House is America built for Americans, not for one man, but all of us. Prove me wrong and invite us all when it’s built. If you won’t, it shouldn’t be built.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:38:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dave Followill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely opposed to Trump's proposed ballroom. His destruction of the White House East wing was a crime against US citizens. It was done without any of the required reviews or public notice and comment and should never be rewarded by constructing an oversized and unnecessary ballroom..

In my opinion, the construction should restore the original design of the East Wing as faithfully as possible and provide no self-glorification of Trump. Rather it should be documented that the reconstruction was required because President Trump's illegal destruction of the original East Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:37:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dean Snow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a professional archaeologist and a former (1985-1995) member of the New York State Board for Historic Preservation, Vice-Chair 1987-1995, I strongly recommend deferral of any final decisions regarding the mitigation of the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House National Monument to 2029. This will give all the agencies responsible time to collect input from all the many stakeholders, consult with experts, assess the extent of the damage, plan, fund, and execute the rebuilding in a way that is comprehensive, appropriate, tasteful, professional, and above all consistent with the laws and regulations of the United State of America.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:37:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: abby brody
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

DO NOT build that gilt ballroom. It's the President's vanity project, not at all intended for use by the American people, but only for his billionaire friends and political allies. I'm disgusted about it. And put the East Wing back the way it was!

Date: 2/13/2026 9:36:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gracie Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First I believe the East Wing should be fully restored to as it was before the current administration destroyed it.

If restoration is not possible I believe it should remain an empty and open space until the American people recover from the horrific loss and determine how we can best create a space that is honorable, useful and lovely for the American people.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:36:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tammie Travis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

National Capital Planning Commission members,

I am writing out of concern about how our tax payer dollars are being used for a project that has been touted as "donor funded." As I understand it, only the ballroom is funded by wealthy supporters of this administration. The rest of the project, which is mostly below ground, is being publicly funded. Public information regarding the accounting for this segment is scarce. There doesn't seem to be any visible oversight on any level of this major undertaking.

CNN is reporting a classified facility underneath the ballroom and there are reports that the cost swings by a hundred million dollars in a single day. An NPR affiliate reported this morning that the cost per square foot is astronomically higher than even the most posh and luxurious of all renovations complete with every high end finish, every bell and whistle.

As if these things weren't already concerning enough, the architect who rebuilt the Pentagon just picked up three federal contracts within seventeen days, all within walking distance of the White House.

My question for the commission is, why is this project not more publicly transparent? If our funds are being used, we should know the details. Where is the oversight for this project?

Even when details must remain classified, it's reasonable to expect clear authorization, defined accounting categories and a transparent explanation of who is responsible for the oversight of this project.

As a former resident of Washington DC, I was very sad when I learned of the demolition of the East Wing. As a conservationist, I was alarmed to learn that said demolition was conducted without proper permits. Abatement of hazardous materials likely did not happen. This is not acceptable. I ask that we demand better. We deserve better. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:35:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shannon Craycraft
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing modernization needs to be held to historical standards for the rest of the White House and the ballroom needs to be smaller than the base White House. The ballroom should be understated and in line with historical accuracy of the White House. It should NOT BE GILDED.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:35:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Dauderman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt EXACTLY AS IT WAS before it was illegally torn down by the Trump

administration. If the contents were preserved before it was destroyed, they should be restored as well. The White House is the people's house, not the present occupant's house to do with as he pleases. It was a historical landmark and a place where many significant events have taken place over the years. PUT IT BACK THE WAY IT WAS!!!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 9:35:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr Arlene Bowes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a National Trust member for four decades and the former owner of a National Register-listed property, I am appalled that one man could destroy a national treasure like the East Wing of the White House without anyone stopping him. A building this important and the property of all citizens deserves any alterations to be reviewed by experts in historic preservation not Mr.Trump's impressively uneducated sycophants.

Alterations to historic structures should show some respect for what exists and definitely not eclipse the original for vanity's sake, as Mr.Trump wishes to do here.

You will have more work to do if Mr. Trump goes ahead with his monstrous gold- decorated arch. Keep a watch!

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:34:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terri Weiner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not destroy the dignity of the White House with a huge and pointless ballroom. If a gathering place is deemed appropriate, design something which maintains the scale of the existing building and is not some monument to a demented narscissist. He only destroyed the building to deflect attention from his other crimes, and now wants to do the same to the Kennedy Center. Please prevent this atrocity.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:33:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa King
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house and the east wing should follow the required guidelines for completion. I am disappointed that the east wing was demolished before careful consideration and planning was taken to ensure the process was followed. So much history has been destroyed already from the rose garden to displays being removed to the current president adding his name to the Kennedy Center

which is a legacy to honor Kennedy's support of the arts. That this administration is trampling history, protocol, processes, and congress is abhorrent. The "ballroom" if built onto the White House should not exceed the size and adhere to the architectural style and decor. The country deserves for rules to be followed and no one needs a "palace" or palatial ballroom on White House grounds. Looking forward to seeing the plans and final outcome.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:32:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: denise boyles
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was amazed he could get away with destroying the historic peoples' house! No oversight, no brakes, no reprimands. This should have first been discussed and then approved by the historic society—which hopefully would never occur. The size is out of proportion, the design is gaudy. This is a waste of money, donated or not. (Bribes we know of course). The rose garden and new patio were bad enough but this is a charming old building. He needs to be stopped before he ruins everything good about our nation.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:32:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diann Sheahan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President of the United States does not own the White House or the Capitol building. He may not assume to use either one as his property.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:32:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Frevert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that demolition was undertaken without review should tell you all you need to know about the shadowy plans behind this monstrous travesty. It seems the current occupant of the People's House doesn't comprehend that he is a temporary resident. Shut down this s***show.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:30:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Halpern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposed construction of the White House ballroom due to concerns about its impact on the historic integrity of the White House. The massing and height of the new structure could overwhelm this iconic building, disrupting its classical design and undermining the values of transparency and public engagement in preservation efforts

Date: 2/13/2026 9:30:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tamara Roleff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the proposed 90,000 square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. This proposal is an architectural and civic monstrosity that would irreversibly damage one of the most important historic sites in the United States.

The White House derives its power and dignity from proportion, restraint, and symbolic clarity. A structure of this scale—larger than many convention centers—would grotesquely overwhelm the Executive Mansion and obliterate the carefully composed relationship between building, landscape, and public space. Once constructed, the harm would be permanent and impossible to undo.

This proposal reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the White House's purpose. It is not an event venue to be expanded at will, but a historic residence and civic symbol whose meaning depends on continuity and limits. Introducing a massive ballroom on its grounds would reduce a national icon to something closer to a private resort or luxury complex, diminishing its civic gravitas and historic integrity.

Approving this addition would also establish a dangerous precedent: that even the most protected and symbolically charged site in the country is subject to oversized, unnecessary expansion. If the White House can be altered in this way, no historic landmark is truly safe.

The Commission exists to prevent precisely this kind of overreach. Stewardship of the nation's capital requires judgment, restraint, and respect for scale—not acquiescence to excess.

I urge the NCPC to categorically reject this proposal and reaffirm its duty to protect the architectural dignity, historic integrity, and symbolic meaning of the White House for future generations.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:29:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Henry Scott Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Can we get a detailed list of just who is providing the funds for this?

A look into the bidding process?

Just maybe detailed plans, please.

Is that to much to ask?

Date: 2/13/2026 9:28:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Aaron Cobas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern,

This statement is to address the East Wing Modernization Project at the White House. This project is an affront to the historical significance of our national monument and the seat of the Executive Branch of the United States. This will not make our nation stronger, and if anything, it will further divide Americans, cost taxpayers substantial fees, and be a constant reminder of the loss of historical, cultural, and national pride. I implore you all to seize all operations and reverse course on the project. Thank you!

Best,

Aaron L. Cobas

Date: 2/13/2026 9:27:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Buchholz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This historic section of the White Housr was torn down with no proper consultation and permission. Then we find that the President intends to install a gilded ballroom which will dwarf other parts of the building. As an American citizen and former history teacher I am appalled that the President of the United States thinks he can do this.
In my opinion he should be forced to restore it.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Dorothy Buchholz
Olathe, Kansas

Date: 2/13/2026 9:26:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Markowitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As I understand it, part of the required design for any addition to the White House includes approval by the NCPC committee. The proposed addition must harmonize with the existing structure of the White House. In that case, any architectural design that dwarfs the White House would be unacceptable. It appears that the current proposed design for the East Wing replacement will violate that rule. Moreover, the architectural drawing of the interior appears to show a room whose opulence exceeds that of the Palace of Versailles. Is this appropriate in a building that demonstrates United States' citizens' devotion to democracy?

Finally, this entire project was developed without public or proper governmental authority input. The claim that the U.S. taxpayer will not have to finance any part of it is unverified. Also, the supposedly "private" donors who may fund it are not identified. This leads to the suspicion that the entities who do so may view their contributions as a quid pro quo. Considering this President's history of rewarding bribers and bestowers of medals with whatever they want, I'm afraid this ballroom will become just another opportunity for the President to stamp his name on a monument.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:26:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise MacLean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yes, I am in favor of the ballroom project. The White House has had renovation and remodeling projects before, and this is a very important addition for our country! Please build this ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:25:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Dickerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. The E Wing should have been left alone. I am not in favor of ANY ballroom. It should be restored.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:25:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry McCoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect the sanctity of The White House.

Do not approve construction of a new combination East Wing/ballroom that would be anywhere near the massing of The Executive Mansion.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:24:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brenda Cherry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I might not be eloquent. I am simply appalled that the current president feels he can destroy the iconic building that is the White House. Unilaterally. There are procedures before changes can be made, none of this was done. The White House does not belong to the occupant. It belongs to the nation. Anything that can be done to stop this desecration must be done. Now.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:24:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Russo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please deny the president's application for the modernization of the East Wing by replacing it with a gigantic ballroom. His proposed project is too large in scope to the rest of the White House; it will be inconsistent with the historical style of the rest of the White House, and if a ballroom is truly needed there are other locations that can be considered. The ballroom does not have to be in or connected to the White House.

The president should be made to replace the East Wing that he had demolished, without proper authorization, with the millions of dollars he raised for the ballroom from the donors who are buying his favor. Any structures replacing the East Wing or any other historical building or structure must go through the proper and required steps to obtain approval before the structure is altered in any way. It should be in proportion and style matching the White House. One should not have to look at the complex and wonder which is the main building. And please oversee the decor to ensure that we do not end up with gaudy gold accent pieces, wall, rugs, and window coverings like he has used in and near the Oval Office. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:23:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Hunstad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please make Trump follow legal and proper channels to modernize ANYTHING in the Public's House. Destroying the East Wing is abhorrent. Throwing gold on things will not legitimize him anymore than his constant lies. I don't understand how the destruction of this FEDERAL building happened without the multiple steps needed. He needs to bear the cost(good luck getting him to pay anything) of putting it back as it was.
Thank you for the opportunity to share an opinion.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:22:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Byer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was and is a national tragedy. it is a direct slap in the face of the American people and is an illegal and deliberate act of political sabotage. All activity in this location must stop until proper procedures are followed to clean up this mess. This site should remain fallow until it can be reclaimed in a legal, ethical and non-political manner. There should be an immediate moratorium to stop any further work at this site for a significant period of time. Congress must act now to stop all activity that is not legally authorized. This is our national heritage that is being systematically destroyed only for reasons of self-serving presidential vanity.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:22:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Lozier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project is wrongly conceived. Destruction of the East Wing was an inappropriate action, which likely would not have been approved through the prescribed process.

Construction must not proceed until NCPC approvals have been obtained. Also, I do not want that approval to be granted.

Also, importantly, this large project will almost certainly be completed in the three years remaining in the current president's term.

Do not approve this project. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:22:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Gwinn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back in the same footprint and architectural style. Use this opportunity to make appropriate modernizations in electrical, plumbing, and accessibility. Follow established procedures for making historically sensitive changes.

The White House is the People's House, not a palace. There is not, has never been, a need for what has been proposed.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:22:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First - this project is rather “cart before horse,” is it not? If done correctly, the current administration would have gotten the feedback and permission about the project first, not after they tore the East Wing down. Given that the damage is done to the people’s house, I want to say that I am completely and totally against this “modernization” project, as would be anyone who believes in our democracy. The only thing I would suggest for that space now, except for rebuilding it exactly as it was before, is a hall for a “Museum of Democracy,” a place that documents the lies and crimes of the Trump years as we come to know the full scope of them, the gaps in our laws that allowed he and his cronies to exploit, and warnings to future generations of what we had, what we lost, and what we must never, ever do again.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:21:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ron Katz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As someone who has visited the White House, I believe that it is a house for all Americans. I do not believe that one person should be allowed to make extensive alterations to the peoples house without any input what so ever from the public. The president resides in, but does not own the residence and therefore should not be able to do whatever he wants to our house.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:21:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Don Ely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is bad enough that our government is being purchased by billionaires and gutted to benefit the many for the few. To have the east wing of the White House leveled and replaced by a 'Ballroom' that dwarfs the adjacent architecture to satisfy the ego of a wanna-be-king is insane. Why don't we simply raze the entire area since it no longer belongs to the American people? We could turn the area into a parking lot and name it 'Trump.'

Date: 2/13/2026 9:18:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin A. Barry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

The White House is not only an executive workplace. It is a civic symbol, a living historic site, and a public trust held on behalf of the American people. That is why the East Wing modernization should be evaluated not merely as a construction decision, but as a statement about national values, including women's leadership, democratic legitimacy, and the standards we expect of public institutions even when technical exemptions exist.

I recognize the project narrative's stated rationale: long-term water intrusion and deterioration, extensive mold contamination, security limitations, and deficiencies in ADA compliance and life-safety performance. I also recognize the government's assessment that, following removal of the East Colonnade and the East Wing buildings, the east façade of the Executive Mansion is "excellently preserved." These are serious operational concerns that deserve serious solutions. Modernization, accessibility, and occupant safety are legitimate goals.

At the same time, the East Wing's meaning cannot be reduced to its building systems. For 83 years, the East Wing has functioned as the operational home of the First Lady and her staff, and as a visible locus of women's civic leadership within the White House complex. In the modern era, the Office of the First Lady has been a professionalized institution, not a decorative accessory. When the physical seat of that work is treated as interchangeable, the public receives a message that the work most closely associated with women's leadership at the White House is secondary and easily displaced. That symbolism matters, particularly at a moment when women's equality remains contested in both law and culture.

This project also implicates public-trust norms. The White House may be exempt from certain statutory preservation review requirements, but exemption is not the same as best practice. The nation expects the presidency to model accountability and transparency, especially when decisions affect spaces that carry civic meaning. The project narrative notes an informational session with the NCPC on January 8, 2026, and subsequent engagement with NCPC staff. That engagement should now be strengthened and formalized through clear, public-facing documentation and enforceable commitments, because demolition and removal have already occurred and the remaining decisions will define what is restored, what is interpreted, and what institutional messages the rebuilt East Wing will carry for decades.

I am encouraged that the project narrative describes salvage and preservation intentions, including retaining significant architectural and historic elements and stating that the historic Kennedy Garden and other significant trees were preserved offsite or relocated within the grounds, and that the I. M. Pei–designed pergola from the East Garden was preserved. Those statements should be paired with a transparent, public mitigation and interpretation plan that allows the public to understand what "preserved" means in practice: where elements are stored, what will be reinstalled, what will be displayed, what will be replicated, what will be permanently lost, and how decisions are being made.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the National Capital Planning Commission exercise its oversight role by conditioning project advancement on the following:

1) A clear, public statement of need and program impacts, including how the rebuilt East Wing will preserve the dignity, functional capacity, and institutional standing of the Office of the First Lady and its staff during and after construction.

2) Publication of final design materials at a level sufficient for meaningful review, including site, massing, circulation, accessibility, and security-driven design impacts, along with a transparent explanation of what choices were made and why.

3) A public mitigation, salvage, and interpretation plan with enforceable commitments: what historic fabric

and features were removed, what was salvaged, what will be reintegrated into the new structure, what will be interpreted for visitors, and where these elements will be located.

4) Clear disclosure of decision authority, funding sources, and schedule/phasing impacts to public access and the visitor experience.

Modernization that protects safety and accessibility while honoring women's civic leadership and the White House's historic character is possible. Modernization that diminishes the institutional stature of the Office of the First Lady, and/or that proceeds without meaningful public-facing accountability, is a choice. The NCPC has an important role in ensuring that the rebuilt East Wing reflects not only operational requirements, but the democratic values and civic symbolism that the White House is meant to embody.

Thank you for your consideration.
Kevin

Date: 2/13/2026 9:18:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mildred Zinman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, please keep the ballroom in concert with the original design of the White House. It should NOT be so large as to create an imbalance of the building's design. This is an abomination to the American people and does NOT belong in a country that is no ruled by a king. The original design should have been approved in advance before the wing was destroyed .

It is not too late to correct this mess. Please, please have a group of architects involved that are NOT under the thumb of President Trump correct the course of this mess.

Thank you.
Millie Zinman

Date: 2/13/2026 9:17:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Knox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The NCPC website couldn't be more user UNfriendly! It invited comment on the East Wing desecration of our national treasure and then makes it impossible to comment.
You need a more accomplished computer nerd working on this comment page.
BTW, every construction project the Orange Man has and is proposing for our capital is likely illegal but very expensive to reverse when he is no longer in residence in Washington and the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:15:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Cumming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear committee,

I was very disappointed that the wing was demolished prior to input and approval. I feel the President and the American people would be better served by restoring the East Wing and, if a ballroom extension is needed, plans should be submitted for that separately.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Cumming

Date: 2/13/2026 9:13:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Allen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current president is not the owner of the White House, just the current tenant. The property is owned by the people. The demolition of the East Wing is a violation of the law.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing, compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:13:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart is broken that I will never, ever be able to see the White House in it's original, historic state. I strongly feel that the tearing down of the East Wing was done quickly and illegally so that there would be no way to preserve it.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:12:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Renfro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project." This project represents a radical and irreversible departure from the architectural integrity of the White House and its symbolic standing as the "People's House."

Architectural Bastardization
The demolition of the historic East Wing, completed in October 2025 without prior public notice, has already stripped the White House of a structure that was integral to its operations and aesthetic for over 80 years. The proposed 90,000-square-foot replacement—a massive ballroom addition—is out of scale with the historic Executive Mansion. By matching the height of the main residence and significantly increasing the building's footprint, this project creates a visual imbalance that diminishes the prominence of the original James Hoban design. This is not a "modernization"; it is an architectural bastardization that replaces historical stewardship with ostentation.

Erosion of Democratic Meaning
The White House is more than just a residence; it is a public monument and a symbol of American democracy. Proceeding with this construction without the transparency of a full public review process—and before receiving necessary congressional authorization—undermines the democratic principle that the "People's House" belongs to the nation, not any single administration. The secretive nature of the initial demolition and the reliance on private funding for a public federal landmark further erode public trust.

I urge the Commission to reject the current plans and require a design that respects the established historical scale and the public nature of the White House campus.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:12:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anita Kermes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a kid our elementary school class would visit the Nations Capital city and take in the history and view the historic buildings. Washington DC continues to be one of my favorite cities to visit and reflect on our nations history. Updates to any of these historic treasures should follow guidelines and go through a formal approval process to ensure integrity is maintained. We do th is for any other historical site. The White House should not be an exception to the rules. Thank you for your efforts.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:12:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda van der Wal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The footprint of the proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the rest of the White House. It should not be larger than the West Wing in size but, instead, it should balance with the West Wing by being the same size.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:10:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Hull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Modernization? Modernization does not involve tearing down an existing building of historic value and replacing it with something far larger that is out of scale with the rest of the building on the site.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. The project defiles the historic value of its neighbors and its context.

90,000 square feet? Why the excessive size?

These issues are fundamental and obscure the issue of design quality. We cannot get the old East Wing back. It's replacement needs to be smaller and more in keeping with its surroundings.

Not to mention less expensive.

Thank you for taking public comments.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:09:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: merle Hooley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This plan is a travesty.

The very last thing this country needs is an expensive, palace dining hall with gold paint everywhere. Our country is facing very serious problems that need to be addressed before the building of a superfluous dance hall. There are many hungry children some without homes or medical care. Mothers and fathers scared for their family's' survival. Disabled people are facing dire circumstance's and our White House has been decimated prior to anyone asking anyone for approval or plans.

Corporations coerced into spending untold amounts of money should instead pay their fair share of taxes, supporting the nation we all enjoy plus the future generations as well.

I would rather see the building vacant than the government spending our hard earned money on such a frivolous, unneeded expenditure. It will add nothing to the American society but it will be a money pit for us all.

Thank you for listening and I hope your committee considers what's best for the average citizen and the vast majority of us hard working people. I have and continue to contribute as best I can towards a better life for all.

Merle Hooley

Date: 2/13/2026 9:09:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Pangborn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was a crime against the people of the United States. Rebuild it as it was. The proposed ballroom is grotesquely large, a tasteless architectural growth.

History, traditions, memories, culture, refinement, modesty: these, too, are victims of Donald Trump's megalomania.

The White House is The Peoples' House, not some piece of real estate owned by the Trumps.

Delay this project until someone with more decency and humility and understanding of and respect for history is our president: delay, and then rebuild the East Wing as the gracious, restrained symbol of our American roots, in our turning away from the gilded grift of royalty.

Thank you and all good wishes with undoing the monstrously gaudy vision that is the ballroom plan.

Date: 2/13/2026 9:06:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This illegal, atrocious spectacle of a glaringly glitzy salute to President Trump’s ego is unworthy of our country or our White House. Stop this travesty now!

Date: 2/13/2026 9:03:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Skinner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Name: Judith Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed East Wing Modernization Project is hopelessly out of scale with the White House itself and would dwarf the White House itself. It also appears too imperial to belong to the White House. Versailles was built for a monarchy, but or country is a constitutional democracy, and the USA should not have a ballroom that is appropriate for an empire. The White House is the people's house, and it is a visual representation of the principles on which this nation was founded. I implore you to reduce the East Wing Modernization Project to an appropriate size and scale!

Date: 2/13/2026 9:02:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Robinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not modernize the east wing with the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. This proposal is a complete waste of money and will negatively impact the historic structure. There are multiple modern and historic grand ballrooms in the Washington DC area, so this proposal is totally unnecessary.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:59:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bettina Lyons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does need a ballroom for large events. The project should be in keeping with the historic White House. The interior of the ballroom should be in keeping with the historic White House. This project is for all time and should not be designed by Mr. Trump or his decorators and architects. Thank you

Date: 2/13/2026 8:57:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Flynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yes to material renovation, no to anything taller than the former East Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:57:02 PM
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Name: elizabeth simpson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project, beginning with the title, is offensive. Trump has pocketed $400M in 'donations' and turned the WH into a grotesque version of Mar-a-Lago (located next to a strip club in a gross commercial district of FL). The gardens now look like a cheap version of Costco outdoor seating. Repair the entry and seal it off. After the criminal is removed from 'the people's house', there can be a reasonable conversation about how to repair the damage.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:57:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Mae Streeter, OP
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This Ballroom project is an insult to the American people, the women who have served in the White House in particular. At a time when people cannot even feed their families, and fear to leave their homes for fear of ICE, this is a scandal. We are embarrassing ourselves before the world. The heart of the American people is generous and compassionate. This project is self-serving and indulgent. I grieve its construction and mourn what it is saying to the world.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:56:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Whitten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is much too big. It dwarfs the beautiful historic White House. I disagree that the White House needs such a space. The destruction of the East Wing was an insult to the First Ladies and generally to the American people. The East Wing must be repaired and anything like a ballroom should harmonize with the current design of the White House and its proportions. Furthermore the rose garden should be restored.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:56:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Gilbert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I have no problem with modernizing the East Wing and the underground bunker, building a ballroom is a waste of government funds. Trump just wants something for the rich and powerful. He wants to stamp his name on federal buildings, which is not called for. His catering to the rich needs to stop. We don't need a ballroom. We need to fund stamps, Medicare and Medicaid. We need lower taxes for the working class. Trump lied when he said the East Wing wouldn't be touched. He didn't have the proper permits nor did he go through the correct planning committees. Trump should pay to rebuild the East Wing out of his own money that he has made illegaly while in office.

Respectfully,

Sharon Gilbert
Retired Federal Employee

Date: 2/13/2026 8:56:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: N Roosenburg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Watching the East Wing be torn down with no thought to the environment, the safety of the workmen, the history inside the building, no proper procedures was a crime to the American people. To allow a building almost twice the size of the White House to be built will also be criminal to the American people. What ever will be built should be gracious, thoughtfully designed to honor the existing structures around it. I hope you will do your job and deny this disgusting vulgar building that is being proposed.
Thank you for your attention to this.
N Roosenburg

Date: 2/13/2026 8:56:00 PM
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Name: Ruth K Crispin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Crass, like its planner.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:54:00 PM
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Name: Burgl Dagmar Logie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House needs a larger venue for official events and, therefore, I am in favor of the current expansion plans of the East Wing. Let's not make this a political issue.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:53:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Nye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Architecturally, the White House is an expression of the balance and restraint that the United States achieved through its Constitution with its checks and balances. The proposed so-called modernization would disfigure the quiet elegance of the White House with a bloated appendage that projects to most sensibilities grandiosity and excess. The securely grand do not need to stow off. The lowest common denominator should not be the standard for enlarging the grandeur of our Capitol city. Please reject this project.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:53:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Drinkwater
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We don't need a ballroom, but the damage has been done. Reduce the size, include solar panels on the roof, put in a rose garden to replace the one ripped out.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:48:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mitchell Kase
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, the White House is an intrinsic part of our national heritage, in effect "owned by the American people," and loaned every four years to the current president. Hence any significant change should be reviewed and vetted by the people and their representatives,
not thrust on us by a transient occupant.
Second, the design is clearly awful, an uninspired hulk, dwarfing the Jeffersonian monument.
Third, is there really a pressing need for a huge ballroom, more suggestive of Versailles, than American democratic humility?
Ugly, out of scale, unnecessary, in a basic way, unAmerican.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:48:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Harvey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The illegal razing of the East Wing should be undone, and the original floorplan of the East Wing should be restored.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:48:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amanda Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I believe the East Wing Modernization Project should not proceed any further than it has. It is a travesty in this day and age to spend upwards of $400 million dollars on a frivolous project such as this. Especially since the President fired thousands of hard working citizens that he and Musk deemed worthless, along with wanting to reduce benefits for Medicare and Medicaid, SNAP, school lunch, etc.
We don't need another playground for the President's cronies. Deplorable!

Date: 2/13/2026 8:48:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the facade to its original design. The White House is a symbol of our government, recognizable around the globe. It should not be overshadowed by a ballroom of that size.
Yes others have made design changes throughout the years but did so within the onfines of the footprint of the building.
This is the home of our President, not a resort.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:48:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Hudolin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I write in opposition to the proposed new White House ballroom. Its size is way out of proportion to the rest of the White House. Instead, the original East Wing should be reconstructed, with any original elements that were salvaged reinstalled. The White House is an iconic symbol of our country and a large, garish ballroom will destroy the beauty of that symbol and require a future administration to spend a great deal of money to tear it down.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:47:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Erin Blasco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House belongs to the American people and is a symbol of our democracy. I don't think it should be overshadowed by a new building, especially one created without buy-in from the public. Doing this right means investing in transparency, research, and deep consideration. The size, character, position, and style of any new building should fit into and enhance the current White House instead of dwarfing it. At a time when so many people in the US are struggling to afford food, health care, rent, and basic costs, I think it would be appropriate for any new structure to be created in an efficient and economic way with sustainability in mind. What about a an open design process? The 250th is approaching and this would be a great way to get students and historians involved.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:47:18 PM
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Name: Kathleen DeMarco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I strongly believe in historic preservation, I support the work of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and am always sad and disappointed when a beautiful old building is razed or modernized beyond recognition. However, I am in favor of the renovations being done at the White House, as the design fits with the White House, is being done respectfully and looks like it will blend seamlessly with the building.

It is an embarrassment that there is no official ballroom at the White House, that dignitaries have to be relegated to tents and port-a-potties on the lawn. This country can do better when hosting world leaders, and having an addition that is an architectural fit with the main building is the right thing to do. I hope there are no further objections to the ballroom being built, as long as the design remains as proposed.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:47:06 PM
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Name: James Renshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I must first say that I am disappointed that Congress did not intervene before the demolition took place at the East Wing of the White House. This structure is the property of U.S. taxpayers, not Donald Trump. As taxpayers and citizens, we are directly represented by Congress. Congress should have input and final approval or rejection of what Trump is proposing.

I also am troubled by the concept of having any construction paid for by private citizens and/or corporations. If this is allowed to happen, who does the White House then belong to?

Congress must intervene and rein in Trump's headlong actions that transparently will result in creating a monument to himself!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carey Breeef
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Knocking down the east wing without following the rules should be enough to shut the project down completely. Nothing more to say stop

Date: 2/13/2026 8:44:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Oleszewski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is an unneeded and unwelcome intrusion on the people's executive mansion. The damage that has been done thus far can be rectified to restore the balance and dignity of the White House, but if this ballroom project is allowed to proceed it will upset the integrity of this treasured property forever. The completed ballroom will also interfere with the holding of outdoor events and will compete unfairly with the Mellon Ballroom that's just steps away.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:43:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan McDonough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was wrong in every way to destroy the East Wing and it would be completely unnecessary and asinine to build a ballroom that, despite assertions, no one wants or has asked for. I am totally against any planned ballroom and I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt with the donated funds instead.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:42:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela LaFountain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Asking for Comments after the building being discracfully mutilated ? How shameful our country has come to this.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:41:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Henry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been illegally torn down. The White House is a national symbol and belongs to the American people. The current president does NOT have unilateral power to make alterations.
The East Wing should be fully restored and no out of scale architecturally incoherent addition should be built.

Ann Henry
W5 Design, Partner
Architecture and Designers
Cincinnati Ohio

Date: 2/13/2026 8:41:39 PM
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Name: Van Knox
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The White House is the people's house. This ostentatious, showy idea of Donald Trump is for him and him alone. He does not care for the United States, our people, and anything other than himself. Modernizing the East Wing is unnecessary and a waste of time and money.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:41:34 PM
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Name: Barbara Rothe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

If the project is allowed to go through the size and scope of it should be limited. I want to see a structure that compliments the rest of the building, not overpower OUR White House. Both exterior and interior should compliment our conservative look. I would like to see beautiful hardwood throughout. No gold fixtures as the Oval Office looks garish right now. It should represent the working people of our country.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:40:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Penning
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, I was sad to see the East Wing of the White House unceremoniously razed without consulting Congress.

But now that it is gone, I hope we can make the best of this situation. Building a huge gilded vanity ballroom is NOT in the best interest of this country. At best it is a corporate bribe, if funds are through donations, at worst is a huge waste of the people's money.

Please consider alternatives that will represent the country and serve the people better. I would like to see it integrate alternate energy is some form, to represent our need to address the climate crisis, and be something understated and integral instead of ostentatious and wasteful.

Thank you

Date: 2/13/2026 8:40:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing Modernization Project? The East Wing has been totally destroyed. That is akin to renovating your home by burning it to the ground. Building a mausoleum that total dwarfs THE WHITE HOUSE! There is only one word that I can think of to describe this.....INSANITY!

Date: 2/13/2026 8:40:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne DuVal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Under the Code of Federal Regulations, it is prohibited to destroy, injure, deface, or damage national park property. Vandalism of national parks is a federal misdemeanor, and is punishable. The punishment for this should be not at the expense of the taxpayers, but DJT. Whatever, do NOT allow the Trump name to be placed on the final approved and built structure as if it is a monument to him.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:39:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherrill Futrell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Your thoughtless, selfish destruction of this historically important part of the White House is a criminal travesty and an embarrassment to the United States. It's not your first crime against the American people and sadly I'm sure it won't be your last. Please resign and give back all the money you stole and took as bribes. We will drive you from office.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:39:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Moon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It seems to me that this entire procedure is meaningless, since the East Wing has already been torn down,. What other options are there to building a ballroom there? Should the original East Wing be reconstructed?

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Name: Cherie Manzano
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people don't need a bunker er...ballroom. We need Universal health care, expanded assistance programs and lower food and nonfood prices

Date: 2/13/2026 8:39:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carmen LaRue
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not “modernization”. It’s an abomination.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:38:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Kuperus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump does not own the white house. he is only a temporary guest and does not have the authority to demolish or renovate any part of the white house and its grounds. It has to go thru the historical and the national parks, before any changes can be made. HE DID NOT! He should be forced to rebuild the east wing back to the way it was and never be allowed to make any other changes for the rest of his life. also he has to pay for it all, not the taxpayers like he is doing now. who ever allowed him to do this should fired and jailed.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:37:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bryan Pierce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This is a travesty. Tearing down the East Wing should never have happened. This man thinks he owns the white house and he does not. Something like that require, minimally, congressional action. I have had enough of this pompous ass. I do not support spending any of my tax dollar on his golden wet dream. Can't say anything else. It's pure bullshit. I have no clue what will happen but now, congress must act, get appropriate, not over the top crap, plans for rebuilding the East Wing and that pompous ass needs to stay the hell out of the discussion. The oval office looks gaudy and just plain ugly. Enough up there for crying out loud..
Bryan Pierce. Call me a traditionalist who gives a crap about the constitution and trumps lack of respect for same.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:36:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Zavadil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed 90000 square foot Ballroom to replace the already demolished East Wing of the White House would forever destroy the aesthetic balance of the White House complex by overwhelming, in sheer size, the central focus of the complex, the President's home. It should not be built per the current plan. Should a Ballroom be considered through approved processes for the complex rather than executive fiat, a reasonable structure might have a single story above ground with the Ballroom floor below ground.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:34:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Briney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my opposition to the creation of such a large ballroom at the White House. There is no need to have a ballroom that will accommodate 1000 guests. On the few occasions when large events like that are needed, it would be far better utilization of taxpayer funds to use external commercial venues. The maintenance of such a large facility for the few times it is needed is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Since the East Wing has been demolished without proper authorization, and since there have been donations the location of which is unknown, the Commission should require that all donations be deposited in an escrow account controlled by the Commission. America cannot trust Trump to manage this renovation and the funds that have been donated. I would have opposed the creation of a ballroom in the first place. How are the functions served by the former East Wing going to be accomplished? I believe that construction of a replacement of the East Wing should accommodate both the old East Wing's purpose and include a ballroom seating no more than 600 people. Additionally, the construction of such a replacement should be consistent with the architectural style of the White House and be sized in a manner that is consistent with the proportions of the White House. The plan shown by Trump was ridiculously out of proportion to the scale of the White House itself. Finally the materials to be used should be consistent with those already employed in the White House. There should be NO ostentatious gold plating or tasteless gold accents in the interior spaces.

Because it will likely take a fair amount of time to finalize the plans, in the meantime, the destroyed wall leading to the East Wing should be sealed and all construction halted. President Trump has done a

disservice to the American people with his aggressive destruction of the East Wing withou having proper approvals and detailed plans for the replacement structure. This is not a commercial building situation where developers control the nature and configuration of a building. This is the Peoples' House. Public input should be solicited and the public's views should be reflected in the final plan. As an aside, there should also be no other alterations to adjacent buildings like the Old Executive Office Building without PRIOR review and approvals by the Commission. There is also no justification for the erection of an arch on any of the main avenues in DC. That has been conceived as a tribute to this egotistical, narcissist president. America does not want such a structure.
Roger Briney
Attorney at Law

Date: 2/13/2026 8:33:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chuck Klaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In reference to the East Wing Project, which I assume means "The Ballroom,"" this strikes me as an absolutely tone deaf undertaking. at a time when millions of Middle-Class Americans are trying to scrape up the resources to pay rent, buy food and take care of their children, the contemplation of building a high end entertainment structure on the White House grounds seems callous, uncaring and unwise, if not to say degenerately decadent. Far better that the funding volunteered be used to house the homeless and add to the educational infrastructure of this nation. This also doesn't even begin to address the considerable aesthetic difficulties of blending different architectural styles and scales. In all, it's a terrible, wasteful, useless undertaking that needs to be stopped immediately.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:33:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicolette Rohr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to weigh in on decisions that affect our shared national heritage, especially for this most important historic site. Moreover, major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

As an American citizen and a historian, I strongly oppose the White House ballroom proposal, which is inappropriate and has been acted upon without regard for the People's House and its history. Though I can understand the desire for different event space, the project should not be approved as currently proposed, and any additions should be stewarded in coordination with a wider community of constituents.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:33:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style.

Update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

If a large interior gathering room is needed, design it so that it can be utilized for multiple purposes (eg state dinners, public events, concerts, etc).

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Tellman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please respect the size and architecture of the main White House and West Wing in the design of the new East Wing. The new structure should recreate the same thoughtful balance that the destroyed East Wing provided for more than a century. The new ballroom and modernized security facilities can be both functional and aesthetic without overpowering the iconic style of the White House. All exterior and interior plans and designs must be reviewed and modified in the spirit of historic preservation, not according to the vanity and whims of one individual. The White House belongs to the people of the United States. We entrust changes to experts in the National Capital Planning Commission and their knowledge of White House history. Rather no new building on the site of the president's illegal demolition than a permanent, gaudy, overpriced eyesore demanded by a failed casino owner.
Sincerely,
Susan Tellman
Indianapolis, Indiana

Date: 2/13/2026 8:30:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jennifer Toburen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am a US Citizen and Pennsylvania voter. I care deeply about the historic fabric of our country. As a member of the National Trust with a degree in Historic Preservation, I am appalled by the careless, haphazard, and deliberate destruction of an historic building without following the required protocols and seeking appropriate approvals. Simply as a home owner, we have to follow all required permit processes in order to make modifications to the home we own. The fact that the president took these actions on a home that he doesn't own which is a National Historic property is egregious at best. The sad reality is that we

cannot recover what has been destroyed. That is the careful intention that the National Trust engenders and why they have been a party to ensuring that this illegal action is reviewed. Once an historic property is gone, it is gone forever. Donald Trump is not someone who cares about history and shared memory. I, as an American, do care about those things. It would be my request that the East Wing be restored to its prior state. I am vehemently opposed to the building of the so-called ball room.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:30:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stella Karras
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

the White House is a National Monument and belongs to the people of this country. It was a crime to destroy it for any purpose. It must be restored to its original size and purpose. NO HUGE BALLROOM!

Date: 2/13/2026 8:30:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cecile Glendening
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be approved, it is a desecration of the People's House. This is a disgraceful vanity project instigated by a would be dictator. There was no proper review of the demolition of the East Wing. DO NOT APPROVE THIS PROJECT!

Date: 2/13/2026 8:29:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Emm
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to destroying the fundamental plan of the White House to increase the size of the ballroom. Why is an extra large ball room needed anyway? I'd rather see the money spent on eliminating poverty and mental illness or funding much needed research or assisting Americans to obtain college degrees.

Americans deserve a say in such fundamental altering of the home where the incumbent President and family reside.

Please make sure this happens.

Regards, Ann

Date: 2/13/2026 8:29:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Curtis Kuppler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President or any elected official should not have the authority to change the outside of any building that is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. The White House is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

The plan for these changes should have been submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission and without approval from Congress, as required for construction on federal park land in Washington, D.C. The demolition of the East Wing was completed without submitting these changes and receiving the approval to start construction. President Trump always wants to do things his way, then "ask for forgiveness" and get approval afterwards.

The White House has been around for over 200 years without any major changes to the outside, except maybe when it was reconstructed after being burned during the War of 1812, so why change it now? These changes will affect the symmetry and balance of the entire structure.

I am a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation organization. In each magazine they show changes being made to all types of historical buildings without damaging the balance and symmetry of the original building. I am sure that the same could have been completed to the White House by contacting experts in preservation construction.

I am angry and sad that damage has already been done to the White House with the demolition of the East Wing. These changes could cause irreparable damage to the White House.

PLEASE stop the damage from happening by NOT allowing President Trump to continue with his "ballroom" plans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Krinsky
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The former wing needs replacing because demolition is a fait accompli. If there is consensus in your Committee that a reception facility is essential (as it has not been so far), I propose that it be half the size now planned or less than that. That will allow hundreds of guests to take part in ceremonies, dinners, etc. but it will not dwarf the White House residence as the present plan will do. The house is a national symbol; a reception area is not. Preserve the integrity and prominence of the national symbol. It is also disturbing to learn that private donors who are allied in business with our current President's family are financing the present very extravagant plans; the influence of unknown donors with unknown quantities of donated money needs to be restricted to assure the public that the new building is really needed and is being financed in the most honorable way.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:27:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Ayers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposable of the destruction and elimination of the East wing for a gilded ballroom. The American people are dealing with an affordability crisis, resurgence of discrimination, and rising authoritarian government. The last thing we, the people, want is to spend tax payer money on a lux ballroom for the wealthy, Epstein class to enjoy at the expense of the working people of this country.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:27:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glenn van Gaalen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I propose that the vanity ballroom be entirely canceled and the East Wing be rebuilt exactly as it was before being demolished without any reviews whatsoever.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:26:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lawrence Jansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This tasteless, grandiose project is obviously intended to solicit donors from the ultra-wealthy, with no regard for history or good taste. It is the public equivalent of a gold-plated toilet.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Lorenzen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I doubt that public comments will have any impact on the outcome, if prior behavior is any indication of future action. I do truly, want to see professional designers with guidance from qualified historians. This should look reflect the nation's home rather than a whore house in Atlantic City.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Morales
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Yeah, this is absolutely not historically appropriate, nor is it of an appropriate scale when compared with the original White House structure. Hard no.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Louise Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been on the tour of the White House, including the now destroyed East Wing, and am furious and heartbroken that it has been destroyed, without permission or any input from the public, or any oversight committees.
I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt exactly as it was originally, with interior design revised as agreed upon by a committee, such as not including a pool, and using the space for something more useful, such as a ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:25:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Rasco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do it right: The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features. The current project ignores these standards and will ruin the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:23:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Savelli
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty. It shows utter contempt for the country and the American people. It should be put back the way it was.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:22:57 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size and scale of this project overwhelm the existing structure. The project should be looked at to determine if the footprint can be reduced and still meet the required function of the building. Given the discussion regarding future planned phases to the west side of the White House, perhaps some functions can be relocated to the other side to reduce the footprint of this expansion and maintain more symmetry overall. The project construction should not move forward until a design has been approved.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:22:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Too big. The proposed structure is not in keeping with the historic nature of the White House. The rushed nature of this project is a cause of great concern. The partisan nature of the project is also a cause for concern. Major construction at the White House (the people's house) should be careful, thoughtful and backed by evidence of need and in keeping with the historical nature of the building and grounds. Any construction should be done without partisan, political influence.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:22:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dianne OLeary
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plan for the East Wing of the White House is a monstrosity. It dominates and belittles the main structure. The tear-down was completed before asking for approval from the relevant commissions. The project should be prohibited. The original structure should be restored. It has immense historical value. If that is not possible, then the new structure should be a single story and have a small footprint.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beth Bentley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom addition should not be built. The portions of the White House that were demolished should be rebuilt.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:21:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Glynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The construction of an event space where the now destroyed East Wing once stood could be an appropriate addition to the White House complex. However, its profile, style, materials and surroundings must complement, not compete with the main White House structure. Its size and position should in no way detract from the elegant simplicity of the current building. Careful design and construction should not be subject to a rush job due to the mess that has been created by an intemperate decision to knock down the old East Wing. Please proceed with care and an eye on the long term, without pressure from any one faction. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:21:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: d'Anne MacNeil
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is not a modernization project, it is a gaudy, gold leaf filled, folly to show djt is a showman, not a politician. His taste is all in his mouth; he has NO taste, or decorum, when it comes to decorating. He has diminished the former elegance of the White House with his hall of shame, horrendous pictures of himself, negative, whiny diatribes to former presidents whose portraits are no longer inside the residence. He tore down the east wing without going through proper channels.

HE DOES NOT OWN THE WHITE HOUSE; the White house belongs to the country and is an iconic residence. He has turned the Oval Office into a gilded, tacky mess - which actually suits only him!

He is now labeling this project "modernization", when it is really going to be a ball room?!?!?! The White House already had a ballroom, one that was elegantly designed and decorated. However, he wants his kind of ballroom, Big and Gaudy; just like him.

Talk about wasting taxpayer money; he won't save much since he will still go to Mara Lago to play golf????

Put a net on this psycho with an ego bigger than Air Force One, preferably before he bankrupts the country and turns us into a no mans land, as he has alienated what used to be allies.

At 75 he has caused me to be ashamed to talk with friends in other countries, ashamed of being an American.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:19:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Frohman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The President's desire to modernize the White House is a good motive. As a temporary resident, his improvement activity should be limited to uses he will need during his tenancy. Any modification that will have a long term effect beyond his tenancy should be subject to a government review process comparable to other projects.

Construction of a large ball room or meeting room beyond the facility that existed prior to his tenancy, which affects the appearance and/or functionality of the historic building should be subject to review.

The fact that private parties will pay for improvements, although altruistic and deserving of appreciation, does not mitigate the project's need for peer review. The public will be ill served if the next President chooses to tear down the improvement because its design is neither aesthetically pleasing nor functionally desirable.

The White House is one of the most beautiful buildings in Washington D.C. While I do not have outright opposition to improvement, keeping the modification architecture in conformance with the existing structure is of great concern.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Damaris Tyler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As one more example of a President charging ahead without the slightest consideration of anyone but himself, the East Wing project represents continued blatant ignorance of the will of the people supposedly being represented. This is anything but democratic, and is an insult to American history and the values of our country. It is not his country. He just refuses to believe that.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:18:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: thomas polatty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Strongly object to continuation of this project! Mentally ill ideology challenged individuals should not have control over public coffers

Date: 2/13/2026 8:18:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

We don't need a ballroom at the white house. Who even uses a ballroom anymore? Not to mention, would it even be safe to have that many random people at the white house? And definitely not the way trump envisions it with all that ridiculous gold. It's gaudy and definitely doesn't look American.
You should rebuild it the way it was and reconfigure the inside of it so it has a large meeting room. Nothing more than that is needed. He only wants an excessively large ballroom to impress his billionaire friends. Please don't let him build this thing that will dwarf the actual white house.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:17:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ozala Mazar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the demolition and proposed transformation of the East Wing of the White House. This is a nationally significant historic structure that belongs to the American people. It should be restored to its original character and public-serving functionality — not rebuilt as an ornate, gold-embellished ballroom.

The East Wing has long served practical and institutional purposes within the White House complex. It should not be converted into a personalized ceremonial or entertainment space. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, federal agencies are required to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and ensure meaningful public review. I urge the Commission to require that the East Wing be returned to its prior scale, appearance, and function, with full transparency and adherence to preservation standards.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:16:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Kostial
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am supportive of this project as I think the current facilities are lacking. I am also supportive of the design being architecturally integrated with the current white house architecture and that the end product is seamless and balanced. I understand many are concerned about this project but I am not sure why unless they think it's just too big or too imbalanced, which I am supportive of it being neither. It is clear that the executive branch/the president needs better facilities and there is great precedent for additions and modifications over the years, so I believe this is a good thing and again with the caveat that it is integrated, seamless and balanced in design.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:16:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carrie Bonanno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified by the destruction of this historic structure without any sort of programmatic review. This showed blatant disregard for the legal policies put in place to protect structures important to our nation's history. I am dismayed by the loss of the East Wing and the plan to replace it with a ballroom that will further threaten the integrity of the White House itself.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:16:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: peggy york
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump had no authority to destroy the east wing. He should be required to rebuild it as it was nail by nail with his own personal money, not with a super pac or donation by another billionalre; He should be required to use his own 1.5 billion which he has extorted from companies world wide as president of the US.. He has no regard for abiding by any law, civil, muncipal (most cities require demolition,and building permits), federal (this was a national park- it does not belong to him) or consitutional (terrorizing non criminal american residents and citizens , rounding them up without warrants at gun point and killing them in the streets or in detention centers). He is a terrorist. He's using the US government as a criminal organization for his own Profit.-to the tune of 1.5 billion. NO BALLROOM for BILLIONAIRES. Don't let him build a ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:14:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leanne Kirk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Commissioners:
My name is Leanne Kirk. As an American citizen who values historic preservation, I feel very strongly that the White House, the National Park Service, and relevant review agencies should work with The National Trust for Historic Preservation in exploring design alternatives and modifications that would accomplish the objectives of the Administration while preserving the historic integrity and symbolism of the White House.
I concur with The National Trust and am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.
The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.
Once a historic building is destroyed, it is gone forever. It can only be a "reconstruction" of the original.
Please do not rush this 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. Please work with The National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve the architectural and historic integrity and structure of the White House.
Thank you very much.
Leanne Kirk

Date: 2/13/2026 8:14:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Merrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. Its modesty is distinctly "American" in contrast with the grandiosity of the European palaces of the 18th century. That symbolism is profound. The East and West wings were designed to play supporting roles to the people's house; they support it and don't overpower it. The proposed ballroom is intentionally designed to overpower everything else on the White House campus including the White House itself. Its symbolism is clear: its all about the supremacy of one man, Donald Trump, and is distinctly unAmerican. In addition, as soon as the initial plans were revealed, the resulting asymmetry of the White House complex (because of the ballroom's enormous size) made it clear that the Administration would propose that additional height would need to be added to the arcade to the West Wing in an attempt to restore some semblance of symmetry. All of this is unnecessary and must be stopped or at the very least significantly scaled back to maintain the values and symbolism that were so important to our founders.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Mercer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The projected size of the update destroys the visual balance of the White House and implies that true value of the White House is entertaining as opposed to governing.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:14:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Vikki Hallen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't think this needs to be so out of proportion to the existing structure. The cost is too great and I don't believe anyone is paying for this except taxpayers of America. I don't believe we need to have the tawdry gold leaf finishes that made the White House look like some cheap knock off of an Indian palace. While I am at it, forget the "Arc Dr Trump"... more wasted taxpayer money. Don't be boot lickers you ppl on Planning Committee. Keep our monuments dignified and classic.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:14:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Platt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

TY for asking after demolishing the original building! Hint: that's sarcasm...
The White House does not now, nor ever will need a ballroom...
This is nothing but a vanity project and a waste of taxpayer money...
Say what you will, We will end up paying for it... Use the space for a large sandbox for the "Toddler in Chief" to play in to keep him out of further embarrassing the country...

Date: 2/13/2026 8:13:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Poulin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect and someone deeply interested in the built environment, I am concerned that the proposed new East Wing completely overwhelms the original Residence. As an addition to an historic structure, it is important that the new addition is designed as to be secondary to the primary structure, both in scale and ornamentation. I am further concerned that the design of the new addition does not comply with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The proposed addition seems detrimental to the historic landscape and setting of the original White House building. I remain unconvinced that alternative solutions were not appropriately explored and that the proposal as submitted represents the best interest of the American people.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:12:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sue Korioth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wholly oppose the current president’s plans to build a ballroom at the White House. It’s offensive to me as a citizen, a taxpayer, and a mother. The White House is the people’s house, not a palace for the president and his elitist friends. I further oppose the “private” funding which will supposedly pay for this ballroom. No private funds should be accepted from any individual or organization who has or may have business interests which may be impacted by actions of the federal government. The appearance of impropriety is appalling. Please stop this ridiculous project.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:11:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Hartwig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing project should reflect the past elegance and simplicity of the people’s house

and not a cheap gaudy imitation of a European palace. It should never have been demolished the way it was and any rebuilding should reflect the proportions and history of the previous building. The designs should be overseen by qualified historians and architects overseen by the proper authorities rather than the executive branch and persons with gaudy taste.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:11:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Sipos
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It is and should never be a piece of property that any President of the USA has a right to renovate, add on or demolish.
It is the people's house and we the people should decide on any renovations, additions and demolitions.
Pleas Do not let D. Trump destroy this historic property that belongs to us.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:10:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norman Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You really can't be serious. This is an example of what a monarchy would consider.
We need to restore humility to our leaders and this needs to be reflected in their buildings and other accoutrements.

Please do not let the stench of fascism seep into the house of the people.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:09:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Hildebrandt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop it. Just STOP IT! NOW!!

Date: 2/13/2026 8:09:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Johanna Cummings
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As drawn, the proposed new "ballroom wing" of the White House makes the structure look lopsided. It is a bulky, ungainly addition to the delicate, spry lines of the original structure. The need for a larger entertainment venue is clear, but this is not the answer. Send it out to bid to other, renowned architects to come up with a better solution.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:07:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shelley Wagers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people, not to its current occupant. Demolishing the East Wing was a rogue operation without even a pretense of legitimacy. Every conceivable measure must be taken to ensure that no further demolition or construction be undertaken without consulting the National Trust for Historic Places and securing full approvals from the National Capital Planning Commission and any other applicable public bodies. If necessary, call in the National Guard to protect public property from further vandalism.

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Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Ehrenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for a ballroom. The money spent fot its construction should be spent for needed citizens.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:05:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lori Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored to its former condition as proper channels and rules were not considered or followed. These funds should come out of the so called "donor fund".

Tearing down of the East Wing minimizes the roles and achievements of every First Lady that has walked those halls and served along with the acting President. It is a slight to former administrations, to progress and to the value of women in our society.

Not many Americans care if there is a ballroom tackily adorned in gold for elite parties. We care about initiatives First Ladies bring to the White House. We care about the work. The substance. The programs that actually touched people's lives like literacy efforts, military family support, anti-bullying campaigns, historic preservation, public health initiatives, arts and culture. The East Wing wasn't about glamour. It was about purpose.

That space represented the office of the First Lady which is a role that, while unelected, has consistently shaped national conversations and quietly moved meaningful work forward. It housed staff, strategy, meetings, and momentum. It was a working wing, not a decorative one.

When decisions are made without proper process, transparency, or respect for precedent, it undermines more than architecture. It signals that tradition, collaboration, and institutional stewardship are optional. They aren't.

If a change truly serves the American people, it should withstand scrutiny, follow established channels, and be funded responsibly. If it doesn't, it deserves to be reconsidered.

Restoring the East Wing is not about nostalgia. It’s about honoring the continuity of leadership, the dignity of the office, and the legacy of the women who used that space to serve this country.

We can modernize without erasing. We can improve without diminishing. And we can celebrate progress without sidelining the very people who helped build it.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:05:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mari Halliday
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With regard to the East Wing of the White House, I would like to see architect's drawings of an addition in proportion to the rest of the White House structure; in the same style, size, and taste as the former structure.

This is the People's White House and all changes should be vetted by we the people.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:04:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Martindale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the building of the ballroom. It would be a huge waste of money & it is not needed. We have gotten by for all this time without a ballroom & have managed to entertain guests very well without it. More importantly, please preserve the integrity, the structure & the history of the White House. The proposed ballroom would be an gaudy eyesore. It's size would completely overwhelm the White House, which was never meant to be this scope or style. The White House was supposed to be the people's house, not a carbon copy of Mar Lago. We did not ask for this & we do not want it. I would also like the East Wing to be restored. It should never have been torn down in the first place without any input. I don't believe that its demolition was done legally. We lost some very important American history & our history matters!

Date: 2/13/2026 8:02:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Settanni
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There should be NO construction of a White House ballroom. The East wing should be rebuilt with funds from Presidents private wealth.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:01:35 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Tahiry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

90,000 sq.ft. Is a ridiculously large out of scale addition to the White House. It is my hope is that it is reconstructed so that it fits the historical context of the building and utilizes the space intelligently for the needs of future presidents. I would not like to see a gaudy, gold-laden monstrosity replace the East Wing of the White House. Perhaps a contest for architects could be conducted to help define the best and highest use of the new East Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:00:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candice Schultz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president is a temporary resident of the White House. He unlawfully tore this down without going through proper channels. He should have to pay to fully restore it from his own money. This is the peoples house, not his, not just one parties all of us who pay taxes.
Who wants a gold gaudy ballroom. If it go forth it should be in keeping with the historic accuracy of the rest of the building. Not a monument to one person. A committee of historians and those in the business of historic preservation should be doing this project not one persons whim with a team of yes men. Historic accuracy is key to keeping the tradition of period buildings. Stop this insane behavior from a demented egotist. He should be fined and arrested for doing the irreparable harm that we can now never replace to it’s historic significance.

Date: 2/13/2026 8:00:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda David
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The fact that the East Wing was torn down outside the normal process for making changes to the White House makes this project invalid from the start. Those actions by this administartion were irresponsible and insulting to the American people. Suffice it to say that as an American citizen I am appalled by the wanton disregard for this icon of American history and culture.

That said, something has to be built in it's place. The size and gaudiness of the planned ballroom is not in keeping with the historic nature of the People's House. This project needs to be redrawn to reduce the size so it doesn't overshadow the house itself. It must be design compatible and historically accurate. It should be taseful (no excess of gold and marble) and incorporate areas, such as the bunker, that were destroyed and must be rebuilt.

This oversight body must exercise it's mandate to ensure that the White House is preserved for generations to come.

Thank you,
Linda David
Gainesville, Virginia

Date: 2/13/2026 7:59:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly against the 90,000 square foot ballroom. It is a massively expensive facility that is not needed. I understand the need to renovate/upgrade underground features/bunker but the above ground structure should not detract from or overwhelm the White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was (again, with the understanding that below ground structures would be upgraded) to the same design, size, and scale as originally existed. There is no need for the insanely oversized ballroom. The routine functions of the rebuilt space can be re-evaluated if the First Lady doesn't feel the need for that space but it should remain open to the public for Xmas and special events. I was fortunate to visit in December 2024 and the experience was patriotic and emotional. Rebuild the East Wing as it was!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:58:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mimi Sheridan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project name--East Wing Modernization-- is a joke. It's demolition and replacement, not modernization.

The destruction of the East Wing has caused extremely significant damage to our nation's most important historic buildings-- the White House. This destruction brings shame to our country and cannot be ignored.

However, since the damage is done, the replacement should be carefully designed to be compatible with the remaining historic structure. Most importantly, it should be compatible in size, massing and overall character and designed to enhance rather than overwhelm the historic building.

Our nation and its capitol city will have to live with this building for decades. We need something that we can be proud of.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:57:29 PM
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Name: Peggy Page
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Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by us, the American people. It is

not owned by the current or any other transient occupier who has absolutely NO legal, constitutional or moral right to destroy an important piece of our heritage. To that end, I demand that NO ballroom addition of any size or square feet be added to this great edifice, and that the East Wing be restored to its original glory. Thank you

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Name: Peter Mangiafico
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Please do not have the size and style of the East Wing dominate the surrounding area. The focus should remain on the central section, and the style should remain consistent. In the interior, please do not imitate grandiose and over the top decorations similar to Versailles. This is part of the people's house and not a palace for nobility. Remember that this structure belongs to the people of the United States, with the President only a temporary steward. Please think long term.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:56:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: SANDIE POPIEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's an absolute disgrace that this man was allowed to tear down the East Wing for what ever vanity idea he had! It's not his house it's our house and he has destroyed a national treasure!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:56:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mariann Brownson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of the East Wing is a travesty! The People's House doesn't need a $400,000,000 ballroom! The East Wing was torn down without any review and/or process, and should be restored to the size and functions it had before.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:55:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Stern
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

The nation needs a commission of respected architects and historians to decide on the proper next steps of this project.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:54:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tabitha Grieger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am disgusted that this administration destroyed history without the consent of the People. The gaudy changes meant to resemble other foreign government buildings that have been made all over the White House cannot continue with this project, that is now a rebuild. Additionally, the famed and sentimental rose garden was also destroyed. So heartbreaking that history has just vanished with the assistance of people who don't want history to tell the truth about them.

Do not allow another nail to be pulled or driven from this building or grounds until this spectacle of an administration is long gone. In fact, I don't think a dime should be spent on any construction in the Capital period until a law suit or settlement from the responsible party for the unauthorized demolition is reached.

And that goes for the proposed and unnecessary arch as well. You can build an arch when and if all Americans have healthcare. Until then, the administration should be made to sit out construction of anything in penance for acting without proper authority.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:54:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Baya
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project represents a profound misallocation of resources and sends the wrong message to the American people and the world. The White House is the people's house and a working symbol of democratic government—not a venue that prioritizes luxury event space.

A large "ballroom" addition reads as a facility optimized for elite galas and high-dollar social functions. Even if privately funded, the physical and symbolic footprint attaches itself permanently to a national icon, shaping how the presidency and the country present themselves. That symbolism matters.

Given that the East Wing has already been demolished as part of this plan.the path forward should elevate a broader public purpose: a design process led by a bipartisan team of architects, historians, accessibility experts, and civic representatives to create a replacement that honors the full diversity of the United States—across race, class, age, and ability—and that strengthens the White House as a public institution rather than an exclusive venue.

A lavish ballroom is not a worthy emblem of our democratic heritage. A redesigned East Wing can reflect service, history, accessibility, and civic education—something all Americans can feel proud of.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Matthew Baya

Date: 2/13/2026 7:53:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Sinkhorn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We are totally aghast at the President's unitary and unlawful action of changing the context of the White House , the people's house, into a megalomaniac statement about his personal, individual and distorted view of what he thinks he is. An emperor. The changes to the White House interior we have seen on tv coverage are overstated and not fitting for the chief executive of a republic. The president deems himself to be an emperor. He is sadly mistaken. We are Republicans, have never voted for him and are completely disappointed by his performance, The White House is a shining symbol of our republic and the unilateral decision to add this ballroom monstrosity overshadows and cheapens the long term respect the White House has created for sure nation. This is merely another effort by a failed personalty to convince himself that he has been a significant leader.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:53:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helene Lamarre
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen and a taxpayer, I request that you do everything you can to stop this project. It is a vanity project and it does not complement the White House whatsoever. In fact, it detracts from it greatly. Please do not let this abomination go forward.
Also, when the time comes, please block any kind of arc to be built approaching Washington DC. DC has such a special feel of our history, and reflects the times that our founders gave us our republic. Please don't let it be defaced with any of these projects.
Thank you,
Helene Lamarre

Date: 2/13/2026 7:52:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Pollard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My heart is broken that our beautiful and historic White House has been partially torn down for an outrageously oversized building that is not in keeping with the grandeur of the place. It is a historically protected building and that should be observed.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:52:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allyssa Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's ugly and stupid. To ruin our flagship national building that the entire world looks to for some megalomaniac, is obscene and should be stopped. For 250 years we had no ballroom. We don't need to waste our money on one now. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:52:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gavi Stevens
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is obscene to have a ballroom that is larger than the entire White House. That pompous grandiosity is what dictators do not what a real president does. The graft and corruptiob associated with that project is just the latest corruption of this wannabe dictator calling itself 'the leader of our country'. Grow a set and do what is needed - full and total opposition to these self-serving projects.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:51:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Curtis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that President Trump has had a lot of success in the first year of his second term. However, I am concerned about his attempt to remake the White House East Wing without the input of qualified architects well versed in historical American renovations.

Having lived in Paris for many years in the 90's, I witnessed the care & careful renovations that have kept the city's historical buildings & monuments in tack & made the city a veritable jewel that attracts visitors from all over the world. Please impress on the President that we need to follow the lead of this venerable nation which came to our assistance during the American Revolution. Let them come again, so we can learn from this great nation how to protect our own historical treasures.

There is no rush to get this finished as quickly as possible. Let's take our time & keep the country involved so that we feel that this has been a well thought through plan, & that the architects have created the most appropriate resolution. After all this is the peoples' house.
c.c.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:51:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joe Lesser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While a ballroom is not necessary, working space is. I suggest that the space be used for a new building that will house working space for staffers and departments. It should not have any wasteful gilding. If indeed the destroyed bunker is needed, that should be replaced at the same time.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:51:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jill Hessinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am saddened by the East Wing demolition that happened without proper protocol and I am horrified by the grandiose plans for a ballroom. The proportions are outlandish, especially in comparison to the surrounding historical buildings. I understand the possible need for a ballroom , but it does not have to be so garish. The White House property should be fluent in design and not have a monstrosity attached to it.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:51:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah A Arnold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The cost is exhorbitant with potential damage to historical integrity and unnecessary lavishness. Concerns include legal challenges from preservation groups, the need for rigorous design reviews, and arguments that such projects are overly aristocratic.

The Society of Architectural Historians warned that the addition requires a rigorous, comprehensive review to protect the integrity of the historic building if this were to happen and it includes tearing down parts of the existing East Wing. Disruptive.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:50:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Bateman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the People first and foremost. This project is not for the People - it seems to be only to feed the current president's insatiable appetite to create a royal social status where none exists. He chooses a time where there is unrest on the streets to preen himself. It's embarrassing to call him the head of our country.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:50:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Rebidas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop the ballroom construction. The billionaires can build it elsewhere on private property. Preserve what historical dirt remains. Reconstruct the East Wing and Rose (real) Garden. This is the peoples' house. We do not go to gilded aged ballrooms. I just want to cry

Date: 2/13/2026 7:50:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Warner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is being done to the White House is an insult to all Americans. Illegal and if anyone else did that , it wouldn't happen as all construction would come to a stand still. How congress and senators are sitting speechless while the White House is being distroyed is beyond me. The Republicans are a disgrace to the world and we're watching it happen from the inside out

Date: 2/13/2026 7:49:32 PM
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Name: Christina Peterson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Over 100 years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt changed the name of what had previously been called the "President's House" to the bland descriptive, "White House," in order to make it clear that, in his mind, the seat of our national government did not belong to the president; it belonged to the people of the United States. The current president, D.J. Trump apparently doesn't share that vision.

Trump took it upon himself to proceed with the demolition of part of the White House in order to construct a white marble and gilt "ballroom" - this without notice to the people of the United States, and without consultation with any of the responsible agencies. After the demolition, he announced that he intended his "ballroom" to dwarf the White House itself, that he would personally decorate this huge vanity project as a Temu version of his tacky Florida resort, and that it would all be funded by payoffs from various unnamed billionaires hoping to seal lucrative government deals with his administration.

For God's sake, he's going to hold bloody boxing matches on the White House lawn to celebrate his birthday! Maybe he can get Kid Rock to sing his patriotic anthem "Balls in Your Mouth" between rounds. He plastered his name on the Kennedy Center and has plans for a coin bearing his likeness. He threatens to build a huge, gilded Arc de Triomphe knockoff on the Mall! He PAVED the Rose Garden and covered it with patio furniture!

Do not, I beg you, do not sanction his corruption, his insane egotism, his horrible, horrible taste. Stop the construction of the Trump Ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:49:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Powers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I found the desecration and destruction of the East Wing without any approvals or input from any appropriate authorities absolutely disgusting, but the size and scope of this project is ridiculous. The White House, or The People's House was a beautiful historical building, and any renovation should honor that. The new addition should be in scale and look of the West Wing of the building.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:47:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: evelyn breakstone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump knew it was wrong! Why else did he bulldoze the East Wing in the night. Restore it the way it was! It is OUR house, not his. He had no right to do this without approval.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:47:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Lakin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an unnecessary vanity project that goes against all history in demolishing a historic building and replacing it with a gaudy ugly tacky tasteless ballroom for Trump, whohas zero taste, class, intelligence, low education and poor sophistication, and it should not be allowed to be a symbol of an aberrant perod of the US when democracy was dismanled and defiled by a failed narcissitic businessman.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:46:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary White
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying a section of the white house was an illegal act of vandalism. Those giving the orders for this horrible action and those carrying out the destruction should be held accountable for criminal behavior.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:45:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Raybee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has already done WAY MORE than ENOUGH to change to history within the White House and other historical sites. The money he plans to spend, bending recorded history just to honor himself, should be used to support schools, Social Security and helping American citizens in need.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:45:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rex Grubb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This is an outrage. Any president is but a temporary resident of The White House, which truly belongs to all Americans. No one president should make any changes to the building without prior consent.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:45:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tempe Javitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization of the White House is inappropriate in size and scope for the White House and a huge expense as well. It also hasn't been approved by the usual procedures. The White House belongs to the people and any additions or expansions should go through the usual channels before even being approved!

Sincerely, Tempe Javitz

Date: 2/13/2026 7:44:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Herck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A hard NO to this oversized, tacky monument to excess and ego.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:44:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Mooney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much against the destruction of the East Wing. Destroying the East Wing for a presidential project was illegal as he doesn't own the White House and he did not submit any plans or requests to the correct commisions, He even facilicitated the destruction after telling the country that his plan would not affect the White House. The country has been bullied by this destruction and it must not be allowed to continue.
My demand is that the East Wing be returned to its original construction. I do not condone any modernization of the interior of the original East Wing. I pray that the Commission will NOT authorize any change to the East Wing and will only instruct the current resident to restore the East Wing to it's original construction.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:44:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Rosenwald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. Donald Trump is merely a temporary resident living rent free. He has destroyed part of the structure and should be personally financially responsible for restoring it to the condition it was when he moved in.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:44:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Winchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The scale of what is being proposed is monstrous and completely out of character with the rest of the White House complex. Reduce the size greatly - or better yet, restore the East Wing to its original size and abandon the ballroom altogether.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:44:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Salenius
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I agree with the comments of Comissioner Mendelson made at your 2/5/26 meeting. I think that the ballroom structure should be reduced in height by at least 10 feet, or more if possible. Because it extends southward, its height appears much taller than the White House from that view. The scale of the whole structure is visually disturbing. A reduction of at least 20% of its mass would be more respective of the context. The massive entryways are also excessive. The south entry portico in particular is too massive and extends too far outward from the building. Shorten it, pilasters instead of columns!
The floor plan of the lower level, with the First Lady's suite adjacent to an inordinately large kitchen complex, seemed to be an odd juxtaposition. It would seem that noise and security would be significant issues as a result.
I am also very concerned about the interior of the building, given the "gilt taste" exhibited in the current Oval. This is not the kind of royal decor that should represent our republic. Gold leaf should be outlawed both inside and out of this new structure.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:43:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norman Shotwell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I submit that the size of the Grand Ballroom is grotesque as it dwarfs the much more important Whitehouse itself.

Unless tremendous push back brings sense to our President, I doubt if my comment will make any difference.

Sincerely,
Norm Shotwell

Date: 2/13/2026 7:42:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Theis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What is being done to the White House is a disgrace. This. is a historical building that has housed presidents and their families since the early 1800's. Yes, the building needs to at times be maintained and improved on, but what was done to the East Wing and the prospective ballroom are way outside reasonable guidelines. Enough tacky gold trim has already been painted all over the interior. The last thing we need is a gold plated monstrosity of a ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:42:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: BRUCE WADE
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,

Arbitrarily demolishing the East wing of the White House was an offensive and needless act that violated countless rules and regulations.

Going forward, every step of the replacement of that historic wing should be under the greatest scrutiny and review, as the current occupant cannot be trusted to act within the bounds of legal or moral limitations.

Thanks

Date: 2/13/2026 7:42:21 PM
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Name: Lisa Richardson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House's plan for East Wing Modernization should NOT go forward. The project is far too large, grossly altering the historic aesthetic of "the People's House." It is clear that the vision and planning for the new Ballroom disregarded the importance of design, existing scale, meanings conveyed by federal monuments, and, worst of all, the legal processes for making changes to "the People's House." On no authority, the current administration chose to destroy federal property. This is wrong. And going forward with the plan would only reward the wrong doing. Rather than build the new abominable design, the White House should be required to REBUILD the East Wing, as it stood before they tore it down. They should also be required to return the artifacts that were (hopefully) removed before the building's destruction. Then, and only then, should the current administration be permitted to submit plans for renovations to the East Wing or any other part of this essential national structure. And needless to say, the cost for this rebuild/restoration of the East Wing should not be born by tax players, who were denied the due process that this current review seeks to institute.

Thank you for receiving these comments.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:41:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pat Epperly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is illegal and does not represent the American people. It is a shame and a disgrace for the occupant of the White House to have unilaterally demolished a historic site without going through the proper channels. Do not allow bad taste of gold and gilding to represent the People’s House. We are a democracy not a monarchy. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:40:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Casto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please proceed thoughtfully with this project to fit the style of the rest of the People’s House. Qualified architects should go through a bidding process like other major national monuments and private money must not rule the outcome. Don’t let this be some kind of award Trump is giving to wealthy contractors who gave him election support.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:40:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raymond Baublitz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an absolute outrage that the White House has been desecrated in the manner it has in recent months. At no time in the 226 years of Presidential occupancy has the house been inadequate for official functions.

And while there have been alterations in its size since first constructed, NEVER has such an over-sized and garish addition been seriously considered. I cannot believe that anyone would approve the destruction of the existing wing in the first place, And to propose such a building that is so totally disproportional and totally in contrast to the dignity of Hoban's original design should never have even been CONSIDERED, let alone gotten to the phase that allowed actually tearing down a portion of the extant building, Please abandon this ill-conceived alteration to the White House,

Date: 2/13/2026 7:39:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Lubow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am an Architect, with 45 years professional experience, although no longer considered a 'professional' by the Trump administration Department of Education. I also reside in a National Historic Landmark property and strongly believe in the importance that historic preservation plays in supporting our architectural heritage. As such, I beseach our President to take a page from Paris' Louvre Museum, whose enlargement by I.M. Pei neither detracted from nor debased the beauty of the original 'palace' the way Trump's horrible and tasteless plan will make OUR beautiful White House insignificant to his way-out-of-scale, overly ostentatious, and historically inappropriate Ballroom. In other words, OUR White House complex will become an outsized Ballroom with a relatively small residence attached. Trump's conception of Historic Preservation is a Disneyland-level solution. Contrary to Trump's belief, bigger is NOT always better; it's simply just a more in-your-face horrible mis! take!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:39:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Bishop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This does not represent America. It is being built so that the rich and powerful can party at the invitation of the president. No commoners will ever receive an invitation. I don't know how to stop this as the east wing has been destroyed but this project must be STOPPED.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:38:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Bickerton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very concerned about the size and scope of the proposed East Wing Project and ask this committee to reduce its size and scope to a more reasonable level that will not over-shadow the White House. This is a public building, owned by the citizens of the USA (I am one!) and we don’t want an oversized ballroom. Please limit and require this project to be reconsidered and be subject to all federal laws. Citizen input matters!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:38:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Hosterman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No to the ballroom, it is not needed. And someday I want the Rose Garden back.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:37:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Marinaro
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The stately White House has occupied its present footprint for quite a long time. It exists in harmony with its setting: its trees, lawns, bushes and drives. In all, the building and its perspectives, the iconic structure and the clearings (Olmstead) that surround it, are special and unique.
To mess with such balance and perfection to build a ballroom that benefits not the nation, but a very few, would be a national embarrassment. It appears to be a vanity project to entertain the rich and powerful at the expense of average Americans. That wrecking crews were allowed to begin their work before the project was reviewed, shows the disdain the current Administration has for history, architecture, the arts, and your organization.
Please stop this project, restore the building and grounds, and admonish and fine the perpetrators .
Disgusted.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:37:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Y
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My comments pertain to the demolition and rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House.

It is unconscionable that this historic building was defaced and demolished without citizen or Congressional input, and historic protection.

The rebuilding must keep the scale of the original building in mind and adhere to the principle that this is the People's House, and not a gilded monument to one individual.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:37:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Robbins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I seriously doubt I would ever be invited to a ball in the ballroom. As such, the building is now no longer on my list of places to visit when/if I ever visit Washington D.C. I do NOT want my tax dollars to go into any part of this fiasco. If we must have it, could it please be names the Epstein Ballroom?

Date: 2/13/2026 7:36:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Larissa R.
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly OPPOSE the fact that the East Wing of the White House was torn down to build a ballroom for the president.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:36:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jenny Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing has happened and we are left mourning the irreversible loss of so much of our collective history. It would be irresponsible, uncouth, and regretful if the whims of one were to continue to deface our nation's capital with golden oversized tributes to ego. Our tax dollars should not be going to pay tribute to a current President seeking grandeur.

Thank you,

Date: 2/13/2026 7:35:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Acharya
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The east wing should be restored to its prior glory using the bribe money the president has gotten since it was demolished without following any proper processes. We do not need a vanity project paid for by big

companies. If there is no way to do that first, then it should be one of the options considered and is what I, and many people I know, would vote for in a heartbeat. After that, we can consider the options and choose the best one... But we should not reward how it was lawlessly demolished without making sure it doesn't happen again by restoring it first.

Sincerely,
Thomas Acharya

Date: 2/13/2026 7:33:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Jensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is poorly planned. Scale is the first foremost problem with the proposal. I am strongly opposed to this project.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:32:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karolyn Knoll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is paid for by tax dollars by the American People. We cannot afford this modernization project. The White House is a historical building that a current president occupies during their term, it does not need a ballroom or the expenses that would come with that. If Universities are having to cut back and that is going to effect education of students, I believe the White House current administation could wait to make these changes.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:30:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Hertzberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Whatever is built in the place of the East Wing needs to support offices for the First Lady and others that were dislocated from the demolished East Wing, and a substantially smaller event/state dinner/ballroom location. And, of course, the presidential safe room underneath.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:30:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tonette Bowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom; it needs its East Wing back. There are many facilities in the metro Washington, D.C. area that are available and perfectly acceptable to host foreign dignitaries, other notables and unnecessary gala parties. We are not European, Middle Eastern, Saudi Arabian, Asian, etc. -- we do not need grand buildings and castles that benefit just the few. And to abolish the historical East Wing without proper authorization is reprehensible.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:30:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Regenwether
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We did not and do not need a grand ball room. This is ALL about Trump.and NOT America. We have far MORE IMPORTANT things to spend money on instead of an egotistical ball room. We can't afford our nation anymore and you build a ball room in the people's house WITHOUT OUR INPUT OR APPROVAL. You could have done a minor renovation but you wanted a guildef in gold like a fake god.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:29:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Geller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in scale and subordinate in form to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:28:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Lynch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

This is unnecessary. Only one person wants this to glorify himself. Unfortunately, as with all of those who think the rules do not apply to him, the destruction has already taken place. No doubt reasonable improvement may need to be made, but the White House is not a major event space. The destruction of the East Wing was a desecration of the Trust the American people place in their elected officials.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:27:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anne Nieman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Consider reducing the scale of the connecting wing between the White House and ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:28:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the proposed plans for the East Wing. I believe that the destruction of the East Wing was done hastily without a thoughtful plan for the reconstruction. I suggest the project stop now until acceptable plans are thoroughly reviewed.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:27:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joann Wheaton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have been a member of the National Trust for many years.
In December of 2024,I took my family to visit the White House to see it decorated for Christmas.
Because I use a walking device, I was allowed to use the elevator .My White House escort showed me the passage where I could see the original building blocks. This was my 4th visit over the years, The East wing paneling at the entrance was spectacular.
The proposed ballroom addition does not fit the site.

I cannot bear to visit Washington DC to see the destruction.

Please do not approve the plan.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:27:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolina Goodman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am horrified and disgusted that the East Wing was demolished before notifying the National Trust for Historic Preservation. That was an underhanded, illegal move.

The United States is not in need of a ballroom at the White House, and I object to using my tax dollars for such a project. Tax dollars should be spent on supporting Americans, like healthcare, NOT on frivolous, expensive items.

Alas, it is too late to save the East Wing, but it is not too late to stop the building of this enormous ballroom.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:26:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Demmie McKane
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am in favor of the renovation of the East Wing only if it doesn't become completely modern! It needs to be historically renovated while being expanded! This project needs to be done under the direction of an Historic Preservation Architect. This architect needs to guide the entire building project!!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:26:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristen Mincey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom addition would dwarf the White House and look gaudy. If the East Wing needed to be modernized, proper steps should have been taken to ensure continuity with the existing structure, as well as all necessary permitting and planning for environmental impact. It's a travesty it was demolished on a whim.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:26:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chandra Harrington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly urge the administration to restore in kind the exterior of the ballroom to maintain the orginal

mass and architectural style.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:26:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Bialik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The prosed changes to a historic building are absurd and ugly. It should be restored to its former symmetry and the interior to the way it looked before it was bulldozed. Any improvement (and a do mean betterment) should be under the direction of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
Presidents are temporary tenants, not owners, and should not be allowed to play with what isn't theirs. I would include the tacky gilding that has been a recent desecration, as well.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:25:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Wilder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Am most interested in professional archaeological exploration and its importance. Otherwise the East Wing modernization doesn’t bother me in the least

Date: 2/13/2026 7:25:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Blanck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Imagine you're the landlord of an historic home. You've been renting out the home to a new tenant every four years.
Your current tenant tells you he needs a new toilet because the one in the master bath is leaking. Understandable, things
get old, start to leak. He assures you, it's just minor. Other tenants before him have had minor work done around the home.
People's shoes are getting wet. You call a contractor to do the minor repair work.

You then get a call from your neighbor. Astonished, he informs you, "the contractor said the renter ordered him to tear the whole
thing down". The contractor continues: 'the renter said the owner won't mind' as well as 'the renter didn't like the paint job. He wants it gold. He said he lives there now, and he may not let you rent it to anyone else. Ever. Also, he wants to do more 'work' on different parts of the house. In fact, he wants to put up a huge monument to himself on your lawn. And you can't stop him.'

The renter doesn't own the home.

YOU own the home. And now your home, the one with centuries of history, is demolished. Your posessions, handed down for generations, destroyed.

And that renter, well, he claims he's going to pay for the repairs, but you know that's never going to happen. You'd kick out the renter, but his extended family starts sending you threatening messages.

That's how America feels about this obscenity. Angry. Nauseous. Disgusted.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:25:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Caroline Bauhaus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an egregious waste of tax payer dollars. Public property has already been destroyed in an illegal manner. The project should and must have legitimate architectural oversight.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:25:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cyn Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled by the callous wreckage carried out by this administration, and completely against the concept of a grand ballroom for the wealthy to gather. The White House is the people's house, and the destruction of the Lincoln White House wing brought me to tears. No approval was requested before the bulldozers arrived to destroy, and now we are left with a horrible mess. NO! I absolutely do not want a ballroom of any size in this space. We would do better to have a garden with trees and plants to restore some kind of grace to this poorly treated building.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:25:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Nelms
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the ballroom is a very good idea. It has been needed for many years. How embarrassing and expensive to put up tents to accommodate activities of our administration. Although it is large as it must be, its size will be concealed by trees and other landscaping which is also good for security. The main White House is still the focal point from either side. I think the people will be very pleased with the results.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:24:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This addtion throws off the symmetry of the White House and West wing. Makes it look like the ballroom is the most important room. Interior looks like Versailles on steriods, way overdone. Just plain ugly!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:24:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Schuck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for accepting my comments.
The White House is the people's house and should be treated as such.
There are policies and procedure to dictate how changes should and can be made.
It's my understanding this has not been done so far with this project.
Any addition should fit with the size and scale of the main building. This project far exceeds that and will detract from the grandeur of the building.
I am a proud American and am extremely displayed at the proposed project.
A huge ballroom is not necessary and the project should be scaled back to fit all set requirements.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:23:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Goy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing was a criminal act by this administration. There should be criminal penalties for defacing public property!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:23:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Boerner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, I would like to state that destroying the East Wing without a plan to replace it, was a stupid decision and obvious disaster. Did anybody check the legality of this? Was there any oversight?
Any replacement should be designed by historicaly trained architects to place it in context with the White House, not to overwhelm it.
Secondly, since our country does not have a record of giving balls, except at inaugurations, I certainly

question the need for a ballroom at all.
I feel that this ballroom idea is a terrible waste of our tax dollars and that the space should be used as a place for visitors to the to the White House to gather and discuss the historic importance of the White House and for White House staff to work for our country.
Our tax dollars should not be used for his play pen.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:23:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen Brooke Blair
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need to demolish anything else at our beloved White House. The removal of the Rose Garden was such a devastation, disappointment, and totally unnecessary project, and we the people were not offered the chance to voice our opinion prior to the removal. Thank you for allowing voters to express our feelings about how Trump continues to deface our national monuments. I am so disappointed in his choices about what he considers to be important to people in our country. I consider all that he has done to our various national monuments he has "messed with" so far is to defile them.....certainly not an improvement! Please so not allow him to ruin anything else.
Sincerely submitted by Dr. Helen Brooke Blair

Date: 2/13/2026 7:22:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gregory Clark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom It May Concern:

First, this is hardly a "Modernization Project". It is a total replacement project both in terms of physical building and purpose.

And it is a total replacement project that is unnecessary in purpose. Maybe the East Wing needed to be modernized or even replaced but not with a Ballroom.

The US Government and/or the White House are not simply party organizations. Certain celebrations are appropriate. Thousand-people gatherings in a gilded ballroom are not needed or desired.

No ballroom. Legitimate White House offices only.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Clark

Date: 2/13/2026 7:22:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Betty Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of this country I object to the current plan for renovation of the East Wing of the White House. This house belongs to all of the people of the country, not just to Donald TRump who has acted as if this is his house and his alone!!!! There is no need for a ballroom in the White House!! There is a review process that he totally skipped and the work on the East Wing should have been stopped long ago!!! There was no chance for any input, not by Congress or the people of the country, making everything about the process illegal!!!!

I call on the NCPC, Commission of the FIne Arts and Congress to stop this travesty immediately!!
Sincerely
Betty Morgan

Date: 2/13/2026 7:22:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kenneth Althiser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park.It should not be revamped, remodeled or redone without due consideration people by American citizens. Public input is necessary, and must happen before construction begins. The American people should be allowed to voice concerns and oversee designs before it is too late. Personally, all the gold-gilt is offensive and the stuff of Medieval kings and other useless apparatus of government. Profligate waste of tax dollars does not an art piece make. The current plans appear to be offensive to both the eyes and my wallet. We need an open process with discussion and published designs that should have begun before demolition.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:21:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Tooher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to the destruction of the East Wing by the current tenant of the White House. This was done without any permits or proposals submitted before the illegal destruction of the existing structure. The proposed vanity ballroom is unneeded and unnecessary. I strongly urge that this project be denied and the restoration of the White House be ordered at the expense of the tenant.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:21:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mg D
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. The current occupant of the White House has no right to change our House!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:21:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Walter McGerry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an ill conceived project that has not been justified. Why do we need it? This is the people's house and not the property of a temporary tenant. Decisions about demolition and construction is not relegated to a president.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:19:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Falls Scott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that none of this should have happened at the White House (the people's house) without input from the Senate and the House of Representative. The White House property does not belong to the occupants. The occupants are temporary residents, and it is not theirs to do as they please, no matter who is paying. Will they be responsible for the upkeep, as well?

Date: 2/13/2026 7:19:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The law has already been violated by demolishing the wing. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval. This was not done, so as far as I am concerned, the 47th administration has forfeited any right to make more changes.

Additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed tacky, gaudy ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

So NO.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:19:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janet Moser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. The damage Trump has already done is horrific. I do not want to see our White House turned into a stage for showboating and such. This ballroom is unnecessary and wasteful. It has also become another bribe opportunity for Trump.
Please stop this madness and give the White House back to the American people.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:18:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: dee lewin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing must have approval of NCPC & Commision of Fine Arts, comply with NEDA & receive congressional approval. None of this should be bypassed. Since much destruction has already occurred & construction already started things MUST be rolled back. Ballroom way out of scale & proportion to White House.
Something must be done to mitigate damage already done, to modify & scale back ballroom proposal & to rein in executive branch so they follow appropriate procedures....approval must come before action. This goes for all all changes to the White House & it's grounds.
Not sure how to hold back strong executive branch from imposing will on these extreme alterations
I guess it's up to Congress to rein in the Executive branch of government. But they do not seem to be doing their Job. We all have a responsibility to vote for congresspersons who will use their ability to rein in the Executive Branch.
Concentration to rein back executive branch power in these matters should focus mainly on architectural changes interior & exterior landscape. Interior design elements like what pictures hang in the White House or how they are hung are not as important because they are easily reversible.
Congress must get on this quickly. Much damage has already been done to the people's house.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:18:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jazzmen Jefferson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I oppose this proposed change to the East Wing Modernization Project. To add an addition such as this is a tasteless plan. There are many other places where we could work to "improve" the White House's layout, meaning making it more environmentally conscious and showing how we can move toward cleaner forms of living. Adding a 90,000 sq ft ballroom is essentially inflating an ego that isnt meant for the people. The White House itself is roughly only 55,000. This sends the wrong message not only to our home base but also abroad. How are we as a country, with an already growing homeless population, to show we care for the people in this great country? We could focus on the idea of the white house as a place of focus and openness. Closing off a section with a giant fixed, single-use place, such as the ballroom, is unbelievable to see.

I want to repeat my strong opposition to this being approved. This is unnecessary and wasteful.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:18:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Pavlic
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree with the East Wing being torn down and do not feel a Ballroom should be added to the White House. It is historic and should be preserved as is.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:17:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marsha Meghdadpour
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The damage has already been done to destroy a National Legacy, the East Wing of the White House- the People's House. So under these circumstances I'd like to have the Rest Wing re-constructed to the exact way that it appeared before it was torn down, only to appear to have been restored to its original model. I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A MASSIVE BALLROOM BUILT THAT WOULD BE OUT OF PROPORTION WITH THE EXISTING BUILDING. The tax payers dollars should NOT be used to construct anything other than restored East Wing. Personally, since our current President did NOT get Congressional approval to tear down the East Wing, I'd vote to have the current President reimburse the U.S. Treasury for the cost to rebuild the East Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:17:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please bury Trump underneath it.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:17:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Hallameck
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of a portion of the Peoples House, the White House is reprehensible!
By-passing all oversight from the Congress and other preservation groups prior to the destruction commencing, is an example that this president is arrogant, he doesn't believe he is responsible to the rule of law and is planning to erect an edifice, in the image of a former French KING, and name it for himself because he thinks he is omnipotent and everyone and everything is subject to him and is impulses. Like a dictator or King!
Once it is completed it will look garish, gaudy and ostentatious, better described as UGLY! As the saying goes, "All his taste is in his mouth of lies!"

Date: 2/13/2026 7:17:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Morris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing in opposition to the plan for a 90000 sq ft ballroom. I believe that this addition will look out of place with the historic White House. Any addition should have balance and be thoughtfully added to not take away from the beautiful building. I do not believe that a ballroom of this size is necessary and should be scaled back.

This is the People's House, not one president's. It belongs to all citizens.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:17:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maryl Neff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This isn't a "modernization project," which implies renovating the existing building. Oh wait! There is no existing building. We should have been given the opportunity to comment BEFORE the building was demolished. This was an egregious violation of the public's trust in the government. There's no way to come back from this. The historic East Wing is gone, and anything built in its place is going to be awful.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:16:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leah Elkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not support the oversized ballroom project to replace the East Wing. The planned ballroom will dwarf the White House and make it secondary to the new wing. It is inappropriate for the symbol of the American presidency to be out shined by a giant entertainment space. I have no objection to a ballroom in general and I understand the importance of a space to hold state dinners but the way the project is now conceived will
destroy the dignity and significance of the People's House itself. Please require that the East Wing "modernization" be reduced dramatically in scale to honor the historic building that all Americans treasure.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:15:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Helen DuBois
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of the East Wing of the people's house was a brutal attack on our USA tradition. We value our historic places. They remind us of how our nation created a way to live inclusively, without kings or dictators leading us by the nose. There is a proper way to bring those historic reminders up into present day use, and that process carefully examines and respects the value of these treasures.

The continued brutal destruction of this building must stop and stay stopped until all proper, and thorough historic, architectural and engineering aspects have been carefully examined and the best options for repair have been placed on the table before even a splinter is moved again!!!

The current President is not the homeowner. He is measly a guest! He must step away from this issue immediately!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:15:16 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Clarke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled by the wanton and careless destruction of the East wing under the pretense of the need for a huge ballroom without due regard for architectural planning, authorization and any attempt to preserve and protect the historical artifacts present in the wing. This was a petulant act by a president who thinks that the laws do not apply to him. While modernization is required at times, there are guidelines and laws that should be followed, and architectural oversight provided at all times.

The White House has historical significance and any additions need to be thoughtfully done so that they are in a scale and style that harmoniously blends with the current (or what is left of) the current building. Additionally, the need for banquet and ballroom space needs to consider already existing space in buildings that can be used for such purposes, such as the National Portrait Gallery. The White House belongs to the people of this country and should reflect their values. We do not want nor require a palace covered in gold.

Additionally, NO tax payer money should be used to rebuild. Enough money has been pledged to this project by billionaires hoping to curry favors from this president to rebuilt with no expense sparred. Any attempts by Trump and his sycophants to siphon off money from the amount already raised should be prohibited. Any remaining money can be held in a trust for future repairs and maintenance. Under no circumstances should Trump be allowed to put his name on any part of the Whiter House, IT IS NOT HIS.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:15:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support the addition of a ballroom to the East Wing of the White House. From the proposals I have seen, the addition looks amazing, harking back to the styles I love from the early 20th century, where builders and architects put care and detail and actual pride into their magnificent designs. I understand that nothing like the ballroom proposal currently exists, and that many presidents have wanted to do this, but none made it a priority. It sounds like an incredible improvement to the White House that the taxpayers don't even need to fund! Brilliant.

Amy Fisher
Pennsylvania

Date: 2/13/2026 7:15:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Bingham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put it back as it was and leave it the hell along!!!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:14:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Simon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

For numerous legal, procedural, historical, aesthetic, and ethical reasons the Trump ballroom project should not go forward. President Donald Trump lied about his intentions and demolished the East Wing of the White House while trying to hide what was being done from the American people; he moved forward with plans for a 90,000 square-foot Mar-a-Lago style ballroom, which would be totally out of harmony with the classical design of the White House itself, without gaining Congressional approval or submitting plans to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts; he sourced funding for this unapproved project from private companies, thereby prompting ethical questions about what Mr. Trump might offer the funders in return; he then refused to name all the donors, thus keeping secret any pay-to-play deals that might occur. The ballroom is a poorly conceived and unnecessary project that would greatly

overshadow the 55,000 square-foot White House, which is a beloved National Historic Landmark and museum of the presidency and American government. Finally, and most important, the White House is the People's House, not Mr. Trump's house, and is an important symbol of the American republic. The American people have no interest in downgrading its status to that of an outbuilding attached to a garish monument to Mr. Trump's personal vanity.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:14:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ginger Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing modernization is an abhorrent deviation of the Neoclassical style and of the principles of the United States of America.
The plans are instead the delusions of a narcissistic and immature idiot with no understanding of the history of the building, the tenets of Neoclassical architectural style, or taste in general.
He has demonstrated that he has no regard for the history of the building, its artistic and architectural relevance, or its meaning to the citizens of this country.
These plans should be rejected until a more knowledgeable person can somehow repair what has been destroyed and draft a plan that properly respects the building, the history, the architectural style, its cultural significance, and without including the ego and idiocy of the man who is intent on destroying the USA.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:14:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Graham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To start what gave President Donald J. Trump the right to destroy any part of the White House he does NOT!!!
This East Wing Modernization Project of the White House is not a Modernization it is nothing but a temple for Trump. It would be one thing to change the White House if he own it. He does not, we as the citizens of the United States own it plain and simple. We pay the bills on it not Trump

Date: 2/13/2026 7:13:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Arlene Salkow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In spite of handpicked decision
makers by President Trump I
will express my thoughts. Sadly

without the legal process the
West Wing has been demolished.
The proposal is gaudy lacking any
sense of elegance . There is no respect for the White House.
In addition it is disproportionate
to the rest of the the building.
We in America do not need a
space that size to accommodate
all the people in the world that now
justifiably hate us.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:13:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Parmigiani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing as a loyal American who has always valued our history. I find it reprehensible that the current occupant had taken it upon himself to destroy MY AMERICAN HISTORY w/o thought or favor over how this would affect all Americans. There was nothing wrong w the East Wing & absolutely no reason to spend millions & millions of dollars to satisfy the whim of someone who will only have, dare I say the honor of living there for 3 more years. No one in all our history has wanted to erase what is truly the People's House like the current occupant. I do in fact want the People's House RESTORED to what it was before backhoes & heavy machinery were used to demolish it. I know my comment will have no effect on the current occupant's heavy handedness on the demolition of the People's House but as a faithful American who loves her country & its rich history I needed to submit this comment anyway.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:13:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JOHN MUNSON
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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As a citizen, a constituent and a voter, I strongly oppose the project.
1. The destruction of the East Wing and the proposal to replace it with "something" was done without the proper notice and approval by Congress, by the NCPC, by anyone.
2. Any proposal to change or alter any national monument should be made, in detail, and approved by the appropriate authority before any action of construction, remodeling, or demolition takes place.
3. The White House belong to all Americans, not to the occupant of the White House, and it belongs to history. It cannot be treated as the plaything of the current president.
4. Private funds to make a major change in a public monument should be made only through legally approved channels to avoid impropriety.
5. Any notion that the White House is the "president's house" is false. The president occupies the White House as a guest of the people of the United States and only for the term of his presidency.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Pacht
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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My first concern is that the ballroom project began without congressional approval: it tore down the existing wing without due process and has plans to construct a too-large ballroom, out of proportion to the existing White House -- it dwarfs the White House. This appears to be one man's preoccupation with his own aggrandizement with no regard for the opinions of others. I'm opposed to the building.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:12:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christine Greeley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I respectfully submit this comment in opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization project.
The White House is not merely a residence or event venue; it is one of the most symbolically and architecturally significant buildings in the United States. Its historic fabric carries national meaning that extends far beyond functional considerations. Any alteration—particularly large-scale additions such as a new ballroom—must be approached with extraordinary restraint.
The reported demolition of portions of the East Wing raises serious concerns about adherence to established historic preservation standards and federal stewardship responsibilities. The proposed new construction appears disproportionate in scale, inconsistent with the architectural character of the existing complex, and unnecessary given the availability of alternative venues for large gatherings.
Preservation is not opposition to progress; it is a commitment to continuity. The White House belongs to the American people across generations. Its architectural integrity should not be compromised for short-term convenience or expansion. I urge decision-makers to halt further alterations, ensure full transparency

and compliance with preservation law, and prioritize restoration and conservation over expansion.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:12:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barry Newman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it's a national disgrace. This renovation should have been brought before The Citizens of this Democracy and Congress. This is the Peoples' House. The Peoples House is being assaulted in many ways. Our President wants to convert it into a Place for the President. Just another assault on Law and Justice and a circumvention tradition, preedence. Also a misinterpretation of law and limits of power. One can only hope the voices of the people and Congress put us back on the democratic path our forefathers set us on and away the autocratic the path the present administration is taking us. God Bless Country and it's Democracy and it's People.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:11:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Fleming
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is appalling that the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, was demolished without any prior input from historic preservation entities. How this ever could have happened before the wrecking ball destroyed this wing of the White House seems unfathomable. The historic importance of this structure cannot be minimized. A President with only 3 years left in his term (per the US Constitution) cannot act without respect for the bodies that ensure appropriate preservation of OUR historic national buildings.

Please protect our national historic structures from further destruction. Now.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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Name: Joyce Repsold
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Adding a monstrous ballroom to the White House is outrageous! The cost alone in a time when the government owes so much money. The size is not proportional to the rest of the building. The president thinks he can do whatever he wants. The White House belongs to the American people not the President! The White House does not need a huge ballroom!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:10:59 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Creely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the MAGA Regime dictator-wannabe's project to build a garish ballroom that would be nearly double the size of the adjacent historic Executive Mansion is a low low point in our nation's history.

Trump had no right to do what he did.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. Trump is not the owner of the White House: no president is.

The president is only a tenant, whose interventions are restricted by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

Of course the idiot Trump has no respect for anything, or anyone.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is a violation of the law and a gross violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in scale and subordinate in form to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

I am sorry I even have to submit this comment.

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Name: John Herlihy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This process was unnecessary, given the real needs of the American people. It was initiated in an underhanded manner, without regard for zoning or environmental constraints.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:10:53 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Al Watts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my deep disappointment with the "East Wing Modernization Project." This project has not followed the National Trust for Historic Preservation Act because there was no review presented before demolition of the East Wing.

The failure to present a proposal before demolition has also prevented the public from providing valuable input into the design of the new structure. Such a review often improves the quality of any project of a historic property.

The design of this new structure fails to meet standard #9 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Structures. In particular, the mass and scale are not proportional to the rest of the historic structure. Also, the new structure appears to be larger than the original White House, further failing to meet standard #9.

Furthermore, the President does not have the authority to make changes to the White House. He does not own it. The people, through our representatives in Congress, own it and we ALLOW him to live and work there. If Congress had approved this project, no matter how terrible it would be, I would have no objection. Instead, the President did what he wanted to property he does not own.

Due to these reasons, this project should not be allowed to move forward.

Finally, this project is just plain ugly. There is not architectural style. The new structure would overshadow

the beautiful building it is attached to and make the White House a much less appealing place. The faux gold interior accents are fifty years out of date. If it is built, I sincerely hope a future Congress will approve its demolition.

Al Watts

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Kiley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Where does one begin?

That tearing down the East Wing was done without concern nor comment, and with complete disregard for history?

That the "donations" are simply pay-for-play for an Administration that considers grift standard operating procedure?

That the proposed ballroom at 90,000 feet is unnecessary and will dwarf that mansion?

My father worked for NCPC in the 50's and 60's. He taught us the value of architecture, history and preservation. The plans for Trump's ballroom respects none of that. This Administration respects none of that.

This is not a security issue. This is an ego-driven, out-of-control project that is not well designed, not well thought out and not needed.

Judge Leon is right. The White House has attempted an end-run around Congress and around the organizations that should have been consulted prior to demolition of the East Wing. None of the laws on the books cover a 400 million dollar vanity project for a president that has delusions of golden grandeur.

This is not the swimming pool nor the tennis court. It's not the movie theatre or the cabana. It's not needed to support the structure of the Mansion. This is a gilded monstrosity designed only to feed the ego and arrogance of a billionaire who has to mark his territory throughout Washington.

The White House is the "People's House", not Donald Trump's. This is not a needed addition. America is not judged by the size of its State Dinners but by the character of the leader in the Oval Office.

It's time to say no. There is no security concern and if there is, it's because they chose to move ahead with the East Wing demolition without approval.

It's time to say no because a 90,000 square foot gold-encrusted ballroom is not essential.

It's time to say no because Donald Trump does not have the right to change the face of Washington, D.C. and its history just because he wants to. We've already lost the East Wing, the Rose Garden and the White House is a golden sign covered monstrosity now.

Enough.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:09:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela McGuire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am deeply disturbed by and strongly opposed to the tearing down of the East Wing and its replacement by a structure. that is entirely out of scale with and dwarfs the historic White House. The White House is owned by the American people and is the American people's house. The President and his family are stewards of this important historic structure. All decisions with respect to alterations must be made by respected architects and architectural historians who understand and act consistently with the historic significance of the White House and its restrained, balanced design.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:08:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kristin Cooper
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I value the historical buildings and monuments of our nation that stand as records of our past.
The White House belongs to the American people. It serves as a temporary residence for presidents we have elected to serve us.
Washington DC is beautiful in that the older buildings have been maintained and the horizon has not been destroyed with high rises. Demolitioning the East Wing of the White House should never have happened in the way that it did without transparency and public consent. Rebuilding the wing should keep in mind the character of the White House and not be dominate in form or size, but retain the profile of the original wing.
Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.
Kristin Cooper

Date: 2/13/2026 7:08:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen pope
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the functions of the White House, which necesarily include formality, gracious elegance, and large numbers of guests, make a new ballroom entirely appropriate. The earliest comfortable Americans accommodated ballroom entertaining by allotting huge propoertions of their private homes for the purpose; see the Powel House (1765), Philadelphia. Most houses, even historic ones, get some kind of remodeling from time to time. It has been pointed out that features like the balcony are not original to the house. As lifestyles change and hospitality tries to be graciously inclusive and diverse, a big ballroom makes

total sense, for the symbolism as well as the functioning of our National House.

Public understanding is that the President has found funding that will not come from public funds; that's all the better and a wonderful gift for an important project.

Karen Pope, PhD
Architectural Historian and Preservationist
Baylor University Retired Faculty
Board Chair, Neill-Cochran House Museum, Austin
Principal: Art inSight Inc., Adventures in Art History
www.artinsight.info (glitch in access, try twice)

Date: 2/13/2026 7:07:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lauranne Lee
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am concerned that our history has been destroyed before we could comment on this new ballroom. It doesn't feel in keeping with our traditions or in the spirit of the peoples house. Please reconsider this project for something that reflects the true spirit of America.
Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:07:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Grainger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This debacle of the elimination of the East Wing will be Trump's legacy. A project, not vetted or permitted or asked if wanted by the American people. Let him gild the dirt hole he ended up with! Just another example of him not knowing what he's doing, never read the Constitution, the Richy Rich of American MAGA shame.
Just think how many meals that could have provided! A disgusting dotard that has no regard for others. In fact, does not even think the American people are human. Just something to be used.
This should be named trump's hole and left in the ground for the next 75 years to shame this nasty little piggy man child and his progeny who have no empathy and never will. He is not the worst though, his supporters are. They are the ones that decide the stock market highs are more important than humanity. Hagueseth will also be his legacy. A moron thinking stupidity is bravery and harming others because of his decisions.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:06:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marc Meth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I don't know what to suggest, but since he has already destroyed the east wing, build something that benefits the American people in some way, not trump's vanity.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:05:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rhonda D. Wright, MD
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This building project is out of proportion and will destroy the symmetry of this historic building, whereas previous additions have preserved it. There is no way to build such a huge ballroom unless it is entirely underground or not on the White House grounds at all. If Trump pressures the architect into building it to his personal taste - which he undoubtedly will - it will be an overdecorated, ostentatious disaster inside and out. And it is not necessary. Not necessary.

Please do not approve any part of this nasty monument to Donald J. Trump's ego and desire to mark his territory.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:05:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allyn Harad
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our White House is an historical landmark that breathes history and presents a beautiful place in the Untied States of America. To address my comment to this committee, no one person that thinks they have any ounce of privilege , NO ONE, to alter, change, tear down, refurbish, renovate, redevelop, reconstruct a building that belongs to the people of the United States of America. It is a landmark of the National Park Service.

I AM FULLY AGAINST ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE EAST WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

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I DO NOT AGREE TO MAKING CHANGES TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

THIS IS AN UNACCEPTED MOVE TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

I AM AGAINST THE CHANGE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

STOP ANY FURTHER ALTERATION, CHANGE, REFURBISHMENT, RENOVATION, REDEVELOPMENT , RECONSTRUCTION TH THE WHITE HOUSE.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:04:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Bernstein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ugly, ugly, ugly. Destroys the White House itself. Only be proposed to appease the delusions of grandeur of the mentally ill White House occupant. No! No! No! Never ever!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:04:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bud Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. While I understand that portions of the East Wing are already undergoing demolition, I believe it remains important for the public record to reflect concerns about the long\u8209 -term impact of this project.

1. Legal Authority and Separation of Power
Does the president have the legal authority to undertake such a major East Wing renovation without congressional approval.
His action certainly raises many questions about:
- Whether the executive branch can unilaterally authorize a large structural expansion
- Whether the funding mechanism complies with federal law

2. Funding Transparency and Donor Influence
A central objection concerns the administration's plan to rely on private donors—including corporations with business before the federal government—to fund the estimated $400 million project. I think this raises question about:
- Transparency issues
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Concerns about bypassing congressional oversight

3. Historic Preservation Concerns
I support the National Trust for Historic Preservation and its effort to stop the project, arguing that the expansion threatens the historic integrity of the White House complex. Their objections include:
- The scale of the 90,000\u8209 -square\u8209 -foot addition
- Potential alteration of the East Wing's historic character
- Insufficient review under preservation laws

4. Oversight and Accountability Issues
I add my voice to many who have raised concerns that:
- The project's financing structure lacks adequate public accountability
- The nonprofit intermediary handling donations stands to profit from fees
- The administration has not provided sufficient detail about the project's cost and oversight mechanisms

5. Procedural and Planning Concerns
I believe these objections also deserve attention, namely:

- The size and height of the proposed structure
- Its visual impact on the White House grounds and surrounding federal buildings
- Whether the project complies with federal planning standards

The White House is not only the residence of the president but also a historic structure of national significance. A major expansion of this scale risks altering the architectural character of the East Wing and diminishing the integrity of one of the most symbolically important buildings in the country. Such a substantial addition warrants a more transparent and deliberative process than has been evident to date.

For sure, I am concerned about the precedent set by undertaking a project of this magnitude without clear congressional authorization or full public accountability regarding funding sources, oversight, and long\u8209 -term maintenance obligations. Decisions affecting the White House should be made with the highest degree of openness and bipartisan stewardship.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to withhold approval of the proposed ballroom addition and to require a more thorough review of its historical, architectural, and civic implications.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Bud Russell

Date: 2/13/2026 7:04:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: D. Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No NEVER should have been allowed to be torn down. Contractors should be held accountable for their illegal actions. Never should the ballroom be erected. Should be restored however possible.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Thomson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and the President's Park are owned by the American people. No president or other official can be allowed to alter them without assent of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Park Service.
It's not a tough question but very plain.
The East Wing must be restored.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:03:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Theresa Veiga
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project makes me angry. Even if it didn't destroy a historic building, it is expensive and unnecessary. It's being built with donations?? Our government should not be bought. What about the next 250 years? Who is paying for the upkeep and staff?
Wasteful. Boastful. Unnecessary.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:03:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Daniel Morrison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project represents outrageous vandalism perpetrated against a historic monument that belongs to the American people, not to Donald Trump. The gargantuan ballroom project should be canceled and the previous East Wing restored as it was before Trump's precipitous action to tear it down.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Beverly Zeldes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump ruins the beauty of everything he touches. This is just another example!

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Name: Kim Tyssowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm commenting on the East Wing's destruction and intended expansion and "restoration".

I think it is appalling that destruction began in the middle of the night with no plan submitted for approval in advance and with no notice, no opportunity for input from the public, no discussion of the estimated cost and with the "concept of the plan" only known to the president and maybe a dozen other individuals.

My first reaction was outrage and this was followed by dread when a visual concept was presented.

No one person, even the person holding the highest office, should be given the unchecked power to make such a decision.

In my opinion the proposed space is far too big for the property and dwarfs the White House in a disturbing way. Principles of proportion have been ignored and if this structure is approved the effect will be discordant and no doubt the subject of criticism and ridicule for generations-not only from U.S. citizens but worldwide.

If the East Wing has legitimate need for expansion and security upgrades I hope a team of trained architects, rather than one or two, would be assembled to carefully design the renovation inside and out while keeping it in character to the existing structures that share the property.

I would fully expect the same scrutiny and consensus would be applied to the interior details and decor. The White House was not intended to be a palace and the ballroom was not intended to be a venue for spectacles tailored to Mr. Trump's interests.

I urge you to widely broadcast your appeal for comments so that those concerned/ interested in voicing their own opinions will have the opportunity in time to do so.

Kim Tyssowski-
Maryland resident and frequent visitor
to D.C.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:03:12 PM
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Name: MICHAEL BORTEL
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is not one person's private living quarters - it is a historic property maintained by the National Trust of Historic Preservation and the American people and any changes to this historic property needs to be sensitive in nature and appropriate for the building and approved by a committee of preservation architects and engineers who are well-versed in maintaining the integrity of the building and the needs for future use of the structure, rather than the plaything of an over-zealous person who has no taste or experience in designing a building with over 200 years of history.

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Name: Alena Jorgensen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We the people are paying for it but only the rich will get to see it.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:02:22 PM
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Name: Christine Trexel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is appalling that this project has been undertaken without following the proper protocol. This is the nation's house and no president has the right to blindly proceed with what is clearly a vanity project. A gaudy gigantic ballroom isn't "what everybody has always wanted ". It's what he wants without caring at all if it is appropriate. This project should be stopped. Sadly, the east wing is destroyed, but if informed, intelligent people take control perhaps it can be salvaged. Or, at least a structure more in keeping with the existing building can be designed.

Good luck getting rid of all of the tacky gold embellishments once the White House ejects its current resident.

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Name: Ann Woods-Dickson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its original appearance, according to the best practices of historic preservation. The White House belongs to all of us, and is not the plaything of a frustrated failed real estate speculator.

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Name: Diane Dudding
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Capriciously tearing down the historic East Wing without checking the will of the people or organizations charged with overseeing historic buildings and monuments in order to construct a ballroom that nobody asked for are two acts beyond the pale. Carelessly exposing White House occupants to possible contaminants from unplanned demolition and improper disposal of debris are two distressing consequences. As well, having only concepts of a construction plan that grows monthly and is unchecked by any organizations overseeing historic building repair and construction is outrageous. Furthermore, how does a ballroom benefit We, the People? Additionally, the proposed funding of the ballroom suggests nothing but legislative influence for rich individuals and corporations offering the money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eliza Briggs
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The project was handled illegally from the beginning with total lack of regard for the White Houses history, This late public comment period is past due. The White House does not need a ballroom, let alone a grossly oversized one. It should in no way overshadow the White House in size or operation. I reject the use of taxpayers money being used for a building which will never be used sufficiently to justify the cost and unnecessarily demolished the East Wing. Stop the project NOW.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:01:35 PM
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Name: Jeff Weeden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should be restored with modern upgrades but never a grotesque ballroom by Trump!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:01:33 PM
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Name: Kathryn Denhardt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the citizens of this nation. As a National Historic Landmark, no one - including the President - has authority to make dramatic changes without going through the reasonable process of consulting those who are charged with preserving such a landmark. Other citizens who preemptively bulldoze buildings in order to avoid such consultation could be jailed for such an action. Of course, with recent Supreme Court findings that make such a consequence impossible for the sitting President, Trump will not be held accountable for such a flagrant disregard of the law.

But the size and design of the new building should be reviewed and approved by the appropriate bodies before any further construction work takes place. I would even approve of an armed standoff of appropriate law enforcement body to prevent further work at the site, since Judicial rulings themselves do not stop Trump.

Having said all this, I don't have much hope Trump will be stopped. But I encourage the appropriate bodies to begin visualizing how to strip the resulting ballroom of whatever gaudy gold chandeliered monstrosity Trump builds, and create a plan for how to redecorate in a manner deserving of an historic landmark of the American people. Trump may be able to get away with unilaterally doing things while in office, but we can strip away most of those things as soon as he leaves office. Let's begin plans for doing just that!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Dronzek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The White House is a property belonging to the American people, and it is extremely insulting that it is being transformed into a garish gold plated monstrosity. There should not have been destruction of existing structures until a nonpartisan review was conducted. To allow the construction of a privately funded tribute to a man the majority of the country believes is not fit to be president is an insult to me, and all other Americans, now, past, and in the future.

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Name: DENNIS CONKLIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No solitary sole, even the President of the United States, should unilaterally be allowed to demolish or modify a Federal Government historical building, no matter how good their intentions !!!! NEVER AGAIN !! No President, in the history of the United States, has done so much damage to this country, the American people, our friends and allies around the world, and the planet itself. He should be officially treated as a traitor to the United States, and severely punished accordingly !!!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 7:01:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: THOMAS FERRITO
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need a national ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:00:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teena Halbig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello,
I am not in favor of the destruction of the Capitol to renovate for a Ballroom.
I am in favor of restoration to the destruction that has occurred prior to following procedures re: Historic Places.
Please get this restored to the best possible work that can be done.
It was a travesty to see this monumental destruction on TV.
I urge you to consider the costs to the public to heat and cool and clean, etc. this massive ballroom addition which is not needed. Additionally, the costs to host such massive events which could have additional costs for security; again, costs borne by taxpayers.
Please restore the damages as soon as possible. Do not build this mega ballroom. Such a facility could be built elsewhere but NOT at the HISTORIC Capitol.
Thank you for consideration of these comments.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Radley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House not the President's House. Should they go ahead with this vanity project, then it must be aligned with preservation including independent oversite of the project. As part of "The People" I don't want some fancy, gold plated ballroom while my money (taxes) could be spent on programs that are more needed and useful for "The People."

Date: 2/13/2026 7:00:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Clarice J. McKenzieThis is such a well written letter with all the facts expressing the need to close Line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac.Cleaning up tar sands oil leads especially in water is McKenzie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, I am still irritated that the Trump administration proceeded to tear down the East Wing without the proper authorization.
Did the contents get preserved? Donald Trump should be required to replace the Esst Wing. The White House looks bad without the East Wing. Will it be functionable as the home for future presidential families?
Second a ballroom is out of place in that location. It eould look out of place. A congressional decision needs to decide the necessity of a ballroom and a better location if it is a priority.
A ballroom costs too much when we do not have the will to help hungry families with children.
Also we have hungry college students that I take my turn to help feed a weekly meal.
This whole ballroom issue makes me want to withhold a percent of tax money.
Clarice J. McKenzie
Grand Rspids. Michigan

Date: 2/13/2026 7:00:30 PM
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Name: Erin Coron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is too unique & historic of a structure for any unnecessary “modernizations”. It is not meant to be a luxurious hotel, rather a symbol of the American people & our country. Adding a ballroom would not only severely “cheapen” the estate, but alter it significantly to the point of irreversibility. Let history be.

Date: 2/13/2026 7:00:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Ware
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the White House East Wing was illegal and in disregard of planning regulations pertaining to public buildings. Congress did not appropriate money for construction of a ballroom nor authorize this abomination, nor is there any demonstrated need for a formal ballroom. There is a former post office building adjacent to the White House that has a large ballroom space, and there are many large halls in Washington suitable for formal public events. The legitmate uses of the White House are as an executive mansion, and as a site for diplomatic meetings with world leaders and diplomats. Donald J. Trump is a discredited authoritarian leader, who should be excised from public memory after his death, which should come within a few months as evidenced by obvious signs of his failing health and declining mental capacity. His estate should be required to pay for reconstruction of a White House East Wing within the footprint of the former structure, and having an exterior design like that of the destroyed wing. The new structure should be utilized as a greeting area for diplomats and world leaders, and not as an entertainment area for oligarchs. Trump's White House decorative scheme, evident in the Oval Office, is evocative of Hitlerism and Nazism--especially the Nazi eagle evident in many Oval Office photgraphs. All of the tasteless Trumpian gold-plated doodads should be removed and destroyed as soon as Trump is impeached and removed from office, is deemed incompetent and removed from office, or dies.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:59:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Arno
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing Modernization Project / Ballroom is a great idea. Apparently some think there should be a design committee with multiple ideas that have to be thought about and factored. I have been on those committees and there are delays because of 'better' ideas that have to be redrawn into the plans, usually several times and by then those who will do the building have figured out ways to charge more, and in the end most of the committee is beyond upset with the whole project because their idea is not fully intact. So please, avoid all that and let the President build it the way he and future Presidents will use it.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:59:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

don't let trump build a gold castle and ruin the white house.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:58:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Myers
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The addition of a huge ballroom to the White House is an abomination and should not be approved. The fact that the East Wing was razed before plans for this addition is an affront to the American people. This ballroom will change the entire character of the White House. This beautiful symbol of our country should not be overshadowed by an addition. We have much more serious issues to deal with. The President should be requesting donations from our wealthy citizens for things that will have a real benefit to our country, not an unnecessary grandiose ballroom that would be totally inappropriate for our nation.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:57:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: B W
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Someone needs to remind the President that he doesn't own the White House but is rather a temporary occupant and, therefore, doesn't have the right to alter it as he pleases!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:56:53 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Subject: Formal Objection to the White House Ballroom Expansion Project
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. This project represents an irreparable blow to our nation's architectural heritage.
My concerns are threefold:
• Loss of Historical Integrity: The demolition of the East Wing erases years of history for a project that prioritizes luxury over preservation.
• Scale and Symmetry: At nearly double the size of the original Executive Residence, the addition dwarfs the historic structure, destroying the visual balance of the South Lawn.
• Procedural Transparency: The decision to bypass standard federal reviews, such as those by the Commission of Fine Arts, sets a dangerous precedent for how we treat our most significant national landmarks.
I urge you to advocate for a more transparent review process and a design that respects the scale and history of the People's House.
Sincerely,
P. Rodriguez

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Malen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom proposal should not be approved. It is an inappropriate design for the sight and for the purpose of the White House & its environs.
(1) The size is too large for the site, especially given that it exceeds the size of the White House, itself. The purpose of these grounds is not reflected in an oversized and conspicuous structure such as this ballroom proposal.
(2) The internal design reflects a gaudy and in fact tawdry perception of "luxury". It is not at all in keeping with the aesthetics of the United States of America. Someone has designed a room trying to look like an amateur's perception of the Versailles Palace.
(3) Finally, it is without integrity for whatever committee makes this decision to enable the clumsy thumbprint of the current president to be imprinted on and to desecrate this priceless American legacy of the center of our government.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:55:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Raymond Palanca
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is no place for a ballroom. There are plenty of other places to have formal ceremonies in

DC.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Rees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am sincerely hopeful that any new construction be in keeping with the existing White House structures. This would suggest that both style and scale be carefully considered in order to preserve the visual significance of the main building. I am very concerned that the historically significant East Wing was demolished and hope that the impact of any replacement will be carefully considered. Ballrooms can be placed anywhere, the White House has a visual and historic significance that deserves preservation.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:54:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerard Koskovich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in scale and subordinate in form to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Sohan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was not a “modernization” project. This was a wholesale destruction of the People’s House to satisfy a petty man baby. The current administration cares neither for history nor tradition. The East wing like the rest of the White House complex is full of history. To tear it down to put up some unwanted gaudy tacky Temu ballroom is horrendous. And to build a bunker underneath for God only knows what purpose? This

should never have been allowed to happen. Its an affront to the American people and to the previous Presidents who somehow managed to live and govern there without destroying the property. This hearing is too little too late. The damage is done and cant be undone.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:53:09 PM
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Name: Susan Rainey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom is totally out of scale with the existing White House. I'm not sure how essential it is. In my long life, I can't recall any president calling for a ballroom. In addition, the speed of demolition to the older structure, without permits or advice from architects, is truly appalling and disrespectful to the people whose house it is.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Zupan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What the Administration has done is not a modernization project -- that could have been accomplished without wholesale demolition as it has been done in the past. What they /he did is irreparably damage The People's House, a vital historic structure. What he does with things he owns is one thing, but the White House belongs to ALL Americans for ALL TIME -- it does not belong to one man.
The ballroom will dwarf the main structure and look hideous. It is in no way harmonious with the main structure and should NOT be allowed.
Stop the destruction of OUR history and historic architecture!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:52:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rachel Wickart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is OUR White House, not a private residence. As such, it should be treated with the respect due its history.

We should have been asked well in advance of this change, and Trump should pay reparations to the people for his wilful destruction of OUR property. In the real world, demolition of this magnitude would have lawsuits attached -- we should do the same to these thugs.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:51:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meredith Riley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I've been a resident of Washington DC for nearly 30 and have been working in the hospitality industry in Washington DC for nearly 20 years. The White House and its contents have always been driving factor of what makes Washington DC a unique place to visit and to live and the tearing down of the east wing is a travesty to the city.
It is a piece of history, it is a place for international visitors to go and understand what this country is based on and right now is just a sad reminder of where we are and the administration that put us in this place.

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Name: AJ cho
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose this demolition/"modernization" project because it has effectively destroyed a physical monument to women's power in the united states. I demand that the trump regime immediately cease all work on its attempt to supplant the East Wing with an unnecessary and unwanted ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Schalow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a fan of architecture and a regular visitor to the White House, my main concern with the White House ballroom project is the scale of the addition. It should not dominate the overall structure of the White House especially in regards to height. Also, the materials used should match the overall building. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:50:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gloria Schulz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was appalled when I saw the east wing of the White House being torn down by President Trump who is acting more like a king than a president. The White House is not his personal property to be treated in such disregard for its historical significance.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:49:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meg Thrash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned ballroom will dwarf the historic White House and ruin its appearance. Its costs are out of control and growing and the donors are not transparent. The whole project is an embarrassment. Please stop!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:49:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Shortridge
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to comment on the East Wing Modernization project AKA the Ballroom.
I think Mr. Trump should be prosecuted for illegal destruction of federal property. He had no authorization to destroy part of the White House and did no processes to protect any of the security features inherent in a building of this type. This is not his personal property or one of his hotels. He will not be there after the next election cycle. The offices that were destroyed should be rebuilt with proper processes and research to determine what kind of space is needed for the White House and its future occupants. Mr. Trump should personally pay for the full replacement costs. This was ridiculous, unnecessary and totally illegal. He continually violates the trust of the American people.
Whatever building is built should use green energy and be a showplace for scientific, environmentally friendly building.
Thank you,
Sharon Shortridge

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Name: Elyse Applegate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I echo the many sentiments below, as expressed by Stephen Fortunato in the article "Mr. Trump, Your Ballroom Will Not Stand," published February 1, 2026 on the website, Barn Raiser (https://barnraisingmedia.com/trump-white-house-ballroom-violates-common-law/)

"It is not just that the ballroom-East Wing project is a garish disfiguring of the White House and its grounds, it is absolutely unnecessary. The Andrew Mellon Auditorium is owned by the federal government and is a short distance from the White House next to the National Mall. Trump surely knows this, as it was the site of much of the 2020 Republican National convention. Dedicated in 1935, the Mellon Ballroom can seat close to 700 people for dinner; and its neoclassical style has impressed architects and visitors alike...But

whatever the seating capacity or perceived aesthetics of this undertaking, it is clearly unlawful....

"Since the 13th century, under our common law adapted from the English, the doctrine known as Waste has prohibited anyone who is not the absolute owner of real estate from destroying or substantially altering it without permission from the titled owner...Though there have necessarily been modifications and refinements to the doctrine of Waste, its core principles remain unchanged in contemporary American law. If you rent a house with a large garden, you cannot lawfully rip out the garden and construct a workshop without permission of the owner. You cannot dig up your landlord's driveway to install a swimming pool. The fact [Trump] expends [his] own money "improving" the land or buildings does not miraculously make [his] conduct legal...

"Trump is not the owner of the White House any more than Abraham Lincoln or Ronald Reagan were. He is neither a tenant of the White House under a rental agreement, nor does he have a life estate in the property. The owners of the White House are the American people. Trump temporarily occupies the White House with the permission of the American people and holds it in trust for their benefit until another temporary occupant moves in; management of the site is entrusted to the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission and other government bodies. There is no evidence that Trump sought guidance or permission from any of these entities. Trump has, of course, installed worshipful loyalists in positions of authority in virtually all government bodies, thus guaranteeing no opposition to his wishes. On October 28, 2025, with his project already underway, Trump fired all members of the Commission of Fine Arts, one of the oversight groups....Trump has demonstrated during his time in office that he views the law—along with the opinions of other people—as mere suggestions he can accept or disregard as his unbridled ego chooses. According to reporting by the New York Times, Trump has told workers on the ballroom project that "he does not need to follow permitting, zoning or code requirements because the structure is on White House grounds and he has the final say....Despite his disdain for the rule of law or the validity of customary norms, under the doctrine of Waste, Trump has no lawful right to do what he has undertaken...

"Trump will ultimately vacate the premises he has vandalized. When he does, and more rational and historically sensitive people are in charge of our government..." if this ballroom is ultimately constructed, "the ballroom should be torn down and the East Wing rebuilt. And, as the Waste doctrine allows, the federal government should sue Trump for the costs of removal and repair."

Date: 2/13/2026 6:48:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Francoeur Taunt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not de-face the re-imagined rooms of the new East Wing with a gaudy display of gold nor with photographs or paintings larger than appropriate for scale of the room(s). The White House is the "people's house"and the East Wing an extension.
It should reflect the historical nature of the edifice.
Presidents come and presidents go, but the WH and bldgs remain as edifices reflective of the nations long history-not one particular era.
The building can be grand & elegant but never grandiose.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:48:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Sundstrom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Fellow Americans:

I am completely and utterly opposed to the aforementioned project as it is currently proposed, both to the Project itself, and the proposed method for financing.
1) the size and scope of the Project is completely out-of-scale with the complex and would overwhelm the Mansion. It would also destroy the historical composition (i.e. symmetry) of the compound..
2) The proposal to fund construction with "voluntary contributions" has no proper precedent and would be an open invitation to bribery and favoritism.

Regards,
Craig A. Sundstrom

Date: 2/13/2026 6:48:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Ream
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely unnecessary and a disgrace to the White House and the country.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:48:19 PM
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Name: KarenLu LaPolice
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and its entire site belong to the people, not just one administration. Occupants are simply on loan to the country's property. One needs to show respect for their temporary stay at a nationally registered historic property. The East Wing should never have been demolished and the lack of respect shown to the entire White House property is unacceptable.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:48:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: S JAcobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I 100% support Donald Trump and his modernization of the east wing project – new ballroom. Our dignitaries and guests deserve a place fitting our president and country.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:47:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard von Luhrte FAIA
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for soliciting comments: I am an architect, a Fellow in the AIA, past president of major national architectural practice RNL, now bought by Stantec. We had a Washington DC office and have been involved with many government projects including the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Denver. I am also involved in historic preservation as a trustee of Historic Denver. First, let be say that the project title says it all as to the scope of the project. The "East Wing modernization" is beyond ironic since the real name should be the East Wing Demolition, and the merits must be evaluated in regards to that demolition. This is the demolition of a national treasure, and a lie to the citizens of our nation and to the Commission charged in reviewing these federal projects. The demolition was done without review, without permit and without any authority. Proper procedures were not followed in regard to authorization, demolition process, abatement of toxic materials, destruction of the historic artifacts in the East Wing structure, and without proper protection of historic landscape including numerous legacy trees. And the entire project was premised on a series of false justifications such as "the Ballroom will not touch the existing East Wing" and that the ballroom is needed and has been wanted for decades.

The original Ballroom proposal was for a building half as large on a much smaller footprint for nearly half the cost. This design as drawn conceptually is boated, out of proportion, and not in any way compatible with the architecture and style of the White House main building. The height is too high, and the classic detailing in no way follow principals of sound classic architecture. The excuse to build for National security is completely fabricated. The bunker, under the ballroom, can be completed and a new East Wing created that better fits the site, the scale and the context of the White House grounds. If the bunker footprint is larger, that can be solved by building in what is appropriate, decking the rest, and landscaping over the deck. The bunker should not become an excuse for building the monstrosity of the White House structure that is completely out of scale and proportion with the rest of the complex in height, size, footprint, and materiality.

If in fact there has been a real program created, this should be shared with the public. The excuse that this is much needed just does not seem plausible as there are numerous venues in DC, many of which I have attended, that can easily accommodate the projected uses. The National Building Museum comes to mind. And if a ballroom really is needed, there are numerous locations in proximity to the Mall that could accommodate a better building and a more sensitive design. I also question the funding, how it was obtained, and what the strings were attached in making what are reported to be extremely large contributions, with most donors holding large existing contracts. But even if the funding is appropriate, the proper project management has not been identified, drawings have not been completed and cost estimates are strictly back of envelope at this point of the process. A project of this magnitude must have disciplined scope, sound project administration, and complete contract documents to assure that there are no over-runs and that there are not major errors and omissions that in the end would result in delay cost over-runs and the risk of the public holding the bag. A project of this magnitude should have congressional oversight, approvals and thorough project scrutiny.

There has not to my knowledge been a $400,000,000 project awarded without a competition for architect, contractor, and project manager. How was the architect selected, what are his qualifications? Has the contractor built anything of this magnitude? Was the first architect McCreary fired, and has he been paid? Has he released his drawing or does he retain intellectual copyright for his design? Who are the consultants-structure, MEP, civil, landscape, lighting, furniture, fixtures, equipment, technology, security. Is there a geotechnical report? I final approved cost estimate? Is there a project being completed by bid, fast track design construct with a guaranteed maximum price? Or is it CMGC (construction manager, general contractor?

The point is that as the project as constituted today, there just is not enough information made available to the Commission to approve this project moving ahead. Without any of the proper procedures, no guarantees, and a bunch of bad practices for government and public owned construction, this is a project that is likely to be in trouble before it ever starts. The project has been ill conceived without program and without justification. The size has shifted numerous times and the design has not been locked appropriately for construction. The demolition of the existing building was ill conceived and executed without any of the normal approvals. The architect and contractor hired without any normal process, RFP, proposals and interviews. The funding and budget is still not locked down and is being run without any project management or fiscal administration, The design is just wrong-the wrong building in the wrong place! And all of this being done without any process, legality or normal government procedure for projects of this magnitude.

Therefore, I support the National Trust and ask that the Commission find the project inappropriate to proceed, not to be delayed, but rather to be cancelled, and that an appropriate rebuilding of a similar project similar to the original East Wing be designed and completed and that the historic lawn be restored. What cannot be remedied is the fact that the East Wing should never have been demolished in the first place. This is sacred ground, owned by the Citizens of the United States Of America. The entire idea, "the modernization of the East Wing" probably would have been approved, but when "modernization" became "demolition" the project became something totally unacceptable. Please do the right thing. Understand that this is a catastrophic project that in every way it can go off the rails in scope, budget and appropriateness. The only action acceptable at this juncture is to cancel the ballroom, and proceed to start a normal government procurement process for the "East Wing Rebuilding Project".

Thank you for this opportunity to comment

Respectfully
Richard L von Luhrte FAIA
Retired Past President RNL Design

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: robert leighninger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this travesty now.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:46:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephen Hamlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a case of closing the barn door after the horse has escaped. The East Wing was leveled without any opportunity for public comment and in complete disregard for the permitting process. The White House belongs to the American public, not the current occupant. The proposed ballroom will apparently overshadow and therefore diminish the significance of the White House. For what purpose? To enhance and streamline the important work of government on behalf of the American people? No.

I oppose this project in its entirety, but the damage has been done. It's ironic that the last time damage was done to the White House on the level of what has occurred in the demolition of the East Wing, we were at war, and it was an invading force that perpetrated it.

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Name: Erika Jahneke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is disgusting and should not be allowed.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:46:13 PM
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Name: Harvey Lamison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

With the demolition of the East Wing without input aside, the scale of the Ballroom will dwarf the White House and be very aesthetically unpleasing. I urge consideration of this project from all vested entities, including US citizens as you are doing now reading this.
I find the very term East Wing Modernization, disgusting as there's nothing left of the East Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:45:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christopher Moisan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by the people of the United Stares of America. While many presidents have restored, renovated, and restyled the White House, it is and should remain a symbol of our shared history as a democratic nation, not a garish, gargantuan monument to a single demagogue who has no respect for or understanding of that history. Please ensure the East Wing is rebuilt exactly as it was before its desecration.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:45:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Hisko
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing was DEPLORABLE! Trump just wants to build a ballroom as a monument to himself! Just something else to put his name on!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:45:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Irwin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTED AND STILL HORRIFIED that Trump tore down part of The People's House without going through the proper review process!!!!!
He should be IMPEACHED AND REMOVED from office for this and MANY, MANY other things! Also, WTF happened to all of the priceless items that were housed in the East Wing? Did they get bulldozed under and taken away with all the other rubble!??????

If it ever gets rebuilt, it shouldn't be for an f'ing ballroom for events that only the richest of the rich will be invited to. It should be rebuilt AS IT WAS, and hopefully, the items that were taken out put back in their rightful places!!!!!!!! \u-10178 ?\u-8916 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8668 ?

Date: 2/13/2026 6:45:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Wolff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is known as "The Peoples House". Each President is a temporary resident. In the White House's history there have been needed repairs and things to modernize the building. Examples include a swimming pool and a movie theater. But they were done with the keeping the spirit of building, and with architects and historians. In 2026, America is celebrating 250 years of democratic Republic. No single individual runs the whole of the government. Any additions or renovations need to reflect that. The proposed East Wing and Ballroom are an affront to what previous generations fought and died for. We never subscribed to royalty and the aggrandizement of a single living individual. We should scale back any additions in the keeping of 250 years of humility.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Kash
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump ordered the East Wing torn down with no due process. This is not "Modernization" it is large scale destruction of public property.
The White House is the Peoples' House. Trump is not the owner. He is more like a tenant who wrecks a rental property, or an employee who steals. Bill him to have the building restored exactly as it was. If he has

to be sued to insure payment- do that.
And provide an inventory of furnishings and decor that may have been destroyed or appropriated, so that compensation can be accurate and complete.
Any future ballroom or other buildings contemplated for the property must be vetted in a normal, legal procedure.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:45:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Luckard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposal for a monstrous "ballroom" on the White House grounds is an insult to the American people from the worst president - by every measure - we have ever been forced to endure. The way he has tarted up the Oval Office is a preview of what the "ballroom" will be. Destroying the East Wing was a travesty he should pay to rebuild with all of the grift he has corruptly taken since January 20, 2025. The "ballroom" should be stopped cold.

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Name: Taylor Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hello, and thank you for your time considering this proposal. I am upset that we are here now seemingly following the legal process after the historic east wing was destroyed without permission. I am dubious as to whether or not this process will make any difference in the design, but will register my thoughts regardless. I have seen renderings of a design with classical columns and arched windows that looks very nice, but it is better for another location because it seems to overwhelm the White House in scale.

Of course, the best solution would be to demand reconstruction of the razed historic structure and advocate for construction of the ball room elsewhere. Since that will likely not happen, how about a compromise proposal. Would it be possible to keep the same basic design at 3/4 the size? It will still be a monumental addition to an historic building, it will still significantly increase the capacity for dinners and balls, its architecturla style will mesh with the other public buildings in DC, AND it would be at a scale that does not over power the main wing of the People's House.

Thank you

Date: 2/13/2026 6:45:06 PM
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Name: Hallie Offen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing of the White House has long stood as a symbol of continuity — the quieter counterpart to the West Wing's theater of power. It houses the offices of the First Lady, serves as a ceremonial gateway, and represents a softer, more civic-facing side of the presidency. To treat it as disposable, ornamental, or expendable is to misunderstand its purpose entirely.

What critics see in Donald Trump's handling of the East Wing is not simply a matter of aesthetics or renovation choices. It is emblematic of a governing philosophy that prizes spectacle over stewardship. The White House is not a private asset to be branded, refashioned, or hollowed out according to personal taste. It is a living museum, a constitutional workplace, and a public trust.

The East Wing in particular represents institutional memory. It has historically been a space where initiatives around literacy, public health, military families, and children's welfare were coordinated. Diminishing its role — structurally or symbolically — sends a message that the civic and humanitarian aspects of the presidency are secondary to power politics and personal image.

Leadership requires reverence for institutions one temporarily occupies. When historic spaces are treated as backdrops rather than inheritances, the damage is not merely architectural — it is cultural. The East Wing's significance lies not in marble or drapery but in the idea that public service has dimensions beyond dominance and headlines.

To erode that understanding is to chip away at something larger than a wing of a building. It is to blur the line between stewardship and ownership — and that line is fundamental to a functioning republic.

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Name: Lynn Endres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see it returned to its original build except maybe add a special room or section that would highlight the Constitution, that would display the foundation of our Democracy, reminders of the checks and balances, a reminder to all politicians what their role is - that of representing the people, and perhaps some space allowed for potential consequences...just as a reminder to our current administration and his party what the office of President stands for and give those visiting a history lesson. Above all else, make trump pay for the re-build out of his own pocket, and of course, pay back the corporations who supposedly sent him money for the ballroom. He's got the assets.

Since this wing was also meant for the First Lady and her staff, then maybe dedicate the walls to the First Ladies of the past and the work they did for our country, causes and accomplishments, not including the current First Lady.

And above all else, NO GOLD!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Miriam Dunbar
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am broken hearted that the East Wing was torn down without review from the agencies responsible for historic preservation. There is no reason to build a massive ballroom at the White House. The original footprint of the East Wing should be used for the renovation. Past presidents should be polled to find out what would be the best plan for the new wing. The construction should be energy efficient and be built in the style of the rest of the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:42:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Troyanovich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose any ballroom addition to the White House. The White House is an historical building that belongs to the people of the United States and not one individual, regardless of title or position.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Prah
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It looks as if an ego needed to be satisfied by, with bad taste, vandalizing the east wing by supersizing it out of proportion to the White House. It is tastelessly designed. And since the unpermitted destruction is a fait accompli, he seeks to get what he wants without
legally required permission. He should be required to rebuild it as was done for the Campanile di San Marco - where it was and as it was. BTW, because the East Wing would imbalance the White House complex, he wants to alter the West Wing too. Require reviews and approvals for that to avoid going down this muddy road again.

A gigantic, ostentatious triumphal arc would be a blight and not really what America is about. no doubt he will want to have his name or visage on each of these; that should not be permitted. Nor should the EOB be painted white.

Thanks for doing this.

Jim

Date: 2/13/2026 6:42:43 PM
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Name: Sue Olsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

All comments with APPROVED cad drawings should have been addressed PRIOR to the destruction of any

part of the white house, with funding approved by Congress as appropriate. Funding should not come from pay to play billionaires or their interests. We now have a shambles of a White House, unknown budget, unknown plans, and they're already talking of some ridiculous arch. America needs so many programs, such as universal health care, education funding, reinforcing safety nets like the Social Security trust fund than a grotesque ballroom that offers no benefit to 90% of its citizens. He broke it, let him pay to fix it. And if we're going to give tax breaks, how about at least insisting you get no tax break if your business doesn't offer all employees health care and ensures none of them qualify for welfare based on paid wages. And lift the damn FICA cap, so all workers pay their share into the trust fund to keep it afloat at full benefits.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:42:32 PM
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Name: David Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No U.S.President should be allowed to tear down any part of the White House. No U.S.President should be allowed to use private donations to build onto the White House. The design of any White House addition should be created and administered by a government-funded agency - not the President. This is America's house - not Donald Trump's house.
The attempted speed of this effort demonstrates that Trump does not want the public's input or any consideration from historians or preservationists. This addition requires a thoughtful, patient, and independent review - not a rushed review by Trump loyalists acting as Yes Men.

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Name: Gerard Mitchell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not build the proposed ballroom. That project will only benefit the President and those wealthy donors intent on obtaining influence with the President. Instead, the East Wing should be rebuilt to replicate what was torn down. In addition, the President should be required to reimburse the proper agency for the costs associated with rebuilding the East Wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:42:01 PM
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Name: Kathleen Britton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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Over the years, the White House has evolved to suit the needs of the country as it has grown and developed. However, changes and growth need to be done with thought and care, taking into consideration the existing building, its functions, and condition. Renovations and/or additions should be proportionate in size and blend with the style of what is already in existence. By all reports, the proposed ballroom does not take any of these points into consideration.

While the original East Wing has been destroyed - without proper review and approval - it should not be replaced with an addition that does match the building it will be attached to. A large formal reception/banquet space may be needed, but it should be more in line with the style and scale of the White House.

Please do not approve the addition of the proposed ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:41:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Meghan Lough
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This process should have been completed before the East Wing was demolished. The attempt to bypass this process should be considered with the entirety of other comments when deciding to approve the project or not. The White House belongs to the people, and any modernization efforts should keep that and the history of the building in mind. The proposed ballroom is unsightly and unnecessary. I do not support this project and do not believe it serves to address any actual need. I believe this project should be denied.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:41:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Bradley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States.

The demolition of the East Wing was an illegal affront to We The People, and a violation of a National Treasure, at taxpayer expense without taxpayer input (I know he said he had it paid for himself, but past behavior tells us he doesn't operate that way, and he lies about it.). The proposed abomination is a further insult, destroying the most iconic representation of our democracy.

I, a taxpaying citizen of this country, vehemently oppose constructing this monstrous abomination. I assert that trump, who singlehandedly destroyed it, must be forced to pay up front, in US currency, the total cost of replacing the East Wing as it existed prior to its unauthorized destruction to make room for his narcissistic, empirical debacle of a monument to himself and his wretched excess. Further, he must be forced to reimburse (or, more likely, finally pay for) the cost of its unauthorized destruction, and for any asbestos abatement that may be necessary at the site as well as the location where the rubble was placed..

Date: 2/13/2026 6:41:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Pulcheon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir/Madam-

I am utterly opposed to, and aghast at, the heinous and illegal actions taken by the Trump administration with respect to the sacrilegious destruction of the East Wing.

As a Registered Professional Archaeologist and Certified Planner, I clearly see that this action amounts to a foreclosure of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's opportunity to comment, as enshrined in, and required by, 36 CFR Part 800. The White House, as a singularly important historic property that is owned by all Americans, deserves the highest and strictest level of federal review of an undertaking prior to undergoing adverse effects to its significant historical qualities. The destruction of the East Wing is the most acute and egregious example of a thoughtless action that is inconsistent with federal preservation law and practice that I have seen in my 32 years of experience in Cultural Resources Management. It offends my sensibilities as a seasoned preservation professional, and pains my heart and strikes to the heart of my American identity as a citizen of this nation.

Please take a vastly heightened review of this proposed action before the historical setting and dignified nature of the White House and grounds are irreversible stained by this gaudy temple to self-aggrandizement and privilege....at the People's house, no less.

Sincerely,

Andrew Pulcheon, MA, RPA

Date: 2/13/2026 6:40:43 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Yvonne Laube
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it concerns,

The demolition of the historic east wing is a travesty and worse are the plans for the ballroom wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:39:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rebecca Wallisch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an Architectural Historian, I am appalled and disgusted at this administration's selfish and shortsighted demolition of the East Wing of the White House. The White House belongs to the people of this country, not to the office of the president, nor any single person occupying that office for a time. Furthermore, the proposed "ballroom" does not adhere to any of the federal standards for new additions to historic

buildings. While I understand that certain buildings at the capitol are subject to different regulatory processes than standard historic resources, nonetheless as proposed the addition doesn't even come close to the bare minimum requirements for stewardship of historic buildings. The "ballroom addition" is massive in scale, dwarfing the original White House and completely skewing the proportions, symmetry, relationship of buildings and additions to one another, and the overall site plan. Furthermore, both the purpose and function of this new addition do not serve the public good, they serve the ego of the White House's current occupant, who despite what he may think, will not be its permanent occupant.

The American people neither need nor want a ballroom at the White House, and there are already existing locations where leadership can meet with foreign dignitaries, but a ballroom is something reminiscent of royal estates or the palaces of Russian oligarchs, and has no place in the heart of our democratic government. Finally, while our current president claims that public funds will not be used for its construction, there is little evidence of that. The public deserves full accountability for all funds being used in the construction of this un-American, unsightly, and entirely historically incompatible monstrosity and where exactly they are coming from. This means not only a line item stating "donation", but a full accounting of where said donation originated, whether the donor has received any government contracts, government positions, or been awarded sale of businesses or other organizations under the purview of Donald Trump, his family, or any of his associates and friends. The current occupant of the White House is the most corrupt, amoral, and criminal person to ever hold public office at this level, and construction of his vanity ballroom with funds that came from bribes, corruption, or the illegal looting of American taxpayer dollars through funneling said funds through contracts, illegal sales, or quid pro quo, should be made public.

To reiterate, I am an Architectural Historian who has worked in the field of Historic Preservation for over two decades and I am firmly OPPOSED to the proposed East Wing "Modernization", whose sole purpose is to stroke the ego of a pathetic madman.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Guyla McGrady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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This project should not be funded with private funds that could benefit those people providing the funds by way of special relationships/treatment from the president. All funding should go before Congress.
The National Historic Preservation Office should be involved with this project.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:39:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Spring Romer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Demolishing this wing before even reaching out to the National Historic Landmark committee or the US citizens is egregious. The idea that the White House should erect a ballroom when there are plenty of rooms that already serve the function is absolutely ridiculous given the state of the economy and the issue of bloated budgets that the POTUS brought up several times during his campaign for presidency and during the first year of his second term. Let us be crystal clear, this modernization of the White House at all is unwarranted and should be scrapped and the walls replaced and

made into a room dedicated to accomplishments of black and brown immigrants and slaves that brought art, commerce infrastructure and wealth to the United States.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Hank Hunter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not believe one individual no matter the office or status in the United States that person holds should have the ability to change any government building, protected landscape, including said naming of spaces or buildings, especially those with historical significance to our country in any way without an approved process that has input from many different stakeholders. What President Trump has began in Washington DC with the minor White House changes, renaming the Kennedy Center, and tearing down the East Wing to construct a ball room should all have to be approved through a formal process. The need for this process should become a "Heritage Law" in order to protect such historic spaces and landscapes from suffering irreversible harm or change by one individual.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Borner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unfortunately the East wing of the White House, the people's house, was demolished without input from the people of the United States and information that has been released regarding the addition of a ballroom-massive in size and gaudy in decoration must not proceed without oversight by the preservation and planning organizations as well as by the public. Given what has happened to the Oval Office - now covered in gold ornaments on as many surfaces as possible, is tasteless and gaudy and this desecration of the White House has to be stopped and reversed back to its former understated elegance.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:39:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roxane Richter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen , we (the collective citizens of the United States of America) OWN the White House. It is not, in any way shape or form, "owned" by the First Family that resides in the White House. They are no more than renters. Minor upgrades, such as plumbing modernization, lighting upgrades - and so on - are, of course, within the rights of those 'renters'... they have no more rights than the renters of my homes! There is no grey area here, and Trump administration knows that. The DESECRATION and DEMOLITION of the East Wing is an unpardonable offense to the American people. Personally, I wept seeing the symbol of national unity carelessly bulldozed - without so much as a single citizen being asked if that is what we (collectively) wanted. WE DO NOT WANT A BALLROOM. Ever. We expect the demolished East Wing to be RESTORED to

its original grandeur. IMMEDIATELY, and at 100% the current administration's (personal) expense. Aside from all of the (other) illegal atrocities that this current administration has malignantly wrought upon our people - this one is easily remediable by the Historic Foundation and other historical preservation societies in the USA. The fact that such an attack against our collective heritage and the preservation of our most sacred and honored artifacts and buildings was perpetrated so purposefully, so swiftly, and so unwisely is a damning testament to the lawlessness and carelessness -- and the outright contempt this current administration has for our precious and beloved building and nation.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: adam Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I support the modernization project. The renderings look great! I like that the design preserves and uses existing architecture themes.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carl Shafen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This existing wing is not historic in and of itself. A State Ball room is an excellent idea and use of space. I am in favor of this. I am on a local historic museum assoc and have experience in this area.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leslie Robertson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern

As the functional hub for the Office of the First Lady for more than 80 years, the East Wing is a site of enormous historical importance. Its destruction is a slap in the face to women's history, as I suspect was the intention. A 90,000 foot ballroom is entirely OUT of keeping with the both the solemnity and history of the White House, not mention out of keeping with its scale. The memory of our past Presidents and First Ladies deserves better. Please engage a competent architect well versed in renovations to historic building to design a historically appropriate solution. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, I deeply mourn the terrible damage that has already been done to this historically significant space, and beg you to do better going forward.

Thank you for your attention,
Leslie Robertson

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Fucik
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing should be restored and no ballroom. The restoration should be paid with the ballroom funds not the taxpayer's.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:37:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Will
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not be a rushed project! While I agree we need a larger space for gatherings, I deplore the destruction of the old East Wing as a beginning. I question the need for a space as large as what has been seen in the papers. I would hope that any addition would take into consideration the White House and surrounding buildings. I wonder if part of it could be below ground level? It must blend in and be part of the current Executive Office Building and surrounding buildings. It should have "sign-off" by all necessary parties before construction begins.

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Name: Stephen Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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First of all, the title. "East Wind Modernization" doesn't really describe the project, does it? "East Wing Destruction" would be more accurate. Secondly, the design. The architectural style of the White House is based on classical norms, and fundamental to these is a sense of balance. The new version of the East Wing is utterly unbalanced with the rest of the building. Its radical lack of symmetry destroys the classical norm essential to the White House's architectural style. Third, the interior. The White House was built for and inhabited by men who rebelled against European monarchy. The present design is a gimcrack version of European monarchical style. Washington, Adams, Jefferson--especially Jefferson, a superb architect himself--would retch at the sight of it. And European monarchs of the time, seeing it, would laugh at its pretension.

For it to be begun, and then left unfinished, would be the best possible monument to Donald Trump's second term.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:37:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Dempsey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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I have been a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for years because I believe historic preservation is necessary to preserve our country, our history and our culture for future generations. NTHP serves a valuable role in this mission.

I am also an avid National Park Service visitor and proponent of the valuable work that this government agency does for the American people. Again - to preserve, conserve and protect our country physical landmarks, our history and our culture for future generations. I HAVE PERSONALLY VISITED 402 OF THE 433 NPS sites and it has been my mission to see all of them if I continue to be of good health.

Because of what a National Historic Landmark means in this country, it belongs to the American people. And we have the right to voice our opinion on what is done to change that landmark. That is why we have deliberate and well-established processes followed by experts to determine what can and should be changed and the guidelines around that. NOTHING that has been done followed this process, which means Americans had no voice. I believe the people who destroyed the East Wing should have to rebuild it to its original specifications, design and purpose. This administration does not have the American people in mind. It is only trying to aggrandize one man who has never built anything - he has only destroyed. Do not let this project continue, and return the White House to the state it was in before its destruction.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:36:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Riccio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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The East Wing was demolished without any consent or notification to the people. The White House is the people's house. No other president in the history of the United States of America have demolished a part of the White House with no oversight. This is not Mr. Trumps personal residence. It is a national monument paid for by the people. He has the honor of living there as a guest. His plans for the East Wing are not FOR THE PEOPLE, it is for him. I strongly oppose any ballroom. He destroyed a part of American History and a historical monument for HIS OWN whim and fancy. The White House has policy and procedures that he ignored that are now irreversible. Trump should personally pay for the restoration of what he has destroyed without any consent, permit or due process.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:36:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Leon Robert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is the people's house. Trump's ridiculous ballroom is a disgrace. He has desecrated a sacred place.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:36:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Maskall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think Trump's ballroom is rediculous & a waste of money.
I' m sad that he destroyed the Rose Garden for his ballroom.

Marty Maskall, Sacramento

Date: 2/13/2026 6:36:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Lopes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Public Comment to the National Capital Planning Commission

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House, reportedly costing more than $400 million.

The White House is not merely a residence; it is a national historic landmark and a symbol of American democracy. Any substantial structural addition to this historic property must be approached with the utmost care, transparency, and respect for preservation standards. A project of this magnitude demands thorough review, proper permitting, Congressional oversight where required, and adherence to established historic preservation processes.

At a time when the nation faces pressing domestic and international challenges, allocating over $400 million to construct a ballroom raises serious concerns about fiscal responsibility and priorities. Public resources should reflect national needs and public benefit, not discretionary expansions that may alter the historic character of one of America's most significant public buildings.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:
1. Ensure full compliance with historic preservation laws and review procedures.
2. Require transparent disclosure of funding sources and long-term maintenance costs. We need to know the identity of all private investors & their financial commitments (guid pro quo) to assure their are no conflicts of interest or promises from Trump to investors.
3. Carefully evaluate whether the scale and scope of this addition are appropriate to the White House's historic and civic significance. Concern should be over the imbalance of this ballroom over the rest of this historic bldg.
4. Consider the precedent such an expansion would set for future alterations to nationally significant landmarks.
5. Should NCPC deny or amend the bldg & design plans for this ballroom I truly believe that Trump & his investors should be assessed a substantial penalty for the demolition already done to this historic bldg without proper approval & authorization & delay any subsequent approval & permits until this penalty has been paid in full.

The White House belongs to me & to all the American people. We, the People of America, should have a say in this major capital improvement. Any permanent alteration should reflect broad public interest, fiscal

prudence, and reverence for its historic integrity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment. Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,
Jim Lopes

Date: 2/13/2026 6:36:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lesley Schott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear East Wing Modernization Committee,
I'm writing to express my view on the East Wing Modernization Project. I am very disappointed that the demolition of the East Wing did not follow the proper procedure of being presented to the legislative representatives, that there was no Environmental Reviews conducted, and the public had no opportunity to comment prior to the demolition of the East Wing, and lastly there was no oversight committee too.
The White House, I was taught in Civics, belongs to the American people and that the American people are our partners in Democracy.
Donald Trump has been allowed to run roughshod over the rules and etiquette that are part of being President. And, I've heard, been able to shakedown certain corporations in contributing to the project.
As a citizen, I would like to know who the contractors and construction companies are. Are they part of Donald Trump's business empire, who's benefitting from all of this.
I would also like to be assured that there's no conflict of interest involved and if there is who's going to be liable and accountable for this
Thank you,
Lesley R Schott

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Name: Mark Strunk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Stop this Now!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:35:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judith Wilson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House should represent the majority of US citizens. It should NOT be a monument to the garish, tasteless, tacky extravagance of a short term, uber-rich resident and his billionaire cronies.

With the East wing demolished without due process, it is doubly important that what replaces it is designed by professionals to reflect the timeless good taste and basic values that have made America great.

Sincerely,

Judith Bennett Wilson

Date: 2/13/2026 6:35:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donald Towne
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please keep any construction proportional in size to the White House itself; it should not be so large as to offset a sense of balance and proportion. Since this is a facility of a democratically elected government, content should be restrained with very limited or no use of gilded elements. In addition to the proposed ballroom, aren't the offices that were destroyed needed for the First Lady and for staff?

Date: 2/13/2026 6:35:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John C. McLucas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the East Wing was a shocking, seemingly dictatorial violation of Americans' understanding of the White House as "ours." Over a hundred years of our history disappeared in a few days, crudely and brutally. The disregard for public input and for longstanding procedural norms was an insult to citizens.
Almost as bad is the gross violation of the approximate symmetry which has guided all previous exterior modifications to the White House. The proposed ballroom creates a lopsided profile which dwarfs the central, oldest, most historic, and most sacred parts of the building.
Finally, the proposed décor evokes royal and imperial residences of the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe and Russia. It has no place in a building which represents American principles of shared governance and equality before the law.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:34:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandy Rosenthal
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of the demolition of the White House's East Wing and the new construction of the proposed Ball room without the consultation of the public, the U.S. Congress, and the National Trust.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:34:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Janice Wilfing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does not need a massive ballroom. The East Wing should be rebuilt in the style and size matching the rest of the White House. It should not be a vanity project for one President.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:33:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margo Steinberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This entire project is a disgrace. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was before the demolition began. It WAS a national treasure, filled with history and tradition. It should be preserved to how it appeared until this travesty.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:32:31 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela McGregor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new proposal for the East Wing is horrendous. It's out of proportion to the actual White House. Actually, it looks like a fancy pole barn.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:32:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathleen Binnig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is too large and is out of proportion to the White House.

The White House belongs to all of us and should not be changed without careful study.

We are already missing the Rose Garden and the East Wing.

The Executive branch should not have ultimate power over remaking Washington, DC.

No Arch either!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:32:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorraine Tosiello
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on the design of the East Wing of the White House. I am a citizen with interest in historic preservation and architectural integrity. I have no agenda other than to express my own opinion about the design of the structure.

It is evident that the scale and size of the East Wing modernization project is out of proportion to the size of the White House. How vulgar to supersede the integrity and importance of the White House!

I oppose this design, which resembles Russian Imperial architecture rather than the Greek Classicism and American Art Deco that is the design of the rest of the majority of the original governmental buildings in Washington, DC.

No to this design!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:32:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lenora Young
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why is all that money being wasted on the East Wing Modernization Project when retirees can hardly eat and pay their bills due to wasteful spending and Social Security is in jeopardy of being deleted after we've paid into it all these years. Prices are increasing in every area from mortgage to everyday bills like heating and electricity. We can hardly eat and food banks are not doing well either. Taxes are not going down but the government can waste money while people continue to struggle.. Homelessness is on the rise. I'm being threatened for not paying my bills on time after I've work for 34 years. There's no help for us so why do people keep saying "there is help". There's no help, and no one cares about the working class, only the billionaires profit. I'm looking for work at age 72, who will hire me and how long can I keep working if I find a job. My health is failing, I'm tired of worrying about if I can keep my house after my husband passed away. Where is the REAL HELP?

Date: 2/13/2026 6:32:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: p t
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Pvtin told him to destroy the original

Date: 2/13/2026 6:31:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LM Harris
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whomever is in charge

I am writing in absolute opposition to the reported $400 million East Wing renovation at the White House.

Four hundred million dollars.

At a time when Americans are stretching every paycheck to cover food, rent, insurance, utilities, and medical care, committing $400 million to alter or expand facilities on historic public grounds is indefensible. Families are being told to tighten their belts while the federal government moves forward with a project of this magnitude.

The White House grounds are part of our shared national heritage and are stewarded by the National Park Service. They are not expendable real estate. Any destruction, encroachment, or alteration of historic national park property for administrative expansion betrays the principle that these lands belong to the American people.

Unless this renovation is absolutely essential for structural integrity or critical security needs—and that necessity must be proven with full transparency—this project represents misplaced priorities and a profound disconnect from the economic reality facing citizens.

When every dollar households receive is already insufficient, $400 million for modernization sends the wrong message about leadership, restraint, and respect for taxpayer resources.

I demand a full public accounting of the scope, funding source, justification, and long-term impact of this project, and I urge its immediate reconsideration. NOW.

Sincerely,
LM Harris

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Whitehouse
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project needs to undergo an historical preservation review, and be restored with historical accuracy. The money raised for this project by the current administration needs to go toward the restoration costs and be supplemented by the one who allowed the destruction to take place without permission.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:31:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kevin Conaty
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in agreement to the proposed addition of a large ballroom to the White House. That Home was meant to represent the American people and our republic and not to attempt to emulate palaces that house European monarchs. I believe it was originally designed with that in mind and should not be altered to suit monarchical ambitions.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:31:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Douglas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new east wing ballroom should not overwhelm the remaining historic White House or other historic buildings nearby. The interior design, decorative elements and furnishings should be kept classy and tasteful, not gaudy with excessive gold or other decor that appears as an excessive display of wealth.

Finally, no president or any other person should be allowed to put their name on the new ballroom or any of the buildings that make up the White House complex.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:31:06 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Allsop
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

From an aesthetic perspective, I feel that the proposed project is scaled inappropriately in comparison to the rest of the building and overwhelms the portion of the building most people think of as the White House.

I am happy that I now have the opportunity to comment on the project.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:30:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Kirchubel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need or want a garish, unnecessary “ballroom” at the White House! This is nothing more than another vanity project meant to aggrandize Trump. It has already become a national embarrassment! He should be required to fully restore the East Wing (and the Rose Garden)! AND no ballroom!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Lyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Listening to the Planning Commission Meeting from January 8, 2026, I agree with Commissioner Phil Mendelson's concerns that the ballroom does not visually re-enforce the special importance of the White House. By setting the height of the ball room to be the same as the White House, the new addition would be come a twin - equal to the White House and thus not enhancing - but rather diminishing the White House as the central visual focus. The proposed height does not nicely frame the White House, but rather competes with it.
I feel the plan should have the Ball Room be on the ground floor and the current proposed ground floor be under ground. Most of the function of the current proposed ground floor is for supporting activities such as food prep which does not have to have nice views.
Or lower the roof of the Ball Room - so the new building does not over whelm the White House.
Since the First Lady's office spaces were in the East Wing and the East Wing will now become the location for hosting visitors, why can't the current State Dinning Room become the new location of the First Lady's Offices?
With out final approval - how can they continue with moving forward on the work (or even have torn down the old east wing)?

So your commission does not have any say in demolishing historical buildings and monuments? WOW!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:29:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Gray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please restore the east wing to its previous design with upgrades for technology and energy efficiency. We don't need a grand ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:29:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Jones
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing must be restored to it's original form at the cost of the Republican Party.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:29:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Victoris Somppi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To begin with, the title of this project is a misnomer when the space is clearly a replacement. There was no submitted documentation of the existing space which was clearly older than 50 years and though it might not have been designated as a national registered property it was clearly associated with and part of a designated property-the White House. The size of the project begins to beg questions of relatable size and siting relevant to its position on the existing landscape. There are no drawings showing design intent on the site in context to the existing structures in the site and related to adjacencies. This is so outside the standards of building planing codes and design that it's untenable much less for a historical site recognized by virtually every person living in our country and most people around the world! In context, it's comparable to removing a wing from the Lourve in Paris or dropping a wing off the parliament buildings in the U.K. There was no reason for this desecration. There is a process for design and it is required for all buildings and sites. Those responsible for this should bear the fines for the public desecration. However, that's a separate process. Moving forward the design review process should prevail with the normative benchmarks and design reviews for context, relevance, design purpose, and in this case appropriateness. A single use assembly space building is NOT relevant to the White House adjacency. A once every 4 years event space for private use for the Executive branch is not part of the executive job description requirements. This is not a relevant program and the loss of this wing of the White House without documentation relative to process is an unmitigated resource loss to all Americans. And done on the eve of our 250 th year anniversary is a slap in the face of us all. Ever use your jurisdictional power over this project and redeem what you can in the nsme of the American people!
Victoria Somppi
National Trust member

Landmark Preservation Board Member
Principal, Workplace Architecture.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:28:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Krueger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the current and planned renovations and reconstruction related to the Eastwing modernization project. I feel these current reconstruction efforts are unwarranted and our proceeding without proper public input.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:28:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Craig Brenizer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wind must be rebuilt back to the way it was. We don't need a ball room, we need a residence for the presidency and its staff. A place to work, not a place to host parties and intake bribes!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:28:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chuck Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The mad dash to destroy the People's House, the Rose Garden, etc needs to stop. I am not interested in seeing a huge ballroom, likely gilded in gold, attached to our National House. It is not necessary for any form of government function. The entire project had not followed the law. Please stop this madness.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:27:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Zappala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House, the People's house, has functioned for 234 years in its current state.
For a President to come in and add gold and crystals to match his personal taste, to destroy that portion of our historic home and gardens and to spend millions - no matter where the money comes from, is totally

unacceptable. A ballroom of this size has not been needed for 234 years, now is not the time to change that.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:27:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Eike
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is a disgrace and a slap in the face to the American people. Please restore the East Wing to it's original configuration as much as possible and kill the Ballroom!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:26:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sandi Hebley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

These comments should have been sought BEFORE any demolition took place. Anyone who participated in the destruction of the East Wing should be prosecuted. Any new ballroom should be tasteful and dignified, not a gaudy, fake-gold, tacky abomination like Mar-a-Lago.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:26:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Hayward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current plan to dwarf the white house is hideous and represents the same imbalance of power that we are experiencing from this White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:26:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Fesler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It seems that the destruction of the East Wing, and now proposal for a new ballroom, were made with an intentional disregard of process or public opinion. Who made all the decisions to date? In our democracy, a president should not act alone and impose his or her taste on our country without extensive feedback. This has not happened, and the destruction of the East Wing was a surprise to almost all American citizens.

Any new building to replace the East Wing should undergo an extensive process, and construction should not happen in the term of the current president. Such a building attached to the White House is not the property of any president; it is property of the American people.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:26:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bruce Babcock
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

"The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service." Period. Full stop.

The POTUS is NOT a king. The U.S. is NOT a monarchy. We do not need a ballroom. We cannot submit to DJT's ego. His destruction of the East Wing was illegal.

The proposed project is NOT modernization, it is desecration.

Stop this project now, and for good.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:25:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Emerson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Our country needs affordable health care for all much more than it needs a ballroom.

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Date: 2/13/2026 6:25:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kimberly Wallis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam:

We, as taxpayers, do not wish for the East Wing to be changed in any way, other than back to the original design. It should have never been torn down before this public comment period and just as with every historical building, it should be put back right and then altered after the public has weighed in. Ideally, construction should begin well after 2028. May we all adhere to the rule of law and especially to the Constitution, and always always strive for a more perfect Union. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

The Wallis Family
Kentucky

Date: 2/13/2026 6:25:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Will Stoutamire
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is disgraceful that this administration was able to tear down the East Wing of the White House without public comment. The proposed ballroom will overwhelm the existing structure and should not be allowed to proceed.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:24:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Lewis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
I am the Director at a small museum and trying to do the preservation the correct way for my artifacts and building.
When I saw the devastating treatment of the East Wing my first thought was it done through the correct channels. Did the debris from the building be cared for correctly. If there was asbestos in the building, was it delt with correctly. My thoughts swirled because of all the waste of this building, was there any of the old structure preservable, to show some sort of history of the original building. I understand all building need to have updates, but I am very consentience of trying to preserve some sort of the history of the original building.
I am half the country away and felt the devastation of the utter destruction of this historical building.
I am watching to see what will be happening with this project.

Karen Lewis
Director
SCHS & MM
Hoxie, KS

Date: 2/13/2026 6:24:07 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Liz Orgel
Project Name: Four Corners Temporary Fencing Project
Project Number: 8746

Ugly, too big. Taxpayers will not pay!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:23:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shari Pehrson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is such a ridiculous want of Trump! To make him feel more like the King he thinks he is. He put a parking lot on Jackie's rose garden. Now he has already destroyed the East Wing. He is tearing down history! He is tearing down the People's House! It's not legal! Stop him please.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:23:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Johnson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new "ballroom" is completely a waste of money and time! It is travesty to destroy a major landmark without approval of congress or the American people!! Clearly the only purpose for it is to stroke the presidents ego and does NOT serve the people's interests! It must be stopped and the buildings restored to its original mode.
And the president needs to face consequences for destroying a national treasure without the authority to do so!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:23:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jo Ann Allen
Project Name: Four Corners Temporary Fencing Project
Project Number: 8746

The White House does not belong to Donald Trump. He has violated the White House by tearing down the East Wing. As far as I am concerned it is his responsibility to rebuild the East Wing at his expense. It is also his response to pay for the demolition of the East Wing. No other President has demolished any part of the White House. I am infuriated that he thinks he is entitled to destroy public property.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:23:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patty Stroh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am shocked and dismayed. How can anyone tear down a National Monument and get away with it and without talking to anybody for proper approvals. Also as the people's house, I find it shocking that individuals with a great deal of money are donating to this destruction. Mainly I might add high up individuals in the tech world. That really makes me feel unsafe and like there will be technological overreach. I think the president needs to clean up his mess and get an appropriate company to rebuild our East Wing to spec. He did not have permission to do this. And then I want him arrested for the destruction of the East wing.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:22:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carla Vaudo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The unauthorized modifications and potential damage inflicted upon the historic White House represent a significant breach of governmental property and ethical standards. The actions in question raise serious concerns about accountability and the preservation of national landmarks. Legal experts and political analysts suggest that a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding these alterations is necessary to determine the full extent of potential misconduct and to ensure appropriate consequences are implemented for any responsible parties.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:21:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gretchen Boyce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architectural historian with more than 20 years of professional experience, I look to Washington, DC, particularly the National Mall and the White House, as touchstones for how historic preservation review should be conducted in this country. These places set the standard for stewardship, transparency, and adherence to federal preservation law.

I deeply respect the role of the National Capital Planning Commission and the oversight it provides in ensuring that changes to nationally significant resources are carefully reviewed and publicly vetted. For that reason, I was alarmed to learn that a portion of the White House complex was demolished without undergoing the required federal review processes. The White House is a National Historic Landmark of unparalleled significance. It must be safeguarded through consistent application of established preservation frameworks, not subject to political whims.

Federal review requirements exist to protect irreplaceable historic resources for future generations. Any alteration to such a significant landmark must model the highest standards of compliance, transparency, and professional review. I urge all responsible agencies to reaffirm their commitment to these principles and to ensure that legally mandated preservation procedures are followed in full.
In addition, the proposed 90,000 square foot addition is fundamentally incompatible with the White House complex. Its size, massing, and proportion are grossly out of scale with the historic structure and would irreparably alter the character of this National Historic Landmark. A project of this magnitude constitutes an aggressive expansion that overwhelms the historic fabric and setting.

The National Capital Planning Commission must not legitimize a project that compounds an unlawful demolition with an oversized and incompatible addition. I urge NCPC to require that a SOIS qualified historical architect be engaged to prepare a full reconstruction of the East Wing grounded in documentary and physical evidence and carried out in strict accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Reconstruction. Reconstruction, not expansion, is the appropriate remedy. Anything less would signal that federal preservation law can be disregarded at the nation's most significant historic site. The White House must model the highest standard of stewardship in the country. It cannot become an example of how preservation protections are set aside for political convenience and grandstanding.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Mabel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The bulldozing of the old East Wing without the usual review process for such major work on a building of so much national importance was already an abomination, but it cannot be undone. I am completely opposed to replacing it with a structure, such as the proposed ballroom, that would rival or exceed the scale of the main structure of the White House. If nothing else, the symbolism is appalling: a ballroom to be used only by a small elite rivaling or dwarfing the People's House.

I don't support any one plan for what should replace the old East Wing, but either it needs to be something of roughly similar scale to what it replaces, to serve a much more public purpose, or both. If it is to be on a massive scale, it should be more like the greenhouses that stood on the White House grounds in the 19th Century and less like a two-bit Versailles.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Glen Southwick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump is treating OUR White House as a personal property owned by him; something to play with as he pleases. It's NOT his -- it's OURS and there is a process which must be followed to make any changes -- he chose to ignore it.

I have ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War to rid this country of kings. I believe they were right

do do so and that is something that hasn't changed in 250 years!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:20:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Kerska
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have tried for weeks to figure out the value of the "Grand Ballroom" that President Trump is planning on building on the site of the former East Wing... I was angry when the East Wing was demolished without following the proper procedure... Whether the funding for the ballroom will be "donated $$", does not change the fact that the ballroom has no value to the American people and is simply another "monument" that Trump wants to bolster his ego and image to foreign leaders, especially those from countries where they have palaces and rulers are kings... There is no legitimate reason or value for this ballroom and the destruction of the East Wing should never have happened. Trump is treating the White House as his personal property, instead of the American peoples house and seems to believe that he can do whatever he wants with it... This destruction of the property, history and heritage of the United States needs to be stopped!!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:19:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Schlanger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a tragedy that the historic East Wing has been demolished without consideration by the public. This is the People's House, and the people should have had a say from the outset. That said, I beg the powers that be to build a replacement that is appropriate to the space and purpose, and that is in harmony with the existing structure. A 90,000 sq foot ballroom is none of these things. And let's not forget that the East Wing was built to accommodate the First Lady and her staff, an acknowledgement of the important role of women in the governance of this country.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Candace M Hartzog
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not think this East Wing Modernization project should be allowed to proceed.
The existing wing was demolished without the proper authority, removing historic areas of the white House, and not preserving any architectural features which should be used as appropriate, with any new construction.

The modernization project is vastly out of scale with the actual White House, and as stated will not

incorporate existing architectural features.

The people of the US ought to be able to have some say in what is done to alter the White House. The current resident acts as if he owns the White House, and needs to be reminded it is the Peoples' House.

Why in the world does the White House even need such an oversized and gaudily decorated monstrosity as this? It cheapens the White House as a whole.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Vander Ark
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I toured the White House two years ago, and I feel sad and frustrated that the East wing was torn down. In my humble opinion, we do not need a ballroom. It would be a waste of our money to have something that will very seldom be used. I even wish you might replicate some of the previously destroyed room. To bring it back to its natural beauty. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should be arrested for destroying the “people’s” house. After the fact is not good enough

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ed WILLIAMS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No cheap/glitzy Ballroom is needed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dick Rome
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Put the East wing back to its original condition before Trump tore it down and have Trump pay for it out of his personal funds.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rosemary Rappa
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was not an EAST WING Modernization project, this was a demolition of our American History. The East Wing was the site of the offices' of the First Ladies . Women like Eleanor Roosevelt, Nancy Reagan, Jackie Kennedy and more did their work to help the people of our country. Mrs. Roosevelt contributed greatly to efforts to help the poor as we dug out of the depression. She was a representative who promoted our nation and provided assistance to the president during WWII. Mrs. Reagan promoted a war on drugs. Lady Bird Johnson helped beautify the capital. Both Mrs Bushes' promoted literacy and a love of learning.These are only a few examples of the important work of the First Ladies.
All other renovations were done under strict supervision of the Departments that advise and consent to renovations of the People's House. This is not the property of Mr. Trump. He has the use of the house during his term and any changes should be approved by the proper agencies as has happened in the past. The people have never requested or even talked about the need for a ball room. I have been to the White House many times and there is space for any reasonable large event. What Mr. Trump did was an insult to American History and Culture.
He should pay compensation and reconstruct the EAST WING as it formally stood. Trump has stolen a large piece of our history for his own vanity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Ruland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As it was illegal for the President to have the East Wing of the White House demolished without Congressional approval since it is a designated National Treasure and does not belong to him, the request to erect a ballroom on the site should be denied.

The White House does not belong to him - it belongs to all citizens of the United States! Any structural changes to it must be approved. Just because he already demolished the Wing does not give him the right to build anything!

I truly believe he should be prosecuted for the destruction of a National Manument.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Loch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe it is a great addition to the White House
The idea that our great White House will be modified and upgraded for the rest of the world to see makes me a proud American. I commend President Trump to have the vision to upgrade our people's White House should bring great pride to all Americans.

Our forefathers built a great facility and our Presidents are following g their lead in upgrading their place while in office.

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Name: Sharon Flatley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have worked in Architecture and Design for over 45 years. I know about historic preservation and staying true to a building's history .
It is appalling to me that someone would take a historic building and destroy a portion of that history without a thought about the ramifications of that act of destruction. The White House belongs to the people of this country and is not the personal property of the short term current occupant. By demolishing the East Wing, you have descreated a sacred part of the U.S. History. You are turning a classically designed structure into a garish, trashy ballroom which serves only to support your ego.
This is a reckless erasure of history .

The reckless destruction of a beautiful building was done without any consultation from historic preservation commitees or any authorization. The cost to rebuild that portion into a ballroom room is a senseless waste of money and will ultimately be a tax payer burden.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Kelly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How dare Trump destroy this monument of our government. It is not his property. Over the years, I am certain many affairs were had without all this pomp and circumstance on the sizr of the facility. It is beautiful and he need not destroy this government monument on a personal whim of being the "biggest" "being the best".....I detest what he has done throughout his time there. He has no right..absolutely not!!!!! It saddens me. He is mentally ill.....do not let him touch any of those buildings!!!!!!

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Name: Noreen Winningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House infrastructure conceivably needs modernization elements. However, such efforts should preserve the historical elements of the White House. This is the People's House. It should not reflect the styles of any given elected official. It should continue to represent the evolution of our country, where we came from and how that remains relevant today.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: denise smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

WHITE HOUSE BALLROOM

PLEASE RESTORE THE WING THAT WAS DESTROYED BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL CONFIGURATION: THIS WING HAS HISTORIC VALUE AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED; PARTICULARLY WITHOUT YOUR PATRIOTIC COUNTRYMEN AND WOMENS INPUT:

FOR A BALLROOM; AN ADDITON TO THE WHITE HOUSE THAT FITS IN WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE WOULD BE WONDERFUL: A REMINDER TO THE PRESIDENT TO STOP DESTROYING OUR PROPERTY:::THAT IS THE PROTERTY OF ALL US CITIZENS; AND THAT HE WISHED TO BRING BACK CLASSICAL; BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE::::ARCHITECHTURE THAT IS BEAUTIFUL TIMELESS AND MAKES US FEEL WONDERFUL:: kUDOS FOR YOUR IDEAS THERE MR PRESIDENT: NOW PLEASE RESTORE THAT WHICH YOU HAVE DESTROYED AND ADD BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL OF US CITIZENS:
PS IF YOU WANT TO USE A GOLD LOOK; PLEASE LOOK AT THE AMBER ROOM-ORIGINAL-INSTEAD OF GAUDY GOLD:

Please also restore the rose garden lawn. THe current concrete patio reminds me of a concrete parking lot- as Joni MItchell said years ago, we paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

And lastly, please leave the Kennedy-Trump Center Building alone. No, it is not my favorite building either, but it has historical significance.

Thank you,
Denise-and Steve

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rick Chapman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is difficult to understand how a narcissistic fool becomes president and immediately acts and behaves as if he has been selected as the King of the world. How can he tear down an historic building that does not belong to him and everyone just watches? The time to stop this was when the destruction crews arrived, not after so much damage is done. He swore an oath to defend the constitution, yet he has no idea what

the constitution is, let alone that he could comprehend what that document says and represents to this country he so proudly misrepresents and fails to uphold.
Please lend some credibility to the office of the great honor of being the president of the United States of America and promptly stop him. Restore all he has destroyed and prevent him from further damage to Our house.
Sincerely,
Rick Chapman

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Name: Carol Mull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very much opposed to the plan for a large ballroom attached to the White House. The White House is an iconic building. It should never be dimished by a larger wing. Additionally, there is no need for such a big ballroom. Please do not allow this desecration to happen.

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Name: Christopher Minich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is a giant waste of money that is directed for elites to utilize and does not benefit the taxpayers who will have to do maintenance and take care of this facility in the future-We don't need a gold gilded White house to perform its function. Let's take care of the infrastructure in the U.S. and stop decorating Washington D.C.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynn Valeri
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not an architect or designer or a preservationist. However, I am an American taxpaying citizen and I believe the voices of many Americans should be considered in the Ballroom East Wing project.
It is a misnomer to call it a Modernization Project as there remains nothing to modernize.
I don't believe that one person, the President of the United States, or a small group chosen by that one person should have final say in the design of whatever gets constructed.
True preservationists and architectural historians should be consulted on the design. Like most government projects in Washington D.C., commissions are formed to consider different designs and debate the merits. Generally a vote is taken to approve building projects. Sometimes this takes years of work. I worry that this east wing project will be rushed through the design and approval process.

The design that I saw personally appears way out of proportion to the size of the White House. I don't believe such a large ballroom is necessary to carry on the duties of government.
It feels like a massive vanity project.

I believe that the American people should carefully consider what will replace the demolished East Wing. It is the American people's house.

Sincerely,
Lynn Valeri
St Louis MO

Date: 2/13/2026 6:14:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steven Dobrosielski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Unlawful demolition of East Wing of White House:
The Demolition of the East Wing by donny " the dictator" trump was unlawful in the eyes of most citizens of this country.
The fact that it was not reviewed by anyone before demolition started was an affront to the nation.
We DO NOT NEED A BALL ROOM FOR PARTYING OLIGARCHS (sp).
A minor renovation may have been needed, but to tear down and the replace with a Hitler type ball room is traitorous.
Why does donny seem to want to be the modern day Hitler (VP JD Vance even called trump, America's Hitler). We all know donny's love of gold comes from his love of his puppet master Putin's elaborate gold trappings.
Amazing we have a president who's heroes are Hitler and Putin.
Please stop this wasteful expenditure of money. We have thousands of citizens who need food and housing.
If the oligarchs want to spend their ill gotten tax cuts on something, do what Jesus would do help the poor.
But unfortunately we know these oligarchs are not followers of Christ but are followers of the CULT of trump.

Oh, also please stop donny's destruction of the Kennedy Center !!!!!!!!! !

Date: 2/13/2026 6:14:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Ann Sullivan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people of the United States of America property and not anyone’s property, including the sitting President.

The East Wing should be restored back to the original size and shape. An upgrade to a more modern theme

would be the only appropriate theme. It definitely does not need to be adorned in gold and gaudy fixtures.

Also, the rose garden needs to be put back in and in the condition it was before this mass destruction.

Any sitting president is a tenant in the White House and not an owner to do what they want to the structure and landscape surrounding it. As a tenant, would this be allowed to happen in any of President Trump's properties? I think not.

The East Wing needs to be put back together to its original size and grandeur.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaret Hangan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe this whole project is a travisty. Clearly the legal process was not followed and the public was not given an opportunity to give input on the removal of the building nor on any of the architectual plans for the proposed replacement of the East Wing. These buildings belong to th people of the US not this administration as such the people should have been informed and give an opportunity to review any proposal. I am commenting on the project now. But clearly as the building has already been removed, I believe any architectual plans for the new building needs to be reviewed by the public. Also, what has not been discussed is the massive historic integrity impact on the other historic buildings within proximity of the Eastwing and the White House. Its important to take in to consideration the adverse effects on all integrity aspects in accordance with NPS Guidelines and that information need to be made available to the public for review.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I expect to be able to review all future plans and all information association with this project through out the length of the project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Power is a responsibility, not a privilege. I object to the way the chief executive's power has been used irresponsibly to create this monstrously expensive, oversized, backward-looking building. This project is not being created in a transparent method at the request of the nation. Citizen's should know who's donating money for this and what private donors expect to receive for their gifts. The size of this pleasure building threatens to eclipse the scale of the White House itself and the wing in which actual work is performed. If this is to be built, I object to this style, resembling empirial Rome and not the best expression of our modern values and imagination. This is a ridiculous way of turning the people's house into the President's palace. Worst of all, I feel that the majority of objections to this plan will not matter to those overseeing and responsible for this.

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Name: Muriel Timmins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose this project - The East Wing of the White House had been totally bulldozed to a pile of rubble without any notice presented to the public. Had it been a structure personally belonging to the President himself, that would have been his prerogative. However, the White House complex is "The People's House", and any major renovations (or obliteration!) should hinge on presentation-to and approval-of the people's representatives (i.e. Congress). In addition, the proposed renovation (or rather, COMPLETE REPLACEMENT) appears to "over-power" and "diminish" the status of the actual White House, itself. The historical significance and standing of the White House will be diminished and overshadowed by the planned mega-monster ballroom. I believe that the American people, through their representatives in congress, should have a say in the final resolution to repair this unapproved demolition of a piece of American history.

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Name: Dennis Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There are procedures in place for a reason. The convicted President has to follow the law and procedures just like everyone else. Yet, he feels he can do anything he wants, any way he wants. Of course it may take longer and he may not get exactly what he wants but he's not a 5 year old child.
Follow the law.
Follow the rules.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sarah Hawkinson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/23/us/politics/east-wing-obituary.html

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Name: Nancy Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tearing down the East Wing is a disgrace. Although the White House has been remodeled and modernized in the past, nothing this drastic and tasteless has ever been done. The size of the proposed Ballroom will totally overpower the entire facade…ruining its lovely lines. This project is ill-advised and should be stopped at once. Hopefully, the damage already done can be remedied

Date: 2/13/2026 6:13:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: PETER TRAUB
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A proposed plan should be reviewed by the National Trust and congress as the White House belongs to the people of the United States..

Date: 2/13/2026 6:13:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: DAVID P SCHWARTZ
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need that disgusting new ballroom nor, any other grandiose structure that would overwhelm the treasured Whitehouse.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:13:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: PETER TRAUB
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A proposed plan should be reviewed by the National Trust and congress as the White House belongs to the people of the United States..

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sam Hirsch
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the president is only a tenant in the White House residing there rent free during his term and not the owner, it is my assertion that the demolition that Donald Trump ordered is nothing short of fully illegal and therefore he must personally pay from his own funds to restore the property to its previous state immediately and held to account for blatant criminality!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:12:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Roden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition and plans for the East Wing is a crime and a travesty. Then proposed design is an abomination of any sense of style, ascetic, historical preservation, or architectural integrity.The East Wing should be restored to its original design at Trump's expense. He did this to appease his own ego as if he was a king, with out, building, demolition, permits, historical or architectural commission review or approvals. We have no kings in America since 1776. Restore the East Wing to its original design at Trump's expense.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:11:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gina Gianfala
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am assuming this is the white House Ballroom project.
In my opinion this project should not be approved. There are plenty locations in the DC capitol that can accommodate formal events. The white House is an historic building that should remain within the context of why it was built. It was not meant as a grandiose entertainment venue.
By two cents

Date: 2/13/2026 6:11:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Maddux
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The People's House does not need a ballroom for the rich and powerful. We are not a monarchy and the White House is not meant to be a Versailles. If anything is to be constructed there, it should be a museum dedicated to the people of the United States--all of them. In addition, it should be open to the people. A duly elected leader who is making decisions that are caring and just should not be afraid of his or her own constituents.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: karen kindel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I find it outrageous that the East wing Destruction could occur without input from the public or Congress.
Even homeowners have to apply for permits and deal with zoning regulations before remodeling.
The White House is a national monument and belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump.
he needs to be held liable for destruction of public property.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:10:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Morgan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I was shocked when Donald Trump unilaterally acted to demolish the East Wing of our White House. My wife and I were brought to tears when we saw the videos of the demolition of the East Wing.
I am concerned that Trump believes that he can do whatever he wants because he allegedly won the election. Yet, he disregards the Constitution, laws, regulations, historic preservation, and common sense. With respect to the East Wing, he should have sought a consensus for the need to make any changes. A ballroom for 999 doesn't seem to meet the criteria.
Afterwards, he then solicited donations from corporations and the wealthy, which may be illegal. They are likely expecting something in return for supporting his self-serving project.
It is clear to me that every day we are witnessing the destruction of our country, economy, and democracy at the hands of Trump and his enablers. The destruction of our beloved White House is a disturbing reminder of what Trump is doing to me and my fellow 348 million Americans that he should be serving, not attempting to rule.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:10:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kerrianne Hanlin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is abhorrent and irresponsible that Mr. Trump tore down the East Wing of the White House, completely and without a concern for the historic value of this building. He did not seek permission from congress. He did not ask the American Public if they would permit this destruction of our property. No materials were salvaged to permit reconstruction of historically significant areas of the East Wing. It appears he used the razing of the building and purported plan to build a ballroom as another criminal enterprise, to which he was able to get money from private donors that ultimately ended up in his own pockets. Never before have we witnessed so much corruption and grift. This building must be rebuilt with the money Trump took, and make it historically accurate. This is the People's House! Enough is enough! He must face consequences!

Date: 2/13/2026 6:10:09 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joan Bull
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at what Mr. Trump has done to the East Wing. I can understand the need for modernization but it should honor the historic nature of the White House in design and scale. I am appalled that the East Wing was demolished without proper review, proper permits and public comment. He should be made to put it back the way it was and at his own expense.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: George Beckwith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an architect with extensive experience in adaptive reuse and historic preservation, I write to express my strong objection to the proposed ballroom project. In my professional judgment, the scale and massing of the addition would overwhelm the existing structure and cause lasting harm to the historic character of the White House.

From the initial presentation materials, it is clear that, in plan, the proposed east wing ballroom significantly exceeds the scale of the historic White House and ground in general. In elevation, the assertion that the new structure would meaningfully defer to the original building by matching cornice lines is ludicrous. The proposed addition appears substantially out of proportion to the existing complex and incompatible with its architectural integrity.

I am also deeply concerned that the existing East Wing was effectively removed without a transparent process of oversight or review. A project of this magnitude, affecting one of the nation's most important historic structures, warrants rigorous evaluation and adherence to established preservation standards.

Taken together, these issues raise serious concerns about the impact of the current proposal on the White House as a historic, civic and cultural symbol.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:09:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Debra Ternove
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. As such, it is not intended for the use of a select few. I am opposed to using it as a ballroom. It should be restored to its original purpose and size. Renovations can be made within the current footprint.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that the failure to follow correct procedures prior to to the destruction of the east wing of the White House is both disturbing and disgusting. Shame on the dimwit who thought the destruction of historic structures without following the law and without following carefully thought out preservationist principals and procedures would be okay!

Furthermore, what's going to replace this lost historic structure? A huge "ballroom" that will only be used a few times a year and then only by the wealthiest donors to a president's campaign. So what will the vast majority of American citizens get out of this unnecessary extravagance? Nothing! Zilch! Not even the best wishes or the thoughts and prayers of the ultrawealthy who will be lazer-focused on what their government can do for them. Okay, maybe what the uninvited rest of us will get out of this "ballroom" is the certainty that their government is completely out of touch and the suspicion that it is also utterly corrupt.

What really needs to be decided today is how best to undo the damage that has been done, how to restore what has been taken from the American people. And, oh yeah, who's going to pay for this restoration. I say it should be the plutocrats who dreamed up and condoned this desecration, with punitive damages thrown in, enough to make sure something like this never happens again.

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Name: Cindy Sonsini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that regardless of who is residing within the White House it is extremely shameful that in 2026, that as modern of a nation as the United States is, we have no type of Grand Ballroom to host foreign dignitaries. How embarrassing is it to host Heads of State along with their wives as well as members of our government in tents erected just days prior, with the women and men dressed in formal gowns and tuxedos or formal suits having to use port-a-potties as indicated in years past by MSNBC during the Obama presidency. I personally am of the opinion that a ballroom built and designed in similar architecture for State and Formal dinners at the White House can and will add to the overall elegance of the entire surroundings. Thank you, Cindy Sonsini

Date: 2/13/2026 6:08:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Jacobsen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at what our President is doing to Washington in general and the White House in particular.

When my husband was alive, we were honored to have a few pieces of our antique furniture purchased for the White House and the Diplomatic Reception Rooms.

President Trump seems determined to leave his mark everywhere. I think the East Wing construction is totally unnecessary at a huge cost, which could have been used to feed the hungry in this country, among many other things.
The gilt in his office is garish! The thought of something resembling the Arc de Triomphe being built in his name
makes me sick.

I don't understand how he's getting by with all this, but as you can see, there's no question but what I think it's dreadful.

Sincerely
Virginia Jacobsen (Mrs Valdemar F.)

Date: 2/13/2026 6:08:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathryn Hopkins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,
I am writing to question the value, cost, and public rationale for the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

Whether this project is privately or publicly funded is relevant, but it is not the core issue. The fundamental question is how this ballroom serves a clear public purpose that aligns with current national priorities. At a time of historic federal deficits, growing inequality, and the continued erosion of our social safety net, it is difficult to justify a major expansion of ceremonial or event space as a necessary or responsible investment.

Several issues warrant greater scrutiny and transparency:

Public purpose and necessity: What specific public need does this ballroom address, and why is it necessary now? What problem is being solved that cannot be addressed through existing facilities?

Cost and opportunity cost: What is the full projected cost of the project, including long-term operations and maintenance? What alternative public uses of these resources were considered?

Procurement and contractors: Which builders, architects, and contractors are being used? How are they being selected, and how will compliance with federal procurement standards and labor laws be ensured?

Climate and environmental impact: How much embodied carbon will be generated through the construction of this addition? What materials are being used, and how does the project align with federal climate commitments, sustainability standards, and emissions-reduction goals?

Transparency and public input: What disclosures will be made regarding design principles, materials, contractors, and environmental impacts? Will there be any opportunity for public comment or discussion prior to final approval?

Given the scale of this project and its symbolic importance, the administration should hold itself to the

highest standards of fiscal responsibility, environmental stewardship, and democratic transparency. At minimum, there should be clear public disclosures and an opportunity for meaningful public feedback before proceeding.

I respectfully urge decision-makers to reevaluate this proposal in light of taxpayer priorities, climate commitments, and the expressed needs and values of the American people—and to consider whether this project is truly necessary at all.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:08:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Allen McReynolds
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to object to the unlawful demolition of the historic East Wing of The White House. The unprecedented power play by the current Administration is provocative and illegal, eliminating/circumventing Congressional oversight and the National Area Planning Council's jurisdiction and responsibilities. I therefore encourage the Commission, as well as the National Park Service which has been charged by Congress to oversee The National Historic Preservation Act and all the rules and regulations empowered and entrusted by the People of these United States.

Respectfully yours,

Allen D. McReynolds
Former Special Assistant to the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior, and
Former Executive Vice President,
The National Tree Trust
Dallas, Texas

Date: 2/13/2026 6:07:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Brian Schlosser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump should never have been allowed to demolish any of the historic features at the White House. If he wants to destroy anything, then it should be only something he has personally purchased and owns. The White House is owned by the government, thus it is owned by the people of America.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:07:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Anabel Bowen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should not be controversial and should be approved promptly for a number of reasons:

1. The ballroom is greatly needed will enhance the whole White House complex. It is embarrassing that any President does not have a stunning indoor ballroom-type space for entertaining foreign and other dignitaries and for other events. Having attended a few functions at the White House some years ago, I remember being struck by how cramped the existing spaces were.
2. This is not the first time a president has made changes to the White House site.
3. The renderings show this to be a fitting design that complements the site.
3. The East Wing that has already been removed was not an original part of the White House. It had grown tired and needed major upgrading. This project will provide upgrades as well as adding a much-needed large event space.
4. This is being funded by private donations unlike previous changes made by previous Presidents: What a gift to the taxpayers!
5. Having an indoor space will provide a more secure location for large events, unlike having them in a tent.
6. This addition will be of benefit to all presidents regardless of party affiliation. If the current President had any other surname than Trump, this project would have been hailed as outstanding, much needed, and a welcome gift to the country.

I urge the Commission to approve this immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:07:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Gardner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that the failure to follow correct procedures prior to to the destruction of the east wing of the White House is both disturbing and disgusting. Shame on the dimwit who thought the destruction of historic structures without following the law and without following carefully thought out preservationist principals and procedures would be okay!

Furthermore, what's going to replace this lost historic structure? A huge "ballroom" that will only be used a few times a year and then only by the wealthiest donors to a president's campaign. So what will the vast majority of American citizens get out of this unnecessary extravagance? Nothing! Zilch! Not even the best wishes or the thoughts and prayers of the ultrawealthy who will be lazer-focused on what their government can do for them. Okay, maybe what the uninvited rest of us will get out of this "ballroom" is the certainty that their government is completely out of touch and the suspicion that it is also utterly corrupt.

What really needs to be decided today is how best to undo the damage that has been done, how to restore what has been taken from the American people. And, oh yeah, who's going to pay for this restoration. I say it should be the plutocrats who dreamed up and condoned this desecration, with punitive damages thrown in, enough to make sure something like this never happens again.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:07:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Parker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to start by saying I was mortified when I discovered that Donald Trump had demolished the east wing of the White House with no Congressional input and no consideration to public interest only the interest of his own ego boosting narcissism!

We do not need a golden embellished ballroom for him to entertain his billionaire partners in crime this is disgusting and should be stopped, oh yeah it's too late he's already tore it down, way to go king Trump… Needless to say I do not approve of this in any way and I am ashamed of the way Trump presents himself to the world as he is pretending to represent America!

Trump is wasting our taxpayer funding to embellish himself as if he was a god while I continue working at 65 years of age with no end in sight!

No Kings, No Kings, No Kings!!!

Stand up to this small man and Demand that this country belongs to all Americans and not part of Trumps criminal business empire!

John Parker

Date: 2/13/2026 6:06:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carol Mackey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, the tearing down of the East Wing NEVER SHOULD HAVE HAPPEN. Trump believes he is above the law and doesn't need to follow rules. There is no exception for Trump. NONE. Someone needs to sit him down and explain he needs to follow the law/rules of touching the White House. He doesn't own the White House. It belongs to the people. We are letting him use it for 4 years, that's all.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:06:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JERI OLIVER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I firmly object to the Trump alterations to our historic building, the White House. Upkeep is fine, repairs are fine, but there is no way a ballroom is needed. The space before was sufficient and a huge ballroom flies in the face of the American people. All this for a President who will be gone in 3 years tops. No one else will use ot to that capacity.

Additionally, I would like to see Trump and his donors pay to restore it back to how it was.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:06:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurence Welsh
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

February 13, 2026
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW
North Lobby, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004
Attn: Marcel Acosta, Executive Director
RE: NCPC File Number 8733 – East Wing Modernization Project (Proposed White House Ballroom)
Dear Commissioners,
As a citizen concerned with the preservation of our national heritage, I am writing to formally provide comment on the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. The White House is not merely a residence; it is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a site owned by the American people, stewarded on their behalf by the National Park Service.
While I recognize the stated need for expanded event capacity to host official state functions, I urge the Commission to exercise its full oversight authority to ensure this project does not cause irreversible harm to the architectural integrity and historic scale of the executive mansion.
Concerns Regarding Scale and Historic Integrity
The proposed construction presents several significant threats to the character of the White House grounds:
Disproportionate Scale: At 90,000 square feet, the proposed addition is nearly double the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. National Park Service assessments have already noted that a structure of this size will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a "visual imbalance" and disrupting the "design, setting, and feeling" of the grounds.
Erosion of Symmetry: To compensate for the ballroom's mass, the project architect has suggested adding a second story to the West Wing colonnade to restore "symmetry". This would fundamentally alter the iconic space outside the Oval Office and the balanced classical design of the original wings.
Irreversible Loss: Demolition of the 1902 East Wing began in October 2025, and two commemorative trees planted for Presidents Harding and Roosevelt were reportedly removed. Further construction must be paused until the public has a meaningful opportunity to shape the final outcome.
Necessity of Public Input and Legal Review
Public participation is a cornerstone of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Specifically:
Section 110(f) of the NHPA mandates that federal agencies minimize harm to National Historic Landmarks to the "maximum extent possible".
Transparency: Decisions of this magnitude should be made with robust public engagement, a value that has guided White House preservation since its original design competition in 1792.
Ongoing Litigation: The National Trust for Historic Preservation has filed suit, arguing that the project bypassed required congressional approval and environmental studies. Construction should not proceed while these fundamental legal questions remain unresolved.
Recommendation to the Commission
I respectfully request that the National Capital Planning Commission:
Reject any "Delegated" or "Consent" status for this project, ensuring it remains an "Action Item" subject to full public testimony.
Require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that specifically addresses the long-term impact on the "People's House" as a National Park.
Encourage a design revision that is compatible in scale and subordinate to the original 18th-century

structure.
The American people deserve the opportunity to provide comment and shape a project that will permanently alter the most iconic symbol of our democracy.
Sincerely,
Laurence Welsh
[redacted]

Date: 2/13/2026 6:06:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Morris Weisbart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should be no more than 45000 sq ft. The demolition was done without the required authorization. It should be restored as it was before any discussion goes forward on adding the Ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:06:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Schuyler Kent
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president has no right to spend tax payer money on any historic building alterations without taxpayer approval. Nor should he make alterations to any historic building, regardless of funding, without congressional approval.
The White House is not Mar-A-Lago.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:05:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rollin Russell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The arbitrary destruction of the East Wing of the White House is outrageous. Ayatolla Trump behaves as though he owns the Whaite House. He does not. It belongs to the American People and is held in trust by our Government and Congress. Our President is behaving like the Ayatolla he despises. Grow Up, Little Donnie! We sing "America the Beautiful" and the lines: "May all success be nobleness, and every gain divine." He is turning his success to greediness and ostentation. The gains he claims are demonically inhumane. It is embarrassing and maddening.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:05:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Monique Woodruff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. Donald Trump has not followed the law. The entire project should be run by The National Trust for Historic Preservation without the purvue of the Whitehouse.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:05:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Satola
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I will start by saying that calling this the "East Wing Modernization Project" is inappropriate. It is not a proposed "modernization" but is in fact an attempt to post hoc "legitimize" what was clearly the illegal complete destruction of the East Wing, so that an architectural abomination can be raised in its place under the guise of "modernization." Frankly, that alone should disqualify this "project" from going forward.

Second, anyone with a whit of honestly and common sense can see this ill-named "modernization project" for what it truly is — a shameless vehicle for Donald Trump to solicit thinly-disguised bribes from persons and entities seeking Executive Branch "favor." Those from the private sector "donating" to this project know full well that it is done so that Donald Trump can than call the planned architectural monstrosity the "Trump Ballroom," almost surely to be filled with the gaudy and embarrassingly tacky and tasteless crap that is a hallmark of the "Trump taste." The obvious illegitimacy of the entire project too should disqualify this project from proceeding further.

Third, the idea itself of an oversized, gaudy, and unneeded "giant ballroom" would be both an abomination visually as well as a preposterously self-aggrandizing action that is diametrically opposed to everything this country stands for. The White House is THE PEOPLES' HOUSE, and NOT "TRUMP'S HOUSE," and this vile stain of a "project" should end NOW.

The National Park Service should CONDEMN this "project," and refuse to acquiesce in this proposed "personal aggrandizement" defilement of a National Landmark.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:05:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Schasteen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To destroy a landmark wing of the White House and replace it with a gauche, ill-planned and oversized ballroom is a travesty.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:04:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Blythe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom on the site of the East Wing would be wholly out of character with the White House itself and its surroundings. There are lots of places in Washington where balls and events can be held. The pension building, which has hosted inaugural balls, is one option where events could be held under tight security. The concept of private funding for this public building is also deeply troubling. I urge the commission to oppose this project as currently envisioned.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:04:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The WhiteHouse is the people's house and Trump should have ask us before doing the project that was not good for the people. This is heinous how the corruption is obvious the incompetence is breath taking.East wing heart of the people 's house.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Torres
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Date: 2/13/2026 6:04:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ellie Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore the East Wing. NO BALLROOM. The White House belongs to the people, not to Donald Trump.
Ellie Collins

[redacted]

Date: 2/13/2026 6:04:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: herman goetter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am confident in President Trump's expert
talents in the entire project.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:04:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diana Grob
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. The section of the White House that was demolished was equally as important and historical as any other part of the White House. The White House deserves more than to be yet another vanity project to an egocentric individual. We, the people, should be the ones to determine any demolition or additions to this historical landmark; not a despot administration and their corrupt backers. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:03:10 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dr. E. Faye Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Now that Trump has illegally torn down a part of the White House, a committee of citizens should be dispatched to the White House to be shown what the current and proposed changes to the White House are.The citizens work should be presented to the public.

The money Trump claims he has secured from friends, the citizens committee should request that the full amount be received by a date the committee decides. Funds must be made to the government--not to Trump. The name of the wing should keep the term EAST WING, not Donald Trump's--our disgraced president's name by no means.

Since Trump has defaced President Obama's name on the wall and it cannot be repaired easily, Trump should be required to pay for any defacing of President Obama's photograph.

Trump should also be heavily fined for tearing down the East Wing because he had no authority to do so.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:03:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Iversen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that the proposed White House ballroom should not dwarf the White House itself. 45,000 square feet or less would be greatly preferable to 90,000 square feet.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:03:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pamela Hazard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Seeing Donald J Trump unilaterally dictate the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was horrifying. It is not Mar a Lago—it isn't HIS HOUSE! It belongs to all of the people of the United States. He did not ask our permission as would have been appropriate. He should have done environmental impact studies, opinion polls, proper permits, Architctural Board of Review, etc etc before touching one brick on the building.

He did the same thing at the Rose Garden, turning a beautiful meaningful space into an Olive Garden patio.

Sadly he has destroyed the East Wing already so now we are left with what he will put in the space. 1) it should NOT overshadow the White House in mass and size. 2) it should not be a pay to play situation where billionaires pay for it so they can have access to the President which is the current plan. It should be as eco friendly as possible. 3) it should not be cheap looking with a bunch of fake gold crap everywhere. It any photos are posted they should represent ALL presidents—not just one.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:03:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrew Kalukin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have many objections to the project of rebuilding the East Wing ballroom. The steps taken so far have been undertaken illegally, without consulting legally required stakeholders or disclosing the details to the public. While minor renovations for the sake of repair and restoration are understandable in a building this old, I am not confident that the history and character of the building will be preserved; in fact, considering President Trump's characteristic disregard for cultural heritage, art, history, and scholarship, I expect the resulting construction to be in poor taste. Furthermore, the contributions from wealthy donors amount to

an emolument, which is unconstitutional. Therefore, the proposed changes are completely unacceptable, and the legal action should be taken to force the Trump family to pay the costs of restoring the East Wing, to the extent the damage can be repaired. Thank you for considering my views.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:03:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Berger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First, it should never have been torn down.

Second, the new addition should not be designed by President Trump or his administration, but by an outside architect selected by competition and with appropriate jurors.

Third, the process and basic interior design should be likewise handled.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:02:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rev Dr Alice Crenshaw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My concern is a 90,000sf Ballroom is a waste of money that could be used wisely for healthcare, food sustainability, infrastructure, roads, bridges, FEMA, to name a few. This man's head is soooo big on self and wants his name on everything! What has he done to earn it? I have never seen like this in my life. What happened to earning recognition? I've never witnessed a president tearing everyone down to gain accolades. The United States of America has always been a proud nation.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:02:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Donna Huggins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

In my opinion the horrifying destruction of the East Wing was shocking. The threat of rebuilding without public input is equally alarming. The property belongs to the American People and should not be touched anymore AT ALL without public supervision and comment.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:01:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Swislow
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It's essential that large-scale changes to historic public buildings be carefully considered and planned. Whether the East Wing needed to be demolished is a moot point. But whatever replaces it must go through the normal process for new construction at a historic site, with full public review of any plans.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:01:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Judy Ditto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposal is an abomination and an affront to our nation and its citizens. It smacks of political bribery and conflict of interest. It is an unnecessary project and scars the beautiful "House of the People." The proposed plans are garish and gross. It was begun as a "midnight demolition" project and should be stopped immediately.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:01:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Yochim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a national treasure. Around the world it is recognized as the home and office of the President of the United States. The current president is destroying the beauty and dignity of the building. It may or may not be a crime what has been done to the White House grounds, but it is immoral what has been done to the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden. The destruction of the East Wing without proper oversight and approval is a violation of regulations and laws as I understand it.
The proposed ballroom does not comply with guidelines for construction. It is taller than allowed and overall dwarfs the remainder of the residence. This construction must not be allowed. In addition, the Commission has to require the construction of a similar structure as was previously in place.

Date: 2/13/2026 6:00:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joel Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

After seeing the concept images and planning drafts, and knowing the history of the many different ways the East Wing has been formed and reformed since its original conception, I believe that the Ballroom build to be the most Spectacular and Functional for the House that belongs to the Nation, We The People.
Thank You for Your Time and Consideration .

Date: 2/13/2026 6:00:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kathy Bartaldo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is sad that the East Wing was taken down BEFORE public comment. I do not fully understand the need for a gigantic ballroom as for many, many years the old facility was used often and appeared to be fine. A small "refresh" or modernization of the behind the scenes areas might be justified. The renderings I have seen of the proposed building is gigantic. Far too large and out of scale with the White House. The time and money being used for this could be more wisely spent on other more needed projects. The room does not seem to match the stately and unstated grandeur of the old ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:58:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cynthia Whitman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The history of the building should be respected. The wings should match in style and size. If space is needed for Gala events other businesses and venues in Washington DC could be patronized. The assumption of ownership of historic buildings that BELONG TO THE PEOPLE is particularly disturbing.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:58:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alyssa Aftosmes-Tobio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been demolished without the consent of the people. Given that the ship has sailed on that, I want it documented that all construction undertaken should adhere to the strictest standards of sustainability and environmental protection. Rather than a ridiculous ballroom, the construction should benefit THE PEOPLE. A community space, a place to exhibit American artists - literally anything but a gold-encrusted, disgusting display of opulence and the billionaire class, who do nothing but run this country and its people into the ground. The space should celebrate, honor, and reflect the people that actually keep this country running.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:58:03 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melissa Decenco
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

HOLD DONALD TRUMP ACCOUNTIBLE FOR DESTROYING THE WHITE HOUSE WITHOUT APPROVAL.

The unauthorized ballroom renovation at the White House represents a serious breach of federal preservation standards and executive responsibility. The White House is a protected historic structure owned by the American people—not a private asset subject to unilateral alteration.

Donald Trump proceeded with substantial demolition and renovation activities without lawful approval or required oversight. Any structural modification to the White House is subject to strict compliance with historic preservation law, established review procedures, and proper materials handling protocols. Bypassing these safeguards is not merely inappropriate—it is a direct violation of public trust.

Now that it has been made clear that such renovation activity was not authorized, accountability must be directed squarely at Donald Trump. He alone initiated and oversaw these actions, and he alone should bear full financial responsibility for restoring the White House to its prior condition. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize unauthorized alterations carried out at the discretion of one individual.

The integrity of federal preservation law demands enforcement. Failure to hold Donald Trump personally liable would set a dangerous precedent that public property can be altered without consequence. The restoration costs must be paid by him in full, and a formal review should ensure that such overreach cannot occur again.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:57:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Reuter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am opposed to the ballroom project. I am concerned that it will dwarf and diminish the White House itself. There is not sufficient need for a ballroom to justify the damage it will do to the facade of the White House itself. Additionally, the grotesque, gaudy interior is totally out of sync with the main building. I also believe that when the ballroom is cancelled, the east wing should be rebuilt as it was before it was demolished. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:57:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Chris Cunningham
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't really approve of the changes being made to the East Wing. Though in terms of the building belonging to the people, it would certainly have made more sense to have an Open Comment before the demolition of the existing building took place, rather than simply before new construction began. The proposal for a new building would require the demolition, but instead of going through the process in a timely manner, allowing the people a voice in whether to destroy a portion of the White House estate, they instead were forced to suffer the loss of a historic building with no voice or opportunity to object, and only

now speak on whether the new construction goes forward. Presumably, if the majority of the people object and are against it, they will have no remedy, and the previously existing building will remain destroyed, with nothing in its place.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:57:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Linda Tucker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this is an absolutely preposterous thing to do to the people's White House. This president, the worst in every way, has decided to stroke his ego with such a narcissistic thing to do. It is a public shame.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:56:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Valitutti
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was stated that comments are due before construction can't be reversed. From any pics that are available, it looks like construction has gone past that point.
This project was started by a convict and is being completed by a convict. The White House is the people's house. It is not DJT's.
There are so many broken laws and regulations that it's impossible to try to list them all. DJT should be locked in a cell with the key thrown away. It's the only way to make America great.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:56:32 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicole Mackey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What a boondoggle. Just another excuse for self-glorification. Please restore the East Wing to its former form and function. And please dont let Trump put his name on it!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:56:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ken Rosen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This whole concept is a complete disaster! The destruction of the East Wing to satisfy a petty, egomaniacal despots fever dream at a horrendous cost while Americans struggle to feed and heat themselves, not to mention caring for their children and keeping themselves healthy. This is lunacy. And a waste of my tax dollars. I cannot protest loudly enough!!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:56:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Aabey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish that this project will be stopped and a suitable project with respect for the historical & aesthetic norms begun to try to retrieve as far as possible the spirit of the White House which if continued, this project will degrade. The White House is not the personal property of an incumbent politician and defacing the legacy of the American people is shameful among other things.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:56:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LOIS Herlihy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ths building does not need or is required to have a ballroom for the use by the elite. This is the PEOPLES House. The president and his staff are not the owners of the property nor are they authorized to destro history of this major building so they can have parties at the expensiv of the American people's money.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:56:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LOIS Herlihy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ths building does not need or is required to have a ballroom for the use by the elite. This is the PEOPLES House. The president and his staff are not the owners of the property nor are they authorized to destro history of this major building so they can have parties at the expensiv of the American people's money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: DORIS REEDT
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a historic building, it should not be turned into a gaudy gold massive addition. It should NOT overpower the White House. It should not exceed the footprint of the original structure which should NOT have been destroyed! Historical building should be reviewed for approval BEFORE destruction. Please protect the beauty of our house! Thank you!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:55:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alan Reese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

A public disgrace and colossal waste of money. This is an ostentatios display of unnecessary expenditure when people are suffering and starving in the richest country on earth. Shut it down and focus on ACTUAL human problems and the well being of the citizens who will never see the inside of this gross display and desecration of a living monument.
Respectfully submitted,
Alan C. Reese

Date: 2/13/2026 5:55:39 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Valorie Howard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please stop this monstrosity! It’s the people’s property and no one man should decide on severe changes. The destruction of the East Wing is a tragedy and should be restored to original condition until such time that allows for the people’s input, necessary federal reviews, environmental studies, and/or congressional approval takes place.

Thank you for allowing input on this matter.

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Name: Kirk Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a desecration of the symbol of the people's house. The White House belongs to all the people, and should not be subject to the whims and egomaniacal delusions emanating from the current administration. There are processes in place that protect the dignity of our hallowed institutions, including our architectural heritage, and this administration has ignored and even blatantly violated the laws and regulations designed to insure that legacy. All of the proposed "renovations" and "modifications" should be reversed and the buildings and grounds restored, and the

perpetrators of this desecration should be subject to the harshest penalties available under the law.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Dalton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The rebuilding of the East Wing should be done in conjunction with designers and architects who have a working knowledge of the history of our Nation's White House, and who will approach this project with the respect and good taste it deserves.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:55:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanne Kravetz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a former volunteer on the multi-year restoration project by the National Trust (NTHP), OF James Madison Residence, Montpelier, Vermont, I am well aware of the Trust's standards for working on a historic monument. I am appalled by President Trump's attempt to 'modernize' the East Wing of the White House. His idea to create a more 'elegant' venue is absurd. His failure to include and adhere to the National Trust and Department of Interior guidelines is inexcusable and ignorant.Trump is the most uneducated and unsophisticated president when it comes to preserving and protecting the historic fabric of our country's important buildings. Please do everything you can to stop this effort.
Thank you.
Best regards,
Joanne Kravetz, CID #6711
Interior Architect
[redacted]

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:59 PM
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Name: Lynda (Lyndee) Boyland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is not a need for a ballroom. The First Lady or Gentleman needs office space and there can be a reasonably sized meeting room for the press and other Americans. Every building plan should be originated and executed by the proper designated federal overseers. The president is not a permanent resident of the White House and he has completely stepped over the line by designing a ballroom and demolishing the existing building. We also need the rose garden back.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: William Decker
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed building is far too large. It will overwhelm the White House and is clearly inappropriate for the site. Numerous other sites are available in the Washington DC area for dances and dinners. A federally-owned facility of this nature, at this location, is a waste of money that will detract from "the people's house."

If it is built, it will likely need to be torn down in the future in order to remediate the site. There are no good reasons for this facility, and hundreds of reasons not to build the ballroom.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Davis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I can understand and agree with a new ballroom to better serve future Presidents. The scale of this project however does not appear to be appropriate. The size of the ballroom appears to dwarf the White House and other monuments within view.I realize something must be built now as the old East Wing has been demolished but I think a knew design must be created to complement the White House and surrounding buildings
Respectfully
Ronald Davis

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: anon anon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Looks like a golden toilet in the making...
The current incumbent’s taste in architecture and decor is the worst kitsch! I’ve seen enough nouveau riche monstrosities -- compared to this, however, they look like masterpieces of good taste.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Martha Hill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I support the construction of the ballroom and changes to the East wing. The addition of the ballroom on the White House is long overdue. Jackie Kennedy wanted to do this but due to President Kennedy's assassination she was not able to complete this project. I have been to the White House for several Medal of Honor presentations , receptions and formal dinners. The current rooms are totally inadequate for these large gatherings. For State dinners the situation is even worse. We absolutely need a larger space/ballroom for entertaining foreign dignitaries and large gatherings. Given that President Trump is a master builder the ballroom will be magnificent. It should be supported by your organization. It will be an addition to be proud of!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Melanie Taormina
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do everything possible to preserve the long and rich history of The People's House and not let it be subject to individual caprice.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gerry McCarthy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people of the USA's house, NOT an individual's house. All renovations should be fitting with the character of the White House. The East Wing should not look like a convention hall. The grandeur of the White House should be maintained with any changes.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:20 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Marsalis
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is outrageous for this "president" to be able to destroy the East Wing and build a ballroom in its place - with NO approval or oversight from anyone. He is completely out of control on so many levels and is a danger to our country.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:54:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Pickford
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam:

No construction of any addition or modification to the White House should proceed without extensive public input and review. Plans for any such addition must first be approved by the appropriate authorities governing modifications to historic structures owned by the American people following such public input. Any addition thus approved should be of a size and design consistent with the size and aesthetics of the White House itself and the grounds around it. The White House, in the event any addition is properly approved, should remain the dominant structure. No addition, if approved, should compromise the historic integrity of the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:53:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Virant
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it’s a ridiculous waste of resources. I would like to see all of those resources used to help people that need help.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:53:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rose-Mary Strom
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This plan or Trump's is a horror, made without adequate communication with the people who are properly in charge of such matters. The gaudy gold incrusted ballroom he envisions will not be an accurate representation of the majority of Americans. Do what you can to stop this big mistake. There are ways to do these things that should follow what the regulations for this allow.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:53:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lydia Zaffini
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The required procedures, reviews, and approval processes should have been followed. This is the law. All

work should be halted until the official process and required approval has been secured. If approval is denied, there should be a collaboration with the appropriate organizations to create and implement a plan that is in keeping with and maintains this historic building.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:53:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth WILBERG
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am very disappointed that the administration did not follow protocol when deciding to tear down the east wing and build a ballroom in its place. I understand the need for a larger room, but the building does belong to the people and we should have been involved from the very beginning. I am also hoping that this does not come at the expense of the American people. With the BBB cutting funds to many of the most vulnerable citizens in our country, it would be despicable of this administration to use tax payer money for this project, instead of supporting children, seniors and the poor.
I hope the administration follows protocol from now on and takes our comments seriously, so that this project is complimentary and a well thought out addition to the White House. And PLEASE, cut back on the gold embellishments.
Elizabeth Wilberg
A concerned citizen

Date: 2/13/2026 5:52:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LJ Ratkus
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not agree that the NTHP should have sued regarding this project. Further, your public postings on this matter are misleading & wrong. Your approval on this matter is NOT required by the National Capital Planning Law; only that you be consulted, & you were. Suing is like a 2-year-old throwing a temper tantrum rather than the adult approach to being consulted. Your recklessness in this regard may well cost you my membership bec I feel you are wasting my membership money by suing re: this worthy & badly-needed project. STOP!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:52:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Collins
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the proposal to construct a new ballroom at the White House. The White House is the People's House — a historic symbol of our democracy — and it should not be altered to suit the personal preferences or legacy ambitions of any individual.

A ballroom is not a necessity. It is a luxury. At a time when Americans are facing real economic strain and when there are urgent national priorities demanding attention, this proposal reflects a troubling disconnect from the public interest.

It is also deeply inappropriate for wealthy private donors or billionaires to underwrite structural changes to the White House. The integrity of this historic residence must never be influenced — or appear to be influenced — by private wealth. Allowing those with immense financial power to shape the physical character of one of our most important democratic symbols raises serious ethical concerns. The White House does not belong to donors, benefactors, or any administration. It belongs to the American people.

Major architectural changes to such an iconic structure should be guided by preservation, transparency, and broad public consensus — not by ego, excess, or the ability to write a check.

I urge you to reject this proposal, restore the East Wing to it's natural habitat, and protect the historic integrity and democratic meaning of the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:52:13 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kim Halizak
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Re: The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) opened public comments on the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House:

Open public comments? Are you kidding me? AFTER ground has broken and construction has begun you're asking for public comments NOW?

This is a travesty for the citizens of the United Stares. It is an unjust, blatant abuse of Presidential power to stroke Trump's ego and flaunt his "I can do whatever I want because I'm the President" attitude with absolutely no oversight.

This whole project is disgusting. His name on the Kennedy Center is obscene. The fact he and his whole administration is even in office is a slap in the face to the American public and International community. Trump wipes his ass with the US Constitution every day. Shameful.

Decorum has gone out the window with Trump - he is nothing but a rube.

I would implore whoever has an actual, functioning brain cell left in D.C. to NOT move forward with this ostentatious, grotesque project. Who in the hell is going to come and use it? It is NOT benefiting the general American public, only those billionaires who got him elected and to whom Trump promised favors in return - they'll be the only ones using it.

Shameful.

D.C. and our government has fallen into disrepair over all…

I am completely against this project.

Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:52:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Char Esser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. It is appalling that demolition has already begun without a public comment period.

I am against the construction of a needless, vain, money-wasting 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. I ask not only that construction be prevented, but also for all involved in the premature demolition to be held accountable, and for the funding of the ballroom to be investigated.

Thank you for your time.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorie Fisher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a U.S citizen, I am concerned about the demolition of a National Historic Landmark. I believe these treasurers should be carefully preserved and improved only following appropriate historic guidelines. I am confused that almost all federally funded projects have to undergo a complex environmental review which requires comments from historic preservation agencies. Why was this requirement not adhered to with this federal building?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sally Gever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build a ballroom. How can you be so unfeeling? Use that money to feed the hungry or for research to heal the sick.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:51:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Verletta Moeller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Frankly, it's a little late for a modernization project since the East Wing has already been destroyed illegally. Maybe modernization needed to be done, but not by destroying the East Wing. This plan for a 90,000 square foot ballroom will not benefit the majority of the American people. The only people this will benefit are some politicians and billionaires at the American taxpayer expense. Yes, I understand that supposedly donations are going to cover the initial expense, but what if it doesn't? And, this will increase the cost of using the big ballroom, and NO it's NOT a big beautiful ballroom. We have a lawless president who doesn't follow the rules and doesn't care that he doesn't follow the rules. And, there shouldn't be a name to the ballroom (especially NOT Trump!). It's supposed to be part of the people's White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Gary Hoskie
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people need a 90 ,000 square foot ballroom about as much as we need a hole in our heads. It’s wasteful, it’s unnecessary. Stop this stupidity!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:51:36 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richanna Patrick
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This new White House Ballroom is a great idea, long overdue. None of our Presidents should be holding State dinners under tents. The ability to entertain foreign or domestic dignitaries should be held in a year round, solid structure, and hold the importance and dignity of the event properly and respectfully. Such crucial often historical events need to be independent of inclement weather or seasonal temperatures. This Ballroom will speak well for our country, and will be appreciated by future administrations for centuries to come. It is just logical to approve this project.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:50:55 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Brennan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Project is excessive. It should be reviewed by the proper authorities before any more work is done. The Peoples’ House should not be the decision of one man.. .

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump owes the American public an apology for tearing down the East Wing of the White House without an ounce of effort to seek the opinion of Congress or American citizens. His arrogant act should result in his being required to pay the full cost for the reconstruction of the East Wing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marie Wakefield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ruins the classical design of the White House. The immense scale of the ballroom would how it would integrate with the existing White House architecture. The rushed process and lack of proper reviews and public input before the demolition of the East Wing and the ongoing construction are concerning.The destruction was done before the planning. What historical items were lost?
No cost to taxpayers-where is the evidence of this?

Date: 2/13/2026 5:50:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas O'Connell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the American people. The President is expected to provide responsible stewardship of this quintessential American historic site.

The Executive Mansion should NOT be subject to one man's vanity and poor taste. Nor should it become a means by which tech billionaires buy influence with the President.

If a grossly oversized Ballroom is allowed to replace the East Wing, the American people will be stuck with a gilded monstrosity that will stand as a symbol of "waste, fraud, and corruption."

Date: 2/13/2026 5:49:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: LaDonna Puryear
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to see the East Wing of the White House returned to it's former glory and the ballroom forgotten about. I personally feel there is no need for something this ostentatious, that would more than likely only be used once or twice a year at most. What historically have past presidents done for ballrooms at inauguration parties/balls? Has that not sufficed?

Returning the East Wing back to the First Lady for her use makes sense since projects she may like to pursue could be held there. Besides meetings, luncheons, charitable organizations, historical organizations all need space which could be put to much better use than a ballroom.

I also feel that since President Donald Trump tore down the East Wing without permission, especially from the people of the United States, he should have to restore it back at his own cost.

Thank you for reading my opinion,

LaDonna G. Puryear

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Name: Al Poser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Can't wait for the "One Big Beautiful Ballroom"

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nicholas Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Don't build any Ballroom, re-build the East -wing!!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:49:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Geye
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The plans for the new East Wing ballroom are horrible. The size of this ballroom will dwarf the White

House. It is not necessary and it is a waste of space and tax payer money. The demolition of the East Wing never should have happened without the required feedback from Americans. The whole thing is an absolute disgrace. The convicted felon should be forced to personally pay for the damage he has caused.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgena Askew
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Restore it to it's original condition!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Knowlton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Wasteful spending. It's a reckless vanity project ignoring safety concerns about how to deal with older buildings in order to maintain their historical integrity. He just sent in bulldozers and knocked it down to make a point the way a dog marks territory. It isn't Donald Trump's personal home. He is a temporary resident, and actually should have been removed due to his obvious unfitness for this office. He is the most corrupt individual ever to take this office, and Congress is doing nothing to prevent his insane decisions wrecking this country and its infrastructure. He doesn't care about pollution, says scientists are wrong, based on what? Not what is true or not true, but based on what he thinks is good for big business. Someone who doesn't have the depth of knowledge about environmental issues should not be in charge of anything that affects it. There is also a lack of respect for actual American values, so we know he can't be trusted with this project. He will be looking for a way to enrich himself and will not care about future consequences. This project needs to be stopped immediately and those who actually know what they are doing should be hired to restore it in its original condition. There was already a ballroom in the east wing, and it was adequate.Trump's judgment cannot be trusted. Once he posted that ape meme, he should have immediately been removed from office. He is unfit and is destroying this country.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:51 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Levine
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is a little late, since so much destruction has already taken place. This is an unnecessary project and should have been stopped before it got started. If possible I hope it is not too late to scrap this plan and put things back in place. The president has overstepped his powerf.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Angela Siegel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Plans by Donald Trump to construct a new ballroom at the White House raise serious concerns about priorities and stewardship. The White House is not a private resort or personal estate; it is a historic public building maintained with taxpayer dollars and it has symbolic meaning for the entire country. Major structural additions risk altering the architectural integrity of one of America's most recognizable landmarks. Preservation, not expansion for grandeur's sake, should be the guiding principle when it comes to nationally significant sites.
The White House has always balanced dignity with restraint; its architecture reflects continuity and stability rather than spectacle. Introducing an expansive new ballroom could overwhelm the proportions and historical footprint of the property, altering the visual and spatial harmony that preservationists have carefully maintained for generations. The White House already contains multiple formal reception spaces—including the East Room, State Dining Room, and other ceremonial areas—designed specifically to host major events. Expanding the complex with an oversized ballroom risks shifting the residence away from its historic character as a working home and office and toward something that feels more like a convention venue than a presidential residence.
Further, expansion could affect the internal layout of the White House grounds. The East Wing borders areas such as the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, visitor entrance facilities, and support structures. A significant enlargement could reduce green space, alter garden layouts, and meaningfully reshape the character of the White House grounds.
Finally, there is the question of precedent. Transforming historic public spaces to reflect the aesthetic preferences or event ambitions of any one administration risks politicizing and personalizing institutions meant to outlast individual leaders. The executive residence has evolved carefully over more than two centuries, with changes typically driven by structural necessity or historical preservation—not spectacle. Any proposal of this magnitude deserves rigorous bipartisan review, transparent cost analysis, and input from preservation experts before moving forward.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jan Wellman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. The East Wing of the White House was torn down without any of this review and approval. The East Wing has historic and cultural significance equal to the White House itself. The East Wing was torn down without proper review, public input, or congressional and NCPC approval. The proposed "Ball Room" is a vanity project of the President. The proposed structure will dwarf the existing White House and violate the architectural integrity of the White House. The East Wing Modernization Project should be rejected, and the East Wing should be replaced as it originally existed. Asking for comments now is akin to closing the barn door after the horse has escaped.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Sebastian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep disappointment of the decision to demolish the East Wing which dated back to World War II. This was of historical significance and previously President Trump stated that "a new White House ballroom won't inertere with the current building". (East Wing) I am aware that past Presidents had made changes and major remodels of the White House but to actually demolish the East Wing is beyond comprehension. In my opinion this demonstrates that President Trump did not see or concern himself of historical significance of a structure that was built during one of the most critical times in our country's history. With such a major decision, I believe asking the American people for their thoughts would have been in order and demonstrated the President's concern and value of the opinions the people. Again, I cannot express my extremen disappointment in this decision.

Respectfully,

Joseph Sebastian

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Audrey Shafer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House and its grounds are a national historic site. While modernization such as HVAC, electrical systems, security and other utilities are necessary to keep a site safe and up to current code, and to accommodate changes in work and lifestyle habits, such as digital/virtual access or other upgrades. However, historic buildings and grounds are to be preserved with an eye to restoration, not wholesale destruction of our nation's history. The East Wing project should restore the East Wing and grounds, with any proposed changes vetted through official channels, which may include the legislature and entities such as NCPC from the inception. Any interior design choices should be stately, not gaudy.
Thank you for your efforts to encourage input from the public.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:34 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Concerned Taxpayer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Nice of you to reach out and solicit input, but in the end, we know our opinions don't matter. We The People weren't consulted on the project or the demolition. There was zero transparency. Just please pay contractors and limit the slathering of gold leaf.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alicia Rodriguez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm submitting this comment to ask the National Capital Planning Commission to immediately halt any further demolition, removal, or irreversible construction activity at the White House complex until the full, proper review process is completed and the public has real transparency.
The White House is a national symbol and a public trust. It belongs to the American people—not to one man or one administration. Major changes to a site of this importance should never be treated like a private construction project. If demolition or large-scale alterations are being pursued, the public deserves clear, accessible information and proof that the required oversight is happening before anything permanent moves forward.
At minimum, please require a public record of the exact scope of work, the justification, the timeline, the funding source, and confirmation of all necessary approvals. I'm asking you to stop this now and prevent it from going any further until accountability and lawful review are in place.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Rich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm with all due respect, this project should not dwarf the White House. IMHO this project should have gone through proper channels and snd be subject to historical rules. I am not convinced that a ballroom is needed for our government. I protest to the disrespect of the people, since this White House ys, really, the people's house, not the house of any current president, even DJT.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Schempf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please don’t let this monstrosity be approved. It destroys this historical structure and is an affront to the entire nation!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:48:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John McDermon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm writing as an Architect, Urban Planner, retired Air Force Officer and retired Los Alamos National Laboratory employee. I've dedicated my life to the service of our country and improving the environment supporting others who serve. From the beginning, I've been appalled by this administration's willful disregard for long established norms, processes or the rule of law. There is no more visible example of this than the destruction of the East Wing of the people's house (white house). The damage has been done and can never truly be undone. Instead of building a monument to the greed of this president, there should be a competition open to the public to design the replacement. The money the president's cronies donated for the construction of his shameful edifice should, instead be directed to the National Parks for long overdue maintenance. We can't let the selfish ego of a spoiled child who wants to be king deface the people's house (white house) more than it already has.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:47:59 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jon Gerster
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am commenting on the "Ballroom" at the White House.
First, I have saved 5 historic structures from an historic century-old log barn on the White Grass Ranch in Grand Teton National Park, to the Lehrkind Mansion in the Brewery District in Bozeman Montana, to now Goode House in Portland Oregon. I have been awarded two Historic Preservation Awards; one from Montana and one from Wyoming.
Each of these projects required plans to code, public reviews by planning and preservation authorities, public input and comment - the works. For each project, I could not just 'do whatever I want' with the history with which I was entrusted.
Now for this "ballroom" at OUR WHITE HOUSE. I am as outraged as an American citizen can possibly be. Trump should absolutely be required to rebuild the East Wing as it was, paying for this work with his own funds, and be fined and prosecuted for demolishing the East Wing with no reviews, no comments, and no authority to destroy this VERY SIGNIFICANT part of OUR WHITE HOUSE. This structure, OUR WHITE HOUSE does not belong to trump. He has no authority to do ANYTHING to this structure beyond what is allowed ANY OTHER OCCUPANT. Beyond that, he needs to make this very historic structure whole again, at his expense and pay all expenses, be fined accordingly as would any other citizen would be for destroying a historic structure without approval to do so.
Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:47:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Cloyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project is architecturally incompatible and absurdly out of scale with the White Mouse complex. Please stop this project.
Paul Cloyd
Registered Architect
Professional Engineer
Preservation Consultant

Date: 2/13/2026 5:47:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa D'Ambrosio
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This planned "project" is an ABOMINATION! The original East Wing should NEVER have been destroyed!! :-(So much BEAUTY and HISTORY so wantonly and needlessly ruined.The only action at this point should be to try to RECREATE what Trump so callously DESTROYED.

That's all I have to say.

From, a concerned, outraged Citizen.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:47:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jerry Kessinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do not build this monstrosity of a building, which would absolutely dwarf the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:47:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Deborah Brown
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not feel that a ballroom that dwarfs the original White House building and is funded by private donors

is in the best interest of the preservation of American history. Regardless of which party holds the presidency or wields the most power in Washington, the White House is the People's House and should not be demolished or extensively renovated without full public input and support.
Furthermore, the potential for abuses of the public trust by funding the ballroom project with private money is of great concern. At a time when healthcare, housing, and food costs are rising for average Americans on all sides of the political spectrum, an oversized, ornate, and unnecessary ballroom funded by foreign and domestic millionaires and billionaires is not a testament to American history and patriotism but a capitulation to ego and greed. I request that my public interests as an American be served by terminating this project and using the donated funds to restore the East Wing to its original state and make necessary and needed infrastructure improvements to the White House, as approved by the National Capital Planning Committee and the public.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:47:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: CAROLYN LATTIN
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly oppose the construction of the new 90,000 square foot ballroom on the White House grounds for the following reasons:
1) Plans were not submitted for review to the NCPC and the US Commission on Fine Arts prior to demolition of the East Wing;
2) The environmental impact of such construction was not evaluated;
3) Congress has not authorized such construction;
4) The public has not had the opportunity until now to express opinions on changes to the People's House of the United States.

Please halt any further work on the project until the proper review, comment, and authorization have occurred.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:50 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cath Trindle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The modernization of the East Wing is a travesty in the making. We do not need an ORNATELY designed ballroom. In a country where so many go without health care, have inadequate living facilities and have to depend on food handouts to live even while working full time, the thought of spending American dollars the "events" that would be held in such a room is untenable. Even if the actual building is paid for by donors from that day on the taxpayers of the United States will foot the bill for the massive events that would take place, events that exclude the everyday American.

The entire process of demolition and decision to this point has been UnAmerican. The process of stomping on our American principals has got to stop. Whatever happens to the East Wing needs to be referred back to an impartial, unpolitical committee before it is presented to congress for approval. Executive orders should have no part of the process. This is not picking new carpet and furniture, this is about the preservation of historic buildings and values.

Please stop all work on this project and send it back through the process that such a project would have been subject to in the past.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeff Nein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom is totally out of scale for the White House, is obscene, and is completely unnecessary. Trump is a temporary resident of Washington D.C. and is not worthy of any permanent structure with his name on it. He already has a ballroom at Mar-a-Lago. Let him entertain his billionaire buddies there.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:33 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charlene Egland
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

NOW THE EAST WING?...UNBELIEVABLE!
It is unbelievable that someone can conjure up all this corruption and get away with it. Anybody else would never have gotten this far with all this corruption because they would be in jail. Congress must have retired because they are not doing a thing about it. Demos keep begging us for support but are doing nothing either. He should never have been allowed back on ANY BALLOT. This GREEDY man is above the law and ready for his dictatorship journey because the Demos and Congress are allowing it. The Supreme Court Justices need to be on an 8-year term instead of a lifetime term because they do not retire or they wait to die. Furthermore, the Senators also need a term-age because they also do not retire or leave until they die. This is nothing but CRAZY! How is one person allowed to get away with so much corruption? Anybody else would have been in jail a long time ago when his corruption began. Impeach and put him in jail like you would do anyone else that violated the law. He is doing too much and getting away with it because he is "ABOVE THE LAW!" WAKE UP AMERICA! THE ICE AGENTS ARE NOTHING BUT THOSE JANUARY 6 SUPPOSEDLY HOSTAGES. THIS IS WHY THEY ARE ALWAYS MASKED UP. THEY ARE JUST AS VIOLENT AND CORRUPT AS THEY WERE ON JANUARY 6, 2020. THIS IS TRUMPS DOING AND HE NEEDS TO STOP IT NOW! It is unbelievable that someone can do all this corruption and get away with it. Anybody else would never have gotten this far with all this corruption because they would be in jail. Congress must have retired because they are not doing a thing about it. Demos keep begging for support but are doing nothing either. He should never have been allowed back on ANY BALLOT. This GREEDY man is above the law and ready for his dictatorship journey because the Demos and Congress are allowing it. The Supreme Court Justices need to be on an 8-year term instead of a lifetime term because they do not retire or they wait to die. Furthermore, the Senators also need a term-age because they also do not retire or leave until they die. This is nothing but CRAZY! How is one person allowed to get away with so much corruption? Anybody else would have been in jail a long time ago when the corruption began. Impeach and put him in jail like you would do anyone else that violated the law. He is doing too much and getting away with it because he is "ABOVE THE LAW!" WAKE UP AMERICA! THE ICE AGENTS ARE NOTHING BUT THOSE JANUARY 6 SUPPOSEDLY HOSTAGES. THIS IS WHY THEY ARE ALWAYS MASKED UP. THEY ARE JUST AS VIOLENT AND CORRUPT AS THEY WERE ON JANUARY 6, 2020. THIS IS TRUMPS DOING AND HE NEEDS TO BE THROWED IN JAIL AND DO NOT PASS GO WITH ALL HIS “ABOVE THE LAW” CORRUPTION. INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE BEING HARASSED FOR NOTHING AND IT IS UNBELIEVABLE AND UNBEARABLE TO SEE. RESOLUTION - IMPEACH AND

PUT TRUMP IN JAIL NOW! HE SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ALOWED BACK ON ANY BALLOT, AFTER ALL OF HIS CORRUPTION.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Webb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As President of the Board of Landmarks Association of St. Louis, I am often asked why historic buildings matter. The answer is simple: they are the physical memory of our communities.
Historic buildings anchor our neighborhoods. They tell the story of who we were, how we grew, and what we valued. In a city like St. Louis, our architectural heritage is inseparable from our identity. From corner storefronts to grand civic landmarks, these structures provide continuity in a world that changes quickly. They foster pride, stability, and economic vitality. Studies consistently show that preservation strengthens property values, supports local businesses, and encourages sustainable development by reusing existing materials rather than discarding them.
But beyond economics, historic places create belonging. They are where generations gather, celebrate, mourn, and build community. When we protect them, we are not just saving bricks and mortar—we are safeguarding shared memory.
This principle applies nationally as well. The East Wing of the White House is more than an addition to a famous building; it is part of the Nation's home. It has welcomed world leaders, supported First Families, and served as a working space that enables the executive residence to function with dignity and grace. As such, it deserves thoughtful stewardship, careful preservation, and the highest level of consideration.
Just as we advocate for treasured places in our own neighborhoods, we must extend that same respect to our country's most symbolic structures. The White House belongs not to any one administration, but to the American people. Its historic fabric—every wing included—should be protected with deliberation, transparency, and reverence.
Preservation is not about resisting progress. It is about honoring legacy while shaping the future responsibly. Whether in St. Louis or in our Nation's capital, historic buildings connect us to one another and to the enduring story of who we are.
Respectfully
Jean Larson Webb
Board President
Landmarks Association of St Louis

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Burke
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To whom it may concern,
The East Wing modernization project is a misguided and inappropriate destruction of the historic and important East Wing of the people's house. It is and should remain a vital part of our history and every effort should be made to block this project and prevent the destruction of the East Wing of the White House.

Thank you,
Marilyn Burke

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Hampton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Members of the NCPC,
As a resident of a community listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and a locally designated historic district , following established guidelines for review of new construction ensures that projects maintain the importance of landmark buildings as part of our shared history. Nowhere is this more important than the White House, the People's House.
Modernization and growth are not in conflict with honoring the historic significance of buildings but reflect the journey of these structures.
I urge a deliberate and thoughtful evaluation of the needs for those utilizing the building, needed modernization while honoring the role of the East Wing as a part of the overall White House and its grounds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:46:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Darlene Farrey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is totally unnecessary. Wealthy people who donate will expect favors from the president. Ultimately taxpayers will foot much of the bills.It will destroy the historic White House and be larger than the existing building.There is no reason for this room.and events could be held in many other Washington venues.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:52 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Pam Roth
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Absolutely NO WAY!! Does not need that monster ballroom,as it's never been open to us,the people of this country,except Special Invites. Trump wants everything with his Stamp of arrogance! Gold all over the Office,disgusting. Melania,1st Election,ruined the Rose Garden. G e needs to take care of our citizen's, promises he's made and not kept!! Disgusting !!\u-497 ?\u-10179 ?\u-8655 ?

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Bagby
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I suggest that the East Wing be put back the way it was, and that whenever the President needs to host a gala event, he uses a publicly available ballroom, probably at a Washington hotel. Or, put it back the way it was and build a ballroom away from the White House.

I am assuming that the East Wing has some utility the way it was. If not, plant a garden or grass where it used to be, and implement one of the other means of hosting a gala: hotel or offsite ballroom.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:46 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Charles Sadler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the property of the U.S. Government and thus the U.S. people. Thus, following rules and guidelines set forth by the Department of the Interiors NPS Guidelines for Historic Preservation is required before any changes take place.
Before any changes were made a public comment period is necessary.

The current executive branch obviously have no respect for the rule of law. There demolition of the East Wing area is a 'rape' of the Historic Peoples House. Raping is what a rapist does, so it's not surprising but it is certainly unacceptable.

I public comment ought to be held and a collective review of the White House grounds and facilities. To determine if any respectful updates are warranted. If so, the design process must be an open and democratic operation. It may be that the East Wing is best returned to its condition pre-violent destruction (rape).
Thank you for your efforts in this matter.
Charles King Sadler

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:38 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carole Mccarvill
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think adding a ballroom instead of having state dinners in a tent is probably long overdue and since it is being funded by donors, I don’t understand all the fuss about it. I think most people who have an issue with this build just hate Trump so much they can’t see past that. They need to be realistic and use some

common sense. My only concern is Trump’s taste. Please keep the decor dignified and stop him from painting everything gold!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:30 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bill McNally
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

We do not need it, we do not want it.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:18 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Eugene Brusin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ego driven vanity project should not even be discussed, the White House is the United States President's home for a maximum of 8 years. No one has the right to say I want to destroy history to build a gaudy, oversize addition without following the rules. Since he did not, no tacky multi story rent a room ballroom fit for the Kings of France but not America.
Please vote this Mar Largo disaster from ever being built and repair what the ego man has destroyed.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:45:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jackie Kunzmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The east wing NEVER should have been demolished.
Restore the east wing to the state it was in.
Scrap the gaudy ballroom.
Trump can put a gaudy ballroom at maralago if his ego needs one so badly.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:44:24 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joseph Griffin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like most Americans, I consider the White House a nationally significant symbol of the world's oldest

constitutional democracy. Even the newest part, the East Wing, having been constructed during the administration of a great President, had symbolic value. Its destruction struck me as a wanton act of vandalism. The proposal to add a huge ballroom to the White House adds insult to injury. The home of the President has no need for a prosthetic codpiece. The proposed ballroom is out of scale with the existing building and will only diminish it further.

The best course of action would be to reconstruct the demolished East Wing iso as to return the White House to a semblance of its former historic status.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:44:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Thomas Hansen
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please, do NOT allow these plans to be approved as proposed. The project is vastly oversized and will detract immensely from our landmark White House.
Thank you!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:43:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Stoddard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the east wing greatly disfigures an important historic building

Trump's plans serve only his insatiable ego

The building should be repaired and restored to the state it was in before Trump's reckless destruction

Date: 2/13/2026 5:43:28 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kyle Gibson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I wish this opportunity had been given to the public prior to the East Wing demolition. That being said, any new addition that will dwarf the main residence should not be allowed. The main portion of the White House is historic and should remain the focus. The public should be able to review the plans and provide input. The addition should be in the same architectural style as the current building. Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:43:14 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Lanier
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Tad DeBerry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The Trump Administration's proposals for a new East Wing and White House Ballroom are wildly inappropriate, on several levels.

The proposed gallery from the main entry hall to the proposed addition will seriously distract from scale of the White House and the aesthetics of the front facade. A similar proposal for a galley on the west side is equally problematic and offensive.

The height and mass of the proposed addition are inappropriate and architecturally out of proportion with the existing White House, and will dwarf the historic structure, eliminating the elegant proportions we associate with that campus.

The sheer size of the proposed ballroom is garish, inelegant, and historically inappropriate. Even the most

liberal Historic Preservation Commission anywhere in the nation would send this application for a Certificate of Appropriateness back to the applicant.

The proposed interiors are garish and out of character with the architecture of the White House, as well as the very idea of "the people's house." The current administration should be reminded they are but temporary tenants, and the White House belongs to the American people in perpetuity. The White House may need some modest additiional entertaining space, but it does not need a convention center sized hotel ballroom.

What will be the ongoing maintenance, and energy costs? Will there be competitive bidding? Will the materials be sourced in the United States? Will they be durable and servicable over time?

To reward the destruction of an American historic asset with what is currently being proposed sends a chilling message to all those who champion historic preservation all over the country. Destruction of this scale with no historic preservation oversight should be stopped. Where did all the historic elements of the East Wing go? Were the windows saved, doors, hardware?

As a citizen I am deeply troubled by the financing of this proposed addition. The mammouth size of the "contributions" make even casual observer question whether the donors are seeking special treatment.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:42:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ronald Lilek
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please return the Eastwing and the rose Garden to their original specifications prior to inauguration of Donald Trump. This is the People's house not Trump's house and while asking for comments is nice, it is too late since the rose Garden and the east wing have already been destroyed.

Please put them back exactly as they were prior to Trump's inauguration.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:42:22 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jean Middleton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While I have disagreed with the demolition of the East Wing as well as the plans for a sumptuous ballroom, I know that is moot now.
I believe that destroying the East Wing and planning for a ballroom without proper vetting and permission is outrageous.
However since the destruction has been done, I'd like to ask...
-please do not "decorate" the new ballroom with icons to any President, current or past,
-refrain from displays of "gold" a la the Palace at Versailles,
-hire someone to decorate who has tasteful and modest designs,
-decorate with the people of this country in mind...very few are millionaires.
Thank you.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:41:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Paltin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpaying member of the American public, I would like to comment on the East Wing "modernization" project. I understand environmental laws were violated when the East Wing was demolished without proper asbestos and other inspections. The historical authorities responsible for input into changes to historic buildings were not consulted. The vanity, waste of money, ugly and disproportioned design and the way the project was begun are all a shocking disaster and misuse of Presidential power. The solicitation of money from corporations to "sponsor" the project is also objectionable and represents corruption. The history of the East Wing as "the people's wing" has been disrespected and we want it back. The project reminds me of what people in Russia joke about regarding some of their buildings: They joke about "the great architect Stalin", whose ugly buildings stand as a testimonial to the madness and vanity of that authoritarian. Let us not make the same mistake. Let the historical societies and architects design a replacement in proportion to the rest of the Capitol buildings, and for the purpose of use by THE PEOPLE, not by rich party goers.
Thank you for your kind attention, Sharon Paltin, MD

Date: 2/13/2026 5:42:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Teresa Roberts
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The first abomination was tearing down the East Wing. Then to take money to build a ballroom instead of taking care of Americans is another in a long list of abominations. You've made millions. Feel free to walk away and leave us to clean up all your egregious, evil errors.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:41:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Masten
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The American people were told the East Wing would not change due to the addition of the proposed ballroom. As we all know, that was not true. The East Wing was demolished. The ballroom will be a monstrosity.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:41:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mindy Cole
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a sin that the East WIng was destroyed.This country doesn't need a ballroom, this country doesn't need to play to a presidents meglomania. Rebuild the East Wing as it was with improvements. Don't let the president destroy everything he can.

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Thank you for your kind attention, Sharon Paltin, MD

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Molly O'Brien
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express concern about the exterior design and scale of the proposed White House ballroom addition. The White House complex is one of the nation’s most recognized historic buildings, valued for its carefully balanced proportions and restrained neoclassical character. Preservation experts have warned that a ballroom wing of this size risks overwhelming the existing structure and permanently disrupting the historic relationship between the Executive Residence and its smaller East and West Wings.

At roughly 90,000 square feet, the proposed addition appears comparable to or larger than the main White House itself, raising serious questions about visual dominance and compatibility. Federal design reviewers have already asked for further modeling to understand the project’s massing and integration, underscoring that these concerns remain unresolved.

Any addition to this landmark should be clearly subordinate in scale and harmonize with its architecture. As

proposed, the ballroom appears out of proportion to the elegant White House and risks diminishing its historic character.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:41:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: casee maxfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing Modernization Project should not proceed. The historic East Wing, where the First Lady has historically had her office and staff and many other rooms were torn down, all so one petty, insecure man, who loves to destroy anything centered on women could have a horrible, gilded ballroom that is not needed.

This man's blazing ignorance of American History has helped to ruin or changed cherished pieces of our history. Do Not let this proceed.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:41:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Condon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Mary Condon, and I am writing to support the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s lawsuit regarding the proposed White House ballroom project.

Construction of this magnitude cannot legally proceed without compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).

The unilateral destruction of the East Wing undermines our nation's commitment to protecting its most significant historic sites.

The public deserves to know the environmental and structural impacts of this project before any further construction occurs.

I urge the NCPC and related federal bodies to halt all work until a full, transparent, and legal review process is completed. No project should bypass congressional authority or public input."

Date: 2/13/2026 5:40:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patrick Hurley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

How does this man who, just slimly won the white house, get to make all these changes to the WHite House, based solely on his own whimsical fancies? Where is the oversite? In a time of financial scarcity, how does he get to decide to fund this with our taxes? How about the altering of a national historic site not need approval from a hundred overseeing? This is a rash egotiscial decision that show no concern for us citizens! Please have Congress and other agencies examine and approve all plans or bring a halt to the new construction!
One more outraged citizen, Patrick Hurley

Date: 2/13/2026 5:40:56 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maggie Boyd
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% opposed to building any ballroom. It is a waste of money. You want to pay fot a ballroom when you won't pay for healthcare for people. You are a self-absorbed, entitled toddler in a 79 year old body. No one cares about a ballroom; no one asked for a ballroom; no one wants to pay for a ballroom. Yeah, I know, you will say someone else will pay for it. Just like the wall that Mexico was going to pay for. I call bs on the whole thing.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:40:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: JoAnn Carlson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the East Wing has already been torn down the only recourse we have in order to show proper respect for our history and what remains of this beautiful old building would be to rebuild the structure in the same style as the rest of the building, and to the original dimensions. The space inside should be put to whatever use is deemed appropriate after proper discussion and hearings.
JoAnn Carlson

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Name: Stacy Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This was an illegal demolition of a building that isn't under the purview of the executive branch of government. They sought nor received any feedback from the White House Preservation Committee. Through the destruction, They demolished forever certain artifacts that may have had significant historical impact. The scope/size of the building will overshadow all the other far more important buildings in and around the National Mall. It is an unnecessary building and the billions used to build it (regardless of whether private or public) could have gone to far better uses.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:40:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Edith Engel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is my belief that a ballroom conceived on the scale of the project currently under consideration would destroy the classical appearance of The White House. Furthermore, the need to seat 400 more people at a White House function does not seem to me pressing enough to merit the kind of cost involved in constructing such a ballroom, even if it did not intrude on the appearance of The White House. This project should either be re-designed on more modest lines, or eliminated altogether.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:40:17 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Boyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I write in unequivocal opposition to the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The White House is not merely a residence or an event venue—it is a National Historic Landmark of unparalleled symbolic, architectural, and civic significance. It belongs to the American people. Any permanent, large-scale alteration to this historic complex must be approached with extraordinary restraint, humility, and transparency. This proposal fails that test.

A 90,000-square-foot ballroom is not a modest modernization. It is an immense and transformative expansion that risks fundamentally altering the historic character, spatial relationships, and visual integrity of one of the most significant public buildings in the United States. The White House has evolved carefully and deliberately over more than two centuries. That evolution has been guided by preservation principles that recognize its singular role in American history. This proposal represents a dramatic departure from that tradition of stewardship.

The White House is not a convention center. It is not a hotel. It is not a private estate. It is a living historic site embedded in the cultural memory of the nation. The scale of this proposed addition raises serious concerns about proportionality, necessity, precedent, and long-term impact. Once built, such a structure cannot simply be undone. The harm to historic integrity would be permanent.

The legally required federal review process exists precisely to prevent irreversible mistakes of this magnitude. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, and congressional oversight are not procedural formalities—they are safeguards designed to protect the public interest and our shared heritage. Public participation must be meaningful and must occur before construction renders public input irrelevant.

Before any further advancement of this proposal, the public deserves a comprehensive and transparent assessment of alternatives, including significantly smaller-scale options and off-site solutions; a full accounting of impacts on historic fabric, sightlines, security perimeters, landscape, and surrounding context; clear justification demonstrating why a ballroom of this unprecedented size is necessary within the

White House complex itself; and independent historic preservation analysis consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The White House has endured war, fire, expansion, restoration, and modernization—but always with a recognition that it is more than a building. It is a symbol of democratic continuity and restraint. Monumental expansion for the sake of ceremonial capacity risks undermining that symbolism.

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated, "The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project." That opportunity must be substantive, not perfunctory. Decisions that permanently alter our most significant historic site must reflect broad public consensus, not narrow administrative preference.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal in its current form and to require a significantly scaled-back, preservation-centered approach that prioritizes the long-term integrity of the White House over short-term programmatic ambitions.

The White House belongs to the American people. Its stewardship demands caution, restraint, and reverence—not expansion on a scale that risks compromising its historic character for generations to come.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:40:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Noah Elmore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project does not comply with several of the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation, including:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.

5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.

6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

The project has already destroyed historically significant material and showcases a design which will overwhelm the rest of the structure. Its design and scale are not at all compatible with the existing building

and site, and invoking past plans for a ballroom is a farce. This project represents a monument to the ego of one man, insulting the shared history of all Americans. The White House belongs to the people, not the president.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sheila Trounson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

That you allowed him to destroy the history of the white house un checked is an abomination. That no plan exists but distraction and mayhem shows no one in congress or the preservation society pay any attention to the attention grabbing needs of this child in office. There is no plan and why ask now? Make him pay for his destruction and maybe positive respect will greet your efforts. Someday

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heidi Hohmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100%, completely and totally horrified and disgusted by the bulldozing of the East Wing and the proposed addition of the ballroom, both as a citizen and as a historic preservation professional. This project, undertaken without public review (until now, and following the destruction of a property OWNED BY THE PEOPLE, is a travesty of imperial might by a President who cares for nothing but himself.

The scale of the proposed ballroom will dwarf the White House.

It's also a waste of money; and to counter the argument of private funding: the people's house should not be for sale to the highest bidder who hopes to curry favor with the president who thinks he is a king.

No kings, no palaces, no gilded ballrooms.

This is one of the saddest things I have seen in my 62 years on this planet. I can't even think of enough bad words to describe it and the administration who is doing this.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:40 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Christy Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Historically, the White House represents the people of the United States. As a temporary residence for a President, and a permanent symbol of our democratic republic, it must reflect to the world the identity of our nation, not one person.

A 90,000-square-foot ballroom already declares pride. Perhaps the space can still be tipped away from individualistic egotism.

I'm so disappointed in the process one person in power has taken to demolish a historic wing. Going forward, I do hope the East Wing can represent modesty, reverence, and fellowship to the world. It is not the place for our tax dollars or our global reputation to be spent on the whims of one individual.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joetta Keene
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is the people's property and not to be destroyed by one person's decision. Build it back just like it was. Make him go through the process and prove we need a golden ballroom. We don't.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:35 PM
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Name: Michele McMahon-Cost
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing today to express my concerns about the East Wing Modernization Project.

I was shocked to see the news reports of the demolition of the East Wing by Donald Trump. He does not own the White House, it is the People's house. He is only a temporary tenant in the White House and for him to make a "Big Beautiful Ballroom" the priority is unlawful. It was shameful that he had the East Wing demolished "overnight" and there needs to be oversight from nonpartisan managers and input from board range of Americans.

Please put the brakes on this project.

Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen McDermott
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the people's house. An incumbent president is temporarily allowed to live and work there. How did the East Wing get demolished without a proper review.? Nobody but Trump wants a ballroom. The donors are simply buying favors from Trump. The East wing should be restored at Trump's expense and any changes to the historic building should go through proper review and strict building codes.

Let Trump have his donor paid ballroom in Florida

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marcia Barnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This “Ballroom” is a colossal waste of time and money. The East Wing should never have been touched. The tearing down of part of the White House was a travesty to the entire country. We the people DO NOT WANT A BALLROOM TO INFLATE THIS MAN’S ALREADY OVER INFLATED EGO SO THAT HE CAN HAVE HUGE PARTIES FOR BILLIONAIRES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXPAYERS!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jane Lutz
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

President Trump has once again acted unlawfully. The White House is a National Monument and a National Park. It belongs to the people of America. The President did not have the right to tear down the East Wing. He should be tried in court for defacing a National Monument, found guilty, and made to pay personally for the destruction and the reconstruction of the East Wing. The East Wing should be reconstructed to be a complete restoration of what President Trump has destroyed.
Thank you for allowing public comment.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Sheely
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project must have a complete review by the NCPC, the National Trust and the White House Association to insure that it architecturally is correct and is the same scale as the White House. It cannot overshadow or dwarf it just so it can fit a ridiculous amount of people once a year. All other administrations have been able to use the existing facilities for events. If it is not built, the current administration must be forced to rebuild the East Wing back to original specifications. This is the people's house that the President resides in for a limited amount of time, the President does not own it and he cannot do what ever he wants with it.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:07 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Boulton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is no need for a ballroom housing nearly 1000 diners, because there really is no need for such extravagant taxpayer supported events. The White House has a State Dining Room that is more than adequate for any legitimate diplomatic activity, and there's the East Room for anything tastefully larger.

Furthermore, proposed financial arrangements for construction reek of corruption. In this time of economic hardship. The administration needs to be directed to restore the East Wing with all necessary funding provided by the vandals who destroyed it.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:39:04 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alisa MacAvoy
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing is owned by the people not Donald Trump. Presidents come and go. At a maximum, Trump will leave the White House in less than three years. I am still angry that he destroyed the East wing and ballroom that was historic and beautiful without permission. Now is your chance to reign Trump in before it is too late. We need a reconstruction that honors our history and is forward looking. We do not need a huge building that will loom over the other buildings and space. Pls build something back similar in size and historic look. And replant the vegetation that was taken out by the removal of the old East wing. Do not allow Trump to soil the East Wing with his tacky taste. We need a historic looking and functioning building that will survive the next hundred plus years and many more elected Presidents once Trump leaves office. Thank you.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: george Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Is not this a little late? Hasn't Trump already demolished the East Wing? No, this project should have never started. The White House is such a historic symbol of our democracy in the United States and now Trump wants to have it in the shadows of this gigantic building. No, this should not have gotten out of the planning stages. As an American I am disgusted.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dale Slusser
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel strongly that the new East Wing should be lower in height than the White House.

The new East Wing should not be a direct copy of White House facades or elements. While not radically different, it should reflect the fact it is being built in 2026.

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Name: Aloysius Wald
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There is only one moron in all of America who wants this ridiculous "ballroom" and that is the criminal who currently resides in the White House. The toddler and chief needs to be reminded that he does not "own" the White House, or any other part of the PUBLIC PROPERTIES in Washington. He resides in the White House as a TEMPORARY tenant, and is allowed to use this property with the permission of the American People. Like a TENANT in any property, he is not allowed to deface, alter, or destroy the property which he does NOT own.
We have all had quite enough of his ego driven foolishness. Time for the current TENANT of the White House to start acting like a responsible adult instead of a pouting, spoiled brat.

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Name: Nancy Kollmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the proposed ballroom project is too large and unnecessary. Presidents before now have managed to have large assemblies without a formal ballroom. The projected building destroys the symmetry of the building and distracts attention from the White House itself. I would like the White House to be restored to the way it was before the destruction.

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Name: Victoria Knight
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Like most Americans, and before you say I am not American for saying this, understand that the building that houses the most powerful people in the world are elected by the people and therefore are succumbed to detail their actions. There is little privacy and you are not entitled to do as you wish.

The White House stands as a testament to the people showcasing our strengths, our weaknesses as well as triumphs and our failures. Humans who fought for the belief in simplicity as well as a grandeur of a life that's free from harm and a threatening government and hope.

What the current administration fails to see is the symbolic nature of the White House. Instead feel the need to build to their lifestyle and not that of the people they represent.

This build is not representative of everyone. The historical value lost is pure ignorance to those it represents.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Stephanie Jackel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve the current ballroom project submitted to replace the East Wing of the White House.

The White House (East Wing, West Wing, whole complex) belongs to the American people, not to Donald Trump. He ignored and disobeyed the rules (also the laws?) governing this National Historic Landmark in demolishing the East Wing before having his plans reviewed and approved. Trump should be fined severely, if not impeached, for acting without approval.

His proposed replacement for the East Wing MUST NOT be approved -- it is much too large and out of scale and its bulk will unbalance the complex that is the White House. Every United States president except George Washington has resided in the White House -- in no way can the White House ever be a monument to Donald Trump. The White House is our nation's history and architectural heritage, not Donald Trump's personal property. His plans must be thoroughly reviewed and approved -- to be in scale with the White House and architecturally compatible -- before he can order anything more to be constructed.

I am counting on the members of the National Capital Planning Commission to preserve the integrity and heritage of the White House.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karla Gesslein
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a US citizen I want to clearly state this violation of the White House East Wing needs to stop. My standing is the project was done without proper authorization and consent of the people of the United States. Due process is the foundation of our democracy. The current administration needs to stop this action and restore the East Wing as it was. This desecration appears to be another “trumpization” of our country. His distain for our government and country with this action is not in any way acceptable
Sincerely
Karla Gesslein, US citizen
Islip Terrace, NY

Date: 2/13/2026 5:37:57 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sherrill Faunce
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think this ballroom is inappropriate! This will ruin the facade of our Whitehouse, it is the people’s house, not the DC version of Mara Lago!
This is despicable! I am embarrassed that we elected a felon to be president, he is completely out of control! He said he would lower the national debt, but, instead he has increased it ten fold!
Our tax dollars should not go to help him and his billionaire friends get richer!
Someone needs to stop him before he completely overthrows our government!

Sincerely, Sherrill C Faunce
Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Eisenberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear NCPC,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to this project.

There are legal ways to go about this renovation process of the White House which have been ignored and violated. Now that we have a demolished East Wing, please use your strength and all the tools you have to oversee the project as it goes forward. I ask that we honor the historical nature of our nation's capitol. The

president has taken complete control of the creation of the new wing and this is completely wrong. One person ought not have the ability to change the character of our national buildings, most of them historic. Washington, D.C. is a precious area and I ask that you interfere - in a good way - with the president's desire to remake the town in his own image.

Respectfully,
Andrea Eisenberg
Mt Kisco, NY

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Name: Grace Nordhoff
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should have never been torn down. It functioned as a multi-use space and should be replaced. Please design and rebuild an updated version of what was there prior to the unwarranted and unapproved East Wing demolition. Most importantly, please design it so that it is in scale with the existing White House buildings and campus. The last thing this country needs is a an outsized ballroom for the wealthy donors and supplicants to the US President whoever the president may be.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Suzanne Labry
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please reconsider this project! The White House is "the people's house"not that of a single individual. The "modernization" is absolutely unnecessary and was undertaken without public scrutiny or proper authorization. It does not reflect the wishes of the citizens of the United States.

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Name: Marjorie Fulmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I have ancestors from both my mother’s and father‘s families stretching back to colonial roots.
I’ve always had a very strong appreciation for our nation’s history, and it pains me beyond measure to see such disregard for that history coming from the leader of the country.

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Name: Elizabeth Porter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is publicly owned and belongs to all the American people! So we should all have had a chance to comment prior to the start of demolition and construction.

The proposed Ballroom is embarrassingly out of scale with the rest of the White House. It is also unnecessary because there are many large meeting spaces conveniently located in Washington, DC.

Elizabeth H.Porter

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Name: Anne Nastor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Tax money should be used to make people healthy, safe, and educated. The so called “modernization” is a misuse of tax money and an abuse of power, and an embarrassment. Shame on any government official that is not actively working day in and day out to better the lives of every American. Defunding education and healthcare while building a god awful gold gilded ballroom- shameful!

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Name: Peter Glynn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a source of pride for all Americans. The size and dimensions of the proposed ballroom will distract from the majesty of the existing White House and West Wing. The process should be slowed down to allow the design of a much smaller and more appropriate structure, based on the recommendations of the best architects in the country, rather than based on the personal tastes of the President.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Cimino
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not allow this ridiculous ballroom to be built and revert the east wing back to it's original form. This was not Trumps' to destroy! We do not need to spend the money to build something none of us, we the people, will ever get to utilize.Stop wasting our tax dollars!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:36:12 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Harnly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom project is a shameful travesty!! Destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a horrific exercise in criminality and the administration needs to be held accountable. Please don't allow this ridiculously unnecessary project to continue. An egomaniacal narcissist's vanity project has to be stopped before the beauty of this historic becomes totally unrecognizable.

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Name: Lana Kleeberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think that given the economy spending frivolously on such an endeavor is a poor use of tax dollars. However, updates should be modern and in line with the historic character of the White House, should be neutral and without one presidents personal tastes or name. Otherwise it will simply require more tax dollars to rectify later.
Hopefully it won't be branded with the Trump name because our nation doesn't have kings and gilded tacky euro looking overly fussy 1990s glam decor.

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Name: Paul Rossi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is way to large for the symmetry of the entire site. It needs be at least half or 33% of the original project

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Name: Ann Cathcart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

I prefer the East Wing be rebuilt on the original foundation and modernized with the newest tech. It can be designed with some of the original colors and artifacts with calming and welcoming colors. I was received in that space as a tourist when I was in 5th grade in 1964. I want restoration of that historical architecture-to balance out 'The People's House' and erase the memory of the illegal wrecking ball of this administration. No need for a ballroom in this time of history.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Swaim
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The persons who occupy the People's House aka White House, are only temporary tenants. They reside there out of the courtesy of we, the people of the United States. They do not own one brick, piece of mortar, shred of drapery, chair, table, lamp or tile. Those temporary inhabitants have a moral obligation to take care of the People's House. They do not have the right to wantonly destroy the heritage and property that does not belong to them. The current occupants of the White House must cease and desist the destruction they have begun. Posterity and the judgement of the ages will condemn them if they do not.

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Name: Teresa Zuraw
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel that a 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom is unnecessary and should not be financed by taxpayer money or by special interests. The East Wing should not have been destroyed. If it needed renovation, that could have been accomplished without a complete demolition. The current administration needs to stop its attacks on our historic buildings and monuments as well as its attacks on our national parks.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Maureen Pisani
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly object to the mis-named "East Wing Modernization Project." The White House is the People's House; a living historical monument and home that should be treated with respect and care. Modernization is expected from time to time, but destruction without public or Congressional input is unconstitutional and just wrong. Further, demolition of this property without proper plans or oversight should be met with criminal charges, no matter who made the decision to start bulldozers in the middle of the night, without regard for proper asbestos removal, and hide it from public view and oversight. While there may be a need for a 'ballroom' or other gathering place for events, it should have been proposed and done properly. Clean

the site thoroughly and put the East Wing back!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: james thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

There's no need for this ballroom. I will detract from the appearance of the White House.
I feel that it is just a Trump/Maga vanity project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Catherine Pliess
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think what President Trump is proposing to do to improve the historic White House is a wonderful project. So many Americans have not been to Washington DC. I'm proud to say that I've been there many times I've been through the White House many times and it always amaze me that there was not a huge ballroom in which to have celebrations and for indignities. This is America's house and we should have an outstanding place in which to entertain our guests, both domestic and foreign. I can't think of a president better equipped to take on this project as he has building experience and he's gotten contributions to pay for it so it will cost the American people nothing. This should be a source of pride for all Americans rather than a political maneuvering to discredit this president. Shame on the people who are even bringing this up. I noticed they did not do this to the other presidents who made changes and updates to the White House. Everything has been politicized and Weaponized against Trump and this is just one more ridiculous effort to discredit him. This American and her entire family 100% support this project and we look forward to checking it out one day.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Isabel Axon-Sanchez
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Hi,

Mr. Trump has proposed the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom on the east side of the White House campus, adjacent to the historic Treasury Building. Site preparation is already underway, including the demolition of a portion of the existing East Wing.

While the National Trust acknowledges the utility of a larger meeting space at the White House, I am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the

proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.

The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.

Owned by the American people, the White House was designed by Irish architect James Hoban, whose winning proposal was selected by President George Washington. The building respects Georgian and neoclassical principles. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation's ideals.

I urge the Administration and the National Park Service to pause demolition until plans for the proposed ballroom go through the legally required public review processes, including consultation and review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, and to invite comment from the public. These processes provide a crucial opportunity for transparency and broad engagement—values that have guided preservation of the White House under every administration going back to the public competition in 1792 that produced the building's original design. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

The National Trust stands ready to assist the White House, the National Park Service, and relevant review agencies in exploring design alternatives and modifications that would accomplish the objectives of the Administration while preserving the historic integrity and symbolism of the People's House.
As we approach the 250th Anniversary of our country's founding, the preservation of historic places that represent our nation's history has never been more relevant or important. We urge you to take into account the deep reverence that all Americans hold for this iconic place, and to initiate the review process that can ensure the preservation of the historic White House for future generations.

I am deeply ashamed to be an American amidst this obvious and purposeful destruction of a symbol of our democracy.

Isabel

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Name: Betsy Schmidt
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am constantly amazed at how many projects he has at the same time!
What he's already done to the White House is an abomination.Incredibly tacky and only stresses how out of touch he is with most-Americans.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Goodban
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

THis is a travesty. I am so disappointed that the east wing was torn down with no public input.

Just plant a garden there and do the underground bunker underneath,

If you need to build, please make sure the ballroom has np more square footage than the east wing did, and make sure it goes through all the needed review processes.

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Name: Thomas Tepe
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The new East Wing addition is horrific- too large, too grandiose and disrespectful of history. It is nothing more than a vanity project for Donald Trump. The "private funding" is really a bribe.

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Name: Michael Stecher
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Everyone with any shred of dignity left in this organization should be shouting from the rooftops and running up and down the hallways screaming that democracy is under attack. Allowing this to be happen will be your legacy— no matter what else you have accomplished in your lifetime THIS will be what you are remembered for. You are not Neville Chamberlain spineless appeasers and enablers you are SS level collaborators and co-conspirators. Save our country and save its symbols while they still mean something and your souls while you are at it…..

Thank you,

Michael Stecher

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Name: Margaret Ellison
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why is this called a modernization when it was a total destruction? The average American cares absolutely NOTHING about a ballroom none of us will ever see in our life, aside for the disgust we feel at the entitlement and gross display of the billionaire white boys club.
Knowing that the public did not have an opportunity to have a say in what happens to OUR House, exemplifies how out of touch this administration is with its constituents.
We are living paycheck to paycheck, health insurance and cost of living is astronomical, property taxes are running people out of their homes and there is little to no resources allocated for mental health, community enrichment and the resources allocated are going to the destruction of monuments and our nation's TRUE history.

RELEASE THE FILES
PROSECUTE PEDOPHILES
DO BETTER

We are all hurting.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Bauer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
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“The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.” - Carol Quillen, Pres., National Trust.

This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval.

These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

We demand public review of the East Wing "Modernization" Project.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Susan Baltes Stewart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I see no need for such a large and elaborate ballroom. The money should be used for SNAP and healthcare. These are more important then a ballroom,

Thank you for this opportunity.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Cheryl Ruppert
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Although I am throughly disgusted that Our White House has been so callously abused and destroyed, I wish to make the following suggestions and plea for our historic building.
1. Make sure the new structure works to maintain the decorum and dignity of the original historic building.
2. Make sure all plans and changes are applied for and approved before they are done.
3. Be absolutely sure all funding is by private donations and not totally funded by taxpayers! As promised

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Louise Rossetto
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

I am appalled that an elected official is treating the White House as his personal residence! Tearing down an historic building without going through proper channels is disgusting. Who does he think he is… a king? Stop this person now.

Also, the money for any renovations should not come from companies looking to get political favors. Stop the corruption.

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Name: Helen Fallon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project is an abomination! The White House and its historic architecture is being turned into a tasteless

monument to Trump. The White House is not supposed to function as a convention center and this iconic building isn't Trump's to desecrate!

There is absolutely no need for a ballroom or for any space of that size to be built on the White House grounds. The Rose Garden has already been ruined and now looks like a tacky resort.

Please stop any further degradation of our public property! The White House belongs to the PUBLIC and is part of OUR heritage. A temporary occupant/tenant of the White House should not be allowed to make this unnecessary alteration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lorri Rosenberg Arazi
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sirs and Madams:
I continue to be horrified by the destruction of the historical East Wing of the White House. Mr. Trump does not own that property; he merely occupies it during the course of his presidency. He has destroyed an invaluable piece of our nation's history. We do not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom. The White House is not 18th century Versailles. Just because his wife chooses not to fulfill a significant role as First Lady of the United States doesn't mean that one of the primary functions of the East Wing ceases to exist, that of the offices of the First Lady and her staff.
The historical East Wing should be rebuilt as close to its original 1942 structure as can be replicated. If the current occupants of the White House choose to use parts of the mansion differently than has been done for decades, that is their prerogative. Destroying our nation's historic structures should not be. Theirs is a temporary tenancy, as much as the current occupant of the West Wing may wish it to be otherwise.
Most sincerely yours,
Lorri Rosenberg Arazi

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: C. Williams
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I was brought up in Northern VA, and have always respected and cherished Washington, DC and its fabulous architecture. The White House along with its two wings are simple, yet stately.

The White House, with the West and East wings represent class & simple elegance, not the flash and excess of the nouveau riche trying way too hard to impress others. America has no need to impress others.

The West and East wings added balance to the original White House structure without overwhelming it.

Back in the 1980s I worked at the Town of Palm Beach Landmark's Office. It broke my heart everytime someone would tear down one of these exquisite historical homes only to replace it with an oversized replica of a Walmart, with a zero lot line

To me, that is what the football sized, unnecessary gilded ballroom will do. It is entirely out of proportion to

the site and will dwarf the existing White House.

Thank you,
C. Williams

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Name: Richard Martin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Return the “The People’s House” to its former glory!

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Name: Janet Golden
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe the East Wing modernization project is too big for the scale of the White House and should be made smaller and made to look like the building that was there before the destruction.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:33:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Rob Cagnetta
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Commissioners,

I am writing to offer comment regarding the proposed construction of a ballroom adjoining the White House.

While the recent demolition of the East Wing represents a significant loss within the continuum of the White House complex, I will focus my remarks on the implications of the proposed new construction. When additions are introduced beside an internationally recognized historic structure of this magnitude, the obligation to consider scale, hierarchy, architectural character, and civic meaning becomes paramount.

The White House has served as both the principal residence and executive office of the President of the

United States for over two centuries. Though it has undergone substantial updates, including the comprehensive structural reconstruction during the Truman administration, those interventions were undertaken with clear respect for the building's original scale, composition, and architectural intent. Even the addition of the East and West Wings maintained a subordinate relationship to the central residence. They were designed to support the primary structure, not to compete with or overshadow it.

The currently proposed ballroom appears to depart from that long-standing discipline. Its scale and massing risk altering the established architectural hierarchy of the site. When an addition visually diminishes the prominence of the main residence, the effect is not merely aesthetic. It reshapes the symbolic reading of the complex. The White House should remain unmistakably the principal structure, both visually and conceptually. Any new construction must reinforce that primacy rather than compromise it.

Contextual design involves more than stylistic compatibility. It requires an understanding of the cultural and civic role embodied by the existing structure. The White House represents governance, continuity, and national stewardship. A large-scale entertainment venue that visually dominates or reorients the composition of the complex risks conveying an unintended shift in emphasis from civic function to spectacle.

If additional gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be approached with restraint, ensuring that massing, height, and architectural expression remain clearly subordinate to the historic residence. The integrity of scale and hierarchy within this setting is not incidental; it is fundamental to the meaning and dignity of the place.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this matter.

Respectfully,

Rob Cagnetta

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laura Urquhart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not waste tax payer money on vanity projects.

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Name: Shari Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am absolutely gutted at the wanton destruction of The People's House!!! Donald Trump does NOT have carte blanche to tear down the East Wing for his personal gain. There are PROCEDURES and he has followed none of them!!! Yes, there is a need for a larger event space but destroying the building without consulting Congress or any historical preservation societies is NOT OK!!!! Funding the project with private donations is also NOT Ok. It is akin to bribery or pay-to-play and that is NOT how this is supposed to work.

This could have been done with federal funding, especially with all the new tariff money, and by going through the proper channels to PRESERVCE THE SANCTITY OF THE WHITE HOUSE and build alongside it without destroying it. What he has done can never be fixed and this administration should have never been allowed to even start this project without preservation as the priority!!!
The cost continues to skyrocket and it is all just one big bribe!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:33:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dorothy Fue Wong
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I do not approve of the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the new construction of the proposed Ball room without the consultation of the public, the U.S. Congress, and the National Trust.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Derek Washington
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Please do not approve this project. It is too large and dwarfs the beauty and style of the nation's house/home. I will not make political statements, tho I am biting the insides of my mouth in order not to do such. This project, should be put forward the nation's best architecture students and have a design contest. The parameters need to be something MUCH smaller and showcase the best of American modern design.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Richard Metcalf
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom project must bestopped immediatly until reviewed by all the proper departments, committees and congress before the project can continue. President Trump does not have THE AUTHORITY TO DO THIS BY HIMSELF. It is the peoples house, not his personal property to do whatever he wants to do to it!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: ANN LEDERER
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am completely opposed to the expenditure of taxpayer dollars, or any other means of funding, this horrendous and unnecessary vanity project of the worst president in US history. At a time when so many are suffering across our country and elsewhere in the world, this ridiculous project should be stopped. The unlawful destruction that has already occurred cannot be undone, but there should be accountability at the highest levels of government for yet another undermining of democracy and our legal system.

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Name: Eddie Lyon
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe it is in the best interests of good design, when making changes to public buildings of high visibility such as the White House (the People's House), there should be a team with a widely varying perspective that can review the plans and form a consensus about what works and what doesn't, and what is to the public's benefit. This team should be highly qualified and trained architects, historians, preservationists, futurists, and others of varying mindsets, so one view point does not dominate.

This will prevent us from ending up with a design that is too narrowly focused on one team's or one person's view of what can be done with a public resource and treasure.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts, which I believe are shared by many millions of people in this country and elsewhere.

Best,

Eddie Lyon

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Name: Catherine Kalinowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House does NOT belong to Mr. Trump much as he seems to think. It is the home of presidents duly elected by the American people and is not a Trump family property. The addition of a hideous overlarge ballroom is merely an attempt by Mr. Trump to make the White House into Versailles. This attempt at a Versailles addition is ridiculous. If the supposed donors who would fund this monstrosity are Trump's billionaire friends then why don't they be philanthropic and donate their money to reputable charities? Adults and children all over the world as well as in this country are without sufficient food and medical care due to the slash and burn of DOGE. The billionaires need to develop some moral fiber and remember the Gospel message of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, etc. There is nothing in the Gospels about the need for huge ballrooms. Mr Trump's decorative choices are extremely tacky and the proposed drawings are horrifying. The commission should consider the future of the White House as well as its historic past. Mr Trump will leave in January 2029 and if approved the US will be stuck with a grotesque

architectural addition that the public overwhelmingly doesn't want.
I vote NO on the ballroom addition!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Holder
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Asking for public comments on this project at this point in time is a bit like researching what type of fire suppression system should be installed after the building has already burned to the ground. What's the point in asking for public comment when we're dealing with an authoritarian regime? They, quite literally, couldn't care less about the public or their opinion. Shame on this entire administration and anyone in a governmental position for continuing to let our country's history to be desecrated in the manor it has been this past year. Hopefully, future generations will be able to forgive us for this, yet another blind spot in our nation's preservation efforts.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara Mckinney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Americans need another ballroom like we need another hole in the head. There are ballrooms all over dc. Not only that now we don't have an east wing. What is going on that republicans can spend our tax money like it grows on trees. Straighten up before it's too late. You republicans are out of your flipping minds. Grow some and get the idiot out of our whitehouse before the whole thing disappears.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:32:35 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lynne Thomas
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the White House Ballroom project. This is a project funded by billionaires for billionaires and makes a mockery of the central purpose of the White House as The People's House. Moreover, the destruction of the existing East Wing without prior notice, authorization, or public comment is an affront to the way in which our democratic processes are supposed to work.

I am asking you to reject this proposal and focus on restoring the White House to its original condition.

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Name: Steven Ward
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition was against the law without the consent of our National Parks input.

The East Wing should be rebuilt brick by brick, back to the original structure.

This administration has gone rogue and needs to be disciplined. The disgrace of bullying tactics by Trump are unacceptable.

The size and scale of the "Modernization" is greatly out of proportion. Stop this project NOW.

The "Modernization" is a disgrace to our historic heritage.

No one needs tacky Trump to go through with this project.

He doesn't understand the concept of "We the People."

The public does not work for him. He works for us and should act as such before bulldozing a national monument.

Pure sacrilege.

Who does he think he is? Vladimir Putin?

This is another pathetic attempt to destroy our heritage.

STOP THIS PROJECT NOW.

Sincerely,
Steven Ward

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roger Wechsler
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This should not have been started before a proposal was submitted, reviewed and approved. The President should pay for the damage he created with personal funds. I do not support a large, lavish ballroom. If modernization is required it should be modest, not ostentatious. Energy efficiency and climate impact should be priorities.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:32:15 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Marilyn Niere
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am diaguisted with the deplorable situation where the East Wing was totally destroyed with no permits filed after stating that the ballroom project would not even touch the East Wing!! U believe that the ballroom project needs to be STOPPED and only proceed with proper supervision and permits. It is my suggestion that the East Wing be rebuilt and a smaller ballroom built not touching anything!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karen Thompson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir,
My family first visited the White House in January 1993. It was a source of pride and it inspired us to become members of the National Trust. I believe that through the stewardship of historic buildings and sites, we honor our country's founding fathers and the principles of democracy. I am vehemently opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. I am shocked that the east wing of the White House was demolished without a permit or approval for renovations. It is a significant loss for the country and for future generations because it sets a dangerous precedent that puts the executive branch above the law. Our country must come together to demand that laws are passed to prevent this kind of damage in the future.

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Name: Michael Stone
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Well, better late than not at all. This is the way it should have progressed from the beginning for such a drastic change. Having a choice of plans would have been nice. Not totally destroying the East Wing would have been better. Hopefully we are presented with some choices rather than being totally in the dark.
I look forward to some sort of plan that the public can review that is not just the Presidents outrageous plan.
Sincerely,
Michael J. Stone

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Name: Becky Babb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This ballroom is a despicable misappropriation of funds and strongly changes the character of the White House. There are many spaces within Washington D.C. that can accommodate larger crowds. The 90,000 square foot addition does NOT match the character, nor the intent of the People's House. The cost is outrageous and could be better spent restoring other historic buildings. The private donations account to a pay-for-play system that is a terrible precedent to set.

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Name: Marcella Pavelka
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The ballroom should be in proportion to the rest of the White House and should not be an overwhelming replacement for the east wing, which should be restored in some manner. The final decision should be with the national trust and its commissions and organizations not the president.

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Name: Diane Morin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that the East Wing should never have been destroyed without the prior consent of the American public. Tearing down this historical monument was disgraceful and an insult to the American public. d It should be restored exactly as it was in general.

Best regards, Diane Morin

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Name: Patricia Reilly
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Trump has destroyed a very important part of White House! I'm sure his name is not on the deed! He took the liberty if he doesn't like something he destroys no matter! Plus his name doesn't belong on any historical signs that have our former important figures yet he wants to join them! He doesn't deserve any recognition! Definitely not a good president! Thanks I can add more but I hope you get the message! He's a president who knows nothing!

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Name: Joyce Hale
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This is an outrageous waste of time and money. It is also against all protocol.

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Name: Linda Smith
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Donald Trump does not own the White House; he is only a temporary tenant. He had no right to destroy the East Wing, nor to unilaterally build a gaudy ballroom to host his rich patrons, without approval from Congress or any responsible agency. He should be prosecuted for this action, as well as the many other actions he has taken without advice or consent from the other two branches of government.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Shawn Brevard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I deeply regret the destruction of the East Wing by President Trump, with no appropriate input from the review board. I hope the process to rebuild will be collaborative, open, transparent and will be led by respected professionals in the field. Thank you, Shawn Brevard

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Name: Darcy Gaines
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Do NOT build a golden ball room.
I repeat…Do Not build a golden ballroom.

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Name: Jason Agron
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The project to build an ostentatious ballroom by ripping out historic pieces of the White House is un-called for, un-necessary, and nauseating.

None of the plans were approved before demolition started, and the entire project should be scrapped.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jay Witmer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing and the proposed ballroom are historical and architectural travesties.

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Name: Allison Hawk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed addition of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom to the White House complex.

The White House is not simply a functional building; it is one of the most recognized and symbolically important public structures in the United States. Any addition to this historic property must meet the highest architectural standards and demonstrate deep respect for the existing structure, its design integrity, and its historic significance.

Because this is a public building owned by the American people, the process for considering such a substantial expansion should be transparent and inclusive. A formal public bid process should be undertaken, allowing qualified architectural firms to submit proposals that thoughtfully integrate with the historic character of the White House. Multiple design options should be presented and evaluated openly.

In addition, experts in historic preservation, architectural history, and federal design standards should be formally consulted. Their input is essential to ensure that any new construction aligns with preservation best practices and complies with applicable review requirements.

Decisions of this magnitude should not be made unilaterally or without public visibility. A transparent process that invites professional expertise and public engagement will help safeguard the architectural integrity of the White House while ensuring that any updates serve both functional needs and historic responsibility.

Respectfully submitted.

Allison Gail Hawk

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Name: Kristy Lindberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I oppose the golden ballroom project, which would destroy the White House East Wing and its history.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:31:09 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Decourcey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

East Wing should be restored to original condition at the President's own expense. A monetary and judicial penalty for breaking the law should also be assessed.

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Name: Angi Rudolph
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The people, at least this person, would prefer using the people's money on something useful, not this overblown tribute to frivolous spending.

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Name: Rosanne Azarian
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The current plans as they are described are unacceptable aesthetically, bureaucratically and legally. They have received no approval by the people or agencies in charge of renovation, restoration or modification of national edifices. I personally find this project garish, architecturally maudlin and completely nonrepresentational of the varied sensibilities of the United States of America. I vote no. Vehemently no.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:30:21 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Denise Byrnes
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is evident that this administration in the White House has gaudy, non-traditional colonial preferences as seen with the new gold embellishments in some rooms. The size of the new construction should be determined by historic preservationists as well as the style so as not to overwhelm the White House style. All historic buildings should conform to the present Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Preservation and approved by qualified historic preservation professionals.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: charles Boswell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to register my concern that the scale of the proposed ballroom is too large and will diminish the grandeur of the White House central portion and West wing. One of the central tenants of preservation of existing historic structures is that any changes or additions should be compatible in scale and materials to the original historic building.
Please deny planning permission until the proposal is designed to be more compatible.
Thank you,
Charles Boswell

Date: 2/13/2026 5:30:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Terry Mingle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think it is wonderful that we are adding such a grand space to the White House. Other Presidents have done renovations, and President Trump is going to add a space that will be used for years to come. It will be nice to have an indoor space and not just tents on a lawn for large gatherings, and now it will be able to be used year-round, without worrying about weather and other outdoor concerns. I am 100% for this renovation and I hope that it is allowed to go forward. Further, I am sure that President Trump will spare no expense to make it a beautiful gathering place.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:30:05 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jeanine Drahota
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destroying the East Wing was criminal. The White House is an institution in and of itself. No one person or group has any right to touch this public house without the public having a say as to if they want changes.

A gargantuan addition will interrupt the architectural balance of the White House.

Where is the supporting parking for the ballroom and how will the traffic flow? This might be a ripple affect. Where does it end?

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ann Bokelman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The travesty that tearing down a historical building without oversight was a crime as far as I am concerned. Do NOT let the current administration further this crime spree by moving forward without the oversight of people concerned with our history and esthetics instead of personal gratification.

Sincerely,
Ann Bokelman

Date: 2/13/2026 5:29:58 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carolyn Loeb
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the East Wing Modernization Project.
I was dismayed at the livestreamed committee meeting I attended to find that only one member raised any concerns regarding this bombastic, ego-driven project. I was shocked that the rest of the committee retreated so shamefully from their responsibilities as stewards of national heritage on behalf of the American people.
With that said, I nevertheless take this opportunity to urge all members to carefully reconsider the proposed project with each submission of new plans. New construction of some sort is a fait accompli, but perhaps it is not too late to reign in the size of this monstrosity, its scale in relation to the historic White House, and its egregious detailing inside and out.

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Name: Patricia Colett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a committed preservationist, my hope is that plans for the East Wing ballroom addition will complement

but not overwhelm the main structure of the White House. The necessity of a larger event space should not dictate a structure so out of proportion as the one proposed. The proposal should be reviewed according to proper procedures of the NCPC and proper input provided by experts.

Patricia R. Colett
Past President of the Grosse Pointe Farms (Michigan) Historic District Commission

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kara Mucha
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The proposed ballroom and East Wing modernization is grossly out of scale with the existing historic White House Complex. The White House is the residence and work space of our nation's chief executive, and there is no need for an entertainment space the is nearly double the square footage. The proposed expansion needs to be significantly scaled down in size to ensure that it does not visually overtake the historic White House, and that the proper visual and physical emphasis is placed on our executive's work efforts, not entertainment goals.

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Name: Charles Ray
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

While the White House, like any structure, needs occasional modification and rehabilitation, it represents us as a country and this project so distorts the image it seems to no longer represent American values. An add-on structure that's this large overshadows the main building and creates an image that's inconsistent with the image of a People's House, but something more like the palace of some tyrannical monarch who is into opulent displays of power. This project should be disapproved, and the original East Wing restored.

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Name: Pamela Horter-Moore
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

No other President has had the audacity to erase decades of history. This is not President Trump's house; this is the People's house. Other presidents knew and respected this.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Karyl Walter
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing is an abomination. The White House is a beautiful and historic building. It is the People's House not the home of any particular individual. By tearing down the East Wing, history and tradition are being destroyed.
Any changes to this iconic structure should be very carefully considered with multiple architectural renderings and options considered.
I'm hurt, shocked and deeply mournful of the loss of the beauty of this important structure.

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Name: Kathleen Garfield
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was outrageous. To replace it with a 90 thousand square foot ballroom, an ego project for President Donald J Trump is ludicrous. No vote was taken for the demolition by the citizen's of the US, who own the White House as a public monument that our tax dollars pay for, nor was any other government entity even consulted much less concerned about.

The ballroom is a shameful ego trip planned by a mentally incompetent, morally reprehensible man who has already shamed our country in uncountable ways.

I am absolutely against the ballroom project.

Kathleen Garfield

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Name: Sharon Hall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am vehemently opposed to this project and outraged at the arrogance, of this administration, for them not going through the proper channels for approval by the citizens of America who have a say in our historic buildings and how our tax dollars are spent.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Joanna Marquez-Espinoza
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The American people have no need for a ballroom. People are struggling to make ends meet, people are losing jobs and losing access to key social services. These "modernization" efforts only serve to appease our current president/administration.
There is no need to continue funding this gross misuse of funds.

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Name: Judith Wall
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the project is long overdue and President Trump should continue to complete it without interference from preservation groups. It is not their responsibility to regulate any conflicts. Preservation needs to stay in its lane and out of politics. Reasons given for their interference appear political.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:28:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Dennis Hobart
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Wish they would’ve done this before they tore the east wing down.Think it should be built exactly the way it was when it was tore down.Did not have the right to do it and should be restored to previous state.

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Name: Frank van der Kemp
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a retired architect having worked over my professional life with some of the most respected and renowned firms such as SOM and others, I am really upset that our country most respected building, the WHITE HOUSE in Washington DC, will possibly be dwarfed by a ballroom twice its size ! A nation being represented the world over by a ballroom is a ridiculous proposition and will be laughed at for eons to come! If indeed a 90,000sf (or bigger?!) ballroom is deemed necessary, get it at least underground so it does not dwarf our prestigious WHITE HOUSE.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sylvia Richey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Since the White House belongs to all of us American Citizens, I think that major changes should be approved by all of our representatives. Thanks.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Gibbons
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Dear Sir or Madam:

A ballroom sufficient for current needs is badly needed as the East Room is too small for many contemporary functions. The proposed ballroom is, in my opinion, an excellent addition to the White House.

I well remember the Bicentennial celebrations in 1976 when a state banquet had to be held in a tent. I thought that this temporary expedient was a public embarrassment for the United States.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gibbons, M.A.
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Date: 2/13/2026 5:28:29 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Harriet Bing
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The president's actions in destroying an important part of our national heritage with no oversight is despicable.

The building should be restored, in as much as it is possible, to the way it was before he took a wrecking ball to it in the dead of night. This is a symbol of the way the president views each of us: we matter not at all to him and the only thing that does is his own ego.

His behavior is emblematic of his evident desire to destroy our Constitution and our country: to turn us over to the highest bidder.

If you truly believe in the United States of America as a land of laws and that seeks to better daily life for its people, then REIGN IN THIS IDIOCY. Do not allow a useless and wasteful use of the People's House by creating a ballroom for those who seek to buy the president's favor.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:28:23 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Andrea Noble
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is owned by the American people. It is NOT the property of any elected official. It is shocking and disgusting that the current administration should demolish any portion of the White House without congressional approval or input from the American public. Destruction of any part of the White House, and the construction of a hideous vanity project “ballroom” should be halted immediately.

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Name: Vernon Meyer
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is an outrage that the East Wing was torn down in the first place.
The second thing that is outrageous is the need for a 90,000sqft "ballroom."
The White House is supposed to be the people's house and who ever resides there does so at the behest of the American People.
The President thinks it is his house and we have already the garish decorations of this office, I can only imagine how this "ballroom" will be even more garish than the ballroom of the Kremlin, Versailles, and other ROYAL PALACES of Europe.
If more space is needed then rent out the convention center or hold it in the center space of Union Station.
Even if the funds are private donations, it is outrageous that the billionaire friends of the President are the one's giving the money.
Should we expect to see their advertising plastered over the walls?
That it will be larger than the White House itself is another outrage.
Stop this ballroom in its tracks!
Vernon Meyer
Phoenix, AZ

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Name: Lauren Hunley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The desecration of a national landmark building is detrimental to the longevity, unity, and legacy of the United States, both home and abroad. This project is not to update the structure for safety or public use, and will not be served for the American people. The new structure irrevocably destroys the historic integrity of the building and its role as an icon of American power. It makes this structure, and the presidential role it

represents, a laughingstock on the international stage and a point of contention, animosity, and shame for regular Americans. I strongly urge the Commission to halt this project and force the reconstruction of the East Wing immediately.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth DOWNS
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolished east wing should be rebuild as it was before demolition. The ballroom project does not belong in the white house

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Name: Cany Dean
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I surmise the East Wing Modernrization Project is trump's attempt to destroy the White House.

This project is nothing less than part of the pattern that fascists implement to erase all monuments to democracy.

The Washington Mall is being eyed next as a race track. Please stop this erasure. Please stop the Trump regime from squandering our tax dollars.

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Name: Larissa Lindsay
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I live in a historic district in Houston, Texas, and was actively involved in having historic building and district protections in Houston, comparing what others around the nation do, and what guidelines and standards should be in place with new, adjacent, or renovation projects. The new East Wing, and potential added story on the West Wing is nothing close to what empirical evidence has put forth for historic properties. Other than Constitution Hall, there are few sites more historic, and none more recognizable than The White House. The proposed new buildings are not in proportion to existing historic fabric of the White House. These additions should not be made at the scope proposed, the material used, and because of the effect on the entire property as a whole. Having a ballroom to accommodate 1000 people, plus the workers is simply not feasible without turning the lawns surrounding the buildings into parking lots.
It is time to put a stop to this nonsense, and waste of taxpayer money.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Heather Puckett
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am highly disappointed that the East Wing was demolished without forethought of Historic Preservation. The East Wing of the White House, much like the Kennedy Rose Garden, has been part of the overall symbol of the US Presidential home. As a historic preservation practitioner, I understand the process for review can be tedious but is well worth the effort. The ability to carefully document and catalog the building and its contents before demolition was lacking. The disposal of the rubble on golf course lands is despicable, especially when it could have been reused for the renovation and been sustainable. But the current administration continues to defy its constituents, ignore and whitewash history, while blaming and pointing fingers. There is no accountability from the top. As we are on the cusp of America 250, we do not need to demolish our cultural resources. Please take this into consideration. Levy fines against those who proceeded without appropriate review. And hold the President accountable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lisa Heard
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

What trump is doing to the White House is disgusting. Trump should reverse everything he has done so far and restore the White House to what it used to be. Trump is a convicted criminal with no taste what so ever.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Scott Romanowski
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Why? Why was the public not given input BEFORE the demolition of an historic building? Why has the administration been so callous in its disregard for historical significance?

Date: 2/13/2026 5:27:08 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sophia Kaufman
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

Hello,

While I can understand the sitting President's desire for a larger event space at The White House, I have grave concerns that the manner in which this project will unfold will be tacky, out of alignment with the classically historic nature of The White House, and ultimately serve as a negative development for our nation.

Thank you,
Sophia Kaufman

Date: 2/13/2026 5:27:01 PM
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Name: Christine Bruhn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the nation, not to the individual who currently occupies it. Major changes should proceed only after the public has had an opportunity to comment. Changes should preserve the historic nature and character of the building, while adapting to current needs.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Barbara McClain
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled that the historic east wing of the White House has been destroyed with no oversight from Congress or NCPC I am equally disappointed that the proposed ballroom will be so large I think that the architectural plans should be submitted to Congress and NCPC prior to construction

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Wilma Campbell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

You've destroyed a historical part of our country. I do not support a ballroom. It's not necessary! Restore the east wing!!!
That's all I have to say about that.
On another note…. The Epstein files are still redacted- release all the files unredacted!!! Hold everyone accountable!!! And lock them up in the harshest prison ever. We're losing our republic!!!! One day, one bad decision at a time!!!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:26:55 PM
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Name: Leigh Smythson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% against this radically expensive and destructive project that will deface the White House for future generations. This is a 100% a vanity project for Trump. There is no sound argument for it. The extravagance is shameful. The reasoning for it is absurd. When so many people are struggling to survive with widespread losses of health insurance, jobs, educational and food subsidies and with growing food insecurity for so many American families, it would be an utter disgrace to move forward with this project. It's time for those in decision making positions to do the right thing and put an end to the extravagance and willful disregard of the greater good for the American people. A ballroom shouldn't even make the "to do" list for any American president in our time or in any other.

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Name: William Keys
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible. As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated:
“The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Carli Chauvin
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I’m writing to share my strong opposition to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This part of our nation’s history is not only an important architectural feature but also a symbol of our nation’s

capital. The loss of these historic sites is a loss for all of us.

Preserving our history matters. We need to protect our landmarks, not just for their physical stature but because they help inspire future generations to understand and appreciate where we come from. It's a beautiful and tangible way to experience our past.

I believe we can make progress and embrace the future without tearing down our historic structures. It's all about finding a balance that respects our past while allowing for growth. The proposed ballroom should honor the existing footprint of the East Wing while also providing the necessary space to meet our current needs. There are always ways to innovate and modernize without sacrificing our history.

Moreover, I think it's vital for our leaders to lead by example. Just as every U.S. citizen is expected to uphold policies about historic preservation, those in power should also follow these guidelines. It sets a standard for everyone, showing that we value our heritage and want to pass it on.

I urge the consideration of our nation's top architects and historians to guide the best outcome. Let's work toward a future that celebrates both progress and our history.

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Name: Janet Bullinger
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that this project should be approved ignorer to have more space for happenings at the White House

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Name: Kathryn Sibley
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I feel very strongly that a) the president had no right or business to destroy the East Wing, and b) it should be replaced with an updated version of the East Wing that was illegally destroyed. If a larger gathering space is needed for formal affairs, let that be part of the design, but the president's proposed gilt-ridden monstrous ballroom is inappropriate and out of character with the design of the "People's House."

Please, we the people who are the actual owners of the White House need to see every effort made to ensure that the East Wing Modernization Project is exactly that, and not a euphemism for "Big Fat Overly Gilded Ballroom." Don't compound the damage done by allowing that ballroom to go forward as planned in the president's fever dream.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Paul Fomberg
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The now demolished East Wing should be reconstructed, and any addition to the White House, such as a ballroom, should be carefully designed so as not to overwhelm the White House Historic Site, such as decreasing the proposed size including the height, and perhaps building much of it underground. The addition to the Texas State Capitol in Austin is a good example of how to add additional space and moder amenities without affecting the appearance of the historic state capitol building.

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Name: Stephen Day
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

My name is Stephen J. Day, AIA. My professional practice in architecture has for more than thirty years focused on the restoration and additions to National Register properties and other historic landmarks. Our work, and that of our professional colleagues across the United States, has always been held to the high standards set forth in the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation of landmark properties and additions to those landmarks. The extraordinarily high significance of the White House and its additions requires that alterations to this historic landmark be held to the same standards (or higher) as are applicable to other historic properties that our clients and colleagues are involved with. The Executive Branch must be held to the same standards, including Standard #2: "The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible." Standard #9: "Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment." The demolition of the East Wing is in direct conflict with Standard #2. The proposed design of the ballroom project is grossly out of scale with the White House and is in direct and obvious conflict with Standard #9. This project is ill-conceived, unnecessary, and should be terminated. The republic has survived for 250 years without this out-of-scale ballroom and a structure in keeping with the scale of the now-demolished east wing is the only reasonable solution.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matthew Bailey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write to respectfully submit the following preservation-based considerations regarding the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House.

From the standpoint of the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, any reconstruction or alteration within the White House complex must prioritize the preservation of the property’s historic character, integrity, and hierarchical composition. The

White House is not merely a building; it is a nationally significant historic property whose architectural primacy rests in its original Executive Residence, designed by James Hoban and refined through successive historic campaigns.

The Standards make clear that new construction within a historic property should be differentiated yet compatible, and that it must not destroy historic materials, features, or spatial relationships that characterize the property. Equally important is the principle that additions must not overwhelm or compete with the historic resource in scale, massing, proportion, or architectural expression.
The earlier configuration of the East Wing was subordinate in scale and restrained in architectural expression. It functioned as an ancillary structure, visually deferential to the Executive Residence. Rebuilding it in proportion to that earlier configuration would maintain the historic hierarchy of the site, a hierarchy in which the central residence remains visually dominant, symbolically primary, and compositionally balanced within its landscape setting.

To enlarge or restyle the East Wing in a manner that competes with the historic White House would risk violating several key preservation principles:
It would alter the historic spatial relationships that define the composition of the complex.
It would diminish the architectural primacy of the Executive Residence.
It would create a competing mass that disrupts the carefully balanced proportions that have characterized the White House grounds for generations.

It would introduce a visual hierarchy inconsistent with the property's period of significance.
The Standards further emphasize that additions should be reversible and should preserve the essential form and integrity of the historic property. A reconstruction that respects the earlier East Wing's modest footprint, massing, and deferential architectural vocabulary would uphold these standards while allowing contemporary functional needs to be met discreetly.

The White House is not a site for architectural competition. It is a site of continuity. The preservation mandate requires restraint, clarity of hierarchy, and fidelity to the building's established character.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to require that any rebuilding of the East Wing adhere closely to its earlier proportional configuration and remain subordinate in design and scale to the historic Executive Residence, in full alignment with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Bailey

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Name: Dalva Church
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The whole point of the White House is its continuity during the many changes of administration. It signals that the structure of the US stays intact even as administrations come and go. The WH is a potent symbol, and one that should not be changed on a whim, or for any other reason than necessity. To destroy or change a part of that building has deeper meaning and impact than for any other American historic building. Preserving history is important, but preserving this piece of history is essential to our democracy. As a historian and history professional, it seems to me that this change is unnecessary and not in keeping with the history of the White House, its dignity, and its place in the American story.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:54 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: shovan ambush
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The alterations to the East Wing represent a serious failure in preservation oversight. Opening public comment on a proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition only after significant planning or preliminary action has occurred undermines the integrity of the review process.

Public engagement cannot be treated as a procedural formality inserted after decisions have already advanced. You cannot add beaten eggs to a recipe once the cake is already in the oven. Each step must occur in its proper order for the final outcome to be legitimate. Skipping or reordering steps compromises both the process and the result. Meaningful consultation must therefore take place prior to demolition, alteration, or any irreversible change to public space.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark held in trust for the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Any substantial modification should be subject to transparent planning procedures, rigorous preservation review, and genuine public participation at the earliest stages.

To solicit input only after key decisions have effectively been made diminishes public trust and weakens the standards designed to protect nationally significant historic resources.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Xena Wallace
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a citizen of the United States, I believe that our funds could be used in other ways that better support and aid all citizens. I do not support the modernization effort for the east wing. Funds would be better spent on programs such as SNAP, TNAF, Medicaid, Medicare, WIC, and others.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:46 PM
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Name: BC Rainville
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Any new structure should complement - rather than overwhelm - the 18th century home designed by James Hoban. This isn't about adding a new wing to a summer cottage - it's a massive freestanding expansion of the most famous historic home in America.

The scale is entirely wrong - and will dwarf the hallowed physical representation of the American

presidency. Viewsheds within the presidential park have been irreversibly scarred by the wanton destruction of historic trees and obliteration of archeological resources. There is a process, there are procedures, there are laws that have been cast aside in haste, ignorance, and indifference.

Nothing about this project has been done with the respect, care, and intentionality the White House deserves. A tenant - and I use that word deliberately - has no right to unilaterally and substantially renovate - much less unilaterally introduce new construction - to a highly protected historic property of immense national significance.

The White House is not - and must never be - a presidential palace. If a chief executive desires larger quarters in which to entertain - there are numerous sites available throughout the federal district in which he may do so. The White House's social and office spaces could be renovated with awareness of and sensitivity to its profound historic, cultural, and architectual significance within a collaborative process.

This administration's efforts to conceal, deny, demolish, and destroyed are unforgivable. They are not responsible stewards of an irreplaceable historic site. The White House is not - and has never been - the president's personal property - to do with as he wishes.
The White House - in all of its 18th century glory - belongs to the American people.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: April Min
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It is a travesty that the sitting President has already unilaterally destroyed a significant part of one of the nation's most iconic historical buildings. In no way should further desecration of this public space be permitted by allowing Trump to tarnish this symbol of the Presidency with his fake gold ornaments and otherwise tacky design schemes for a wholly unnecessary ballroom. Any effort by this egomaniac to erect another monument to himself should be soundly thwarted. The only construction that should be permitted in the place where the East Wing once stood should be to make best efforts to reconstruct an appropriate East Wing that is designed and constructed for the purposes for which it was originally intended. Modern upgrades of the East Wing and the like are certainly appropriate, but to allow Trump's vanity project to proceed is not.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:41 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Kirk Pessner
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is the People's House. It is not the fiefdom of any President. To have demolished the East Wing of the White House without public input or process and hope to erect a ballroom of enormous size -- compared to the main house -- is ill-advised at best.

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Name: Margo Fenn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This proposal is an outrage- building a monstrous addition that will dwarf the main historic center of the White House. The East Wing should never have been demolished without proper review and approval- and the proposed ballroom is completely inappropriate in both size and design. This is nothing more than another monument to Trump’s ego and it should NEVER be approved.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:26 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Diane Fortney
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is PUBLICLY Owned. It should not be destroyed and a huge ballroom is not what the people want! Protect the History. The beautiful Rose Garden should never been destroy for many reasons. Private ownership is Not allowed especially as bribes.
It's a public park to be used by the president only as resident while in office. The president should take reverence and protection of the property not destroy it without public even knowing about it. It's the Peoples House!

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:19 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Georgia Doyle
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support President Trump’s modernization project. It’s time the White House had a little refreshing.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Trey Jackson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

First of all, this the project is unneeded at this time. With the country in turmoil, it's a waste of resources, whether donated or tax dollar supplied.

The renderings of the structure do not fit with the classic lines of an early 1800's home. It overwhelms the current White House and will take away from the magnificence of the structure as well as the historical significance of it to American history.

This comment is not being made due to political disagreements, but to the lack of common sense and the idea that this is a building that belongs to ALL Americans and not just the residents of the White House.

Yes, perhaps the security hardened facilities under the East Wing needed to be modernized and brought up to current standards, but to plant this monstrosity on top of it is an affront to every citizen.

I hereby respectfully request that the request to build this structure be denied.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Sharon Bell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House belongs to the people of the US. Any changes to it should follow an official review process. Tearing down the east Wing to build an addition larger than the White House itself is insulting and anyone doing that is not a good steward of an historic building.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:25:02 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lewis M. Phelps
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Ths project should never have been commenced without public review. The entire White House Complex is historically significant. This project was undertaken without any consideration of its impact on the historical significance of the East Wing. The proposed project does not appear to be an appropriate modification of the previously existing structure.

I strongly oppose approval of this project and any continued construction. The East Wing should be restored to its prior condition, with only modifications that are required to update infrastructure such as digital communications, plumbing enhancements, and hardening against kinetic device attacks.

The proposed "ballroom" is historically inappropriate and an abomination.

All restoration should be done at no public expense. The President and his supporters who volunteeered to pay for this abomination should be required to pay for restoration of the prior East Wing structure.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:24:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Patricia Rowell
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Destruction of the East wing of the White House is destruction of historical property. Without prior authorization, the destruction was carried out. The White House does not need a humongous ballroom. It is not a modernization project but a building to the ego of Donald Trump. The destruction to the gardens, etc. is outrageous. I ask that the commission not approve the project although the damage has already been done. As the saying goes, don't ask permission, just do it and say 'I'm sorry'.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Jamie Alonzo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a taxpayer battling high interest rates, issues with the affordability of basic needs, and high unemployment, I would like to see this money go elsewhere. This is NOT a priority.

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Name: David Nyweide
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I would like to see a new White House ballroom that reflects the same style as and scale of the rest of the building. I would not want to see the ballroom's size overwhelm the White House as the American people know it.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mary Mahaffey
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The basic design of their project should maintain the integrity of the whole building-keeping the design so it fits in seamlessly. Not a lot of glitz, please!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Keith Anderson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The demolition of the West Wing of the White House was illegal, a very large ballroom will also be illegal. My comment: Two Wrongs Do Make a Right. My mother taught me that eighty years ago, it still applies.

In Santa Fe, New Mexico we have historical preservation laws that are carefully followed. It is too bad that our representatives in Washington are not up to the task.

Keith Anderson
Barbara Lenssen, PhD

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: 2/13/2026 5:23:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ines Hegedus-Garcia
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The White House is one of the most significant historic structures in the United States and a symbol recognized around the world. Any addition to this complex must be approached with extraordinary care, restraint, and respect for its historic scale and architectural integrity.

I strongly urge that historians, preservation architects, and professionals deeply experienced in stewarding National Historic Landmarks be central to this process. A 90,000 square foot ballroom addition has the potential to alter the character of the site in ways that are out of scale, inappropriate, and irreversible if not thoughtfully designed.

I hope preservation expertise guides every stage of review so that any intervention is appropriate, compatible, and worthy of the White House's historic legacy.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lois Doll
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The East Wing should never have been torn down without permission and Trump should be fined and have to pay for whatever needs to be built, if it's a ballroom or a new East Wing. If a ballroom it should be built in relation to the size of the White House and not dominate it and in the style of the White House also, so that

it blends in and complements the existing building

Date: 2/13/2026 5:23:37 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Bradford MacGowan
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As an American citizen, I am vehemently opposed to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.
The White House is not a private residence or a commercial property—it is a National Historic Landmark, a symbol of our democracy, and a living piece of American history. It is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service on our behalf. Its architectural integrity and historical character deserve careful preservation, not dramatic expansion.
A project of this scale would permanently alter one of the most recognized and historically significant buildings in the world. Once construction begins, the outcome becomes irreversible.
The American people deserve transparency, accountability, and a voice in any proposal that would fundamentally change the character of the White House.
Preservation, public trust, and democratic participation must come first.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:23:01 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Laurie Loomis de Mancebo
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am appalled at the idea of replacing the East Wing with a gargantuan ballroom. It won't be consistent with the design of the people's house, and will be an eyesore that will overshadow the White House. Also, we keep hearing that there's no money for Social Security and SNAP. Take the funds from this ill-considered vanity project and use them towards something that will actually benefit the citizenry.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ruth Nicholson
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

It was bad enough that our current president demolished the East Wing of the White House, ending the public's chance to fully appreciate its role in US history. Now the character of the White House complex is threatened with a change that alters its footprint in such a way that there will be little resemblance to what has been a very fine architectural monument. A massive ballroom is just one more insult to the architectural integrity of the site. Money could be much better spent shoring up existing buildings and monuments in the surrounding area. No one, not even the US president, should be able to change the character of the historic buildings of Washington, DC, in such a drastic way without careful consideration by the organizations that have always weighed in on such matters.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Twerdahl
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I don't believe that projects like this should be undertaken without very considered public debate and input from architects, preservationists, historians and others who are skilled at integrating new public works with historic ones.

I believe the proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the White House as a whole and will destroy the aesthetic and historic integrity of the property.

Unfortunately, the scale and aesthetics are being mandated by one person, the president, whose taste with the excessive use of gilt ornamentation and accessories is found garish and gaudy by a great many people. The oval office is just one indication of his excessively gilt taste. Again, there should have been and should be much more input by well-experienced designers and decorators.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michelle Hofmann
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I strongly favor originalism in the care and preservation of the architecture of the White House. I urge the commission to reject any changes to the original structure and limit marring the appearance and integrity of this historic site with plans for any expansion.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:21:47 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Piel
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I believe that this project is very much needed and will beautify this historic property.
We need a grand ballroom for properly representing the nation when we entertain guests.
We also need the modern security and infrastructure for protection of our current and future presidents.
The design will enhance the exterior of the White House and will properly represent us as an historic interior.
Let's get this done without the drama that half of Washington wishes to impart on the project.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:21:34 PM

Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Wright
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I'm appalled that the destruction of the East Wing was done without any consideration to the historical nature of the building or the norms regarding any construction connected to historic buildings.
The plans, such as they are, are inappropriate. The new annex is out of scale and lacking in any artistic merit.
The deed is done in regards to the destruction.
Any plan to rebuild the destroyed section of the White House, which is Our House, not the temporary occupant's, must be reviewed in full by a competent panel of experts. The reconstruction cannot be done at the whim of one man.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Nancy Tate
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I think the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and the President should pay for it!

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Robert Carr
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The city does not need a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. This is the People's House and it should be returned to its former glory. Please cancel plans for this outrageous addition needed only to appease Donald Trump. Just plant grass over his hidden bunker,

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Name: James Taylor
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The planned "Ballroom" must be fitting with the remaining parts of the White House, understated and in good taste. It must NOT
1. Dominate the White House
2. Be garish - all gold and glittery

3. Be called "The Trump Ballroom"

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Ardis Wood
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I assume Trump's plan for a ballroom is entitled "East Wing Modernization Project."

Comment:

I hope we still live in a democracy. If so,Trump has no right to construct his proposed ballroom without National Trust and citizen's approval.

His proposal is way out of scale for the context and therefore an eye sore regardless of how attractive some may find it...
What he has done to the Oval Office with all the gilding, shows how poor/inappropriate his ideas are.

I say he should be made to restore the East wing...he certainly has made enough money in his presidency to do so.

Temporary tent events are perfect on the adjacent lawn for the occasions when a large groups.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Alice Collette
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As the former director of a complex of historic houses, I am saddened to see the destruction of the east wing. The plan for modernization does not take into account the historical value of the east wing. While a ballroom might be necessary and desirable, it should be much smaller than the proposed 90,000 ft.^{2}. No addition to the White House should be of a larger scale than the main building. My hope is that architects will revisit the design and adjust it to complement not dwarf the White House.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:20:11 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Roberta Grady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am 100% NOT in favor of this project. The destruction of the historic East Wing without any permits or

historic review is unconscionable. The White House is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. It belongs to ALL of us, not to 1 administration with people who have no concern for history or the rule of law.

Aside from the architectural problems involved (the proportion of the proposed addition is just blatantly wrong), the whole process smacks of corruption, and it needs to be stopped NOW before further damage is done to the White House.

There is simply no need for a structure the size of the proposed ballroom on the property. The source of funding for this ill-conceived project is further disconcerting. How many "favors" are being paid for?

I SAY NO. EMPHATICALLY, UNEQUIVOCALLY NO.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:19:48 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: James Brady
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am adamantly opposed to construction of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. The White House is owned by the people of the United States and is temporarily occupied by an elected President and his family. The White House is not, repeat not, something that can be changed on the whim of a President. It was especially egregious to see the demolition was carried out at night to ensure it could be done without interference from Congress or the people. That strongly suggests President Trump knew it was wrong and likely illegal to destroy part of the people's house but went ahead full speed to carry it out anyway. The people own the White House and they were not consulted in any fashion whatsoever when the East Wing was demolished. If there is any so-called 'modernization project' I wholeheartedly support re-building the exterior of the previous East Wing to its previous facade and updating the interior to correct problems that may have existed. However, the interior may not, repeat not, be converted into a ballroom. I am disgusted with President Trump's action in damaging the people's house. It should be restored to as near original condition as practicable.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Matt Strohbehn
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Request evaluation of reverting destruction of East Wing. No evident value in destroying historic construction, and no evidence that a ballroom has value for the public, which should be the first consideration.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Steve Townsend
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project

Project Number: 8733

The East Wing was demolished without the proper process being followed. For a historically important and national register listed building such as the White House federal review process requires a design along with a public comment period, a review of design and an assessment of effect. There is a 50-year cutoff for significance on the National Register of Historic Places (now 1976). Clearly the East Wing meets the age criteria. It was also associated with important historic developments and trends and people important in the history of our country. The demolition was out of compliance and the national register regulatory protocol was ignored. Regarding the ballroom the design suggests it will be larger than the White House, which in itself is a visual detraction from a listed and historically important structure. The ballroom as presently envisioned constitutes an adverse effect to the White House. Therefore I'd strongly suggest the size of the structure be completely reassessed, and that all historic preservation regulatory procedures be properly followed.

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Subject: Written Comments

Name: Norman Silk
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this project as currently proposed.

Since the East Wing has already been torn down, I would support a **much smaller, more intimate ballroom** in its place. A smaller room conveys distinction and purpose — suggesting that only the most important guests are invited, not hundreds of people simply to fill a large space. **Exclusivity matters.**

The design should be **quiet, tasteful, and historically respectful**, not gold, gaudy, or ostentatious as currently proposed. This location deserves elegance and restraint, not excessive grandeur.

At most, **400 people should be the maximum capacity**. Anything larger detracts from the sense of importance, refinement, and intimacy that such a space should convey.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the scale and design of this project and move toward a more modest, refined, and historically appropriate solution.

Sincerely,

Norman Silk

Date: 2/13/2026 5:16:45 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Mark Binnig
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Even to a layman, the proposed two-story east wing is out of proportion-- way too large.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:15:42 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: David Reese
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

This project should never have started without following proper channels of approval. We do not need a fake VVersailles attached to the While House. If this project becomes a ballroom, it should not be a gilded garish disaster, and the Trump family should pay for it. This whole illegal project is something that should never have happened without following procedures and should not move forward until sutdies are done, and it has to be done tastefully. This makes me very sad and ashamed of what our country has become.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:15:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Michael Green
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I support preserving our history. I do not support destroying it, and certainly not when it does not need to be destroyed, or when those who wish to do so do not follow the rules or consult those who know how best to proceed. All this administration needs to do is talk with people who know their stuff. But that isn't what they want to do. This project must be stopped.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:14:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Lucy Van Voorhees
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Make the new East Wing the SAME size as the old one, just more efficient use of space and SKIP the hideous gold trim

Date: 2/13/2026 5:11:44 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: John Ehrlich
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

The size and scope of this project as currently planned are aesthetically disturbing and extravagantly expensive.
Find a more pleasing design and scale back your plans to a more modest size that blends well with the existing building.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:11:25 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Amy Richards
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

I am not in favor of the replacement of the historic East Wind by an out-of-scale ballroom. The proposed designs would forever mar the balance and beauty of the White House. The best solution would be to build a much more modest ballroom, if such a thing were needed.

Date: 2/13/2026 5:01:00 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Elizabeth Miller
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

Concerning the construction of a ballroom and the likely illegal tear down of the prior East Wing, I would strongly encourage the commission to halt all work on this project.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

In addition, the funding of this project should be coming under serious scutiny.

The current president is not the owner of the White House, merely a tenant. It should not be his sole decision to make such dramatic changes to the country's house.

Thank you for listening.

Date: 2/13/2026 4:59:27 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Margaux Dever
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

As a trained historic preservationist with a Masters of Science in historic preservation from the Ball State University Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning, I write to express serious concern regarding the proposed East Wing Modernization and State Ballroom Project at the White House.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark, a property of exceptional significance designed by James Hoban in the Georgian and neoclassical tradition and selected by President George Washington himself. Its carefully balanced composition — a central Executive Residence flanked by two smaller, lower wings — is a defining feature of its historic character. The proposed project fundamentally threatens that balance. At

90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence by nearly 30%. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale, and should be subordinate to the original structure.
This principle is not merely an opinion — it is codified in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (36 CFR Part 68), which state that new work "shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment" (National Park Service, Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, Standard 9). The National Trust for Historic Preservation has echoed this concern, stating that it is "deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself" (National Trust for Historic Preservation, Letter to NCPC, October 21, 2025). Even the National Park Service's own environmental assessment acknowledged that the project's "larger footprint and height will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a visual imbalance" (ABC News, January 9, 2026).
I urge the Commission to deny this version of the East Wing Modernization project, and to ensure that any future approved design is truly compatible in scale, proportion, and massing with the historic White House before construction proceeds above grade.

Date: 2/13/2026 4:53:49 PM
Subject: Written Comments

Name: Virginia Boynton
Project Name: East Wing Modernization Project
Project Number: 8733

When President Trump said he was going to build a ballroom, he indicated it would be of a certain size and would not infringe on the East Wing.

Even then he should have received approval from the various organizations which approve charging historical buildings in DC. He did not do so.

He tore down the East Wing and destroyed adjacent trees, shrubs and garden areas.

He should not be rewarded by not asking permission and, no, he should not be given forgiveness.

Since that time he has continued to destroy or plan to destroy other buildings in DC. He must be made to follow procedures which have been designed to make sure he doesn't make changes solely based on his own desires. He is a tenant of the White House, and there are ways in which changes should be made. Having already destroyed the East Wing shouldn't give him the ability to go forward, and even if he is allowed, he should have to receive approval for his changes, any changes must be fitting to the site and not overshadow the White House and not be funded by donations which are actually bribes.

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Name: Erin Reilly-Sanders
Date: February 18, 2026 12:00:32 am

Like the American Institute of Architects (AIA), I support design freedom and the well-established Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture. Demolition, renovation, and construction of public buildings requires public input in the process to ensure that the buildings are meeting the people's needs and representing our country rather than individuals or small groups. Please note that as architects, we would be more likely to refer to this project as an East Wing Replacement or even simply a Major Addition rather than a modernization since there is nothing of the wing remaining to modernize.

Please note that architects from AIA just spent February 12th talking to our representatives in Congress and advocating for the following:
"AIA supports legislative efforts to codify the Guiding Principles through the Democracy in Design Act (H.R. 1584/S. 2891), which protects local control, design freedom, and community heritage. Additionally, AIA supports the People's White House Historic Preservation Act (H.R. 6761), which removes the White House's statutory exemption from the National Historic Preservation Act, requiring a public review process for all White House renovations. AIA is strongly opposed to legislation that seeks to remove control from local communities; mandate official federal design preferences, or otherwise hinder design freedom; and add bureaucratic hurdles for approval of federal building designs."

Attachment

Name: Sharon Peters
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:00 am

I completely agree with the following statement. The destruction of our historic monument is appalling.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Timothy Menkhaus
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:04 am

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Name: Anthony Carter
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:28 am

My understanding is that this project was started without the required permits, reviews, or planning approval. As a lifelong historian and genealogist (I am the current President of the Olympia Genealogical Society), I reside in a home built in the 1850s (before Washington was admitted as a state) on the Olympia Historical Register, and am obligated to comply with strict regulations relating to rehabilitation projects.
The Trump Administration's failure to comply with the regulations relating to rehabilitation of historic buildings (and the White House is one of the United State's most historic) just to build a grotesque monument to President Trump is offensive. Whatever administrative sanctions can be brought against the administration should be imposed, included an order to restore the building to its original condition.

No one, not even Trump, is above the laws and regulations that govern our country. From an historical perspective, the abomination he has made of the White House must be undone.

Name: Jeanne Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:06 am

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Name: Lauren Ortgiesen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:33 am

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review process. This is not a modernization effort. It is the complete demolition of a significant piece of American history.
I am calling for this project to be halted immediately and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No individual or entity is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements undermines public trust and disrespects the many Americans who follow the law every day.

Name: Sherry Hamby
Date: February 18, 2026 12:03:04 am

Put it back the way it was and stop trump and his pedo/Nazi/thieves friends from touching the people's property.he is just a squatter at this point and he's destroying the people's property. He should be fined and made to pay for all the damage.

Name: Bonnie Brewer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:03:23 am

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Name: Dorinda Mayhue
Date: February 18, 2026 12:03:54 am

Gentlemen: I am very concerned about the high jacking of the established routine for vetting plans or ideas for changes in our government’s buildings & monuments. We need to have structures that are safe & fit properly into the overall grand plan for our nation’s Capitol. Building a giant ballroom that dwarfs the White House seems grossly inappropriate in the greater scheme of things. I am concerned about the actual need for a ballroom at all. In my 72 years of life, I have not noticed a need for such a huge venue. Our elected officials do not need to be out partying like drunken sailors or out of control frat boys. And we don’t need any foreigners helping us be rowdy. Bigger is not always better. Gaudy gold leaf & cold marble are not the epitome of beauty or class. Summarily demolishing a building that is currently in use for the personnel working on the myriad requirements of America’s population is not conducive to a smoothly functioning nation. Donald Trump is not the be all, end all of architectural design, safety or function. He delights in breaking norms & boundaries. Our country deserves better for the next 250 years & beyond. Additionally, the prospect of building a huge triumphal arch that ruins the vista from the top of Arlington Cemetery & is dangerously close to the glide path of the airport is another bad idea. There are already too many documented deadly accidents & near misses. We do not need any more fatalities or bad press as a result. Thank you for considering all the options & ideas that bring about a building we can all be proud of & that addresses the needs of our nation.

Name: Michele Michaels
Date: February 18, 2026 12:05:17 am

The complete and utter demolition and destruction of the East Wing is a travesty. To compound the issue, the construction of a monstrous ballroom is unbecoming the history and prestige of the White House. Along with tens of millions of American citizens, I do not support the construction of a ballroom and I urge you to rebuild the East Wing to match the decor and scale of the existing White House. The White House is the People's House, and should remain a place of honor and respect.

Name: Julie Graham
Date: February 18, 2026 12:05:53 am

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Name: Denise Kitchel
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:11 am

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Name: Jean Marie Ward
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:36 am

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Sincerely,
Jean Marie Ward
Alexandria, VA

Name: Donna Birkholz
Date: February 18, 2026 12:07:49 am

Deny this proposal and require those involved return and repair every part of the damage done.

This destruction occurred with no permit, no plan, and no oversight. The fact that the destruction was so significant does not excuse the fact that it should not have happened.

Please hire architects and craftsmen with the skills to recreate the East Wing - feel free to modernize the wiring and plumbing, but retain the rest of the building as near to the original as possible. Having toured the East Wing, it was a beautiful wing of the White House and it is tragic that this part of our history was destroyed without regard for the established processes which should have been followed.

Name: Lorene Mihalko
Date: February 18, 2026 12:07:58 am

The White House is the "people's house." The demolition of the East Wing of the White House was done without

approval and should have never taken place. It is my understanding that Trump did not have the authority to demolish the East Wing nor does he have the authority to build the ballroom. The proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex is a monstrosity that will eclipse the White House and ruin the integrity of the history and the style of the present building.

Name: Lorrie Montgomery
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:18 am

This illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House is unacceptable. It must be restored and the people who are responsible need to be prosecuted and made to pay for the restoration.

Name: Alan Lawrence
Date: February 18, 2026 12:09:54 am

When it comes to the funding for Trump's special projects (White House Ballroom, Kennedy Center) the President has insisted that no taxpayer money will be used. This can be true only if private contributions are not allowed to be tax deductible. That's difficult to enforce. I would prefer these projects to be paid for entirely with taxpayer funds, and that public comment and planning commissions dictate the project.

"Do not allow private donations to pay for these public projects.

Name: Greig Dunnam
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:05 am

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Name: Donald Mihalko
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:10 am

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Name: L Pelger
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:28 am

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was not approved by the correct review process in the first place and any demolition project requires proper need and assessment of such destruction to this building owned by US citizens. This project needs to be cancelled.

Name: Jean Hunt
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:53 am

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Name: Rebecca Fong
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:57 am

Hello. I am writing to say I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and all the funds being spent on it. It's a travesty that the beautiful East Wing, with all its rich history, has been destroyed. As I understand it, it was done without going through all the proper channels. I am heartbroken for what we have lost. I would like it restored as closely as it can be to what it was before.

Name: Jay Gee
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:20 am

My suggestion is that the Trump family be fines the cost of destruction and rebuilding of the East Wing if the White House NOW.

Name: Lucille Nahlik
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:18 am

The American people did not ask for this ballroom. No one was asked if the American people agreed to destroy the White House — the people's house. No one is above the law. Please do not allow the illegal and destructive whim of a madman to become one of the biggest eyesores in our nation's capital.

Name: Michael Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:18 am

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. All reviews that are standard should take place so all voices can be heard and all issues addressed prior to construction. Signoffs by required organizations should be obtained before construction begins. What bothers me most is that Trump and his billionaire buddies think they are above the law and can do anything they want and the rule of law be damned.

Name: Vera Kamerbeek
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:33 am

I oppose this monstrosity…" pull your headout of your ass and do something about it". I am old, but my goal is to live enough to see to see ":do nothings " elected, people,GONE! DO YOUR JOB! " Respectfully" … or course…

Name: Melanie Demmer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.

Name: Kim Couture
Date: February 18, 2026 12:18:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

The fact that the wing was actually able to be torn down without using the proper channels is crazy. This project needs to

stopped immediately, people prosecuted who participated, including the contractors who actually did the work if they didn't have the proper paperwork.

I am disgusted that this project was even started then got as far as tearing down the peoples house!

Please DO NOT spend another penny on this. PLEASE!!!!!!!

Name: TRACY NEIS
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:08 am

Trump is supposed to have some knowledge of real estate practices! Certainly he should know he can't do a project on a public building without having the proper permits and approvals in place! This seems like an impeachable offense to me! Stop this project now! And force Trump to pay all costs to return the building to its previous state!

Name: Rebecca Slisher
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:19 am

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Name: Cindy Calhoun
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:54 am

I believe that "We the People" do NOT need or want a ballroom of any kind! (Are "We the People" going to be able to come and dance in said ballroom? I think not!) I also believe that the East Wing should be rebuilt to its former beautiful glory at the expense of the hands who destroyed it! (Because that would upset "him" most of all!) "We the People" should not have to bear the expense of his illegal and unauthorized actions! And yes, I believe he should be punished for his actions just like any other American citizen or immigrant would be! (I mean he's already got 34 felonies notched on his belt and he's still walking free!) And yes, I'm talking about the so-called president of our country, whatever the crap that means these days! But whatever you decide, DON'T GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTS MOST…SAY "No" TO ANY TYPE OF BALLROOM!
Say "no" now or you'll be having these same meetings about a different building in the future and probably after he's already bulldozed it down! Give an inch and forget about the mile because he'll take the whole freaking country!
"Thank you for your attention to this matter!"
Just One of "We the People"

Name: Jenny Freedman
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:59 am

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Name: Patricia Kurt
Date: February 18, 2026 12:20:06 am

The East Wing was demolished without input from the public, without authorizations and permits, without consideration to the historic value of the East Wing and its century-plus role supporting the First Lady. It should be restored to its former glory with minimal modifications rather than being subject to the whims of one man.

Name: Lori McMillan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:20:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The East Wing AND ALL(The Rose Garden) parts of the White House belongs to WE THE PEOPLE! The tearing it down is a egregious act of our house! All those who ,took part of it destruction should be held accountable and penalized for doing this WITHOUT PERMISSION and permits! The East WING and all its memorable needs to BE REBUILT AND RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY! Furthermore, WE THE PEOPLE should not pay for this reconstruction!

Thank you for your time!

Lori McMillan
AMERICAN CITIZEN

Name: Tina Adkins
Date: February 18, 2026 12:21:02 am

I oppose this modernization project and want the East Wing restored to its original historical state.

Name: Marcia Stedman
Date: February 18, 2026 12:21:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. In addition, I want those responsible for the decision to demolish the East Wing brought to justice and required to pay for all the necessary repairs to restore the East Wing to its former state. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Hofherr
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Von Weise
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard Campbell
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:17 am

I'd like to register my disappointment with the handling of the "East Wing Modernization". The White House has always been referred to as the peoples house — so I find it appalling that the current tenant has decided to make major

renovations (demolition) without going through the procedures and approvals that such a project demands.

What I've seen of the plans (although they seem to be the plans of the week) looks like a project that is way out of proportion with the rest of the structure.

I hope that the project can be halted and that the building can be returned to its original design.

And don't get me started about the ghastly arch that has been proposed…

Name: Cathie Kodet
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Boydston
Date: February 18, 2026 12:24:49 am

I strongly object to what has been done to the White House East Wing. It is a grotesque i jury to OUR White House. Unauthorized. I also object to the cost. Please rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Name: Michelle Montavon
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:02 am

I absolutely do not want my tax dollars or the money of private contributions being spent on remodeling the East Wing of the White House. This project was never approved through the correct channels and is therefore illegal. My vote is a resounding NO!

Name: Michele Hament
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without pe

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Name: DAVID STEVENS
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:18 am

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. To proceed with such a significant action without following established guidelines and requirements is unacceptable.

The decision to demolish portions of this historic structure under these circumstances is beyond comprehension. This act disregards U.S. history and the citizens to whom it belongs. Bypassing collaboration with experts and ignoring the public interest suggests a level of self-absorption that should not be tolerated in the management of our national heritage.

I urge you to ensure that the structure is not only restored but improved. Furthermore, there should be accountability for those who proceeded with this plan to serve personal interests or wealthy donors rather than the public good.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Name: Leslie Golson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:21 am

I am opposed to this project. Full stop. It was a travesty that the East Wing was pulled down. It was done without consent. This ballroom is an affront to all citizens of the United States. It’s a vanity project.

Name: Bob Keranen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:26:35 am

I oppose the Ballroom project to replace the illegally demolished East Wing of the White House. This plan is illegally planned and financed and out of all scale to the rest of the White House. The “secret bunker” replacement underneath is also not needed. What has happened to the $300 million that has supposedly been raised to fill nance this?

Name: Tatiana Avakian
Date: February 18, 2026 12:27:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Olson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:28:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pamela Christiansen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:28:34 am

I would like to express my great opposition to this proposed project which was initiated without any review, permits or authorization. This is not a "modernization" but a complete removal of a piece of United States history. The East Wing should be restored to its design at the time of its unauthorized demolition.

Name: Steven Pearson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:30:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ken Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 12:30:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: tobie Lurie
Date: February 18, 2026 12:31:17 am

I want to voice my opinion on the razing of the east wing of the White House and the building of a ballroom. These are unnecessary projects. I would like the current occupants to rebuild what the destroyed..out of their own $..and the destruction of land surrounding to be replanted.

Name: Kate Goshorn
Date: February 18, 2026 12:31:18 am

I object to the East Wing Modernization project as it has not been done through proper administrative channels. As the white House is the "Peoples House" and not the president private residence, there should have been plans put forth for public review and comment. I saw nothing. I also feel that there was aa violation of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966. This is the primary federal law in the U.S. designed to protect, identify, and manage historic and archaeological sites. It mandates that federal agencies evaluate the impact of their projects on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, notably through the Section 106 review process. It is my understanding that there was no evaluation of the impact of this proposed project so it must be stopped until that can take place.

Name: Shelley Druskin
Date: February 18, 2026 12:31:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Best
Date: February 18, 2026 12:31:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kay Bloomdahl
Date: February 18, 2026 12:32:14 am

Our historic East Wing of the White House, the people’s house has been destroyed. Do not allow the monstrosity of this oversized ballroom to be inflicted on the American people. We need a restoration of the East wing, that reflects the values of everyday Americans, not the billionaires who have pledged to fund the aristocrats’ ballroom.

Name: Robert Swanberg
Date: February 18, 2026 12:32:37 am

It’s heartbreaking that America has lost our historic East wing so that a bunch of billionaires can mingle in this unnecessary and unwanted ballroom.
It should be returned to its original state.

Name: Alyson Ross-Markley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maribeth Pusieski
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Morton
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:36 am

I'm opposed to spending $300 million to erect an ugly and unnecessary ballroom that distracts from the stately White House that has stood for democracy and freedom for generations. Especially when our national leaders are telling the country that we can't afford health care, education and programs that benefit the larger population and don't further enrich those that have too much already.

Name: Susan Parker
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:37 am

I oppose this project because it was initiated without proper authorization, design review, or approval. The White House is the People's house and any renovation should adhere to strict and proper historical review. It is an abomination of our nation's history. No one is above the law, and since this project essentially broke the law, it should be stopped immediately and restored to its original state.
Thank you for listening to my concerns,
Susan J Parker

Name: Barbara Luker
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:49 am

Modernization of a wing of the White House does not mean, tearing it down in building a ballroom. We are lucky to have numerous historic sites in this country but the most important one of all is definitely the White House. It is the peoples house and as such, it needs to be restored the way it was before it was torn down. Whatever was originally in there needs to be restored whether that be offices or storage rooms or whatever it is, but it should not be a ballroom upgrade the technology, the cabling, and all of that, but do not change the purpose of the building. America needs to remember all of our history and that includes our buildings the way they were intended. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Wendy Shapiro
Date: February 18, 2026 12:34:19 am

I oppose this project. It was begun without appropriate review and destroys history. No one should be above the law and proper procedure.

Name: Melinda Grenier
Date: February 18, 2026 12:34:43 am

I oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which destroyed the East Wing without proper authorization, permits and design review. The excessively large structure will dwarf the White House — reducing a symbol of American history and democracy to a mere appendage.

To call this a modernization project is a travesty. It is an illegal gutting of America's House, and construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom should be cancelled. A "modernization" would mean rebuilding the East Wing to its former design with improvements a legitimate design review would recommend.

Anyone who circumvented the regulations governing White House projects should be penalized because no one is above the law — especially when it comes to property that belongs to all the American people, not any one individual.

Name: Michele Wolff
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:31 am

I would like to publicly state I am opposed to the ballroom project proposed to replace the now-razed East Wing. The East Wing was demolished without the proper authorization; and now the ballroom is also underway without authorization, permits, or design review in advance. This is not a modernization project, which implies the revising of some aspects of a building, but rather a complete obliteration of a historic structure. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Virginia Stoker
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:53 am

Rebuild the East Wing in the same footprint.

Name: Valerie Calliham
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:54 am

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Name: Alice Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:54 am

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Name: Andrea Saunders
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:12 am

Can you please halt this project now?! The size of it alone is a problem.. totally out of scale with the rest of the Whitehouse grounds, to say nothing about the fact that it was undertaken without any input from the American people , who happen to own the place.

Name: Cindy romine
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:08 am

No. Just no on all of it.

Screw this stupid ballroom and the stupid bunker.

He ought to face justice for tearing down the east wing.

Name: Mary Thomson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:10 am

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Name: Julia Ouska
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:14 am

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Name: E Stone
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:51 am

Before anything should be modernized, we need to release all the Epstein files, fully investigate without bias, and convict those guilty of child abuse. That should be our countries main focus right now. Not modernization of a building that is fine the way it is.

Not only that, but this country has so much debt, that should be paid off before cosmetic upgrades. I can safely say that the majority of this country does not want this to proceed.

Name: J. Bender
Date: February 18, 2026 12:40:07 am

Rebuild it exactly as it was. Modernize and improve away, but remake the East Wing of the White House. A ballroom is not only in bad taste, it's also just ugly and architecturally self-centering.

The White House is the seat of greatest consolidated authority in American democracy. It is the people's house, and it houses the people's leader. The presidency exists as a tool for and a product of the citizenry at large, and it is important that its house reflect that.
It is important that it HAS reflected that, until now.

Such grand ballrooms are not built to benefit the American public, they're built so the elite of any nation can party and network with each other. That is not representative of the focal point of our democracy, and that undermines the presidency as well as being an insult to the many architects who have had the good sense to recognize the importance of perception and presentation in politics, in making a government building that looks like it could scarce be used for anything but the most serious work pursuing the public good.

Also, again, it's really flippin ugly. Its a big rectangle that keeps getting bigger. It sucks. Have you seen the models he keeps whipping out? I mean come on.

So, rebuild the old East Wing. Or don't. Just make it a space that can specifically and especially accomodate the work of the president and the white house staffers, the work of managing the greatest country in the world and of leading it to ever greater success.

"Throwing balls for your friends and foreign diplomats" is not an official role of the presidency.

Name: Linda Vanderveen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:40:48 am

Please rebuild and restore the East Wing back to the exact way it looked before Trump
Illegally tore it down. Use the millionaires' donations.

Name: Barbara Kelzer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:41:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Jeri Halpine
Date: February 18, 2026 12:42:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. If Trump wants a ballroom that Americans didn't ask for and Congress didn't approve, then he should build one on his own property with his own money, not the tax dollars paid by citizens who will never step foot in this tone-deaf abomination. Let the work continue and this obscene ballroom will serve as a lasting memorial to the destruction of democracy and our constitution.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: susan jernigan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:42:45 am

I object to a national historic building demolished without discussion, preservation stages, permits, and decisions by principled authorities.
I wish that the east wing to be restored to its former beauty and use.
And I definitely object to an outrageous unbecoming ballroom monstrosity.
He should have gone through the normal request routine like the rest of Americans have to in our own neighborhoods.
No one is above the law.
He will just keep destroying and rebuilding in his image and it's disgusting.

Name: Rachael Zahler
Date: February 18, 2026 12:42:45 am

To Whom it May Concern

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding US Americans.

Name: Kim Barrett
Date: February 18, 2026 12:43:47 am

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol George
Date: February 18, 2026 12:43:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those violated the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The restoration should be done not at taxpayer expense, but at the personal expense of Donald Trump, who ordered the demolition of the East Wing without proper authorization and without regard to the wishes of the American people..

Name: Susan Wall LCSW
Date: February 18, 2026 12:45:02 am

Dear National Capital Planning Commission members,

Thank you for considering the comments of interested Americans regarding the modernization of the East Wing. I have concerns over the project planning and implementation as well as the funding process.

Admittedly, I am not accustom to building and grounds improvements on our nations facilities. As an average American, I have never seen a remodeling of a symbol of our nation as is occurring with our White House. I thought that changes to historic government buildings were to proceed with caution in effort to maintain the integrity of a monuments value. I thought that changes occur after careful consideration and multilevel evaluation with attention, and often with there being a period of open public comment prior to catastrophic demolition. I'm appalled that the White House has been destroyed.

I have further concerns that the funding of this un-permitted change is being financed by donors wishing to garner political favor, as seems to be the tendency of this president. Government buildings should be financed without partisan bias by government spending, in which case funding bills and grants should be petitioned for.

Please stop this assault on the residence of our nations highest office. Order that the normal reviews and permitting be obtained before further destruction or building can occur. Order that the construction plans be completed in blue print and that changes need to be reviewed with permit prior to changes. Order that private money be returned. Order that normal pubic funding sources should be petitioned. And if that doesn't suit the president, order that this horrible destruction be repaired to its pre-raised state.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Wall LCSW
[redacted]

Name: Jane Sieckert
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:03 am

I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law

and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing, those who broke the law would be an affront to our law, abiding Americans.

Name: Thomas Lowrie
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandi Lieb
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:36 am

Please return the East Wing of the White House to its approximate original form and purpose as the Peoples' entrance. Absolutely do not build a monster "Ballroom"!
Please stop the abuse and protect America's history and Public lands & Natural Park's from this Administration.
Sincerely,
Dr. Sandi Lieb

Name: Paula Lozar
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:59 am

As a U.S. citizen and someone who loves our national monuments, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bianca Castaneda
Date: February 18, 2026 12:48:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an

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Name: Dianne Potter
Date: February 18, 2026 12:48:05 am

This project started without proper authorization, permits or design review. It’s destroying history to glorify one person’s ego. CANCEL this project and rebuild the East wing to it’s former design as well as the Rose Garden and penalize those who broke the law in doing this.

Name: Tamia Dowlatabadi
Date: February 18, 2026 12:48:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donald and Nancy Petersen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:48:38 am

We believe it was contrary to public policy and law for the President to tear down the East Wing without approval. Any plan for the new East Wing should be in keeping with the historical character of the White House. The proposed large ballroom does not remotely conform with the architectural history and design of the White House.

Name: Susan Lopez
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard DeVinck
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:43 am

I oppose the White House East Wing Modernization Project. It is an uncalled for, defacing of “the people’s house”, and wreckless use of taxpayer dollars. Do whatever you can, on the people’s behalf and for the sake of preservation, to stop this senseless and disgusting abuse of power wielded by Donald Trump. Thank you

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Name: Katharine Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:44 am

This project as it is currently being handled makes me want to cry! The "project" was begun with no actual planning as far as I can tell. One man decided on his pet vanity project and destroyed a national treasure as though it was rightfully his decision, and his alone. This is NOT the case. This is NOT his house to destroy as he wishes! Everything that this individual touches, is ruined in one way or another, and has his vile name slapped on it because that is the only way he will be remembered. This is NOT his house and it needs to be rebuilt and maintained for the next, actual LEADER of our country. Please do not let this project continue as this horrific, human refuse has planned! Please restore the East Wing to its original form - improve what needed to improve, but bring back the East Wing, not the monstrosity that thankfully has been stopped for the moment. Please hear the voices of the American people, and disregard the dottering old fool who decided on a whim to bulldoze the historic, beautiful landmark building!
Thank you for your attention -- reclaim the East Wing!!

Name: Bryan Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:04 am

I deeply oppose this project. From what I understand this has been undertaken without proper review, design considerations or permits. The razing of the historic East Wing was a brazen attempt to force the project upon the American people. This should be stopped and the historic East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. In addition, the cost of the rebuild should be born entirely by those who broke the rules in a vain attempt at self-aggrandizement. Thank you for listening to the voice of the people.

Name: Alan Healy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:10 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katie Joyce
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mark Ruch
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:37 am

I am against allocating $300 million to this project, which was started without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. This isn’t a modernization effort; it involves completely dismantling a piece of American history. I urge for the cancellation of this project and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one should be above the law, and allowing this project to continue without holding accountable those who violated the law would be a disrespect to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Jackie Nowicki
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:57 am

I am opposed to spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a project that was undertaken without following the procedures outlined in law. Allowing this to go forward sends a clear message that certain people are above the law. That is an insult to law-abiding Americans. *No one* should be above the law, no matter who they are. The Eat Wing should be restored to its previous state.

Name: Annmarie LaBella
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:20 am

I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. i oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled - period. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wendy Green
Date: February 18, 2026 12:53:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robina Royer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:57 am

I strongly oppose the proposed $300 million expenditure for this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or the required design and preservation review. This is not a modernization effort — it is a complete razing of historic architecture and an attempt to erase part of our shared American history.

Public funds should not be used for self-aggrandizement or personal legacy-building, particularly when basic legal and procedural safeguards have been ignored. The project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its prior design. No one is above the law, and failure to hold violators accountable would undermine public trust and disrespect every citizen who follows the rules.

Name: Clare McLellan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:55:01 am

I am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the East Wing "modernization" and ballroom addition. At the very least this project should be subjected to a proper review by Historic Preservation professionals before it was allowed to proceed - and should be halted until such a review can take place and appropriate consultation can be provided as to how to proceed, or rectify the damage that has been done.
Thank you.

Name: Nancy Ash
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:20 am

No ballroom. I believe the building needs to be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Cathy Flores
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: MaryAnn LaBella
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Loomis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:46 am

What Trump did to the East wing is a horrific, heinous, deeply criminal tragedy. He should be impeached for tearing down the People's house. He should be personally, legally and financially liable for his wanton destruction of the People's White House. He cannot be trusted with the protection of anything precious to Americans.

Name: Miller Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:18 am

I oppose the reported $300 million expenditure on the East Wing redevelopment project. Replacing a historic structure with a ballroom raises serious concerns about preservation priorities and stewardship of national heritage.

This should not be framed as “modernization” if it involves demolition of a structure that has stood for over a century. The American people deserve full transparency regarding authorization, permits, preservation compliance, cost breakdowns, and the design review process before irreversible changes are made.

The East Wing and its surrounding gardens are part of our shared history. Any reconstruction should respect the original architectural intent and restore the grounds to reflect the dignity and historical character of the White House — not personal vision or branding.

No one is above the law. If proper procedures were followed, documentation should be made fully accessible to the

public. If they were not, there must be accountability. Government decisions affecting national historic assets must reflect transparency, legality, and respect for the American people.

Name: Kathleen Sabatini
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:21 am

I am opposed to the “modernization” of the East Wing of the White House as it is a complete razing of the East Wing, done without going through the proper process and obtaining permissions beforehand. The White House is the people’s house and we were denied our right to comment and oppose the destruction.

I would like the East Wing rebuilt, exactly as it was. Thank you.

Name: Kathleen boyle
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:34 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest!!

The White House is not private property. It is the house of the American people. No president has unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal. this east wing modernization project is meant to be a ballroom dedicated to the individual who without congressional authorization proceeded to plan for monstrosity to be built, contracted for the demolition and rebuilding of the east wing.

The historic East Wing was demolished without proper authority or authorization, abolishing centuries of American history.

The East wing needs to be replaced, back to its former glory, with his historic accuracy. The cost of rebuilding and refurnishing should be born by the individual who inappropriately authorized its demolition. The cost should not be born by the American people.

This cannot move forward . The American people deserve recompense..

Name: Janet Hueners
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Janet Schultz
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:41 am

I am FIRMLY AGAINST this project. The White House is the People’s House, not the property of the President. Demolition of the historic East Wing should have NEVER happened, but since that was illegally done, let’s not compound the situation by adding a monstrous ballroom to placate one man’s narcissistic will. The fact that I even have to comment on this ABSURD situation is a sign that there is no law and order being followed by our so called president. NO BALLROOM!

Name: Teri Roberts
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:02 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Danielle Dodds
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:43 am

In this economy why would we spend tax dollars to build a palace?

We have better projects, THAT BENEFIT EVERY ONE!

Name: Lucinda Haag
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:47 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Steve Amick
Date: February 18, 2026 1:01:20 am

I absolutely condemn the waste of $300 million on this asinine construction scam, which was blundered into, in the dead of night, without the proper legal approval, permits, or design review. Isn't this a National Monument, run by the Parks Department?? This is not a modernization project but rather a complete bulldozing of American history. I want this boondoggle canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, down to the door hinge and nail, at the personal expense of the Felon-in-Chief and his cronies. No one is above the law, even Fat Hitler, and to permit this fiasco to go ahead without penalizing the bulldozing pedophile protectors and others who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Let him find some other way to compensate for what's missing in both his pants and his heart.

Name: Beckye Young
Date: February 18, 2026 1:01:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million to $400 million on the East Wing Modernization Project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design reviews. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be cancelled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design which complemented and was in keeping with the White House. No one should be above the law. To permit this project to go forth as proposed is an affront to the people's house and the rules and guidelines that have been followed by all previous administrations. Please do not let this proceed.

Name: Rebecca Rosencrans
Date: February 18, 2026 1:02:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lorrie Reid
Date: February 18, 2026 1:03:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stephen Verran
Date: February 18, 2026 1:03:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Tell Donald, it’s not his damn property!

Put it back as it was before!

Name: Sarah Ferguson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:05:34 am

I very strongly oppose this "modernization" project. It is an unnecessary waste of time and energy on a hedonistic project allowing the current administration to accept "donations", which is as uncouth as the design aesthetics. If there remained any ethical and cultured actors in Washington this would not even be a proposal. Our American history is being destroyed to make way for cheap imitation. It's tacky and should not see the light of day.

Name: Karen Goldberg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:05:39 am

I deeply oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not about modernization, but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christina Ruppert
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: LeLonnie Benning
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens in this country who follow the rules set forth.

Name: Joan Raphael
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jenny Kung
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:00 am

I strongly oppose the spending of millions of dollar on this monstrosity. I am beyond angry at how this is unabashed flattery of one man's ego! This project ignored all of the permitting, design review, and other processes put into place for the *PEOPLE'S HOUSE*!! I visited the White House in 2024 before the inauguration. It breaks my heart that 1/3 of this lovely historical building is already gone and nobody had the ability to stop the destruction. So even if some people say it's already too late, there must be some things that can be done to lessen the damage. So do the right thing, people!

Name: Renee Russak
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: LeLonnie Benning
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens in this country who follow the rules set forth.

Name: Karen Bardelcik
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:12 am

This is an abomination. Please do not approve these funds for a ballroom.
Thank you.

Name: Ester Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:26 am

I oppose the spending of Taxpayer's $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to allow this project to proceed would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This administration has vandalized our White House and violated all legal requirements for this president's vanity project and must be held accountable.

Name: Joel' Bradley
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:34 am

I vehementally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. his so-called modernization project is a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
It is demoralizing and abhorrent!

Name: James Krueck
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens in this country who follow the rules set forth.

Name: Benjamin von Kerr
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:54 am

The Trump Regime has literally no legal right to desecrate the People's House and their efforts to pervert our sacred ground with whatever nonsense makes them feel less small need to be put to a stop immediately. Additionally, they should be forced to pay for its restoration to its original, unmolested form.

Name: Nancy Hoffman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:06 am

The president does not own the White House. He is merely a tenant and had no right to order the demolition of the East Wing. He had no authority, permits or right to initiate the project without proper review by the Preservation Society or anyone who could have stopped him. There is still time to rebuild the East Wing. The White House has survived thus far without a tacky ballroom.

Name: Rev. Brenda Dedmon
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy Friedman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:37 am

I strenuously oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House East Wing "Modernization" Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
This is not a "modernization" project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Respectfully submitted.

Name: Angie Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 1:10:29 am

The White House is the People's House. The President has NO legal claim to make updates that aren't in keeping with the building's historical significance, the cost-benefit analysis of the project, or the will of the people of the nation.

Under no circumstances should this project be allowed to continue, and arrangements should be made post-haste for financial restitution for the renovation of the wing to a semblance of its previous form.

It is unbelievable that this needs to be said, but he did drill his name into the side of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Arts without anyone saying a damn word, so here we are, I guess.

Name: Kelly Patterson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:10:55 am

This isn't a "modernization". It's an ego trip. If it were about modernizing the White House it would have gone through the proper channels. Instead he destroyed it so no one could stop him. The east wing needs to be rebuilt to its former glory. Not a ridiculous abomination that dwarfs the rest of the white house. Trump should pay for the restoration out of his own pocket. We the people should not be paying for his destruction of our house.

Name: Kitty Hutchcroft
Date: February 18, 2026 1:11:27 am

The East Wing needs to be restored to what it was. The correct applications to tear it all down were not observed. The White House is a national monument and cannot be destroyed and replaced with a ballroom.

Name: Cathleen Wicks
Date: February 18, 2026 1:11:59 am

I respectfully oppose the current "East Wing Modernization Project" in it's current form. The spending of $300 million on this project, creating a ballroom larger than the White House itself, was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and was done without permission or proper channels. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paula Mistovich
Date: February 18, 2026 1:12:21 am

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its’ former historical state. I object to Donald Trump’s plan to make the East Wing into a ballroom and the millions of dollars that will be used to do so.

Name: Mary Longmore-Gable
Date: February 18, 2026 1:13:40 am

The White House belongs to the American people, not the temporary residents. It was torn down without any consultation, permission or input from anyone except for President Trump. He has torn down a piece of American history without any input from the government agencies that should have been consulted. He is not above the law. It should be rebuilt, at his personal expense.

Name: Tracey Snarr
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sharon Rawlins
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:40 am

I oppose this project that thus far has torn down history and apparently damaging infrastructure for something that is not needed and that has not been vetted properly according to law. . . this articulates my thoughts:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Terrie Bates
Date: February 18, 2026 1:16:03 am

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am adamantly opposed to construction of the Trump Ballroom. It was an absolute travesty that an entire wing of the historic White House, the People's House, was completely and quickly demolished with zero public or agency review. To now build a monstrosity of a ballroom that will overshadow the Architecture and character of the White House would be a second assault on the People's House. Further, funding such construction with private donations at best gives the appearance of impropriety, and at worse, is blatantly done to curry favor with the Trump administration. Please exercise your authority to put a halt to this runaway train and ensure measured steps are taken to rebuild the character of the East Wing

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Name: Mary Haasch
Date: February 18, 2026 1:17:04 am

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Potentially a huge security risk. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. But being cognizant of past history of the perpetrator, please make sure the workers that did this demolition, get paid for their work.

Name: Trudy Pohawpatchoko
Date: February 18, 2026 1:17:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amanda Shevokas
Date: February 18, 2026 1:17:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is a part of our shared American history and should be restored please.

Name: Jean Feller
Date: February 18, 2026 1:17:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Downey
Date: February 18, 2026 1:18:01 am

I'm one of many concerned Americans who want this $300 million dollar Modernization of the East Wing of the "People's House"/the White House STOPPED
The President had NO RIGHT to destroy the historic East Wing
I/We want the East Wing rebuilt with upgraded HVAC: electricity and restored back with original architecture with the finest modern building materials. This rebuild of the East Wing must happen immediately
The company who demolished the building must be sited for no permits and lack of official permission to destroying this historical building

Laura J Downey
[redacted]

Name: Maureen Hinton
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:09 am

I oppose the spending of the $300 million on this project, which seems to be a guesstimate of the cost. This project was initiated without permits, design review or the proper authorization. This is not a modernization project but it is an insult to the American people and the history of our country. Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing to its former design.

No one is above the law. To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Brenna Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:28 am

I condemn the destruction of the people's house with no input from we the people and with no oversight or permission. The ballroom is not needed by we the people, it is not a modernization, it is an abomination. The White House would be dwarfed by the gargantuan "addition" which is so large it makes the rest of the house look like it was the after thought. The East Wing was where the first lady held her office, it is where visitors were able to gain access to our house. The demolition of this wing specifically pushes women and the American people out of our capital, out of our leadership and out of the US itself. I urge you to reject any new building on this site and demand the East Wing be rebuilt as it was and all historical artifacts restored.

Thank you,
Brenna

Name: Jacqueline Boller
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:37 am

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Name: Anne Abrams
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:43 am

I am opposed to the tearing down of the East wing of the peopl’es White House. The President does not own it and any harm done is on him to replace and repair it in the original likeness. A ballroom is not a necessary function of government but an office of the first lady in most instances is.

Name: Sara Welk-Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:53 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Tod Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:53 am

No. No no no. This isn’t a monarchy that needs to build a ballroom on our dime as welll as hosting gala parties on our dime. No to kings.

Name: Alyiah Doughty
Date: February 18, 2026 1:21:42 am

I oppose the destruction & "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House, & the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Matthew Lister
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:02 am

I am writing to note my disagreement with the East Wing "modernization" project. This is a terrible idea, and should not be allowed. What has already happened - a vandalization of a public building without authorization - should not have happened. The Whitehouse is not Trump's personal dwelling, but a public building. Changes to it require authorization, and none was recieved here. The process must be stopped, and the original building returned to its old form. Anything else is simply lawless. I hope this project will not continue and will be immediately reversed.

Name: Mary Jane McClendon
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:27 am

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dale Roberts
Date: February 18, 2026 1:23:48 am

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Name: Dafna Wu
Date: February 18, 2026 1:24:16 am

I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing “ballroom” project, a grossly inappropriate vanity project of the deranged individual who occupies the White House, historically the “People’s House”, and the incredulously, the current sitting President. This project which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Dafna Wu, Nurse Practitioner
Concerned Citizen

Name: Sal Kay
Date: February 18, 2026 1:24:16 am

The new ballroom in the East Wing should be proportionate to the White House.

Name: Christine Heinrichs
Date: February 18, 2026 1:24:56 am

This destruction of public property, with its architectural resonance with the rest of the White House, and its historic significance, is a national disgrace. It should never have been allowed, and any contractors involved should lise their licenses for participating in a demolition which was not permitted by approval of any of the required review processes. Allowing hundreds of millions of dollars of private funding to construct a building disproportionate to the entire White House site should not be allowed. This is the Peoples House and should be built and maintained with the People's legally and transparently accounted funds. Better to construct a replica, with 21st century improvements such as solar energy, passive solar design, renewable materials, and other reflections of our times to honor both the past and the future.

Name: Mark Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 1:25:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The scale of this monstrous ballroom is only designed to assuage the ego of a megalomaniac. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Trudeau
Date: February 18, 2026 1:25:26 am

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Connie Phelps
Date: February 18, 2026 1:26:03 am

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Name: Betsy Blakeslee
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Name: Penelope De Paoli
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:43 am

This ballroom is out of scale and must be rejected. Since construction was started without proper review I believe those responsible must rebuild the East wing as it was at their own cost.

Name: Mary Booth
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:47 am

I oppose the replacement of the east wing of the white house with a worthless ballroom. I oppose the lack of thought or planning, the funding, and the lack of congressional approval of the project. I believe the project should have a cease and desist order placed on it. Fines plus the costs incurred by the destruction of public property should be assessed and charged to the sponsors (the donors who pledged to pay for the illegal project). The project for replacement of the east wing should then go through the formal congressional approval and funding process.

Name: Raquel Korzen
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:50 am

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Name: Gary Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any funds) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laurence Helferich
Date: February 18, 2026 1:30:14 am

I do not support the current plan to build a ballroom in the place of the razed East Wing of the White House. This project has not received the required approval. It is not a restoration. What is driving this crime is not the will of the people, whose house it is. The impetus for this ill-advised architectural desecration is the ego of one man who had no regard for the will of the people of the United States of America. The East Wing of the White House must be restored as directed by the appropriate governmental agencies and elected representatives.

Name: Emily Kruger
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:11 am

I strongly oppose the $300 million expenditure on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or required design review.

This is not modernization — it is the destruction of a significant piece of American history. This project should be halted immediately and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No individual or office is above the law. Allowing this unlawful project to proceed without consequences for those responsible would be a direct assault on the rule of law and an insult to every law-abiding American.

If you want it even sharper, we can tighten it further and make it more pointed.

Name: Emily Kruger
Date: February 18, 2026 1:33:05 am

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Name: Martin Wagner
Date: February 18, 2026 1:33:37 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Karen Shea-Daley
Date: February 18, 2026 1:34:24 am

I want this project cancelled!

Name: Camille Krol
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:39 am

I am outraged that the current administration skipped over getting the proper approval and permits for the $300 million vanity project. As the leader of this country, he should be aware (or have been advised) of the protocols, but apparently felt he was above the law and destroyed the east wing in The People's House? I assure you, the people don't want the White House to have a ballroom, we want the White House to have INTEGRITY.
Trump needs to pay out of his own pocket to rebuild the East Wing back to its original form.

Name: Heather Groghan
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:40 am

Rebuild the east wing exactly as it was. No ballroom that is larger than the white house and utterly unneeded. A ballroom with destroy the classical look of the White house.

Name: Kerry Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:43 am

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled. It is outrageous that he thinks he can unilaterally make dramatic changes to the people's house. The East Wing was illegally demolished and must be rebuilt and restored to its previous condition - exactly as it was.

Name: Nadine Dery
Date: February 18, 2026 1:37:40 am

I am horrified at the destruction that occurred to the East Wing of the White House. I am equally horrified at the grandiose, obscenely inappropriate plan for a "ballroom" initiated without consent from the people, Congress, or any historical or architectural review organization.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding Americans.

Name: Janine Elich
Date: February 18, 2026 1:37:48 am

Please insist this project is terminated.
300 million dollars could have been used to to so much good instead of an elitist vanity project.

Name: Todd Pottinger
Date: February 18, 2026 1:38:04 am

This vainglorious project by a convicted felon is stealing US history owned by the people for nearly 250 years, and replacing it with a gaudy, enormous, architectural abomination, completely out of character with the current White House, and dwarfing it -this "ballroom" will be at least 3x the size of the White House. This is absolutely outrageous. This is a crime against the People, a crime against history and sacrifice, crimes against all of the public representatives and their families and the staffs who lived and worked there on behalf of Americans through these centuries, an aesthetic crime that defaces this storied institution for a party house, adjoining it and defiling it as only one man's shallow, temporary ego could. It is unpermitted, inconsiderate, and undertaken in the least transparent way for the nation's most important public building. This must be stopped immediately.
The People's house deserves so much more care.

Name: Amanda Trujillo
Date: February 18, 2026 1:41:23 am

The White House is a national landmark that belongs to the people of the United States and not to a single person. As such, I object to the radical plan to construct a gargantuan, glitzy ballroom addition scaled to overshadow the size of the original building and detract attention from it. It is inappropriate, first of all, to attempt such a massive change to the form of the historic structure, and secondly, to do so unilaterally as the Trump administration has done by tearing down the 20th century East Wing before obtaining any permits or input from architectural or preservation experts. A ballroom of the proposed scope is unnecessary and would be grotesque next to the classical residence. The American public hasn't asked for this and doesn't want it.

Name: Gloria Cook
Date: February 18, 2026 1:42:35 am

The current renderings show an addition that dwarfs the White House such that the building that has represented the United States for 250 years becomes secondary to this giant structure. Please do not embellish with all the gold shown. It is not representative of the United States.

Name: S G
Date: February 18, 2026 1:43:11 am

I oppose the spending of millions on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter Offenhartz
Date: February 18, 2026 1:44:04 am

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper permits, authorization or design review.

It is the complete destruction of American history, not a modernization project.

I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be faithfully restored at the expense of the people who illegally started this project.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Sampson-Bach
Date: February 18, 2026 1:44:19 am

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Name: PD Weddington
Date: February 18, 2026 1:45:47 am

Restore/reconstruct the East Wing to its original state and make it impossible to ever raze a building in this way again. I oppose the building of a ballroom on the site.

I also disapprove of a number of changes made in the main White House. Please remove the gold which has overpowered the entire structure. Remove the concrete patio and restore the Rose Garden. Also remove all the degrading photos such as the autopen instead of Biden's actual photo. These comments have no place in a public venue -- tacky at best, venomous at worst.

I further disapprove of plans to build a massive arch in the Potomac area. It is neither needed nor wanted by the public.

Further, make it mandatory that the Kennedy Center not be razed or altered during the two years it is closed.

In short: No more of these monstrous gold and marble ego trips. And no putting "Trump" on every single possible structure. Unnecessary and totally out of character with original simplicity and design of the capitol city. Do not accept that "donors" are paying for any of this. The Capitol belongs to the people of America and it is not the role of the President to spend his time acting as though he is the country's Architect/Designer.

Name: Shelly Zundell
Date: February 18, 2026 1:46:56 am

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Name: Deborah Dinzes
Date: February 18, 2026 1:47:50 am

This project is a violation of our national heritage and the very emblem of the United States government. What Trump has done so far is a crime and an outrage. He must be required to pay for reparations.

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Name: Tiffany Howard
Date: February 18, 2026 1:51:10 am

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Name: Jeanette Bokhour
Date: February 18, 2026 1:52:13 am

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Name: Melissa Snell
Date: February 18, 2026 1:52:49 am

Hello, I probably won't get to visit the White House in my lifetime, but my granddaughter will. I hope it will be a place she can be proud of, that represents ALL Americans. Destroying our history and attempting to illegally replace it with a ballroom for just a few select people is NOT what the White House represents. It's OUR house, it does not belong to

Donald Trump or any other wealthy people exclusively. What has already occurred is horrific and shameful. Please don't let this travesty continue. Thank you and God Bless you. Melissa Snell Washington State

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Name: Barbara Perry
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:03 am

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Name: Michelle Canfield
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The US doesn't need a ballroom for putting the rich on display. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marian ROBINSON
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:28 am

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Name: Patricia Ballard
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:43 am

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Name: Matt Okeefe
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:57 am

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Name: Cheri Chapman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:57:00 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Dean Gloster
Date: February 18, 2026 1:57:45 am

Some decades ago, I was a law clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court. I swore an oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. If you work for the federal government, you swore a similar oath. At its most basic, that is a promise to follow the rule of law. To support a government of laws, not of shifting, narcissistic, lawless men. None of the laws or procedures or restrictions have been followed in this petulant, appalling destruction of the East Wing. The rest of us, with less authority, must follow the law, under penalty of sanction or incarceration. The President should set an example and at least pretend to abide by it. Your unfortunately thankless duty is to follow and enforce the law. To restrain the destructive and corrupt impulses of the lawless. Even of--especially--those much more powerful. The Constitution is ephemeral--like the rule of law, like money, like national borders--it exists only because so many of us agree that it matters and treat it as real. Do the right thing. Enforce the law and stop this ridiculous "modernization" project undertaken without approvals, permits, or compliance. My father enlisted in WWII to oppose the Nazis. He died, partly of asbestosis he got from wartime exposure in the Navy. As his son, I urge you to do the right thing and oppose this lawless naked abuse of power.

Name: Connie Fanselow
Date: February 18, 2026 1:58:25 am

I wholeheartedly oppose the project to build a ballroom in the wake of the hasty, ill-advised, and tragic destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The White House belongs to the American people and for generations rhe East Wing offered us an opportunity to visit and appreciate "our" house. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and remain available for Americans to visit - it is of priceless value to history and our humanity as a country. It should not be replaced by a symbol of personal greed to be used only by the one-percent.

Name: Barb Brock
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:04 am

To whom it may concern: I oppose the ridiculous spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. There are about 100,000 better ways this money could be spent for the greater good in the United States. Thank you for reading. PLEASE do the right thing your hearts tell you to do, NOT the wishes of an insane and extraordinarily selfish President.

Name: Hugh Stevenson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:11 am

Part of the perks WE THE PEOPLE give to a duly elected President is the White House and its adjoining buildings including the East Wing. Thus, President Trump is a RENTER. not an owner, with a 4 year, non renewable lease in this case, for these buildings.

Like any renter, he may paint, hang pictures, and redecorate within reason.

But he cannot tear down the apartment or any portion thereof without permission of the landlord, which is the government and ultimately you and I.

You should deny him the permits and require him to rebuild the East Wing; and he should pay for it!

Name: Cheri Chapman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:13 am

I oppose spending money on this project as it stands, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Jane LaLone
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:19 am

This project should stop immediately. The East Wing should be restored to the way it was to commemorate the White House history. This eagle project is in the front to the American people and a waste of 300 million. Oligarchs and Trump who is a felon and continues to do Criminal Acts ,should not dictate illegalchanges made to the White House or changes to our laws of the land. He should not be allowed to be above the law.

Name: Sarah Ferrency
Date: February 18, 2026 2:01:10 am

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Name: Julaine Rosner
Date: February 18, 2026 2:02:54 am

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This should never have been started. We must put a stop to this project.

Name: Rebecca Schaeffer
Date: February 18, 2026 2:03:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million (let’s be honest, it will end up being more). The established legal process for public planning and accounting, permitting, preservation have not been followed. This project cannot continue. Furthermore, the original structure should be rebuilt.

We cannot let this project continue in the face of gross and willful dereliction of duty to follow established legal procedures. There should be consequences to everyone involved.

Name: Freda Myhrwold
Date: February 18, 2026 2:04:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I believe this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Additionally, the "private donors" create a severe conflict of interest as it gives the impression of paying for favors from the current administration.
Thank you for providing me the opportunity to participate in this discussion.

Name: Samantha Vargas
Date: February 18, 2026 2:06:31 am

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Name: Ken Cowan
Date: February 18, 2026 2:06:38 am

I formally oppose the East Wing Modernization Project and demand its immediate suspension.

If this project was initiated without full authorization, required permits, and complete design review under federal planning and historic preservation law, then it violates established legal process. Compliance with NCPC review authority and the National Historic Preservation Act is mandatory.

The demolition and reconstruction of a historic structure within the White House complex constitutes a significant alteration to a nationally protected site. Proceeding without full transparency and lawful approval undermines the rule of law and public trust.

I request:

• Immediate suspension of all work pending full legal review
• Public disclosure of all permits, approvals, and authorizing documents
• Independent review of compliance with federal planning and preservation requirements
• Cancellation of the project if proper authorization was not obtained
• Restoration consistent with the previously approved historic design

Federal preservation law exists to prevent political expediency from overriding national heritage. It must be enforced without exception.

Name: Lori Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 2:09:47 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maria Essig
Date: February 18, 2026 2:11:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which demolished the East Wing of the White House - the People's House - without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project that has erased part of our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Quinn
Date: February 18, 2026 2:13:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Betty Rose
Date: February 18, 2026 2:14:14 am

I oppose this project on the grounds that it uses private funding (which is a conflict of interest), destroyed an historic landmark and was done on such a fast track it caused outrage throughout the country that crossed all party lines. Of course, other presidents have made controversial changes in the White House over the years, but none were done with the absolute disregard for laws regarding historic buildings and public opinion.

Name: JE Weatherspoon
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:44 am

The East Wing should mirror the White House painted sandstone maintaining a low-profile, discreet Neoclassical design that complements the main Executive Residence.

Name: Samantha Guse
Date: February 18, 2026 2:17:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Rohana Rice
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:12 am

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

A grand ballroom, built to glorify the person in office, while denying basic health care, emergency services and housing to millions of Americans is unacceptable. While our economy is tanking, living costs rising and jobs being cancelled, the Administration is romancing the ultra wealthy and building personal wealth through grift, greed and deceit. We are not a nation of serfs and kings. The democracy our forefathers fought for was to promote fairness for all and a decent, happy life. This ballroom project is so obviously out of touch and out of place in our country.

Name: Tena Kibbey
Date: February 18, 2026 2:20:27 am

The East Wing was a beautiful, historic, part of the White House. The proposed ballroom will take away the balance that the White House once had and provide a large unneeded space. President Trump should be forced to build the East Wing back to its former glory using his own money. Tax payers should not have to pay for this.

Name: Christy Morris
Date: February 18, 2026 2:21:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Merrijo Cavanaugh
Date: February 18, 2026 2:21:48 am

The act of destruction to a national monument/ building that has such historic significance to the United States of America is apalling. The current administration should not be allowed to build a useless ballroom for his billionaire benefactors, it's a slap in the face to the American people. It never should have been allowed to be taken down in the first place. Trump does not have the right to replace, demolish and destroy whenever he see's fit to do it. As a citizen of this country I find his actions un American and disgraceful. Please stop him from taking further action on building that ballroom and restore the Whitehouse to it's original East wing.

Name: CATHLEEN READ
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:03 am

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the

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Name: Marcia McReynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:33 am

I believe the East Wing should be left exactly as it is at the present date, midway through destruction, ruined, history destroyed, a promise broken, a Big Plan never begun, done illegally as a means of establishing dominance, and made ugly, as the perfect metaphor for this administration. Indeed, it should appropriately bear the name of its destroyer as a statue in his honor, Trump's Destruction of The Good, and be left as a reminder that we all need to be far more vigilant in protecting what is, was that of the American people, our East Wing of the White House and our democracy, and our Constitution. Put a flag at half mast on it.

Name: Susan Souvenir
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on the building of a ballroom. This destruction of the historic east wing of the White House was not approved by the historic committee, nor were there building permits or plans submitted for approval. This is not a modernization project and it needs to be canceled and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt according to the original plans unless minor changes are approved by the historic committee. Please stop the construction of this terrible ballroom project.

Name: Linda Kittrell
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:14 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Moreover, it completely ignores White House design standards established by Congress! We, the people of the USA, were told that the East Wing would remain intact and NOT BE TOUCHED. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. As a nation, we do not need a grand ballroom that would put Versailles to shame! Moreover, if there is a ballroom built, it must be in scale with the White House--not something that would dwarf it. I believe that the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Planning and Zoning Commissions across the country must approve any structures; and if those proposed structures do not comply with zoning ordances, then they are not approved. This same criteria MUST BE applied to our historic structures. In fact, to most of the world, the White House, the East Wing, and the West Wing, are symbols of Democracy. No one individual nor group of billionaires should be able to destroy our heritage. No one is above the law. Permitting this project to go ahead without adhering to design standards already in place for the White House or without proper approvals would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barb Roll
Date: February 18, 2026 2:28:01 am

This is a sub-building to the People's House. No one man has the authority to raze the East Wing on a whim and build something new in it's place.

The proposal is out of scale with the west wing and residence.

We don't need a high end hotel and massive ballroom...what is the point of a state event if there are more people than the first family can speak to personally? There are plenty of hotels nearby.

We do need space for the first lady and her staff. Put it back as it was with updated utilities and security.

Name: Deirdra Glover
Date: February 18, 2026 2:28:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I stand against this project, as well as every project of aggrandizement undertaken by this administration.

Name: Susan Churchill
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:06 am

This horrible ballroom must not be built as it will damage the White House image and history. Make Trump rebuild the East Wing he torn down without authorization or public input.
This ballroom is a monstrosity that architecturally overwhelms the site. It is not Trump’s house… it is OUR house for the people.

Name: Vickie Rozell
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It doesn't matter if the money is donated or not. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans as well as an invitation for them to do something similar in the future. Previous presidents have made changes like bowling alleys, but never something this large let alone something unpermitted in any way. It's even worse since it follows the destruction of the rose garden, which was replaced by an atrocity of concrete. If the "East wing modernization" is allowed to proceed, there is no knowing what will be destroyed next.

Name: Cilicia Wong-Lopez
Date: February 18, 2026 2:33:26 am

I oppose the construction of a ballroom on the site of the former East Wing. Without going through proper channels, input from the people charged with preserving history, or even transparency over funding, this is just a vanity project and affront to the people of the US whose house this is. In consultation with the historical preservation society, the East Wing should be restored at the President’s expense since this was an unauthorized demolition.

Name: Theresa Collins
Date: February 18, 2026 2:36:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Laurel Paulson-Pierce
Date: February 18, 2026 2:37:10 am

THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C. BELONG TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. NO SINGLE INDIVIDUAL HAS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE ANY CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS. I APPRECIATE THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO STOP THE DEMOLITION OF THIS PUBLIC BUILDING. THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING BUILDING EXIST FOR A REASON, AND THESE LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR BOTH THE DEMOLITION AND THE CONSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN IGNORED AND BY-PASSED. ANY MONEY WHICH HAS BEEN "DONATED" FOR THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO BE USED TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE DONE TO THIS HISTORIC BUILDING, AND RETURN IT TO THE ORIGINAL CONDITION.

Name: Charlotte Behm
Date: February 18, 2026 2:42:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Roberta Wisdom
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:08 am

I strongly oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Although rebuilding will not be the same, replicating the East Wing is appropriate., it No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

One of the things I remember from grade school, over sixty years ago, is that the White House is The People's House. It was specifically designed to NOT be pretentious, palace-like, but to be for the common man. Our forefathers specifically wanted something as far from a royal palace as possible. That DID NOT include excessive golding and marble.

Name: Sam Edwards
Date: February 18, 2026 2:44:30 am

I was so sad to see a piece of our history torn down. I don’t feel that the White House needed any modernization. It was a beautiful, historic building the way it was. The loss of the movie theater and the First Lady’s offices is just horrible.

I trust almost anyone but the president to make the best decision about how to proceed from here.

Tell him that if he wants to raise money from the wealthy, he should use it to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and cure the sick. That’s what great nations do.

Name: Rebecca Mallonee
Date: February 18, 2026 2:46:39 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing Donald Trump, who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. He does not own the White House. Hold him accountable, please.

Rebecca Mallonee
Covina, CA

Name: Patricia Lowe
Date: February 18, 2026 2:46:51 am

Building a huge ballroom which dwarfs the rest of the White House should not be entitled “East Wing Modernization” project. That sobriquet hides what the project really is: the solicitation of money from billionaires to finance the building of a huge ballroom in order to enable the submission of the highest number of “donations” in each single banquet sitting, by charging the many attendees at balls to be held in this ballroom $1 million a plate.

Who gave the president such authority to build such a behemoth structure, which will dwarf the rest of the White House?

The other reason for the structure is to house an enormous bunker underneath the ballroom to protect the unpopular wannabe American dictator.

A considerably smaller structure will suffice for the solicitation of bribes from ballroom attendees and a bunker to protect our Dear Leader.

Name: Jean Domico
Date: February 18, 2026 2:49:50 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project on the grounds that it destroys an historic building for no truly feasible reason. It is not in the interest of this nation to remove a part of such a historic building as the White House without need. There are standards and rules that should apply and have been ignored.

Name: Heidi Hobbs
Date: February 18, 2026 2:51:22 am

The Easr wing project is unlawful, without proper planning and represents a misuse of Presidential authority. Every effort should be made to restore this historic building to its former state.

Name: RoseMarie Depp
Date: February 18, 2026 2:53:01 am

Restore it as was. This was an outrageous expropriation of a public good.

Name: De Leonardini
Date: February 18, 2026 2:55:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: J Novey
Date: February 18, 2026 2:55:52 am

Do not construct a Ballroom. It would Dwarf & Destroy the Harmony of The White House. Repair the East Wing & the Bunker beneath to its Original condition. The White House belongs to the people. Presidents & families are temporary Guests.

Name: Zev Handel
Date: February 18, 2026 2:57:32 am

This project is an affront to all of us. The White House and its belongings are ours. This building is historic and its been destroyed without input from the people or accordance with the law. I unequivocally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but rather a an attempt to destroy our great American legacy. This project should be canceled and reversed, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Norah Mason
Date: February 18, 2026 2:58:22 am

This is a shameful erasure of our history. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Colleen Moxley
Date: February 18, 2026 3:00:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

t's deeply troubling to see actions that disregard the history and symbolism of our nation's most important institutions. The White House is often called "the people's house" for a reason — it belongs to all Americans, not to any one individual. Its traditions, spaces, and history reflect generations of leadership, sacrifice, and shared democratic values. That's why paving over the historic White House Rose Garden — originally redesigned during the John F. Kennedy administration — felt especially disheartening to many. The Rose Garden wasn't just landscaping; it was a living piece of American history, the backdrop to major announcements, diplomatic moments, and national milestones. Altering such a symbolic space without broad public regard sends the wrong message about stewardship.
The White House is more than a residence — it's a symbol of the presidency and of the American people themselves. Preserving its character and heritage should never be about politics; it should be about respect for the office, for history, and for the citizens it represents.

Name: Katherine Hebard
Date: February 18, 2026 3:01:18 am

I reject the "modernization project" for the East Wing of the White House. Demolition was undertaken without review and approval and architectural plans were not vetted nor approved through proper channels. This project was undertaken without review or approval by congress. No further funds should be expended without proceeding through standard vetting and approval procedures approved by congress.

Name: Rebecca LeCheminant
Date: February 18, 2026 3:02:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. A modernization project is completely inappropriate to the historicitiy of the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the expense of those who illegally destroyed this of national treasure, not the tax payers expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter Wegele
Date: February 18, 2026 3:10:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mona Prescott
Date: February 18, 2026 3:10:45 am

I oppose this project. I believe the destruction of the East Wing was done illegally. There is no need or justifiable reason to spend money on this vanity project of building a grand ballroom. The White House belongs to the people of America and not Donald Trump. He is allowed to live there while in office but something as major as the destruction of this historic building and to build his ballroom needs the consent of the owners (the American people). I strongly want the new project dropped completely and the East Wing to be restored to its original state. Further, the entire burden of cost for the restoration to come from Donald Trump's personal finances as it was he who ordered it destroyed without consent.

Name: Donna Bevan
Date: February 18, 2026 3:16:40 am

I was absolutely astonished at the rapid, unconscionable, egotistical, inconsiderate destruction of the East Wing of the

White House. This is the People's house and as such, any alterations must go through proper channels and oversight. I am dumb founded as to how it could happen. My wish is that the East Wing be restored to closely approximate its most recent appearance. No enormous, unnecessary ballroom. No fake gold embellishments. Ideally, the restoration should be paid for by Mister Trump with the money he allegedly received from donors. Thank you for your consideration. Please do the right thing. Also, he should not tear down the Kennedy Center.

Name: Keri Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 3:16:42 am

I want the ridiculous waste of tax dollars
To build a ballroom for a fascist to stop. I want this project cancelled and the building restored to its original historic state.

Name: Ida Fuoco
Date: February 18, 2026 3:19:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Meier
Date: February 18, 2026 3:20:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Bryant-Still
Date: February 18, 2026 3:25:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for considering my opposition to this project.

Name: Robin Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 3:25:02 am

I oppose the building of Trump's ballroom. Restore the East Wing back to the way it was. The White House belongs to the people. It is not subject to the whims of the wannabe dictator. Show some guts and please correct this horrible situation.

Name: Phyllis Weatherly
Date: February 18, 2026 3:26:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is definitely not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

A very concerned citizen! Phyllis Weatherly

Name: Paulette Zander
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:50 am

The destruction of the East Wing is an abomination.

I want it restored to its original form (post 1940).

Name: B Comstock
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:55 am

I join Anara Guard in opposing the spending of $300 million or any other amount on this project, regardless of the source of the funds, since the project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I also want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former size and design, and any further attempts to "modernize" or otherwise refurbish it subject to review and approval through the proper channels. The White House belongs to the people of this country and not to whoever inhabits it at the moment. Moreover, no one, including the President, is or should be above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without proper review and authorization, and without penalizing those who went ahead with razing the East Wing despite the lack of proper review and authorization would be an affront to all law-abiding US citizens.

Name: Mary McFadden
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and set illegal behavior as standard for office holders and citizens alike.

Name: Paul Coogan
Date: February 18, 2026 3:30:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cheryl Hansen
Date: February 18, 2026 3:32:32 am

I oppose the allocating of $300 million for this project, which was initiated without the proper authorizations, permits or design reviews. This is not a “modernization” project, it is a complete razing of American history and a vanity project. This project must be canceled and the East Wing of the White House, which is the people’s house, be fully rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law. No one. To permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law by disregarding the legal process for such actions, would be an affront to law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Daniel Rosenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:53 am

I am virulently opposed to this project for myriad reasons, not least of which is the illegal manner in which it is being carried out. The White House belongs to the people, not the President. Funding for the demolition and renovation should not be from private and undisclosed sources. Additionally, it is not clear that the demolition was done properly in terms of proper abatement for hazardous materials. I hope everyone involved from the government to the private sector will be held accountable all the way up to the president.

Name: Kevin Hunt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:35:43 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Shirley Mullin
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:38 am

The money from billionaires should be used to restore the east wing! The proposed ballroom will make the White House lopsided. The President does not need to be hosting large parties, perhaps solving issues of cost of living , gun violence, etc. It would be an affront to the Capitol to attach a Mar A Lago like structure.

Name: Sandra Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:45:23 am

I am dismayed and infuriated by what Donald Trump did in illegally, and without public input or agency approval, demolishing the East Wing of the White House. He has already sullied the People's House with his gold makeover of the Oval Office and his foolish defiling of the West Wing Colonnade, proving the maxim that "he who loudest proclaims his superiority most clearly proves the opposite." Trump seeks to turn the White House into a permanent monument to himself, and his disdain for his duty to serve the people is made more clear with every action he takes. He must not be permitted to further deface the People's house as the personification of his vulgar, cheap and obscene character. He denigrates our entire nation, defiling the Office of the President and cheapening everything he touches. I expect anything Trump proposes for the "modernization" of the East Wing will be as ugly and tasteless as everything else he touches, and the White House -- the greatest home field advantage in the world -- deserves much better.

Trump defiled the White House, demolishing the East Wing without notice to you or to the People. His effort to permanently deface the White House and erect yet another monument to himself must be forcefully refused as inconsistent with the obligations inherent to the Office of the President. My preference would be that the East Wing be rebuilt as appropriate to ensure a dignified space for official events and the purposes for which it was originally built. That, surely, can be accomplished without indulging Trump's childish self-aggrandizement.

Name: Cheryl Swenson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:45:24 am

I want the east wing restored with necessary upgrades and the same dimensions it had. And the gardens restored.

Name: doris ricci
Date: February 18, 2026 3:46:23 am

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I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Name: Michael Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 3:48:10 am

I oppose spending $300 million on a vanity project initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project, it's vandalism of, physical, American history. Cancel this project. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the United States, we do not celebrate decadence. We celebrate our history in all it's pain or it's glory. No one is above the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all Americans. It's spitting on the graves of our family. Yes we are one nation, one family, in all our differences. Restore the East Wing

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Name: Ashley Babin
Date: February 18, 2026 3:48:20 am

This is very obviously another scam by the orange man to enrich himself and do nothing for the American people. The east wing should have never been torn down in the first place and his administration cannot be trusted to set it right.

Name: Linda Brazak
Date: February 18, 2026 3:48:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anna Bonderenko
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Natalie Stukus
Date: February 18, 2026 3:50:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary V. Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:52:31 am

I do not understand who this project can possibly be considered a "Modernization Project," when the entire building is gone. As I understand the plans, the proposed replacement building is larger than the original building and will swamp the White House. The footprint should be no larger than the original building. Any expansion from the original size should be done underground. The person who ordered the demolition should be forced to pay all the expenses, plus fines for doing what they did without permission.

Name: Phoebe Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 3:53:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Robin Curtis
Date: February 18, 2026 3:54:39 am

I am heartbroken and angry that the East Wing was demolished. How dare he?
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. At whatever cost is required. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Name: Hope McGaha
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:27 am

I strongly oppose the spending of a single cent, let alone $300 million on this project, which was deliberately initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project, and unwanted erasure of American History contained within THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this vanity project to go ahead without penalizing those who arrogantly broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and all of the former tenants, whom actually respected OUR WHITE HOUSE.

Name: Vanessa Mills
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Imagine what $300 million could fetch for the American people.

Name: Brenda Barger
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:37 am

Well, now that the stewards of our nation’s historic White House have allowed a demented moron to destroy the East Wing (while using his ballroom scheme to grift off of his donors), maybe someone with a lick of sense and the guts to take action should step in and put a stop to this lunacy until this country comes to its senses!

Name: Julie Lavezzo
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jason Fuges
Date: February 18, 2026 4:02:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Hosick
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:09 am

I am totally opposed to Trump's plan to build a glitzy ballroom on the site of the East Wing of the White House, which he demolished without any permits or public input. I strongly demand that you chastise him publicly for this unauthorized demolishing of Federal, National Historic property; that you demand that he pay to have the remnants of the wreck removed from the property; and that you authorize the rebuilding of the original East Wing as it was before he took a wrecking ball to it. I further demand that you use whatever means you have to prevent him from ever again touching any Federal Property in such a way, as long as he is president of the United States. I also demand that you prevent him from building any monument to himself, such as the arch that he has talked about, on or near any Federal Property.

Sincerely,
Cynthia A Hosick, Registered Voter
Mount Vernon WA

Name: Margaret Cutts
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:25 am

I oppose this project. It’s a vanity project for DJT and an abomination. It should never have been considered and it should go back to the people.

Name: Evelyn Riera
Date: February 18, 2026 4:05:02 am

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Carreno
Date: February 18, 2026 4:06:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steve Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 4:08:28 am

It's difficult to rank this project in the list of embarrassments associated with this administration. It's absolutely self serving and unnecessary, and I want this project cancelled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Hank Isaac
Date: February 18, 2026 4:08:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is an absurd project and does nothing to enhance a property which, I believe, legally and morally belongs to the American people and is simply loaned out by us to be occupied by the current President, not destroyed by him.

To allow this project to go through as currently envisioned would be like allowing a shoplifter to keep their stolen goods as long as they were able to make it out of the store with them.

Name: Rae Todd
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:48 am

As a native-born American, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

My family history includes individuals serving in the War of 1812, Revolutionary War, The Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, and Gulf War. I find the loss of history a loss of self-meaning the loss of American identity.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Seykowski
Date: February 18, 2026 4:12:49 am

East Wing Modernization

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Reis
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deb Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 4:14:15 am

The White House should NOT have this billions of dollars ballroom added on. The House was never meant to be likened to a palace since we have no king. It’s obvious from all the gold do dads already placed from this administration that the ballroom would be equal to this president’s ego. It is the people’s house - not his!!
STOP the construction and make him put the East wing back

Name: Alan Lutton
Date: February 18, 2026 4:14:43 am

I agree with the following statements: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Kim Osborn
Date: February 18, 2026 4:14:49 am

I oppose to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the east wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront too all law- abiding Americans

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Name: Pam Turner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:15:50 am

I oppose the destruction of the White House East Wing. The $300 million dollars on this project is obscene and unneccessary. American history is being erased. There's no concern for history here, no decorum. Just pure avarice. This project was done without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Add to that, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and her former husband John F. Kennedy would be appalled at not only the destruction of the rose garden but of the East Wing of the White House. Want to destroy something? Buy Legos.

Name: Patty Teubner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:16:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon;

the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you,
Patty Teubner

Name: Rose Lefebvre
Date: February 18, 2026 4:18:47 am

Please stop the ridiculous ideas that Trump has for the East Wing. We need to restore it. Do not let him create another outrageous monument to his ego!

Name: Jill Thatcher
Date: February 18, 2026 4:22:58 am

Demolition of the East Wing of the White House without oversight and correct permitting was vandalism. It was corrupt and unlawful. Every contractor in America is required to work within the law for new construction and for remodel projects, as well as for demolition projects. The physics of using heavy equipment during demolition can be damaging not only esthetically but also structurally to an existing building. I am hopeful, but worried that the demolition may have compromised the limestone blocks and mortar that make up the outer walls of the White House.
I saw the White House for the first time on a 6th grade field trip. I was chosen to create a display case announcing and celebrating our trip, it was at the front entrance of my elementary school. My school was Farmersville Elementary on William Penn Highway in Bethlehem PA. I took this assignment very seriously and worked hard to find a way to duplicate blossoming cherry trees. I was thrilled to see Washington DC in full bloom when we made our trip to DC. That trip is part of my American identity. The White House is part of my America identity.
As an American citizen, I feel personally wounded by the demolition of the East Wing and its proposed modernization, with the addition of the new Ballroom in its place. Wounded may seem like an exaggerated word choice, but I know there are many others who feel the same way. We tend to be people concerned with Art, Architecture, History and Tradition.
I am concerned about landscaping that was destroyed during the demolition. I know that Thomas Jefferson did the original landscaping of the White House. There is potential that trees he selected and placed were uprooted and mowed over In the demolition. I am sure that on the White House Campus there are other historical trees, and trees given as gifts to the United States. Going forward I want important trees preserved. I want designs for the modernization of the East wing and the Ballroom to take careful consideration of these landscaping treasures, and to be approved and supervised by arborists concerned with preservation. I am deeply disturbed by the destruction of the Rose Garden designed by Jackie Kennedy. I have not seen reporting that the rose bushes were dug up and put in a greenhouse, so they could be replanted somewhere else on the White House Campus. So, I want a replica of the Rose Garden to be planted as part of the East Wing Modernization project. I would like to see the exact rose bushes originally selected, to be part of the “new” Rose Garden. Skilled Rosarians will hopefully be able to propagate rose bushes that are no longer readily available. Unfortunately, there will be rose bushes no longer readily available.
I want the East Wing to be replicated and restored to its original design. If a Ballroom is approved and funded through Congress, I want the Ballroom detached. I do not want the Ballroom to rewrite the silhouette, the whole world has come to know as America’s White House.
Mouldings and columns from the original East Wing could have been preserved before the demolition. These could have been integrated into the new design of the Ballroom and would have given the new Ballroom historical context. Since they were demolished without this taking place, I would like to see replicas crafted and interwoven into any new design for the Ballroom. It is important that the Ballroom not obscure or dominate the front silhouette of the White House. A location behind the main building would be more appropriate. The scale needs to be reduced, to be proportional.
Providing security for 1000 people while they dine and dance seems problematic, as do wide expanses of windows.
I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposal for the modernization of the East Wing. As an educated and retired professional interior designer, I know that public comment on projects of this importance is always an integral part of the process. I hope the modernization of the East Wing can become something Americans like myself can be proud of.

Name: Patricia Rowell
Date: February 18, 2026 4:23:24 am

Please restore East Wing to its proper historical beauty and do not allow that horrible ballroom to be built.

Name: Cheryl Orndorf
Date: February 18, 2026 4:23:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carrie Baynard
Date: February 18, 2026 4:24:57 am

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Carrie Baynard

Name: marie steinmetz
Date: February 18, 2026 4:26:02 am

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Name: Mark Wilkins
Date: February 18, 2026 4:29:07 am

In my opinion this modernization project is long overdue and urgently needed. The United States of America is holding receptions and banquets in honor of foreign leaders, dignitaries of all types and honorees of various awards in a "ballroom" that doesn't have space for 80 persons! In most cases, a tent "ballroom" is set up on the grounds of the White House, presenting problems with weather, wind, mud, darkness and other variances of nature.
Thank you for supporting this project and giving the USA a worthy ballroom for all official needs.
Regards,
Mark Wilkins

Name: Leanfro Area
Date: February 18, 2026 4:33:58 am

I am totally opposed to this project which was done without consent from Congress and Preservation Society.

Name: May Pan
Date: February 18, 2026 4:35:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristen Drake
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristen Shouman
Date: February 18, 2026 4:37:59 am

This remodel needs to be vetted and approved by Congress. It should uphold the integrity and history of the space.

Name: Diane Reynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 4:38:49 am

Donald Trump had no right to raze the East Wing of the White House unilaterally. No permission. Nothing. Just destruction of United States history over decades. The East Wing needs to be restored as accurately as possible with the money coming out of his pocket. He has insulted the American people alive today and so many who have gone beyond who lived in, cared for, and admired the East Wing. Do not allow this ballroom. It would be a travesty to history and the people of America.

Name: Patricia Sandick
Date: February 18, 2026 4:40:30 am

I oppose the unlawful garrish project and would like the building restored to its former architecturally and historically appropriate design.

Name: Patti Haasch
Date: February 18, 2026 4:41:23 am

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this ballroom project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. I want this project haiulted and have the East Wing rebuilt.The Whitehouse is an American Treasure to be preserved; not destroyed so carelessly.

Name: Gloriana Palancia
Date: February 18, 2026 4:43:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: DorI No
Date: February 18, 2026 4:45:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your consideration!

Name: Vicki Hengeveld
Date: February 18, 2026 4:45:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Victoria Gentile Langlois
Date: February 18, 2026 4:47:40 am

To demolish our beloved Rose Garden for an outdoor White House Bistro was our first inkling of Trump's & the First Lady's complete disrespect for American tradition and their exhibition of poor taste, but demolishing the east wing of the White House without going through the proper channels & for what it appears to be Trump's personal and puerile reasons, goes beyond the pale, and is a slap IN ALL FACES OF ALL AMERifCANS, who value and respect tradition, the Rights of The PEOPLE whose house the White House truly belongs to, & "good taste."

Therefore, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is a complete waste of taxpayers money. Money that should be spent on Scientific Research, Education, Veterans Programs, & Programs for the Vulnerable and Disenfranchised, Not Money spent on a narcissists whim that reflects Trumps' COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE regarding OUR HOUSE. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathryn Pollak
Date: February 18, 2026 4:48:01 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I was distraught when the administration took a wrecking ball to the East Wing of the White House. The cost of this project is excessive and unwarranted. We have people in this country who cannot afford to eat, yet we cut SNAP benefits. I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project. The president did not have authorization for this project, which must be approved by Congress.

Most Americans do not support the destruction of one of our most sacred institutions.

I am urging you to please cancel this project and rebuild the White House to its original design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Pollak

Name: Tatiani BIRCHROSE
Date: February 18, 2026 4:49:52 am

I am opposed to the building of the unnecessary ballroom taking place on the site of the former East Wing. This

construction was never submitted, therefore never approved, through proper channels. It is being privately funded and is going up on the property of the People's House, which is not private property.
The ballroom project must be stopped immediately. The grounds must be restored, and the East Wing must be rebuilt exactly as it was. Nothing else will do.

Name: Christopher Coffman
Date: February 18, 2026 4:51:26 am

National Capital Planning Commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Good Day,
Christopher Coffman
Ocala, FL

Name: Pat Loeb
Date: February 18, 2026 4:51:28 am

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Name: Suzanne Yonesaka
Date: February 18, 2026 4:52:47 am

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Name: Stephanie Strahan
Date: February 18, 2026 4:53:52 am

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Name: Tara Flynn
Date: February 18, 2026 4:54:42 am

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Name: Brian Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 4:55:50 am

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Name: Maris Westbrooks
Date: February 18, 2026 4:59:32 am

To Whom it May concern,

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Thank you for taking the time to consider stopping this project which is unnecessary and a violation of a large part of US history.

Name: Eileen Taglang
Date: February 18, 2026 5:00:11 am

I echo comments previously provided by Anara Guard.

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Name: Justice Hardman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:01:09 am

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Name: Joan Port
Date: February 18, 2026 5:01:56 am

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amanda Young
Date: February 18, 2026 5:03:24 am

In the words of Anara Guard, “I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

This administration’s disregard for legal procedures and protocols, and disrespect for the White House and constitution is appalling. It needs to be stopped.

Name: carol mayeski
Date: February 18, 2026 5:06:16 am

The White House is not president tRuMp'S house to do as he wishes. IT'S NOT HIS HOUSE. He's been lining his pockets with our money so he, essentially, is paying for it with OUR mone. He has broken every law of the constitution, and yet, YOU ALL are letting him. IMPEACH AND TRY HIM FOR TREASON!!!!

Name: Anita Reynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 5:07:44 am

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Name: Anne-Marie Cadwallader
Date: February 18, 2026 5:08:53 am

Destroying the East Wing of the White, without oversight, permission, or any public input is a travesty- an insult to the American people who own the White House. 300 years of history destroyed for one man’s ego. There must be a limit - there must be a red line.

Name: Pamela Williamson
Date: February 18, 2026 5:10:37 am

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Name: Kimberlee Lindee
Date: February 18, 2026 5:10:54 am

I deeply object to this project, which was begun in secret and in violiation of rules and requirements. The scope of the project is grotesque and it appears to servce only the ego and vanity of the President and not an actual need of our nation. The White House belongs to the people, not to the President. And it certainly does not belong to the anonymous donors whose money is allegedly going to fund this. The previous East Wing should be restored, and mondernized if needed. If there are infrastructure changes required to manage modern computer and security needs, that's great. Submit those plans. But a new ballroom is unneed. The firm that did this unlawful works hould be held liable for this destruction of our heritage and this monstrous project should not be allowed to proceed.

Name: Shari Lindskov
Date: February 18, 2026 5:15:29 am

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Name: Maureen Dzikowski
Date: February 18, 2026 5:18:34 am

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Annette Marblo
Date: February 18, 2026 5:21:09 am

TO: The National Capital Planning Commission

I strongly urge each of the commissioner to OPPOSE this bricks and mortar humiliation of the Country’s, the Peoples’, White House. There is absolutely NO NEED FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION, and the destruction of the previous structure is a rebuke of our shared history. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is suing to stop this travesty of our shared history.

NO WHITE HOUSE BALLROOM!!! PLEASE STOP THIS!!!

Name: Henry Lopez
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:01 am

My name is Henry and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Roberta Critchett
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:14 am

Hideous, just hideous. How could you let that creature tear down the East Wing and it's history. The White House belongs to the people, not Trump and his whore.

It's obscene.

Name: Roberta Martin To not support this
Date: February 18, 2026 5:24:44 am

As a UNITED STATES citizen I want to formally protest the demolition of OUR West Wing of the people's house. This was never approved and its purpose at best seems hazy. And I want the wing rebuilt as it was and paid for by those that put up money for it originally. I would also like the real purposes for this project to be publicized.

Name: Michelle Hankins
Date: February 18, 2026 5:26:45 am

I oppose the project undertaken to “modernize” the East Wing. The East Wing has been demolished, with no permits or permissions. The budget has ballooned every time it’s mentioned. Rebuild the East Wing as it was. Do not spit in the face of law abiding Americans who have to get a permit for any small change and allow this destruction and disregard of American history.

Name: Rebecca Kurtz
Date: February 18, 2026 5:27:02 am

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Dear NCPC,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. This project was initiated ILLEGALLY, with no regard for the regulations that require authorization, permits, and design review. It is not a modernization project but rather the destruction of the East Wing of the People’s House. This project must canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and all who do so need to be held accountable. To allow this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. Failure to act amounts to complicity; please do your job!

Rebecca Kurtz
Bremen, ME 04551

Name: Brian Feehan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:28:25 am

What Drumpf did and plans to do is outrageous and illegal. I want to see the East Wing restored to the way it was, and the resident charged with destruction of federal property. Since he's a convicted felon already, he deserves to do some hard time in prison and be forced to pay for the cost of rebuilding what he tore down.

Wanting to attach a huge tacky ballroom to the White House is grotesque.

Name: Suzanne Scala
Date: February 18, 2026 5:29:20 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Colleen Moulton
Date: February 18, 2026 5:29:28 am

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Name: Christopher Culbreath
Date: February 18, 2026 5:29:35 am

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Name: Margaret McKitty
Date: February 18, 2026 5:33:02 am

STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR COUNTRY OUR HOME

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

It is an utter travesty what happened to the East Wing of the PEOPLE 'S HOUSE

No proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Kershek
Date: February 18, 2026 5:33:04 am

Please bring back the originality of the East Wing. It's the people's house not one individual's home. Keep America's history intact. The actual addition will overshadow the beauty of the White House! Our House.

Name: Brian Doerfler
Date: February 18, 2026 5:33:16 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a literal razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marshal Compton
Date: February 18, 2026 5:35:17 am

This is a national treasure that should not have been demolished. It should be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Susie Crate
Date: February 18, 2026 5:39:15 am

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Name: Sarah Finnegan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:39:29 am

Please stop the administration’s creation of the planned East Wing Renovation. They had no right or authority to tear down the historic east wing to build a garish gold plated ballroom.

Name: Betsy Lewis
Date: February 18, 2026 5:39:41 am

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Name: Susan Fowler
Date: February 18, 2026 5:40:51 am

The East Wing of our beloved White House was demolished without any coordination with the proper historical building authorities. The building of any structural addition to the People’s house needs to be reviewed by the proper authorities who shall make design and structural determinations. This cannot be just one person’s plan for a gold ballroom. Funding needs to also be properly reviewed.

Name: Sandra Jansen
Date: February 18, 2026 5:42:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: William Conner
Date: February 18, 2026 5:42:59 am

I oppose this wholeheartedly. Every step of this project has been undertaken without any consideration of the practices and laws that are in place. This is not a modernization, this is destroying one of our nation’s hallowed structures. Any further destruction should be stopped and the restoration of the original east wing should commence immediately.

Name: AnnMarie Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 5:48:16 am

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Name: Caroline Fairchild
Date: February 18, 2026 5:49:01 am

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Name: Meredith Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 5:50:00 am

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing of the White House. A giant ballroom does now benefit the people of the US, and it is not beneficial that The People's House was damaged in such a manner in order for private donors to have

greater influence over our government. The destruction of the East Wing was illegal and the continuation of this "project" would be allowing the people who broke the law and get away with it. The White House is OUR HOUSE, THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE PRESIDENT.

Name: Beth Terborg
Date: February 18, 2026 5:50:29 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Carol Agriesti
Date: February 18, 2026 5:51:27 am

To those of concern-

I fail to understand how and why the planning and permit, plus a thoroughly comprehensive development plan of reason--for the people of this country have been cast aside. Any and all temporary occupants of the White House/Oval Office can hardly show grounds for singularly deciding the transformation of The People's House.

This country is built upon the rule of law and adherence to the Consent of the People. All of that foundation to our nation has been swept aside as our very symbolic White House built over every day toil, weeks, months, years, decades, and centuries is tossed aside with zero respect nor accountability to The People.

This is entirely unacceptable. Plans must be made through consensus and measured planning giving thought to the integration of the project within the confounds of that that is existing and that to be planned and built.

Name: Sinclair Sheers
Date: February 18, 2026 5:53:52 am

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Name: Covey Avila
Date: February 18, 2026 5:55:01 am

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Name: SANDRA DONOVAN
Date: February 18, 2026 5:55:05 am

I object to the $300 million project that would create a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. The ballroom's size would overpower the presence of the historic and important White House, which would give the impression that the White House is for entertainment and not for our chief executive to be working to enforce our laws. I also object to this project because no permits were applied for or issued, and no historical review of it was done. I favor reconstruction of the East Wing as it was before demolition (and I think no demolition permit was applied for, either).

Name: Davis Diehl
Date: February 18, 2026 5:57:56 am

This project is an abomination. I was horrified by the demolishing of the Rose Garden and the East Wing and feel like our sacred history is being trampled without any oversight. We do not need a giant ballroom, and we certainly don't need one built by a man with such imperial taste. The White House is the People's House, and we do not want it. This monstrosity is way out of proportion and is going to look ostentatious.
I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt at trumps
'A expense-he destroyed it without input from the citizens and he should pay for it to be restored.

Name: Lonnie Nottman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:57:56 am

I believe the WH EW renovation shoud be done. I understand the need for this modification process for the WH because I was a suppler of Carpet for many years. The Bush administration l. The company I worked for manufactured the gold trellis carpet. A big change from the drab blue solid that was used for years. Imagine that a change to such a beautiful pattern. The east wing is small and poorly engineered and designed. The new drawings I have seen are a development dream, beautiful but not appropriate for the neighborhood. A 2/3 scale version would be better. We need a place to entertain and maybe serve as a place for.a summit too.

Name: Sally Sowell
Date: February 18, 2026 5:59:05 am

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Name: Susan M. Bennett
Date: February 18, 2026 5:59:16 am

I am adamantly against adding a ballroom to the White House in an area that was illegally torn down. The continuing desecration of "our house" is a disgrace in the People's Eyes of the United States of America and the World's eyes. Someone PLEASE stop this madness!

Name: romina petrucci
Date: February 18, 2026 6:01:39 am

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Name: Bailey Rose
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:01 am

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Name: Connie Hale
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:12 am

The unauthorised destruction of the East Wing was done without the consent of Americans. Funds for the ballroom (and tearing down the East Wing) are being paid by billionaires which will change the West Wing from being part of the "people's house" to the "billionaires ballroom."

Please do not approve of this change to the White House East Wing.

Kind regards,
Connie Hale
American

Name: Nancy Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:34 am

This project is not legally authorized. It is wasteful spending. The original structure should be restored, however possible. I object to proceeding any further.

Name: Suzan McDermott
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:50 am

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Name: Cynthia Link
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Name: JB Coleman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:07:09 am

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Name: Roni Forster
Date: February 18, 2026 6:08:45 am

This is the people's house, not the Trump house. I was heart broken when he had the east wing torn down. The gold everywhere is very distasteful. We do not need a giant ballroom. I am totally against this.

Name: MJ Flanigan
Date: February 18, 2026 6:09:37 am

There was no need to demolish the east wing. Trump must be accountable for doing whatever he wants, without discussions beforehand. Rebuild the east wing as it was

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Name: Debra Merrick
Date: February 18, 2026 6:10:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Billionaires may have given money but I am sure none of that is anywhere to be found. This is a shameless act of grifting and bribery while destroying the American people's property. Building and old trees are gone. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this giant ballroom canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Frances Metzger
Date: February 18, 2026 6:10:17 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Patricia Lawrence
Date: February 18, 2026 6:10:37 am

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Name: Susan Garcia
Date: February 18, 2026 6:10:44 am

It is a clear violation of the constitution for the East Wing to have been destroyed in this way. The project must be halted. Proper legal channels must be pursued to restore the East Wing with historical context. Order must be restored in every way to our constitutional republic and this is one glaring example.

Name: Carolina Diaz
Date: February 18, 2026 6:12:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 6:14:12 am

NCPC File Number: 8733
I'm a citizen of the U.S., a retired federal employee, someone who has visited Washington, D.C. to work in federal buildings and as a tourist and plans to do so again, and I am a daughter of parents who led groups of 8th graders to Washington, D.C. for many decades. My parents and I have experienced the awe that the architecture of our nation's capitol city inspires both directly and through watching young people have this experience. I believe that that the classic proportions within the design of each building and monument as well as the proportions among them are key to providing that inspiration and the realization that we are a part of a country that is thoughtful and does great things through careful, collaborative planning and perseverance.

I am greatly concerned about comments that this administration has made as to the proposed size and proportions for the East Wing of the White House, and I was profoundly disturbed by the demolition of the East Wing without proper consultation (e.g. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)) or a publicly-vetted, approved plan for replacing the demolished East Wing with a new one. As the NCPC reviews the East House Modernization Project, I urge the reviewers to carefully consider how the public will see and experience the modernization project from surrounding public spaces and from viewpoints used in photography and videography. The external size and proportions of the East Wing must be in balance with both the central structure of the White House and the West Wing. The East and West Wings must be subordinate to the central structure of the White House and the classical “golden ratio” of human design indicates that the ratio of the dimensions of the wings to the central structure should be approximately 1:1.618, i.e., the wings must each appear smaller than the central structure. In addition, the dimensions and features of the new East Wing itself should follow the golden ratio. The external views of the new East Wing should be in harmony with those of the West Wing. Furthermore, the materials and style features used in construction should appear similar to those used in the historic portions of the White House.

For NHPA, a consultation under section 106 should be completed as part of the planning process for the East Wing Modernization Process. The entire area of Washington, D.C. in which the White House is located is on the National Register of Historic Places and multiple individual National Historic Landmarks and structures on the National Register of Historic Places are in the immediate vicinity of the White House. Because the East Wing has been demolished and will be completely re-built, the project planning being done is for an "undertaking" under NHPA section 106. "Section 106 consultation is triggered when a federal agency determines that it has a type of undertaking that has the potential to affect historic properties. Under the Section 106 regulations and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), an “undertaking” is broadly defined as any project, activity, or program with federal agency involvement, such as those carried out by federal agencies, assisted by federal agencies, or that require a federal permit, license, or approval." (www.achp.gov). The White House itself is an historic structure in an historic district and its exterior is in the viewshed of multiple additional historic structures.

For NEPA compliance and simply to responsibly protect the health of construction workers and the public, contamination issues at the demolition site need to be thoroughly evaluated. Because the East Wing was built and maintained over many decades, the structure is likely to have contained asbestos, lead, and other hazardous substances. The photos of the demolition showed significant production of fugitive dust and a lack of encapsulation or other standard mitigation measures to contain contamination. The documentation for the demolition planning and implementation should be investigated to determine if sufficient testing and mitigation measures were taken prior to and during demolition and, at the very least, confirmation testing should be done at the demolition site as part of the planning for re-construction. Additional disturbance of the site during construction could release additional hazardous substances at and from the site.

As part of the public experience of the future East Wing, the project plans must include accessibility features in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Because taxpayers will be paying for the upkeep, maintenance, and utility bills of the future East Wing and visiting it, I urge the Commission to do what it can to insist that the design meet at least a Gold level of LEED Certification overall and a Platinum level in the areas of Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality, as described by U.S. Green Building Council's most recent set of standards. Note that the engineering firm hired for this project, AECOM, is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this stage of the approval process. I look forward to seeing actual plans and scale drawings of the public views from multiple representative vantage points in the future.

Name: Diane Olson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:14:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. We the People own the White House and one person doesn't get to decide what happens to it even if they are President. Thank you.

Name: Liila Hass
Date: February 18, 2026 6:15:05 am

I oppose everything about this project: The cost, the process by which it was started (no proper authorization, plan or permits or review), the disregard to the will of the people, most of whom do not support this, and the erasure of our beautiful history.

I would like you to stop this project as soon as possible and restore the East Wing to its former character and design. In addition, those who showed such disregard for due process and federal law should be fully penalized and should pay for damages immediately.

Please make sure the former East Wing, the rose garden and other aspects of the White House are fully restored.

Name: Carol Keeling
Date: February 18, 2026 6:16:03 am

This is not modernizing the East wing, it is replacing it. I feel this illegal move should be stopped NOW and, as best as possible, rebuilt to its former glory.
How dare he destroy our Whitehouse without our permission!

Name: Rosr Ash
Date: February 18, 2026 6:16:28 am

As a 82 year old resident of America I stronger object to the unlawful destruction of the East Wing of the White House at the whim of an egotistical, self indulgent individual, and non exisistent "plans" for a monstrous, gaudy creation that will take away from the beauty of the White House and surrounding grounds! We are not a country of disgusting, gaudy opulence of faux wannabe royalty by a temporary resident of the White House!! It already has been made to look like a baudy bordello instead of the simple elegance of the past! Please stop this unlawful, unneeded and unwanted destruction of the White House and vanity project by an self indulgent law breaker!

Name: Misha Krastins
Date: February 18, 2026 6:20:13 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robin Ervin
Date: February 18, 2026 6:20:20 am

I fully oppose the ballroom plans as we know them. The East Wing was torn down with no proper approvals and permits

nor planning and should be restored to similar proportions and style as previously existed with the purported ‘donations’ and DT’s personal funds.

Name: Cat Harris
Date: February 18, 2026 6:22:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brigid Conway
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:12 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? The East Wing should be reconstructed to be restored to its previous use as the first ladies part of the people house!!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I disagree with ANY tax paying dollars to be used for trumps destruction of the East Wing. Trump should pay to it to be restored, period, it was a disgrace to destroy.

Sincerely,

Brigid Conway

Name: Joanna Pashdag
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Mr. Trump may be President but he doesn't own the White House, and he doesn't get to do whatever he wants with it, no matter who's paying for it.

Name: Colleen Larson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Edward Modaro
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:59 am

Members of the Commission: All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was unlawfully destroyed by the President. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem. Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess.

Name: BARBARA BATE
Date: February 18, 2026 6:25:57 am

I am writing to share my comments regarding the proposed 90,000 sq ft. ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. I'd like to know if he even had the right to do this. I believe any rebuild should remain on the same foot print of the prior East Wing. I also believe it should be returned to its original form.

Name: Lu Ann Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:26:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please stop this descreation of our beautiful White House!

Name: Angela Caudill
Date: February 18, 2026 6:26:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joanne Le
Date: February 18, 2026 6:27:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Adele Jacobs
Date: February 18, 2026 6:28:05 am

Please modernize the East Wing, but using essentially the same size and footprint as the one destroyed. A 90,000 sq ft ballroom was not approved through proper procedures. The size of the ballroom will overwhelm the existing structure of The White House.

Name: Robin Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 6:28:52 am

The destruction of the East Wing was not in the interest of the country. We need to carefully account for all money donated for any replacement, and reserve final replacement activity until a new administration takes power in 2029. No president should be given power to make substantial changes to the people’s house without thorough, bipartisan discussion and agreement.

Name: Melissa Dederer
Date: February 18, 2026 6:29:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathy Preston
Date: February 18, 2026 6:30:49 am

This project must be inline with the historical aspects of the building and must not resemble a palace of a want to be king. It must not be paid for by taxpayers. This belongs to the people not the government.

Name: Stacy Levine
Date: February 18, 2026 6:33:42 am

This project should not continue! This was not handled through the proper channels, no one is above the law. There are no written plans, budget, communication or funding. The destruction was completed so quickly in hopes they could continue to do what ever they wanted. This must be stopped!

Name: Michele Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 6:35:07 am

I oppose the spending of money on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This project is NOT above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Eleanor Tomlinson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:35:44 am

I oppose the East wing modernization project. Why, because it is not needed, it was not approved, probably it is against the law. I suggest that the East wing be returned to its original state. Also, the rose garden should be returned to its original state.
This is definitely above and beyond the scope of what the president is allowed to do.

Thank you very much.

Name: Brenda Jessen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:35:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Anita Corbett
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:06 am

I am against any changes that were initiated without the proper approvals. The White House should be restored to how it was and the individual who illegally razed this historical building without permission should be punished. The Whute House is the people’s house- not a playground for the most corrupt President to ever occupy the residence.

Name: Lori Hickman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Mary-Frances Dampier
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:15 am

I strongly oppose the reported demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed construction of a privately funded ballroom that serves no clear public necessity. The White House is not a personal residence to be reshaped according to vanity or private preference; it is a historic national institution, maintained in trust for the American people.

Undertaking structural changes to such a significant and symbolically important space—particularly when financed through private donations—raises serious ethical concerns. Even if framed as philanthropy, large private funding directed toward federal property risks creating the appearance of influence-buying, preferential access, or quid pro quo arrangements. In a democratic system already strained by public distrust, this kind of project undermines confidence in the integrity and independence of public institutions.

There is no compelling functional justification for a new ballroom that outweighs the preservation of historical architecture, fiscal transparency, and ethical governance. At a time when public funds, attention, and leadership should be directed toward urgent national needs, prioritizing a cosmetic expansion funded by private interests sends a troubling message about misplaced priorities and the normalization of blurred lines between public service and private influence.

Any modifications to the White House complex should be guided by preservation standards, historical stewardship, and full public accountability—not donor-driven projects that invite legitimate questions about corruption, favoritism, and the erosion of ethical safeguards. For these reasons, I urge an immediate halt to demolition efforts and a full public review of the funding sources, decision-making process, and long-term implications of this proposal.

Name: Susan Flynn Holland
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:27 am

The new grand ballroom slated for the east wing on the white house has no merit or design of benefit for the citizens of The United State of America. Its a private partnership on public lands. A vanity build that will privatize and give private donors another pay to play opportunity to corrupt and abuse our system and policies for years to come.And is out sized and grandeur diminishes the iconic nature and historical building and alter our concepts of democracy.
Rebuild the west wing and deny the outsized vanity project desecrating the peoples whitehouse.

Name: Reenie Kraft
Date: February 18, 2026 6:37:00 am

The East Wing project should be revised. Its projected size will overtake the complete look of the White House. It is an expensive vanity project that many many voters don’t want and don’t care about.

Please consider resizing the project so it is significantly smaller. And far less expensive.

Thank you for considering.

Name: Elssa Green
Date: February 18, 2026 6:37:13 am

Dear Commissioners,
Americans take pride in our landmarks. Much of our history is within the walls of the White House - the People’s House. The lawless razing of the East Wing was shocking in its lack of consideration or permission from the NCPC, as well as respect for true ownership of the building. I demand our White House be restored to its previous state and any appropriate

prosecution be undertaken.
Thank you.

Name: Phillip Todd
Date: February 18, 2026 6:37:16 am

I oppose this project. The demolition of the historic East Wing was not vetted in the proper way. My request would be that any funds for the project be used to rebuild and restore the East Wing to the proper historical significance that it once was.

Respectfully,
Phillip Todd

Name: Laurel Pollard
Date: February 18, 2026 6:40:16 am

I oppose spending anything on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the criminal who vandalized the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rona Feldman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:40:42 am

You’re being ridiculous. Fix the mess you started with a small, tasteful replacement and spend not a penny extra. You do not have my omission to use tax money on an oversized ballroom or underground shelter beyond the essentials.

Name: Joan Christy
Date: February 18, 2026 6:41:07 am

The words in the second paragraph are not mine but they fully represent my thoughts on the matter of the destruction of the East Wing of the White House - the people’s house - without any regard for following the law or getting the permits needed. As stated below, I want the giant ballroom project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. I also want anyone who ignored the law to be prosecuted.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Sheri Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:41:53 am

Dear Sir or Madam,
I visited the White House as a child, but only viewed the White House from the sidewalk behind the fence. I hoped to bring my grandchildren someday to visit. I am deeply concerned about the president tearing down the East Wing to build a 300 million dollar ballroom that is not needed and will not benefit everyday Americans. This must be stopped and the East Wing must be restored to its original state. Thank you for your attention. I love America.
Sheri A Jackson
Mio, MI

Name: Rebecca Hyde
Date: February 18, 2026 6:42:23 am

Renovation and improvements are an important responsibility of any property owner. The people of the United States own the White House. We have the responsibility for maintaining improving and upgrading as required.

However, I question the need for a $300 million ballroom. If the east wing is to be replaced, there should be a period of input as to what that replacement would be. The decision should not be the sole responsibility of any person.

I strongly suggest a period of study and input. Beyond that which has been provided.

Name: Chip Frye
Date: February 18, 2026 6:44:21 am

To allow a sitting President to tear down a portion of the White House, as though it were his own home, is a stunning yet improper move. To allow private funding without knowing who those are that are funding this is wrong in so many ways. I am against allowing this unapproved structure to move forward. I believe the east wing should be rebuilt, using funds came from the secret donors and use the remaining funds to rebuild public programs that have been demantled.

Name: Judy Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:44:33 am

I oppose the spending a single dime on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want Trump charged and FINED to the maximum extent of the law. Hopefully three times would it cost us to put it back up? I want him to pay for the reconstruction out of his own fricking pocket no “gifts” from those she’s blackmailing her holding hostage in any manner. And if there is a physical imprisonment for destruction of the White House impose.

Name: Brad Hardman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:44:58 am

It is a shame and despicable that do important a landmark was laid to waste for an egomaniac to launder money. There is nothing more that this could be then a scheme to line the pockets of a dictator, as no reasonable crew would demolish the East wing or the White House, and there is no way the planned construction would cost $300M otherwise.

Name: Harriet Marritz
Date: February 18, 2026 6:45:11 am

The White House does not belong to any one occupant. It is widely known as “The People’s House”.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Stephen Beckett
Date: February 18, 2026 6:45:23 am

FULL STOP this ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION!!!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Emily Fischer
Date: February 18, 2026 6:46:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of United States Presidential history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all in the United States.

Name: Cassie Eacker
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and of the American People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Elisa Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tracy Cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Beatrice Keehfuss
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:37 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Ruzanic
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kelly Dunlop
Date: February 18, 2026 6:48:10 am

I can’t support spending $300 million on a project that moved forward without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This doesn’t feel like modernization — it feels like erasing a piece of American history. I believe this project should be stopped, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to the way it was meant to be. No one should be above the law. Allowing this to continue without holding people accountable would feel deeply unfair to every American who tries to follow the rules.

Name: Rosalind Finney
Date: February 18, 2026 6:48:38 am

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing. I reject the budget (seen at different amounts never less than $300,000,000). I support the prosecution and meaningful punishment of those who made the decision to tear down this historic structure without review or approval.

And, should the ballroom be built, I believe it should stand and not be erased, as a monument to the stupidity, greed, and corruption of our era.

Name: Matthew Hajducky
Date: February 18, 2026 6:48:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mo Kafka
Date: February 18, 2026 6:49:32 am

Thank you for this chance to express my concerns.

The Executive Mansion is also known as The People's House and is the singular most iconic house in the USA. It is of incredible and priceless historic significance to our nation. It needs to be protected so that the needs or desires of any single President are considered in the context of historic preservation of the whole premises and their long term harmony and appropriateness to the original structure.

Changes and additions that affect the property and are highly visible should be carefully vetted and reviewed by experts in the historic architecture of the White House and of Washington DC and should follow the Department of the Interior guidelines for landmarks. Thank you.

Name: Marjorie Lallemand
Date: February 18, 2026 6:50:09 am

The East Wing of the White House is historicaly important to our country and protected by law. We must not give in to President Trump's "East Wing Modernisation Project", the result of his extreme Narcissism.

Marjorie Lallemand

Name: Brian Sweet
Date: February 18, 2026 6:51:04 am

I strongly oppose the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the construction of a garish and unnecessary ballroom in its place. Neither the appropriate agencies nor the American people were consulted even on the plans for this $300M vanity project, and the fact that the president's donor friends "may" foot the bill actually makes it worse, not just an eyesore but a target for grift. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and those involved in its illegal demolition face justice. Thank you

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Name: Ashley Hammer-Paakkonen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:51:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Susan Syler
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:07 am

I oppose the razing of the East Wing of the White House, which was done without proper oversight. The project should be thoroughly reviewed now, and any moneys raised for the project used to rebuild the East Wing as it previously existed.

Name: Linda farrell
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:34 am

I object to spending $300 million on this garish ballroom.

Name: Debra Gage
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the razing of the East wing and the building of a “ballroom”, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing and financial restitution those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Mary Grace Brewer
Date: February 18, 2026 6:53:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leslie Dey
Date: February 18, 2026 6:53:34 am

In my opinion, the East Wing should be reconstructed, restored, to reflect its original design and purpose. All of the pre destruction furnishings should be returned for display. Modern building standards, and building codes, should be followed. The architecture of this important historical build should be returned to balance.

Name: Lori Everett
Date: February 18, 2026 6:53:40 am

I am greatly opposed to the East Wing ballroom project. This would dwarf the most recognizable building in the US. The East Wing was torn down in an attempt to say oops, too late to do anything about it. It is not the president's place to unilaterally make such changes. The White House is on loan to the president. He does not own it. There are procedures in place to make these things happen lawfully and that did not happen. No one is above the law!

Name: Gilly Rosenthol
Date: February 18, 2026 6:53:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michelle Hagans
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:00 am

This $300 million expenditure should never have been allowed to go forward. The project began without the required authorization, design review, or permitting process. Calling it a modernization effort is misleading. What is actually underway is the systematic demolition of a piece of American architectural and cultural heritage. The ballroom project should be halted, and the East Wing should be rebuilt according to its original design specifications. Those who bypassed the established legal and regulatory framework must be held accountable. Allowing this to proceed without consequence sends a clear message that certain individuals operate outside the rules that every other American is required to follow.

Name: Emily Thabes
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:17 am

The East Wing is not an expendable auxiliary structure. It is part of the historic evolution of the Executive Residence complex and reflects the changing civic function of the Presidency across the twentieth century — including the institutionalization of the First Lady's public role and the formalization of public access to the White House. Altering it through demolition and replacement with a privately funded ceremonial structure would erase documented layers of national history rather than preserve them.

Federal planning and preservation policy exists to prevent exactly this type of irreversible alteration. The project replaces a historic resource with a fundamentally different use and scale, rather than rehabilitating it in accordance with established preservation standards. Calling this "modernization" obscures the fact that it is a reconstruction of function and meaning, not a repair or an adaptation.

The White House grounds are not a venue for donor-driven architectural reinvention. They are a public historic landscape held in trust for the American people. Major alteration requires transparent review, lawful authorization, and a preservation-first approach. This proposal meets none of those principles.

I request that the Commission reject the project and require a preservation-based rehabilitation that maintains the East Wing's historic form, scale, and civic purpose.

Name: Vinu Ilakkuvan
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:24 am

I oppose this expensive, history-destroying project, which has proceeded without proper authorizations or historic preservation.

Name: Trina Arrant
Date: February 18, 2026 6:58:06 am

I do not support this project. This is the people's house and it's destruction is a travesty. No oversight on removal of artifacts and the total destruction of this historic landmark. It should be rebuilt and restored as it was. A thorough investigation should occur and charges brought against any and all who participated in the destruction.

Name: Sybil Chamberlain
Date: February 18, 2026 6:58:18 am

I am against "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House as it is the building that exemplifies our country's democratic government! It is NOT a building to hold balls and dinners that glorify one man! It is rich in history and tradition, and is being destroyed without proper channels that are in place to protect historical significance! All construction MUST adhere to to laws and permits that are in place to prevent any misuse of power to destroy our historical landmarks by any one man!

Name: Cheryl Daly
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:09 am

I am outraged that the East Wing was destroyed without the appropriate permits or authorization by the current administration. The East Wing reflects our country's history and belongs to the citizens of our democracy. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. The current POTUS is not above the law, and he should be penalized for breaking the law with such blatant disregard! Please stand for the good people of our country …

Name: KATHLEEN GODZIK
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Caroline Lentz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:30 am

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Mary M Cleary
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:58 am

This project is an abomination, begun without public input or proper planning. Is this really just to improve the fallout shelters below?

Name: Shelley Hilton
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing is our history and I want it back!

Thank you.

Name: Denny Turow
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:24 am

The current President has overstepped his powers. His ego is his master. He has destroyed the peoples house without prior authorization and it must be stopped. I support rebuilding the structure to its previous form.... Let Freedom Ring!!! Please stop this madman.
Thank you,
Denny Turow

Name: Katherine Tutt
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:33 am

I do not endorse this project. The White House has stood as a national emblem of our past and the freedoms our forefathers fought to create and protect. To modernize the building is not only wasteful spending but also an affront to the historic building and everything it stands for. The White House is a place the sitting President stays at and keeps up, it is NOT their “fixer upper” to do with as they please. The building should be rebuilt to its former specifications and history should be preserved not spit upon.

Name: Judith Muehlbauer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:38 am

Please do NOT allow this project to continue. Any and all projects changing the peoples property, including to The White House, should include significant vetting conducted by experts in the field of historic preservation. Studies and review must be done and experts in the field consulted. This will ensure the integrity of the structure and the overall area will be maintained properly.
I do NOT wish a ballroom to be built.

Name: Wendy Jebens
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:50 am

I am strongly against spending of $300 million of tax payers money on this project. The project initiated without the proper design review, authorization, or permits. I can’t even install an outdoor shower on my own property without such things in the town I live in! I demand
this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! Not even the president. Isn’t that the principal our country was founded on? To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jessica Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 7:03:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Heather Henderson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:03:48 am

Size and scale matters for many reasons! The ballroom should not compete with the main structure of the White House in size or cultural prominence. Additionally, because the building will not be used daily because of its size, but will need to be heated/cooled/maintained daily, care should be taken so that heating/cooling/maintenance costs—taxpayer dollars—are not being used for empty square footage. Trump is already an expensive bag of hot air. We don't need to pay for a building full of it too.

Name: H Polopolos
Date: February 18, 2026 7:04:51 am

We oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sharon Boehlefeld
Date: February 18, 2026 7:05:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Change is inevitable but following the law and respecting established procedures is important to our democracy.

Name: Nicole Piche-Nicholas
Date: February 18, 2026 7:06:18 am

I oppose spending on this project because it was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. The White House is the people's house and I want this project canceled and the East wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all Americans. This project is simply an illegal destruction of American history and I will not stand for it.

Name: Virginia nowaski
Date: February 18, 2026 7:06:54 am

I object to this trump vanity project, as it does not reflect on the American people's needs, nor was it vetted or approved using normal government channels, or funds. Is it not the people's house?

Name: Emily Romano
Date: February 18, 2026 7:06:54 am

I am writing to express my complete dissatisfaction with the proposed East Wing modernization plan. President Trump seems not to understand that this is the People's House not some tacky northeast Mar-a-Lago. The latest architectural renderings show how significantly this addition will change the entire look of the White House. This is a historically important building NOT something to turn into a golden monument to someone's ego. How sad that so much destruction has already taken place without any permits, approvals etc. I strongly believe that all the monies raised thus far and any additional money necessary should be used to rebuild the East Wing exactly as before. Modernized, perhaps, but do not change the footprint or the exterior. Thank you for requesting public input.

Name: Carol Rawls
Date: February 18, 2026 7:07:03 am

I strongly oppose the immoral and unconstitutional spending of 300 million dollars on this project which was initiated without proper authorizations , permits or review. It is immoral because it is happening concurrently with cuts in our national budget to safety net programs to the most vulnerable. It is unconstitutional because it is not one person's choice that can direct a democracy. We have no king ! We need to reflect our own values as a democracy. No one is above the law. In addition it seeks to erase our American history. I ask that you vote to reject this project and rebuild and restore the East Wing of our capitol.

Name: Louise Fawbush
Date: February 18, 2026 7:07:43 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Paul Berberich
Date: February 18, 2026 7:08:59 am

The White House is a national treasure and should be treated as such. The East Wing was destroyed illegally in furtherance of a vanity project backed only by the President without proper review, permitting, or approval.
The East Wing which stood for over 75 years must be restored to its former glory. Those responsible for its destruction must be punished and be made to fund its restoration in full to its former condition.
The illegal actions of the President in this matter are unprecedented and should not be allowed to stand.
Please act to restore and preserve our heritage. Thank you.

Name: Nancy Waldron
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:19 am

I strongly oppose the building of the Trump ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was originally before it was illegally torn down. We must preserve our history and not give in to this ego driven travesty of a ballroom.

Name: Betsy McNair
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for listening.

Name: Effie Baldwin
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:50 am

Dear Representative,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law.

Thank you,

Effie Baldwin

Name: Amalia Mathis
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:59 am

This should never have been begun without the correct permission requested and granted. This should not be allowed to go forward with the unapproved design. It should go back up the way it originally looked and be payed for by those same donors who were paying for the “improvements”. No government dollars, taxes, or funds from any government department should be used to undo and repair this blatant disregard for the laws.

Name: Lisa Haines
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:21 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sharon Stanford
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:23 am

Tearing down the East Wing of Our People's House without proper authorization was a slap in the face to every American. This was done when the government was in a shutdown, due to a failure of the President to even work with Congress and abide by laws of our great nation.
The proposals for a ever-increasing-price-of-a-project to build a massive ballroom funded by Tech billionaires, probably for favors from the government, is also an afront to the American people. The People's House should remain for the people, not for opulent parties for the billionaire class to curry favors and make deals under ballroom lights. Congress needs to act. Congress needs to represent the people they were sent to represent in the light of day.
The person proposing this stupid, arrogant project isn't even likely to see it's completion. He is old and sick. Nobody else wants this stupid project, just the person who wants his name on a big building - not unlike the "Trump" Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.. Just stop this insanity.
Everything this proposed ballroom represents is un-American. This project needs to stop. It needs to end and the East Wing needs to be restored. To do anything less is to let people currently in power ignore the laws of our land. Furthermore, the funds to properly restore the East Wing need to be taken from those who are responsible for it's destruction.

Name: Joan Herbers
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:34 am

This is atrocious. Please stop it.

Name: Cathy Jewell
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:37 am

I do not believe the ballroom that President Trump wants to build on White House grounds should be approved. He did not go through the proper approval procedures for such a project but rather tore down the historical East Wing with no warning. The East Wing is part of the history of the Peoples House. For years it has hosted a variety of functions and has

been the office space for our First Lady. Tearing down the East Wing without any warning or permission, to me, is a symbol of our current administration and the tearing down of our democracy with no respect to the people who are our country. Please deny the building of a ballroom and require the East Wing be rebuilt with respect to all historical architecture that existed.

Name: Bernadette Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Scanlon
Date: February 18, 2026 7:12:51 am

A "ball room" is a completely asinine use of money that could fund many useful projects. Everyone with a brain understands that it is yet another way for Donald Trump to put his crass, gaudy brand on something at the taxpayers' expense. The following is spot on regarding this situation:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."...Anara Gard

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Name: Heather Floody
Date: February 18, 2026 7:13:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: B Beth McKay
Date: February 18, 2026 7:13:31 am

I’m against the remodel. It was wrong to tear it down without permission. It was a waste of money. Trump is ruining the country, wasting taxpayers money, stealing from the people, abusing the public and pandering to the rich. He’s not the president he promised his voters he would be and now he’s running the country in deeper debt. The donations should not be allowed. That’s a conflict of interest. He should pay for repair of the damages to the building that was there, out of his own pocket.

Name: Dareya Cohen
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ennis Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Mariah Poole
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:45 am

Please DO NOT let us lose the history, beauty, and respect which the White House represents. The loss of the Rose Garden was rather criminal -- destruction of our national history without authorization. The demolition of the East Wing is even worse. And for no good reason except the egotism of one leader who feels he can personally reshape my country's history while using my money to do it, my money along with all the other American taxpayers, whom I believe believe in the separation of the three powers of our government, as the constitution declares. It is not the prerogative of the presidency to make unilateral decisions about our most basic of historical monuments. Please demand that the West Wing be recreated exactly as it was, without using taxpayer money. The "investors" can pay for it. Our history is not to be destroyed by whim, but to be preserved and celebrated.

Name: Jane Rogers
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:54 am

I very much oppose this ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design reviews. This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project halted and the East Wing rebuilt in its former design. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Mary Durost
Date: February 18, 2026 7:15:04 am

Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing of the White House. It is the People’s House, NOT Maralago North. Trump’s vanity projects have no place in our historic buildings.

Name: Karen Nihles
Date: February 18, 2026 7:15:17 am

The East Wing should never have been demolished without approval and should be returned to its original state. The proposed oversized ballroom would detract from the main WH structure, which should be the focal point. Procuring funds from donors to build it is not ethical. Also, the significant operating costs would be taxpayers’ responsibility. It’s a vanity project we cannot afford.

Name: Vicki Fuller
Date: February 18, 2026 7:15:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Additionally, the American people should NOT be responsible for the restoration cost that this illegal destruction will require. I suggest that all those responsible for the destruction pay for the restoration out of their OWN pockets, WITHOUT solicitation from outside sources. If necessary, assets should be frozen and redirected to the rebuilding of the East Wing of our once beautiful House.

Name: Susannah Southern
Date: February 18, 2026 7:15:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Matthew Bigman
Date: February 18, 2026 7:16:02 am

To the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts / National Capital Planning Commission:
I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the ongoing destruction and proposed reconstruction of the White House East Wing. This project represents an unprecedented and irreversible alteration of the People's House, conducted with a disturbing lack of transparency and oversight.
1. Opacity and Ethics of Private Funding
The reliance on "private donors" to fund a $400 million federal project is highly problematic. While the administration claims this saves taxpayer money, it creates significant ethical conflicts, especially as reports indicate donors include major corporations with business before the government, such as Amazon, Lockheed Martin, and Meta. Furthermore, the lack of full disclosure regarding individual donation amounts prevents the public from understanding who is essentially purchasing a permanent mark on America's most historic residence.
2. Grotesque Scale Relative to the Executive Mansion
The proposed 89,000-to-90,000-square-foot addition is fundamentally out of scale with the historic complex. At nearly twice the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Mansion, this addition will "overwhelm" the original structure and permanently disrupt its balanced classical design. While the administration argues a larger space is needed for state dinners, a 22,000-square-foot ballroom designed to seat over 1,000 guests—compared to the current 200-person capacity of the East Room—is an excessive expansion that prioritizes luxury over the site's architectural integrity.
3. Erasure of Historical Character and First Lady Space
The East Wing has served as the official home of the Office of the First Lady since 1977. By demolishing this space with little warning or consultation, the administration has erased decades of history tied to the work of the First Ladies. Even the current First Lady, Melania Trump, reportedly distanced herself from the project, expressing private concerns about the demolition. Replacing these storied offices and the historic 1942 second-story addition with what critics describe as "gaudy" or "gilded" interiors is a profound loss of cultural identity.
4. The Nature of the Demolition and Bypassed Process
The method of this project—demolishing a historic structure before completing required federal reviews—is a "disgraceful" violation of standard preservation protocols. Proceeding without congressional authorization, independent reviews, or public comment periods until after the damage was irreversible sets a dangerous precedent. The "rapid demolition" that began in October 2025, which included the removal of commemorative trees planted by Presidents Harding and Roosevelt, illustrates a disregard for the reverence and history the White House is supposed to represent.
This project is not a modernization; it is an erasure of public heritage. I urge the commissions to halt further above-grade construction until a full, transparent review of the legal authority and environmental impacts is completed.

Name: Anne Earle
Date: February 18, 2026 7:16:39 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - paid for by President Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dona Oliver
Date: February 18, 2026 7:17:42 am

I (along with most people) am horrified at the destruction. Everything he touches dies.

Name: Nancy McGraw
Date: February 18, 2026 7:17:56 am

To whom it may concern:
I strongly ooppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. A taxpayer and citizen.

Name: Dave Ocame
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:09 am

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Name: Anne Rush
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:35 am

As a U.S. taxpayer I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. These are legal requirements to tear down and rebuild anything, and the law applies to everyone. Those who destroyed the East Wing - a truly historical building - should be held to account and it should be rebuilt and restored to its former design as soon as possible.

Name: Dan Riggs
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:42 am

I oppose this project due to the facts that it was begun without proper planning and permits. It also is extravagant waste of funding for limited results.

Name: Tracey Dryden
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:01 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This destruction of the entire east wing is a crime, not a project. I have a historic home and I am not allowed to change the roof color! The White House is not the property of the current occupant.

Name: Patricia Conley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be disgraceful and an abuse of power.

Name: Catherine Farber
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:24 am

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Name: Dr Mary Woods
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:25 am

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Name: Miriam Steiner
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:31 am

I feel that the administration has overstepped their authority and have taken on a project without approval from multiple departments. The white house is known as "the people's house" however, that is not how this administration is treating it. This house has gone through renovations in the past but all with approval and through the proper channels. The reasoning for the ballroom is not sufficient to allow such a project to occur. That ballroom will sit, unused for the majority of the time as fuctions are not done at the qhite house on a weekly basis. The east wing housed offices that were functional and had purpose. State dinners were held at the white house for years with no issues. And the proposed plans that included excessive amounts of golden accents is not impressive but gaudy. This house is a historic house. The dish room, the Lincoln bedroom... you could walk through the house and feel the history and the power of the people in the halls. That ballroom is only a monument to one person. We do not need r want that in the white house. We need leardship, we need compentcy but we do NOT need a ballroom. And just like other projects with the President, this is taking too long with no results. But that is good, I want The People's house back to its original state. I will keep saying it- I will NOT pay for a ballroom that we do NOT need!!! Because i do not believe that he has the backing he says he does. He lies way too much to teuat this is not coming out of the peoples taxes. Please, do the right thing and bring yhe People's house back to the people. This is NOT Trumps house! And never will be!

Name: Sherri Martella
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This whole situation is appalling with his otal ignoring the proper prodcedures, We ALL have rules that we must follow and he should set an example. Currently theexample he is setting is deplorable and huring our nation!

Name: Dee Hutto
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:51 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This is the people’s house. I think the majority does not want a ballroom in the place of the historical East Wing. Stop this atrocity to our house.

Name: Yvette Lindsey
Date: February 18, 2026 7:20:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to Americans.

Name: Dara Roberts
Date: February 18, 2026 7:20:11 am

I am devastated at the egregious nature of this project. No consultation with experts or historical preservation architects. The White House is the peoples house, not the person that we allow to reside there. The East wing needs to be restored to its original status with input from preservation experts. (While they're at it, have them remove the cheap gold plated accents in the rest of the house that has it looking like a tacky bordello).

In addition, no private funds should be accepted without a written guarantee that the donor will receive no favors, tax breaks, special invitations, favorable legislation or any other gift for the donation. This administration's corruption would not be accepted by any other Congress and we are tired of this American oligarchy currying favor. It's blatant and wrong. Stop the quid pro quo!

Thank you.

Name: Debbie Confer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:20:14 am

East Wing "Modernization" really? The East Wing doesn't need Modernization. It needs trump to keep his ugly hands off it! Trump has NO taste at all when it comes to style. Everything he touches becomes ugly.
Repair the damage he has done and return it to normal!

Name: Louise Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:17 am

No President owns the White House or any other federal building. No President has the right to decide unilaterally how and when to change the East Wing. The brash action to tear it down without consulting, much less gaining consent from, historical preservation and related agencies is utterly wrong.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It does not matter how much of the cost is financed by President Trump's donors. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jenn Schaeffer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Rhonda Smith-Blackwell
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:33 am

I am a US, living in Pennsylvania. I am opposed to the construction of the ballroom at the White House. The East Wing should be restored to it's former footprint with any necessary updates. This is the People's house and should not be up to the current administration to change.

Name: Julie Gingras
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:39 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, whether it's being funded by donors (let's call it what it is, bribery) or not. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Julie Gingras

Name: Khalid Ibrahim
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Doing so would be a travesty.

Name: Nancy Crowley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:45 am

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing. This project needs to be cancelled and the wing should be rebuilt and restored to the way it was prior to this project that started without proper permits, authorization and review. People need to be held accountable for permitting this project to proceed.

Name: Cynthia Kozmetsky
Date: February 18, 2026 7:23:03 am

There is a dignity and comfort in maintaining the integrity of the White House especially in times of turmoil. Please rebuild the East Wing in proportion to the rest of the building. Modernization in many areas is possible. Update technology. But let us have our house back

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Name: Coleen Clineschmidt
Date: February 18, 2026 7:23:25 am

This is the People’s house. The East Wing has been illegally destroyed and must be rebuilt. Those responsible for the unauthorized demolition must be brought to justice.
Anything short of this is not American. This is Our House.

Name: Leslia Rodriguez
Date: February 18, 2026 7:23:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Again this is another attempt to erase our country’s history just because someone else’s ego.

Name: Lizette Eckman
Date: February 18, 2026 7:23:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vanity project. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.

Name: Katherine Weber
Date: February 18, 2026 7:23:53 am

I do not support the destruction and reconfiguration of the peoples White House. NO to this damn ballroom.

Name: JOAN YOUNG
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:01 am

Destroying our nation's history for personal aggrandizement is plain wrong. The fact that this began without any review is horrific. The parties responsible must be required to return the East Wing to its original state.l

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Name: Rose Collage
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:28 am

The ballroom design is nothing more than a monstrous vanity project that has nothing to do with serving the American people or the office of the presidency. It will be an ugly stain on our White House and should not be allowed to move forward. Trump did not have permission from anyone to destroy the historic East Wing of the people's White House - based on this alone, construction should be halted and plans should be made immediately to reconstruct the East Wing as close to the original as possible to preserve the dignity and history of the building as well as the lovely symmetry it once had.
Thank you for your attention to this.

Name: Pam Aden
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:42 am

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Name: Merrille Spicher
Date: February 18, 2026 7:25:36 am

I oppose the building of this obscene oversized ballroom. It is way too expensive. It doesn't match the scale of the White House. The plans have not gone through the proper review process. The previous East Wing was torn down without following procedures. No one is above the law. This is sacred US property. Rebuild the old East Wing. Or begin a legal, historically appropriate, properly scaled plan for a new one. Take the time to do this right. Stand up to the bully and stand up for the respect of history. Thank you.

Name: Margaret Burns
Date: February 18, 2026 7:25:49 am

As a U.S. citizen who grew up visiting D.C. on a regular basis and learning to love its history, the destruction of the East Wing of “our” White House was an abomination. More importantly, the fact that the NCPC was not consulted and proper channels were not followed makes it even worse. The action taken to destroy the East Wing was illegal and was not sanctioned by WE,THE PEOPLE. History was destroyed and it should be restored to its original beauty.. No one is above the law regardless of their position and this action by President Trump cannot be ignored!

Name: Linda Jennings
Date: February 18, 2026 7:26:00 am

Stop the ballroom!

Name: Julie Lewis
Date: February 18, 2026 7:26:21 am

I couldn't have said this better myself, so I am sharing the words of Anara Guard, who succinctly captured my thoughts regarding the East Wing Modernization Project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,
Julie Lewis

Name: Rose Apel
Date: February 18, 2026 7:27:15 am

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Name: David owens
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:05 am

the history of America is something to (mostly) be proud of, and we can not allow a rabid dog to deface every beautiful thing of our past by slathering it with his own urine. OUR white house must be restored as much as possible to its original appearance before the illegal action to destroy it began.

Name: K Holt
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Henry Haskell
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:55 am

My wife, Ellen Cordes, and I deplore the characteristically wanton and high-handed way in which the Trump administration has demolished a valued and historic building, one that belonged not to them but to the American people. The Commission must immediately assert its statutory power to oversee this shamefully self-aggrandizing project and ensure that the proposed "modernization" meets long-established architectural and planning standards for federal buildings in our nation's capital.

Name: Susan Thornton
Date: February 18, 2026 7:29:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kimberly Howard
Date: February 18, 2026 7:29:55 am

I am opposed to spending $300 million on a ballroom that was instigated without proper permits, review or oversight. The fact that part of the White House was first dismantled without proper permission is an absolute disgrace and the perpetrators should be prosecuted for the crime of destruction of American history. If we do not hold those responsible accountable, we are enabling and giving permission for them to destroy further historial property without consequences. This is not modernization that anyone asked for or voted on. The White House belongs to the nation, not one family or administration to do as they wish.

Name: E Silker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:06 am

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Erin

Name: Eric Bouwens
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The White House belongs to the American people, not a single billionaire who believes he is above the law. The project is gaudy, tasteless and vulgar. It does not reflect the traditions and serousness of American history and democracy.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Charlotte Dunworth
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:13 am

My opinion is: The East wing should be rebuilt to it original structure with modern improvements and President Trump should have to pay for it with his personal money!

Name: John MacPherson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:26 am

No ballroom. Must be rebuilt as it was. Must be entirely at Trump’s expense with no tax dollars involved: You break it- you own it. Also no pictures of Trump and no statues of him will be allowed in the rebuilt structure. The Arc d’ trump must not be authorized. A large screen TV showing reruns of The Late Show with Steven Colbert must be in a prominent location and must run 24 hours a day every day Grizly Gnome must work as the hat check girl wearing her best Stetson. Blondi Bondi has to provide Daycare for visiting children and may sneer at them only once per day per child and may not have her burn book. Bannon must provide landscaping and janitorial service after apprenticing in these occupations in

Mexico with Steven Miller who will handle toilet cleaning. Finally, the structure must include a windowless chapel where J D Whatever (his name is this week) must remain there until his term in office has expired. And he must repeat the words “Church and State are 2 different things and must not mesh” a thousand times per day.

Name: Anne Wood
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:26 am

This project is an affront to everything American.
* That an American monument can be obliterated without authorization...
* That an American President thinks he has total immunity from responsibility to the American people...
* That private money thinks it holds the power to disregard the will of the general populace...
just to name a few reasons why this project should be stopped.

Name: mike caffes
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Benton
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:56 am

East Wing Modernization.

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Name: Beth Frank
Date: February 18, 2026 7:31:56 am

I am reaching out to oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. We cannot continue to be bullied into thinking this project is ok, or meant to better The People’s House. Funding by “private “ donors is not how we conduct business to improve this historic building, we demand that the law and proper channels be followed.

Name: Laurie Cohen
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
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Name: john hofker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:33 am

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Name: David Bleyl
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:44 am

This is totally wrong and you know it! This is the people's house and no president has a right to destroy it. What an insult to us all! Do the right thing. Dethrone the orange terd and let us move forward!!

Name: Amy Strickland
Date: February 18, 2026 7:33:58 am

I find it unfathomable that this project even got started in the first place, without the approval or input from not only the established powers that be, but also the American people. No one has a right to destroy our national treasures on a whim. The money being spent, the desecration of a federal building, or the building of some grotesque ballroom are all permant scars on this great nation and will be written about for the rest of our history. Please refrain from any further actions that will embarrass us all.

Name: Carol Carol Groat
Date: February 18, 2026 7:34:06 am

I am opposed to the modernization of the east wing at the White House. I am opposed to building a ballroom. I want the east wing restored to what it should be. This project was not approved. This project is one crazy man's dream.

Name: Angela Long
Date: February 18, 2026 7:35:28 am

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nora Gerstein
Date: February 18, 2026 7:36:09 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without an effort to conserve its history and materials, without permits, and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Dévon Lewis
Date: February 18, 2026 7:36:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete vandalism of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joyce Mills
Date: February 18, 2026 7:36:36 am

Someone needs to stop the total destruction of the people's White House! How can one deranged toddler have the power to destroy everything he touches?

This is our house!!!

Name: Ann Jane Ragazzo
Date: February 18, 2026 7:37:55 am

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Name: Lori Kiergaard
Date: February 18, 2026 7:37:58 am

I am writing to express my concern about the terrible east wing demolition and destruction, done without any prior authorization. Please rebuild it like it was and prosecute those responsible.

Name: William Caminiti
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Lorandeau
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:09 am

Put the East Wing back, using the same footprint.

Name: Paul Glickler
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:22 am

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Name: MARIAN HEADINGTON
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:23 am

Please deny this project. Please demand the East Wing be restored to its original structure. It is terrible that the current administration would just tear down history and ignore planning approval.
Thank you,
Marian Headington
Jacksonville, AL

Name: Deb Clifford
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bonnie Wisnewski
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:48 am

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

The White House is a symbol of Americans as a whole. Building a ballroom is a symbol of opulence and privilege. This money is better spent funding our national parks which all Americans can utilize. This project should have been put up for public review. It was not even passed through Congress. As the demolition has already occurred before it was even approved I would like to request the following:

1) Full disclosure of what architectural elements, materials, and artifacts from the East Wing were salvaged.

2) Documentation of where those materials are currently stored and how they will be preserved.

3) A binding commitment that any new construction will interpret and honor the historic role of the East Wing, particularly the contributions of First Ladies and their staff.

4) Design review ensuring the replacement structure remains architecturally subordinate to the White House in massing, scale, and character.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Wisnewski

Name: Janice Holladay
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathy Page
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:14 am

I oppose the destruction of the White House East Wing and the newly, illegally planned “ballroom”.

Name: Wyeth Furlong Metz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andrea Ettere
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:51 am

I'm just disgusted how the current President and its administration seem to have no respect for the policies and approvals needed to renovate a historical landmark. I oppose all the current work at the White House especially the demolition of the wing. Not only is it a waste of money but the fact that the avenues this project took to start the work went against all current policies and rules for approval is criminal.

Name: Corrie Habib
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:12 am

I oppose spending $300M on this project of building a lavish ballroom! Tearing down the East Wing was lawless and despicable. The White House belongs to all Americans. I agree that it should be rebuilt and I support it being rebuilt in as close to shape and style as possible to the wing that existed before—with one large notable exception: I strongly feel that it should be LEED certified and an example of conscientious, responsible, ethical, and inclusive, construction.

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Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:17 am

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Wisnewski

Name: Cathy Penney
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:24 am

NO ballroom. Please restore the East Wing to its original state before it was illegally torn down. Use any donations made for a ballroom for the East Wing restoration.

Name: Charles Sawyer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:29 am

The East Wing should be rebuilt in a similar scale and scope of the building that was destroyed without appropriate public and expert input. I am outraged that President Trump tore down the East Wing of our White House, the property of all Americans. He should be prosecuted for this crime. A massive, gaudy ballroom designed by this man will be an ugly stain on our Capital City. Please stop him, and stop his hideous Arch idea as well.

Name: Elizabeth St. John
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:36 am

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And since this was an unauthorized demolition, I think the people should sue Donald Trump for the cost of rebuilding."

Name: Sara Lampert Hoover
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:41 am

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I WANT THIS PROJECT CANCELED , AND THE EAST WING RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Vicki Sanders
Date: February 18, 2026 7:41:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House does NOT belong to the President. The White House belongs to us. It is the People's House.

Name: Barbara Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:41:26 am

This is the Peoples House, and as the People We do not want or need a Ball Room. The destruction and History this Man has destroyed is unforgivable.

Name: Alisa Wartick
Date: February 18, 2026 7:41:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history with a garish and disproportionate design. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janet Engelson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:00 am

Donald Trump had no authorization to tear down the East Wing and build a garish, oversized addition to the White House. The White House is the people's house and he is only a temporary occupant. It is steeped in history and charm and it is disgusting and huge overreach that he destroyed it without consulting anyone. I want it restored to it's former beauty, along with the Rose Garden. I would also like his name ripped off the Kennedy Center. Thank you.

Name: Denise Fesel
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Permiting this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be an injustice to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Chanda Athale
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:29 am

Dear Members of NCPC

I wish to register my strong disapproval of the proposed plan of the ballroom replacing the old East Wing of the White House. The current design and disproportionate in size and will be an eye sore for decades to come. Furthermore, how many times will the White House host a reception for a thousand guests?

I sincerely urge you to disapprove the current plan for the modernization of the East Wing.

Chanda Athale

Name: Anne Earle
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:06 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - paid for by President Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pat Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was illegally initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Robert Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:56 am

The East Wing was demolished without following legal and standard procedures. It should be returned to it’s legal, preexisting status.

Name: Jan Mitri
Date: February 18, 2026 7:44:11 am

I oppose the spending of $3 million for this project. This was started without proper authorization permits or design review. This is destroying our history. I want it canceled and the East wing restored and rebuilt to its original design. No one is above the law not even the president. To allow this to go forward would be in a front to the people of USA that respect and follow the law. Those that both the law should be punished.

Name: Lynne Leftenant
Date: February 18, 2026 7:44:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Judi Orr
Date: February 18, 2026 7:44:41 am

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Name: Bonnie DiSalvo
Date: February 18, 2026 7:44:57 am

This is an unauthorized project that will cost taxpayers money. It is a destruction of our history without any public input. The president does not own the White House. The people of United States own the White House. This needs to be fixed and never let happen again without considering public input and compliance with all applicable laws.

Name: LInda Ray
Date: February 18, 2026 7:45:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is the people's house, not the president's house and all modifications should be reviewed and make sense for future public good. It should not be used to Stalinize the White House and as a bride to undue influence for those invited. Thank you for slowing this down and proper review.

Regards,

Linda Ray

Name: Anna Kendrick
Date: February 18, 2026 7:46:01 am

I am writing as a US citizen who believes in the rule of law, due process, historical conservation and preservation. The unapproved destruction of the East Wing was a total abomination and a stain on the US executive branch. The White House belongs to the US people and all changes must be made with approval by the people's representatives in Congress

-- particularly when such a leveling is irreparable. To build a new wing entirely out of proportion with the existing White House, with funds raised through private donations and with no input from the American people, would cement this travesty. To allow the destruction of the East Wing with absolutely no repercussions, and indeed to build on that violation, would be to reward and sanction such betrayals of the American people. Needless to say, the historical significance of the East Wing across successive Offices of the First Lady and historic events and visits was never taken into account. To that end: Where have they stored and preserved the art, objects, fixtures and all related accoutrements that also made up the East Wing? In short, I am writing to express my strong protest to the administration's actions and to urge the Commission to exercise its authority and step in. Future generations will reward your principled intervention.

Name: Connie Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 7:46:32 am

Please rebuild East Wing exactly as it was. No ballroom needed.

Name: Eva-Lynn Podietz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:47:25 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Monies "appropriated" or dedicated to this demolition and construction would better be spent feeding children in the US and around the world and resuming PEPFAR and other initiatives.

Name: A Cohen
Date: February 18, 2026 7:47:36 am

Another example of the president circumventing congress and foisting his grandiose “visions” on America without following the rules and laws that have made our country what it was. The destruction of a portion of the people’s house without the peoples permission smacks of an arrogance our leaders should not have….building an “ extension “ that dwarfs our magnificent White House is an insult and an eyesore.
Please do not allow this.

Name: Michael Metcalfe
Date: February 18, 2026 7:47:48 am

I oppose the proposed East Wing expansion and ballroom addition on architectural and cultural grounds. The concept appears disproportionate to the historic massing and compositional balance of the White House complex, disrupting the carefully evolved hierarchy between the Executive Residence, East Wing, and surrounding landscape.

From a preservation standpoint, the proposal risks diluting the restrained neoclassical character and civic symbolism of the existing envelope in favor of an expression that reads as overtly opulent and programmatically excessive. Such an intervention would introduce a scale and aesthetic vocabulary more aligned with private oligarchic display than with the architectural dignity and democratic symbolism historically associated with the White House.

I respectfully urge the Commission to prioritize restoration and preservation of the original East Wing envelope and to

reject any expansion that compromises proportional harmony, contextual integrity, and the cultural meaning embedded in the existing composition.

Name: Kim Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:47:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Geoffrey Sisson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Connie Rockefeller
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:29 am

The demolition of the East Wing by this incompetent, and felonious interloper of a “president” is wrong and illegal. The project needs to be stopped, and legal channels gone through to restore/repair this damage. Oh, and for good measure long overdue, impeach him.

Name: Melodee A Dubois
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:59 am

Like millions of Americans, I was stunned and outraged at his callous demolishment of our nation’s White House. It’s an unparalleled historic building, and the temporary home of the current President. It’s unthinkable that he was able to demolish half of it, and with no checks and balances on him. Let’s start the legal processes necessary to curtail his madness. Now.

Name: Elizabeth Dabb
Date: February 18, 2026 7:49:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens and the demolition of the East Wing is a travesty for the American people.

Name: Linn Kezer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:50:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also want charges brought against Donald Trump for the destruction he has caused. Any monies paid to him for this project must be used for the restoration of The People’s House.

Name: Anita Frazee
Date: February 18, 2026 7:50:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I request this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Angela Delyani
Date: February 18, 2026 7:50:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judith Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 7:50:26 am

No permits no permission no nothing just tore it down. No taxpayer dollars should be spent on this. Restore it to original state and only Trump should pay, he broke it.

Name: Sharyn Wisdom
Date: February 18, 2026 7:50:36 am

Please restore the east wing back to as close as original as oossible. Some one with no permission or decorum destroyed it, and i am heart sick.

Name: Delores McMillin
Date: February 18, 2026 7:51:03 am

Formal Public Comment: NCPC File Number 8733
To: National Capital Planning Commission
Re: Opposition to East Wing Modernization Project (File #8733)
Date: February 18, 2026
I am writing to formally oppose the East Wing Modernization Project (File #8733) and urge the Commission to deny the request for simultaneous preliminary and final site and building plan approval.
My opposition is based on the following critical concerns found within the submission materials:
• Substantial Alteration of Historic Fabric: The project narrative confirms the demolition of significant portions of the East Wing to accommodate a multi-level underground expansion. This irreversible destruction of a National Historic Landmark violates the spirit of the National Historic Preservation Act and permanently alters the architectural integrity of the White House.
• Circumvention of NEPA and Section 106: The submission materials fail to include a completed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a finalized Section 106 consultation report. Approving "final plans" before these federally mandated reviews are complete is a violation of established planning procedure.
• Scale and Visual Impact: The proposed increase in square footage and the structural changes to the East Colonnade represent a radical departure from the L’Enfant and McMillan Plans. These changes negatively impact the "monumental core" and the historic vistas of the President’s Park.
• Lack of Public Transparency: The 149 MB of submission materials were made available to the public with insufficient time for technical review before the requested approval date. A project of this national significance, funded by private-sector contributions with potential conflicts of interest, requires a more transparent and lengthy public comment period.
• Procedural Overreach: The request for "preliminary and final" approval in a single action prevents the Commission from requiring necessary modifications after the initial review phase. This "fast-tracking" sets a dangerous precedent for future development on federal parkland.

Conclusion
The White House belongs to the American people, not any single administration. I urge the Commission to uphold its mandate to protect the National Capital’s legacy and reject Case #8733 until full environmental, historic, and congressional reviews are conducted and made available for public scrutiny.
Sincerely,
Delores McMillin
Floyd’s Knobs, Indiana

Name: Nicola Moering
Date: February 18, 2026 7:51:19 am

This is a travesty the east wing should never been destroyed as well as the beautiful Rose Garden. This House does not belong to the current resident and he should not be allowed to destroy a historic building. As far as I am concerned the rose garden should be recreated since we don’t need a restaurant style patio in its place and the east wind needs to be recreated as closely as possible. We don’t need a ballroom where the East Wing stood.

Name: Judy Oehler Fountain
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:08 am

The East Wing project should follow all laws, guidelines and traditions. The East Wing is the people's part of the People's House and its restoration and care should be overseen by professionals and a public committee who understand this, and no one involved in destroying it involved. Whilecthe design may include some enlargement, its use as a place for the First Lady, staff and the public is primary, not a palace. All donations should be limited in amount, reported publicly, and donors prohibited from any quid pro quo as per the law and Constitution. Taxpayer funds should be authorized by Congress.
Any national security interest should not be used to allow the persons who destroyed the East Wing to control its restoration. Any bunker should also follow Congressionally authorized guidelines. Itis not a refuge for a king to escape the people and refuse to leave the White House. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Lois Obelcz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Chodnicki
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sara Sharp
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:21 am

I think this project is an abomination. The White House belongs to the Nation and any changes need to be approved. It makes me sad to think of everything that is happening.

Name: Maureen Kochanek
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:23 am

I am an art historian and wish to see the east wing restored to its former beauty.

Name: Mary Striegel
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:27 am

Please stop spending money on frivolous things. American people need help with affordable housing, food and basic necessities.

You were elected to work for United State citizens not to be self-serving.

Please find it in your heart to follow through with your pledges to Make America Great Again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Karyn Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:55 am

The White House belongs to the people, not the President, and it’s abhorrent that the East Wing was destroyed in favor of a ballroom. The White House is a historic building — focus should be on preserving it, not destroying an entire wing and making a significant alteration.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt exactly as it was before. I do not want my tax dollars being spent on a ballroom.

Name: Carol Harvey
Date: February 18, 2026 7:53:28 am

I oppose the proposed spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Veronica Markol
Date: February 18, 2026 7:53:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Journeay
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:07 am

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project is a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any money required to restore the East Wing of the White House should come from the Government coffers, not from "donations" from Billionaires who want something for their money.

Name: Silbia Esparza
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all

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Name: Christie Dando
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Toni Blackwelder
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Roy Wait
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:39 am

I am opposed to this project. This is my house as well, even though I don’t actually live there. This is being funded by private interests that have business with the government which is clearly a conflict of interest. Reporting indicates that none of this has gone through proper channels and work should be stopped until there is a publicly available plan that goes through the legal process. This isn’t a private residence in Florida, it’s an historic building that belongs to all of us

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Name: Ana Villasboas
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:39 am

In a country where people are dying for lack of health care this ballroom is criminal. Social security needs to be paid back from what was taken from it and fully funded.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ian Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:42 am

Please do all that you can to stop the project from proceeding, and demand the restoration of the East Wing as it was. It is clear that the project was initiated with blatant disregard for the rule of law. The presidential administration apparently trusts that nobody will have the strength to stand in the way of its illegal action. It is therefore the crucial responsibility of the Commission to act as the check on this abuse of power. While it is obviously wasteful to tear down a building and then rebuild it in the same form, it is far worse to set a precedent of rewarding illegal actors with their desired results, which can only lead to worse and worse abuses down the line.

Name: Cindy LaMure
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:48 am

I want this project stopped!!!

Name: Martin Lupowitz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:56:15 am

I oppose the spending of at least $300,000,000 on this project which was initiated without following the correct protocol for review. It is not a modernization project, but a project that destroyed the historic East Wing of the White House. This project was begun illegally and should be canceled. Instead the East Wing should be rebuilt to historic specifications and those responsible for razing the original building should face legal consequences. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Joel gamble
Date: February 18, 2026 7:56:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Hannah Murray
Date: February 18, 2026 7:56:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: R LENZ
Date: February 18, 2026 7:56:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (even if it's allegedly "donated" money), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project, as currently proposed, canceled.
Whatever is built to replace a beautiful historic structure needs to be in scale with its surroundings, serve the needs of the people, and be approved by designers and architects, not by the current occupant of the White House to his gaudy taste.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Charles Reith
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:24 am

Good morning, the White House in its configuration before the destruction of the East wing, is a National Treasure. The quality of that treasure has been greatly compromised by the destruction of that wing. I would hope that the planning process looking forward will work toward the restoration of the White House and the configuration with which it has stood for decades, subject to modification only through an outrage process with public participation. If spending is required to restore the building to the way it was, I would think that that should be kept off the public payroll and instead be paid for by private donors.

On the final note, turning that space into a giant ornate Ballroom is inconsistent with image that America and its president wants to present to the world

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Name: Rebecca Redett
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: L Matthews
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:35 am

I would like to voice my opposition to moving forward with the East Wing Modernization Project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Its intention was not modernization of the people's house to serve the needs of the people. It was a self-serving attempt to name a building for the express use of that person and to destroy the people's history. This project should be cancelled and YOU should decide what is needed and design the new East Wing according to your design standards on behalf of the people. Thank you.

Name: Nancy Daniell
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:39 am

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Elise Morse-Gagne
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:47 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a crass and irresponsible brag that relies for funding on the unstable pillars of cronyism and flattery. If modernization or a ballroom is desired, it must go through the proper channels, be historically sensitive, and use funding that doesn't depend on the whims of individuals. In the absence of any such plans, the East Wing should be fully restored.

Name: Kathy Dorman
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Lugenbeel
Date: February 18, 2026 7:58:02 am

DC is my home town. I’m so upset about the White House has been so desecrated by our current president. We all must follow the rules but he doesn’t seem to feel they apply to him. I want to see the East Wing restored to its original form at his cost. We the people do not need a ballroom in the people’s house. We need to honor our history!
I e been appalled at how Mr. Trump is destroying our heritage! If this project of his continues what next will he destroy? Please stop this outrageous disrespect of our country.
Thank you

Name: Karen Hannifin
Date: February 18, 2026 7:58:22 am

I watched with horror and disbelief when the East Wing was demolished. I believe the planned ballroom is garish, tacky and too big for the site. No wing should be larger than the people’s house.

Name: Jen Bremer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:58:46 am

As a citizen of the United States I do not want any of my tax dollars going to pay for this destruction of my property.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cornelia Vollmer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:59:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Wollner
Date: February 18, 2026 7:59:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brittany Andrews
Date: February 18, 2026 7:59:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is the house of the people and it belongs to us. Big changes like this, should be put to we the people first.

Brittany Andrews

Name: Brenda Francis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:00:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and all artifacts replaced. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Louis Landeck
Date: February 18, 2026 8:00:56 am

I oppose the construction of a ballroom for the following reasons: There has been no design review nor permits issued. I want the East wing restored to its original design. If you have the ability to assess the costs involved to the party responsible; please do so.

Name: Christina James
Date: February 18, 2026 8:01:01 am

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million in this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project! It is a complete and total razing of American history! Please cancel this project and have the east wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. There should be no one above the law!! Continuing this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be yet another affront to all law abiding Americans!! Please stop the madness!!

Name: Amber Pierce
Date: February 18, 2026 8:01:17 am

I oppose the remodel project of the East Wing. This was not demolition. It was the unauthorized, unpermitted destruction of public property - literally The People's House.

Just like any other unpermitted demolition — particularly of a historic building — the parties involved need to be ordered to accurately rebuild to the exact historic specifications of what was formerly there, and all of the sanctions/penalties/fines that would normally be applied should be levied. Lawlessness must not be rewarded - particularly with my tax dollars.

No one — especially the President — is above the law.

Name: Christina Triezenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Nicholas
Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:25 am

Dear NCP Commissioners,
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I oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project", which was initiated without the proper authorization, design review, or permits. It has destroyed an important historic building that belongs to the American people. I want this project to be canceled, and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalty for the people who destroyed the East Wing is unfair and deeply offensive. We should seek a remedy.
Sincerely,
Sarah Nicholas

Name: Deborah Burns
Date: February 18, 2026 8:03:11 am

Restore the East Wing to it's former glory with only needed upgrades. No gilding. No renaming.

Name: Martha Sider
Date: February 18, 2026 8:03:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Barton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:04:05 am

The white house is The Peoples House and has been since it's erection. The People have a right to all major changes to it. We, The People are very much opposed to any one person making major changes.
I object to Trump building a monument to himself on the grounds of the White House. I object to privately funded projects being built on the White House grounds. I object to demeaning descriptions being placed under previous presidents' pictures. I object to monuments dedicated to deserving people being renamed by a dictator president.

Name: Sarah Elswick
Date: February 18, 2026 8:04:13 am

To Whom it May Concern:
In an ideal world the East Wing would have been left the way it was, without a hasty and irresponsible demolition conducted without proper approval.
However, that cannot be undone. It is a mournful business, attempting to raise something in the rubble of so much history. A large, gawdy and tasteless ballroom would not be an improvement, but an eyesore. It would be a reminder of reckless and disrespectful behavior towards the American public. Therefore, I would like to see the East Wing restored to its original form, with an eye towards historic restoration. Thank you.

Name: Donna Criswell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:04:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Miles Toder
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:22 am

Destruction of such a historic building, more or less in plain sight but without the deliberative process of stakeholder consultation, public review and comment, expert analysis and approvals from concerned authorities is not only unlawful, but against all of our established norms of behavior that made this country exceptional.

What it seems to mimic is how authoritarian nations design, finance and build public structures. We have seen that in places such as China, North Korea, Iran and Russia where they embark on ambitious projects without regard to public involvement from consideration of alternatives to design details. I do not think we should aspire to become more like those places even if it allows us to make decisions and build more quickly because the results, with few exceptions, are not worth the cost in terms of public support and confidence in their government.

Name: Thomas Kashin
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:38 am

I strongly oppose this project. It was not authorized properly nor is it the prerogative of any current occupant of the White House to redecorate or remodel it without permission of the appropriate historic preservation authority. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and whoever directed its destruction must be held criminally and civilly liable.

Name: J Salpeter
Date: February 18, 2026 8:06:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Respectfully submitted,
Judith

Name: Susan Mahserjian-Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:05 am

I totally oppose the razing of the East Wing. It is a destruction of public property and desecration of our history. No permission was granted to do so. The President should be made to pay for its total reconstruction to its original design NOT the taxpayers! ANY changes to the bunker below should be removed and restored to the original.

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom on the site of the East Wing. If a ballroom is constructed it should be approved and built elsewhere after careful thought about its need and consideration of the taxpayer and our trillions in deficit.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

Respectfully,
Susan Mahserjian-Smith

Name: Joyce Forsythe
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:08 am

I oppose the destruction of the EAST WING and the building of a "ballroom."
This was done without permission, permits, without regard of the historical value to America and it's citizens.
Please do not allow the building of a "ballroom," rebuild the EAST WING, give America back it's history.
I also believe the destruction of the Rose Garden is an insult, a slap in the face, to America.

PLEASE do not allow a ballroom to be built!

Rebuild the EAST WING!

Name: A Daney
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:34 am

I oppose the this project on both procedural and substantive grounds. I opposed the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project has nothing to do with modernization and instead is destroying American history and and the architectural integrity of the White House area. I want this project cancel and the East Wing and surrounding landscape areas rebuilt and restored to their former design--without taxpayer money being used. Destroying public property without proper permitting and authorization is wrong. Please make this right--no one is above the law and this project should be stopped; the remediation should happen without taxpayer cost and those who broke the law should be penalized.

Name: Suzanne Roark
Date: February 18, 2026 8:08:03 am

Thank you for allowing comments. I feel disgusted that portions of the White House have been destroyed in the first place. If it must be built, a Ballroom MUST be no bigger than the White House itself. The Ballroom facade MUST be as similar in style and aesthetic as the White House and/or surrounding buildings. The interior should not represent opulence, but rather, the humble beginnings of this country. Craftsman should be employed to traditionally paint murals, use traditional materials with American sourced materials as well. Heirloom and native trees and plantings should be

installed on the grounds surround the building. No part of this edifice or any other should be constructed on the whims or personal likes and dislikes of a single individual. Again, thank you for your consideration.

Name: Kelley M Gordon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:08:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Furthermore, those responsible for destroying this historic building should be held personally responsible for all costs associated with its restoration.

Name: Elizabeth Bunch
Date: February 18, 2026 8:08:58 am

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Elizabeth Bunch

Name: STEPHANIE MERCHANT
Date: February 18, 2026 8:09:31 am

The White House, a national treasure, should never have had the East Wing dismantled. Where were the historians and archeologists?

Trump's Pedophile Ballroom has no place on The White House lawn.

Name: susan kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 8:09:42 am

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Name: Christina Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 8:09:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project EVEN if it is privately funded, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I think the East wing should be rebuilt with its history intact, and if we add a new feature (such as a ballroom or large Banquet Area) all designs should go through approved procedures and voted on. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Suzanne Roark
Date: February 18, 2026 8:09:57 am

Please, for the sake of the American people and it's allies, do not rename or add to the name to include Trump, Donald J. Trump, DJT or any other configuration of President Trump's name.

Name: Elizabeth Dunn
Date: February 18, 2026 8:10:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melissa Petruzzello
Date: February 18, 2026 8:10:25 am

This ridiculous project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, now an eyesore that visually represents the lack of respect this administration has for decorum and usual channels. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding Americans like myself. We don't need a ballroom, we need our leaders to model due process.

Name: Kirsten Cohick
Date: February 18, 2026 8:10:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is the People’s house, and we the People are pissed that this temporary occupant destroyed a historic building without the proper approvals and for a vanity project for one man.

Name: Patricia Eskierski
Date: February 18, 2026 8:11:09 am

I ABOSE THIS ,! It was done without the proper channels !

Name: Kelly Beman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:11:09 am

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Name: Denice Scott
Date: February 18, 2026 8:11:24 am

I am heat sick about the tear down of the east wing of the White House. The history discarded like a piece of trash and

without any input from the people of the United States, the White House is the people's house! I want those responsible to pay for their misconduct and the East Wing brought back to its original state.

Name: Heather Goodspeed
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Wohrley
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:01 am

I am writing to express my disgust with the destruction of the East Wing by President Trump. This was an illegal action taken without proper authorization and permitting. The East Wing should be restored and Trumps wasteful vanity project ballroom cancelled. In addition the restoration should be paid for by those who ordered its destruction and no tax payer dollars should be used for this. If I destroyed a govt building I would be arrested and held accountable. Donald Trump should be held accountable for the destruction of the East Wing of our White House.

Name: William Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Horan
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:28 am

Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

The project now should be put in the hands of appropriate preservation department , funding now by the people not private donors. However 300 million should be held in trust, until final determination of historical site.

Return east wing to its original design and size.as was promised,

I am also asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House belongs to the people. to symbolize a great nation and not the property of any one administration or party, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Emily Peeler
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:54 am

Calling this fiasco a modernization project is a slap in the face to the American people. The east wing should be restored to what it was before this administration decided to go rouge and tear it down.

Name: John B Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:56 am

trump should be held accountable for destroying the East Wing. trump is a temporary resident of OUR White House and had absolutely no right to destroy the East Wing for one of his vanity projects. trump should be required to rebuild it at his expense plus penalties.

Name: Diane Douglas
Date: February 18, 2026 8:13:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jill Caudill
Date: February 18, 2026 8:14:06 am

The demolition of the East Wing was devastating. Historic preservation of the peoples house is the duty of our country's leaders. Donald Trump should be held accountable for his arrogance in this criminal destruction without any respect to due process. The people's house is not his personal property. I believe this structure should be rebuilt with care to closely replicate what was lost with some slight modernizations decided by a commitee that represents the people, not this corrupt administration. Donald Trump should pay for the damages out of his personal funds and should be arrested for his criminal activity.

Name: Sharon Pepper
Date: February 18, 2026 8:14:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pamela Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 8:14:19 am

This project is a illegal travesty and a waste, in addition to the razing of our country's history (which seems to be a theme with this administration). I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mai Vo
Date: February 18, 2026 8:14:40 am

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Name: Lynne Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 8:15:06 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Charlotte Salay
Date: February 18, 2026 8:15:46 am

These are Anara Guard's words but they express my personal feelings perfectly.

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Name: Marcia Dodge
Date: February 18, 2026 8:15:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Todd Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandi Parks
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:16 am

I was horrified by the needless razing of the East Wing, and oppose the spending of $300M (plus) on this project. It was initiated during a government shutdown to flout proper authorization, proper permitting schedules, or even design review from our nation’s national parks service review. The White House Complex belongs to the people of this country, and it should be treated as the National Monument that it is. It should be rebuilt and restored to its former glory. I have visited the White House many times, and it was so beautiful without this gargantuan carbuncle being touted.
No one is above the law, and to permit this hideous and oversized travesty to proceed would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Name: Paul Dextraze
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:23 am

It is unacceptable and sets a bad precedent that this project was allowed to advance without first getting or even seeking the proper authorization for approval. For that reason all construction activities should be halted while a reassessment is made of how to proceed.

Name: Sherie Munday
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:48 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing stood. This project was started without any regard to the history of our capital building. A review with plans to restore the historic building for all Americans must be enforced.

Name: Heidi Holmes
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:49 am

Preserving and restoring the East Wing of the White House should take precedence over constructing a new ballroom because the White House is not simply an event venue, it is a living symbol of American history and democracy. The East Wing houses essential offices and supports the daily work of the presidency, including the First Lady's staff and key operational functions. Investing in restoration ensures the long-term preservation, security, and functionality of an irreplaceable historic structure. Building a ballroom may serve occasional ceremonial purposes, but safeguarding the integrity and infrastructure of the existing building protects the legacy and continuity of one of the nation's most important institutions.

Name: Bruce Ginn
Date: February 18, 2026 8:17:18 am

The east wing should not have been torn down. The individual who authorized it should rebuild it to its original plan with their own funding

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Name: John Herndon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:17:41 am

Any project at the White House must go through the proper procedures, including design review, permitting and proper authorization. This project must be stopped and the East Wing restored.

Name: Linda Frame
Date: February 18, 2026 8:17:50 am

As a U.S. citizen who visited the White House as a child and an adult, and appreciates its place in our culture and identify, it was horrifying to see the demolition of its East Wing in such a reckless manner. I support all efforts to reverse this atrocity and to restore the White House to its former glory. Further, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Name: Louisa Gralla
Date: February 18, 2026 8:18:14 am

I am opposed to president Trump's plan to add a huge ballroom to the White House and condem his destruction of the East Wing without proper authority. I want all new construction to be stopped permanently and for the East Wing to be restored.

The White House has successfully hosted innumerable state dinners and other formal gatherings over many decades. No one, other than Mr Trump, apparently, seems to think a new ballroom is necessary. The scale of his plans would dwarf the current footprint of the White House and give it an ugly, lopsided appearance.

His plan to finance the project with private donations only gives his ultra wealthy donors another way to curry favor with the administration, already rife with corruption.

Name: Dalia Churches
Date: February 18, 2026 8:18:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Don Gillespie
Date: February 18, 2026 8:18:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Signed,
Don Gillespie,
40+ year greater DMV-area resident

Name: Claire Varrieur
Date: February 18, 2026 8:18:40 am

Please rebuild the East Wing using the footprint it had. We do not need a huge gold ballroom.

Name: Cora Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 8:19:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Pysno
Date: February 18, 2026 8:19:42 am

I strongly urge you to do whatever possible to stop the reconstruction of the White House. While a modification of the building may be warranted, that modification should be done lawfully and not in the high-handed authoritarian manner that is currently in progress. Any change to the White House should be subjected to study as required by law.

The White House belongs to the people of the United States. It's current occupant is a tenant, not the owner, and should not be permitted to usurp the law and the rights of all of us. Please stop the East Wing modernization and ballroom addition.

Name: Martha Crossen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:20:32 am

This project is an abomination and should not be allowed to go forward. It was started in clear violation of the law and

procedures of the federal government. It has destroyed a wonderful part of a national treasure and that treasure should be restored to its pre-demolition state.

Name: Susan Turner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:20:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: William Kitchens
Date: February 18, 2026 8:20:52 am

I am opposed moving forward with the current plans for the Ballroom and East Wing Modernization Project as described in the notifications recently posted. It is clear that the project failed to secure the appropriate review and approval prior to the demolition of the East Wing. The proposed structure fails to support the needs of the citizens of the United States and fails to support the historical significance of the site. Construction and demolition should halt until a full review of both the needs as well as consideration of historical significance of the site. No actions or construction should be attempted on the rest of the White House site continue without review. The posted announcement states that the “major stakeholders” were involved but does not identify these stakeholders. We the people of the United States are the most important major stakeholder.

The reconstruction of the East Wing site should be completed on a scale similar to the site illegally demolished. The style and scale of the proposed site are a waste of funds that would be better allocated to other priorities.

Name: Mimi Brunner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:21:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robert Hranek
Date: February 18, 2026 8:21:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 8:21:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The Whitehouse is the People's House, not owned by the sitting president but built and paid for with our tax dollars.

Name: Shayna Berk
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:16 am

To begin, I am appalled that we are here. It infuriates and angers me that anyone would be allowed to desecrate a historical monument like this. It should have been voted on and approved before any changes were made. Because of that..... It should be rebuilt to the exact replication of what it was and the people involved in the non approved, non permitted project should be fined personally and forced to fund the rebuilding. If I want to make a substantial change to my personal real property, I have to file permits and follow guidelines. If I do not, I am fined and penalized. None of that happened in this case.
That is the people's house, not personal property of any temporary president. The people were not asked. It literally broke my heart to watch it while it happened. I love my country.

Name: Theresa Kuznar
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:28 am

The White House belongs to the American people. The desecration of this national treasure by the ignorant and incompetent occupant is another example of his lack of respect and integrity. He should be charged with destroying OUR White House!

Name: EDWARD WATTS
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:30 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Kira Erickson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. What was in it's place was a beautiful part of history that is now being erased. I hope that the project can be stopped and the wing restored to what it was previously. The whitehouse is for the country as well. It's not just a house you can renovate when and however you want. There needss to be repercussions for the people who did this, it's a violation of the law and it should be treated as such.

Name: Gina Proulx
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:32 am

This project should never have begun to begin with. It was not legally authorized. The American people didn’t ask for it. The American people don’t want it. And it doesn’t matter who is paying for it. It’s an insult to the history of the country to have ripped that part of the White House down. I think it should be put back exactly as it was.

It’s the people’s house. It does not belong to tech billionaires. And it does not belong to the current occupant.

Anything less would be disrespectful of the country and history and the people.

Name: Jane Shelly
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:41 am

I do not support the so-called ballroom that this administration is planning to build without proper oversight. It is an

abomination. I believe the historic East Wing should be rebuilt to its former glory.
Sincerely and Respectfully,
Jane Shelly

Name: Virginia Blue
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:44 am

The East Wing should be rebuilt to the same size within the same footprint of the building that was torn down. The proposed ballroom will overshadow the elegant simplicity of the "People's House". In rebuilding the East Wing, all of the concerns as to ADA compliance, building codes, security concerns, and technological upgrades can be addressed without expanding the size of the building. Other venues exist to house large gatherings, including the tent that was been used previously. As good steward's of our taxpayer dollars, building a giant ugly ballroom is not a good use case.

Name: Susan Langendorfer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:51 am

Subject: Reject the Ballroom Proposal — Restore the East Wing

To the Commissioners,

I strongly oppose the proposal to construct a new presidential ballroom on the White House grounds.

The White House is a historic national landmark — not a venue for personal architectural ambitions. A large new ballroom would permanently alter the character, scale, and integrity of one of the most symbolically important civic sites in the United States.

There is no compelling public necessity for this expansion. If upgrades are needed, they should focus on restoring and modernizing the existing East Wing — not expanding the footprint of the historic grounds.

Your responsibility is to protect the long-term architectural and civic integrity of the nation’s capital. This proposal undermines that duty.

Reject the ballroom. Restore the East Wing.

Name: Brian Locastro
Date: February 18, 2026 8:22:58 am

Please pause this construction at this time. Making the east wing into a grand ballroom for someone's ego is not appropriate.

Name: Lynda Lee
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:01 am

The White House is a federal building where the president is allowed to live during his/her tenure as president. If renovation or repairs are deemed necessary a procedure needs to be followed. It is not solely up to the president to decide what to build, decide on plans, and what to bull doze down with consulting the commission’s that oversee federal buildings. I mourn the loss of the East Wing and its historical significance. I mourn the loss of the Rose Garden. The 90,000 square foot ballroom does not match the 55,00 square foot White House. It should not be allowed. Thank you.

Name: Angela Gaydos
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: lynn shapiro
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a distortion of my/the American people’s building.. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Graessle
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:23 am

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Name: Suzanne Szustakowski
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:30 am

I want the east wing restored and the ballroom construction stopped. The president had no right to destroy the east wing without any approval. He is only in office for a limited time. The White house does not belong to any one person. Please stop this now and put plans in to be reviewed by the agencies that have the power to do so.

Name: Joe Woolley
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:58 am

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Name: Donna Birdwell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:24:02 am

This project violates rules and protocols in numerous ways and should be halted. Bona fide experts in historic preservation must be restored to their proper review and advisory role. Furthermore, the legality of a project that relies so heavily on private donations must be questioned in court. The East Wing project as currently conceived is a monstrosity and a planning disaster.

Name: Jean Pittman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:24:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Ross
Date: February 18, 2026 8:24:48 am

The destruction of this major portion of a Public building for vanity whims was illegal and should be condemned. No ballroom should be built as it will be an edifice to the ego of one man, DJT, and the financial grift represented by donors to the project. This is a bold affront to American citizens and a supposed Democratic Government. The wing should be built back AS IT EXISTED, with appropriate energy-saving features. Every person who was a party to this illegal project should be fined and prosecuted for destruction of National Property.

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Name: Eileen Klamer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:24:54 am

Stop the destruction of this building symbolizing our US history. It's criminal and thoughtless. Trump also takes aim at other art that reflects America's history.

Name: Dee Pochedly
Date: February 18, 2026 8:25:22 am

I can remember touring the White House as a young girl in the early 70’s, and the awe of seeing such a grand place, the People’s House. So I am appalled that such a beautiful place, which belongs to We the People, not any sitting president, is being destroyed at the whim of a man who wants to build a gaudy monument to himself, and basically sell access to it for his wealthy cronies with their donations. I studied architecture as part of my undergraduate training and know enough about design to see that the proposed “modernization” lacks any sense of it, in relation to the remaining structure, which should be the focal point. This is not modernization, but is rather a tacky, narcissistic affront to the symbolism that the White House represents. I urge you to stop this assault to a revered national treasure. I would very much like to tour the White House one more time before I die, but will never do so if this project is allowed to move forward.

Name: Kathryn Ryan
Date: February 18, 2026 8:26:33 am

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This is a ridiculous self-serving project of the current president. It is a waste of money and an insult to most Americans. It would become a monument to the lawless regime that is currently running the white house.

Name: Jessica Burnham-Hinton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:26:38 am

The East Wing of the Whitehouse was torn down capriciously and without permission. The perpetrators should be required to restore it to its former appearance and keep its historic context.

We do not need a grand ballroom and a structure of that size would destroy the appearance of the Whitehouse. To allow the project to go forward would be an insult to all law abiding citizens.

Name: Bruce Kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 8:26:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million or ANY amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump is a narcissist and a pedophile, and he and his family, and his administration are criminals. This is just another illegal attempt to grift the American people and assuage his ego by desecrating another place with his name.

Name: Sue Mazzoleni
Date: February 18, 2026 8:26:48 am

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Name: Julie Gunden
Date: February 18, 2026 8:26:58 am

I oppose the destruction of the East wing for the construction of an unapproved and unfunded Ballroom. President Trump should be fined the full amount of the cost to replace the building.

Name: Todd Carmack
Date: February 18, 2026 8:27:00 am

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Name: Jennifer Horton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:27:17 am

The rest wing of the white house was torn down without appropriate permits or approvals for the destruction or rebuilding. Those that destroyed the east wing should be punished. Any project going forward to reconstruct the East Wing should be done working with historic preservation and input from the people.

Name: Heather embrey
Date: February 18, 2026 8:27:30 am

I was deeply saddened by the destruction of the People's House. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joan Kobetz
Date: February 18, 2026 8:27:49 am

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Name: Michele Artascos
Date: February 18, 2026 8:27:56 am

Here is a polished version that keeps your tone and conviction, while improving clarity, flow, and impact:

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding the ballroom project. To put it simply, I am strongly opposed to it.

I was deeply dismayed to see the East Wing demolished before our very eyes for what appears to be a vanity project by the President. While it has been claimed that billionaires are funding this effort, I find that difficult to believe. And if it is true, it raises serious concerns about expectations of quid pro quo arrangements that would not serve the best interests of the American people.

The average taxpayer will never set foot inside this enormous structure. From what has been described, it will be massive, and if it reflects the President's personal tastes, it risks becoming an ostentatious and historically inappropriate addition to one of our nation's most treasured landmarks.

I want the East Wing restored as closely as possible to its historical form. I understand it can never be exactly the same, but its destruction represents more than the loss of a building. The East Wing provided a public entrance to the "People's House." Its removal sends a troubling message — that ordinary citizens no longer have meaningful access to what is meant to belong to them.

The White House does not belong to any one President. It belongs to the American people. No President should treat it as a personal property or reshape it to suit private ambitions, particularly when doing so involves the influence of wealthy donors.

This President will eventually leave office. What should not remain is a permanent, gaudy reminder of damage done to a historic institution. We did not need this project, and many of us do not want it.

In time, I would also like to see the Rose Garden restored, but that is a discussion for another day.

I urge you to listen to the American people. Leave the site as it stands until we have leadership that respects both the history of this building and the citizens to whom it belongs, and that will commit to restoring the East Wing appropriately.

Thank you for considering the views of those who care deeply about preserving our shared history.

Name: Sue Burkeen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:28:25 am

What has been done to the White House is disturbing. This is the people's house not Trump's. He should never been allowed to do anything to change the history of this wonderful house. I can't wait till it gets changed back to normal. Get all that gold crap out.

Name: Kathleen Baldoni
Date: February 18, 2026 8:28:56 am

Please stop any more. destruction. Ballroom architecturally dwarfs the People's House. Rebuild the East Wing as it was, preserve some history. Thank you

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Name: Laura Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:06 am

As a member of the tax-paying public, I request that the East Wing of the White House be restored to its original historic design. Please, no funding for a 90,000 foot ballroom.

Name: Marie Lang
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:19 am

Please do not allow this unfortunate precedent move forward.

Name: Daniel Huck
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:38 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing that was initiated without proper authorization or legal review. Furthermore the acceptance of anonymous donations to fund the construction of what appears to be a hideous and unnecessary ballroom is a clear conflict of interest. This project should be halted immediately and plans should be developed to rebuild the East Wing as it once was.

Name: Bonnie Ardis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:41 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust. The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Lynn Henriksen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:45 am

I oppose the spending of the proposed $300 million on this project, a project initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a project the desecrates and destroys part of American history. I believe this project should be canceled and the E act Wing (as well as the Rose Garden) rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit the project to proceed without penalizing all who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Therese Avelis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jill Mickel
Date: February 18, 2026 8:30:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the People's house! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Name: Nancy Spann
Date: February 18, 2026 8:30:24 am

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Name: Robert Reinhart
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:01 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Name: Donna Cusano
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Young
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:21 am

The east wing "modernization" is a travesty and should be stopped. It was begun without authorization, permits, or design review. It does not " modernize" anything, but razes history and destroys the beauty of the White House. I want the project cancelled and the Rose Garden and East Wing restored to their former glory. Allowing this project to continue is a poke in the eye to all of us who believe in history and the rule of law.

Name: Curt Sherman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:49 am

One wonders at the interest. and knowledge about our countries history of those who advocate for a monstrous addition to our beloved White House. The statement about the planning of the new addition that it 'protects the historic integrity and cultural landscape of the White House and its grounds' is laughable. Walking to the White House, across an area now to vanish, in anticipation of visiting, what in reality has been a humble home for all but one of our Presidents, has been an exciting process. There are many other grand spaces that function as 'ball rooms', when the occasion occurs. The wonderful Building Museum has much more majesty and history than this new proposed ballroom.
I hope the National Capital Planning Commission will seriously consider the future of the historic White House and its Grounds, before authorizing this giant addition.

Name: pat keegan
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:59 am

i am grateful for the chance to submit my comments to someone who will listen.
i strongly oppose the demolition of the historic East Wing of our White House....the temporary resident had NO RIGHT to rip it down without permission or warning.
the monstrosity that they think will replace it CANNOT be allowed. no one - NO ONE - has been demanding a ridiculously immense ballroom for 150 yrs , as suggested. no one has demanded a ballroom of any size actually.
please , with whatever power you hold , force them to stop construction on that mess and use the 'private funding ' from his donors to REBUILD THE EAST WING AS IT WAS. or, use the obscene amount of funding for the ICE agents to pay for the rebuild.
this was a complete travesty. it should not have happened. it must be restored to the way it was... the current occupant will be gone shortly but that hideous reminder would be there forever. begging - kill this project.

thank you for your attention to this matter. oy.
pat

Name: Manuel Rangel
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:27 am

Stop the destruction of history by a witless man with no appreciation for history or law. Please restore the East Wing to its former construction.

Name: BARBARA MUELLER
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The scope of this project is too large and will dwarf other DC structures. Please stop this project.

Name: Janice Eitel
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:45 am

Please consider a more balanced construction at the site of the former East Wing. A large gaudy building will turn the White House grounds into a commercial venue and be a security nightmare. I want the White House to remain The People’s House and a quiet enclave for a proper President. Thank you for considering citizens’ wishes.

Name: Nicholas Caruso
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:50 am

I am outraged that a national landmark was so tragically destroyed at the whim of a madman. I encourage the NCPC to restore the East Wing to it's original configuration and restore the balance to an American treasure. If the building can be modernized without losing the character it had before being destroyed, I have no problem with that, but keep it in harmony with the rest of the White House.

Name: Andrew Jennings
Date: February 18, 2026 8:33:38 am

This project is both illegal and a disgrace to the country. I wish to support efforts to stop it and rebuild the East Wing to its historical form.

Name: Cathy Rex
Date: February 18, 2026 8:33:40 am

This is an abomination that should never have been allowed. The fact that one man was permitted to decide arbitrarily to

raze and erase a chunk of American history is most distressing. No permits; no plans; no permission — NO PROBLEM for someone who bulldozes (literally) through history.

Name: Sharon Deutsch
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:00 am

I oppose this project. The wing should not have been destroyed. I do not want an ugly addition to OUR White House.

Name: Amy Akey
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:02 am

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Name: Catherine Whisenand
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:10 am

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Name: M W
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:21 am

Please restore the East wing of the White House back to his original glory just in a refreshed manner. There’s absolutely no way in the world that a grand ballroom should be built. We are the United States of America not a kingdom. How absolutely sad that all the history from that building has been torn down and lost forever.

Name: Allan scott
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 (or more) million dollars on this gross project, which was initiated illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this obseen project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melinda Grafton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:32 am

Action: comment against the ridiculous East Wing ballroom at the White House during the public comment time.
Process: Click on the link. In the left column you see "submit written comments." The subject has a drop dow

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This is not Trump’s house. But America’s. And what he has done and proposes is wrong.

Name: Denise Stephens
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:37 am

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And I want the funds supposedly donated for this spectacle to be used to provide food and healthcare to those who need it.

Name: Patrick Skomski
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:59 am

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Name: Celia Sgroi
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:23 am

I want to express my total opposition to this project. It was undertaken without any consultation with the public and without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I realize that the White House has been added to, modernized, and upgraded many times, but this is different. Tearing down one entire wing of the White House, which housed the First Lady's office complex, the office of the White House social secretary, and a number of other offices that serve the public, with the stated purpose of replacing it with a ballroom that only serves a few privileged people makes no sense and appears to be about flattering one man's ego rather than being directed toward the actual work of the White House. I am 76 years old, and I have read about and seen video of many social events, including state dinners and similar celebrations, that did not require a massive ballroom structure that may, in fact, end up dwarfing the rest of the building. President Trump has claimed that the project will not use taxpayer money, but I am skeptical of such a claim without completing the permitting process. In my opinion, this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To allow this project to go ahead without the legally required permitting process would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Eunice Sherman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:37 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing (of the People's House) rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This property belongs to the American people, not the "temporary" residents.

Name: Chelsea Kertland
Date: February 18, 2026 8:36:05 am

Let us remember this quote from John Adams, carved into stone in the State Dining Room in the White House, "I Pray Heaven To Bestow The Best Of Blessings On This House And All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof.”

Honesty- This project was initiated WITHOUT proper authorization, permits, or design review.
Wisdom- This project was initiated WITHOUT the oversight of Congress and appropriate preservation agencies.

In sum, this project WAS NOT a sincere attempt to modernize an old building, but rather it was a complete razing of American history, tradition, and the rule of law. As such, I OPPOSE this project. The White House is not personal property of the president. It is the People's House and belongs to us. Any modifications must be done with congressional oversight, abide by our historic preservation laws, and be guided by the appropriate agencies such National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Planning Comission (NPC), National Park Service, etc..

Name: Sheryl Hollen-Hugg
Date: February 18, 2026 8:36:16 am

I am heartbroken. To understand the value of history… that every brick, wall and window that was thrown away is a massive part of history that cannot now be restored. Just put into a pile of rubble and disposed of. The hands that had touched those walls and the feet that had walked those floors…GONE! The changes that are still being made even within the still standing house…horrific! Our president is not supposed to be that type of person and these major changes should never be allowed.

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Name: Mary Werner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:36:50 am

I most definitely and wholeheartedly oppose this project. The rash and egregious destruction of the East Wing of the White House was the result of the utter disregard for procedure and laws governing this historic and sacrosanct building. The procurement of private funds to build an ego edifice has bribery and corruption written all over it. Please do not condone this illegal and un-American desecration of our White House.

Name: Karen Long
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:18 am

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Name: Stephen Purcell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:20 am

Stop this travesty.

Name: Alex Webber
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:22 am

Please don’t let them get away with the harm they have done by flattening the East wing without oversight. I have lived in two different historic neighborhoods and the fines and general apoplexy that would have occurred if someone tore down a historic house is something you should model on. Trump is not yet a King, he can’t get away with doing whatever he wants.

Name: Virginia Holleran
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:32 am

It was so sad that we all saw the destruction of part of OUR HOUSE, the East Wing, without any plan, approval & knowledge.
Please consider the rebuilding of the East Wing back to its original plans & bill this current president for his unlawful actions to the American people.

Name: Deborah Wilk
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:33 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a wonderful monument to American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kimberly Feller
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:42 am

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Name: Brigid O'Donnell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:43 am

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Name: Robin Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:37:55 am

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Name: Elizabeth Dillon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:38:04 am

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Name: Cynthia Gooler
Date: February 18, 2026 8:38:10 am

I do not believe this should have ever happened. This is a nationally historic building the heart of America. It truly needs to stay as it was historically designed as it is our history. The only restoration that should be done is internally with

congressional approval. Which was not done. It has been sufficient for 225 years. The tear down of the west wing needs to be rebuilt as it was designed originally to protect and preserve our history in this nation. One man should not be able to demolish the building as he sees fit it is the people's building not a personal residence and all historical structures should be governed the same way. Please stop this from happening and preserve our most historical building in our nation. Thank you

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Name: Diane Deacon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:38:19 am

I strongly oppose what is happening at the White House, with the tear down of the East Wing. This should never have happened If renovations needed to be made, it should have gone through proper channels. The administration gleefully stated "too late now" and I believe they knew all along there were channels to go through and decided they don't need to follow the rules. We cannot allow people to bulldoze their way past every guard rail that's been put up.

I believe the proper course is to clear the site, plant grass, sit back, and wait for proper plans to be submitted and reviewed. This is the home of our nation, and it belongs to the citizens, not to some person sitting in the WH for 4 or 8 years. It does not belong to the current president, it belongs to US.

Name: Melissa Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 8:38:55 am

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Name: Tracy Burnett
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:01 am

I want the East Wing of the Whitehouse restored to its original glory. No ballroom!

Sincerely,

Tracy Burnett
(A very concerned citizen)

Name: Sydney Heidenreich
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:28 am

I currently work as an architecture historian conducting Section 106 work and I am appalled at Trump's decision to deface a national landmark with a gaudy addition for no legit, genuine reason. We have processes for a reason. Throwing other people's money at the project and using legal loopholes to circumvent the proper process for impacting a historic structure is shady and deceitful. I do not care that he is the president. It is disingenuous and dishonest. Trump and all of us know it. This is wrong and a backwards way to conduct the process. Our clients get into trouble for demolishing building to make their projects flow easier and bypass Section 106 work. While that is full demolition impacting Section 106 versus demolition of a wing with certain NHPA exemptions the sentiment stays the same. Trump is avoiding our rights as citizens to have a say in what happens to our national structures. He is doing it because he can. He's not 'modernizing' the east wing, he's making a statement, "I was here and I do what I want".

Name: Shelley Kerber
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:38 am

Cancel this abomination! Its demolition has destroyed part of our history to assuage Trump's ego. This is illegal and completely unacceptable. Stop it today!

Name: Keith Jarvis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dory Holzapfel
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Name: Chris Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:40:03 am

I object to the alteration of the White House complex to include a large ballroom that would rarely be used. The East Wing should be restored and expanded to include more working space to carry on executive work. New construction should continue to utilize the dignified design exhibited by the historic building and omit garish gold flourishes currently being added by the Trump administration.

Name: Ann Dulen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:40:13 am

I am against the proposed building of a ballroom where the east wing once stood. This project was started without the consent of the people and without the permits or planning necessary. I think it should be rebuilt back to the original design. It is the house of the people, Not one president.

Name: Jennifer Warner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:40:27 am

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Susan Laun
Date: February 18, 2026 8:40:44 am

I wholeheartedly OPPOSE this offensive and destructive "project." The destruction was initiated without the proper permits or proper approval of funding. It has nothing to do with "moderization," and everything to do with one person's ego. I want this project stopped immediately and permanently, and the old East Wing design rebuilt as well as possible. The historic structure is already gone, and cannot be truly replaced. I am appalled and dismayed, but not surprised, that the Public Comment period for this "project" comes only after a beautiful, structurally sound, and irreplaceable historic building has been wantonly destroyed.

Name: Donna Tully
Date: February 18, 2026 8:40:54 am

I am against spending 300 million dollars, or any amount, for this unauthorized project as it is being designated. This is not a “modernization” project- it has been an unlawful tear down. The East Wing belonged to the American people and was torn down by an unlawful action . Permits were not sought. Permissions by the LAWFUL authorities were not given. I want the original plans for the East Wing used to rebuild the historic East Wing as it existed before the current administration destroyed it. The current occupant of the White House did not have our permission, or any lawful authority, to destroy the East Wing. We do not want, or need, a ballroom. We want our East Wing rebuilt to all it’s historic glory.

Name: Donna Tully
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:20 am

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Name: Lynda Rathburn
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:33 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project bean without the required approvals, assessments, reviews and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The cost of the project is funded by corporations who hold billions in federal contracts which is a clear conflict of interest. Most importantly the White House is NOT private property! It belongs to the American people. No president would have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. The East Wing has been a significant source of history and pride for our country for decades and its destruction is abhorrent. I urge the Commission to REJECT this proposal.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Linda Grassia
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:38 am

I am writing to state my thoughts on the White House East Wing “modernization project” which was started by President Trump without permits, design approval by appropriate authorities, and at an anticipated cost of $300 million. Our most famous historical building has been destroyed as a vanity project and pay for play scheme. Our laws prohibit this type of action yet the building has been demolished completely.

I want the area fully restored to its original specifications. Do not authorize any continuance of this type of attempt to alter property that belongs to every American.

Name: Jewel Lakatos
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:39 am

I oppose spending any money, public or private, to complete this totally illegal building of a ballroom at the White House

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Name: Diane Blackman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:50 am

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Name: Karin Olsen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:58 am

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Name: rita sasse
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:00 am

The crime of destruction has already been committed with the razing of the East Wing. Do not compound it by allowing the horror proposed by 'not my president' to be built.
History and good taste demand better

Name: Patricia Marsh
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:08 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Monica Revelle
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Britt Stull
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:11 am

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Name: Diane Deacon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:19 am

I strongly oppose what is happening at the White House, with the tear down of the East Wing. This should never have happened If renovations needed to be made, it should have gone through proper channels. The administration gleefully stated "too late now" and I believe they knew all along there were channels to go through and decided they don't need to follow the rules. We cannot allow people to bulldoze their way past every guard rail that's been put up.

I believe the proper course is to clear the site, plant grass, sit back, and wait for proper plans to be submitted and reviewed. This is the home of our nation, and it belongs to the citizens, not to some person sitting in the WH for 4 or 8 years. It does not belong to the current president, it belongs to US.

Name: Deborah Dowd
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:20 am

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Thank you.

Name: Julia Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nora Koenig
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:58 am

The supposed donations from the billionaire set should be used to rebuild the East Wing if the Whitehouse on its original footprint with the original proportions. The inside shall be modernized but should reflect traditional uses of the space with modern utilities and technology. Any large open space that can be used as a large dining or meeting space should be sized and decorated and furnished for modern needs and with respect to the traditions of the United States of America.

The same footprint or one that reflects well on the proportion of the Whitehouse and the West Wing. Period.

Name: Peter Dobbeck
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Federspiel
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:11 am

I oppose this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the peoples' house, and one deranged narcissist CAN NOT be allowed to proceed without the peoples' consent!

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sara Farnsworth
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:22 am

I care about the history and heritage of the East Wing of the People's House that was destroyed in devastating fashion, with no authorization, no warning, covertly with lies leading up to its destruction, lies directly out of the President's mouth beforehand, publicly declaring the East Wing would not be touched and a "ballroom" would not connect to it.

Historic artifacts, woodwork, trim, windows, fixtures, and the like could have been properly preserved and re-used if this was done right and a demolition actually needed to occur.

I want to see the rebuilding of a restored East Wing that is respectful of its historical significance--and I want to see the money for that rebuilding come directly out of the personal private pocket of the man who ordered and approved its destruction while lying about it to the American people, not funded by "donations" that could be seen as corrupt. I want to see a renewed respect for the architectural heritage and symmetry of the White House, in careful balance with its surroundings.

I want to see the cost of replacement of the the huge, old, historic, mature trees at the site come out of the Trump family private coffers. Those did not belong to the Trump family. We mourn their loss.

Name: Cheryl Munick
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:33 am

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project. As the People’s House, any significant changes should be undertaken with full transparency, proper authorization, required permits, and appropriate design review.

This proposal appears to go beyond renovation and instead represents the loss of an important part of American history. I respectfully urge that the project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No individual or entity is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for any procedural violations would undermine public trust and the rule of law.

Name: Stephen Strong
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:37 am

This project which was undertaken without public comment or responsible group consultation and approval should never have been begun and should immediately stopped and reversed to the extent feasible.

Name: Kathleen Wagner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:50 am

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Name: Jennifer Doyle
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to

go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Not only do I oppose this project, but I believe there should be harsh monetary penalties for every person and business that was involved in the illegal demolition of the East Wing, up to and including those at the highest level of government. There absolutely must be repercussions.

Thank you.

Name: Marina Wolfe
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:36 am

I believe that the destruction of the East Wing was done without proper approval and should not have been done at all. Additionally, the planned ballroom does not replace the that portion of the White House with appropriate design to appropriately replace the structure that was destroyed. Nor does it replace the functionality of the East Wing. Previous First Ladies have had the benefit of offices housed in the East Wing. Although the current First Lady appears to not be working at the White House, I'm unsure where future First Lady offices will be.

Name: An American
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:41 am

By demolishing the East Wing without any input, the Administration has shown its clear lack of respect for America's history and the American people. This error should be corrected. Instead of a ballroom, in its place, a recreation of the East Wing should be built, in honor of the history that was destroyed.

Name: Susan Laun
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:42 am

I wholeheartedly OPPOSE this offensive and destructive "project." The destruction was initiated without the proper permits or proper approval of funding. It has nothing to do with "modernization," and everything to do with one person's ego. I want this project stopped immediately and permanently, and the old East Wing design rebuilt as well as possible. The historic structure is already gone, and cannot be truly replaced. I am appalled and dismayed, but not surprised, that the Public Comment period for this "project" comes only after a beautiful, structurally sound, and irreplaceable historic building has been wantonly destroyed.

Name: Donna Baldwin
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:53 am

The White House belongs to WE THE PEOPLE. Donald Trump had no right to destroy our history! Restore our White House to its original design. Keep it symetrical, historical and OURS not HIS. Trump is just visiting OUR house for 3 more years.

Name: Martha Antle
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:57 am

I oppose this illegal project. Erasing our collective history to stroke the ego of a pedophile, megalomaniac, demented jackass who is probably suffering from the end stages of syphillis is not something we should be supporting.

Name: Stacey Diefenderfer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:45:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, a it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled

and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Melody Rose Morton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:45:12 am

Please return the original footprint. It's the people's house, not the current residents.

Name: Cynthia Bucy
Date: February 18, 2026 8:45:18 am

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Name: Rebecca Barker
Date: February 18, 2026 8:45:32 am

I strongly oppose the massive ballroom that is proposed to be built. I request those plans STOP and Trump and company be REQUIRED to rebuild the East Wing just as it was at the billionaire’s expense.

Name: Peggy McArdle
Date: February 18, 2026 8:46:00 am

My last visit to the White House was in the summer of 1965. Our family attended my father’s reunion of his D-Day Veteran’s 4th Infantry, Ivy Division group, which orchestrated a tour of the White House, where we entered via the East Wing. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its former glory and the White House outline restored, as it was on January 20, 2025.

Please back charge Donald J Trump for the rebuilding of the destroyed East Wing of The White House and hold him accountable.

I concur with Anara Guard’s comment:

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Thank you.

Name: Layne Van Brunt
Date: February 18, 2026 8:46:24 am

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Name: Vivian Enfinger
Date: February 18, 2026 8:46:36 am

Please rebuild East Wing of White House as it was with no ballroom! Thank you!

Name: Angela Gerber
Date: February 18, 2026 8:46:47 am

I own my own home. I had to pay fees and submit plans to my city for approval to just to put an above-ground swimming pool in my backyard. It had to be approved by the city before I could make any alterations to my own property.

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Name: Tammy Asplund
Date: February 18, 2026 8:47:09 am

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Name: John West
Date: February 18, 2026 8:47:20 am

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Name: Diane Dunn
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: MaryAnn Stone
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:13 am

No building or addition should be added to or subtracted from the White House without approval from the proper authorities. The White House belongs to the American people not the President.

Name: Margo McIntire
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Additionally, the outside corporate funding pledged/used for this debacle should be redirected to rebuild the original structure.

Name: Peter Gast
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:35 am

I oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars on this project that was started with unpermitted demolition. It is both a way for Trump to collect donations / bribes and to build a personal bunker. The east wing should be restored to its historic layout.

Name: Rachel Latayan
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:05 am

The White House has always been the people's house. it is a house, not a palace, not a ballroom, not a banquet hall. It is the most historical building in our country and Donald Trump should not be allowed to destroy what has stood for over two centuries. If allowed, this abomination of a ballroom would dwarf what's left of the White House. Despite Trump's claims that it would be funded by donations, anyone with any sense knows that is not true. Even IF the construction costs are funded by benefactors, who will pay for the insurance, upkeep, utilities, etc? Taxpayers, that's who. As a taxpayer, I do NOT want my tax dollars funding the fantasy of a wanna be king. The White House has served 45 other presidents over the course of our 250-year history without issue. There is absolutely NO REASON for this ballroom to be built. The only renovation that needs to be done is to bring back the East Wing as it was before Donald J Trump destroyed it!

Name: Sara Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:18 am

The administration should follow the rules. They didn’t - in this case as well as in countless others. Historic buildings should be preserved and if changed need to be made, the plans should go through the proper channels. Having it privately funded smacks of pay to play and is basically bribery and additional corruption. And Trump’s taste is awful. Ostentatious, lacking in any design or architectural integrity. This is the people’s house, not his.

Name: Sharon Oswald
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:26 am

The "modernization" or tearing down of the East Wing needed and needs to go through the proper channels for review of plans and authorization to proceed prior to.destruction and any future construction.

This house doesn't belong to any one person. It is the People's house. This is just one more action of this person acting like he's above any law. Please use your authority to stop him from proceeding until he complies.

Will someone stop him? Please???

Name: Mackinzie Felder
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:43 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judy Brownly
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:43 am

As an American citizen I am appalled at the complete disregard for our history in the destruction of the East Wing. This is

the People’s House and is not owned by one administration who thinks they are above the law. What has held our country together is our reverence for history and this act is a blatant attempt to erase that history while catering to billionaires and corrupt individuals. It must be restored to its previous structure and appropriate consequences must be implemented. Anything less is a slap in the face to our country and its citizens.

Name: Denise Davidson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:46 am

Good morning.
I am horrified by the President's actions concerning the East Wing of the White House. Newly released information indicates the plan is to build a monstrosity: ugly, huge, "modern" and not in keeping with current architecture. The President has no authority to do what he has done in demolishing a beautify element of The People's House. This project should be stopped and a smaller wing (that balances the center and west wing) constructed.

Name: Kevin Waters
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:50 am

Please stop this project until a less controversial builder, president comes to office....people's house must be built with all the people's input!

Name: Kim Hanson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:53 am

To the National Capital Planning Commission -

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Thank you for your time and consideration!

Name: Susan Purintun
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:58 am

The East Wing should be restored to it's prior historical beauty and paid for by those that participated in it's destruction without the proper authorization, not the taxpayers! There must be accountability! It has been devastating to see what has happened to the White House under this current administration. The destruction of not only the East Wing, but also the surrounding Gardens and beautiful trees that were painstakingly cared for over decades and now we have concrete slabs. It is heartbreaking to see what has been done to such a beautiful structure where so many historical moments took place.

Name: Carol Boram-Hays
Date: February 18, 2026 8:50:09 am

This project should not be allowed to continue in its current form. The president had no right to demolish part of a property that is owned by the American people - not him. Moreover, he should have reviewed any plans through the appropriate committees. As someone who closely follows preservation efforts in this country and has a Ph.S. in the History of Art, I have seen this technique used by real estate developers far too often. The demolish a historic property that is not supposed to be harmed in the middle of the night and then cities relent on their projects, saying that there is nothing more they can do since the historic property no longer stands. This only rewards those developers and encourages illegal behavior.
Secondly, the proposed addition to the White House is grossly out of proportion to the rest of the structure and much more lavish than the original architecture. It is in no way appropriate stylistically.

Name: Gwen Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 8:50:14 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without oversight is exactly what the American people have come to expect from this administration: disregard for everything America stands for including our true history and human decency.

Name: Pam Rearick
Date: February 18, 2026 8:50:21 am

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project as proposed by the current administration. In my opinion the proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the existing historic White House, the people's house. I would urge that the eyesore created by the demolition of the former East Wing be stabilized and all construction ceased, until a committee of experts, made up of non-partisan members, can meet to determine how to go forward and that all procedures proscribed by current law be followed. These steps should have been followed before any demolition began.

Name: Nancy Steeley
Date: February 18, 2026 8:50:26 am

To Whom it May Concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this message.
~Nancy Steeley

Name: Katherine Mallon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:03 am

I OPPOSE the East Wing Modernization project due to the fact that the plan is completely inappropriate for the history and gravitas of our nation’s capital.

Name: Gail Barbera
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:06 am

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Name: Diedre Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:21 am

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Name: Sara Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is an insult to the history of the White House. The president is essentially a temporary resident- a renter of sorts. Making drastic permanent changes to this beautiful historic building (this project, the Rose Garden) should not be allowed. . I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Lee Graul
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:46 am

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Name: Judith Swinnerton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:48 am

I oppose this illegal and grossly irresponsible and excessively expensive disaster of Trump’s administration. Stop this overblown tribute to a very little man. Bring back the people’s house to it’s original historical state.

Name: Elmo Tusk
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:58 am

With Americans struggling to afford groceries, healthcare, and education, this vanity project of gross narcissism is a slap in the face to the American people. Donny demolished an historic landmark on a whim to build a gaudy out-of-place ballroom bigger than the White House. What a pathetic, selfish, and stupid thing to do. He will go down in history as the worst president of the United States, shitting on the people who elected him and those who fought tooth and nail to prevent this dumpster fire presidency. Shame on him and his entourage of sycophants.

Name: Karen Sullivan
Date: February 18, 2026 8:52:19 am

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Name: Marcie Brewster
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:12 am

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Thank you, Marcie Brewster

Name: Melissa Holtmeier
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:24 am

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Scott
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:53 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - at trump's expense, not we the tax-payers. This administration shows a complete and utter disregard to the proper process of doing things. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Fitzsimmons
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:55 am

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Name: Deb Sherwood
Date: February 18, 2026 8:54:16 am

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Name: Lisa Griffith
Date: February 18, 2026 8:54:20 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project - it is a complete razing of American history to satisfy one person's whim and ego.

I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,

Name: A. Gibson Wurtmann
Date: February 18, 2026 8:55:24 am

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Name: Laurie Olson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:55:58 am

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Name: Nancy Allred
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeanne C Sully
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:15 am

I want the East Wing rebuilt exactly as it was.!!!!!

Name: Peggy Gregovich
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Belinda Schaller
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:26 am

I would like to go on record as totally opposing this construction for Donald Trump. This is absurd that this room be built to accommodate such parties and events for this man while the US is in such turmoil. We cannot sit by and act as though everything he does is just fine while the US is clearly falling apart. At this point it resembles that destruction that he has already caused us. I am ashamed to even live in the US at this point. Stop fueling his desires.
Build back the same rooms that were already in place and don't let this child-man have his way any longer.

Name: Ellen Barry
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:27 am

The garish, horrifying alterations to the White House made thus far by the present administration are indicative of horrors

to come unless the Planning Commission has the good taste, commitment and strength to step in and restore good taste, appropriate scale, and respect for history.

Name: CHRISTINE BOZARTH
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:31 am

The White House is a symbol of America and to have it so recklessly modified, with seemingly no accountability to architectural history, is appalling and embarrassing. One of the reasons why Washington DC is so lovely is its neoclassical architecture and its strict exterior building codes in places close to our National Mall. I am terrified to think that the White House will end up looking like some Mar-A-Lago monstrosity. I had the privilege to visit the White House twice during the Biden Presidency and I could feel the proud American history of the home. As a 40-year resident of the DC area, I am ashamed of the current state of the White House. Additionally, with Trump's record of refusing to pay building contractors, I am worried that this will happen here and cause yet another embarrassment to our once great country.

Name: Robert Chilton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:33 am

I am opposed to this. It is morally wrong to spend this amount of money to satisfy one person's ego and destroy history in the process.

Name: Jacqueline Latzer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:33 am

People can't afford food. The Potomac sewage is creating another health issue. Yet, the Trump administration is more interested in pursuing projects that feed his ego without preserving our heritage. How about spending this money on projects that improve the lives of American citizens rather than wasting it on a ballroom. This is not a kingdom, it's a republic.

Name: Scott Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:44 am

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Dawn Sacks
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Any future action must be done according to the pre-Trump established rules and regulations for changes to the People's House and under the review of Congress. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Olson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:56:56 am

This is not a modernization project. I am deeply angered and saddened by the illegal act of this administration to raze history in their demolition of the East Wing. The administration did this without permits, without permission, and without authority.

I look forward to the day when the criminal ring under Donald J Trump, known as the executive branch and the

president’s cabinet, are held to account for their crimes, including this one. The East Wing must be rebuilt — as soon as possible!

Name: Jane Morrisson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:00 am

We do not need a ballroom bigger than the White House itself. What we need is the complete restoration of the East Wing that was taken down with no permits, public comment, etc. We need this administration to understand that they are subject to all rules, regulations, permits, etc. and the public must have the opportunity to comment on any plans for any renovations to The People's House.

Name: Laura Miner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:37 am

The East Wing should never have been destroyed and plans for a Ballroom should never have been made.
Only a proper due process should be followed. The recognized experts in Historic Preservation and integrity in the process must be given priority. If anything, The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Elizabeth Lehr
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:45 am

Please limit the size of the project so that the White House itself remains the central focus of the property.

Name: Dave Mundt
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:50 am

The destruction of the East wing and the proposed monstrosity of a ballroom to replace it is a travesty and a foolish endeavor. We are not talking about just building here we are talking about a symbol of America. I demand that this project be reversed, and, the East Wing restored to its original state, with internal upgrades to bring it to Modern standards.

Name: Anne O’Connell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Larsen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:58:07 am

Cancel this project and restore the East Wing to its important historical importance. I oppose the $300 million project which has not sought nir received the appropriate approvals.

Name: Dave Derrig
Date: February 18, 2026 8:58:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
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Name: Catherine Behrens
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:09 am

This project is a desecration of our American heritage and values. It should be canceled immediately and rebuilt to the original design. It is an insult to the American people. Stop it now!

Name: Laura Kosakowsky
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:10 am

As an archaeologist and a professor I am deeply committed to the preservation of culture and history, and teaching those values to our next generation. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is not only the People's House, but a representation of our heritage. The proposed "ballroom" is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Cadreau
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:25 am

Stop any further destruction of this national treasure!

Name: Katy Rank Lev
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:26 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the person who broke the rules to begin with. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Loretta Brady
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:42 am

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Name: Jaclyn Flatow
Date: February 18, 2026 9:00:43 am

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Name: Jennifer Silber
Date: February 18, 2026 9:00:52 am

I am writing to express my horror and anger at the demolition of a portion of the White House and commencement of a project undertaken without proper authorization, analysis, or review.
The project should be terminated; the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt and restored to its historic design. It is owned by the people of the United States, and cannot be altered on such scale by the whim of any single individual. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Lamadriz
Date: February 18, 2026 9:01:00 am

I oppose continued construction of the former East Wing of the People’s House. This building does not belong to one man or one woman or one administration. It belongs to the citizens of the United States and was unlawfully damaged with the waxing of the East Wing. Construction must be halted and the East Wing must be restored to its former historical wing of the White House.

Name: Penelope Stinson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:01:07 am

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Name: Linda Kilbarger
Date: February 18, 2026 9:01:30 am

I oppose the building of any ballroom. This is the people's house.

Name: paula Gardner
Date: February 18, 2026 9:01:30 am

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Name: Beth Lustig
Date: February 18, 2026 9:01:30 am

Restore the East Wing to the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity that it was and keep in context to the broader White House complex. The East Wing should be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is crucial, but should be accomplished in a way that respects the landmark framework.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
If a larger ballroom is necessary perhaps it can be constructed elsewhere in another building in the city or at least keep it within the footprint of the original building.
It is the People's House. Do not make it a palace, show restraint in the construction inside and out.

Please return the East Wing to it's original splendor including duplication of Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden.

Name: Rich Schmeltz
Date: February 18, 2026 9:02:05 am

I oppose the spending of public funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Teresa Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 9:02:37 am

I am totally against this project moving forward. Turning the beautiful and historic East Wing of the historic White House into a huge Ballroom for Billionaires is an abomination.
The ballroom is horribly designed! It will loom larger than the current White House itself!! The beauty and grace of the White House grounds will be ruined.
I would support the East Wing being rebuilt to its former size and design. Please bring the people’s White House back to its historic splendor!

Name: Jean Legal
Date: February 18, 2026 9:02:49 am

I strongly oppose the size of this project. It needs to be reviewed and hopefully scaled way down. It is my house and every other American’s house. We should have a say in its renovations.

Name: Ilene Boorman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:02:57 am

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Name: Beth Felder
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:15 am

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The destruction of our nation’s history by this classless administration is horrendous, frightening and embarrassing.

Name: Michelle Laudermilk
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:20 am

Along with many, many others, I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Its purpose is to placate, bribe, and stroke the ego of one individual, Donald J. Trump. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Potthoff
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:24 am

Trump had no right to demolish the East Wing, and he has no right to build a HUGE ballroom that will totally ruin the look of the White House. He did this without proper authorization, permits, or design review. He has destroyed the people's house, which is an affront to the American people. The project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its former design.

Name: Stephen Kadwell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:31 am

This project does not represent the will of the people. It is not a monument to our shared experience as Americans nor does it reflect American values. Its sole intent is to immortalize one man at his own direction. If completed it will be an eyesore and an embarrassment to the nation and the nation's capitol.

I am strongly against this attempted apotheosis of the current office holder and no president should be able to modify the Whitehouse or any federal building, including the building of monuments for their own aggrandizement, in this manner.

Restore the East Wing.

Do not build this ballroom.

Thank you

Name: Catherine Oswald
Date: February 18, 2026 9:04:28 am

I oppose the east wing project. It was demolished without proper authorization, and to allow it to proceed would be a slap in the face to the American people. This is the people's house, it does not belong to Trump. I demand it be restored to its prior glory.

Name: Jon Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:04:43 am

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Name: Cheryl Imperatore
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:02 am

The destruction without permission of the east wing of the White House shows contempt for history, preservation and good taste. Do not let it continue. This is part of the People's House, is it not? Then why let it be done in such a manner, even for one day more?

Name: Elizabeth Jose
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:03 am

I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom. President Trump publicly told the American people that no portion of the White House would be damaged and the ballroom would not touch the existing White House. Then he demolished the entire East Wing without any public notice or comment. The proposed ballroom completely overshadows the White House. The proposed use of private "donations" removes all transparency and Congressional oversight and introduces the potential for "donors" to improperly influence the administration. The replacement of the East Wing should be built to the same exterior specifications, size, and design as the prior East Wing. It should be funded by tax dollars with full transparency and oversight by Congress. And the design should be approved by fully qualified professionals in their field.

Name: Karen Gerbatsch
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:05 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M plus project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which certainly creates the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns. I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Dianne Haas
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:20 am

The East Wing MUST return to its historic design. It should have NEVER been torn down! The ballroom design is unacceptable and should be voted down. The WH already has a ballroom. This was not about modernization, this was about destruction. If this continues, we lose our historic buildings forever.

Name: Jane Brooks
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:22 am

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Name: Thomas Edwards
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:28 am

Please stop this entity from destroying , at will our nations history. Albeit, much is not completely accurate, we can fix these inaccuracies, he should be stopped!! He is a liar almost about everything (giving the benefit of doubt), probably

everything. These buildings belong to the American people not trump or his family!! As a veteran my heart hurts for all of his mis deed

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Name: Richard Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:45 am

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Name: Sharon Rush
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:55 am

Restore the east wing!!!!! NO ballroom!!!

Name: Louise Carey-Ruszczyk
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:04 am

The White House is not owned by the sitting president. It
Is a precious building which has been occupied by all presidents since
John Adams. The representatives of the citizens, only, have the
Right to make such a change.

Name: Lura Messier
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:15 am

I want the the East Wing rebuilt to it's former design with no additional changes to it's size.

Name: Gail Ramsdell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:35 am

I am vehemently opposed to this project. It was initiated with complete disregard for following protocols that have been established to include authorization, permits, and design review. The project is not of design or scale to blend with the remaining structures. The destruction of the East Wing was a demolition of history without any input from other entities and bypassed traditional review processes. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former footprint and design. No one is above the law and approval without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding citizens and would give permission for others to destroy the history of the White House complex.

Name: Carol Fuchs
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:37 am

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Name: Ginger Schultz
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:44 am

There is ZERO need for a ballroom!! Restore the east wing back to it's original form.

Name: Jessica Gigot
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:50 am

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Name: Ginny Noel
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:02 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. We do not need a Ballroom that would dwarf the scale of The White House.

Name: Catherine Mossburg
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Jonathan Freeman-Coppadge
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:14 am

The White House is supposed to be the People's House, but Trump is making it into his next branded property. The ballroom threatens to unbalance the property — in size, symmetry, and ornateness. The modesty of the White House represents the measured decorum of a liberal democracy, in contrast to the garish palaces of foreign princes. But garish and gilded is what the White House has become under Trump, and this construction will make that transformation permanent.

Name: Cheryl Steimle
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:17 am

I oppose the $300 million expenditure on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Rather than modernization, it amounts to the destruction of American history. I urge that the project be canceled and the East Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to proceed without accountability would undermine the rule of law

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Name: Sharon Parker
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:18 am

I am appalled that our historical White House has been partially demolished with no legal process whatsoever. It should be required to be replaced to original design as closely as possible and at the expense of DJ Trump. The taxpayers and federal government should not have to pay a single dime for this illegal destruction.

Name: Anne Nydam
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the purpose of self-aggrandizement. If the people wish to commemorate an individual in American history it is their choice to do so, not the

ego project of that individual himself. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Wheeler
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:00 am

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, which implies influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

Changes to the East Wing, a national historic site, must occur through transparent review, with the assurance that design is consistent with and complementary to the White House. Congress must approve this alteration. There should be no "branding" of the structure.

The White House is a civic symbol as the people's house, not the property of any one administration. Alterations must follow the same oversight standards required of every other federally significant project.

Name: Barbara Cline
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:04 am

As a history major who spent 42 years as an archivist for two Presidential libraries, I am appalled that Trump thought he could destroy a historical structure. Instead of some gaudy ballroom, he should be forced to rebuild exactly the East Wing and remove all of the distasteful and disgusting golden bling from the walls of the PEOPLES HOUSE!

Name: Bridget Miklausich
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:12 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This is not modernizing, it erased our history - without any consent or authority. It is replacing part of OUR house with a project fueled by ego and bribes. There is no visibility to the funding and there is a strong correlation between "donations" to the ballroom and favorable contracts and decisions in favor of the donors. I demand the East Wing be restored and those that illegally destroyed it be held accountable.

Name: Mary Webb
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Drake
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:48 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of ANY money - regardless of origin - on the "East Wing Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paul Sullivan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:48 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Paul Sullivan

Name: Suzanne Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 9:08:48 am

The east wing should be restored to original development and Trump needs to pay for it.

Name: Emily Birt
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:05 am

I vigorously oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janice Tozzo
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandy Lang
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:18 am

I want the East Wing Modernization Project ceased. I want the White House to be restored and the surrounding grounds repaired. These changes have been done illegally.

Name: David Haynes
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lois A Wiseman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:39 am

I am heartily opposed to this project. It will alter the look of a historic building, and was planned without proper procedure. Tearing down of the East Wing was also completed without the proper permits. I do not want The White House to look like a pre war Berlin building, overwhelming the size and beauty of the White House. It will be over-sized and gaudy. The funding for this monstrosity, would be better directed in other ways to help Americans in need. No more building, or changing historic buildings in Washington, D. C.

Name: Sandi Soliday
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:40 am

I object to the destruction of the East Wing and construction of a ballroom. To destroy a historical building without oversight is unconscionable. Rebuild now!

Name: Sheila Galup
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:53 am

the White House is for the people and a piece of history - it should be accessible to all and not just for parties for the elites, keep it small, humble and inviting to all not for the elites to have another party space - you can do that somewhere else. As a trained archeologist - i have learned to leave things as they are as much as possible. Please don’t destroy our national treasures, preserve them to the best of your abilities. Do something right and for the good of all for once Mr. Trump. Leave a legacy for good, then slap your name on it if you want.

Name: Catherine Ward
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:04 am

I oppose to spending $300 million on this project that was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the project canceled and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. My heart breaks when I look at photos of the devastation left in its place that was filled with the rich history of our beautiful country.

Name: Scott Simpson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Martel
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:38 am

When I saw photos of the destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse, I felt sick. We had been lied to by the current occupant of the building, who pledged that the “existing building” would not be touched. In late October, he apparently had changed his mind, and the entire complex was demolished in a matter of days.

To me the White House is an important symbol of our national pride. Now, it's destruction represents what is also happening to our Democracy. At this point the DOJ is claiming that they HAVE to go on with the project because of "National Security" issues. This problem was created when the wing and underground bunker were demolished last year. Did anyone consider National Security then?

I am opposed the spending of $400 million on this project, no matter where the money comes from, but especially when it comes from wealthy donors who no doubt will be cashing in on government contracts, etc. I suppose the taxpayers will be paying for the maintenance of the building, including upkeep of the gold leaf.

This whole project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The ballroom is way out of scale to the rest of the Whitehouse. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you

Karen Martel
Saco, Maine

Name: Jean Bartecki
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is extremely sad that this building was torn down at the whim of a President that didn't go through the proper channels

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Name: Kenneth Cuthbertson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:57 am

I have been horrified at the desecration and destruction occurring at the White House, especially the East Wing structure and JBK Garden. It is too late to rebuild what has been destroyed, but I hope and pray that the grandiose design proposal currently on the table can be radically scaled back to something appropriate to the site and architectural heritage of the WH. The more Jeffersonian extensions of both the West and East Wings were genius, both in the originals and in the 20th century upgrades. If we have to look to Versailles, lets think Trianon-like Pavilion, appropriately scaled, not Palace. The White House is the People's House, not DJT's.

Name: Angela Elder
Date: February 18, 2026 9:11:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Herbert Forsberg
Date: February 18, 2026 9:11:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Weisent
Date: February 18, 2026 9:12:08 am

The White House is the “People’s” House and as such, there is a recognized and respected process for any administration to go through to renovate the structure. The building was never meant to be the property of the sitting President and there has never been any authorization for a President alone to render permanent changes to the structure without first going through the appropriate review came approval process.

The demolition that has happened without review and approval by this President has erased decades of American history tied to this great public institution. An architectural history that was never rooted in the idolization of a single person, but rather a story of the rich architectural history of our nation.

I respectfully request that any future work on the building go through the proper review and approval process and that authorization for future work be focused on bringing the building back to its original design with only simple and architecturally relevant design changes, which represent the improvement to the overall aesthetics of the building, be approved by the appropriate review authority.

Name: Anne Brophy
Date: February 18, 2026 9:12:10 am

I object to this blatant act of destruction! The East Wing should be restored to its former beauty and historical significance.
When I saw this being destroyed, I felt like part of my heart was being ripped out, my history, my country. No one had a right to destroy part of our country. Rebuild and convict Trump!

Name: Kendra Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:12:23 am

I would like to see the east wing of the white house restored to its original state. Trump should be fined and responsible for paying for what he has destroyed.

Name: Elizabeth Comtois
Date: February 18, 2026 9:12:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: DARYL WATSON
Date: February 18, 2026 9:12:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Ide
Date: February 18, 2026 9:12:58 am

I cannot tell you how crushed I was to learn that the East Wing of the White House had been torn down! This president had said it would not interfere with any existing structure. He lied.
He also had the Rose Garden bulldozed, a gift to the White House from Jackie Kennedy. That hurt my soul. He has overstepped his boundaries.
So, also I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not tRump's house! It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I, too, want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for reading,
Carol Ide
[redacted]

Name: Ann Salemme
Date: February 18, 2026 9:13:27 am

The White House has been traditionally called "the People's House", yet the present administration is treating it like personal property. The East Wing was demolished without going through the proper channels and I doubt that its historic significance had any bearing on the decision. The proposed ballroom will significantly dwarf the main structure and

destroy the symmetry of the architecture. That all this took place without any consult from the NCPC is appalling. There is no need for such a large ballroom, large social gatherings at the White House were held before without such a venue. I also doubt that it will be done in tasteful manner in keeping with the former tone of the previous administrations preservation efforts of this historic structure. I only hope that if this structure is built it will in turn be demolished under a new administration.

Name: Jeannine Eppes
Date: February 18, 2026 9:13:28 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a "modernization" project, it's a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Teresa Wiedersatz
Date: February 18, 2026 9:13:53 am

Done of the tearing down of the East Wing was legal or right. The only work that should go forward is to rebuild the East Wing to its former glory with all the legal papers and inspections being instituted.

Name: Glenna Green
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:00 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom on this site, it is unnecessary, and a waste of taxpayer funds. I ask that you stop this project and rebuild the original east wing back to what the structure originally was built and ask that you charge those responsible for razing that building be held responsible for its destruction.

Name: Catherine Wadhams
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:18 am

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

Name: Kitty Balazsy
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:44 am

It is, of course, shameful what has already happened to the East Wing....and it never should have happened!
Hopefully, this meeting to discuss the "problem" will bring sanity, and proper resolution to restore the beauty and balance to the White House.
The White House does not need a gigantic "ballroom" ~ certainly not at the expense of any other part of the White House,historic or not.
What has happened to the White House so far this year is terrible, wrong & not the least appealing.
Please do NOT agree to any awful horrid plan being proposed for a gigantic, unsightly, ungainly, rather ugly ballroom.
It should be remembered, the White House is often called "the People's House" and any changes, modifications MUST go thru proper channels to keep It in perspective & balance & beautiful.....AND not at a huge cost to the American people.
Thank you.
Kitty Balazsy

Name: Julie Cresswell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna McCloskey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:55 am

It was shocking to see the historical East Wing of the White House destroyed without any consultation with the public or the congress. It should be restored to its original design. Any addition to the White House, such as a ballroom, should be completed only after approval through proper channels. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to any individual.

Name: Wendy Silva
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Austin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:07 am

This is not a “modernization” project, it is a complete obliteration of the East Wing to be replaced by a monstrosity that will dwarf the White House itself. This “ballroom” is not necessary, but is rather a vanity project by the current occupant of the White House. It is a project that did not get the proper authorization, review or permits. Putting all of the foregoing aside, the amount of money this project is estimated to cost is outrageous & it just continues to grow. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was originally.

Name: Vivien Straus
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:14 am

I oppose spending $300 million for this project. There are laws for a reason.This was done without authorization and permits. It should be rebuilt to the same footprint and designed with appropriate approvals. This constant going around the law is against everything this country has tried to avoid. Let's not let one more decision made outside the law.

Name: Jacquie Forester
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:20 am

I strongly oppose the plan to replace the East Wing of the people’s house with an oversized ballroom. I would like to see the demolished East Wing restored to its original footprint, with modern interior updates as needed. The current President should not be free to destroy any part of what is for him, temporary housing. Thank you.

Name: Susan Andre
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:20 am

The proposed ballroom should be 1/3 the size of the current proposal with a shortened new East wing on either side of the

ballroom. This would be more secure for foreign dignitaries, US diplomats, and a less costly solution, with a pleasing esthetic . Proper entry and parking could be used without interference with roads and buildings already present.

Name: Roberta Bidwell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:16:02 am

I am strongly opposed to any project that by steps processes that have been set up to protect the interests of the public interest and financial oversight. This project in particular seems to be an allegory for the current tear down of democracy in an effort to steal power. Last time I looked we do not have a king and I want no shrines erected for personal glory in America. Pride is diminishing daily and this oversight function is one means of reclaiming "the People's" property. If you want buildings to represent you, then donate the money to build them and with that, name them.

Name: Debra Dean
Date: February 18, 2026 9:16:23 am

This is a vanity project, not a modernization project, born out of an egotistical desire to slap one’s name on anything and everything, engilding it as one goes. No one asked for, nor wanted, this monument to greed. It was initiated without the necessary permissions/paperwork, without the input of the people who own the building - the citizens of the United States. Our history is being erased without our accord. My father, a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army, served his country during the Korean Conflict, later losing his life in that service, to ensure that my sister and I, and the generations to come, would be able to live free in a democratic society. I never thought I would live to see that shining city on a hill being trashed while a gaudy monument to mediocrity and venality is erected in its place, as we are sliding headfirst into autocracy. Please stop this abomination, for the sake of my grandchildren and all future generations, and in honor of the sacrifice made by my father and that of all the other serving men and women. Thank you.

Name: Bonny Wagoner
Date: February 18, 2026 9:16:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Rosemary Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:17:26 am

O oppose to this project for several reasons: 1. The purpose is to erase history. 2. Obviously, our national buildings need to be maintained but this is a complete destruction of a functional and historic part of the White House. 3. The decision for this project was done without the approval of the proper channels. 4. The money used to fund this project is astronomical and the source not completely clear. 5. The president's occupation is temporary. He does own the White House and should not make such decisions without the appropriate approvals.

Name: Carrie Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:17:31 am

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the demolition of the East Wing. This is not merely a renovation; it is the destruction of a critical, historic part of the White House that disrupts the architectural integrity of a national landmark. Furthermore, the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom is inappropriately scaled, overwhelming the existing building, and the project appears to be moving forward without required approvals from the National Capital Planning Commission.

Name: Regina Westemeier
Date: February 18, 2026 9:17:33 am

Rebuild East Wing to Historic accuracy. I’m not sure, where the “ball”room can be situated?

Name: Cara Bolles
Date: February 18, 2026 9:17:57 am

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Name: Melanie Riley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:18:14 am

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Emma Pruitt's birthday.
Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.
Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Kim Sanchez
Date: February 18, 2026 9:18:39 am

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Name: sandra williams
Date: February 18, 2026 9:18:59 am

I agree with this comment Anara Guard's comment and recommendation on the status of the East Wing" "Modernization" project.. The picute of its destruction is the visual "metaphor" for what this so-called president has done to our nation and to our people.

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Name: Kathryn LeSage
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:14 am

The illegally demolished East Wing of the White House should not be replaced with a ballroom. The function of the executive branch of the federal government is not to host dances and parties. It is to take care that the nation’s laws be faithfully executed. To fulfill that function, the offices previously housed in the East Wing should be restored.

Name: Jeanne Shuey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brenda Unright
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:21 am

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Name: Ted Hilliard
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:21 am

I strongly oppose the spending of any public funds on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or review. This is not a justifiable modernization project but rather the wanton destruction of an important historical artifact. This project should be canceled and alternative construction plans solicited for consideration. Those who initiated this project without the proper approval should be prosecuted and penalized to the full extent of the law.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter.

Name: Cheryl Heide
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:30 am

I only visited the White House once many years ago. But it was a thrilling experience to see and tour what is a symbol of governance of the county we love. It is the people’s house inhabited by individuals that citizens collectively have selected to lead us in a direction for the good of all and of our country. While there have been changes to the structure over many years to accommodate the needs of its residents, and it has been modified to preserve historical significance, the integrity of the building has been preserved. To see the White House, in total, destroyed in such an insensitive way by one individual to accommodate a need for self importance and political statement should not be allowed. Under this administration there have been alterations to the interior of the White House that follow this ill conceived direction but razing of the East Wing to facilitate a ballroom is a monumental step in severe negative alteration and destruction of a national symbol that must not continue.

Name: edward morgan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:43 am

The proposed ballroom is comically large and out of proportion to the rest of the White House.

Furthermore, you don't have to be an architecture critic or historian to recognize that this construction is inconsistent with the stated values of our nation, which should be, and up to now have been, movingly expressed in the architecture of the White House. It's one of the clearest expressions of what the American system of government is meant to be about: government by the people, for the people. As such, the White House should be both beautiful, because this is a beautiful notion, and relatively modest, because it is, after all, a house for the President, the head of one of three coequal branches of government and a regular citizen.

This proposal furthers neither of those goals: aesthetically, its pompous grandiosity and scale is inconsistent with the rest of the site, and symbolically, well...

This project is laughably called the "East Wing Modernization Project", but of course its primary intention is not to "modernize", but rather to move us backwards towards a time when the powers of many states were vested in a single person and could be used without restraint for that person's enrichment and aggrandizement. If one had wanted to modernize the East Wing -- which would maybe even be a good thing to do, from what I understand! -- one could have. But there would have been no need for this grotesque, out-of-scale ballroom, whose plans evince no regard for our nation's history and values. So here one must state the obvious: the ballroom isn't really a ballroom. Rather, it's a monument to our current President's pathetic, childish, unsatisfiable desire to be seen as the biggest and the best, and to cast himself as king. And that's simply an unacceptable thing to build in our republic.

If built as proposed, this ballroom will be an architectural eyesore and, I regret to say, a more hideous stain on our nation's history.

Name: Sarah Evans
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:02 am

I oppose the abuse of using public funding for a project that has not sought proper approval. This project has been hasty and destructive to the building and disrespectful to the American people. This is a public house, not a personal palace.

Name: Marisol Perez
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Claire Cowan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:22 am

Please cancel this project and restore the East Wing. We don’t need a gaudy gold leafed ballroom paid for with billionaire bribes. We are an international embarrassment.

Name: Gwendolyn Walton
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:28 am

The ballroom addition must not go ahead as planned. It would destroy the character and intention of the White House. The White House is supposed to be the temporary home of the people’s representative to lead the executive branch of the government and should in no way resemble the worst excesses of the palaces of autocratic rulers like the Tsars or kings of Europe.

Name: Denise Forster
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:59 am

I’m unhappy that this project started out as a unilateral wee al decision by a term limited politician. The White House does not belong to one person. Decisions about new construction and major changes are the responsibility of the American people.

Name: Paula Truchot
Date: February 18, 2026 9:21:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and

restored to it's former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Caldwell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:21:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Bruce Wright
Date: February 18, 2026 9:21:58 am

No, I don't support the project, other than restoring the EAST WING. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Name: Marsha Leutza
Date: February 18, 2026 9:22:10 am

This proposed building is a disgusting symbol of the current president's greed, over reach and bad taste. Stop this now.

Name: Pat Zink
Date: February 18, 2026 9:22:41 am

1. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I am NOT happy that my house, the house of the people, was demolished WITHOUT coongress approval and oversight. Before a penny is spent to renovate the East Wing, there needs to be a full investigation of this illegal action by the current administration.
2. I want the project cancelled until there is a FULL investigation. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to continue WITHOUT penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This administration needs to be held accountable. Fines need to be imposed for this wrongful action. Congress and correct authorities MUST require full disclosure of funding to determine if there are any violations to Emoluments Acts.
3. There is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom. Absolutely no need! Congress needs to be 100 % involved in the cleaning up of this mess that the current administration has made. All parties need to be held accountable.

Pat Zink
a very upset American citizen

Name: Julie Speetjens
Date: February 18, 2026 9:22:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joan Wallis
Date: February 18, 2026 9:22:43 am

As a U. S. citizen, I am one of the owners by right of citizenship, of the White House. For that reason alone, I feel strongly that the removal of the East Wing was not only an affront to all people who live in this country, vote and pay taxes, but an illegal act. If every resident of that building was allowed to spend money not theirs to change the architecture and purpose of the White House, it would lose its historical significance. It would be no more significant than a hotel that hosts its changing clients.

I am outraged that the current resident of the White House by-passed all legalities to create a ballroom, of all things, that would have no usefulness for almost all United States citizens. No commission was consulted, no congressional approval sought, to destroy a public building that used to symbolize the power of this democratic republic to elect its leader for a 4-year term. A temporary resident.

I ask that the current resident be made to reconstruct the East Wing at his own expense, since he unilaterally made the decision to destroy it.

Joan Wallis
[redacted]

Name: Carol Odette
Date: February 18, 2026 9:22:53 am

Please note that I view the destruction of OUR peoples east wing is horrible. It should be made to go back as it has always been. We the people should not have to pay for it! Our current sitting person that had this done, should!

Name: Georglyn Davidson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:22:55 am

I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. If modernization was needed, it should have been done properly and legally. Plus, I oppose anything ostentatious being erected. The White House should not be competing with Versailles. We are Americans. Anything built should be appropriately sized and designed to fit in with the rest of the White House. It can be stately and beautiful without being gaudy.

Name: Bonnie Scott
Date: February 18, 2026 9:23:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is the PEOPLE'S house. No changes should be made unless approved BY THE PEOPLE!

Name: Rachel Lehner
Date: February 18, 2026 9:23:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Little
Date: February 18, 2026 9:23:54 am

The East Wing needs to be restored on the same foot print. It is part of the people’s house. We should have had a say through the various organizations related to the White House and its history. It is not the present occupants building.

Name: Deborah Snyder
Date: February 18, 2026 9:23:56 am

I strongly oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our national heritage and all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amanda Sollenberger
Date: February 18, 2026 9:23:58 am

I am nauseated at the atrocity that occurred when the East Wing of the White House was demolished without care or consideration for the history of the building. It is a complete and utter lie that taxpayers will not pay for this project. While many costs may be covered, I have not seen the receipts to prove that it is entirely being funded by the billionaires who are paying to play with the current administration.

As an American, I am disgusted that this was not immediately halted --- and that it has even come this far. I wholly support the reconstruction of the East Wing as it once had been.

Name: Amy Stein
Date: February 18, 2026 9:24:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anita Drislane
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:08 am

The razing of the East Wing of the White House is an affront to the American people. This action by a man who wishes to eradicate any part of history he wants is not only wrong, it was done in an attempt at self aggrandizement. I am calling for this historically important building to be rebuilt exactly as it was before this abomination occurred. Donald Trump and his henchmen deserve to be consigned to the dustbin of history. Again, I say no to Trump’s ballroom plan and no to the tech executives who continue to support his agenda for the peoples’ house. Rebuild the East Wing back to its historical glory.

Name: Kathalyn Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:25 am

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House & the proposed ballroom without going through the legally required review & comment process. The White House is the People’s House & each President is simply a temporary tenant.

I have a problem with the private donations & lack of transparency. We don’t know who they are or if they received government contracts or other benefits from the federal government as a result of donating.

I think this money should be spent returning the East Wing to its original state. No one, certainly not the President of the United States, has the right to destroy a federal building, let alone a section of the White House, without going through the proper channels. He should be forced to face the consequences of his actions.

Name: KITT HAZELTON
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:29 am

This was done illegally, without Congressional ok. The East Wing should be restored to its former state, and charges should be brought over its unapproved demolition.

Name: Victoria Bayne
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:36 am

I am totally opposed to the destruction and reconstruction which DJT is doing to the East Wing. The White House is the people’s house and what he is doing is a crime to the history and beauty of the WH.

Name: James Keller
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:38 am

The proposal does not modernize the East Wing. The proposal destroyed the East Wing along with its 100+ year history. Such an unlawfully action should not be rewarded with the Commission's approval to construct anything other than a complete restoration of the East Wing.

Name: Sheryl Derderian
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:47 am

The east wing was demolished illegally. We have lived with a White House without a massive ballroom since the inception of this nation. We do not need a ballroom at this time in our history. We have an opportunity to reinvent the purpose and structure of the east wing in our current government structure.
What does the executive branch need that can be housed in a new east wing?
Is it meeting space that can meet and be flexible in group size?
Is it individual office space for administration staff?
I have not had an opportunity to visit the current white house , therefore I don't know how much office space exists in current White House structure .
The new addition should not oversize the current building and stay in architectural form as current building.

Name: Pamela Newhart
Date: February 18, 2026 9:26:08 am

As a concerned citizen of this great country I am writing to you and asking you to stop the destruction of the White House and possibly other property owned by WE THE TAXPAYERS! These buildings are proof of our history and deserve respect and protection and not total disregard by an individual! Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela A. Newhart

Name: Bonnie Campbell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:26:28 am

I believe the location of this project should be restored to it's original format. It was decided without legal means and input. It is my taxpayer money and I deserve to have a say in it

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Name: Debra Rosman-Webber
Date: February 18, 2026 9:26:44 am

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuild and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melba Gandy
Date: February 18, 2026 9:26:45 am

The value of the White House lies not in the fact that it is the residence and office of a temporary president, but in its symbolism as America's House — a reflection of who we are historically and aspirationally. To reduce this historical, revered, structure to an annex to a glitzy, vulgar, dance hall is a travesty of enormous proportions.

Already, the tunnel that led from the East Wing to the Winder Building is no longer. The physical history of that connection to the area from which Lincoln directed the conduct of the Civil War can never be replaced.

Ballrooms abound in Washington. All of them are available for White House use whenever a dance hall is needed. This construction is neither appropriate nor wanted by a vast majority of Americans who own and care about this building.

Those in whose hands the care of the White House rests should feel the responsibility to maintain it in a manner as close to the original as possible. If the structure becomes unusable for its intended purposes, for God's sake don't destroy it! Turn it into a museum and build a new residence/office for those who will occupy it for only a short time.

Thank you.

Name: Alison Willson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:26:54 am

We the people who OWN the Peoples House never gave permission for the East Wing to be demolished and we want it rebuilt identically to restore it to its previous condition. We don't want or need a ballroom that NONE OF US WILL EVER BE INVITED TO!!!! Please don't allow it!

Name: Patricia Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 9:27:38 am

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project. First, let me say that, in my opinion, the word "modernization" is incorrect. The correct word would be "destruction". Without any attempt to participate in the decision-making process with the appropriate agencies, the President made his own decision to bulldoze a large part of our country's heritage, ignoring all the rules and norms of those agencies. Now, he plans to replace it with a monstrous ballroom that will overpower the beauty of the rest of the White House, and will "stick out like a sore thumb". It will be nothing but a another monument with his name on it, such as the Kennedy Center.

I have no problem with the modernization of any of our monuments and buildings in our nation's Capitol as long as they stay within the form and structure that the builders' intended. Such things as removing asbestos, modernizing restrooms, modernizing electrical and HVAC, non which would harm the original structure. I understand the need for a larger facility for events as long as it does not change the style or overpower the original structure. This abomination is nothing more that a vanity project for the current President of the United States. It will require billions of dollars of taxpayer money to undo the damage he has done.

Name: Loretta Kay Rawlins-Betta
Date: February 18, 2026 9:27:54 am

There's probably a list of all the reasons the East Wing shouldn't have been brought down & probably a longer list on what NOT to put in its place.
But the bottom line is this: trump is a criminal & it's criminal not only to what he's doing to America but to what he's trying to do with the East Wing & ALL THE OTHER Landmarks he's destroying.

I'm writing to ask you all to stand up against the destruction of America.

Respectfully,
Loretta Rawlins-Betta
American Voter

Name: Susan Fisher
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Carla MacDonnell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:21 am

Please restore the East Wing as it was. The current president has delusions of grandeur and wants to set himself above the law and above all the American people. The dwarfing of the White House by a vanity project is ridiculous. The gold plated monument to his ego must not be allowed. Please restore the East Wing, and put an end to gilding the rest of the White House grounds.

Thank you

Name: Barbara Nudo
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristin Majercik
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:31 am

In reviewing what has already taken place with the East Wing of the White House, I firmly believe that the tear down was at best illegal, and that no action except restoration of what was destroyed should even be contemplated. I copy here what someone else has said, which I believe says it perfectly - - - "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." And to be sure there is no misunderstanding - I oppose the spending of one single dollar on the East Wing Modernization Project!!!!!!

Name: Jennifer Darnell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathryn Nauta
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:40 am

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Name: Valerie Zilinsky
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:52 am

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Name: KELLE BATES
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:52 am

I am opposed to this project because I see it as a "vanity" project by the current president. It is not necessary and is a wasteful spending of money no matter how it is being funded.

Thank you for your attention to the content of this letter, Kelle Bates

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Name: Arianna Coffman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:58 am

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to this project. Not only has this administration destroyed a monumental piece of history to build this ballroom, but they did so with zero regard to the legal process of historical building modification. The White House is the people's house, and we stand with preserving the history of the East Wing. The ballroom is a complete vanity project - one that the United States people do not want included as part of OUR house. If Trump wants a ballroom, he's more than welcome to build one on his OWN property with his personal funds. WE THE PEOPLE did not want the East Wing of the White House destroyed and replaced with a gaudy gold ballroom. One that will inevitably be used to cater to rich donors.

This ballroom project is completely disrespectful to the American people and serves as a symbol of luxury for the elite while normal citizens cannot afford groceries. It's a slap in the face - a "let them eat cake" moment. I urge board members to put a stop to this construction and order the reconstruction of the East Wing how it was before with zero additions/modifications that would make it something unrecognizable.

Name: Taryn Madey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:04 am

I oppose the East Wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Chris Mooney
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:11 am

I oppose the spending of $1 on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and monument to a wanna-be dictator. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the wanna-be dictator and his family. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Schurman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:29 am

I am appalled that President Trump destroyed part of OUR national historic building, the White House. Planning going forward should focus on how to restore the White House in a historically accurate manner, or one that focuses on bringing underrepresented (Black, Hispanic, LGBTQ, disabled, native) communities into the White House. We do not need a

ballroom. We do not need a Trump-themed hotel. We do not need a branch of Trump University. Or a whole roomful of Trump portraits. Or revisionist history/lies.

Name: Wendy Sierra
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:34 am

I would like to see the East Wing of the White House restored to its former design to maintain dignified proportions. A mega ballroom is unnecessary and would be ugly.

Thank You for Your Attention to this Matter
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Name: Joseph Cesa
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is the right thing to do. If not, what happens in 4, 8, 12 years when this behaviour is replicated--with no consequences?

Name: Nancy Totten
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:07 am

I respectually request that the National Capital Planning Commission withhold any permission for a ballroom to be built on the White House grounds. The White House is the people's house and the east wing was torn down without permission or any consideration for environmental impact, historic preservation or aesthetics. No president or other citizen should use the White House grounds to pay homage to his own fragile ego. Any further building on the site should be carefuly reviewed by the appropriate bodies.

Name: Ulrica Christopher
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:09 am

I support the National Trust.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Jamison Chang
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If the American people wanted this, they would act through Congress as the law specifies.

Name: Jenn Knoop
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:15 am

I'm deeply disturbed by what you have done. It's our country's history and should be returned exactly how it was.

Some things don't need to be changed because the very nature of what they represent is a share past and thousands of people have died for this shared past.

The president is a joke and a pig but hopefully whoever reads this will understand what we are trying to preserve as a nation.

Name: Toni Rehe
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:25 am

I couldn't be any sadder when I looked through the drop-down of topics to choose from.
The tearing down of the east wing is an abomination, and the fact that one person could just decide to rip apart our historical buildings, especially the White House is outrageous. I understand there are laws and guidelines regarding these type of projects. Enforce the law stop this administration from destroying everything that belongs to the people of the United States.
Congress needs to do their job and stop this administration from taking a wrecking ball to our country!

Name: Francesca Manti
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sherry Gregory
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:30 am

I have been deeply disturbed by the destruction of the East Wing. So much history was destroyed with no warning or approval. This is the People's House. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt following the same footprint as it was before. We can never restore the history that was stolen from us, but perhaps we can return the dignity that the United States has always stood for.
Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Susan Reynold
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:35 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper (or any!) authorization, permits, or design review. There is no monetary oversight and I think he does not have the funding he claims to have, and that all costs and overruns will eventually pilfer the US Treasury and the American people for this project which is not wanted or been approved.

It is not a modernization project but rather a an ego project for our current president who has little/no regard for history and the American people.

I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Victoria Bisbo
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American taxpayers.

Name: WILLY VELARDE
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:38 am

Dear National Planning Capital Commission:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

A very concerned citizen!

Thank you,

Name: Cheryl Clarkin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:06 am

Spend $300 million updating the East wing. Keep yhe same footprint and outline so it stays in balance with the west wing. It has been our country’s pride and joy. Please do not destroy our heritage

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Name: Suzanne Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:12 am

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Suzanne Mitchell, Plymouth, MA (credit to Anara Guard, whose words I have borrowed)

Name: Lisa Griffith
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:20 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project - it is a complete razing of American history to satisfy one person's whim and ego.

I want this project to be canceled, and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,

Name: Judy phillips
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:24 am

I am voting NO to the east wing "modernization" project for a grand ballroom. The East wing was a part of the USA history and should not been down without Congress approval. Architects specializing in historic real estate should be consulted on restoring the original structure that should be completed before our 250 anniversary that should be paid for by the individual who had it illegally torn down.

Name: Brendan Bottari
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:24 am

It is shameful what Mr Trump has done in destroying the East Wing of the White House! It should be restored to its original form as soon a possible.

Name: Marsha Edwards
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:36 am

I am against this 300+ million dollar project. Number one this type of project needs to go through proper channels, congress.The White House is the PEOPLES house.
It is an historic landmark. Should be restored to its original state at the expense one who ordered it removed. Immediately!

Name: Susan Farrington
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:37 am

The destruction of the east wing was illegal. I want to see it restored to its original plan. It is the people’s White House and does not “belong” to the President and his tech supporters to do with as they please.

Name: Todd Jenkins
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:42 am

This living metaphor of the destruction of federal property and the complete abandonment of democracy is far more than an egotistical and gaudy embarrassment. It is a direct attack on Constitutional law. We must put an end to it before it puts an end to us.

Please stop it now!

Name: Harrison Bink
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:45 am

As an Architect I am very familiar with the approvals process for any governmental project, the contractual requirements and bidding responsibilities. The fact that the White House has ignored the public aspect of this process is both galling and appalling. And that is regardless of any loophole exploited by the special circumstance of the White House.
The inappropriateness of the scale of the project proposed is an offense to the historic nature of the remaining building and should be scaled back. The finishes should also be in keeping with the property and eschew any gilded nature.
Public funds should be appropriated by Congress and allow no special 'gifts' from wealthy donors.
All bids for construction should be made public and normal requirements of US steel and Davis/Bacon wage rates should apply.

Name: Jan Proterra
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:51 am

The building of a ballroom for no reason whatsoever except to make stupid people think that they are powerful and great is ridiculous to its core. The destruction of the East Wing was illegal and wrong. The White House is the PEOPLE’S HOUSE not the current person occupying the residence!!! So stop the construction of the stupid ballroom and restore the EAST WING! Also, MAKE TRUMP and his CRONIES PAY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE EAST WING!!!

Name: Marlene Ahouse
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jo Curie
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:24 am

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Name: Ilka Marsh
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:24 am

Apart from the fact that there was no proper approval process ahead of the beginning of this "project", its impact on the appearance of what is arguably the most important building in our country is disastrous. The lopsided appearance makes this previously stately symbol of our nation's seat of power akward-looking and poorly proportioned. I hope that this project will be stopped and an alternative can be found to restore the harmony of this historical building. I also think that the details of the " private" financing need to be explored.

Name: Annia Wiley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:27 am

I would like to voice my objections to the ‘modernization’. While I know the East Wing needs to be built back, the current plans are almost vulgar. It is a slap in the face to the people. There is no need for a ballroom that size. And certainly no reason to gold plate everything. A modest, dignified replacement the same size or slightly larger than the one that was demolished would be acceptable and appreciated. This is something that the working class will never see except on TV. And there are so many other things that money should go to. Like healthcare. Infrastructure. FEMA. Senior citizens that have worked their whole lives and now live below poverty level. Please use some restraint and common sense when making this decision.

Name: Christine Llewellyn
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:32 am

I oppose this project, which does not have proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. THAT would be a modernization. I also would like to see those who broke regarding tearing down of the East Wing be held to account.

Name: Erin Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:51 am

It is frankly unbelievable that the demolishment part of this project has even begun. It’s hard to describe plainly at the levels to which this project has circumvented the typical avenues of required approval to say nothing of decency. To take such a fundamental symbol of our country and democracy, and literally tear it down without historical preservation approval or anything else is a metaphor onto itself. This project must be stopped at least until it goes through the proper approval process. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Patrice Welsh-Benjamin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:54 am

This is a travesty! I request that this project is cancelled and the East wing be rebuilt. There was no authorization for this outrageous destruction.

Name: Courtney Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:04 am

I am opposed to this vanity project. Taxpayers shouldn’t be funding yet another luxury space for government officials to use to avoid doing any real work for the people. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to suit the needs of an actual working government.

Name: Renita Moore-Hylton
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:11 am

The ballroom is nothing short of a trump vanity project with no congressional oversight. The project should be halted and the original structure rebuilt at no cost to the people of the United States, and totally funded by Trump!

Name: Mercedes Alayo
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:13 am

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Name: Bruce Piatek
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:18 am

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and all the history it once represented. Do not approve this construction project, the East Wing Modernization Project. Approval of this action will destroy the credibility of our historic preservation laws.

Name: Sherry Unruh
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:28 am

It is my opinion that the replacement of the East Wing was started illegally. The proper permits were not obtained and demolition occurred without permission. This was history destroyed. This is an affront to the American people with no concern of cost or the past. The East Wing should be restored to its former glory at the cost of the person who ordered its destruction.

Name: Marcie Wright
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:28 am

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Thank you, Marcie

Name: Janet Norstrom
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:35 am

I understand the need for very large facility for gatherings, however it does not need to be attached to the White House,

which is also considered the People’s house. The ballroom should be built elsewhere, not on White House grounds. The east wing rebuilt so externally it looks the same but with an upgraded interior Additionally, The rose garden was an historical monument to Jackie and it is a shame that it was not preserved.

Name: Carolyn Fidgeon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:37 am

Please, please, please!!! Do not let this project go forward. This is the people's house and it should be restored to it's former state. This is not modernization, it is destruction of history.

Name: Kay Sylvester
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:38 am

AS described by the President, this project keeps morphing into something ever larger and more grandiose. Of course, he’s counting on approval since he ripped down the East Wing without any approvals, so now a repair of some kind is needed.
I object on principle to adding a giant ballroom to the White House, and the other aspect - the safety bunker, or whatever he’s calling it - can be rebuilt without a giant ballroom on top of it.
I am fundametally angry about this project and I fervently ask that the ballroom, in any form, not be approved.

Name: Sue Snow
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:40 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vanity project of a man who would be king.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Cabell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:42 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the so called modernization of the East Wing of the White House. This was done without adequate planning or review or authorization and represents the appalling destruction of an historic property, long beloved by the citizens of the United States, simply for the aggrandizement of President Trump. There is no need for an enormous ballroom in place of the historic East Wing. Please stop this project and require the restoration of the East Wing. Thank you.

Name: Maria Da Silva
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Fetherolf
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:12 am

Should not go forward at all but, if it does, it must have an open and transparent design and building period and follow all the rules regulating changes to *our* House. And, it should be historically accurate outside and in as a public space owned by our polity.

Name: Erin Mulholland
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount exceeding $300 million) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Maier- GARCIA
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:19 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by the Trump family who without permits destroyed a part of American history, the peoples' house . No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: charlotte wright
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:20 am

I believe it should be restored to its original state.

Name: Rebecca Kapur
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:31 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In fact, I'd like the name of the company used to demolish the East Wing to be made public, and a copy of the contract also made public.

This new building is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The current design is gaudy, enormous, and completely out of scale with the current White House. This is the People's House. It is OUR house. Nothing should proceed with the rebuild without proper process as noted above.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding and tax-paying Americans.

Name: Sherri Dishman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project for a grand ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sherri Sowik
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:56 am

I oppose the spending on this project, which is illegal and without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history and one with no foresight at all except to spend millions of dollars for someone's selfish greed. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing restored, Who should pay? The person and people who started this illegal project. It is a government building and belongs to the people and there are steps to be taken legally and not up to anybody's whims. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: MaryLou Molinaro
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:57 am

This proposed modernization project is absolutely obscene. He has torn down what should be a national historic section of the People's House, the White House, for a freaking vanity project. It's bigger than the White House itself and truly has no purpose. There was already a ballroom in the East Wing, where Princes Di danced with John Travolta. There was so much history in the East Wing and he has destroyed it because everything is about him. He has no regard for history, for the Presidency itself. He has desecrated the White House with all his golden crap and this new structure will be nothing but gaudy, just like him. This cannot stand. It's destroyed the iconic look of the White House and, should this project be allowed to proceed, it will be the most distasteful looking WH forever more. Hopefully, the next real President will tear it down. Please don't let him continue building this monstrosity!

Name: Rebekah Fox
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard Byrne
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:15 am

The so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" is, in truth, an obliteration, rather than "modernization." President Trump has perpetrated an extraordinary act of vandalism on the people's space-- out of public view or comment and in utter darkness before its commencement. This atrocity also has been effected with the private monies of sycophants.

Such historical and aesthetic barbarity cannot be mediated or revised. Rather, it should be stopped with immediate effect and eradicated entirely.

Name: Wendy Gault
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:36 am

Respectfully... I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy Tomaszewski
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brenda Holdnak
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:41 am

This is not a modernization project, just like tearing up the rose garden was not a modernization project. This is a disgusting grab for personal attention with no regard for the people's house or our country's history.

If this was truly a modernization the integrity of the existing structure would have been maintained and updated. This is intended to aggrandize the current administration which.will probably be named after the existing President. Just like the Republican administration is tearing down reminders of history they dont agree with this monstrosity if allowed to be built, and all the other buildings will be renamed once this administration is gone by the people who truly own these public I buildings, not one person. Please dont allow this horrible building to be built.

Name: Carol Turner
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:50 am

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

Name: Scott Ritt
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:50 am

Remember the beautiful, functional, and historic East Wing of the White House?

Well, the dusty pile of rubble that the current occupant created with his wrecking ball of stupidity is a perfect metaphor for what he has done to what this grand country once stood for, and as typical for him, supposedly a servant to the American people, it was done suddenly and with no authority or approval.

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or even $300 of grifted money, on this horrendously out-sized and hideous unnecessary debacle, which was initiated without the proper application, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a gaudy vain tribute to his own outsized and misplaced ego.

As a constituent citizen of the United States, I want, and I’m certainly not the only one who demands as per the rule of law, decorum, and procedure, this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former historic design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. America’s history and former stature must be preserved, and all future attempts to destroy it by attacking its cultural, artistic, and architectural edifices must be stopped. Please be a patriot and help right this wrong.

Name: Amy Tomaszewski
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:05 am

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Name: Linda Mertz
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:09 am

I want the East wing project to be stopped and restore the East wing to its previous state.

Name: Angela Boltz
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If I wanted to make a change or addition to the outside of my home, I (like most Americans) would need to acquire the proper permits and plan reviews to do so. And my personal property has no cultural significance whatsoever.

When this ballroom project was first proposed/mentioned by the President, he stated that the East Wing would not change or be touched in any way. It broke my heart to see the building come down practically overnight. So much history destroyed. Please replace the East Wing as it once stood and find a new location in DC for a formal ballroom. It should not dwarf the White House.

Name: Margaret Dine
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:13 am

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The historic White House East Wing MUST BE RESTORED to its original appearance, fully and completely and to historic accuracy, at the expense of Mr. Trump, including the former ballroom and First Lady offices.

The plan for the addition 90,000 sq ft ballroom must be opposed in its entirety. The addition would not look proportional to the existing historic White House, is completely unnecessary, should not be funded by those seeking to curry presidential favors, should never have been started.

There must be penalties and punishments for the decision-makers involved in giving the orders to destroy our White House.

Sincerely,
Mrs. M. Dine

Name: Carol Steffen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:16 am

I object to the current plan to rebuild the East Wing as a monstrous ballroom. I request that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was, and that the vanity ballroom project be trashed. We the people want the historic East Wing be returned to its original beauty and grace.

Name: Mary Barnes
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:19 am

This is an abomination. Our tax dollars are meant to help our citizens, not a would-be king. He is “marking” his territory like a dog at a fire hydrant. His focus, as President, should be on improving Americans’ lives.

Name: Dr. Barron Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:23 am

Please return the East Wing to his historic state. The Ballroom is a terrible idea.

Name: Nancy Bacon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:25 am

I oppose this project. The East Wing should be restored back to the way it was before demolition to preserve the historical integrity of the people’s house.

Name: Jami Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:36:49 am

The proposed addition is ridiculously large in scope and dwarfs the original White House. It appears to be a vanity project by the current president and is not at all in keeping with the concept that the White House is the people’s house. It sets a terrible precedent that a temporary occupant can make such sweeping changes to the residence of all American presidents, and at this point what is to stop the next resident from tearing the whole thing down and building something even worse. There are traditions and mechanisms in place for altering and modifying / modernizing historic buildings, and it seems that none of these have been followed

Please put the brakes on the destruction that this temporary resident is trying to wreak on our nation’s capital. The size and scope of this project must be reduced - at the VERY least it should be brought down to a size that doesn’t dwarf the original historic buildings.

Name: P. T.
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:06 am

Dear National Capitol Planning Commission,

I would like to voice my objection to the prospective project of the construction of a ballroom at the White House. The current administration seems to forget that this is NOT their private estate but rather a public, federally owned National Historic Landmark owned by the PEOPLE of the UNITED STATES. Procedures and laws exist to protect the building and its grounds.
The current administration believes they are above the law. The wilfully demolished the East Wing of the White House with NO oversight, no permits, no congressional approval, no public comments.
They seem to exist with the premise of "It is better to ask forgiveness than permission", then when they are rebuked don’t even ask for forgiveness, they simply invent a narrative of why what they are doing is acceptable. While asking forgiveness rather than permission may have worked for Grace Hopper, the Government exists for the people, they have a responsibility to the PEOPLE of the United States and should be held accountable for their actions.
While the need for expanded event space may be factual, any additions should respect the historic scale and design of the White House. The proposed ballroom will exceed the size of the current building .NO further action should be taken in regards to this expansion without the explicit approval. The National Park Service, the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission should be working TOGETHER to plan and complete ANY major changes to the PEOPLE's HOUSE.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
P. T. , New Hampshire.

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Sincerely,
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Name: Ted Young
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:34 am

Modernization? In what sense? It's grotesque. A room for facilitating corruption and encouraging bribes. Selfish, wasteful, it reminds me of the worst that a Roman Emperor might build. Not to mention that it dwarfs the executive residence- shouting over it and shoving it aside. Even classical architecture can be garbage.

Attachment

Name: Mary Hallock
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:34 am

Please fight to save our White House. The East Wing needs to be restored to what it was. This is an historic building that belongs to "We the People". It is called the "People's House" for a reason. NO ONE has a right to destroy it.

Name: Sallie MaceHoyle
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:45 am

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Name: Kathy Casserly
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:46 am

I was appalled when trump had the east wing demolished. The White House belongs to “We, the People.” He had no authority to raze it to build a gilded ballroom. The only intent to build a ballroom is for trump to charge millions to

participate in any event there. That “entrance fee” is just another trump family grift. Please stop any advancement of build ballroom and return the east wing to OUR HOUSE.

Name: Teri Russell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:53 am

To whom it may concern
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Sincerely,
Teri L. Russell
Hydro, OK

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Name: PATRICIA HESSLER
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:55 am

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Thank you,

Pat Hessler

Name: Richard Hartigan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:03 am

The East Wing should be restored to it's historic form. Baring that, should be built to resemble it, and no larger than it was. Nothing larger or that would overshadow the mansion should be allowed there. The criminals that destroyed this very special government property should be prosecuted, from the top down.
Thank you,
RH

Name: Darlene S Niksic
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:14 am

I oppose this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Name: Marie Allen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Name: DANIEL MESICK
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:39 am

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Name: Linda Carter
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:41 am

Good morning.

I am a longtime donor and supporter of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. I am furious about Donald Trump's willfull, wanton, illegal, and horrific demolition of the East Wing of the White House.

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Sincerely,
Linda Carter
[redacted]

Name: P T
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:05 am

Dear National Capitol Planning Commission,

I would like to voice my objection to the prospective project of the construction of a ballroom at the White House. The current administration seems to forget that this is NOT their private estate but rather a public, federally owned National Historic Landmark owned by the PEOPLE of the UNITED STATES. Procedures and laws exist to protect the building

and its grounds.
The current administration believes they are above the law. The wilfully demolished the East Wing of the White House with NO oversight, no permits, no congressional approval, no public comments.
They seem to exist with the premise of "It is better to ask forgiveness than permission", then when they are rebuked don't even ask for forgiveness, they simply invent a narrative of why what they are doing is acceptable. While asking forgiveness rather than permission may have worked for Grace Hopper, the Government exists for the people, they have a responsibility to the PEOPLE of the United States and should be held accountable for their actions.
While the need for expanded event space may be factual, any additions should respect the historic scale and design of the White House. The proposed ballroom will exceed the size of the current building .NO further action should be taken in regards to this expansion without the explicit approval. The National Park Service, the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission should be working TOGETHER to plan and complete ANY major changes to the PEOPLE's HOUSE.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
P. Thomas, New Hampshire.

Name: Linda Field
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:21 am

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Name: Joelle Scalzo
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:30 am

The fact that this "project" was allowed to start without all the approvals, permits and plans is a crime in and of itself. Those who perpetrated this crime need to be charged and prosecuted. This is THE WHITE HOUSE the very symbolism of our Democracy.
Not only should this project not be permitted to move forward, the East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its exact, specifications, foot print and design, right down to the last stud and screw.
Paid for by those who tore it down, every single person, top to bottom who had a hand it in. EVERY.SINGLE.PERSON.

Name: Robin Oates
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:37 am

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The demolition of the East Wing without prior review or public comment was wrong. Let's take this opportunity to restore do a thoughtful restore. No obscene ballrooms are needed.

Name: Kelly Neal
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:41 am

I oppose any spending on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather wanton destruction of American History. The White House does not belong to any President but to the American people, who weren't consulted before the destruction began, nor properly informed as it has proceeded. I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and the law has clearly been broken. If all those responsible, no matter what their position, are not charged with and made to face the consequences of these crimes, it will be an affront to the American people.

Name: David Huntley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:50 am

I am opposed to spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I ask that this project be canceled and the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Tamara Gorski
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:54 am

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Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Tamara

Name: Shari Karnowski
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:03 am

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My kids and I toured the East Wing a couple of years ago and we are truly heartbroken at this callous disregard of our nation's history.

Name: Rick Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:09 am

The president and his cronies have destroyed a part of American history, and this is symbolic of their destruction of our economy, the Constitution, and our standing in the global community of nations. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and paid for by the same fools who supported its destruction!

Name: Ellen Collins
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:15 am

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Name: Jacob Wilcox
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:26 am

I think it is a complete mistake to turn the East Wing into a ballroom as the funding for such an mindless and useless renovation could be put to something much more important and impactful. Especially when the funding is stripping away

funding from actual important things like food stamps and health insurance coverage. It is also completely destroying everything the White House stands for. We are also a democracy, not a fascist authoritarian government ruled by Tyranny.

Name: Jason Berry
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:39 am

STOP this madness! If you don’t, all of DC will be renamed Trump-this and Trump-that, then they will demand money for using that name and continue to grift our tax dollars. Enough! NO ONE votes for this BS!

Name: Diane Wynne
Date: February 18, 2026 9:41:04 am

Please oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated withOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Duke
Date: February 18, 2026 9:41:32 am

I want the Eastwing restored to its original condition and preserve this historical monument. We don't want our history destroyed and ruined especially by people who think they are above following the rules and laws.

Lisa Duke

Name: Maureen Simon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:41:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

REPEAT: I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Joanne Schwab
Date: February 18, 2026 9:41:45 am

I am 100% opposed to this debacle. The proper procedure was not followed to propose changes to the East Wing. The plans for the replacement build are hideous and inappropriate. Please deny a go-ahead to this atrocity planned as a boost to one person's inflated ego.

Name: Leah Boule
Date: February 18, 2026 9:41:52 am

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Signed,
Leah J. Boulè

Name: Julia Housum Stevens
Date: February 18, 2026 9:42:02 am

I am in complete opposition to the East Wing "Modernization" project, which was planned and executed without following any regulations set by the National Historic Trust or any other agency, nevermind the ethical part. Please stop this atrocity against the American people and their shared history.

Name: Lisa Nonog
Date: February 18, 2026 9:42:14 am

I oppose allocating $300 million to this project, which began without proper authorization, required permits, or any legitimate design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is the outright destruction of a piece of American history. I am calling for the project to be canceled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would undermine every law-abiding American.

Name: Sue Eiholzer
Date: February 18, 2026 9:42:24 am

No one is above the law nor has the right to do whatever they want with buildings that belong to the American people. I am appalled that the east wing of the White House was destroyed and want to see it returned to the way it was before.
I absolutely do not want to see a Ballroom erected on the ground of the White House. We do not need this elaborate ballroom that President Trump is proposing.
This is our historic property and he is only a temporary resident who does not own it.

Name: Dorothy Barwis
Date: February 18, 2026 9:42:30 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Jean Minerd
Date: February 18, 2026 9:42:33 am

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Name: Wanda Lind
Date: February 18, 2026 9:43:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wendy Brennan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:43:39 am

Please please please I beg of you PLEASE…. Make sure the President has to follow all the rules like the rest of us. Do not be afraid to stand up for the right way to do things. We need leadership at every level
To hold him to task ON THE LEGAL
WAYS TO ACCOMPLISH THKNGS IN OUR COUNTRY.

We know there is so much more to this than a ballroom. Please don't t allow him to steamroll his way through our history books. We have to start saying NO to him and his ridiculous antics.

Please. Do what is right for our country and stand up
For the rule Of law

Name: Jennifer Wallace
Date: February 18, 2026 9:43:58 am

The demolition of the East Wing is one of the most visible representations of the current administration's disregard for policy, procedure, law and history. This project needs to be stopped and instead the money spent on a restoration of the East Wing to its prior state as a visible representation of the return of the rule of law in the United Stated to include the consequences for those that blatantly disregarded and broke those laws.

Name: Doranne Renteria
Date: February 18, 2026 9:44:01 am

Please do not allow this project to continue. It's just another egotistical adventure of the current president. It would be an embarrassment just as he is. Most Americans do not support these kind of things he is doing to our integrity as a nation, and our history of elected officials serving the people instead of themselves.

Name: Betsy Cahoon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:44:19 am

What Donald Trump has done to the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, is a travesty. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Trump's project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Not to mention that in 50 years Donald Trump will be long gone while the White House will still stand. It is the people's house and the East Wing should be restored accordingly.

Name: Sylvia Cox
Date: February 18, 2026 9:44:31 am

I want the East Wing restored the way it was before the executive branch demolished it. That includes: no tacky gold decorations, architecturally compatible with the remaining White House, no stupid labels with 47's name on it.
It is the People's house, not any one president's . It has historical significance that will last far beyond this current abomination of a president.

Name: Liz Bisbee
Date: February 18, 2026 9:44:39 am

The destruction of the people's house was horrific. The new wing must be in scale and style with the part of our White House which was not destroyed. An abomination of a ballroom represents the worst of the self selected elites, those who have given tons of money to the destroyer of our house. Please work for all the people. We loved our White House with a wing for the first women or men, if we ever get there. Thanks for your consideration.

Name: Laura Gathagan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:05 am

The historic East Wing has been demolished with little to no oversight nor any environmental review as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The White House and grounds are a National Park and a National Historic Landmark owned by the People of the United States.

According to your website, the public comment process is one of several safe guards to "ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input". Major construction projects in DC must be reviewed by NCPC and CFA and they must comply with NEPA as well as receive congressional approval. The Trump administration has ignored the laws put in place for this- as it has for so many things.

I object to the project for these reasons:

1. The administration should be held accountable for violating NEPA during the demolition. Fines need to be imposed for this negligence. An investigation is needed to determine the extent of toxic debris that was hauled away; some of which was deposited onto a nearby public golf course. Since there is ongoing, blatant disregard for public safety, there needs to be an independent body given the authority to review the environmental damages, impose and collect fines and monitor the new construction with the authority to stop all work if further laws are violated.

2. Congress, CFA and NCPC must require full disclosure of funding, determine if there is any violation of the Emoluments Act or favors granted (quid pro quo) and put in place a fiscal manager appointed by a judge for the entire project. If this cannot be set in place, the project cannot move forward.

3. There is no need for a 90,000+ square foot ballroom at the White House. Let this empty space be just that- a place that tells its own story; what it was, and how it was illegally demolished- a monument to how one administration forced dozens of illegal initiatives down the throats of its citizens, but how it ultimately failed to control them.

4. If something is to be built, let it truly be the "People's House". Build a structure that reflects the enslaved hands that originally labored for it- the people who voted for its leaders- the historic figures that we can be proud of - something that acknowledges who we are. I object to this plan as it is a monument to one man's venality. Instead, it should be a place where children and families can come to visit- maybe a revolving Smithsonian exhibit or an arboretum or maybe an art museum (you can never have too many). Build it to scale so that it doesn't overpower the original White House structure. Include some meeting rooms and offices but make it something to which we can all have access.

Name: Nancy Bowen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:08 am

The East wing of the White House was torn down illegally. The White House belongs to the people, not the president and thus procedures for making substantial changes to it exist and were ignored. To permit the building of a disproportionately large ballroom in its place would not only destroy the symmetry of this important historic building and national symbol, but would give tacit approval to the destruction of the East Wing setting a dangerous precedent. The East Wing must be rebuilt adhering to the basic design of the old East Wing. (Maybe bring back the rose garden while you're at it!)

Name: Amy Nicely
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:10 am

Restore the east wing to what it was before it was illegally raised, modernize it, but no ballroom and make Pres. Trump personally pay for it since he illegally tore it down.

Name: Wilhelmina Teller
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:27 am

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Name: Deb Cordrey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:42 am

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Name: Jennifer Gold
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:50 am

“Modernization”??!! More like wholesale unauthorized destruction and disrespect of historic proportions. Please do your job, Planning Commission. The ONLY thing that should be approved to replace the pile of debris that was once the Easy Wing is a literal reconstruction of the original — maybe with more bathrooms for women and better interior lighting.

The current administration should NOT be rewarded for its outrageous and illegal act of tearing down the East Wing by being allowed to build what they want. It’s a worldwide embarrassment.

Please honor our nation’s history, and the history of the White House — not to mention the enslaved people that helped build it — by rebuilding the original, with appropriate MINIMAL modernization requirements only.

Trump has his Mar—a—Lago Motel gaudy cheap monstrosity, as is his right. It’s private property and he owns it. The White House is NEITHER.

Thank you.
Jennifer Gold

Name: Kathleen Secor
Date: February 18, 2026 9:46:02 am

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Name: Shelley Grund
Date: February 18, 2026 9:46:32 am

I do not approve of the construction of a “Ballroom” as part of the White House. Money should be spent to return the East Wing so
It structurally echos the West Wing. Modernizing is good, destroying existing historical buildings is not!
Thank you
Shelley

Name: Karen Sinclair
Date: February 18, 2026 9:46:44 am

To Whom it May Concern::

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong disapproval regarding the proposed construction of a ballroom at the White House.
The White House is far more than a residence or event venue—it is a living symbol of our nation's history, leadership, and democratic values. The preservation of its historical integrity should be treated as a sacred responsibility. The idea of constructing a new ballroom, particularly one that could exceed the scale of the existing structure where critical decisions affecting our country and the world are made every day, is deeply troubling.
A ballroom, by its very nature, is a space intended for social gatherings and entertainment. It should never overshadow or overpower a place of such profound national importance. Alterations of this magnitude risk diminishing the historical character and symbolic weight of this treasured landmark.
I strongly urge you and all decision-makers involved to reconsider this proposal and to prioritize the preservation and protection of the White House as the historic and dignified institution it has always been. Future generations deserve to inherit it with its integrity intact.
Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of citizens who care deeply about preserving our national landmarks.

Sincerely,
Karen Sinclair

Name: Tom McMahon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:46:45 am

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Name: Ellie Walsh
Date: February 18, 2026 9:46:55 am

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Name: Karen Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:46:56 am

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: ELIZABETH REID
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:08 am

Dear Review Committee Members,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your consideration, and your patriotism in protecting the historical value of our Capital's landmark structures.

Elizabeth Reid
Chicago, IL.

Name: Barbara Connon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:09 am

Rebuild the East Wing as it was before

Name: Susan Fox
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:22 am

Travesty of a project, starting with demolition of a historically significant portion of the People's House with no review or approval. Suggest it be restored at the expense of the Trump administration, not the taxpayers.

If a ballroom of the size suggested is truly required, move this project through the proper channels and house it apart from the People's House.

Name: Deborah Guydish
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:29 am

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am against building a massive ballroom at the White House as it would overshadow the White House, which is a public building that my taxes pay for. Ideally the East wing would be restored so that the White House could once again be the historical building it was meant to be. If a venue is needed for larger entertainments, surely a more reasonable size with a much smaller blueprint could be built in DC, and not necessarily on the White House grounds.
As of now, the destruction of the East wing and the building of a massive ballroom, which is nothing more than a vanity project, is deplorable in every sense and cannot be allowed.

Name: Wendy Gilman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:34 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Philip Brody
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:42 am

I oppose spending ANY money on the project to construct a ballroom onto the White House. It was initiated without authorization and represents an erasure of U.S. history and culture. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its original design.

Name: Margaret Werner Washburne
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:44 am

As someone who had 10 relatives (Fosters and Browns) at Concord and Bunker Hill and men in most wars after that, including deaths at Gettysburg and in WWII - and family fighting for Democracy in Mexico- I am against one man deciding what to do with our White House.

He demolished the East Wing in what I imagine was a tantrum. He should have been stopped then. He clearly doesn't know or history or the depth of our love for this nation and what it stands for.

America is not about golf courses, arches, or ballrooms. We are about hard work, opportunity, giving a hand up, the Constitution, and understanding our responsibilities, and building an inclusive future for all of us. We were intellectual leaders in the free world.

But history and true patriotism seems to mean nothing to this president. Kids who have known only the past 10 years have no idea the sacrifices that have been made for the idea and meaning of America. It's time they see that America isn't something that can be torn down on a whim or used for personal gain or power.

Follow protocol in replacing the East Wing and regain some authority over this rogue administration.

Name: judith treesberg
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:52 am

Anara Guard's comment on this states my own view so I request to repeat her here.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding and history loving Americans.

Name: Kimberly Patten
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:52 am

This should not be approved and the current administration should personally be required to pay for all of the damage it has has caused. The only approved plans should be to the exact historial specs that were there before the demolition. No tax payer funds should be used, but the person who caused this disaster should have to pay for all of this restoration work.

Name: Mary Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:57 am

I absolutely oppose this 'modernization project' of part of the White House. First, this building belongs to all of us and represents our history-short as it is compared to the histories of European and Asian countries. Instead of respecting this history, this administration wants to MODERNIZE it. Imagine how the citizens of England would feel if a Prime Minister came in and, without consulting anyone, decided to MODERNIZE the House of Lords. I resent this administration blithely destroying parts of the White House. Contrast this to the care Jacqueline Kennedy took to refurbish the White House in 1961 and showcase its American history.

Name: JoEllen Sefton
Date: February 18, 2026 9:48:00 am

I strongly oppose the 'modernization project' was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The spending of $300 million on this project goes against everything our country stands for. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I trust this honored commission will stand strong and do what is right.

Name: Susan Arra
Date: February 18, 2026 9:48:22 am

Never in my life have we witnessed such a blatant act!
I say no to this entire project!

Name: Eileen Moses
Date: February 18, 2026 9:48:28 am

This is the verbiage I found to use if you want to use it as well:

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Name: Leslie Dow
Date: February 18, 2026 9:48:34 am

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Name: Doug Randolph
Date: February 18, 2026 9:48:35 am

I oppose this project to a historic landmark that was not done with prior authorization.

Name: Hillary Parks
Date: February 18, 2026 9:49:05 am

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the East Wing Modernization Project currently under review. In particular, the structure and sources of project funding raise troubling questions about whether the process may resemble a pay-to-play arrangement.
Public projects must be guided by transparency, fairness, and the best interests of the community. Any perception that financial contributions could influence decision-making undermines public trust and calls the integrity of the process into question.
I respectfully urge a thorough review of the funding structure and full public disclosure of all related agreements to ensure accountability and maintain confidence in this project.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Vickie Foss
Date: February 18, 2026 9:49:05 am

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Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

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Name: Susan Dillon
Date: February 18, 2026 9:49:18 am

Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. I was devastated when our current President tore down the West Wing for a humongous ballroom that will doubtless bear his name. His "wrecking ball" attitude to OUR house, is emblematic of the same thing he is doing to our country.

Name: Judith Ornstein
Date: February 18, 2026 9:49:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Wallace
Date: February 18, 2026 9:50:10 am

Please stop the ballroom. The plans are a desecration of the people's house.

Name: Katherine Rodi
Date: February 18, 2026 9:50:12 am

Please restore the East Wing and require the current resident to abide by the laws of this country. History is necessary. Thank you.

Name: William TAYLOR
Date: February 18, 2026 9:50:16 am

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Name: Linda Saladin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:50:36 am

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Name: Denise Henry Leiner
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gail Hormats
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:03 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the historic east wing. No required review was done, no appropriate permits or permissions were obtained. Restore the east wing (and rose garden) to the way it was in 2024.

Name: Liz Butowitsch
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:04 am

The history of the white house and particularly, thr east wind should have been preserved. A golden ballroom does not respect its historical background. Stop, please.

Name: janet schilling
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project as proposed by the current administration, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. I also feel that as a condition of any future permits that the cost of rebuilding be borne by those that proceeded without proper authorizations.

Name: Catherine Malavarca
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:12 am

BALLROOM

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No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without PENALIZING those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gail Berndt
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:21 am

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permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kimberly Roman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:38 am

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Name: Leslie Reed
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Name: Marcella Ramsey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:50 am

I am against spending $300 million on this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of our American history.

This project should canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No one is above the law!! To permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Elizabeth Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:54 am

I strenuously object to the "ballroom project". This administration has bypassed nearly all proper procedures to make adjustments to the People's House. I want the ballroom project suspended and I want the East Wing restored to its previous historic status.

Name: Hilda Stark
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Terry Durham
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:11 am

The East Wing was trashed without the consent of “We the People”. It is ridiculous anyone would demolish our “house of our history”. This mess should be cleaned up and rebuilt the way it was.

Name: William Detlefsen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:15 am

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The destruction of the East Wing should never have occurred without proper review and oversight. Since it is now a fait accomplit, we must control what replaces it.

Given thus oresident's autocratic preferences and the lack of restraint shown by his administration, I propose that no action be taken until the next administration takes office. Until then, it should remain as a scar upon the face of the People's House to remind the president, those around him, and those visiting the White House that actions have consequences and that the citizens of the United States of America must be consulted on these matters. It is not for the decision of one man to change our country's landmarks in his own gaudy image.

Sincerely,

William Detlefsen

Name: Libby Payne
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you
Libby Payne
American Citizen

Name: Victoria Young
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:38 am

I am an professor of architectural history for 25 years and I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

First of all, this project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Dr. Victoria Young

Name: PamDocken Docken
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:51 am

When I saw the East Wing of the White House pour down I was so angr. This is the people's house this is history, this man is tearing our country apart literally tore down he fabric of our country that holds us together Trump isn't building that vowel room for the country. He is building it for his billionaire friends. The average American would never be allowed near it. This in the same absolute immunity that he has has a destroyed everything. He plans on living there until he dies. He plans on never leaving. The east wing must be brought back to its former state for the sake of the country. The

supreme Court should be held accountable for this. They have the power to take away his immunity, but they've obviously been bought out. Please I am begging you for my children and my grandchildren to really understand how great this country can be. Please do notdo not let that ballroom go up.

Name: Marian Hartman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:53:06 am

I am horrified that we are at a point where comment on this illegal and disgusting proposal is necessary. I can only hope those who are reviewing this have the good sense and decency to stop this brazen attack on our history.

Name: Andreas Goetzfried
Date: February 18, 2026 9:53:31 am

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Name: Andrew kleeger
Date: February 18, 2026 9:53:33 am

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Further, I demand that all persons involved in the deliberate destruction of the White House be held accountable in courts of law, and punished to the fullest measure of the law.

Name: Ann Dilcher
Date: February 18, 2026 9:53:36 am

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leona Allen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:53:59 am

I am in opposition to spending $300 million on this project. It already destroyed part of our history, and was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project needs to be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design….paid for by the president’s family (not taxpayer dollars). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Abigail Huff
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:09 am

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ballroom addition to the White House and to urge the Commission to reconsider the direction of this project. The White House is not only the symbolic heart of our nation but

also one of the most significant historic structures in the United States. Any alteration to its form, scale, or architectural integrity deserves the highest level of scrutiny and restraint.

The proposed ballroom represents a substantial departure from the historic character of the Executive Mansion. While I understand the desire to accommodate modern functions, the White House has always balanced evolving needs with a deep respect for its architectural heritage. This proposal, however, risks compromising that balance by introducing a feature that is neither historically grounded nor contextually appropriate.

Equally important is the matter of the East Wing. Its demolition was a profound loss to the historic fabric of the White House complex. The original East Wing—modest, functional, and architecturally consistent with the era, played a meaningful role in the evolution of the site. Rebuilding it in its historic form would not only restore architectural continuity but also honor the stewardship responsibilities entrusted to all who oversee this national landmark.

The White House should be preserved and restored in a manner that reflects its full historical narrative, not reshaped in ways that diminish it. I respectfully urge you to reject the ballroom proposal and instead support efforts to reconstruct the East Wing in its historically accurate state.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to protecting the architectural heritage of our nation.

Sincerely,
Abigail Huff

Name: Deborah Pereira
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:25 am

To Whom It May Concern:

Good morning.

I am against the building of an opulent, unnecessary ballroom. Months ago, as I watched the East Wing being torn down, I had an extreme and visceral response. I literally felt nauseaous. American history was being destroyed at the whim of a single person without any imput from those of us who respect what the building represents. I continue to feel extremely sad each time I view photographs of the before and after.

It is my personal wish that (at best) the White House's East Wing be restored as much as possible to it's original state. I'm not sure if this board has the authority, but if at all possible, I believe the person(s) responsible should pay restitution in order to accomplish this. At worst, please do not allow this to continue. Please.

Thank you for your consideration,
Debby Pereira
Voter

Name: Mary Kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:25 am

Please oh please restore the East Wing.
Spending $300 million on a project to build a vanity ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is unfathomable; it is by no means a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project, and ensure the East Wing is rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to proceed would be an affront to all Americans and our history.
Thank you.

Name: Janine Hamilton
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maureen Pio
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:32 am

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Name: Harry Davidson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:57 am

I oppose The East Wing Modernization Project. I believe the government should have gone through the proper channels to obtain 'The People's Approval' and permits to demolish and replace any portion of the White House.
I'm required to submit a request for a permit to my town/county to repair, tear down, build on property I own. The President does not own the White House, 'The People' do.

Name: Angelic Lindsley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:55:03 am

We do not need this structure to be this large and overpower the White House. The Rose gardens need to be restored. The ballroom himself should be downsized if it must be built now that the original structure has been destroyed

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Name: Susan Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 9:55:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing of the White House project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rachel Aronoff
Date: February 18, 2026 9:55:17 am

Since it's been destroyed, guess it must get modernized!!?
oh my are we in trouble...
activate all voters and inform!
In the meantime, save the 'people's house' from the regime, please!
best,
Rachel Aronoff
(CA voter)

Name: Norma Cross
Date: February 18, 2026 9:55:50 am

Too bad there was not an approval process before he destroyed the east wing.
There must be a public approval process for the design and construction of the ballroom, it does not need to be so big, and I’d like to know about the “bunker” design.
I hope this project can be delayed until we have a new administration that will hopefully have better taste and more regard for history and the public.

Name: Gary Hays
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:08 am

I write in opposition to the razing of the historic East Wing of the Whitehouse and stated plans to replace it with a massive and tacky ballroom. This project has been undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and should be stopped as soon as possible. The building should be restored to its former design with any structural and/or infrastructural updates that the National Capital Planning Commission deems appropriate to and consistent with its historic appearance. Funding for the restoration should come from the private sources who have already pledged to support the current project. I realize that building and remodeling codes differ across the country, but I doubt many average citizens would be allowed to completely raze their home or office building and rebuild it in a design inconsistent with surrounding structures without legal authorization. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lauren Merriam
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:10 am

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Name: Barbara Corson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:16 am

Donald Trump has demonstrated repeatedly that he cant be trusted to have the best interest of the USA in mind. He is acting like a cancer cell.

Name: Martha Faust
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:18 am

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Name: Linette Lupkes
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:23 am

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Name: Dinah Redpath
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:26 am

I was horrified at the destruction of the East Wing of the Whiter House without any public notification and no plan to maintain the history of this structure. This building belongs to the people of the United States, not the billionaire elite. Our nation’s history is essential to maintain continuity of understanding our nation’s values and contributions of those who came before. The intention to spend $300 Million to build a monument to greed is appalling. No further destruction of any buildings or property should be initiated without notification of the American people and adequate time for opinions and comments. A thorough investigation, analysis, and review should be complete prior to the approval of any modification of any Federal structure. This savaging of the Peoples House should be remedied as soon as a plan can be

developed to restore the East Wing. There should be serious consequences for those who took it on themselves to destroy such a beloved and historically significant building.

Name: Cindy Perry
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:42 am

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Thank you,
Cindy Perry
Harwich, MA

Name: Barbara Enloe
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:46 am

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Name: Margaret Hoffmeister
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300M on this project which was submitted without the proper authorization, permits or design review. I want this project cancelled. It is not a "modernization" but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to proceed without following proper procedures and penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Debra Borhm
Date: February 18, 2026 9:57:04 am

I am opposed to the $300 million dollar spending on this project. I want the project cancelled and the East Wing restored to what it was originally. The White House is the People's House and this project was done without the proper authorization by the people. The law was broken. Do not allow this project to move forward .

Name: Kimberly Kimbler
Date: February 18, 2026 9:57:10 am

The East Wing of the White House is a historical landmark and institution in and of itself. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Tonya Tookey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:57:32 am

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Name: Karen Hinderstein
Date: February 18, 2026 9:58:22 am

Do not allo the East Wing Ballroom project to proceed. Rebuild the East Wing of the White House to match the exterior of the West wing.

Name: Mary Jane Lane
Date: February 18, 2026 9:58:27 am

I urge you to reject the proposed ballroom in its current design. It is wildly out of proportion with the White House complex and does not maintain the historic design of our national buildings in that space. One man should not be able to dictate such a design. This is the People's House, and needs to be historically significant.

Name: Scott Sorenson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:58:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Kiley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:58:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, funded without our tax dollars. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robin Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: becky nielsen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:26 am

I am deeply disturbed that this project was initiated without the consent of the People, to whom this house belongs. I am deeply disturbed that in these difficult times when so much funding has been cut from programs that help people with real life concerns - education, health care, food access, etc, this kind of money is wasted on a ballroom no one wants or needs! How shameful! How could this have gotten so far without any of the proper legally required applications , permits, and reviews?

Stop this destruction, restore the East Wing to its previous size and use. There is so much history and dignity that is being thrown away.

Name: Jerri Casazza
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:33 am

The east wing should not dwarf the White House nor be a gaudy spectacle. As part of the people’s house, it should remain a modest wing with architecture similar in scope to other longstanding DC traditions. President Trumps vision is a gaudy spectacle. The man has no taste.

Name: Suzanne Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:39 am

The East Wing of We The People's White House should be rebuilt to its original configuration since We The People never gave permission for its destruction in the first place.

Name: Birgit Baldwin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:58 am

I believe, this project was started without proper permission only to please some once echo. The project doesn’t conform to the current building and is not needed. It is my recommendation to restore the original East Wing to its former status

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Name: nancy stump
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:05 am

this is a scam. quid pro quo. all money must be documented. This is disgusting. This will be torn down the minute that fat bastard is in prison or dead.

Name: Ellen Brady
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:19 am

The ballroom and East Wing revision isn’t needed and changes the entire look and feel of the White House. Please stop this.

Name: Debra Collier
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:27 am

It is a tragedy and a crime that the historic East Wing has been demolished. The White House is the People’s House and it is being remodeled as a garish tribute to a golden king. This is not what America is. Please restore the East Wing and prohibit the building of a massive ballroom! America has many social problems and we should not be building a ballroom for the rich and famous! Thank you!

Name: Trini Murguia
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:31 am

From a design observation standpoint, the proposal presents a noticeably accelerated approach to development, with limited visible integration of long-term civic, environmental, and historical considerations. The scale of the proposed structure appears significantly larger than the existing White House complex, creating a visual hierarchy in which the new construction would dominate rather than complement the historic residence. Such proportional imbalance could shift the symbolic emphasis away from the building’s established architectural language and civic meaning.

The massing of the new East Wing, reportedly planned at roughly twice the size of the current structure, raises questions

about programmatic necessity and contextual fit. In architectural terms, the relationship between new and existing buildings is critical; when an addition substantially outweighs the original in scale, it can disrupt coherence and diminish the legibility of the historic core.

Site conditions also appear affected. The adjacent White House Rose Garden has already undergone paving modifications, reducing planted surfaces. Further expansion would decrease green space that currently frames and softens the complex, altering both environmental performance and the ceremonial landscape setting. Open space functions not only aesthetically but symbolically, reinforcing accessibility and civic openness.

Material expression and architectural character are equally consequential. A design that reads as a large convention-style facility may communicate institutional grandeur or exclusivity rather than the restrained dignity traditionally associated with public service architecture. Ideally, an addition would balance flexibility—capable of hosting events ranging from educational exhibitions to formal gatherings—while maintaining proportions, detailing, and finishes that express stewardship, continuity, and welcome.

Finally, projects of this prominence typically undergo established review processes addressing historic preservation, environmental impact, and construction oversight. Alignment with such frameworks ensures that additions to nationally significant sites respect both democratic principles and architectural heritage.

Overall, the proposal's scale, site impact, and aesthetic direction suggest a need for further refinement to ensure that any new construction harmonizes with the symbolic, historical, and civic identity embodied by the White House.

Name: Kellsey Moore
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: kerry mansour
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:52 am

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Name: Barbara Lovett
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:04 am

I find the destruction of the East Wing reprehensible and heartbreaking to say nothing of the lack of permits and restrictions that would not permit this blatant disregard of our historic heritage. Stop this destruction now and restore the East Wing to its rightful place.

Name: Denise Bellingham
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:10 am

The East Wing should be restored to its original design. It is a piece of American history and should never have been desecrated.

Name: J. Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:14 am

The White House has been in existence for the better part of 250 years, without a ballroom. It was never intended to be a

palace, but rather a modest home for a public servant. State dinners, along with dancing, have been managed as modest affairs for all of this time. Now that the East Wing has been illegally demolished, it simply must be restored to its previous footprint and exterior design, which was balanced against both the main house and the West Wing. Anything larger than the previous East Wing is simply unacceptable. If the office space in the previous East Wing needed upgrading, that should be designed for efficiency, but MUST maintain the historical interior of the previous East Wing. No ballroom, whatsoever, is needed, nor should be imposed on the taxpayers of the United States.

Name: Elizabeth Easterling
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project. After promising the American people that the new ballroom would not affect the historic and aesthetically pleasing East Wing, two months later it was totally razed. As someone who spent 30 years in the commercial construction industry, I know that the preconstruction work is crucial to the final success of the project and question whether there has been any geotechnical soil testing for correct engineering purposes, or whether there has there been any apparent and credible permitting or design review. The White House belongs to the people of the United States. It is only a temporary residence for the President. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design at no cost to the taxpayers, and those responsible for this mess should be penalized and punished.

Name: Mary Dee Martoche
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:33 am

I object to the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is an historic building that belongs to all Americans. It should not be subject to alterations which significantly affect or destroy its balance, history and scale. Any proposed project must be subject to public review, accountability and design which respects and preserves its heritage. We have many more important demands for our financial support than this project.

Name: Jennifer Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:35 am

There was absolutely no protocols or proper procedures followed when one man independently decided he needed a completely abominable new project to tickle his little ego. Put a stop to this complete nonsense.

Name: Kelly Liddell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:43 am

This project was not properly vetted and reviewed by the necessary authorities. The required analysis and impact was ignored. The historical impact was disregarded. The United States is supposed to have checks and balances, a process for obtaining permits and questioning the wisdom of tearing down a large portion of such an important building. None of that was done, and the manner in which it happened was more consistent with authoritarian regimes than with a democracy.

Name: Giles Peek
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:43 am

The destruction of the east wing without due process undermines the rule of law and the constitutional safeguards of our democracy. As a proud US citizen I would like to register my hopes that hereafter legal processes are used to complete this project in the interests of the people of the United States.

Name: tammy baker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:44 am

I am commenting in regards to the tearing down of the East wing of the White House and replacing it with an ugly overpriced ballroom that none of the American constituents want or want to pay for! This was not done with any

permissions that were needed legally to do it it did not go to Congress or the house or anybody else it was tore down basically in the middle of the night leaving the people's White House a shambles and this is an atrocity! This cannot be overlooked! This President does whatever he thinks he can do with no permissions no permits and the people knew absolutely nothing about this! This White House belongs to the people it does not belong to Donald Trump and he needs to be legally held responsible and the East wing needs to be built back the way it was at his expense! Please do the right thing here and do not let this atrocity continue! Thank you

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Name: Martha Meade
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:45 am

The Trump proposed ballroom should absolutely NOT be built, & I believe he has claimed that there have been private donations to build it…every penny of that should be used to fix the destruction. It was torn down without proper approval & without environmental studies, so should not be the responsibility of taxpayers.

Name: Janet Coryell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:02:27 am

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, in part because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Its proposed size is an abomination and unnecessary to the functioning of the White House. It is out of scale with the rest of the complex and is a complete eyesore. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, committed with no respect for the law and the processes designed to protect the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design .Most importantly, in this country, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kimberly SEPULVEDA
Date: February 18, 2026 10:02:46 am

I strongly oppose the construction of a ballroom onto the White House. It is a waste of taxpayer money that could be spent on other critical needs in our nation. The proposed construction has not been properly reviewed or approved. Tearing down the East Wing was a criminal act. The WH is not the President’s personal property - it belongs to We, The People. I want the East Wing rebuilt to its original design.

Name: Debra Wacker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:02:58 am

I was appalled to see the demolition of the East Wing without any legal basis! We the people do not need a huge ballroom whether paid by tech billionaires or not.
We need functional space for the federal government to work for us.

Name: Jennifer Mattingly
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pat Reaves
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:26 am

I oppose this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is destruction of American history and not a mere modernization project. This project should be cancelled. No one has the unilateral

authority to destroy a building that belongs to all of the American people. The reconstruction of the East Wing must be done with the appropriate authorization from Congress and the required oversight boards.

Name: Benjamin Mattingly
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:43 am

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Name: Kathleen Markus
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any further discussion of an East Wing Modernization should be discuss with only public funding in order for the American people to provide oversight regarding one of the most important buildings in our country.

Name: Katie O’Connell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Kathleen Grubert
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jaynie Hoerauf
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:07 am

I do not want our White House to have a ballroom designed and approved by a president who has desecrated the Oval Office and White House with that god-awful gold leaf on everything. I do not want our White House to have a ballroom of any sort that is paid for by special interests and kickbacks from government contractors. I do not want our White House to have a "Ballroom" addition that dwarfs the White House itself. This project should be stopped right now, until a proper group of authorities can design it, approve it, publicly fund it, and use the regular processes provided by law, instead of a gaggle of people appointed for the sole purpose of approving whatever this president wants.

Name: Alice Berman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:46 am

I oppose the construction of the East Wing "Modernization" project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The design is a behemoth - as planned it will dwarf the White House and West Wing - which are much more significant, historic, and iconic structures than a gilded, commercialized party room. It is not a

modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and sensibilities - an insult during this 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. Modernization would mean canceling this project, rebuilding the East Wing restored to its former design, and modernizing THAT building, with improved infrastructure (kitchen, bathrooms, storage, etc.) and expanded event space tastefully added in the same architectural style as the original structure. Further, I oppose the spending of a penny, much less $300 million on such a project. Finally, I am deeply disturbed that action was taken on the People's House illegally. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who have broken the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Linda Totty
Date: February 18, 2026 10:05:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tammy Nemetz
Date: February 18, 2026 10:05:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And I suggest that Trump is required to personally pay for the rebuilding of the East Wing. Not through donations or through taxpayers. But take from his personal wealth.

Name: Debbie Welch
Date: February 18, 2026 10:05:44 am

The East Wing was illegally demolished without proper permits, notice or permission. The loss of its history is a crime. No one is above the law, and law breakers should not be rewarded. This is a democracy, laws must be adhered to. The East Wing should be reconstructed to its former state and the law breakers held personally responsible for its replacement. Please do not spend public money on this crime. The US public does not need a ballroom.

Name: Linda Trilling
Date: February 18, 2026 10:05:58 am

Leave OUR house as is!! I do NOT approve a dismantling any part of the White House that the Amercian people own with OUR taxes. NOT ONE SELF SERVING INDIVIDUAL!

Name: Johniene Papandreas
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:03 am

It is unconscionable that the destruction of the East Wing was carried out so cavalierly and by bypassing all normal and REQUIRED oversight. I vehemently oppose the spending of any amount on this currently proposed so called "modernization" project. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The destruction of the East Wing was was initiated without ANY proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I want this fantasy project canceled as it serves only for the self-aggrandizement of an egotistical wannabe monarch. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and footprint with true modernizations that incorporate improvements to construction and materials that will preserve it for the American People. THAT should be the remit.

No one is above the law and to permit the project as currently proposed to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Theresa Ronan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:07 am

My reaction when I saw what Trump did to the Easr Wing was very unlike me, I started crying. Disbelief, frustration, anger, and fear all collided. This professional grifter in the White House has no regard for anything except himself and more money. Please do not let him build the monstrosity that he plans to build. He's already saying that he'll have to rebuild the West Wing too to match the ballroom. He is tearing down our history to rebuild with his name on it. Look what he did to the Kennedy Center! He wants to build an Arch with his name on It. He wants an airport with his name on it. Now a pharmacy, and youth bank accounts. He obviously has a deep hole in him that can't be filled, though he's trying to fill it with taxpayer-funded vanity projects. Please stop him!

Name: Marci Hess
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The complete razing of American history and an historical building without going through proper channels is unlawful. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patrick Bresette
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:12 am

As a fifth generation native of Washington DC and American citizen. I am horrified by the wanton destruction of the East Wing and the plans for a ridiculous ballroom. I urge decisionmakers to halt this offensive project in its tracks and order a full restoration of the East Wing. The White House belongs to all Americans and not the current narcissistic occupant.

Name: Jacob Guydish
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:23 am

It's an abomination. Cancel it.

Name: Dorothy Singer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Mintz
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:38 am

I am a former White House volunteer tour guide. I cannot express the joy in the faces of those who visited the White House -- the people's house -- especially at Christmas. The tearing down of the East Wing was illegal. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this unnecessary vanity project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of our American history.

This project should be stopped and cancelled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. We are a country of laws, no one, not even the President, is above the law. Our laws are to be followed and enforced. To allow this

project to proceed, without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, our constitution, and the foundation of this nation.

Respectfully,

Carol Mintz

Name: Nancy Schmidt
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:46 am

The current administration had no right to destroy a historic portion of the People's House and should be held accountable for what they have done. They violated every rule and procedure to make "changes" to the building and this wanton destruction should not go unpunished. It can never be replaced.

Name: Jason Adkins
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:53 am

I vehemently oppose this idea!

Name: LeAnn DeLuna
Date: February 18, 2026 10:07:08 am

I oppose the destruction of the people's house without the people's permission. No Individual is above the law. The damage already done is reflective of damage to our country. The people's house must be restored to its original design, and the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden restored. It is a shocking affront to law abiding citizens for such destruction for one man's ballroom, someone who won't even be there in a few years.

Name: Sally Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:07:10 am

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is NOT the president's house.
It belongs to US, the American people, and to destroy it without permission is illegal and an affront to those of us who follow the law

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Name: Theodore Czarnecki II
Date: February 18, 2026 10:07:22 am

I oppose the "modernization" of the White House East Wing because that is not what this project is. It has been misrepresented from the start. The real project is the construction of behemoth ballroom that only one person wants. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Its size and budget have doubled since its announcement. Founded on dishonesty, Americans cannot trust that the dishonesty will not continue. Please cancel this project. The focus, instead, should be on reconstructing the East Wing - - restoring its former design. No one is above the law. If this Commission has any purpose or legitimacy, it should stop this project and seek penalties for those who broke laws. Americans must be able to trust that those charged with protecting the Nation's Capital are doing their job honestly and correctly. Thank you.

Name: Paul Asselin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:07:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one should be building ego projects on historic government land.

Name: Barbara Mack
Date: February 18, 2026 10:07:58 am

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the demolition of the White House East Wing and the associated plans to construct a new ballroom. The unauthorized demolition raises significant concerns regarding preservation, precedent, and the long-term stewardship of federally significant architecture and public space.

Preservation and Historic Integrity:
The East Wing is an integral component of a unified architectural composition. Its demolition not only removed a historically meaningful structure but also disrupted the visual and functional coherence of the larger complex. The Commission has long upheld the principle that alterations to federal buildings must respect their original design intent and contribute to the continuity of the capital's historic fabric. The demolition failed to meet that standard.

Precedent for Future Alterations:
This project has set a troubling precedent. The removal of a major wing to accommodate a large private event space—particularly one designed for a single administration's preferences—risks politicizing federal architecture and weakening the Commission's ability to enforce consistent planning principles in the future. Federal buildings must serve the public interest across generations, not the short-term desires of any individual officeholder.

Impacts on Public Space and Security:
The proposed ballroom will introduce substantial operational and security burdens. Increased event traffic, service access, and perimeter control measures would likely diminish the accessibility and openness of the surrounding public realm. These impacts run counter to the Commission's longstanding goals of maintaining welcoming, functional civic spaces in the nation's capital.

No demonstrated Public Benefit:
No compelling public benefit has been articulated to justify the demolition of a structurally sound and architecturally significant wing. Federal planning decisions should be guided by necessity, stewardship, and the enduring needs of the public—not by the desire to create additional ceremonial or entertainment space.

Request for Commission Action:
For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to censure the current administration for the completed demolition of the East Wing and to reject the construction of the new ballroom. I also encourage the Commission to reaffirm its commitment to preserving the integrity of federal architecture and ensuring that any future modifications align with the long-term public interest.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued dedication to safeguarding the character and legacy of our nation's capital.

Barbara Mack

Name: Misty Cole
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:00 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at

the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.
The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.
I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.
The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Margaret Dalton
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Taxpayers should not have to pay for demolition or the rebuilding of this project.

Name: Lindlee Hamlin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:20 am

Please do not let trump build a larger ballroom without the proper approval. This is owned by the people, and must have our approval.

Thank you
Lindlee Hamlin

Name: Cheryl Christensen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:27 am

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Lynne Neese
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:30 am

A ballroom the President wants to build is much too large.bIt will take away from the beauty of the White House. It will end up being much too ornate. He tore down part of the existing White House without permission and shouldn't be allowed to move forward with building a huge ballroom.

Name: Johanna Fears
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:51 am

The People's Whtehouse belongs to the people, not to Donald Trump. He had no right to tear down the beautiful and historic East Wing of the Whitehouse. It is only fair and equitable that Donald Trump pay for the complete and historic and beautiful restoration of the original East Wing of the People's House including all art objects and furnishings, no matter the cost. We urge you to find the best and most knowledgeable architect of USA history to being this project

immediately. We cannot abide any more destruction of what is historic and beautiful and necessary to the people of the United States of America.

Name: Maryellen Conroy
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:02 am

I am submitting this comment to formally oppose the construction of a ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House.

The demolition of the east wing without proper authorization or permitting is deeply concerning. The removal of a historically significant structure without transparent review or approval undermines established preservation processes and public trust. Proceeding with new construction under these circumstances compounds that concern.

The White House is not merely a functional building; it is a nationally significant historic landmark. Replacing a historic wing with a ballroom represents a substantial and inappropriate alteration to the character, purpose and dignity of the site. Such a use prioritizes private or ceremonial convenience over preservation, historical integrity and public accountability.

I strongly urge decision makers to halt plans for ballroom construction, conduct a full review of the demolition process and ensure any future actions comply with all legal, historical and preservation requirements. Any changes to this site should be subject to rigorous oversight and should prioritize restoration, not replacement

Thank you for upholding the standards expected in the stewardship of our nation’s most important historic property.

Regards

Maryellen Conroy

Name: Elizabeth Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:11 am

I do not support the new ballroom. The East Wing of the White House was illegally torn down. There were no prior permits received or opportunity for public opinion of the People’s House prior to the East Wing Demolition. Therefore, I demand that the illegal ballroom plan be cancelled and the East Wing be rebuilt under the supervision of the National Trust following current building regulations.

Name: John Wrede
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I don't care if this farce is to be paid for by private contribution or not. I won't believe that assertion if my life depended on it. Citizens of this country will ultimately pay a huge price both in money and integrity for this loathsome kingdom building and I want this president to rebuild the East Wing precisely as it was using his money and not ours. He demolished it unilaterally and he can unilaterally pay to have the country's history and heritage restored.

Name: Akili Tobechi II
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Trump thinks this is one of his businesses and has made a unilateral decision on the People's house when he had no right. This will have consequences for at least the next 40 years maybe longer.

Name: Kolby Peterson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:19 am

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the latest project to "modernize" the east wing of the white house. We do not need an eccentric display of the hoarded wealth in this country when we regularly have American citizens and veterans homeless and impoverished on our city streets.

Name: Sarah Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:23 am

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I oppose construction of a "modernized" East Wing. I oppose construction of a ballroom addition.

Put back the East Wing. Refuse the ballroom project entirely. Words cannot express my horror over what is happening to the White House complex.

I would be writing to urge you to save the East Wing, but as it has already been torn down unfortunately any pleas to save it are sadly irrelevant. I still am shocked and disgusted at the manner in which the East Wing was razed--from the lack of transparency, to the the hasty proceedings. There was history in that old East Wing that should have been preserved. Also, there were news reports that the contractors performing the demolition didn't follow proper protocol, calling in to question the environmental impacts. There were also reports that the workers were all foreign nationals, thus calling in to question if these contractors had proper security clearance to even work at such a secured site. This seems like all efforts so far have been at minimum an environmental risk and security risk, so what will the rest of it be?

But what's done is done. What is there to modernize when there is nothing left? Thus begins the real estate grift that Donald Trump is famous for. His bungling of development projects is documented far and wide. Why is he being allowed to run this racket with the People's House? So far, the renovations include tacky gold ornamentation accenting snarky portraits and spiteful messaging. The once treasured Rose Garden now looks like a patio at Disney World. Also, we have seen no plans for this, but news media reports that this is all a cover for creating some ultra secure bunker. I can see why a secure, modern bunker is needed in general for White House staff, but find it incredibly suspicious of this administration's particularly need, considering their involvement in the insurrection at the US Capitol.

And then there's the ballroom. Every proposed drawing I've seen of this thing shows some tacky, hulking structure that will dwarf the other structures on the complex. Why? What's the need? There is not a single person I know who thinks this is a good idea. Furthermore, what was wrong with the old event options at the White House other than it not pleasing the person in charge who is more interested in redecorating a bathroom than running the country? We don't need the White House redone as a grand Floridian palace. Also, given the purported capacity of this new venue, I would argue that having a large event with that many attendees inside the White House is a security risk. No one in their right mind thinks this is a good idea.

And then there is concern over the funding. I don't think the tax payers should have to fund even one bit of this renovation, but the donors providing the money for this also has me highly suspicious that these funds are being given for some sort of quid pro quo. This feels like yet another massive security risk.

It's not part of this comment period, but for what it's worth, we don't need a giant arch on Memorial Bridge. We also don't need to raze the Kennedy Center. When and if there is a comment period for those, I will be weighing in as well.

My hope is that your oversight will take the reins from the destructor in chief. Put the decisions with people who are far more experienced and reasonable, while restoring and maintaining the history of the structure. Restore the East Wing to what it was. Axe the ballroom plan. And the restoration of the East Wing should be paid for with funds collected from Donald Trump's personal finances, as he has made $1.38B over the last year in office on different emoluments--use his illegally earned money to replace the illegally razed structure.

Thank you for your considerations to these opinions.

Sincerely,
Sarah Brown

Name: Jennifer Werlin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this “modernization” project. The East Wing should never have been torn down and doing so was illegal! It completely erases American history. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review! I want this project canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Erika Foley
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Speicher
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:55 am

I oppose the Administration's plan to build a huge, ugly ballroom in place of the East Wing. If the underground work is necessary for national security, finish it up and put up a much smaller ballroom/First Lady office facility that reflects the main White House building, and doesn't overwhelm it.

Aside from all the laws and precedents that were violated in tearing down the East Wing, the proposed ballroom is so big that it not only would overwhelm the grace and beauty of the White House, but it would be a white elephant that would only be used a few times a year. As a federal building it could not be rented out for private events, so it would sit largely idle. What a waste of valuable real estate at the People's House!

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Ann Speicher

Name: Erin B
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Caroline Wilkerson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marnin Wolfe
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:33 am

I oppose spending $300 million for a project that is destroying the very spirit of the White House. The demolition that took place without review, comment or permit is contrary to the democratic institution the Executive branch is meant to protect.

I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored at the expensive of the special interest groups that funded it's premature destruction.

The fact that the White House is not an enormous palace is a STRENGTH for our nation. It is meant to embody the fact that the President IS NOT a King or Dictator.

Demolishing the East Wing was a shameful and disrespectful act to our history. Reverse it!

Name: Jim Hutchings
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is OUR house and needs to be treated as such. Those who violate the law must be held accountable.

Name: Pam Allgood
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:39 am

As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I am appalled that a sitting president would think they have the right to change any historic site without proper authorization. It’s bad enough that he has made the interior of the White House look like a brothel, but that at least, can be changed in the next administration.
When he said he was building a ballroom, did no one ask why it was going to be so huge? No sitting president has ever had the need for a monstrosity of those dimensions. Since all of this was done illegally, I recommend that Trump be held personally responsible for the financial restoration of the East Wing to the specifications spelled out by the NTHP. If he refuses, then I think criminal charges should be leveled for the premeditated vandalism and total destruction of national historic property.

Name: Thomas Hoving
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:00 am

As a citizen of the USA, I oppose this project on many levels. Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Name: Melanie Vanlandingham
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:20 am

I wholeheartedly oppose the illegal demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations must follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.
To have demolished our most prized national symbol was a perverse and illegal act.

The unapproved construction project must receive an immediate Stop Order as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, design review, or public review. To call it a "modernization project" was and is a lie and a deliberate manipulation of the required process. It was, in fact, a complete demolition with the full intent to build an illegal construction.

The current project must be stopped and rejected and
the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and footprint using matching materials as required. Any modernization of interior spaces must be approved prior to reconstruction.

Fines an must be levied on Mr. Donald Trump for his illegal acts in order to cover the FULL reconstruction, plus appropriate penalties for its future endowment.

Moving forward, there should be full, public disclosure of any donor funding, past or future. All permitting and approval must be acquired, including environmental and design reviews, and a full public review process prior to reconstruction.

Additionally, the $300M acquired through private donations at the behest of the sitting administration should be returned, as its alleged purpose was illegal and because this money creates, at the very least, the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

Name: Janis Bechtel
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:23 am

Point #1: All the evidence provided by President Trump's "beautification" projects leads me to conclude that this man should not be entrusted with so much as a coloring book and crayons, much less billions of dollars and bare citizen-owned ground.
Point # 2: This project is so far outside the guidelines for historical-setting appropriate, tasteful, useful, architecturally-pleasing, government buildings as to border on insanity.
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Name: Lisa Taranto
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:28 am

Dear Review Panel-

My name is Lisa Taranto, I have been working in the architectural design sector for over 30 years.

This project is absurd. The scale of it makes no sense. Over 2 acres of enclosed space? It is hard to keep up with the size at it seems to be a fluid number.

Obviously something will have to be rebuilt there, but the giant gilded ballroom does not represent who we are. It might represent who Donald Trump is, but who wants that lingering in our world?

AND, as we all know, Trump does not keep his $ promises beyond what serves him in the moment, so undoubtedly it is us, the tax payers that will be left paying the bill.

I urge you to stop this project, review the existing conditions, and work with a reputable firm to design a reasonable project.

Thanks for listening to us.

-Lisa Taranto

Name: Joanne Mayo
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:38 am

I oppose the destruction of this historical building.

Name: Joanna Green
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:47 am

To whom it may concern. I am offended by and DEEPLY OPPOSED to this project, a $300 million completely

inappropriate vanity project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: DIANE Pittman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:50 am

This "project" is a national disgrace. Get someone competent to design an appropriate replacement East Wing, and definitely delay it until the current occupant is no longer occupying. We need a White House the nation can be proud of, not a lunatic's fever dream.

Name: Leah Lewis
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Tourian
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:01 am

The East Wing should be restored to its prior configuration prior to destruction.

Name: Shelia Rains
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:22 am

STOP the destruction of our White House by the criminal! NOW!

Name: Rose Brock
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:25 am

The White House is publically owned and changes should not be made without prior consideration and authorization. In 2025 a temporary resident of the White House, without authorization, destroyed the East Wing in order to build an extravagant ballroom. If a larger reception area is needed at the White House, that should be discussed and the public should be involved in the funding...not a few mega wealthy Individuals. The person who caused the damages should be giving a bill for the cost of rebuilding.
Thank you, Rose Brock

Name: Karen Hicks
Date: February 18, 2026 10:13:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristine Strand
Date: February 18, 2026 10:13:27 am

This project had no approval, no permits, no oversight and should be immediately rebuilt at Donald Trump’s personal

expense to how it was. He lied about the ballroom, lied about funding, and should not be rewarded for destroying the people’s house.

Name: Sara Snuggs
Date: February 18, 2026 10:13:28 am

I oppose this project, regardless of where the funds supposedly come from. It is not a modernization, but rather a destruction of the People's House and our history. The demolition of the East Wing was done without proper authorization, permits, or design input. The East Wing should be restored to its original design. We did not ask for this, and allowing this to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Hansen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:13:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shelley Cataldo
Date: February 18, 2026 10:13:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rae Terry
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:12 am

The impact of this addition to the White House is an abomination and should not be built as designed. The enormous size of the Ballroom is not in keeping with the eat of the White House grounds.
The cost is another issue. If billionaires want to have an impact in this country, how about contributing their billions to schools and hospitals where the money could make enormous differences in communities that do not have the finances to make improvements in those areas.

Name: Michael Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:13 am

Board Members, I see no reason to have a ball room attached to the White House. This is the people's house. A very small minority would have an interest in a glittery event. Historic places need not stay static forever, but change is best if slow and preserves the original sense. Thank you for your good work.

Name: Jennifer Austin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathryn Evenson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:18 am

I oppose proposed changes to the East Wing which were initiated without review or consent of the American people. This is our history and it should not be erased. The cost of renovation (300 million) was to be paid by donations by the current presidents billionaire supporters. I want the East Wing returned to its former historic beauty. I believe the current president should be personally responsible for all costs associated with this as he is responsible for this mess.

Name: Paula Cardelli
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all laws.

Name: Shellie Manter
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:36 am

This building is an affront to history and governmental process not to mention a construction sham at best. No proper process or permits were administered. No proper preservation was considered in the destruction. The need for this building does not exist except for elite vanity. The optics to the American public while many struggle to find jobs, make ends meet, afford health ins is outrageous. We the people do not need nor require the destruction of our historic places for the gilded vanity of the few. Demand the repair and replacement of the original building and deny this albatross around the necks of American citizens.

Name: Shirley Kenyon
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:39 am

Adding this massive, oversized ballroom to the White House grounds, without the approval of the Committee, is another unlawful abuse by the President. He has shone his total abuse of the law in so many instances, that to allow him to further desiccate the White House property, which belongs to the American people, must be stopped.

This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. This is a response to BREAKING THE LAW!

Name: deanna eckels
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:39 am

I want this project stopped and the historic building restored. this should be paid for by Donald Trump who illegally tore it down. He should also pay for destroying property owned by the American people.

Name: Elizabeth OKeefe
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Myers
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Markel
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:13 am

I strongly believe that to best represent the USA to we the people and to the rest of the world, the East Wing Modernization Project should replicate the former East Wing and rose garden and should not have any tacky gold crap that's in the oval office. And there should be a placard describing the history of the East Wing and how it was destroyed unnecessarily but we the people brought it back. Thank you.

Name: Deborah Milan Brudvig
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:25 am

This project was undertaken solely for the President's self-gratification. No proper process has been followed, showing complete disrespect for the history of the building and our country. The destruction should never have happened and I believe the entire wing should be rebuilt at the President's expense. Shame on him.

Name: Deb Barnard
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:30 am

Please get required approvals for this project. The egregious demolition of part of the "People's House" should be repaired in a historically appropriate manner. Modern methods and updates should happen but not in a tacky, gold-plated fashion. It is not a castle; it is a branch of our democracy.

Name: Lisa Minardi
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Henry Wray
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.
Dr Henry Wray

Name: Deborah Kappes Kappes
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:02 am

It needs to be put back Exactly the way it was and funded by trump and the Republican Party

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Name: Michelle Papakee
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:22 am

The destruction of the people's house was began without the proper approval process, as much of what this administration has and is doing.
This construction project was ran terribly as much of what this administration does.
STOP NOW and restore the White House to its previous state.

Name: Rasa Chambers
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the cost of those that ordered it torn down. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janette Wysocki
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:37 am

Everything Trump touches dies. Including the East Wing of the White House.

I understand that the White House may need updating, but there are proper ways to handle it. Trump did everything BUT follow proper procedures and protocols to pursue modernization. He ripped apart the entire East Wing without proper approval. We don't need a ballroom bigger than the entire White House. The plan was gaudy, just like Trump.

The damage is done and reconstruction will be required in some form. Stop it here and follow proper procedures to update historic landmarks. The White House belongs to WE, THE PEOPLE, not Trump.

Name: Susan Delaney
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:44 am

First of all, this should not be called a modernization project. I oppose spending $300 million on this project. This was a complete razing of American history and the people’s house.i want this project cancelled and the east wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit the project to go forward without penalties would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you. Susan Delaney, Maryland citizen

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Name: Sarah Ramsey
Date: February 18, 2026 10:17:00 am

I am opposed to the "East Wing Modernization Project." I think it is too large, has had almost no public input, and both the design and the funding are unclear. The current facade that has been posted does not compliment the remaining part of the White House, but detracts from it. This building would be a permanent addition. I don't think that future presidents would want such a huge ballroom.

Name: E. S. McCoy
Date: February 18, 2026 10:17:11 am

I strongly oppose the construction of a Trump regime ballroom as part of the White House. I am deeply distressed that the former East Wing was demolished without proper authorization, permits, or design review. My thought is that the space formerly occupied by the East Wing should be turned into a garden area. The resulting asymmetry of the White House would be a reminder of the permanent damage the Trump regime has done to our country. The garden itself could be, in contrast, a pleasing testament to the resilience of the American people.

Name: Susan Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 10:17:19 am

Please make the site safe then leave it untouched until a proper public process can determine the best replacement. Proposals should be considered, public comment sought, transparent funding sources determined. Architects should submit designs. The design should allow the space to be easily reconfigured as needs evolve.

Name: Carey Cranston
Date: February 18, 2026 10:17:25 am

This is a waste of resources, money and time, as well as a disgrace to American history and culture. The people's house should reflect an efficient and elegant use of taxpayer's investment and support of those elected to hold the office. It is not meant to aggrandize the individual in that office. The balance and symmetry of this national landmark has been destroyed without proper vetting or permitting. No one holding office is above the law and the east wing needs to be returned to what it was.

Name: Raye Robertson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:17:33 am

I oppose anyone spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project because it completely disregards and disrepects the historical significance of the East Wing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Patterson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:12 am

the East Wing Modernization Project as currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject the plan until proper legal processes are followed.
This project began with the demolition of a 123 year old structure before obtaining required approvals from this Commission, before completing mandatory environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act, and before securing congressional authorization required by federal statute for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The fact that demolition has already occurred does not excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that forces approval.
The funding mechanism raises serious concerns.

Name: Kathryn Hoyer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: wendy brown
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:21 am

Trump should not be involved in this project. He is too corrupt. I do not trust him to rebuild correctly.....remember all his bankruptcies? Having said that, his taste is not that of everyday Americans and it is our house. It should be rebuilt to reflect our values, it is our house! It should not be so large, as to diminish the rest of the White House. I can be slightly bigger than the previous east wing, but scale to the rest of the building should be paramount. The style of the rebuild should also be consistent with Our House.

Name: Nancy Helderman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:24 am

I am strongly against the current destruction of the east wing and planned erection of an enormous gaudy ballroom. The former east wing was historically significant and is owned by "We The People". The east wing should be restored to its former configuration which reflects the quiet dignity, enduring strength and appreciation of beauty that are cherished values of past, present, and hopefully future caretakers of this historic structure.|

Name: Linda Ehart
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:47 am

I am against the East Wing Ballroom project. It will endanger National Security due to all the windows subject to attack. It's too large and denegrates the White House itself. Trump violated the rules for historic buildings when he torn down the East Wing. I recommend that the East Wing be rebuilt as it originally was

Thank you

Name: Lynn Rooney
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: LuAnn Gourley
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:09 am

Watching the massive machines tear open the East Wing of the White House and then demolish it completely was like witnessing a horrible natural disaster unfold, destroying treasures belonging to "we the people." It's heartbreaking that there was no planning, no voting, no approval, in effect making this entire project illegal. My faith in our democratic government is forever altered as this is only one of so many blatant actions the people of our country are witnessing helplessly.
Please halt the East Wing Project and rebuild the White House to its historical state. I know each President makes small changes inside the White House while living there but demolishing so much with little to no support is preposterous… an attack on the democracy this country was built on. PLEASE STOP THIS MADNESS!!

Name: Kathy Rose
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:14 am

It's a dastardly deed that our president committed by tearing down the East Wing of the White House without any congressional approval. It erased the history of that wing. We don't need a 300-400 million dollar ballroom. Where are the photos and other memorabilia that were housed there? I think the president should be held accountable for the destruction he did to the People's House.

Name: Craig Douglas
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:16 am

I am a proud American, respectful for the rule-of-law and civility.

Respect.

History is an important component for my beliefs. While I am not an expert, I honor history by reflecting upon all facets

of our nation's upbringing and development.

What was done by Mr. Trump to the White House has upset me because it runs counter to my beliefs and values. The DESTRUCTION of the East Wing and Rose Garden is inexcusable. It is thoughtless. It is disrespectful and most likely, illegal. The influx of GOLD into the Oval Office and the ALTERATIONS I have seen in various reports of other presidents' pictures/portraits are other disturbing actions.

Mr. Trump needs to be held accountable for his reckless actions such as the ones I have cited.

Name: Ann Gage
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:22 am

East Wing modernization and ballroom addition must be stopped.

Please consider returning to the old layout and design. The proposed „ballroom“ is a monsterous eyesore.

It is a call back the desired ballroom at the Reich Chancelllery. They both intended to hide a bunker bellow.

Please do not allow this.

Name: Constance Hasapopoulos
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To remove part of our national history without consideration or the consent of its people is a self serving egotistic act that is indicative of a megalomaniac authoritarian, and to do so when so many of our citizens are in financial need!

Name: Jennifer Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:32 am

I strongly oppose the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom put forward by Donald Trump. This project is an outrageous display of excess and ego that has no place in the nation’s capital. At a time when Americans are struggling with rising costs, infrastructure needs, and urgent national priorities, advancing a vanity construction project of this scale sends a deeply troubling message about misplaced values and priorities.
The character and symbolic integrity of Washington, D.C. are not props for personal branding. The federal core should reflect dignity, restraint, and respect for public space—not serve as a monument to private extravagance. A 90,000 square foot ballroom is not a necessity; it is a luxury spectacle that risks overshadowing the architectural and civic harmony carefully stewarded for generations.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal outright. The Commission’s responsibility is to protect the long-term planning, design integrity, and public interest of the capital—not to accommodate projects driven by self-promotion.
This proposal is excessive, inappropriate, and contrary to the values of responsible governance. It should not move forward.

Name: Doug Bushnell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:38 am

Modernization IS NOT replacing a historic site with a 90,000 square foot ballroom!!! This is wrong and should not be allowed. The East wing sould be reconstructed as it was with modernazations to it!!! PERIOD!!

Name: Virginia Rude
Date: February 18, 2026 10:20:09 am

Tearing down and destroying the east wing of the White House for an unneeded ballroom without getting the proper

permits and approvals is totally unacceptable and needs to be stopped. This was nothing but a vanity project for one person. The peoples house needs to have the East Wing rebuilt exactly like it originally was and those who destroyed it punished.

Name: Ruth Ward
Date: February 18, 2026 10:20:17 am

I am opposed to this project, which is being done without any authorization from any of the entities that should have a say in it. Part of our history was totally destroyed with the raising of the east wing. It is nothing but a vanity project. I believe that the plants for the ballroom and everything else that the president has planned for this site should be scrapped in the east wing should be restored to its original form.

Name: Kathy Stokes
Date: February 18, 2026 10:20:20 am

No!!!! No changes what so . How about using that money to feed people or help with medical care? Anything that helps the American people instead!?

Name: David Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 10:20:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbara Logan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:03 am

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Name: Jean Kelsey
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:05 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Rebuilding of the East Wing should be conducted with the authorization of Congress and all oversight organizations.

Name: Kelly Yetter
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:15 am

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trump's attempts to hijack American history in favor of his own authoritative vision of how America "should" be are completely unacceptable. Please DO NOT allow him to change American history to suit his obvious intention of turning

the White House into a private trump country club! THE WHITE HOUSE BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, NOT TO donald trump!!!!

Name: Catherine Loughran
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:25 am

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Also the funding for these renovations and ballroom was said to be available. Please obtain the funding in a secure bank to repair the white house.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Name: Heather Born
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:27 am

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Name: Virginia Record
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:39 am

I am all for making whatever changes may be necessary to bring the White House into compliance with safety and security requirements and updating any components that may be in need.

The complete demolition of the East Wing and plans for a massive ballroom are not in the least bit required or wanted by the American people, no matter the source of revenue for the project. The White House had perfectly adequate facilities for State Dinners, receptions, and other events before the President and his cohorts decided to demolish a historic wing of The People's House. We do not need or want a ballroom that can seat up to 1,000 guests. Who will these guests be? Will the project be completed prior to the current President's departure in January 2029? If not, what is the point?

To have done this with no plan in mind, much less no plans on paper, to have done so with no approvals from Congress or any department with jurisdiction over the building, is wrong, disgusting, and contrary to historical precedent and procedure.

I urge those who have jursidiction over this project to take a step back, develop a plan that can be approved by Congress, and present the American people with a vision for the future of our house.

Name: Andrew Enoch
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:03 am

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Name: Susan Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:14 am

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing as an American citizen to express deep concern about the demolition already carried out and the proposed construction of a massive new White House ballroom as part of the East Wing Modernization Project.
I was saddened and alarmed to see photos of historic structures connected to the East Wing being torn down. These spaces were part of our national story — the People's House — and closely tied to the legacy of First Ladies and the historic development of the Office of the First Lady. The loss of these buildings is not a minor change. It is the destruction of irreplaceable national heritage.
I am especially alarmed that demolition was completed in a rushed and largely concealed manner behind large temporary curtain walls, despite widespread public concern that the required review and planning processes had not been completed. This approach felt reckless, dismissive of public oversight, and unworthy of the care that should be shown to a national historic landmark.
I am also concerned about the proposed size and scale of the project. A 90,000-square-foot ballroom risks overwhelming the iconic look, proportions, and character of the White House and its grounds. The White House should remain dignified and historically consistent — not redesigned into something resembling a private luxury venue.
Finally, I am concerned about design trends that prioritize extravagance, including excessive use of gold plating or gold leaf. The White House should reflect the values of a democratic republic, not showy personal branding.
Any construction at the White House must be done with extraordinary care, restraint, transparency, and respect for history. I urge the Commission to require full review, meaningful public accountability, and a plan that protects the historic integrity of the White House for future generations.
Respectfully,
Susan Smith
Huntertown, IN

Name: James Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:35 am

The East Wing of The White House should never have been demolished without review and consent the National Capital Planning Commission and input from the Commission of Fine Arts. The fact that there is an exemption in the National Historic Preservation Act that does not prohibit demolition without proper review, is a serious shortcoming in the law. Donald Trump could decide to demolish the entire building on a whim, with no recourse. But the damage is done. The East Wing is gone now. It was knocked down with no approval from anyone but Donald Trump. He is not a king.

Modifications and renovations should be funded by Congress, not President Trump's wealthy supporters. His plan to replace the East Wing with an ostentatious 90,000 square foot ballroom violates norms, laws, architectural best practices, and the very idea that The White House is The People's House. The Trumps are our tenants. They do not own the White House. The American People do.

This is a vanity project. Replacement of the East Wing needs to go through appropriate review and approval processes that honor the intentions of Congress, the history, purpose and proportions of The White House, and the needs of the American People. It must not be done to build a monument to one man's ego.

I support the findings expressed in the October 21st, 2025 letter sent to The White House by National Trust for Historic Preservation and signed by Dr. Carol Quillen.

Sincerely, James Hall
Alford MA

Attachment

Name: Nancy Terrell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:42 am

Hi - Princess Diana & John Travolta danced in the East Wing Ballroom. There have been No requests for a Larger Ballroom until Trump.
His Ballroom at MaraLago is separated by a walkway from the Main house - exactly what he wants at our White House!

The Arches in Europe have meaning - such as winning the War against Fascists.
Trump's Arch is just a monument to Him!

Please don't allow Trump to build a Ballroom nor an Arch! He has DEMENTIA.

No other President would have secretly made plans to abolish the East Wing as Trump did.
Thank you

Name: Liz Muhr
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:51 am

I strongly object to the $300 million being poured into a project that moved forward without proper approval, permits, or thoughtful oversight. This isn't a simple update — it's a full-scale demolition of something deeply rooted in our nation's history. I believe this effort should be halted immediately, and the East Wing restored to its original design and character. Accountability matters. No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue without consequences for those who ignored the rules undermines the very principles that protect all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Kathy Euston
Date: February 18, 2026 10:23:24 am

I strongly object to President Trumps east wing teardown & modernization project for so many reasons:
1. This is the people house not his house!
2.This project was started without any of the appropriate authorizations or oversite.
3. While funds were supposedly donated it is still a tearable waste of donors dollars. Hopefully these donated funds can be used to rebuild the east wing as it was.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Euston

Name: Joshua Krzych
Date: February 18, 2026 10:23:26 am

This is a complete waste of $ and other resources. The US spends way too much on frivolous projects.

Name: Linda Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 10:23:29 am

I oppose the so called modernization of the East Wing of the White House. Besides the grotesque interior decoration and design by this administration, it is a tremendous waste of money. It has been a pillar in our government and of great historical significance

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please Stop This

Sincerely,
Linda Miller

Name: Christine Ewing
Date: February 18, 2026 10:23:55 am

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Name: Ellen Roughead
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:09 am

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing and more appalled that it was done without permission/consent by governing boards or survey of opinion. It should be rebuilt in similar if not exact configuration and the "ballroom" needs to be stopped. It is so out of proportion with the White House and out of sync with our national style/history. Please STOP THIS NONSENSICAL and EGOTISTICAL display of poor decision making and taste.

Name: CLAUDIA LOOZE
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:13 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project — especially since it was launched without proper authorization, permits, or design review.
Let’s be honest: this isn’t “modernization.” It’s a full-scale demolition of American history, dressed up in a nicer word.
I want this project canceled, and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design — the one that actually respected what it was.
And for the record: no one is above the law. Allowing this to move forward without consequences for those who broke the rules would be a slap in the face to every law-abiding American who has ever had to follow them.

Name: Keller Barron
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:15 am

please retain the original design of the historic White House when making an additional. The White House is an historic symbol which is revered and any addition should be in proportion to the orginal intent of The People's House.

Name: Elizabeth Livingston
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:17 am

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Name: Laurance Emory
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:17 am

This project is an abomination rushed through by one who would be dictator, destruction of 'the people's house'. Stop stop stop. Have Trump pay to rebuild it as it was.
Baring that, if it must go forward then a board of top architects and historians should make the plans, subject to approval by Congress. The president should have no say in any of this

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Name: Jacqueline DeLu
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:29 am

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Jacqueline DeLu

Name: Wendy Skahill
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:31 am

The destruction of the historic East Wing is appalling. Please do not allow the “modernization” to create a gaudy, tacky ballroom. What a sad testament to the degradation this administration has inflicted upon our country.
Thank you.

Name: Alice Westmoore
Date: February 18, 2026 10:25:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amandy Browning
Date: February 18, 2026 10:25:12 am

Hello,

I am horrified by the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the White House. As a citizen it was my window into the executive branch of our government and I feel cut off, silenced, and discarded by its erasure.

I want the East Wing rebuilt in the same style as the original building. The layout can change and of course modernize amenities but it should match the style and function of what was stolen from us.

I would also like to see a public meeting space included where classes can meet and have lectures before taking a tour of the White House.

And it would be wonderful to have it surrounded by gardens or a tree grove or both to replace the historic trees that were removed. Every state could donate and it could become an educational garden illustrating how the White House is supported by the states and belongs to the people.

Name: Laura Richter
Date: February 18, 2026 10:25:33 am

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Name: Stephanie Cobb
Date: February 18, 2026 10:25:44 am

Do not allow this president to continue with this outrage to the people's house. Restore the East Wing to its original design.

Name: Helen Gordon
Date: February 18, 2026 10:25:46 am

I want the East wing restored to its original design. I want Donald Trump penalised for what he ordered done.,Also bring back the rose garden.

Name: Janet Foster
Date: February 18, 2026 10:26:08 am

It's heartening that this project is at least getting a hearing before the National Capital Planning Commission. News of the proposed ballroom only made mational news when the former East Wing was demolished, apparently without any proir authorization or review.
Planning, collaboration, and consideration of laws and norms is NOT the enemy of progress but of bad ideas. The proposed East Wing is a bad idea, full stop. It dwarfs "The People's House", and it sets an Imperial tone in its classisicm that is not in keeping with the late-Georgian forms of the Whtie House.

Name: Deb Frederiksen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:26:21 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Name: Julie Neubauer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:27:09 am

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Kimball
Date: February 18, 2026 10:27:13 am

Almost two-thirds of Americans oppose this project and I am one of them. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this "modernization" begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Barbara Lovitts
Date: February 18, 2026 10:27:14 am

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Name: Stacey Rebbert
Date: February 18, 2026 10:27:29 am

The legacy of our country is that its fate is decided by its people--not by any one person or administration. The original East Wing may have needed refurbishing, but the proposed out-of-scale replacement should be considered unacceptable, both aesthetically and in purpose. A hosted event at the White House is to serve a dignified, diplomatic purpose, not a performance venue to make an impression. We are not a country whose government should be displaying abundance or riches. The East Wing should be rebuilt in its original footprint with modern amenities incorporated into its original aesthetic to ensure it fits purposefully alongside the residence and West Wing.

Name: Liz Ballantyne
Date: February 18, 2026 10:27:41 am

I oppose this project and the spending of $300 million dollars. The proper authorization, permits, and design review were not completed prior to the destruction of the East Wing. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design. The proper process was not followed, thus, it needs to be restored.

Name: Norma Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:10 am

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cindy Blanc
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:10 am

I oppose the spending of ~$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of U.S. history.

This project must be completely canceled.

The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding U.S. citizens.

Another thought: Leave it exactly as it is now — tarps, scaffolding and all.

Put up a plaque, like a war memorial, explaining how we literally destroyed our own executive mansion. Let it appear in the corner of every news broadcast about what “The White House” or “Washington” did today. Let it appear in the background of every movie set in DC.

Leave it there until we have repaired the damage done from 2025 through 2028. Until we’ve reunited families that we chose to destroy. Until we’ve recreated the regulations that were wiped out without thinking. Until we’ve put limits on the executive branch’s ability to unilaterally declare war on external “enemies,” and support a secret police on internal ones.

Leave it that way until our former allies say that they can trust us again. (That will be a very long time.)

Let it be a reminder of how we are destroying ourselves right now. We’re going to want to put this unnecessary traffic destruction behind us and pretend it never happened.

And we can't do that if we are ever going to learn the lessons that this illegal destruction must teach us.

Name: Sarah Baldwin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:19 am

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Name: Angela Gyurko
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:19 am

Re: Formal Opposition to the Proposed East Wing Renovation Project

Dear Executive Director and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to formally oppose the current administration's proposed project to demolish and reconstruct the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or design review — and it must be stopped.

This is not a renovation. The East Wing has stood as part of one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in the country, and tearing it down without following the required legal process is simply wrong.

It would be a travesty to allow the proposed "ballroom" project that overwhelms the White House to proceed. At 90,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, it would dwarf the White House.

I urge the Commission to take the following actions:

Halt the project immediately pending a full review of all authorizations, permits, and design approvals.
Require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act.
Mandate restoration of the East Wing to its original design, consistent with the historic character of the White House complex.
Hold accountable those who proceeded with demolition or construction work without proper legal authority.

No one is above the law — not even the occupants of the White House. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that legal processes can be ignored by those in power. That is an affront to every law-abiding American and to the institutions designed to protect our national landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has both the authority and the obligation to intervene. I urge you to act decisively and without delay.

Name: Laurel Straughan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:19 am

To whom it may concern:

I completely oppose this project. It is unnecessary and has been done without the input of Congress or The People. The structure will be outsized and gaudy and has been undertaken without respect to our history or to the harmony of the remaining structures of the White House.

I understand that it is not taxpayer dollars being used and that is also part of the problem.

Thank you.

Name: Jean Oxenfeld
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:22 am

The East Wing should be reconstructed as close as possible to its original construction. I consider what has been done to it as defacement of government property. The destruction of the East Wing symbolically demonstrates that the Constitution does not apply. The last time I checked, we are supposedly a democracy/republic and NOT an authoritarian regime. The people did not ask for this. The White House is supposed to be the people’s house, not the President’s personal playground. Building a ballroom is an in-your-face move that demonstrates the government has retreated to the Gilded Age.

Name: Jennifer Thoman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:23 am

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization project. While modernization is often framed as inherently beneficial, this proposal raises serious concerns about stewardship, transparency, fiscal responsibility, and the long-term character of a nationally significant civic asset.

First, the project appears to conflate modernization with expansion and aesthetic alteration rather than focusing on genuine preservation needs, as is made obvious by the rushed commencement of demolition. The East Wing is not merely functional square footage — it is part of a carefully considered architectural and historical composition. Alterations that significantly change its character risk eroding the integrity of the original design. Public buildings of this stature are cultural artifacts, not blank canvases for contemporary preferences. Once altered, the original intent and fabric cannot be restored. The burden of justification for such changes must therefore be extraordinarily high, and the materials provided do not meet that standard.

Second, the project lacks sufficient clarity about necessity. Modernization should be driven by demonstrable operational requirements, safety concerns, or preservation imperatives — not aspirational upgrades or speculative future uses. Public funds should not be committed to ambiguous goals, especially when existing infrastructure appears serviceable.

Third, the fiscal implications deserve far more scrutiny. Large capital projects routinely experience scope creep, cost escalation, and prolonged timelines. In an era of constrained public resources, approving an expensive modernization without ironclad cost controls, independent oversight, and transparent lifecycle projections is imprudent. Opportunity cost matters: funds directed toward this project are funds unavailable for maintenance backlogs, community-serving infrastructure, or preservation of other historic resources.

Fourth, there are troubling process concerns. Meaningful public engagement requires more than a formal solicitation period; it requires accessible, comprehensible information that allows stakeholders to evaluate tradeoffs BEFORE the commencement of the project. Key decisions have advanced significantly before robust public dialogue. This creates the perception, whether intended or not, that public input is procedural rather than substantive. For a project affecting a nationally symbolic site, that perception alone undermines public trust.

Finally, modernization should not come at the expense of environmental and material sustainability. Large-scale demolition, reconstruction, and reconfiguration carry significant embodied carbon costs. The most sustainable building practice is often careful maintenance and targeted upgrades, not wholesale transformation. The proposal does not convincingly demonstrate that its environmental footprint is justified by proportional long-term gains. Environmental impact studies were not made public prior to the commencement of demolition, creating the perception that those studies were never done.

Taken together, these concerns point to a project that is insufficiently justified, financially risky, architecturally intrusive, and procedurally rushed. The East Wing deserves stewardship grounded in restraint, preservation ethics, and rigorous public accountability. I urge the Commission to reject or substantially reconsider the modernization proposal, prioritizing conservation, transparency, and fiscal prudence over unnecessary alteration.

Respectfully submitted.

Name: Anne Greashaber
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:29 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the East Wing modernization project. This project has been destruction of an American historical icon without consent of anyone, but most importantly, without the consent of the Commission and the American People.

The destruction of the original structure was done by a contractor without an abatement certificate because said contractor had purposely let his certification to do abatement lapse. So, instead, he has let toxins escape into the air around the White House, endangering the lives of people who live and work there.

Additionally, the scope of the project has changed multiple time, getting larger each time. It now dwarfs the White House. No thoughtful design to fit with the historical nature of the rest of the building. We have already seen the destruction of the Rose Garden, which has been replaced by a concrete patio that looks like the seating outside of a fast food restaurant.

It is disgusting.

I ask you to pause this program until finalized plans have been submitted to you and you approve the project. Addtionally, the worksite must be cleared of any toxins and certified as an OSHA safe workplace. I would future suggest that the work be performed by union members of the various trades to insure the level of construction by master craftsmen.

Finally, this should be a restoration project. It should meet historical specifications.

I am appalled the former East Wing was torn down without any thought. It is a mess. I am appalled it got as far as it got and I am heart sick whenever I look at its current state.

Please send them back to the drawing board. What they are proposing is simply not acceptable.

Name: Linda Olsson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project. There was no proper authorization.
It is an affront to every American who believes and abides by the rule of law. The President cannot be allowed to tear down our beloved East Wing, or any other structure and the precious history it represents. The White House belongs to the people! This project needs to be canceled and the East Wing restored to it's original design.

Name: Beth Heidelberg
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:51 am

Greetings! I would like to submit this comment to oppose the current scale of the East Wing modernization and ballroom addition proposed for the White House property. I am not speaking from a partisan positions. I am an architectural historian and urban planner of over 20 years. Looking at the plans, I have concerns.

The main point is that from an urban planning and historic preservation policy perspective, this project is unfit for a million reasons you've probably already heard. But here are some points that I'd like to highlight:

1. The scale of the building is excessive for the site. It diminishes the size of the main White House block, and overtakes the historic significance of the original building.

2. The ballroom plan contradicts the overall symmetry that is inherent in neoclassical style. This damages the architectural integrity of such a historic site.

3. While architectural integrity is important, the space is a functional workspace, of course. However, there has been no salient argument that a scaled-down version of the plan would not work.

4. The pedestrian view of the historic White House will be substantially blocked, reducing the visitor experience to the historic site. This will funnel tourists and visitors to the remaining view sites, increasing crowd traffic to a reduced amount of space.

5. Costs for this project have doubled since the initial plan. While the proposed plan has suggested external funding for construction, the costs seem to rise with each iteration of the plan. The question of who will fill the gap between donated funds and the actual project cost is concerning - will there be an escrow or similar guarantee of funding, already set aside and proven, should there be such a gap, so the burden doesn't fall on public funds, which are already overburdened?

6. Construction costs aside, unless I have missed something, I do not see any mention of who will pay for the operations, systems, and maintenance of the site, which will be substantial given its massive scale.

7. And finally, there is significant concern about the project, which has already bypassed traditional regulations for permitting and oversight. There is nothing to suggest the project team and those supporting it will follow procedures, permitting, regulations, and historic preservation ethics during the construction process.

Please do not allow this building, at this scale, to happen. It will damage the integrity of the historic White House site through its far too excessive scale and asymmetry for a style that prides itself on humanistic balance. It will damage the visitor and pedestrian experience. And there are valid concerns about whether the people behind the project will use

proper procedure and allow regulatory oversight. When the highest office in the land refuses to follow the rules and processes, it sets a terrible example for the rest of the country.

Name: Beverly Hicks
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:01 am

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Name: Ann Long Boelkner
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:19 am

Reflect the history and architecture of the White House and the site. Tear up the concrete put down in 2025 and create an area with trees, bushes and flowers. Finally, make Trump pay for the reconstruction out of his own pocket. He is personally responsible for the destruction.

Name: Maria Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:21 am

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Name: sarah lounsbery
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:28 am

I am very much opposed to the unilateral decision to destroy the east wing of the White House. America watched, seemingly helplessly as one man took a wrecking ball to the people’s house to fulfill his selfish dream and make it in his image. This is unconscionable and unprecedented.
The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and bills paid by the president who is not above the law unless we give him that power.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sarah

Name: Lisa Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:47 am

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Name: Kathryn Laine
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:48 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization project currently under consideration.

As the central federal planning authority for the National Capital Region, the NCPC holds a unique responsibility to model careful stewardship, contextual sensitivity, and long-term planning discipline. The proposed modernization of the East Wing raises significant concerns regarding scope, necessity, and consistency with preservation principles.

While targeted infrastructure upgrades and life-safety improvements may be appropriate, the current proposal appears to exceed essential maintenance and veer into substantial alteration. Such changes risk undermining the architectural integrity, scale, and institutional character of the White House. Modernization should not result in overbuilding, aesthetic imbalance, or the dilution of historic fabric. No one needs a 90,000 square foot ballroom that dwarfs the existing structure.

Additionally, the project's cost, long-term operational impacts, and alternatives analysis warrant closer scrutiny. Before advancing, it is critical that the Commission demonstrate:
• A clear and documented need for the proposed building changes
• Consideration of less invasive, preservation-first alternatives
• Transparency regarding full lifecycle costs, which should be 100% public and not private
• Assurance that the project aligns with adopted federal planning and historic preservation policies

As a body charged with safeguarding the design legacy of the nation's capital, the NCPC should exemplify restraint and proportionality in its own facilities. Proceeding with an expansive modernization risks setting a precedent that conflicts with the very standards the Commission applies to other federal projects.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the scope of the East Wing modernization and pursue a more limited, preservation-sensitive approach that prioritizes stewardship over expansion.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment.

Name: Sharon McCartney
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:54 am

I would like to say that like millions of Americans, I am heartbroken that the East Wing of the White House was torn down with such a callous disregard for proper procedures and planning. I hope the East Wing project can be redirected to restore a respect for history, and not be constructed as a vanity project. It should be built within its original proportions to the rest of the WH, and contain a reasonably sized ballroom.

Name: Janet Phillips
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paula Woolley
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:41 am

The East Wing should never have been torn down without the plans being fully vetted first. If I were to add anything to my house, even a back deck, I'd have to get a demolition and a building permit, and I couldn't start work until the area and plans were inspected in person. I'm sure the East Wing must have had some asbestos or lead paint that would have needed mitigation before a demolition project, yet this demolition was carried out without any inspections.

I have seen the plans made available to the public, and I'm against building a ballroom there that will be grossly out of scale with the rest of the White House. I would prefer that the East Wing be restored, rather than a ballroom being built.

I'm also EXTREMELY concerned about what happened to all of the artwork and other artifacts that were in the East Wing before the demolition. Where are they now? Were they properly stored and cataloged? Or were they demolished with their surroundings? This administration is showing NO concern about our country's true history or its artifacts and doesn't appreciate real art, so I'm afraid they are gone. If they do still exist, I hope they'll be placed in the new wing.

The federal buildings in DC actually belong to the American people, not to the president of the moment. Please restore our heritage!!!!! Rebuild the East Wing.

Name: Alethea England
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please do the right thing, the American people do not need a gold ballroom.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Alethea England

Name: Ui Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:51 am

Stop this project and rebuild and restore the East Wing. This is an outrage. Trump needs to be charged and fined to pay for reconstruction.

Name: Brandi Morrigan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jay Corgier
Date: February 18, 2026 10:31:10 am

I completely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of the east wing was done without any kind of permission from anyone. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peggy Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:31:13 am

I believe that the White House belongs to us, the people of this nation. It is our national treasure and the container of our shared history. The East Wing contained much of that history, and removing it has destroyed what it stood for. It did not need moderization it needed preservation. The removal was done in haste without consultation with those who care for it. Please restore what was taken from us without our approval.

Name: Ann Kuta
Date: February 18, 2026 10:31:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on "that ballroom," a project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Nothing less.

Name: Keturah Doucet
Date: February 18, 2026 10:31:17 am

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rae Henry
Date: February 18, 2026 10:32:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Harting
Date: February 18, 2026 10:32:58 am

Anara Guard said it well so I will repeat her comment here. I fully agree with it:

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Name: Anne Snedecor
Date: February 18, 2026 10:33:01 am

This is a vanity project that must not go through. It was not presented in the beginning through the proper channels, it will dwarf the main building (white house) and is not necessary. Years of history have been destroyed already by this project and the east wing must be rebuilt. This is not for the people, this is not because there have been 150 years of administrations asking for a giganic ballroom (which is a lie) and it will cost the tax payers more money to maintain this large building.
This must not be approved!!!! As a taxpayer I am appauled at what is happening to our historic buildings. Please stop this project and rebuild the east wing.

Name: Barry Dressel
Date: February 18, 2026 10:33:08 am

I am 79 and a Washington native. I was born just blocks away from the White House. I am also an historian, former museum curator and executive, and have been significantly involved with the renovation of historic buildings, including a National Historic Landmark. I still have a copy of the report on the rebuilding of The White House during the Truman Administration that my father was given by someone on the Congressional committee that oversaw the project. That immense and necessary project was done carefully and properly with planning that was cognizant of history and preservation, used federal funding, and had bipartisan congressional oversight. The decision to demolish the East Wing and construct a ballroom adjacent to The White House has been a rushed and eccentric individual decision made without consultation with the National Trust, no completed final design, no federal funding, no expert consultation of its visual impact, and no congressional oversight. It was obviously done to guarantee that a single person—the President—would have total control of the project. He alone will determine the building’s role, utility, size, and design. The funding is to be private and therefore political.
The White House is The Executive Mansion, but the executives are transient and really it is The People’s House, not an individual president’s. In reality it is a trust to be stewarded by the United States for its citizens, not merely a property to be altered at whim of the current occupant without permission, careful design and oversight. I will not comment on the design aesthetic of the proposed ballroom, except that its size and siting was originally out of scale, overawing the White House, and the size has apparently increased since. If constructed, it would be grotesque by scale alone. Regardless, the destruction of the East Wing was both a desecration and unnecessary. It should be recreated. If a ballroom is necessary its

location, siting, scale, design, and utility needs to be carefully considered, approved, funded, and supervised properly. This is not a Trump project, much less a Trump property.

Name: Charise Prouty
Date: February 18, 2026 10:33:27 am

There are many ways to have dealt with a need for a ballroom but this callus disregard for process & rule of law is beyond the pale. This man has illuminated so many needed jobs, government agencies, health & safety programs....programs that serve the greater good of ALL the PEOPLE...the people he was elected to serve....that it seems ABSOLUTELY hypocritical to build a ballroom for the elite, that serves such a limited role and shows the arrogance of a man who thinks he is ABOVE it all. The Whitehouse is the PEOPLES house ,,,not HIS ! (AND THE REPAIR SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY HIM....NOT WITH TAX PAPER DOLLARS)

Name: Pamela Cherkas
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kay Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:26 am

Please halt this project until:(1) proper architectural and structural plans are submitted and approved by the appropriate entities; (2) constitutionally and statutorily legal funding is obtained; and (3) a legal and impartial bidding and procurement process is followed. Additionally, please ensure that the outside facade and interior decor are in keeping with the historic and aesthetic standards and significance of the people’s White House. Thank you.

Name: Colleen Brooks
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:44 am

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Thank you,
Colleen Brooks

Name: Cory Wagner
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:51 am

Without proper oversight, the east wing project is a possible vehicle for corruption and white collar crime activity.

There was no compelling event to dismantle the east wing, this was a decision that was done through proper process and there is a complete lack of change management, budget, and review process.

Demolition of the old east wing requires that at least clean up operations begin, and without priper engagement and collaboration, and viewing the current activities of the individuals involved - the east wing project cannot and should not continue until the scope of the project ia defined, proper security has been addressed and applied, and we can ensure that ONLY American interests are served.

Cancel the east wing project now - we cannot be beholden to corporate donors who WILL come asking for favors later on

when it is convenient for their interests. This is not the America way. We must have oversight, ownership, collaboration, and accountability.

Name: Nancy Rowe
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:01 am

I am an American citizen and I am strongly opposed to what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History and a desecration of the White House, which belongs to all of us. This demolition was done without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of our history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, nor have we seen the final design of the proposed renovation, although the models and drawings we have been allowed to see show a giant, hideous structure that looks like a thinly disguised big-box store. I want this grotesque and tasteless project cancelled and a rebuild of the original structure with full public review. I would like to see the decision makers and doners of this deseration fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House. Thank you.

Name: Thom Greving
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maryann Ruehrmund
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:21 am

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Put some of those funds back into America by refunding essential federal work!

Name: Gerald Coleman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a vanity project masquerading as a modernization project, and it’s a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Barbara Hofbauer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Krista Dietrich
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:53 am

This project is an affront to my sensibilities. Where is the First Lady supposed to hold her office now? I'm sure the new setup is less than ideal. I want the East Wing returned to us. The ballroom project is ugly, ostentatious, and not in keeping with the architectural or historical aesthetic of Washington D.C. in general, and the White House in particular. The East Wing was torn down without approval. No giant, horrendous ballroom should be put in its place. Rather, the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to the First Family, whoever they are, and all the American people. Thank you.

Name: Pamela Tate
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:58 am

Please vote to make The Trump administration stop the destruction of the White House and his wasting of taxpayer funds. Thank you.
“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Name: Michelle Carenza
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marilynn Coyle
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:19 am

Our beautiful White House, which is owned by the citizens of the United States, has been a beautiful emblem of our democracy since 1800. When it was burned by the British in 1814, it was rebuilt again by the same architect and has housed our presidents and their families ever since.

US presidents do NOT have the authority to make structural changes to the White House and tear down walls. Under a law known as National Historic Preservation Act, federal agencies are required to examine the impact of any construction projects on historic properties. Specifically, Section 106 requires the agencies to undergo a review process, including getting input from the public. Any proposal requires congressional approval and funding for major structural renovations to the White House. As federal property, significant alterations usually involve consultations with the Committee for the Preservation of the White House and the National Capital Planning Commission.

Jacqueline Kennedy once said, "Everything in the White House must have a reason for being there. It would be sacrilege merely to 'redecorate' it — a word I hate. It must be restored, and that has nothing to do with decoration. That is a question of scholarship."

The Committee for the Preservation of the White House must oversee any building project to ensure that it maintains the historical elegance and Structural changes to the White House because it is a federally owned, iconic, and historic national treasure, NOT personal property reflecting personal taste, ensuring accountability in how taxpayer-funded, significant alterations impact American history and its status as the "People's House".

Name: Joan Durkee
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. We the people should also be reimbursed for the cost of demolition and rebuilding as well. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Joan Durkee
Massachusetts

Name: Carol Fischbach
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:41 am

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Name: Cindy Greear
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:55 am

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Name: Jane Mansbridge
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:06 am

Please slow, stop and reverse the East Wing Modernization project. The former design is an important part of what all of us knew as the "White House." As I understand it, there was no proper design review before this project. This is not the example we want to give our children of the way democracy works. The image projected is of a monarch whose every whim must be accomodated. I teach democracy. I care about the substance and image of democracy. Neither the process nor the result conveys what we want to teach our children and ourselves about the way democracy should work. Thank you.

Name: Patricia Level
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:07 am

I am completely against the east wing modernization project that Donald Trump has proposed. He destroyed the White House’s East Wing without seeking any type of approval. I would like the old design to be reinstated. This is not his property but the American peoples.

Name: Doloris Learmonth
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:45 am

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Name: Philipanne Webb-Sawyer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:49 am

RESTORE THE WHITE HOUSE TO ITS PREVIOUS GLORY

Name: Charles Catlin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:38:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any tax dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Martha Covington
Date: February 18, 2026 10:39:04 am

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Name: Mary Hudson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:39:15 am

Please cancel this project. A national treasure has been desecrated to appease the pride of our childish president. This is a serious affront to the democratic process and to the important monument that the White House is.

This project, being funded by pandering billionaires, needs to end.

Name: Gloria Valenti
Date: February 18, 2026 10:39:59 am

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Name: Carolyn Soderberg
Date: February 18, 2026 10:40:15 am

Stop letting Trump destroy things.
I'd rather this money go to shit that matters like taking care of humans and prosecuting the sexual predators in the child sex ring files starting with TRUMP

Name: Jenell Mahoney
Date: February 18, 2026 10:40:25 am

I was horrified and angered by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, carried out without permits or any input from the public or National Trust. I oppose the proposal to construct a massive ballroom, and instead want the East Wing rebuilt and restored. The White House is the People's House, and the East Wing should never have been razed in this illegal manner.

Name: Barbara Kirby
Date: February 18, 2026 10:40:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens!

Name: Linda Schreiber
Date: February 18, 2026 10:40:42 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Brenda Arends
Date: February 18, 2026 10:41:10 am

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Name: George Molinski
Date: February 18, 2026 10:41:14 am

Dear members, The current condition, or lack thereof, of the East Wing is an abhorrent national embarrassment. It should be repaired and replaced, at any cost and the bill sent to Pres. Trump.
Furthermore, there should be no further destruction of any structures in D.C. until the East Wing is rebuilt. No Arc de Triomphe, no more name changes, nothing.
Thank you all and God bless America and the United States.
Sincerely,
George C. Molinski, Jr.

Name: Jacqui McGrath
Date: February 18, 2026 10:41:18 am

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Name: Amy Weisberg
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:08 am

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Name: Sharon Darlington
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:13 am

Replace it the way it was with new material. Trump had no right tear it down. Trump needs to pay for the entire cost as he lawlessly tore it down. He has grifted enough money to bear the whole cost.

Name: Kelley Shippey Gilbert
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:15 am

How can one propose to “modernize” a now non-existent structure that was surreptitiously destroyed without any opportunity for public input? Any new construction, modernization or destruction of public property must provide sufficient opportunity for meaningful public engagement BEFORE any irreversible action is undertaken.

Public lands are a sacred public trust - both the People’s legacy and their inspiration. The proposed ballroom project would be nothing more than a vainglorious monument serving only the desires of one American president. It does nothing to reflect the desires and aspirations of the American people - it’s sheer size and lack of proportionality would visually represent the further subjugation of the American populace to the whims of one powerful individual.

We do still live in a democracy, don’t we?

Name: Jan Darrah Church
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:18 am

I am greatly opposed to the destruction of the east wing of the White House. I would like it to be restored to its former self. This house belongs to the history and people of our nation and should not be allowed to illegally and without the people’s consent changed.

Name: Eric Pietsch
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:55 am

I am opposed to the unapproved destruction of the White House and an approved (assuming it receives building permits) ballroom addition. The funding of any part of the project should not come from private donors except to return our building back to its original state.

Name: Susan Russo
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:59 am

President Trump’s ballroom plan for the White House bastardizes the premise that the White House is the “People’s House”.

For the first time in 71 years of life, I visited the White House in 2024. The long lines and invasive security protocols were softened by the simple elegance and “hominess” of the White House. It was beautiful, but in a calming and welcoming way. It held an aura of both gravitas and normalcy.

Trump’s changes to the White House are destroying the importance of the White House. The gaudy and massive ballroom Trump has planned for the White House is not just damaging to the White House’s historical significance; this proposed ballroom is an offensive indifference to the American people.

Construction of the Trump ballroom must be stopped. Trump’s desecration of the White House must be stopped.

Name: Ann Richards
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:15 am

Please rebuild the Original White House east wing. It's historical architectural value is important for educating students, all Americans & historians. The destruction of the Original East Wing was unnecessary and was not approved by any historical, National Park Service or congressional entity. Please rebuild the Original East Wing for posteriy.

Name: Nicole Bosca
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:20 am

To the reviewing entities:

I am writing to express my profound disappointment regarding the East Wing Modernization Project. The demolition of historic sections of the White House was a premature and catastrophic loss for our national heritage. While the damage to the building's original integrity is now irreversible, I strongly oppose the current plan to replace that history with a 90,000 square foot vanity ballroom. Because the demolition was carried out before a respectful, long-term plan was finalized, the burden is now on these entities to rectify this shortsightedness. I urge you to pivot away from a modern and oversized expansion and instead prioritize a faithful architectural restoration that aligns with the historic character of the White House.

The proposed 90,000 square foot size is disproportionate to the historic complex and any new construction must be scaled down to respect the original sight-lines and the footprint of the East Wing. Since the original materials are gone, the reconstruction must use period appropriate materials and traditional craftsmanship rather than modern shortcuts. The American people deserve a project that heals the site's integrity rather than one that prioritizes luxury event space over our shared history. Finally, there must be an independent audit of why demolition was allowed to proceed before the public and reviewing bodies had the opportunity to fully weigh in on the preservation of the site.

Name: Renate Barlow
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:21 am

I believe that the ballroom is not something America needs. President Trump destroyed the East Wing of the White House without permission. I believe that the ballroom construction is not needed and the East Wing should be restored.

Name: S Valenteen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Athena Contreras
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:32 am

I oppose the damage to the People's White House, especially without proper planning and consultation with the public. Please protect our nation's history and refuse to allow sudden whims to control the decisions that affect our capitol's historic buildings. Thank you.

Name: Dick Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:38 am

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Name: Kate Ogden`
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on "modernizing" the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an

obliteration of American history. What one person sees as a big beautiful gold room, many of us see as an excessive, gaudy, and unAmerican horror. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If there really is a $300 million budget, use it to clean and update other parts of the White House, keeping those areas as close to the original as possible. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barb Schwanke
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:59 am

This project should not have been permitted to even begin with out congressional approval.
At this point the project should be put on hold until a final design which meet historical preservation approval with bipartisan representatives fully engaged in future budget and design.all current donated funds should remain in a federal budget that is closely monitored.
The current construction firm and contractor should be fired for not properly permitting the project and demolition of of the east wing.
The rampant disregard of our constitution and preservation guidelines and requirements must be stoped by authorities!

Name: Abra Spiciarich
Date: February 18, 2026 10:44:02 am

The scaffolding currently rising around the East Wing is being marketed as a "revitalization," a necessary evolution to keep a mid-century icon relevant in 2026. But to those of us who view our architectural heritage through the rigorous standards of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), these plans read less like a renewal and more like an architectural eulogy. We are witnessing the systematic dismantling of a landmark's integrity under the guise of progress.

The fundamental tension of the East Wing Modernization Project lies in the misunderstanding of what makes a building "historic." A landmark is not merely a facade or a famous silhouette; it is a delicate ecosystem of integrity—defined by the NRHP as the "authenticity of a property's physical identity." When we replace the specialized workmanship of the original era with mass-produced contemporary materials, or subdivide the grand, intentional spatial volumes to accommodate modern HVAC systems, we aren't just updating a building. We are erasing the physical evidence of the very history we claim to honor.

Proponents of the project argue that the changes are "compatible" and "sensitive." However, in preservation, there is a dangerous line between compatibility and false historicism. By attempting to mimic the original design with 21st-century technology, we create a "Ship of Theseus" scenario. If we replace the character-defining stone, the hand-tooled joints, and the specific light-filtering glass that gave the East Wing its "feeling" and "association," at what point does it cease to be a National Treasure and become a high-end replica?

Modernization projects of this scale often prioritize utility over significance. Of course, we want buildings that are energy-efficient and ADA-compliant, but the National Register reminds us that a landmark's primary "function" is to serve as a tangible link to our past. When we prioritize the convenience of the 2026 visitor over the preservation of the original 20th-century design intent, we treat our history as a disposable commodity rather than a permanent monument.

The East Wing does not need to be "modern." It needs to be preserved. The "patina" of age and the specific, sometimes idiosyncratic, choices of the original architects are what provide the "spirit of place." To scrub that away in favor of clinical, high-efficiency surfaces is to mute the architect's voice.

If this project proceeds as planned, we may end up with a building that functions perfectly for the modern era but fails entirely as a historical document. We must ask ourselves: Are we preserving a landmark, or are we merely building a monument to our own contemporary needs? If it's the latter, the East Wing's place on the National Register may soon be a matter of record rather than reality.

Name: Mary Sullivan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:44:02 am

"I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-

the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law."

Name: LynnDianne Beene
Date: February 18, 2026 10:44:10 am

I oppose the spending of any amount on the expansion project initiated by the current administration. The proposal and the demolition of the East Wing were initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law or above the decency of preserving our national treasure, such as the White House. Do not permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Ann Gordan-Stiehler
Date: February 18, 2026 10:44:16 am

I object most strongly to the demolition of the East Wing and the loss of the Rose Garden.
Please stop wasting hundreds of millions on building yet another monument to Trump.

Name: Katherine Stankiewicz
Date: February 18, 2026 10:44:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jessica Poulin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:02 am

I am not in favor of the current direction of the East Wing Modernization Project. I oppose spending hundreds of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Completing this project is offensive to all law-abiding, history-loving Americans.

Name: Grace Gagliardi
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:06 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic

design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Ed Meehan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:06 am

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Name: Donald Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:47 am

The historic East Wing of the White House (the People's House) was illegally destroyed without the proper consent being asked for or given. The proposed replacement of the East Wing with a grand ball room is an abomination to the values of this nation and should be rejected. The East Wing should be reconstructed and restored at the expense of the current in habitant of the White House who broke the law in the first place by demolishing the East Wing.

Name: Gayle Jordan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:49 am

I do not support the destruction of the East Wing without review, oversight and planning. The historic value and its place as part of the people’s house is so important. The White House does not belong to any single person but to all the people. Destruction without oversight is wrong and must be stopped. Restore the East Wing as it stood and support our shared history!

Name: Mary Sexauer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steven West
Date: February 18, 2026 10:46:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathy Mosier Kampa
Date: February 18, 2026 10:46:29 am

I oppose this project moving forward . It had no proper authorization, no permits, no design review. It should not be funded by tech billionaires with the promise of the President “returning favors “.
This is wrong ! This is the people’s house. We , the people, want it rebuilt to the way it was .

Name: Stephanie Sage
Date: February 18, 2026 10:46:31 am

"East Wing Modernization" is a disingenuous description of what is actually being proposed. A massive ballroom that no one wants is now replacing the East Wing -- which was demolished BEFORE any kind of public comment period was opened so the people could weigh in. According to the National Trust for Historic Preservation website: "Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage." The destruction of the East Wing certainly counts as a "permanently altered" White House. I don't know what can be done to salvage the site or the dignity of the White House overall -- it's bad enough the Rose Garden was paved over and turned into a cheap cafe for Trump cronies. But erecting a massive ballroom is an irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars and an architectural obscenity.

Name: Alexa McDowell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:46:48 am

Given the current circumstances of the historic East Wing (non-extant following unauthorized demolition), future action should comply with all regulatory guidance. Reconstruction of the East Wing or construction of a replacement addition to the White House should meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines with specific care related to scale, proportion, architectural style, materiality, sensitivity of attachment to the main building, and sensitivity to the historic building grounds. The proposed ballroom - renderings of which have appeared in the media - is contrary to the all of the above and completely inappropriate. Any work moving forward must follow the proper review and evaluation (thank you for your effort in that regard) and remain committed to the proper care and preservation of the peoples' house.

Name: Michael Oconnor
Date: February 18, 2026 10:47:19 am

This project should have never started without approval by Congress and the parks system of oversight. Additionally, these projects if given green light to proceed should not be funded by donations as that sets up situations where favors are expected. The entire project was not needed in my opinion as the existing structure was fine. Possibly implements could have been done. Now that it has been started all plans require close scrutiny.

Name: Kathy Collier
Date: February 18, 2026 10:47:23 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Kathy Collier

Name: Pia Schomburg
Date: February 18, 2026 10:47:29 am

I am opposed to this $300-$400 million dollar project , without the authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project stopped, the East room rebuilt as its former design. The destruction of the East room without permit is an affront to all taxpayers, letting it go forward is nothing but a reward for lawlessness.

Name: Darryl Swanstrom
Date: February 18, 2026 10:47:37 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stacey Beck
Date: February 18, 2026 10:47:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Christine Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:01 am

I object to this project due to the money that will be sent and because proper procedures were not followed. This is simply an unnecessary vanity project.

Name: Phoebe Harrington
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:12 am

It was wrong to tear apart ANY of the White House and it should be returned to its original state. We don’t need a hardy gold ball room. We need that money allocated to helping U.S. citizens.

Name: Linda White
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:20 am

I oppose spending any money on this project. It is NOT a "modernization" project. Modernization updates existing structures, but there is no longer a structure to update. It has been illegally torn down without review or permit. I believe that this is a violation of the National Historic Preservation Act. Fines and other legal action should be taken against those who authorized and committed this action. The new structure intended to replace it has also not been reviewed or permitted. We cannot allow the building of structures without proper review. We must ensure the integrity and proper construction of the project, the safety of its future users, and that the structure is appropriate in its time and place for the purpose intended. The project must follow government contracting rules for both design and build, if it should be determined to be necessary to exist at all. These should be presented and bid upon by vetted companies, and design and build contracts should not be awarded to the same company, nor to subsidiaries or companies owned by the same entities. The American taxpayer needs to be assured that their money is being spent appropriately, and any donations towards to project are being used for the public good. Since none of this has occurred in a clear and transparent fashion, this project should be halted until such time as all the legal hurdles have been cleared. Thank you.

Name: Todd Leek
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paula Sachs
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:31 am

In my humble opinion the White House should never have been touched by Trump because it is purely an ego-driven project that reeks of his aspirations which, as we all have seen, are beyond censure. This project should be stopped at this very juncture. To deface this noble public monument without authorization is an indication of his mindset. We need this to be put back to what it was. If he has the money to distroy it - he has the money to put it back to its former glory.

What has this (our) country become when a true Hitleresque rogue can deface our most precious edifices with impunity? I, for one, fear the implications of letting this project proceed. Where is our pride?

Sincerely,
Paula Sachs
West Palm Beach, FL

Name: Melodie Barrett
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:47 am

It is vile for Donald Trump to think he can unilaterally demolish the People's House without approval. This is illegal and wrong and should not be allowed to proceed.

Name: Jennifer Goldsby
Date: February 18, 2026 10:49:03 am

This is in no way a modernization project. It is a destruction of the People's house. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing to be rebuilt. The people own this house and there is a procedure that is to be followed in renovating it. None of these procedures were followed. To allow this project to go forward is insulting to all of the America people who believe that laws are for everyone to follow and that the White House belongs to the all Americans.

Name: Sandra Clinger
Date: February 18, 2026 10:49:25 am

Dear NCPC Executive Director and Commissioners,

I am submitting this written comment to OPPOSE spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This White House belongs to the American people and has historical significance.. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Name: Diane MacEachern
Date: February 18, 2026 10:49:55 am

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

The random destruction of the East Wing of the White House intentionally disregarded the building's historical significance while blithely ignoring the long-standing processes in place to guide its renovation. I urge the Commission to take all necessary steps to ensure that the new East Wing be developed in such a way that it avoids dwarfing or minimizing the White House and historic White House grounds. Please do not allow a desire for misguided and embarrassing opulence to quash architecture and interior design that enhance, not detract from, the White House complex. Thank you.

Diane MacEachern

Name: Linda Leck
Date: February 18, 2026 10:49:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Dianne Larson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tamara Roberts
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:04 am

Under no circumstances should any activities continue to take place other than clean up. This unfortunate catastrophe should be restored back as close as possible to its originality. Congress was not involved regarding the decision to make a ball room out of years and years of US history. This, “The People’s House” does not belong to any one person, it belongs to us….”We The People”. What a crying shame that this has happened to our house. Please restore it back accordingly without one dime of American tax dollars spent.

Name: Katrina VanTyne
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:12 am

I’m writing to express my concerns about the allocation of tax dollars toward the East Wing projects. As a taxpayer, I believe public funds should be directed toward priorities that deliver clear, measurable benefits to the broader community. At this time, I’m not convinced that these projects meet that standard.

Many residents are facing ongoing economic pressures, and I would prefer to see tax dollars invested in areas such as infrastructure, education, and essential public services that have a more direct and immediate impact on people’s daily lives. Transparency and accountability in how funds are spent are also important to me, and I would appreciate more detailed justification for why this project should take precedence over other pressing needs.

I respect the complexity of budgeting decisions and the effort involved in balancing competing priorities. However, I hope you will carefully reconsider the funding for the East Wing projects and ensure that taxpayer money is used in a way that reflects the community’s most urgent concerns.

Thank you for your time and for your service.

Name: Michael Kissau
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:12 am

The East Wing portion of the White House was illegally torn down without the proper authorization from those who legally should have had to do so. Please IMMEDIATELY HALTthe destruction and put plans in place to rebuild it as closely as possible to its original configuration.

Thank you!

Name: Kevin Kalman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
i can not belive that we ahve to watch as our house is gutted without review
Best Kevin Kalman

Name: Diana Korzenik
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:45 am

I want east wing project cancelled
I oppose spending $300 million dollars on flagrant destruction of American history
Those responsible for razing East wing did so with no Legal authority and should be penalized to
The full extent of American law. Many agree that This purported " modernization" should be cancelled and east wing restored
Thank you for welcoming my response
Diana Korzenik

Name: Naina Mistry
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million -- or any amount of money -- on this project as it currently stands. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project but rather a complete razing of American history with no regard to the law or the will of the American people. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House does not belong to the President, and he should not have the authority to unilaterally make significant changes to it just because he is temporarily residing there.

Name: Geoffrey Nesbitt
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.
Geoffrey Nesbitt

Name: Ruth Wilkens
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:35 am

As a citizen, I respectfully request the East Wing be reconstructed as it was previously. I don't believe a ballroom at the White House is necessary. If there needs to be a "ball" it can be held elsewhere.

Name: Veronica Rossetti
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:37 am

This project needs to stop and the Whitehouse put back as it was before the demolition. Trump never follows the rule of law. He needs to be stopped! He also needs to pay for it, personally. I am tired of paying for his whims.

Name: Monica Jacobson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:38 am

I am opposed to the 300 million dollar project which was started without approval, bypassing required federal reviews and approvals. Preservationists argue the fast-tracked project violates historic preservation laws. Stop this project and restore the East wing to its original historic structure. The destruction was outrages and wrong.

Name: Kathleen Boise
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:55 am

I'm in favor of modernizing components of the White House if the intent is to modernize it's infrastructure and make services such as heating, lighting, communications and security more effective, efficient and sustainable. I'm oppose to the wholesale demolition of portions of the White House that provide historic context and continuity for the purpose of providing larger space for a ball room. It is the people's house. There is currently no communication on modernizing the East Wing. It no longer exists. For anything built in the space formerly occupied by the East Wing, I would request that it maintain the former structure's footprint, maintain the visual balance of the White House as a whole, provide for modern functional facilities and conform with the visual aspects of the historic monuments in the Washington Mall area.
I believe that the previous structure of the White House and gardens were beautiful and a testament to our country's history and tradition of transfer of leadership. As a citizen, the demolition of the East Wing is heartbreaking. No amount of bigger, newer and shinier can replace that. Please consider with historic and artistic context what should be built in it's place, so that it will enhance the history of the White House. Thank you.

Name: Sharon Rosse
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:58 am

I oppose spending any money, including $300 million, on Trump's vanity ballroom project! He tore down the White House's East Wing without the proper authorization, permits, or design review to try to promote himself. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I insist that you cancel this ballroom, and you require that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: MATTHEW SCHRUM
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:20 am

The White House is the People’s House. The sudden destruction of the East Wing was a reckless and flagrant breach of public trust in the Trump administration. It appears that Trump’s administration has no regard for historical preservation- and has also established a clear disregard for good taste. The destruction of the East Wing exhibits a stunning lack of planning and maturity, and is an insult to the public interest.
Under these conditions, I request two actions:
1) Heightened Scrutiny
2) Independent Review, Approval, and Supervision
In order to restore public confidence and trust in the modernization of the East Wing, I request the most stringent and thorough scrutiny allowed by law (and beyond, if possible). Moving forward, I feel the scheduled progress must be tempered to the slowest pace feasible, so as to allow for full review and responsible supervision throughout every step of the process.
In order to restore public confidence and trust in the modernization of the East Wing, the review, approval, and supervision of the project must be administered by independent parties. The Trump administration has shown a history of installing unqualified parties in places of authority, with the apparent objective of furthering their objectives without independent review or accountability. It is of the utmost importance that all major changes to the People’s House are effectuated by qualified individuals- without the appearance of undue loyalty to the President.
Please save our public legacy from further destruction and embarrassment.

Name: Nathaniel Walsh
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Colonna
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:31 am

I do not support spending $300 million on this project. It was started without the right approval, permits, or design review. This is not a simple update. It tears down an important part of American history.

I believe this project should be stopped. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No one is above the law. If this project moves forward without holding people accountable for breaking the rules, it would be unfair to all Americans who follow the law.

Name: Vicki Lindsay
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:33 am

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Vicki Lindsay

Name: Terrie Vaughan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law.

Name: Susan Aptaker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:38 am

I am appalled that the East Wing was demolished for the vanity project of the man living in our White House. NO BALLROOM!! All efforts should be made to restore the East Wing to its previous use and architecture.
This was a crime against America.

Name: Anne Marie Arroyo
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with proper authorization, permits and design review.

No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debra Hays
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Please reject the proposed " ball room", and restore the East Wing and our country's dignity.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Suane Stroup
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Juliet Gibbs
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:14 am

Please please please stop this monstrous ballroom project! The White House is the peoples' house. Not a monument to one administration. Keep it the way it is; humble and classy for ALL the people in this country.
Thank you for voting to protect this national treasure!

Name: Gail Speer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:28 am

I am strongly opposed to the East Wing Modernization. The initial destruction was an erasure of our history, not authorized, and done without the proper review, or even legal review. I do not want a Mara Lago in DC.

Now, obviously some type of building must be completed there, and strong consideration has to be what that building be used for, but very important must be in concert with the remaining structure and historical relevance. And the NCC must selest the architect.

Thank you.

Do the right thing.

Gail Speer
[redacted]

Name: Miranda Petrey
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:34 am

I oppose the spending of any taxpayers' money on this project. It was unauthorized and completely disrespectful to the american people. It needs to be fully restored to its original appearance and up to historical planning standards. It should have never been torn down and should be restored at the expense of the companies and people who illegally destroyed this american monument. It should not have any changes or additions outside modernizing the infrastructure of the former building to current standards. Restore what was lost! Somebody stop the changes!

Name: Carol Kufeldt
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:43 am

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, and especially so knowing not one of the guidelines were followed or taken to account before demolition. This administration flaunts its disrepect of our nation at every turn, and this abject, blatant amputation of the People's House is a hateful metaphor of the abuse they continue to mete out.
I don't know what can be done, but please, do something.

Name: Shawn Murray
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:45 am

I believe that the recent demolition of the East wing of the White House and proposed construction of an absurdly large ballroom is ridiculous and a waste of funds which could be used elsewhere. There is no reason to bastardize our wonderful National Capital building for the ego of a president. It is unnecessary and will ruin the balance and beauty of this historic building.

Name: Terri Pressly
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:57 am

We need to rebuild in a historic way. How could this be allowed to tear off a wing of the People's house, destroy it and where are the donations to rebuild it?
Stop the insanity of this Presidents whims and wants. It is ugly and reflects the state of our nation. We are the laughing stock of the world.
Hold Trump accountable and fine him every day until it is historically restored.
Set a deadline and stick to it. Make him sleep in a tent on the space until it's completed.

What's wrong with our elected officials? This is so upsetting. The White house I visited as a child in 8th grade is destroyed.

Name: Kristin Gallas
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:09 am

Stop destroying history for vanity projects!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Annette Hennekens-Sklenar
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:25 am

The individual currently in the White House is not fit mentally to manage a historical renovation project of this magnitude, nor is he fit to run our country. This has been demonstrated by what is happening in Minnesota.

Are Renovations of this nature supposed to have permit and go through approval processes? Please follow the process that has been put in placed to protect safety.

This project should not be allowed to proceed on the taxpayers dime, especially at a time when we are not caring for our veterans and our most vulnerable people in the population like mothers and children.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter

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Name: Leah Ranisate
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:31 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marva Walting
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:38 am

I strongly oppose the spending of any money, much less $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Not to mention it would be a hideous blight on the White House grounds.

Name: Michelle Gray
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:42 am

This project in no way represents what the people of this country want or need. This project was not approved and continues to grow in projected costs. Please bill those responsible for the destruction of the White House to restore it properly. The taxpayers should not be responsible for poor decisions by the current administration to tear down a historical building.

Name: Jessica Leathersich
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:50 am

I oppose this, the law was not followed. Making it an affront to all law abiding citizens!!

Name: David Asher
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:59 am

I am just writing to vent my extreme displeasure with this criminal president, tearing down our White House to build that monstrosity of a ballroom. That’s his MO, destroy and then sort it out later. Crime and then try to run out the clock. We are so sick of this criminal administration and everyone working for it. Your time is coming I can tell you that and you’re all gonna be in jail.

Name: Sharon Barr
Date: February 18, 2026 10:54:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is owned by the people of the United States, not President Trump. What is happening is a disgrace.

Sharon Barr

Name: Sandy Skirving
Date: February 18, 2026 10:55:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Joan Caldwell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:55:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cindy Rose
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:02 am

I am adamantly against the building of a ballroom. The president destroyed a treasured piece of history without the consent of the people. He should not be permitted to do what he pleases in the people's house. I would like my tax dollars to go toward something FOR the people, not the president's ego. Please do not allow construction of this monstrosity.

Name: Albert LeBlanc
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:13 am

I think it was a serious mistake to demolish the East Wing of the White House. I have viewed drawings of the projected ballroom, and I think it will dwarf the remaining part of the White House because of its excessive size. If a ballroom of this great size is actually needed, I think it should be built on a site suitable for such a large structure, and not located beside the White House.

Name: Beth Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:13 am

The destruction of the East Wing was disgraceful. The only rebuilding that should be done is a reconstruction, in the original design with improvements that take into account the historical significance of the building.

Name: Susan Granzotto
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:35 am

This project is an obscene response to the whims of the current administration. Washington DC is not a place for attempts to personalize and “make your mark”. Washington DC belongs to America! All construction/improvements must be approved through the proper, legal and established authorities.

Name: Michael Canfield
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:41 am

He's proven his taste in the Oval Office. No Americans were asked about any of his actions to the White House. He seems he's forgotten it's our House. We the People don't need a ballroom when children go to bed hungry.

Name: Terri Dunn
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard Stoll
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Van Zuilekom
Date: February 18, 2026 10:57:08 am

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: TERESA ROBERTS
Date: February 18, 2026 10:57:22 am

We do not want or need a ballroom bunker. We need an East Wing that houses our First Lady. Not that its last resident was a Lady...

Name: James Pretzer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:57:43 am

Please return the East Wing to it's previous appearance.

Name: Beth Bartels
Date: February 18, 2026 10:57:50 am

I am vehemently opposed to the construction of a ballroom which will dwarf the White House. The demolition of the East Wing was done without any forethought, and now, as the People’s House stands, it appears off-balance and weak. If at all possible, I would like to see the east wing reconstructed (preferably at the expense of the one who ordered it torn down, without any thought to proper channels).

Name: Jeri Dunn
Date: February 18, 2026 10:57:52 am

I respectfully submit my comments in PDF form as required

Attachment

Name: Aleisa McKinlay
Date: February 18, 2026 10:58:01 am

I oppose the spending of what is currently posted as $300 million on this project. It is highly likely to be substantially more, and was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This 'house' does not belong to the current occupant. It belongs to the people of the United States, and is not a modernization project. It's just one more attempt at a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law, despite the fact that it seems so! To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please take these comments as direction from the owners of the property and stop this illegal action.

Name: Russell Gullekson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:58:22 am

Any funds obtained, promised, or pledged should be used to restore the White House (People's House) to it's 2024 state.

Name: Teresa Collins
Date: February 18, 2026 10:58:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. You must stop the current project and reverse course immediately.

Name: Helen Meacham
Date: February 18, 2026 10:58:54 am

I strongly oppose the “modernization”/destruction of the east wing of the White House and insist it be rebuilt to its original state. The proposed ballroom is an atrocity and merely a vanity project for the current president.

Name: Kai Kaysen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:14 am

I support the restoration of the east wing of the white house to its original design and if within your purview billing the demolition and restoration costs to Donald Trump, the destroyer, personally.

Name: David Swanson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:20 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sherman Morss
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:22 am

As a practicing architect with 50 years of specialization in historic preservation, I am against the proposed modifications and ballroom addition to the White House. The project has proceeded without required reviews and will irreparably destroy the architectural integrity of this national landmark if implemented as designed.

Name: Barbara Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:29 am

Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

As a frequent visitor to the nation's capital to enjoy the history memorialized in the various monuments, museums and constructions, I oppose the White House ballroom "addition" (at a cost of now-$400 million). This monstrosity dwarfs the actual White House, and -- rather than complementing the "People's House" -- is more representative of a monarchy than a democratic republic with a government by the people, for the people and of the people. The ballroom is neither a "modernization" project nor a "necessary" one, but rather a complete razing of American history. In addition to the outsized building footprint (and interior gilding), this project was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits or

design review, and therefore should not be allowed to proceed. I hereby politely but strongly encourage you deny this project and require that the historic East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara A. Anderson

Name: Timothy Stiker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:41 am

I oppose this contruction project. We the people own this ground, not the current regime and therefore have a say as to what is built.

Name: Anne Hi Cowens
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:44 am

DJT illegally tore down part of the people's house. I beg of you, please make him pay for this out of the crypto money he has been grifting.

Name: Jenni Rodda
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:47 am

Colleagues,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The project as described in today's New York Times dwarfs the residence, and is out of character with the rest of the White House campus buildings. It is too large. Much too large. It is ugly. And its planning does not address the ongoing costs of maintenance and utilities that will be borne by taxpayers. Why does the president "need" a 90,000 square foot ballroom/event space for 1000??? The current resident of the White House should remember that he is a tenant there, and his "lease" runs out at the end of his term. If he wants to throw parties for 1000 people, there are many event spaces in Washington that would be happy to accommodate him. We don't need to build one on the grounds of the White House.

Thank you.

Name: Kenneth Kornheiser
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:48 am

I'm a citizen of the U.S., someone who has visited Washington, D.C. to work in federal buildings and as a tourist. I have experienced the awe that the architecture of our nation’s capital city inspires both directly and through watching young people have this experience. I believe that the classic proportions within the design of each building and monument as well as the proportions among them are key to providing that inspiration and the realization that we are a part of a country that is thoughtful and does great things through careful, collaborative planning and perseverance.

I am greatly concerned about comments that this administration has made as to the proposed size and proportions for the East Wing of the White House, and I was profoundly disturbed by the demolition of the East Wing, apparently without proper consultation or assessment under relevant statutes (e.g., National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)) or a publicly-vetted, approved plan for replacing the demolished East Wing with a new one. As the NCPC reviews the East House Modernization Project, I urge the reviewers to carefully consider how the public will see and experience the modernization project from surrounding public spaces and from viewpoints used in photography and videography. The external size and proportions of the East Wing must be in balance with both the central structure of the White House and the West Wing. The East and West Wings must be subordinate to the central structure of the White House and the classical “golden ratio” of human design indicates that the ratio of the dimensions of

the wings to the central structure should be approximately 1:1.618, i.e., the wings must each appear smaller than the central structure. In addition, the dimensions and features of the new East Wing itself should follow the golden ratio. The external views of the new East Wing should be in harmony with those of the West Wing. Furthermore, the materials and style features used in construction should appear similar to those used in the historic portions of the White House.

For NHPA, a consultation under section 106 should be completed as part of the planning process for the East Wing Modernization Project. The entire area of Washington, D.C., in which the White House is located is on the National Register of Historic Places and multiple individual National Historic Landmarks and structures on the National Register of Historic Places are in the immediate vicinity of the White House. Because the East Wing has been demolished and will be completely re-built, the project planning being done is for an "undertaking" under NHPA section 106. "Section 106 consultation is triggered when a federal agency determines that it has a type of undertaking that has the potential to affect historic properties. Under the Section 106 regulations and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), an “undertaking” is broadly defined as any project, activity, or program with federal agency involvement, such as those carried out by federal agencies, assisted by federal agencies, or that require a federal permit, license, or approval." (www.achp.gov). The White House itself is an historic structure in an historic district and its exterior is in the viewshed of multiple additional historic structures.

For NEPA compliance and simply to responsibly protect the health of construction workers and the public, contamination issues at the demolition site need to be thoroughly evaluated. Because the East Wing was built and maintained over many decades, the structure is likely to have contained asbestos, lead, and other hazardous substances. The photos of the demolition showed significant production of fugitive dust and a lack of encapsulation to contain contamination. The documentation for the demolition planning and implementation should be investigated to determine if sufficient testing and mitigation measures were taken prior to and during demolition and, at the very least, confirmation testing should be done at the demolition site as part of the planning for re-construction. Additional disturbance of the site during construction could release additional hazardous substances at and from the site.

As part of the public experience of the future East Wing, the project plans must include accessibility features in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Because taxpayers will be paying for the upkeep, maintenance, and utility bills of the future East Wing and visiting it, I urge the Commission to do what it can to insist that the design meet at least a Gold level of LEED Certification overall and a Platinum level in the areas of Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality, as described by U.S. Green Building Council's most recent set of standards. Note that the engineering firm hired for this project, AECOM, is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this stage of the approval process. I look forward to seeing actual plans and scale drawings of the public views from multiple representative vantage points in the future.

Name: Mara Meisel
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:59 am

I am appalled that the President tore down the East Wing of the White House without any oversight by you. This should have been stopped before any construction equipment made its way onto the grounds. I am horrified that he wants to replace it with a gargantuan ballroom that will dwarf the main part of the building and ruin the symmetry of the architecture.

I want to see the total restoration of the East Wing to its previous exterior to match the West Wing and put the White House architecture back into proportion. The interior can, of course, be redesigned and redecorated, but I would like to see it still honor the first ladies. You can replace the bunker or make a better one below grounds. The exterior should be landscaped and replanted as it was prior to the demolition.

Speaking of landscaping, where was the NCPC, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service when the historic Rose Garden was paved over? None of us had a say about that, either.

The White House belongs to us, the people of the U.S., and is only temporarily occupied by the President. We don't need a ballroom for galas for wealthy party donors inside the White House. We don't need marble bathrooms and gold-leaf decor. The White House is not one man's royal palace, but the People's House. It represents a government by and for Americans. All of us, not just the rich ones.

I also hope you will do all that you can to stop the President's proposed erection of gigantic triumphal arch on the Capital

grounds. This is something that emperors, not American presidents, do to honor themselves. This monstrosity would be a blot on the beauty of the Capital grounds and should not be permitted.

Name: Karen Butts
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nello Lucchesi
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:34 am

Please restore the White House West Wing, which was torn down prior to review.

Thank you.

Name: Lori Pittenger
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:36 am

I stand in opposition of this Ballroom addition, which started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former footprint and design. Permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janet Pierpont
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:41 am

I am totally opposed to the destruction of our nations property. The vindictive obliteration of the East Wing of the White House was done with no legal authority. No one is above the law. I do not support this project. The White House belongs to us all not to one temporary inhabitant. The East Wing should be restored to its original design. The monstrous scale and design of the proposed “ Ballroom “ is totally beyond all proportion,and is not in keeping with the spirit and intent of the building. Thank you

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Name: Robert Pancoast
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karla Norman
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:55 am

This is not a modernization project. It was never properly authorized. The East Wing of the White House must be rebuilt and restored as it was, historically. The initiator of this "modernization project" should be prosecuted to the full extent allowed. Rebuild and restore the East Wing of the White House as it was.

Name: Amber Hernandez
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:10 am

As a citizen I oppose this so called “modernization” of the people’s house. There was a complete lack of transparency and forethought with an attitude of its better to ask for forgiveness later than permission first. This administration attempts to ram through the president’s whims rather than follow long standing policies and norms. It is unacceptable and this demolition should have never happened. Therefore this project should change course and follow the same steps of congressional and environmental reviews that have been standard for federal property. This is the people’s house, not Donald Trump’s.

Name: Tamera Brady
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alesia Hanson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:14 am

I strenuously oppose spending $300 million, or any money really on this project which was started without any authorization, let alone permits, or review of designs. This project is not a modernization project, instead it is completely demolishing American history. I want this project scrapped and the East Wing rebuilt and completely restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be nothing more than an insult to every law-abiding American.

Name: Kathryn McQueeney
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:19 am

Hello:
I strongly oppose the spending of millions of dollars (even at the expense of donors rather than American tax payers) on this East Wing Modernization project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to be replaced with a ballroom that serves the ego of the current President of the United States. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Thank you.

Kathryn Mcqueeney
Stratham, New Hampshire

Name: john hatch
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This project is an outward manifestation of the needless destruction and cruelty of this entire administration. It will add nothing of value to the American people but will only serve to make a lasting scar on the nation in much the same way that the current regime does.

Name: Laurel Streetman
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Julie Figliozzi
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:40 am

Dear representatives,

I urge you to appoint a commission to design an East Wing addition to accommodate State functions, which is in the style and scale of the historical White House. Any increased footprint to the White House should be offset by an equal increase in permeable surface footprint. Forexample, an increase of 2500 sq. ft. Would be offset by the removal of 2500 sq. ft. outdoor non-permeable surface and conversion to planted space, such as rose garden or other garden.

Then you for the kind consideration and the comment period, which the American people deserve.

- Julie Figliozzi

Name: Ron Lindenfelser
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Chris Reed
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:43 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a travesty. Please prevent any construction that does not restore the historical facade and function, no ballroom.

Name: Mary McCune
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:47 am

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. It's $300 million price tag while an increasing number of Americans can't afford health insurance because of cuts to subsidies is offensive and reminiscent of Marie Antoinette's call for people to eat cake if they had no bread. The project was commenced with a complete disregard for safety, the legal review and permitting process and resulted in the destruction of the historic wing to make way for a vanity project that has no benefit for the people at large. It treats a national treasure line a personal property and would dwarf the White House, a symbol of democracy, with a stucture built to promote the president's personal interests. The project shoukd not be approved and instead if modernizing, the East Wing should be restored to its former state.

Name: Mary Garry
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:51 am

I am opposed to the construction of a ballroom anywhere on the White House area. Altering historic buildings without approval of agencies designed to oversee vanity projects is and should be illegal.

Name: Chris Canelake
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:54 am

I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Yurka
Date: February 18, 2026 11:01:58 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.
The American people do not need a ballroom at the White House that we'll likely never step foot in. We certainly don't need an underground bunker for the President to hide out in from the people. We need the administration to focus on the issues most important to the people, which include affordability, jobs, healthcare, equity, etc.
I would like to see the reconstruction of the East Wing exactly as it was. The demolition was done without following proper procedures or reviews. We need to make it clear that the President doesn't get to act first and ask questions later. The reconstruction deserves full environmental and financial reviews. Furthermore, the construction MUST be completed by unionized construction crews.

Name: Angela Brooks
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen O'Reilly
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:04 am

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Win Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project has nothing to do with modernization but instead is a complete destruction of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, including the President, is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Name: Carl Samuelson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:13 am

I oppose this project on the grounds that it would represent a complete break with the history and tradition of the United States. If the powerful and wealthy want to meet and play with the fate of the people in a setting that apes royalty there are existing venues or if needed a venue can be constructed on private property.

I also object on the grounds that the project was initiated without proper permits or design review. I want this project cancelled and the East wing rebuilt to its former and historic form.

Name: Barbaraa Blodgett
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:16 am

I oppose the so-called "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization or permits. It is not a modernization but a demolition of our history as Americans. Buildings house our collective memory and federal buildings in particular represent spaces that we collectively own and value as ours. It is called the People's House for that reason. I advocate for the cessation of the current project and a rebuilding of the East Wing to restore it.

Name: Maran Bacon
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization
, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Diane McMaster
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:45 am

The demolition of the East Wing is an abomination that will truly scar America in perpetuity. The only appropriate next step in the eyes of the people is to put it back as it was, ab initio! No self respecting democracy needs a guilted ballroom; only kings & dictators need such self aggrandizement. Vote for people; not power.

Name: Jordin Wagoner
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:50 am

I oppose spending 300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization permits or design review. No one is above the law allowing this project to move forward and neglecting to penalize those who broke the law is an affront to law abiding citizens. I want this project stopped and I want the East Wing restored to its original state to preserve its historical significance for our future generations to enjoy.

Name: Susan Anders
Date: February 18, 2026 11:02:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: sarah voorhies
Date: February 18, 2026 11:03:14 am

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I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-Americans.

Name: Rand Reese
Date: February 18, 2026 11:03:17 am

I do not support this project. The design is oversized and out of character for the White House grounds. The project should be stopped, the East Wing should be reconstructed to its former scale, and the grounds restored to their former state.

Name: Nancy Gilbreath
Date: February 18, 2026 11:03:21 am

Restore to original

Name: Deborah LeGros
Date: February 18, 2026 11:03:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please make it right.

Name: Sarah Baxter
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alice Ozier
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joan Allen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:24 am

The White House needs to be fully restored at the expense of trump and all the billionaires who donated to trump, obviously in exchange for contracts and special treatment.

Name: KATHY GAJDOSIK
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Monica Pielage
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Gotham
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of where the money came from. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joy VanderLek
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is property that belongs to The People, and not any one elected official.

Name: Carol DP
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:04 am

The destruction of the East Wing by the current regime is a travesty in American history. Please stand strong and decree that it be rebuilt as it was and be paid for by the personal funds of those responsible for the destruction. Thank you.

Name: Jacqui Schraad
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:11 am

I oppose this project progressing and the expenditure of any funds towards it. The courts have continued to uphold the premise that buildings that hold special historic significance transcend private ownership and are part of our common cultural heritage. We must maintain the protections these buildings are afforded, or we risk the chipping away of the very premise that safeguards our history. This project was flagrantly initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. We saw with our own eyes that the building was demolished, not modernized. No one is above the law. This project must be canceled and those that undertook its razing penalized.

Name: Susan Roberts
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:13 am

Destroying the East Wing was a violation and Trump needs to be prosecuted for that move. I think it should be restored to its original beauty. Trump needs to be dumped.

Name: Marjorie Wilhite
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:42 am

I do not support this renovation and teardown done without proper permits and public comment. This was the people’s house and never meant to be a gilded ballroom. Donald Trump is attempting to erase history across the nation.

Name: Maureen Foley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:43 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Sincerely, Maureen Foley

Name: Dave Rhodes
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Buellesbach
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:51 am

Please stop this ridiculous project. It's bad enough he has decimated the wing already. Stop spending our money on unneeded projects like this.

Name: Carin Pavish
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:59 am

I do not agree with the removal of the east wing and the construction of a ballroom. Please do not go ahead with this project and restore the east wing to it's original construction.

Name: Kristi Gomez
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:04 am

The east wing needs to be in restored in proportion to the building still standing and have the same architectural design as it did. Updating/upgrading is great but to erase history is an abomination.

Name: Jana Mjor
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history and a totally unnecessary money-pit this country cannot afford to support. This project needs to be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Jana Mjor
St Louis Park, MN

Name: Susan Shoemaker
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:12 am

I oppose the spending ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Lucchesi
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:20 am

I want the East Wing of the White House restored to what it was prior to its being torn down without any review.

Name: Charlotte Estep
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:28 am

Since I had the privilege of visiting Washington DC several times when I brought high school students to participate in the Close Up program, I became familiar with many buildings, parks, statues, and museums in DC and the surrounding areas. Since then, when news sources even movies or television programs bring the national capitol to life in my home, I see scenes claiming to be in DC are not, and that knowledge make me even prouder of the history and pride associated with the area. When I turned on the television and saw what the existing president was in the process of doing to the White House, the people's house, I cried. The person currently posing as the president of these Unites States of America has violated the established process for altering, adding to, or building new a public sites within the domain and control of the federal government agencies that protect and preserve this site. When will the agencies in charge of such actions become vocal or active enough to stop this abuse? Just as no visitor to my home can remodel it while I still own it, the sitting president is a visitor to the White House and cannot or should not be allowed to take such measures. Please restore the East Wing and put a stop to the rape of the capitol with the destruction and renaming of buildings that belong to the people not the person.

Name: Laura Talbert
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design without the use of taxpayer funds to fully restore it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The only thing to do is restore the East Wing to its former dignity and status.

Name: MICHELLE DWYER
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project unless it is to rebuild it how it was when it was illegally razed. There needs to be a study with proper authorization & design review to rebuild it the same size & style that it was. All furniture, paintings, gifts to the US need to be restored & installed again.

No one is above the law and since this was illegally torn down, anyone that authorized it should be prosecuted.

Name: Kristi Swice
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Virginia Samuelson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:47 am

The so-called "East Wing Modernization Project" is a pure vanity project. It has not gone through the proper reviews and permitting for a modification to a historic government building. Stop this nonsense immediately! Set up a commission to review the needs of our property and restore what can be restored.

Name: James Rose
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever the eventual cost becomes, as it seems never to be anything but iincreasing) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at no cost to the taxpayers; let he who ordered it pay for it or fund-raise from his billionaire enablers). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be yet another affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judith Creuz
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:03 am

I oppose the razing of the east wing and building of a ballroom to hold parties in the name of trump. This project will cost millions in taxpayer dollars and bribes from private donors. It is the destruction of history and should never have been undertaken without the guidance of congress and historical precedent. It should be discontinued immediately and rebuilt to historical standards.

Name: Joyce Hurd
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:14 am

Put it back. Put back the Rose Garden. Take down the Hobby Lobby tacky gold crap. Put back the desk. You don’t own this House, Donold. You are merely a tenant. This is our House.

Name: Patricia Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:22 am

The White House is the People’s house. Already it’s East wing has been destroyed. This ball room is taller than the White House. It’s likely more expensive than $400 million. It will be an eyesore. Let us preserve our history and the grandeur of the peoples house. Thank you.

Name: Debra Steffey
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:40 am

I oppose the spending of any money on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing built and restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be another affront to all law abiding Americans

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Name: Katherine Hamilton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:40 am

i am writing in opposition to this outrageously expensive and unnecessary project. this building does not belong to this current president. he is permitted to live in it for a four year period. he has torn down part of the property, destroying history with abandon... without bothering to get permits, proceeding on the project illegally. not only must he stop immediately but he and his oligarch friends now need to repair the property, that does not belong to them and endeavor to recover the historically important parts and pieces they have broken.
As an American citizen, I am angry and alarmed by the assumption of ownership exhibited by the actions involved in this unnecessary building project. Stop this immediately and take all steps to repair the damage.

Name: Elisabeth Magnee-Schalch
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:41 am

This project raises a lot of concerns for me in it current form. The fact that there was no urban planning prior to the East Wing being torn down. The fact there were no approved plans to build in its place, something I have to do before I can start a house remodel, was not followed. The proposed project as I have seen it feels bigger than is needed on the site. While modernization might be needed I would prefer to understand what the White House staff says is needed since they run the building itself and should have a much better idea of the challenges they run into on a daily bases. They are the custodians of the building and know now to make it work efficently for everyone. I feel like a "grand ballroom" is a lot of wasted space and a very expensive project. I would prefer to see a more usable proposal that takes into account the history of the building, the urban challenges around the White House and the needs of the White House staff.

Name: Molly Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Steensland
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:58 am

As an American, I am so outraged at the flagrant disregard and destruction of the East Wing, a treasured place in American history. Some hope it will be bulldozed after Trump is out, but what if instead, we repurposed the ballroom and the rest of this wing? We could turn it into the Institute for American Ethical Principles.

The Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC), a bunker for the president during national emergencies, could also be rebuilt below the East Wing.That part could be retained and the rest of the wing could be transformed into a school of ethics for American democracy.

All politicians would be required to attend and pass rigorous testing before serving office, like the Multistate Bar Examination, which is required before practicing law. This could give the wing a valuable and much needed purpose; to create a prerequisite for all elected officials to demonstrate mastery of ethical and legal protocols. Its previous purpose could be part of its historical relevance, telling the story about its origin, its beloved additions throughout history, its destruction during the Trump era, and its ultimate transformation into a monument of strength for Democracy and the rule of law.

The Institute for American Ethical Principles could also serve as a warning for all Americans to never allow our country to become polarized again. Its curriculum would include strategies to prevent polarization and foster collaboration among political entities. Its mission would be to ensure this terrible time in our history will never be repeated.

I wish a group of American scholars and architects would begin planning this now. Heather Cox Richardson would be my first preference as the person in charge of this effort, and hopefully continue to serve as Dean or Senior Professor.

Sincerely,
Cindy Steensland

Name: Jean White
Date: February 18, 2026 11:08:58 am

This is an outrageous abuse of power. Anyone else in this country, especially a developer, would have been fined, a stop work order issued immediately and he could have possibly been tossed in jail since this is an historic structure that DID NOT EVEN BELONG TO HIM! He is not building it for the American people, he is building it for big parties for his oligarch pals.

At a minimum, he must go through the process that every other individual or developer must. Geeze, it took me months to get all the ok's, inspections and approval for a 10' x 10' deck.

Deny him this abuse. Just say NO to the trump ballroom.

And thank you, Nat'l Trust for stepping in where the rest of us could not.

Name: Pat Hartigan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:00 am

I oppose this project. It was begun without Congressional approval, without required permits, without adequate design consultation. To procede, with so many points of illegality and/or poor judgement, is an insult to all law-abiding citizens. I oppose the spending of any money beyond what is necessary for restoring the East Wing to what it was before it was razed.

Name: James Northway
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:09 am

The demolition of the East Wing without full public engagement represents an erasure of American cultural history and undermines the principles of democracy. Public architecture, regardless of whether it is funded by taxpayer funds, requires transparent and deliberate decision-making, meaningful opportunity for citizen participation, and a design process rooted in stewardship of heritage as well as service to future generations. When these processes are sidestepped, trust is eroded, and democracy is weakened.

Steps must be taken to prevent what happened to the East Wing from ever happening again without consideration for historical preservation and public input.

Name: Rodney Strom
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:17 am

Please ensure that any addition to the White House is built in the same style and with the same type of interior decoration as the original structure. Also, any addition should not eclipse the original structure in size or visual presence and may need to be partially underground to accomplish this. Also, needs for increased parking and security required by the addition must be met in a way that melds with the original structure and grounds. Please don't allow the White house to become a "gilded palace" or the addition to be named after any living person.

Name: Scot McRoberts
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:33 am

I oppose this project.

This is not a modernization project. It is the razing of an historic public property without oversight or authorization.

The East Wing should be restored to it’s previous state, and those responsible for the damage should be held accountable.

Name: Dana McCoy
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cheryl C
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:46 am

I oppose the project to to continue demolition of the east wing and proceeding to rebuild. Instead I want to see the East Wing rebuilt to its former historical status. Proper procedures should have and should be followed when it comes to destroying and or replacing national historic buildings, monuments, etc.

Name: Nancy Hardenbergh
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:49 am

I strongly oppose the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the White House. Please stop this demolition project now and require the rebuilding of what was destroyed. In my former small town, anyone who changed a protected building without permission was forced to rebuild what had been destroyed. The White House belongs to all of us, not just the current occupant. If renovations need to be made, that decision belongs to a broader constituency. Thank you.

Name: Vicki Gowin
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Rezac
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:00 am

Please rebuild the East wing as it was before it was destroyed. That wing is an essential part of the people’s house and represented the influence of the First Ladies. The wished for ballroom is unnecessary and does not belong in that section.

Name: Virginia MacCallum
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:07 am

I want the East Wing restored to its former design and not rebuilt with taxpayer dollars, but by Citizen Trump dollars solely. This is an affront to historic preservation and the preservation of The People's building. Additionally, funding for the original modification should be investigated, traced and viewed as corruption of our government and the President should be prosecuted.

Name: Dana McCoy
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Savas
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:21 am

I want this project canceled. It is a totally unnecessary addition to the White House. Just because one man wants it to self-aggrandize does not mean the building that belongs to all the people of the United States should be changed. I find this whole situation unacceptable and the project should not be approved.

Name: Joyce Ruitenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:34 am

I object to the construction of the Trump ballroom and want the East Wing of the White House restored. No president should have the right to destroy public property without the proper permission and approval. Stop the construction of this unnecessary monstrosity!

Name: Davida Napoleon
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:54 am

To my mind, "modernization" means updating the plumbing. It is not acceptable to tear down part of the people's house and construct something out of step with the rest of the building, Worse, this will not be tasteful 21st century architecture. We can be sure the addition would be as tasteless and gaudy as the changes this president has made inside the existing structure,

There is also the general principle: No president should feel free to destroy anything the people own. This is the act of a hoodlum that should not be rewarded with permission to create whatever he likes in its place. He should be required to replace it as it was at his own expense. And the gold leaf within should be removed until the house represents what once was a great country.

Please do not allow this to go forward.

Name: Dan Wasil
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:55 am

We The People are horrified by the wanton, unprecedented destruction of Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden, and the utterly incomprehensible destruction of the East Wing. The proposed "design" is non-existent, and is meant as a tribute to autocracy.

This will not stand.

We demand that Our Rose Garden be immediately restored, and the restitution of the East Wing be immediately undertaken at the expense of Donald Trump, et al.

It is not often one encounters a horror so universally reviled: it is your task to enforce Our rules about this. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

Dan

Name: Julia McMurray
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patty Nunn
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Patricia Nunn

Name: Anne Plant
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:13 am

The "People's House" should be respected for its historical significance and as a symbol of national unity and pride. Modifications must be undertaken in a respectful manner. Modernization must be consistent with a clearly articulated need, the architectural character of the existing White House structure, and the best intentions for the American people. This is not what is happening. The East Wing was demolished without appropriate permitting or safety oversight. And the current plans for the new wing are monstrously out of proportion with the existing structure. The White House is, in the words of Jackie Kennedy "a house that belongs to all the American people". But it should be admitted unequivocally that this is a vanity project being undertaking by an individual who holds his personal interests and ego above the needs of the American people. The fact he is soliciting massive financial contributions from industry titans is an indication that this project is intended to demonstrate his personal influence over wealthy influential business organizations. This is un-American and dangerous to our democracy. While the architectural changes should not be allowed, the intention behind this project should also be soundingly rejected.

Name: Sheryl Hinman
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:23 am

The design must emphasize flexibility. Adaptable office space for the First Lady or First Gentleman and their staff is essential, as is infrastructure that can accommodate expanding technological demands.
If a ballroom or large ceremonial space is included, the design should avoid excessive ornamentation that restricts its usefulness. Large spaces should be easily divisible and adaptable for a wide range of purposes. Future presidents may want to use the space to host exhibitions highlighting scientific, educational, or business innovation. Designing for adaptability reduces the likelihood of costly renovations as presidential priorities, staffing needs, and technologies evolve.

Architectural detailing should reflect the restrained elegance long associated with the White House. Restoration completed in the 1960s reinforced the White House as a symbol of historical continuity rather than personal expression. That principle should guide this project as well.
Finally, attention must be given to the surrounding landscape. The removal of the Kennedy Rose Garden generated significant public concern and disappointment, reflecting how deeply Americans value the White House grounds as part of our national heritage.

Over time, multiple First Ladies and distinguished American gardeners shaped the Rose Garden into a place of beauty and symbolism that resonated deeply with the American public as part of their shared national experience. Reestablishing a rose garden would acknowledge the enduring influence of Jacqueline Kennedy, whose commitment to historical design helped reaffirm the White House as a national cultural symbol. Thoughtful landscaping would respect public sentiment and demonstrate that modernization and cherished American history can coexist.

Name: Jeanne Crevier
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:23 am

Re: Formal Opposition to the Proposed East Wing Renovation Project

Dear Executive Director and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to formally oppose the current administration's proposed project to demolish and reconstruct the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or design review — and it must be stopped.

This is not a renovation. The 123-year-old East Wing has stood as part of one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in the country, and tearing it down without following the required legal process is simply wrong.

It would be a travesty to allow the proposed "ballroom" project that overwhelms the White House to proceed. At 90,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, it would dwarf the White House.

I urge the Commission to take the following actions:

Halt the project immediately pending a full review of all authorizations, permits, and design approvals.
Require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act.
Mandate restoration of the East Wing to its original design, consistent with the historic character of the White House complex.
Hold accountable those who proceeded with demolition or construction work without proper legal authority.

No one is above the law — not even the occupants of the White House. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that legal processes can be ignored by those in power. That is an affront to every law-abiding American and to the institutions designed to protect our national landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has both the authority and the obligation to intervene. I urge you to act decisively and without delay.

Thank you.
Jeanne Crevier

Name: Darryl Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Connelly
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:41 am

I want this project cancelled

Name: Barb Rosenthal
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Scott Noring
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:57 am

Hi,

I have reviewed the latest legal rulings in the Balroon construction. I am deeply opposed to the ballroom construction project and appalled that the historic East Wond was demolished with little to no regard for its history, legal status nor public opinion.

Please stop this project and let’s come up with a public majority supported replacement for the East wing.

Sincerely,
Scott Noring

Name: Rodney Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 11:12:22 am

The White House does not need a ballroom. And it definitely does not need on at the expense of tearing down the East Wing. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing can be rebuilt and restored to its former design at a later date. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: B. J. Wright
Date: February 18, 2026 11:12:33 am

I greatly oppose this “modernization” project. Spending this type of money is an outrageous waste when we have so many Americans living on the streets and without healthcare. There are many other areas where this type of money should be used. This is a disgrace on the building and the building should be returned to its former beauty with any needs for improvement to the integrity of the building be completed.

Name: Martha Gianelli
Date: February 18, 2026 11:12:48 am

Please scrap this expensive, unnecessary and unauthorized project. If possible restore as it was or update but no fancy ballroom. Thank you.

Name: Kevin Gagen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:12:54 am

This project was initiated illegally and immorally by Trump. The only acceptable option is to restore the East Wing, on its original footprint, based on the prior construction, require any and all future "renovations" be approved by Congress, and, penalize the current administration for illegally tampering with a sacred, public monument.

Name: Robin Lofquist
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:04 am

Do not approve Trump's tasteless ridiculous ballroom. It will dwarf the White House and it offends the lovely aesthetic of DC architecture that prevailed before this vulgar talking yam was elected. Us voters do not want or need this Crime against design. Thank you!

Name: Deborah Maxey
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:40 am

I don't believe that billionaires should donate money for a ballroom. Because I believe & consider it to be more of a bribe. I don't think Trump has the knowledge to be in charge of this project. I personally don't think that Trump should be

allowed to be within ten feet of the project plans for the Wing or the ballroom. Nor the workers or anyone that has to do with the rebuilding of what Trump illegally tore down.

Name: Lisbeth Fried
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:51 am

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing as a taxpaying citizen to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new ballroom in place of the former East Wing. This proposal represents, in my view, a deeply misguided use of public resources and an alarming departure from the architectural integrity and civic responsibility that projects of this magnitude should embody.

Our nation's capital is defined by thoughtful planning, historic continuity, and respect for the public realm. Replacing an existing structure with an oversized, ostentatious ballroom risks creating a visual and symbolic intrusion rather than an enhancement. At a time when there are far more pressing public needs, allocating taxpayer funds to such a project feels not only unnecessary but irresponsible.

Beyond cost concerns, there is also the matter of precedent. Approving a project that prioritizes spectacle over stewardship undermines the very principles your Commission is tasked with protecting—beauty, appropriateness, and harmony within the monumental core of Washington.

I urge you to reject this proposal and instead advocate for solutions that respect both the historic context and the taxpayers who ultimately bear the financial burden. Public trust depends on decisions that demonstrate restraint, wisdom, and genuine public benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Mike Cunt
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:52 am

Install a golden toilet every 3 feet, so that Glorious Leader can avoid another one of his accidents.

Name: Belinda England
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:59 am

Restore the East Wing of the White House to its original design. There is absolutely no need for a ballroom. It should never have been destroyed!

Name: Jeanette Levine
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Timothy Spies
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:30 am

This project must be stopped. The proposed ballroom would dominate the White House and the surrounding grounds. It is inappropriate historically and visually. The ballroom has nothing to do with the improvement of the current facilities, but is solely for the glorification of the current president. Gross mismanagement to date include the unadvertised demolition of the historic East Wing, clear cutting of large historic trees, and the release of asbestos. Please stop this vanity project.

Name: Robert Jenkins
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:32 am

To whom it may concern: A native Washingtonian (James Garfield Hospital, 1943), I strongly object to this destruction of our local -- and national -- heritage.

As others have noted, no approval from the relevant authorities was requested for either the demolition of the East Wing nor the proposed construction in its stead. The demolition and proposed, out-of-scale, project are simply the whim of one man who has repeatedly shown that he believes himself above the law.

I trust that your concern for your duties will have you take appropriate action, such as permanently halting construction of the unneeded and disproportionate "ballroom". Despite the title of this matter, this is no "Modernization" project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert N. Jenkins
St. Petersburg, FL

Name: Quita Ryder
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:32 am

I have used the comments of Anara Guard as she writes my sentiments exactly.
" I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

This is the people's house, not the president's and he should not have the last word on what happens to it.

Name: Margo Middlemas
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rachael Barker
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:44 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated against the law (no proper authorization, permits, or design review). It is a waste of time, effort, energy, and money to erase history, whether funds were privately raised or not. This is the People's House, not the current president's. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. This project should not continue and consequences should be imposed for those who broke the law.

Name: K Church
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:46 am

To whom it may concern,

I absolutely oppose the renovations to the East Wing. This project was not vetted through the people of the USA, nor have detailed plans of the public spaces been released to the public. I also object to the funding of any renovation this large by the massive donor action of anyone without prior public approval. The White House is a symbol of the nation both in its modest proportions and its historic interior. While upgrades should be made, they should not include giant project which destroy that history for all time. This is a travesty in the name of vanity. The people of the USA do not need

to expand the budget of the White House to include massive state dinners in ball rooms with dubious security implications.

The history of the country is not up for capricious renovation. I insist that the 300 million that was pledged by the donors be used to rebuild the East Wing as it was with necessary upgrades only.

Thank you for your time,

Kimberlee Church
Romulus, NY

Name: Daniel Rouleau
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia T Hollifield
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:53 am

Can't believe it was torn down without a plan. I would like for it to be replaced as it was. Thank you

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Name: sue dolsen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:56 am

A ballroom is superfluos and prohibit ally expensive. It is the Peoples House not the wealthy domain.

Name: Terry Farmer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:14:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization proiect but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this proiect canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joanne Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:08 am

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on "modernization" of the East Wing. The White House is a majestic landmark with historic significance and any changes to it (including the east and west wings) must be done with the proper authorization, permits, and design review and should be in keeping with the design of the original design. This ballroom proposal would dwarf the White House and completely alter the significance of the current structure, making a mockery of the designation that this is "The People's House" and would turn 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue into Versailles, USA or more significantly, The Hermitage, USA.

Name: Jill Mann
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:19 am

I object to the construction of a ballroom on the site of the former east wing. A reconstruction honoring the past while looking to the future in design while returning the wing to its former function is what I would like to see.

Name: debby sommer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Palen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:25 am

I vehemently I oppose spending upwards of 300 million on an another trump vanity project - his “ballroom”. Instead,I propose that the East Wing be re-constructed at Trump’s expense using the money he allegedly raised for the ill conceived ballroom- another unilateral decision on his part alone. He is a temporary resident of the White House. Not the owner.

John Palen

Name: Marcia Powers
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:27 am

I oppose this project. The White House should not be touched without following proper procedure. The American taxpayers should have to authorize the spending of over $300 million of OUR money! And where are the building floor plans and competitive bids? Sounds like more corruption.

Name: Amy Leonard
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:38 am

The White House is the People's House. No resident (president or other) has the right to mold it to their desired image. It's a historic landmark that MUST go through the proper channels for any renovation (or in this case, destruction). This desecration of a national symbol must be stopped and the original wing brought back as much as it can be. This blatant act of selfishness has outraged the country, regardless of political stance, and must be rectified. No one is above the law, much as our current president likes to think he is.

Name: Gary Katona
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:55 am

This is nothing but a vanity project by the TEMPORARY occupant of the White House. It's an abomination to the history and culture of our country that, if completed, we will be forced to live with for "eternity because of the costs to reverse course and dismantle it.

Name: Sandra Aery
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:03 am

I strongly oppose the 300 million dollar reconstruction of the West Wing people’s house, the White House, without historical overview and oversight in keeping of its continuity to the entire White House

Name: Anna Askari
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:08 am

This construction should not go forward. The citizens of the USA had no knowledge of the president’s plan to destroy a piece of our history, nor have we had any say in the creation of a monstrosity of a so-called ballroom. The president did not go through the legal process for this construction and he should not be allowed to break the law any more!

Name: Christy Kremm
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:43 am

It was so shocking that this administration demolished the East Wing. They didn't look for permission to demolish nor to build a ballroom. I strongly oppose this ballroom! The East Wing should be rebuilt for the purposes is was there for prior to demolition. The "donations" or the person(s) responsible for the demoltion should pay to rebuild it. The tax payers shouldn't have to pay to rebuild something that was illegally demolished.

Name: Judi Eastman
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:46 am

I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

Because this funding was procured without transparency, there is no public trust that the funding—which has already increased by $100 million—will actually be secured and the final cost will not be ultimately be paid by taxpayers.

The plans that have been shared are disproportionately large, palatial in style, and conflict with the historic and priceless humility that has defined the “people’s house.”

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Laurel Fleck
Date: February 18, 2026 11:17:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carl Johengen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:17:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Any suggestion that this is a "modernization project" is beyond laughable. The lack of respect for the White House that has been displayed by its current occupant has been demonstrated over and over, but never moreso than the illegal demolishing of the entire East Wing, in an attempt to create a lasting memorial to himself. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project

to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I sincerely hope that the NCPC and all other relevant agencies prosecute the offenders with the full force of law.

Name: John Salomone
Date: February 18, 2026 11:17:32 am

To the Commissioners of the NCPC,

Having served a career in the US military, I have a certain perspective on what it means to be America and American that is somewhat different from that of most of my fellow citizens. I have had the privilege of representing the United States while serving almost half of my career overseas, during both war and peace. It is clear to me from my interactions with foes and allies that the world looks to the United States to lead. Some would believe that a boisterous demonstration of our strength is the best way to do this, but my experience tells me otherwise. The source of the United States' strength, and its credibility, is not in its hard power, but in its enduring commitment to the rule of law and the primacy of the People in our democracy. Countries where the people have no control over the direction of their government always rely on hard power and coercion to attempt to effect their will internationally. They build grand monuments to their leaders, have grand military parades to show the world their weapons, and with grand temerity, suppress the voices of their people to try to show domestic and foreign audiences their strength. Yet to the world, these grand displays only reinforce these countries' weakness. The United States need not and should not try to put on display its wealth in a grand White House ballroom. There are plenty of other venues to hold celebrations and diplomatic engagements in Washington--this is proved by the dozens of inaugural balls held simultaneously every four years. And we especially do not need an addition of this magnitude next to the White House, which has been a symbol of the People's power in our country since it was constructed. It's quiet elegance has spoken loudly for generations. We do not need a new ballroom to bleat in the ears of the world how rich and powerful we are.

Name: Melody Stephens
Date: February 18, 2026 11:17:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret McFarlin
Date: February 18, 2026 11:17:48 am

This project was not authorized and should not be completed. The White House is the People's House and the people don't need or want this projected ballroom. It is simply a vanity project that needs to be scrapped. The East Wing should be restored to its past historical significance.

Name: Kathleen Lundsteen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:18:17 am

I not only oppose but am EXTREMELY AGAINST the spending of the ghastly amount of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated ILLEGALLY without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Because of this a piece of beautiful American history over 100 years old has been erased and demolished and bulldozed as if it was garbage. This project should be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, not the gaudy fake trump design, but the elegant, tasteful design before him. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all those who abide by the law. This is the people’s house. Not trump’s house, and he had NO RIGHTS WHATSOEVER to damage and destroy it in the way that he has done!!

Name: Madeleine Sanders
Date: February 18, 2026 11:18:22 am

As a concerned American I do not approve of building a costly 90,000 sq ft lavish ballroom.

Name: Alan Waltner
Date: February 18, 2026 11:18:28 am

Comments of Alan Waltner Regarding the East Wing Modernization Project, Submitted on February 18, 2026
National Capital Planning Commission File Number 8733, March 5, 2026 Agenda

Introduction

The White House is by far the most iconic and historic building in the United States. Quite literally, much if not most of the history of this nation has been written there. It in fact is a symbol of the country itself, one that quite likely was the target that had been chosen by the terrorists as the intended destination of the fourth plane on 9/11 (the Capitol building being the other most likely possibility).

Constructed beginning in 1792 and first occupied by President John Adams in 1800, the White House has served as the seat of executive authority for more than two centuries. It was burned by British forces in 1814 during the War of 1812 and rebuilt, symbolizing national resilience in the face of foreign attack. Its walls have witnessed the Civil War and the preservation of the Union; the Reconstruction era; the Industrial Revolution; the Great Depression, during which Franklin Roosevelt reshaped the social contract; the mobilization for two World Wars; the Cold War and the nuclear age; the civil rights movement; and the response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Architecturally, the building has evolved through multiple phases—originally designed by James Hoban in a restrained neoclassical style, later expanded with the West Wing in 1902 and the East Wing in stages beginning in 1909 and expanded during World War II. The Truman Reconstruction (1948–1952) required a near-total interior rebuilding to prevent structural collapse, yet the historic exterior was preserved as an act of national continuity. At each inflection point, preservation of the building's symbolic and architectural integrity has been treated as a matter of state. It is not simply a residence; it is a physical embodiment of constitutional governance.
There isn't a word that adequately describes the vandalism of this national treasure. Abomination describes the result. Horror describes the reaction of many. Travesty perhaps best encompasses the act of vandalism itself, the demolition of a major part of the building late last year. This comment letter will have to settle for "travesty". "Tragedy" will also be used.

There are of course laws that should have prevented this tragedy. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Article I of the Constitution. But like many other things that have happened in this Administration, the Founding Fathers, previous Congresses, and others simply did not anticipate something like this. And if the fourth plane on 9/11 had done to the East Wing what the wrecking crew has done now, the resulting war would have undoubtedly been even greater than it was.

In fact, Congress established a special purpose agency precisely directed to steward these resources. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) was established as an independent agency in 1924, reflecting the importance of the protection of our historic legacy in the District of Columbia. As a relatively young country, we have comparatively few historic resources when measured against most other modern nations, making the ones we have even more precious.

In 1924, the Commission began as the National Capital Park Commission, later reorganized and renamed in 1952, to safeguard the federal interest in the planning and development of the nation's capital. Structured as an independent federal agency with a mixed membership of executive and legislative appointees, the Commission was designed to insulate long-range planning from transient political pressures. Its statutory mandate includes reviewing federal development projects within the National Capital Region to ensure consistency with comprehensive plans, preservation of historic character, and protection of symbolic federal resources. The Commission's role is not ornamental; it is a structural guardrail intended to prevent precisely the kind of unilateral alteration of nationally significant civic architecture at issue here.

Enacted in 1969, the National Environmental Policy Act represents Congress's declaration that major federal actions significantly affecting the human environment must be preceded by informed analysis and public disclosure. NEPA does not dictate outcomes; it mandates disciplined decision-making. Before committing resources irreversibly, federal agencies must consider environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives, and cumulative effects. The statute's core premise is temporal: analysis must precede commitment. When historic fabric is demolished prior to environmental review, the statutory purpose is inverted, and alternatives are rendered illusory.

The procedural deficiencies here are legion and many revolve around the “irretrievable commitment” of this historic resource to the dustbin, apparently without following any of the required procedures at all. With this introduction, we next will go into greater detail on NEPA. That will be followed by the NCPC and NHPA. We will mostly leave to others the Constitutional violations (the Appropriations Clause, the Take Care Clause, the Emoluments Clause, the Presentment Clause, the Separation of Powers Doctrine more broadly).

The current review that you are undertaking is better late than never. But it must be meaningful. It must not be a post hoc ratification of decisions already executed, nor a procedural waypoint on the path to construction of a trophy ballroom that further forecloses lawful alternatives.

II. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., is the federal government’s foundational procedural safeguard requiring environmental review before major federal actions are taken. NEPA does not dictate substantive outcomes. It requires something more fundamental: informed decision-making before irreversible commitments are made. Agencies must identify a project’s purpose and need, evaluate reasonable alternatives, assess environmental impacts—including aesthetic and cultural impacts—and disclose those findings to the public before approving actions that significantly affect the human environment. 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C).

NEPA’s definition of the “human environment” is broad. CEQ regulations make clear that environmental effects include aesthetic, cultural, and historic impacts, not merely physical pollution or ecological disturbance. See 40 C.F.R. § 1508.1(g), (i). The visual character of nationally significant civic architecture, the alteration of an iconic landscape, and the removal of longstanding structural fabric fall within the realm of effects that NEPA was designed to bring into the open before federal decisions are finalized. The fact that the Project concerns architecture rather than air emissions does not remove it from NEPA’s procedural discipline.

The sequence matters. Environmental review must precede commitment, not follow it. Here, demolition of the East Wing structure occurred before any publicly identifiable NEPA analysis. The White House’s February 6 letter to the Commission articulating “purpose and need” post-dates that demolition. The Commission is now poised to approve preliminary and final site and building plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722. Each step narrows the range of available alternatives. The central question is whether NEPA’s procedural requirements were satisfied before these actions foreclosed meaningful choice. They clearly have not.

A. NEPA Applies to the Commission’s Discretionary Approval Under 40 U.S.C. § 8722

NEPA requires that “all agencies of the Federal Government” include in every recommendation or report on proposals for “major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment” a detailed environmental statement. 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C). The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations define “major Federal action” to include agency approvals and authorizations that enable projects to proceed. 40 C.F.R. § 1508.1(q).

The Commission’s scheduled approval of preliminary and final site and building plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722 constitutes such an authorization. It is not advisory. It is a statutory approval required before construction proceeds. Where an agency exercises discretion to approve or disapprove a project, NEPA applies. See 40 C.F.R. §§ 1501.1(a), 1508.1(q).

The Commission’s enabling statute confirms that it evaluates whether proposed developments represent a “major change in the character or intensity of an existing use in the environs.” That evaluative judgment is discretionary. Discretionary federal approvals fall squarely within NEPA’s scope.

Notably, the March 5 agenda materials and publicly available project documentation contain no identifiable discussion of NEPA compliance. There is no reference to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or categorical exclusion determination. NEPA compliance is ordinarily documented in the administrative record before approval is granted. Silence in this context is significant.

If NEPA review has been conducted, it should be disclosed and incorporated into the record prior to Commission action. If no such review has occurred, the Commission’s approval would constitute a major federal action undertaken without the procedural safeguards required by statute.

B. Connected Actions and Segmentation

NEPA requires agencies to consider connected, cumulative, and similar actions together in a single environmental review. 40 C.F.R. § 1501.9(e)(1). Actions are "connected" if they are interdependent parts of a larger action or cannot proceed unless other actions are taken. 40 C.F.R. § 1501.9(e)(1).

The demolition of the East Wing and the proposed ballroom construction are interdependent components of a single modernization project. Demolition began on October 20, 2025. Within days, the East Wing was substantially removed. Photographs published in late October and November 2025 show the structure leveled and debris cleared. Formal renderings and project materials were submitted for NCPC review months later, culminating in the Commission's March 5 proposed action.

Demolition was not an isolated maintenance activity. It was a necessary precondition to construction of the ballroom. Construction cannot proceed without demolition; demolition occurred for the purpose of enabling construction. The actions are therefore connected within the meaning of NEPA.

An agency may not segment a single project into component parts to avoid comprehensive environmental review. Treating demolition as distinct from the subsequent site and building plan approval would improperly narrow the scope of analysis and foreclose alternatives before they could be meaningfully evaluated.

C. Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

NEPA expressly requires agencies to evaluate "any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources" involved in a proposed action. 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C)(v). The statute's focus is temporal: environmental analysis must precede commitments that foreclose alternatives.

Demolition of a historic structure is, by definition, irreversible. Once the East Wing was removed, alternatives involving preservation, adaptive reuse, partial rehabilitation, or redesign were eliminated. Any documentation of the East Wing (photographs, narratives, etc.) can no longer be done. The articulation of "purpose and need" in the February 6 letter occurred after demolition had already taken place. That inversion of sequence bears directly on whether alternatives were meaningfully available when decisions were made.

The Commission's forthcoming approval of final site and building plans represents an additional commitment of resources. Each successive action further constrains the range of available alternatives. NEPA does not permit agencies to create a fait accompli and then conduct environmental review of the narrowed reality.

D. Purpose and Need Must Precede Commitment

CEQ regulations require agencies to define the purpose and need for a proposed action, which in turn shapes the range of reasonable alternatives that must be considered. See 40 C.F.R. § 1502.13 (purpose and need). Purpose and need are not post hoc justifications; they are the analytical starting point for environmental review.

The February 6 letter articulates the purpose and need for the ballroom project months after demolition occurred. When demolition precedes articulation of purpose and need, the range of alternatives is necessarily constrained. Alternatives involving preservation or significant modification were no longer available once demolition was completed. That sequencing undermines the core procedural discipline NEPA is designed to impose.

E. Absence of Identifiable NEPA Documentation

NEPA review ordinarily culminates in one of three documented outcomes:

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C);
An Environmental Assessment (EA) leading to a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), 40 C.F.R. § 1501.5; or
A documented categorical exclusion (CatEx), 40 C.F.R. § 1501.4.

No such documentation appears in the publicly available record prior to the Commission's March 5 action. If a categorical exclusion has been invoked, the specific exclusion and any extraordinary circumstances analysis should be disclosed. If an EA or EIS has been prepared, it should be identified and made available to the public before Commission approval.

In the absence of identifiable NEPA documentation, proceeding with approval would compound an already significant

procedural deficiency.

F. Relief is Within the Commission's Authority

While demolition cannot be undone, further construction and site alteration remain prospective. The Commission retains discretion to defer action pending compliance with NEPA's procedural requirements. The Commission should not approve final plans until the statutory sequencing required by NEPA has been satisfied.

III. The Commission's Independent Planning Obligations and the Limited Scope of the NHPA Exemption

The foregoing discussion addresses the Commission's obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA operates independently of the National Historic Preservation Act. Even if the White House is exempt from Section 106 consultation pursuant to 54 U.S.C. § 307104, that exemption does not resolve the Commission's separate statutory responsibilities under the National Capital Planning Act, nor does it eliminate the Commission's obligation to exercise meaningful planning judgment before approving federal development.

NCPC has indicated that projects affecting the White House and its grounds are not subject to NHPA's Section 106 process. That statement is accurate as far as it goes. The statute exempts the White House from the Historic Preservation division of Title 54. But that exemption is textually confined to that division. It does not suspend the Commission's planning authority under 40 U.S.C. § 8722, nor does it insulate Commission approvals from other applicable procedural statutes.

The presence of an express exemption in one statute underscores the absence of a comparable exemption elsewhere. Congress chose to remove the White House from the NHPA framework. It did not remove the White House—or Commission approvals affecting it—from NEPA or from the National Capital Planning Act. The Commission must therefore exercise its independent planning judgment within the confines of the statutes that continue to apply.

A. The National Capital Planning Commission and the National Historic Preservation Act

Congress created the Commission to safeguard the federal interest in the planning and development of the Nation's Capital. The Commission's statutory authority, now codified at 40 U.S.C. § 8701 et seq., requires federal agencies to submit certain development proposals within the National Capital Region for Commission approval. Under 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), preliminary and final site and building plans must be approved before construction proceeds.

The Commission's review is not ministerial. The statute directs the Commission to evaluate whether proposed developments represent a "major change in the character or intensity of an existing use in the environs," and to consult accordingly. That evaluative function confirms that the Commission exercises discretionary judgment in approving federal development projects. The Commission's role is thus a structural safeguard against unilateral alteration of nationally significant civic resources.

B. The NHPA Exemption Is Narrow and Textually Limited

NCPC has stated that the White House and its grounds are exempt from the National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA"), citing 54 U.S.C. § 307104. That provision states:

"Nothing in this division [Historic Preservation] applies to the White House and its grounds, the Supreme Court building and its grounds, or the United States Capitol and its related buildings and grounds."

The statute is explicit and limited. It exempts the White House from NHPA—including the Section 106 consultation process. That exemption is acknowledged here.

But the statute says nothing more.
It does not exempt the White House from NEPA.
It does not exempt NCPC from its statutory review obligations.
It does not suspend the Administrative Procedure Act.
It does not transform discretionary approvals into nonreviewable acts.

The exemption is confined to "this division"—that is, the Historic Preservation division of Title 54. It cannot reasonably be read as a blanket procedural dispensation extending to other statutes.

C. Expressio Unius and the Limits of the Statutory Exemption from the NHPA

Congress knew how to draft exemptions when it wished to do so. It did so explicitly in 54 U.S.C. § 307104. It did not enact a comparable exemption within the National Environmental Policy Act or within the National Capital Planning Act.

Under the settled maxim expressio unius est exclusio alterius, the expression of one exemption implies the exclusion of others. When Congress expressly exempts a facility from one statutory regime but remains silent as to others, that silence is meaningful.
What is significant here is not merely what § 307104 does—but what it does not do.

The presence of a narrow NHPA exemption underscores the absence of any comparable exemption from NEPA or from NCPC's own statutory review responsibilities. The Commission may not extend a limited historic preservation carve-out into a general shield against environmental review or procedural discipline.

D. The NHPA Exemption Does Not Eliminate Planning Responsibility

Even accepting that Section 106 consultation does not apply to the White House, the Commission remains obligated to exercise its independent planning authority under 40 U.S.C. § 8722. The Commission has stated that it will consider policies set forth in the Historic Preservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, including policies related to viewsheds, public spaces, and landscapes.

Those policy considerations are not optional aesthetics. They are part of the statutory framework governing development in the National Capital Region. The Commission's duty to balance Comprehensive Plan policies against project needs confirms that its review is substantive and discretionary.

The exemption from NHPA does not eliminate the Commission's responsibility to evaluate the broader character, intensity, and contextual impacts of the Project within the environs of the Executive Residence.

E. The Timing of Demolition Clearly Inverts the Required Process

Although NHPA does not apply, the timing of demolition remains relevant to the integrity of the Commission's review process. Demolition of the East Wing began on October 20, 2025, months before the Commission's scheduled consideration of preliminary and final site and building plans.

When demolition precedes Commission approval, the range of available alternatives is necessarily narrowed. While Congress exempted the White House from Section 106 consultation, it did not authorize the erosion of the Commission's own planning function through faits accomplis that constrain meaningful review.

The Commission's review should not be reduced to ratification of actions already taken. The statutory structure contemplates evaluation before irreversible alteration, not after.

IV. Conclusion

The White House is not merely an executive residence. It is a national symbol whose physical form reflects the continuity of constitutional governance across wars, depressions, civil unrest, and generational change. Decisions affecting that structure are not ordinary construction approvals. They carry institutional weight.

Congress anticipated that weight. It created the National Capital Planning Commission to serve as a structural safeguard in the planning and development of the Nation's Capital. It enacted NEPA to ensure that federal agencies take a disciplined, transparent look at environmental consequences before committing resources irreversibly. It enacted a limited exemption from the National Historic Preservation Act for the White House—but only for that statute, and only to the extent expressly stated.

Here, demolition of the East Wing began on October 20, 2025, months before the Commission's scheduled approval of preliminary and final site and building plans. The articulation of "purpose and need" in the February 6 letter post-dates that demolition. The publicly available materials contain no identifiable NEPA documentation—no Environmental Assessment, no Environmental Impact Statement, no Finding of No Significant Impact, and no disclosed categorical exclusion determination. If such documentation exists, it has not been incorporated into the record before Commission action.

The sequence matters. NEPA requires environmental review before irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources are made. 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(C). It requires connected actions to be considered together. 40 C.F.R. §§ 1501.9(e), 1508.1(g). It requires articulation of purpose and need before alternatives are foreclosed. 40 C.F.R. § 1502.13. When demolition precedes review, and when approval follows without disclosed analysis, the statutory discipline designed to protect informed decision-making is inverted.
The NHPA exemption in 54 U.S.C. § 307104 does not cure these defects. That exemption is narrow and confined to the Historic Preservation division of Title 54. It does not eliminate the Commission's independent planning obligations under 40 U.S.C. § 8722. It does not exempt the White House from NEPA. It does not transform discretionary federal approvals into post hoc ratifications.

The Commission's forthcoming action is therefore premature. Approval of preliminary and final site and building plans in the absence of documented NEPA compliance would represent a major federal action undertaken without the procedural safeguards required by statute. It would further narrow alternatives and compound the sequencing defects already present.

The Commission retains discretion. While demolition cannot be undone, further construction and site alteration remain prospective. The Commission must defer action until NEPA compliance is demonstrated and incorporated into the administrative record. Doing so would not dictate any particular substantive outcome. It would simply restore the statutory order that Congress prescribed: review before commitment, transparency before approval.

In matters affecting the most iconic civic structure in the Nation, adherence to that order is not optional. It is the minimum that the law requires.

Attachment

Name: Aimee Hutyra
Date: February 18, 2026 11:18:31 am

The White House belongs to the American people, not one man. One man does not have the authority to make changes based on his wants.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding
citizens.

Name: Alyra Krugh
Date: February 18, 2026 11:18:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As most of the individuals behind this project are already escaping justice of other laws they broke, I feel like all Americans will see the continuance of this project as another part of our government that does not work for our people, but protects the interests of those that are hurting us.

Name: Jody wilkinson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:19:00 am

I'm sad that a historical building is being demolished to create a vanity space for a potential dictator. No president in history has done anything but revere the meaning of this space. This is the people's house. I oppose this "modernization" project.

Name: Martha Castillo
Date: February 18, 2026 11:19:43 am

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I only wish I had had the opportunity to comment on the demolition before our White House was defaced. At this point, we can only fantasize that the addition will be in good taste. In reality, we can only expect an opulent, gaudy extravaganza as only the Orange god can create. I don't know that there is anything anyone can do at this point to steer this project to an aesthetically, architecturally significant finish.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I wish this project could be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I never thought I'd see the day that I would be ashamed of government.

Name: Karissa Barber
Date: February 18, 2026 11:19:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Full stop. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the systems we have put in place to ensure that decisions are not taken to serve one overinflated ego bent on revenge, retribution, and gilt framing.

Name: Kathryn Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:10 am

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, required permits, or a formal design review. This is not a modernization effort; it amounts to the complete demolition of an important part of our nation’s history. I urge that the project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be reconstructed and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this work to proceed without holding those responsible accountable would be a disservice to every law-abiding American.

Name: Yvonne Dawdy
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:14 am

I dare say this is a one person vanity project. I am appalled at the wreckage of our sacred White House for this expensive vanity project. Needless to say I don’t think this should go forward; our East Wing should be restored. This is NOT one person’s house- this is OUR house.

Name: SUSAN GRIFFIN
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:26 am

This project is a visual metaphor for the train wreck that is the current administration: ignoring protocol; destroy now, answer (maybe) later; grift and graft; tearing asunder relevant history if it can somehow either add to the coffers of provide a distraction.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, at the president's expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ashley Gray
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debra Di Turi-Dini
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Cornell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to erase American history prior to current administration and an opportunity create more gilded opulence for a President who has no regard for the American voters.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens and voters.

Name: Megan Tschannen-Moran
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Craig Keyzer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:51 am

I hope whatever is done is torn down and rebuilt back to the way it was before Trump was in office. While you're at it please rip up the concrete patio and put back the rose garden!

Name: Nora McCarville
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:01 am

I am totally, completely AGAINST this project. Tearing the original East Wing down without proper permitting and submission of project plans is against the law and against historical preservation. Since this was never an "approved" project by any entity on our government, any further construction needs to be stopped and the East Wing of the People's House, the White House, restored to its original state. Donald Trump, personally, should be fined and made to pay for the reconstruction.

Name: Lynda Carson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:02 am

I object to the lack of approval from the proper entities the Trump administration has for this project. The work is therefore illegal and should stop until such legal approval is sought and given. If this does not occur, then the East Wing should be rebuild to its original structure at the personal expense of President Trump. His action shows a lack of respect

for the very important fact that that the White House is the people's house and he must seek the approval of the representative bodies of the American people.

Name: Mary Glassanos
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy Kessler
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:04 am

I very strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is the people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Megan Taft-Porter
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:31 am

This project was not properly approved or permitted. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it once stood.
The current inhabitants of the White House have no business demolishing or replacing any portion of the White House without permission.

Name: Carol E Scott
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Lobedan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:46 am

This demolition project started without the permission and proper authorization, permits, or design review. There is so much history that has been destroyed, it is shameful. It was torn down quickly to hide the fact that it was not authorized. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Lynn Brewster
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:48 am

From the board of the Hiram Historical Society, located in Hiram, Ohio

It is unconscionable that the destruction of the East Wing was carried out so cavalierly and without the normal—and required—oversight. I strongly oppose the expenditure of any funds on the currently proposed so-called "modernization" project. This is not modernization; it is the erasure of an important piece of American history.

The demolition of the East Wing appears to have been initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Such actions undermine public trust and disregard the established processes meant to safeguard historic and civic assets.

This project should be halted immediately. The East Wing should instead be rebuilt and restored to its original design and footprint, incorporating appropriate modern improvements in construction and materials to ensure its preservation for future generations of the American people. That should be the objective.

No one is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed as currently proposed, without accountability for those responsible for bypassing required procedures, would be an affront to the principles of transparency and the rule of law.

Name: Renee Casillas
Date: February 18, 2026 11:21:53 am

The White House is not owned by any temporary residents. It belongs to the people and any changes to its structure should be approved by the Commission overseeing its maintenance.

Name: Margaret Peterson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:22:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project, rather a complete razing of American history and intended to gain more influence with the current administration. As a citizen and taxpayer, I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the Trump Organization.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: lesley obermayer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:22:48 am

Please stop this madness, ruining the Peoples White House. He is a madman destroying all that is good in the USA. He should be made to put it all back the way it was, a historical monument that we all know and love.

Name: James Tirrell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:22:51 am

To whomever

The American people don’t need nor want a ballroom. It is a waste of money and it would be just another thing that rich people get to experience making everyone else more restless. Private funding for it is another way for certain people to give bribes

Thank you

Name: Paula Tauscher
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:06 am

I was absolutely appalled that the White House was partially destroyed without any consideration for what the people who own that house thought. No process, no application, unlikely no permits. I strenuously object to the building of an absurdly, large and unnecessary ballroom to be built on White House property.

Instead, I believe there should be designs submitted that will enhance the stateliness of the peoples house. At the very least exterior designs should be submitted and allow the American people to vote on them. We must repair what has been destroyed, we must not let it be further desecrated.

Name: erica vaughn
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:14 am

please restore the east wing to it’s original state
we have lost so much history already

Name: Leone Seebo
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Ann Valeska
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:32 am

Please use restraint in the building and decorating of the ballroom. It should be dignified, not gaudy. This will be a government facility used by present and future leaders and should not reflect one person's personal taste. I was shocked to see the East Wing torn down.

Name: Robert Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:39 am

It is completely inappropriate that the East Wing of the White House was demolished in order to build a ballroom at the whim of the president without any input or approval. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous condition and any plans for a ballroom be dismissed.

Name: Donna Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Name: Bradley Lundsteen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:24:16 am

Dear members, the current condition, or lack thereof, of the East Wing is an abhorrent national embarrassment. It should be repaired and replaced, at any cost and the bill sent to Donald J. Trump. He simply cannot be allowed to destroy the historic east wing illegally and get away with it. He deserves not only to pay for it financially but to do time in prison for it as well.

Furthermore, there should be no further destruction of any structures in D.C. until the East Wing is rebuilt. No Arc de Triomphe, no more name changes, nothing.
Thank you all and God bless America and the United States.

Name: Nancy Colvert
Date: February 18, 2026 11:24:30 am

The ballroom proposed as an East Wing Modernization project is completely inappropriate for the White House grounds.

It is gaudy and out of scale with the White House. By dwarfing the White House it sends a clear visual message to US citizens and the world that parties are more important than actual governance. Is this really the message this country wants to put forward, not just for this administration but for decades going forward? Let them eat cake?

How do you modernize something that has been destroyed? The East Wing should be rebuilt, to modern standards, exactly as it was before.

Name: John Gianelli
Date: February 18, 2026 11:24:31 am

The destruction of this historic treasure is beyond tragic. STOP THIS PROJECT NOW!

Name: Dennis Mateski
Date: February 18, 2026 11:24:55 am

This design is a bloated carbuncle attached to a Georgian masterpiece.

George Washington demanded a mansion not a palace! Lets keep it that way

Floor plan has the sophistication of a first year architecture student's first draft. It needs refinement, consolidation, and be scaled
down to the natural site, and allow space for landscaping to hide the building from the South Lawn, just as the West Wing is.

Exterior looks more like a federal office building than an extension of the White House.No attention to details to tie it to existing building. The columns don't even match. Amateur hour.

Why all those large exterior stairways everywhere, going to nowhere? Get rid of them and down scale the building. Same goes for the south portico. Totally unnecessary and it takes up precious space where the circular drive should remain.

Ballroom looks like it belongs at Versailles, not the White House. This is NOT a palace/

Space to feed 1000 for dinner is way too large for any typical White House event. Reduce it to 600 or 700.

Where are the bathrooms necessary for such a crowd? Elevators?

Get rid of the doors from ballroom to outside and the balcony to lessen the footprint and make room for landscaping.

Building is too tall, needs to be lower than the Mansion.

Do not add a second floor to the East or West wings! They will stick up and show from the north elevation of the Mansion.
People can access the mansion from ground level as they do now with proper design work.

Name: Margaret Roderick
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:06 am

The White House is a public building owned by the American people. It is not a permanent residence of any one president, and no president should be allowed do demolish major portions of it and build outrageously large and unnecessary additions, especially without following the legal procedures and best practices. The damage has already been done, and we - the people - have lost a valuable portion of a national historic property.

The White House Ballroom Proposal should be revisited and any plans should follow the Secretary of the Interior's Treatments for Historic Properties. As such:
1. The project should go through design review, and a comprehensive Preservation Review and Plan should be prepared.
2. All review and documentation should include the grounds, which are also a historic element (and a public-owned one!).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Kathy Wajerski
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:06 am

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Name: Laura Russeau
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:33 am

I think this administration's renovations to the "People's House" are criminal. Please protect our National Heritage.

Name: Chris Shabsin
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:44 am

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Name: Cameron Sesto
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Criscione
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:04 am

I oppose the ballroom addition. The East Wing was dismantled without proper authorization and against the law. It needs to be rebuilt as it was or new plans need to be approved by the NCPC.

Name: Margaret Bartlett
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:07 am

I OPPOSE the rebuilding of the East Wing into a ballroom. The White House is the PEOPLE'S house not a palace for a would-be king. This project was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits or design review. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt as before and PAID FOR by the people responsible for tearing it down! NO ONE is above the law and to allow this project to go on, against the will of the PEOPLE and without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you to the Commission for your due-dilligence and listening to the PEOPLE'S voices and concerns regarding this matter.

Name: Jackie Kerns
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:11 am

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Also don't think it should be called modernization project - more like disaster without permission!

Name: Margaret Sacht
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:18 am

I strongly opposed the building of an enormous ballroom.on the devastated site of what used to be the East Wing of the White House. The White House belongs to the people, not to one President. We should have been consulted before our historical legacy was demolished. We must be consulted now before any monstrous construction occurs. Let the East Wing be rebuilt in its old, well-balanced dimensions, not as a self-aggrandizing project dwarfing our beautiful home.

Name: Karen Cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:23 am

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Name: Sherri Rodgers
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:49 am

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Name: Kathy Patterson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:51 am

I oppose spending tax payers money on this unnecessary ballroom project which was started with no proper authorization or permits. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its former state. No embellishments, no tacky gold decorations.

Name: Sheila Marvin
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:52 am

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Carolyn Graham
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:56 am

It’s too late to stop the destruction of the east wing in the White House. Such a shame and a slap in the face to our first ladies. I understand the right of the president to make changes, but he has gone too far when destroying a part of American history.

Name: Marlo Eakes Meyer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:14 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed East Wing modernization and ballroom addition. While I

understand the desire to update and expand facilities, I believe this project raises significant concerns regarding fiscal responsibility, historic preservation, and public priorities.

First, the proposed addition appears to place substantial financial resources toward expanding event and entertainment space. At a time when many communities face urgent needs — including infrastructure improvements, education funding, and essential public services — allocating funds toward a ballroom expansion does not reflect the most responsible or equitable use of resources.

Second, modernization and expansion projects risk altering the historical integrity and architectural character of the existing structure. The East Wing serves as part of a historically and culturally significant complex, and changes of this magnitude should be approached with extreme caution. Preservation of historic spaces ensures that future generations can continue to learn from and appreciate their cultural and governmental heritage.

Additionally, large-scale expansions often create long-term operational and maintenance costs that extend far beyond initial construction. These ongoing financial commitments should be carefully evaluated against measurable public benefit.

I strongly encourage decision-makers to prioritize preservation, fiscal responsibility, and projects that directly serve broader public needs. If modernization is necessary, it should focus on infrastructure upgrades, accessibility improvements, sustainability measures, and preservation of existing historic elements rather than expansion of event or ceremonial space.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input on this matter.

Name: Mary Spratt
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:14 am

A massive ballroom destroys the balanced, classical design of the White House. Corporate-funded vanity projects have no place at the White House . It is a vulgar display of excess and waste of money when so many people in this country are struggling.

Name: Karen Ward
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:19 am

The proposed ballroom is a monument only to Donald Trump's vanity, whereas the East Wing was part of our history, part of America. Please reject the ballroom and restore the East Wing.

Name: Melissa westmoreland
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:23 am

Due to the nature of the way it was begun, this president and his administration have shown they are not fit to lead such a project, nor that they will stay within the confines of laws, norms, and history. It is clear he serves only his vanity, and not the office nor its history.

I believe the building should be secured, and grass put down in place of what once was the East Wing. No more vanity projects. No ballroom larger than the rest of the White House.

Behaving irrationally and unilaterally must come with consequences. This project was not approved, and the US cannot afford it. Therefore, it must be halted before further damage is done to the White House.

This president is spending heavily on his own vanity, and I am highly concerned about the status of US debt and allocation of financial resources as it is.

Name: Jennifer Kay
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:32 am

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Name: Michael Pilato
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:41 am

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding the ballroom project. To put it simply, I am strongly opposed to i

I was deeply dismayed to see the East Wing demolished before our very eyes for what appears to be a vanity project by the President. While it has been claimed that billionaires are funding this effort, I find that difficult to believe. And if it is true, it raises serious concerns about expectations of quid pro quo arrangements that would not serve the best interests of the American people.

The average taxpayer will never set foot inside this enormous structure. From what has been described, it will be massive, and if it reflects the President’s personal tastes, it risks becoming an ostentatious and historically inappropriate addition to one of our nation’s most treasured landmarks.

I want the East Wing restored as closely as possible to its historical form. I understand it can never be exactly the same, but its destruction represents more than the loss of a building. The East Wing provided a public entrance to the “People’s House.” Its removal sends a troubling message — that ordinary citizens no longer have meaningful access to what is meant to belong to them.

The White House does not belong to any one President. It belongs to the American people. No President should treat it as a personal property or reshape it to suit private ambitions, particularly when doing so involves the influence of wealthy donors.

This President will eventually leave office. What should not remain is a permanent, gaudy reminder of damage done to a historic institution. We did not need this project, and many of us do not want it.

In time, I would also like to see the Rose Garden restored, but that is a discussion for another day.

I urge you to listen to the American people. Leave the site as it stands until we have leadership that respects both the history of this building and the citizens to whom it belongs, and that will commit to restoring the East Wing appropriately.

Thank you for considering the views of those who care deeply about preserving our shared history.

Name: Linda Miles
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:43 am

It is beyond a travesty that the East Wing has been demolished. The significant and profound history erased. Our country does NOT need a gilded ballroom. This is a fantasy fever dream of a mentally incompetent president. His dementia and psychosis should never be allowed to dictate anything, let alone a vanity ballroom.

Name: Chandra Passero
Date: February 18, 2026 11:28:04 am

First of all, let's start with the name this demolition has been given. The East Wing isn't being 'modernized.' Insert eye roll here. It was destroyed by a megalomaniac that no one can seem to really stand up to. The White House is the people's house. It's not the house of the president to do with whatever he wants. He's a visitor. There are channels one is supposed to go through to make changes like that and he did none of these things.
And while section 7 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 does exempt him from using these channels, presidents past have all given in the the spirit of the law to preserve, to consult specialized bodies to ensure changes respect the building's historical integrity.
The White House is the people's house. The National Capitol Planning Commission has review authority over new construction on federal property in D.C. So even though the White House is exempt from certain mandatory reviews,

submitting plans to the NCPC is considered "best practice".
We've lost a huge and significant piece of history with his impulsive destruction of the East Wing.
Makes me sad for our country.

Name: Richard Zieger
Date: February 18, 2026 11:28:05 am

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Name: Georgette Diaz de Cooke
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:02 am

As a precessional who has worked in the field of Design and Construction I am horrified with the lack of due diligence and poor design being imposed on the former East Wing of the White House. As a citizen, I am horrified with the lack of respect for such important historical monument and for the citizens of these country who are currently struggling with other issues and did not ask for a party venue for Oligarchs.
My name is Georgette, I am an Architectural Designer and I have the privilege of working in Alexandria, VA for 6 years, working on several residential and public buildings, must of them deemed historical.
Even when replacing a single window located on an alley side, we had to apply for a Board of Architectural Review. We had to apply for a permit to demo or encapsulate and follow rules when dealing with toxic residues such as asbestos. On October 2025, all procedures were violated and the East Wing was demolished without notice, without permits, without abatement, without input from the citizens of this country. I cried that day, I could not believe my eyes. This was a violation of a historical landmark, one that means so much to so many Americans. The structure that is being imposed on us will dwarf the rest of the white house, it lacks the appropriate proportions and it is done in very poor taste. It is a vanity project to please one person, and in my opinion, a way to funnel bribes from corporations. This needs to be discarded and restore the White House as it stood before that fateful day in October 2025. Thank you.

Name: Sharon Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:06 am

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Name: Jeff Carter
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or frankly, any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Moffett Craig
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Name: Patricia L Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:57 am

How dare anyone touch the Peoples House without the People's consent! The First Family does not own this property they are renters. For one person, the only member of the Family living there, to unilaterally decide this part of the People's House is theirs to do as they please is treasonous. Treasonous because he lied saying his ballroom would not impact the People's House. Please don't allow this to continue. Stand up and defend The House!!!!

Name: Leah Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 11:30:09 am

Just put it back, completely restored, and make Pres Trump pay for it. We don't need a ballroom for rich people to eat in while the majority of the country can't afford groceries and healthcare.

Name: Barbara Pond
Date: February 18, 2026 11:30:12 am

As an 83 year old American citizen who has studied our history, loved and visited our capital, its monuments and treasures many times over the decades, I was brought to tears by the sight of bulldozers razing OUR East Wing. The horror and shock of that happening goes beyond ugly and is morally reprehensible. Most importantly, it was done illegally.
Further, it is the visual, physical depiction of the thought-less, random gutting of many of the most respected and internationally admired systems in our government -- the CDC, the EPA, military hierarchy, the Inspectors General, among so many other safeguards to our citizenry.

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Name: Elizabeth Calvert
Date: February 18, 2026 11:30:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the Law.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Calvert

Name: Michele Lott
Date: February 18, 2026 11:30:34 am

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Name: Wendy Epstein
Date: February 18, 2026 11:31:29 am

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Name: Carol E Bisek
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:10 am

Just one lowly citizen here, feeling the effects of this Administration; namely our President, doing and causing anything he pleases without regard for anyone. He listens to no one nor cares about anyone as he goes about pleasing his every whim and fantasy. This White House and its beautiful East Wing belongs to all of us. As a temporary resident there, he has a right to make changes to suit him, but demolishing part of it without regard to preservation process or rules is/was not his right. It is beyond any president's right. This lowly citizen is grateful to have a voice here, thank you.

Name: Randi Hackbarth
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:15 am

The White House is federally protected and designated as a historic site. Any structural demolition requires Congressional approval, preservation review, and extensive federal compliance. The East Wing constructed in 1902 and updated in 1942 symbolizes transparency and civic connection, balancing security and accessibility.
The East Wing historically served as the working headquarters of the First Lady, and many influential national initiatives were developed or coordinated from here:
Civil Rights & Human Rights - Eleanor Roosevelt,
Cultural preservation - Jacquelyn Kennedy,
Public health campaigns - Nancy Reagan,
Healthcare reform - Hilary Clinton
Education & Military family advocacy - Michelle Obama.
Its demolition has symbolically diminished the institutional role of the First Lady and the administration is already significantly impacting Womens rights.
I propose that it be rebuilt with original purpose in mind.

Name: Diana Brettrager
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:19 am

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Name: Heather Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:19 am

The fact that this building was demolished PRIOR to any authorizations, discussions with the appropriate boards or ANY public feedback is a complete disgrace. ALL plans need to be reviewed by the appropriate committees and boards, approvals secured before any construciton can take place. If the boards do not approve the changes then Trump can use the money raised to build it back to its original architecture.

Additionally, there is no reason for this wing to be multiple times larger than the existing White House. Could we please have people with some taste and design experience get involved? Bigger is not better. This isn't Texas.

Name: Janice Lupton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:25 am

I have attended the last hearing via Zoom and have signed up to view the upcoming meeting as well.
The plans, as submitted, are not in scale with the historic White House. In a Palladian Plan the center unit has the prominence, not the wings and flanking pavillions.
Please revise the ceiling height of the Ballroom. There is no necessity for a 40 foot ceiling in a ballroom. It cold be revised to 20ft. height without impacting the overall design.
I do appreciate the classical exterior elements, however, all of the plans should have been submitted long before this current stage of demolition and construction. This is the PEOPLES HOUSE, not the current Administrations personal property.

Name: Christopher Heymans
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:29 am

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Thank you

Name: Cara Hanrahan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:30 am

I oppose this project! The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or even a design review. It is an abomination, not a modernization project. The White House is supposed to be the “people’s house”, not the personal property of the sitting president…to do with as he sees fit, without regard to history, rules, traditions or the American people. I want this project canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design (preferably with the money intended for the “modernization “). No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Name: Susann Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:43 am

I am vehemently opposed to this project. The White House does not belong to Donald Trump. It is the People’s House. To destroy the entire East Wing without going through the proper channels is an assault to all Americans. Halt this project and use that money to restore this historical wing of the White House.

Name: Georgie Stanley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:47 am

I am writing today in absolute opposition to the demolition of the East Wing of the People’s House. This careless action goes against how our country works. We, the people, demand that the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt to its original use, size and shape and that law is passed to strengthen the process needed to destroy government buildings.
Thank you for this opportunity to give my opinion.

Name: Deborah Schecter
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Felix Wallace
Date: February 18, 2026 11:33:06 am

The demolition of the East Wing is an affront to the American public. It is the deliberate destruction of architectural heritage to appease the demagogue pedophile who is our current president.

Name: Becky Evans
Date: February 18, 2026 11:33:12 am

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Name: Pamela W Vose
Date: February 18, 2026 11:33:23 am

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Please stop this travesty and restore our history.

Name: Steve Caporiccio
Date: February 18, 2026 11:33:26 am

Please, please don't let this project go to fruition. It isn't a modernization project, it's a meant as a monument to his enormous ego. The only reason he's doing this is so that his name will be remembered. If he could rebuild the White House too. We don't need a giant ballroom where people will go to praise him.

Steve Caporiccio
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Name: Gerald Campbell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:33:47 am

The administration should have to rebuild to the original specs. Violating the rules should not be allowed. Perhaps a few zillion dollar fines?

Name: Jill Brule'
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:07 am

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Name: Heidi Curtiss
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. A complete tear-down is not a modernization project. I want this specific project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design that is scaled to this historic building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without following the proper protocols is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gern Blanston
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:25 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Sullivan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:27 am

I oppose the spending of 300 million for this project. It was not submitted for approval to the appropriate organizations and should not be allowed to continue simply because "someone" decided it was better to go ahead instead of following governing channels. The scale is not in keeping with The White House and would result in terrible damage to this national historic site.

Name: Deanna Lindenfelser
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:41 am

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Name: Karen Tiano
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:43 am

I find the administration's destruction of the East Wing abhorrent. That it was done without going through the normal review and approval processes is disgraceful. While the damage cannot be undone, it is my sincere hope that (further) reconstruction be done in a more reasoned way; ie, submission of detailed plans by respected historical architect, and review and approval by the proper committee(s). I would further suggest that any new structure reflect the scale, and historical style and nature of the building destroyed. It is understandable that updates to electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, and related systems are at times necessary, it is equally known that these can be done in a less destructive manner. Even a remodeling of the interior to meet new and changing needs is understandable. But changes should keep as many historical elements as possible (replace if they weren't destroyed as I fear they were.) If there is a need for a "ballroom", one of a more reasonable, scaled back size, I am sure there are better locations that don't destroy the balance and symmetry of the White House. No one person (especially a temporary resident such as the president) should have the right to unilaterally make these kinds of changes to "the people's house". [Just as a renter can't make structural changes to their domicile; only cosmetic changes that can be easily undone, if even that. In light of which I will add that it is my sincere wish that recent changes to the Lincoln bathroom, Rose Garden, and Jackie Kennedy Garden can be reversed once the current occupant is gone. Including the removal of all the tacky gold embellishments added to other places.]

Name: Rachel Henning
Date: February 18, 2026 11:35:04 am

When our capital was established, many of the buildings were created in the neoclassical and Greek revival styles, as a reminder of the democratic ideals our founders embraced. Until now there has been great care in maintaining the integrity of those buildings. It is important that we continue to use democratic processes for all of the initiatives our government undertakes, including processes that are in place for the maintenance and improvement of government buildings in DC. The White House is especially important, as it represents our commitment to having a democracy chosen leader, rather than a monarch or dictator. A grand ballroom gives the appearance of trying to emulate the monarchy we threw off 250 years ago.
Please put a halt to the effort for building a “grand” ballroom where the east wing used to be, and restore the building with whatever updates are required to keep it functional for the safety and support of our democratically elected leader.

Name: Donna Ripley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:35:29 am

As a taxpayer, I oppose anything other than a full, authentic restoration of the East Wing that was demolished without proper authorization. No glittering gold ballrooms. Thank you.

Name: Christopher Gibbs
Date: February 18, 2026 11:35:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design or in the least a much smaller structure that is less in size than the White House itself. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. In the end, it will be us, the tax payer that has to pay to maintain this structure. Perhaps inviting less people to these events would negate the need for an enormous ballroom. It seems every Tom, Dick and Harry gets invited to these events. Cheapens the whole thing.

Name: Grayce Weber
Date: February 18, 2026 11:35:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Justin Kerr
Date: February 18, 2026 11:36:07 am

East wing modernization? More like Jeffrey Epstein Memorial Ballroom. I keep submitting this change to Google maps, but for some reason it hasn't been approved.
DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE TRUMP-EPSTEIN FILES™
RELEASE EVERYTHING! PROSECUTE EVERYONE! LET A JURY OF THEIR PEERS SORT THEM OUT.

NO POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR ANY NAMED. FIRE THEM ALL! LET A JURY OF THEIR PEERS SORT THEM OUT.

Name: Ken VanEseltune
Date: February 18, 2026 11:36:23 am

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to

permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jacob White
Date: February 18, 2026 11:36:29 am

I echo these sentiments about my tax dollars and our actions.:
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Name: Valerie Vigil
Date: February 18, 2026 11:36:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on East Wing project, or any other project impacting federal properties or memorials that have not been properly vetted according to law. This particular project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Kraus
Date: February 18, 2026 11:36:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt according to its original design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Constance Pittman-Ramsey
Date: February 18, 2026 11:36:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna McDonald
Date: February 18, 2026 11:37:37 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marion Kessler
Date: February 18, 2026 11:37:44 am

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment at this late stage of the project.

I vehemently oppose this project that was initiated without review or comment by the American public or our elected representatives or the agencies that watch over our historic buildings in our nation's capital. It is an unacceptable misuse

of administrative power and an affront to law abiding citizens in this country. This administration does NOT own the white house - we, the people, do. There was no needs assessment completed to justify the ballroom/meeting space. We *must* restore and rebuild - and the cost of that rebuild should be paid by those who destroyed it. No one is above the law and as a member of "we the people" I say NO, it is not your house, it is OUR house and we do not need a gilded ballroom.

Name: Alice Armstrong
Date: February 18, 2026 11:37:49 am

The destruction of the White House ballroom is an assault on history and our country. Trump is attempting to tear down institutions that don't conform to his version of history and his vision of a world that worships him. So far he has succeeded in wreaking destruction with impunity. Please, do not let him go forward with this "modernization" abomination. Order him to restore it to its former state, and oversee the resurrection of the original ballroom.

Name: Mary Koos
Date: February 18, 2026 11:38:26 am

Although the historic structure has been destroyed, I am opposed to the current plans for construction of the proposed ballroom. Care should be taken to consider the best option to remedy the existing destruction and maintain the historic integrity of the Whitehouse

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Name: Susan Day
Date: February 18, 2026 11:38:30 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is no modernization project. It is the blatant destruction of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own "the people's house" and, since 1800, have allowed presidents live there. No president is the owner of the property or the structures thereon, no president has the right to do anything to the property or structures on it without the permission of the owners, the American people. It is clearly illegal for someone, anyone, who is merely a temporary tenant to tear down a building that does not belong to them.

Demolishing the historic East Wing without review, permits, or oversight from Congress, who are the people's (the owners) representatives, is against the law. In addition, this action shows contempt for the owners, the American people, who were not given the opportunity to comment on what should have been presented to them as a proposal instead of as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Require that anything constructed on the demolition site be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Samra Olofson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:38:53 am

Please put the East Wing back in its original footprint. We do not need a ballroom.

Name: Karen Jost
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:00 am

I vehemently oppose the construction of a new ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former historic design and size, with the only modernization done to make it a more healthy and environmentally sustainable and efficient building. Anything constructed on the demolition

site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The cost of replacing the East Wing should be borne by those who broke the law.

Name: Linda Peterson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:05 am

This project was started without going through proper channels and must be immediately STOPPED. The demolition was an affront to the American people, instigated without permission or forethought. No addition should be permitted that over shadows the existing historical White House main building. The East Wing needs to be restored to a semblance of its former footprint and design. Any new or replacement construction should mirror the opposite west wing in size & design. NO HUGE "ballroom" that is larger than the main building. RESTORE the EAST WING. NO ballroom, NO huge addition. If some other building is needed for this function - it should NOT be connected to or on the grounds of The White House. Build it as a stand alone building somewhere else.

Name: PR Stevens
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt with approval by all needed parties with all permits and regulations met. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jordan Morgan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: James Gromak
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but the destruction of White House history and therefore, a significant part of our American History. Please cancel this project, and instead, rebuild the East Wing and restore it to its former design.

Sincerely,

James Gromak

Name: Laura McCanless
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:34 am

I deeply oppose the design for the new ballroom. It's grossly oversized relative to the White House, and will spoil the dignity of the White House with it's planned vulgar excess. Anything built back should work in harmony with that treasured national symbol.

Name: Peter Branch
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Hawkins
Date: February 18, 2026 11:40:18 am

Not having received proper authorization, permits, or even having the design reviewed, what was done to the East Wing of the Whitehouse was ILLEGAL. OUR history was razed without our consent. To build a humongous ball room where the East Wing was without the approval of the American people would be an affront to Democracy and to law abiding Americans. The project must be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt as it was.

Name: Kim Moore
Date: February 18, 2026 11:40:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: BJ League
Date: February 18, 2026 11:41:10 am

I oppose the spending of over $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White is The People’s House NOT the billionaires’ house. The “improvements” should be in alignment with National Trust guidelines and the esthetic of the building. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law.

Name: Mary Leising
Date: February 18, 2026 11:41:11 am

Hello and thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns. Please block the construction of a $300 billion ballroom! Trump needs to be held accountable for destroying the east wing of the White House and pay to have it reconstructed in its entirety as it was designed.

Name: Nora Hild
Date: February 18, 2026 11:41:40 am

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

90,000 square feet is MUCH TOO LARGE a building for 650 people and adjoining ancillary spaces. A ballroom that size WILL distract from our beloved White House. If the White House is truly the 'People's House' then the ballroom MUST be subservient in scale and design to the White House.

As a retired architect, to respect the historical nature of the WH, I think it is paramount that the ballroom acknowledge design elements of the WH - the shape of the windows, the roof lines etc.

In 3 years Mr. Trump will be gone but the building will live on. Make it for the United States of America not for the ego of one man. The American people demand it.
Thank you.

Name: Joelle Adajian
Date: February 18, 2026 11:41:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former status. To permit this illegal building project to go ahead would be an affront to all of us Americans who do abide by laws and permits and follow established legal channels. It is not fair to have one standard for the rich and one for the average person. No one should be above the law.

Name: ken pisani
Date: February 18, 2026 11:42:08 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: David Malmquist
Date: February 18, 2026 11:42:43 am

I strongly urge the Commission to halt any and all future ballroom construction on the ruins of the East Wing, as the initial demolition took place without any of the legally required planning or public input. President Trump and his administration should have to abide by the same laws, rules, regulations, and norms as any other citizen of the United States. Allowing construction of a ballroom on this site would essentially condone the Trump Administration's original illegal actions, and should by no means be allowed. The only construction that should be allowed would be to restore the East Wing to its pre-demolition state.

Sincerely, David Malmquist

Name: Suzette Reynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 11:42:47 am

The White House is our democracy’s hallowed ground. It has been desecrated. Tearing down part of the White House, leaving an ugly, festering wound, is not "modernization". Please stop any further desecration to our historic places, and especially the White House. Rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Name: Elizabeth McCabe
Date: February 18, 2026 11:42:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored with input from qualified historically aware professionals. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Olive Archer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:43:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Langford
Date: February 18, 2026 11:43:11 am

I highly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and ALL government officials are mandated to follow.

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Name: Kathryn Chauveaux
Date: February 18, 2026 11:43:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynne Soutter
Date: February 18, 2026 11:43:26 am

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The source of the money is in question, but even if no tax dollars were spent on this project it is nonetheless using time and resources belonging to the US and denying us access to a historic property for the duration. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. (Too late, I guess, but I also oppose the destruction of the Rose Garden, which now looks like Mar-a-Lago or a commercial restaurant, not a dignified and historic lawn and garden.)

I also oppose the renaming of the Kennedy Center without notice and an opportunity for all board members to be heard. I hope the Trust will also be filing suit to stop those renovations to ensure they too only proceed with proper design review and permits.

Name: Polly Zetterberg
Date: February 18, 2026 11:43:49 am

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I totally agree with Anara Guard. The open selfishness and disregard for "the people's house" is worth contemplation, and added to all the other items of this so-called leader, we can clearly ask the Foundaton to protest the possible rebuilding of the East Wing of the People's White House by this President.
Onward!

Name: Susan Berger
Date: February 18, 2026 11:44:33 am

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its original specifications. We don't want a ballroom. We want our House back.

Name: Heidi Epstein
Date: February 18, 2026 11:44:35 am

Hello,
Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.
My background is as an architectural interior detailing designer for over 40 years, I have worked on the finishing details for our Capital building in Olympia Washington as well as many historical buildings.
It is a tragic sight to have watched an old federal building torn down with no preceding review on the proposed future building. From the plans and rendering I have seen the scale and detailing is a confrontation of the existing White House and shows no attempt to integrate the scale or detailing with the existing and historically significant building. I implore you and your committee to rescue this tragic display of disregard for the "peoples house"..a significant symbol of the ideals of our country.

Again, thank you for your time
Heidi Epstein
HEdesign
retired architect
Seattle Washington

Name: Robert Johnston
Date: February 18, 2026 11:44:50 am

I am opposed to the proposed plan to replace the now demolished East Wing of the White House with a near 90,000 square foot structure that includes a massive ballroom, commercial kitchen and offices. I say this as someone who agrees with those who think having State Dinners and other official events in tents outside the White House is odd and not befitting our great nation, however this project as proposed is so massive it will dwarf the main house and destroy the aesthetic balance that existed previously. Again, I do support the idea of having a more permanent event space for State Dinners and the like, but I strongly oppose this plan and hope it will be canceled, so that a new design that is either in a different location or if still connected to the White House, reduced in size or moved underground can be implemented.
Thank you for considering my comments.

Name: Tirzah Brounstein
Date: February 18, 2026 11:45:01 am

This project never went through the proper channels to legally move forward. The whole thing is being done improperly without proper consult by professionals. This building is too important not to do it the right way. The current project must stop immediately.
Thank you.

Name: Justin Wright
Date: February 18, 2026 11:45:19 am

I am opposed to the destruction of the People's House as it was done here. The East Wing should be restored to it's

original state and any monies donated for the "Modernization Project" should be used for the restoration with any extra money needed coming from the current president personal funds.

Name: Pamela Cole
Date: February 18, 2026 11:45:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. At the very least, this was vandalism and destruction of public property...the People's house.

I am horrified that this has happened in my lifetime, and it must be restored as closely to original as possible!

Name: Bruce Andrews
Date: February 18, 2026 11:45:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-biding citizens.

Name: Christine Gordon
Date: February 18, 2026 11:45:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Cathy Johnston
Date: February 18, 2026 11:46:10 am

I strongly oppose this project, designed and intended to erase the history of our great nation. The destruction of the building itself is a horror. To lose an historic building that belongs to the people, without the consent of the authorities in charge is abominable.

Name: Catalina Castells
Date: February 18, 2026 11:46:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynn Compton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:46:57 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

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Name: Sally Bane
Date: February 18, 2026 11:47:21 am

As a former Main Street Manager and as an individual who shepherded the placement of countless properties on the National Register of Historic Places, I am completely opposed to the ballroom addition to the White House.
The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and processes institutionalized to protect our historical assets.

Name: Kira Vine
Date: February 18, 2026 11:47:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Pearse
Date: February 18, 2026 11:47:29 am

Tearing down the East Wing without authorization was so wrong. It was a historical wing, a part of our people’s White House. I would love to see it restored for future use. A new ballroom is NOT needed. Please get behind these decisions to save our American historic traditions.
Carol Pearse

Name: Susan Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 11:47:37 am

The architecture of the buildings in and around the United States capitol should represent thoughtful design with regard to size, compatible facade, and of course, modern infrastructure. Additions to the White House- any wing or ballroom- must be sized proportionally to the main building, i.e. not bigger, and in concert with the exterior existing facade design. Preferably minimal ostentatious gold embellishment, which is not historically part of U.S. capitol decor. Lastly, no personal names should be attached to any portion of the building, outside in particular, as this is the people's house.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Name: Mary Connole
Date: February 18, 2026 11:47:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diana Daley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:48:58 am

I am opposed to spending $300+ million on a “ballroom”. The East Wing was demolished without proper permits or design review for a ballroom that is totally unnecessary. It was an unlawful demolition. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its original design and the artifacts returned. To build a giant ballroom that dwarfs the White House goes against American values and wastes taxpayer monies. Soliciting private monies with no oversight for a public project is just a form of bribery. To allow this to proceed without repercussions only reinforces that the law does not matter.
Restore the East Wing!

Name: Coralee Popp
Date: February 18, 2026 11:49:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Autumn Ivesdal
Date: February 18, 2026 11:49:37 am

The East Wing was historical. You wouldn’t “modernize “ a museum by throwing out artifacts (although that’s probably next on the list). The structure was torn down without permission. Please do NOT allow anything to be placed in its spot that does not represent the People, not greed and gluttony. If anything should be placed there, it’s another rose garden with dedications to prior First Ladies, since this is what the east wing represented.

Name: Charles Mell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:49:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy McGee
Date: February 18, 2026 11:50:01 am

Rebuild the east wing in it's original form and fine Trump the cost. No ballroom. He has no right to destroy OUR house.

Name: Elizabeth Pendzich
Date: February 18, 2026 11:50:05 am

I am
opposed to use of taxpayer money for an unlawful building project.

Name: Nancy McGee
Date: February 18, 2026 11:50:17 am

Rebuild the east wing in it's original form and fine Trump the cost. No ballroom. He has no right to destroy OUR house.

Name: Pat Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:50:29 am

This vulgar abomination of a ballroom is NOT a representation of our country, our people or our values. It's an embarrassment. Destruction of a historic building owned by the people of this country should never have been allowed. This ballroom must not be built. Perhaps a museum discussing the history from the East Wing would be appropriate since the historic building itself is gone forever.

Name: Lorelei Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 11:50:45 am

I oppose spending of $300 million on this project. It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history, not a modernization project. Please cancel this project. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Stick with the law. No one is above the law. Do not allow this administration to flout the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robin Anex
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Francis O'Malley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:52 am

The White House is only the temporary home of the sitting President and his family; however, it forever will belong to the People of these United States. The destruction of the historic East Wing attempts to erase the pivotal role and the contributions of several of America's First Ladies. We will not allow that to be the case. Regardless of the private donations raised for this monstrous-sized ball room, it is an unnecessary and by all accounts, illegal, construction project. Who will bear the future costs of maintaining this alleged "ballroom" and the additional utilities required? The Trump administration has failed to obtain the proper approvals from the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and Congress. The Trump administration has allegedly violated the Administrative Procedure Act by failing to follow proper, required review procedures before initiating demolition.
Then, there's the alleged violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), where the current lawsuit states that the "East Wing Modernization" project lacked the required environmental impact studies. Has human health been impacted by the razing of what once was our East Wing? Has the area been contaminated with toxins, asbestos, or other similar hazards? Does Congress have dominion over federally owned property through the Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution or not? Spoiler alert: Article IV, Section 3, Article 2Congress has authority over federal property: "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State." If so, how are the actions undertaken by the Trump administration not in direct violation of our Constitution? Finally, we have a chance to weigh in- we, the people. The East Wing demolition occurred without offering the public opportunities for input. This is unacceptable and certainly defies established norms for changes not nearly of this magnitude. The White Houses' East Wing should be restored, and any proposed changes should be carefully reviewed before this project can continue.

Name: Peter Quandt
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:53 am

I oppose this project, regardless of the source of funding. It is out of scale relative to the White House and other buildings in the nearby area and it is not needed. There are few occasions when a ballroom of this size is needed and there are numerous facilities within the downtown area that can be used when the need arises.

Name: Bruce Womack
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:54 am

The last time I checked, the East Wing is part of the White House, a National Register property, a very significant national historic site. To spend millions of tax payer dollars, while destroying part of one of the most significant historic sites in the USA is hugely unethical to say the least. This, on top of depriving millions of Americans of healthcare and food benefits, sending troops into US cities and killing civilians is insanity!!!

Name: Shane Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:54 am

To Whom It May Concern: I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or a design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tracy Callow
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:56 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, *owned by the American people* and stewarded by the National Park Service. It is one of, if not THE most significant historic site(s) in the United States. The public, who OWNS the building, deserves to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. Changes of this magnitude particularly, by its current tenant, are unacceptable without input from the owners whose heritage is being affected.

Name: Cindy Belles
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:01 am

Any construction of a New East Wing of the White House, or any addition or building in the space where the old East Wing was located, should be limited in area and height to no larger than the size of the West Wing of the White House.

Architectural integrity matters. Anything larger would look unbalanced and ridiculous.

Name: Christine Pendzich
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:14 am

Members of the Commission:

All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as they did before the structure was unlawfully destroyed by the President. The Executive's blatantly lawless actions in destroying public property and rebuilding it at public expense must be stopped. I do NOT agree to allow my tax money to be used for this action, especially because it appears that no standard government measures (eg., getting multiple competitive bids) for effective stewardship of tax money have been used. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem.

Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess. Even renovation of the underground part of the building was not consulted or vetted.

This "modernization" cannot remain on the public budget.

Name: valeria zarnowiecki
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Krystal Ahart
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:35 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (no matter the source of funds; bribes included!), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Aileen Surface
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:51 am

I oppose spending millions of dollars on a project without proper authorizations, permits or design reviews. It is a razing of American history and totally unnecessary. As a native Washingtonian, I want it cancelled and for the east wing to be restored to its former design.

Name: Bruce Wood
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the people’s home and should represent the history and legacy of the American people. Not the desire of an individual. The stature and strength of the original design represents this country and should remain and be celebrated.

Bruce Wood

Name: Elizabeth Allen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:55 am

Please stop the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and have it restored in its former style and foot print

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Name: brenda wilcox
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laurie Baas
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:57 am

Shouldn't planning have happened BEFORE the East Wing was torn down? My suggestion would be to put it back as it was until planning can happen, at Trump's personal cost. Tearing it down was a blatant attempt to get around the rules put in place for a reason.

Name: Carol Turkett
Date: February 18, 2026 11:53:31 am

This project is terrible! The east wing of yhe White House should be immediately rebuilt and all this modernized stopped. We do not need an overpriced ball room for a king! Stop the craziness and restore the White House to its previous grandeur.

Name: greg kitajima
Date: February 18, 2026 11:53:43 am

The new design being offered is an abomination and will destroy the architectural scale and design of the white house. The design should be redone and made to fit within the current designs of the existing structure.

Name: Gena Etheridge
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:16 am

The East Wing modernization project
The destruction of the East Wing on a whim without public input or congressional input, was highly destructive to the trust in the presidency. This kind of thing should never be repeated.
As far as this current replacement goes, it's vastly out of proportion to the size of the White House, which makes it very ugly the American people want a White House that is nice looking, not tacky and gaudy. I voted against it. And if it must continue, it must be a much smaller scale for much less money AND only with congressional approval.

Name: Kathleen Gundry
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:31 am

I am horrified by the wanton destruction of the East Wing which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It appears to have been destroyed without regard to or respect for the history of the building. I oppose the spending of $300 million on a "ballroom." I urge the Commission to consider all alternatives for restoration of the site, such as full restoration of the original historical building, or construction of a modernized building at the location that meets identified needs of the US Government Executive Branch - not just the vanity and whims of the current administration. The restoration project should be of a scale that fits with the historic character of the White House and should inform and solicit input from the public during the design process. Thank you.
Kathleen Gundry
Takoma Park, Maryland

Name: Patricia M Hanrahan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:33 am

President Trump's proposed ballroom design is deeply contrary to the spirit and culture of the United States. Equally important, the proposed addition or new construction is completely out of proportion to the original building.

The White House is "The People's House." It is not the home of an emperor or prince. Our current president may wish he were royalty, but the addition of gilded trappings and palatial size to the White House does not a palace or princeling make. Nor should it be permitted.

Furthermore, the planned expansion is, apparently, underwritten by individual and business donations that bring with the contribution unusual access to Mr Trump via personal and public events. If the country needs another public building, costs should be covered by US coffers, not by selling the president. If these wealthy individuals (and the president) have America's interests at heart, they can begin by paying their fair share of taxes, living wages to employees, and enriching public education and health programs. Buying a president's favors in order to construct an outsized and unnecessary edifice is not the American way.

Name: Anne Eaton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:45 am

Ladies and Gentlemen of the National Capital Planning Commission

As a US citizen and registered voter, I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Regards,
Anne Eaton
Carmel, Indiana

Name: Teresa Barbot
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:54 am

Please stop the building of the “Big Ballroom” because it’s NOT necessary. It will look totally out of place. The East wing needs to be restored to the People’s House.

Name: Rima Silenas
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:55 am

I oppose the spending of any funds that are not allocated by Congress on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather, an initiative already taken without taking American history into account. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Whatever security interests are located beneath this building can and could have been updated without the actions that have already occurred. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathy Hurley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:54:58 am

I strongly oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing and the ballroom proposal. The East Wing is not something that should be treated as disposable, and tearing it down is an irreversible loss to one of the most important public landmarks in the country. Even if the demolition has already happened, that doesn’t make it acceptable, and it should not be used as justification to push the rest of this unnecessary project through.

I’m asking the National Trust to speak out clearly and publicly against what was done, and to press for real transparency and accountability before any further work proceeds. At a minimum, the plans, approvals, and decision process should be made public, there should be independent preservation review, and there should be a firm commitment to no additional permanent changes to the White House complex.

Name: Marilyn Pocius
Date: February 18, 2026 11:55:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and reconsidered. If possible the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Or at the very least we should have the plans and schedules and total cost available to Congress and the public

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Name: Brenda McCullough
Date: February 18, 2026 11:55:12 am

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

In addition, the designs that have been shared are ugly. It would be an eyesore.

Name: Vaidotas Baipsys
Date: February 18, 2026 11:55:44 am

I oppose this "modernization" project. It was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or any design review. It is not a modernization project but a blatant razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is not a personal property of any president and should not be the subject of his/her whims to change as he/she pleases.

Name: Rose Eason
Date: February 18, 2026 11:55:59 am

The White House is the People's House. Ballrooms are a product of 18th-century European aristocratic culture. In that sense, they are anti-democratic. The White House carries significant symbolic meaning. Adding oversized ballroom will overshadow the heritage and democratic symbolism that have long defined the building.

Name: D’Ann Blachowicz
Date: February 18, 2026 11:56:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robert Couchman
Date: February 18, 2026 11:56:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Sara Farneth
Date: February 18, 2026 11:56:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

It is my hope that you will follow the money associated with Trump and his associates.
SWF

Name: Amanda Krook
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jessica Munro
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:20 am

It is a gross and hideous insult to the American people and the history of this country to tear down the East Wing for a gaudy and meretricious "ballroom". The White House always has been, and always will be, the People's House. The sitting president gets the rare privilege of residing their during their term, but that does not give them license to demolish this historically and culturally important building to suit their own whims. The "East Wing Modernization Project" must be stopped in its tracks and the East iIng restored to its previous state to whatever extent possible.

Name: Carla Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:34 am

What has been done to the East Wing in the name of “modernization” is a travesty to our history and future.
This project began without going through proper channels and approval from the very beginning and should never been allowed to happen.
It is a total eraser of history, honor and character of the East Wing and quite frankly of the People’s House.
Once something is destroyed, it is very hard to right the wrong, but in this case I believe it must be righted back to its original historical value.

Name: Sherri Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:37 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Megan Orr
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:51 am

I am opposed to the spending of any money on an unnecessary ballroom. The East Wing was demolished without following proper procedures. It was part of our history, and should be restored to it’s pervious state.

Name: Joan Oates
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:56 am

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and building of a ballroom. This was done illegally. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to it's original design and maintain our history accurately.

Name: Debbie Moran
Date: February 18, 2026 11:58:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Chara Kessler
Date: February 18, 2026 11:58:07 am

Someone please stop this destructive madness...

Destroying our history against the people's wishes, all for vanity.

Please protect the sacred White House from this extravagant cost and the ridiculousness of a ballroom.

Name: Kathleen Vogel
Date: February 18, 2026 11:58:51 am

Restore the White House to its original footprint. We don’t need a bunker or a ballroom. This is a historic site and no one’s residence.

Name: Leigh Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 11:58:55 am

I oppose the spending of over $300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project stopped immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Like most Americans, I was horrified to see the destruction of the East Wing on TV. This garish new "ballroom" is totally unnecessary and completely out of scale with the rest of the White House, making the main portion of the building look insignificant. It is clearly a vanity project and definitely NOT in the best interests of the average American, regardless of who "pays" for it. Not to mention ugly, garish and not in character with the rest of the building. Please stop this project immediately!

Name: Vincent Brooks
Date: February 18, 2026 11:59:18 am

The proposed East Wing Modernization project, as currently envisioned, is completely incongruous with the scale and design of the existing Executive Mansion and West Wing. The ballroom structure is grossly out of sync with the rest of the White House. The entire process for proposing this alteration has, likewise, been grossly out of line. There has been no comprehensive review of the impact of the proposed structure on the existing built environment or the existing historic landscape. Such a major alteration to "The People's House" warrants a meticulous review and consideration before any changes are implemented. The wanton disregard for such historic preservation norms, beginning with the demolition of

the East Wing with out any review, must be halted. I implore the National Capitol Planning Commission to consider this and do all in its power to stop this ill-conceived and egregiously incompatible addition to the White House.

Name: Martha Garske
Date: February 18, 2026 11:59:51 am

I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing restored. I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation.I would like to see the involved decision makers and donors fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House.

Name: Denise Slusser
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Teddi Urriola
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:35 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The razing of the East Wing was illegal and was undertaken without proper authorization or permits. The design creates a monstrosity that will diminish the esthetics of our national Presidential residence. It destroys an historic building that belongs to all of us, not just the current resident and his oligarchs. The building needs to be put back together preserving the simple elegance of the building.

Name: Millie Havard
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Donald Trump should be sued for the cost of restoring the East Wing and the replacement of all furnishings he may have caused to be damaged or destroyed.

Name: Cynthia Weisfield
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:46 pm

Dear Members of the Commission:

The destruction of the East Wing was totally illegal.

Plans for the "new" East Wing are not "modernization" in the true sense of the word meaning, for example, addition of sufficient electrical wiring for current purposes, or upgrade of air conditioning. Rather, it is a thoroughly new concept unapproved by any agency. That the cost is, supposedly, underwritten by private donations is irrelevant. The law was broken in tearing down the structure; it should be rebuilt per the status quo ante. If a ballroom is needed then a study should be conducted as to the best location, perhaps in a substructure of the newly reconstituted East Wing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cynthia Weisfield
Pittsburgh, PA

Name: Amy Chambers
Date: February 18, 2026 12:01:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Francisco-Ferrell Deb
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:16 pm

I am opposed to this unlawful destruction of the historic EAST WING of The People's House. This is not being done for structural improvements. It is unnecessary, unwanted by The People, and never was approved by proper channels and protocol. This project needs to be stopped and the East Wing must be restored to its historical design and condition. The White House does NOT belong to the current inhabitants, it is OURS: THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES COLLECTIVELY!

Name: Christopher Ros
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:19 pm

Extremely disappointed that public comment wasn’t allowed before the demolition of the East Wing. Creating something as grotesque as the massive ballroom planned that will disproportionately dwarf the rest of the White House is artistically misguided, architecturally abusive and financially irresponsible. A return to something as close to the original would be most appropriate. Consider a ballroom, but one that fits in with the original design and size. I am aware that hosting has been a challenge so addressing that need now that the East Wing is gone seems logical, but do so with taste nd appropriate design scaling and style.

Name: Jamie Biggers
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:23 pm

I oppose this project. The White House is the people's house not the owned property of any tenant. This project was begun without required authorization or permits. The purported modernization would be as incidental outcome. This is nothing less than an effort to erase American history and culture. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, absolutely no one, is meant to be above the law. To enable this project to move forward is to enable the individuals who began this perfidious effort is to let them flout, with impunity, rules, regulations, laws and simple decency. Stop this madness and rebuild out house.

Name: Cheryl Blake
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Whalen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:32 pm

Good afternoon,

As a citizen, I feel strongly that the east wing expansion project is a great waste of taxpayer dollars and an affront to American history. My preference is that the structure be replaced identically using eco-friendly products when possible. In the absence of this plan I would request liberal input and a majority approval from a committee of knowledgeable historians, architects, designers, and builders familiar with period architecture. Ideally a new structure would blend with the remaining building and not overpower what is left of the White House.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,
Sarah Whalen

Name: Barb Brockevelt
Date: February 18, 2026 12:02:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathy Billings
Date: February 18, 2026 12:03:39 pm

I oppose spending $300 billion on a ballroom that would be bigger than the White House! I want the east wing rebuilt and restored the way it was. This was an unlawful project to begin with , no permissions granted , and Trump had no right to destroy part of the White House to build a grand ballroom for his billionaire friends to frolic in. The east wing was historical . The people of the US didn’t ask for a humongous ballroom to be built.

Name: Joan Lawson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:03:50 pm

The razing of the East Wing was done without approval. The $300,000 (now $400,000) ballroom has not been approved either. Please stop this atrocity from being built. Nobody wants it but Trump. I think that it needs to be stopped immediately and the funds donated for it, if they even exist, should be used to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Name: Leslie Abcouwer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:03:58 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernizing, it is erasing history. This project must be cancelled, and the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an insullt to all Americans.

Name: Robert Brian Spear
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:03 pm

This project shows complete lack of regard for the people’s house. There appears to be a complete lack of regard for any regulations that are put in place to stop this type of activity and behavior to begin with. Those responsible for this should be held accountable to the full extent possible.
This is a serious issue, because it exemplifies the dishonesty. incompetence and disregard for democracy on every level that this administration and President represents.

Name: Sandra Fortenberry
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:13 pm

The East Wing was torn down illegally. The criminal that tore it down should pay the cost of rebuilding. The planning and rebuilding must be done by the proper authority with respect to the history of our country.

Name: Heather Molans
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:30 pm

This project was initiated without authorization, permits or design review. American history was ripped asunder in defiance of law and order. I oppose the spending of any tax dollars on this, and request that the project in question be denied and that the property be returned to the American people in its original configuration. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would further demoralize American citizens and encourage a lack of respect for the law. How could anyone ever be held responsible for defacing tangible examples of American history if this is allowed?

Name: Martha Rost
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:31 pm

I am a United States Citizen, with family that arrived from Europe as early as the 1600's. I have strong roots in the United States, and a profound belief in the rule of law applying to every citizen, regardless of status or rank in government. I believe in the preservation of our history and monuments representing our democracy, and I am deeply offended that the east wing of the white house was torn down out without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Nustad
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:53 pm

I oppose spending any more money on the East Wing Modernization Plan and request that the project be stopped immediately and the East Wing of the White House, the People’s House, be restored to its former condition with exceptions for some modernization that follow current code. At no time were the people or the entities that oversee the preservation and integrity of our historic buildings consulted. This was done arbitrarily and without consideration for our history and heritage.

Name: Diana Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:55 pm

Rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was AND charge Pres. Trump for it. It never should have been demolished in the first place. In fact, this should be considered an act of domestic terrorism as it was an attack on a federal building. Those responsible for the destruction (Trump) need to be held responsible.

Name: Brian Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:04:55 pm

On behalf of the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, I would like to voice our opposition to the proposed ballroom addition to the White House, a National Historic Landmark. I recently attended the virtual Advisory Council for Historic Preservation meeting and listened to the presentation by the project architect for the proposed ballroom and office addition. The scale and massing of the proposed design is overwhelming and offensive to the historic character of the White House and its symbol of the Executive Branch of Federal government. Most alarming, was the comment by the architect that likely, there will be a push to make the design of the proposed ballroom addition symmetrical to the front of the historic building. We urge the planners to examine the importance of “the People’s House” and re-design a more fitting and respectful replacement to the now-lost East Wing.

Name: Patricia cleary
Date: February 18, 2026 12:05:10 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It is the unapproved, misguided, history-destroying project that is the result of Mr. Trump's egotistical, narcissitic self-aggrandizing desire to put his own stamp on a building that does not belong to him but rather to the people of the United States.

Name: Lori Berger
Date: February 18, 2026 12:05:56 pm

It is against the law for this criminal president to simply decide to destroy the east wing of the WH for his own personal pleasure and gain…To chose to destroy “the people’s house” without any consideration for the preservation of history is an act of pure selfishness and treason to our country and its citizens…We CANNOT allow, what is part of our country’s great history, to be destroyed by this self-serving President who has no regard for preserving history…To spend $300 million for a cheap, gold-flicked ballroom when millions in our country are struggling to find affordable healthcare, pay their bills and put food on the table, is nothing short of criminal…This President must be stopped now, be made to pay reparations, and rebuild the east wing to its former glory, or our beloved White House will be turned into a garish Vegas hotel…The demolition of the East Wing by a traitor, anarchist and wanna-be dictator is an affront to every American citizen and must be rectified ASAP!

Name: Stephanne Burkemper
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:04 pm

The White House is the People's House not the house for President Trump to exploit. If a ballroom was a necessity to entertain dignitaries then proper channels and protocols for renovations should have been followed. Voted on, permits attained, funding approved. There are processes in place for a reason, checks and balances. This President does not think those apply to him or the administration.

The demolition of the East Wing was a complete obliteration of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt on the dime of President Trump.

Name: Allison Ward
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Thank you.

Name: Peggy Dunne
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Nobody wants this. It serves no one.

Name: Naimhe Radke
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:56 pm

I oppose the spending of even one dollar on this monstrosity, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: DIANE SCHEUERMANN
Date: February 18, 2026 12:06:59 pm

Members of the Commission: All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was unlawfully destroyed by the President. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem. Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess.
Respectfully submitted,
Diane Scheuermann

Name: J.C. West
Date: February 18, 2026 12:07:09 pm

As a sixty-three-year-old American, it is crushing to see hundreds of years of iconic national history erased for the vanity project of one man. No individual should have the power to erase American history by paving over the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden and now destroying the east wing along with our previous White House ballroom.

The White House is no one’s private home. It belongs to the past, present, and future population of the United States of America.

The president should have the power to build on American history but never be allowed the power to erase and destroy centuries of our treasured history.

The east wing of the White House must be restored precisely to its original standards and configuration.

The destruction of iconic and historic landmarks of American pride and history must be halted. They must not be turned into vanity projects for any man. If damaged or destroyed by enemy actions, they should be rebuilt to their original and historic glory.

It is government’s job to serve the will of its citizens, not ignore it.

Name: Erik Ross
Date: February 18, 2026 12:07:11 pm

Subject: Public Comment Opposing NCPC File No. 8733 (East Wing Modernization)
To: The National Capital Planning Commission
From: Erik Ross
Date: February 18, 2026
Re: Opposition to the East Wing Modernization and Ballroom Construction
I am writing to formally submit my strong opposition to the "East Wing Modernization" project currently under review. As a concerned citizen, I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal, halt all further construction, and impose strict conditions on any future activity at this National Historic Landmark.
1. Condemnation of the Unapproved Demolition I vehemently object to the demolition of the historic East Wing that occurred in October 2025. This action was taken before the Commission had granted final approval for the project, bypassing the standard Section 106 review process intended to protect our nation’s heritage. The administration’s "act first, ask permission later" approach is a breach of public trust. The NCPC must not rubber-stamp this destruction by approving a replacement project that rewards such reckless disregard for historical preservation laws.
2. Opposition to Administration Oversight I am totally opposed to the current administration having any role in the design, funding, or construction of the replacement structure.
• Conflict of Interest: The reliance on private donations from corporations with active government contracts to fund a federal building creates an ethical minefield. The "People’s House" must remain public property, funded by the public to ensure it serves the national interest, not the interests of private donors.
• Lack of Stewardship: The administration has already demonstrated a lack of fitness to steward this historic site by authorizing the demolition of the 1942 East Wing without proper oversight. Consequently, I request that the Commission halt all work until an independent, non-partisan body can be established to oversee the future of the site.

3. The Replacement Should Not Be a Ballroom The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom is fundamentally totally inappropriate for the White House complex.
• Scale and Character: The massive scale of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the historic Executive Residence, altering the residential and dignified character of the White House. It transforms a seat of government into a commercial-style entertainment venue.
• Mission Creep: The primary function of the White House is governance and housing the First Family. A facility of this size, designed for mass social gatherings, distracts from these core functions and imposes unnecessary security and logistical burdens on the capital.
4. Prohibition on Naming Rights It is imperative that the Commission explicitly forbid the attachment of any private name to this building.
• No "Trump" Branding: The White House is not a private hotel or a campaign asset; it belongs to the American people. Under no circumstances should the replacement structure, or any room within it, bear the name of the sitting president or any political figure. To do so would be an act of vanity that degrades the history of the institution.
• No Donor Naming: Similarly, no naming rights should be granted to the private donors funding this project. The NCPC must include a binding condition in any future approval that permanently prohibits naming rights for donors or the President, ensuring the White House remains free of commercial or political branding.
I urge the NCPC to exercise its authority to protect the integrity of the White House. Do not allow this project to proceed as currently planned.
Sincerely,
Erik Ross
West Sand Lake, New York

Attachment

Name: Jeanna Elliott
Date: February 18, 2026 12:07:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Elaine O'Connor
Date: February 18, 2026 12:07:51 pm

Thank you for requesting input from ordinary citizens. First, let me say, how incensed I am that a wing of the White House, the people’s house, was torn to the ground. I was taught as a small child that when you break something you are responsible for repairing or replacing it if possible. Certainly it was required that you apologize. I would like Mr. Trump and his staff to do both.
Since it is unlikely that the Trump Administration will take responsibility for this awful act, I would hope that the White House could be restored to its past appearance. Certainly it should be improved for security and efficiency. I would like there to be thoughtful consideration to the function of the building as well as its form and a plan made based on that review. I do not think we need an enormous ballroom!
Please honor this historic building.

Name: HELEN LUCAS
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:08 pm

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Name: Liza Lucy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:13 pm

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Liza Lucy, New Hope, PA

Name: Laura Jernigan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:23 pm

I believe that the east wing should be rebuilt from the blueprints. The interior can be modern if need be but the exterior needs to be as it was. Give the rest of the white house exterior a good cleaning and uplift if need be.

It was just fine for all the other presidents and it will be after this one.

Name: MICHELLE BUSHEY
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:33 pm

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (with those expenses paid for by those who razed the former East Wing). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Restore this historic, peoples' building to its former footprint.

Name: Kirsten Zapotok
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:41 pm

I oppose the tearing down of the East Wing without planning permission and the proposal to use donor dollars to build a giant ballroom that we the people do not want or need. Please make them return the East wing to its former footprint.

Name: Belinda Willis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:42 pm

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Name: Carol Perkins
Date: February 18, 2026 12:08:59 pm

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Name: Lori Bowman
Date: February 18, 2026 12:09:06 pm

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Thank you.

Name: Coleen Christensen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:09:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Any attempts to rebuild should be put on hold until fully vetted and approved by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Name: Mary Hutcherson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:09:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marcia Mathes
Date: February 18, 2026 12:09:49 pm

I am opposed to the White House ballroom project.

Name: Irene Pomerinke
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:10 pm

To whom it may concern. Since we the people through our elected officials were not allowed to have any say on this project before President Trump took a wrecking ball to our house I consider this to be an illegal action, not to mention that a huge gilded ballroom for the president and his friends to enjoy has zero to do with governing or helping we the people who actually own the White House.

Name: Vicki R
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:19 pm

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Name: Robin Palley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:21 pm

I oppose spending of $300 million on a ballroom - a project initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design

review. I acknowledge the need for a presidential shelter on the site, but what has been previewed is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history to create a gaudy tasteless mostly useless space. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its original purposesand restored to its former design - albeit expanded and modernized with appropriate shelter below No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Steven Bloom
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:25 pm

I write in opposition to the so-called East Wing Modernization initiative. This project, estimated to cost in excess of $300 million, has not received proper vetting and authorization, utilizes privately donated funding which has not been disclosed and is fertile ground for corruption, and the proposed plans - which have not been adequately disclosed- show a project inconsistent with the design and history of the White House complex. I stand in opposition to this project in its entirety and strongly recommend that steps be taken to restore the historic East Wing as well as the Rosen Garden to their former configuration.

Name: Klein Sue
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:35 pm

This project defies understanding. This project never asked for permission or comment. This should not be allowed on the whim of the president alone. And to solicit and accept corporate funded donations is tantamount to bribing the president. (or succumbing to his threats for retribution) These corporate donors should be ashamed. Please halt this illegally permitted construction and restore the white house to its former structure.

Name: Virginia Mather
Date: February 18, 2026 12:10:43 pm

The White House is an historic building viewed with pride by the citizens of the United States. The proposed addition would overwhelm the original structure. The historic part of the White House should be prominent as that is the house of the citizens. More space is necessary but shouldn’t detract or be larger than the remaining White House.

Name: Holly Drouin
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:13 pm

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Name: Susan Bickel
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:19 pm

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Name: Kim Edwards
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:28 pm

I am appalled that the East Wing of the White House was torn down without any input from the agencies charged with historic preservation, or from the people, whose house this is. What happened to all the architectural treasures and historic items that were in the East Wing? This is not Donald Trump's house, and he had no right to tear it down; he has no right to determine on his own what the White House should look like. It is not his house. He is a temporary tenant in a house that belongs to the American people. This project is not a modernization, but rather a desecration and destruction of American history, done with no regard for the American people. I want this project cancelled, and I want the East Wing restored to its original state. And I want the people who tore this wing down illegally to face accountability. They are not above the law--no one is. Every time I see photos of the demolished East Wing, I feel heartsick. This demolition has taken something very precious from me and from all the people of this great country. The East Wing needs to be restored to its former state.

Name: Patricia JOHANSEN-MITCHELL
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:39 pm

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and building a ballroom.
This was done illegally – without proper authorization, review, or permits. It is the “peoples house” no tenant has the right to modify it without the landlord’s (the US public) approval.
The East Wing must be rebuilt to its former design.
Those responsible for its destruction must be prosecuted.

Name: Diane Lindsey
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:40 pm

Ladies and Gentlemen,
The White House is the house of the people. It belongs to all citizens. I don't believe the Ballroom will be open to all. It is planned specifically for the rich and for private events as well as fundraising. It should specifically prohibit the political parties from having a convention there. If Trump is planning future inaugurations there , the citizens won't be invited to celebrate either. The Ballroom would send a message that regular citizens are of no interest to the President, dividing the country into the rich and connected versus the regular citizens.

Seating for 1000 is not necessary. Stay dinner usually have 200-300 people. The optics would only highlight the rich and wealthy count, with private access to the President.

The monies should be expended on health care and food for the poor.

Thanks for your consideration,
(Mrs) Diane Lindsey

Name: sandra Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:57 pm

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Name: Marcy Ugstad
Date: February 18, 2026 12:11:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There is absolutely no need for this huge ballroom

to be built that will overwhelm the original historic White House building because of its planned square footage and height. This ballroom is nothing but a private ego project.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ona Gritz
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:08 pm

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Name: Cheri Holterman
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:13 pm

To whom it may concern;

I am vigorously opposed to the so called East Wing Modernization project.

The fact that a wing of our beautiful “People’s House” has been destroyed is so misguided and just plain wrong. It breaks my heart that this was done without any approvals or permits.

Our current president stated that the East Wing would not be touched when building his vanity ballroom. This is not the case, all we all can see with our own eyes.

To desecrate one of our National Treasures is shameful.

I request this project be abandoned and our White House be put back to its former state, with a rebuilt East Wing and no ballroom.

Cheri Holterman

Name: Cheryl Keely
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:16 pm

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That this destruction of our history with no public comment or oversight even happened is a disgrace. The president should be held personally and financially responsible for restoring the East Wing to its former design.

Name: Vivian Imperiale
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:32 pm

The President is not the owner. The President is a tenant with no right to destroy the premises.

Name: JoAnn Cohen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:48 pm

The current plan for turning the East Wing area into a huge ballroom is a terrible plan. The building it too large. The White House - The Peoples House - should be the predominant structure. Please stand up and make sure the structure of

the new East Wing is downsized. The East Wing was torn down without approval and you must stand up against this terrible design.

Name: Jodi Laakso
Date: February 18, 2026 12:12:48 pm

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Name: John Doe
Date: February 18, 2026 12:13:06 pm

It is a disgusting over step of power to have destroyed a piece of history without real plans in place to refurbish it. No one asked for a ballroom, not one citizen, and since it’s OUR house we should have say.

Name: Rachel Kurland
Date: February 18, 2026 12:13:21 pm

I strongly object to the demolition of the East Wing, part of the people's house. t was done without warnig, without the necessary permits, without permission from the committees responsible for our national strctures. And it was done this way intentionally, thumbing a nose at the American people.

One man wanting a version of Versailles with his name on it is not justification for tearing down part of a building that symbolizes our democrary. Unilaterally adding an addition that dwarfs the original structure of a building that symbolizes our country around the world is a desecration. Please reject this project and ensure that proper steps are taken before any modifications are carried out.

I feel this was a symbolic act and it must be stopped.

Thank you.

Name: Deborah Reaney
Date: February 18, 2026 12:13:36 pm

This should have never been permitted to happen. Stop it now and have it fully restored. The People's House should remain as such.

Name: Marilyn Stevens
Date: February 18, 2026 12:13:40 pm

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Name: Karen Dowden
Date: February 18, 2026 12:14:26 pm

Please STOP these Billionaires out to further ruin OUR White House. Trump has already vandalized it enough. The people dont deserve the careless treatment their house has already recvd with untold amounts of damage done by fascists. There is historical importance to this building & we mustnt let these monsters continue with their egregious plans unchecked

ENOUGH . Please . Thank you
KAREN DOWDEN

Name: Carter Prescott
Date: February 18, 2026 12:14:33 pm

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Name: Beverly Chase
Date: February 18, 2026 12:14:43 pm

Trump thinks he can destroy and remake anything he wants. Wrong, the White House is our house and we should hav3 a say in what is going to be done to it. He cuts corners because Congress is afraid of him and just let him do what ever he wants.

It needs to stop!

Name: Jennifer Bontrager
Date: February 18, 2026 12:14:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people.

Name: Laurie Schreiber
Date: February 18, 2026 12:14:57 pm

Dear Executive Director and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to formally oppose the current administration's proposed project to demolish and reconstruct the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or design review — and it must be stopped.

This is not a renovation. The 123-year-old East Wing has stood as part of one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in the country, and tearing it down without following the required legal process is simply wrong.

It would be a travesty to allow the proposed "ballroom" project that overwhelms the White House to proceed. At 90,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, it would dwarf the White House.

I urge the Commission to take the following actions:

Halt the project immediately pending a full review of all authorizations, permits, and design approvals.
Require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act.
Mandate restoration of the East Wing to its original design, consistent with the historic character of the White House complex.
Hold accountable those who proceeded with demolition or construction work without proper legal authority.

No one is above the law — not even the occupants of the White House. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that legal processes can be ignored by those in power. That is an affront to every law-abiding American and to the institutions designed to protect our national landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has both the authority and the obligation to intervene. I urge you to act decisively and without delay.

Name: Donna Bartlett
Date: February 18, 2026 12:14:57 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link

I oppose the spending of one cent let alone $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

Name: Lauret Savoy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:15:06 pm

As an American citizen, I vehemently oppose the "East Wing Modernization Project." The White House is the Nation's House, not the domain of a single person currently in residence. This $400 million demolition-construction began WITHOUT National Capital Planning Commission approval, WITHOUT required environmental assessments, and WITHOUT the Congressional authorization that is mandated by federal law for construction on federal land in Washington. These violations should NOT be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable (and perhaps illegal) conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of a president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is buying access and favorable treatment. It's clear to every American who is paying attention.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal until FULL LEGAL COMPLIANCE is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments.

No temporary occupant of the People's House should possess unilateral authority to demolish structures of historic importance to the nation without following the law.

Please uphold the law.

Sincerely and emphatically yours,
Lauret Savoy

Name: Kent Quigley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:15:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all Americans!

Name: Heidi Haines
Date: February 18, 2026 12:15:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, an attack particularly on the valuable work of First Ladies throughout our history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This destruction sets a dangerous precedent. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Kristi Gibbs
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Pence
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:14 pm

I write to request a significant redesign of the proposed ballroom addition to the White House.
The proposed building is far too large for the WH property and would exceed the needs of the office of the President. A ballroom with a capacity of 500 would meet the needs of large state dinners and other events and the corresponding building would be of proportional size to the existing historical structures.
Additionally, the proposed building is so large that it would alter the shape of the road around the South Lawn, taking away the design symmetry of the space.
Lastly, the lack of transparency (of funding and design) means there is no accountability to the American people who ultimately own the WH.
Do not approve the project plans as the are now. Please reduce the size and scale of this proposed building to match the size and scale of the Residence or West Wing. Also share more specific details of the plans so the American people can further weigh in on such an important project.

Name: Mary Matthews
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:19 pm

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Name: Marika Gerrard
Date: February 18, 2026 12:16:52 pm

I am appalled by the unwarranted destruction of a part of The People's House. No one person should be allowed to

destroy public property without consultation from the public and extensive review of any plans BEFORE any demolition is done. I want the East Wing rebuilt exactly as it was. We do not need a ballroom to entertain as if the President were royalty. This country was founded as by the people and for the people. We have not asked for nor do we need to spend precious public taxpayer funds on this monstrosity.

Name: Harriet Lowell
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:03 pm

Building gilded ballrooms, when our own benefits and institutions are being gutted, is the beyond disgraceful. I oppose spending $300 million or even $1 on a this illegal project, which was initiated without authorization, permits or a design review. Trump is merely a temporary resident in the White House, which belongs to the American People. It's a piece of American History. The appalling decadence of the Epstein class of oligarch grifters, is on full display. Never mind Trump is building his bunker underneath it. We must restore the rule of law. Nobody is above the law.

Name: Carol Ann Quigley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:07 pm

The White House belongs to all of us and to history, not to one man. This project is not a modernization but a vanity project undertaken without proper review or consent of the public. Every President leaves his mark on the White House but this project is an unnecessary wholesale gutting. No matter what the President says, it will end up costing the taxpayers money. I think you will find this is a very unpopular project and to allow it to go forth sets a frightening precedent.

Name: Melody Villars
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:10 pm

Trump’s sudden and unprecedented razing of the East Wing was egregious and illegal. His whole ridiculous ballroom project is just to satisfy his massive ego and cannot be allowed. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its previous appearance. And Trump must pay for all of the expenses involved, including the initial demolition!

Name: Gregg SCHROEDER
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:43 pm

I want this project stopped.

This is not a “modernization.” It is the destruction of a heritage site that belongs to all U.S. people. It was not approved in advance. It is santo vandalism for a vanity project.

Name: John Acerra
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Neil Keller
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:46 pm

To the point, we don't need an oversize, over-the-top ballroom that destroys the appearance, purpose, and history of the White House.

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nina Grice
Date: February 18, 2026 12:17:49 pm

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Name: Therese Coons
Date: February 18, 2026 12:18:32 pm

I don't agree with this project as it has taken place without regards for the people, a vote or plans to be submitted before demolition began. The White House if the house that is for all, not one or one party. We are a democracy and not a country of fanfare and parties. This should be rebuilt as it was and not a wing for parties. No one is above the law and gets to make a singular decision to demolish a piece of history.

Name: Judith Howard
Date: February 18, 2026 12:18:37 pm

I strongly oppose the Administration's illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House and its plans to rebuild in a manner that does not comply with historic-preservation, and other relevant building/construction, rules. I am particularly appalled that we now have a White House that is a construction site during the recognition and celebration of this nation's 250th year.

The East Wing should be rebuilt according to the plans and standards of the professionals who have long been entrusted with the oversight of our historic buildings. It should not be rebuilt according to the whims of one individual who is more interested in enshrining his name, and questionable (at best) taste, everywhere.

I live in the DMV and every time I have crossed the Potomac at the Roosevelt Bridge to enter DC, I have been awed by the majesty of our magnificent federal buildings and monuments, and the long-standing history they represent. We must sustain, not destroy, these national treasures.

Name: Kristy Kowalski
Date: February 18, 2026 12:18:50 pm

The White House is not simply a residence or an event venue. It is one of the most recognized and historically significant buildings in the United States. Its proportions, architectural character, and visual prominence have remained carefully preserved for generations. The current ballroom proposal, as presented, would significantly dwarf the existing structure and alter its historic scale. In my view, it would be out of proportion with the original design and create a visual imbalance that undermines the dignity of the building.

Major alterations to a national landmark require extraordinary care. The White House is a symbol that belongs to the American people, not to any single administration. Any addition should be subordinate in scale, architecturally harmonious, and sensitive to the historic character of the property.

The proposal before you does not meet that standard.

I respectfully urge the committee to deny approval of the current plans and require a redesign that better preserves the architectural integrity, historical significance, and visual prominence of the White House.

Thank you.

Name: Karen Befumo
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:00 pm

To tear down the East Wing with no input was wrong. The White house is the Peoples House and President only live there four or eight years. It is a temporary assignment and they do not have the right to tear parts or all of it down. There are 18 acres on the property and a ballroom could be built without destroying parts of the White House. At the very least the decision should have been made with consultation with the Trust and other appropriate agencies. Rebuild what was there and make joint plans for a ballroom. And DO NOT put the current president's name on the ballroom.

Name: Ruth Burley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:14 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Alison Berry
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:16 pm

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Name: JoAnn Merriman-Eaton
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:35 pm

I resent the destruction of the citizens of the United States White House East Wing by the Trump administration The history cannot be replaced, and the funds required to rebuild a ballroom in its place is vulgar and unacceptable. It is not acceptable that a vote or approval was not submitted for this destruction.

Name: Isaac Lord
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:39 pm

Do not allow this project to proceed. It is vandalism and a disgusting affront to the people, many of them enslaved, who built this building for the American people. Restore the building as it was and hold the responsible parties to account for the loss and damage.

Name: Marie Carr
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. "No one" is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is considered "The People's House" and does not belong to one single person!`

Name: Dawn Romo
Date: February 18, 2026 12:19:55 pm

I would like to register my opposition to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and replacing it with an

unnecessary ballroom. That this has happened without proper authorization, permits, or design review to the “People’s House” is unconscionable and is a slap in the face of law abiding citizens. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, to compliment, not overshadow, the White House and those responsible for it’s destruction should be held accountable.

Name: Mary Costello
Date: February 18, 2026 12:20:19 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the building of a ballroom, regardless of size or how it is funded, on any governmental property in DC or elsewhere. The only construction I support is the full restoration/return of the East Wing to its pre-Trump glory. Likewise, I support restoration of the Rose Garden.

Name: Sarah Leddick
Date: February 18, 2026 12:20:30 pm

I oppose the spending one dime let alone $300 million on a project that America does not approve of and was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donald Trump does not own this property, is only in the White House temporarily and has no authorization whatsoever to cancel it or alter it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Jaima Finn
Date: February 18, 2026 12:20:40 pm

I oppose this project for these reasons…
1. Legal and Procedural -
"No authorization/permits": Demolition began without typical independent reviews, congressional approval, or public comment, which are required for alterations to historic federal buildings.
"Violation of federal law": project proceeded without complying with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) or proper environmental and historical impact reviews.
"Sidestepped process": breaking these processes "erodes trust" and "diminishes the public dimension of architecture".

2. Preservation and Historical Value Arguments
"Desecration" and "Razing history": The destruction of the East Wing is described as a, "complete razing of American history" rather than a mere renovation.
"Slashing a masterpiece": Architectural historians have likened the destruction to "slashing a Rembrandt painting" or "defacing a Michelangelo sculpture".
"Undermining democratic symbols": Demolition is a "metaphor" for the destruction of established democratic processes.

Name: Elizabeth Breiseth
Date: February 18, 2026 12:20:42 pm

The proposed White House ballroom design represents a jarring departure from the architectural dignity, proportional restraint, and historical coherence that define the Executive Residence. Rather than complementing the iconic neoclassical structure, the new design overwhelms it—an oversized, over-scaled intervention that appears to prioritize spectacle over stewardship.

At its core, the proposal seems to misunderstand the very context it seeks to inhabit. The White House is not a convention center, a luxury hotel, or a showpiece for architectural bravado. It is a national symbol whose longevity has depended on thoughtful, precedent-aware additions—additions that respect the building’s scale, materials, and symbolic gravitas. Previous expansions, from the Truman Balcony to the East and West Wing evolutions, adhered to a disciplined architectural language. This design does not. Its bulk erodes the carefully balanced massing of the existing house, and its

stylistic choices appear untethered to either historic precedent or contemporary architectural excellence.

The ballroom's sheer size is particularly troubling. It reads less as an enhancement and more as an annex threatening to visually devour the residence it claims to support. Instead of creating functional space that harmonizes with the site, the proposal introduces a visual imbalance, making the White House appear diminished by comparison—an inversion of hierarchy that no responsible design review process should accept.

Beyond aesthetics, the proposal raises broader concerns about cultural stewardship. The White House is an irreplaceable national symbol, and any modification should embody humility, restraint, and a deep respect for continuity. This design does none of these. It prioritizes scale over subtlety, novelty over integrity, and short-term ambitions over long-term preservation.

In its current form, the proposed ballroom is misaligned with both architectural precedent and the public expectation of how we treat historic national spaces. It deserves a thorough rethinking—one that starts with respecting the building that already stands, rather than attempting to overshadow it.

Name: Sara Farley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:21:03 pm

I oppose this so-called modernization project. It is not modernization, but bold destruction. I oppose spending money on this and want to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was. I want to see history preserved and demand that this administration and others to follow be required to follow the guidelines and procedures for caring for OUR HOUSE!

Name: Ani Kindall
Date: February 18, 2026 12:21:11 pm

The East Wing should never have been demolished without public input. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt. If that isn't possible, the ballroom must be consistent with the previous footprint of the East Wing. It must not look bigger than or disproportionate to the rest of the White House.

Name: Debora Pelligra
Date: February 18, 2026 12:21:33 pm

It saddens me that a once proud historic monument of our country, the White House, has been destroyed beyond recognition.
I respectfully ask that the construction of a massive ballroom be denied and the East Wing be rebuilt with the cost personally paid for by the current president who illegally instructed the destruction of the people's property
Regards
Debora Pelligra

Name: Nancy Sinnott
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brenda J Eschbacher
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:08 pm

I was first saddened by the razing of the East Wing which went to anger. This is our house. My house and I certainly didn't get the chance to say no. This devastation has to be restored. It's part of our history and no one I know thinks putting in an ostentatious ballroom that most certainly wasn't necessary was alright. This should have been stopped before it started. Please restore our White House

Name: Eileen Bilynsky
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:11 pm

I do NOT support replacing the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom. I would like to see the exterior restored to what it has been during my 71 years on earth. The interior could again have office space and/or a museum/library area that the public can visit and that can be used for small gatherings and meetings to discuss issues relevant to governing the USA and discourse about global issues relevant to the USA. There are plenty of ballrooms in the DC area to accommodate extravagant affairs.

Thank you!
Eileen Bilynsky

Name: Colleen Kleinhans
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:11 pm

Please don’t allow this project to continue. The proper process has not been followed and consequences should be taken. The ballroom is not needed or in line with the historic flavor of our White House. It is a travesty and should not be allowed to go forward.

Name: Michael Lawrence
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:19 pm

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Name: Elizabeth Simpson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:22:26 pm

You Have Until March 4th to Comment on Trump’s White House Ballroom

The National Capital Planning Commission opened public comment on the East Wing Modernization Project (Trump’s $400M ballroom funded by Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Lockheed Martin, and other companies with billions in federal contracts).

This is your only formal opportunity to weigh in.

Deadline: March 4, 2026 at Noon ET

How to Submit:

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Heather Elliott-Kirsch
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:16 pm

As a concerned citizen of the United States I am horrified at the destruction of the historical East Wing of the White House. This appears to be a vanity project and does nothing to add value to the historical site. While modernization might be needed to completely tear down this monument, especially with no consent from the Historical preservation society or Congress was in my opinion is an arrogant narcissistic misuse of power. I want the East wing rebuilt as it was with some modernization if necessary.

Name: Michael Fahrenbacher
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:18 pm

The ballroom project is a blight on our nation's capital. The president should not be making these decisions based on his whims. Stop the project and turn its planning over to the appropriate group of citizens.

Name: Gerald Courvoisier
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:29 pm

want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Amie Durden
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:30 pm

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Name: Kate Hodges
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:32 pm

I am upset that Trump administration did not follow law and precedent in making a permanent change to the East Wing of the White House.

"In the sad obscenity of the moment, one of the White House’s most beautiful spaces has been amputated, torn away from time and memory in an act of vulgar insult. The East Wing is lost now."

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Valerie Moog
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:36 pm

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Name: LYnn Welles
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:42 pm

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Name: Dianne Samples
Date: February 18, 2026 12:23:49 pm

It’s horrifying that one person takes it upon himself to obliterate historical buildings and traditions without any checks and balances. What is proposed is a gaudy, tacky, tasteless tribute to himself. Most people have to go through design reviews, soil testing, permits, etc. what a huge waste of money.

Name: Susan O'Connell
Date: February 18, 2026 12:24:13 pm

I oppose the east Wing Modernization Project and the building of a ballroom for the White House. In my opinion the destruction of the East Wing was criminal. The White House is not a resort; it is the seat of our federal government. A ballroom has nothing to do with running the federal government. Additionally, bad behavior should not be ignored. We are a nation of laws and there are consequences to ignoring those laws. There is simply no valid reason to allow the building of a ballroom and expanding the size of the East Wing. Please refuse this ill-considered, ego-tripping proposal that is an embarrassment to the entire USA.

Name: Melissa Kaczmarek Petrozzi
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:08 pm

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Name: Autumn Mather
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:24 pm

I am requesting that the east wing modernization project be overseen by a bipartisan commission that includes representation from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

As with any large-scale renovation to the White House, this project should undergo all legally-mandated review processes, including generating an environmental impact statement; securing approval of the plans by the National Capitol Planning Commission; and securing construction approval of the United States Congress. Due to the unprecedented scale of corruption in the Trump administration, Congress should be providing ongoing budgetary review of the project and should be provided a list of donors and their donations. As the people's house, contracts for this project should be awarded to competitive bids from companies that are owned by women and other historically-marginalized communities rather than to firms owned by friends of the president.

The proposed architectural plan is out of scale with the existing historical building, and should be revised so as not to detract from or endanger the existing White House. Modifications must be made to ensure that the addition preserves the balanced classical design of the existing structure; the White House is not a palace for a monarch but instead belongs to the people of the United States, and its appearance should reflect this. Attention must be paid to surrounding historical structures and monuments as well to preserve the cohesiveness of the monumental core. Finally, public access to the White House must be permitted to continue throughout the course of the project.

Name: Cheryl Savageau
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katharine Gagne
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:37 pm

Please restore the East Wing to the way it was pre-demolition. Then follow legal approval & permitting processes for any future changes. Do NOT allow private financing for any construction or remodeling on the White House. Tax dollars only.

Name: Martha Uber
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:48 pm

I strongly object to the remodeling the East Wing into a ballroom where the rich friends of a President will be the only ones to benefit. The destruction of the East Wing was done without the proper lawful procedures and is an affront to our democracy, our history and to all you serve so faithfully before. I want the project stopped and returned to the East Wing setting. It will restore our history and be a sign that our democracy is not dead.

Name: Mary Anne Elsener
Date: February 18, 2026 12:25:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diane Futo
Date: February 18, 2026 12:26:00 pm

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Name: Roberta Staymates
Date: February 18, 2026 12:26:06 pm

Please, just restore the East Wing as it was. Modernize as necessary, but give it back. Please.

Name: Carey Tri
Date: February 18, 2026 12:26:26 pm

Please STOP this illegal project. The destruction must be reversed, the East Wing restored to its historical state. Prosecutions for the destruction of part of the People's House would be appropriate and fantastic.
Thank you for your attn to this matter
Carey Tri

Name: Gail Frank
Date: February 18, 2026 12:26:58 pm

Please cancel this project! It is the house of the people, and this project was undertaken with no authority, permits or notice. “We, the People,” object, and so should you.

Name: Benji Durden
Date: February 18, 2026 12:26:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jane Ferguson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:27:05 pm

Please restore the East Wing which was torn down without following any required procedures. If a ballroom is desired, require plans and permissions for architectural and congressional review.

Name: Thomas Derthick
Date: February 18, 2026 12:27:13 pm

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Name: Carol Cumming
Date: February 18, 2026 12:27:21 pm

As a citizen of the United States, as a registered voter, as a US taxpayer, as a lover of our beautiful capital city, and as a passionate supporter of our US National Park system, I wish to go on record as one who fervently objects to the unapproved demolition of the East Wing of "The People's House" to make room for a ballroom whose scale far exceeds that of the White House it is intended to be part of.

I do NOT object to the idea of expanding/redesigning existing space, nor do I object to what is likely a real need for a larger and more functional event space for "The People's House," such as might necessitate an entirely newly designed and constructed venue.

However, I absolutely object to the following:
1) demolition of ANY part of "The People's House" without appropriate permissions having been sought from the National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Capital Planning Commission
2) an architectural plan being approved by no one other than the sitting president
3) the solicitation of mammoth numbers of dollars for said demolition and reconstruction from an elite group of tycoons whose only interest appears to be currying favor rather than a genuine desire to celebrate the the icon that is our White House; such an action suggests toadying at best and backroom quid pro quo bargaining at its worst.

The so-called "modernization" of the East Wing without the deliberate protections of the logical and stipulated channels of approval MUST apply to ALL the land and structures that belong to "We, the People." No administration, no president, owns the land on which "The People's House" rests, nor the House itself.

Any resident of any town, city, or municipality who has ever thought to tear down, alter, or reconstruct a home or commercial building without submitting detailed plans and obtaining required approvals and permits has faced a number of possible consequences: cancelations of work, monetary fines, mandatory restorations, or even jail time. The current president does NOT own our House. Any president is a merely a tenant of our White House, and "We, the People" are its landlords and stewards.

Carol Cumming
Redmond, Oregon

Name: Julia Ehrhardt
Date: February 18, 2026 12:27:36 pm

I vehemently oppose this project. It is an affront to the architectural history of the United States, the office of the President, and laws regarding planning, demolition and construction of/on White House property. This is the people’s house and no one is above the law when it comes to modifying it. Thank you.

Name: Cerise O CONNOR
Date: February 18, 2026 12:28:01 pm

This is vanity project for this president. This is wrong! He lives in “the peoples’ house”. And the people, by a wide, substantial amount don’t want a gigantic gaudy monstrosity slapped on their White House. This president is temporary. He does not deserve or have the right to foist this so called ballroom upon the country. It’s grotesque and totally unsuited for our form of government. To all agencies in our government that have jurisdiction on this matter must reject it and insist the east wing be rebuilt as originally designed. To do otherwise is to saddle our precious White House with this monstrosity! Unacceptable!

Name: Nancy Emm
Date: February 18, 2026 12:28:46 pm

This so called moderation project is nothing but destroying history & breaking the laws of this country by doing this destruction of histoy without the proper steps to get approval. It is another law broken by a very strong criminal who doesn't belong in the people's house. This White House does not belong to Mr. Trump, but to the people of the United States!!!!

Name: Kathleen Henry
Date: February 18, 2026 12:28:46 pm

I am writing to oppose this current project. The project as projected would greatly dwarf the White House and significantly change the meaning and purpose of the residence. This is the the people's house. It is not a palace nor do I expect to to be. It is the house of an American Citizen we elect as president. A humble position of service that we entrust to a common citizen whose power derives from us. Our house should represent that idea.

Further, it is an historical home that should have all maintenance and improvements reflect that reality, not destroy it in

whole or part. It concerns me very much that people took it upon themselves and with little oversight to destroy part of this historical place to put an unsightly monstrosity next to it.

Name: Eileen Ott
Date: February 18, 2026 12:28:57 pm

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Name: Ingrid Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 12:29:17 pm

I write to express deep sadness and outrage at the demolition of the East Wing of the White House without any review or oversight. The public comment period is a little too little, too late but I want to register my profound disgust with the vandalism and destruction that has already occurred at the White House. The White House is one of the most significant landmarks in this country and is owned by the American people, not the current occupant. The fact that this demolition occurred on the whims of one person defies the basic norms, rules and values of the United States. Please stop the construction of this massive ballroom and hold the persons responsible for the unlawful demolition of the East Wing accountable for their actions. Although the damage can never be remedied, those who did this should pay for, but not be involved in, the repair of the White House after careful review and input from the CFA and NCPC.

Name: Beverly Perry
Date: February 18, 2026 12:29:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want demolition stopped and the project canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. If no one is above the law, permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The financial involvement of mega donors who by all appearances are seeking political favors that benefit their companies and business interests reeks of corruption and needs to be prohibited, Such persons and entities need to be removed and blocked from directly paying for governmental projects so that there is not even a hint of "pay for play" bribery. A better way to fund government projects them would be to restructure the tax rate of billionaires so that they actually pay taxes equivalent to the percentages of tax paid vs income of the average American.

Name: Kimberly Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:29:50 pm

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Name: Rita Evon
Date: February 18, 2026 12:29:57 pm

I was so appalled to see the East Wing being torn down and now looking like the home of presidents is located on the other side of the tracks. This is so beyond disgraceful. How do you modernize our country's history? What has happened that our government officials no longer care about our history. Are we rewriting everything? PLEASE, restore the East Wing to its previous beauty and restore our history. Lastly, it is my opinion that those involved in this destruction should be fined, if not fined and jailed for proceeding without the appropriate authorizations and approvals.

Name: Coleen Ehresmann
Date: February 18, 2026 12:30:26 pm

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Not my words originally, but I agree with this comment. His destruction of American history, including buildings, needs to be stopped and then punished for breaking the law.

Name: Lexi DeRit
Date: February 18, 2026 12:30:47 pm

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Name: Amy Kaplan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:31:00 pm

Dear National Planning Commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Amy Kaplan
Laurel, MD

Name: Amy Kaplan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:31:38 pm

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Sincerely,
Amy Kaplan
Laurel, MD

Name: Nancy Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 12:32:08 pm

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Name: Sandi Sandy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:32:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all United States citizens.

Name: Linda McCormick
Date: February 18, 2026 12:32:45 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The person responsible for the demolition should bear the cost of reconstruction to its original state. Thank you.

Name: Michael Head
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:02 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Minda Briaddy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:13 pm

I oppose this project and the purchasing of any political sway by the billionaires who are funding it, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history! I want this project cancelled and the East wing rebuilt in its entirety to its former design and grandeur. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward and to not penalize those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding American Citizens. This is the American Citizens home, for our President. Not the sitting President’s.

Name: Jeri Dunn
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:36 pm

I respectfully submit my comments for your serious consideration.

Attachment

Name: Tegan Tigani
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:39 pm

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an insult to American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and Trump responsible for the cost.. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Lessard
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:45 pm

I am entirely against anything other than a rebuilt east wing - the way it looked before.

We don't need or want a ballroom. Plant new adult trees to replace those that were there for hundreds of years.

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing was a horror that never should have been allowed. Now make it right.

No BALLROOM

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Elizabeth Lessard

Name: Nancy Malone
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:53 pm

I object to the razing of our beautiful East Wing. I think it should be restored fully, and plans for the “ballroom” should be scraped.

Name: M Frederiksen
Date: February 18, 2026 12:33:59 pm

The East Wing of the White House, the People’s House, should never have been torn down, especially at one person’s whim. It should be rebuilt as it was and paid for by those who destroyed it. Simple.

Name: Marguerite Judson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:34:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Fairbanks
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:01 pm

The east wing of the White House is an historical treasure that has been illegally torn down and needs to be restored back to its original purpose to serve as the peoples house. That the east wing has been unlawfully torn down needs to be addressed and those responsible for tearing it down need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. What was done to the east wing is an abomination.

Sue Fairbanks

Name: dan steinke
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:05 pm

this project was not approved thru proper channels and should not be allowed to proceed . the East wing should be restored at the expense of Mr. Trump.

Name: Neil Mitro
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:08 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed construction of a new ballroom at the White House and instead urge that priority be given

to reconstructing and preserving the historic East Wing in a manner that honors its original character and purpose.

The White House is not merely a venue for events; it is a living symbol of our nation's history, democratic values, and architectural heritage. Alterations that expand its footprint or introduce large new entertainment spaces risk shifting the focus from stewardship to spectacle. At a time when fiscal responsibility and preservation of historic assets should guide decision-making, investing in a new ballroom sends the wrong message.

Reconstructing and restoring the East Wing offers a more thoughtful path forward. Preservation respects the building's historical integrity, safeguards its architectural legacy for future generations, and demonstrates a commitment to careful stewardship of national landmarks. Rather than pursuing expansion for ceremonial convenience, we should reaffirm the principle that historic public buildings deserve protection, restoration, and reverence.

Our national home should reflect continuity, humility, and respect for history—not vanity projects and unnecessary expansion. Occupants of the White House are caretakers, not owners.

Name: Carol Duling
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:16 pm

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not really a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and those who tore down the East Wing punished. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mozelle McRay
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Wainscott
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:24 pm

This project is an abomination. It's a complete violation of the sanctity of the structure that holds the power of our federal government, historically, morally, and spiritually. It was not proposed through the appropriate channels of approval. The East Wing was ordered to be demolished by Trump without the support of Congress, the Historic Preservation Society or the American people. PLEASE SHUT IT DOWN, and order that he rebuild the East Wing to its original historic specifications. He has to be held accountable for his unlawful domination of our legal system and the value system that our White House represents. THANK YOU!

Name: Jeri Preston
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:24 pm

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. (Used with permission).
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: William Collins
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:35 pm

The destruction of the East Wing, undertaken in violation of laws relating to a property belonging to the American people, is now being followed by a plan to build an excessively sized structure that will aesthetically dwarf the executive mansion

and satisfy the current President's need for personal grandiosity, even to the point of naming it the Donald J. Trump Ballroom.

The use of private funds does not obviate the betrayal of the American people. In fact. it smells of bribery from wealthy donors.

In every aspect, the destruction of the East Wing and the construction of a monstrosity insults the law, norms, historic preservation, and a host of other restraints on unchecked power. I storngly urge that this project be denied, halted, and the destroyed East Wing restored.

Name: Nancy Morrison
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:46 pm

Restore the former East Wing.

Name: Jane Sancinito
Date: February 18, 2026 12:35:47 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. No authorization, permits, or design review has taken place prior to demolition and no effort has been made at transparency around the proposed rebuilding. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing was a vital element of the peoples' house, and it should never have been torn down. It should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jarod Hanson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:36:15 pm

I vehemently oppose spending $300 million on this project, supposedly raised from Trump's hand-picked/bribed corporate donors. This entire project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history led by an ego maniac President who doesn't think rules apply to him or his administration. IThis project must be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. President Trump should have to pay out of pocket to restore the East Wing since he ignored all applicable laws and rules tied to a space owned by the American public and for our benefit, not his own. This entire project is a huge stain on America and shows the administration only cares about being bribed by donations to build shiny things, and is in no way in the best interests of the American taxpayer.

Name: Yasmin Beg
Date: February 18, 2026 12:36:24 pm

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Name: Kim barson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:00 pm

I vehemently oppose The East Wing Modernization Project. The East Wing was destroyed by a mad king that thinks building a gaudy ballroom is more important than modernizing government offices.

Name: Susan Stanley
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:05 pm

I oppose the updates to the east wing and request it be returned to its original appearance. It's our historical structure, not the president's and shouldn't be altered outside the regular channels

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Name: Beverly Tiemann
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:25 pm

Of course this is asking for consideration after the damage is done because the previous ballroom has been demolished. However, in the spirit of actively participating in the process, I would request that the new ballroom design be in keeping with the architectural style of the White House and that the scale of the project not dwarf the rest of the White House. This house is owned by the hardworking American population - who are as diverse in their aesthetic as they are in their background. It needs to be a ballroom that fits the function (and with an eye to fiscal stewardship) and not the gaudy, flashiness of a casino or a failed mercurial monarchy. Understated, elegant, and energy efficient. This would be a good time to use building principles that respect the environment and cost savings. Thank you.

Name: Teresa Burch
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:27 pm

I am opposed to the "modernization" of the East Wing as proposed.

While I have no issues with the building of a ballroom, it could have been done without destroying an historic building. The original building must be rebuilt as it was. If the President desires a ballroom, he can design it within the perimeters of the East Wing.

No one is above the law and that includes the President of the United States.

Name: Barbara Driever
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:39 pm

Please get on with the new ballroom.
Thank you, Barbara Driever

Name: Tricia Doane
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in addition to being yet another ego based project, supposedly not being paid for by the taxpayers. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debbie DeKalb
Date: February 18, 2026 12:37:59 pm

It's practically unthinkable that, without Congressional authorization, he just bulldozed a National Treasure simply to exercise his own greed. Make him put it back the way it was, AT HIS PERSONAL EXPENSE. There must be accountability, and in spite of his fever-dreams of competency, this is illegal, and beyond the pale.

Name: Patricia Flores
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:19 pm

For what it’s worth, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a “modernization” project but rather a complete razing of American history. A slap in the face to all who served within its confines. I respectfully ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We are watching.

Name: Susan Cahill
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:24 pm

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Name: Lauri Shaw
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:26 pm

This is a travesty! Where has all the money gone? Please rebuilt the East Wing to its former glory with as much historical accuracy as possible, and please punish those responsible for its unlawful demolition.

Name: Angela Murphy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is the People's house and not Trump's personal residence, or any President's. Any renovations or modernizations should be thoroughly reviewed and approved by all governing agencies and by the People, through Congress. This includes the NPS and other historical commissions.

Name: Karyl Ting
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:47 pm

I object strenuously to the proposed project as illegal, wasteful and offensive. No branch of government be allowed to bypass the law, Constitution, or the intent of historical preservation regulations in the United Stated

Don’t allow the continued obliteration of the history of the United Stares by graft and illegal acts.

Name: Kevin Bohrer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:53 pm

I oppose the expenditure of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead, and to allow those who circumvented the law to go unpenalized, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary-Helen Binger
Date: February 18, 2026 12:38:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Beth Penny
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:17 pm

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Name: Cheryl Powers
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:21 pm

I oppose this ridiculous vanity project that has already destroyed history and proceeded without any approvals or plans by the proper authorities. As a taxpayer and a student of history, I am appalled by the huberous of anyone who would destroy a government building for something that is neither needed nor wanted.

Name: Lisa DeRomanis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:22 pm

As an American Citizen I was distressed to see this so called President demolish the white house with no oversight, or time to save any of the historical items house within the wing. The American people do not want a ballroom they will never use in order for the 1% to have another place to display their wealth in their faces. Put it back the way it was or don't do anything at all and let the scar sit as a reminder of the damage Trump has done.

Name: John Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:26 pm

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Name: Elizabeth Patterson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:39:47 pm

I strongly feel that the east wing should be restored to its original plan--not a ridiculous garish ballroom. Nobody is above the law--guidelines, plans, permits apply to all. We absolutely need to restore our history, not erect a ballroom

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Name: Hollie Decker
Date: February 18, 2026 12:40:03 pm

The people of America don’t want a ballroom. The people don’t want gaudy gold vomited all over the White House properties.
THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT A BALLROOM.
Stop the grifting

Name: Sue Williamson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:40:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Sherry Collura
Date: February 18, 2026 12:40:53 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This regime is openly rewriting history and we cannot allow this! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans!

Name: Janet Janz
Date: February 18, 2026 12:41:04 pm

I am heartbroken to see the destruction of the East Wing without proper authorization, permits, or design review.
Destroying the wing that houses the first lady's office and the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden is disgraceful.
Please stop the continuation of this project and restore this historical part of our White House.

Name: Pamela G Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 12:41:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Jaquith
Date: February 18, 2026 12:41:27 pm

It is outrageous that this President tore down our East Wing without addressing the proper channels to preserve or honor the historical significance in any way. Do not approve his blatant disregard for our country’s traditions, protocols and processes.

Name: Christine Labozan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:41:33 pm

Anyone else would have taken this project to a committee, discussed alternatives, and studied the pros and cons of such a project. The fact that none of this occurred is disappointing to say the least. This project has erased a piece of history we will never get back. It is not an attempt to make something better, but for a single man to build a monument to himself with no regard to the laws and requirements in place. I don't care who is paying for it. People need to be held accountable for skirting the requirements for such a project.

Name: Judy Aks
Date: February 18, 2026 12:41:54 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Caruso
Date: February 18, 2026 12:42:13 pm

Please restore the East Wing to EXACTLY what it was before the orange stain swung his wreaking ball in The Most Perfect analogy to what he is doing to this country!! Restore Everything to the original. It is shameful what has happened. And while you're at it restore the Rose Garden from being a billionaire bistro.

Name: Celeste Cruse
Date: February 18, 2026 12:42:37 pm

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Name: Catherine Rouault
Date: February 18, 2026 12:43:21 pm

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Name: Anita Albertson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:43:23 pm

Good Day,

I wanted to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project. I am deeply saddened that it was destroyed.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Further, the project has been so ill-conceived that the cost estimates have doubled. Contractors haven't been paid in a timely manner and frankly, the American People's house does NOT need a ballroom.

There are so many positive ways that amount of money could be spent to serve the citizens of this country. Destroying a historic building, erasing its history, and building an unnecessary ball room - are not the ways I would choose to spend my tax dollars.

Sincerely,
Anita L. Albertson
Chevy Chase, MD

Name: Carol Robinson
Date: February 18, 2026 12:43:54 pm

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The addition is too large and will overshadow the White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. If a ballroom is desired, it should be planned as a separate facility not attached to the White House. The White House is the People's House. The President is a temporary resident and does not own the White House and should not be allowed to destroy history and make such a drastic decision on a whim. No one is above the law. A project of this importance should have gone through the proper channels of planning and approval. This project should be stopped.

Name: Laurel Davar
Date: February 18, 2026 12:44:03 pm

The East Wing should be restored to its previous condition, allowing for cosmetic improvements if necessary. Space for small state dinners could be allocated as before. Space for large state dinners could be allocated in a separate building near the Whitehouse. Ways to access it should be evaluated, a connecting tunnel, a parking structure which accommodates limos and an appropriate reception area for greeting arrivals.

Name: Barbara Verdile
Date: February 18, 2026 12:44:40 pm

I too oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Marsden
Date: February 18, 2026 12:44:45 pm

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Name: Zachary Assael
Date: February 18, 2026 12:45:10 pm

Trump tore down the east wing without asking and now he needs to put It back up. Back up with his money, from his bank account, not the funds from his backers, not from our tax dollars. It needs to be put back up with plans brought forth from the National Trust for Historic Preservation NOT from the Nation Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).(The chairman, vice-chairman and the commissioner of the NCPC are appointees of the fool who had the east wing of our National Historic Landmark torn down). The plans will NOT be for a ballroom. And while we’re at, trump needs to pay for the removal of the graffiti, (his name), that he had put on the wall of our Kennedy Center.

Name: Linnea Osterberg
Date: February 18, 2026 12:45:48 pm

I would like any new East Wing to be in line with architectural integrity of the White House or simply be a replica of what was torn down. Any ball room that is built must align with current building and not be oversized or over height compared to the White House.

Name: barbara katz
Date: February 18, 2026 12:45:53 pm

The destruction of the East Wing is a tragedy that can only be remedied by rebuilding it as it was. The monstrous “ballroom “ that Trump wants to build would be a blight on our capital and a monument to his insatiable ego- proof that we are no longer a democracy.

Name: Kemp Hiatt
Date: February 18, 2026 12:45:54 pm

Where was the public comment period BEFORE the historic east wing was demolished? This appears to be another

vanity project by Donald Trump; another attempt to affix his name to existing buildings, and construct monuments to himself. The proposed "ballroom" is an unnecessary 90,000 sf abomination that it is out of scale with the White House. Nowhere in America was there ever a movement among American citizens to tear down the entire East Wing of the People's House, and replace it with an absurdly ornate ballroom with a capacity for 1000 people; nor has Donald Trump ever offered any rational justification for such a drastic move. In fact, it could be argued that the reason why he demolished the entire East Wing with no prior notice, was that he knew that a majority of the American public would be against it, and he didn't want that in his way; which begs the question: Who's house is it? It is NOT his. It belongs to the American people, and in the absence of a logistical, operational, or security exigency to justify the immediate destruction of an entire wing of the White House, American's should have a say BEFORE such a major renovation is undertaken. But that ship has sailed. I would hope that the NCPO uses every means at its disposal to force Mr. Trump - widely known for his gaudy, Versailles-era sense of "style" - to keep the project within a sensible and necessary scale, and NOT a gilded monument to himself and his excesses. The funding should come from the US treasury, and not private donors, so as to eliminate the excesses that led Mr. Trump to six bankruptcies, and to eliminate the possibility that private donations will curry favor towards the donors from the Executive.
The White House is the People's House, and the destruction of the historic East Wing to construct an absurd "ballroom" to Mr. Trump's taste will be a lasting reminder of the corruption and taint of the Trump Administration.

Name: Veronica McAvoy
Date: February 18, 2026 12:46:00 pm

Dear Sir or Madam, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is “ We the People’s building” and I object to this renovation project.

Sincerely, Veronica McAvoy

Name: Nita SEMBROWICH
Date: February 18, 2026 12:46:11 pm

I strenuously object to our current administration's unilateral razing of the White House East Wing, historically occupied by the offices of the First Lady, without any public input whatsoever. I am also troubled by the president's obsession with replacing the East Wing with an oversized, privately funded ballroom. The ballroom will be out of scale with the rest of the White House and the funding raises questions about corruption. The symbolism is also troubling, since it replaces the offices of former First Ladies with a playroom for extremely wealthy donors and visiting heads of state.

Allowing any president simply to tear down an entire wing of the White House on a whim without significant oversight sets a terrible precedent.

Although the White House has been home to presidents since 1800, it is not the property of any president. It is perhaps the most significant historic site in the US, of immense historic, aesthetic, and symbolic importance. It is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. If the ballroom is indeed built, I hope it will be removed after this president is out of office, no matter what the demolition might cost. The demolished East Wing should be restored. Its unauthorized removal was an outrage against the American people.

Name: Terri McAuliffe
Date: February 18, 2026 12:46:35 pm

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Name: Ginger Bennett
Date: February 18, 2026 12:46:45 pm

I am greatly concerned about preserving history. It is important that, in the name of progress, our history is not erased.

I have owned historic homes and one thing I knew when I purchased my historic home - it could not change without maintaining the original appearance. When I wanted to replace my windows, there were many conversations around how to properly change the windows so not to change the history of my home. I am an individual without a large budget and making changes that needed to be done were not easy but I understood the importance my home played in the history of my community and my nation.

If my home, which may be special to my community, the history of my area, and to me, needed to receive approvals and could have no outward visibility for changes, how much more is the White House important to our whole country and even our national identity. If changes are made to a historic structure, there are rules and procedures for how the renovation can move forward maintaining the original design.

If individuals are required to follow these rules and we own our homes, how is it that a president, who does not own the White House, but is merely a tenant, able to remove a whole section of the building without approval from the historic commission, or the people who own it - every day Americans.

If we do not protect the most visible images of our country, how can we pretend to protect other, less identifiable historic places, buildings, and national monuments. The protections we claim are only as strong as our willingness to follow the policies in place.

It also seems to make sense that any budgeting for the project would need to have been approved by Congress before any construction began.

Please protect our historic places, buildings, and national monuments.

Thank you for your time.

The Rev. Ginger Bennett

Name: Terrence J. Quandt
Date: February 18, 2026 12:46:51 pm

I strongly support President Donald Trump's idea and efforts to secure funding for the proposed addition of an enlarged Ball Room at the East end of the White House. The need is plain to see with currently available space available for only a few hundred participants. Also, tax dollars will NOT be used for this project.

Throughout its history, the White House has undergone many needed rebuildings, reinforcements, rearrangements, redecorating, and other improvements.

I believe those supporting opposition to the new Ball Room are those infected with TDS - Trump Derangement Syndrome. They only hate the New Ballroom idea because they hate President Trump. Nothing more.

Again, the New White House Ballroom is needed. It is time to get on with it and get it built.

Name: Jane Schuler
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:03 pm

Any addition to the White House should not dwarf the original structure. Whatever replaces the demolished East Wing should be similar to the West Wing in size and should blend with the rest of the building in architectural design. If there is a true need for a huge ballroom to host presidential gatherings, build it somewhere else -- not on the White House grounds!

Name: Helen Shaffer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:10 pm

There is no reason for this ball room the White House belongs to all Americans and this American votes NOOOOOOOOOOO

Name: Janet Koch
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:13 pm

I go not support this endeavor. This is not an improvement in the people's house. It is a travesty that the historic east wing was demolished after the administration promised this proposed "ballroom" would not cause any of the existing structures to be damaged. I believe the administration should be required to replace the east wing to exacting specifications.

Name: Hannah Struck
Date: February 18, 2026 12:47:43 pm

I oppose this project for multiple reasons. The architectural design will dwarf other parts of the White House and destroy the visual balance of an iconic historic building. Additionally, I object to use of funds from businessman and corporations who are only trying to curry favor with the president. Any external funding amounts should be published and the process needs more transparency. Finally, the building of a gaudy ballroom as a pet project for the president when citizens are struggling with the cost of living and losing health insurance directly contradicts the idea of a government that is meant to be by the people and for the people.

Name: Darla White
Date: February 18, 2026 12:48:22 pm

STOP this destruction of our PEOPLES White House.
It must stop.
This project was not approved.
We all know this will go over budget and Trump will dip into our tax dollars that have not been approved to be spent on this.
I'm all for fixing structural issues but not changing the decor to his gaudy taste of gold and marble. It is not fitting for the Peoples House.
Please stop the destruction NOW.
Thank you.

Name: Adah Hetko
Date: February 18, 2026 12:48:28 pm

This project is a horrible assault on our democracy and an egregious misuse of resources. It needs to stop now.

Name: Gail Riley Kenney
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:07 pm

I believe that preservation of our historical government buildings is a key representation of American heritage, a source of pride in country, and a unifying element for Americans. In addition, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Fred True
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:09 pm

I strongly oppose the spending on this project ($400m, whether or not "privately funded"), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The entire project violates norms by tearing down part of a national landmark without sufficient review or public input. I find the design and stated function repugnant, and antethetical to the sesibilities of a healthy, functioning democracy. The project should be cancelled and the East Wing restored in a manner more compatible with its function and history.

Name: Rachel Barton
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Merla Porter
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:32 pm

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC):

While I truly believe that my comments will be ignored and make no difference in this administration’s desire to convert the White House into a mini-Versailles, I must nevertheless state my opinion so that during some future search into the archives of the history of the White House a reader will understand how an average 80-year-old woman from the small state of Connecticut felt about the desecration of the White House in the year 2026. That word “desecration” was a deliberate choice.

Many books have been written about the construction and remodeling of the White House since its completion in 1800. A quick search in Wikipedia for “White House” brings up an article that contains a section titled “The White House since the Kennedy restoration.” That section ends with this sentence:
”In 2025, President Donald Trump had the East Wing demolished and its surrounding grounds cleared for the construction of a new East Wing containing a state ballroom.”

The current President desires a state ballroom but the the People do not. Depending on the polls viewed, 56% to 61% of Americans strongly disapprove of the construction of a $300 million ballroom. It is unnecessary. Americans consider the White House to be “The People’s House”; it belongs to all of us, not to one man. It is and always will be the residence and office of the President of the United States and the First Family while that President is in office. To Americans, the White House is a symbol of America’s democratic government because every President lives in that building temporarily, for four or eight years. Then they leave and leave behind any changes made to improve its use for the next occupant. Americans understand that State Dinners are held in the State Dining Room in honor of dignitaries from other nations. State dinners are not soirees requiring a Ballroom, as in Cinderella. The White House was declared a museum in legislation enacted by Congress in 1961. As a museum, it remains a example of early American neoclassical architecture and represents our nation’s unique beginning. The White House must remain simple in stature, understated, not a palatial structure requiring a King but rather a humble mansion that is the transient home of the President of the United States.

Thus, the reader now has a clearer understanding of the choice of “desecration” in the opening paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,
Merla Porter

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Name: Lynn Spence
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:51 pm

I oppose this illegal and totally narcissistic defacing of our White House. It was not approved legally and should not be supported by further funds and actions. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and left as a monument to our history and hope for the future.

Name: Kate Lewis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elicia Goldenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 12:49:56 pm

This is so disappointing and a travesty to our historic monument and building.

Name: Michelle Gogan
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:07 pm

I oppose this project for the following reasons:
1. It was not authorized through the proper channels BEFORE starting the demolition.
2. The American people did not ask for this
3. I have significant concerns on how this is being funded as no congressional approval has been given to fund the project. Also, the costs reported to do the project have been increased more than once by the President.

To allow this project to go ahead is, in essence, telling the President he can break the law and do what he wants. That is not how laws work. It certainly does not work that way for everyday Americans.

I oppose this project and feel the President, not the government, should have to pay to restore the East Wing to what it was when he moved into the White House in 2025. Processes are in place for a reason. It is The People's House and we do not need an astronomically large ballroom, particularly when people are losing their healthcare and struggling to pay their bills. How does a monstrous ballroom help us?

I strongly oppose this and request you do not authorize a project that was started by skirting the legal process!

Name: Evelyn Margulis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled.. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. If a modernization is needed, I would like it designed by the historical society so it is in keeping with Americanism and not French Baroque.

Name: Kathleen ferrando
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:21 pm

I had the pleasure of visiting the White House with my school group, and believe that it needs to be rebuilt with the same contours as it had before the demolition. It needs to match the West Wing in height and size. No added ballroom. No gaudy gold leaf. It is the People's White House, not one person's. Thank you.

Name: deborah hoffman
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:39 pm

Stop this waste of funds! I am opposed!!

Name: Andrew Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 12:50:41 pm

Like most Americans, I was appalled and aghast when I saw the bulldozers decimating the East Wing of the White House. And then I watched in amazement at the self-aggrandizement of Resident Trump and the spiraling cost of building this ballroom that we the People had supposedly been clamoring for. I don't know what the current damages are--the last estimate I heard was in the range of $400 million--but it doesn't matter. This project should never have been undertaken. If anything, Trump should be forced to pay for the reconstruction of the previously existing structure. This nonsense about a ballroom died with the last of the royals in France.
Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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Name: John O'Brien
Date: February 18, 2026 12:51:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Hoyer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:12 pm

I am writing to voice my opposition to the East Wing renovation and building a huge ballroom in its place.
The East Wing was destroyed without proper review of the project. Indeed, there didn't seem to be any finalized plan for the ballroom to replace it and the White has been standing for months with parts demolished. Any contractor who did this to a private house would have been fired by now.
Kings in palaces have ballroom. The White House was built to be a temporary resident for whoever is elected president for 4-8 years. It doesn't need a ballroom because we don't have Kings.

Name: Matt Kraus
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:45 pm

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Name: Jamieson Scott
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:46 pm

It is never too late to follow the law. How is it possible that $300 million is budgeted for this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review? This is not "modernization" so much as it is putting the Trump stamp (tacky, garish, overblown) on a valuable and irreplaceable piece American history. This project should be canceled, in part because everyone knows that the vendors will not be paid, but primarily because , the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, not to mention The Constitution.

Name: Sarah Lankau
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:48 pm

Dear members,
The current condition, or lack thereof, of the East Wing is an abhorrent national embarrassment. It should be repaired and replaced, at any cost and the bill sent to Pres. Trump. We must send a message that our government buildings and institutions belong to all citizens, and decisions cannot be made by the highest bidder, bypassing all laws that are designed to prevent that exact scenario. With that mentality, it is frightening to think of what money will be able to destroy or build.

Furthermore, there should be no further destruction of any structures in D.C. until the East Wing is rebuilt. No Arc de Triomphe, no more name changes, nothing. Please don't give the American people one more thing to feel powerless to change.

Name: Andrea Stone
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:52 pm

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Name: Patrice Bova
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:54 pm

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Thank you for your attention to this ridiculous spend.

Name: Judi Haskell
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:57 pm

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Name: Sherri Brescher
Date: February 18, 2026 12:52:58 pm

I feel a complete evaluation of the east wing ballroom project should be done before this project moves forward. The historical preservation of the property, environmental impact, and need for such a structure all need to be evaluated. The promised private funds for this project must also be guaranteed and available before construction.

Name: Lisa FitzGerald
Date: February 18, 2026 12:53:35 pm

The White house needs a ballroom and an East Wing. The design of the East Wing should be architecturally balanced with the White House, West wing and connecting collonades. e.g. height, width, front set-back similar to the West Wing.

The diagram of the site looks like the East Wing could be expanded east and slightly south to be similar to the West Wing and provide some more seating. It would be unfortunate to lose the large trees to the north.

The interior design should be elegant, understated and not gaudy. Efficient interior layout could also increase seating.

The East Wing ballroom should be sized to hold formal events, State dinners and diplomatic receptions. Large and informal events can be held in temporary tents on the lawn as they are now.

Name: Lynn Pastirchak
Date: February 18, 2026 12:53:43 pm

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Name: James Perkins
Date: February 18, 2026 12:53:53 pm

The unilateral and illegal destruction of part of America’s heritage is despicable and must be reversed. The War of 1812 couldn’t eliminate the White House, don’t let current forces get away with doing it now. Restore the White House to it’s former glorious appearance (with whatever security, materiel, and other upgrades are needed and universally approved)!

Name: Anne Pinckard
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:02 pm

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Name: Phyllis Wood
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:03 pm

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Name: Kat Falcione
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:11 pm

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Name: Rod Maclean
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:12 pm

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to what it was before the demolition.

Name: Jeneanne Ballos
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:26 pm

A temporary caretaker of the People's House should seek the input of the People. At the very least, they should have had a plan approved by the historical committee and full funding in place. Prior to demolition, historical items should have been preserved. Since we are not able to turn back the clock, all rules and regulations should be followed moving forward. Consent was not obtained prior to these actions, which further comment upon that will be withheld. However, consent and input are required to move forward to create something that is fitting for future residents and the People.

Name: Kristen Wells
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:36 pm

I am writing to comment on my opposition to the destruction of the east wing of the White House. This is a historical building and it is tragic for our country that it was completely destroyed without permission or permits. I believe that it should be restored to its original historic design. Furthermore I completely object to the construction of a massive ballroom funded by billionaires and companies who are trying to buy influence with the current president. The whole situation is a disaster and President Trump needs to personally pay for its remediation and the restoration of this historic American building. Please do something to fix it.

Name: Marianne Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Jacquelin Kies
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:55 pm

The desecration of the East Wing is heart breaking. To think this historic wing could possibly be turned into a gaudy ballroom is unthinkable. I doubt the $300 million price tag will be funded by donors, but if so, I'm sure they will expect "payback" in the form of political favors.
Please stop this illegal move by the worst person ever to sit as president of our great nation. This abhorrent ballroom will be a great stain on the integrity of our White House and what it stands for.

Name: Virginia Guiette
Date: February 18, 2026 12:54:56 pm

East Wing Modification Project. Please effectively and immediately scrap this abhorrent project. Fine rump (payable in PERSONAL FUNDS!) imprison him for excessive vandalism and deliberate destruction of our White House and FORCE HIM TO USE PERSONAL FUNDS TO REBUILD PRECISELY AND EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS BEFORE his evil touch. Please test the ground underneath to ensure no evil structures have been built subterraneanly. Thank you.

Name: David Veit
Date: February 18, 2026 12:55:00 pm

I want President Trump to pay the punitive damages to the nation for the loss of our historic property (the East Wing) as well as the cost of it's reconstruction and replication INCLUDING modern amenities.

Name: Nancy DiGuglielmo
Date: February 18, 2026 12:55:05 pm

I vote No to building a ballroom at the White House.

Name: Richard Rumer
Date: February 18, 2026 12:55:32 pm

I write in opposition to these plans. The proposal is simply too big, dwarfing the historic White House instead of supplementing it. We have no choice but to rebuild the East Wing, but it should be much smaller.

Name: Shannon Hile
Date: February 18, 2026 12:55:57 pm

The East Wing should have never been torn down. But as that shipped has sailed and it's now about damage control, the new building/ballroom should be not be allowed to eclipse the White House. This is the people's house and it sends a terrible message when a 'ballroom' is almost double the square footage. A building larger than the main house MUST BE stopped.

Name: Aileen Beno-Lietz
Date: February 18, 2026 12:55:59 pm

The White House is not simply a residence or an event venue: it is a living symbol of the American story. Any proposal to significantly alter that complex (and especially in ways that permanently change or remove historic structures), deserves the highest level of transparency, scrutiny, and public accountability. Even when a building carries special legal status, that does not negate the expectation that established planning, environmental, and design-review processes will be respected. The rule of law is not an obstacle to progress; it is the framework that ensures progress reflects the will and values of the nation rather than the preferences of a moment.

Historic preservation laws exist for a reason. While federal historic designation alone may not automatically prohibit demolition, projects involving nationally significant properties typically trigger review processes. Those procedures are not only symbolic; they are also safeguards of our sacred Democracy. They ensure that decisions affecting irreplaceable landmarks are thoughtful and legally sound. When any administration appears to sidestep or compress those steps, it raises serious concerns about precedent. If process can be brushed aside for one of the most significant historic sites in the country, what protections remain for others?

At its core, this issue is about stewardship and accountability. The White House complex belongs to the American people, across generations. Major alterations should reflect careful deliberation, lawful authorization, and respect for the architectural and historical legacy entrusted to current leaders. Pausing or stopping the ballroom project until all required reviews, permits, and consultations are fully completed is not obstruction, rather, it is a reaffirmation that no officeholder stands above the legal and preservation standards that protect our shared national heritage.

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the review process. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Name: Martha Stearns
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:01 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was akin to a houseguest taking a sledgehammer to the walls of your home. A part of the People’s House was razed illegally without the permission (or knowledge) of the people. Building a huge unneeded ballroom in place of the heart of the White House is offensive and contrary to the original intent of the design of the building and its historical significance. The East Wing should not be replaced by a gold and marble ode to wealth and power’s ego. Rebuild the East Wing and return its historic furnishings and decor. To do anything else would be an affront to the Constitution and our republic's 250 years of democracy.

Name: Patti Ghezzi
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:26 pm

It's unheard of to rip apart the White House WITHOUT permission. I spent 31 years in Washington DC and it was always nice to ride, or walk, by the White House. It's historic and I don't like ANY buildings torn down needlessly, meaning most of them. I live near Detroit now and am saddened by all we have lost when beautiful structures are demolished there. There is so much beauty in the work put into older structures.

Name: Gerri Moeller
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:27 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. That rebuild should be funded directly from the personal funds of Donald J Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Colleen Tarket
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:34 pm

I oppose the “modernization” of the East Wing. The building should be rebuilt to exactly match the building that was illegally torn down and the cost to rebuild should be paid entirely by the perpetrator of the crime — Donald J. Trump.

Name: Russell perkins
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:37 pm

I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design. For 250 years no American has been above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and destroy an important part of our history.

Name: Dr. Patricia Corry
Date: February 18, 2026 12:56:47 pm

The East Wing should never have been demolished. Its destruction and the proposed ballroom construction are illegal. Return control of the White House property to the National Park Service where it belongs and halt any construction on the East Wing until a thorough review of options can be made BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES, which does NOT include the Executive Branch. Any reconstruction should be in keeping with the nature of the original structure, i.e. as close to size and design as the original East Wing. By no means should a gigantic ballroom be constructed. The skeevy funding mechanisms the Trump administration is proposing should also be investigated for improprieties/illegalities.

Name: Denice Napoletano
Date: February 18, 2026 12:57:08 pm

RE the East wing modernization project:
I oppose spending $300,000,000. for this project, it was initiated without the proper authorization.
No permits were submitted nor was there was any design review. It is not a modernization project rather it appears to be a complete raising of American history.
I would advocate to have this project completely canceled.
I want the east ring to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law to start it would be in a front to all law abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention and support
Denice Napoletano

Name: Holly Koerner
Date: February 18, 2026 12:57:10 pm

Please stop the construction of the proposed ballroom. The East Wing was torn down by a temporary resident of the White House without permission. This is like tearing down someone’s house because you will be staying there for a while. Going ahead with the ballroom would be no different than rewarding a screaming child by giving him a new toy if he stops. Neither are okay!

Name: Cheryl Tefft
Date: February 18, 2026 12:57:51 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House does not belong to the president or to any other individual. While the president will live there and will be the custodian of the house during his or her term of office, it is the People's House. Regardless of the source of funding, no president has the right to make major changes to the White House without proper consultation with the true owners: the American people.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with appropriate consultation and oversight. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bettegail Shovely
Date: February 18, 2026 12:57:57 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. Let the public speak.

Name: Nadyne Orloff
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:20 pm

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
There is so much history in the East Wing. The current administration, is seemingly trying to erase much of our common history. It is so important to not let this happen.
Thank you for allowing me to comment

Name: Sarah Schilke
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:23 pm

I oppose spending corporate or taxpayer funds on the East Wing project.
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this "modernization" does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.” A ballroom is not "the same" and is not a structure for the good of the American people.
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully

as possible.
Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

Name: Shelly Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:38 pm

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing! The ballroom construction should be immediately stopped with the "donated" money going toward reconstruction and restoration of the East Wing as it was originally intended. We cannot allow the whims of one man to dominate and destroy our history, especially on buildings and sites that he doesn't even own! He is trying to erase our country's history and whitewash our population. We cannot stand for it and must resist.

Name: Susan Ralph
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:38 pm

In 2002, our public library was honored in the East Wing by Laura Bush to accept an IMLS award. I was devastated when the East Wing was destroyed to make a ballroom. This is the people’s house and demands respect and observance to existing laws & guidelines. The current occupant needs to rebuild the East Wing and scuttle his plans for a grandious ballroom which he appears to want to cement his legacy. Perhaps some of the moneys raised from his fawning “friends” could be used for this and to repair additional damage inflicted upon our White House.

Name: Frank Simons
Date: February 18, 2026 12:58:55 pm

I’m appalled that any occupant of the White House could get away with destroying part of it just willy-nilly on an apparent whim. This is an historical building, one of our most iconic. The destruction of the East Wing must not be allowed to stand. I want the construction of that monstrosity of a “ballroom” stopped immediately and the East Wing restored to its pre-destruction appearance. I also think the person who ordered the East Wing destruction should be punished to the full extent of the law. This sets a horrible precedent for future occupants and must not stand.

Name: Joseph Friedel
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:00 pm

I oppose this project entirely, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in attempt to satisfy the massive ego of this country's worst President. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Those responsible for the early tear-down must be held accountable.

Name: Karen Jacobus
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:21 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Karen Jacobus

Name: Jenny Mastin
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:23 pm

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project, which began without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization — it is the wholesale destruction of American history. The project should be canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and permitting this unlawful project to continue without consequences would be an insult to every law-abiding American.

Name: Janet Sorell
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:27 pm

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to whichever president resides there.
The American public should be consulted and, via Congress, decide whether national landmarks are to remain or are to be bulldozed.
President Trump had no business demolishing the East Wing of the White House, an irreversible action.

No further action should be undertaken until the public has the opportunity to determine the best use of the area and, via Congress, decides how to proceed.

Name: Joy Harvis
Date: February 18, 2026 12:59:54 pm

This is regarding the ballroom. I am against this vanity project. We do not need a ballroom especially a ballroom of this huge size. As a taxpayer, I don’t want my money used to provide upkeep for this monstrous project. I realize private people have funded this project but I am sure taxpayers are going to be on the hook after this is built.

There is no justifiable reason to build this ballroom.

The people that are being installed on the planning commission (?) are unqualified. Ms Harris should be embarrassed to accept placement on this commission (no moral compass?). Also, even if it were smaller, the complete tackiness of the president’s love of marble and gold decor is an embarrassment to our country.

So I am against this ballroom being built in our country.

I also hope that if it is built, when the new administration comes in 2028, this building is torn down.

Thank you

Name: Martha Linville
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:10 pm

The East Wing of the White House was torn down without any consideration of its' historical significance in our country. It is also not the property of any individual president that happens to reside in the White House at any given time. As such, the destruction of the building was in and of itself an illegal act. The perpetrator of the act should be held to account and the funds to replace such an ediface should come from the stolen money this president has browbeat from his terrified, greedy accomplices. This is part of the People's House, not Trump's house and should be replaced in a manner fitting the rest of the White House.
Do not replace it with some gaudy, oversized monstrosity of a "ballroom" or whatever the current occupant is calling it. It is where the East Wing is to stand, and it should be replaced forthwith.

Name: Jeanne Alford
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:13 pm

The White House is the People’s House. It doesn’t belong to the president.
This is reckless spending.

We should be spending the money on state infrastructure projects.
This is a vanity project that must be stopped.
Thank you,
Jeannd Alford

Name: Daniel Carlquist
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Tague
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:19 pm

I disagree with the spending of $300 million on building a ballroom where the East Wing used to be. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I oppose to this project in its entirety and want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: connie rosenkranz
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:24 pm

There is no justification for a facility of this size or nature at the White House. State dinners have declined significantly over the past 4 presidencies, a facility to have "events" is rarely needed and could easily be accommodated elsewhere in the White House. During Trump's first (second) year in office, there was only 1 state dinner. Biden had a total of 6, Trump held just 2 during his first term. Obama had 13 during his 8 year tenure, and George W. Bush had 13. That makes the per event cost of this facility extreme. What other events would a ballroom such as this be needed for???? What would be the extreme cost of holding these events.....food, staff, etc. etc.
We are at a time in our country where lavish spending such as this is disgusting to the majority of citizens who struggle every day to house their family, and put food on the table.
Maybe those that think this is a necessary project should spend 1 month in a 1500 sq. foot house, going to work 40 + hours a day, and trying to buy the essentials their family needs before justifying the cost of this.

Name: Linda Pavlosky Booker
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:25 pm

While the White House is the temporary residence of the president, it is still the people’s house. A 1,000 seat ballroom is an outrageous change for this “residence “. The cost for maintenance is the absolute definition of waste and abuse. Not to mention the cost for events to take effect in such space. The staffing requirements, food costs, security staffing, and such have not been voted for or agreed to by the American people or our elected representatives in Congress. I feel that this project must be halted till a proper assessment involving all interested departments of the project and a full cost analysis of what the future costs to the American people will be is completed.

Name: Kathleen Zalesny
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:44 pm

I'd like the current administration to present a plan to fully clean up the demolition site according to established environmental laws and practices, to be completed within one year.
Secondly any plans for building on that site should be done in coordination with all typical authorities such as office of building permits, the DC Historical Society, etc.
When plans are approved there needs to be more opportunities for the American people to review and comment.
Priorities for that site are for the common person to have access to it during every event.

No funding for this site should come from individual donors or companies but from US taxpayers after an election to choose the best plan. Construction companies should be vetted and monitored according to the strictest building standards, OSHA regulations, accounting policies, etc.

Name: Donna Evans
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:50 pm

NO BALLROOM! FULL STOP.

Name: Marianne Ellis
Date: February 18, 2026 1:00:51 pm

My name is Marianne Ellis, 77, retired and I live in Tarpon Springs, Fl. I believe the White House is the Peoples House, and every inch of that building holds fast our history as a country, and all the historical items housed therein. I was heart sick to see the demolition of the East Wing, with no permission granted and no input from us, We The People. Please do not let this regime take away the historical beauty of the White House. PLEASE only grant approved plans that will be in accordance with our sacred history. I know you will all do the right thing and make the improvements appropriate. Thank you
for allowing my voice to be heard. Thank you for the work you are doing to save our national treasures. I am grateful for your stewardship.

Name: Barry Chenkin
Date: February 18, 2026 1:01:18 pm

Put it back the way it was. This is incredible that this president would waste our tax dollars destroying our history.

He is a renter. He is not the owner of this property we the American People are the owners of this property and he should be charged for the destruction and the rebuilding to exactly the way it was against his personal income.

Name: Terry Goodson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:01:19 pm

I greatly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of The White House and the unauthorized plans to turn it into a huge ballroom monstrosity that will dwarf the Residence and make a mockery of The Peoples House. Please cancel this illicit project and restore the East Wing back to its former design. I would also like for those who made and abetted the decision to tear down the East Wing to be prosecuted.

Name: Lee Hazelton
Date: February 18, 2026 1:01:50 pm

This project should be cancelled. No money should be funded for it. The East Wing was torn down with input from the public or National Trust for Historic Preservation. My family and friends are sick and furious that this has happened. The East Wing should be restored to it's original state, in keeping with it's history. Enough money has been wasted already in tearing it down. Sincerely, Lee Hazelton

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Name: Alicia McKimmy
Date: February 18, 2026 1:02:24 pm

I oppose this project. It was never approved through proper channels. I want it restored to its original design.
Alicia McKimmy

Name: Beverly York
Date: February 18, 2026 1:02:39 pm

Dear Members of the National Capitol Planning Commission,

I am extremely disturbed by the demolition and proposed inappropriate structure at the site of the East Wing of the White House.

It is appalling (and illegal) that the project is occurring without proper permits, design plans and review.

As a historian and an American citizen, I am disgusted by the destruction of American History and heritage.

I urge the Commission to legislate that the East Wing be rebuilt and completely restored to the plan before it was torn down.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bev York
Windham, CT

Name: Amanda Moore
Date: February 18, 2026 1:02:46 pm

I sincerely hope that you will require Trump to restore the historic East Wing. He had no right to destroy this structure. Please do not allow him to build a gaudy gold -guilded ballroom. The White House is the people’s house and its appearance should be dignified-not Trump tacky.

Name: Debra Prew-Delekto
Date: February 18, 2026 1:03:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Debra Prew-Delekto
Date: February 18, 2026 1:04:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Roberta Paterson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:04:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Porter
Date: February 18, 2026 1:04:52 pm

No one asked for this. What is being done shows a great disrespect for our Country's history! And for a ballroom?
I have lost sleep many nights about this. It makes my heart heavy. Our House being destroyed without regard.
I do NOT want this project to go forward.

A very concerned citizen,

Carol Porter

Name: Frances Bright
Date: February 18, 2026 1:04:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this “East Wing Modernization Project”, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
This "project" was done without proper permissions or permits, or the will of the American people. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history and rebranding in the name of our current president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I understand that renovations might be needed for modernization and updates; this is to be expected. But no one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to all of us who abide by rules and ethics in our professional careers.

Name: Nancy Renard
Date: February 18, 2026 1:04:53 pm

Trump is a FELON and a PEDOPHILE. He has done NOTHING to help, support, aid, or unite the AMERICAN PEOPLE. He demolished our BEAUTIFUL WHITE HOUSE and OUR REPUTATION. The Rose Garden, the Oval Office, Air Force One, the Kennedy Center, the “Wall” that was never finished, OUR Health Care, the list goes on and on, and NOW the EAST WING has been destroyed for a $300 MILLION Ball Room! He did NOT get permits, nor permission, nor designs. ALL this destruction is ILLEGAL!

Name: James Kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 1:05:19 pm

I oppose the continuation of this illegal project,. The demolition was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, the trees replanted and the destruction zone untouched until lawful planning and construction decisions are made. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter Brooks
Date: February 18, 2026 1:05:30 pm

The destruction of the East Wing and the plan to build a "ballroom" is an abomination. No one besides the current President wants this.
The cost is huge and growing, the permits have not been obtained, and the current resident is NOT the owner - he has no right to make huge alterations to a property he simply uses for 4 years. No own was consulted and Congress has never authorized funding

Please deny him this construction.

Name: Deborah P Jones-Steele
Date: February 18, 2026 1:05:51 pm

My concerns about the East Wing Modernization Project are grounded in the seemingly forgotten fact that the White House is the Peoples' House. The temporary occupants live there at the will of the people. For one person to assert

ownership and destroy any part of it, at will, does immeasurable damage to public trust. The message sent to the world should this project be allowed to continue with no consequences for flouting proper procedures, no oversight, and no rigorous design review will be: In America the law does not apply equally to all, and one person is very much above the law. The rest of us must just sit back and watch our history and our part in the American story be destroyed. That's not a statement coming from a healthy democracy.

Please do the right thing - protect the people's house.

Deborah P. Jones-Steele
[redacted]

Name: Stuart Karasik
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:32 pm

The wanton destruction of the East Wing is a violation of law and policy. Further damage must be stopped and the original structure returned to its past state. Th White House belongs to The People of the United States. No unilateral decision can be made to change or destroy this historic structure.

Name: Linda Cotherman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:42 pm

This project needs to STOP

Name: Cherie Lacy
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:44 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Judith Rogers
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans
Judith M. Rogers

Name: Anna Bristol
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:50 pm

Proper channels have not been followed to implement this project. The audacity to demolish a portion of the People's House with no regard to established protocols by its very act is reprehensible.

Name: Lee Rau
Date: February 18, 2026 1:06:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeremy Brown-Hayes
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:35 pm

I do not think that the White House, as a working residence for the President, should have a ballroom. It is not meant to be a palace, but rather a working center of government. Every proposed image I have seen for it is gaudy to the point of tastelessness, and it seems to be purely an excuse to pander to President Trump while also deniably giving bribes. No part of this project has followed the law, whether of the United States or of good taste.

Name: Jean Norman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:36 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The demolition of this building was never authorized through proper channels. A ballroom is not needed, hasn’t been needed for over 200 years. The original building should be rebuilt.

Name: Bridget Paff
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Daniel Kernan
Date: February 18, 2026 1:07:41 pm

There is no way one mercurial president should be able to demolish the People's House without oversight, a design plan, historic respect. The East Wing must be rebuilt as it was, the Kennedy Rose Garden replanted. Ideally at Donald Trump's expense.

Name: Madeleine Deedler
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:16 pm

I am opposed to this unauthorized ‘modernization of the east wing’ project. I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars for a project lacking permits,design reviews, and most importantly, a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its original design.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Erika Riddington
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:47 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House "East Wing Modernization Project", which was

initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete disrespect of American history, and an unlawful razing of an historic structure.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, without cost to the American People. The cost of this restoration should be born only by current occupant D.J. Trump and associates who took this unlawful step in the first place
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christina Stretton
Date: February 18, 2026 1:08:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paul Lipscomb
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:01 pm

This is a monstrous proposal to transform the “people’s” house into one man’s monument to himself. PLEASE STOP IT NOW!

Thank you.

Name: Gilbert Delgado
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:17 pm

I oppose this project on several grounds:

1) Submitting the project for review after the demolition of the East Wing demonstrates contempt for a process designed to ensure that the Capital is developed in harmony with the overall city plan. This review should be undertaken by professionals with a deep understanding of the United States Capital City with allegiance to the Americans of today and tomorrow, not any special interest.

2) Due to its exaggerated scale, the ballroom blocks the visual access of the main building from the southeast. The main building would not be visible unless the viewer were almost directly south. Additionally, due to perspective (and its overblown size), the ballroom would dwarf the main building when viewed from the south.

3) Historically, the iconic main building flanked by two smaller wings was the image held by Americans and the world as the home and offices of the President. This design breaks with that tradition for the sake of a ballroom.

4) During the NCPC presentations, some of the recently appointed Commissioners stated that the visitor experience would be greatly improved, since currently entry is processed through a series of trailers. It is truly hard to imagine the tiny role this function would occupy in a 90,000 SF building.

5) Much has been said of the relative scale of the addition to the iconic central building. Buildings communicate the priorities of their builders. Since the ballroom is the largest building in the White House compound, the public could rationally interpret that the Presidency is primarily about hosting parties for the elite.

Name: Suzi Hibbard
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:19 pm

I not only oppose but am EXTREMELY AGAINST the spending of the any amount on this project, which was initiated ILLEGALLY without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
A piece of beautiful American history, over 100 years old, has been erased and demolished and bulldozed as if it was

garbage. This project should be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its FORMER/ORIGINAL design.
NO ONE is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without severely penalizing ALL of those who broke the law would be an affront to all those who abide by the law.
THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE! trump had NO RIGHTS WHATSOEVER to damage and destroy it, without following rules, procedures and protocol.

Name: Raymond Pelling
Date: February 18, 2026 1:09:47 pm

I formally object to any and all changes and plans by the Trump Administration that ignored established practices and demolished a state structure without any oversight whatsoever.
It is a disgrace and the Trump Administration should have no say whatsoever with how it is built in the future.
Thank you, NCPC, for your service to the American people.

Name: Amalia Wagner
Date: February 18, 2026 1:10:13 pm

Dear members, The East Wing should be replaced to its former beauty. The proposed "ballroom" would be an aesthetic nightmare, completely dwarfing the beautiful lines of the White House.
Sincerely,
Amalia Wagner

Name: Kathleen Sharff
Date: February 18, 2026 1:10:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Trump lied at every step of this project. He said “The East Wing will not be touched” snd then he sent bulldizers in and completely tore the East Wing down. To call it “East Wing Modernization” is another lie. Yo tell the citizens of the US that the ballroom will be completely paid by him -ha! -and donors I’d another lie. Stop the ballroom and restore the East Wing.

Name: Laura Tankersley
Date: February 18, 2026 1:10:46 pm

As a 71 year old citizen of this country, who has had the privilege of touring the White House on several occassions, I STONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million, on the so called East Wing Modernization.

This ill concieved project was initiated without the ANY of the established or proper authorizations, permits, or design review. They tore down the historic East Wing without going through any of the regulated and legal processes. They knew they wouldn't get permission, so they just tore it down, and hoped you would cave.

It is not a modernization project but a vanity project for the president and a cover for building an opulent bunker underneath and a complete razing of the history of this important part of the Peoples House! It's a CRIME!

I am pleading with you to completely cancel this project and require the funds collected to be used to rebuild the East Wing and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law including the current president. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens and a terrible loss to this historic structure.

Sincerely,

Laura Tankersley

Name: Liv Nilssen
Date: February 18, 2026 1:10:48 pm

Destroying the East Wing of the White House should never have happened without the proper input from the American people, permitting and authority. The White House is the PEOPLE'S HOUSE — NOT the property of the temporary occupants. I oppose spending of $300 million taxpayer dollars without recovering it from whoever broke the law to tear it down in the first place. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and historical accuracy so that we can have continuity of history. To do otherwise would be a stain on the American story. There should be proper and strong accountability from those that tore the place down in the first place.

Name: Leslie Schilling
Date: February 18, 2026 1:11:12 pm

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Name: Amy Hotchkiss-Kerby
Date: February 18, 2026 1:11:51 pm

I oppose this $300 million project, which bypassed all legal permits and reviews. This is not modernization—it is the destruction of American history. I demand the project be canceled and the East Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and proceeding without accountability is an affront to every law-abiding citizen. The White House belongs to the people, not to one man. It is not owned by the President but by the United States of America.

Name: Deborah Ryan
Date: February 18, 2026 1:11:57 pm

I will just reiterate what the AIA has said:

As set forth in our August 5, 2025 statement and letter to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, AIA urged rigorous oversight in recognition that the White House is not simply another building; it is the People's House, a living symbol of democracy and national identity. We recommended a project governed by the highest standards of design excellence: a qualifications-based selection of the architect, alignment with historic-preservation standards, full transparency in funding and procurement, proportionality of design to the existing complex, and collaboration with expert practitioners to safeguard longevity and public value.

The demolition of the East Wing without full public engagement or clarity undermines the very process that the design and preservation professions developed to protect our civic architecture. Public architecture requires open decision-making, meaningful opportunity for citizen participation, and a design process rooted in stewardship of heritage as well as service to future generations. When these processes are sidestepped, trust is eroded, and the public dimension of architecture is diminished.

The AIA reiterates that architects bring a commitment to how communities are seen, how history is respected, how public investment is honored, and how places reflect the people they serve. The White House — its form, setting, and meaning — deserves that care.

We call on decision-makers to halt any further irreversible alteration of the historic fabric, to publish full documentation of the project's scope, budget, schedule and procurement path, and to reopen meaningful engagement with the professional community and the public.

Only by returning to a process grounded in transparency, preservation and excellence can the People's House continue to reflect their values

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Name: Fran Landess
Date: February 18, 2026 1:12:02 pm

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Name: Dan Daniel
Date: February 18, 2026 1:13:18 pm

This is a completely unnnecessary boondoggle of a project. It. Was yet another Trump vanity project. The US does not need another extravagant ballroom to cater to the rich and powerful. Particularly one that overshadows the White House. Trump is destroying our history! It should be stopped immediately!

Name: Jamie Henley
Date: February 18, 2026 1:13:21 pm

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Name: CAROLYN CASEY
Date: February 18, 2026 1:13:55 pm

I oppose the spending of any funds on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Henry J Belada Jr
Date: February 18, 2026 1:13:58 pm

I disagree with the project and the spending of $300 million. There was no proper authorization, permits, or design review by anyone or the committee. President Trump just did it, like he does all the time without asking for help. There was a picture he had and without any plans to build, he destroy the history that American had of the East Wing. This project needs to be canceled, the East Wing rebuilt or restored. For this project to be continue and the cost will be more as most construction do. Where will the extra money come from, I hope not us. This is our White House also and should stay our White House.

Name: Cindy Wrenn
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:13 pm

I would like to ask whomever can stop Donald Trump from making the White House his permanent home to please do so. The White House belongs to the American people, not Donald Trump. It is not his Washington Maralago. I have heard he wants to add a second floor to the White House to balance it out because this East Wing project will look weird. When is someone going to stop him from destroying a historical building? He has no plans to leave the White House. That is apparent. He needs to get the message that the White House does not belong to him. Thank you for your time. I hope this works.

Name: Catherine DeCoster
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:18 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the destruction of the historic White House East Wing and the proposed construction of a new $300 million private ballroom. As a concerned citizen, I believe this project is a profound violation of public trust, historical preservation standards, and ethical governing principles.
The project destroyed 83-year-old structures, including the East Wing, rather than expanding upon them, which many architects and historians argue against. The East Wing served as an important, functional part of the Executive Mansion for more than 80 years. It was demolished without proper consultation or public input. This sets a dangerous precedent for the stewardship of our nation's most iconic symbol.
The White House is the “People’s House” owned by the American people, not a private estate for the temporary occupant. The East Wing was used for public tours (10,000 visitors/week), and its destruction limits the public's access to their own government's home. The demolition of the East Wing and secure, functional areas like the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) for a personal vanity project is irresponsible.
I urge you to take immediate action to halt this project.

Name: Christopher Zerges
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:21 pm

Even if this was being done by a designer and developer that is known for quality work and attention ti historical importance it would be a a terrible idea but the fact that DJT is notorious for poor construction and gaudy adornments makes this act an abomination. Taking the loss and reconstructing and reinstating the history that WAS present is well worth the recovery. Please don’t let such an egregious act go unchallenged and keep the people first in this.

Name: Linda McColloch
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Linda van Dyck
Date: February 18, 2026 1:14:52 pm

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Name: Jean Callahan
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:08 pm

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Name: Scott Gedlinske
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:15 pm

No single person (not even our President) should have the sole authority to structurally modify the White House (and/or any National Monuments). These decisions must be made by a group of people who will ensure the historical significance and aesthetics are maintained. Building a ballroom that dwarfs the existing White House does neither.

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its previous state at the sole expense of President Trump.

Name: L Young
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:18 pm

I oppose construction of a ballroom on the White House grounds. I want the East Wing restored. I want the Rose Garden restored. No one should be allowed to demolish, damage or deface a place that American Citizens consider their heritage. Any changes to public places must be carefully considered, agreed upon, then integrated into the existing look and feel of a heritage place. The plans for the ballroom appear to overpower the White House and were never approved by proper channels. Cancel this project and any that interfere with historic and heritage places.

Name: Wanda Young
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:30 pm

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Stephanie Burris
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:39 pm

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Name: Ann M Taylor
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Name: Elizabeth Wourms
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:53 pm

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Name: James Leslie
Date: February 18, 2026 1:15:58 pm

I never was asked if We needed a grand ballroom, neither was I told the historic East Wing would be touched, in fact it was the opposite. This is a tragedy that can never be replaced, but it can be reconstructed without a ballroom. America is We the People, not one person who is our employee where only his wants are considered without national approval. We have process to make these decisions so it is a unified decision instead of a narcissistic one. I am just one but I am part of many and my vote is no ballroom but to reconstruct the East Wing with improvements.

Name: Joan Spaulding Coleman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:16:23 pm

As a former employee of NCPC, I feel compelled to remind Commissioners that this organization has always been the guardian of the beauty, logic, and history of our capital city. Please continue to maintain the standards that have allowed us all to be proud of Washington, D.C. and restore the elegance, historical and beauty of the East Wing. Modernization was likely needed but this is destruction for destructions sake. Please do the right thing. Thank you. Joan Coleman

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Name: Charlene Roderick
Date: February 18, 2026 1:16:30 pm

To whom this may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This was a sin to destroy our history and demolition of this historic building should not go unpunished.

Concerned American Citizen,
Charlene Y. Roderick

Name: Barbara Shenton
Date: February 18, 2026 1:16:33 pm

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Name: Lori Kendall
Date: February 18, 2026 1:16:54 pm

I would like to see the east wing rebuilt. The last thing anyone needs is a ballroom.

Name: Keely Ayres
Date: February 18, 2026 1:17:02 pm

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Name: Darla DeSantis
Date: February 18, 2026 1:17:15 pm

I oppose the spending of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The person responsible for this travesty should pay for this, even it means docking his pay. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the people of the United States who are law-abiding citizens.

Name: Geri Wyatt
Date: February 18, 2026 1:18:08 pm

I was horrified and heartbroken. I have tried several times when I have been in DC to get a tour of the WH and have not been able to do so. But we always stand outside and admire the beautiful, gracious White House. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored. I do not want a massive ballroom that overwhelms and overshadows the residence of the President of our country. The White House is not supposed to be a palace. People who live in historical structures across the US must follow the rules of the historical preservation society in their communities. Tearing the East Wing down was against the law and it must be rebuilt and restored. The ones responsible for the destruction need to be held accountable.

Name: Deirdre Prahm
Date: February 18, 2026 1:18:22 pm

This project was begun without proper authorization. What happened to government regulations regarding the bidding process? The facade of the East Wing should be made to look like the previous building, perhaps expanded a bit but not to over power the White House.

When it is rebuilt, don’t involve Trump or Trump suck-ups in choosing the decor; he has horrible tacky taste.

Be sure he didn’t promise naming rights to any of the donors.

Name: Mara Stone
Date: February 18, 2026 1:18:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an erasure of American history; the demolition destroyed a part of the People's house without respect to historical significance, cost or the will of the American people to dedicate funds to it. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Vickie Rock
Date: February 18, 2026 1:18:30 pm

The EAST WING of the PEOPLE'S White House was, without proper authority, demolished by the White House's current occupant so he could build himself a "vanity project." I do NOT approve of his supposed plan that has NOT been made available to or explained, in its entirety, to the CITIZENS of this nation. In actuality, it appears to be changing from day to day based on whatever whim floats through his thoughts. Any future construction on the WHITE HOUSE grounds should be subject to established evaluation and approval processes, period, all stop!

He claims that all construction costs will be covered by donations from his billionaire friends. I don't believe it. He also said he was going to build a wall that Mexico was going to pay for ... um ... that NEVER happened, and what was constructed mostly turned out to be replacement of existing areas and was paid for using taxpayer dollars.

Whatever ends up being constructed on our WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS must not in any way, shape, or form be named in honor of Donald J Trump. The White House Grounds are the PEOPLE's property, NOT HIS. He's merely a temporary tenant with NO OWNERSHIP rights, and our grounds should be treated as such. Not only that, whatever is constructed should NOT dwarf and reflect the White House itself as being diminutive.

And lastly ... if there is a means to do so, Mr Trump should be fined and/or be required to cover all costs associated with the demolition and restoration of the People's property. Not a single penny of taxpayer dollars should be used in the restoration and construction process.

Name: JULIA Sander
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:14 pm

I oppose this project which is NOT an East Wing Modernization but a project that did not go through proper review or authorization & should therefore not be allowed. Also, the size of the proposed project as I understand it would dwarf the White House itself! This is a vanity project & must be stopped! I support the rebuilding of the East Wing as it was & where history was made & at this point has been destroyed!

Name: Gretchen Maysek
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:19 pm

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Furthermore, the absolute GAUDY redecorating of the Oval Office and other areas of the White House were totally unnecessary and should also be restored. The Trump Administration should be billed for all damages to the White House and should be held accountable for paying them.

I do not want to see his name on one thing left behind. Tell him to put on his big boy pants and hang ALL the presidents portraits, not just the ones he likes.

Name: Robert Seib
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:42 pm

Subject: Public Comment Opposing NCPC File No. 8733 (East Wing Modernization)
To: The National Capital Planning Commission
From:
Date:

Re: Opposition to the East Wing Modernization and Ballroom Construction

I am writing to formally submit my strong opposition to the "East Wing Modernization" project currently under review.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal, halt all further construction, and impose strict conditions on any future activity at this National Historic Landmark.

1. Condemnation of the Unapproved Demolition I vehemently object to the demolition of the historic East Wing that occurred in October 2025. This action was taken before the Commission had granted final approval for the project, bypassing the standard Section 106 review process intended to protect our nation’s heritage. The administration’s "act first, ask permission later" approach is a breach of public trust. The NCPC must not rubber-stamp this destruction by approving a replacement project that rewards such reckless disregard for historical preservation laws.

2. Opposition to Administration Oversight I am totally opposed to the current administration having any role in the design, funding, or construction of the replacement structure.
• Conflict of Interest: The reliance on private donations from corporations with active government contracts to fund a federal building creates an ethical minefield. The "People’s House" must remain public property, funded by the public to ensure it serves the national interest, not the interests of private donors.
• Lack of Stewardship: The administration has already demonstrated a lack of fitness to steward this historic site by authorizing the demolition of the 1942 East Wing without proper oversight. Consequently, I request that the Commission halt all work until an independent, non-partisan body can be established to oversee the future of the site.

3. The Replacement Should Not Be a Ballroom The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom is fundamentally totally inappropriate for the White House complex.
• Scale and Character: The massive scale of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the historic Executive Residence, altering the residential and dignified character of the White House. It transforms a seat of government into a commercial-style entertainment venue.
• Mission Creep: The primary function of the White House is governance and housing the First Family. A facility of this size, designed for mass social gatherings, distracts from these core functions and imposes unnecessary security and logistical burdens on the capital.

4. Prohibition on Naming Rights It is imperative that the Commission explicitly forbid the attachment of any private name to this building.
• No "Trump" Branding: The White House is not a private hotel or a campaign asset; it belongs to the American people. Under no circumstances should the replacement structure, or any room within it, bear the name of the sitting president or any political figure. To do so would be an act of vanity that degrades the history of the institution.
• No Donor Naming: Similarly, no naming rights should be granted to the private donors funding this project. The NCPC must include a binding condition in any future approval that permanently prohibits naming rights for donors or the President, ensuring the White House remains free of commercial or political branding.

I urge the NCPC to exercise its authority to protect the integrity of the White House. Do not allow this project to proceed as currently planned.

Name: Barbara Drexler-Knepper
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:50 pm

The East Wing should have never been destroyed and taken down! Rebuild on the same foundation and build it exactly as it was. We do not need a monument to any president. It is the people’s house.

Name: Kathryn Wood
Date: February 18, 2026 1:19:52 pm

I wholeheartedly oppose spending millions of dollars on a project which was initiated without any discussion, authorization, permits, or review via the proper channels. Part of American history has been literally gutted and razed. Claims by the current administration that the project is being partially funded by private donations is equally disturbing, suggesting the possibility of quid pro quo and corruption.

No one - no one - is above the law. This project must not go ahead and those who initiated it must be penalized.
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Name: Jeanne Burke
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:03 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am appalled we are even at a stage for public comment as this project should have been halted before it even began. Never in the history of our country have we needed a ballroom, nevermind a 90,000 square foot monstrosity. What we do need is a place for the First Lady to conduct business in the service of our nation. This vanity project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret West
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:07 pm

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Name: Nina Gill
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:15 pm

The ballroom is a joke. A bipartisan committee of historic preservation professionals need to decide with the mess freated

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Name: Susan Cochrane
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:18 pm

Please remember it is The White HOUSE, The People's HOUSE. A renter should not be able to just destroy and then rebuild without input from then owners, The People. I appreciate this opportunity to share my thoughts.

The purposed ballroom is too large, too grandiose and out of character of the executive residence.

Style and size should remain the same. It is a residence not a convention center.

Make needed updates to bring it up to code.

Return the Rose Garden!

Simply put restore and preserve.

Thanks,
Susan Cochrane

Name: Beckye Randall
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:39 pm

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an obscene erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with that work personally funded by Donald J. Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christopher Stephens
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:50 pm

I was shocked and appalled by the total disregard exhibited when the East Wing of the White House was demolished, as if by doing so the President could now do whatever he desired with the resulting mess. Please stop the Ball room

abomination and restore the East Wing as it was. Thank you,
Chris Stephens

Name: Barbara Gebhart
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:50 pm

I am so glad to be able to comment on this travesty.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Barbara Gebhart
Carmichael, California

Name: Margaret Cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:51 pm

I am very concerned about this project. While there certainly may have been a need for some modernization of this space, I think an expensive, gaudy ballroom funded primarily by rich people/organizations/corporations (that will surely benefit as we have seen others benefit as they supported the current administration) is totally inappropriate. Moreover, the steps that have already been taken are another example of flaunting the rule of law -- the steps required to destroy, add, or change this historic site were apparently ignored. The way this project has been implemented is an affront to working and law-abiding Americans. I would like to see the historic structure restored, with necessary modernization (e.g., fix up the plumbing and the wiring, etc.). This is another embarrassment for the USA.

Name: Cindy Bach
Date: February 18, 2026 1:20:57 pm

I am speaking a a registered Commercial healthcare Interior Designer in the State of Minnesota. My career spans 40 years of commercial work. I am also speaking as a member of the Architectural and Design and Construction Industry. We are professionals trained and equipped to work to ensure that health, safety, and welfare are primary considerations in our building and design work.

We also honor legislation, rules, and safety issues as required. So we are appalled at the lack of professional process in the teardown of the East Wing of the Nations capital as directed by Donald J. Trump.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Cindy Bach, CID

Name: Diana Dashner
Date: February 18, 2026 1:21:00 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Laura Silverman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:21:26 pm

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Name: Maria Moy-Santos
Date: February 18, 2026 1:21:30 pm

Subject: Public Comment Opposing NCPC File No. 8733 (East Wing Modernization)
To: The National Capital Planning Commission
From:
Date:

Re: Opposition to the East Wing Modernization and Ballroom Construction

I am writing to formally submit my strong opposition to the "East Wing Modernization" project currently under review. As a concerned citizen, I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal, halt all further construction, and impose strict conditions on any future activity at this National Historic Landmark.

1. Condemnation of the Unapproved Demolition I vehemently object to the demolition of the historic East Wing that occurred in October 2025. This action was taken before the Commission had granted final approval for the project, bypassing the standard Section 106 review process intended to protect our nation’s heritage. The administration’s "act first, ask permission later" approach is a breach of public trust. The NCPC must not rubber-stamp this destruction by approving a replacement project that rewards such reckless disregard for historical preservation laws.

2. Opposition to Administration Oversight I am totally opposed to the current administration having any role in the design, funding, or construction of the replacement structure.
• Conflict of Interest: The reliance on private donations from corporations with active government contracts to fund a federal building creates an ethical minefield. The "People’s House" must remain public property, funded by the public to ensure it serves the national interest, not the interests of private donors.
• Lack of Stewardship: The administration has already demonstrated a lack of fitness to steward this historic site by authorizing the demolition of the 1942 East Wing without proper oversight. Consequently, I request that the Commission halt all work until an independent, non-partisan body can be established to oversee the future of the site.

3. The Replacement Should Not Be a Ballroom The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom is fundamentally totally inappropriate for the White House complex.
• Scale and Character: The massive scale of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the historic Executive Residence, altering the residential and dignified character of the White House. It transforms a seat of government into a commercial-style entertainment venue.
• Mission Creep: The primary function of the White House is governance and housing the First Family. A facility of this size, designed for mass social gatherings, distracts from these core functions and imposes unnecessary security and logistical burdens on the capital.

4. Prohibition on Naming Rights It is imperative that the Commission explicitly forbid the attachment of any private name to this building.
• No "Trump" Branding: The White House is not a private hotel or a campaign asset; it belongs to the American people. Under no circumstances should the replacement structure, or any room within it, bear the name of the sitting president or

any political figure. To do so would be an act of vanity that degrades the history of the institution.
• No Donor Naming: Similarly, no naming rights should be granted to the private donors funding this project. The NCPC must include a binding condition in any future approval that permanently prohibits naming rights for donors or the President, ensuring the White House remains free of commercial or political branding.

I urge the NCPC to exercise its authority to protect the integrity of the White House. Do not allow this project to proceed as currently planned.

Name: Lisa Brigantino
Date: February 18, 2026 1:21:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Best,

Lisa Brigantino
Brooklyn, NY

Name: Jodi Harmon
Date: February 18, 2026 1:21:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. it is a complete razing of American history by a tyrannical dictator. The White House is a house of the people, not the current occupant. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne McQuiston
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:01 pm

Re: The East Wing Modernization Project
What an appalling violation of our rights, by desecrating an historic building with no regard for the historic value of its contents or architecture. This isn’t modernization, it is a demolition!
I am requesting a halt to this project and that the White House be returned to it former condition.
Thank you for your attention.
Anne McQuiston

Name: Craig Cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:03 pm

The White House is a historical place and the East Wing should be restored to its original condition, this is the PEOPLE's house not the current POTUS house. His right to change or destroy it to add a ballroom is unacceptable.

Name: David Rall
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:19 pm

Stop the wanton destruction of the People's House. The People have not given their permission for this abomination. The President does NOT need a monstrosity of ballroom to do the People's business. Restore the East Wing to its original footprint and purpose.

Name: Julie Jacob
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:20 pm

I am strongly opposed to the East Wing ballroom. This project is being rushed through and the gaudy ballroom would dwarf the White House. Please restore the East Wing as it was -- offices for the First Spouse and conference and meeting rooms.

Name: Rose Tidwell
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Allan
Date: February 18, 2026 1:22:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a moderation project but the complete razing of American history that made me literally nauseated when I saw its destruction. This project should be canceled and the east wing rebuilt to its former design. This ballroom is not needed, nor was the paving over of the Rose Garden. Please stop these horrific changes to the people’s house without the input of Americans. Thank you, Mary Allan

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Name: Mitchell Cohen
Date: February 18, 2026 1:23:03 pm

To the NCPC,

The design should be rejected based on its mass and scale alone. While I do not object to a new East Wing to satisfy needs of the executive mansion, the proposed design significantly overwhelms the mass and scale of the existing executive mansion and west wing. The design should be modified to match the mass and scale of the existing mansion and west wing.

Sincerely,

Mitchell E. Cohen
Born in Washington, DC

Name: Loryn Frey
Date: February 18, 2026 1:23:14 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House?

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Julie A Morris
Date: February 18, 2026 1:23:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to the American people

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Name: Sarah Tuttle
Date: February 18, 2026 1:23:40 pm

Please do not waste any money or time on building a ball room.
Please restore the East Wind to it’s former glory
Thank you.

Name: Owen Fairbank
Date: February 18, 2026 1:24:26 pm

Re: Formal Opposition to the Proposed East Wing Renovation Project

Dear Executive Director and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to formally oppose the current administration's proposed project to demolish and reconstruct the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or design review — and it must be stopped.

This is not a renovation. The East Wing has stood as part of one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in the country, and tearing it down without following the required legal process is simply wrong.

It would be a travesty to allow the proposed "ballroom" project that overwhelms the White House to proceed. At 90,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, it would dwarf the White House.

I urge the Commission to take the following actions:

Halt the project immediately pending a full review of all authorizations, permits, and design approvals.
Require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act.
Mandate restoration of the East Wing to its original design, consistent with the historic character of the White House complex.
Hold accountable those who proceeded with demolition or construction work without proper legal authority.

No one is above the law — not even the occupants of the White House. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that legal processes can be ignored by those in power. That is an affront to every law-abiding American and to the institutions designed to protect our national landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has both the authority and the obligation to intervene. I urge you to act decisively and without delay.
Thank you.

Name: Sharon Cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 1:24:28 pm

The White House is an important cultural icon, a symbol of our democratic seat of power. It’s endured through turbulent times in our country’s struggle to grow and develop into a place where all people can be respected and valued. President Trump’s astounding destruction of the East Wing is an affront to our dignity and rule of law. He thinks that I’df he destroys our symbols he can wrench our power away! As a citizen I demand that the East wing be restored to its original condition, in its original footprint.

Name: Marjorie Dickson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:24:45 pm

Dear Commissioners,
Thank you for the opportunity to make comments. As an American citizen who's East Wing was demolished, I have been horrified over the loss of history and memories for generations, I am 67 years old and have listened and watched history in real time over the years and find the audacity of an administration just demolish it all.
I would like to see the old footprint of the East Wing be maintained and the replanting and upkeep of the Rose Garden.
We do not need a 'Russian' 'Gold' ballroom for the elite and the few. We should have an historically significant entrance to the White House where people of all walks of life can be welcomed.
Please keep the historical architecture to match the rest of the buildings and please no 'gold'.

Name: Anna Gerrish
Date: February 18, 2026 1:25:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the individual(s) who illegally ordered it demolished. Taxpayers should not bear this burden. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janice Kimmons
Date: February 18, 2026 1:26:06 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, or any funds at all in fact. Any funds that may be available should be used to restore the East Wing as it was. The White House is not the possession of the president. It belongs to the people of the United States. The so-called beautiful ballroom that actually no one wants should be cancelled. Any construction/destruction of federal property must be approved through the legal process. Stop this...now.

Name: Teresa Robershaw
Date: February 18, 2026 1:26:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americns

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Name: Linda Campbell
Date: February 18, 2026 1:26:37 pm

Dear Sane People:
We do not need a ballroom in The Peoples' House that 99% of the people will never be allowed to use. Even the idea of a ballroom is disgusting & anti-democratic. PLEASE cancel all plans for this abomination & RESTORE THE EAST WING.
Thank you.
~Linda Campbell

Name: Debra Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:26:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Gray
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:08 pm

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Name: D C
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:13 pm

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Name: Carolyn Newt
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:21 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law!!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Newt

Name: Jamie Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 1:27:55 pm

I absolutely do NOT support the notion of constructing a ballroom (of any size) on the White House property. Rather, it is imperative that the East Wing be fully restored to its most recent intact state as quickly as possible. The East Wing should never have been demolished in the first place.

Name: Jane Babcock
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:00 pm

I can't help but think after seeing the plans this addition has a huge footprint. Is that really necessary? We aren't building a palace, are we?

Name: Kathryn Blume
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:05 pm

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete - and wholly disrespectful - razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Most significantly, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

Name: Martha DeReamer
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:35 pm

I am vehemently opposed to the destruction of the historic East Wing which was thoughtlessly destroyed and razed without the proper authorization, permits or review. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to be in keeping with its former design. The plans of the current administration for the wasteful large ballroom to be built in its place should be cancelled. The tasteless changes to the White House already made are difficult enough to have to see. Please rein in and hold those who are in office to represent The People accountable to follow the law.

Name: Linda Gicklhorn
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:40 pm

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The White House belongs to the People of the United States of America—not the temporary residents who have the privilege of living there for free. Thank you.

Name: Virginia Montgomery
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:41 pm

As a US citizen I feel strongly on the modernization of the East wing. There needs to be input from National Capital Planning Commission, the US Commission of Fine Arts, congress needs to approve the budget and the citizens of the US need to provide their thoughts as it is the "peoples' house". I was deeply disturbed on how quickly the East Wing was demolished and hauled away. Centuries of history were removed without a second thought to their significance to our countries' history. And now to build a ballroom that will dwarf the administration building that is next to it, and the solution is to build more to balance it, show a lack of planning and a huge waste of taxpayer dollars. We cannot replace what has been lost, but we can move forward with planning and input from organizations who are the custodians of the "peoples' house" not the delusions of grandeur from the current administration.

Name: Stacey Wright
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:49 pm

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Name: Michael McClinton
Date: February 18, 2026 1:28:51 pm

I want to second the remark by Anara Guard:
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."
It is an affront to the American people and our laws to use tax payer money on a project nobody asked for and does not

serve the American people. The East Wing of the White House served as office space for those who are conducting the business of the American people. It was an historical and essential structure that served the people's business. This Ballroom will serve only one purpose, a playroom for the wealthy elite. A giant structure whose purpose is to host dances and dinners for the rich rather than house the workers who conduct America's business from the mundane to crucial national and international activities which affect the daily lives of every American. A giant space dedicated for rich people to hold cha-cha contests does not serve our country. Stop this project now. It's never going to be built anyway and if it is built it is bound to be torn down when Trump is gone and America resets its self.

Name: Joy Wilcox
Date: February 18, 2026 1:29:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Arnetta Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 1:29:22 pm

Good Day,
As a citizen I am opposed to this project. None of the proper procedures were followed, the East Wing was demolished with no review, no permit, no input from Congress, the American people, anyone. The East Wing needs to be restored and a ball room is unnecessary. There are many better uses for 300 million dollars than a ball room that the majority of the people of the United States won't even get to use. If the average person tried to destroy property to build something else with out designs and permits, the project would be immediately be shut down. Shut this one down.

Name: Wendy Oestreicher
Date: February 18, 2026 1:29:31 pm

I am speaking out against the construction of the “Trump Ballroom” where the East Wing of the White House previously stood. While the damage has already been done and the East Wing is gone along with the history it held, constructing a lavish, and frankly ugly, ballroom on the site compounds the insult to the American people. The White House is a symbol of our country and is fitting of a country that is a republic, not a monarchy or a dictatorship. Building a ballroom to Trump’s specifications, complete with gold leaf embellishments, detracts from our heritage. His planned ballroom resembles something associated with autocratic governments and monarchies. It is an insult to hard working Americans to build such a monstrosity when people are losing their health insurance and going hungry. Please say No to this construction.

Name: Julia Fitzgerald
Date: February 18, 2026 1:29:41 pm

The East Wing was an historic part of The People’s House. That it was destroyed before any consideration, input or review from We the People or any historian is an abomination. I demand that it be rebuilt exactly as it was!

Name: Sara Anna Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 1:29:48 pm

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Name: Phila Hoopes
Date: February 18, 2026 1:29:54 pm

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Name: Sue Weinberg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:30:16 pm

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Name: Cheryl Bicknell
Date: February 18, 2026 1:30:43 pm

It was an act of sexism and dominance that destroyed the East Wing of the White House, our house. While there is no way to replace the venerable addition and this by no way is a "Modernization," the scale and size should be one that does not dwarf the remaining structure. The architect needs to be selected from a NATIONAL search of renowned professionals selected not on the basis of influence but based on the qualifications that are pre-determined and public.

Aren't there other venues in the Washington, D.C. area that can host large events? This location is not appropriate for the for this amount of square footage simply to support the ego of one public servant's ego. Again, this is our house...not the current administration's house nor future administrations' house. I disagree with the uber wealthy providing funding to, essentially, openly bribe and influence this administration. The funding should be to a scale that is small enough to be a reasonable request from Congress. Requiring this change is the ultimate in political over reach to garner influence over someone who was supposed to be an ethical leader for the entire country not just his minions.

I would hope that the design could reflect the current trends in architecture. While the other structure coordinated with the style of the time, there is an opportunity through open competition to create a contemporary addition. While it may not be the desired design of the person inhabiting the house, it, again, is not his house. It is the house of the United States. We have talented professionals who could look at a variety of scales and designs that could create something that looks to the future and inspires the next generation rather than stagnating with a much older generation that will not be present in the next 20 years, or less.

The design process should be a public one and open to public comment. Wide scale collaboration and open conversation about the opportunity at hand.

Lives and administrations are finite. This house should represent the best of us. The best of the design teams in the U.S.A. that is COMPETITIVELY selected. And who will sensitively make suggests to a scale that allows the main structure of the home to shine.

Name: Alicia Diozzi
Date: February 18, 2026 1:30:52 pm

I object to the speed at which the East Wing "modernization" project is proceeding. There does not seem to be any mindful process being followed. I'm not versed on the legal aspects of this project, but it seems to me that there is very little oversight and very little clear reasoning. It's not being modernized for any clear purpose. With homelessness, high prices, and staggering consumer debt, why not spend money making citizens lives easier than embarking on a vanity project. I would like to see the project stopped before it goes any further. Thank you.

Name: Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:31:26 pm

We are violently opposed to this mammoth vanity project from one man's distorted dreams of glory. It is way, way, way oversized and dwarfs the White House itself, blocking views of an icon, and demeaning all the federal buildings and monuments of the national seat of government. It contains all kinds of extraneous spaces, like guest suites and offices. There is further threat of trying to "even out" the unbalance of the behemoth by constructing a second story over the West Wing. The perpetrator is lawless, having contempt for process, norms, regulations, and a sense of public ownership. He has stuffed oversight boards with his yes-men and toadies. Say NO. Say NO BUILD. Put the East Wing back the way it was, at his expense. He can use the hollowed-out Kennedy Center for his balls.

Name: Janet Ferguson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:31:40 pm

It was sacrilegious to tear down this historical building with no authorization. The plans for this horrific addition are so out of proportion to the of the White House that it will dwarf the historic structures still there. Why on earth does Trump or any president need a ballroom of this size ? State dinners have been held successfully ever since they first existed without a 1000 seat capacity, or whatever he is now planning since it changes. How many times a year will it actually be used? That is unless Trump starts holding fundraisers there. Please stop this madness and rebuild an historic replica.

Name: Dorothy Herman-Sample
Date: February 18, 2026 1:31:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose ANY amount of money that would go to creating this project as it is projected. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Julia Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:31:51 pm

I am writing to note that I am against the remodeling of East wing of the Whitehouse that was unlawfully demolished. I believe it should be rebuilt with any remodeling approved and consistent with the traditional colonial style. Donations nor current resident should not control architectural style of public areas of the Whitehouse or government historical properties.

Name: Candace Lieberman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:14 pm

Preserving the beautiful East Wing of the White House, the people's house, is the sort of thing planning commissions are designed to do. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. As would anyone who cares about beauty, history, the rule of law and the United Sates, I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this extensive, expensive and unnecessary project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law to do it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and anyone with any aesthetic sense, anywhere.

Name: Marybeth Medernach
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Powell
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:20 pm

This “project” is not needed and did not go through the proper procedures. Please restore the East Wing as it was.

Name: Libby Galambos
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:28 pm

I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but clearly a scam against the American taxpayer. as a typical ballroom build is approximately $1 million. I've heard this is a cover to build a data center that would cause significant harm to DC, and I'm not sure the benefit to the American taxpayer. I'd rather see infastructure improved in the USA.

Name: Linda Muller
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Susan Cohen
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:32 pm

I DO NOT consent to spending $300 million on this ‘project’. The Wing was torn down without following established laws and regulations. The White House belongs to the people, NOT any politician or president. This action is unlawful and has no consent of the people’s representatives. Stop this project.

Name: Colleen Macklin
Date: February 18, 2026 1:32:38 pm

Rebuild the East Wing to the beauty and dignity it deserves!

Name: Andrew Liverant
Date: February 18, 2026 1:33:15 pm

This unauthorized vandalism of The People's house needs to be stopped permanently and the East Wing restored exactly as it was.
Any contractors and architects who participated in the unapproved, illegal demolition should be punished to the full extent of the law; fines, license revocation, jail time if appropriate.

In addition there needs to be an investigation into the millions of dollars that were allegedly donated for this abomination.

Name: Alisa Bradford
Date: February 18, 2026 1:33:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Kathy Hansen
Date: February 18, 2026 1:33:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robin Costanza
Date: February 18, 2026 1:33:48 pm

The White House is the people's house and Trump is treating it like his own private property. He must be stopped from turning the White House into a authoritarian-government-styled building. Where is the public input? How is it possible that all the money "raised" for the ballroom is not influencing policy? It seems to be illegal and wrong in every aspect.

Name: Terri Cooney
Date: February 18, 2026 1:34:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this
project, which was initiated without the proper
authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete
razing of American history. I want this project
canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored
to its former design. No one is above the law and
to permit this project to go ahead without
penalizing those who broke the law would be an
affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Diehl
Date: February 18, 2026 1:34:51 pm

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to strongly object to the East Wing Modernization Project initiated by President Trump to create an elaborate ballroom to honor himself by destroying the entire East Wing of the Whitehouse. The Whitehouse is not his alone, but belongs to the American People. President Trump's clear objective to plaster his name on so much of Washington DC and the rest of our nation is a disgrace to the country. The fact that President Trump secretly planned to have the East Wing of the Whitehouse destroyed practically overnight is itself a clear indication he knows that had he worked with the National Capitol Planning Commission, his plan for self aggrandizement would not have been achieved.

The NCPC has long stood for upholding the dignity of our nation's capitol city. I ask only that you continue that work to keep our capitol as a hallmark of our nation and all of its incredible leaders, and not as glorification of one man. It is our right as members of this nation to honor our greatest leaders. It is not the right of any leader of this democracy to glorify himself.

Please do not approve the East Wing Modernization Project. Please work to restore our nation's Whitehouse to a state which honors all of great leaders and history, not just one man.

Thank you.
John R. Diehl, Jr.

Name: Julie Weinstein
Date: February 18, 2026 1:34:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristie Dahlia Home
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:16 pm

I vehemently oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project, it is an illegal, self-centered razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please fight for us. Fight for the United States, for our values and our laws. We have your back.

Name: Sara Gregg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:16 pm

Re: Formal Opposition to the Proposed East Wing Renovation Project

Dear Executive Director and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to formally oppose the current administration's proposed project to demolish and reconstruct the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or design review — and it must be stopped.

This is not a renovation. The East Wing has stood as part of one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in the country, and tearing it down without following the required legal process is simply wrong.

It would be a travesty to allow the proposed "ballroom" project that overwhelms the White House to proceed. At 90,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, it would dwarf the White House.

I urge the Commission to take the following actions:

Halt the project immediately pending a full review of all authorizations, permits, and design approvals.
Require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act.
Mandate restoration of the East Wing to its original design, consistent with the historic character of the White House complex.
Hold accountable those who proceeded with demolition or construction work without proper legal authority.

No one is above the law — not even the occupants of the White House. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that legal processes can be ignored by those in power. That is an affront to every law-abiding American and to the institutions designed to protect our national landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has both the authority and the obligation to intervene. I urge you to act decisively and without delay.

Name: Michelle Barrineau
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:33 pm

I don't think a good case has been made for the need for a massive ballroom, especially not one of this size and at this location. State dinners and other functions have been held in the White House for our entire history and it's never been a problem. And even if there was a need, a better solution could be found. The White House is "The People's House". It doesn't need to be a gold studded, massive, grotesque edifice in line with ancient Rome. It belongs to no one man, and is a piece of our history that is loaned out as a residence and seat of executive power for our country. The ballroom plans are hideous and the function of the building and it's massive scale shift the focus of the property to a luxurious, Vegas style ballroom rather than a refined and elegantly balanced historic house.

It goes against the ideals of America that a handful of billionaires can effectively take ownership of our country's historic property and do whatever they like to please the whim of one man This isn't a modernization project, it's an exercise in pandering, greed and vanity and should not move forward. The East wing should never have been demolished, and must be restored. Acting without the proper authority should never be rewarded with success. If I did this, my local planning commission would come down on me like a ton of bricks. No one should be above the law in America.

Name: Sydney Webb
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:41 pm

The East Wing was torn down without any authorization or permitting. It needs to be rebuilt to the exact specifications that it was. There are rules and laws that must be followed. They are there for a reason.

Name: Shirley Helm
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing or American history. I support cancellation of the project and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with modernization as appropriate. NO one is above the law and to allow this project to go forward without penalizing those responsible for evading the law is an affront to all lawful American citizens.

Name: L Ferg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:35:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 1:36:06 pm

I demand that the East wing be restored to original design with security reinstatement and bill donald j trump for the rebuild, the demolition and the breach of security…!!!

Name: Charles Berray
Date: February 18, 2026 1:36:11 pm

Stop this abomination in its tracks. The destruction of the East Wing and its history by this administration should never have happened. The East Wing should be restored to its exact exterior dimensions and design. What was done was the criminal destruction of government property by a lawless president.

Name: Joanne Lentner
Date: February 18, 2026 1:36:23 pm

As a citizen of the United States it is my right as well as my duty to speak on matters concerning changes to public structures that belong to the people. The White House is one of the most important symbols of our government and an incredibly important, historically significant building. What has already been done to it by the current president is illegal. That fact has been proven.

Architecture and design are not only a matter of aesthetics. They serve to communicate messages, and that purpose cannot be ignored when it comes to national historical buildings. The current president is symbolically tearing down our country and what it stands for, as well as attempting to build a symbol of dictatorship, with this destruction of the East Wing and proposed construction of a huge ballroom. It does not serve the people. It serves him.

He has already added disgustingly opulent golden ornamentation to the Oval Office. It is gaudy, tacky, and an embarrassment to the nation. The over-use of golden embellishment is an obvious attempt to imitate the style used by monarchies, and more importantly dictatorships for whom he has expressed admiration. So he has given us proof of his sense of style, and it is not representative of the nation's history or its values.

In terms of architectural integrity, this proposed ballroom addition has none. It is not only outrageously expensive, but also totally disproportionate to the main building of the White House itself. The disrepect to our nation and our laws shown by this addition is clear. It must not be constructed in its current proposed scale and form.

No further changes should be made to the White House during his administration except to mitigate the damage from the destruction of the historical East Wing, and protect the remaining structure from further irreparable harm.

A plan to replace the East Wing must go through the proper channels and process and be carefully considered in terms of design, scale, and aesthetic compatability with the rest of the White House. The current proposal does not meet those criteria.

The proposed addition is a clear effort to build a monument to himself and to wealth. The fact that it dwarfs the White House itself sends an obvious message to the nation and to the world.

This current president's selfish and horrifically expensive pet project cannot be sanctioned. His blatant breaking of laws that were written to protect the symbols of our nation against precisely this type of eggregious action cannot be glorified by the approval of this proposed addition. His wasting of funds on a ballroom, in lieu of spending much-needed money on programs that serve our citizens, cannot be allowed.

Please do the right thing, for the sake of our country's history and its future.

Name: Patricia Weller
Date: February 18, 2026 1:36:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law

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Name: Barbara Bailey
Date: February 18, 2026 1:36:49 pm

This historic building belongs to all of us, and to have it unilaterally destroyed and replaced without regard to history, proportion or process is heartbreaking. May the process now be undertaken by the proper means and the East Wing be returned to its place not as a billionaires’ ballroom but as part of our heritage and the basic functionality befitting it. The White House is not a gold-leafed castle or casino.

Name: Emily Green-Cain
Date: February 18, 2026 1:37:02 pm

The East Wing of the White House was a balanced architectural part of the building and its proposed “replacement” with an oversized and illegal rebuild was shocking enough. But when the bulldozers came in and tore apart a wing of the

people’s house without approval or notification, I was angry.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please honor this historic building, and honor the law.

Name: Abigail Ryan
Date: February 18, 2026 1:37:04 pm

This project never should have started without public input and the correct permits for working on a historic landmark. The plans I’ve seen are completely out of character for the historical nature of this national treasure and costs continue to balloon. As a taxpayer I am incensed to be paying for this vanity project when children and seniors are going hungry and immigrant detainees are being held by for-profit prisons (for longer than legal periods of time) in truly terrible conditions not considered even humane enough for animals. “Modernization” to me means that electrical work is up to code and buildings are properly accessible to all people. This wanton demolition and hubris build should be reversed immediately. The President should pay for remediation with his ill gotten gains from this term.

Name: Sean Pollock
Date: February 18, 2026 1:37:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The American people want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Congress needs to do its job and stop the further destruction of our historic buildings. Do not move forward on this illegal project.

Name: Adam Schoenhardt
Date: February 18, 2026 1:37:56 pm

I wanted to express my horror that the historic East Wing of the Whitehouse was demolished! As the People’s House and an historic landmark it needed to follow a proper process consulting the ‘Peoples’ representatives that are elected to Washington as well as the Historical Commissions. I do not want the $300,000,000. spent on an unapproved ballroom and want instead the original structure to be rebuilt as it was before. The people of this Nation never approved or would ever have wanted the destruction of this wing OR a new ballroom trophy for Trump. We went this horrible Trump action and memory to be erased!
Thank you

Name: Linda Lachman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:38:42 pm

I adamantly object to spending $300 million dollars to further decimate the designated “Women’s Wing” of the White House, for a Trump ballroom for the elite. The legacy of countless First Ladies of the United States has been thoughtlessly destroyed.

No appropriate oversight reviews or historic preservation opinions were considered. Patriotic tours of The Peoples’ House are in jeopardy. This is yet another outrageous affront to ordinary citizens in general and the lasting legacy of American women in particular. Please put a stop to this madness before another step towards obliterating American history moves forward.

Name: Amy Witzke
Date: February 18, 2026 1:38:54 pm

I oppose spending anything on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is clearly not a modernization project but a tear down of our national architectural history. We protect historical buildings and structures to preserve our history and memorialize those who came before us. I call for this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the criminal who vandalized the White House. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Madeline Rosenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:39:18 pm

I oppose this project on the grounds that it is wonton destruction of American history. This project was undertaken without proper permits or design review, and has since left the East Wing exposed to further damage. The proposed replacement is a frivolous use of resources. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Katherine Kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 1:39:18 pm

Do not proceed with these plans. Tearing down the east wing was an assault on our democratic process. Build a replica of what it looked like to preserve important history. In the future Focus not on ballrooms but on food, healthcare, a decent place to live. Treat PEOPLE with respect.

Name: Maria Wilcox
Date: February 18, 2026 1:39:42 pm

Please so as you state and modernize the East Wing, and not build and entirely different building. The East Wing is our history and should be our future. This is a lie to the American people, the East Wing is gone (illegally) and SHOULD be rebuilt to honor our history and serve our future.
The $300 million on this project was initiated illegally without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. Cancel the unnecessary ballroom and rebuild the East Wing but as the subject states, modernized. Also, those who broke the law should be subjected to actual consequences. Lead by example and do what is legal and best for ALL Americans, not just one American.

Name: Deborah Barrett
Date: February 18, 2026 1:39:47 pm

I want the east wing to be restored to what it was. No approval or permits were given.

Name: Lee Grafton
Date: February 18, 2026 1:39:54 pm

Stop this unauthorized project now and restore the east wing to its original historic glory. This is not a modernization project. It is an unauthorized attack on our shared history.

Name: elizabeth Hemming
Date: February 18, 2026 1:40:00 pm

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition

beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Lillian Bradford
Date: February 18, 2026 1:40:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Auch
Date: February 18, 2026 1:40:45 pm

In my opinion, the East Wing Modernization Project as presented is too expansive and dwarfs the White House - it overpowers the site in size and design. This addition for the ballroom, an area only occasionally used, is a waste of taxpayers money which will be necessary for its upkeep in the future. I am angry that the project was even started without going through the proper channels and approvals and disapointed penalties have not been pressed for the destruction of historical property.

Name: nancy corwin
Date: February 18, 2026 1:40:47 pm

greetings

the east wing does not need "modernization", which is just a tricky way of saying "ballroom". the white house is the people's house, not a palace. we don't have kings, remember? please rebuild the east wing as it was and send the bill to the pretender who had it razed.

Name: Andrew Rindsberg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:40:53 pm

This project was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The American public was stunned when part of the People's House was razed at the whim of a single individual. The proposed ballroom cannot be allowed to be constructed; it would only have to be razed by a later administration to remove a continuing affront to all Americans.

Therefore I opposed the spending of $300 million on this project. The East Wing should be restored to its original aboveground design, though without the underlying bunker. No one is above the law.

Name: Carl Schroeder
Date: February 18, 2026 1:41:26 pm

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East wing of the White House. I also oppose the desecration of the White House by attaching a gaudy “Ballroom” to it. I will note that initially Donald Trump promised that his ballroom would not touch the existing structure, which was a lie. He also said public money would not be used, but based on Donald Trump’s history I’m concerned that that also is a lie. I am also concerned that if that structure is built its design, inside and out, will not blend well with the remaining structure and will more closely resemble the gaudy style preferred by Trump. I urge the commission to take control of the situation and preserve the dignity of The People’s House. Please prevent the desecration of this sacred symbol of democracy.

Name: Angela Curran
Date: February 18, 2026 1:41:27 pm

Calling this the “East Wing Modernization” project is laughable as there is nothing left to modernize because the East Wing OF THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE… an historic building if ever there was one… was demolished without permission or authority by Donald Trump. I strongly oppose any efforts or plans of this administration to rebuild as they have clearly demonstrated that the thoughts and opinions of US citizens do not matter.

Name: Sherry Adrian
Date: February 18, 2026 1:41:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Sherry Adrian

Name: Deborah Edwards
Date: February 18, 2026 1:41:58 pm

I am very much against the proposal to build a huge ballroom in the space that the East Wing formerly occupied. I think the size of the proposed ballroom is out of balance and overwhelms the proportions of the main building. I would like to see the exterior rebuilt as it was.

Name: Jon Wood
Date: February 18, 2026 1:42:03 pm

I strongly oppose this project as it currently stands. There should be strict adherence to respecting the “people’s house” and any modifications. The current design is atrocious and completely disrespectful. Since the old wing is completely gone and there is no going back, I’d like to see a new design that respects our house and is proportionate to the existing White House and its grounds. The current design is way too big and grandiose. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Name: Elaine Snyder
Date: February 18, 2026 1:42:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dolores Ziegler
Date: February 18, 2026 1:42:20 pm

re: East Wing Modernization
East Wing of White House demolition and construction:

I oppose the $300 million construction of this massive, unnecessary ballroom to replace the destroyed, valuable historical East Wing. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Hungerford
Date: February 18, 2026 1:43:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barb Glines
Date: February 18, 2026 1:43:20 pm

This is the house of the American people not someone who is a temporary resident. Not only is it a historical landmark, but a symbol of the the country born on the backs of the people who fought to bring forth this new country. It should be restored to its original East Wing design and let the current resident build his ballroom where he actually owns property.

Name: Sara Breaux
Date: February 18, 2026 1:43:29 pm

The RECKLESS DESTRUCTION needs to STOP!

Trump needs to be held PERSONALLY Financially responsible for Restorations.

This type of “I can do what I want to the House of the People of the United States MUST STOP!!

The "checks and balances" put in place for ages MUST BE ADHERED TO!

Name: Lynne Gochenaur
Date: February 18, 2026 1:43:33 pm

"I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and doners fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House."

Name: Deborah Webster
Date: February 18, 2026 1:43:55 pm

The White House should be placed on a registry of historic places.

Name: Janice DiPietro
Date: February 18, 2026 1:44:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Teresa Rowe
Date: February 18, 2026 1:44:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Porter
Date: February 18, 2026 1:45:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Krueger
Date: February 18, 2026 1:45:25 pm

The “modernization” of the East Wing is a complete travesty. The White House is a place for the President to receive visitors, conduct the business of leading the US, and retire to private quarters for respite. It is not a venue for entertaining thousands. It is not a place in which to hold political rallies or fund raisers. It has been, and should remain, a symbol of our nation’s history and our strength as a democracy.

But democratic principles were ignored in razing the East Wing and planning its replacement, a ballroom that appears completely out of proportion to the White House itself. No input was sought from the public or even from Congress. It’s as if the current president considers the White House private property rather than a national treasure he is permitted to occupy during his term in office. It makes no difference if, as reported, the cost is being funded without tax dollars. The people’s house should not be for sale.

Please stop this over-reach and restore the East Wing to its original size and architectural design.

Name: Stephanie Hartman
Date: February 18, 2026 1:45:25 pm

I am writing to express my concern that the East Wing was demolished without going through the legally required review processes, including review by the National Capital Planning Commission and input from the public. Even in the revised plans without the pediment, the proposed East Wing is overly large and out of proportion with the main building (and "correcting" that by making the residence taller is not a real fix). The circular drive should also remain round (rather than distorted) to maintain the White House's neoclassical symmetry.

As an American, it pains to see what has been done to "the people's house." The White House is not the current president's personal property, but a historical building that he or she occupies during their years of public service. I also mourn the loss of the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and the historic trees that were razed. The president is not above the law and to allow this unfortunate project to go ahead as planned would be to reward his "move fast and break things" approach. There is much that was loved about the original East Wing and any architectural changes must be sensitive to preserving the character of the old East Wing while repairing and perhaps expanding the structure as needed. In any case. all plans must go through the proper legal channels.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Name: Robin Dunlap
Date: February 18, 2026 1:46:05 pm

I am appalled with what they did to the White House. We do not need a ballroom. Please stop them from continuing this ridiculous change of the White House. It was beautiful just like it was.

Name: Axel Dahlberg
Date: February 18, 2026 1:46:27 pm

The illegal destruction of the East Wing by the felon Faux-Prez is a national disgrace.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Ruth Diane Cooke
Date: February 18, 2026 1:46:58 pm

Please rebuild the East Wing of the White House. It is the People's House, not the current resident's. Go through the lawful process for all construction on the White House grounds. Thank you

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Name: Kathleen McHale
Date: February 18, 2026 1:47:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, whether it's private donors or worse, taxpayers, paying for it. This began without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's destroying history and I'd like to see this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ben Breaux
Date: February 18, 2026 1:48:57 pm

Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

This review is also required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.
While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Commissioners need to hear directly from the public.

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Name: MJ Banwart
Date: February 18, 2026 1:49:00 pm

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Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital

Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and the exterior restored to its former design and the interior design restored with necessary modernization. Those who undertook this project without proper authorization must be held accountable.

Name: Lori Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 1:49:07 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

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Lori Walker

Name: Marybeth Peters
Date: February 18, 2026 1:49:23 pm

I highly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this ballroom project, which was initiated without proper authorizations, permits or design reviews. It is not a modernization effort but rather a complete razing of American history! I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. It'd also be nice to know if any artifacts, furntiure, paintings or other furnishings were saved before that building - OUR building -was destroyed to the ground. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens, and frankly, just one more travesty heaped upon its people.

Name: Ciara Kehoe
Date: February 18, 2026 1:49:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is not a modernization project — it is the destruction of American history for the purposes of narcissism. The destruction that has occurred thus far was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. For the purpose of maintaining even a modicum of the history under attack, this project must be cancelled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people of this nation.

Name: Lori Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:50:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Lori J. Nelson
Brattleboro, VT

Name: Kimberly McNamara
Date: February 18, 2026 1:50:14 pm

The White House is a historically significant landmark. It should be preserved and restored only in efforts to keep it in safe, operational condition. The residents and staff who live and work there are merely visitors. Their role in caretaking of the house is humble stewardship. It is disrespectful of the presidency to demolish any part of it. There are protocols in place that should be followed and enforced to maintain this decorum. Violation of protocol should be followed by consequential action.

Name: L Mendez-Soto
Date: February 18, 2026 1:50:19 pm

Destroying the east wing was a colossal mistake. That should not have been a unilateral decision by the executive branch.Building a ballroom twice the size of the white house is insanity. We need to not destroy our historic buildings and focus on important matters that affect the safety, health, and well being of all RESIDENTS, not just citizens, of the US.

Name: Judith Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 1:50:28 pm

I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project. This is yet another illegal Trump vanity project with no merit or value whatsoever to the American people. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.This IS NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Trump is not above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Judith Smith

Name: Bonnie Klinefelter
Date: February 18, 2026 1:50:34 pm

This is not a “modernization.” It is a totally unnecessary desecration. The only person who wanted this is Donald J. Trump, not the decades of presidents or US citizens that he claims to represent. This project must be stopped before it goes any further. Its funding sources are questionable (what are these investors getting in return for their “donations?”), its cost continues to skyrocket, and its architectural design—both exterior and interior—are gaudy and tasteless, in huge contrast to the stately architectural design of the West Wing. I have had the privilege in my professional life of seeing the interiors of the West Wing and it makes me cry to see it trashed. Some future Administration will have to spend millions of $$ to undo the damage that has been done to the interior of the West Wing, which now resembles a bordello. Let’s not squander even more money on what is nothing more than a vanity project for the current WH resident. The original East Wing should be reconstructed—perhaps a bit larger than it was—to its original classic design.

Name: Ben Breaux
Date: February 18, 2026 1:50:56 pm

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Name: Catherine Schwalbe
Date: February 18, 2026 1:51:29 pm

Rebuild the East Wing as it was.
Continue to use the East Wing as the First Lady's events, public events, guided tours.

No ballroom.
No building demonstrating excess of this administration.
No faux gold leaf.

Rebuild the East Wing on the POTUS's dime. He has done a lot of fundraising for this effort. His bloated personal wealth can cover any cost overruns.

Thank you for your kind and swift attention.

Name: Zeta Seiple
Date: February 18, 2026 1:51:56 pm

This project destroyed an historical building without prior review or approval. It should be treated as a crime. It should not proceed without following the proper process, including review of the architectural plans which should include honoring the history of the East Wing that was lost. The plans should also be presented to the public and be open to public comments and input.

Name: Robert Gramm
Date: February 18, 2026 1:52:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, using only private funds donated to the current President and not any amount from Federal tax dollars. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tyson Reed
Date: February 18, 2026 1:52:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Diane Silvia
Date: February 18, 2026 1:52:24 pm

Simply put, the proposed East Wing Modernization Project and Ballroom Addition violates all of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Name: Dan Sivertsen
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:06 pm

Stop destroying nationally owned buildings. The ball room was not needed. The White House is not an event venue. It is a complete waste of taxpayer money. Please restore building.

Name: BONNIE GRETZ
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:17 pm

I strongly am opposed to this project. It was started with no authorization and no review. Destroying part of the White House, which belongs to the people, not to any president, is completely wrong. The plans for a huge, gaudy ballroom that have been shared with the public are very ugly and do not fit in with the existing historical building.
I urge the Commission to do everything they can to stop this ego-driven project immediately.
Thank you.

Name: Alice van den Broek
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:18 pm

I completely oppose the demolition and proposed building of a ballroom. Nothing so far in this process was done legally but in defiance of all rules and regulations. The project must be stopped and the historic building rebuilt. This is the 250th anniversary for our country and it can’t be commemorated by this travesty.

Name: Martha Groves
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:27 pm

I oppose this project. The East Wing of the people's house should have remained intact pending the submission of plans that described in detail what the complete "modernization project" entailed including the costs and who was funding the project. It's the "People's house" where the sitting president is granted living arrangements during his/her term. We have heard that millionaires/billionaires have donated money for this project. Is this legal without fear and/or favor? I would prefer our government representative to spend time and money on making life better for ALL Americans not just the privileged class. It appears that this is just another project that Trump wants to put his name on.

Name: Lisa Mann
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:27 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Modernization could have been be done without destroying a beautiful and historic building. A ballroom that is 1.5-1X greater than the White House itself will loom over the remnants of the White House, destroying not just history but the aesthetic value of the White House architecture. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deb Mandelblatt
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:40 pm

I strongly urge members to veto action on building a ballroom on the site of the destroyed East Wing.

No attempt was submitted to gain permission for the destruction of the people’s house. There is no transparency on where the money to build is coming from. Everything about this project is cloaked in secrecy.
I believe that something this enormous should be out in the open for all to see.
Please hold the person/people responsible for the destruction. And require a reconstruction of the original building.
Thank you.

Name: Kelly Case
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:43 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Timothy Adcock
Date: February 18, 2026 1:53:50 pm

Destruction of the east wing without public comment is a horrendous action that took place. This is the people’s house. It doesn’t belong to anyone president. And now building a Gotti ballroom that’s twice. The size of the White House is something that clearly shouldn’t even happen. We shouldn’t allow things to be built that do not fit with the architectural style of the current building.. the White House is a classical type of architecture to build some big round Gotti thing that should be at Mar-a-Lago just doesn’t fit and it’s gonna be horrible looking. I think it should not go forward.

Name: Roberta Barrows
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marita Roos
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and either the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or replaced by a building consistent with the architectural design, scale and purpose of the original East wing.

Calling this the East Wing Modernization project is an insult to the intelligence of the American people. And spending $400 million on a vanity project is mocking people who can't afford basic health insurance.

Shut it down now.

Name: George Takis
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:25 pm

To the Commissioners:

As a law-abiding and patriotic American, I vehemently oppose everything about the East Wing "modernization", otherwise known as vandalism, plain and simple.

"This project began without ANY of the proper authorizations, permits, or design review, and it has no merit whatsoever, whether functionally or architecturally or in any other way.

"I want this project canceled post haste. Millions of Americans of good will including me demand that the East Wing get rebuilt TO ITS PREVIOUS DESIGN.

"In America we have no kings: NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Halpin
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: John Crum
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:34 pm

As a physician, preservationist, and restorer of historic homes in Louisville, Kentucky, here are my views on the White House ballroom project:
The proposed 89,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House is wrong in design, scale, intention, and financing.
• The gilded, opulent interior is excessive while the faux historic exterior is a mockery of the residence and historic federal buildings. A restrained contemporary design could reflect our times and complement the White House.
• The new structure will dwarf the White House, creating a visual imbalance. At 22,000 square feet (per lead architect Baranes), the new ballroom is less than one quarter the size of the proposed building. In my view, the footprint should be reduced by half, still allowing ample space for a ballroom, visitor entry, spousal office, and a small theater while complementing the White House setting.
• The monstrous scale and style of the proposal seem intended to glorify the current occupant. Such a major change to the property should be thoughtfully planned and executed to achieve a long-term functional and aesthetic White House complex.
• The proposed financing, through donations from corporations and wealthy individuals, many of whom stand to benefit from governmental favor, serves to obscure potential bribery while bypassing Congressional approval. This major renovation of a beloved federal asset should be transparent in funding and authorized by Congress.
In its current form the White House ballroom project will be an albatross around the neck of the Executive Branch, long outlasting the current administration. It will be an enduring affront and a lavish testimonial to both egotism and the taint of corruption.

Name: Betty Meyer
Date: February 18, 2026 1:54:41 pm

I object to the construction of a ballroom and the unnecessary spending it will require. The proper channels should be honored so that any publicly owned properties adhere to reasonable design aesthetics and a congressionally approved budget (agreed to by the American people - not one man’s taste and preference.) While you’re at it - save the Kennedy Center and put the Rose Garden back together. Thanks for your consideration.
American citizen and taxpayer,
Betty Meyer

Name: Nancy Edwards
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:01 pm

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Name: William Emmet
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:02 pm

The White House belongs to the American People, not the current or past occupants. While it is too late to stop the demolition of the East Wing, it is imperative that the replacement be in scale with the original White House. There are a plethora of existing banquet spaces in the local vicinity which can accommodate the needs of the present tenant of the White House. I stress "tenant" here.

Name: Lee McPhillips Radlo
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:22 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without any of the proper authorizations, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

There must also be an accounting of what happened to the contents of the East Wing, as well as the structure itself, which was destroyed. No one is above the law. The destruction of the East Wing of The White House; The Peoples' House, was vandalism and an unlawful abuse of power. To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:28 pm

I am VERY opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbara Grover
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:44 pm

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Name: Alison Ball
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history and one more of President Trump's unwarranted self-aggrandizements as well as yet another likely attempt to embezzle money from US taxpayers and/or illegally enrich himself and his lackeys via his position. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored and a full accounting and record of the funds that were to be allocated to the project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Thomas Sisolak
Date: February 18, 2026 1:55:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stephanie Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Labenski
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:06 pm

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SIR/MADAME

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go
ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to American citizens.

Name: Susana Giberga
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:11 pm

The administration doesn’t follow the rules established for any government entity to do construction work (bids, drawings, consensus). This project is a colossal waste of money and I personally don’t believe the whole project is being described. Make the WH follow the rules just like everyone else.

Name: Howard Charles Yourow, S.J.D.
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:14 pm

Friends :

It is incumbent upon you to ensure that Due Process and Rule Of Law are adhered to at each and every step of decision-making relevant to this project -- and to ALL projects -- within your purview.

Recent developments re : East Wing destruction, plans for an < Arch de Trump >, the < re-naming > of the Kennedy Center, et alia., raise grave concerns concerning the Administration's willingness to skirt Due Process and Rule Of Law in matters of National Capital Area land use and planning.

Thank You for your attention to this important matter !

HCY

Name: Paul O'Connor
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:32 pm

I oppose this "modernized ballroom" project.It's nothing more than another $400 million dollar grift from a convicted sex

offender and felon trying to leave his slimy fingerprints all over the remains of the iconic East Wing. His repulsive redecoration of the Oval Office and childish presidential photo gallery should be more than enough to convince this board that any design coming from this president will be both excessive and tasteless, regardless of who pays the bill.

Name: Pamela Mundale
Date: February 18, 2026 1:56:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project and rebuild the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Waugh
Date: February 18, 2026 1:57:14 pm

To Whom It May Concern:
This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an unlawful destruction of American history. I oppose this project, and recommend that it be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Those who have proceeded with the destruction of our national heritage, including the President, need to be held accountable.
Thank you,
Lisa J Waugh, PhD

Name: Beth Watson
Date: February 18, 2026 1:57:21 pm

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and at Donald Trump’s expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to move forward without holding accountable and penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Connors
Date: February 18, 2026 1:57:57 pm

I believe there should be a careful, curated process for making any changes to the White House.
There should be a committee of experts - architects, historians, preservationists - reviewing the plans and carefully discussing pros and cons.
It is NOT up to the president to impulsively tear some of this culturally significant landmark down!
Honestly, it is the people's house.
Please look at all aspects of design and construction.
Thank you!

Name: Hilliary Lipsig
Date: February 18, 2026 1:58:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would an affront to law abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Murray
Date: February 18, 2026 1:58:34 pm

I object with all my might to the “E Wing Modernization project “ the White House is an historic building and the people house. It does not belong to any one president! It’s is a lawless abomination to have torn the East Wing down for a ballroom! I protest!!

Name: Nis Lin
Date: February 18, 2026 1:58:57 pm

I oppose that the East Wing was torn down with no notice or plan for rebuild already in place. It's a complete disgrace!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding American citizens. No more tacky gold trim in the White House. No more corrupt contracts for this swampy administration.

Name: Margie Politzer
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: jennifer McCormack
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janet Mazzaroppi
Date: February 18, 2026 1:59:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is not for the American people, but for one man's ego.

Name: Kim Hagerich
Date: February 18, 2026 2:01:12 pm

The destruction of the East Wing is already an audacious and reckless act which cannot be undone. The Executive Branch should not undertake any more changes to the White House without support from the American people and the National Parks division. A ballroom in this economy is a criminal waste of funds.

Name: David Clow
Date: February 18, 2026 2:01:51 pm

By no definition is this "modernization". In no way is this a matter of "national security". Tearing down the East Wing was capricious arrogant vandalism by an egomaniac. The ballroom is completely out of character with the history and design of the White House, and worse, it's a flagrant statement to the American people that the People's House is no longer theirs. Trump wants to hold the Inauguration there behind closed doors, away from the peasantry, off-limits to the average Americans that he views as his inferiors, and this is how he want us to see ourselves.

Donald Trump is a Nero. This heinous violation must be stopped.

Name: Joan Loewen
Date: February 18, 2026 2:02:13 pm

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Name: Gail Segraves
Date: February 18, 2026 2:02:52 pm

I totally object to this so called modernization project. It needs to be stopped and built back to the historical wing it was meant to be! What a total waste of money. Our history is being destroyed.

Name: Lauren Landau
Date: February 18, 2026 2:02:54 pm

he East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: KC Loe5
Date: February 18, 2026 2:03:01 pm

No one is above the law including the president. To have defaced the White House with gold applique was bad enough but to tear down the East Wing without the national trust being involved or any public comment was a crime. I understand it's too late to stop it now but this should not be turned into a trump ballroom. The East Wing could be rebuilt as close to the original as possible with some modernization on the interior. We do not need Mar-A-Lago North. Please put a stop to the ballroom and return the East Wing to the beauty of what it was

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Name: Mary Channel
Date: February 18, 2026 2:03:14 pm

My feeling is that if any federal building, including The White House, requires modernization and renovations, then it should be initiated through the channels of the National Trust for review and approval. No sitting president/administration of either party should be able to just tear down a building or a portion of an historic building.

The history of our country is not something that can be changed by one person's whims and ideas. We have to learn through our history, not destroy it.

Name: Margo Lind
Date: February 18, 2026 2:03:22 pm

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Name: Elaine Phillips
Date: February 18, 2026 2:03:37 pm

I oppose this waste of money. The American people never asked for this . I see it as an ostentatious self-glorification project that will serve to laundering money and line trump's pockets. The wanton tantrum of destruction that lead to the demolition of the east wing is embarrassing and despicable.

Name: Rachel Reed
Date: February 18, 2026 2:05:02 pm

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Name: patricia carter
Date: February 18, 2026 2:05:32 pm

The demolition of the East Wing feels like an assault on the American people. A grand ballroom vanity project seems out of touch. I am especially offended by all the "gold glitter" added to the Oval office. It gives it a Saddam Hussein vibe. Dignity and grace are absent from the White House. Also historic plaques about slavery being taken down is a problem for me. You shouldn't be able to erase history like it didn't happen. Also the destroying of the Rose Garden being replaced by a hotel patio seems very out of character for our house. Please stop this.

Name: Mark McClure
Date: February 18, 2026 2:05:36 pm

The White House is the people's house. President Trump can't be allowed to destroy our national heritage to satisfy his vanity. Spending of $300 million on this project is obscene, even though it is allegedly being financed by private donors (which is illegal), but the main issue is that he destroyed the East Wing of the White House without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; it's a blatant attack on our American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Mann
Date: February 18, 2026 2:05:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jody Mussoff
Date: February 18, 2026 2:06:22 pm

This project was started without the proper authorization or permission forms. There was no review of the design. Totally demolishing a part of the White House - not modernizing it - this huge structure will cost at least 300M. Please cancel this project and have the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House is the People's House, not some authoritarian president's personal dwelling. He is not above the law and should be responsible for setting things right.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Gwen Detweiler
Date: February 18, 2026 2:06:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The White House is the People's House and holds great historical significance to our nation. It was wrong to tear down the East Wing of the White House without going through the proper channels which were put in place to preserve our nation's heritage.

Name: Elliott Kim
Date: February 18, 2026 2:06:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people.

Name: Janet Connolly
Date: February 18, 2026 2:06:54 pm

Stop this lunatic and make him personally pay to rebuild the east wing . This is the people’s house not his !!!

Name: Jean Gendreau
Date: February 18, 2026 2:07:02 pm

If a pastor simply decided to tear down the parsonage and build a showy new building on church property, he would be immediately fired —and people would wonder if he was mentally ill. If a Methodist pastor thought that this proved that Methodist pastors were stronger than Catholic priests, his church board would kick him out the next day—while wondering if he was mentally ill.

In our culture, we accept that the church, not the pastor, owns the parsonage. When the pastor moves on to another church, he also moves out of the parsonage. It’s part of the salary package. Such arrangements have existed throughout American history. Furthermore, communities cherish and celebrate old historical buildings as part of their shared cultural heritage. This is why strict regulations exist that protect the traditions and buildings that represent our communities and our history.

Mr. Trump should be punished for destroying property that he did not own. Many citizens cherish the White House and, until this year, expected that the regulations would protect it. Mr. Trump did not prove how strong and right he was. He proved that he has contempt for our shared community values. At the very least, he must be held responsible for an

appalling act of illegal vandalism. Giving permission for the “East Wing Modernization Project” betrays American citizens, betrays our shared cultural heritage and betrays the trust that citizens have placed in the NCPC.

Name: Kathleen Saunders
Date: February 18, 2026 2:07:11 pm

I'm commenting on the "East Wing Modernization Project", which is an interesting subject title for a portion of The White House that no longer exists.

The White House belongs to the American people and is looked after by The National Parks Service. No president has the right to tear down any portion of it without consent and/or guidance and approval. No President should be above the law, and yet, here we are. This President continues to do whatever he wants, whether breaking laws or not, and there are no consequences.

I oppose the construction of a ballroom that was not approved and is not needed, especially because the cost keeps rising and, no doubt, the bills will be passed on to the American people.

Name: Lauralene Brentlinger
Date: February 18, 2026 2:07:21 pm

This property belongs to the people of the USA. The current residents are there only for a short period of time and it doesn’t belong to them nor do they have the free right to do as they wish to the property. Any good renter knows this although this current, temporary resident doesn’t even pay any sort of rent. The destruction happened without plans, permits or application to the boards that are the overseers of said property. The fact (?) that private funds are supposedly paying for this, lends to the possibility that favors are being curried.
The East wing should be rebuilt to the specifications of the original structure. It would make sense for the interior to be modified for better performance and efficiency. The destroyer of the previous structure should be on the hook for all costs involved not the American people.

Name: Chris Van de Ven
Date: February 18, 2026 2:07:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this boondoggle of a project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This property is not owned by any individual, political party, or administration. It belongs to the people of the United States, and we did not agree to this.

Name: Jen Mack
Date: February 18, 2026 2:08:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Eliza Epstein
Date: February 18, 2026 2:08:16 pm

Trump is destroying everything that matters in this country, the White House included. There is absolutely no reason for all of this and I wouldn't be surprised if he's really just building an elaborate bunker for himself when he finally gets tried for all of his crimes against humanity. Please stop this now!

Name: Bonnie Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 2:08:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding people.

Name: Kat Blake
Date: February 18, 2026 2:09:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Emily Downward
Date: February 18, 2026 2:09:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and all historical materials and objects accounted for. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: B Y
Date: February 18, 2026 2:10:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design… at NO expense to taxpayers.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennie Ringelman
Date: February 18, 2026 2:10:38 pm

Rebuild the East Wing like the original using the same footprint. Deny any permits for the construction of the proposed, obnoxious, 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom.

Name: Karen Bailey
Date: February 18, 2026 2:10:47 pm

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House is unlawful, illicit, criminal, unethical, immoral, and reprehensible, in every way. Donald Trump took it upon himself to decide that the White House needed a ballroom, ignored the required process for review and approval, solicited donations from his billionaire cronies, then DESTROYED the existing East Wing to build this monstrosity. Now his donors have backed out and we, as taxpayers, are expected to pay for this man-child's horrible project. As a citizen of the United States of America, I am AGAINST the continuance of this project and DEMAND that the East Wing be restored to its latest form, AT TRUMP'S PERSONAL EXPENSE.

There's nothing else to say. This man is a danger to all that we hold dear in this country. I don't even recognize the USA as it was when I was growing up and raising my family.

Name: Kathleen Dahlstrand
Date: February 18, 2026 2:11:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. There are regulations that must be followed prior to alterations to National Historic Landmarks. The president was, once again, dishonest when he claimed this vanity project of his “would NOT touch the East Wing. This is not his private residence. It is the People’s House. We, the people, want the East Wing restored to its former glory!

Name: Karen Dias
Date: February 18, 2026 2:11:18 pm

Please restore an East Wing that is modernized with a secure entrance and appropriate offices as it has been used in the past. It should be a natural extension of the White House in appearance and use. If a ballroom is to be built it should have its own footprint away from the White House with all of the customary planning and approvals and comment periods. Most importantly it should not overwhelm the White House in stature or appearance. The recent destruction of the existing East Wing was a betrayal to the American people and American history by a revengeful demented man.

Name: Helen Walkerly
Date: February 18, 2026 2:11:31 pm

I strongly oppose this project no matter how it is said to be funded.

Name: Elizabeth Holcomb
Date: February 18, 2026 2:12:21 pm

I oppose the spending of 30 million dollars to fund the destruction of the East Wing. I support the rebuilding of the East Wing to its original footprint. This destruction was done without proper planning and oversight.

Name: Karen Clayton
Date: February 18, 2026 2:12:23 pm

The EAST WING never should have been torn down to begin with without congressional approval!!!! And especially without renovation plans made and approved.
Trump isn't in charge, he's not a KING.
He should pay for this OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET!!!!!

Name: Amber Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 2:12:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The new design would be an affront to all americans.

Name: Sydney Cromwell
Date: February 18, 2026 2:13:15 pm

I oppose any further work for a WH ballroom and want the East Wing destruction caused without permits, historical approval, nor input from voters, Congress, and DC approval. To allow this destruction and "above the law" decision making by trump is against everything we hold dear. Trump's outrageous act should not be rewarded, but punished by making him pay for the rebuilding of the historic East Wing of the Peoples House (not the trump house. He has called it a dump in the past!)

Please make him bring back the East Wing as it was before he brought in bulldozers to destroy the history of that part of the White House.

Name: Carla Bonney
Date: February 18, 2026 2:13:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Sarah Vanhorn
Date: February 18, 2026 2:14:01 pm

The voting public… In general… Never wanted this to happen. Having a new giant ballroom is not one of the more important things the country should be doing or focusing on at this point… Or actually at any point…But if it was going to happen, we would want it to be carefully planned and regulated by the national trust

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Name: Margaret Waltz
Date: February 18, 2026 2:14:02 pm

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Name: Frances Conley
Date: February 18, 2026 2:14:10 pm

Trump has set about destroying American history and working to put his name on every historic building (Kennedy Center) and his desire to remodel golf courses where previous presidents golfed and then put his name. Demolishing our historic East Wing is a sin to America. Building a gaudy ballroom where Trump will also put his name is a complete waste of taxpayer money. I believe that his rich friends will not foot the bill. Just another Trump lie. Trump lies, cons and deceives without an ounce of guilt. Every time I think about the East Wing being torn down where wives of presidents worked, it brings heartache and anger all at the same time. History is precious.

Name: Connie Hampton
Date: February 18, 2026 2:14:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using that $300 million or more. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth VanLeer
Date: February 18, 2026 2:14:57 pm

this would not have happened if we had a Congress who pays attention! Trump has been allowed over and over to abuse laws. I want him to PAY OUT OF HIS POCKET to rebuild it back exactly as it was.

Name: Leslie Randall
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:22 pm

So, when does big corporate GREED speak for the American PEOPLE? We do not want this. This is OUR House. Not theirs.

This is DISGUSTING.

Name: Georgia Kajer
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:24 pm

The modernization of the East Wing by the Trump administration is a travesty.
The Trump administration seeks to use taxpayer dollars on a completely unnecessary "public" project during economic and social turmoil, and add his name to another building to solidify his legacy -- and destroy the architectural integrity of the existing White House while at it.
Shame on Trump and all those who work as his minions.
For anyone left with a backbone, do not let this project happen!

Georgia Kajer, Architect

Name: Terry Matzke
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:27 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and nothing more than ultra-rich elitism. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Judy Marshall
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Name: Bernadette Piniewski
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:45 pm

I lived in a historic preservation district in Buffalo , N.Y. during the 1980’s . My husband and I were required to tear down a porch we were rebuilding and submit plans to the historical society . They turned down our original plan and suggested something more simple and in line with the original home . Although it was frustrating we were happier with the second plan .
I don’t understand how the President or his cohorts didn’t realize they were in a historic building and subject to the same rules governing all Americans . I’m also suspicious about the funding of the project and given the dire lack of housing for most Americans am against spending our tax dollars on these extravagant renovations .

Name: Mary Blane
Date: February 18, 2026 2:15:49 pm

As a tax-paying voting American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This razing of a portion of the White House was initiated unlawfully, without even seeking proper authorization, permits, or design review.
In no way is this a modernization project but part of the erasure of American history, especially American history that does not conform to the views of this administration. I ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and, as much as possible, restored to its former design.
No president or part of an administration is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is and ever will be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Ella Guerriero
Date: February 18, 2026 2:16:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount of our taxpayer money on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: James Garrison
Date: February 18, 2026 2:17:04 pm

The proposed additions to the White House violate the most fundamental principle of the stewardship of notable and historic settings by upstaging the historic building and landscape. The White House and immediate grounds should be treated with the utmost care and sensitivity in a public process worthy of the significance of the resources. The present progress renderings show a building completely out of scale with the setting and cloaked with a classical expression that is inappropriate for a structure that should have a supporting role on the site.
The process has to start over with a thoughtful discussion of a program which will accommodate large gatherings in an indoor space while also respecting the significance of the existing building and site. I believe there is a solution to provide the requested space in a respectful manner if three principles are opened for discussion:
1. Reset the program for a space that accommodates 650, rather than 1,000 guests, or show that the larger capacity is absolutely essential.
2. Align the major program elements with the ground level, rather than first floor. This will preserve the East Room and allow drop off and pickup on the same level as the events. It will also avoid the numerous monumental stairs in the present design that would hardly be used.
3. The language of the classical expression should relate to the architecture of the early Republic, not Imperial Rome. Monumental colonnades and portals which dilute the effect of the north and south facades of the White House should be avoided.
It’s not too late to design and build an extension worthy of the setting.
James B. Garrison, RA Retired preservation architect, author and lecturer

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Name: Mary Ann Collins
Date: February 18, 2026 2:17:32 pm

I am deeply opposed to the East Wing "Modernization" Project. Aside from the disproportionate design, my opposition is based on my belief that the White House is the people's house and doesn't not belong to any individual who resides there by right of office.

No President owns the White House! The people's business is conducted at the White House. To destroy the East Wing in order to erect a monstrous sized ballroom does not serve the people's interest. An occasional party or reception for the contributors, elites, or foreign dignitaries has been satisfactorily presented without the need for a hideous gilded arena sized structure that will lay idle for the vast majority of time.

If the Commission proceeds with this venture, I hope that they insist on a design that can be retrofitted to be converted to

business offices when supporters of the project or future residents of the White House admit that it is a waste of space needed to conduct necessary work in support of our government.

Name: Susan Appelbaum
Date: February 18, 2026 2:17:55 pm

I think the east wing should be rebuilt and used for its original purpose.

The White House bro to the American people a d the establishment wing should never have been torn down

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Name: Sharon Zajac
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:02 pm

East Wing Modernization Project
NCPC File Number 8733
Applicant: Executive Residence at the White House.

I oppose spending $300 million on a project that, in essence, destroys a part of our history. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits or review and needs to be cancelled with full restoration of the East Wing to its former design. The White House is not owned by any one individual but to the citizens of the United States. The current residence has no authority to make changes to the White House without going through proper channels.

Name: Rosemary MacCallum
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:13 pm

Please stop this project and return the building to original design. In the private sector wanted permits and blue prints and design approval. This demolishtion is disrespecting out national history. Please bring back decency to out country and government and prosecute the people responsible for this destruction.

Name: Suzanne McKee McKee
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Also, raising money from private donors is a vehicle for bribery, adding to the profound corruption of this administration.

Name: Laurie Schneider
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of where money allegedly is donated, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. .Those responsible for the illegal action should be held criminally and finacially responsible.

Name: Christine Gelineau
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:33 pm

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments concerning what is being referred to as the East Wing Modernization

Project. Given that the East Wing was summarily bulldozed, "modernizing" it has become necessary. You use the word modernize and it will be a good thing to update the wiring and make the new wing ADA accessible wherever possible. We're told there were structural and mold issues involved. There were other ways to have mitigated those issues but the bulldozer has made those points moot. As regards the exterior dimensions and the architectural style for the Peoples' House it is imperative that those aspects be restored to what they had been so as to preserve the balance and dignified elegance that the White House has always been known for. Imposing but not ostentatious. Nothing gaudy, flamboyant, or reminiscent of the regal. It is an emblem of democracy not aristocracy. The proposed gargantuan expansion of the East Wing to include a giant ballroom would totally distort the building. If a ballroom is needed (not clear at all that it would be), that should be constructed elsewhere in the city. To the extent possible, restore the historic nature of the building, such as the East Colonnade. Not sure if this is within your purview, but the soliciting of special interest funds to pay for the rebuilding is highly problematic. Hoping the American peoples' opinions will factor significantly into the rebuilding of this demolished wing of the Peoples' House.

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Name: Victoria Silas
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 milion on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is, after all, the people's house, and any current occupants are only there temporarily and therefore do not have the right to change it unilaterally.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Colburn
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:52 pm

No Ballroom!

Name: Jeffrey Boord-Dill
Date: February 18, 2026 2:18:57 pm

I agree with the following points made by members of the American Architectural Historic Preservation Community in a letter to Mr. Shalom Baranes FAIA of Shalom Baranes Associates Architects dated December 11, 2025 addressing the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the impending design of the proposed new ballroom to replace the East Wing.
“The plan to build a structure that is twice the size of the White House Central Mansion and immediately adjacent to it will forever diminish its significance as one of the many important axial focal points in Pierre Charles L'Enfant's plan for the District. Symmetry drives the effectiveness of the District’s Plan. The White House itself respected and emphasized this symmetry with its own design. The size and scale of the West and (and now demolished) East Wings respected the Central Mansion and did not disrupt its significance as the focal point in the north/south axis from the Washington Monument.
The scale and location of the proposed ballroom creates an extreme imbalance of the White House. It would reduce the Mansion to the “tail wagging the dog”. This is untenable and should be stopped.
The argument that there is a “need” for an enormous national ballroom, if it must be so, can be met elsewhere just as other public needs over recent decades have been fulfilled with museums and monuments that do not disrupt the District’s magnificent plan but enhance and strengthen it.”
“The questionable action of soliciting donations from wealthy corporations and individuals to finance this out of scale, inappropriate ballroom is quid pro quo for those who donate.”
Sincerely,
Jeffrey Boord-Dill

Name: Robert Hays
Date: February 18, 2026 2:19:10 pm

I’m opposed to spending money better used to help the poor in this country to instead build a ballroom of dubious value and use especially when we had a historic building in its place. People should be held accountable for not following due process for this endeavor.

Name: Stacey McClain
Date: February 18, 2026 2:19:35 pm

I am disgusted by what is happening to the east wing. The ball room should not be taller or bigger than the main house. The history that was lost by the tear down is immeasurable. Please don’t add insult to injury by allowing an over sized building.

Name: K Wheeler
Date: February 18, 2026 2:19:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen FLEISCHER
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Name: Richard Rosenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 2:20:04 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of any monies whatsoever on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete eradication of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Colburn
Date: February 18, 2026 2:20:05 pm

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Name: Josh Burch
Date: February 18, 2026 2:20:14 pm

Hello and thank you for your consideration,

This project seems like a huge waste of funds, energy, and effort. That said, if proceeding with the project, I suggest the ballroom get named the "Barak Obama Ballroom" in honor of the nation's first Black President.

Thank you.

Name: Melanie White
Date: February 18, 2026 2:20:24 pm

The White House does not belong to Donald trump but to the American people. His decision to raze and remodel it without due process and taxpayer input is unconstitutional and illegal. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elaine Pierce Barth
Date: February 18, 2026 2:20:45 pm

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Name: Barbara Yager
Date: February 18, 2026 2:21:24 pm

There are processes to be followed to maintain our history. This was not the case for the Rast wing of the White House. Procedures and consultations that could have prevented the demolition of the East wing were ignored and the destruction completed. I want to see the east wing original design and scale rebuilt to preserve our national heritage with engagement from the proper historical preservationists and procedures executed by those protecting our national heritage.

Name: James Rawitsch
Date: February 18, 2026 2:21:36 pm

I am writing in opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project, as currently designed. I believe the ballroom was hastily and insufficiently conceived, resulting in a project that is out of scale to its location, and more importantly, contrary to the cultural and historic preservation norms and priorities of the federal government, the nation and the American people.

Specifically, I am concerned at the choices made regarding disruptions to the symmetrical, semi-circular path that receives visitors to the White House. Aerial views of the project site indicate that the new ballroom will intrude into a historic space like a malignant tumor.

I am also concerned by the hasty process by which the design has been developed—with little time for analysis, limited exploration of alternatives, and no community ascertainment or criteria by which design choices might be reasonably evaluated. I fear this slip-shod design process, with questionable accountability, would not pass muster in any other local, state or federal jurisdiction, and has put into motion a project that is at risk of failing spectacularly in its implementation. Please reconsider.

For the record, I have recently retired from a career spanning more than 40 years, working variously in fields of historic preservation, art museum administration and higher education, and my comments reflect the knowledge and experience derived from my many years of on-the-job exposure to historic preservation issues and projects.

During the final year of my work, as executive director at the Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts in Rancho Cucamonga, California, I was responsible for managing a $320,000 Save America’s Treasures grant administered

by the National Park Service. These funds, provided in support of a roof repair and replacement project for a historic home, were locally matched, and essential to one community's efforts to preserve an important and irreplaceable local cultural resource.

From start to finish, our project took seven years, including reviews and approvals by architects, engineers, city planners, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, careful planning by smart and experienced contractors, and fundraising. Based on my experience with this one federally funded grant, it is inconceivable to me that such an enormous, sensitively located, complex project as the proposed ballroom could be rushed as it has been to a successful completion. Please slow down and do it right.

Finally, I believe the budget for the project is excessive in consideration of other national priorities for historic preservation. To me, $300 million invested alternatively in an endowment for continuing upkeep of existing historic resources located in communities across the nation would offer far greater value and return on investment to the nation at large than would a single new ballroom at the White House. The Historic Artists Homes and Studios program of the National Trust is, for example, currently represented in more than 50 communities from coast to coast, together serving more than a million visitors per year. Even this enormous ballroom located in Washington, D.C. could never approach such numbers of visitors served, jobs created, culture shared or community economies enriched.

Respectfully,
James Rawitsch

Name: Ellen Byron
Date: February 18, 2026 2:21:38 pm

What's happened to the East Wing is an abomination and an insult to every American. How dare this current administration ignore rules, regulations, and the LAW to destroy it? It's despicable that its destruction was based on a need to soothe the megalomaniacal ego of the current president. Do not insult the nation's intelligence by falsely labelling this the "East Wing Modernization Project."

No ballroom. America doesn't need it.

Restore the East Wing to its former glory - and actual usefulness.

Name: Heather Zivkovich
Date: February 18, 2026 2:21:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It should not have gotten to its current state. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: George Marshall
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deb Weis
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:03 pm

No, we do not need a glitzy, gold-trimmed ballroom. What we need is the east wing rebuilt and for trump to pay for it. He had an entire wing of OUR White House demolished without any prior approval or congressional authorization.

Name: Lori Cornish
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:12 pm

The White House is a public house and any changes should be approved by the majority of we the people. The sheer fact it has been destroyed is a visual reminder of what our current “leaders” stand for, destruction and chaos. Of all things that need to be addressed in this country, the east wing renovation is at the bottom of the list. It should have been left alone, like due process, voting rights, and women’s right to choose. I am against our tax money continuing to be used on vanity projects and killing people. Stop destroying and start building up.

Name: Karen Schwartzkopf
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:32 pm

I oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars (estimated $300 million) of private interest money on this rebuild of the East Wing, which was torn down without the proper authorization, permits, or any kind of design review. It is not modernization; it is the willful destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Catherine Willmann
Date: February 18, 2026 2:22:52 pm

PLEASE cancel this project. It is an embarrassment. Started without the proper authorization or review. I request that it be rebuilt and restored to its original design. Thank you.

Name: Debra Day
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:03 pm

Donald Trump had no right to tear down this wonderful historical monument. It is a testament to our heritage as the United States of America. It is a desecration, a disrespect to the people, and to the history that created it. It must be stopped and rebuilt. We the People own that building and it represents us in so many ways, and it represents our history and respect for the United States of America. A new ballroom was not needed in this place. There are other venues in Washington that can be used for those purposes. This building should be treated with the utmost respect for our heritage and our love for the monuments to our country and democracy. This tear-down represents everything that's going on in this government at this time-a total lack of respect, ignoring the needs and wants of the people, elevating a very unpopular President in a very unpopular movement. Please do not let this continue. It must be rebuilt to show our heritage, pride and respect as the monument to Democracy that it has always been.

Name: Susan Weyandt
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kevin Jamed
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:22 pm

I oppose spending any public funds on this project. The president did not obtain the legally required authorization or permits to destroy the old East Wing. He should be required to use his personal funds to restore the East Wing as it was before he destroyed it. The president is not above the law, and he cannot exercise any power except in accordance with the law.

Name: Robert Gray
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:38 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of taxpayers and/or private funding on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project denied and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Carlie Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 2:23:55 pm

This is not ok. Trump is using the whole government as his own personal playground. Stop letting him! Do your job

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Name: Jodi Loden
Date: February 18, 2026 2:24:03 pm

I oppose the disgraceful destruction of our White House for Trump's vanity project. It is ghastly that one man thinks he has the right to destroy history and the people's house on a whim/without obtaining the required authorizations. Trump will undoubtedly be remembered as the single worst president in American history and will be a stain on this country forever the same as Hitler is to Germany. Just as the statutes and monuments to Hitler were torn down so undoubtedly will be every monument to Trump. His name will be cursed and reviled not just in America but abroad. So building any building which will be associated with him would be a waste of money as it will undoubtedly be razed to wash away the stain of him and the harm he has caused so many. He should be required to personally pay to rebuild the historic wing he tore down without the right to do so.

Name: Larry Gaylord
Date: February 18, 2026 2:24:18 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.
The ballroom is a monstrosity. The people have had no input. It is a slap to struggling Americans. We the people want our White House back.

Name: Janet W. Lloyd
Date: February 18, 2026 2:24:42 pm

The White House belongs to our American citizens and not to the temporary incumbent. Decisions regarding architectural changes should be subjected to the National Capital Planning Commission with neutral,non partisan members as we have had in the past.

Name: Jacqueline Fowler
Date: February 18, 2026 2:24:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Earl Bates
Date: February 18, 2026 2:26:26 pm

The East Wing should never have been destroyed. It is imperative that it be rebuilt as close to the original with reasonable, environmentally sound improvements and slightly larger. Not a 90,000 sq ft gosh monstrosity. Donald Trump has no taste or vision and must be kept as far AWAY AS POSSIBLE. He should be held responsible any and all costs of this repair. No president should be able to single handedly change our national treasures. Congress should set up a commission to oversee these matters in the future.

Name: Laurie Rollins
Date: February 18, 2026 2:27:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gary Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 2:27:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This lawless president doesn’t think he has to abide by the laws of our country the constitution or the state or government, he does what he wants and expects us to all bow down and kiss his ring, well we want him held accountable for his destruction of our national infrastructure, it’s not his house, he is nothing more than a renter who knocks holes in the walls and destroys anything he wants.
It’s time for the government to step up and tell him No, this ends now, censure him and shut him down. His gaudy work in the Oval Office is deplorable, the things he is doing to previous presidents portraits is abhorrent, when will you step up and stop this clown from making a mockery of our nation.

Name: Kim Latham
Date: February 18, 2026 2:27:20 pm

I object to any forward movement of this project until it has gone through all proper channels for authorization, permitting and design review. What a waste of taxpayer money & using private funds is a conflict of interest that should not be allowed. No one is above rules and laws, and to permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who did not follow the well laid out rules or follow the law is a slap in the face to all citizens of the United States.

Name: Scott Voltz
Date: February 18, 2026 2:27:20 pm

Because the current tenant of the White House went ahead and destroyed the East Wing without going through the proper channels, the NCPC should stop this project in its tracks, throwing all possible resources into the effort. Let's fast track this into the courts.

Name: Michaela K Hughes
Date: February 18, 2026 2:28:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law

and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: W. Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 2:28:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Clary
Date: February 18, 2026 2:28:17 pm

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Name: Gregory m wade
Date: February 18, 2026 2:28:33 pm

The White House is public property MrTrump is just a tenant with an obligation to the owners , the American People, to respect its history. It is deeply disturbing that he destroyed irreversibly this public monument on a whim. The architecture should be a choice informed by professional art historians and public comment.
Mr Trump’s tastes are gaudy and garish, reflecting , Atlantic City and Las Vegas glitz . He can build his library in that style but not the White House.
An investigation should be conducted to determine if he broke laws , civil or criminal in the destruction of the wing. If he did he should be held accountable . Even if he claims immunity and is never charged it is important to create an historical record. Immunity does not protect him from historical judgment.
This conduct is cultural vandalism.

Name: Susan Dudics-Dean
Date: February 18, 2026 2:29:14 pm

To quote and give credit to Anara Guard: "I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Joyce Newport
Date: February 18, 2026 2:29:47 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic

design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Beatrice Sager
Date: February 18, 2026 2:29:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on East Wing Modernization Project. The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is a violation of law. I request the National Capital Planning Commission find the most cost-efficient and rapid means of patching the damage. If anything is built on the demolition site, it must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Theresa Beulle
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Emily Day-Cervenak
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:36 pm

While I recognize that many former presidents have made structural modifications or updates to the White House, there has never before been a president so brazen as to take a bulldozer to this historic building without any permits, environmental review, architectural review, and without any authorization, as if it were his own personal property. The White House belongs to the People of the United States. There is neither precedent, nor authority for any president to treat this national landmark as their own personal property. I respectfully request that this administration be ordered to restore the East Wing to its prior design, at the personal expense of the individuals who ordered its destruction.

Name: Rita Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:45 pm

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Rita Anderson

Name: Shirley Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:51 pm

The White House is the people's house, not the egolomaniac currently residing there.

Name: anita ettinger
Date: February 18, 2026 2:30:53 pm

this "remodel of the east wing of the white house is a travesty (as is so much of that this administration does. if there is any way to stop it I would like to know and be informed. . it is a beautiful historical old building and Trump should leave his hands off it!!

Name: Ernest Bontrager
Date: February 18, 2026 2:31:01 pm

We are appalled at the recent destruction to the East Wing of the White House done by Donald Trump, without any input from the congress or the American People. This is just a very visible picture of the destruction this occupant of the White House has done to this country. He has no respect for the constitution or the rule of law. Sincerely, Ernest and Sally Bontrager

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Name: Barb Cunningham
Date: February 18, 2026 2:31:30 pm

Please do not continue with the whitehouse ballroom project. It will not add to the historic influence of the remaining structure. Also the project is illegal on so many levels. From lack of input from historical societies to building permits to lack of payment to workers, to mention just a few.

Name: Gina Campbell
Date: February 18, 2026 2:31:51 pm

How can you modernize a building that was completely razed? Orwellian speak.
I urge you to stop the process of building the president’s vanity project—a massive, completely inappropriately scaled ballroom. Restore the East Wing. And hold accountable the people, from the president on down, responsible for every step they took that was illegal.

Name: Cheryl Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:10 pm

The new structure to replace the East Wing should have the same footprint and match the style of the West Wing. Nothing modernistic in style.

Name: Jackie Webster
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:20 pm

I watched with great dismay and sadness when the East Wing of The People's House was razed to the ground with no warning, no process, and no regard for its great historical significance to the American people and to our shared history.

What steps were taken to preserve the historical artifacts in the East Wing? Where are they now? Who catalogued and prepared them for storage? No information has been provided with regard to these questions.

The new ballroom addition has not been reviewed by the proper historical entities to ensure that it will be in keeping with the style, comportment, and representative purpose of our American values.

More significant is the process with which this project has been approached. No single man or woman should have the power to direct the demolition of any part of the White House without input from Congress, appropriate historical organizations, and the American people.

THIS SETS AN UNTENABLE PRECEDENT. Who is to say another President could -- without warning -- direct the demolition of the entire White House itself, or perhaps any other United States monument cherished by the American people? If we allow this to go unchallenged, we could lose some of our most beloved symbols of freedom and history.

Name: Deborah Forsythe
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:27 pm

Wartime Controversy: The construction of the East Wing was controversial, with Republican opponents calling it a

wasteful expense during the war, Under the current administration, government was slashed to bare bones under the appearance of reducing government spending. The wrecking ball disrupted just about every office of government.

The wrecking ball has been exercised on the Rose Garden..turning it into a lack-luster resort-style picnic area. The ball was then turned on the East Wing with a vision that DOES NOT represent the American people. The White House is "the people's house". Within the walls, thereof, is history that has been transformed and updated throughout it's standing time. What has not happened, I the compromising or "white washing" of history..

This portion of the White House served the First Ladies and as with removing the importance of women thru history from our military archives and museums, it would seem we have now lost the last vestige on the importance of so many First Ladies Eleanor Roosevelt used the wing for acts of activism; Lady Bird Johnson launches Head Start and to expand the key roles of her staff in organizing social and preservation work; Rosalyn Carter moved her office from the "living quarters" to the East Wing, thus unifying her office with the staff who diligently served her. Many initiatives sponsored and supported by many first ladies were launched!

Historically the East Wing should be made whole again in the full image of the room it was. If our government has been pared down to reduce the deficit and social support of the people, a ballroom such as has been proposed WILL NOT represent the people of this country. It will be a representation of a division of classes; the minimizing of the years of work and social projects launched by women who held this country in awe and wonder and the people of this country as it's best asset.

Name: Ellen Steinbaum
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:41 pm

Our nation's public buildings belong, yes, to the public. They should not be changed or destroyed or significantly altered by individual whim and they should not be changed, destroyed, or significantly altered without a period of process, comment, and review. These are our public buildings. They carry our shared public history and symbolism. They belong to the nation, not to any current occupant. The current occupant is merely the steward of our public institutions. To call the this a "modernization project" is cynical at best. The East Wing must now be "modernized" because it was irreparably damaged without due process. Our nation was founded on the principle of due process and due process was owed to the East Wing of the people's house. The only way for the public to get redress now for the damage to our house is for a thorough, careful, non-partisan review without preconceptions.

Name: Sheila Clendenning
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:49 pm

I strongly oppose the building of a ballroom at the White House.
The ballroom project already broke numerous preservation laws that are in place to protect our country's natural and cultural resources.
No proper authorization, permits, or design review, premature demolition!
I want this project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt to match its historic design.
Those that supported or funded this project also need to be held accountable.

Name: Julia Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:51 pm

East wing of White House should be rebuilt and Trump should pay for it! He has no respect for law or our history.

Name: LeAnn Aylward
Date: February 18, 2026 2:32:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Keatra Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 2:33:01 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and construction of Trump’s ballroom. I feel the ballroom is another attempt by Trump to glorify himself and nothing to do with benefiting the American people. Destruction of the East Wing without prior approval was another act of indifference to American history. American people do not need to build monuments to show our importance, that is done by compassion for the needy and sharing our knowledge and wealth with the world.

Name: Janis Cortright
Date: February 18, 2026 2:33:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anna Speicher
Date: February 18, 2026 2:33:43 pm

The White House is the People's House. The President is a temporary occupant, not the owner. Moving ahead with this project is an affront to the People and to the regulations that were put in place to guide any renovations. Regardless of whether this plan was expected to cost the public $300 million or $3, it should have been submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission for review. As it is, the project should be halted immediately and the site restored to a facility in keeping with the White House architecture and definitely not overshadowing it.

Name: Jodi Oliver
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:06 pm

To the Commission:

It is unconscionable that the destruction of the East Wing was carried out so cavalierly and by bypassing all normal and REQUIRED oversight. I vehemently oppose the spending of any amount on this currently proposed so called "modernization" project. It is not a modernization project but rather the complete razing of a crucible of important American history. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without ANY proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I want this fantasy project canceled as it serves only for the self-aggrandizement of an egotistical wannabe monarch. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and footprint with true modernizations that incorporate improvements to construction and materials that will preserve it for the American People. THAT should be the remit.

No one is above the law and to permit the project as currently proposed to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time.

Name: John Holder
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:08 pm

East Wing Modernization Project is a misnomer as the East Wing has been completely destroyed. Nothing less than its complete restoration is acceptable. And the cost of the restoration should be borne by the person who destroyed it. Never again will Americans be able to walk the exact halls that so many historic figures trod, but constructing an exact replica would at least remind us of what was lost and why we should never allow this to happen again. We must be vigilant in protecting our built history.

The ballroom is out of character, out of scale, and out of control. It should not be allowed to be built on the property.

While there may be a need for a larger gathering space at the White House, there are ways to accomoplish that end that will blend seamlessly with existing structures.

This is "The People's House" and it must never become a palace for, or monument to, a single individual.

Name: Leigh Ann Evanson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:46 pm

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing that was done in an opaque way that ignored regulations and review processes. Moreover, the fact that funding for the renovation has come from undisclosed private sources is extremely alarming. I know that the Federal Government regulations are in place to avoid conflicts of interest - even appearances of them. This arrangement flouts that wise approach.

The East Wing should be restored to its original state.

Name: Ann Helgerson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:50 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission - I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to this project, which seems to have been undertaken without proper authorization, required permits, or an appropriate design review. This effort cannot reasonably be described as modernization, as it amounts to the destruction of an important piece of American history. I urge that the project be halted and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one should be above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without consequences for those who violated legal requirements would be an injustice to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer LaMade
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:54 pm

I oppose this project as the East Wing Construction was not permitted or approved prior to demolition. The White House belongs to the People of the United States and a ballroom seems beyond our needs. I request the East Wing be restored and modernized to its original footprint and utilization.

Thank you.

Name: Mike King
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:55 pm

The East Wing should have never been razed. It should be rebuilt, and Trump should have to pay for it. If a giant ballroom is needed, it should be located elsewhere so that it doesn't detract from the aesthetics of our White House.

Name: Allison Danoff
Date: February 18, 2026 2:34:57 pm

Tearing down the East Wing was a wanton desecration of the history of the Peoples House.

Building a ballroom in its place is an insult to we the people. We don't want or need a ballroom that 99.9% of the country will never see.

The design is another desecration--ruining the historic symmetry and its unassuming design.

Rose garden: paved
East wing: demolished
Hundred year old trees and gardens destroyed

THIS MUST STOP! Please stand up for the American people and our culture of quiet power.

Allison Danoff

Name: Krissy Mann
Date: February 18, 2026 2:35:22 pm

I am against building the ballroom addition. The East Wing was distroyed before getting approval and before anything could be done to stop it. Trump did it because he has no regard for the White House or our American history. He feels he can do whatever he wants. The White House is not his house - it's the American people's and we want the East Wing restored.

The ballroom that Trump wants to build dwarfs the White House. The excitement people feel when they go to see the White House and the history is awesome. Don't let this would be dictator ruin America's house. Say no to the ballroom and make him retore the East Wing.

Name: Sonia von Heijne
Date: February 18, 2026 2:35:55 pm

I am concerned that this historic structure was razed to the ground and it’s only now that permission is being sought to build a ballroom that is going to dwarf current adjacent buildings. It seems to be a complete disregard for the law and I don’t see why this shameful behavior should be rewarded. I suggest rebuilding the structure that was already there, in exactly the same style but to take the opportunity to modernize utilities.

If I decided to knock down my own house and just build a McMansion, I don’t think I’d get very far.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Ashley Gurkin
Date: February 18, 2026 2:36:14 pm

We don’t want this Trump ballroom!

Name: Kit Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 2:36:22 pm

I object to the East Wing Modernization project. It is not the modernization of an existing structure as that structure has been demolished. It is the replacement of a historically significant structure with a building of less functionality and ungainly proportions that diminishes the overall appearance and functionality of our national "residence". I support the building of an east wing that compliments the overall esthetic of the White house and restores the functionality of offices, gathering and entertainment spaces needed for the comfort and dignity of visitors.

Name: George Paulos
Date: February 18, 2026 2:36:58 pm

I strongly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I believe that the demolition of the White House East Wing was illegal and therefore requires investigation and potential prosecution

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Name: Deborrah Hennerich
Date: February 18, 2026 2:37:00 pm

As an ordinary citizen, I was horrified to see the destruction of East Wing of the White House. Please REJECT the

proposed ballroom construction, an abominable Trump vanity project. We want to be proud of the "People's House", not feel disgust or shame when looking upon it! Saving democracy is important to most of us! The Trump ballroom is a symbol of oligarchy, corruption, and kleptocracy. If built, will it be our Berlin Wall?

Name: Rorie Solberg
Date: February 18, 2026 2:37:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If a ballroom is needed to host state events, I would like to see a report on the need, and then a design contest to ensure that the building that is added to our historic White House is energy efficient, fit for purpose, beautiful, and unique.

Name: Patricia Marciniak
Date: February 18, 2026 2:37:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding Americans.

Name: Jamie P
Date: February 18, 2026 2:37:30 pm

I respectively and strongly recommend that this demolition of American history is ceased and absolutely NO FURTHER FUNDING to this egotistical asinine shameful shrine to a false man who claims himself King of America!!!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Why are you appeasing this pedophile traitor?

Sincerely,

Jamie

Name: Thomas Coatar
Date: February 18, 2026 2:37:41 pm

This is a criminal act unapproved by the landmarks commission. Please put a halt to this and restore the east wing. Thank you.

Name: Lisbeth Clinton
Date: February 18, 2026 2:38:01 pm

I am appalled that the Trump administration felt they had the right to demolish the East Wing to create yet another tribute to himself. I object to the building of a giant ballroom on the White House grounds, even if it is paid for by his wealthy cronies (which I question if the money is actually really available at this time). There is not a need for such unnecessary opulence, especially when it means the destruction of a historic building. While I realize that you have no choice but to rebuild the East Wing, the ball room is excessive, expensive, and not in keeping with the concept that the White House is a building for the people, not for the elite.

If I had my way, Trump would be prosecuted for the destruction of government property for destroying the East Wing without going through the necessary channels (permits, blue prints, environmental studies, etc.) Likewise I would prosecute the construction company that demolished the East Wing, again, without going through legal steps like pulling a permit.

Functional, reasonably priced, and accessible to the people of this nation, with modernization of electrical, water, and safety measures...that's what should be created. And Trump's name should not be anywhere on the addition!

Name: Janice Keeling
Date: February 18, 2026 2:38:11 pm

Trump said he loved the White House and wouldn’t touch it. The next thing you know ,the East Wing is laying on the ground. American history razed- no proper authorization, permits, or design review. It’s not his house to destroy, it’s the people’s house. It’s only a gaudy monument to himself which will probably exceed the estimated cost and taxpayers will be expected to pay for it. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored

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Name: Allison H
Date: February 18, 2026 2:38:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jody Cain
Date: February 18, 2026 2:39:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Barron Collodi
Date: February 18, 2026 2:39:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Pam Reid duffy
Date: February 18, 2026 2:40:11 pm

The proposed ballroom is a vanity project and was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. Although things change in American history, there are respectful and legal ways to make change: change that preserves the good that has come before.

I strongly oppose this project.
Thank you.

Name: Leslie Seefeldt
Date: February 18, 2026 2:40:18 pm

I do not support Trump's current vision for a ballroom addition to the White House. This is the People's House, and as

such, we should have a say in the design of any additions. He was allowed to destroy a piece of our history without any input from the American people, and he should not be allowed to continue to change this historic landmark.

Name: Shannon Evangelista
Date: February 18, 2026 2:40:26 pm

I strongly object to the allocation of $300 million for this undertaking, which moved forward without the necessary approvals, permits, or proper design oversight. This is not a simple renovation — it amounts to the destruction of a significant piece of our nation's heritage.
I am calling for this project to be halted immediately and for the East Wing to be reconstructed and restored to its original architectural character. The rule of law applies to everyone, without exception. Allowing this to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements undermines public trust and disrespects every citizen who follows the law.

Attachment

Name: Jill Rudnitski
Date: February 18, 2026 2:40:33 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If possible the US government should seek personal reimbursement for costs incurred to date from the unauthorized initiator of this project, through the courts or other means.

Name: Angelique Mark
Date: February 18, 2026 2:40:42 pm

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability. I am also asking that the East Wing be rebuilt in a style and scale similar to what existed previously, with all artworks returned to the building. I understand that modernization efforts needed to be made, and am feel that electrical, lighting, etc., changes, which will make the building more efficient and up to current code are acceptable, but to materially change the building is erasing history.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Teresa Urban
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joanne Conlon
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:21 pm

I strongly object to the planned changes to the White House East Wing. I do not agree with the seeking of donations for the construction. This is a veiled solicitation of bribes. The ballroom must follow the National Capital Planning Commission Guidelines, if Congress agrees. As a regularly voting and engaged property owner I believed it was important that I make my opinion known.

thank you

Name: Jacqueline Nace
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: susan collier
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:22 pm

Dear Sir,

I'm totally against the "basillion" dollar ballroom. Why does the President (whoever is in office) need this? How much Ballroom activity will they do? Its crazy-- rebuild the East wing with offices so more work for the people of the US can be done!!!

Do not build this!! Please

Best,

Susan Collier
Nashville, Tn

Name: Courtney Bedekar
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:43 pm

This is the most outrageous and ridiculous "modernization" project I could imagine. It is a disgusting homage to a very small man with a large ego that closely matches his ignorance. This is wasting tax payers money and would never be approved by the population at large if the president didn't just ram it through. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

Name: Cynthia Eddy
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bella Dinh-Zarr
Date: February 18, 2026 2:41:48 pm

The East Wing of the White House should never have been demolished, especially without authorization. It was reckless and damages not only a historical site, but damages the image of the White House to the nation and the world. Donald Trump should pay for its restoration to (as close as possible) back to the historical site that it once was.

Name: Leslie Colley
Date: February 18, 2026 2:42:02 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask that you exercise your authority and your obligation to the American people as you consider the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. The oversight and integrity of the NCPC over more than a century has ensured that our nation's capital remains distinct in terms of both historical importance and aesthetic quality. Washington D.C. is one of the most handsome cities in the world as a result.
The proposed ballroom is an affront, an insult added to injury following the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This 90,000 square foot structure is grossly inappropriate in size, scale, and proportion and would visually dwarf the White House in a way that is nearly unimaginable. I concur wholeheartedly with the position of the National Trust as stated in their letter to the CFA regarding this project.
The wanton destruction of the East Wing, the heedless rush toward constructing the over-sized monstrosity of a ballroom, the utter disdain for following the law and going through proper channels - these things have had a visceral effect on me and millions of Americans. We are sickened by it. The White House is OUR house, our history, a reflection of who we are to ourselves and the rest of the world. The idea that one individual, without oversight or accountability, without a shred of respect for history or the importance of place, can cause such irreversible harm is repugnant and unacceptable. I implore you to intervene. Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,
Leslie Colley

Name: Mary Francell-Sharfstein
Date: February 18, 2026 2:42:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Theri Andino
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Alison Galante
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Again, no one is above the law.

Name: Patricia Eldred
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:25 pm

Please DO NOT allow these changes to our White House take place. Protect our history.

Name: Gail Cevello
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:26 pm

This is about the worst destructive thing that I have seen done to our history and its treasured landmarks . Please stop it and make him put it back together!

Name: Barbara Reno
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:30 pm

The White House which is our house has been demolished and ruined! We have a man in the White House who is supposed to be the leader of our country but he is above the law and has created hate and anger in his wake. We cannot sit by and watch the White House be ruined without commenting. Please return our house to it’s original look without gold and gaudy trimmings, please!

Name: Robert Bauer
Date: February 18, 2026 2:43:54 pm

As a taxpayer, and a US citizen.

I want to see all the blueprints all the money that is coming this fund us so called project.

This project is already well over all estimates.

has there been any kind of study on how much it's going to cost to heat and cool this building and who's paying for all that?

I highly doubt that there's that kind of money being donated that there will be enough funds to build this addition and provide all the extra cost of maintaining this building for the next hundred years.

this building should have never been taken down in any decision to build a new building should have been proposed and went through the proper channels.

at this point this project should be stopped immediately until the complete, blueprints are evaluated environmental impact is reviewed.

based on the few pictures I've seen this monstrosity is going to be bigger than the current White House why would anything be allowed to dwarf the actual White House.

Name: Melanie McCool
Date: February 18, 2026 2:44:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Schultz
Date: February 18, 2026 2:44:14 pm

I oppose the spending a $300 million on this project, which has initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the east wing rebuilt, and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mandi Pratt
Date: February 18, 2026 2:44:14 pm

I oppose the spending of over $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but erases American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and the current president held accountable for his unauthorized actions. No one is above the law.
All of the funds which were slated to go towards this project must be examined, to see how the president was going to assist these contributors. This is ridiculous. Please make it stop.

Name: Lisa Ratta
Date: February 18, 2026 2:45:42 pm

I oppose Trump’s plan for the East Wing. He is not a king and it is not up to him to do anything he wants. It was not done with the proper permits or authorization and it must be stopped. The East wing should be restored to the previous condition and preserved and protected

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Name: Rena Wiseman
Date: February 18, 2026 2:45:56 pm

The description is a misnomer. It is the East Wing Desecration Project. The existing wing was wrongfully demolished and the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden was destroyed at the same time. This project is operating under the “Act first and then ask forgiveness” but no forgiveness should be granted. The White House is the people’s house and is not the personal property of any president. The demolition was not only done without any review but the proposed design is completely out of scale with the White House and destroys the integrity of the remaining building. Nor has the need for the mammoth addition been demonstrated. The project should be disapproved with orders to rebuild the East Wing as it was before the demolition and to restore the Rose Garden at the sole expense of Mr. Trump and his donors.

Name: Loretta Laughrey
Date: February 18, 2026 2:45:57 pm

I want to see the East Wing restored to its former state. This is an important part of our heritage and should never have been destroyed. Please oppose the modernization project. Those who broke the law by initiating the project without following proper procedures should be punished, and they should not be rewarded by seeing their efforts succeed.

Name: Karen Brooks
Date: February 18, 2026 2:46:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all l

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Name: Jefri Lynn Palermo
Date: February 18, 2026 2:47:05 pm

I am opposed to this construction as this is a historical building and no review process was held which is required. The proposed project is illegal and the president should be held accountable and the previous East Wing should be restored.

Name: Roger Kundtz
Date: February 18, 2026 2:47:07 pm

To all concerned,
I feel what has happened to the Whitehouse East Wing is an atrocity. Demolishing part of a federal historic building without permissions is an affront to the American people. The East wing should be restored to its original design. If a ballroom is needed, let it be built with private money in a non-historic location.
Those responsible for this should be responsible for replacing the illegally destroyed property.

Name: Margaret McNeny
Date: February 18, 2026 2:47:41 pm

As an American, I am appalled that the current administration has circumvented the rules by destroying an entire wing of The White House. I wonder how much history was destroyed during the demolition. Proper authorization was not obtained and for that, there should be consequences. The people of the United States have not clamored for a ballroom and as one of those who fails to see the need for a ballroom, I object to the tremendous expense required to build a ballroom. I request that the East Wing be rebuilt - and duly modernized in the process - and put back to good use.

Name: James Ahrens
Date: February 18, 2026 2:48:14 pm

The proposed ballroom and associated constructing as proposed would be an abomination. It's size alone should disqualify it as an addition to the White House -- let alone the dubious, gaudy nature of it's design. Please reject it,.

Name: Nancy Parsons
Date: February 18, 2026 2:48:21 pm

I oppose this project. The White House is the People’s house not one person’s. This administration had no right to tear down and or construct any such property especially the White House without proper permission and authority. It is shameful that this administration does not feel the need to play by the rules. It must be stopped immediately. Any new construction must go through normal channels.

Name: Michael Stafford
Date: February 18, 2026 2:48:31 pm

The East Wing should be restored to as close to it's original design as possible. The construction of a large ballroom has no redeeming value for carrying out the work of our government. Furthermore, past construction activities should have followed established approval procedures and adhered to environmental approvals. All future activities should be held to established protocalls and standards.

Name: Dan Murray
Date: February 18, 2026 2:49:11 pm

I oppose this project for several reasons
1) The East Wing was razed without proper review.
2) This is the People's House, not some toy to be played with and destroyed.

3) The former East Wing had significant historical value that was destroyed.
4) A ballroom constructed on the scale and esthetic currently proposed ruins the entire historic significance of the People's House.
The East Wing should be returned to its original historic presence.

Name: Julie Sarich
Date: February 18, 2026 2:49:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

Julie Sarich

Name: Jill Waz
Date: February 18, 2026 2:49:23 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeffrey Stasny
Date: February 18, 2026 2:49:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diane Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 2:49:55 pm

NO! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Rebuild as it was previously. We don’t need a massive, gilded vanity project showplace.

Name: Marjorie Stuart
Date: February 18, 2026 2:50:22 pm

Because the White House is a historical building owned by the People of the United States of America, We, the People must have complete access and input to any modernization projects. Anything less is illegal.

Name: Paul Faust
Date: February 18, 2026 2:50:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Keirsten Gustafson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:50:43 pm

This is not modernization of the White House what happened is a travesty and it should never have been torn down in the first place there was no planning for this. There was no approval for this. It's unacceptable. plans need to be made in public. And need to be scrutinized to make sure that they're actually safe. We need to rebuild the wing as it was. There's no need for a giant ballroom in the White House, there is no need for that spending to occur. That money should be spent on helping children be able to eat and have healthcare helping veterans get the care that they need. It would be an absolute loss of sensibilities to build the ballroom when we can't even help our own citizens survive.

Name: Evan Padgitt
Date: February 18, 2026 2:50:44 pm

I oppose the plan for a $300 million ballroom as an unnecessary extravagance that was also not properly discussed or approved before demolition of the existing structure. I support funding and designing a rebuild of the historic structure or very similar rather than the current ballroom plan.

Name: Kim Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:51:20 pm

I absolutely oppose the construction of a ridiculous ballroom on the site of the former East Wing. The East Wing was destroyed in a blatant act of an individual with ideas of grandiosity, who would like to live in a world of gold and gilt. The East Wing and White-house belongs to all Americans and no one individual should be above the laws and procedures that serve to protect American history. Please please restore the East Wing to the beloved tranquil space that it was prior to the abhorrent razing that occurred without proper authorization and review. In the current proposal, it is not a modernization project but a vanity project.

Name: Bruce Bechtold
Date: February 18, 2026 2:51:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marjorie Fox
Date: February 18, 2026 2:51:50 pm

Please stop the plan for the ostentatious ballroom that will dwarf the White House itself. Too late to save the East Wing but the law should allow you to cut the construction plan to one that is smaller and more appropriate.
Thank you.

Name: Christine Byl
Date: February 18, 2026 2:51:51 pm

I absolutely oppose this entire project, including the illegal demo that has already happened. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

This issue can not be undone, as the same wrecking ball that's blasting our democracy has already done its damage. But reining it in from the current occupant's self-aggrandizing wishes will return a modicum of power to the people who own his temporary home.

Name: Mary Cronin
Date: February 18, 2026 2:51:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project (aka destruction), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am outraged by this destruction of American history without permission, process, or respect.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Imagine if all presidents took a wrecking ball to buildings they did not like! It is an affront to U.S. history.

Thank you,
Mary E. Cronin

Name: Anne Longtine
Date: February 18, 2026 2:52:00 pm

I want the East Wing of the White House to be completely restored / rebuilt so that it is exactly like the original that has been destroyed.

Name: SUSAN FITZ
Date: February 18, 2026 2:52:14 pm

I oppose this project as it was initiated without proper design review or permit. Allowing this project to go forward is a slap in the face to all law abiding citizens. Those that caused this destruction of the People’s House need to rebuild the East Wing as it was and cover all costs to do so.

Name: Elizabeth Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 2:52:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300M on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who flouted the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dorian Hastings
Date: February 18, 2026 2:52:24 pm

I vociferously object to the proposed monstrosity. This is not a modernization, this is an illegal destruction and erasure of history. All $300 million collected in the name of this project should be spent on restoring the East Wing to its original design and status. This project was initiated without authorization, permits or design review and should be terminated immediately.

Re: file number 8733

Name: Elizabeth Montoya
Date: February 18, 2026 2:52:27 pm

This “modernization” project is an abomination to an historic building that is meaningful to many Americans. Somehow the East Wing was demolished without going through any proper process. The addition of a giant ballroom is unnecessary and wasteful. As a citizen, I object strenuously to this and want the East Wing restored at the Trump family expense.

Name: Alisa Joaquin
Date: February 18, 2026 2:53:24 pm

The :East Wing Modernization Project” is a slap in the face to the American People. The White House is not personal property of the President. It is the People’s House. No one president can “modernize” or demolish any part of the White House without consulting the proper people involved with maintaining and preserving it. It is an historical landmark, preserved as a monument that represents the American People’s highest ideals: the creating of Democracy and the Presidency. To destroy a part of the White House for personal reasons, such as “to build a ballroom,” goes against every person’s ideals and against the laws that were set down. Any other person who would commit such an act, destroying a part of a national landmark, would be prosecuted for breaking the law. President Trump believes himself above such laws. NO ONE, and I repeat, NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW! President Trump must be prosecuted for this crime, and charged with RESTORING the East Wing to its original state, as well as charged with the crime of willful destruction, which is punishable by law. I am not a lawyer, but even I am aware that you do not destroy property, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, and the People’s House is PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE PEOPLE!

Name: Louise Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 2:53:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristin Moss
Date: February 18, 2026 2:53:35 pm

This project was not authorized or properly reviewed. It should be halted immediately and the building returned to its former condition. The White House belongs to the people. It was wrong that the construction moved forward, destroying history and a national landmark, without consulting and receiving approval from the proper channels. No one man should be allowed to destroy historic places on a whim. Stop the construction. Restore the building.

Name: Betty Bachman
Date: February 18, 2026 2:53:35 pm

Contain the size: I would respectfully suggest that the original footprint of the wing be maintained as it is proportional to the building as a whole. There is a long history of symmetry as an element of an important neoclassical building like this; respect its history even while modernizing. The planned ballroom would overwhelm the rest of the property size-wise. It would look lopsided. It would draw attention from the main portion and, perhaps, DEVALUE THE ACTUAL HOME of the presidency, which I don’t believe our leader would like. Quality of workmanship, not quantity (in size), should be the goal of any addition, in order to stand the test of time. Thank you.

Name: Melody Gill
Date: February 18, 2026 2:54:11 pm

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this

project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debra Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 2:54:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carolyn Scardina
Date: February 18, 2026 2:54:21 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300,000,000 plus on this flagrant and unconstitutional project! This self-serving project of Mr. Trump was initiated without proper authorization, permits and design review by the appropriate authorities. It is not a modernization project
but a complete erasure and disregard of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing completely restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this illegitimate and illegal project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding citizens of America.

Name: Richard Oman
Date: February 18, 2026 2:54:40 pm

I am appalled by the effort to remove the East Wing in order to provide space for a personal memorial by Mr. Trump. The need for such a facility has never been established. The destruction of such classic architectural building never supported expect by a few close associated of Mr. Trump. The costs for operation and maintenance estimated or shared. The lose of history housed in the East Wing defended. The avoidance of legal, historic, established channels of approval and concern for aesthetic and historic appropriateness explained. What has been done can be undone although with significant lose of public support and meaningful understanding.

Name: Beth Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:54:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,

Beth Jackson

Name: Judith Robertson
Date: February 18, 2026 2:55:01 pm

I have been sickened and appalled as I’ve watched the current administration tear down the historic East Wing of the White House. I lived in Northern Virginia for 27 years and worked many of those years in D.C. Every person who visited us from outside the area was treated to a tour (by us) of Washington DC, the Monuments, the Museums, and ALWAYS, we took them to the White House. The PEOPLE’S House. I still get tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat as I write about how important all of those sites are to me. I can’t say this strongly enough: please do not allow this destruction of the PEOPLE’s HOUSE to continue. The current government is a temporary one and cannot be allowed to totally destroy our history during its reign. We, the American people, will vote in a new administration as soon as possible. It will be an Administration that honors our precious democracy and history. In the meantime, we have to rely on you not to allow everything to be destroyed and replaced with a “ballroom” in the current president’s image. Please agree ONLY to

approve a complete restoration of the East Wing of The White House. Deny the plans for the abominable design of a Mar-a-Lago style structure that dwarfs the PEOPLE'S HOUSE and disrespects our National Heritage. Thank you.

Name: Denise Murray
Date: February 18, 2026 2:55:39 pm

The proposed structure decimates the importance of the main White House. This is especially egregious given the 250 year anniversary of our country. The East Wing was destroyed without following the required procedures. This is a pure vanity project, that will remain empty the majority of the time. At least the old east wing produced things that were valuable to Americans. What is proposed is a travesty.

Name: Mary Bielefeldt
Date: February 18, 2026 2:55:49 pm

No ballroom, please. Restore the East Wing. That is all.

Name: Todd Loveless
Date: February 18, 2026 2:55:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Needham
Date: February 18, 2026 2:56:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, irregardless of the funding source, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, in prep for a vanity project that doesn't even really "fit" into the remaining structures. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynne VanVorce
Date: February 18, 2026 2:56:02 pm

I as a lifelong American citizen do not want this ballroom, what I truly wanted wasn't even considered in the first place, it was the preservation of the historic East Wing. I understand renovations and upgrades that are historically appropriate to these buildings that mean so much to the American people. This administration has trod on our rights, misappropriated our tax dollars for purposes that I find appalling, but the destruction of the Rose Garden, and the East Wing was unconscionable. Please stop this. Those buildings and what they stand for spread back to our history. They mean something, this country means nothing to Trump other than something to pilfer from. Please listen to the people and remember the history of these the United States. We don't need a ballroom, we needed a country that we can be proud of, and at the moment that is sadly lacking.

Name: Tiara Crouse
Date: February 18, 2026 2:56:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mitchell Rodman
Date: February 18, 2026 2:56:51 pm

Our founders were faced with two models for government. In one, in England and, particularly, in France, the entire purpose of the government was to protect and increase the wealth and power of a ruling class. The other was a government by and for the people. They chose the latter, and the neoclassical architecture chosen for the capital reflected that choice by recalling a time of ancient representative government. Rather than imitate the architectural style of London & Paris where larger was always preferable to smaller and more ornate preferable to less, simplicity and reasonable size in architecture reflected their view of the role of government. Trump is incapable of seeing that symbolism, and seeks to destroy what he does not understand. Massive buildings and giant triumphal arches have represented the megalomaniac visions of Hitler & Stalin, not the vision of the American people. Trump must be stopped to preserve the critical architectural symbolism of Washington and its environs.

Name: Glenda Waguespack
Date: February 18, 2026 2:56:55 pm

WE THE PEOPLE do not need a ballroom. Restore the East Wing please and thank you.

Name: Christopher Sloan
Date: February 18, 2026 2:57:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Segard
Date: February 18, 2026 2:57:32 pm

Dear NCPC members,
I oppose the spending of $?00 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project reviewed to the required standards and the East Wing built to be harmonious with the existing structures. What is done cannot be undone but the spirit of the original structure can echo in its replacement. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Kind regards,
Lisa Segard
Caledonia, MI

Name: Suzanne Caron
Date: February 18, 2026 2:57:38 pm

Destroying the East Wing was a cultural tragedy, but we can’t bring it back. It was part of our American culture and should be restored to its former glory, not made tacky like everything else this presidency does.

Name: Jynx Houston
Date: February 18, 2026 2:57:53 pm

IT IS AN AFFRONT TO ALL AMERICANS THAT TRUMP THINKS HE CAN CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE WHITE HOUSE & INDEED HAS ALREADY BEGUN DOING SO. HIS BALLROOM IS GROSS & ITS SIZE & GOLD NONSENSE MAKE IT WORSE. TRUMP DOES NOT OWN THE WHITE HOUSE & I URGE ALL RELEVANT REVIEWING PARTIES TO FORCE HIM TO HALT CONSTRUCTION OF HIS BALLROOM & NOT BE

PERMITTED TO CHANGE ANY OTHER PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE. HIS ACTIONS TO WIT ARE ABSOLUTELY INDEFENSIBLE.

Name: Vanessa Tisdale
Date: February 18, 2026 2:58:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing repaired to the bare minimum to prevent damage to the remainder of the structure. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Dreyfus
Date: February 18, 2026 2:58:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.
Margaret Dreyfus, Olympia, Washington

Name: Donna Kraus
Date: February 18, 2026 2:58:46 pm

The East Wing was destroyed recklessly and illegally, with zero regard for the public's input nor that of any appropriate authorities. Furthermore, there was no respect for the public costs that would be incurred at a time when we are cutting payments to the most vulnerable people in the the U.S. and abroad.

In my opinion, the individuals responsible for this travesty should reimburse the public coffers for all monies related to the demolition of the East Wing, including any costs related to rerouting traffic, having extra security, or any other costs associated with the demolition. Furthermore, not one hammer should be lifted until those responsible for the demolition of the East Wing have put forth the entire cost of the reconstruction, in an irrevocable form of payment.

Additionally I would hope that extensive research is being done to determine whether in fact the White House needs a ballroom big enough for 1,000 people.

Name: Sarah Dressler
Date: February 18, 2026 2:58:55 pm

The White House is an historic symbol of our government. The destruction of the East Wing was a violent assault on our history and I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This destruction and the proposed modernization and expansion was
initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathlene Lolwing
Date: February 18, 2026 2:58:57 pm

Please make this East Wing disaster as “right” as possible. This includes planning, reviews, proper budgeting and approvals. It’s disgusting that our historic and important buildings are being treated like our Constitution; as negligible. As meaningless. As if so many whose spilt blood in pursuit of freedom, democracy and sacrifice don’t matter.

Name: Danielle Charney
Date: February 18, 2026 2:59:14 pm

Please restore the building as it was ..there was no need to tear it down..
we do not need a ballroom for billionaires

Name: Jim MacConnell
Date: February 18, 2026 2:59:21 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and an attempt to make a permanent change to the face of the country. This is not a modernization project but rather is a demolition and new building project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Dunkum
Date: February 18, 2026 2:59:35 pm

I oppose this “project”. It is not modernization it is unnecessary destruction that was started without the proper channels followed. I hope it is able to be rebuilt to the way it was but regardless what happens so much beautiful history has been lost and it did not happen with support of the people for the peoples house. It is not a private residence!

Name: Lisa Laws
Date: February 18, 2026 2:59:38 pm

My family has lived within 5 hours of Washington DC since the early 1700s. This is not guesswork, this is documented. We have owned land in the American colonies, documented, since the 1600s. My immediate family has worked on Capitol hill as congressional staff, From the 1950s until the 1980s, my immediate family has visited the White House since the late 1980s.
My heritage, and my family's tax paying status since the 1700s, depends on the rule of law, government stability and constituents' input as to our revered structures. A segment of our family line fought in EVERY SINGLE WAR since the Seven years War (French & Indian) from NY, Va, NC & TN. I was born on an Army base. I have contributed to this country by working in various public industries for over 40 years, and 1000s of hours of volunteer work and by voting in every election since 1976.
So, when I say as an very early line descendant of immigrants, who helped build and PAY FOR our institutions for 100s of years -- to include
The Whitehouse ! I am requesting in a respectful, yet passionate way for you and everyone to stop the unlawful changing of our national architectural
heritage history, without congressional review, hearings, and approval. Thank you for allowing our citizenry to give input-- which is of course as it should be.

Attachment

Name: Stacie Ford
Date: February 18, 2026 3:00:00 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

Stop this Project, Stop the madness. A massive ballroom doesn't serve the American people as a whole, only the personal aggrandisement of the President. The funds used for this project can be better spent on other projects to the betterment of the United States of America. Ask the American public for their opinion on how the funds can be used in service to them as a whole.

Sincerely,

Stacie Ford

Name: Andria Goldin
Date: February 18, 2026 3:00:33 pm

The shame of destroying our national heritage. It is unconscionable that the destruction of the East Wing was carried out so cavalierly and by bypassing all normal and REQUIRED oversight. I vehemently oppose the spending of any amount on this currently proposed so called "modernization" project. It is not a modernization project but rather the complete razing of a crucible of important American history. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without ANY proper authorization, permits, or design review.
I want this fantasy project canceled as it serves only for the self-aggrandizement of an egotistical wannabe monarch. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and footprint with true modernizations that incorporate improvements to construction and materials that will preserve it for the American People. THAT should be the remit.
No one is above the law and to permit the project as currently proposed to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: ELLEN LAND
Date: February 18, 2026 3:00:58 pm

I request that all applicable regulations and laws are followed for this project, including those that pertain to the demolition and renovation of historical public buildings.
I ask that those who violate such laws and regulations are given an immediate stop work order and required to restore the property to its previous condition.
Any and all future renovations or improvements should be subject to congressional approval.
Thank you.

Name: Willa Michener
Date: February 18, 2026 3:01:10 pm

Please restore the East Wing of the White House. The design for the un-needed, unwanted ball room is atrocious. It unbalances the White House. It is all a demonstration of Trump's need to leave his mark everywhere. The required procedures were not respected.

The only good thing about the image of the demolished end of the White House is that it provides a visual to go with Trump's approach to our once-constitutional system.

Name: Anna Falkenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 3:01:17 pm

I have been appalled at the needless destruction of the East Wing of the White House (the Peoples' House). The East Wing should be rebuilt, adhering closely to the original design and the one/s who ordered the demolition of the building and the removal of the historical objects within it should be held accountable.

Name: Marla Camp
Date: February 18, 2026 3:01:20 pm

I strongly object to the current administration’s plans to build a ballroom next to the West Wing of the White House, and to the destruction of the East Wing for this purpose without the proper notifications, permits and public input.

Name: Joe Hicks
Date: February 18, 2026 3:01:23 pm

Destuction of the East Wing without appropriate public notice, review, hearings and congressional approval was a travesty. No further work should be permitted without such review and approval.

Name: Naima Dennis
Date: February 18, 2026 3:01:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Russell-McCormick
Date: February 18, 2026 3:02:11 pm

Stop this nonsense. You’re tearing up our history. Restore it to the way it was before you illegally sabotaged our house

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Name: Sheree Larigan
Date: February 18, 2026 3:02:39 pm

I want to see this project cancelled! I would like to see the east wing of the White House returned to its original footprint. This is what fits our White House. By all means please send the bill to Trump who destroyed the people’s house without permission or oversight. The text should not be charged for this outrageous and selfish action.

Name: Leigh Kukoly
Date: February 18, 2026 3:02:47 pm

This project is completely unnecessary. It makes the White House look tiny and insignificant in comparison.

Name: Patricia Hildreth
Date: February 18, 2026 3:03:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 Million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The scale of the proposed redesign is offensive to the White House proper!

Name: Shelly Young
Date: February 18, 2026 3:03:10 pm

I am an American citizen who is appalled by the initiation of destruction of an historical property as important as the White House that belongs to the American people without proper authorization, permits or design review, nor an inventory of items or architectural preservation, I want to see this project immediately cancelled. Spending $300 million

on this project is a grossly irresponsible. The East wing should be restored to its original design. The destruction was an illegal act and all concerned or participating should be held accountable.

Name: Tarney Baldinger
Date: February 18, 2026 3:03:39 pm

Without any authorization of any kind, our current president had the East wing of the White House demolished. His unauthorized plans to replace it with a “ballroom“ must not go through. He must be ordered to have the East wing reconstructed back to its original form as it was before he had it razed. The cost of this reconstruction must be paid by Donald Trump himself. His removal of the east wing was a blatant robbery from the American people.

Name: Noelle Rogers
Date: February 18, 2026 3:03:52 pm

I strongly oppose the East Wing being remained as an obnoxiously gaudy ballroom. This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, should be taken out of the hands of the current administration for completion. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Shaun-Adrian Choflá
Date: February 18, 2026 3:04:20 pm

I am writing to request that the approved design reflect a true recreation of what was just removed, not a ballroom. While I fully support modernizing the structure with updated building materials and current construction standards, the overall design should faithfully recreate the East Wing as it originally stood.

This should not include the addition of gold elements, branding, logos, or any personalized features. The East Wing belongs to the people, and it should be restored in a way that honors its historical appearance and public character.

The goal should be preservation through modernization, not redesign or rebranding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Henry Kiely
Date: February 18, 2026 3:04:21 pm

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Name: Jeanean Belk
Date: February 18, 2026 3:05:18 pm

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Name: Connie Sathre
Date: February 18, 2026 3:05:48 pm

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Name: Michele Herout Lemmon
Date: February 18, 2026 3:06:28 pm

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1. It is an extravagant addition which will disfigure the democratic simplicity the White House is meant to embody
2. Was the 2025 Big Beautiful Bill to enrich billionaires done so that these beneficiaries could turn around and finance this lavish expense of 300,000 million now set for $400,000 million and, as we all know it, can only grow during the lifetime of the construction itself? We suffered tremendously with the DOGE cuts to save Federal dollars but in reality the savings are few and rare … It sounds too much like the wealthiest of the nation are returning the President's personal favor to have cut their taxes …
3. It is shocking to see how the normal process has been excluded from this project from the permits to historical standards and zoning rules, code requirements, and Congress authorization. If I want to demolish my garage to enlarge my kitchen, I must go through a myriad of administrative processes which are costly and timely. The law, rules and regulations must be obeyed by everyone.
For these reasons, I urge you to disapprove this project.

Name: Denise Dean
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:42 pm

Trump illegally tore down the East Wing and the "modernization" project should not be allowed to be continued. It doesn't matter that it will supposedly be funded by private donations. The fact remains that the White House belongs to the People. Trump's actions are like having a long term renter in your Airbnb, which happens to be a historic landmark, and ripping down part of the building because they simply don't like it and would prefer a big party room. Would/should that person ever be held accountable? Of course they would! The East Wing must be restored and preserved as part of the People's house, not as Trump's personal playroom.

Name: Brett Prather
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:51 pm

I would like to thank you for seeking public comment. It is nice to see some elements of our democracy still working.

My opinion is the ballroom project must not move forward for the following reasons.
1 - This did not come from a public need or desire. It is the desire of an autocrat that just wants to put his name on it and brag about doing so.
2 - I am an architect and can see, along with you, that the approach has not been correct. When was it programmed? Who programmed it?
3 - BUDGET. It is already apparent that there is no budget or parameters set for a budget. Who set's the budget?

I appreciate your attempt in bringing this dictator under control. Can you also let the taxpayers know how we are going to recoup from the destruction of the east wing please?

Thank you,

Brett

Name: Barbara Kieffer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:51 pm

To say I was disappointed to see the demolition of the East Wing of the White House last fall would be a complete understatement. This project appears to be a vanity project to satisfy Mr Trump's colossal ego. The demolition also appears to have taken place without following proper Congressional approval.

Barbara Kieffer
Salt Lake City, Utah
(Formerly of Falls Church, Virginia)

Name: Judy Cramer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:51 pm

I write to ask you to stop this project. The east wing is a national, historic treasure, and should not have been demolished. I had the privilege of touring the White House in December of 2024, and I was thrilled to be in the east wing decorated lovingly for Christmas. No ballroom will compensate for its destruction. Please restore it.

Name: Jan Bass
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:54 pm

I oppose this project. It is a waste of taxpayer money and was not ever authorized. I want the East wing restored to its original size and function

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Name: Mary Rosser
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:56 pm

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Name: Terri Amburgy
Date: February 18, 2026 3:07:56 pm

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Elizabeth Lamoureux
Date: February 18, 2026 3:08:17 pm

This has been a disgrace to our iconic White House. I am devastated that I will never get to see Eleanor Roosevelt's office. The East Wing should be rebuilt as closely as possibly to match what it previously was. Donald Trump does not deserve a ballroom. No other president needed such a lavish display of wealth. He works for us, not the other way around. We do not want this ballroom.

Name: Sharon Rozicer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:08:18 pm

I am opposed to the building of a ballroom where the East Wing of the White House once stood. Tearing down the East Wing is a blatant act of disrespect for American history. This is The People's White House and does not belong to Donald Trump. He has not followed any kind of protocol in making changes to the White House and he should not be permitted to complete the ballroom.

Name: Janice Saaranen
Date: February 18, 2026 3:08:29 pm

To allow Trump to build this ballroom monstrosity will to forever remind the nation of his terrible, chaotic presidency.

Name: Kierstyn Zolfo
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:00 pm

The White House is not the property of any president, but this president is acting like it is his and his alone. The complete demolition of tge East Wing seems to be a crime.

I am deeply skeptical of the underground work he has planned, and what I've seen of his proposed ballroom is unattractive, unbalanced in size with the other buildings on the property, and does not match the clean and understated elegance of other buildings at the address.

Please assert whatever authority you have to prevent the wasteful construction of a gaudy monstrosity that does not conform with the style and tone of our other federal buildings in our Capitol area.

Thank you.
Kierstyn Zolfo
Bucks County, PA

Name: Michele Herout Lemmon
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:01 pm

NCPC East Wing Modernization Project
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For these reasons, I urge you to disapprove this project.
Michele Herout Lemmon
[redacted]

Name: Evan Wright
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:33 pm

The "People's House" belongs to the American people - past, present and future. As such, those who seek to maintain & "improve" it must approach any alterations with humility and with allegiance to the national interest above all else. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. In its inception our American Democracy was not founded on the enshrining, glorifying and ceding of power, but on the will to defy and democratize it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a betrayal of all law-abiding Americans and an affront to our founding values and national history.

Name: Linda Cotterman
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:37 pm

I wish to say that I oppose the Modernization act. I believe the East Wing of the White house which was destroyed with no pre authorization should be restored back to it's original size, usefulness, & splendor. TRUMP should have to pay for all of the expenses out of his OWN PERSONAL POCKET. NOT OUR EXPENSE!

Name: David Coffman
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:41 pm

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Name: Robin Gingerich
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:54 pm

The current administration’s lack of understanding and therefore appreciation of the historical importance of our buildings -notice I say ours not his-is more than disheartening. The total disregard for process has destroyed a perfectly fine building that served an important role, especially for the leadership of our First Ladies. While it may have needed some renovation, or even a bit larger room for White House events there is no excuse for its complete demolition. And without permission! The White House is not a palace -it is the American People’s House and we do not need the kind of ballroom that is being considered. Please regain control of our buildings so that one individual cannot make decisions that undermine at the least and destroy at the worst those structures that stand for what America is about- our democracy.

Name: Karen Berridge
Date: February 18, 2026 3:09:56 pm

When were approvals given and by whom and for what reason. Please arrange for the East Wing to be restored. My opinion is that it is more important for government to have a place to work than to have a place to dance. There are already enough beautiful places to entertain government guests

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Name: Linda Juergens
Date: February 18, 2026 3:10:07 pm

It feels incumbent upon us to push back after the east wing was demolished without proper vetting and process. I would think that rebuilding it to represent our history as it was previously used and recognized would be the most appropriate approach. A huge, very expensive ballroom does nothing to enhance the atmosphere, agenda or historical significance of the White House. This project should restore, as much ss possible, all the White House has stood for historically, to continue that tradition into the future.

Name: Julie Weissend
Date: February 18, 2026 3:10:36 pm

Demolition is something that should be avoided at all costs. If it must happen to the “People’s House” it should be the last resort and decided in a representative and democratic process. Designs for replacement should be completely specified and approved PRIOR to any construction taking place. I’m a contractor that has worked on historic projects and this project is a travesty for the American people.
If something was going to be built after all of this perversion, it should be sympathetic and subordinate to what is already there.
Thank you for the opportunity to submit input as to this “crying shame”…

Name: W Dan Hulchanski
Date: February 18, 2026 3:10:37 pm

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the $300 million project currently planned for the construction of a new ballroom. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design reviews. Proceeding without addressing these legal breaches would be an affront to law-abiding citizens.

I request that the current ballroom project be canceled and that the East Wing be restored to its original external design. While the interior can be updated to meet modern needs, the exterior MUST be rebuilt as it was.

Once restoration is complete, I propose the construction of a smaller ballroom designed to complement the surrounding architecture. There is sufficient space for this south of the rebuilt East Wing along E. Executive Ave NW. A well-proportioned addition featuring a front portico that follows the curve of the Oval with a westward-facing glass front would be a far more appropriate and tasteful alternative to the current oversized gaudy design.

Thank you

Name: Christine Price
Date: February 18, 2026 3:11:08 pm

To the Commission:
The proposed plans for the "East Wing Modernization Project" (aka the White House Ballroom) are vastly out of proportion to the existing structure. They disregard the history of the White House and its grounds; what is proposed will dwarf the White House and the West Wing complex. Demolished hastily, with no regard for process, planning, or public input, the reconstruction of the East Wing should only proceed when the project has been completely re-visioned to reflect idea of "the people's House," in a scale that respects the architecture and the symmetry of the remaining buildings. A 50,000 square foot structure should be sufficient to meet the programmatic requirements of the White House; if the current President is in need of a 90,000 square foot gilded edifice, I would respectfully suggest he build it at his own expense, on one of the many properties in his vast real estate portfolio.

Respectfully,
Christine G. Price

Name: Amy Reese
Date: February 18, 2026 3:11:23 pm

Hello,
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount committed to this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead on this public property, and without penalizing those who broke the law in the first place, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Amy Reese

Name: Cynthia Sabota
Date: February 18, 2026 3:12:24 pm

I implore you to stop the illegal actions of the destruction of the East wing and return it to its original historic grandeur.

Name: James Burke
Date: February 18, 2026 3:12:48 pm

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Name: Katherine Craven
Date: February 18, 2026 3:12:52 pm

I comment to register my total and complete opposition to the addition of a 90,000 square foot ballroom to the White House. This planned addition will overwhelm the White House and disrupt its classical design. In addition to being a totally frivolous expenditure at a time when so many in our country are suffering, I am concerned that the Trump administration is seeking private funding, much of which is undisclosed and apparently will remain so. This "pay to play" funding scheme raises real risks of corruption and undue influence and is antithetical in a democracy. Please vote "no."

Name: Paula Pacholke-Dumont
Date: February 18, 2026 3:13:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount of funds received from any and/or all sources on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design without additional cost to the US taxpayer. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Evelyn Grau
Date: February 18, 2026 3:13:18 pm

I fully OPPOSE the construction of a ballroom -- an idea which was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, design reviews, etc. The White House is NOT the president's personal property. In razing the historic East Wing he has broken the law and should be made accountable.

Name: James Albanese
Date: February 18, 2026 3:13:22 pm

A shameful act. Creating facts by destroying the East Wing with no approved or funded plans for this grotesque expression in gold.

It is an abomination.

James Albanese

Name: Jill Ruhnke
Date: February 18, 2026 3:13:45 pm

The precipitous -- without sufficient notice or congressional approval -- of the East Wing was an abomination. Its

replacement should not do further injury. My main input is that the replacement wing should match, as closely as possible, the footprint of the former east wing, and its classical architectural style. The ballroom should not be too large nor too gold because the people's house should not be ostentatious, nor should it be the site of frequent lavish balls thrown at taxpayer expense. A large ballroom should also be avoided because it would create an eyesore and threaten to eclipse the more restrained beauty of the rest of the White House compound and its surroundings. White House balls should generally be modest and tied to specific diplomatic functions such as the occasional visit of foreign dignitaries. We do not need to be able to present the people's government as a monarchy that throws large and lavish parties, nor should we be senseless of the outrage of spending large amounts of money -- whether from taxpayers or private fundraising or bribes -- while Americans go without health care or adequate food and clean drinking water. Make it modest, make it restrained, make it conform to the existing classical style and footprint.

Name: Janet Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 3:13:47 pm

As an American citizen, I object to the building of the vanity project called the golden ballroom. The president did not get proper permissions, or go by the norms and laws associated with the building of the ballroom. He also did not get permission to destroy our historic East Wing. The White House is The People's House, not the president’s private property. I request that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was, with all of it's former glory.

Name: Sally Taboada
Date: February 18, 2026 3:13:53 pm

I am confused by the name of the Project. How can destroying the Country's East Wing be a modernization Project when The President destroyed it and wants a Ballroom bigger then the wing was? He had no business doing this and should be responsible for rebuilding the structure (at his own expense - and you can't tell me doesn't have the money) as it was with current building codes. The United States does not need a huge ballroom. This is not the 1800's or early 1900's time period that our current President wants!!! And even he knows that you need to have the proper permits and approvals before you start any work on a house or building no matter where you live in our Country.

Name: Stacy Stein
Date: February 18, 2026 3:14:13 pm

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Name: Vicki Winston
Date: February 18, 2026 3:14:27 pm

No. No. Absolutely not.

This is a vanity project by an unpopular president attempting to impose changes on a building he openly disdains. It is not preservation, it is not improvement—it is ego.

This gilded spectacle is an effort to stamp personal taste, excess, and resentment onto a public landmark that belongs to the people, not to one man’s insecurities. It should be rejected outright.

Beyond being aesthetically offensive, it is fiscally irresponsible. Taxpayers will inevitably pay twice: once for the damage done by this tasteless intervention, and again when a competent, thoughtful designer is brought in to undo the harm and restore dignity to what was defaced.

Public architecture deserves restraint, respect, and stewardship—not ego, gold leaf, and grievance.

Name: Meg McCormick
Date: February 18, 2026 3:14:58 pm

I hate that the East Wing of the People's House was demolished and am opposed to the idea of a 90,000 square foot ballroom to be used by oligarchs. The White House is a national treasure that belongs to the people. One man does not have the authority to remake it into one of his tacky clubs. Please stop this narcissist from doing any further damage to the People's House. Thank you.

Name: Martha Pressler
Date: February 18, 2026 3:15:12 pm

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Name: Cathy Lewis-Dougherty
Date: February 18, 2026 3:15:20 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

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Name: Sally Dahl
Date: February 18, 2026 3:15:23 pm

The east wing should be restored to its previous footprint. No ballroom should be added. Restore this space to how it was originally intended to be used. Keep the tacky gold ornamentation out of the east wing. Aren’t you?

Name: Carol clark
Date: February 18, 2026 3:16:15 pm

I absolutely opposet this project!!!
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Name: Allison Schreiber
Date: February 18, 2026 3:17:34 pm

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Sincerely,

Allison Schreiber

Name: Catherine Kendrick
Date: February 18, 2026 3:17:55 pm

The law was not followed when this project was initiated. The is project uses donated funds which appear to be an attempt to improperly influence a government official. This project does not respect the history of the White House or address the legitimate needs of governing. It appears to largely be a vanity project. The improper manner in which the project was started will set precedent if it is permitted to continue.

Name: Rachel Kinsella
Date: February 18, 2026 3:18:13 pm

Please stop this project. This is the people’s house and not a vanity project for one person. Stop this project and put the East Wing back exactly as it was and bill the person who authorized the tear down.
Thank you

Name: Frances Hardiman
Date: February 18, 2026 3:18:22 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project as

currently proposed and urge the Commission to reject

the plan until proper legal processes are followed.

This project began with the demolition of an 123 year old

structure before obtaining required approvals from this

Commission, before completing mandatory

environmental assessments under the National

Environmental Policy Act, and before securing

congressional authorization required by federal statute

for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The

fact that demolotion has already occurred does not

excuse these violations or create a fait accompli that

forces approval

The funding mechanism raises serious concerns about

institutional independence and conflicts of interest.

Name: John Coles
Date: February 18, 2026 3:18:58 pm

I oppose the spending of any money much less $300 million or more on this "modernization" project, because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. In the United States the rule of law must rule or else our country becomes nothing more than a fiefdom run by an autocrat. For one person to be able to raze a sizeable portion of a historic, public building would be tantamount to ceding the law for a vain whim which is not a true need or vetted requirement. The public deserved to have a say. Congressional representatives should have been able to weigh in on the idea and plans and shoud have had to authorize and appropriate that kind of money.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to its former design or one approved by multiple stakeholders representing the American people. Stop the current process. Force the rebuild to go back into proper vetting and approval channels. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would insult all Americans.

Name: Susan Teel
Date: February 18, 2026 3:18:59 pm

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Name: Amanda Randall
Date: February 18, 2026 3:19:41 pm

Thank you for allowing my comments.

In the grand tapestry of American history, the White House stands not merely as a residence for the nation’s chief executive, but as an enduring emblem of democratic restraint, architectural elegance, and the collective will of the people. For over two centuries, its neoclassical facade—designed by James Hoban and refined through careful evolutions—has symbolized a government of modesty and accessibility, unadorned by the gilded excesses of monarchies past. Yet, the proposal to erect a sprawling new ballroom, at a staggering cost of up to $400 million, threatens to unravel this sacred thread. This ill-conceived addition, which has already led to the hasty demolition of the historic East Wing, represents an affront to our heritage, a circumvention of democratic processes, and a misallocation of resources that could better serve the republic. It must be halted, lest we permit hubris to overshadow humility in the heart of our nation’s capital.
Foremost among the objections is the irreparable harm to the White House’s historic integrity. This iconic structure, arguably the most evocative building in our country and a globally recognized symbol of American ideals, has withstood wars, renovations, and the passage of time with its classical balance intact. The proposed ballroom, a 90,000-square-foot behemoth inspired by the opulent halls of Mar-a-Lago and Versailles, would dwarf the original edifice, rising to match its height and commandeering inviolable parklands to the south. Such an addition violates the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, which demand that new constructions respect and not overwhelm historic properties. The demolition of the East Wing—erected in 1902 by the esteemed architects McKim, Mead & White—marks the first major alteration to the exterior in 83 years, erasing a piece of Theodore Roosevelt’s legacy without due reverence. To mar this national treasure for a venue that evokes tsarist grandeur or royal excess is to betray the very principles of equality and simplicity that the White House embodies. As architectural historians have warned, this “bloated, banal, unnecessary, and self-aggrandizing” project risks permanently disrupting the site’s carefully balanced design, transforming a symbol of the people into a monument to personal vanity.
Equally damning is the flagrant disregard for legal and democratic safeguards. No president—regardless of stature or intent—possesses unchecked authority to reshape federal property at whim. The project has commenced without submitting plans to the National Capital Planning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts, as mandated by the National Capital Planning Act. It lacks an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act, denying the public an assessment of its ecological footprint on President’s Park. Most egregiously, Congress has not authorized the endeavor, contravening the Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which reserves to

lawmakers the power to dispose of and regulate federal lands. ￼ ￼ By evading these reviews, the administration deprives citizens of their right to comment, turning a public icon into a private folly. Federal judges have already voiced skepticism, likening the funding scheme—a patchwork of private donations—to a “Rube Goldberg contraption” designed to sidestep congressional oversight. ￼ ￼ This is not governance; it is an end-run around the checks and balances that define our republic.

Beyond the legal transgressions lies a profound fiscal and symbolic imprudence. At a time when our nation grapples with pressing needs—from infrastructure decay to economic inequality—diverting $400 million, even through private channels, to a lavish ballroom seating 900 guests is a grotesque misprioritization. ￼ ￼ The existing East Room and State Dining Room have sufficed for generations, hosting dignitaries and events with dignity, supplemented by tents when necessary. ￼ Why indulge in such extravagance when the White House’s current spaces embody the frugality of our founders? This ballroom, with its echoes of imperial splendor, undermines the democratic ethos that the residence should remain “the people’s house”—accessible, unpretentious, and reflective of shared values, not elite indulgence.

In conclusion, to forge ahead with this ballroom is to chisel away at the soul of America itself. We must rally—through lawsuits, public outcry, and congressional intervention—to preserve the White House as it was intended: a beacon of restraint amid power’s temptations. Let us reject this gilded distraction and reaffirm our commitment to history, law, and the common good. The White House endures not through expansion, but through the timeless ideals it safeguards.

Name: Susan Skiles
Date: February 18, 2026 3:20:20 pm

I want this project cancelled and the East Wing of the While House restored tonits previous status.

Name: Sally Guzdar
Date: February 18, 2026 3:20:37 pm

To Whom it may Concern,

I strongly oppose this project. This was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review and is an affront to the American People. "Our House" is steeped in history and to demolish it without the proper oversight is a tragedy.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design if possible. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Sally Guzdar

Name: John Moberg
Date: February 18, 2026 3:20:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This project and the way it was initiated is an abomination. It is my hope that the next President will tear down whatever is constructed.

Name: Nakiesa Faraji
Date: February 18, 2026 3:20:50 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Margaret Wildermann
Date: February 18, 2026 3:22:42 pm

Existing structure which was demolish did not go through permitting process. It is an historical structure owned by the citizens of the United States. Any new structure must comply with guidelines for permitting and regulations of historical properties. The proposed new building does not conform to the guidelines, would be out of place in size and design and ruin the White House. The east wing exterior must be rebuilt to conform to the size, design and quality of the existing remaining building and previous east wing. It must not be of a significantly larger footprint or height. The existing plans must be denied, new plans must fit construction guidelines for restoring an historic building. I am opposed to the existing plans.

Name: April Kelley
Date: February 18, 2026 3:23:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lauren Wise
Date: February 18, 2026 3:24:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Morgan
Date: February 18, 2026 3:24:18 pm

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. Commissioners need to hear directly from the public. The American people deserve “an opportunity to provide comments and shape the project."
I do not support anything this large. The size of the former East Wing was in the scale and style that worked well.

Name: Judy West
Date: February 18, 2026 3:24:35 pm

I VEHEMENTLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled.

1. President Trump stated he WOULD NOT TOUCH the East Wing and then he, without telling the American people, tore it down completely. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design AND President Trump needs to pay for this rebuild out of the millions, if not billions, he has made during the one year in the White House.

2. Presidents come and go and are residents of the PEOPLE’s House. WE own the White House! Our taxes have pay for this. We shouldn’t have to pay for the damage any resident does to it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

3. We don’t want an enormous ball room which would dwarf the White House either. We have roads, bridges, and other infrastructure that is in desperate need of repairing and rebuilding. All of this needs doing, but not this!

Name: Ernest Secrest
Date: February 18, 2026 3:24:50 pm

This absurd. It’s not a party house. It will dwarf the rest of the White House. He’s destroying everything.

Name: Linda Carlson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:24:57 pm

We have no kings. Trump's decision to do whatever he wants whenever he wants flies in the face of everything I was taught about the three branches of government and their checks and balances. He has been allowed to grab too much power. His sudden demolishment of the east wing, in spite of his original promise to not touch the existing structure, seemed designed to keep anyone from stopping him. He should have obtaned the required approvals first. I am so thankful that he is finally being challenged.

Name: Anne Erling
Date: February 18, 2026 3:24:57 pm

I write to oppose the replacement of the East Wing of the White House with a giant ballroom. The East Wing should never have been abolished -- it was illegal to do so and does not represent the will of the American people. The money used to pay for the demolition -- our tax dollars -- should be repaid, and the East Wing should be restored to its historical design with the use of new money secured from fines against those who pushed and allowed this travesty to happen. We deserve accountability for the absolute outrage of razing the East Wing and restoration of the building to its historic grandeur.

Name: Marilyn Langolf
Date: February 18, 2026 3:25:08 pm

I am TOTALLY AGAINST building TRUMP'S BALLROOM! Please block this from happening AND rebuild the EAST WING!
The White House is a national landmark and belongs to the PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES!

Name: Michelle Mayfield
Date: February 18, 2026 3:25:29 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic

design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Barbara Borer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:26:05 pm

I oppose this project as it is a large blight on the historic White House property. The spending of $300 million on this grotesque project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is an abomination. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to meet an outdated vision of a public space. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to complement, not overwhelm, the White House complex and design at the wrecker’s expense. EVERYONE should follow the law and protocols established. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Whittier
Date: February 18, 2026 3:26:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Hicks
Date: February 18, 2026 3:26:34 pm

I oppose any changes to the original White House plans. Rebuild the destroyed wing exactly how it was. This has been a shameful scam. Put the People's house back as it was.

Name: Ellen Gavin
Date: February 18, 2026 3:26:38 pm

I am so horrified to see this destruction done in the middle of the night, without authorization, reviews or approvals. The beautiful events, conversations, tears, celebrations and learnings that have taken place there! Now gone without a trace. Destroyed by ego, power and supremely bad taste. It is a crime against all Americans that we have a President who is so thoughtless and cruel. Stop this project and restore the East Wing!

Name: Mary Branam
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Eric Stitt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:15 pm

I stand in opposition to the destruction of the East Wing. This president is intending to build an audacious ballroom that will stand as a testament to his corruption, and I don't want that for this country or its citizens. The East Wing should be rebuilt to the same specifications it was built before. The ballroom is unnecessary and we don't want it. Also, the cost is outlandish and is a way for rich billionaires to buy favor with this criminal president. It must be stopped. He must be stopped. We need people to stand against this corruption.

Name: Elaine Jensen
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:39 pm

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project and proposed ballroom addition.

I feel that the addition of a ballroom to the White House and grounds is generally a good idea. However, I must voice my concern that the destruction of the East Wing was not necessary in order to complete the ballroom and it certainly should have been approved by the appropriate authorities before demolition. At your meeting on January, I heard the Administration representative say that the reason the demo was not approved beforehand was something "top secret". Afterwards, I believe the architect said it was due to structure damage, poor wiring and water intrusion. Whatever the reasons, I feel that had this been discussed with the CFA and your committee, that renovations could have been done to fix any issues and preserve the structure instead of a complete demolition of a historic section of The People's House.

As Commissioner Mendelson mentioned, the entire project should have been presented to your committee instead of a post East Wing demolition proposal..
I also agree with Mr. Mendelson's concerns regarding the size of the ballroom structure and how it will blend with the existing White House complex. Now is the time to evaluate how this addition will change the previously balanced appearance. My feeling is that it is out of proportion and too large. I would call it unsightly.
Does it really need to be almost 90,000 square feet to accommodate the 1000 seat capacity and house the additional event facilities (kitchen, bathrooms, etc)

In years past, when I walked by the White House, I always admired the balance, beauty and serenity of the grounds. I fear that this will no longer be what I see and that is sad.

If I were to have one more comment, it would be the disappointment in the removal of the historic trees from the grounds in order to build this ballroom. I would ask that when this project is nearing completion and landscaping is being decided, that you work with NPS and landscapers to replace the trees that were removed and require that new plantings are native to Eastern North America. We have many beautiful native plants that benefit native pollinators and wildlife and for the grounds In our Capitol, the only appropriate plants will be ones that belong here.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to following your decisions in this matter.

Name: Laura Ray Warren
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:55 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million for the construction of a ballroom.

I want the project canceled and the East Wing structure rebuilt with historical accuracy.

Name: Thomas Lawson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:27:57 pm

I read this conment online and agree completely. "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

IN addition. Penatties for all the contractors, designers, permit specialists, and lwayers involved regarding the demolition should be prosecuted or fined for what has happened.
Also: a new project design must be approved 100% by Historical Preservation.
All roles that worked on the project up to demolition will be replaced with approval of Historical PReservation Board.
Design for the Building WILL, adhear to all preservation requirements approved by the Historical Review board and return the East Wing to a Similar look, feel and design as the Pre-demolition Wing.

Monies donated for this project will be used to repair the damage that has been done and not be used to pay personal or business fines that have resulted from the damage that has been done to the East Wing.

Name: Katherine Dean
Date: February 18, 2026 3:28:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all .
Thank you,
Katherine B Dean

Name: Rebecca Wells
Date: February 18, 2026 3:28:19 pm

I strongly oppose this project. Please restore the East Wing to its original condition.

Name: Lynne Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 3:28:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jacqueline Kaja
Date: February 18, 2026 3:28:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $400+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The images of the unauthorized destruction of the "People's House" made me sick and still haunts me. And of course, having private elite donors begs the question of what are their motives? Possibly seeking influence? Feels corrupt to me. We don't need it. We didn't ask for it. We don't want it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Dawn Abeita
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:14 pm

The tearing down of part of the White House without the participation of the people and without permits or plans is illegal. Whoever did this should be in jail. But now it’s done. I admit the country could use a ballroom, but not that monstrosity that dwarfs the White House. Scale it down and set it back so its front is well behind the front of the White House.

Name: Roni Lasher
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:14 pm

I oppose the building of this massive ballroom and would like to see the east wing restored.

Name: Kathy Eilbes
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:26 pm

I definitely and strongly oppose the totally unnecessary destruction of the East Wing of the White House! The White House is the people’s house. Presidents are only temporary occupants during the time they hold the office. Please do not allow this desecration of the people’s house to continue!

Name: Dean Newman
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million (in questionably sourced funds) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Blevins
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:48 pm

Please stop the insanity of this "modernization" project. Having a building that was built in 1902, and was part of the White House, demolished purely to satisfy the ego of the POTUS is unacceptable.

Name: Jaime Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:29:54 pm

I am writing to say that I strongly oppose the current demolishing of the East Wing of the White House and the plans for a corporate sponsored ballroom. It's hard to think of something so grotesque as the people's house being sponsored like it's a football stadium. What's next? "This session of Congress brought to you by Tostitos" or "Don't forget to vote at your local Chick-fil-A!" Shameful, self-indulgent, and a pitiful reflection of what our country should both be and project to the rest of the world. Embarrassing. This cannot be who we are.

Name: Tiffany Kammermeyer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:30:02 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and construction of the unapproved ballroom on the White House, the people’s house. This project was not researched, funded, or approved per legal process and has created an eye sore now and would be an eye sore if allowed to be built. The aesthetic is not in alignment with the White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was with modern code considered.

Name: Paul Erskine
Date: February 18, 2026 3:30:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Bratt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:30:36 pm

While I have no problem with having a ballroom added to the White House, It must follow the proper planning, approval and permitting process. I feel like the one in progress is too big and has not been officially approved.

Name: Kathryn Hughett
Date: February 18, 2026 3:30:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: William Tuttle
Date: February 18, 2026 3:31:28 pm

Please put an end to the desecration of the people's house by this administration!
Thank you!

Name: Sean Brennan
Date: February 18, 2026 3:31:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Wise
Date: February 18, 2026 3:32:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Name: Laura Berget
Date: February 18, 2026 3:32:35 pm

I believe the White House belongs to the people and therefore should not be changed without the people being heavily involved in the process. It represents our country and our nation and should never represent one man's vision. This is a project that should take a substantial amount of time and planning to make sure that the voices of all have representation. To me that's what it means when the constitution says "promote the general welfare".

Name: Robert Santangelo
Date: February 18, 2026 3:32:37 pm

I stand firmly opposed to the so-called "East Wing Modernization" project that resulted in the unlawful destruction of a historic portion of the White House known as the East Wing. The East Wing is not a personal asset to be demolished, redesigned, or repurposed at the whim of any administration. It is part of the people's house — a symbol of continuity, history, and democratic stewardship.

The decision by the Trump administration to tear down a historic section under the guise of "modernization" reflects a troubling disregard for preservation laws, institutional norms, and the public trust. Major alterations to nationally significant historic structures demand transparency, legal compliance, and respect for process. Those standards were not met.

Historic preservation is not partisan. Respect for the rule of law is not optional. And stewardship of national landmarks is a responsibility — not an entitlement.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose granting any further approvals related to this project and call for full accountability, restoration where possible, and adherence to the laws designed to protect our shared heritage.

Name: Kimberly Hodges
Date: February 18, 2026 3:32:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Arlene Laudo
Date: February 18, 2026 3:32:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kim Lohman
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Jane Atwater
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Burt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:41 pm

I am opposed to Trump's ballroom project. He ordered the East Wing demolished without consultation with anyone, a breach of appropriate process unfortunately typical for his administration. His proposal is for funding by oligarchs, who will undoubtedly want a quid for their pro quo. The White House and its attachments are not the possessions of this president or of any other private party--they belong to us the People. The lawless demolition of the East Wing should not be rewarded by a building of Trump's own design or order.

Rather, Congress should appropriate funds either to restore the East Wing building to its historical appearance and functions, or if that is not possible, turn the site into simple but well maintained green space.

Thank you for soliciting comments from us.

Name: Warren Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:43 pm

This project is an atrocity and should not be allowed to continue. The proposed project ignore historical precedent and is an architectural and artistic abomination. Cancel this project and propose a project to restore the East Wing as historically accurate as practical instead.

Name: Norman Birch
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:47 pm

Totally out of scale. Hideously expensive. Like the wall this will become a taxpayer obligation. No oversight

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Name: MaryBeth Niziol
Date: February 18, 2026 3:33:57 pm

I oppose spending money on this project. It was done without proper oversight. Nothing more should happen until proper procedures are followed. It is disgraceful that the tearing down was done in such a brazen manner, disregarding all proper protocols.

Name: Jacqueline OBrien
Date: February 18, 2026 3:34:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mason Barnett
Date: February 18, 2026 3:34:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is an unneccesary use of resources.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Terri Patwell
Date: February 18, 2026 3:34:39 pm

Concur with the wrongful razing of the east wing of the white house and the egregious plan to build a trump worthy ballroom. Which is just sitting in rumbles. Needs a serious review, fiscal fines to those who authorized and rebuilding to maintain the historical integrity.

Name: Deborah Goehring
Date: February 18, 2026 3:34:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jessica Iliff List
Date: February 18, 2026 3:35:12 pm

I strongly oppose allocating $300 million to this project, which commenced without proper authorization, permits, or a comprehensive review. Referring to it as a "modernization project" blatantly misrepresents its true intent: the deliberate erasure of critical chapters of American history. This not only undermines our nation’s heritage but also fosters a dangerous precedent of rewriting facts to suit political agendas.

I urge you to halt this project immediately and instead prioritize the full restoration of the EAST WING to its historically accurate original design. Accountability is non-negotiable—no individual or administration should be permitted to act above the law. All officials involved in this unlawful directive must be investigated and held fully responsible for violating legal standards and betraying the public trust.

Name: Steve Micco
Date: February 18, 2026 3:35:13 pm

I am totally befuddled how someone who has absolutely NO say in Our National Treasures can just systematically dismantle Historical buildings on a whim! The East Wing of The White House needs to be restored to its former self 100% in its entirety, and every cent to restore this Nationally Sacred Building to its former glory cone from this disgusting excuse for a human beings so called billionaire donations!

Name: Sarah Avery
Date: February 18, 2026 3:35:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the administration's proposed ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jo Ann Wickizer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:35:55 pm

The White House is the people’s house, and only the temporary residence of presidents who occupy it during their tenure. Donald Trump had no right to tear down the East Wing without going through the proper approval channels. I strongly oppose the building of the ballroom monstrosity that Trump is trying to ram through. I feel he should restore it to the way it was at his own expense. If he wants to make changes of this magnitude, he should then go through the approval process.

Name: Diana Smelt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:36:02 pm

I oppose this project! It was started without authorization, without an approved design and without the permits and approval required. The person or persons that ordered and allowed destruction of the East Wing of the people’s house must also be charged with whatever crimes are appropriate. No one is above the law. Thank you for seeking comments.

Name: Karen Bryda
Date: February 18, 2026 3:36:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Teresa Doemling
Date: February 18, 2026 3:37:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an erasure of American history. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donald Levy
Date: February 18, 2026 3:37:38 pm

I strongly object to the East Wing/ballroom propsal submitted by the President, and am offended by his cavalier, ill-advised, and uncredentialled destruction of public property. I suggest that he should be required to rebuild at his expense that which was destroyed by his wanton diregard of propriety, procedural due process, and general good taste. As a former staff member of the American Institute of Architects and as a long-time consultant to the built enviroments organizations, I am sensitive to both the design and the meaning of the built enviroment. The White House is a world-recognized symbol of the American Ideal, and has a graciousness that Trump will never understand. He should not be allowed to sully that image.

Name: Lindsay Burleigh
Date: February 18, 2026 3:37:40 pm

I oppose the public spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 3:37:59 pm

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Name: Beth Arrindell
Date: February 18, 2026 3:38:12 pm

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Name: Mary Maynard
Date: February 18, 2026 3:38:13 pm

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I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Julie Kizershot
Date: February 18, 2026 3:38:14 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion. I urge that no temporary resident of that house or any other federal building make changes or adjustments to it without going through proper protocol and the people. Any legitimate government in a democracy serves the needs of the people not a party or a man.

Name: L.A. Mata
Date: February 18, 2026 3:38:34 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House Ballroom project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review and therefore should not have been allowed to move forward. It is clearly not a modernization project or renovation. It is however a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of those individuals involved in the demolition of the former East Wing - NOT at the tax payers expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Crichton
Date: February 18, 2026 3:38:44 pm

I’m appalled at the destruction of the East Wing for the Ballroom personal vanity project. A huge portion of American history was lost; the East Wing should be rebuilt to its former glory. The Ballroom serves no purpose to the general public, the funds allocated for it should go for the East Wing.

Name: Wendy Sellers
Date: February 18, 2026 3:39:52 pm

No golden ballrooom that will dwarf the White House and give this president yet another way to shake down people for money!
Do NOT reward this president for tearing down the East Wing of the People's House without seeking authorization. This is NOT his house.
The money billionaires are providing as bribes for this president's approval could and should be used for projects that benefit U.S. residents. The money should NOT go to build something that the rest of us will never even see.
NO GOLDEN BALLROOM! And while you're at it, remove his name from the Kennedy Center... and the National Parks Pass... and...

Name: Bonnie Yantis
Date: February 18, 2026 3:40:44 pm

The destruction of the WH is appalling. And against the law.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Kim Sammons
Date: February 18, 2026 3:40:49 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Erin Murrah-Mandril
Date: February 18, 2026 3:41:41 pm

This project is a desecration of the White House and all it stands for. The demolition failed to follow proper procedures. The funding of the ballroom is rife for corruption. I do not want private sector transnational corporations bribing our government officials by funding their pet projects. The planned ballroom is itself hideous and disproportionate to the White House. The East Wing is the traditional space of First Ladies and its demolition is an erasure of their work and history. Most of all, the U.S. has policies and procedures in place to ensue that the government follows the will of the people with checked and balance. No one is above the law. This project attempted to circumvent approval and must be held accountable. The East Wing must be rebuilt to its former specifications.

Name: Thomas Mulry
Date: February 18, 2026 3:41:50 pm

Sir or Madam:

i am heartbroken and disgusted by the wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House. We were told the proposed "ballroom" would be separate from the White House. I was not thrilled with the idea of the ballroom - and was horrified to see that we were lied to and the East Wing was destroyed on someone's whim.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely, Thomas Mulry

Name: Victoria Vanhuss
Date: February 18, 2026 3:42:15 pm

The White House grounds are far more than a backdrop to presidential life— they are a national symbol — the People's House — and part of the White House National Historic Landmark designation. In the early 20th century and before World War II, the grounds were significantly more open to the public, allowing visitors to walk and gather in ways that reflected an idea of democratic access to civic landscapes.

Significant work to unify and shape the site came in 1934–35, when Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. prepared a comprehensive plan that reorganized circulation, preserved long-standing trees, and strengthened the spatial coherence of the grounds after many piecemeal presidential alterations. Olmsted Jr., following the democratic and egalitarian landscape philosophy pioneered by his father, emphasized that such public green spaces should reflect both continuity and accessibility — qualities that help connect generations and embody civic stewardship.

Today, a controversial project to build a roughly 90,000-square-foot structure— complete with offices and a 22,000 square foot ballroom— on the site of the former East Wing is underway under President Donald Trump's administration. Demolition of portions of the East Wing to prepare for this addition began in late 2025 and has drawn strong criticism from preservationists and legal challenges because it proceeded before full historic review and approval processes were completed, and without broad public input.

This shift — from a landscape historically characterized by relative openness and careful, incremental change to one marked by rapid, large-scale alteration — raises questions about the balance between institutional priorities and democratic restraint. The White House grounds are on public land and carry deep historic values; changes to their form and use resonate beyond architecture and lawn layout. They touch on how we, as a nation, steward shared symbols of democracy and civic life.

When changes are proposed for National Historic Landmarks, especially ones as iconic as the White House grounds, there is a broad expectation — both legal and cultural — that reviews consider not only preservation standards but also public-good values, transparency, and democratic engagement. Without careful consideration of these broader implications, we risk eroding not only bricks, mortar, and green space but the very ideals those grounds are meant to represent.

Attachment

Name: Alice Ohlinger
Date: February 18, 2026 3:42:26 pm

I want the old East wing restored to its original specifications. The proposed changes are garish in nature and not to any scale appropriate to the simple sophistication and reverence that the White House commands. This addition would be a monstrosity in direct contradiction to the values of what our country represents. It needs to remain the People's House and not become a party palace.

Name: Cindy Delpapa
Date: February 18, 2026 3:42:32 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed ballroom at the White House and utter dismay that the East Wing was destroyed without public notice or comment. As the White House is the people's House, the fast track push to build a unneeded ballroom with little opportunity for deliberation and without the consent and vote of Congress is unamerican. There are other ballroom available within the government complexes in DC. The scale of the proposed ballroom will result in an aesthetically displeasing result - over shadowing the actual White House. I object to the funding method- to allow private corporations to subsidize the building is unethical. I thin the ballroom's style and size is not in keeping with the People's House. This is an ill conceived undertaking.

Name: David Behling
Date: February 18, 2026 3:42:34 pm

Thank you for receiving written comments from people who cannot make it to in person meetings. What happened to the East Wing of the White House is despicable, the product of decisions made by a man who only wants his name on as many public buildings as possible. Is there even an option to recreate the East Wing as it used to be? Will the same donors willing to curry favor with Trump by funding an unnecessary and ugly "ball room" for billionaires also willing to put their funds behind a restoration of what the historical structure used to be? Please have the courage to stand up to the bully in the Oval Office!

Name: Pieter van Houten
Date: February 18, 2026 3:42:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jessica Ries
Date: February 18, 2026 3:43:00 pm

I oppose spending 30 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization project, instead it is a complete razing of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing the law breakers would be an insult to law abiding citizens across the country.

Name: Anita Hartsock
Date: February 18, 2026 3:43:07 pm

Without permission or permits a piece of our history was torn to the ground. I oppose spending money to build a ballroom to feed an ego over the will of the people. This is the People’s House. The East Wing should be restored. Aside from the illegality of this, the ballroom drawings do not fit the theme of the house, and frankly, would make it look like a lopsided hotel that belongs on a golf course, not the dignified home and office it once was. It will be an eyesore, not a feature. Restore the East Wing and stop destroying our house.

Name: John Tostado
Date: February 18, 2026 3:43:09 pm

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Name: stephen wolfe
Date: February 18, 2026 3:43:27 pm

I'm completely unsure WHY I should need to comment on such a shameless and extraordinary and blatant disregard of rules, law and history. This is a national TRAVESTY.

Name: Cynthia Becton
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:00 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

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Name: Shirley Stroble
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:03 pm

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maryann Girardi
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:07 pm

I am opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review! Calling it a modernization project is wrong! The East Wing was completely destroyed without any discussion with the American people (or their elected representatives) as to the scope and purpose of the project. The structure and it's history have been taken from the American People without consent or due process. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to it's former design and those responsible for it's destruction held financially responsible for all costs associated with the rebuilding of the East Wing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Martha Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:19 pm

Destroying the East Wing of our historic White House is a desecration! The proposed ballroom is unneeded and would overwhelm the White House itself.
This abomination must not be allowed!

Name: Sarah Marty
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:23 pm

My first concern is the lack of accountability for process and legal procedures. The East Wing was demolished without permission and no one has been held accountable. What's to stop the current administration from demolishing The West Wing next? Or decide to demolish or erect monuments as part of the National Mall?

My second concern is that The White House itself should be the center (visually, square footage, weight) of the building complex. This plan is grossly weighted towards a ballroom/party room which is completely out of balance with everything else around it. The ballroom is even on the same plane as the front of The White House - while The West Wing is stepped back, lower in height, and much smaller in size.

The aerial view of The White House and the buildings immediately to the left and to the right of it show symmetry in design and make it very clear that The Ballroom is vastly out of proportion in relation to The White House and The West Wing (page 3 and page 20). The renderings should include The West Wing so there is a clear representation of scale on pages 13, 14, 15, and 19. The massive contrast in scale is clearly evident in image 20 and 21 which shows The Ballroom

dwarfing The White House and The West Wing. While I appreciate the removal of the pediment on the South End, the giant Parthenon style columns on the end of the ballroom and the huge pediment on the side of the building, again, dwarf the proportions of The White House itself.

Lastly, there are plenty of conference and event spaces in Washington DC which could serve as host spaces for the few State Dinners that take pla ce each year. The Waldorf Astoria's Presidential Ballroom in the Old Post Office comes to mind. This "East Wing modernization and ballroom addition" is an obscene project of ego, not necessity. Those who support and vote for this project will carry that stain as their legacy.

Name: Barbara Cohen-King
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:30 pm

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She given permission to post it here. I agree with her 1000%. The razing of the former East Wing is a tragedy of immense proportions. The project should be named "The illegal Destruction of the East Wing Reparations Project. "
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Name: Kathryn Ruzicka
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:34 pm

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing is an absolute tragedy for this nation. Erasing our history will not improve our present or future.
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Name: Linda Sharkey
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:42 pm

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Name: Marilyn Ribinson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:44:59 pm

We the people want our historical east wing reconstructed as before. It must be funded by the vandal that destroyed it! People need to held responsible! If I ruined something that belonged to another I would be required to pay to have it properly replaced! Thank you so much!

Name: Deanna Forgey
Date: February 18, 2026 3:45:10 pm

This is the People's House not President Trump's private residence. He did not go through proper channels to perform either tearing down the West Wing or adding a ballroom in its place. As a historical place for this country, he has broken the law. Please put a stop to it.

Name: Cornelia Beliveau
Date: February 18, 2026 3:45:42 pm

I am writing to plea for a stop of this so-called East Wing Modernization Project. This is far from a modernization, but rather a a complete overhaul of this portion of the White House. The demolition ensued without appropriate Congressional approval or the necessary permits. Furthermore, this is a public building belonging to the American people, not a personal asset of the current nor any future occupant. I implore this committee to act according to the rules set by Congress for construction or changes to federal buildings. I believe that a substantive fine be imposed on the current occupant, who has acted unlawfully in this case.

Name: Charlotte Procter
Date: February 18, 2026 3:45:48 pm

I oppose this project. I want this project cancelled. This project started without going through the proper steps of authorization, permits, and design review. The citizens of the United States of America, whether through our representatives or the proper committees and commissions, were not allowed to give input before it was initiated.
This is not a Modernization Project, and does not compare to the proper modernization other administrations have completed to the White House of the USA.
If a ballroom is needed to allow our great nation to host events without having to temporarily install tents on the lawn, then it can and must be done with a plan that will be approved to ensure it is contained to a conservative size which serves that purpose, complements existing structures without damaging them, and requires the exterior and interior design to be tasteful and match the classic architecture and design of our historic buildings.
I am devastated that part of our history was demolished and that we the citizens of the United States were initially lied to and misled about the size of the ballroom and its location in relation to the White House.
No one in our country, no matter their position or office, is above the law. No one should be allowed to circumvent any requirements, rules, and laws. This was a project of pride and demonstrates that the current administration does not respect our country. The people who initiated this project and encouraged it to advance violating the standard procedures for historical site modifications should be penalized.

Name: Claude Arsenault
Date: February 18, 2026 3:45:49 pm

I am highly opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project as it is an affront to the history of the White House itself, the US Capital and the American people. The building must to be restored to its original design.

Name: Ann Marie Donnermeyer
Date: February 18, 2026 3:46:11 pm

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Name: Gayle Stever
Date: February 18, 2026 3:46:27 pm

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Date: February 18, 2026 3:46:59 pm

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Name: Terri Curtis
Date: February 18, 2026 3:47:13 pm

Restore the east wing of the White House. Trump had no right to tear down the building.

Name: Kate Lindeman-Schutt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:47:14 pm

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Zachary Teich
Date: February 18, 2026 3:47:31 pm

A ballroom that would be used a handful of times per year cannot be allowed to overshadow the White House itself. It must blend harmoniously with that building. To that end, your organization should ensure that the approved design is no larger in any dimension than the White House.

Name: Laura Angelo
Date: February 18, 2026 3:47:35 pm

I strongly oppose the current design for an East Wing 900+ sq ft ballroom addition. Any addition's size and design should not overwhelm the White House and West Wing, but should visually be in accordance with them. Many administrations have successfully hosted large events without the need to build a massive ballroom. Also, corporate donors may have donated funds for a large ballroom, but American taxpayers will pay the cost of maintaining it and that is wrong. There are other priorities such as education, infrastructure, and medical research to name a few. Lastly, any additions should also be approved by the members of the CFA and OGB, not whatever administration is currently in office.

Name: Jane Ishii
Date: February 18, 2026 3:47:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the

proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bea Momsen
Date: February 18, 2026 3:47:47 pm

To try to move people away from the Epstein files, Trump has desecrated The White House - the people's house,His vows are to build something so huge that his name will be forever. This must be stopped!

Name: Patricia Davenport
Date: February 18, 2026 3:48:15 pm

This project must not be allowed to continue. The administration destroyed the East Wing without any legal permission or public input. To defile historic building that belongs to the American people is unconscionable. The East Wing should be restored to its original form immediately. The proposed plan would make the White House look ridiculous as if it had an airplane hanger attached to it. Please do your duty and protect this beautiful building from further damage and destruction. Thank you.

Name: Katherine Donovan
Date: February 18, 2026 3:48:33 pm

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Name: Diana Rabideau
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:01 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve constructions without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Gayle K Brunelle
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:11 pm

As a professional historian, I am horrified at the razing of the East Wing without the slightest consultation with professional historians regarding the historical importance of the building. No one is above the law. If my neighbor razed their garage without a permit, the municipal officials would be all over them. If the owners of a historic building in my hometown tore off and rebuilt a side porch without consultation and a permit, they'd risk jail time and/or a huge fine. The President tears down the East Wing with no public consultation or opportunities for anyone outside his inner circle to weigh in, and nothing happens? The White House is a historic building that belongs to the American people. The current President is merely a tenant. This should not be allowed to stand.

Name: Paul Parrish
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:16 pm

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"copied and pasted from another writer but reflects my thoughts completely"

Name: Jan Schmitt
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:24 pm

This is and should not be a priority.

Tearing it down and defacing our nation’s house should probably be viewed as a crime.

Please proceed with accountability for future, and due diligence to regain some form of respect to history.

Thank you.
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Name: Janet Waterhouse
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:31 pm

I oppose the completion of this project , which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you, Janet Waterhouse

Name: Jeanne Frey
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:41 pm

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Thank you

Name: Rachael Collazo
Date: February 18, 2026 3:49:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I also work for local government. The sheer amount of paperwork, permit pulling and architectural reviews that have to be undergone for any building project in my community is time consuming and for many builders tedious but it serves a purpose to make sure that what is built in my small city is in compliance with zoning ordinances and codes. The fact that this has been done without going through or consulting the proper channels is mind boggling

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Name: Louise Conant
Date: February 18, 2026 3:50:29 pm

I'm appalled and deeply shaken to see photos of our White House with a wing ripped off, and a huge golden replacement planned. This is the people's house, and to see it becoming an imperial monument, in keeping with the other changes made Ito glorify one man, is horrifying. Those who support this project, or fail to oppose it, must be condemned, and the project itself must be abandoned, the more modest East Wing and Rose Garden restored to us.

Name: Albert Storm
Date: February 18, 2026 3:51:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Regina Fragneto
Date: February 18, 2026 3:51:36 pm

I am writing to oppose the White House modernization project. The majesty of our country’s iconic White House is being destroyed by this project which involves a structure that is architecturally incompatible with the rest of the building. The White House belongs to our nation, not Mr. Trump, and he should not be allowed to destroy the history and beauty of the building without any oversight.

Name: Carl Elefante
Date: February 18, 2026 3:51:48 pm

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Name: BOBBIE LINTON
Date: February 18, 2026 3:51:57 pm

WE THE PEOPLE did not give consent to demolish our East Wing and demand that it be replaced immediately and very personally at the destroyers’ expense from his own pocket that he has already stuffed full with ill-gotten gains and bribery. WE THE PEOPLE demand that the word “Trump” NOT be added to any property that belongs to WE THE PEOPLE. Presidents are only allowed to occupy the White House temporarily for up to 8 years only and may update it tastefully on behalf of WE THE PEOPLE and should not degrade it in any way.

Name: Rebecca Segers
Date: February 18, 2026 3:52:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Alison Cooper-Mullin
Date: February 18, 2026 3:53:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please vote against it.

Name: Carol Brock
Date: February 18, 2026 3:53:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bernadette Dore
Date: February 18, 2026 3:53:33 pm

I COMPLETELY OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Renata Boteler
Date: February 18, 2026 3:53:55 pm

I do not approve of this project. When members of this administration point to this as
“ You will have a beautiful ballroom that you can be proud of “, what I see is an empty spot where the East Wing of the White House should be. The fact that this travesty was done without permission or legal permits is another slap in the face to 99% of the American public.
It’s not My ballroom. I will never step foot in it because I am not a member of the 1% billionaires club (and I wouldn’t want to rub elbows with that trashy bunch of S O B’s anyway).

Name: Wayne Oberti
Date: February 18, 2026 3:54:09 pm

So glad Trump is upgrading this and other sites in DC without using taxpayer money. He is a builder, a restore. Hope he continues to do more.

Name: Debra Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 3:54:21 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was unauthorized. The perpetrators of that abomination should not be rewarded by being allowed to build something which is not in keeping with the esthetics of the people’s White House.

Please enforce the laws and regulations which protect our treasured American historical buildings and sites.

Name: Linda Coulston
Date: February 18, 2026 3:54:26 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am appalled by the disrespect and disregard Mr. Trump has shown to the Nation's historic White House. His appalling design for a huge, out-of-place ballroom will significantly diminish the character of one of our most time-honored and famous architectural landmarks.
I fully support opposing any further construction on the deplorable monstrosity.

Sincerely,

Linda Coulston

Name: Ken Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 3:54:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marsha Langford
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:19 pm

The demolition of the East Wing is a profound loss. An historic building that stood as part of our shared civic and architectural heritage has now been erased. Whatever the stated intentions, once a structure of historic significance is torn down, it cannot truly be replaced. Preservation is a responsibility, and in this case, that responsibility was not upheld.

Now, the proposal to construct a large, gilded ballroom in its place raises further concern. Such a grandiose addition appears architecturally incompatible with the character and scale of the surrounding structures. Historic settings call for restraint and thoughtful design, not spectacle. A ballroom of this magnitude risks overwhelming the site and diminishing the integrity of what remains.

Beyond aesthetics, the need for such an expansive and ornate structure has not been clearly justified. In a time when communities face pressing priorities, investing in an opulent hall sends the wrong message about values and stewardship.

While the East Wing can no longer be saved, decision-makers can still choose a path that respects the historic context and architectural harmony of this space. I urge reconsideration of the scale and style of the proposed ballroom and a renewed commitment to preserving what remains of our shared heritage.

Name: Susan Matthews
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jan Heppner
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. At the same time, the Jacqueline Kennedy garden should also be restored to its original design.

Name: Jim Lipscomb
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:39 pm

Put it back the way it was!

Name: Cheryl Olin
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:43 pm

The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not to whomever occupies it temporarily. There are rules and regulations about making any changes to the structure of this historical building. The demolition of the East Wing was done with no permit, no permission, no warning, and obviously no coherent thought. This desecration of a piece of American history is immoral and must be stopped immediately.

The graceful East Wing is sadly gone, but it can be rebuilt, as it should be. But not a single person in the Trump administration should be allowed to participate in any discussion, design, or contracting of the rebuilding. No one in the current administration can be trusted.

Name: Debra Hines
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:47 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project! The White House is not owned by the presiding president. My heart aches for what is happening to our Country’s historic residence without approval by Congress or we, the people. I don’t want my taxpayer dollars used for this project.

Name: Carol Reeg
Date: February 18, 2026 3:55:55 pm

I'm horrified by the destruction of the east wing with all its portraits and historical furniture in favor of a huge room for the ultra wealthy to celebrate themselves.

Name: Marilyn McMorrow
Date: February 18, 2026 3:56:27 pm

The United States has a short-term elected President, but a monarchy. The White House serves as a residence for the President and family and also provides an office wing. However, the White House is not and was never intended to be a "palace." It is not appropriate for the White House facility to include a huge and luxuriously appointed Ballroom that will stand empty most of the time.

Even if the money is from private donations, a President should not solicit donors for a project like that. Rather the President could motivate donors to use their funds for projects that would benefit the public at large and be fully accessible to the public at large.

When the President, as Head of State, finds it necessary to host a State Dinner, there are already formal rooms in the White House. And if the crowd, for some reason, needs to be "large," on rare occasions, then there is no problem with renting the temporary tents.

If we care about maintaining our democracy of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, then we ought to make sure that our "public" buildings are designed to serve that end and never indicate a movement away from that end and toward what signals monarchy, "Versailles Light," etc. For shame.

Name: Megan Shaw
Date: February 18, 2026 3:56:53 pm

As a US Citizen, I am appalled. This writing is about my horror of watching the East Wing of the White House being torn down by heavy machinery on my computer screen. I live in Colorado, and while it has come to my attention that we are

all an abomination and traitors, we do have rules for historic properties. Say I owned one of these precious historic homes or lived in one of these historic districts, I would have a vast amount of rules of what I can and can't do to the property. Rules such as ALL exterior changes (roofing, siding, paint colors, fences, or additions) would have to be submitted and approved to make sure they do not harm the historic character. I would be encouraged to use materials that match the original. I would be responsible for maintaining this important historic property. That would be part of the agreement of owning or residing in the historic home. You know what I can't do? Bring in a bunch of heavy equipment and just knock it the hell down because I feel like it. If I did, there would be big consequences. I imagine I would pay!

You know who actually lives in a VERY important historic home in this country? Dare I say this historic home is vastly more important than any historical home in Colorado. Yes, that is correct, the sitting US President. One might have been under the naive impression, that someone is protecting this extremely important historic home. It appears that notion is mistaken. I have watched the treasured White House Rose Garden be turned into a patio that looks like any dated country club across this nation. I have watched gold veneer appliques being attached to seemingly everything. I guess these things can be undone. Not sure why the taxpayers have to pay for it to be done and then (hopefully) undone, these things do seem reversible. I imagine some amazing rose varieties were lost though.

As for the rubble or vacant lot of the former East Wing, who is going to pay for that? Who is going to be held responsible? FYI, I can't tell if it is rubble or a vacant lot because Google maps has not updated the picture yet, but it does reference the East Wing as "Closed". Perhaps "MIA", "Gone", or "No longer" would be a better description. The East Wing being the working office of the First Lady just can't be lost on me as a female of this nation. The destruction of the East Wing feels exactly like it does being a woman of this nation. Given no respect, no care, no consideration and treated exactly however the most powerful person feels is justified. It is a disgrace. As far as what should happen now, I only know two things, 1) it should NOT be a ballroom that is bigger than the actual White House, 2) it should not be decided by the sitting President or any other future one either. It should be decided by people who actually give a damn and have education and knowledge of the history. I do know exactly who should pay for it (both the demolition and the reconstruction) and that is the current sitting President with his own funds as he created the problem and he should pay.

Please make this right. We are desperate in this country for something to be made right.

Name: Sandra Figge
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:01 pm

This illegal project needs to be stopped immediately. It’s an affront to Americans to have our White House treated like it is Trump’s personal property. Please right this wrong!

Name: M. Washington
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:04 pm

This project got an illegal start, based in the vanity of a man who surely has nothing to crow about. He destroyed a portion of the People's House out of spite, in order to build an unnecessary venue, outsized and outside the historic nature of said house. It is more than likely that he wants to use the so-called ballroom as he does mar-a-lago: a rental for parties unattached to the government or any such uses. It will be just one more way for him to fleece the people of the USA. It should be laughed out of town. And the East Wing should be restored to its former state, with absolutely no input from the criminal in the White House.

Name: Theresa Lange
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pamela Woodward
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:17 pm

This project should not be approved. The premature destruction of the East Wing was unlawful and should not be tolerated. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to the existing specs at the time of demolition. This is the People’s house, not the President’s. The proposed addition is out of proportion to the existing White House structure. Thank you.

Name: Susan Katz
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:22 pm

I can't describe the horror of everyone I know when the White House, the people's house, our house, was damaged - without plans, without approval, without comment, without warning. We the people do not want the east wing of OUR house replaced by a ballroom promoted by a tasteless, self-aggrandizing, narcissistic fool who is trying to destroy not only our democratic form of government but even the physical spaces in which that government is housed. Please do not allow him to break all the rules - stop this corrupt, vainglorious project. Thank you.

Name: Lorraine M Gutierrez
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:31 pm

The East Wing of the White House is part of our history of the United States of America. It is a disgrace to have allowed this distruction to the structure. The East Wing needs to be restored to its original design and Donald J. Trump needs to pay for it's original design out of his personal funds, and not the taxpayers money.

Name: Martha Scheidler
Date: February 18, 2026 3:57:37 pm

The East Wing should NEVER have been torn down in the first place!! Modernazation can be done respectfully without tearing up the place. I have no objection to modernization. Bathrooms should be updated, more women's bathrooms than men, Unisex bathrooms PLEASE!!! Coat rooms and lovely, comfortable furniture. This is, after all, the people's house. It should reflect the beauty and diversity of our country. NO GOLD! No monuments to the current occupant.

Name: LARRY HOUSTON
Date: February 18, 2026 3:58:01 pm

I oppose this dramatic and drastic demolition of American History for the vanity and bad taste of one octogenarian. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Ruhl
Date: February 18, 2026 3:58:04 pm

Dear Planning Commission Members,

The proposed ballroom is so massive it overwhelms the people's Whitehouse. It should be smaller and in keeping with the restrained and elegant architecture of the mansion. Grandiosity and vulgar display is wholly out of place in this setting. Perhaps it's construction should be left to a future president who understands this.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Name: Adrienne Hintz
Date: February 18, 2026 3:58:58 pm

The White House belongs to the citizens of the United States. Not one person. This "ballroom" is a travesty that once

built, is permanent. Why is it bigger than the actual White House? Please, please do not let this project move forward. It's bad enough that the East Wing was torn down (before any plans were prepared!!).

Name: Stephen Moser
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:06 pm

I am writing to the National Capital Planning Commission regarding the proposed plan for the East Wing of the White House in my capacity as a licensed architect, a member of the American Institute of Architects, and a practitioner of over 40 years, including professional experience on a project subject to the Commission's review. From a professional standpoint, I have serious concerns about both the substance of this proposal and the integrity of the review process. Despite reservations about participating in a process I believe has been undermined, I feel a professional responsibility to submit these comments given the national significance of this site.

The removal of a portion of the People's House without appropriate public approval raises serious concerns about adherence to the principles and norms that guide architecture and stewardship within a democratic republic. From an architectural, civic, and preservation standpoint, such actions set a troubling precedent regarding the care of nationally significant public buildings.

In my professional judgment, the commission should reject the project in its entirety. I further urge that the only responsible course of action is to rebuild the East Wing consistent with its original size, character, and function, particularly given that the prior structure was demolished before this review process took place.

The commission now bears a heightened responsibility to uphold the integrity, transparency, and public trust that projects of this importance demand. Decisions regarding the White House complex must reflect careful stewardship, respect for process, and fidelity to the architectural and historical significance of the site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Phyllis Mollen
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.
Phyllis Mollen

Name: Daniel Brook
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:22 pm

As an American who, like many, has lived in Washington, D.C. for public service and for research at the Library of Congress, I ask that no work be done to hastily construct a White House Ballroom. The building belongs to the American people, not the term-limited presidents we elect.

Name: Janet Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete giving into the personal ego of a temporary resident of an American institute. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead would erase years of national history. the American people deserve to keep history alive in its presidential building.

Name: Kai-Joachim Kamrath
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:23 pm

Re-build the former East Wing, more-or-less as it was, with only modest changes (for modermization).

DO NOT BUILD THAT HEINOUS “BALLROOM”.

Name: Judith Blackburn
Date: February 18, 2026 3:59:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jed Pauker
Date: February 18, 2026 4:00:12 pm

Thank you for this input opportunity to submit comment for tomorrow's meeting.

I support the meaning and specifics of National Trust for Historic Preservation President Quillen's letter, with emphasis on the spirit recognized by our nation's Founders, nineteenth century renovators of the Executive Mansion and President Carter's exercise of White House design leadership by example.

As a resident of Venice, California - known by some in recent years as "Silicon Beach," I'll note here a beach boardwalk pagoda that is about to undergo restoration, ostensibly in preparation for the 2028 Olympics while sorely in need of repairs for a decade and more.

The community is committed to restoring its original design with updated accessibility features. That concept of humility should make sense for the Commission's decision as well.

Name: Pam salek
Date: February 18, 2026 4:00:48 pm

I am appalled that Donald trump took it upon himself to destroy the East Wing of the Whitehouse. This is not “his” house, it is the people’s house. He did this without authorization or approval. I disapprove of the ballroom construction and strongly feel the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous glory. Further Donald trump should have to pay for it.

Name: Steve Fey
Date: February 18, 2026 4:00:51 pm

This project is aesthetically unpleasing, ill conceived, and undertaken in a manner which violates the laws pertaining to historic structures. It must not be allowed to continue.

Name: Judy Kirkpatrick
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million, possibly more, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Danielle Moroux
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:11 pm

Put it back in it's original form. No ands or buts!!! This is a disgrace to all of us.

Name: David Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathy Thiell-Kamp
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:14 pm

The East Wing was demolished illegally. They did not seek authorization, permits, or design review. The building of a grotesque ballroom should be prohibited. The wing should be rebuilt as it stood originally. All those who ignored procedure and the law should be held accountable.

Name: Vicki Crumpton
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:31 pm

Initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, the East Wing project is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I oppose spending $300 million on this project.

Name: Linda Cameron
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:51 pm

I understand the need for a larger venue to entertain at the White house...I would however ask that the design be such that it does not dwarf the existing White House structure. Perhaps a sunken design would be in order

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Name: Lucinda Barnes
Date: February 18, 2026 4:01:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project that is stripping us of our beautiful history. This is an affront on our country’s White House which has honored all of its presidents and citizens. This was not initiated with any regard for the input of citizens, it was not initiated with authorization, building permits, or design review. This is an additional abuse of power by an administration that continually serves itself and breaks laws. Our White House is looking more and more like a pitiful gold flecked shrine. (Hiding presidents portraits from view and demolishing our building won’t change Americans patriotism). Our Capitol deserves truthful historical honor and representation of its well earned esteem.

Name: Roberta Rosenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 4:02:01 pm

I am very much opposed to this project. I believe that it desecrates a national monument. The White House is The People’s House and the proposed changes do not serve The People. Thank you for the opportunity to make my voice heard.

Name: Erica Neubauer
Date: February 18, 2026 4:02:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diana Garino
Date: February 18, 2026 4:02:35 pm

I do not think the East Wing should have been torn down and I now that it's torn down:
1) handle asbestos to protect workers and the public;
2) work with the Historic Preservation Commission to ensure drawing and architectural plans meet their standards;
3) do NOT make the addition so large that it minimizes the outward appearance and size of the White House;
4) create an addition that mimics the old East Wing;
5) do worker bids per Historic Preservation Commission standards.

Consider creating another Rose Garden near this addition since the other one was ripped away,

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Name: doug Shepard
Date: February 18, 2026 4:02:40 pm

This project is a horrible stain, its been done without proper review and planning.
Critics argue that the East Wing modernization project is unnecessary given the existing space for large events and raises concerns about its impact on the East Wing, which is traditionally used by the first lady and her staff. Additionally, there are worries about the lack of transparency regarding the project's funding and planning process.

Concerns About the East Wing Modernization Project
Criticism of Necessity
Many critics question the need for the East Wing modernization, particularly given the existing space available in the White House for large events. The East Wing has traditionally served as an important area for the first lady and her staff, leading to concerns about the impact of the demolition on its historical and functional significance.

Legal and Procedural Issues
There are ongoing legal challenges regarding the project. Critics argue that the construction should have followed proper legal procedures, including input from federal review panels like the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. The lack of adherence to these processes raises concerns about transparency and governance.

Historical Context
The East Wing demolition is the first major construction project on White House grounds in nearly 80 years. This historical context amplifies concerns, as past renovations have often faced criticism. For instance, previous presidents also faced backlash for their renovations, which were seen as prioritizing modernization over historical preservation.

Financial Implications
The project is estimated to cost $300 million, funded by private donors. Critics argue that such a significant expenditure during a time of economic uncertainty raises questions about priorities and the use of funds, especially when many believe the existing facilities are adequate for presidential events. The funding is likely a substitute for overt bribery of the president.

Name: Julie Dennis
Date: February 18, 2026 4:02:55 pm

I oppose everything involved with this project, including but not limited to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its

former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: KAMIE BLEDSOE
Date: February 18, 2026 4:03:11 pm

Outrageous to destroy our precious East Wing. No President should have such power.

Name: Jane Pavelko
Date: February 18, 2026 4:03:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an abomination.

Name: Kathleen Imfeld
Date: February 18, 2026 4:03:28 pm

I’m asking that the East Wing be restored as it was and that the proposed ballroom not be allowed.

Name: Linda Gorham
Date: February 18, 2026 4:03:56 pm

To the Committee:
Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I agree with Anara Guard's comment and will repeat from her: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."
I had the pleasure and honor to visit the White House with my Girl Scout Troop in Summer 1963. We were chosen for a special private tour and it is one of the highlights of my life. I dont believe in monarchy. I want the full measure of the law applied to each culpable participant in this monstrosity and the East Wing rebuilt with reparation funds supplied by the participants. It looks like vandalism.

With respect,

Linda Gorham
[redacted]

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Name: Erin Farmer
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:03 pm

The White House is a national historical monument. it has survived burning, floods, termites, and other blights. It should not be overshadowed by one man's hubris. The White House complex is impressive and awe inspiring because it makes use of its layout, viewing lines, and space. An enormous East Wing destroys all of that. It makes the White House look like a somewhat fancy conference center from some mid-size city. The White House is special; it's not just a building. It tells stories about American fortitude and longevity. Don't destroy all that by agreeing to plonk down an ugly hulking mess next to our beautiful house. Not all White House Complex green space needs to be paved over. We understand that something needs to be built there due to rash actors. BUT, it can be fitting in scope and size and not reinforce that world's idea that we're Ugly Americans with ugly architecture.

Name: Rebecca Downey Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Rebecca Downey Thomas
Girdwood, Alaska

Name: Jennifer McPoyle
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:06 pm

I submit this comment in strong opposition to the demolition of the White House East Wing — a 123-year-old national landmark — and urge this Commission, Congress, and all relevant federal authorities to require the historically faithful reconstruction of the East Wing to its pre-demolition condition. The demolition, which occurred on or around October 20–23, 2025, was unlawful, proceeded without required statutory review, and caused irreversible harm to an irreplaceable piece of American heritage. The American public deserves nothing less than full accountability and restoration.

II. The Demolition Was Unlawful
The East Wing demolition proceeded in violation of multiple federal statutes and review requirements:
A. No Congressional Authorization. Federal law is unambiguous: "A building or structure shall not be erected on any reservation, park, or public grounds of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia without express authority of Congress." The White House grounds are federal public grounds. No such Congressional authorization was sought or obtained before demolition began.
B. Bypass of Mandatory Review Bodies. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) are legally required to review and approve major construction and alteration projects affecting the White House complex. Both bodies reviewed far more minor projects in recent years — including perimeter fence changes and the tennis pavilion. Yet this administration demolished an entire historic wing without submitting plans to either body prior to demolition. The NCPC chairman's assertion that the Commission's jurisdiction covers construction but not demolition does not excuse the administration from complying with the full statutory framework governing this federal property.
C. No Environmental or Historic Preservation Review. The National Historic Preservation Act and related regulations require assessment of impacts on historic properties before undertaking federally sanctioned actions. The White House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is among the most protected historic properties in the United States. Demolition of the East Wing without this review is a clear statutory violation. As the National Trust for Historic Preservation stated in its federal lawsuit: "No president is legally allowed to tear down portions of the White House without any review whatsoever."
D. No Public Comment Period. The public — the true owners of the White House — was denied any meaningful opportunity to comment before irreversible action was taken. This comment process, now occurring after demolition, is precisely backward. The law requires public input before such actions, not after the damage is done.
E. Asbestos and Safety Compliance Questions. The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization has filed a federal FOIA lawsuit seeking records on asbestos inspection, abatement, and disposal related to the demolition. The public has a right to know whether federal asbestos safety requirements were followed, and the administration's failure to proactively disclose this information raises serious legal and public health concerns.

III. The Administration's Justifications Are Insufficient
The administration has offered post-hoc structural justifications — citing "unstable colonnade, water leakage, mold contamination" — that were not disclosed to the public or any review authority prior to demolition. These justifications:

Were announced months after demolition;
Were never independently verified by any authorized historic preservation or engineering authority;
Contradict the President's own July 31, 2025 public statement that the ballroom "won't interfere with the current building" and would "pay total respect to the existing building"; and
Cannot retroactively cure the statutory violations that occurred.

If genuine structural emergencies existed, emergency procedures exist within federal law to address them while preserving historic fabric to the maximum extent feasible. Those procedures were ignored entirely.
Furthermore, the cost of this project has ballooned from an estimated $200 million to over $400 million — with incomplete disclosure of private funding sources and serious ethical questions about the influence of undisclosed donors. The American people are entitled to full transparency about who is funding the reconstruction of their national home.

IV. The East Wing Belongs to the American People
The White House is not the personal property of any sitting president. It is a public trust — the People's House — held in stewardship for all Americans and for posterity. The East Wing, built in 1902 and significantly expanded in 1942 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, housed the Presidential Emergency Operations Center, the Office of the First Lady, and served as the entry point for millions of public visitors. It was, in the words of Betty Ford, the "heart" of the White House.
A majority of Americans — 53% in polling conducted in October 2025 — opposed the demolition. Their voices were ignored. This Commission now has an obligation to ensure they are heard going forward.

V. Relief Requested
This commenter respectfully urges:

Immediate halt to any further construction or site alteration pending full legal compliance with all applicable federal statutes, including NCPC and CFA review, environmental assessment, and Congressional authorization.
A full, independent structural and historical assessment of what was lost and whether faithful reconstruction of the East Wing is achievable.
Historical reconstruction of the East Wing — to the greatest degree architecturally and historically possible — in lieu of the proposed ballroom design, which the American Institute of Architects and historic preservation experts have called out of scale and incompatible with the White House's historic character.
Complete public disclosure of all funding sources, asbestos inspection records, structural assessments, and communications related to this project.
Congressional investigation into whether the demolition violated federal law and what remedies, including restoration requirements, are available.

The White House has survived the burning by British forces, the Civil War, and more than two centuries of American history. It should not be undone by a vanity project that bypassed the law. This Commission has both the authority and the obligation to act.
Respectfully submitted.

Name: Beth Erskine
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:08 pm

When I first heard about this I thought it must be a joke. Now that I know its not, I am TOTALLY OPPOSED to this project and its accompanying outrageous price tag. This president is obliterating all that we have loved and honored over the years remaking iconic features in his own image. You nust stop this before more is lost. Just like the loss of the roee garden, this is a abomination.
Beth Erskine

Name: Paula Ashton
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:15 pm

I am very much against the tearing down of a wing of the White House and building a ballroom. I also hate what was done to the Rose Garden. In my opinion, what the East Wing was used for was adequate and built with thought and

consideration of its part with the White House. I also don't feel that such a huge, overly decorated ball room is necessary or is popularly welcome. When the President and First Lady entertain, having a smaller group is much more personal and they are able to be actively host and hostess than in such a huge place. I don't believe crowds that large are usually invited when entertaining foreign dignitaries. Again, they are too large to be a warm and personal experience.

I also am furious that Trump has made all these decisions without giving a thought to history, to the historical society, or to the general public's opinion. I sincerely don't think Mrs. Kennedy's work in restoring the White House can be questioned. Definitely by someone with so little taste. What has been done has removed the feeling of the Country's House and garden and has been made glitzy and commercial. Doing that to property that is not personally his is a terrible thing to do.

Name: judi fonsh
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:41 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Maria Hearn
Date: February 18, 2026 4:04:59 pm

I am against the East Wing Modernization Project. This building was torn down without proper approval and the replacement is going to be funded by big network, technology and legal firms in return for what? Sounds like pay to play to me. Out here in the real America you can change paint colors on historical sites without approval by historical society or HOA’s. Why is this being treated differently?

Name: Jeffrey Stevens
Date: February 18, 2026 4:05:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Finnegan
Date: February 18, 2026 4:05:14 pm

The East Wing modernization project is a giant ego project for Trump who had no right what so ever to tear it down. The American people do not want a structure built by Trump's billionaire sycophants. The wing should be replaced by a structure approved by a commission of the people. This is NOT TRUMP'S HOUSE

Name: Hiatt K.
Date: February 18, 2026 4:05:45 pm

I oppose the spending any money, no matter the source, on this project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding United States citizens.

Name: Carol Stapleton
Date: February 18, 2026 4:07:26 pm

I oppose the $300 million ball room project. I feel the east wing should be rebuilt in its original state.

Name: Marlene Sherod
Date: February 18, 2026 4:07:28 pm

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Name: Barbara Bless
Date: February 18, 2026 4:07:34 pm

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Name: Kate Takahashi
Date: February 18, 2026 4:07:52 pm

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Name: Shannon Wheeler
Date: February 18, 2026 4:08:00 pm

I concur with many others... I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Henkewick
Date: February 18, 2026 4:08:38 pm

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Name: Rebecca Husband Maynard
Date: February 18, 2026 4:08:44 pm

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Name: Cheryl Reid
Date: February 18, 2026 4:08:55 pm

To whom it may concern:

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Name: Kathryn Rawle
Date: February 18, 2026 4:09:29 pm

I am appalled at the illegal razing of the East Wing, destroying a piece of American history. Cancel this project and restore the East Wing to its former design. Not only that, but investigate and prosecute those who destroyed a piece of the People's House!

Name: Paula San Miguel
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:05 pm

I strongly oppose this project and its projected $300 million cost. This project was begun without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, as the name implies, but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the total restoration of the East Wing of the White House in its former design. All individuals involved who have broken laws to advance this project should and must be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. The White House belongs to the people of the United States.

Name: Karen Livingston
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:22 pm

I object to spending 300 million or whatever is allegedly pledged to modernize the East Wing of the White House. What a horrific event it was torn down!
I support the National Trust to restore the East Wing to its original and historical status as best as they can.

Name: Janet Sheridan
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:29 pm

The premature demolition of the East Wing was a shameful neglect of the people's legal right to influence the outcome of the project. The White House is the people's house, and as one of the nation's most important historic sites, must be treated appropriately, that is, under the nation's official historic preservation standards, with design by qualified historic architects. Mitigation for the erasure of that historic wing, should be a much scaled-down building above ground to avoid overwhelming the mass of the White House itself. Better would be a faithful reconstruction of the East Wing above ground, placing the ballroom, at the proposed size or smaller, below ground. Design the ballroom such that, in the future, when we don't have a vain dictator who flaunts the law and commits treason and fraud, it can be easily converted to some other more fitting use that embraces democratic ideals.

Name: Sue Renville
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:42 pm

Rebuild the east wing as it was with updates in plumbing and electrical. Trump should pay for the reconstruction.
No gaudy Ballroom.
Replace Rose Garden and vegetable garden.
Make sure Trump’s name isn’t on the outside. Remove Trump’s name from the Kennedy Center.

Name: Stanley Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laurel Pollentier
Date: February 18, 2026 4:10:59 pm

I oppose the changes to the East Wing of the White House - the People’s House. Donations made to fund this project are nothing but bribes.
The project wasn’t reviewed or approved by the appropriate oversight committees and an enormous ballroom is the last thing we need in our country. There are plenty of large venues in Washington DC that can be used for large gatherings.

Name: Patricia Slepski
Date: February 18, 2026 4:11:18 pm

I do not support this project. It is a desecration of a part of our historical building. It will benefit very few citizens of the United States. Please do not allow this ridiculous vanity project. to go through. The "donated funds" should be used to restore the White House back to near original status- it is the people's house.

Name: Yvonne Lytton
Date: February 18, 2026 4:11:40 pm

The East Wing of the White House should be reconstructed just as it was before it was so brutally and without permission, torn down. Renovations may have been in order, but bulldozing the East Wing of the People’s House was against what the American people wanted. Trump should be made to rebuild it just as it was! It is not his to destroy!! Thank you!

Name: Debra Webber
Date: February 18, 2026 4:11:45 pm

Stop the ballroom construction and restore the East Wing.

Name: Heather Hertziger
Date: February 18, 2026 4:11:49 pm

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Name: Sue Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 4:11:51 pm

I am strongly opposed to the construction of the proposed ballroom. It benefits only a select few individuals. It is not in keeping with current construction. It is gaudy and ugly. The East Wing should be rebuilt.

Name: Bryan Signorelli
Date: February 18, 2026 4:12:20 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, public comment, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Frances Pan
Date: February 18, 2026 4:12:35 pm

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Name: Jo Ann Fritz
Date: February 18, 2026 4:12:51 pm

Dears Sirs:

I would like the see the East Wing returned to its original state to represent the First Ladies of the White House as well as the Kennedy family and all they have done for our great country. It is the house of the people and we should have the say as to what is done with the public areas. Please return the East Wing and Rose Gardens to their original State.

Thank you.

Name: Patie White
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:05 pm

I literally cried the day. I saw the East Wing razed. I was born and raised in Washington DC as was my mother and her mother before her. I cherish this historical city and the beautiful architecture within D.C.. To learn that Donald Trump, illegally, was able to demolish an entire wing of our White House is appalling. Someone needs to put a stop to this man’s unchecked power. It’s bad enough that he has ruined the dignity and ambience of interior spaces with the gaudy gold planted throughout, but at least the next head of state can rectify that. With regard to the construction that will eventually replace the East Wing, people with historical backgrounds, architectural design talent, and a reverence for style that permeates government buildings throughout the district need to be involved.

Name: Mike Lamadrid
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:10 pm

I oppose the construction of a new ballroom of the scale presented without proper approvals or public input. It is out of proportion to the existing White House and does not honor the history and tradition of one of our most treasured and recognizable national monuments. Thank you

Mike Lamadrid

Name: Gary Kaskel
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:10 pm

I am opposed to Trump's proposed ballroom as it is way oversized and will no doubt be a cost to taxpayers despite claims otherwise.

Name: Carmen Burds
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:12 pm

I do not want any funds spent on a ballroom. The White House is a national treasure and a part of our history. No oversight or permission was requested or allowed before the wing was razed. I believe the bunker beneath the structure should be updated, but the wing should be rebuilt using the original plans. Of course today’s safety codes should be followed and appropriate electrical and technology upgrades should be made. But a ballroom is not needed or wanted. Please preserve our historic heritage.

Name: Brenda Willson
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:26 pm

Dear Fellow American Citizens,

The demolition of the East Wing of our White House is an extremely disturbing destruction of our American heritage and property. The plan for looming 90,000 sq ft building next to our classic White House structure brings the architecture out of balance. The traditional and classic style of the White House and West Wing will need to be mimicked in the construction of a new edifice on the east side of this beautiful home. Please represent me as a citizen who holds our national treasures as dear and do not let one person run amuck in planning this addition. The law must be followed.

Thank you kindly

Brenda Willson

Name: Kathleen Allen
Date: February 18, 2026 4:13:48 pm

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Name: Joan Tharp
Date: February 18, 2026 4:14:16 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a vanity project for Donald Trump. I was horrified to see the East Wing's destruction, without warning and without any review or input. I still feel sick when I think about it. The White House is the People's House, not Trump's. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you.

Joan Tharp

Name: Judith Little
Date: February 18, 2026 4:14:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on construction of a White House Ballroom and renovation of the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This was also done without sensitivity or regard for the history of the East Wing, and the ownership of the White House by the American people; President Trump, like all prior Presidents, is an occupant of the White House for a short period in that history, and does not have the authority to destroy the White House and rebuild it without regard to the views of the American people.

My vote is for restoration of the East Wing and abandonment of any plans to construct a large ballroom on the scale currently proposed.

Thank you

Name: Glenn Shinner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:15:15 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

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Name: Diane Raymond
Date: February 18, 2026 4:15:32 pm

The East Wing should be restored to its original size & style.NO grand ballroom.

Name: Debra Baddorf
Date: February 18, 2026 4:15:36 pm

The new structure must include space for the offices which were demolished. Future first ladies will need space and staff, and deserve the same respectful areas granted to other staff members.

Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. The east wing should be about the size of the west wing, and in proportion with the center. It must not dominate the space. The structure should also be in a similar style to the existing west wing and the oval office's area.

Name: Don Holland
Date: February 18, 2026 4:16:20 pm

Going ahead with this project with little qualified advice was absolutely wrong. It needs to be restored as it was.

Name: Anne Gillingham
Date: February 18, 2026 4:16:27 pm

This project should never have been allowed to begin without following proper procedures and protocols. I oppose the

spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dixie Hunter
Date: February 18, 2026 4:16:37 pm

I agree with Anara Guard's comment on this, as follows:

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I would add that I believe that Donald Trump should be held responsible for paying for the complete restooration of the East Wing.

Name: Patricia Marshall
Date: February 18, 2026 4:16:42 pm

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Name: Mary McElveen
Date: February 18, 2026 4:17:04 pm

What an atrocity! The fact that the razing of the East Wing occurred without review or approval at the ridiculous whim of an obviously unhinged president is absolutely abhorrent and an insult to taxpayers.
If changes are to be made (or monuments constructed) they should be subject to the rules and regulations set forth for government buildings (and their financing!) and should be subject to congressional oversight.

Name: Madeleine Gapski
Date: February 18, 2026 4:17:16 pm

I want this project cancelled

Name: Rebecca Treadwell
Date: February 18, 2026 4:17:27 pm

I concur with the comments and positions of the National Trust for Historic Preservation stated in their February 18, 2026 letter to the US Commission of Fine Arts. The proposed 90,000 square-foot new ballroom construction will overwhelm the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet. The new construction will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex, which emphasizes the prominence of the Executive Residence in contrast to its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. Modifications are needed to the proposed project, such as those proposed by the National Trust.

Name: Dianne Bardsley
Date: February 18, 2026 4:17:51 pm

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Sally White
Date: February 18, 2026 4:17:53 pm

Rebuild the East Wing as it was!!!!!

Name: Roger Konkel
Date: February 18, 2026 4:18:00 pm

Please stop this unnecessary ballroom from being built. Advise the administration that the East Wing should be rebuilt to its original specifications.

Name: Tegan Bailey
Date: February 18, 2026 4:18:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Lisa Carver
Date: February 18, 2026 4:18:13 pm

The proposed ballroom addition is an abomination and out of scale with the rest of the White House complex. The proportion of the form and details are not contextual to the existing structure. Creating "false history" by building a new structure in a formal classical style is not appropriate for our time nor talks to the evolution of the White House campus. Similarly, the interior is grotesque, following the obvious personal preferences of the sitting president. There is a lack of true refinement again in proportion, detail, and finish selection that is inappropriate for a venue of this importance and anticipated longevity. I urge the Commission to do what it can to restart the design process in a more public engaging and transparent process.

Name: Linda Raker
Date: February 18, 2026 4:18:55 pm

The Ballroom did not have the appropriate approvals, the destruction of the East Wing was destroyed without approval, the disgusting plans for Trump’s ballroom are larger are larger than the entire White House. The White House is the house of the America People. If you were living in a house that did not belong to you, you would have to pay for any damages that occurred during the time you were a tenant. As a result Mr Trump should be required to pay for damages that were

done for the East Wing and the Oval Office. If a tenant were to put all of the gold extras to someone else's home they would be charged for damages and the cost of removing them. If the costs are not paid within 60 days of his vacating the American people will sue.

Name: Marion Weathers
Date: February 18, 2026 4:19:11 pm

I oppose the spending of anyone's money on this project. It doesn't matter if it is donated, private funding. This project has been initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a misguided, tasteless ego project, done without the consent of those granted the authority and responsibility to protect the architectural vernacular of our Capitol city. I want this project canceled, and to use the donated funds to rebuild the East Wing and restore it to its former design and proportions. To allow this project to proceed will leave us with an ungainly, disproportionate structure, and a permanent and lasting effront to history to have allowed it to happen.

Name: Loanne Harmeling
Date: February 18, 2026 4:19:50 pm

No one is above the law, and the destruction of the East Wing without permission or permits was patently illegal and morally wrong. Please rebuild in the previous style, adding updated elements as needed for functionality. NO BIG UGLE BALLROOM.

Name: Dawn Nuttall
Date: February 18, 2026 4:19:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Sturm
Date: February 18, 2026 4:20:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or more, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jacqueline Cowgill
Date: February 18, 2026 4:20:07 pm

I am so very disturbed that this Administration finds it necessary to spend millions of dollars to build a ballroom!! This building is our--the citizens of the United States--building. Not any one person's who thinks he needs to create a castle like effect to impress others who visit or in order demonstrate wealth and power that can and is being lorded over the people of this nation. When Washington D.C. was designed, it was done so with a quiet dignity that would inspire anyone who visits our country. We have an earned respect, or we did have. This decision to build a superfluous addition to an already iconic presidential home is a way to flaunt this country's wealth to a world that was already in awe of the GOOD the United States has done in the past for the world. Now, however, this administration is using those benevolent funds to build a monstrosity. This is a reality check--No Ballroom!!

Name: Danielle Kadinoff
Date: February 18, 2026 4:20:14 pm

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wendy Caplan
Date: February 18, 2026 4:20:41 pm

This project is an insult to the American people. The White House is not a palace. It is the House of the American People. It has not been authorized, there is no application for permits or design review.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carole Bickel
Date: February 18, 2026 4:21:43 pm

This demolition & ballroom plan is an insult to the people in our country! Trump should not turn the White House into a tacky gold decorated personal place to entertain his rich friends.
Stop the building & replace what was torn down!

Name: Maria Noriega
Date: February 18, 2026 4:21:46 pm

i oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

Name: trudy Leete
Date: February 18, 2026 4:22:04 pm

Reject this ridiculous big ballroom project PLEASE. In Lincoln's White House common people could wait in line to petition the President. This gold gilded White House of Trumps only accommodates the rich and the powerful. Return the White House to the People please. This building does not belong to Trump but to the American People. I am one of the many citizens who oppose this.

Let there be office rooms, study libraries, public gathering places for policy makers in the East Wing. A moderate assembly or ball room could fit in also. But a huge over sized ballroom that will overshadow the rest of the White House has no place symbolically or practically in a democratic republic. We don't have a KING we don't need a cathedral sized ballroom.
Thank You.

Name: Lisa Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 4:22:05 pm

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Name: Susan Morales
Date: February 18, 2026 4:22:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Twyla Strassburg
Date: February 18, 2026 4:22:49 pm

I oppose the modernization of the east wing ballroom! The East wing should be restored to the original design. America doesn't need a "ballroom" because rump wants one. It is a waste of OUR money. Thank you.

Name: Judy Burt
Date: February 18, 2026 4:22:54 pm

I do not support the destruction and rebuild of the east wing of the our country's treasured White House. This property belongs to all Americans and we should determine if renovations are needed - not the POTUS. The thought of spending $300 million to destroy and rebuild is idiotic at this time! Especially after the douche(doge) team terminated federal employees and took away their livelihood and their contributions to our country. Where are our priorities? A ballroom over PBS funding???
The people responsible for the destruction of the east wing should be held accountable, charged and tried for not following the laws regarding this despicable action.

Name: Eugene Schragg
Date: February 18, 2026 4:23:13 pm

This project needs to be shut down completely pending funding approvals from Congress. Funding it with "donations" from billionaires and corporations who have benefitted from U.S. executive branch largess amounts to nothing less than bribery.

Name: K Blumhardt
Date: February 18, 2026 4:23:52 pm

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Name: Beverly Steinke
Date: February 18, 2026 4:23:56 pm

This is a historic site. When ballroom was presented the T specifically stated he won't vent touch the east wing. There would be a space between. Then destruction happened with no warning. So sad. I feel violated. Now we have a mess. I think he should be required to rebuild East Wing to original on his dime. We own this house and I think he should see consequences.

Name: Roberta Roeth
Date: February 18, 2026 4:23:58 pm

I object strongly to the destruction of a portion of The People's House by tearing down the East Wing. This is NOT Trump's property. It belongs to ALL Americans and we had NO SAY in this abomination.
Construction should be halted permanently and the East Wing restored as close as possible to its original state.

Name: Paul Carter
Date: February 18, 2026 4:24:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

The Trump regime is evil incarnate

Name: Sharon Crane
Date: February 18, 2026 4:24:09 pm

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Name: Suzanne Salerno
Date: February 18, 2026 4:24:45 pm

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Name: julie Treacy
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:04 pm

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Name: Mimi Recker
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:15 pm

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Name: Laura Osterbrock
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:26 pm

I oppose spending any money, from any source, on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Diane Freeman
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:30 pm

No one asked to modernize the East Wing of the People's House. It was demolished with no input from the public. The history of that historic wing was just scrapped.
I would like to see this bribe for $300 million taken away, no ballroom built and put the East Wing back the way it was as much as possible.
Those of us who can't contribute to this administration with multimillion dollar bribes matter, too. Trump cannot just do as he pleases with OUR house.

Name: Connie Gruen
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:38 pm

I vehemently oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I never thought that I'd have to petition my government to stop the further desecration of the White House by its temporary occupant, but here it is: I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. It was outrageous for a temporary occupant to destroy an historical wing of this iconic structure without gaining any congressional approval, especially after numerous public statements that the plan was not to demolish it. Its destruction cannot be allowed to serve as tacit approval to replace it with whatever structure the temporary occupant desires. The interior and exterior design of any proposed new structure must be approved by the Commission, and reflect the aesthetics of a democratic society, not the garish greed and decadent taste of a temporary occupant. As the people's house, any reconstruction must be publicly funded, not paid for by individuals and corporations holding billions in federal contracts that in appearance or in fact will lead to access and favorable treatment. Any and all work on the project must stop and remain halted until all environmental assessments, and congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington are completed.

Name: Stephanie Seacord
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:56 pm

How dare anyone grab hold of and destroy a priceless national treasure, the People's House in fact, with such rude, tasteless and illegal egotism?

I echo another to say: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens who are its true and rightful owners.

Name: Jennifer Paterson
Date: February 18, 2026 4:25:56 pm

Please restore the East wing of the White House to the way it looked and functioned before September 2025. The public was told by the president that he was building a ballroom with access through the East Wing.
He did not consult with anyone with any authority or oversite before he tore down the East Wing, & from what the public has been shown, any architectural designs weren't ev n done by real architects (overlapping windows & stairways to nowhere, etc.
The White House has been called "The People's House" and trump had no right to tear down part of it just because *he* wanted a ballroom!

Name: Julie Mohanlall
Date: February 18, 2026 4:26:32 pm

I am strongly opposed to a 90,000 sq foot addition to the White House. The design of this is a monstrosity. It will completely overshadow the White House - the PEOPLE's house. The beautiful central White House building should always be the focal point of this historical site. Any additions should be subtle, tasteful, and never distract from the main building. My preference is to restore the East Wing as it originally existed with whatever modernizations are needed to the interior. Please do not let the peoples house be disfigured with a gawdy addition that will forever be a stain on this beloved house.

Name: Ruth Skinner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:26:46 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Jacquie Osborn
Date: February 18, 2026 4:26:53 pm

My whole family is appalled, disgusted and heartbroken at the destruction taking place at the White House. That building is not his. As far as we are concerned what Trump is doing isn’t any more legal or right than if he came to my home and just decided to remove the porch. This is rape on a monumental scale. NO ONE gave consent. Do whatever it takes to stop this madness. He is so sue happy I recommend suing him and everyone else connected to this abomination so that it sits in the courts until he is no longer president if need be. Thank you.

Name: Diane Steward
Date: February 18, 2026 4:27:19 pm

While I can see the possible need for a larger social space in the White House, I do not think it should be as gaudy or as large as has been proposed. Architecturally, the East Wing should be built in the style of and in proportion to the main body of the White House. Building a huge ballroom that overshadows the central structure is simply wrong, and is not in keeping with the decorum of the office.

Name: Maryellen Fargey
Date: February 18, 2026 4:28:00 pm

Rebuild the original East Wing to maintain symmetry. Do not build a ballroom, which will overwhelm the main house.

Name: Maria Reynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 4:29:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Gleason
Date: February 18, 2026 4:30:13 pm

I feel strongly that I want this project cancelled. The White House is a historical building that should never had been torn down. What is going on to this beautiful historical building is a disaster. There is no need for a huge ballroom. I am asking that this terrible project of wrecking an historical building be stopped. As a taxpayer and having to follow rules I would expect that procedure for this terrible project should have done the same...justifying it saying people will donate to pay for it is ridiculous.

This isn't a political issue it is an American Heritage issue....

Name: Mary Beth Narkawicz
Date: February 18, 2026 4:30:15 pm

Please do not allow trump administration to do anything more to OUR HOUSE! Make him personally pay to have the east wing rebuilt to its original state! Please and thank you!

Name: Kim Hedberg
Date: February 18, 2026 4:30:45 pm

Please follow the law. Spending $300 Million on the East Wing Project without authorization, permits or design review is ludicrous and wasteful. This is not modernizing--it is erasing American History. Cancel this project, rebuild the East Wing using former design. All Americans must follow the laws and those who have broken it in this instance should be penalized accordingly.

Name: Lisa DeMings
Date: February 18, 2026 4:31:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project paused until such a time as plans (including cost estimates) can be reviewed and approved by the appropriate bodies. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law

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Name: Robin Hood
Date: February 18, 2026 4:31:18 pm

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Name: Jan McIsaac
Date: February 18, 2026 4:31:35 pm

I oppose spending the 300 million dollars on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. This is not a project for modernization- it is an erasure of our shared American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is the People's House. It belongs to all Americans - not any current occupant. No one is above the law and to permit this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Kathy Gill
Date: February 18, 2026 4:31:41 pm

Re: Formal Opposition to the Proposed East Wing Renovation Project

I am writing to formally oppose the current administration's proposed project to demolish and reconstruct the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without proper authorization, required permits, or design review — and it must be stopped.

The 123-year-old East Wing has stood as part of one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in the country, and tearing it down without following the required legal process is simply wrong.

It would be a travesty to allow this proposed "ballroom" renovation -- that overwhelms the White House -- to proceed. At 90,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, the "ballroom" would dwarf the White House.

I urge the Commission to take the following actions:

1. Halt the project immediately pending a full review of all authorizations, permits, and design approvals.
2. Require full compliance with all applicable historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act.
3. Mandate restoration of the East Wing to its original external design, consistent with the historic character of the White House complex.
4. Hold accountable those who proceeded with demolition or construction work without proper legal authority.

No one is above the law — not even the President of the United States of America. To allow this project to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that legal processes can be ignored by those in power. That is an affront to every law-abiding American and to the institutions designed to protect our national history and landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has both the authority and the obligation to intervene. I urge you to act decisively and without delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Debra Hoffman
Date: February 18, 2026 4:32:55 pm

This administration often talks about running government like a business. In the case of the East Wing demolition and reconstruction, it might be helpful to view it through the eyes of a business. Mr Trump is a temporary occupant of a building owned by the American Public. He has no legal right to destroy the property. If this was a privately owned building, would any landlord allow the renter to demolish part of the building and make plans for reconstruction/enlargement without any permission, permits or oversight?

Name: Risa Bell
Date: February 18, 2026 4:33:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Meg Maguire
Date: February 18, 2026 4:33:35 pm

The design for a ballroom to replace the East Wing cannot be described as a "modernization project." Rather, it is the addition of a massive new structure that is wholly out of scale for the site and dwarfs the White House itself. If a ballroom + offices are to be built in that location, the height should be drastically reduced so that it is subservient in scale to the People's House. To lower the building, the ballroom itself can be put substantially UNDERGROUND and does not/should not dominate the landscape.

This style of the columns as shown in the renderings are totally inappropriate. If there are to be columns they should be simple in keeping with those on the original East Wing.

This project is the result of an insatiable presidential ego. NCPC and the Fine Arts Commission must be challenge the design in the strongest possible terms.

Name: Margaret Gallagher
Date: February 18, 2026 4:33:36 pm

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Name: debra unverdruss
Date: February 18, 2026 4:33:52 pm

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Name: Shelley Schwinn
Date: February 18, 2026 4:34:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $800M on this project which was initiated without proper review, permits, nor authorization of design. We have lost an important part of American history by the razing of the East Wing, without regard for or proper accounting of the contents, nor conservation of the valuable materials it was made of. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To allow this project to continue without holding those who broke the law to account, is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Becky Sovde
Date: February 18, 2026 4:34:08 pm

I oppose the construction of a ballroom AND the razing of the East Wing. The ballroom is a vanity project to fluff Trump's ego. There is no benefit to citizens of the USA. The project should be cancelled and the East Wing restored. This is an scar on the landscape and detracts from the beauty of the White House. The person who authorized the razing of the East Wing (Trump) should be fined and required to reconstruct with his own money. He's certainly earned enough with the scams he is operating as president. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the USA.

Name: Liz Larson
Date: February 18, 2026 4:34:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on Trump's pet project, intended to enshrine himself in history, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- abiding citizens.

Name: Bethany Reeves
Date: February 18, 2026 4:34:26 pm

Ms. A. Guard speaks for me:

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NO TO TRUMP'S OBSCENE BALLROOM.

Dr. B. Reeves

Name: Tricia Glidewell
Date: February 18, 2026 4:34:50 pm

I oppose any spending, especially that of the Corporate Oligarchs, money of $300M on the re-building of the current designed East Wing project. The reason for the necessity of “re-building “ of the East Wing is because a law was broken by the current, President Trump. It was because of him illegally tearing down the East Wing that a re-build is required. The East Wing should be re-built but only in the same foot-print and design of the original East Wing. The need for this was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. And a n intention to memorialize Trump and all his gaudiness. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kelly Wagner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:35:04 pm

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Name: Julie Thanem
Date: February 18, 2026 4:35:08 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization of our United States White House ,it is against the law and a rediculous waste of money!!
Trump has been dr funded from donors helping with this atrocity !! It needs to be reconstructed the way it was at Trumps expense!!

Name: Sharon Snyder
Date: February 18, 2026 4:35:33 pm

This destruction should have never happened much less go forward with a ballroom that we do not need. Me. Trump should be made to pay for putting the east wing back the way it was from his own pocket. It is not his house to destroy. I'm the beginning the ballroom was to be away from the White House and not be attached at all. If approval for the

ballroom should go forward it should not be attached to the original building. The scale and design are not complimentary to the original White House. In any event the east wing should be put back since it was not approved to be torn down. Rules are rules and even trump should be made to follow them.

Name: Patricia Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 4:35:33 pm

I want this project canceled.

Name: Noel Russell
Date: February 18, 2026 4:35:59 pm

This supposed "modernization" project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of any amount of money on this project until, and unless, it is reviewed properly. This disaster is a complete razing of American history. I want to see this project canceled! The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to go ahead would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Abide by the rules for preserving our history!

Name: Suzanne Milne
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katheryn cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:22 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project on the grounds that those project was begun without proper project review and public comment before the historic East Wing was destroyed. The project as designed would significantly overshadow the existing White House and has already negatively impacted the grounds of the White House by tearing down historic trees and other landscaping. The East Wing should be restored to its former design and construction. And IF an additional ballroom or bunker is deemed to be necessary, ALL protocols and reviews should take place before ANY construction begins. The White House is the PEOPLES house and should be treated as the historic place that it is.

Name: Pamela Roberts
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:23 pm

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Sincerely,
Pamela Roberts

Name: Brenda Webster
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Green
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:32 pm

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Name: Pamela Compton
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:32 pm

I propose the following:
The exterior of the newly built East Wing should be as close to the original in size and design as possible, along with the rose garden.
The interior should recieve modern updates plus make use of any original artwork and furniture saved.The design should continue with the understated elegance of the past first ladies and President's.
Yes I think President Trump should pay for the rebuilding however we should not wait to begin. Past actions prove that would be an incredibly drawn out process.

Thank you,
Pamela Compton

Name: Martha Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:33 pm

I oppose the planned changes to the White House East Wing area. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decisions. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park owned by the American people. A 90,000 square feet ballroom exceeds the size of the the Executive residence and would be completely out of scale. The costly plan was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I view this as a razing of American history. A monstrosity that will overshadow the White House will be an eye sore to a historically important building. The razing of the East Wing and planning for a ballroom was unlawful and to permit this project to progress without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Denne Frances
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:46 pm

Restore the West Wing!!!!

Name: Cynthia Moore
Date: February 18, 2026 4:36:53 pm

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Name: Calla Wiemer
Date: February 18, 2026 4:37:20 pm

The White House is the people's house. Donald Trump defiled it. He should be fined the cost of restoration plus penalties. Thank you to the National Capital Planning Commission for standing up for the people.
Calla Wiemer

Name: Elizabeth Mays
Date: February 18, 2026 4:37:26 pm

The $300 million East Wing project isn’t “modernization.” It’s an unauthorized demolition of American history — pushed forward without the required permits, oversight, or legal review. If any ordinary American tried to bulldoze a historic building without approval, they’d face consequences immediately.
Why should the White House be any different?
This project needs to be stopped now. The East Wing should be rebuilt to its historic design, and the people who ignored the law should be held accountable. No one is above the rules — not even those in power. Letting this slide would be an insult to every law abiding American.

Name: Cristy Penny
Date: February 18, 2026 4:37:31 pm

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Name: J Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 4:37:55 pm

Commissioners:

It was with dismay and disgust that I, along with millions of other American citizens, learned that the current president had taken it upon himself to 'order' the destruction and removal of the East Wing of the White House. It appears that this process was begun without the regulatory research, studies, and permit processes that are required for such a significant project.

The destruction of this portion of one of our nation's most historic buildings has a huge impact on both the visual and the emotional aspects of every person who visits the Captial region and seeks to observe and absorb the inherent history of the area. What must a child think when he/she is taken to visit the White House--the center point of our historic government--and then a third of the building is in shambles? How could a faux-gold "ballroom" represent the government of the United States of America? How can an adult view the same scene and not wonder whether our democracy can still be in effect while such destruction and slight-of-hand has occurred without any democratic input or legal procedures?

In addition to all of these considerations, the project plans for the proposed 'ballroom' that have been released publically appear to reflect a massive block of a building as a replacement of the historic footprint; a building that dwarfs the remaining portions of the country's presidential residence. Both the scale and the proposed decor will diminish the remaining original structure, diminishing the country's historic past along with it, and-possibly-encouraging the current administration to order further destruction of other irreplaceable buildings and structures throughout the Capital region.

Please intervene on behalf of America's generations of citizens, who cherish the memory of our nation's well-known historic buildings and their connection to the establishment of our democratic form of government. Thank you.

Name: Carol Labadie
Date: February 18, 2026 4:37:56 pm

I do not support the modernization of the East Wing. The devious way this was demolished and total lack of respect for the people’s home is appalling. The Historical Society needs to be involved with any plans to restore the White House.

Name: Jone Balesteri
Date: February 18, 2026 4:38:43 pm

I am appalled that this destruction of the East Wing was allowed unchecked. There was no authorization and no permits were issued.
I want the East Wing restored to it's previous design.

Name: DON SMITH-WEISS
Date: February 18, 2026 4:39:15 pm

This is not a modernization project, it is an affront to the historic East Wing. The project was begun without the proper authorization, and there now stands a pile of rubble where part the People’s House once stood.

If a ballroom were to be added, it could be sunken into the ground so the scale would match the existing building. For that matter, it could be an entirely underground addition with skylights and perhaps a terrace above—no conflict with the existing building.

As the proposal now stands, it will dwarf the existing sections and throw the scale of this once-stately building off. And it was not authorized by Congress or reviewed by the proper historic overseers. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Linda Plewa
Date: February 18, 2026 4:39:18 pm

I object to the ballroom construction. The destruction of the older building was illegal. I don’t believe the majority of Americans really feel we need a giant ballroom. I would like to see the old building rebuilt with updated facilities.

Name: Susan M Burhouse
Date: February 18, 2026 4:39:21 pm

Please don’t allow the new ballroom to be built. From what I have heard, it will be gaudy, garish and not in the stately tradition of the US. Whatever update treatments are done to the East Wing, please see that they lean toward understatement and tastefulness.
Thank you,
Susan M Burhouse

Name: Mona Kreitner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:39:55 pm

I have been a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for man years and I wholeheartedly thank them for, and support, their efforts to put the brakes on this horrendous project. It was begun in secrecy (with no oversight and no apparent coherent plan for the eventual reconstruction of this beloved historic structure) by a President who has demonstrated zero respect for--or even interest in--the beauty, dignity, and historical signifigance of our nation's capitol and the architectural works that stand as significant markers of our history, as well as the individual Americans who have contributed to the ongoing work of forming a more perfect union. The project must be abandoned. The East Wing must be restored. No presedent has the right to destroy public buildings to satisfy his own ego. The White House is the people's house. Period.

Name: michael godfrey
Date: February 18, 2026 4:40:22 pm

I am deeply outraged by the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and strongly oppose the addition of a ballroom to the historic complex. The East Wing is not just a functional space—it is part of the architectural and institutional fabric of the presidency and a tangible link to our nation’s history. Destroying it for the sake of an ornamental

expansion shows a troubling disregard for preservation, stewardship, and the symbolic meaning of the White House as a public institution, not a private venue. Alterations of this magnitude undermine the integrity of one of the most important historic buildings in the world and set a dangerous precedent that legacy can be sacrificed for vanity. This proposal should be rejected in favor of protecting the White House's historical character for future generations...RESTORE THE EAST WING.

Name: AUDREY Kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 4:40:41 pm

What an eyesore, does he think we are Soviet Union in the 1940s. It's not his house to destroy. It's America's house and he like everyone else had to follow the rules.

Name: Cathy Bayliss
Date: February 18, 2026 4:41:01 pm

This reflects my opinion perfectly-
"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens."

Name: Maggie moore
Date: February 18, 2026 4:41:09 pm

I oppose any further action on the building of the new White House ballroom that isn't backtracking and restoring it to what it was previously. The spending of $300 million dollars on this is wasteful and was undertaken illegally. The money raised through donations of companies and those wishing to curry favor with the president is despicable. The proper process should have been followed and to allow the project to move forward now, without any accounting for how it was undertaken, should be considered complicit and abetting a crime.

Name: Shelley Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 4:41:22 pm

This should never happened in the 1st place. I am deeply disappointed in the members of congress that did nothing. TAKE BACK THE PEOPLES HOUSE!!

Name: Barbara Whetstone
Date: February 18, 2026 4:41:34 pm

The White House is the Peoples' house set aside as a dwelling for the President of the United States. Democracy represents the common man, not a monarchy, dictatorship, nor an oligarchy. The White House should not be representative of one person's ego.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American

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Name: Donna Borer
Date: February 18, 2026 4:42:25 pm

I oppose spending ANY sum of money on what is being termed a modernization project, when in fact it became a demolition project at the behest of a rogue President who knowingly began demolition when he did not have any such Congressional authorization to do so. That property belongs to the AMERICAN PEOPLE and Donald Trump only has the

use of such property during his term of office, does not own such property and does not have the right to do as he pleases with such property without the express permission of Congress. Therefore, I suggest the American public rebuild the historic East Wing of OUR White House to the specifications of the original East Wing. I also suggest the American public proceed with criminally charging Donald Trump for the destruction and defilement of a National Historic Building and proceed ahead with a lawsuit suing Donald Trump for the entire cost of rebuilding along with damages and lost use of the building caused by his egregious, disgusting attempt to destroy a portion of OUR WHITE HOUSE.

Name: Valerie Vitale
Date: February 18, 2026 4:42:30 pm

The East Wing was a piece of our history. To destroy it for a new huge ballroom with no prior authorizations from the appropriate agencies is a crime. Please do not allow this project to proceed. The project is too big, will dwarf the White House and be an eyesore on the landscape. Funding for the project by private donors is not appropriate. STOP THIS NOW!

Name: Elaine Leitner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:43:28 pm

I am appalled that the President unilaterally tore down a portion of the People's House - the White House. It is not a "modernization project" it is a power move against our national interests! I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Not to mention, that $300 million (I have no doubt like any construction project, it will actually cost more!) can be used to help the American people.

Please show some independence and act according to your mandate to protect our national treasures.

Name: Neuma Crandall
Date: February 18, 2026 4:43:32 pm

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Name: Ginger Vollmar
Date: February 18, 2026 4:43:48 pm

The East Wing of the White House, the "Peoples House" should never have been demolished! I would like to see it built back the way it was.

If the Trump admin insists on proceeding with this project, the structure should not have a footprint larger than the previous East Wing. It should also not be taller than the main section of the White House. From a preservation perspective, it needs to be the same size as the original East Wing and it needs to look very similar on the outside.

Name: Emily Fletcher
Date: February 18, 2026 4:44:00 pm

I am an archaeologist who works in cultural resource management, and I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project because of the dangerous precedent it sets for our cultural resources.

By demolishing a portion of one of our nation's most iconic cultural resources without first undergoing the required review and approval process, the project undermines a long-standing suite of legislation protecting our shared heritage. If allowed to proceed, I fear the project will set a precedent to other developers that the federal government no longer

enforces this legislation. Doing so will endanger historical and archaeological sites across our nation.

Furthermore, tens of thousands of Americans, including myself, earn our livelihoods by ensuring projects such as the East Wing Modernization Project comply with federal regulations protecting cultural resources like the White House. Allowing the East Wing Modernization Project to move forward without such reviews is an affort to my colleagues and the important work we do every day to protect our heritage. Proceeding with the Project would set a precedent that endangers not only our shared heritage, but also the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Americans who have devoted themselves to protecting it.

Name: JoAnn Neufer
Date: February 18, 2026 4:44:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens.

Name: Katherine Scarritt
Date: February 18, 2026 4:44:11 pm

The White House is the People's House. It represents our invaluable legacy as a democratic republic. Therefor, the new East Wing should reflect this tradition. Architecturally, it should fit the scale and style of the rest of the White House. It should be a place for the American people to visit and learn about actual history and democracy. It should not be a huge ballroom for entertaining.

Name: Sharon Fizdale
Date: February 18, 2026 4:44:23 pm

Any replacement of the historic East Wing of the White House must be built in a legal and aesthetic manner, following the rules that require it not overshadow the White House and be architecturally appropriate et cetera. The Commissioners may have to step a bit further back in the process, and not start, as it appeared in the hearing I watched, with the mess and chaos the President has produced as if that is normal and okay. THINGS ARE NOT NORMAL AND OKAY IN WASHINGTON!!!

They are not normal because, if you're following the news of the Epstein files, evidence may soon surface to show the President has been an active participant in an international child sex trafficking crime that yesterday the UN Commission on Human Rights stated appears to involve Crimes Against Humanity. The reason I bring this up is to say, please, everyone stop operating with such fear of displeasing this horrendous man!! Of course it's repugnant and inappropriate for me to write about sex crimes in a commentary of the National Capital Planning Commission. But if not here, then where? If not now, then when? Everyone must do their part to put a stop to the completely amoral, unethical, and dishonest goings-on in Washington DC, and you, the National Capital Planning Commissioners have an opportunity to put something right.

I am a resident of many years. Thank you for serving on this Commission.

Name: Ruth Benner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:44:27 pm

I literally wept as I watched the wrecking ball tear down the East Wing, an important part of the Peoples’ House. The remodel must be consistent with the dignity and historical tradition that is expected of a building that is central to our country’s history. I expect that all rules and regulations and timelines should be strictly followed. Whatever replaces our beloved East Wing should be constructed to stand the test of time. It will remain standing long after the current occupant of the White House is gone. It should as a monument to the courage, honor and dignity of the Americans who have died protecting our country and our democracy. It should not reflect the whims of one particular individual.

Name: Jonathan W Bayless
Date: February 18, 2026 4:44:27 pm

The east wing should not be a change in appearance from the way it looked prior to destruction. It needs to balance the west wing both in scale and in style. There are venues which could accommodate large social functions and could be rented as needed. The White House is one of our national symbols and should be respected as are the Eagle and the flag.

Name: Kathryn Nolte
Date: February 18, 2026 4:45:48 pm

First, and foremost, I am absolutely disgusted at the current administration's act of demolishing the East Wing without going through proper channels. This administration believes itself above the laws that govern our nation - right up to the capital of our country. I am vehemently against turning the former space of the East Wing into a ballroom that will be tackily decorated and used for the sole purpose of the current administration's quest for more money and elitism. Our country was founded on the principle that ALL MEN (humans) ARE CREATED EQUAL. This gaudy display of perceived status and wealth goes against this principle.

It is my view that the East Wing should be rebuilt in its past form - clearly upgraded but not in such a manner as to further embarrass the citizens of the United States of America.

Name: Cheryl VanderMolen
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:05 pm

I agree with others and oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

What this administration is doing to many historical places and naming so many things, Trump, a living President last I knew, is a travesty.

Name: Alexander Moburg-Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:07 pm

I’m upset at the disrespect that was shown in the demolition of the East wing of the People’s house, and also upset at the audacious building that is proposed to take its place…

Please do not use outside donors to create a monster…. Let the design and payment for the building be done with decency, elegance and to honor the existing building. Please do not allow for a monstrosity to built so that the current sitting president can leave his mark on the White House.

We do not need an oversized ballroom with no sense of history and current decorum.

Thank you for Asheville, North Carolina.

Alexander Moburg-Davis
Proud American

Name: Lynn Butler
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:11 pm

I ask that the unauthorized East Wing demolition be stopped, and that the building be reconstructed at no cost to the US government. The entire project was a rushed "middle of the night" attempt to modify the People's House to please one man. The East Wing of the White House stands defaced and destroyed, and it must be rebuilt to specifications decided by

the appropriate planners and with required approvals. A $300 - $400 million dollar ballroom is unnecessary. It is unwanted. Please stop the destruction and rebuild our house.
Sincerely,
Lynn Butler

Name: James Spillane
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gayle Pretz
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:15 pm

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing". The East Wing has historical significance, was beautiful and was a perfect compliment to the White House. The current occupant of the White House did not follow the rules set forth to modify or modernize historic buildings. It is not within his purview to do whatever he wants with historic buildings; he does not own these buildings!

Name: ELIZABETH Hannold
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:20 pm

As a US citizen, resident of the District of Columbia and retired historic preservation profession I find the proposed project to be profoundly distrurbing for many reasons. Many aspects of the legally required federal review process have already been perverted. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible. The applicant has failed to consult in good faith with the many pertinent expert agencies and entities such as the National Park Service and National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The proposed project demolished the existing West Wing without regard for its historic significance and without any consultation. The proposed design for a 90,000 sf "wing" is excessive in size, dwarfing what remains of the historic building. The enormous wing is significantly larger than the White House and West Wing together, unbalancing the composition, creating visiual disharmony and symbolically elevating entertainment and pomp above all other aspects and functions of the White House. The enormous and highly elaborate design of the proposed wing is not subordinate to the remaining historic building, as is required by the Secretary of Interior's Standards. It will leave the historic White House appearing as if it is a modest wing of the "grand" new building. It is unbelievable that as a country we are at this juncture and that this project, so obviously incompatible with our prior vision of the house of the people suitable for a democratic nation, is under consideration.

Name: lyn ballou
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:34 pm

The East Wing, full of history and belonging to the people of this country since it was constructed, should be rebuilt, restored and furnished with its original contents. Its recent unauthorized destruction violated the law , ignored the norms of respect for our heritage, and broke the hearts of all Americans who have visited the East Wing, seen it on TV, and trusted it would always be there unless lawfully modified. We weep.

The proposed ballroom construction to replace the East Wing is way out of proportion to the White House and inconsistent with the size and spirit of this early 19th century place. It has not received input from the appropriate institutions in charge of our historical properties. None of the steps required to accomplish demolition or construction have been taken. Nor have the American people been consulted through their elected representatives or otherwise. Instead plans have been thrust forward, based on dubious funding by wealthy individuals currying favor with the current administration.

Those responsible for bulldozing down the East Wing should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The costs to restore the East Wing should be sought from them as damages. The proposed ballroom should be rejected, and if necessary, enjoined by a court of law.

Name: Tricia Erber
Date: February 18, 2026 4:46:40 pm

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Name: Madalyn Squires
Date: February 18, 2026 4:47:46 pm

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This wanton disregard for the laws and procedures of the United Staes is horrifying.

Name: Janeen Provazek
Date: February 18, 2026 4:47:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Respectfully, Janeen Provazek, Tacoma, WA

Name: Dianna Owen
Date: February 18, 2026 4:47:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is nothing more than a vanity project, and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Colden
Date: February 18, 2026 4:48:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Corinne Woodworth
Date: February 18, 2026 4:48:19 pm

The East Wing Modernization Project should be carefully reviewed for its architectural integrity as it applies to the size and design of the new wing. I think ballroom space is appropriate as long as it enhances the main structure of the White House and does not overshadow it. The new wing should also complement the neoclassical design of the original structure both inside and outside, following the understated elegance that the White House has represented for centuries, and not the neo-bordello design favored by the current administration.

Name: Allen Kitselman
Date: February 18, 2026 4:48:31 pm

The destruction of the East Wing without any process, consideration, approvals, or design consultation was an inexcusable crime against the American people. Donald Trump should be prosecuted and required to pay for it's reconstruction without a "ballroom". He should be required to personally pay for Architects, Preservation Architects, Engineers, and Historians to accurately develop construction drawings to reconstruct it exactly as it stood. He should pay for every cent of the construction. He should also be impeached for this crime among hundreds of others.

Name: Megan Gregory
Date: February 18, 2026 4:49:02 pm

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Name: Matt Eller
Date: February 18, 2026 4:49:05 pm

The proposed $300 million expenditure should be rejected. This project moved forward without the necessary approvals, permits, or design oversight, and its continuation would legitimize a process that ignored established legal safeguards. Rather than representing thoughtful modernization, the plan effectively erases a significant part of America’s historical legacy.

I call for the project to be stopped immediately and for the East Wing to be reconstructed and restored to its original design. Upholding the rule of law requires accountability — proceeding without penalties for those responsible for the violations would undermine fairness and respect for the law among the public.

Name: Jean Spencer
Date: February 18, 2026 4:49:05 pm

As the historic East Wing was unlawfully torn down, the proper remedy is to have it rebuilt exactly as it was before demolition. Then we can have a discussion about “modernization”. This is not an uncommon remedy for code breakers. Jean Spencer

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Name: Christine Stefano
Date: February 18, 2026 4:49:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Les Badden
Date: February 18, 2026 4:49:56 pm

This project is completely OUT OF ITS MIND. Not necessary and so "out of scale" it would dwarf our nations house. The process in which this devastating event took place is unconscionable. This so called president does not have the right to tear down OUR HOUSE to feed is over zealous ego. Stop this devastating destruction NOW.

Name: Theresa Richardson
Date: February 18, 2026 4:50:34 pm

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Name: Andrea Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 4:50:34 pm

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Name: Chris Baumgartner
Date: February 18, 2026 4:50:42 pm

I was sad and shocked to see the East Wing demolished. Such a powerful and beautiful part of America's history turned to rubble for one man's ego. It did not need to be modernized and I strongly suggest that it be rebuilt in its entirety just the way it was. Trump should be made to bear the cost of the rebuilt. Taxpayers should not be burdened by his need for aggrandizement!

Name: Daniel Chester
Date: February 18, 2026 4:50:48 pm

Build it back exactly the way it was. No ballroom.

Name: Adrienne DeFuria
Date: February 18, 2026 4:50:51 pm

Please stop this insanity. This is the people's house, not a Trump branded building. He has/had no right to destroy any part of the house to start with. He has no right to dictate what goes there. He can suggest, ask, petition, but to have the gall to simply tear down part of the house with no oversight or permission by commissions as your self is unacceptable. Finish the demo, clean up the site, plant sod and start from scratch in a manner that involves all the stake holders ie. the representatives of the US people. Washington does not need another Tacky Trump monstrosity. The ballroom, IF it must proceed, should not dwarf the people's house, nor diminish its gravitas as the symbol of US democracy. PS I dispute the necessity of a ballroom at all. Perhaps a parking garage would better suit the people that work there. All attempts to thwart the planning commissions authority in determining what happens to the people's house must be rebuffed. Trump will be here for only 1000 more days. What he has destroyed will be a smear on the city for decades.

Name: Maryellen Halloran
Date: February 18, 2026 4:50:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jane Hemelt
Date: February 18, 2026 4:51:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former beauty. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sally Schmitz
Date: February 18, 2026 4:51:12 pm

First, there is no East Wing. It’s gone. Second, it should be rebuilt as it was but with modern improvements such as heat, air, electricity, insulation, that would be up to today’s standards. No ballroom.

Name: Carol WHITE
Date: February 18, 2026 4:51:59 pm

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Name: Jonathan Goldblith
Date: February 18, 2026 4:52:07 pm

What has taken place is an abomination. There are laws against making changes to public historical buildings and none have been followed. The beautiful Peoples’ House has been reduced to rubble. The East Wing should be restored to have the same appearance it had before this mess began. Modernization on the inside is fine, but the outside of the building should be restored.

Name: Priscilla Mattison
Date: February 18, 2026 4:52:12 pm

First of all, this is not an East Wing "Modernization" Project; it is an East Wing Destruction Project. The very notion that an individual -- regardless of who -- could tear down part of the White House without prior study and permission from the public is utterly wrongheaded. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. The current administration's "it's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission" approach is inexcusable.

No, it is not okay to tear down the East Wing and put up a giant ballroom. No, the White House doesn't need a giant ballroom. No, the American people don't want our history destroyed and replaced with garishness.

The people behind the destruction of the East Wing should be compelled to built it back the way it was, inch by inch, at their own expense.

Never again should politicians or their cronies have the gall to destroy Americans' historic treasures.

Name: Sara Demetry
Date: February 18, 2026 4:52:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I would like Trump to pay personally for the restoration so that the taxpayers are not paying for this travesty.

Name: Roger Frederick
Date: February 18, 2026 4:52:49 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The planned structure would be a slap in the face of this nations history. It would be a giant eyesore and make us a further laughing stock. Please save us from more dime store tchotchke.

Name: Jennifer Orenic
Date: February 18, 2026 4:53:07 pm

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Name: Andrea Thew
Date: February 18, 2026 4:53:30 pm

As an American, I strongly object to the $300 million being spent on a project that proceeded without proper authorization, permits, or review. This is not modernization—it is the erasure of historic architecture to fulfill the vanity of the undignified and hateful man currently holding the office of President. The project should be stopped immediately and the East Wing restored to its original form. No one should be exempt from the law, and failing to hold those responsible accountable would be unacceptable.

Name: Trudy Gamble
Date: February 18, 2026 4:53:31 pm

I strongly oppose the project of building of a ballroom at the East Wing location.

The creators of the project that demolished the East Wing and proposed to build a ballroom on that site have never obtained the authorization, permits, or design review that are required by law.

It should be cancelled and I would hope to see the East Wing rebuilt in its former design.

Name: Lisa Zelnick
Date: February 18, 2026 4:53:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project regardless of funding source. In fact, the funding source makes it even more abhorrent to the American principle that the White House is the People's House. This is simply an ostentatious display of wealth without any connection to American citizens.

Further, this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization

project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing was a tribute to the greatness of the United States. Mrs. Kennedy restored it to showcase the story of our country. It was a cultural beacon, emphasizing the diverse cultures that create our uniqueness.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Crawford
Date: February 18, 2026 4:54:23 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ralph Hickok
Date: February 18, 2026 4:54:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Louise Machinist
Date: February 18, 2026 4:54:44 pm

Please stop the abomination that is DJT's desecration of our White House. I could go on and on. Briefly--This is wrong on every level and needs to be stopped. An appropriate large reception hall should be designed with historic expertise and non-partisan oversight. Money should be public money. Do not allow further destruction of a national treasure that belongs to ALL the people.

Name: Anissa Howard
Date: February 18, 2026 4:55:26 pm

I oppose this project as well as the spending of $300 million on this project. This project lacks proper authorization, permits, and has no design review. This is not a modernization project. It is a disgrace to the American People and a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt. I want the Wing and Gardens restored to their former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathleen Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 4:55:29 pm

The East Wing was illegally destroyed and needs to be restored back to it’s original state. trump** needs to pay for the restoration out of his** own pocket, no grifting or conning any person or organization out of any more money. he** also needs to pay a hefty fine for the illegal act. We, the people have no use, need or want a ballroom.

Name: Tamara Opperman
Date: February 18, 2026 4:55:41 pm

This is outrageous that this is happening without permission or any plans submitted. How does the Pres get away with this. He thinks he is above law and above people, he is a horrible president that is destroying our county. Americans hold

on for the rest of the ride.
I pray that somehow this stupid ballroom stops in its tracks.
Thank you

Name: Susan Evans
Date: February 18, 2026 4:55:42 pm

I oppose this project because it obliterates the symmetry & history of the White House. Not since the British tried to burn down the white house has anything so damaging happened until this. The ballroom would not be enjoyed by the people . It would be used only by the richest in our country to mingle with the dictator, to enrich his wealth & encourage his narcissistic character.

Name: Tracy Sarang
Date: February 18, 2026 4:56:20 pm

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Name: Shawn Krawetzki
Date: February 18, 2026 4:56:36 pm

Completely in favor of the project!!! Please proceed to work with the current Administration to secure all the needed permits to continue the project!

Name: Lucia Biancalana Cantone
Date: February 18, 2026 4:56:41 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patrice Nicola
Date: February 18, 2026 4:56:43 pm

We ALL must use the appropriate laws that govern the USA. NO PLANS should mean no demolition. Anonymous donors should be unlawful; how do we know there’s no pro quid pro for these donors to receive special interest access to our Constitution Government? (Especially with the current admin being so blatantly unlawful, there should be a public list available).

Name: Linda Kurokawa
Date: February 18, 2026 4:56:54 pm

I, along with so many Americans, vehemently reject the idea of building a lavish presidential ballroom onto the East Wing. At a time when our country faces real needs — from preserving history to serving the public — this feels wasteful, unnecessary, and completely out of step with what the White House should represent.

Instead, the East Wing should be used in ways that actually serve the American people: expanded public history exhibits, educational spaces for visitors and students, preservation of the building’s historic character, or programs that reflect the dignity and purpose of the presidency. The White House is not a private estate — it belongs to the nation. Its spaces should reflect service, stewardship, and respect for history, not personal grandeur.

Name: Bonnie Robicheau
Date: February 18, 2026 4:56:54 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Absolutely no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Scovell
Date: February 18, 2026 4:57:24 pm

To have destroyed the East Wing already is tragic.
To have done so merely to provide the current occupant with a forum for entertaining the wealthy is in complete philosophical, ethical and fiscal opposition to what this country was founded upon. To have further allowed it without the proper vetting and oversight is illegal.

Two times in history the White House was damaged. Once in 1814 at the hands of the British Army.
The second time was this summer, and the guy who swore to uphold the Constitution lit the proverbial match.

Name: Wendy Yates
Date: February 18, 2026 4:57:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300M on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. The razing of the East Wing was premature and inappropriate. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt to its original specifications. Thank you for protecting this piece of American History.

Name: Laura Faure
Date: February 18, 2026 4:57:50 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diane Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 4:58:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
And for what? A gaudy, outsized ballroom of all things and all while the administration and its DHS/ICE are building and/or buying enormous structures to warehouse immigrant detainees, many of whom (perhaps most of whom) are being detained illegally?? Trump wants to build a ballroom to impress the elite class he cares about and nothing could be more damning as to this government’s priorities. The American people won’t stand for it. For either. This monstrosity must be stopped.

Name: Sandina Bailo
Date: February 18, 2026 4:58:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paul Uttermohlen
Date: February 18, 2026 4:58:24 pm

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Name: Robert Lester
Date: February 18, 2026 4:58:44 pm

It’s illegal and a desecration

Name: Stephanie Kincaid
Date: February 18, 2026 4:58:55 pm

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Name: LJ Maiocco
Date: February 18, 2026 4:59:17 pm

The White House stands as a visual representation of our nation’s identity. When its legacy is dismantled without transparency or lawful process, it mirrors the broader instability and division many Americans feel today. I was appalled to see this destruction.
The decision to spend $300 million on a project undertaken without proper authorization, permitting, or design oversight is deeply concerning. What is being described as modernization is, in reality, the erasure of American history.
Additionally, having big business offer to finance part of this to curry favor with the President is unconscionable.
This project should be halted immediately, and the East Wing restored to its former design and historical character.
Accountability matters.
Restoration matters.
To unify and move forward, we must recommit to preserving both our civic and physical institutions and return our nation to a foundation grounded in respect for history, law, and shared purpose.
History is watching.

Name: Joan Rosenberg
Date: February 18, 2026 4:59:47 pm

I oppose going forward on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Many Americans were horrified to see our white house destroyed in the dark of night. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There should be a bidding process in place with The National Historic Society in charge of awarding the architects and leading/approving the renovation. It is imperative the east wing design be dignified and hold the same functions of the previous design. There is no need for an enormous golden ballroom to be included just to satisfy the enormous ego of the current temporary president. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Watching the destruction of the People's House was a shock and one of the saddest occurrences I have witnessed. It should have never happened, but now that it has it is time to stop it in its tracks and restore the East Wing as designed. We do not need billionaire "sponsors" aka BRIBES to be involved in this building. Please restore dignity to the People's House.

Name: Stephen McKean
Date: February 18, 2026 5:00:56 pm

The act of tearing down the East Wing, unlawfully ordered by Donald J Trump, was a travesty and a descecration of The Peoples' House. The ballroom that he wants to put in its place should never be allowed to be built. The simple solution to correcting this unlawful act is to rebuild the East Wing as it was, and require that the project be paid for by the person who ordered the destruction in the first place - Donald J Trump. The funds for this restoration project could and should be seized from the money Donald Trump has been taking in violation of the Emoluments Clause of our Constitution, which prohibits federal officials, including the president, from receiving gifts, payments, or other benefits from foreign or domestic governments beyond their official compensation to avoid corruption or undue influence. The people of this country should not be paying one cent to this unlawful project!

Name: Amber Massey
Date: February 18, 2026 5:01:10 pm

I do not agree with President Trump's plan to turn the East Wing into a massive ballroom. His directive to tear down the previous structure was illegal, immoral, and unethical. I recommend that the site be restored to the same size and function as it was in the past, with appropriate modernizations as needed.

Name: Margaret Schick
Date: February 18, 2026 5:01:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 - $400 million dollars on this project, which was done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Calling it the East Wing Modernization is a joke. It is a vanity project for the current President who claims it will be paid for with private donations. Do you really believe the pledges for this will materialize into actual cash, and at what cost in the form of special treatment and favors to the billionaires? The White House does not belong to the President, it belongs to the American people, he is a temporary resident and nothing more. The size of this “Ballroom” will overshadow the White House and the décor will be a grotesque dripping of gold. This project must be stopped and the East Wing build back to its original size, or at least a size more complimentary to the White House. Thank you for everything you are doing to prevent this project from moving forward.

Name: Joe Carbone
Date: February 18, 2026 5:02:02 pm

I oppose constructing the ballroom as proposed due to poor planning and subsequent project scope creep. While we cannot bring back the destroyed East Wing, proper studies of the need for the proposal must be done before moving forward with a proposal to "modernize" the East Wing that was torn down. This is not just about building a ballroom. It is now also about replacing the East Wing and bunker within the scale of the existing White House and grounds. An assessment must include impacts to the historic site as well as construction and maintenance costs moving forward, especially the costs to the American people. If a large ballroom is needed, alternatives need to be considered, including constructing an oversized ballroom at a different location where the historic White House and Grounds are not compromised.

Name: Joan Britten
Date: February 18, 2026 5:02:42 pm

I oppose spending a single dollar, let alone $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marisa Dissinger
Date: February 18, 2026 5:04:05 pm

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Name: Susan Kraus
Date: February 18, 2026 5:04:57 pm

As a child, I went to Washington DC with my parents. I remember touring the White House, and the Capital. We went to Smithsonian Museums, what existed in the 1960's. Now there are more Smithsonian Museums, and each brings parts of history that were not included at the start. Native American. African-American, more. I remember my mother bending down as we looked across the Mall at the magnificent buildings: "They belong to YOU, honey. They belong to all of us. And you can come whenever you can, for the rest of your life. And they're free because they belong to us."

Donald Trump is the WORST TENANT EVER. Which is the understatement of the decade if not century. He has no respect for history, he has no respect for citizens. The man doesn't read. He can't READ. Has he read a book in the last month? The last year? The last decade?
He wants a damn"Ballroom" and he wants it to have his name all over it and his awful, awful, taste (the gold 'touches' in the Oval Office are bad enough). If we maybe could use an event space, it needs to be a thoughtful and respectful process. It needs to fit the proportions of the buildings. It needs to be restrained, not obnoxious. BUT nothing about DJT is restrained. He flaunts the law because he is above the law. Tear down the East Wing? Yeah. Go through the regs required? Screw the regs. Because what are 'they' gonna do after he ambushes us with a demolition? Too late. He is white-washing history, erasing anything but his name. His power. His legacy.

Please stop him. Please. I'm 76. I need to have this over, have my country back, democracy back, before I die.

Name: Donna Patterson
Date: February 18, 2026 5:05:14 pm

The modernization of the east wing was not that. That was destroying our history. The east wing should be rebuilt like it was. They’re definitely should not be ballroom.

Name: Ellen Wilch
Date: February 18, 2026 5:05:20 pm

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Name: Devin Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 5:05:23 pm

I think this unapproved project should be halted. No one is above the law and this should be restored to original state. This is not an improvement but an attempt at grift and erasing history.

Name: Judy Rowell
Date: February 18, 2026 5:05:26 pm

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Name: Margaret Glover
Date: February 18, 2026 5:06:34 pm

Please please restore the East Wing to its historical size and glory as a working wing for the First Lady and in keeping with the Architectural integrity of the White House itself. We have never needed anything bigger. We don't need a big ballroom. Please restore the East Wing to what it was before. Thank you for standing up for the history and cultural beauty of our nation's capital. I only hope that you prevail. Thank you for your time.

Name: Janet Myers
Date: February 18, 2026 5:06:36 pm

I would hate to see this ballroom built in place of the east wing. It is not in keeping with the design of the White House. What should be don't is to rebuild the East Wing as it was and preserve our history. I object to the building of the ballroom.

Name: Sheila Best
Date: February 18, 2026 5:06:57 pm

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Name: Denise Karpinski
Date: February 18, 2026 5:07:05 pm

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Name: Rikibeth Stein
Date: February 18, 2026 5:07:08 pm

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Name: Martha Jane
Date: February 18, 2026 5:07:13 pm

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Name: Nancy Abuaf
Date: February 18, 2026 5:08:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Chris Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 5:09:36 pm

I am a licensed architect and history buff.
I have been horrified by President Trump's reckless disregard to planning and historic preservation. The East Wing has been lost forever. We must stop the rebuilding so that Trump does not get a monument to his own hubris. Pause. Have an actual design competition after this presidential term is over. Do not reward wanton destruction of our heritage.

Name: Karen Kimball
Date: February 18, 2026 5:10:05 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was an abomination and I now write to oppose the president's push for a "ballroom" attached to the White House. It is vanity project designed to distract from the administration's malfeasance in other areas (e.g. ICE incursions and violence, lack of transparency around the Epstein files, etc.) and to bolster the president's insatiable ego. Additionally, this structure allegedly will be paid for by private donations from corporations and individuals currying favor with our corrupt president. How will those payments be tracked? How can we safeguard decision making on the inevitable conflicts of interest such payments contain? The entire enterprise is fraught with the risk of greater corruption than has been evidenced thus far. If the building is allowed to proceed, I can only hope that the next president either repurposes it for the public good or destroys it outright.

Name: Mayra Camden
Date: February 18, 2026 5:10:18 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Miranda Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 5:10:54 pm

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Name: Joan Weatherly
Date: February 18, 2026 5:12:04 pm

The "big beautiful ballroom" planned for the East wing of the white house needs to be stopped. The destruction of an historical building began without proper regulations, permits, etc. Trump just threw a wrecking ball at it. Constructed with asbestos the workers were potentially harmed. This nonsense must stop.

Name: John Genell
Date: February 18, 2026 5:12:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bonnie Lieberman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:12:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ruth Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 5:12:58 pm

I do not want 300 million tax dollars spent on this project. It was wrong to destroy the historic East Wing of the White House which was the domain on the First Ladies. It was destroyed without proper authorization or permitting or design review. I want the project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its historical status. Our president seems to think he is above the law and this is an affront to all law abiding Americans. Please see that the East Wing is restored to its originality. We do not need a ballroom for the rich at the peoples house.

Name: Jay Hungate
Date: February 18, 2026 5:13:00 pm

The obscene destruction of the East Wing without design plans, permitting or permissions seems like it goes against common sense and common law. Those who are responsible for its destruction should be held liable, and accountable. They have violated the peoples house, and should be forced to rebuild the structure at their expense, with full oversight of the Historic Preservation Committee, following all laws regarding zoning and permitting. Additionally, the work should be done by Unionized American crews, paid at prevailing wages of the area.

Name: Debbie Powers
Date: February 18, 2026 5:13:24 pm

How dare a President tear down part of an historic landmark to build a gold laden ballroom. No President has ever tried to do this before. Washington, DC is not Maralago. It is the people's house and we allow him to reside in it. Even though it may have private funding, this should not be allowed to a very historical building. None of Trump's projects should be allowed. Off the subject, I sincerely hope he does not have plans to tear down the Kennedy Center. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!!!!!

Name: Debora Hadeen
Date: February 18, 2026 5:13:46 pm

I do not support this project. The project was not proposed in the customary manner, was started by demolition, without approval or permission. I oppose any changes to the White House without the required oversight and planning procedures.

Name: Debbie Pfeifer
Date: February 18, 2026 5:14:00 pm

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to note my concern and displeasure with a proposed ballroom. This beautiful piece of our history was callously torn down and destroyed without going through the proper channels. We the people do not want a ballroom built on this site, rather, we want the east wing rebuilt to the prior specifications. The White House belongs to the American people, as such, we should have input in the future of this project.
Thank you for your consideration,
Debbie Pfeifer

Name: Mich Sullivan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:14:05 pm

I think the East Wing should return to the role it played prior to demolition, and be restored with no ballroom. It's a disgrace that it has been destroyed without any regard for the proper process.

Name: Gail Sasnett
Date: February 18, 2026 5:14:16 pm

I want this project cancelled.

Name: Kellie Kirkland
Date: February 18, 2026 5:14:19 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization plan. The white House belongs to the people not the president. The demolition was done
intentionally under the radar to avoid any opposition to the president's ballroom. This ballroom destroys the overall history and visual landscape of the White House. I want the project canceled and the East Wing to be restored. People should not be donating money to finance this ballroom or going there to dance.

Name: Michelle Gallert
Date: February 18, 2026 5:15:29 pm

I strongly oppose spending 300 million on this project. It was torn down illegally and I'd like it rebuilt and Trump to face consequences for his actions.
Thanks for listening, Michelle Gallert

Name: Lynn Atchley
Date: February 18, 2026 5:15:50 pm

I do not agree with this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is an outright razing and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cheryl MacInnis
Date: February 18, 2026 5:15:56 pm

To whom it may concern,
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion. I am opposed to spending any tax payer money or private donations to build a ballroom. A very unnecessary, and frivolous vanity project. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I am very disheartened that a President has so much disregard for our country’s history and the American people, that he destroyed the East Wing and started building a Ballroom, without the proper authorizations, review or permits. I am also frustrated that he destroyed the Rose Garden and replaced it with a cement patio. I feel he should personally be responsible to rebuild everything back to its original design, with his own money, including the disastrous, gaudy changes he made throughout the White House.
Best, Cheryl

Name: Steven LaVigne
Date: February 18, 2026 5:16:08 pm

I strongly support the restoration of both the East Wing and the Rose Garden to their original place in the White House.

How dare he destroy these things because he wanted an unnecessary ballroom and she has no concept of how to manage a garden!!

The White House does not belong to him, although he thinks he’s going to become a permanent resident. Nor to her. It belongs to the American people and has a history that needs to be maintained and shared. Among my books is the book about Jacqueline Kennedy, a woman I deeply admire, and her restoration of the White House. While Nancy Reagan felt that the White House needed new china, I love Rosalyn Carter’s comment about using the china from different administrations.

The destruction of the East Wing and Rose Garden was just plain tacky, and took away from this important history. It must be restored and laws must be passed that there won't be any more destruction to the People’s House.

Thank you, Steven LaVigne

Name: Eric Siegel
Date: February 18, 2026 5:16:37 pm

I was horrified at the destruction of the East Wing, a building of massive historical significance that cannot now be replaced, but "what's done is done."

I hope that the replacement East Wing will be approximately the same size above ground and approximately the same design as the destroyed East Wing, maintaining the scale and importance of the central White House. It would be desecration of our history to have a "ballroom," especially an absurdly gilded one out of a French comedy, outweigh and overshadow the central White House and its history.

I have no objection to a massive increase in the size of the below-ground facilities, shelter, etc.; I object only to the massive planned size of the visible building aboveground.

Name: Monique Leonard
Date: February 18, 2026 5:16:55 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed $300 million ballroom paid for by wealthy donors. This project was started without proper authorization, permits or approval and destroyed part of a historic building of national significance. This isn’t modernization, it’s destruction. I want the East Wing rebuilt to previous specifications and those who illegally destroyed the original East Wing prosecuted. In America no one is above the law, not even politicians or their wealthy donors. Ignoring the permitting process of national historic sites is a slap in the face to the American public.

Name: Corinne Jacob
Date: February 18, 2026 5:17:07 pm

.I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter Massa
Date: February 18, 2026 5:17:23 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Thomas Edminster
Date: February 18, 2026 5:17:31 pm

for your attention;

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Name: Rich Hammond
Date: February 18, 2026 5:17:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Steve Daniel
Date: February 18, 2026 5:17:43 pm

I’m not even sure why you label this “modernization”. The destruction of the East Wing was done unlawfully, as is the planning for a ballroom. This project should not be approved. Even if no taxpayer money is involved, which I seriously doubt, we are a nation of laws and legal procedures, not a nation of authoritarian rule and vanity projects.

Name: Roger Tinsman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:18:01 pm

Stop the East Wing Ballroom fiasco! I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
Thank you.

Name: Elizabeth Spragins
Date: February 18, 2026 5:18:43 pm

Part of one of our country's most beloved buildings has been obliterated on one man's whim. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandy Rucks
Date: February 18, 2026 5:18:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which no one wanted in the first place. The demolition was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Those responsible should be charged with vandalism of a

national monument and whatever other crimes apply (for I am sure that there are more). It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and scale with updated wiring etc. I also want the rose garden restored. We do not need, nor want a gold leaf ballroom. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Johanna Bair
Date: February 18, 2026 5:18:53 pm

On this President's Day, I can't help but think of all the previous inhabitants of our beautiful White House and wonder how they would react to the current desecration of the People's House. I am saddened and appalled by what has been done to this once glorious structure. Taking down the East Wing for a gilded ballroom is an abomination and must not be allowed to continue.

Name: David Gregg
Date: February 18, 2026 5:19:19 pm

I oppose the spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pamela Copeland
Date: February 18, 2026 5:19:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Constance Montgomery
Date: February 18, 2026 5:19:29 pm

When I saw heavy equipment tearing down part of the White House I thought it was a joke. The White House is the people’s house and not Donald’s house, Thankfully he will be gone. He didn’t give the congress or the people of this country any say in this idea of having a ballroom in place of the east wing. I am a 90 year old citizen of this country and I want the destruction to stop. What comes next is above my pay grade , but fix it!

Name: Chris Bannan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:20:07 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is yet another attempt by Donald Trump to put his 'brand' on a part of the US architectural heritage.

This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leslie Powers
Date: February 18, 2026 5:20:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens! It is absolutely appalling! Stop the madness!

Name: gilbert Burke
Date: February 18, 2026 5:20:22 pm

Put the peoples house back to what is supposed to be not some stupid ballroom for our stupid narcissist president

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Name: Katherine Bessette
Date: February 18, 2026 5:20:49 pm

Regarding the East Wing of the White House, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This travesty was initiated by Donald Trump without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project—it is a complete razing of American history. With respect, this project must be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Signed,
K. Bessette

Name: Pat Galligan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:21:04 pm

Absolute No to the golden calf ballroom addition to the PEOPLE’s house

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Name: Kate Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 5:21:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and either the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or a new design proposal to go through the proper channels to meet actual needs of the people, not the elites.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: AMY FRIED
Date: February 18, 2026 5:21:33 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Liane Mills
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:05 pm

I oppose the spending of ~$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of U.S. history.

This project must be completely canceled.

The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding U.S. citizens.

Another thought: Leave it exactly as it is now — tarps, scaffolding and all.

Put up a plaque, like a war memorial, explaining how we literally destroyed our own executive mansion. Let it appear in the corner of every news broadcast about what “The White House” or “Washington” did today. Let it appear in the background of every movie set in DC.

Leave it there until we have repaired the damage done from 2025 through 2028. Until we’ve reunited families that we chose to destroy. Until we’ve recreated the regulations that were wiped out without thinking. Until we’ve put limits on the executive branch’s ability to unilaterally declare war on external “enemies,” and support a secret police on internal ones.

Leave it that way until our former allies say that they can trust us again. (That will be a very long time.)

Let it be a reminder of how we are destroying ourselves right now. We’re going to want to put this unnecessary destruction behind us and pretend it never happened.

And we can't do that if we are ever going to learn the lessons that this illegal destruction must teach us.

Name: Allison Turner
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:07 pm

To those with decision making responsibilities,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the modernization of the East Wing, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Yes, canceling the project, restoring the wing as designed, and penalties against the guilty are my comments and requests.

Allison Turner

Name: Joakim GUSTAVSSON
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history by a vain President. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, just as you arson if the January 6th insurrectionists is.

Name: Betty Colonomos
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Reid
Date: February 18, 2026 5:22:59 pm

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Name: Jennifer Landry
Date: February 18, 2026 5:23:32 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and part of the National Park System. It is owned by the American people and has served as the home of U.S. presidents since 1800. The president at any given moment is not the owner of this property, but a temporary steward and resident, whose authority to alter this site is constrained by law, established preservation standards, and a fundamental obligation to the public trust.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without transparent public review, meaningful permitting, or Congressional oversight represents a profound failure of that stewardship. The American people were given no opportunity to weigh in on a decision that permanently altered one of the most symbolically and historically significant sites in the nation. What should have been presented as a proposal subject to rigorous review was instead treated as a fait accompli. This approach undermines both the letter and the spirit of federal preservation law and erodes public confidence in the stewardship of nationally significant historic resources.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts to require the reconstruction of the East Wing in a manner consistent with its historic design, scale, and relationship to the Executive Residence. Restoration and reconstruction of historically significant structures is a well-established preservation practice when irreplaceable resources are lost, and it is especially appropriate for a site of this national importance.

Any future construction on the footprint of the demolished East Wing must be compatible in form and clearly subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence and the historic composition of the White House complex. New construction should not eclipse, overwhelm, or visually compete with the People’s House, nor should it permanently distort the classical balance of the East and West Wings that has defined the White House for generations.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, the White House should stand as a model of principled stewardship of our shared heritage. The appropriate response to the loss of a historic component of this complex is not to normalize the loss through over-scaled replacement, but to restore what was taken and ensure that any necessary modernization honors the historic integrity, symbolism, and public ownership of this irreplaceable national landmark.

Name: robin depolo
Date: February 18, 2026 5:24:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy DePippo
Date: February 18, 2026 5:24:21 pm

Modernization project?? Ok, you can call it that. This whole ballroom is nothing more than an ego project for trump. It will be unslightly and should NEVER have been allowed to get this far. It ISN"T his house to tart up like he pleases. The oval office alone is obscene but the next president can take that down.
Where are the historians and nat'l park service? All afraid of this administration? This is exactly what happens when you abdicate all power to the executive branch. We get this crap. It's too late to stop it but PLEASE make him comply with at least the historical reverence of the white house. It's not mar-a-lago.
Brevard NC

Name: Skidmore Marjorie
Date: February 18, 2026 5:24:28 pm

Please stop this attack on the East Wing. Please don’t approve trump’s plan for the ballroom. The White House is the People’s House and mine…not trump’s house. He’s only living there. Stop trump’s attack on the East Wing and all other Federal buildings!
Marjorie Skidmore

Name: Susan Davis
Date: February 18, 2026 5:24:39 pm

Please put a permanent stop to the desecration of the people's house. This is not Mr. Trump's property or palace. The man replaced the rose garden with marble. The inside of the White House now looks cheap and tacky. Please, I ask, don't allow this East Wing Modernization project to resume. This project has further stripped away the dignity of an American symbol. Please don't allow this to continue.
Thank you for your time and patience.

Name: Mary Lou Purdy
Date: February 18, 2026 5:25:04 pm

The demolition of the East wing is an abomination. Does the country (or even private citizens) need to spend millions and millions of dollars on a ballroom that would make Liberace blush. Trump said it is being funded with private donations, but most of that money has probably been spent and he is notorious for promising a big beautiful ball room then refusing to pay contractors or billing the tax payers for it. It makes me sick. It is just another ploy to stroke his enormous ego. I applaud the federal judge who has halted the project because he did not follow the letter of the law! But when has that ever stopped him? Now we just have a gaping hole of rubble which will be symbolic of the Trump presidency.

Name: Treacy Colbert
Date: February 18, 2026 5:25:25 pm

I strongly oppose and am grieved by the destruction of the East Wing. This demolition was done without proper consent, and the whopping $300M price tag is an affront to all Americans who value justice, fairness, and following the law. Calling this project a "modernization" is absurd. If the East Wing needed repairs or restoration, those should have been done. This so-called "modernization" is the equivalent of burning the house down because it had termites. I urge the

Commission scrap this bloated project and order that the East Wing be restored to its original condition. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Jennette Eggen
Date: February 18, 2026 5:25:47 pm

I am against the destruction of the East Wing! This is not just President Trump's home. He should not be able to tear down historical buildings without approval. You are destroying the preservation of American history and the home of our presidents' throughout history.

Name: Nina Flax
Date: February 18, 2026 5:26:18 pm

I am opposed to the spending of millions of dollars on this project which obliterated history without the proper reviews and planning. No one sh9ukd be able to take the future of our nations buildings into their own hands. Tearing it down was an insult to all Americans. It should be restored to its original magnificence.

Name: Amy Warner
Date: February 18, 2026 5:26:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Diane Ivanova
Date: February 18, 2026 5:26:57 pm

Given the old building has been already torn down - it's obvious that something should be rebuilt. But the funds spent on this need to be done like an average person doing a remodel on their house - with a controlled and reasonable budget. The White House is not a showcase of gold and marble. The people's house should be built solidly with quality and matching the architectural style of the existing buildings. Us / the public funding a place for the president to host grand events seems inappropriate. I won't ever be invited there - so why are my taxes being used for extravagances? How about funding our healthcare first and then we'll see what's left to finish off a reasonable sized place to hold gatherings with reasonable size attendance.

Name: Ann Browning
Date: February 18, 2026 5:27:07 pm

I am very concerned about the scale of the East Wing Modernization Project. The schematics show that the renovations will dwarf the rest of the White House complex. With a careful, thoughtful process, the renovations can surely accomplish practical needs, while honoring the historic design. The White House is a cherished public asset and should not be altered so significantly without input from the public and the involvement of historic preservation specialists. It should never be the prerogative of one administration to make such dramatic changes unchecked.

Name: Irene Murphy
Date: February 18, 2026 5:27:09 pm

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not modernization; it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the

East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This was against the law, and those responsible should be penalized. As a law-abiding citizen and supporter of American history, I am appalled that this was allowed to happen.

Name: Sandra Starr
Date: February 18, 2026 5:27:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authority, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete raising of American history. I want this project canceled, and the east wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Holly Burkhardt
Date: February 18, 2026 5:27:18 pm

This was a destroyer first ask questions later situation to abuse the system. This historic landmark deserves the proper preservation. Unfortunately, that opportunity has passed. Restoration is the only acceptable path forward. Rewarding the disregard for public opinion, historical significance and proper appropriation of funds is a disgrace. The President isn't a King and doesn't get whatever he wants. The rules must be applied or they will be further abused. The ballroom is simply and inflation of one person's ego and doesn't reflect the appropriate architecture, historical significance or culture of the White House or America. It's just a horizontal Trump Tower all about him and not about Americans.

Name: Brittaney Vargas
Date: February 18, 2026 5:27:55 pm

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Name: Teddye Clayton
Date: February 18, 2026 5:28:15 pm

I strongly object to the current plans for the East Wing Modernization Project. The enormous ballroom dwarfs the rest of the White House--the tail wagging the dog, so to speak. No reputable architect should be proud of such a monstrosity. The fact that it is being funded with private money from people who want to buy the President's favor is also a strike against it. I suggest that the architects go back to the drawing board and design a ballroom that is reasonably proportioned in relation to the existing building. The architects recognize this addition is totally out of proportion and suggest adding a “modest one-story addition” to the West Colonnade, to “restore a sense of symmetry to the original central pavilion.” Where will this end?

Name: Alyssia Cursi
Date: February 18, 2026 5:28:23 pm

To the Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed demolition and “modernization” of the East Wing of the White House, including the construction of a new ballroom.

I strongly disagree with the demolition of a historic and functional part of the White House complex. The East Wing is a nationally significant structure, and its removal represents an irreversible loss to our shared civic heritage. Historic preservation laws and federal review processes exist for a reason, and they must be followed without exception.

No individual—regardless of position or power—is above the law. The actions being taken under the direction of Donald Trump appear to bypass or undermine the established approval, review, and transparency requirements that govern federal construction projects on historic sites. This is unacceptable.

I urge the Commission to immediately halt demolition and suspend all construction related to the proposed ballroom until the project has gone through the proper legal channels, including full review, public input, and required approvals. Allowing work to proceed without these steps sets a dangerous precedent and erodes public trust.

The role of the National Capital Planning Commission is to protect the integrity of our nation's most important civic spaces. I ask you to uphold that responsibility by rejecting this proposal in its current form and enforcing compliance with all applicable laws and processes.

Respectfully,

Alyssia Cursi

A concerned citizen

Name: Diane Harrison
Date: February 18, 2026 5:28:45 pm

I am against this project. As a former planning commission representative for my town and county, I know how important it is to follow the rules, whether we like them or not. The rules for this project have not been followed from the start which should put an end to the project for that reason alone and the East Wing be rebuilt to it's former self. The buck needs to stop somewhere and this is a good place for that to happen.

Funding, this is not a funded project, not a funded budget item. Getting donations that have yet to materialize is not stable funding. Once again, where is the bond for the construction, where is the income for this coming from. From what I understand, the deconstruction still has not been paid for - again, not a budget item.

I ask you to please consider very carefully, your decision in this matter as it not only effects the look and feel of the area, but the history of this structure. This also effects each taxpayer in this country, who seem to not have a say in so much of the deconstruction going on right now.

Thank you for your time.
Diane Harrison

Name: Elizabeth Bungert
Date: February 18, 2026 5:29:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wendy Kelly
Date: February 18, 2026 5:30:06 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As a Veteran I find this particularly reprehensible as a desecration of a National treasure.

Name: Nan McKenna
Date: February 18, 2026 5:30:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, especially as it was initiated in the dark and without plans, permits or a design review. This project should be canceled, and if possible, the East Wing rebuilt as the cohesive part of the whole that it has been for many years. This administration should not be allowed to quite literally bulldoze their way into this monstrosity in the hope that no one would object once the demolition of the East Wing of the People's House had been done.

Name: Deborah Sears
Date: February 18, 2026 5:31:13 pm

The wanton destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done with total disregard to any procedure that offered oversight and review. The White House and its wings are the People’s House. The White House does not belong to a temporary occupant to demolish entire wings on a whim.
The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored.
The proposed gigantic ballroom - out of scale, inappropriate, overwhelming the White House itself - should be stopped.

Name: Shirley Arnold
Date: February 18, 2026 5:31:18 pm

Please don’t build that awful looking ballroom. It will make the White House look so lopsided! The East Wing should be built back just as before to restore our beautiful White House to its former beauty!

Name: Leslie Ralston-Rakow
Date: February 18, 2026 5:32:07 pm

I vehemently oppose the current administration's conduct regarding the East Wing of the White House. The White House is not the personal property of the sitting President and he, nor the First Lady, are allowed to make any permanent changes to the building or grounds without the proper review process and approvals appropriate to historical buildings. All upgrades and repairs are to be paid by the U.S. Government and approved funding sources and subject to the law concerning the transparency of donations from private citizens and foundations.

Name: Anne Dunphy
Date: February 18, 2026 5:32:20 pm

I strongly object to the destruction of the East wing of the White House and the plans to construct a ballroom on this site. This demolition and plan was done without the required permits and input of this organization. The White House is the peoples house and this action is an affront to all who revere this site. I request that the East Wing be returned to its previous appearance. We elect presidents, not Kings, and allowing this monstrosity to be built is a slap in the face to all Americans and to the rule of law.

Name: Catherine Lambert
Date: February 18, 2026 5:32:30 pm

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am extremely troubled by the unauthorized actions of Donald Trump’s demolition of the East Wing of the People’s House in order to construct a 90,000 sf ballroom.

The White House website greets visitors with this message; WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN AGE. So it is no surprise that this man wants to adorn himself with a guided ballroom, the likes of which, to use his common words, the world has never seen…has never been done before. INDEED.

This is unauthorized use of the People's money for his glory and ego! People are hungry. People can't pay their bills. People are having to put all their attention on survival while this man lays another golden egg.

I am throughly disgusted and angry at this man and his cronies who have allowed this to happen at all but especially without oversight.

Our country is bleeding gold into the pockets of the wannabe King Donald.

Sincerely,

Catherine Lambert
[redacted]

Name: Lisa Lanning
Date: February 18, 2026 5:33:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carole Black
Date: February 18, 2026 5:33:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Ollis
Date: February 18, 2026 5:34:06 pm

The White House and all its buildings belong to the American people.
We value and treasure the history of the White House campus and all of DC and do not want to see it destroyed for the whim of a President.
My strongest objections are:

1. All laws and regulations must be respected. All permits and reviews must be followed. The President has already broken these laws, precedents and protocols. It must be reviewed by a nonpartisan body.

2. We were told this entire project was funded without taxpayer money. that appears to be a lie. The funding for any approved plan must be validated and cannot include pledges unless funds are desposited, and cannot include foreign contributions.

Halt the project until it passes all traditional permitting and approval processes.
Halt the project until non taxpayer funding is confirmed and placed in escrow in a US account.
Thanks for accepting my comments.

Name: Margo Waring
Date: February 18, 2026 5:34:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If at all possible the person who ordered this unlawful destruction should receive a bill from NPS.

Name: Mark Racowsky
Date: February 18, 2026 5:34:50 pm

I oppose the spending of up to $400+ million, or for that matter, any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Blanchard
Date: February 18, 2026 5:35:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this giant ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Use this money to pay our national debt down. Cindy

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Name: Marc Hudgins
Date: February 18, 2026 5:35:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Disbrow
Date: February 18, 2026 5:35:50 pm

I was appalled by the destruction of the East Wing. So I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cheryl Morgan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:36:02 pm

I am against this project. This is not modernization, it is the complete destruction of a historic building that belongs to the American people. I am in favor of rebuilding the East Wing back to its original historical design. This project was started without the appropriate permissions. It is not a privately owned home, it belongs to the US citizens.

Name: Melissa Braaten
Date: February 18, 2026 5:36:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kimberly Rueter-Ortmann
Date: February 18, 2026 5:36:30 pm

As this project was illegally started without the proper approval, I ask that you put an immediate stop to any further construction of the supposed ballroom project. I ask that you put on place a plan to restore the site to its previous glory and that you hold those responsible for the destruction of this historic site to account for their actions.

Name: Robin Durr
Date: February 18, 2026 5:36:41 pm

I understand that even a place as beloved and historic as the White House may need additions or changes from time to time. When
that is the case, it should be done with the utmost care, planning and the input of a wide range of experts. The demolition of the East
Wing was done in the worst possible way, without even a “concept of a plan”. The attitude of the President appears to be “What are
ya gonna do about it”? Donald Trump is a temporary, part time resident there and so does not have a significant say in such a project.

In addition, the funding for any construction at the White House must come from the American people, not so called “donors”. There
is no “free lunch”, be it for this project or an airplane from Quatar.

From what I read, the Secret Service would naturally like a resolution to the area of the former East Wing. My recommendation is that
the East Wing should be put back as it was at Trump’s expense. Time & care should then be taken to decide if another structure on
the grounds is needed & how to have it fulfill its purpose.

Name: Dian Parsley
Date: February 18, 2026 5:37:10 pm

Replacing the east wing of the white house with a ballroom that dwarfs the white house itself is unacceptable and did not undergo the required review and approval process. The project needs to be halted and the original structure restored to the degree possible.

Name: Candace Higgins
Date: February 18, 2026 5:37:40 pm

I am opposed to this project for the following reasons

It is just a vanity project for Trump.
Being built with private donations is just a way for billionaires to curry favor with Trump.
The White House is a historic landmark, past renovations were small upgrades, not wholesale demolition of a complete wing.
The way this project is ignoring the regular process and just pushing forward without reviews or oversight is wrong. They rushed to demolish the east wing by saying demolition does not require a review which makes no sense. Demolition is part of the project!
Their excuse now that the project is too far along to stop is ridiculous.
He claims this project is for the American people, yet how many regular Americans will be invited to events held there?

Name: Susan Localio
Date: February 18, 2026 5:37:49 pm

The National Park Service website states that “The White House is owned by the American People and stewarded by the National Park Service.” Therefore, any president is a tenant of the White House, living rent free, and we The People are his landlord, receiving no rent. The tenant/landlord relationship is such that a tenant does not have the right to significantly alter the place they rent. In my younger days, when I was a renter, I may have painted walls, but I did so only with the express permission of the landlord who asked what color paint I had in mind and inspected my work afterwards.
I can understand that a larger event space for the White House may be needed and that erecting tents in the backyard is not an ideal option; however, the proposed addition needs to be carefully examined by architects and historians who will consider not only size and functionality, but also history and aesthetics.
Carol Quillen, President and CEO of the National Trust for Historic preservation writes of her concern that the proposed size of the new East Wing will overwhelm the rest of the White House and disrupt the balanced, classical design. The Soclety of Architectural Historians on October 16, 2025 expressed “great concern” over the ballroom addition. I am neither an historian nor an architect but I am embarrassed by not only the size but also the opulence of the proposed addition. Some may see what is planned as sumptuous and regal. I see it as gaudy and ostentatious and not in keeping with what our democracy strives for. We are not and have never been a monarchy. I am concerned that the upkeep of such a large structure will be a burden for future generations and the message it sends is not in keeping with what the Founding Fathers envisioned for our republic.
It is not respectful for any president to be in charge of significantly altering what is the People’s House. Mr. Trump can do that at Mar a Lago which he owns. He does not own the White House. I encourage you to listen to We the People, all of us, not just those who are funding this project or were appointed by this president.

Name: Leslie HooverLauble
Date: February 18, 2026 5:37:51 pm

The East Wing of the White House was demolished without proper permitting.
I am against this project. Please hold people responsible for this injustice

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Name: Dan CraunSelka
Date: February 18, 2026 5:38:13 pm

The new east wing must not be larger than the White House main building and must not bear trump name. All normal architectural clearances must be followed by skilled professionals not appointed by the president

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Name: Eileen Scoles
Date: February 18, 2026 5:38:15 pm

This is very simple. Proper channels were not followed in planning any changes. Lies were told regarding the plans. Historical significance was not taken into account. The White House is the people’s house. It belongs to the people and changes must be approved properly. Halt and begin again, rebuild according to our history of a dignified, reserved mansion and offices. Ballroom should reflect the same dignified, reserved decor and atmosphere.

Name: Ross McCormick
Date: February 18, 2026 5:38:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And who in their right mind would want to look at a $300M project decorated in the fashion of the current Oval Office....

Name: Heather Bartley
Date: February 18, 2026 5:39:32 pm

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Name: G Be
Date: February 18, 2026 5:39:48 pm

I fully support the advancement of the grand ballroom project started and planned by President Trump!! This is a much needed improvement (and a very functional one) to the White House.
Please continue to support and expedite the completion of this improvement.

Name: Michele Krauthamer
Date: February 18, 2026 5:40:04 pm

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Name: ALICE IRWIN
Date: February 18, 2026 5:40:11 pm

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This project is simply another one of Trump's illegal activities that this country continues to allow. Please stop this abomination now. This American citizen demands justice for our beautiful, historic structure.

Name: Susan Fleming
Date: February 18, 2026 5:40:15 pm

I could not be more against this project while Americans do not have health care, veterans are homeless, 300,000 federal workers lost their jobs last year, etc etc. Donald Trump should have no right to destroy any part of the people’s house. Stop the insanity please.

Name: C. LINDEMAN
Date: February 18, 2026 5:40:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Lapeikis
Date: February 18, 2026 5:40:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. As a former resident of Northern Virginia, I am saddened and horrified by the destruction of this building. These buildings belong to the American people, not one individual. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynda Hymas
Date: February 18, 2026 5:41:10 pm

Restore the east wing with construction updates to its original purpose, decor and original footprint. The gold all over the Oval Office, White House, Kennedy Center etc. is gaudy and I find ugly as do my friends. That type of decor does not represent most of the citizens of the United States. Rather is flaunting wealth and appears to be copying foreign buildings and decoration.

Name: Frank Chinn
Date: February 18, 2026 5:41:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Abbott
Date: February 18, 2026 5:41:55 pm

I oppose the spending of any sum on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored, to be paid for by those who illegally destroyed it, to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: sylvia stottlemire
Date: February 18, 2026 5:42:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This needs to be stopped. Our government buildings are not for sale to anyone. These buildings belong to all of us.

Thank you.
Sylvia Stottlemire

Name: K Lang
Date: February 18, 2026 5:43:36 pm

I oppose spending $400+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The razing of the East Wing was done unlawfully in an attempt to erase American history. This project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding US citizens.

Name: Jan McAlpine
Date: February 18, 2026 5:43:45 pm

I oppose this project in its current form.

Name: Susan Lamoureaux
Date: February 18, 2026 5:44:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynn Hopkins
Date: February 18, 2026 5:44:48 pm

I highly oppose this project! It is an affront to all Americans that the East Wing was destroyed on a whim without any notice, permission or input by the “people” who actually own the White House. I want the East Wing rebuilt and the ugly, much too large ballroom project abandoned immediately . It won’t bring back the historical significance which can never be replicated but at least the WH will be “whole” again.

Name: Alex Albuerne
Date: February 18, 2026 5:45:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.

This project was not initiated with proper authorization, permits, design review. This isn't a modernization project, but a complete rebuild and razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to it's former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to the everyday law-abiding American. This is the people's house.

Name: John Roldan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:45:35 pm

I and my family formally oppose the spending of any funds on this project as it is currently designed, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It should not be labeled a "modernization project" since it is actually a complete razing of an icon of American history.

I and my family want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with "true" upgrades as needed for the modernization of plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and other elements of the structure which may have been required, albeit without necessitating the destruction of the entire wing.

No one is above the law, especially a President who has sworn to uphold our laws and the Constitution. Therefore, to permit this project to resume as already defined without any penalty being accessed upon those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Vitanza
Date: February 18, 2026 5:46:07 pm

NO BALLROOM! REBUILD EAST WING! AND THE ROSE GARDEN ALSO.

Name: Dudley McCalla
Date: February 18, 2026 5:46:11 pm

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Sincerely,
Dudley McCalla

Name: Elise Dirlam
Date: February 18, 2026 5:46:35 pm

I can not begin to explain how angry I am that trump had the audacity to tear the east wing down without considering the historical significance of the building and grounds. Many, many of us feel like part of our history has been torn away with no regard to how meaningful it is to us. We do not want an ostentatious "Big beautiful ballroom." That is is the last thing we would be spending money on with thousands homeless, people dying without health insurance, our deficit exploding. But it isn't even the money...It is the cruelty and lack of care that demean the pain citizens felt as something iconic, representative of who were are as a country was thoughtlessly demolished. Please, please put our East wing back together and make the White House whole again. We do not want a ballroom, we want our White House restored to its glory not sullied with an ugly overwrought ballroom that does not represent Americans at all. If we have to, the citizens will raise the funds but not for a ballroom, we want to east wing restored.

Sincerely Yours,

Elise Dirlam

Name: anonymous anonymous
Date: February 18, 2026 5:47:13 pm

I STRNGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be aanonymous@gmail.comn affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Denise Silverberg
Date: February 18, 2026 5:47:51 pm

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Name: Marsha Grossman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:48:07 pm

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quoting Anara Guard

Name: Thomas Connolly
Date: February 18, 2026 5:48:32 pm

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Name: Adam Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 5:48:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melinda Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 5:48:56 pm

I oppose spending the millions for a project that erases, and has erased American History. The original demolition was done with OUT permits, permission, or authorization to do so. Those who are responsible for the destruction of the East wing need to pay for it to be rebuilt and restored to its original glory. Those who ordered it's destruction as well as those who went ahead and did the destruction at the whim of a reckless president, need to pay for the rebuild and restoration out of THEIR own pockets. We the people should not be PAYING FOR ANY OF THIS! Once it has been rebuilt and paid for, they need to face jail time for destruction of private property with out permits. And I do mean EVERYONE involved.

Name: Angie Girard
Date: February 18, 2026 5:49:09 pm

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judy Costello
Date: February 18, 2026 5:49:40 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House which is the People’s House by the current occupant. The proper channels were not followed. I believe much of the destruction and timeline were illegal and the people responsible should be prosecuted. I want the East Wing Modernization Project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former look at the expense of the current occupant and his cronies.

Name: Carrie Beth Pollard
Date: February 18, 2026 5:50:49 pm

To whom it may concern:

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of The People’s House and therefore our shared American history. I not only want this project canceled but the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with proper approval to any needed design updates. No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
CBP

Name: Perdita Wexler
Date: February 18, 2026 5:50:55 pm

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-Perdita Wexler
[redacted]

Name: Karen Nielsen
Date: February 18, 2026 5:51:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.
Sincerely,
Karen Nielsen

Name: Linda Barnhart
Date: February 18, 2026 5:51:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andrea Robertson
Date: February 18, 2026 5:52:22 pm

Members of the Planning Commission:

I am an historian with a specialization in early American society who believes Washington DC's architectural legacy is important and worth preserving. The haphazard way in which the East Wing of the White House was demolished was not only heartbreaking, but irresponsible and any rebuilding that occurs should be a thoughtful and carefully overseen process that takes into account historical integrity and consistency in design and scale. No single president, of any political party, should be able to destroy and redesign buildings of historic significance as a personal vanity project. The White House belongs to the American people and should be treated as such. Thank you for your time.

Name: Patricia Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 5:52:24 pm

President George Washington, the father of our country, was instrumental in the design of what would become the White House.

I believe he and all of the founding fathers envisioned a house for the President that would reflect the Democratic republic they had created. It was to be a home for the President and not a palace for a king.
Obviously, there have been modifications over the years, but they have been modest and in keeping with that original vision.

I believe what President Trump is proposing is an abomination and completely disrespectful of that vision.

Many presidents and their families have made the White House their temporary home over the years. Babies have been born, weddings have been celebrated and puppies have been trained and loved there. In addition, Americans and leaders from all over the world have visited and dined there. All of it conducted with beauty and grace and simple elegance.

The American people have no need for a humongous ballroom.
The White House was meant to be a dignified and gracious home.
No more, no less.
To expand the footprint of this beautiful home to make it into a grotesque museum of epic proportion would be a mistake.

I hope the people responsible for reviewing this project will think seriously about how they will be changing the original vision of President Washington, and that would be a crying shame.

Name: Birte Nielsen
Date: February 18, 2026 5:52:25 pm

I oppose the construction of a new ballroom adjacent to the White House. This building belongs to the people of the United States. Any modifications should be reviewed by duly elected members of Congress and the historical preservation groups responsible for all of our government buildings. I'm asking you to reject the current plans and to aid in the design of an appropriate that compliments the architecture and history of the White House. Thank you!

Name: Don Horn
Date: February 18, 2026 5:52:38 pm

RE: NCPC File Number: 8733

Dear National Capital Planning Commission Members,

I am very concerned about the construction activities at the White House in association with the East Wing Modernization. Even though the building and site are exempt from review through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, a project of this importance should still have close scrutiny through a similar or even more rigorous process. The White House is one of the most iconic buildings in the country and holds historical significance like no other. I, like many Americans, am deeply disturbed that the East Wing was demolished without any forewarning or input from the architectural or historic preservation communities. Since that is in the past, I will focus on what may be built in its place.

Any new construction must not detract from the size or visibility of the White House. The current proposal for a ballroom is immensely out of scale with the rest of the White House and the historic site, diminishing the appearance and stature of the White House. The proposal, with 90,000 square feet, will completely overshadow the current building. The replacement structure should be reduced greatly to a scale more in keeping with the remaining White House.

We must also challenge the premise that a ballroom is needed at the White House, particularly one of this size. There are many fine, historic and modern, ballrooms and event spaces under control of the federal government that currently serve that purpose. If a new ballroom is inevitable, it should be of a size and scale that will be useful to the greatest extent.

The current proposal will create ongoing maintenance expenses for taxpayers to cover for years to come. The cost of heating, cooling and maintaining a space that large, and that is infrequently used, has not been communicated to the public. The project should not move forward until such analyses of ongoing impacts and operating expenses have been completed. A detailed cost analysis should also be made of the environmental impacts of mining, manufacturing, and transporting the materials for the project. The fact that construction is proceeding without complete plans, multidisciplinary professional input, and unbiased public consultation is appalling.

I join the American Institute of Architects in requesting that all construction halt until full documentation of the project's scope, budget, schedule and procurement path has been completed and made public, and broad solicitation of professional input, including preservation architects, has been included in the decision-making.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Horn, FAIA
U.S. General Services Administration (Retired)
Omaha, NE

Name: Emily Gorin
Date: February 18, 2026 5:52:46 pm

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Name: Mary Fegan
Date: February 18, 2026 5:53:10 pm

I find the destruction of the East wing of the White House an abomination. NO president has the authority to do so yet trump feels he can not only destroy a significantly historic property but spend 300 billion dollars doing it. I implore that the Peoples house be restored to is natural state.

Name: Sarah Stutzman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:53:11 pm

Trumps East wing ballroom plans need to be banned. The East Wing should be reconstructed just as it was

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Name: KENT OQUINN
Date: February 18, 2026 5:53:57 pm

I am quoting Anara Guard, but I agree with her whole-heartedly. This demolition should never have occurred in the first place, and the garish and useless spectacle which our garish and useless president envisions is the exact opposite of what "The People's House" was meant to represent from it's very beginnings.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Catherine LeRose
Date: February 18, 2026 5:54:06 pm

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed construction of a 300-400 million dollar private ballroom. The size is outlandish and the cost astronomical. This administration cannot say there’s no money for health care yet spend money on a new East Wing that most Americans will not even enter.
A temporary resident of the White House should not be allowed to make such sweeping changes to the People’s House. While I understand something will have to be rebuilt to correct the current destruction the current plans should not be allowed to continue. A reasonable proposal should be submitted and historians and the American people should have a final say on the finished product.
Thank you.

Name: Emily Sikora
Date: February 18, 2026 5:54:08 pm

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
This is a shameful event that happened and it needs to be changed back the way it was.

Name: Cathleen Berk
Date: February 18, 2026 5:54:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shanie Rudder
Date: February 18, 2026 5:54:32 pm

Spending 300 million on a “modernization “when Americans are struggling to make ends meet is infuriating.

Name: Walter Paul Welder
Date: February 18, 2026 5:54:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, perhaps including some approved modernizations that could make sense given that demolition damage is already done and cannot be undone. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gregg Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 5:55:17 pm

I am a 64 year old citizen of this country. I was born here and abide by the laws imposed here. If I decided to tear down any part of a federal building I would be arrested and imprisoned. If this would be imposed upon me then it should be imposed upon every other resident of the United States including Donald J Trump. He has acted without authority and ignores all laws as though they don’t pertain to him. As a United States Citizen that pays taxes in this country I have some demands.

1.) I demand that any and all planning and construction of this ballroom be halted immediately.
2.) I demand that Donald J. Trump be held criminally and civilly accountable for the destruction to the East Wing of the White House. This act was not within his scope of duties as POTUS and therefore he has no immunity.
3.) I demand that Donald J. Trump pay personally for the complete and total restoration of the East Wing as it was before being razed with the exception of upgrading materials for weatherization, and upgraded technology. Trump is to pay for it all.
4.) I demand that Donald J. Trump be restricted from having full access to all government buildings, services, grounds, etc.. He has willfully and with malice defaced and ruined multiple government assets and it must stop. He does not own these assets, the people own them.

Sincerely Gregg W.Nelson Sr. Canton Ohio.

Name: Morris Koeneke
Date: February 18, 2026 5:56:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: D Turner
Date: February 18, 2026 5:56:10 pm

No thank you. The East Wing needs to be restored to the previous design.

Name: Jennifer Salcher
Date: February 18, 2026 5:56:27 pm

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Name: MARCIA HADDOX
Date: February 18, 2026 5:56:44 pm

I am writing to express my outrage at what has been allowed to happen to the East Wing of the White House. The destruction of our country's history must be stopped. The current adminsitration had no authority to do this yet no one stopped them. Please stop them then rebuild the East Wing to reflect our country's history rather than one man's delusions of grandeur. Thank you.

Name: Elizabeth Levin
Date: February 18, 2026 5:57:10 pm

What is occurring with the destruction of East Wing of the White House is an abomination against this historical building. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Elizabeth Levin

Name: Catherine Kiselica
Date: February 18, 2026 5:57:16 pm

I want this project stopped.

Isn't this 'The PEOPLE'S House?' This 'project' is nothing more than a vanity project initiated without following established protocol & with ZERO oversight -- by a TEMPORARY occupant. Our history should be protected and, if and when needed, improved upon, not demolished.

This president is NOT above the law.

Name: Fedie Redd
Date: February 18, 2026 5:57:34 pm

My name is Fedie R. Redd. I would like to submit my comments to your committee in regards to the East Wing Modernization project. This project is an affront to the American people. As “We the People”are lacking, unemployed, fractured, and divided in Country, this excessive project by President Donald Trump is just one more slap in the face to Americans losing our access to healthcare, besieged by foreclosures, being hurt by masked men in our streets, and high

gas and grocery bills. We do not have a King. There is no need for this project to continue. What is the purpose of this project? Why does a president require a ballroom. Will the people be able to use this ballroom? I think not! The White House is not some Trump gambling casino or hotel. This project only benefits Trump and his ego. It's excessive, ridiculous, and a slap in our faces. I adamantly oppose this project moving forward, now or in the future.

Name: Nicoletta Kaufman
Date: February 18, 2026 5:58:14 pm

Beside all the illegal actions already perpetrated, without Congress'scrutiny, i really do not think that ANY Fire Department in the Country, and, for that matter, amy Fire Dept. in the entire World, would ever give use aithorization to a ballroom , the size of a stadium, filled up to 900 people !!!

I also worry about all the historical and artistic treasures that were the People patrimony, probably lost to reappear in clandestin auctions.
The People owned the building.
We want it restaured to its original design. Please do not allow any more destruction anywhere, including the removing of past American, Slavery or or Ethnical History from all
Museum's displays in any one of our States.

Name: Susan Lang
Date: February 18, 2026 5:58:24 pm

I am a law abiding citizen of the United States. I wholeheartedly REJECT the ballroom addition to the White House! The East Wing was demolished without permits erasing valued history of our nation. Billionaires are supposedly funding this abhorrent project instead of supporting by funding donations for feeding hungry Americans, funding new jobs initiatives, funding disease research, funding health initiatives, funding housing, funding mental health services… These type donations would really help Americans who are fighting for a job, housing, health care and feeding their families. Instead these billionaires are feeding Trumps insatiable ego! We do not need this glitz! The White House is looking like a cheap junkie place with all this gold decor! ENOUGH!!!

Name: Jennifer Soliah
Date: February 18, 2026 5:58:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Corson
Date: February 18, 2026 5:59:07 pm

Do not waste my tax dollars on this ill conceived and ludicrous plan. When calmer heads prevail the damage that has been done should be repaired with careful thought and planning.

Name: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari
Date: February 18, 2026 5:59:19 pm

While i understand select members of the Administration's desire for a more modernized East Wing, as a taxpayer and student of history I cannot support any building projects that unnecessarily impose on the established due process and financial systems for funding those improvements and corrections. As such, i do not support any building plans at the White House that do not preserve, or in this case correct the illegal demolition of the building's centuries of history and directly serve its tax-payer funded uses. The only construction plans i can support are the reconstruction of the east wing to the existing floor plan at the beginning of January 2025, with an eye for modernizing construction, safety, and accessibility without losing the gravitas, elegance and functionality developed over numerous modern presidencies. The

White House had both a bunker and an event space that could serve as a ballroom prior to January 2025; it does not need the proposed, oversized addition.

Name: Hilary Boslet
Date: February 18, 2026 6:00:06 pm

This project is wrong and unnecessary. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, NOT the president. I fully oppose this “ballroom” and my desire is to see the East Wing restored to its original state.

Name: Nancy Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 6:00:22 pm

We should restore the East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, and with the same placement with relation to the West Wing. Construction should include functional updates that bring it up to code and modern standards, including ADA accessibility where possible. If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or use other nearby public spaces. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
The White House is the People’s House. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. It is not a Palace for a King.
BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. We should follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Name: Susan Nielsen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:00:57 pm

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project which was initiated with no input from the public nor any authority that would review the scope, purpose, aesthetics, nor appropriateness of the project. It is a completely illegitimate endeavor and must be halted immediately. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and no changes should be allowed to the White House without proper review, authorization, and permitting. Allowing this project to proceed would reward flaunting the law and would be an affront to all Americans. The White House belongs to the American people and no President or government official should be able to change it unilaterally. Allowing this project would also set a terrible precedent.

Name: Joan Tierney
Date: February 18, 2026 6:01:13 pm

I am requesting that this project be stopped, renovation to its former beauty be restored. The destruction took place without the proper authorization. It was not properly prepared to keep the risk of asbestos from contaminating the area and the people who were in the surrounding area. Please stop this unnecessary distruction of the People’s House.

Name: Kathleen SmithGomes
Date: February 18, 2026 6:01:35 pm

I oppose the construction of a disproportionately large ballroom Trump vanity project at the location of the former East Wing. I am devastated that the original, historic structure was demolished by President Trump without authorization, permits, required reviews, nor appropriate safety and environmental controls.

To date the public remains in the dark regarding the disposition of historical artifacts that had been present in the East Wing. An accounting of these artifacts is needed and should be made public.

I oppose spending 300 million dollars or more to construct a ballroom while there continue to be so many citizens who cannot afford food, housing, or healthcare. Billionaires, politicians, and the president partying in a ballroom while taxpayers suffer under the weight of inflation and tariffs. What a “let them eat cake” mentality!

I hope you decline this ridiculous, gigantic ballroom proposal, publicly account for the missing East Wing artifacts, and hold accountable everyone found to have disregarded rules and safety during the destruction of the East Wing.

Name: Hannah Robinson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:01:42 pm

Please restore the White House. It should not be changed based on one man’s whim.

Name: Isabella Jackson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:01:44 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for inviting public comment. In my understanding, the Nation's Capital is home to our entire country, whether one has ever been there or not. It is a monument to our nation's history and a window into the United States for foreign visitors. I am deeply disturbed by our current president's reckless actions with the actual White House, and how his so called improvements will be paid. The history of our country is not for sale. Billionaire backers of Trump and his mob have no place in the planning of our National Treasures. Please reject Trump's plans and return the White House to it's former state.

Sincerely,
Isabella Jackson

Name: Deborah Roth-Howe
Date: February 18, 2026 6:01:45 pm

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Please vote AGAINST this proposal.

Name: Jill B Hartman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:02:06 pm

I am appalled and saddened by the East Wing demolition/expansion of the "people's house". The White House is not the current president's personal property, but a historical building occupied during their years of public service. The proposed East Wing is overly large and not in keeping with the main building. The destruction of the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden is a sad loss, as well as the loss of the historic trees that were razed. The president is not above thee law and all plans must got though the proper legal channels.

Name: Eleanor Templeton
Date: February 18, 2026 6:02:24 pm

The East Wing was demolished without proper legal review and should be rebuilt with historical accuracy.

In addition, the White House belongs to us taxpayers, and while redecorating is traditional any new construction or demolition should follow established laws and procedures.

Name: Kevin Hedgecock
Date: February 18, 2026 6:02:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Van Horn
Date: February 18, 2026 6:02:58 pm

I support the President building this ballroom in place of the old East Wing. I think it is crazy that we did not have a large interior meeting place to host world leaders and others already.

Name: Robert Welsh
Date: February 18, 2026 6:03:27 pm

It is truly criminal what the current WH administration is doing to the historical east wing.The East Wing should be restored architecturally to as it was in 2024 prior to the destruction of it in 2025.

Name: Glenn Sherrill
Date: February 18, 2026 6:03:29 pm

The East Wing has been destroyed. To replace it with a gilded ballroom would be ludicrous.

Please recommend that this project not go forward, whether with taxpayer dollars or donations.

NO!

The East Wing should never have been destroyed, But better to leave it a vacant lot than to erect a unnecessary and completely inappropriate ballroom.

Name: Leah Patgorski
Date: February 18, 2026 6:03:52 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or any sort of design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a bulldozing of American history that is happening without proper process, to a structure that the people of the United States should properly think of at THEIRS and not belonging solely to the current occupant of the White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. Letting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:04 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, including razing the historic East Wing, building a gigantic ballroom, and adding a second story to the walkway to the West Wing. The White House was conceived of as the People’s House and was purposefully simple. It was not a gilded palace for a king. The proposed grandiose, gilded ballroom is an afront to traditional American values. It is being built without necessary permits, review, and oversight. It is a blemish in our beautiful Capitol.

Name: Mark Skillan
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:25 pm

The White House - The People's House

(1.) Opposed - Demo of the WH East Wing without benefit of input/approval from appropriate parties - an irresponsible and Illegal action of a single elected individual. A dangerous precedent if allowed to proceed without oversight

(2.) Opposed - Construction of the proposed WH Ballroom - Out of scale, out of place, a boondoggle and an unsightly and unnecessary change to the storied WH grounds.

Name: nancy hansen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:04:27 pm

I cannot find words strong enough to express my sorrow about what has happened to the East Wing. I thought the People's House was sacred and protected; that anything of this magnitude would be reviewed and discussed, and every step would be taken legally (of course) and with great care and respect. What has happened is an abomination and must not be allowed to stand. Those responsible should be held accountable and the East Wing should be rebuilt back to the way it was. I had no idea that something this destructive would be allowed and could just HAPPEN, without any input from the actual PEOPLE of this country. You CANNOT allow this tragedy to continue unchecked and without consequence. Please, give us back our East Wing - as least as best can happen as this point.
Thank you.

Name: Sarah Mack
Date: February 18, 2026 6:05:01 pm

Like many others, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Heather Grossman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:05:08 pm

To the NCPC:

The summary destruction of the East Wing of our historic White House campus was a tragic act and against all norms of historic preservation in the U.S.; it ought never to have occurred and any renovations to the wing that were needed should have gone first through normal channels of proposals, review, etc. by the proper authorizing entities and Congress. That it did not makes it all the more important that the building of a new East Wing and restoration of the southeast garden be supervised strictly according to the laws and regulations of the U.S. government, rather than the whim of the president. What has been lost cannot now be recovered and it is a further outrage to allow this to go further without full review by the appropriate bodies.

Furthermore, the proposed addition by S. Baranes is wholly inappropriate for the People's House. It is completely out-of-scale with the historical Executive Mansion, standing taller than the residence at its pedimented entry. This is unacceptable both in terms of any interpretation of Classical design and as it sidelines the main building of the campus, which is the mnemonic and historical center of our presidential residence. There is no reasonable need for the new building to be at this gargantuan scale other than to suit the ego of its patron. The design elements (staircases, window reveals, proposed landscape design) are pedestrian, at best. Please engage a real historic preservation debate about what has happened and in a proper design, financial, and functional review of whatever will come.

Sincerely,
H. Grossman, PhD.
Architectural Historian

Name: Karen Dinnan
Date: February 18, 2026 6:05:26 pm

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Name: Sue Mackaness
Date: February 18, 2026 6:05:41 pm

This project should not continue since it did not have proper permits, authorization or construction and design reviews. It erased our history with its destruction. I would like to see this project stopped and the East Wing restored to its former glory. Thank you.

Name: Laura Sigal
Date: February 18, 2026 6:06:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathryn Stockman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:06:20 pm

I vehemently disagree with the destruction of the East Wing of the White House!

Regarding the "modernization project", we do NOT need a gargantuan ball room! The People's House already had a ballroom (that Princess Diana -- among others -- danced in!). The project wouldn't even be finished before this administration is out of office, so the rebuild should be done in such a manner as to honor the original wing (tastefully, without all the tacky gold accents) and serve future administrations, not Trump's ego.

Thank you for your efforts to turn this around!

Kathryn C. Stockman
Saluda, NC

Name: Lily Chatterjee
Date: February 18, 2026 6:06:37 pm

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Name: Katie Murphy
Date: February 18, 2026 6:06:40 pm

Public movie theater and skating rink and dog park with water slide. This is the people's house, so we should get to use it.

Name: Cynthia Sherrill
Date: February 18, 2026 6:06:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne McCrady
Date: February 18, 2026 6:08:26 pm

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Name: Joy Valadez
Date: February 18, 2026 6:08:37 pm

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt as closely as possible to its original structure before it was destroyed. I also want to save taxpayers the cost of the rebuild by having Mr.Trump’s millionaires be required to fund the build. The President did seek permission from the owners of the People’s house to make brick and mortar changes to the structure.

Name: Angela Simbro
Date: February 18, 2026 6:09:23 pm

I oppose the spending of ANY MONEY on this project other than to repair the damage which has already been done. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review - this is America's property! However it's tried to be justified this is clearly NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and obscene glorification of one man's ego. I want this project canceled entirely, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original intended design. No one is above the law! To permit this project to persist without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Roland Hinckley
Date: February 18, 2026 6:09:26 pm

This project as well as the previous ones executed by the current occupant have cheapened and ruined the grandeur and history of the Peoples’ White House. Please sell the White House off as is as the stench of these changes have destroyed the meaning of We The People’s provision of a place to stay for our President.

Name: Barbara Himes
Date: February 18, 2026 6:10:38 pm

This “project” is a horrendous waste of money regardless of who is funding it-
To destroy a historical section of this building for this repulsive display of narcissism is unlawful and completely inappropriate. When people are struggling paycheck to paycheck to make ends meet, this vulgar display of disregarding the history of a building is unconscionable-
Restore some amount of decency and forgo this endeavor!

Name: joanne shelton
Date: February 18, 2026 6:11:02 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is ugly and

pretentious. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leslie Lee
Date: February 18, 2026 6:11:04 pm

I strongly oppose this project - it was begun without the proper permits or authorization. This building is a huge part of our history, and I want it put back as it was, brick by brick. No one in this country is above the law.
Thank you.

Name: Pamela Besonen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:11:27 pm

I am against the government, spending any money or taking any billionaires money,
which are payoffs, to build a ballroom at the White House. I would rather see the East wing rebuilt just as it was, and I would like to see the Supreme Court and Congress and the Senate doing their jobs to stop this Trump administration from destroying this country and breaking laws and not being held accountable for them.

Name: Anne Mucha
Date: February 18, 2026 6:11:30 pm

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Name: Ruth Shippee
Date: February 18, 2026 6:11:31 pm

East Wing ‘Modernization’
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It’s rich history and the events that occurred with in its walls should not be erased.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Those responsible for the destruction of the East Wing should be required to refinance the restoration of the East Wing to its intended purposes.

Name: Catherine Enbody
Date: February 18, 2026 6:13:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Donald Trump's PERSONAL expense! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jaime Chiquoine
Date: February 18, 2026 6:14:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

With emphasis,
Jaime Chiquoine

Name: CC Clayton
Date: February 18, 2026 6:14:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The simplest HOA in the United States would not allow any project to go forward without abiding by its rules. If ordinary US citizens must obey local zoning and permitting laws, which we agree is a good idea, then I will say to you that everyone must obey the laws of the land. Again, NO ONE is above the law.

Name: Jennifer deVore
Date: February 18, 2026 6:14:51 pm

I oppose any spending on this project other than a complete repair of what has been lost as this was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Victoria Dority
Date: February 18, 2026 6:15:08 pm

Hello,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Patricia Geary
Date: February 18, 2026 6:15:33 pm

The White House is the property of the people of the United States. The current tenant has no right to remodel it. But as he tore down the East Wing, we need to address what needs to be built. There is no hurry, apparently none of the office space was needed. The First Lady does not work there.
We are a democracy and gold decorations are symbolic of autocracies. There is no place for gold embellishments in our house while people starve. Kings and sultans hoard gold. We need to spend it lifting up the needy.
The present design is out of proportion to the rest of the White House. It needs to mirror the West Wing in size. It needs to be the proper scale.
We can't have every president tearing down buildings he does not like and then hit the oligarchs I up for money to rebuild. That money needs to be allocated by Congress as it the property of the government, not the President,that's the law of the land.
Take the time needed to consult Congress, and preservationists and the people. Maturity is putting off immediate wants in order to fulfill your needs. Ask what is needed in this building. Make it the best it can be.

Name: Nanette Biersmith
Date: February 18, 2026 6:15:56 pm

I am opposed Tito the Easrpt Wing renovation. The proposed renovation will dwarf the White House and will look ridiculous. Please stop this ugly project. Thank you.

Name: Carol Mack
Date: February 18, 2026 6:17:57 pm

It breaks my heart what this administration has done, without authorization, to the People's House. I oppose the building of a ballroom to satisfy the ego of the President. Tearing down the East Wing was unlawful, and the project cannot go forward. I want this project cancelled and the People's House East Wing restored to its former condition. In addition, anyone involved in this abomination should be penalized to the full extent of the law.

Name: Claudia Cooper
Date: February 18, 2026 6:18:16 pm

In no way should a “big beautiful ballroom” replace the historic East Wing. The East Wing should be rebuilt at the personal expense of the lawless president who had it torn down!

Name: Robert Sotolongo
Date: February 18, 2026 6:18:33 pm

As an Architect who has worked on numerous Historic Renovation projects that were reviewed and approved by the National Park Service and The NC Historic Preservation office I am shocked by the how much demolition work, site preparation work and ordering of new construction materials has been done with so little review by the appropriate agencies. What is clearly happening is a project that is to be reviewed after demolition has taken place and construction materials ordered and site preparation started, which no project I ever worked on was allowed to proceed. First we submitted proper plans and documents and no work on the the started until we had all the approvals in place. More troubling is the illegal dumping of site soil and debris on a public golf course again without any permits or approvals. So in my view the whole process is already out of compliance.
As for the project itself the proposed addition is massive and totally overwhelms the smaller White House in massing and scale. The site plan also alters the traditional oval path on the south lawn. Any addition to a Historic structure needs to be subservient and respectful to the original historic building (in this case the White House one of the most significant and well known historic structures in the USA).
The current design needs to be significantly reduced in size and massing to be more sympathetic to the White House which is after all the Peoples House not Presidents Trump's House.

Name: Katharine Morgan
Date: February 18, 2026 6:20:09 pm

Please restore the East Wing of the White House. I am an American citizen and this temporary home for each of our sitting President’s should never be altered without our permission. The abomination that is being illegally constructed should be removed and the cost of restoring the original East Wing should be borne by the current administration.

Name: Sandy Zoeller
Date: February 18, 2026 6:20:10 pm

To whom it May Concern,
I was saddened and appalled when the East Wing of the White House was destroyed. The president does not have the right to destroy OUR HOUSE.
It must be restored to the way it was. Not turn it into his fake palace.
I cried when I saw what he had done. I am disgusted with all of it.

I am just a house wife who loves her country and this is not right.
Thank you for reading my opinion.
Sandy Zoeller
Burlington New Jersey.

Name: Loretta Chadwick
Date: February 18, 2026 6:20:38 pm

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing of the United States White House… the People's House… supposedly to "modernize" by building a ballroom for which there was no request for and no plans submitted to be approved. We are a nation that has procedures that have been used to prevent blatant abuse that the current Oval Office occupant chooses to ignore. I am a US citizen that never even had the privilege of visiting the White House and now a portion of it Chad been destroyed! I request the East Wing to be rebuilt according to the original design! From my understanding, that portion has been the residence for the First Family. There literally is no need for a ballroom!

Name: Jajuan Francis
Date: February 18, 2026 6:21:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on THE EAST WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Suzanne Ross
Date: February 18, 2026 6:21:19 pm

I was shocked and deeply disturbed at the sudden unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the White House. I saw it as a desecration of The People's House by a President who perceives it as his personal property.
Our White House was deliberately designed to reflect our nation as the democratic constitutional republic that it is. It is stately and dignified, but not ostentatious. It is meant to reflect the balance and values of a republic, not the royal lavishness of a monarchy or the imperial excess of an empire. It signifies this to all that have ever arrived there.
Trump's current plans for the ballroom and East Wing do great damage, no violence to both The White House and the national ideal of The People's House. Update what needs doing but please restore the harmony of the House and its meaning. Do not sacrifice the White House for one man's vanity project. He will pass soon enough. The House will remain.
Thank you.

Name: Marcella Canfarotta
Date: February 18, 2026 6:21:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ilona Bray
Date: February 18, 2026 6:22:19 pm

This is not a "modernization" project, it's a vanity project by the White House. It was carried out without permits, without

forethought, and without regard for American history. The only spending the government should allot toward this project is prosecuting anyone involved in the destruction.

Name: Julie Moore
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:01 pm

I am as equally appalled at the demolition of the East Wing of the White House as I at the monstrosity they want to replace it with. It is completely out of proportion with the building as a whole and how often does the White House need a GIANT ballroom? Not often would be my guess. At estimated costs of $400 million it is also insanely expensive.

Name: Pamela Sherman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:08 pm

I oppose the spending of any money on this project which was initiated WITHOUT proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Our country managed without a grand ballroom for 250 years. This ballroom is unnecessary.

US citizens are homeless, starving, sick and without access to affordable healthcare. Cancel this ridiculous project
Pamela Sherman

Name: Heather Watts
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:14 pm

This is the people's house, start acting like it. Do the right thing. Stop bending the knee.

Name: Allen Leck
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:46 pm

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Name: Elizabeth Novinsky
Date: February 18, 2026 6:23:51 pm

This never should have been allowed. It is an insult to the history of this building. The "Ballroom " is unnecessary and destroys the look of the White House. I do not understand why one man was allowed to do this with no oversight or permission. The White House belongs to the people of America. He is a temporary resident and had no right do this.

Name: Cindy Bakke
Date: February 18, 2026 6:24:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I also believe that the individual responsible for this travesty should be completely financially liable for restoring the East Wing to its prior historic, usable condition. There should be no tax payer liability.

Name: Marilyn Sassman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:24:15 pm

That President Trump had the East Wing demolished without prior approval of any sort is the most egregious action taken by any president I can even think of. Using private donors to pay for the ballroom should be illegal because of the obvious favoritism it would afford them, if he even has them. Even if it were free, the cost of maintaining it and a staff to serve at all the functions would fall upon the public. It is the most unconscionable thing I think I have witnessed from a president ever. Furthermore, I believe he should be forced to rebuilt the East Wing as close to how it was, WITH HIS PRIVATE FUNDS. He made the decision on his own and he should pay for it. He has grifted enough money while in office that it shouldn't be a problem. If you have to sue him do it - he has sued the American government. The East Wing needs to be restored for its original purposes. Following that, Trump should be impeached.

Marilyn Sassman, age 80

Name: Peter Teuben
Date: February 18, 2026 6:24:19 pm

Given the reckless destruction with no oversight, I would recommend no funds will be made available for a new east wing (or whatever it will be) and wait for the next administration to set this straight. Too many emotions floating around. Let's take a break!

Name: Jill Carpenter
Date: February 18, 2026 6:24:38 pm

Not one more penny of taxpayer money should be used on this project which has no proper approval or planning. The East Wing should be returned to its former elegance and all evidence of the desecration it has suffered cleaned up and removed.

Name: Janice Blanco
Date: February 18, 2026 6:25:17 pm

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Name: Cheryl Harrison
Date: February 18, 2026 6:25:28 pm

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Name: Diana Simonton
Date: February 18, 2026 6:25:54 pm

I support a full restoration of the original East Wing of the people's White House. No ball room, no outsized expansion of the White House.

Pure and simple. This should never have happened.

Name: Susan Barniak
Date: February 18, 2026 6:26:02 pm

I oppose the construction of a ballroom in place of the former East Wing of the White House. The destruction of the East Wing was shocking and illegal. I hope the East Wing can be restored and returned to its former glory.

Name: Elaine Bardzil
Date: February 18, 2026 6:26:24 pm

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Name: Jenny Mohan
Date: February 18, 2026 6:26:32 pm

Please restore the East Wing to its original and historic beauty.

Name: steve stoltz
Date: February 18, 2026 6:27:44 pm

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Name: Donna Hughes
Date: February 18, 2026 6:28:02 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Patricia Broidy
Date: February 18, 2026 6:28:52 pm

I am very much in favor of this project
Our country deserves a great space to entertain the rest of the world

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Name: Wayne Oliverio
Date: February 18, 2026 6:28:53 pm

The east wing should be rebuilt as it was before it was illegally destroyed, and all responsible should be prosecuted.

Name: Anita Carney
Date: February 18, 2026 6:29:14 pm

The east wing of the People's White House belongs to the American public. I firmly disagree with its destruction, and also feel the reconstruction plan is an inappropriate use of our government time and money. I understand there have been "donors" but the time and energy spent on something that should have not been started is just another misguided venture of the current administration. Please stop the bleeding and focus on the welfare and value of our democracy.

Name: DEBRA ROBERTS
Date: February 18, 2026 6:29:25 pm

Who owns the White House? It has always been my assumption that whoever occupies the mansion is a mere tenant of the american people. Any good tenant knows that when your term of residency is over, you are expected to return the property in the same condition as when you first took occupancy.

President Donald Trump does not own the White House and should be responsible for correcting the damage that he has done to that venerable building.

Should the american people believe that a ballroom is needed for public functions, then the proper site should be determined and architectural renderings submitted for review.

Funding for the ballroom should come from the federal government- not individual corporations looking for advantages.

Name: Vicki Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:29:26 pm

Why is it called an East Wing Modernization Project when it was destroyed to rubble? I'm outraged that a piece of American history was destroyed without public notice, public comment, advanced approval, designs shared, budget approved, or for cause. As a taxpayer and a voter, I'm appalled and vehemently opposed to allowing this administration to do anything more to destroy DC and national landmarks.

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Name: H Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 6:29:35 pm

Please cancel and stop this project.

Name: Vickie Pryor
Date: February 18, 2026 6:29:36 pm

I totally oppose this illegal destruction of government property. It needs to be restored to its original design and contents. Having it built with $300 million in “donations” just means Trump is more indebted to corrupt rich individuals with an agenda which may not be in the best interest of our nation.

Name: Helen Lind
Date: February 18, 2026 6:30:20 pm

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Name: Rachel Makinen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:30:25 pm

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Name: Suzanne Dana
Date: February 18, 2026 6:31:27 pm

The term “East Wing Modernization Project” is a misleading euphemism that obscures what to be the blatant disregard for protocol, rules and regulations and refers to the unauthorized destruction of a historic structure in order to construct a new ballroom which has no prior approval or appears to be in anyway following the rules regarding the historic White House grounds. No prior president has ever required a ballroom of this nature at the White House. In fact, the federal government already maintains a massive and fully functional ballroom at the State Department, which has long been used to host large-scale official events. There is no legitimate functional need to alter the historic character of the White House grounds for this purpose.

The White House belongs to the American people not the current occupant… he’s just a tenant and every president has understood that except this one. Any demolition, reconstruction, or major alteration must be conducted transparently, in full compliance with historic preservation laws, environmental remediation standards, and established public review processes. The apparent demolition of the East Wing raises serious concerns regarding whether proper procedures, including public input and environmental safeguards such as asbestos and lead remediation, were followed.

If modernization is necessary, it should be limited to the interior while preserving and faithfully restoring the historic exterior. Any exterior reconstruction should replicate the original East Wing exactly, maintaining the architectural integrity and historic significance of the White House.

No new structure should be permitted that alters, diminishes, or overshadows the historic White House. The priority must be restoration, preservation, and respect for a building that serves as a symbol of the nation and belongs equally to all its citizens.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Name: Sharon Bowland
Date: February 18, 2026 6:31:45 pm

I am against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This should never have started without all of the paperwork and approval in place. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasure of American history.

I want this project canceled, with the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to

permit this project to go ahead illegally and without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. My vote for those in office who should be in charge of making sure these types of things are done properly, my tax payer dollars that are spent, as well as my voice through communications like these are my right as an American citizen and should be listened to and acknowledged.

Thank-you.

Name: Laura Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 6:32:49 pm

Regarding East Wing "Modernization"

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. President Trump and all those who came up with this idea should be ashamed of themselves.

Name: Penny Vonoczky
Date: February 18, 2026 6:32:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Haley
Date: February 18, 2026 6:32:58 pm

I strongly oppose this project and am distraught that defacing & some demolition of our Peoples House has already occurred. I work in a museum, live in a historic home & district, and believe in preservation of our national heritage through maintaining the integrity of important national buildings & documents. I must go through all levels of permitting to even change some windows. Our past is an important part of our national identity & deserves respect & authenticity.

Please do not allow desecration of the White House, including the ballroom. Instead, our tax dollars should instead be used restored it all as it was pre-Trump.
Thank you for your attention & cooperation.

Name: Susan Raymoure
Date: February 18, 2026 6:33:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

this project should not move forward , but rebuilt to it's former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Our historical White House is a national treasure and I am appalled someone thought it was their private residences to do as they want for reasons that are not relevant to the positions they hold.

thank you

Susan Raymoure

Name: Mary Finley
Date: February 18, 2026 6:33:33 pm

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Name: Mary Kay Kuerth
Date: February 18, 2026 6:33:39 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. He should be required to replace the east wing in its entirety at his expense.

Name: Craig Byrnes
Date: February 18, 2026 6:33:53 pm

This insane destruction of American history is not a modernization project. It is not improving structural integrity or adding air conditioning. It is demolishing what was there in favor of gaudiness and tackiness. If we wanted to convince tourists to our country that America really is a superficial wealth-worshipping society, this is the way to do it.

This is not what the People's House is for. It is intended to convey power, but power from the democratic rule by the People.

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project, and ask that it be stopped immediately in favor of restoring the East Wing to its prior state.

Name: Sarah Charton
Date: February 18, 2026 6:34:13 pm

Ladies/Gentlemen,

Calling this the “East Wing Modernization Project” is like describing a bilateral mastectomy as an exfoliating scrub. The original structure is entirely gone, and the replacement is never going to look normal or natural.

Name: David Dorris
Date: February 18, 2026 6:34:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.
We will not suffer Kings to do as they please without the will of the people.

Name: Kathy ismert
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:12 pm

I was horrified to see the East Wing destroyed. There was no prior discussion or authorization by the proper committees. It is a disgrace.

Name: Kathy Crowley
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:20 pm

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Name: Cheryl Hawley
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:31 pm

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Name: Krista Desens
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:34 pm

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Name: Linda McCurley-Stafford
Date: February 18, 2026 6:36:37 pm

I am very saddened to know that President Trump decided to demolish the "People's East Wing of the White House." This decision was not his alone to make. I am vehemently opposed to spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It absolutely is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margie Nides
Date: February 18, 2026 6:38:17 pm

The project is a monstrosity and undertaken with out prior approval or knowledge of the appropriate historical committee. As a tax payer I find this project is an obscenity, unnecessary and at a scale that destroys the beauty of the White House. Step in and do something before it’s too late.

Name: Robbie Lueth
Date: February 18, 2026 6:38:37 pm

This project was initiated without the proper authorization or design review. It is not a modernization project, but instead constitutes an erasure of American history. I want to see this vanity project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Permitting this project to proceed with no penalty for those who broke the law and oversaw the destruction of the East Wing would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to the people, not to any one President. Stop this project now!

Name: Sharon Zimlich
Date: February 18, 2026 6:38:40 pm

Re…East Wing Modernization

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Thank you,
S. Zimlich

Name: Judith Reppucci
Date: February 18, 2026 6:38:41 pm

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Name: Jessica Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 6:39:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cindy Morus
Date: February 18, 2026 6:40:13 pm

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Name: Jordan Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 6:40:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: June Page
Date: February 18, 2026 6:40:58 pm

The East Wing Modernization should have been open to the people before it was torn down. Now, the replacement should be energy efficient, windows, insulation and renewable energy as some of the information brought up in this rebuild. The East Wing should stay in size to compliment the White House, not become an oversized golden ballroom. There needs to be respect for historical considerations as well as functional NOT DECORATIVE GOLDEN POMPOUS FEATURES.

Name: Jennifer Stuart
Date: February 18, 2026 6:41:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Thomas Wilhelmsen
Date: February 18, 2026 6:41:12 pm

I want this project to be stopped. Demolishing federal property is a crime. Renovations of historic government buildings need to have broad public support and be approved by experts, with oversight by Congress. Total destruction is not renovation. Nothing in the Constitution gives the president the right to assault our history and destroy our monumental buildings in honor of himself. The rebuilding of the East Wing needs to be done with a consensus of support from the full Congress and the public, after a thorough evaluation of how best to rebuild it in a manner that preserves its original design and intent.

Name: Rob Luftglass
Date: February 18, 2026 6:41:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Lauren OMeara
Date: February 18, 2026 6:42:38 pm

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. This is a vanity project, a bad idea, and does not represent the people.

Name: Kim Rugg
Date: February 18, 2026 6:43:24 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Arthur Wallace
Date: February 18, 2026 6:44:58 pm

The federal government was established with checks and balances. There are three separate branches of government and no one person gets to decide everything. Congress funds projects. Courts check legality. The executive manages departments under the funding of congress. A single person should not be able to decide to tear down and remodel the Whitehouse using bribes to fund construction. Bribery is a crime not a funding source for authoritarianism.

Name: Brenda Whitehorn
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:07 pm

Dear members,
The current condition, or lack thereof, of the East Wing is an abhorrent national embarrassment. It should be repaired and replaced, at any cost and the bill sent to Pres. Trump.
Furthermore, there should be no further destruction of any structures in D.C. until the East Wing is rebuilt. No Arc de Triomphe, no more name changes, nothing.
Thank you all and God bless America and the United States.

Brenda M. Whitehorn

Name: Patricia Roling
Date: February 18, 2026 6:47:37 pm

I do not believe we need a ballroom for the President to entertain. The White House has been sufficient for previous administrations and is fine for this one. I feel that the historic nature of our buildings is important and must be preserved. The East Wing should not have been destroyed. I believe the East Wing needs to be rebuilt to the specifications it was and that President Donald Trump should pay for it out of his own pocket since he did not follow the proper procedures as outlined by the government. The White House is The Peoples House not his.

Name: Cassandra Boarman
Date: February 18, 2026 6:48:04 pm

Complete DISASTER!

Name: Sheryl Spindler
Date: February 18, 2026 6:48:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter Gordon
Date: February 18, 2026 6:49:09 pm

I am totally against the expenditure of $300 million dollars.for the construction of the proposed ballroom and alteration of the historic East Wing of the White House. This project was begun without proper authorization or review. This is America's residence and needs to be restored to its original historic condition and preserved for posterity. This project was begun unlawfully and those responsible should be held accountable.
Peter Gordon

Name: Barbara Wertz
Date: February 18, 2026 6:50:06 pm

The proposed ballroom would disrupt the balance and architectural integrity of the entire White House complex. If the country needs a 90,000 square foot ballroom build it somewhere else.

Name: Faye Merritt
Date: February 18, 2026 6:50:21 pm

It saddened me tremendously to see the East Wing torn down without any disregard for its history. The pipe dream of our President’s vision for a grandiose ballroom, does not speak well to who we, as a country. We have citizens in need of food, clothing, a roof over their heads, health care, jobs and assistance for caring for their children and their parents. The idea is to have the ballroom over shadow the White House. Nothing should overshadow the White House. We were told private donations were going to pay for it, but that is not the case. The dept. in charge of oversight of historic buildings should be the one to design and approve the restoration of the East Wing. The president will no longer be in office when it’s complete. Please restore it to its previous glory. Thank you.

Name: Kelly Taylor
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:11 pm

The White House is the Peoples' House. No one, President or not, should be allowed to tear down an entire wing of Our House. Trump did not go through the proper process to make changes to the White House. He illegally did as he pleased and it must not stand. He is not above the law. I want the Peoples' House's East Wing rebuilt as it was originally. Watching billionaires gain favors for donating to this horrid project must not be allowed.

Name: Susan Jacques
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:33 pm

I am opposed to this project. It was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I am saddened by the idea that this "ballroom" would dwarf the White House, and I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt to its former design. This is the People's House, not any one person's house, and proper procedures must be followed.

Name: Adrienne Punturiero
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jane Howard
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:46 pm

The East Wing should be restored to the original before trump demolished it without approval. The trump family should pay for the restoration. Under NO circumstances should the trump administration (or any other presidential administration) ever be allowed to destroy federal property, including The White House. A mammoth ballroom is NOT needed at the White House now or in the future. Previous administrations have presented numerous programs within The White House walls. It will cause millions to return The White House to the glorious historical space I've been privileged to tour three times once this

Please do not allow trump to build his bunker ballroom, but return The White House to its former historical glory. Thank you.

Name: Nancy Grenard
Date: February 18, 2026 6:52:59 pm

I do not want to see a ballroom in that space. That space was for the First Ladies and their history. Rebuild the East Wing so it is architecturally consistent with the overall structure. Any modernizations in the rebuild should not detract from the history of the White House and its overall appearance.

Name: Betsy Day
Date: February 18, 2026 6:53:35 pm

Regarding the White House East Wing:

I oppose the Trump-proposed plan to rebuild the East Wing. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete unauthorized razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design using the funds already privately pledged. The law was broken when the existing structure was razed. Those responsible for its destruction need to be held accountable for breaking the law.

Name: Ginger Blomberg
Date: February 18, 2026 6:54:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Vanni
Date: February 18, 2026 6:54:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Not only is it a complete erasing of American history, but I would hope the powers that be understand that the East Wing and all parts of the White House should be considered a National landmark and should not be altered in any way. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I would assume this was obvious, but apparently, people need to be reminded of how the law works.

Name: Wendy Platt
Date: February 18, 2026 6:55:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leila Gordon
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:15 pm

I wholeheartedly object to this project. It was not permitted properly and represents the destruction of property and history that belongs to the American people not the person temporarily occupying the White House.

The published plans are hideous. The project is another example of lawlessness and the desecration of history to serve one man’s insatiable ego.

Please halt it.

Name: Susan Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Susan Miller

Name: Melanie Erler
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:43 pm

To whom it may concern

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization,

permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The so called president should be removed from office and jailed for his lack of adherence to our constitution. The White House is the people's house not his. The demolition is an atrocity and and affront to the American people.
Thank you
Melanie Erler

Name: Lorie Narum
Date: February 18, 2026 6:57:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Kelley
Date: February 18, 2026 6:58:34 pm

The White House belongs to the people of the United States and I want to return the White House back to its historic glory.
Thank you,

Name: Kristin Vaughn
Date: February 18, 2026 6:58:50 pm

I oppose the spending even $1 on this project, which was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I believe President Trump should pay to restore the building from his personal funds.

Name: Philip Peters
Date: February 18, 2026 6:59:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Amy Wachspress
Date: February 18, 2026 6:59:30 pm

Stop the construction of the hideous ballroom. It is not wanted or approved by Congress or the people. The East Wing was illegally destroyed and needs to be reconstructed. Don't let this big baby brat trash the people's house.

Name: Barbara Nyden
Date: February 18, 2026 6:59:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Sandra Lockhart
Date: February 18, 2026 6:59:39 pm

I do not support spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tina Mancini
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:08 pm

I do not support the massive expenditure to build a ballroom. This was not approved ahead of time and this is NOT modernization. Restore the East wing to its prior design.

Name: Laura Rheintgen
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:32 pm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I urge you to STOP the ballroom construction project immediately. It is a waste of money and it will be an eye sore. Please don’t ruin the White House with the atrocious, grotesque expansion.

Sincerely,

Laura Rheintgen

Name: Jennifer Casamassima
Date: February 18, 2026 7:00:56 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since the 1800s. The East Wing Modernization Project, whether the $300 million project is paid for by public or private funds, circumvented the appropriate authorization process. The original East Wing was demolished and reduced to rubble, along with the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden, even though the "modernization project" had never been through the Congressionally mandated planning and review process. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in design, scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Name: Wendy Clark
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:07 pm

Please pause this project to allow appropriate planning steps to catch up, and to investigate the circumstances under which it was initiated. Please do not approve spending any funds to move forward until all applicable regulatory steps have been documented as completed, and any legal actions that may be required to address past regulatory failures have been taken.

Also, please start over and develop a new proposal based on a legal starting point, rather than allowing a project to be forced through by illegal, pre-decisional actions.

I worked in federal planning for almost 30 years. If we had built a road into a timber sale before conducting scoping, in order to force the decision-maker to approve the sale, we'd have been acting illegally and would have been taken to court. If we had cut down a stand of trees and then submitted analysis and documentation to try to sell the felled timber, in an effort to force a decision to do so (the trees are already down, they're losing their value, we need to do something quickly), that would have been pre-decisional and illegal, and we'd have been successfully sued. It is not legal to take

preparatory actions that prejudice a decision that way. Tearing down an entire wing of a publicly owned, taxpayer-funded building is exactly that, and is no different from the examples I provided. For that reason, you should not even be considering the ballroom project.

Instead, the process should be started entirely anew: there is now an empty space where the East Wing once stood. The planning commission should set aside the existing, illegal (pre-decisional) proposal and start from scratch, including with an entirely new project name. There is, after all, no East Wing left to "modernize".

The commission should start over and develop an objective Purpose and Need statement that accurately reflects the status of the site. That should be something like: develop a new East Wing that will honor the history of the former structure and that will accommodate offices and spaces to serve future White House staff and resident needs.

Then the commission should solicit and develop a new, objective proposal that would meet that purpose and need, and then move into the NEPA phase of decision-making. It should develop reasonable and achievable alternatives, as it would for any other decision that starts not from a pre-decisional action intended to force the issue, but from a proposal designed to fulfill an established purpose and need.

Please do not force taxpayers to use our money to perpetuate an action that was taken illegally, without proper process, and that is not supported by any evidence of need or even of useful purpose.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Wendy E. Clark
Retired USDA Forest Service
Galena, IL

Name: Denise Ahlquist
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:09 pm

I cannot believe that this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review! It was willful destruction of the People’s House without permission. It is not a modernization project; it is an attempt to whitewash and rewrite American history. This project should immediately be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The Executive Branch is NOT above the law! Those who participated should be prosecuted.

Name: Helene Atwan
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gail Kessler-Walah
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:23 pm

This project needs to be halted. There were no permits, who knows what was done with the colllections inside before it was illegally torn down. With private investors “donating” money this seems to blur the line in too many ways. Please, stop this project now.

Name: Elizabeth Myers
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:36 pm

Please stop this monstrosity of a building! The current resident has no respect for history or historical buildings. The White House does not belong to him!

Name: Howard Arey
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:41 pm

I am against the tear-down of the East Wing and the construction of a too-large ballroom that will substantially detract from the historic Washington DC center. I am against private monies being used to fund a building of government. I fully support the strict following of established processes for project proposals and that fact that the East Wing was destroyed should not cause this project to become a fait accompli.

Name: Susan Kent
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbars Haddad
Date: February 18, 2026 7:01:50 pm

I am opposed to this project . I plead with you to reconsider it.
Its proposed size compared to the White House ,its total lack of a reason for existing and the surreptitious destruction of the East Wing with no authorization from the Historical Society or the American people make it a useless vanity project of a marginally sane president who is Tagging his name and tacky gilt style on Federal buildings and projects .
The East Wing Epstein Memorial Pedotorium will never be accepted by true American patriotic people and nothing should be built for the current president.,including his planed triumphal arch and any other tRump/ Epstein aggrandizing project.
Regards,

Name: Elsie Mosqueda
Date: February 18, 2026 7:02:10 pm

I am in strong opposition to the spending of $300 million plus on this project. The project was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this project now. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design and symbol of our nation’s history. It is inconceivable that the destruction of the East Wing and its significance was allowed to happen in the first place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jean Hegland
Date: February 18, 2026 7:02:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Hold the perpetrators accountable!

Name: David Winkworth
Date: February 18, 2026 7:02:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans
Thank you.

Name: Gretchen Schroeder
Date: February 18, 2026 7:03:12 pm

I am opposed to the East wing Modernization Project. I opposed spending of $300 million on this project regardless of how it is to be funded. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Even the plans keep changing, and now seem to include substantial underground structures. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Becky Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 7:03:42 pm

I want this so-called modernization project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt. This is not a modernization, this is a vandalism of the people's house, undertaken without authorization or proper permits, in violation of the law, resulting in the wanton destruction of valuable, irreplaceable historical treasures and materials. American citizens are expected to follow the law, but this wasteful 300 million dollar debacle flagrantly flaunts the law, and no one is above the law. Cease and desist, cancel and rebuild!

Name: Donna Manaraze
Date: February 18, 2026 7:03:43 pm

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Name: Amy Nathanson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:04:01 pm

Anara Guard's words say it best:

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Name: Rory LaGrotta
Date: February 18, 2026 7:04:02 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without permission, permits or review. As such it was WRONG from the start. No person, party or organization should cause great harm to our historic buildings, memorials or other PUBLIC properties and then demand that the destroyed item should be replaced with something they personally want, but which is NOT in the PUBLIC interest.

The East Wing should be fully RESTORED to its design, architecture and aesthetic for the exterior and interior at the time of destruction. The only upgrades should be those related to fire safety, electrical or other building infrastructure. The cost to repair should be personally borne by the perpetrator/s who directed the destruction to be performed. No reimbursement from ANY government coffers should be allowed.

Criminal acts should not be rewarded.

Name: Thomas Schatz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:04:29 pm

I oppose the spending of ~~$200~~ ~~$300~~ $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Delude
Date: February 18, 2026 7:05:22 pm

I am against the ballroom. Much too large - where is the money coming from??? Terrible destruction of East Wing.

Name: Judith Briar
Date: February 18, 2026 7:05:53 pm

Stop this project! Return the East Wing to its original state before the unlawful demolition. We the people do not want or need a ballroom! Stop the wasteful construction and restore this historic East Wing. Judith A Briar

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Name: Jimmie Ann Wadley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:05:56 pm

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Name: Mary Erickson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:06:05 pm

I do not agree with this project. It was illegally started, no approval, no permits. People responsible for the unlawful tear down of the East Wing should be prosecuted for the crimes listed, and all that apply to this situation. NO PERSON IS ANOVE THE LAW. As for the building of a ballroom, I disagree with such. The process was not followed which makes the whole situation null and void. Continuation of this project that was not properly approved and is not wanted by the people of the I tied States need to be stopped and people held accountable for their illegal actions.

Name: Howard Parks
Date: February 18, 2026 7:06:18 pm

I opposed the so-called "modernization" of the East Wing. I believe the East Wing should be restored exactly as it was before it was destroyed without any consideration for historical preservation, without permits, without proper input. Any upgrades should be purely functional and below ground, if security concerns are to warrant such work, and only because the opportunity presents itself in the moment. Otherwise, it should be built to its original design specifications, without any input from the current occupant of the White House.

Name: Susan Thomason
Date: February 18, 2026 7:06:25 pm

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Name: Arlynn Hacker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:07:31 pm

I strongly oppose the White House ballroom. It is a desecration of our most treasured national symbol. The White House was designed by President Washington and his architect James Hoban. It was designed with symmetry and balance. This abomination distorts and destroys any sense of balance. It dwarfs the White House which should be the center piece. The proper authorization, permits, or design review has been flagrantly disregarded. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Name: Krys Kornmeier
Date: February 18, 2026 7:07:51 pm

I am writing to protest the grotesque changes being proposed for the White House. They are illegal. Don't do it.

Name: Terrance Haney
Date: February 18, 2026 7:07:59 pm

I oppose spending any money to build a ballroom, much less the $300 million obtained by specious means. This administration did not go through proper channels to obtain authorization to destroy the East Wing or to build a ballroom. This is the people's house and no president should be allowed to skirt the law for his own self-aggrandizement. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored. It is important that this president and future presidents understand that they work for We the People and cannot act with impunity.

Name: Brad Reynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 7:08:09 pm

I do not want the East Wing turned into a ballroom. I want it to return to its original design and function.

Name: LAURA NELSON
Date: February 18, 2026 7:08:13 pm

i have looked at the proposed elevations, plans, etc. being submitted and feel that the size is overkill and aesthetically out of proportion to the White House and West Wing.
While it may be a "needed" addition, I believe the size is unnecessary...the WH should always be the focus as the "people's house"!
I would also want the interior to be tasteful and respect a traditional look while still modernizing the function. (In other words, NO GAUDY FAKE GOLD STUFF ALL OVER THE PLACE!!)
Require respect for the history of the WH and its' surroundings!!

Name: VICKI DEAN
Date: February 18, 2026 7:08:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project and complete razing of American history, especially of the First Ladies of previous administrations. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. This is The People’s House and all projects should be approved with the proper process.

Name: Suzanne Cimochowski
Date: February 18, 2026 7:08:15 pm

I am opposed to the current ballroom plans. They overshadow the beauty that is the White House because it is too large. A much smaller ballroom that mimics what was the East Wing would be more appropriate if a ballroom is necessary.

Name: Eric Mifkovic
Date: February 18, 2026 7:08:21 pm

Members of the Board, As a retired Architect and owner of HMR Architects, Inc, practicing in Sacramento, Cal. During my 35 years at HMR, my office provided a host of projects for various state, county, city clients. Each and everyone of those projects were unique and required the upmost care and consideration in the planning and execution of that project. Several of those projects for the state included work on our own California State Capitol building and annex. I understand the importance of maintaining the public trust and historical context involved in working on such historically significant buildings. That is why I am so infuriated watching the random destruction of the White House by the grifter who currently occupies it with little to no regard for the historical context of the structure. While I understand that the White House might need upgrading to meet the demands of time and the changing social needs, tearing it down and throwing up a ballroom with absolutely no input is nothing less then grounds to be tried for willful destruction of government property. If a larger assembly room (Group A-1) was required then that plan should have been submitted for review and allowed to go thru the process of determine the most appropriate size, configuration, design, etc. to meet the needs of the temporary Occupant, the Nation and to fit that scale of the existing historically significant structure. By negating that process, Trump needs to be held accountable. All work on this project needs to be stopped immediately, He should then be required, at his cost, to rebuild the Historical East Wing to the exact specifications it met before he bulldozed it. Lastly he should be held accountable and should be tried and go to prison. The destruction of the East Wing crosses the line. Eric Mifkovic, Architect Ret.

Name: William Lucas
Date: February 18, 2026 7:09:05 pm

Whatever that senile, stupid pedophile builds is going to be demolished and replaced starting on Jan 21, 2029.

Name: Virginia Haddad
Date: February 18, 2026 7:09:15 pm

This project is disgraceful. The appearance of the White House has already been damaged by its current occupants. Please do not allow this tasteless, monstrous monument to greed and corruption to proceed. Restore the East Wing to its exact state before the demolition and preserve our history. Thank you.

Name: Jocelyn Penner
Date: February 18, 2026 7:09:16 pm

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Name: Patricia Westover
Date: February 18, 2026 7:09:44 pm

This project should not be allowed to go forward. Its beginnings were illegal, and the intent is not in keeping with the wishes of the American people. Mr. Trump is not above the law and needs to follow the policies and procedures in place to protect America's landmarks.

Name: Margaret Nelson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:09:47 pm

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Name: Pamela Rowley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:09:50 pm

Dear members, The current
condition, or lack thereof, of the
East Wing is an abhorrent
national embarrassment. It
should be repaired and
replaced, at any cost and the
bill sent to Pres. Trump
Furthermore, there should be
no further destruction of any
structures in D.C. until the East
Wing is rebuilt. No Arc de
Triomphe, no more name
changes, nothing
Thank you all and God bless
America and the United States.
Sincerely
Pamela Rowley

Name: Carol Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:18 pm

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Name: Debra Peterson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:29 pm

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Name: Debra Barker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:10:31 pm

At a cost of $300 million (currently, likely to go higher under current management) this is the most expensive disregard of American history imaginable. This home belongs to the American people and any changes must be approved by the American people.

Name: Linda Spector
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:07 pm

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Name: Anne Busch
Date: February 18, 2026 7:11:25 pm

I strongly oppose this $300 million project that was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete destruction of an important part of American history. The end goal of this destruction is simply satisfying the ego of a temporary resident. The White House belongs to the American people. It is OUR HOUSE! The East Wing should be restored to its original graceful, historical, and well-proportioned beauty. Please do not allow this horrible monstrosity of a vanity project to proceed. No one is above the law. Those who destroyed this iconic piece of American architecture should be dealt with in the same manner that any citizen guilty of vandalizing historical property is treated. Please restore the East Wing to its original design.

Name: Constance Neely
Date: February 18, 2026 7:12:05 pm

This is shameful. This project - initiated without authorization - is a travesty. It is the razing of American history by a President who cares nothing for the country or the people he is supposed to be leading. If given the opportunity to have a say, it is clear that the majority of Americans would not only be opposed but be insulted by the price tag and the monstrosity that has been proposed. And, it was home to the offices of our First Lady and her staff through our history - perhaps intentionally symbolizing the disrespect for the role of women in our history. I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project! Call this project to a halt and restore the East Wing and what it represents to proud Americans. No one is above the law. Do not permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law. Please stop this so called "Modernization Project"! We want the Peoples' House back. Thank you!

Name: Katharine Horan
Date: February 18, 2026 7:12:16 pm

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Name: JoVonne Mathiesen
Date: February 18, 2026 7:12:22 pm

The photos of the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House were horrifying. I couldn’t believe it. How is this even legal? I have my doubts that anyone can stop this so-called-modernization project. But if there is any chance of undoing this travesty, I hope your organization can find a way. Thank you.

Name: Stephanie Baca
Date: February 18, 2026 7:13:35 pm

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Name: Jeanette McGovern
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:09 pm

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Name: Marie Wedge
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:13 pm

Please restore the East Wing as it was. A ballroom can be built elsewhere; we don’t need it at the White House.

Name: Katherine Klauber
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million of privately funded bribes on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Wood
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:19 pm

I strongly oppose the building of any gilded ballroom for the glorification of one man...THE WHITE HOUSE is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. The demolition of the East Wing was done WITHOUT proper approvals and no specific plans were ever presented for the building of said ballroom. The only thing that was accomplished was the obliteration of precious American history.
I want this project CANCELLED... and the East Wing restored to its former design.
NO ONE is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead WITHOUT PENALIZING each and every person who broke the law would be an affront to laws abiding Americans... such as me!

Name: Cynthia Parsell
Date: February 18, 2026 7:14:23 pm

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Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

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Name: Carol Michaud
Date: February 18, 2026 7:15:07 pm

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Sincerely, Carol Michaud

Name: Judy Seilheimer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:15:48 pm

If this goes forward wasting our tax payers money on a vanity build for a corrupt president....I look forward to the day when a new administration melts the gold to pay for all the lawsuits that will be won by those who have deported. Also, I hope all future naturalization ceremonies can be done there with a welcome dinner paid for by the funds that will be clawed back from this administration's principles. I'm against this project and I don't believe it is lawful but this administration seems like a cult that doesn't care so....

Name: Alice McKeage
Date: February 18, 2026 7:16:09 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Ashley Mund
Date: February 18, 2026 7:16:31 pm

I very much oppose destroying the look and feel of the people's house. It is the people's house and should remain so.

Name: Michael Wahl
Date: February 18, 2026 7:16:54 pm

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It is a shame that the American public is being asked to foot a bill for an illegal project, one that was obviously done in secrecy by a guilty party. It will furthermore be a shame that the public is asked to pay to clean up the reckless behavior of these people whom have no value for American decency. Allowing their desires to go further would be a blight on our country.

Name: Gary Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 7:16:57 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the building of this ballroom. There was no public hearing or comment, no permits on the destruction of the East Wing, no approval of the new structure. This should not be built.

Our historic buildings should not be destroyed or altered at the whim of this or any president. Upgrades and renovations will always need to be done but there is a process for getting that accomplished. None of that was followed. Now, our historic East Wing as been demolished and with it, the history that was part of People's House.

This is not modernization, but an ego trip for a emotionally fragile president. Again, I oppose the construction of this ballroom.

Gary R. Smith

Name: Liana Paiz-Zeledon
Date: February 18, 2026 7:17:04 pm

To whom it may concern;
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Thank you,
Liana Paiz-Zeledon

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Name: Ann Alley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:17:37 pm

As a citizen of the United States, I want to protest in the strongest way possible to the hideous plan to destroy and rebuild a monstrosity on the east wing of the White House. Nothing about this project is legal! It is an affront to every law abiding citizen in our country. The White House should (and must) be protected from radical assaults!

Name: Christine Kowalke
Date: February 18, 2026 7:17:47 pm

This is a wonderful project and should have been done years ago. How embarrassing is it to have world leaders in tents and muddy yards. This ballroom is elegant and large enough to host any event the White House has. Those opposed to this addition to the White House are out of touch with reality and what our leadership needs to show the world not only out strength but also the richness of our government and history all in one place. This needs to move forward. Thank you.

Name: Teresa Phillips
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:10 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Even the title, modernization project, is a misnomer. It is not a project, it is a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by those who had the East Wing razed. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lauralee Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:28 pm

The new East Wing should be built in the same footprint as the original building and should be no taller than the original building so as to appropriately balance the facade of the White House..
It should be built in the same style as the original East Wing so as to seamlessly blend with the White House.
Gilding should not be used and no names should be integrated into any part of the structure.

Name: ROBIN PRICE
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:42 pm

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Name: Paige Griffin
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:43 pm

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Name: Theresa Guerette
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:45 pm

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and the cost of the rebuild paid by those that donated to its demolition guy. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sherry Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 7:18:46 pm

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Name: Mary Gagliardi
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:28 pm

The East Wing should never have been demolished prior to any design review or congressional appropriations. The fact that it is now gone does not give anyone the right to build a ballroom of any size, let alone one that dwarfs the White House itself. I am completely opposed to any ballroom constructed by this administration. Restoration of the historic east wing is necessary here, not "modernization" as a front for a ridiculous vanity project of a scope and size that is completely inappropriate for the site. Destruction of the east wing as it has progressed this far is a criminal action, and as such all involved should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Name: Sally Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:34 pm

I am horrified by the razing of the East Wing of the White House, which apparently was done without following any proper process. Those breaking the law must be held accountable. The "modernization" must be stopped and the East Wing rebuilt to its former specifications.

Name: Amanda Herrington
Date: February 18, 2026 7:19:37 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to please a sociopath. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding United States Citizens.

Name: Holly Murphy
Date: February 18, 2026 7:20:15 pm

This is not Donald J Trump's house to destroy. He is destroying The People's House and its history for his own personal gain.
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Name: Jeannette LaFors
Date: February 18, 2026 7:20:24 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you,
Jeannette LaFors, Ph.D.

Name: Patti Chaco
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design paid for by the President and not the American people. The entire thing is a disgrace and I'm willing to bet that our forefathers are rolling over in their graves over the demolition of the east wing! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Kramer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:15 pm

I have serious doubts that the supposedly donated monies will actually be donated, used for this purpose or end up in Someone's
personal account. Beyond that, this call for input from the owners of the building, namely US citizens should have happened before the demolition. It would have been a resounding NO. So now if the project doesn't go forward, which it shouldn't, who will pay to have the East Wing restored. US citizens again. We cannot afford this president and his regal ideas

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Name: Christine Adrian
Date: February 18, 2026 7:21:31 pm

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Name: William Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 7:22:49 pm

I believe the East Wing of the White House should not overshadow the primary White House structure. Its architecture should mirror as closely as possible the preexisting style of the building. It should not be taller than the current structure. Other preexisting features of the White House grounds, e.g. gardens, walkways, paths, and driveways, should not be removed or relocated by this project. The building and or any part of it should not be named for a person, living or dead.

Name: Ken Mcgurn
Date: February 18, 2026 7:23:13 pm

What a shame history was destroyed. Stop and let those who care for history guide the replacement. Get rid of the egotism that has pushed this project.

Name: Carla Magdamo
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:10 pm

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

Name: mary melissa Greig
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:14 pm

This not a modernization project. This is a trump vanity project. A trump power play. A trump defiant of any laws,

procedures or decorum. I strongly oppose spending a dime on this project. I want the the original historic wing REBUILT, with all it's history, glory, flaws or cracks on full display. HOW dare this president think he continually can defy the laws of the land.

Respectfully, Mary Melissa Greig

Name: Elena Olsen
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:14 pm

I strongly oppose this project, which would literally destroy the people’s house and the sacred history therein. I oppose private funding from elite donors even being considered. The White House belongs to the American people and the past, present, and future stories it tells have direct impact on our democracy. This project was initiated without proper authorizations, permits, or reviews. No one is above the law, especially one who seeks to destroy something not rightfully theirs. I want this project cancelled. The East Eing needs to be rebuilt and restored with every effort made to preserve what historical materials and artifacts remain. To do otherwise would be an absurd and meaningless atrocity. Its lawlessness would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Vicki Baker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:17 pm

To all that read this, the East Wing is the American people's, not Trumps. He needs to follow the same rules that we all have to follow, not just tear down a Historical site with no forethought whatsoever. We want the East Wing back to it's former glory and he should pay all the fines we would have to pay. NO one is above the law. This is not modernization, it's the destruction of what symbolizes AMERICA !

Name: Katherine Wells
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:19 pm

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Name: April Verboven
Date: February 18, 2026 7:24:47 pm

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Name: Beverly Nason
Date: February 18, 2026 7:25:00 pm

I would like to object to the construction of such a large unnecessary ballroom addition to the White House. This plan does not adhere to the design and needs of the White House. That the construction destroyed a part of the White House without authorization or permission from your council is apaling.
Please stop this madness by this president.
Best regards
Bev Nason

Name: Donna Yavorsky
Date: February 18, 2026 7:25:26 pm

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Name: Susan Murray
Date: February 18, 2026 7:27:09 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Please have the government follow its own procedures and follow its own review processes with Congress allocating the funds and an experienced, knowledgeable board review.

Name: Kim Shawbold
Date: February 18, 2026 7:27:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nick Stoughton
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:01 pm

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The renderings that have been made public show an extraordinarily out-of-character addition to an historic building of global importance. and cannot be tolerated. The east wing should be restored to its previous glory at the president's expense, without using any taxpayer funds.

If the project must proceed, it should be within the footprint of the original east wing, with the same façade as the old building.

Name: Helen Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:08 pm

Honestly this project should be halted and the People’s house rebuilt. The proposed “ballroom”/bunker/datacenter is not fit for the national treasure that is our White House. Please stop the project and go through the proper channels for compliance with this historical home.
Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Sally FRIEDRICH
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:13 pm

I don’t think any structure that is built on the White House grounds should be any taller than the White House, nor should it be larger than the White House. Our White House is a symbol of our democracy for lack of a better word. It needs to be the shining beacon upon the hill, not a ballroom. Surely a ballroom could be made to fit within those parameters.

Name: Judy Neuhauser
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:43 pm

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.

Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

The White House is the people’s house. The proposed changes are totally out of scale and grotesque.

Name: John Reed
Date: February 18, 2026 7:28:53 pm

Well, I hope I'm commenting about the right project, "East Wing Modernization" seems like a side thought. This ballroom plan is obscene, it was never publicly reviewed to the best of my knowledge, and it comes as the president pushes us further and faster into deeper National Debt than we have ever known. All of us know there is a longer permit process for changing the windows on our modest houses, than this hideous ego-tecture got pushed through. We aren't talking about Trump's history, it is OUR history. If someone in power has the idea to saw off just a bit of the liberty bell, or paint the Lincoln Memorial in chromacolor, there should be a review of the idea because it is OUR collective history.

By the way, wasn't it the construction of a ballroom that actually got King Louis in a little trouble? I think it was.

Name: Kristene Geering
Date: February 18, 2026 7:29:02 pm

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No matter where the funding comes from, I oppose spending ANY amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The White House is OUR HOUSE, and I am aghast at how the current guests have treated it.

Name: Debbie C Braley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:29:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rori Boyce-Werner
Date: February 18, 2026 7:29:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shiri Dembovich
Date: February 18, 2026 7:29:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Naomi Margold
Date: February 18, 2026 7:30:34 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated corruptly, without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an effort to destroy our historical heritage on behalf of the president's vanity and ego. This outrageous desecration of the White House should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristi Dolan
Date: February 18, 2026 7:30:42 pm

To whom it concern,

I oppose with all my heart what is being done by this administration to the East wing of the White House. It is a disgrace. It needs to be stopped!!
Thank you
Kristi Dolan

Name: Janice Averill
Date: February 18, 2026 7:30:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Angela McGahan
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Hunter
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:17 pm

This project should be cancelled. It was beyond belief that the East Wing was demolished without any proper planning or permission. This is not the President's personal home and he should have NO say on what goes in it. The fact that he has already paved over the Rose Garden with no regard to it as the People's House this project should be immediately stopped and investigated. Thank you

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Name: Karen Carrie
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:19 pm

I oppose the proposed ballroom addition to the White House because the scale of the new structure—approximately 90,000 square feet—risks dwarfing the historic mansion and overwhelming its carefully balanced classical design. The overall massing appears disproportionate and would visually compete with, rather than complement, one of the nation's most recognized historic buildings.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. As such, it is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Any major construction in Washington, DC must be reviewed and approved by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Given the building's national and symbolic importance, this proposal warrants the highest level of scrutiny, and the scale of the ballroom and associated additions should be significantly reduced to ensure the historic character and prominence of the White House are preserved.

Name: JUDITH PERSOFSKY
Date: February 18, 2026 7:32:42 pm

This project should be stopped and the EastbWingbrestored

Name: Nancy Greene
Date: February 18, 2026 7:33:12 pm

I oppose the spending of and funds, much less $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is also a vanity project to one man’s ego rather than something that was needed. It destroyed the legacy of the First Ladies. It smacks of misogyny. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Bauer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:33:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Werner
Date: February 18, 2026 7:34:41 pm

Please keep the beautiful historic White House exactly as it is.

Name: Stefen Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:34:51 pm

The White House has historically been, "the peoples house". What has already happened to the East Wing was not approved nor funded by Congress, and has now become an open wound of patronage and corruption for all to see.

All this in spite of what the president promised publicly.

This mistake must not be allowed to continue.

Stop the new construction and force Congress to do their job.

Name: Rette Bidstrup
Date: February 18, 2026 7:35:20 pm

I strongly object to the building of "Trump's Ballroom" and the destruction of the East Wing - all of which was commenced without the proper authorization, permits or design review and I further object to the spending of $300+ million on said project. This is not a "modernization" project but rather a complete obliteration of American history, I want the project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt in all it's former glory. This should be done at Trump's PERSONAL expense and not one dime of taxpayers money used for said rebuild. No one is above the law and to permit the building of a ballroom to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Small
Date: February 18, 2026 7:36:30 pm

I would like to see the ground here leveled, and a rose garden planted. Absolutely no need for a ballroom.

Name: Andrea Wicks
Date: February 18, 2026 7:37:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Patti A Tippett
Date: February 18, 2026 7:37:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: karla vineyard
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:05 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was started without the necessary authorization, permits, or design review. It is a total destruction of American history, not a modernization project. I urge the cancellation of this project and the reconstruction and restoration of the East Wing to a design that aligns with the historical standards and collective needs of the American people. Allowing this project to continue without penalizing those who violated the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans, as no one is above the law.

Name: Sharon Harmon
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design from Donald Trump's pocket! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I am a historic preservation supporter, living in a home that has been in my family for 6 generations.

Do not issue permits to allow this grotesque ballroom and replace the East Wing back to its original grandeur!

Name: Lisa Whaley
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:30 pm

Please return the original aesthetic of the historical East Wing to mirror its original façade. It should not be an addition that is larger than the main White House structure and should not include an enormous ballroom.

Name: Bee Uchiek
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:41 pm

Please stop the ballroom addition

Name: JUDITH PERSOFSKY
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:46 pm

This project should be stopped and the East wing restored to its original form and function. The President knocked down part of our history without authority to do so and should not be rewarded for breaking the law and destroying something he did not own. The White House is the people’s house, we get a vote. Additionally this is no time to spend that kind of taxpayer funds. As for his friends contributions we will never know where the money came from, how much or in whose pocket it will wind up.

Name: Reva Sehr
Date: February 18, 2026 7:38:56 pm

I oppose the 300 billion east wing modernization project. It was NOT authorized through proper legal and constitutional authorities. It is OUR house, not Trump's. He is not above the law. I want the project stopped, and the destroyed area built back to its former glory. It is not modernization. Instead, Trump is destroying our history and our country with his selfish ways and plans.

Name: Sharon Fiscus
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Parker Lindsay
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:25 pm

Please stop this Horror that trump had no right to start with the tear down!!!

Name: Jennifer Glazer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:28 pm

I oppose everything about this update on an ethical, moral, historical, but mostly because I have eyes and the I've seen the plans. It is dreadful and tacky and overblown. No, seriously, stop trying to create a palace, it is 100% against what the entire purpose of the east wing is for. We are not a monarchy, we do not support oligarchs (or do we?); our president is supposed to live there to serve the people, not entertain his subpar billionaire friends while the country can't get basic healthvare. This is a moral issue. Fix what's broken, we are a country with real, life-threatening problems. We don't have time for this frippery. I do not support giving my dollars to this monstrosity. Put it back the way it was. You're on the wrong side of historical preservation.

Name: Brenda West
Date: February 18, 2026 7:39:45 pm

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Name: Reva Sehr
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:03 pm

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Name: Danielle Veenstra
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:41 pm

Please do not allow the Ballroom to be built where the historic East Wing of the White House once stood. The destruction was conducted without proper permits and the history of the East wing has been lost. A ballroom is not needed nor is it a wise expenditure of funds. Please do not allow this project to go forward.

Pastor Danielle Veenstra

Name: Josie Bahr
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:49 pm

What a travesty! History has been destroyed! The US government needs to put a STOP to whatever it is that is happening to the East Wing and make sure it is restored to what it was. We don’t want some dime-store version of a fake Versailles or any other kind of tacky baloney that is probably being planned. What has happened should be considered illegal.

Name: Eileen Woods
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:54 pm

Stop Dictator Don from destroying our history.
Eileen Woods

Name: Marcia Vetter
Date: February 18, 2026 7:40:56 pm

I oppose the " modernization" of the East wing The white house was deliberately meant by our fore fathers to be understated This is the peoples' house not the Presudents house. That money could be used to feed the hungry , build affordable housing etc. It should not be used to build a gaudy ballroom. It was not approved as it should have been. Please stop this project and rebuild the East wing as it originally was.Noone should be above the law.

Name: Tamera Luth
Date: February 18, 2026 7:41:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Collyn Alford
Date: February 18, 2026 7:41:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Veevi Kepner
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:33 pm

This project is a travesty and I oppose the spending of $300 million on this audacious attack on We the People's Whitehouse. It was arrogantly initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is less a modernization project than a complete demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Our Constitution doesn't permit tyrants who are above the law. To permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Kathleen Chamberlin
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:38 pm

Not a dime of taxpayer money should be spent on this vanity project!
The White House isn't another real estate project for a senile, egotistical m a n to remake in his garish image.
ANY CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY AN IMPARTIAL HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.
Anything less is a travesty. Don't let him destroy the integrity of the people's house!

Name: Reva Sehr
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:55 pm

I oppose the 300 billion east wing modernization project. It was NOT authorized through proper legal and constitutional authorities. It is OUR house, not Trump's. He is not above the law. I want the project stopped, and the destroyed area built back to its former glory. It is not modernization. Instead, Trump is destroying our history and our country with his selfish ways and plans.

Name: Anne Pierce
Date: February 18, 2026 7:42:55 pm

The White House doesn't belong to any one person and it certainly doesn't belong to Donald Trump. It's called "the people's house" because it is up to us and our representatives as to what should happen to the house. There is a proscribed procedure that is supposed to be followed before anything major is done to the house and Trump blatantly ignored it. It's not for him to determine that a ballroom was needed or that the whole East Wing should have been demolished. Not only has he destroyed US history, but he's opened serious questions. Where is the money coming from that he claims to have from "contributors?" Who has he sold our house to? If he's able to get so many contributions, why isn't that money being used to actually help the people instead of building a vanity project? Shall a president not be held accountable to the same laws and procedures that the rest of us have to follow? Do we want to set a precedent that presidents can do whatever they want to? Trump's behavior has been illegal and disgraceful. No one has done this much damage to the house since the British army burned it in the War of 1812. This project must be stopped and the money used to restore the East Wing. We know that Trump has appointed a chairman for the commission and two members to force his will on the rest of the group. Stand up to him. Show the people that the Supreme Court was wrong and the president will not be allowed, much less rewarded, for breaking the rules the rest of us follow.

Name: Phaleen Hanson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: kathryn Shapiro
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:15 pm

The East Wing of "People's House" should be restored to its condition before the recent illegal demolition.
Thank you.
K Shapiro

Name: Tony Dzikowicz
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:29 pm

I object to this modernization project. The East Wing was demolished illegally by the Trump administration and they should not be rewarded with the exact benefit they hoped to gain or have any influence over what is ultimately built in this space due to the illegal act. There should be no action taken until the current administration and violators of the law are removed from office whether that be at the end of their term or sooner.

Let it remain an unfinished project that the people and not this administration get to decide.

Name: Barbara Parker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:43:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Toni Moyer
Date: February 18, 2026 7:44:51 pm

As an American and a voter I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-
Toni Moyer

Name: Katherine Kubicek
Date: February 18, 2026 7:45:38 pm

This "project" is a farce, the People's House was irreparably damaged without any kind of review, permission, or oversight. We have no idea who is secretly paying for this and what quid pro quo they might expect in return.

Not only do I not want this to proceed, I need everyone involved held legally and financially accountable to the highest degree.

Name: Clare Seaton
Date: February 18, 2026 7:45:57 pm

Hello,

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but instead a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and a terrible precedent. In addition, funding such a project with private funds is a set up for money in exchange for favor/ undue

influence on policy.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Name: Kimberly Brainard
Date: February 18, 2026 7:46:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the constitution.

Name: Rosada Cantrell
Date: February 18, 2026 7:46:39 pm

The East Wing renovation should reflect the true character of THE USA, that of beauty, dignity, history, diversity of culture, and inspiration, not the current focus on gold and power.
Thank you
Rosada Cantrell

Name: Debra Brinker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:46:54 pm

I strongly oppose this action, although it is a bit late to post a comment since the demolition occurred without any public comment. This is something that should never have happened. We do not need a ballroom. Donors should not be able to buy influence with the administration by donating to this atrocity.

Name: Philip Hawkins
Date: February 18, 2026 7:47:52 pm

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete replacement of an historic section of the White House and an erasure of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design to restore the architectural balance and symmetry of the White House compound. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalty for those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Rankow
Date: February 18, 2026 7:47:56 pm

I vehemently oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a violation of sacred trust.

We don't need a monster ballroom. I want to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Rankow
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:21 pm

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We don't need a monster ballroom. I want to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Darby
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Could you all put a Stop Work Order to cease and desist immediately?

Further, this is a conflict of interest. How can these 130 business entities, many of which were goaded into contributing, do this without an appearance of impropriety. We have had enough of Trump saying you scratch my back and I will scratch yours. I presume they all expect favors in return. Congress should have already spoken up long ago about Trump's illegal acts. Are there no laws in place to stop him from defaming all our historic sites (e.g. putting his name on the Kennedy Center)?

Thank you for standing up for the people and for our precious heritage.

Carol Darby

Name: Kari Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Allison Hantske
Date: February 18, 2026 7:48:48 pm

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Name: Deborah Baird
Date: February 18, 2026 7:49:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Sturgis
Date: February 18, 2026 7:50:42 pm

The many projects President Trump has started with out approval are illegal. For those of us who read the Constitution knows that any project must be approved by Congress. To the best of my knowledge NONE of the list of projects were approved and thus, illegal. They should be stopped before they are started.

We didn't need a ballroom! There hotels in the area for that. The White House if the people's home for the President as

they serve . It is not something they can just decide to alter without the approval of Congress, (thus the people). I personally miss the East wing as it was and its history. You have demolished it. It feel it is your MONEY that should pay to repair or finish the destruction to the White House. You are NOT above the LAW!!! The law is the only protecttion the people have. Quit going rouge and destroying the 250 years of blood, sweat and tears the people of the United States have done to accomplish what was a wonderful country with a few flaws prior to your slashing of so many things at your whim. I could site other projects, but the White House is my main topic at present.

Kathleen Sturgis

Name: Kim Day
Date: February 18, 2026 7:51:13 pm

I want to respectfully voice my concern and opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. This renovation occurred quickly and appears to have been masterminded by people in Trumps close orbit who seem to not appreciate the historic beauty and significance of the White House, also known as The People’s House.
I sincerely hope the National Parks Capital Planning Committee will act to halt further building of the ballroom and restore the East Wing to reflect its integral place as part of the White House.

Name: Toni Vandarakis
Date: February 18, 2026 7:51:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Candace Hyde
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:05 pm

Very ugly. Who needs this architectural monstrosity? Stop it. This building doesn't belong to a private person.

Name: Neila Brownstein
Date: February 18, 2026 7:52:37 pm

I am writing in opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project, which includes the grotesquely oversized ballroom. A building ninety thousand square feet with seating for over 1,000 people in no way mirrors the majesty and simplicity of the People's House. I could accept a ballroom half the size (in every dimension) of Trump's current rendering; if he is to build a ballroom, it should respect and bow to the White House itself--not overwhelm it. Of equal concern, however, is the sly, underhanded, and deceptive way this project has been presented--a fait accompli of the demolition of the East Wing, the attempt to use private donations to incur favor and riches to the current sitting President, the complete disregard for the law regulating renovations of the White House, and finally, replacing highly-qualified historians and architects with unqualified loyalists who take their marching orders from DJT and have no appreciation, knowledge, or experience regarding the preservation of history and historic architecture, especially that of the People's House. The ballroom should be minimized and its possible construction should follow legal channels and be paid for by the American taxpayer.

Thank you for your attention.
Neila Brownstein
US citizen
Arizona resident

Name: CARLA REEVES
Date: February 18, 2026 7:53:47 pm

I strongly oppose the building of an unnecessary ballroom. It was wrong for the east wing to be torn down without proper

review.By the parks commission. This is not a private residence and requires public scrutiny. No one is above the law. I want the east wing to be restored. Quit trying to rewrite history and deny history.

Name: Teddi Fulenwider
Date: February 18, 2026 7:54:23 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions on this project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a brutalization of history and the faith of the people of the United States. This project must be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the vandal who defaced our building. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Teresa Brinson
Date: February 18, 2026 7:54:55 pm

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Name: Destini Best
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jamie Sweet
Date: February 18, 2026 7:55:56 pm

Please use our taxpayer dollars on more constructive things. People can't afford groceries, medical care and housing. Putting in a gilded ballroom is a slap in American's faces. You're sadly out of touch. We have such bigger priorities.

Name: Peter Dragovich
Date: February 18, 2026 7:56:31 pm

This project should not have progressed this far. Unilateral actions have taken away options the public would have enjoyed, including the option to say NO, had a legal public review process been honored before the first shovel of dirt was turned. There are no aspects of the current project that I support. Stop this project now and return the grounds to pre-existing conditions to the extent that any and all possible remediation efforts allow. The tree planted by Andrew Jackson cannot be replaced. Recreate, rebuild and replace everything you can to return the East Wing to the prior state generations of Americans respected and enjoyed.

Name: Amanda Reed
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeffrey Trollinger
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:15 pm

I would like the East Wing of the White House put back the way it was. If possible I would also like the Rose Garden restored. This project has created an eyesore and seriously impacted the People's House. Please restore the White House to its previous condition.

Name: Paula Pahl
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:21 pm

Restore the East Wing exactly as it was with only absolutely essential updates. NO BALLROOM.

Name: Mervis Reissig
Date: February 18, 2026 7:57:51 pm

the current administration needs to follow the rules! And, we need to protect and maintain history! I oppose this project.

Name: Christine Holland
Date: February 18, 2026 7:58:00 pm

As a 77 year old American woman I am appalled at the destruction of the peoples house. I find the plans ugly and question why this should be allowed to continue. I believe the integrity of the building should be restored to its glory. This is what is demanded of historical homes and you cannot get too much more historical than the white house. Thank you for listening,

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Name: Carole Light
Date: February 18, 2026 7:58:43 pm

I think it is appalling that the East Wing of the
White House has been destroyed to build a large room for entertainment. The White House has been " The People's House" and this President has violated it with no consent from the people or any proper review process. I would like to see it restored to its prior look. And I would like to see this president have some consequence and some limits to his assumption he can do whatever he wants. Carole Light 28775

Name: Tonia Corbin
Date: February 18, 2026 8:00:14 pm

Please do not allow our historical East Wing to be "modernized" into a giant room for which the people did not ask. Please require the East Wing to be rebuilt as to reflect the symmetry of the building as it once stood. Demolishing our history without the consent of the people should not have been allowed to happen and the present administration should be forced, if necessary, to restore our house. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns,

Tonia Corbin

Name: Robyn Pan
Date: February 18, 2026 8:00:28 pm

I have so much to say I don't even know where to start. So I will simply say- this needs to stop. It's not Trump's house, he can't do whatever he wants, certainly not for the pay to play money he's receiving. It's utterly outrageous.

Name: Lynn Luukinen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:00:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Manning
Date: February 18, 2026 8:00:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leslie Lakind
Date: February 18, 2026 8:01:06 pm

Please stop this abomination!!!

Name: Michele Mazakas
Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jo Higgie
Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:22 pm

The East Wing was DESTROYED without any input, review, permits, consideration for history. The ballroom is a monstrosity being used by donors as a blatant bribe to maintain influence, contracts, preferential treatment. It is a grotesque monument to Trump's ego and has no place on the grounds of house of the American people's elected leader. The house and grounds are NOT the personal property of any president.

Name: Lara Embry
Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:44 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission:
I would like public clarification on the laws, rules, and codes governing the remodeling, reconstruction, destruction, and demolition of our PUBLIC buildings that are symbols of our Nation's Capital and history. As a daughter of former architects and a long line of American artists, it seems there should be a process by which ANYONE who occupies the White House or uses our Nation's buildings should seek approval before demolition, regardless of their background. There are architectural historians who make recommendations about our Nation's architecture. Moreover, IF we are to heed to Mr. Rubio's recent speech at the Munich Security Conference, then this Administration should have been more respectful and hesitant before demolishing an historic building such as the East Wing. He presented some sort of dribble about a shared Western vision, but alas he whom he serves has none of that vision nor respect for it because he bulldozed an historic public building without approval or respect to our shared history imbued in that structure. It is understandable that a president would like a more grandiose presentation hall for visiting dignitaries as well as more secure location, but ANY president should be required to have a review and get approval on revisions to their aspirations before destruction. If a president choses to march on the destructive path without prior approval from a historical committee, then they

should be assessed a personal fine for such an offense to the destruction of our Nation' s property. My hope is that the new East Wing reflects tastefully the elegant Federal Architecture style for which our Nation's Capital has sought, including in its modern buildings. Washington D.C. is an elegant dignified city with a specific layout that resembles some of Europe's grand cities, please do not allow some gaudy and garish edifice to be erected in place of the demolished refined East Wing. Additionally, its name should be one that encompasses ALL Americans, not the present occupant of the White House, regardless if he "raised" funds for it. Jackie Kennedy raised funds to refurbish the White House, but the refurbishment is not named after her, she is acknowledged for it, as it should be by our public servants. Thank you for your time.

Name: Lara Embry
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Name: Diana Plummer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:49 pm

The source of funding is disturbing on many levels. The White House belongs to we, the citizens, not the 1% looking for favors from the current occupant. It’s infuriating that one man feels he’s above the law, the rules don’t apply to him. It’s nothing more than ego while destroying history. The reins need to be tightened on the powers of the presidency.
Thank you.

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Date: February 18, 2026 8:02:50 pm

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Name: Eva Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 8:03:22 pm

As an avid student of history, ancient and modern, I am appalled by this project from various perspectives: legal, ethical, historical, and moral.

The law is clear, yet it was not followed; one must wonder whether anyone even checked proper processes/procedures before the demolition crews rolled onto the property of The People's House. No President has the right to create a monument to himself on this property. No President has the right to determine the "needs" for future administrations, particularly when plans include secret underground work that has not been approved through proper channels.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, regardless of which oligarchs are willing to foot the bill. The project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Riccardi
Date: February 18, 2026 8:03:26 pm

This administration is destroying our history. The East Wing can never be replaced. It is being replaced by a gaudy looking "ballroom" to stroke the ego of the current POTUS. Who knows what the "bunker" will look like now. It's a shame he is being allowed to erase and destroy our history.

Although the East Wing project replaced the 1902 East Terrance - the construction was done out of necessity, not out of some egomaniac's fragility...

Name: Lois Sorlie
Date: February 18, 2026 8:03:55 pm

I strongly oppose the construction and destruction of the East Wing of the "People's House". We do not need a glourious ballroom which will only be available to the well connected. Shame on this administration for going through with the tear down without approval.

Name: Joanne Roesner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:04:05 pm

Donald Trump is desecrating a national treasure of immense historical significance solely for his ego. THIS IS WORSE THAN GRAFFITI ON A HISTORICAL BUILDING!!! The damage done will be irreparable . If he needs a palace let him build it elsewhere.

Name: Alice Bisbee
Date: February 18, 2026 8:04:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joan Burgess
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:10 pm

No less than a complete desecration!

Name: Stacy Valenta
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:36 pm

This should have occurred before the East Wing was demolished. What a waste of taxpayers dollars and what a waste of time all for the ego of a man who should be following the law, following protocol, and working for rhe people of this country. I request that you restore the East Wing and cease this ballroom nonsense.

Name: Jo Millay
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:38 pm

The White House isn't personal property, so the public ought to have had a say before the East Wing was illegally torn down. Now that that was done, it must be rebuilt in the same historic fashion. It belongs to the people, not to any one president and most of us liked it. The "modernization" project began with an act of vandalism that will cost millions of dollars to repair; the persons responsible for the destruction ought to pay to restore the building quickly.

Name: Mita Champ
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Myler
Date: February 18, 2026 8:05:45 pm

Stop this Project! The East Wing should have never been destroyed!!

Name: Sam Pastorik
Date: February 18, 2026 8:06:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Margaret Mcshane
Date: February 18, 2026 8:06:55 pm

I was always told that the White House was the people’s house - the White House does not belong to the president.Any construction project requires planning and funding- and a project that involves a historic property more so. The funding for this project should have come from Congress. I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt the way it was or if any remodeling needs to be done that it’s done the right way.

Name: Asper Reynolds
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:26 pm

I oppose spending $300 m on the presidents vanity project and and am truly heartbroken to see the damage this administration has caused to the White House, which I might add belongs to the people and not to Trump. He has destroyed OUR east wing and OUR rose garden. He has defiled and stolen an important part of our heritage from us and from future generations.

Name: Logan Hall
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:30 pm

Due to the recklessness and lack of proper channels, the president should personally be responsible for the restoration and modernization of that which he has ruined of the people's house. While he will be gone, his legacy and maltreatment our nation will malinger and accountabillity shouldn't taint this symbol of our nation.

Name: Bridget Bojorquez
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:39 pm

I fervently oppose the construction of this $300 million ballroom. It began with absolutely no proper authorization for the change to this historic structure. Beyond this, the spending of $300 million to complete this project in a time when people are barely scraping by due to the high cost of everything is disgusting. I request that this project be halted immediately and restoration of the East wing for it to be brought back to its previous state.

Name: Debora Hoffman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:07:40 pm

It is shocking to see that an entire wing of the White House - the People's House - has been demolished. I am opposed to building an outsized ballroom in its place - one that, according to the plans I've read about, would dwarf the existing structure. Clearly a wing must be built to replace what has been torn down, but it should be done in accordance with current guidelines and regulations to preserve the historic beauty of the overall building. How the White House looks matters to the public and it's your job to ensure that the next iteration will stand the test of time. Please do it wisely and with care.

Name: Karen Moise
Date: February 18, 2026 8:08:59 pm

I am not in favor of the Ballroom". Unfortunately the damage to the East Wing of OUR WHITE HOUSE cannot be restored to its pre-demolition state but we must stand-up to the man who believes he can do whatever he wants even if he breaks the law. He should not have authority to name buildings after himself or even to add tacky gold to any public space.
It's a no vote for me. It's a no for me.

Name: Mary Mills
Date: February 18, 2026 8:10:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is reprehensible that the East Wing was torn down and I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Schwartz
Date: February 18, 2026 8:10:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I was appalled when I heard about the destruction of the East Wing, without any regard for what American's thought about this plan. The White House is the People's House, not the president's private place to do with as he pleases. Any president can update the house, with the proper plans and approvals. But to indiscriminately tear about this wonderful structure is an abomination. Please put a stop to this ballroom plan.
Thank you

Name: Eric Dittmer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:10:36 pm

Dear Commissioners:
NO, NO, NO! Do NOT support Trump's runaway ego.
Too much damage has already been done to our national heritage.
Find the plans for the original East Wing and use identical materials to reconstruct it as it was.
Thank you for your work on behalf of us patriotic Americans.

Eric and Lynne Dittmer
Honored to help decorate The White House for Christmas 2012

Name: Kathleen Ceman
Date: February 18, 2026 8:11:34 pm

As. Citizen and tax paper I am opposed to the use of my tax dollars for the destruction of the East Wing and a vanity project for Donald Trump. I believe this project should be halted and the East Wing rebuilt as it was previously. I further believe that the cost of the rebuilding as well as the money already spent on its demolition should be covered by Donald Trump.

Name: Stephanie Madalena
Date: February 18, 2026 8:11:39 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is one of the most horrifying things this President has instigated. It should be rebuilt exactly as it was pre 2025. The people of the United States do not need a giant ballroom. The White House is the people’s house not Donald Trump’s. Destroying our historic landmarks cannot be tolerated.

Name: Carrie Jessup-Huynh
Date: February 18, 2026 8:11:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter McKinnis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:12:40 pm

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Name: Lynda Gleim
Date: February 18, 2026 8:13:02 pm

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Please show that there is still nobody above the law and running roughshod over National treasures is not to be tolerated!!
Thank you for taking the time to listen to my opinion.

Name: Deb Campbell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:13:23 pm

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Name: Kevin Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 8:13:44 pm

I think it is late to be asking for comments on a project that was already started. I'm appalled that President Trump decided to demolish a portion of a national, historic structure without consulting the parties responsible for it's care and well-being and the American public. It doesn't matter how or where the funding for the project was, or is being, appropriated. It wasn't his alone to to be making determinations about it's future. I'm also stricken by the lack of courage of the people surrounding him that did nothing to stop it and, in fact, aided him in the process. These facts being apparent, I also doubt any comments I or other members of the body politic make will have any influence on the outcome. That being said, I think the structure should be in keeping with the architectural design of the Whitehouse and it should be of a scale so as not to dwarf the rest of the structure. The interior should be understated, timeless elegance similar to the Grand Ballroom in the Metropol in Los Angeles or slightly less busy version of The Plaza's ballroom in New York. The best description is probably to do the opposite of what the President has done to the Oval Office, which is garish and smacks of desperation.

Name: Cathy RICHARDS
Date: February 18, 2026 8:13:54 pm

I greatly oppose of what Trump has done to OUR house. It is a national treasure and it should have to be built back exactly as it was and also the Lincoln’s bathroom. It is a Historical Monument. It belongs to the American people and while you are at it, Take his name off the Kennedy building and ban him from desecrating President Kennedy’s Memorial!! And restore Jackie Kennedy’s rose garden!!!!! It looks like his tacky golf course.
Better yet! Impeach him and remove him from office!!!!

Name: Alissa Vermillion
Date: February 18, 2026 8:14:32 pm

I am outraged that there was no public consultation or approval before the East Wing of the White House was demolished. That is OUR house! I don't want any gaudy, enormous ballroom overshadowing the rest of the existing structure, I want the East Wing rebuilt, according to it's original dimensions, and for any further modifications to the public's house to be approved by the public, or at least, the legal permitting and review boards which normally sign off on such changes. Anything else is (additionally) disrespectful of the law and the United States' citizens.

Name: Suzanne Baxter
Date: February 18, 2026 8:15:42 pm

NCPC Committee Members,
I think it is despicable that Trump tore down the East Wing without having approval from Congress or this committee! At least he did hire Mr.McCrery to design the new addition. Unfortunately, as he believed the structure should be kept to the 55,000 sq ft so as to fit in with the aesthetic of the White House, he was fired. Or demoted to consultant. Trump's remodeling of the White House with gold gilt is so gaudy as to be embarrassing.
Please rein in this fiasco!
Thank you,
Suzanne Baxter

Name: Nancy Reits
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:09 pm

I was deeply saddened by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I would like to see it restored to its formal glory with updates for modern facilities but without changes to its original architecture and design.

Thankfully,
Nancy Reita

Name: Kelvin Walker
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:14 pm

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project which was initiated without ANY of the proper authorizations required by law.
This is an illegal project and it needs to be canceled immediately.

Sincerely,
Kelvin Walker

Name: Becky Kennard
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:44 pm

I oppose the construction of a ballroom in the place of the removed East Wing. The architecture conflicts with the genre of the existing White House. The proposal itself conflicts with the philosophy that the White House belongs to the people of the United States, rather than one transitory administration. On top of that it will undoubtedly be the subject of jokes throughout the world in its bloated pomposity.

Name: Corinne Storey
Date: February 18, 2026 8:16:46 pm

Had there been the opportunity to vote on a ballroom, I would have opposed it. There was no vote, no discussion, no consultation, no permits. No one except Trump wanted the ballroom. Before any discussion or consent was given, he demolished the East Wing of the White House, The People's House, not his house. He is only a temporary (I pray) resident and had no right to destroy the property.
Likewise, I oppose the idea of a triumphal arch in Washington D.C. Something like this kind of project should be submitted to the appropriate officials and evaluated for necessity and usefulness as well as aesthetics.
I hope that he can be prevented from destroying more of the People's property and legacy.

Name: Patricia Gingras
Date: February 18, 2026 8:18:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the people's house - please use your authority to return it to all of us in it's historically correct form!

Name: Philip Hinckley
Date: February 18, 2026 8:18:56 pm

I do not approve of the scale or layout of the proposed design. This project did not receive the required permits or approvals and should be cancelled immediately. Full design development and review with all the historical significance of the attached structure and land must be evaluated by all relevant parties.

Name: Casey Peasley
Date: February 18, 2026 8:19:31 pm

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Casey Peasley

Name: Marie Louise Miesel
Date: February 18, 2026 8:20:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is a blatant waste of tax payer money and a disgrace to the nation.

Name: Cathy Weinmann
Date: February 18, 2026 8:21:34 pm

The demolition of the East Wing without taking the project before Congress was unprecedented and totally wrong. The East Wing was gone before anyone knew the bulldozers were there. We must stop this destruction of the White House. Do not let it progress any further and force the administration to get approval of a rebuild plan from Congress. The enormous gaudy disgusting “ballroom” that has been planned has NO place with our White House. That is the people’s house, not DJT’s plaything.

Cathy Weinmann

Name: Brenda Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 8:23:26 pm

I do not agree with this project. I was disappointed when it was started and still feel it's wrong.Thank you for hearing my experience with not wanting or liking this destruction of the White House.

Name: Judy Griffin
Date: February 18, 2026 8:25:08 pm

It is very unfortunate that the President chose to tear down the East Wing of the White House without going through proper channels. If he had, this project probably wouldn't have gotten off the ground. So now we have an empty hole that needs filling. I sincerely hope that this Commission will vote against the proposed monstrosity that dwarfs the White

House. No President has requested having a gigantic ballroom, despite what the current occupant claims. The President claims it is completely paid for by private donations. I'm sure the donors have favors that they will be requesting in exchange, as most of them do business with the Federal government. I can understand updating, or remodeling an existing structure, but to create a lavish space of this magnitude is ridiculous. Please vote against it.

Judy Griffin
Concerned Citizen

Name: Marjorie Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 8:26:46 pm

The destruction of the east wing was not modernization. It was a travesty of an American public own building with no authority, no guidelines, and no endorsements.

The building does not belong to one political party, one person, nor one segment of society and to destroy willfully is it a front to every American citizen.

I am against any permits or future actions with the exception of restoring the east wing of the White House to its former historical structure.

Name: Barbara Lancki
Date: February 18, 2026 8:28:01 pm

A majority of Americans are horrified at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. It was done without any input from NTHP and it was also done without any environmental impact statement. This action by President Trump was a slap in the face to Americans to whom this structure belongs. There should be accountability for this illegal and destructive action, done at the behest of a neurotic narcissist who sadly resides at said house. He should have to use his personal funds to restore the East Wing to its original structure, with strict guidance by NTHP.

Name: carole melis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:29:11 pm

It's hardly a modernization project when the entire East Wing was torn down with no warning, proper permitting, or mitigation of potential contaminants. Anyway, I am opposed to the gargantuan ballroom that is under consideration. In an ideal world, I would want the previous East Wing to be restored to its historical position. The proposed ballroom is nothing but an homage to a narcissistic and never-satisfied personality. Please restore the East Wing to the people's house!!

Name: Jamie Williams
Date: February 18, 2026 8:30:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lexa Shallcross
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:50 pm

President Trump’s vanity project to build a garish ballroom where the historic West Wing stood must be stopped. There are no approved architectural plans. There is no Congressional budget— just the alleged pledge that billionaires will pay for it. There is no public mandate. There is no sensibility the ballroom will make any mark of historic value. I love Washington D.C., both as a citizen and frequent visitor. Please restore the West Wing— don’t let a large brutish building with Trump’s name on it be an eyesore and heartbreak to many.

Name: Antoinette Nies
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:52 pm

I am opposed to any action "modernizing" the East Wing other than rebuilding it exactly lie it was before it was demolished. The White House, including the wing and grounds belong to all the people of the United States and one person should not be allowed to remake any part of it single handed. The money is not the issue, the issue is that it is a part of our joint heritage that has been destroyed.
Having said that, I do believe that the cost of restoring the building to its original condition should be born by the person who destroyed it.

Name: Patty Wilson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:57 pm

The president illegally destroyed a historic public building without the consent and authority of congress or preservation groups. The monstrosity he proposes is not to the scale or in keeping with the historic White House building and grounds. The public has no idea how he solicited donations, if he twisted arms like a mob boss or if donors expect government contracts or favorable policies in return. The entire thing is corrupt and the damage that has been done is irreparable but should be contained. It is heart breaking that he cut down trees that were memorials to past presidents with no respect and bull dozed the peoples house. Please stop the process and put congress in charge of proceedings.

Name: LuAnn Hagel
Date: February 18, 2026 8:31:59 pm

I oppose this project. The East Wing was demolished without proper protocols and is a national tragedy. Every effort should be made to rebuild the East Wing as close as possible to what it was before the demolition.

Thanks you for your consideration.

LuAnn Hagel

Name: Kara Bundy
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:00 pm

I object to this modernization project. At a time when our country is in crisis, funds should not be committed to building a ballroom. The White House belongs to the American people, and it should not be the project of one man to remake the people’s house as he sees fit. This project should go through all of the due diligence and process that historically has been attributed to parks and planning facilities and historic venues.

Name: Margaret Clemons
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:29 pm

Dear Commissioners,

I was appalled when when the East Wing of the White House was destroyed for a ball room. I understand that the plan for this did not go through a proper channels before the work began. Please, do not approve of any more destruction/construction of this eye sore unless it is to rebuild the historic East Wing to its original plan.

Thank you,
Margaret Clemons

Name: Gail Flacks
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynne Jeffries
Date: February 18, 2026 8:32:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: EMILY MARKS
Date: February 18, 2026 8:33:04 pm

Please stop this monstrosity of a ballroom. It is un-American and an affront to the memory of the east wing. We the taxpayers do not want to pay for a luxury bunker complex covered up with a gaudy monument to Trump and his oligarch buddies.

Name: john ungar
Date: February 18, 2026 8:33:17 pm

The destruction of the wing of the Whitehouse was shameful. It should be restored. The Trump gargantuan, looming ballroom iwould be way out of proportion and an insult to the nation and should not be allowed.

Name: Sam Boelke
Date: February 18, 2026 8:33:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Klein
Date: February 18, 2026 8:34:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens!!!

Name: Martin Greening
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:11 pm

I oppose a project that was conducted without proper permits and without following established protocol. While there may be a need for a larger venue to host state ceremonies, the manner in which this project has unfolded seems off the cuff and ill considered. It is imperative that projects of this nature, let alone any action of the U.S. government, be conducted within the confines of the law, and as such, any further work on this project should be ceased until all proper permits and procedures have been followed. While I would prefer the building to retain its form prior to its recent destruction, to preserve the history of the building, if this is not possible due to project requirements, I think it is essential that the themes and aesthetics of the White House be maintained in this new construction. Thank you.

Name: Carol Grave
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:22 pm

This should not happen. Not properly approved. An egregious affront to the American people as a tasteless desecration of the people's house. I grew up in Washington DC and do not approve of this alteration of an historic home for the first family. The building does not belong to the current resident and should not be altered for one person’s fancy.

Name: Karen Thorwaldson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:26 pm

I'm vehemently opposed to the project named the East wing modernization.
The historic east wing was torn down without permits, without redesign review and without any involvement of the historical commission.

Before the demolition of the East wing, the first lady enjoyed the privilege of using the offices there for the betterment of the American good. Replacing these offices have not been a part of any of the modernization plans. This is tragically unsupportable.

The current modernization plan of the east wing does nothing to keep alive the historical value of this part of the White House. Instead it glorifies the ability of billionaires to create a gilded ballroom for their own agendas that have nothing to do with the greater good for the American people.

I am a proud American who stands for carrying on the democratic traditions that this country was founded on. The east wing of the White House needs to be replaced with these values in mind.
It needs to include the valuable spaces for the first ladies's staff to accomplish her goals and vision for our country.

I encourage all government employees to follow this vision and reject the current east wing modernization ballroom of gold. This erroneous vision will only serve to send a message to the world that our government can be purchased.

Respectfully yours,
Karen Thorwaldson

Name: Alice Wylie
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marianne Gerace
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is a terrible waste of taxpayer dollars when there are so many people in need, so many projects and programs that need funding. It’s also a disgrace to destroy that building without going through the official channels and done for the proper reason, structure issues and safety.

Name: Jennifer Kates
Date: February 18, 2026 8:35:54 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is NOT private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Marc Leclair
Date: February 18, 2026 8:36:20 pm

I oppose this project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is ugly & initiated by idiots. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for mere vanity. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one should be above the law, to permit this project - to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: L G
Date: February 18, 2026 8:36:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for self-aggrandizing, ego-stoking of an authoritarian. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Clare Millians
Date: February 18, 2026 8:38:39 pm

I am appalled that the historic East Wing was torn down, especially without approval and after Trump told us it wouldn’t be touched. This ballroom size, construction and cost is shameful. People are out of work, grocery prices are too high, medical research has been gutted to satisfy Trump’s ego. The people of Ukraine are freezing and fighting for their country, while Trump is trashing the White House with the ballroom, putting gold leaf everywhere, redoing the Lincoln bathroom. It is disgusting and the ballroom project, the arch, the renaming everything after himself needs to stop.

Thank you.

Name: Marjorie Stein
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:00 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Best Regards
Marjorie Stein
U.S. Citizen and Registered Voter

Name: Madeleine Robins
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a "modernization" project; modernization implies keeping the original structure and improving it. Before any authorization or review, the original standing structure (with considerable historic importance) was ripped down. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Failing that, I want the project to be subject to the same kind of rigorous review and revision that every other renovation to an historical site has to undergo. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: janice larue
Date: February 18, 2026 8:39:35 pm

It's a disgrace that this self-serving, destructive, arrogant project has gotten this far. But to add insult to the injuries already done by erecting a golden ballroom while nothing less than one could expect, a stain on those occupants who have done their best to keep the White House graceful, beautiful and most of all tasteful.

Terrible idea in its current plan!

Name: Robyn Dean
Date: February 18, 2026 8:40:28 pm

A vanity project that never sought appropriate channels for approvals. 100% against.

Name: William Delamar
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:01 pm

IMO, the destruction of America's house was a crime and it needs to be rebuilt as it was and Trump needs to pay for it.

Name: Martha sledge
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:23 pm

The project has not been properly planned or vetted.

Name: Nancy Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:41:43 pm

Please continue with the ballroom. It is needed.

Name: Eleanor Weston
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored.

Name: Sheryl Haraghey
Date: February 18, 2026 8:42:48 pm

It is a disgrace what happened East Wing of the Whitehouse. Trump had no business destroying the people's house!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.

Name: Julie Machado
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:18 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

Finally, allowing the current president to build whatever he wants after not following the law would be rewarding him, which I strongly ask that you not allow, as it encourages lawlessness.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Judy Morin
Date: February 18, 2026 8:43:27 pm

The East Wing demolition is a tragic loss for our country. Our White House holds history and meaning. This project did not go through the proper process and is a loss. It should be restored and protected.

Name: Edith Jessup
Date: February 18, 2026 8:44:57 pm

I oppose building a ‘ballroom’ where the historic East Wing of the White House was!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Edith Jessup

Name: Penelope Andrews
Date: February 18, 2026 8:45:36 pm

First, these projects have not been legally approved. Second, the current administration is goofy for gaudy. Stop all the gold embellishments. Do NOT name anything after any president. Keep the sizes in proportion to the White House.

Name: Mike Henning
Date: February 18, 2026 8:46:03 pm

Restore the White House!! It belongs to all people and not Trump! Any change needs proper approval process!!

Name: Shelley Caldwell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:46:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sara Weber
Date: February 18, 2026 8:47:06 pm

I opposed to spending of 300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorizations, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a erasing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East wing rebuilt and restored to it s former. No one is above the law and to let this project continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be in the front to all law abiding americans.

Name: Mary Lou Lewis
Date: February 18, 2026 8:47:09 pm

No one should break the law, tear up the nation's house. It belongs to all of us, not Trump. The demolition should be stopped immediately and rebuilt just like it was. Trump should have to pay for the rebuild. Tearing down our sacred history is horrible. He is not above the law. No other President would have ever considered doing that. All that money could have gone to the the poor and health care for all. Sad to see this. ML

Name: Donna Tracy
Date: February 18, 2026 8:47:12 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be criminal.

Name: Cheryl Etchison
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joseph Jurkowski
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Salmon
Date: February 18, 2026 8:48:45 pm

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Name: Nancy Kovach
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:03 pm

It is with anger and even greater sadness that I write this statement. The East Wing of The PEOPLES' HOUSE should never have been destroyed without permission from WE THE PEOPLE. The East Wing should be reconstructed with historical accuracy and modernization that is probably necessary! There is absolutely no need for a $400 million ballroom.

Name: Corinne Rovetti
Date: February 18, 2026 8:49:48 pm

I strongly oppose the consideration/continuation of this illegal project that requires approval from the National Historic Preservation folks. The East Wing was illegally destroyed. The People's House is not Donald Trump's personal real estate to do what he wishes with it. This destruction is an offense and slap in the face to every American, every national institution and to the respect and dignity of the office of the Presidency.
NO to this project! Not a dime of U.S. Federal monies to this project.

Name: Martha Cameron
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:04 pm

The East Wing was a part of THE PEOPLE'S House. Trump had no right to demolish OUR HOUSE. Please stop the construction of this gold plated obnoxious building. Please bring some dignity back to the people's house. Trump needs to be beaten on the building of his massive ballroom.

Name: MaryAlice Bagwell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:06 pm

I oppose the East Wing renovation project. It is a waste of money and was never approved by Congress . It is not an improvement to the White House. The East Wing should be restored to its original design at President Trumps personal expense. All donations to remodel should be returned.

Name: Ann Hanson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:51:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: JANET RASMUSSEN
Date: February 18, 2026 8:52:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is a complete razing of American history. What damage has already been done cannot be undone. However, I want this project canceled. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design, obviously with renovations and upgrades to meet current building standards.

No one is above the law, including the current regime. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. That may be for another day, however, in the meantime, this project must be halted entirely.

Name: Timothy Atkinson
Date: February 18, 2026 8:52:58 pm

I would like to argue against the present plan for the modernization of the White House East Wing. The hasty destruction of the historical East Wing and the attempts to ram through approval of the new ballroom plan without the proper authorization and consideration of this massive change to the White House show little respect for the history and the meaning of the People's House. The plan is all out of scale with the aesthetics and the purpose of the White House; this is not a suburban shopping mall or a gaudy country club. It is, instead, a solid symbol of the Executive Branch, a history that should reflect the history of all presidents, their families, and the long tradition of the presidency. It should not be the poorly conceived, ego-driven home renovation of one man with questionable taste. The funding scheme, too, raises questions about propriety, politics, and influence peddling. Enough damage has already been done to the White House; don't compound it with additional bad choices that do not reflect the will of the people or the importance of the White House as an enduring symbol of democracy.

Name: Chuck Cornwell
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:16 pm

I love the idea of having a grand ballroom for whoever is the president at the time to be able to host dignitaries. This should have been completed decades ago. Glad it’s finally being done!!

Name: Anne Holst
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:35 pm

I believe Mr Trump had no right to demolish the East Wing and should restore it to the way it was structurally at his personal expense. This was not within the scope of his function as President. He demolished property of the nation, not his own. The people of the US should not have to bear the expense of his actions. It was a “tear it down and ask permission later” maneuver for which TRUMP should pay.

Name: Kathleen Sterling
Date: February 18, 2026 8:53:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As a professional archaeologist and professor in the field, I understand well the regulatory framework under which these kinds of projects can and cannot be undertaken. This "project" was done without proper permissions or permits, or the will of the American people. It is not a modernization project but a vanity project of the current president. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored. I understand that renovations might be needed for modernization and updates; this is to be expected. But no one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and to all of us who abide by rules and ethics in our professional careers.

Name: Christian Hali
Date: February 18, 2026 8:54:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, the person and persons whom initiated and perpetrated this crime need to be held accountable.

Name: Cindy Idema
Date: February 18, 2026 8:54:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Cindy Pedersen
Date: February 18, 2026 8:54:21 pm

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing.
It was done without proper authorization, permits or review. The use of $300 million dollars donated by the wealthy elites is a slap in the face of our democracy. It is a way to curry favor with the current administration, stoke his ego in exchange for the reward of government contracts. I am horrified at the destruction of America's history for a personal vanity project.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Jill McBurney
Date: February 18, 2026 8:54:40 pm

As the landlord of this property, I have an expectation that the tenant will exercise reasonable care and responsibility of this property. Considering its historical significance and the fact that it belongs to "we the people," any type of renovation or updating should clearly be approved through the legal process.

I'm deeply troubled that rules and laws have been ignored, that an entire wing of my property was demolished without any consideration for the owners, and it is troubling that the new abomination of unnecessary expansion has yet to be approved.

The size and scope of this addition, as well as the impetus behind it, leaves me no choice but to express my disapproval. The environmental impact alone should stop this construction immediately. I'll admit, my heart is broken at the loss and the arrogance behind the destruction.

Name: Eleanor Bonner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:55:11 pm

I oppose everything about this project. It was initiated without authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernization, but a complete razing of American history. The project needs to be canceled and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its proper self.

Name: Julia Wholey
Date: February 18, 2026 8:55:21 pm

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House under the guise of modernization was a travesty. The current administration has failed to recognize the historic, cultural and symbolic significance that the East Wing of the White House represents to our country. It is not a piece of property that one person can or should be allowed to damage or change. It is a historic building that has been destroyed and now needs to be restored to its former design and purpose. I for one do not support the East Wing Modernization project and do not want it to become a ball room.

Name: Nancy Abrams
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:07 pm

I adamantly oppose the “modernization” of the East Wing. I want it restored with the full historical significance it holds. This area should never have been considered for destruction as it was not properly vetted and was not properly authorized.

Name: Candie ODellScherer
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tom Reilly
Date: February 18, 2026 8:57:15 pm

Do not allow the construction of a new national
Monstrosity. The East Wing should be restored.

Name: John Lanzillo
Date: February 18, 2026 8:58:18 pm

I write to express strong concerns regarding the proposed construction of a ballroom within the White House East Wing.

The White House complex is one of the nation’s most historically significant federal sites. Any substantial alteration should meet the highest standards of necessity, restraint, and preservation. It is unclear that this proposal satisfies those standards.

The Commission should carefully evaluate whether this project:
• Preserves the architectural integrity and historic character of the East Wing
• Aligns with long-standing federal planning principles for the National Capital
• Represents a prudent and transparent use of resources
• Avoids setting a precedent for unnecessary expansion of the White House complex

Given the symbolic and historic importance of this site, modifications should only proceed when clearly justified by compelling public need. I urge the Commission to require rigorous review and full transparency before approving this proposal.

Name: Susan Dettloff
Date: February 18, 2026 8:58:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Molly Koler
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:03 pm

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million to a project that began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort but a demolition of irreplaceable American history. I demand the project be

canceled and the East Wing restored to its original design. Those responsible for bypassing legal processes must be held accountable; allowing this to proceed without consequences undermines public trust and the rule of law.

Name: Denise Kelley
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janis Waggoner
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:44 pm

I oppose this project called the East Wing. Our government has procedures in place for planning and funding such a project and that was run over by the bulldozer in the White House. He should have to submit proposals, and pay for the damage he's done.

Name: susan Sponar
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:46 pm

The White House is the people’s house. Yes, the President lives ther3e during his term of office, but it does not belong to him. It is also a historic building with enormous significance to Americans. Therefore, any plans to change, add or update the White House must go through a public process, and big changes through a Congressional process. Mr. Trump has violated the people’s trust with his actions. It should be noted, that the tastes of one one man should not dictate what changes chould look like. The White House should remain consistent with our historical architecture. Thank you.

Name: B Norton
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

B. Norton
Proud American who believes in preserving our historical buildings

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Name: Louise King
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:53 pm

Shame on the WH resident for destroying "The People's House" to erect a ballroom merely to throw more gala parties while American children go to bed hungry. We are not the dumb sheep you take us for. There's no justification for destroying the East Wing. The structure has been upgraded to meet safety standards in the last 20 yrs. There is no reason for renovation to this extent. Simply put, the is solely a vanity project for the current resident of the WH. He and only he should pay out of his own pocket (NOT with taxpayer dollars) to restore it to its former glory. Long live The People's House!

Name: Anne Orens
Date: February 18, 2026 8:59:53 pm

This is The Peoples' House, the physical container for our history and story and ongoing struggles to form a more perfect union. it deserves to be more more than an ever expanding real estate development- a Versailles look alike. I don't like the proposed design. But more important it is not a private matter, no matter who pays for it. We deserve a public hearing and review before it's turned into a Florida resort look alike, thank you

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Name: Karen Reuter
Date: February 18, 2026 9:01:06 pm

I object to this project. My concerns are that this project was not properly approved, nor was it submitted to the Historical Preservation Association. I does not have an architect or supervisor that has experience with design and restoration of historical structures. I would like to see the East Wing restored to it's former self with all the items that made it an historical part of the White House.

Name: Laura Cronin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:02:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, and am offended at the untimely demolition of the East Wing of the White House. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The lack of authorizations is an offense to the democratic process and the American people. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Arpen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:02:46 pm

PLEASE stop the planned building of a huge ballroom as the East Wing of the "people's house" - the White House. No where else can a historic building just be torn down on an individual's whim - with no review and no permit. It should be rebuilt as it was in my opinion- at HIS personal petsonal expense.

The sudden destruction of the East Wing was horrific to watch - DJT does not deserve to live there.

Name: William Knapp
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:11 pm

Please respect the people's house.

Name: Barbara Bjorkman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please do the right thing and preserve due process and our honored White House. Please restore to original architecture.

Thank you.

Name: Stacey Gehrman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:03:40 pm

I oppose this project as the demolition was not done legally and no further work should be done. Taxpayer money should not be used.

Name: David Bowman
Date: February 18, 2026 9:04:50 pm

I support the East Wing modernization project. For too long, heads of state from other countries have stood on wet grass while attending functions at the White House. There is no explicit rule, written or unwritten, that insists the White House must remain unchanged for historical reasons, which leads to a stagnation of the structure in a bygone era. The progressive agenda encompasses many societal changes that often discard traditional values. Ultimately, the primary objection to this project seems to stem from a general disapproval of President Donald J. Trump.

Name: Diana Drew
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nona Childress
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joann Hintenach
Date: February 18, 2026 9:05:40 pm

The East Wing Modernization is a project that is unnecessary, unaffordable, and unwanted. The demolition of the existing structure has been done without any input from appropriate stake holders, including the organizations tasked with overseeing the management of public and historically significant properties. It is unfortunate that there is only now a discussion of how the East Wing should be modernized, as the structure has already been demolished. A bit like closing the barn door after the horse has gotten loose! But here we are, left to make something coherent out of chaos.
The new structure should absolutely NOT overwhelm the White House. It should be proportioned to balance the West Wing while providing adequate space for staff areas, entertainment space, and addressing security issues. Obviously the new structure will need to meet all current building codes.
Ultimately this structure, and all additions and upgrades, belongs to the American people. No one person, or administration, should take it upon themselves to alter a public building arbitrarily and without regard for its historic and civic value. The destruction of the East Wing has been a slap in the face to the American people and the institutions we rely on to advocate for our interests. This East Wing Modernization project should NOT move forward until there can be a full and extensive review of the historic considerations as well as the practical and economic concerns involved in redesigning this beloved representation of the American presidency.
Respectfully, Joann Hintenach, Long Island, NY

Name: Angela Moffett
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dani Hainds
Date: February 18, 2026 9:06:51 pm

Work needs to stop immediately on the “modernization” of the East Wing. This building is precious to all people of the United States of America and no one person can make the decision to raze it without going through the the appropriate approvals as determined my law and regulations that are created to stop this exact over-step from ever happening. What has happened is shameful and an attempt to rewrite history. It must be stopped and rebuild exactly as it was.

Name: Rachel Wolf
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rubecca Rutkoski
Date: February 18, 2026 9:07:42 pm

This is insulting to the American people! You can’t make changes just because you want to do it for your own selfish desires! You are not above the law and you should be held accountable for destroying the White House. The White House belongs to all Americans not just the president. Stop!!!!!

Name: Julie Lewin
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of Donald Trump.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janice Fead
Date: February 18, 2026 9:09:47 pm

Do not allow Trump to design or build the monstrous ball room. Please delay renovations until we have a law abiding leader who respects the past

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Name: Lori Krasner
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:41 pm

The "East Wing Modernization Project" was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars of American citizens money which is not at all a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who BROKE THE LAW would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.

Name: Crysta Fletcher
Date: February 18, 2026 9:10:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ellen Rozek
Date: February 18, 2026 9:11:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million of taxpayer money on this project, which the vast majority of taxpayers--myself among them--also oppose. For an administration that was so adamant about eliminating "wasted costs" from the federal budget, it seems remarkably short-sighted to waste so many millions on unnecessarily tearing down and remaking the East Wing in a garish new image--especially with the costs of both housing and groceries still far higher than too many Americans can pay.

That this project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review makes it abundantly clear that the goal wasn't to modernize the White House, but to raze a portion of our country's history. If those millions are to be spent on anything, it should be on canceling the proposed project and rebuilding and restoring the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Barnette
Date: February 18, 2026 9:13:41 pm

The White House belongs to the people of the United States. It does not belong to the current president. Please put the East Wing back as it was. A gold plated ballroom is not needed. Thank you.

Name: Nancy Remington
Date: February 18, 2026 9:13:47 pm

I oppose the construction of this building. It was demolished without any oversight, approval through established procedures and apparently without regard for the dispersal of asbestos, a deadly product. I strongly recommend this project be rejected and cancelled due to the lack of any overview and approval process and the abhorrent size of the proposed building and the lack of any expressed need for a 1,000 person gathering.
Please reject any design and approval of this building. I recommend the approval of a new East Wing which is designed and approved by the legal process developed and followed by every other historical building project in the City.

Name: Wanda Parente
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:15 pm

STOP the ballroom and put the east room back!

Name: Dorothy van Gerbig
Date: February 18, 2026 9:14:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather an abomination. I would request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This building belongs to all the people of this country and its horrifying to see the gluttonous tacky and classless plan to desecrate this beautiful institution.

Name: Karen Young
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Hawkey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:38 pm

I am so upset that the East Wing of the White House was torn down without going through the right process. I am diffidently oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding.

Name: Karen Weflen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:38 pm

I am distressed that the East Wing of the people's house has been destroyed. Distressed is not the right word. The beautiful classical architecture of the White House has been ruined. The President has ruined it for his own glorification. His lack of good taste is apparent.
This plan must be stopped.

Name: Elizabeth Verteramo
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Mifsud
Date: February 18, 2026 9:15:53 pm

What right does anyone have to destroy a monument to American people that has stood without interference for generations. Getting private donors to fund a renovation is essentially giving them say in what happens in the hallowed hall. Stop this depravity! Stop this sacralegious atrocity! STOP IT NOW!!!! PRESERVE THIS HISTORIC SITE.

Name: David Hawkey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:16:17 pm

I am so upset that the East Wing of the White House was torn down without going through the right process. I am diffidently oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding.

Name: Christine Connolly
Date: February 18, 2026 9:16:32 pm

I 100% support. Just wanted to register support since most people only comment when they object. Have a great day and Make the White House Great Again!

Name: Eric Breiby
Date: February 18, 2026 9:17:32 pm

February 18, 2026

Please for the love of sanity STOP THIS NONSENSE with the egregiously pathetic "ballroom" nothing screams Russian Puppet more than a nauseatingly fetishistic display of a gold plated ballroom!

Name: Jill Hopfenbeck
Date: February 18, 2026 9:18:02 pm

I am writing as a citizen to oppose the ballroom that is proposed to replace the illegally demolished East Wing of the White House. The destruction of the East Wing was an affront to all Americans, and the proposed ballroom structure is not in keeping with the historic site that is the White House. The East Wing should be restored to appear as it did previously, with updates to the interior as needed for modernization. The destruction of our history should never be allowed, and building a monument to the person who organized that destruction is inexcusable.

Thank you for allowing comments by citizens.

Sincerely,

Jill Hopfenbeck DVM

Name: Sarah Bullus
Date: February 18, 2026 9:18:18 pm

I was shocked when the East awing of the White House was bulldozed, without authorization or public comment.

I cannot imagine a need for a grand ballroom to be constructed; the idea that it will be larger than the White House is not justifiable .

Any further construction or demolition should, going forward, be based on the architectural integrity of the People’s House and not at the whim of the President, who will only be occupying the White House for less than three more years.

Just because there are wealthy people in this nation who will bend to the desire of power to fulfill their own agendas and are willing to pay for this dream of our president does not make it right.

Please do not allow this togoforward. Please.

Respectfully,

Sarah Bullus
An American taxpayer, A U.S. Citizen and a Patriot

Name: Nancy Brian-Hemme
Date: February 18, 2026 9:18:53 pm

I am against building a ballroom in the East Wing. There was no prior authorization, design, budget, or consensus to build a ridiculous ballroom that is a sheer vanity project for one person. The White House is the people's house. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was to preserve its historic place in the history of the United States. Countless First Ladies used the East Wing. It should be preserved for their memory.

Name: Susan Parmelee
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:04 pm

Since the East Wing of the White House was removed before proper permits were received and public comments were received, I believe the correct method of rectifying the situation is to replace the East Wing to it’s former state.

Name: Jill Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 9:19:17 pm

The White House belongs to the people, not to the tenants. The current tenant has no right to destroy our treasured East Wing or any other part of the White House without appropriate approvals required for renovations. If there is (doubtful) $300m in donations then good, use it to rebuild our east Wing as it was. If the donations are not true, let the President pay for the damages himself…he is solely responsible for this debacle

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Name: Susan Cobb
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:00 pm

I would like the East Wing Modenization Project to be stopped. It is a travesty to the entire nation that this would be allowed to continue.

Name: Joanne Duda
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:02 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This is also a blatant quid pro quo on the part of the president, and yet another attempt to stamp his name on yet another landmark. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: P Knox
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project should be canceled, with the East Wing being rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Eileen Thompson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:40 pm

I am deeply offended at the huge amount of money, spent on demolishing and renovating the East wing of the White House without consent from Congress or consulting the wishes of the people. It seems obscene to me to spend so much money on such a frivolous project when so many people are in need in our country.

Name: Jody Mitchell
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:44 pm

I am totally against The East Wing of The People’s House being torn down and rebuilt to the tune of $300 million dollars, due to a whim and ego of one person, without proper documentation, authorization and planning. This is an assault on our democracy.

Name: Dixie Overton
Date: February 18, 2026 9:20:49 pm

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Liz Neumaier-Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 9:21:57 pm

I oppose this project and prefer everything is replaced to it's original appearance

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Name: Dipn Dubois
Date: February 18, 2026 9:23:21 pm

I oppose this project and do not support spending taxpayer money on it

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Name: T King
Date: February 18, 2026 9:24:07 pm

I oppose the spending of even $1.00, much less the hundreds of millions proposed, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but instead a complete razing of American history and a self-aggrandizing one.

The project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Holly Perry
Date: February 18, 2026 9:24:11 pm

I strongly oppose the spending $300 million and counting on an oversized ballroom at the whim of one man. There is a procedure for changing federal buildings that was not followed. It is disgraceful for this law and its attendant procedures to be flouted in such an arrogant and underhanded way. In order for this 90,000 sq.ft. ballroom to be built, the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, had to be torn down without any comment or input from we the people. The cost overrun is skyrocketing, the proportions of the ballroom to the rest of the White House are hideous, and the promise to not tear down or change any part of the existing White House in order to build this monumental, overwhelming edifice are all examples of the lies told to the American people in order for the President to satisfy his addiction to grandiosity. Restore the East Wing to its former place of symmetry in the White House configuration and start over with a design for a ballroom that is submitted for comment as per the correct legal procedures. Do not keep letting the President disregard the laws without attendant consequences.

Name: Marilyn Wolff
Date: February 18, 2026 9:24:46 pm

I’m appalled that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without any review, permission, permits and public notice. The White is not the property of a President, it’s a temporary residence during the term. There is absolutely no reason to allow a ballroom to replace the historical East Wing. I feel the East Wing needs to be rebuilt as close as possible to the original.

Thank you

Name: Kristi Chamberlain
Date: February 18, 2026 9:24:57 pm

How embarassingly tacky. Make it stop.

Name: Larry Carpentr
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:06 pm

I think it’s absolutely awesome that we have patriots willing to put up the money to build this ballroom for our country. Thank You everyone of you!

Name: Teresa Scortino
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:11 pm

I believe the destruction of the East West by the current President was unlawful, not approved and a total disregard for the history that took place in the East Wing.
This building needs to rebuilt to the standards that reflect the history of the United States.
The White House is the house of the people of the United States, not the President.
Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard.
Sincerely
Teresa Scortino NJ

Name: Ann Keech
Date: February 18, 2026 9:25:19 pm

Please, no, do not use $300 million of the hard-earned taxpayers' money on this illegal project. It was begun without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a horrifying, tragic razing of American history. Please have the project canceled. Rebuild the East Wing, restored to its former, historic, appropriate size and beautiful design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.No one is above the law.

Name: Katie Dunbar
Date: February 18, 2026 9:27:17 pm

I object to the current plans for the "East Wing modernization project." The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom is too big and detracts from the historic and symbolic character of the White House. I object that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without approval. I object that the funding for the proposed ballroom is coming from private donors. I urge the Commission and Board members to reject the proposal as currently written.

Name: JoAnne Webster
Date: February 18, 2026 9:28:35 pm

I oppose the proposed construction of the East Wing Modernization project for the following reasons.
The scale is not comparable with the existing White Hose.
There were no plans submitted for review before the demolition.
There does not seem to have been any hazardous materials abatement protective procedures
The White House is the people's house and should not be irreparably changed without input from the people.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brenda Cole
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:08 pm

The White House is a part of the National Trust. Therefore any renovation must be under permit, go through review and

follow proper historic guidelines. None of these were undertaken. I object to the destruction of a historic property done without authorization. It needs to be rebuilt according to historic guidelines, not "modernized."

The White House belongs to the people of this country not to 1 specific person. Anyone who destroyed an historic structure in such a manner would be held liable financially and criminally! No one, not even a president, is above the law. Do not spend $300,000,00 on this project!

Name: Nancy Kessler
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:14 pm

The first I heard of this was the lie that the East Wing would not be touched. I didn't like the ballroom idea but assumed, and you know what they say about that, that all the historical building requirements would be addressed. First the lie, then the horrific destruction before our very eyes. What has happened to the White House from this to the Oval Office to the plaques is a travesty. Please stop all of it and restore the dignity of the People's House!

Name: michele garrigan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:29:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The public was also mislead regarding the East Wing and never would have agreed to its total destruction. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Mr. Trump should also be held personally responsible for the funding to rebuild the East Wing. This was part of the People's House, not Mr. Trump's personal property to do with as he wished.

Name: Kristi K Carter
Date: February 18, 2026 9:30:26 pm

I am absolutely appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I do not believe anyone should be able to destroy a piece of American history the way it has been. I do not want anymore taxpayer money going to this project. I do NOT want a huge ugly ballroom for the rich and powerful to hang out and sip champagne, while the rest of us are just tryi g to make enough to buy groceries and pay the mortgage.

Name: Robert Larson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:31:01 pm

Against this unnecessary destruction of the East Wing… done without proper/legal review and permitting! It can not.. should not… be allowed to be continued construction on this unnecessary, overpriced, questionable" ballroom… no matter who " pays for its construction.
Estimates now approaching $400000000., above the original estimate of $300000000. (Without identified funding…just hare brained thoughts), are only going to end up unnecessarily being paid for by the American taxpayer!
For anything to replace the now demolished east wing, there must be FULL compliance of all building permit processing, historical reviews and Congressional approval of every cent expended!

Name: Kathy Glaser-Block
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:15 pm

I oppose this project , the so called East Wing Modernization project, on the grounds that there was no prior authorization for the destruction of this historic building, The White House. It should be reconstructed and restored within the original design parameters. If this administration wants to make changes to the White House's structure he needs to ask the US citizens. It is our property, he is simply a temporary resident.

Name: Jane Gibson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:32:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the vanity ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a shameful complete razing of American history. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ted Lesley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:33:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Betsy Hobkirk
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:08 pm

I would like to see the East Wing Modernization project cancelled and for this historic part of the building to be rebuilt as it was.

I am sorry it was destroyed in the first place. Very sad.

Name: Karen Tuttle
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:11 pm

I recommend that the East Wing Modernization Project be cancelled.

Money earmarked for the Big Beautiful Ball Room (BBBR) should be used to repair the East Side of the White House damaged during the demolition of the original East Wing and a memorial garden be established in it's place showcasing the strong citizens that chose to protect and defend the constituion during this tumultuous time.

The absence of an East Wing will be a reminder. for all future Americans, on what happens when the government fails to operate under the constitutional system of checks and balances.

Karen Tuttle
[redacted]

Name: Sheryl Myerley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:34:57 pm

I am completely opposed to the building of a ballroom or any other structure that's initiated without proper approval, planning, permits, and all public input. The destruction of the historical East Wing is unacceptable, regardless of who is supposed to be paying for it. The White House is a house of the people, not DJT, not GOP, not any person, not any party. All monies received for the ballroom need to be used to restore the east wing as it was before it was demolished and all perpetrators should be held accountable for their actions.

Name: Joshua Dittmer
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brenda Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 9:35:06 pm

This project should NEVER have gone this far!!! Stop it NOW!!! NO ONE should be allowed to tear down any part of the White House or other historical buildings without careful review by official experts with official permits, etc.

Name: Tina Kitchen
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:26 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.
This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Amy Liebau
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:28 pm

I oppose the spending of any further funds to create a ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design for the people of the United States. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Rodney Reeves
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deanna Statham Crowley
Date: February 18, 2026 9:37:58 pm

National Capital Planning Commission,

I oppose the spending of $300 million for the East wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project was set in motion and breaking another law we have in place. It is also erasing history that has meant something to so many. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Deanna Statham Crowley

Name: MARY CAHILL
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:31 pm

I, along with so many other U.S. citizens, vehemently oppose this project to "modernize" the East Wing of the White House.

The East Wing was demolished without going through proper channels for approval, along with all of the historical events that occurred in this place. The only construction that should take place in this location, is the reconstruction of the East Wing to its original specs.

Building a ballroom for the billionaires and pedophiles is appalling and a slap in the face to those who built the East Wing, the American people, and the history of our nation.

Name: AJ Soracco
Date: February 18, 2026 9:38:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Troy Whitney
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:51 pm

I strongly oppose the east wing project. It was started without proper vetting, permits, or authorization. Its tragic that the historical east wing was illegally wrecked. Please stop the project and charge people for the destruction.

Name: Nate Yoder
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:54 pm

The White House is the People's House. All president's are only tenants, not owners. NO president should be allowed to dismantle a wing of the White House and then rebuilt using private money. If any tenant destroyed an owner's home in this country, they would face serious consequences. The East Wing should be rebuilt using ONLY public funds and with a bi-partisan approved plan that includes input from historians. The current destroyers of the People's House should be required to reimburse the taxpayers for this unnecessary expense.

Name: Judi Morrow
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:55 pm

What a sham this is! The president just knocked down part of the White House without getting any permits or permission.

I wish it could be returned to it's original beauty.

However, since that is probably impossible, the next best thing is to put the reins on Donald Trump. Do not allow him to turn this project into a self glorification. This nation does not need a gilded ballroom. We do not need to be stuck for years to come with his garrish taste. Please control him.

Name: Cam Nesbitt
Date: February 18, 2026 9:39:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to

go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Also it will be tacky.

Name: Jane Cannizaro
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:27 pm

This horror of a ballroom is unnecessary and gaudy! Demand that the old East Wing be rebuilt. And stop him from desecrating any other public properties. Thank you.

Name: Amanda Bekkerus
Date: February 18, 2026 9:40:44 pm

The demolition of the East Wing was an enormous loss for the American people. The proposed construction cannot give back what has been lost. I believe that a memorial may now be the only fitting project to move forward on this desecrated ground.

Name: Michael La Porte
Date: February 18, 2026 9:41:05 pm

To the Commission:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. To the extent that the project may be privately funded, that process is far from transparent and reeks of corrupt influence, or attempts at it.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

We do not need a long-term symbol of such corruption in the form of a gaudy gold-plated "ballroom," attached to the People's House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael La Porte
Glencoe, Illinois

Name: Jessica Cost
Date: February 18, 2026 9:43:15 pm

I object to the East Wing Modernization Project first and foremost because THERE IS NO EAST WING LEFT. It was destroyed lawlessly (as a ruse to the releasing of the Epstein files, if you ask me.)
I object to the decadence and vanity of Trump's ballroom when most Americans are struggling to feed their families. The only monies that need to be spent are those used to restore our East Wing to its former glory. And in a just world, Trump would be liable for that bill.

Name: Mary Burnham
Date: February 18, 2026 9:43:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Mary Caruso-Anderson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:44:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michelle Gaither-McClain
Date: February 18, 2026 9:44:42 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing "Modernization" project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is the destruction of our country's history and an insult to its people. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. Our Republic is based on the rule of law and no one is above it. Allowing this project to continue, and continue without penalty, would be an affront to law-abiding citizens.

Name: Rebecca Entel
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. In addition, the proper professionals need to be permitted access to preserve (or at least salvage) U.S. history.

Name: Kim Larson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:45:52 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Laura Dierks
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:16 pm

I oppose this fraud, waste and abuse in the form of the spending of $300 million on this project. This administration destroyed property that belongs to the American people and initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a cover for this president to complete a bunker and a vanity project that we do not need. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Name: Jennifer Huskey
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Ramsden
Date: February 18, 2026 9:47:59 pm

I highly oppose any approval or funding for this project which was initiated without any prior authorization, approval or plan. It is the people's house, not a house belonging to a single individual to do whatever they want. The East Wing should be restored as best it can, and the president who destroyed a historical landmark should be responsible for paying for the damage he has created. It was unethical and illegal to have destroyed the East Wing. I spent months planning, obtaining permits and approvals before I could start a renovation to my own house, why should the president be allowed to destroy this property that does not belong to him without any process or plan? It is an outrage.

Name: Jane Cannizaro
Date: February 18, 2026 9:48:14 pm

This building is not only way too expensive but it is gaudy and totally unnecessary and the old East Wing never should have been destroyed before everything thing was approved. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was and no other building should be desecrated by this regime. Nothing should be touched without pre approval.

Name: Karen Peregoy
Date: February 18, 2026 9:49:29 pm

I was heartbroken to see the demolition of the East Wing. It should have gone through the correct channels before anything was touched.
Replace the East Wing with a more modern space for the First Lady offices.
If a ballroom is really necessary, which I don’t agree that it is, it should be a reasonable size so as not to overwhelm any other buildings associated with the White House.

Name: Tina Rice
Date: February 18, 2026 9:50:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Pat Ricci
Date: February 18, 2026 9:50:43 pm

There is no reason the proposed ballroom project should proceed. The demolition of the East Wing that was done without permits or approval is a disgrace. Any money collected for the vanity ballroom should be used to rebuild the East Wing as close to the original as possible. This wanton theft of history is a crime.

Name: Marilyn Altschule
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House has been a beacon to the whole world. It breaks my heart and all Americans to see the carnage done.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Britt Griswold
Date: February 18, 2026 9:51:43 pm

This is an abomination for the architectural history of our country. The East wing should balance and echo design of the West wing. It cannot be allowed to overwhelm the main White House structure.

Name: RoseMarie Dammann
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:01 pm

The destruction of the White House should never have happened and most definitely should be rebuilt. The monstrosity of the golden ballroom should be halted and the work done so far should be razed. I amazed that this was allowed to happen and can never be brought back as it was, but restoration should be a priority.

Name: Katherine O'Brien
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:19 pm

I oppose the funding on this project. It was illegally initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a destruction of American History! This project should be rejected and, instead, the East Wing restored to its former design. And those who went ahead with this without the proper approval should be disciplined.

Name: Heather ONeal
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I think those responsible should be penalized & pay for the restoration of the building. Americans should NOT be footing the bill for this in ANY way.

Name: Theresa Sullivan
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:38 pm

i am Incensed with the destruction of the EAST W/ING of the White House...While every so often presidents update the building, they do not tear an entire wing down with no plans, no oversight, no budget and no approvals. You cannot add on a room or a patio to your own personal house without city or county approval and inspections...There are safeguards in place from historical accuracy to proper building protocols that have not been followed. The White House is the People's House...not the trump house...he only gets to borrow it for the length of his term and he is renovating as if he is going to live there forever. We the People are not happy...So many events, so many historical happenings and it is all gone, the First Lady's Office, the entrance, I will throw in the destruction of the Rose Garden....He needs to pay to restore the East Wing back to it's historical accuracy and he needs to stop acting as if he can just do whatever he wants ...He isn't a KIng...

Name: Seema Chetty
Date: February 18, 2026 9:52:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judith Holden
Date: February 18, 2026 9:53:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Thomasy
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:36 pm

I want this project canceled. It was initiated without the proper authorization, plans and oversight. It was a total removal of American history. They should be forced to restore it to its original state. No one is above the law. To allow it to proceed is such an affront to law abiding citizens everywhere.

Name: Melissa Cobb
Date: February 18, 2026 9:54:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history; razing of the People's House without the People's consent. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored.

Name: Lori Fuller
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Hildagarde Sanders
Date: February 18, 2026 9:56:46 pm

The footprint and architectural style of the new East Wing should be the same as they had been before the previous version had been destroyed recently. These must be compatible with the rest of the White House in size and architectural style.
Architects selected to design the new East Wing must have had training in the architectural style(s) of the rest of the White House in order to design the replacement wing so that it supports the other sections of the White House in design as much as possible.

Name: Ellen Morse
Date: February 18, 2026 9:57:00 pm

I cannot believe that anyone would think it's fine to tear down the East Wing of our White House and decide what to build in it's place without consulting anybody or historical organizations. The damage has been done but must be mitigated! Past practices of consulting with historical organizations before building needs to happen.

Name: Ruth Schneider
Date: February 18, 2026 9:57:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tracy Dickerson
Date: February 18, 2026 9:57:51 pm

Comments are respectfully submitted in the format of the attached PDF.

Thank you all for your service to our great nation.

In Service to Our Country,
TB Dickerson

Attachment

Name: Theresa Graybill
Date: February 18, 2026 9:58:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Calling it a modernization project is inaccurate and misrepresenting what is being done. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No changes should be made regardless of funding. Tearing it down was utterly reprehensible.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dusty Haverly
Date: February 18, 2026 9:58:57 pm

I oppose any and all spending on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and is nothing more than a want-to-be dictator and authoritarian’s attempt at leaving a mark that will be difficult to erase. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Schille
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I want the funding for the remodel to come from funds donated to destroy our beloved White House. Any shortfall should come from Trump's personal assets.

Name: Sally Kost
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:20 pm

The proposed project is out of scale with the rest of the White House. There was no needs assessment. There was no input from key stakeholders. There was no calculations of annual maintenance and operating costs. The East Wing should be restored to what it was, and those responsible for tearing it down, should pay for the rebuild.

Name: DeAnna McDonald McDonald
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:39 pm

East Wing Modernization? This is a misnomer. The administration does what it pleases and they razed a part of the building of historic importance to our shared history without following the law, without authorization, without any design submission or review. Cancel this travesty and penalize everyone involved. No one should be allowed to behave in such a fashion. Rebuild it the way it was.

Name: Patrice Nye
Date: February 18, 2026 9:59:58 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing. What is happening without the proper authority/permits is an affront to the rule of law the current administration claims to champion. Please protect the national monument from destruction.

Name: David Ottalini
Date: February 18, 2026 10:00:28 pm

Quickly: This is just wrong and a desecration of the people’s house. Please stop this project. Please.

Name: Jennifer Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:01:55 pm

I am totally opposed to this project, which is being conducted without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of precious parts of our American history. This $300 million boondoggle must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law; to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law will be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shawnee McLemore
Date: February 18, 2026 10:02:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diane Hyde
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:32 pm

I fully oppose the proposed east wing ballroom construction. It will dwarf the Whitehouse, and look completely out of place. I oppose the spending of $400+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Sherry Fletcher
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sherry Ford
Date: February 18, 2026 10:03:43 pm

I totally oppose the east wing ballroom addition to the White House. I believe it was illegal in how it was started and also a slap in the face to Congress and all Americans. Congress should have voted for it, and if passed, we the people should pay for it… not the oligarchs. The entire project is disgraceful.
Sherry Ford

Name: Faith Morrison
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:14 pm

I oppose the spending of any funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and I want the public involved in how to address the destruction of the former spaces. The current office holders in no matter what office do not have the right to just demolish the People's buildings and monuments. This goes for creating new buildings and monuments, or renaming them, ideas like a gigantic arch in the Tidal Basin as well. There needs to be an open, public process used to decide these things.

Name: Pamela GARVER
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:29 pm

This project should never have been started without the proper submission of plans, application for and granting of the proper permits. The White House is not Trump’s personal property and he should not be allowed to treat it as such. The addition of this ballroom plan is not in keeping with the esthetic of the entire profile of the White House and will be a gigantic blemish if finished. The East Wing should be restored with modern interior upgrades for efficiency and environmental considerations.

Name: Anne Moody
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:29 pm

This is the peoples house and not the property if any president residing there.Don’t allow further desecration of the WhiteHouse and stop any further construction and destruction being pushed by the present occupier.There has never been anyone in office who has showed no respect for the honor of residing in the White House.It is not his to destroy and he should have to reimburse the country for the damages and disrespect .

Name: WILLIAM NOBLE
Date: February 18, 2026 10:04:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any amount whatsoever, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. All the gold and the trappings of kings must go - this is not a castle, we fought a revolution against kings, we cannot permit the trappings of a king to poison our sacred sites. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: S H
Date: February 18, 2026 10:05:14 pm

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project - it is destruction of American history, of the people’s house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: James Rider
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steven Aripotch
Date: February 18, 2026 10:06:43 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Carol Sosnin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:21 pm

It is unbelievable that one person can decide to tear down the East Wing and decide to put up a huge ballroom that dwarfs the White House. I am totally against this. The White House is supposed to be the People's House. It is utterly disrespectful to turn it into a resort ballroom.

Name: N Duff
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:30 pm

The addition to the White House should not be the decision of a sitting (narcissistic) president whose goal is self glorification, but should be thoughtfully planned by a team of historical preservationists, architects, constructionists, and concerned citizens whose goal is to create a structure reflecting the graciousness of the main structure and in proportion to the main house.

Stop the monstrosity underway while possible.

Name: Howard Patterson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is vandalism of the People's House by a president who considers himself above every law. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The Rose Garden must be restored as well. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I would suggest the president be compelled to pay for the restoration from his vast store of funds he and his family have corruptly used his presidency to achieve, from foreign governments and complicit corporations and wealthy supporters.

Name: Lynn Buchman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:08:56 pm

I cannot fully express my disgust and consternation at seeing the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. This was meant to be the People's House, and each President has been granted the privilege of residing there and assuming the role of conservation of history represented within those hallowed halls. There must be nonpartisan guidelines to be followed by each President occupying the People's House, and I beseech your Commission to heed the cry of citizens and not yield to the power of an autocratic temporary tenant of the People's House. No one needs a ballroom to entertain1,000 of the wealthiest individuals and world leaders, that will never be accessible to the average citizen. The demolished East Wing contained not only offices for the First Lady, but allowed public access to tour the State dining room, East Room, Blue Room, Red Room, Green Room, and Family Theatre - consistent with the intent to make the White House truly the People's House. With the suggested funding to be provided by private corporate donations, it appears that it will become the house paid for by favors granted to donors. As the proposed ballroom will overshadow the original residence and West Wing, it is now evident that plans are underway to "balance" the structures by additions to the West Wing. Even if private donations remove the burden of taxpayers paying for these changes, how much more will citizens pay in maintenance costs and banquets for thousands at a time rather than the intimate gatherings of 200 in the ballroom now. The United States was founded as a democracy - not a monarchy where the "king" can impose his will without guidance from the majority of its citizens. PLEASE, take your responsibilities as members of this prestigious commission to heart and help preserve the history and accessibility of the People's House! NO, NO, NO to "modernization" of the East Wing. Give the White House back to the people of the United States of America. Thank you for your service!

Name: Judie Fien
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:10 pm

I lived in DC almost 50 years. Taking visitors to the White Hous used to be a joy and a celebration of community, history and democracy. it was historically and should remain the "people's house."

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I

Furthermore, the alleged private funding of this project raised a multitude of questions, conflicts and ethics

Do not allow this project to go forward. Ideally, this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

thank you.

Name: Victoria Bryan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and the funding mechanism of gifts from corporate leaders who seek to buy influence through their donations. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marie Dixon
Date: February 18, 2026 10:09:56 pm

I disapprove of a project that did not allow the American Republic to vote on the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. If anything, I would like for the building to be replaced with something similar to what was demolished. I believe that most of the first ladies had offices in the East Wing so I think that should be taken into consideration.

Name: Kristen Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:18 pm

I am totally appalled that the people's house is being destroyed without oversight.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

What happened to all the artifacts and history that were in the building? I do not want this project to happen … we need to recreate what was destroyed.

Name: Michael Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:27 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Carlson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marcy McLenithan
Date: February 18, 2026 10:10:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or indeed any amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and, if possible, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbara Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:10 pm

My husband and I raised our five children in the 1910 house we still call home. We've spent 35 years fixing and maintaining, repairing plaster and wooden windows, resetting roof tiles, stripping woodwork. In all our maintenance endeavors we have honored the labor and materials of those who built this work of art.
To see the East Wing bulldozed literally broke our hearts. This historic building that belongs to us, the American people, treated with such utter disrespect….enraging. Part of our history as a nation destroyed.

And certainly the person responsible for this horrible destruction should not be in charge of what comes next. Put people in charge who have the understanding and respect for our history.

Name: Mary MacGregor
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:25 pm

I oppose this destruction of history. No one person should have the only say in the people's capitol/capital. The White House belongs to the people of the USA and all changes should go through proper approval and permitting.

Name: Theresa Graybill
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Calling it a modernization project is inaccurate and misrepresenting what is being done. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No changes should be made regardless of funding. Tearing it down was utterly reprehensible.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: suzanne midden
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:34 pm

I would like to submit my written disapproval of the so-called East Wing Modernization project. It seems to me this was rather more an attempt to wipe out the history of certain presidents and replace it with a monument to Trump funded by his billionaire cronies. I would like this project stopped. It is wanton destruction of a national treasure. Please rebuild the East Wing and while you are at it see if you can remove that disgusting patio and repair the rose garden.

Name: Shari Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:40 pm

Someone else wrote these words first, but they perfectly describe how I feel as well.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding people.

Name: Dorothy Smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:11:45 pm

I oppose the abhorrent razing of our history based on one horrible whim. It should be rebuilt as it was, and the man who gave the order should pay for it.

Name: Bonny Becker
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paula Gofton
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:29 pm

I am 100% opposed to this project. In addition, the damage done to the East Wing during this illegal, immoral, and disrespectful process so far must be restored, strictly paid for by the person or people who created this damage without the proper consent and without authorization. The vandalism of historical structures absolutely cannot be allowed. Any future changes to any government building or buildings must be subject to a rigorous approval process strictly enforced, with special attention paid to the will and desires of the people of the United States.

Name: Gail Buchbinder
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:31 pm

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- abiding citizens

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Name: Mara Seaforest Charvonia
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:49 pm

I object to this project in the strongest terms. This “ballroom” is an illegal travesty at any cost, funded from any source. It is grossly oversized, dwarfing the full White House.

Instead of the ballroom, the East Wing should be rebuilt and decorated to its former condition for its former uses, with appropriate modern technology, if needed, within the classical design of the full White House. It is the People’s House, symbol of democracy, not one of Donald Trump’s vulgar golf clubs.

I respectfully beg you to do all in your power to stop this project and restore the East Wing.

Name: Gina Pumarejo
Date: February 18, 2026 10:12:54 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Marisol Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:13:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to

go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is nothing more than ego driven vanity project and I object strongly to this project being approved.

Name: Ann Brandman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:26 pm

I oppose the funding of this project without the necessary historic preservation reviews.

Name: Stephanie Barnhart Barnhart
Date: February 18, 2026 10:14:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Noreen Brewster
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kirsten Yon
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:15 pm

I am fully against this project, as it bypassed all laws and means for the American governmental bodies and American people to be heard regarding this extravagant expenditure.

Name: Gloria Wolf
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, the building of a White House ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens of the United States of America.

Name: Kim Timmins
Date: February 18, 2026 10:15:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and not at the expense of the American taxpayers. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Swati Agarwal
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:08 pm

No permits. Erasing history. Restore the East wing to its original size. I do not support this project no matter where the funding is coming from. Use the 300 million to help the less fortunate.

Name: Darlene Stubbs
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Toni Elka
Date: February 18, 2026 10:16:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: diane smith
Date: February 18, 2026 10:17:41 pm

This is my strong opposition this project. It will be a blight on the White House and on U.S. history. It is NOT *his* house. The East Wing was destroyed prematurely and without any proper review or approval. Please don't allow a gargantuan and garish building onto this sacrilege.

Name: Kathryn Goeke
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:13 pm

I find it totally unacceptable that the East Wing was destroyed without appropriate approvals and plans. I’d like to see the East Wing restored to its original architectural state. No one, including the President, is above the law. He had no legal authority to destroy America’s house. Make him restore it to its original state.

Name: Valerie Krass
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:29 pm

I was shocked and heart broken by what the current administration did to the People’s House. It was illegal and unconscionable and must be remedied. I strongly request that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character and architecture of the prior East Wing structure and in balance with the overall White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are in harmony rather than stylistically inconsistent.

When reconstructed, the East Wing should be brought into compliance with modern safety standards and accessibility. Modernizing the interior of the building (while leaving the exterior as close to the historic original as possible) should be done in a way to honor the historic context. The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the First Lady/Gentleman and their staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are prioritized within the plan. The style of the interior spaces should be similar to those of the original East Wing that was demolished.

It is strongly preferred there be no grand ballroom within the reconstructed East Wing. It would not be feasible to include such a large space and maintain the original footprint and office workspaces. If a smaller event or gathering space is needed within the East Wing, this should be of secondary consideration and designed with restraint and dignity.

If a ballroom is needed for state functions, there is public space available nearby for such events (such as Commerce Building, National Building Museum and Union Station). If a new ballroom is truly needed, construct it elsewhere in the city

Above all the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structure should reflect respect for history and a commitment for preserving it for future generations. The People's House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage – it should not be treated as a palace or redesigned to the whims of the temporary occupant.

Key points: rebuild to original scale, original exterior architecture, and original function while updating to modern codes.

Name: Janice Lindstrom
Date: February 18, 2026 10:18:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Rutherford
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Richards
Date: February 18, 2026 10:19:56 pm

Please prohibit further destruction of our public buildings and history and press for restoration. One administration cannot unilaterally make decisions like this without consultation/authorization.

Name: Muriel Schornack
Date: February 18, 2026 10:20:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This vanity project was initiated with proper oversight. It is a travesty and a ridiculous waste of funds (to say nothing of the opportunity for unprecedented levels of grift).

Name: Andrew Luscomb
Date: February 18, 2026 10:20:14 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Mary-Kathryn Weaver
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The American people need bridges, roads, and other infrastructure improvements. We do not need our funds spent on a ballroom!

Name: Helen Frost
Date: February 18, 2026 10:21:59 pm

To Whom it may concern,
I am writing to put on record that
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all American citizens.

Name: Janis Randall
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:04 pm

To whom it may concern, I fully agree to the following:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Janis Randall
Broomfield, Co

Name: W Musick
Date: February 18, 2026 10:22:35 pm

I oppose the project as it is currently being pushed through without proper input and approvals. Please take your role seriously and demand proper authorization.

Name: Sharon Sauer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:23:33 pm

I was so disappointed when the East wing was demolished. It was done illegally because we the people own that White House. No permission was given by the correct group. It needs to be rebuilt completely identical to the original.

Name: Walaika Haskins
Date: February 18, 2026 10:23:35 pm

I am heartily opposed to this monstrosity. It is an abomination to build a so-called “ballroom” that will be larger than the White House. It is contrary to the desires of the Founding Fathers who purposely built eschewed the trappings of European royalty in favor of modesty befitting a democracy. The White House was commissioned to be an example of what government for the people, by the people should be, absent the ostentatious trappings of European kings and oppressors. This is the People’s House. It isn’t Trump’s. And to suggest that it would be used for inaugurations outside of the view of the American people is once again antithetical to what we do here.

Name: Mari Johnson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:24:35 pm

I am appalled at the rampant spending and the destruction of our country. This “ballroom” project is a perfect example of the lawlessness and disregard for our country’s history and traditions, not to mention that it is unlawful. I see the grift here, the awarding of contracts, the billionaires making money off the project,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Terri Hill
Date: February 18, 2026 10:25:58 pm

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Name: Laurie Kalember
Date: February 18, 2026 10:26:03 pm

Stop this project. Tearing down the East Wing was an abomination. White House does NOT need a ballroom.

Name: Megan Kissler
Date: February 18, 2026 10:26:20 pm

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Name: Rita Navatka
Date: February 18, 2026 10:26:44 pm

I am totally against the plan to spend 300 million dollars to build a ballroom in place of the historic East Wing. In my view President Trump has torn down a treasured structure without any of the proper permission or planning from sanctioned authorities. I believe that The East Wing should be restored to its former glory.

Name: Sara Broome
Date: February 18, 2026 10:26:58 pm

Please restore the east wing to its former glory and meaning and let real professionals do the work. Also, the president should’ve held responsible for the cost of it all. What a waste to ruin our history with no plan.

Name: Paula Churchill
Date: February 18, 2026 10:28:18 pm

No president should be able to destroy a significant portion of the White House, a historically important landmark. Claiming the construction to be funded privately is a blatant ploy at bribery, where people or institutions who want

favored status donate for that favored status. No President has the right to ddstroy a significant historical building or landmark simply because he wants to.

Name: Ghislain Labonte
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization. It's not a modernization project but rather the crazy manifestation of a deranged man who thinks he can do whatever folly crosses his mind because the pack of Republicans in Congress don't have the courage to simply say "NO" when it's against the law. I want this project to be stopped and the East Wing to be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Helena Cuconati
Date: February 18, 2026 10:29:47 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alison Case
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:10 pm

This is a shockingly inappropriate project, way out of scale with the original White House and undertaken with ZERO due process. It’s an abomination and an insult to the American people and to the rule of law. It should be stopped and the original East Wing rebuilt at the expense of those who tore it down!

Name: Peter Huschilt
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:10 pm

you can use these words when replying to the trust:

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

Name: Rebecca Lemme
Date: February 18, 2026 10:30:45 pm

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Name: Stephanie Robertson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:31:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brie Strauss
Date: February 18, 2026 10:31:09 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: MariLisa Corl
Date: February 18, 2026 10:32:43 pm

Without having gotten permission to take down the entire East Wing and spend 3 million of our tax dollars is a waste and should be a crime against the President. It should be restored to its original form and be paid for by Trump.
The destruction was not necessary and no one is above the law.
Thank you for giving U.S. citizens the freedom to comment.

Name: Mary Montgomery Clifford
Date: February 18, 2026 10:32:55 pm

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Name: Courtney Bullock
Date: February 18, 2026 10:33:05 pm

With the initiation of the East Wing Project, the President has overreached his authority. His actions lack any common goodwill towards those he is in office to serve: the American people.

The President is a temporary tenant of the White House. The White House is a national fixture associated with the office held by the president. It is also a national museum. The historical and national significance of the White House should not be destroyed at the whim of one temporary tenant. Where is the oversight to protect the White House?

This is just one of many grievances the American people are filing against the president because of his corrupt and veiled actions.The president did not wait for proper approval to begin this project. He did not provide transparency to the American public about the project. Where is the oversight to protect the sanctity of our constitution and the credibility of the office of the President of the United States?

The cost of the project has grown and the public fears, as they should, that this is just another one of the President’s poorly-planned ideas that will leave we, the American taxpayers, on the hook for the exorbitant bill, when all is said and done. His actions in so many areas have proven that he cannot be held accountable. Where is the oversight to protect the American people?

The vast majority of the American public is opposed to this project. Do your due diligence to discover that and act on it.

Name: Kathryn Stepkowski
Date: February 18, 2026 10:33:32 pm

Please go through the proper congressional channels for this project.

Name: Alexandra Brandenburg
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:10 pm

This project is inaccurately named, as it is instead an ill-conceived bribe. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carolyn Miller
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:32 pm

This project has been conceived and started in violation of the law and of all respect for American history and culture, as well as all respect for thoughtful procedure. It should be halted in its tracks until the plans can be reviewed and approved through proper channels. The White House does not belong to any president. It is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it.

The National Capital Planning Commission should require any reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain it historic design and proportion. Anything built on the current demolition site should match the style of the original structure of the Executive Mansion, and must be subordinate in size.

Furthermore, private money should not be used to develop a public project of this nature. Any reconstruction should be funded by Congressional appropriation.

Name: Gwen Buckingham
Date: February 18, 2026 10:34:53 pm

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Name: Ms. Victoria Vrana
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:05 pm

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Name: Robin Hamilton
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:05 pm

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Name: Laura Gotz
Date: February 18, 2026 10:35:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mimi Simmons
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:04 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This illegal project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Zora McMaster
Date: February 18, 2026 10:36:32 pm

I am horrified at the blatant destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This destruction was done without proper authorization, permits or project reviews.
This project must be cancelled and the East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its original, historic design. Trump must be held accountable for destroying part of the “people’s” house.
Thank you

Name: Kathy Olmstead
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christie Boeder
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:46 pm

I am so incredibly appalled, dismayed, disgusted, at the destruction of our Capitol's East Wing without ANY permission of any governing body, or input from we, the People, whose House this is supposed to be!

As noted by others with words that echo my viewpoint more eloquently: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated WITHOUT the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELLED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynda Hansen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:37:53 pm

The East Wing was part of the people’s house the White House. The demolition was done without coordination with the approval of the committee. This President is acting like it is HIS personal property, which it is NOT.,

Our country does NOT need a ballroom for this President to act like an oligarch and using it to destroy our democracy for his infantile fantasy of being a king.

Please don’t let him build this monument to himself and instead make him build the West Wing back the way it was with his own money. And while we’re talking about destroying the Peoples House. He needs to tear up the concrete patio,

which looks like outside dining at a fast food restaurant and put back OUR Rose Garden, again at his expense.

I rest my case but his destruction of OUR White House, Not his has to STOP!

Name: Melissa Fanucci
Date: February 18, 2026 10:38:10 pm

How dare an American historical legacy be destroyed on the command of one man, without legal requirements met? This vanity project is a slap to the face of all Americans struggling to make ends meet so that there can be a gold ballroomn for the powerful and wealthy.

Name: Carol Weaver
Date: February 18, 2026 10:38:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynne Armstrong
Date: February 18, 2026 10:38:43 pm

I oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project. It is not a modernization project but rather an illegal destruction of public property without any public review or authorization.

The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. This rapid unauthorized destruction should be punished by forcing payment by non-public funds.

Name: Kerala Rush
Date: February 18, 2026 10:38:56 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Jones
Date: February 18, 2026 10:39:00 pm

The demolition of the East Wing was a travesty. It should be rebuilt to its former size and purpose. This is 'the people's house'; the history and tradition of the building should reflect that and not be replaced by a 90,000 foot monstrosity that will dwarf the original White House.

Name: Elizabeth Stafford
Date: February 18, 2026 10:39:40 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I urge the cancellation of this project and ask for the rebuilding of the East Wing exactly the way it was on DJT’s dime. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing the person or persons who allowed the destruction to happen would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Ohman
Date: February 18, 2026 10:40:09 pm

Love the title of the project - but it was demolished - not modernization.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also would like an accurate audit of all money allocated and raised for this ill conceived razing of OUR East Wing of OUR WHITE HOUSE.

Name: Rosa Moran
Date: February 18, 2026 10:40:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Heckmann
Date: February 18, 2026 10:41:03 pm

As an honorable president reminded this country in a time of crisis, our government is of the people, by the people, for the people. The people are not against modernization, but we do not want the People’s House turned into a shrine to the most corrupt man to ever hold office. The current occupant of the White House is using our highest office for his own financial grift. A Trump “ballroom” will cement America’s decline into kleptocracy. It is antithetical to our values as Americans. It may be too late to preserve our White House, but it’s not too late to stop this monstrosity.

Name: Jane Zopff
Date: February 18, 2026 10:41:04 pm

These comments resonate with me:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Also—The “ballroom” project has been a crazy, dishonest project from the start.

Name: Sandra Bykowski
Date: February 18, 2026 10:41:12 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the People's House was unconscionable. Please do everything you can to ensure that any further construction follows the proper authorization, permits, and design reviews. This is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I oppose the spending of $300 million of my taxes on this project.

Name: Jerald Cork
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:30 pm

We have a process for accomplishing changes to government structures. There has been an overt choice to ignore that process. I would suggest that as a protest we do the following-

1. Stop all construction immediately, leaving all equipment and supplies in place. Pay the contractors for that equipment.
2. Erect a security fence around the construction site, without any cleanup.
3. Place a sign on each side of the fence, explaining that the project was created without public mandate.
4. Leave the fences and signs in place for the next 100 years as a reminder for future generations.

Name: Rhoda Lee Warren
Date: February 18, 2026 10:42:50 pm

The terrible act of tearing down a part of “The People’s House” (the East Wing of the White House) is indefensible. All efforts must be made to not allow the destruction of an historic building to be rebuilt in the solo eyes of the destructor. The new construction must be handled by an appropriate party to the end of making the correct decisions for the property and existing historic building. The destroyer of the East Wing must be held accountable for the damage done of the White House. Why the destruction was not stopped is incomprehensible. Please make certain that next steps to restore the building is completed by competent people.

Name: Linda Takimoto
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:05 pm

I oppose the spending of and amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, particularly women’s leadership space and place in the White House. I want this project canceled. If anything, the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Eileen Nuanes
Date: February 18, 2026 10:43:17 pm

The design needs to fit the architecture of the existing White House and not overwhelm or in anyway diminish it because of size. What has been lost can’t be reclaimed but allowing an edifice that is too large and overwhelming would add insult to the injury that was the east wing’s destruction. The last design I saw removed the pediments, I would like to see them return. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this and please listen to the people on any decision.

Name: Adelia Barham
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:07 pm

This project is an affront to our history and citizens. The East Wing was destroyed without going through any review process ignoring established procedures. The proposed ballroom will overwhelm the existing structures and be discordant aesthetically.

The way this has been done should not be rewarded and the East Wing restored to it previous status.

Name: MaryJane Kramer
Date: February 18, 2026 10:45:09 pm

First of all, this is not an improvement it is desecration. Secondly, he has never submitted his plans for approval. What he has done is demolish our heritage, and I believe that he should have to submit plans before he can go ahead with any further construction.

Name: Jayne Sweet
Date: February 18, 2026 10:46:01 pm

I believe the destruction of the East Wing without the approval of the historical preservation say was a major downfall of our government. With just the authority of one person, it should have never been done. The Rise Garden should be restored and give the Kennedy Center back to the people. The East Wing and the gold decor is in the White House is merely a power play. We do not need a ballroom, it would be for the billionaires, not the people. Look at history and how the East Wing was used. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts aren't going to bust a ballroom, or the many school trips to the Whiute House. It should be stopped and restored to its former glory.

Name: Carol Truby
Date: February 18, 2026 10:46:50 pm

This is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE! It was absolutely devastating to see the bulldozers taking down the East Wing. Then to find out this was done with zero planning, preparation, and permitting! NO PRESIDENT should be allowed to make major renovations with zero permission or oversight. In every corner of this country people can't even PAINT a building considered protected because of it's historical value. To absolutely demolish part of a historical site is punishable by law everywhere.

We The People do not see a need or want a massive gigantic ego of a ballroom designed by a man who will be out of office in 3 years, if not sooner (we hope) and won't live to see it used enough to justify it. Please do not allow this to continue!

Sincerely,
American Voter from Roxboro, NC

Name: Katherine Schmiel
Date: February 18, 2026 10:47:47 pm

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Katherine E. Schmiel

Name: Kelley Watson
Date: February 18, 2026 10:48:03 pm

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Name: LUANNE KUELZER
Date: February 18, 2026 10:49:45 pm

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Name: Carol Crowell
Date: February 18, 2026 10:49:52 pm

I'm opposed to the grand ballroom plan because the United States shouldn't be sacrificing historic sites to replace them with tributes to any individual, especially since the destruction of the East Wing was done without proper input. I feel that

the exterior should be restored to previous appearance, and a plan developed by the Park Service using ideas from citizens and officials for the interior. It is certainly possible that the space needed some updating to best serve current usage, but few citizens would support a gilded gathering place for parties for the rich and entitled. If the Trump plans are allowed to go forward, we can expect bulldozers on other important National sites in the future.

Name: Mary Feddema
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:01 pm

What “East Wing Modernization Effort?” OUR East Wing was torn down without any warning or authorization and without any of the permits required. The only thing Americans need less than a $300,000,000 ballroom that only the elite will ever see, is to have a WWE wrestling fiasco tarnish OUR White House. Both are completely disgraceful.

We have Americans sleeping under bridges all over this country. We have families, homeless, living in their cars. We have millions and millions of Americans unable to afford food, shelter, utilities and the basic necessities of life. Our Educational System and Health Care Systems are the laughing stock of Industrialized nations, to the point that they no longer consider America as one of them.

It is reprehensible to build a completely wasteful, gilded ballroom while those are all truths that no one can deny. Who cares if the money doesn’t come from taxes, but rather from donations? Those wealthy enough to be donating to the ballroom are more than likely being blackmailed in some way into doing so. They should all be taxed the way they used to be, at a much higher rate, recognizing that they have earned their money off of the hardworking backs of American citizens. They are able to live like Emperors, Kings, Queens, and/or a ruling class while the average American is struggling to survive. We fought an entire Revolution to escape such lunacy.

We want OUR East Wing rebuilt, in its entirety, and we want that rebuild to be at President Trumps own, personal expense. Trump is NOT above the Law, no matter what he believes. He had OUR White House East Wing torn down without even asking OUR opinion, let alone going through all the proper, lawful channels. Trump should be made to pay for the restoration of the East Wing, modernizing it only so far as absolutely necessary for security and modern improvements, but putting everything back the way he found it. They say it’s impossible to turn back time, but President Trump should be shown that sometimes, it actually is possible.

Again, President Trump is not above the law and should be forced to personally pay the bill for a complete and total East Wing restoration as the penalty and consequence of ignoring the law.

Name: Maureen Massie Bales
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:37 pm

Please require the east wing of the white house to be rebuilt as it was before the president recklessly tore it down.
His lack of respect for the history of our nation is disgusting. He has no respect for anything but himself.
Thank you,
Maureen Bales

Name: Bryan Mosko
Date: February 18, 2026 10:50:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carolyn McCullough
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:16 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is the people’s house. The current President is only residing there temporarily. It is not his to destroy. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. All the grotesque gold leaf doesn't belong there either for the same reasons.

Name: Loretta Thomas
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:20 pm

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Please stop this tragedy from happening

Name: Dennis Spates
Date: February 18, 2026 10:51:46 pm

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Please stop this tragedy from happening

Name: Laura McHenry
Date: February 18, 2026 10:52:18 pm

This is a boondoggle of epic proportions and an international embarrassment. The People's House was raped by an unscrupulous, capricious and rogue individual. He is a guest in our house who is pooping in the Koi pool, so to speak. The East Wing should be restored without taxpayers footing the bill. All the art and statuary should be put back. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Dale Grupe
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mark Winn
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:18 pm

The historic East Wing of The White House was totally demolished at the direction of President Trump without legal authorization, and his proposed $300 million ballroom is nothing less than a stalinesque vanity project which would be an affront to this country and its people. In its current form, the ballroom project, for which there apparently has been no meaningful independent design review or permitting, should be terminated in its entirety, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original architectural configuration prior to its illegal razing.

Name: N Kathleen Kosobud
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:19 pm

The unpermitted razing of the East Wing of the White House is, in itself, a crime. The People's House is not the property

of its' temporary residents, and, as such, should be restored and renovated to its former state. Any funds raised to replace the East Wing rightfully should be earmarked to its restoration. In addition, the people responsible for its destruction should be held criminally and financially responsible, and should in no way benefit from any funds raised to create the monstrous ballroom proposed by those who committed these acts of vandalism. This was, and is, a symbol of our country's heritage. As a patriotic citizen, I want to see this egregious act of destruction remedied to the fullest extent of the law.

Name: Barbara Adams
Date: February 18, 2026 10:53:33 pm

Please require that the East Wing be restored exactly as it was. It should be paid for by those who participated in it's destruction and they should be reminded that the White House belongs to the people not to the President. If you have improvements to be made, please authorize them as part of the restoration or as a separate project after the restoration. It is disappointing that those who are responsible for the White House failed to act in time to prevent the catastrophic destruction of East Wing.

Name: SHARON HOLSTON
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:40 pm

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Name: Linda Larsen
Date: February 18, 2026 10:56:50 pm

I want to see this project cancelled. The East Wing was destroyed without proper permits. Please restore it to its previous status.

Name: Clement Wang
Date: February 18, 2026 10:58:07 pm

I cannot believe this project is being allowed to continue.

It is the worst case of “Ready, Fire, Aim” I’ve ever seen.

There is no final plan. It's just a bunch of wild ideas inside Trump’s head that keep on morphing.

It’s one man’s vanity project that takes no account of the existing architecture around the White House.

The plans are astonishingly ugly and unbalanced. The elegance of the White House will be weirdly attached to this monstrosity.

The phrase “short-fingered vulgarian” seems apt to describe what’s going on here.

The American people deserve to have the people’s house entrusted to better and more professional hands.

Name: K. Dunn
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:27 pm

I oppose this project.The current building occupant started demolition and moved forward with a $300 million project without proper authorization, permits, or design review.

No private funding arrangement justifies bypassing the laws that protect our shared historic landmarks — especially the

White House.

I would like for this project to be canceled and the East Wing restored to its historic design and intended use.

Any occupant who takes liberty to change, modify, or demolish property that is not theirs should be held fully liable for the cost of remediation and restoration. As with any lease or occupancy agreement, alterations made without proper authorization are the financial responsibility of the occupant — not the owner, and not the public.
All costs for remedy should be recovered directly from the occupant's personal assets.

Name: Frances Milanesi
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:39 pm

I oppose the spending of any amount of money on the East Wing Modernization project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Suzanne Day
Date: February 18, 2026 10:59:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Suzanne Day
Date: February 18, 2026 11:00:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Micah Leigh
Date: February 18, 2026 11:03:21 pm

To whom it may concern;
The White House belongs to the people, not to the president. The fact that Donald Trump tore down the East wing with no approval or input is an abomination. The plans for the ballroom show that it will be massive in size and throw off the symmetry of the present design. The ballroom is also a vanity project for Donald Trump, just something else to slap his name on. We the People don't need it nor do we want it.
Please make sure that this ballroom is never built and that the East wing is returned to its former structure.
Thank you!
Micah Leigh

Name: Joan Anchondo
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:08 pm

I oppose the $300 million project. It was not approved by Congress and it was not presented to the American people. It is a waste of money and resources.

Name: Ingetraud von Roos von Roos
Date: February 18, 2026 11:04:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is doing away of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bonnie Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Betsy Datri
Date: February 18, 2026 11:05:46 pm

To whom it may concern:

The last thing the White House needs is "modernization." It is a historical site, full of historical significance to the people of the United States, and it needs to be RESTORED to what it was before this criminal demolition!

Thanks for listening.

Betsy Datri
Eugene, Oregon

Name: Tina Sieker
Date: February 18, 2026 11:06:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of history, and more importantly of a wing of the people’s house - it was not his to raze. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Dekeon
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this proiect, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melissa Curd
Date: February 18, 2026 11:09:19 pm

I do not approve this project. The changes would be both drastic and unnecessary. The ballroom would cater only to the wealthy and not to the average American. The potential benefits to our nation and to the average American would be less than minimal. The project is a waste of time, money, and resources. Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Name: Debra Carmichael
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:13 pm

I am appalled that the east wing of the White House was destroyed without notice or authorization. I am equally appalled that an oversized building is being added to the grounds also without prior authorization or approval. It is too big for the space, the plans were not subjected to the proper review process, and we do not have transparency of the donors which could lead to corruption and buying influence. Please stop this project from moving forward and return the east wing to what it was.

Name: Linda Youngs
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:31 pm

I oppose the construction of this project. The funding is shadowy. The taxpayers may get stuck footing the bill! The project began without architectural plan or proper permitting. The person who tore it down should build it back at his expense, exactly as it was, only with updated plumbing, wiring & HVAC.

Name: Marcia Cardosi
Date: February 18, 2026 11:10:44 pm

I am deeply opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I can't begin to understand how this one man has been given so much power and there is not anyone with the ability to stand up to him. The destruction of this historic wing of the White House (the people's house) should have NEVER happened!!! What a disgrace to our country!

Name: Rhonda Fitchett Haas
Date: February 18, 2026 11:11:13 pm

I oppose spending $300 million, or any other amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, in violation of the law. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Bruno
Date: February 18, 2026 11:12:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: eric Fox
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Winson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:13:12 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park. It is owned by the American people. No one person, president or otherwise, has the right to destroy this building. Even if the story is given that it is to "improve" the building. The destruction of the East Wing was not approved by any federal agency that has the responsibility to approve such work. I am also against the building of the ballroom addition. The addition has no final design, and no regard for the existing White House structure. If it is completed, it will be an abomination of grotesque size. I actually believe that this work was started in secrecy in the late fall of 2025 with the intent that the winter weather would do so much damage to the remaining building that Trump would then declare that he needs to "demolish the entire White House" because of weather damage. He is already talking about adding an additional floor onto the West Wing to "balance" the appearance of the building. In my opinion, all work must be stopped until an acceptable reconstruction design is approved by the appropriate federal review process.

I am also questioning the funding for this project. I believe that the private funding from billionaires to pay for this project are simply bribes to get favors from Trump. No one should be able to "buy" the People's House.

Name: Angela Shumate
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Cathryn Delude
Date: February 18, 2026 11:15:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project to replace the East Wing of the White House with a huge, unnecessary and artless ballroom. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It therefore amounted to razing a piece of American history. The White House is the PEOPLE'S House, not a piece of Trump real estate to vandalize as a vanity project. To call it a "modernization project" is the type of cynical double-speak propaganda that George Orwell parodied in his book Animal Farm. Do you think we are a nation a mindless sheep?

Any work on the White House and other historical monuments that belong to the PEOPLE of the United States must be reviewed and approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. This was not done, which amounts to an illegal destruction of public property. Furthermore, Congress created the 116-year-old Commission to be staffed with “well-qualified judges of the fine arts” who would review and advise on projects in D.C. This current president has appointed people with little to no professional qualifications to review and advise on art and architecture projects. Their only qualifications are their loyalty to the man currently residing in People's House. This lack of qualifications is vividly evident in the newly appointed assistant, Chamberlain Harris, who has no qualifications in the arts, making a making a laughingstock of the Commission of Fine Arts and making the Commission seem like it's being run by a ship of fools.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing must rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Thornton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melody Imburg
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Put it back!

Name: Kay Martin
Date: February 18, 2026 11:16:57 pm

I respectfully submit my strong opposition to the allocation of $300 million for this project. Based on available information, the initiative was undertaken without proper authorization, required permitting, and appropriate design review. Such procedural deficiencies raise serious legal and governance concerns that warrant immediate scrutiny.

This undertaking does not constitute a routine modernization. Rather, it involves the complete demolition of a structure of historic significance, resulting in the irreversible loss of an important element of our national heritage. Projects of this magnitude and consequence demand full compliance with all applicable laws, preservation standards, and public oversight requirements.

I urge the appropriate authorities to suspend the project immediately, conduct a thorough review of the authorization and approval process, and take corrective action as necessary. I further request that consideration be given to restoring and rebuilding the East Wing in a manner consistent with its original architectural design and historic character.

Adherence to established legal processes is fundamental to public trust. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for procedural violations would undermine confidence in governmental stewardship and the rule of law. I respectfully request decisive action to ensure compliance, transparency, and the preservation of our shared history.

Name: Amy Plymat
Date: February 18, 2026 11:17:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to the American people.

Name: Christina Bowen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:18:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Taylor Porter
Date: February 18, 2026 11:19:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. I want this project canceled and a non-partisan commission to consider how it should be rebuilt. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Julie Ballantyne Brown
Date: February 18, 2026 11:19:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Mordan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:04 pm

This project is a despicable destruction of our history, and blatantly illegal, bypassing submissions and approvals that are in place for very good reasons. To allow it to continue would set a terrible precedent. The corruption shown in the bulldozing of the east wing is a disturbing example of an administration that believes they are above the law, and is a spitting in the face of every citizen of this country who cares deeply about our shared history and the proper procedures to ensure that projects are legal, appropriate, and support and enhance existing structures.
This monstrosity must be removed and the building restored to its original state. A statement must be made to show that illegal disregard and destruction at the whim of an individual will not stand.
Thank you.

Name: Mary Lou Reape
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:37 pm

Please do not go forward with this project. It is not a modernization of the East Wing. It was demolished without proper vetting or plans. It was a cherished piece of history that was crudely destroyed. I believe it should be restored to exactly as it was and the Trump family should pay for it from their own money.
No one is above the law. These people must be stopped.

Name: Liza Lundell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:20:54 pm

The wanton destruction of part of the White House is deplorable. The gross corruption of seeking donations from people and corporations that have business with the government is astounding. This project must be shut down entirely, and the East Wing restored to its original form.

Name: Victoria Weinrich
Date: February 18, 2026 11:23:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Rebecca Karschney
Date: February 18, 2026 11:24:42 pm

I oppose this project. Spending of $300 million (even if funded by private donations) is unacceptable on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want a full stop on the East Wing "Modermzation" Project.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want the current design of this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt on it's former footprint at the cost of President

Trump directly.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wynn Richards
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:06 pm

I am a senior citizen and retired history teacher. I strongly, strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing in our beautiful White House! The current president has unnatural, overblown delusions of grandeur that are completely at odds with long-held American sentiment and traditions. The LAST thing we need is a “Trump Ballroom,” especially when there is poverty, medical debt, and homelessness in this country.
I want the old East Wing restored immediately. No one is above the law or can ignore the rules and laws!
Thank you!

Name: Genevieve Luhrs
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:23 pm

I oppose the current proposal. This project was started without the correct permissions and permits. The East Wing was destroyed without accounting for the national treasures it contained. We should be working to restore The People's House. I was looking forward to visiting the White House someday with my children, and would hate to show them the monstrosity that is proposed.

Name: Era Singer
Date: February 18, 2026 11:25:33 pm

I want the West Wing rebuilt as it was. The perpetrators should be held to account for their illegal actions.

Name: Bea Momsen
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:00 pm

I support this! Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Natasha Dalzell Martinez
Date: February 18, 2026 11:26:07 pm

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Name: Deborah (DJ) Goodell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:27:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law.
The original East Wing should be rebuilt.

Name: Diane Heckman
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:02 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without proper authorization permit permits or design review. It is not a modernization, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and for the Eastwing to be rebuilt and restored to its formal design. And I would like Donald Trump to pay for it out of his personal funds.No one is above the law, including Trump, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to law abiding Americans.

Name: Shelby Keefe
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Holly Fulton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:29:28 pm

I do not not not NOT want this to happen. That our president is having his done is such an INSULT to our country. The White House is such an important structure & what is happening with this grotesque expansion & ballroom is disgusting.

Name: Martha Lorantos
Date: February 18, 2026 11:31:08 pm

Here's the comment I submitted three days ago. Folks are welcome to borrow or adapt:

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Katherine Fuller
Date: February 18, 2026 11:31:17 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission -

I have reviewed the information available to the public regarding the building of the East Wing of the White House and as a citizen of this great country, am not pleased. The plan that was shared via video was not a modernization, but rather a huge new facility that dwarfs the White House.

I understand the need to modernize a facility that serves as a welcome center of sorts for the American public and visiting dignitaries, but to build it to accommodate 1,000 seated diners with ceilings "38 to 40" feet tall and 89,000 square feet is

not necessary. A building of this scope takes away from the focus and beauty of the White House. The footprint needs to be reduced and kept within the scope of the original building.

The discussion of adding a similar "annex" to the West Wing in order to maintain some sort of symmetry should have been considered prior to the demolition of the former East Wing. Neither the East Wing nor the West Wing should have any additions of the currently proposed scale, which totally overwhelms the original structure.

Regardless of how this proposed project is financed, does not change the fact that it will belong to the American people - like all federal buildings and lands. Decisions of this sort, including the razing of the former East Wing, should be made in conjunction with the citizens of this country. This is a plan that I cannot support.

Name: Marissa Burton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:31:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: William Koenig
Date: February 18, 2026 11:31:48 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing and retelling of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It offends the values of equality and equity that stand at the heart of the United States experiment in democracy. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary L. Liepold
Date: February 18, 2026 11:32:24 pm

As someone who has lived in the DC area for 60+ years, I am appalled to see this happen. It is not "modernization," it is desecration, and the illegal project of a megolomaniac. PLEASE find a way to stop it and repair the damage!

Name: Charleen Pederson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:34 pm

To Whom it may Concern,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Cate Hartzell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:34:34 pm

Any pressure that project advocates apply to approve this project based on national security interests or priorities must be rejected. The sudden nature of the demolition of the East Wing is acknowledgement that the President and White House staff don’t require the space daily for national defense purposes. This ‘hardship’ was self-imposed. If they required it urgently, they’d have planned; they’d have complied with laws (the US Constitution requires that the uphold the laws) and basic construction practices by having designs, permits and materials in hand and staged. Decision makers must assume that alternative facilities for national security activities have been established for a prolonged period.

The unpermitted demolition bypassed laws requiring consideration of the public trust this building represents and the

purpose it served. Those laws allow for consideration of historic assets and for professional planning aimed at retaining history in an appropriate context of modern needs.

In my town of 21,000 citizens, the historic City Hall was gifted to the City by an early settler family. We currently debate how its historic value is best honored. When we design public buildings we hold charettes for collaboration.

I've seen men who have fought militarily on behalf of the United States cry upon learning that the Wing was demolished. You have a serious responsibility to ensure that the spirit and letter of the law is maintained.

Name: Judith Duggan
Date: February 18, 2026 11:35:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: M P
Date: February 18, 2026 11:35:29 pm

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Name: Joyce Poff
Date: February 18, 2026 11:37:12 pm

I strongly feel the East Wing of the White House needs to be restored as close to historically possible to what it was prior to the unathorized demolition of the properety. The White House in significant historical landmark that belongs to all the people of the United States.

Thank you,
Joyce Poff

Name: Janem Russell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:38:28 pm

I do not support the sudden destruction of the East Wing. Proper procedures were not followed, and this historic building was demolished without normal and required protocols. The East Wing is an historic building, not the property of Donald Trump. It is the property of the citizens of this country. Trump's ludiicrous and gaudy proposed ballroom should be halted, and the East Wing should be restored, following proper procedures in order for the building and it's history is honored.

Name: April McDonald
Date: February 18, 2026 11:39:23 pm

The unlawful destruction of the east wing is more than a violation of a building law but a violation of our trust. The east wing should be rebuilt in the same design with modern improvements as needed. No public money should be used, let the corrupt head of state gets his filthy rich friends pay for it.

Name: Kelli Krupa
Date: February 18, 2026 11:40:21 pm

Absolutely appalling and 100% against this project. Please restore to original design!
Sincerely, KKrupa

Name: Susan Loveall
Date: February 18, 2026 11:40:54 pm

Mr. Trump does not own the White House and had no right to do what he did. He has destroyed historical areas that cannot be recovered. He needs to be made to pay from his own pocket to replace the damaged area. It needs to be rebuilt from plans submitted by the historical society.
He needs to be stopped from doing anymore damage to a home he does not own.

Name: Donna Long
Date: February 18, 2026 11:41:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 000,000 for the building of a ballroom which was started by demolishing the East Wing of our White House without getting proper approval. This is our house. Trump is not the owner of this house and should've had to go through all the necessary approvals for this project. He should have to rebuild the East Wing. Stop the corruption and make sure proper, lawful authorizations are given for any future changes to our house, the White House. No one is above the law, including President Trump. We do not need a 300 million ballroom. We need affordable healthcare and groceries and utilities and housing for Americans. Not money spent like this for just the billionaires to use or should I say oligarchs. Please stop this excessive ballroom and replace the East Wing of our house!

Name: Raye Bierly
Date: February 18, 2026 11:42:03 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

Before I comment let me say that I find the name for this project befuddling. How can the East Wing be modernized when it no longer exists??? I cannot describe how shocked and saddened I was the day the East Eing was destroyed. It was so wrong and to me is symbolic of what this administration is doing to all we hold dear. The very fabric of our nation, like the East Wing, is being ripped apart with no consciousness of how the American people are affected.

But on to the "modernization" project. In my opinion and what I feel would be the most appropriate resolution of this debacle is to restore what was there. Rebuild the Easy Wing in its original design and footprint with all things included appropriate for a building of the 21st century. A "modernized" new space. No grand ballroom. For gatherings larger than can be accommodated in the White House, find another space. Perhaps Trump's old hotel in D.C. is available. At the time the East Wing is rebuilt, the Jackie Kennedy Memorial Garden should be replanted and hey, let's do this really right and put the Rose Garden back as Jackie had envisioned.

Thank you,
Raye L. Bierly

Name: James Simone
Date: February 18, 2026 11:42:40 pm

I oppose this project. It not only desecrates the White House but to spend $300 million for this is a complete waste of taxpayer money

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Name: Susan Birk
Date: February 18, 2026 11:45:12 pm

I oppose the East Wing Ballroom project, in part because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to

go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House belongs to the people and should not be changed by the whims of certain individuals. Further it was designed to be modest to reflect the fact that the United States is a democracy, not a monarchy.

Name: Tammy Burton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:46:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Elizabeth Stewart
Date: February 18, 2026 11:46:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rochelle Porzio
Date: February 18, 2026 11:48:04 pm

I am asking that this project be cancelled. The People’s House deserves respect and proper channels need to be gone through to make changes. I believe the destruction of the east wing was done illegally and the people that went above the law should be held accountable. The East wing needs to be restored.
Thank you
Rochelle Porzio

Name: C. Evlyn Schmidt
Date: February 18, 2026 11:48:07 pm

Please use what powers you have to demand President Trump's personal funds or Executive Branch allocated funds be used to rebuild the White House East Wing to it's exact specifications before DJT destroyed the structure.
DJT's actions were illegal, unsupervised, unapproved by regulating commissions and must be corrected.
This blatant abuse of power must be addressed. There must be some response to represent all Americans who have lost faith in the institutions which were designed to monitor and improve all historical renovations.
The destruction of any property owned by the government and funded by American taxpayers must be investigated. The person responsible must be held accountable.
Thank you for your attention.

Name: J Ock
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:24 pm

The unilateral demolition of the East Wing of the White House is a violation of the lawful procedures of our land. The idea to demolish it in order to construct a "ballroom" funded by secret corporate and billionaire donations is an affront to the American people. The White House belongs to the people, and it should not be dwarfed by an oversized oddity that serves no purpose. This is adding insult to injury considering the gaudy modifications made inside the White House.

This is not a monument to one man. It is the historic home of American democracy. Restore the East Wing and do not allow construction of the hideous ballroom.

Name: Ginny Ackerson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:51:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I also want trump to pay for the original east wing to be restored to today's codes, including the underground situation room. If the American people want a ballroom, we will let the leadership know and they can follow the prescribed procedure to make those changes.

Name: Casie Blevins
Date: February 18, 2026 11:52:11 pm

I was disgusted and disheartened to see the East Wing destroyed as if it was a part of a private home and not the People' s house.
I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and must be stopped. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leslie Mendes
Date: February 18, 2026 11:53:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Chuck Greene
Date: February 18, 2026 11:53:23 pm

I don't want the U.S. to be regarded as ostentatious or boastful to the point of being plainly ANNOYING. That is exactly what Trump's enormous gold-studded ballroom would convey. He OUGHT to be prosecuted for destruction of public property for his removal of the east wing of the White House. If the courts found him guilty he should be required to pay for the wing's re-construction.....chump change to him with his ill-begotten multi-millions.

Now to Trump's absurd reason for removing the east wing, viz. to have a flashy, distasteful, abhorrent venue to replace the white (matching the WHITE House, by the way) tents used for state, and other, events staged by the White House. For one thing, those "tents" aren't tents in the public conception of what a tent is, but rather are more like pavilions where invited guests gather for special occasions. After all, the White House grounds where the pavilions are erected are attractive in themselves and can easily be viewed by guests from within the pavilions, or in clement weather, from without. When there have been limited views of these pavilions in the public broadcast media they, and the scene around them, have a lot of appeal.

Name: Timothy Mendes
Date: February 18, 2026 11:53:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Tisinger
Date: February 18, 2026 11:55:22 pm

This project did not go through the proper approval process and I oppose it. Complete disregard for history.

Name: Rachel Russell
Date: February 18, 2026 11:55:42 pm

First, remember that the way this project unfolds is setting precedent for development patterns in DC. And it also is making a statement as it relates to power - setting an example on how to ask for forgiveness instead of permission. The decisions you make right now on this project will have far reaching impacts - be very clear about the message you want to send to the public.

As it relates to the actual project t…..An upgrade ballroom is a fine idea but please make it contextual. When living in and regularly visiting the DC area, the height restrictions make such an impressive impact on my experience of the area. The city planning of our federal buildings is amazing - the balance, the negative space, the symmetry, the order, the grandeur. The sensitivity to place in DC highlights the symbolism around the power of our nation. Please make sure any new buildings or renovations respect the context and don't overshadow existing buildings like the White House. Trust respected planning and preservation professionals on the definition of contextual sensitivity. Specifically, please don't build the wing to be bigger and remove sight lines to the White House.

Thank you for taking the time to ensure we have a great national capital.

Name: Rochelle Kessler
Date: February 18, 2026 11:56:32 pm

I too oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I join thousands who are totally opposed to this project!

Name: Jane Lofton
Date: February 18, 2026 11:56:56 pm

I am appalled by the president's razing of the West Wing and plans to build a hideous ballroom in its place. This was done to the people's house without authorization and is erasing our history. Please stop the project and rebuild the West Wing in its original form.

Name: Donovan Grimwood
Date: February 18, 2026 11:57:22 pm

I am completely against this project moving forward. This was a blatant and criminal disregard of law, history, and the dignity of the symbols of the United States. That this was done without proper authorization, permits, or even a real plan other than destroying a part of history is completely un-American. The people behind this travesty should be held completely accountable and they should be the ones that are billed directly, not passing the cost on to the American citizens, to restore the East Wing to what it used to be. There are proper ways to modernize a building, including a National symbol. This was not it.

Name: John Manley
Date: February 18, 2026 11:58:37 pm

I feel betrayed by the solo actions of President Trump in demolishing the East Wing for a ballroom. If it were necessary

or useful, why did he not open it to discussion by historians, congress and the people, rather than simply starting the project. The White House is the People's House, and should have some protection and care, which it is not getting.

Name: Veronica Wannberg
Date: February 18, 2026 11:59:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Stimson
Date: February 18, 2026 11:59:29 pm

The East Wing, being a structure of national historical significance, should not have been modified, let alone completely demolished, without any oversight, review, or feedback from the people. The White House, or the "People's House" is not a vacation home to be remodeled at the whim of the current occupant. The best course of action available at this point is to reconstruct the East Wing to match the original structure as near to the original dimensions and aesthetics as possible. To do anything else would set an indecorous precedent.

Name: Jacqueline Gilbert
Date: February 18, 2026 11:59:43 pm

The White House belongs to all Americans. That part of it was allowed to be torn down is devastating and most likely illegal.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: Cynthia Bengtson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:00:19 am

I am totally opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design honoring past national leaders. The last thing this country needs is a stupid ballroom. It is an insult to everyone who struggles to feed their family and pay their bills. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Msseemmaa
Date: February 19, 2026 12:01:09 am

The demolition of the White House’s east wing was done illegally. This is referred to as the people’s house and has historical significance. No one is above the law and those responsible for need to be prosecuted. We must rebuild the east wing keeping to its original form paid for by the people responsible to tearing it down.

Name: Nancy Snyder
Date: February 19, 2026 12:02:37 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robyn Canvasser
Date: February 19, 2026 12:02:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Re Hill
Date: February 19, 2026 12:07:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Martha Robles
Date: February 19, 2026 12:08:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Edith Knowles
Date: February 19, 2026 12:09:42 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: KATHARINE CASTELLI
Date: February 19, 2026 12:10:45 am

I do not agree with this project. It did not have the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: JoAnn Silkes
Date: February 19, 2026 12:12:47 am

I vehemently oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michelle Marcotte
Date: February 19, 2026 12:15:13 am

I object to the destruction of the East Wing and to the design of the huge ballroom without permits or historic design reviews. I object to funding its building with money and by persons or companies hoping to do business with the US government. It is absolutely corruption. In any municipality or city or town, such a building without permits would result in an order to restore at the cost of the person who did it. That is what should happen here.

Name: Linda Lane
Date: February 19, 2026 12:15:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeanne Apelseth
Date: February 19, 2026 12:15:31 am

I strongly oppose the demolition of the east wing and the proposal to replace it with a ballroom. The east wing is part of the building's history, character, and architectural integrity.

A ballroom may serve a modern function, but it does not justify erasing a space that holds historical and structural value. We should be prioritizing preservation, thoughtful restoration, and adaptive reuse—not demolition for the sake of expansion.

Progress does not require destroying the past. We can meet present needs without sacrificing the legacy that makes this place meaningful.

The White House is the people's house and the people should have a say!

Name: Jill Mohn
Date: February 19, 2026 12:16:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is a symbol of all of us Americans, not just the wealthy and the one who thinks everything should be "gold".

Name: Anne Hoffman
Date: February 19, 2026 12:16:42 am

The east wing was the " heart" of the White House. The east wing is where the First Ladies did their work and many were invited in. Please restore the east wing to restore the hospitality of the First Lady. We don't want some fancy ballroom. We want the history restored

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Name: Jeffrey Wang
Date: February 19, 2026 12:17:46 am

It is extremely disappointing that this project even got started. The destruction of the People's house is a tragic example of a system with no checks and balances. The chaos being perpetrated by this administration needs to be held accountable. Some common sense planning and review should be required for something as important as this. And clearly it has not been done. So please, please let's end this project. Get proper commissions and feedback so that this can be rebuilt for the People. We, the People, deserve better

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Name: Marlene Parrella
Date: February 19, 2026 12:18:10 am

I oppose the spending of any money, let alone $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Cork
Date: February 19, 2026 12:19:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joanna West
Date: February 19, 2026 12:21:05 am

I oppose any "modernization" of the East wing, and any monies, no matter the source, should not be spent on a ballroom, but should be spent on the complete restoration of this historic edifice.

Name: Jane Hall
Date: February 19, 2026 12:21:15 am

I oppose this $300 Million dollar project that was not vetted or approved by your commission. I ask you to put a full stop to this project and request President Trump be held accountable and rebuild on the same footprint exactly what he has torn down. Hold him accountable, just like you would me, if I built something without a signed off building permit. I believe in the law.

Name: John Mertes
Date: February 19, 2026 12:22:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
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Name: Janey Dutton
Date: February 19, 2026 12:22:43 am

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Thank you, Amara Guard

Name: John Mertes
Date: February 19, 2026 12:23:24 am

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Name: John Mertes
Date: February 19, 2026 12:24:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Mertes
Date: February 19, 2026 12:25:55 am

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Name: Anne Bloomenthal
Date: February 19, 2026 12:28:48 am

I share the thoughts of Anara Guard, who has given permission to quote her statement:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Martha Miner
Date: February 19, 2026 12:29:04 am

I also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Any project like this should be funded by the public with congressional oversight.

Name: Suzan Coffey
Date: February 19, 2026 12:30:52 am

I wish to record my opinion that I am opposed to the creation of a ballroom that is much larger than the main residence. I also feel there should have been an opportunity for the public to weigh in on this prior to any demolition.

Name: Ms. Julie Ann Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 12:31:12 am

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, therefore I oppose the spending of $300 million on it. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history without a single citizens consent. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former, beautiful design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Graciously,
Ms. Brown

Name: Christi Masi
Date: February 19, 2026 12:31:55 am

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robyn MacDonald
Date: February 19, 2026 12:34:01 am

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing. It is a historical building in our United States history and this can not be lost because of one person’s preferences.
It is shocking to me that this occurred so easily without the proper procedures for Historical Preservation.

Name: Susan Peahl
Date: February 19, 2026 12:34:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens. If this is allowed without proper legal process, then what historical treasure will get destroyed next?

Name: Jinx VanSteemburg
Date: February 19, 2026 12:36:14 am

STOP this abominable project! The demolition of the East Wing was totally unnecessary and construction should stop immediately! This ballroom is an abomination. Fill
In the hole, plant some grass and plan a building that compliments the integrity and style of the peoples house.

Name: Faith Nettleton Scherer
Date: February 19, 2026 12:36:22 am

I oppose the spending of any more money on this project! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a horrible razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Pierce
Date: February 19, 2026 12:40:19 am

The White House is a national treasure and a house to a temporary occupant. The proposed project will alter this landmark. No tenant should have the ability to drastically modify the property of the owner. The current tenant occupies the property for such a short time in the history of the building. The proposed project is too large. It would dwarf a building that is part of our collective history. Moreover, the description of the project in the proposal connotes that the current facility is neither secure nor adequate. This is false and attempts to create a need where none exists.

Name: Danielle Montague
Date: February 19, 2026 12:40:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gordon Brugman
Date: February 19, 2026 12:43:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alison Mostert
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:25 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Anita Braun
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppoae spending even one penny on this project designed to emulate golden palaces. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens in this country.

Name: Lucie Vinciguerra
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Gray
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:57 am

Absolutely under no circumstances should this project go forward. If this administration wants to cut costs, then spending $300mil to "modernize" what was a perfectly good portion of the White House WITHOUT ACQUIRING PROPER PERMITS should not be allowed. This was not a modernization project, it was a glorification project to a criminal and in this country, nobody should be above the law. Nobody.

Name: Margaret Henschel
Date: February 19, 2026 12:52:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mahala Frye
Date: February 19, 2026 12:54:30 am

I object to the East Wing of the White House being replaced by anything other than an exact replica of the one that was recently illegally demolished. I insist on all the proper studies and permits being applied for and properly examined.

Thanks for listening, Mahala

Name: Michael J Chechile
Date: February 19, 2026 12:59:46 am

As a tax paying US citizen I am greatly offended by the action, unauthorized and, in my opinion, illegal, taken by Donald J Trump with regard to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. Furthermore, I find his unilateral action to be an absolute abuse of presidential authority and to proceed with the construction of his proposed ballroom without any oversight regarding its design and proper permitting is in direct violation of his authority.
I would expect that this project needs to adhere to all of the necessary legal requirements for the construction of a structure on public property and to have a detailed explanation of the process that will be used to fund such an enormous project.

What should happen is that the East Wing needs to be reconstructed and the ballroom plan scrapped.

Name: Alicia Evans
Date: February 19, 2026 1:00:31 am

There is no documentation to be reviewed for the east wing modernization project. Where are the architectural drawings, where are the engineering drawings, where is the impact assessment of how this change will impact the environment, traffic flows, where is a comparison of the original east wing to the proposed east wing?

The American people should have an opportunity review the plans before the old east wing was demolished. Without clear understanding of what will be built, I request that the exterior facade and footprint be identical to the original east wing. I will allow for upgrades in wiring, electrical, hvac, and other modern convenience as long as it does not change the exterior facade.

Name: Mary Steele
Date: February 19, 2026 1:01:11 am

I oppose the building of a bombastic ballroom. No one went through the proper channels to tear down the East Wing. The White House is the people’s house. We should have a say in demolishing this part of our history! We don’t want it! Build back our East Wing the way it was. Let 47 build a ballroom in Florida!

Name: Rebecca DLima
Date: February 19, 2026 1:01:35 am

This is a frivolous unnecessary use of funds that was not approved through the proper channels. America cannot afford

this. Please just build it back up to what it was, making the Pres himself pay for destroying something that was just find as it was.

Name: Katie Bridges
Date: February 19, 2026 1:02:24 am

I oppose the illegal tear-down-rebuild of the White House, initiated by a man with 34 felony convictions. Everyone who broke the law to bypass public opinion and to be responsive to the people should have to pay to fix it. In this rebuild, special attention should be paid to honor the African American enslaved peoples whose bodies built our national treasure.

Name: ANDREW GRIFFITH
Date: February 19, 2026 1:02:49 am

I strongly criticize the hasty and foolish destruction of the East Wing for the purposes of creating a grotesque ballroom that only one person wants funded by tech billionaires and crypto moguls looking to gain influence with the current administration: This is an affront to our history and national heritage. I insist on behalf of the American taxpayer that this wasteful ballroom project is cancelled and that the Wast Wing of the White House is restored as closely as possible to its traditional appearance

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Name: Barabara Davidson
Date: February 19, 2026 1:02:58 am

Trump is wrong. Regardless of who is paying for this monstrosity project. Americans don’t need a $400 million ballroom addition to “the people’s house”. He’s only an elected official residing in government housing.

Name: Erica Moses
Date: February 19, 2026 1:04:16 am

I firmly oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt according to its former design at the expense of those who broke the law by ordering it demolished.

Name: Kay Mikus
Date: February 19, 2026 1:06:13 am

I oppose the unauthorized, unapproved and unnecessary destruction of the East Wing of the citizens of the United States White House. The White House belongs to the citizens and not the employees (including the POTUS) of our federal government. This “project” should have never began without proper approval and oversight. It actually should be something the citizens vote on. Currently our country is in economic and political crisis. This ballroom needs to immediately be stopped until such a time as the American people approve of the project. The people also need to determine if it should be rebuilt or changed to something different. It needs to be paid for not by billionaires trying to buy favor from the current administration but from the White House operational budget and frankly this country cannot afford the bill at this time. The current administration is costing the taxpayers more and more with each unauthorized and poor decision they make. Thank you for your attention to the matter KMM.

Name: Katherine Wieland
Date: February 19, 2026 1:06:55 am

I strongly oppose the razing of the White House East Wing and the building of a ballroom in it's place. This is being done without proper authorization and must be stopped and the money raised to finance this project must be used to rebuild and restore the East Wing as it was and for those who are responsible for it's distruction to recieve consequences for their actions. Then, actions must be taken to assure that this type of behavior can never happen to our historical buildings agsin.

Name: Marianne Connolly
Date: February 19, 2026 1:07:25 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. It too late now to stop the complete razing of a wing of "The People's House," but I request that the rest of the work be done with historical experts, who can restore the East Wing to it's original purpose. The destruction was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Like the president, I am also a tenant in federal housing, and I'm not allowed to paint my walls without permission. Those who live in the White House should have to show the same respect.

Name: Al Eufrasio
Date: February 19, 2026 1:11:05 am

Reprehensible private and public behavior. A record of clearly illegal and/or questionable conduct. An adjudicated rapist. A convicted felon. An instigator of treason and insurrection. A constant, blatant, quantifiable liar. Clearly insecure demands of fealty, with a gallery of bad-faith players willing to play along to various selfish ends. Regularly says whatever it takes in the moment to get his way, whether true or not, mostly with insincerity. These and more are the habits, qualities, and stigma donald j. trump (who deserves neither the office title he supposedly holds, nor the honorarium of a capitalized name) brings to everything he touches.

Traditionally, the White House is The People's House: maintained with taxpayer dollars, curated and altered reasonably and only after thorough, good-faith discussion appropriate to the scope of any given project -- as well as, of course, a permit process commensurate to that discussion. Under no standard can it be said that trump's ballroom plans and the subsequent, catastrophic East Wing demolition, ever underwent that process of consideration.

When is enough, enough? The fate of the East Wing, much less the United States, should not be left to the whims of this erratic lunatic and the various sycophants looking to curry his favor. Reject, rebuild, renew!

Name: Janet Gotch
Date: February 19, 2026 1:11:42 am

Please stop this destruction and horrid remodel!

Name: Melody Bliss
Date: February 19, 2026 1:12:59 am

I oppose the spending of however many millions of dollars the current estimate is for this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a blight on our country. The gaping scar on the White House should be stabilized and then covered with a glass wall so all can see the consequences of a regime that refuses to follow the rule of law. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing and preserving history of those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. Thank you.

Name: Laurelle Kilmartin
Date: February 19, 2026 1:16:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mark Bartlett
Date: February 19, 2026 1:17:20 am

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Name: Pamela Sturgeon
Date: February 19, 2026 1:17:26 am

ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING AND WRONG!!! THE HISTORY HE HAS DESTROYED IN THE PEOPLES HOUSE IS INDESCRIBABLE!! I do not know how he is getting away with all that he is....let alone even be president. He is a 34 time plus felon for God's sake!! However the history and grandeur he destroyed can never be repaired. He destroyed the Rose Garden and removed the trees for that hideous concrete monstrosity that is reminiscent of where...mara lago. It's absolutely disgusting along with all the tacky tacky gold accents. He has destroyed everything that made THE PEOPKES HOUSE amazing and turned it into a trash heap of vanity and embarrassment. Let's not begin to discuss the likely asbestos he exposed everyone to by going at it like he was killing snakes!!! Someone needs to stop this absolute utter madness. We won't last another 3 years. Tearing down our monuments, renaming things with no authority. He's a absolutely ridiculous excuse for a scumbag. PLEASE MAKE HIM STOP!!!! Make him rebuild the east wing the way it was or as close as possible. Get rid of the tacky golden touches everywhere and rem9ve the tacky tacky marble etc. It's heartbreaking to see him destroy so much of our history. ITS THE PEOPLES HOUSE NOT HIS!!!!

Name: Susan Roschke
Date: February 19, 2026 1:19:05 am

I am in favor of this project. The ballroom will allow for official State events to take place in a permanent space designed for their comfort and safety. Many Presidents have altered and expanded the White House and Mr. Trump is doing this renovation without taxpayer funding, which I appreciate. I am excited to see the final product!

Name: Kay HARRISON
Date: February 19, 2026 1:20:26 am

First the Rose Garden and now destroying the East Wing. He has got to br stopped. He has broken so many laws. Please rebuild the East wing and make him pay for it!

Name: Dianne Swanson
Date: February 19, 2026 1:24:11 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project which was begun without proper authorization, permits or design review. The White House is the people’s house not the property of a temporary resident. This project name is misleading. It is not a modernization but a complete destruction of the East Wing and a razing of our history. This building is and should continue to be a reflection of our nation’s history not of one person’s ego. As planned, this project (ballroom) will not be in proportion with the rest of the historic building and completely dwarf the existing structure. This proposed project should be cancelled and proper channels should be followed for future rebuilding and alterations. No one is above the law and proper procedures should be followed for any changes to the historic structure. Failure to do so should result in consequences and penalties for those involved and is an affront to the American people. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter.

Name: Kelly McBride
Date: February 19, 2026 1:24:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Margo Malakoff
Date: February 19, 2026 1:24:28 am

I wholeheartedly oppose the architectural plans for the east wing modernization. A beautiful and historic building that belong to the American public was destroyed without any input and any approved plans to replace it. One wonders whether there were any plans at all. The architectural plans that have since emerged our garage and destroy the aesthetics of the White House, which is the People's House, not personal property that can be turned into a gilded palace that does not represent the anti-monarchy origins of this country. Furthermore, it will dwarf the original building. The original building has been destroyed, and so it is too late to go back. But moving forward, its replacement should resemble the original structure as closely as possible. It should not dwarf the original White House.

Name: Diana Saltanovitz
Date: February 19, 2026 1:26:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is not the president'spersonal property to do with as he likes. The White house belongs to ALL the people of this country.

Name: Marcia Myers
Date: February 19, 2026 1:31:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Roberta Teller
Date: February 19, 2026 1:33:57 am

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Name: Julius Jackson
Date: February 19, 2026 1:34:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Strobe
Date: February 19, 2026 1:38:07 am

As a lifelong American citizen I strongly oppose the desecration/demolition of the East Wing of the White House. This is at best an ill-advised project as well as a violation of the process involved in alterations to a building that belongs to the American people, not the person who resides there now, in the past or in the future. Please cease the demolition and instead rebuild/restore the East Wing as it existed for many many years.

Name: Erika Kightlinger
Date: February 19, 2026 1:39:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Erika Kightlinger

Bend, Oregon

Name: Carla Starry
Date: February 19, 2026 1:45:35 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million and counting on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. That money could have been used to restore some of the many departments and programs destroyed by DOGE.

Name: Jon Fletcher
Date: February 19, 2026 1:47:11 am

The destruction of the East Wing was unauthorized by the appropriate agency. It should be remedied by ceasing demolition, and returning the edifice to its original design. All parties responsible should be held libel for all costs, and charged for any crime committed during this affront to The People's House. Regular Americans care!

Name: Michelle Barker
Date: February 19, 2026 1:49:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Spence
Date: February 19, 2026 1:59:56 am

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Name: Diane Pulling
Date: February 19, 2026 2:02:09 am

Please halt the construction of theShite house ballroom and insist changes to the people's house follow your guidelines es and relevant statues. No one person should have the power to destroy government property at his will. Send a loud message toTrump ad his minions or I can't imagine wat rise they will destroying three years..DN Pulling

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Name: Pamela Regan
Date: February 19, 2026 2:02:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judith Kelly-Carlon
Date: February 19, 2026 2:02:50 am

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Thank you for your time,

Judith E Kelly-Carlon

Name: Teresa Byrd
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:04 am

I do not consent to this project. The East Wing was razed before public comment took place which violated federal law. Restore the East Wing to its original design for the sake of history. No ballroom for billionaires. Also, Trump’s name is not allowed to be attached to restoration of the East Wing.

Name: Faye Gibson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:06:34 am

The project which involves tearing down the East Wing and replacing it with a ballroom that is a vanity project for the current president is appalling and, as a citizen of the United States, I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project. It is total destruction of American history. The White House is the American people's house. It stands as a monument to our history, our values, and our integrity. None of those are valued by the current resident. Whether or the rumors are true that the East Wing is being rebuilt to hide a gigantic bunker, none of this should have happened at the whim of a man who derides American history every chance he gets.

I want the East Wing rebuit and restored to its former design and glory. Frankly, I think the person who demolished it should have to pay for its reconstruction personally. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Faye J. Gibson, Ph.D./ABD
Denver, Colorado

Name: Amethyst Uchida
Date: February 19, 2026 2:06:43 am

I'm writing to express my opposition to this project due to the manner in which the project commenced. It is appalling that the Executive Branch could move to destroy a portion of the People's House without obtaining the proper approvals. Rather than approve the so-called modernization project, the Commission must hold accountable those who illegally destroyed The People's property and insist that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its original design. How the

Commission responds to this project sets the tone for future illegal destruction and "modernizing" of our historic American heritage. Please don't let this become an acceptable approach.

Name: Robin Lemon
Date: February 19, 2026 2:06:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sara Frankel
Date: February 19, 2026 2:07:43 am

I deeply oppose spending $300-$400 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or any design review whatsoever. It does not qualify as a modernization project but is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and for the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The project as planned is grossly vulgar, out of proportion to the rest of the White House complex, and not in keeping with the White House's longtime and relatively modest role as "The People's House." No one is above the law. To permit this project to go forward at all, and particularly without penalizing those who broke the law in razing the East Wing and proceeding with no authorization whatsoever, is an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paula Abbott
Date: February 19, 2026 2:07:59 am

To the Governing Committee(s):

Please consider the rampant disregard for not only processes in place for approval and reconstruction of historic places in the United States, but the expenditures at a time when there should be so many other priorities. The demolishing of the East Wing of The White House, then the dismissal of the architects so soon into the project- Doesn’t that tell you that this was not well thought out?

Please rebuild what used to be there. Enough. Or at least get a bipartisan committee together that includes historians, architects, and WH staff to plan the project.

Thank you for your consideration, and please work toward resolving this gross overstep of rights.

Name: Paul Suckow
Date: February 19, 2026 2:08:52 am

Any characterization of this as East Wing Modernization is an architectural blasphemy. I oppose spending more than $300 per square foot, including on the bunker below, and I oppose anything other than what this activity is actually named: modernized (now unfortunately and unnecessarily reconstructed) East Wing of the White House. Trump’s horrible aesthetic as seen in the standing portions of the White House should have no part of planning or execution in this build, if for no other reason than to punish him for his unilateral, unwanted and unapproved destruction of the East Wing. Let me be clear: No Ball Room. Thank you for taking my comment.

Name: Louise RICHARDS
Date: February 19, 2026 2:09:01 am

I am borrowing someone else’s words, but my feelings and beliefs are exactly the same.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Claudia Wedge
Date: February 19, 2026 2:13:20 am

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Name: Sarah Marchick
Date: February 19, 2026 2:13:24 am

Good day.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Name: Trish Clausen
Date: February 19, 2026 2:16:18 am

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Name: Linda Randel King
Date: February 19, 2026 2:17:24 am

I’m very much against the aEast wing project. This project wasn’t approved through proper channels. In fact Trump says it’s paid for by billionaires. What did he promise in return for their “gift”. To say it’s all paid for isn’t true once completed the American tax payer will be responsible to furnish it, staff it, maintain it, and allow use of it. I wouldn’t mind occasional use but with our present administration it will be for parties to feel important, and a place to plan more corruption. Trump should re-build the east wing with the original plans with money from his billfold. After all nobody gave him permission to to destroy the white house., thank you Linda

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Name: Lisa Campise
Date: February 19, 2026 2:19:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I’m also requesting that this restoration be funded by Donald Trump personally, since he is responsible for the destruction of the East Wing. No one is above the law and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Lynne Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:22:53 am

We should restore the East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, and with the same placement with relation to the

West Wing. Construction should include functional updates that bring it up to code and modern standards, including ADA accessibility where possible. If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or use other nearby public spaces.

Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

The White House is the people’s house. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. It is not a Palace for a King.

BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. We should follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Name: Tanya Tassin
Date: February 19, 2026 2:24:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Oneil
Date: February 19, 2026 2:25:23 am

Please follow the law and the process!
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Lois Ustanko
Date: February 19, 2026 2:33:09 am

The White House is a historic landmark first, an event venue second.

We probably do need an expansion of some sort to ensure state dinners don't need to spill out to tents on the lawn. However, whatever is constructed, should be of a scale that doesn't overwhelm the Whitehouse. Also, the addition needs to fit with the historic character of that settong. Get rid of the gaudy gold! The White House was modestly elegant and full of symbolism. We don't want the opulence of a royal palace because each president only resides there temporarily.

I would like to see key elements of the East Wing restored and I would like the rose garden returned. What's been done to the people's house is a travesty.

Name: Mary Ward
Date: February 19, 2026 2:34:49 am

I am against the building of the “ballroom”. The East Wing was part of the White House and should be still standing as part of our American heritage.

Name: Kathryn Penn
Date: February 19, 2026 2:36:34 am

This project should have gone through this process BEFORE any brick was removed. The White House is the People's House; the President is (supposed to) serving the people of the United States, and the WH is theirs.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

In addition, no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. An investigation into the process and determination of who should repay the costs (NOT the US people through taxes!). Investigation into the basement areas should be done as well.

Any future projects should have careful oversight, including plans, selection of contractors, permits, and comment periods,

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Name: Beth Basilius
Date: February 19, 2026 2:37:03 am

This is The PEOPLES HOUSE. I AM ROARING MAD. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Foy
Date: February 19, 2026 2:40:45 am

I oppose the spending ANY taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and any future plans for this location shelved until 2030. At some future time I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, but that process should be left to the successors of this administration, not those currently in power. The damage is already done, let the perpetrators live with the destruction they have caused. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pla More
Date: February 19, 2026 2:43:06 am

I oppose this demolition of East Wing of the people’s house and want it rebuilt and restored.

Name: Jennifer Yeager
Date: February 19, 2026 2:47:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Riley
Date: February 19, 2026 2:55:46 am

The impulsive, unapproved, appalling razing of the East Wing was a criminal act of desecration. Donald Trump should be compelled to personally pay to restore this valued part of our history to its condition prior to its wanton destruction. The need for a permanent ballroom is best left to the discretion of Congress and the preservation organization responsible for the White House’s protection. The White House is not one man’s personal property. It is the People’s House and We the People want the current temporary occupant to stop damaging it.

Restore the East Wing, then consider any possible addition with experts providing guidance regarding need, cost and design, especially focusing on proportion and well-considered aesthetic considerations.

Name: SHERRI FAIAD
Date: February 19, 2026 2:58:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Mckenzie
Date: February 19, 2026 3:03:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Anette Sederquist
Date: February 19, 2026 3:05:24 am

This is a horrible removal of America’s history. It happened in the dark of the morning, in secret, with malice because the President knew we (the people) would never agree to destroying Our White House. Make him return it to its original form with all the rooms and furnishings. And make him pay for it. While you’re at it, make him take down his stupid “car lot flag poles “ “replant the rose garden “, and “remove gold” everything from everywhere! He is making our White House look like a cheap bordello. Above all remind him he is a guest in our house, be respectful and polite. Also don’t touch anything!

Name: Karen Connell
Date: February 19, 2026 3:09:41 am

The East Wing “modernization” project

I strongly object to the demolition of the East Wing with no approvals, permits or input from Congress or the public, since it is the public’s house. After the shock of seeing the demolition, I was sad and depressed for days.

Also, I seriously doubt the fundraising is firmly in place. If taxpayer money is to be used, it needs Congress’ approval.

Plus, no one asked for a ballroom. Or needs one.

This is not acceptable. The lack of respect for our history, and the office of the President, is appalling.

Name: Stacey Fries
Date: February 19, 2026 3:12:11 am

Regarding our president tearing down the East Wing of the White House to build a ballroom, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Georgia Conneway
Date: February 19, 2026 3:13:36 am

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Per Orren
Date: February 19, 2026 3:16:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, all to feed the ego of one man. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Were this project to go forward, it would stand as a testament to the greed and corruption of an administration that is working in its own self-interest, and not in the interest of the American people. Please do not let this travesty be erected on the grounds of The People's House. Thank you.

Name: Tammie Morris
Date: February 19, 2026 3:18:24 am

I have great concerns with the ethical consequences of accepting money from billionaires to rebuild a structure that Trump demolished without congressional approval. I view it as this is another way for billionaires to bribe Trump for pardons, for legislative reasons and whatever else they can get out of him that they're paying for. There has been no transparency on how much each donor has donated. I think we have the American public should know who Trump will be in debt to so when he granted some special privilege, we know why.
And I really have an extreme problem with Trump, making decisions outside his legal authority. He had a demolished without congressional approval. He says he has plans drying up without congressional approval. He didn't include anybody from the historical oversight of renovating the White House?
I am very tired of the government, allowing this man to run rampant without making him follow the rules. I would be very disappointed in this agency for allowing him to bypass the rules and the regs.
Thank you, Tammie Morris

Name: Ginger bowman
Date: February 19, 2026 3:20:07 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Gail Fredlund
Date: February 19, 2026 3:20:31 am

I want this new ballroom project scrapped & the money should be spent rebuilding the East Wing just as it was! The original suits “Our White House “ design. This structure is historic & must be preserved as it was.

Name: Eric Kornblum
Date: February 19, 2026 3:23:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dennis Weidner
Date: February 19, 2026 3:25:17 am

I fully support the construction of a ballroom in the East Wing of The White House.

Name: Janis Marcellino
Date: February 19, 2026 3:27:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Constance L Parker
Date: February 19, 2026 3:37:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Constance L Parker

Name: Michelle Beach
Date: February 19, 2026 3:40:46 am

Demolishing the East Wing without permission was unlawful. It was stomping all over the history of the United States. That building belonged to us the people, not to this administration. If there were truly safety or decay issues they should have been addressed through the proper channels. I do not believe it was demolished for those reasons but instead for the ego and narcissism of the current administration and his belief that he can do anything and is all-powerful and that the law does not apply to him. I request that the building be rebuilt in the same style and fashion that it was prior to the unlawful demolition taking place. If allowed to go forward the building of the proposed massive ballroom would dwarf the peoples' house and confirm that the law does not apply to all. I urge the committee to think of the message that sends. Please restore this important part of American history and do a little bit to restore our faith in our nation's laws.

Name: Valerie Collins
Date: February 19, 2026 3:45:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Megan Dixon
Date: February 19, 2026 3:47:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Llani Corona
Date: February 19, 2026 3:49:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Stephanie Darrow
Date: February 19, 2026 3:51:37 am

It isn't a modernization project it is a total destruction of USA History by a fascist who thinks he is king. This is disgusting and should have never happened. It should be a respectful replacement or a museum to hold the photographs of the events that had taken place in that lovely old building. This fake gold leaf president (pretend, unqualified) should be called out for destruction of property and defacing history in the USA. Giving this pretender free reign in the USA is unhealthy for our free nation and our laws and the Constitution. Make this now repaired and respectful not a tribute to someone who is destroying the USA.

Name: Janis Ulsch
Date: February 19, 2026 3:52:28 am

I object to the razing of the East Wing. This is not a “modernization” project, but a desecration of the “People’s” House. It was obtained without proper authorization or oversight.

Name: Claire A Yurdin
Date: February 19, 2026 4:01:07 am

The President is the temporary resident of a historic building, the White House. Like any temporary tenant, he does not have the right to demolish it for a renovation of his choice without permission from the landlord, who is US, the citizens of the US. As this was unauthorized, it should not be allowed to continue. Efforts should be made to restore the East Wing to its original state.

Name: Bill Giles
Date: February 19, 2026 4:04:59 am

I oppose this illegal and shameful demolition of the east wing of the White House. I want to see the east wing restored to its pre demolition form. This is costing the taxpayers money on a project designed to glorify one man.

Name: Mary Blatchford
Date: February 19, 2026 4:08:00 am

I oppose this project and its funding. The demolition of the historic East Wing was done without following the proper procedures. The proposed ballroom is not merited. No one should be able to destroy historic properties without regard to the law. I want to see the East Wing restored to it's prior state.

Name: Elizabeth Meredith
Date: February 19, 2026 4:08:21 am

To be brief, I oppose the building of an oversized ballroom on the White House grounds and I support the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing.

Name: David Merrill
Date: February 19, 2026 4:10:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shirley Demartinis
Date: February 19, 2026 4:13:10 am

No to moderation of East Wing
Yes to rebuild original East Wing using donated funds for the moderation

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Name: Lynette Doele
Date: February 19, 2026 4:21:00 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. This project was begun without authorization from the proper preservation groups. My desire is to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original, historic state.

Name: Naomi Durkin
Date: February 19, 2026 4:24:01 am

The East Wing of the White House has been a part of OUR White House for decades. NO ONE gave the US President the authority to simple bulldoze it into the ground to make way for a gawdy, Putin-style ballroom as a vanity project so millionaires can get special favors from a corrupt administration! Why else would this have been done without the proper authorization, permits, or design review? It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, without so much as a “how do you do” to our CONGRESS!

I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, not to mention a breach of Congressional oversight. If this is allowed to go on as planned, what’s to stop the President who thinks he can demolish public monuments at his whim and sole will from wreaking this kind of destruction elsewhere WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL. He is NOT a king, and he is not above the RULE OF LAW! The hubris that it was destroyed in the first place is an outrageous affront to every American and a sad loss of our history. I oppose the building of an unnecessary ballroom 100%. Please restore our White House — and while you’re at it, Jackie Kennedy’s Rose Garden as well! Thank you.

Naomi Durkin

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Name: Elizabeth Steenwyk
Date: February 19, 2026 4:25:48 am

To who it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and the razing of American history without Americans input. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather - as I said - a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,

Elizabeth

Name: Paula Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 4:32:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Susan High
Date: February 19, 2026 4:39:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan High
Date: February 19, 2026 4:39:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Chilton
Date: February 19, 2026 4:47:52 am

No one is above law!

IF there is to be any new construction on this site, then it absolutely must go through the proper process and receive

nonpartisan approvals.

This land and these buildings are not the personal property of the current administration.
Don't let them treat them as such.

Name: Marianne Miro
Date: February 19, 2026 4:53:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rae Bevis
Date: February 19, 2026 4:53:29 am

Restore the East Wing to how it was

Name: Jodi Snider
Date: February 19, 2026 5:28:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Schwanitz
Date: February 19, 2026 5:33:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Greg Engleman
Date: February 19, 2026 5:38:47 am

This project should be stopped categorically. No legal permits or permission were applied for or given, and the historic wing was demolished illegally. The modernization has not been approved and is funded by private money that should not be allowed to move forward.
This is an affront to the history of our nation and every citizen within.

Name: Emily Stein
Date: February 19, 2026 5:41:12 am

I oppose the $300 MILLION project of the East Wing. The fact that it has gone this fair with the destruction of a historical structure is an abomination to the people of the United States. Yet another stain on this county history…

Name: Nina Kimpton
Date: February 19, 2026 5:42:07 am

Hello~

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Name: Amanda Wilde
Date: February 19, 2026 5:46:46 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The bulldozing of the East Wing of people's house without regard for safety of the workers and respect for the historical significance is disturbing. The blatant disregard for the law and processes that have been put in place to insure safety and governance should not be allowed to stand.

Name: Dawn Bachelder
Date: February 19, 2026 5:50:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Caroline Edwards
Date: February 19, 2026 5:54:34 am

I strongly oppose allocating $300 million to this project, which began without the necessary authorizations, permits, or design review. Rather than a modernization effort, it amounts to the demolition of an important piece of American heritage. I urge that the project be halted and that the East Wing be reconstructed and restored to its original design. No individual or entity should be exempt from the law, and allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who violated legal requirements would undermine the principles upheld by law-abiding citizens. Thank you for your time.

Name: Jake Norman
Date: February 19, 2026 5:56:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kari Robertson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:03:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Jaeger
Date: February 19, 2026 6:04:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robert Jaeger
Date: February 19, 2026 6:05:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Elizabeth Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 6:05:34 am

This project should have never started without proper review and authorization. Please restore the east wing with an eye on preservation. And there should be some ramifications that the proper procedures were not used to demolish this part of the building.

Name: Peg Knight
Date: February 19, 2026 6:07:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carrie Kelly
Date: February 19, 2026 6:08:06 am

The president should have never went around congress to destroy the east wing. He absolutely should not be allowed to take bribes to build a tacky ballroom.

Name: Kim Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 6:17:21 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop this project immediately.

Name: Marc Zilversmit
Date: February 19, 2026 6:19:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Helen PLUNGER
Date: February 19, 2026 6:21:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Stanton
Date: February 19, 2026 6:22:11 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project goes too far! No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please read this sentence again: No one is above the law. Please take the time to go through what every other American would have to do.

Name: Wendy Wilson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:24:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rosalyn Kutchins
Date: February 19, 2026 6:26:42 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project unless it is approved via proper channels. I want the East Wing restored to its original design. We, the taxpayers and common people, have no use for a ridiculous ballroom which we will never see or use. Stop this blatant vanity project and give us our East Wing back. It should have never been demolished in the first place.

Name: Damian Spaits
Date: February 19, 2026 6:27:39 am

The East Wing Destruction / Modernization project needs to stop immediately and be returned to its original condition.

It is an affront to all law-abiding Americans in the reckless manner in which our White House was destroyed without proper planning, authorizations, and permissions.

As a homeowner, I cannot install a 100 square foot patio without submitting plans for approval and securing permits from proper authorities, but the current administration believes it can do whatever the hell they want to the White House because they won an election? That's unprecedented and unAmerican.

Name: LC Hooker
Date: February 19, 2026 6:27:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The East Wing symbolized the influence and authorities of the First Ladies throughout history, and demolishing it was an affront to the many contributions they made.

I want this overblown vanity project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans, and an insult to the memory of the many First Ladies who led from within it.

Name: Natasha Collins
Date: February 19, 2026 6:30:19 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Nancy Denison
Date: February 19, 2026 6:30:47 am

Please do not allow this abomination to go forward. I object to the razing of this historical building and I also object to the outlandish cost, no matter who pays for it. The White House was intended to be the People's House. It should not be subjected the whims of one president.

Name: Patrick Enderle
Date: February 19, 2026 6:31:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Otis Rogers
Date: February 19, 2026 6:31:54 am

I oppose the East Wing Ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Julie Geay
Date: February 19, 2026 6:33:48 am

I am opposed to the “big beautiful ballroom “ expansion of the east wing of the White House. The destruction of an entire wing of the people’s house without approval from the historic preservation or Congress or even the people was a gross display of unrestrained power. To allow the building of an unnecessarily large and gaudy addition not only is a slap in the face of the original architect it shows total disregard to what the American public wants. The rebuilding needs to be symmetrical and complimentary to the rest of the building. There has also been no guarantee that it will be paid for by donations. lLuke all the rest of this administration’s rampant spending, it is most likely going to fall on the taxpayers shoulders. Please do not allow this travesty to be tolerated.

Name: Michael Unrue
Date: February 19, 2026 6:35:49 am

Having worked previously in the East Wing, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, as we have to follow the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Jennifer Dotson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:40:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Stephanie Zawacki
Date: February 19, 2026 6:43:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jillian Lane
Date: February 19, 2026 6:44:16 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Julie Bullock
Date: February 19, 2026 6:44:39 am

I oppose this rebuild of a gaudy ballroom and that the East Wing should be rebuilt as it once was!
No one is above the law. This current President is trying to erase history. Return the East Wing to its original standing and make the one who tore it down, pay every last penny for it!

Name: Rebecca Strait
Date: February 19, 2026 6:49:20 am

Quoting Anara Guard:

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Name: Julia Borkosky
Date: February 19, 2026 6:51:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathy Coil
Date: February 19, 2026 6:52:41 am

Stop the destruction of the People's house. Restore the east wing and the rose garden to its former glory. Do not build this tacky monstrosity. The project has not followed policy, procedure, or law. It is an abomination to our house. The White House belongs to Americans, not the president. We do not approve.

Name: Jennifer St. Clair
Date: February 19, 2026 6:54:13 am

I strongly oppose this entire project, and the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: shirley west
Date: February 19, 2026 6:54:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cristina Sanguino
Date: February 19, 2026 6:55:39 am

I strongly oppose the rushed demolition of the East Wing and the proposed construction of a massive, 55,000 to 90,000-square-foot ballroom on the White House grounds. As stewards of American history, we believe this project bypasses critical legal and public oversight, threatening the historic integrity of one of the nation's most iconic symbols of democracy.
1. Failure to Follow Legal Review Processes
The demolition of the historic East Wing and the planning of the new ballroom have proceeded without the required, transparent public review processes. Major structural changes to the White House must be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts. By bypassing these consultations, the

Administration is neglecting the legal procedures designed to protect federal, historic property.
2. Damage to Historic Integrity and Scale
The proposed ballroom is outsized and threatens to permanently disrupt the carefully balanced, classical design of the White House and its grounds. A structure that dwarfs the existing East Wing will overwhelm the Executive Mansion, creating a visual imbalance and altering the modest, non-royal aesthetic originally intended for the President's home.
3. Lack of Public Transparency
The White House belongs to the American people, not to any single administration. The rapid,, under-the-radar demolition of the East Wing, which previously housed the Office of the First Lady and served as a public entrance, demonstrates a lack of respect for public engagement and transparent governance.
4. Redundancy and Environmental Impact
The need for this massive, permanent structure is questionable, as it seeks to replace the temporary, reversible, and less destructive practice of using tents for events. The permanent destruction of the site causes, at minimum, a "significant impact" on the cultural landscape that deserves a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
Conclusion
I urge an immediate pause on all construction activity. We demand that any plans for the White House grounds be submitted for full, open public review and that the preservation of the "People's House" takes precedence over the unilateral, aesthetic preferences of the executive branch.
Trump is an ASSHAT and this project needed to be stopped before it started! How does one man have the power to tear down part of american history.

Name: Chastity Romero Latham
Date: February 19, 2026 6:58:58 am

This project needs to be stopped in its tracks. The entire process is a reflection of someone who only operates selfishly and impulsively. History cannot be bulldozed to entertain billionaires. Please stop this project and support what is right and just. America is not for sale. This is our house, the people's house, and we the people do not approve of this project. A prominent symbol of our nation's history has been erased overnight. Though we cannot restore what was lost, we can change the outcome of what it will become. Stop this now!

Name: Carole Kinnamont
Date: February 19, 2026 7:05:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design or failing that a proper design approved by the people, in proportion to the rest of the White House. And please no gaudy gold leaf.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
And if the millionaire have this much money sloshing around there are better projects to fund. Or maybe they could pay more taxes….

Name: Monica DeCaro
Date: February 19, 2026 7:09:04 am

I see you are calling it the East Wing Modernization Project which implies a remodel with the main wing surviving. The fact is that this is a total demolition. It is a betrayal of the public. The White House is home to a president on a temporary basis, but it is permanently part of our history. Some of us remember driving down Pennsylvania Avenue as kids and waving out the window to the White House or taking their kids there for an Easter Egg Roll. This is not Trump's property. It is the property of the American people. As such, all major changes should go through the prescribed processes. I would like to see it resurrected again as it basically was with perhaps newer wiring, etc. The wound is further aggravated by two other facts. One is that the White House access is seemingly for sale as the wealthy donate toward these causes. The other is that it has already been clearly articulated that there in intention to ruin other sites of national importance. Please do what you can to prevent this.

Name: Lori Jasper
Date: February 19, 2026 7:11:26 am

I am opposed to the White House Moderation project.

It proceeded without proper and legally required design review and approval of plans that consider the historical significance of the White House and its preservation.

Sincerely,
Lori Jasper

Name: Sharon Hawthorne
Date: February 19, 2026 7:12:04 am

Please restore the WH east wing, no ballroom is needed.

Name: Elle Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 7:12:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, most pointedly all of the former First Ladies (their offices and staffs were once housed in the East Wing). It is a further separation between the People and their government since the traditional public entrance for tours was also in the East Wing.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is supposedly the party of “law and order.” Prove it.

Name: Suzanne Genz
Date: February 19, 2026 7:14:32 am

I strongly oppose the demolition of the East Wing that was done without review, oversight or input from the agencies and organizations tasked with protecting our national buildings and monuments. The monies raised/donated for the construction of this unnecessary ballroom should be used instead to rebuild and restore the East Wing of the White House, the People’s House, to its former state as quickly as possible.

Furthermore, a fine should be levied against those who perpetrated the destruction of this historic building without proper scrutiny.

Respectfully,
Suzanne Genz

Name: Diane Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 7:14:51 am

The East Wing must be restored. It was beyond inappropriate that it being knocked down. In Thomaston Maine, the home of General Henry Knox burned in a fire and was reconstructed beautifully. I look forward to the return of the East wing. Thank you.

Name: Kathy DiCenzo
Date: February 19, 2026 7:16:11 am

I find myself curiously upset at the demolition of the East Wing. I don’t think an administration should be allowed to satisfy their whims on a moment’s notice and destroy history.

Regardless now that it’s been destroyed I think REAL historians should be the ones to decide how it is rebuilt. It needs to blend in with the architecture of the White House, not dwarf it. Do we really need a ballroom for 1,000 people? We have an outrageous deficit; we don’t need to spend money on that kind of entertainment. Let’s tighten our belts!

Speaking of money. The destruction has cost money, the restoration will cost more. Do we trust these corporations will continue to pay when a new administration takes charge?

I fear the taxpayers will once again be left holding the bag for a project that could have been more thoughtfully and conservatively undertaken.

Name: Rhonda Sykes
Date: February 19, 2026 7:17:26 am

To Whom it may concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and elimination of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and beauty. No one, not even the sitting president is above the law and for the National Capital Planning Commission to permit this project to move forward with the disregard for process or without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank You for your consideration.

Name: Maureen Merwarth
Date: February 19, 2026 7:17:59 am

I strongly disagree with the destruction of the East Wing and the building of a ballroom that will dwarf the People's House. There was no discussion or choice we were given but was simply torn down in the middle of the night. As an American Citizen I am requesting that the East Wing be restored to its original condition and footprint and that Mrs. Kennedy's Garden be restored. We can not allow a temporary resident to rip out and destroy the very things that the people of this country cherish. The expense of this reconstruction should be charged to Donald J. Trump as he is the responsible party for the desecration of property not legally belonging to to him.

Name: Sandra Seegers
Date: February 19, 2026 7:17:59 am

Halt this project now! This is nothing more than a vanity project. And while the initial cost is alleged to be covered by donors , the related and long-term cost land on the shoulders of the American citizens. It's a shocking and illegal waste of tax dollars.

Name: Patrick Ladden
Date: February 19, 2026 7:19:31 am

The White House East Wing Modernization project is misguided and should not be allowed to proceed. Every project that comes in front of NCPC does so BEFORE it is started. This project has flipped the process. Spending $300 or 400 million on a ballroom that will overwhelm the White House proper. The dignity of the WH will be desecrated. Stop this now. Build a smaller East Wing.

Name: Lynn Seiden-Preminger
Date: February 19, 2026 7:19:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Dean Sherwood
Date: February 19, 2026 7:20:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patti Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 7:21:46 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood in its historical beauty.
It was razed without proper authorization. Its destruction is an affront to the law abiding people of this nation.
I request that the East Wing be restored to its former beauty. I also request that Donald J Trump be personally responsible for the cost.
It is the people’s house.

Name: Valerie Buller
Date: February 19, 2026 7:22:53 am

I unequivocally oppose the reckless expenditure of $300 million on a project that was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or legitimate (ANY???) design review. This is not a modernization effort - it is the deliberate dismantling of an important piece of American heritage.

This undertaking represents a profound disregard for both our history and the rule of law. It must be halted immediately. The project should be terminated in its entirety, and the East Wing must be faithfully rebuilt and restored to its original design.

No individual, agency, or administration stands above the law. Allowing this unlawful project to proceed without accountability would undermine public trust and insult every law-abiding American. Those responsible for bypassing legal requirements must face appropriate consequences, and this destructive course must be reversed without delay.

Name: Joan Armstrong
Date: February 19, 2026 7:24:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Ellen Agard
Date: February 19, 2026 7:25:37 am

To call this a modernization project is a misnomer. It destroys an existing historical structure in order to replace it with an outrageously expensive and ostentatious eyesore. It was undertaken without authorization, permits, or design review. It should be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. This project cannot be allowed to proceed in violation of the law.

Name: Meg Booth
Date: February 19, 2026 7:27:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I also oppose the plans he has for the Kennedy Center. He must be prevented from destroying more architectural and historical assets that belong to the American people. Small detail, but the carpet in the Kennedy Center was just replaced. Why does it need new carpet?…Because the man in office needs to be stopped.

Name: Jane English
Date: February 19, 2026 7:28:55 am

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Name: Sandra Diamond
Date: February 19, 2026 7:29:40 am

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Name: Nina Pinger
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What has already occurred as simply unacceptable.
The current administration is grossly overstepping its authority and this needs to be addressed before there is more damage to our country and it’s rich history.

Name: Mark Terry
Date: February 19, 2026 7:35:27 am

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Name: Victoria Russell
Date: February 19, 2026 7:38:07 am

I am appalled and angry at the destruction, without permission or authorization, of the beautiful East Wing. I urge the

reconstruction of the East Wing to its former beauty, and vehemently oppose the construction of a "ballroom" funded by technocrats. Please restore the people's house to the people and not as a vanity project to a single person.
Thank you for allowing public comment on this project.

Name: Ann Lloyd
Date: February 19, 2026 7:39:22 am

The White House is OUR house, not his house. He had the east wing (and the rose garden) destroyed without approval, lied about the funding, and continues to do as he chooses, despite the fact that he is supposed to be working AND representing ALL OF US. Someone, PLEASE Stop his unfettered & unopposed recklessness & narcissistic behavior of destroying, removal, changing & renaming our national treasures & history to please his own ego.
He has zero interest in “doing the right thing.”

Name: Lisa Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 7:39:24 am

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Name: Amy Seiler
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Name: Mark Larigan
Date: February 19, 2026 7:43:56 am

Please restore the East Wing of the White House and send the bill for restoring the building to Donald Trump.

Name: Jacquilyn Otis
Date: February 19, 2026 7:43:59 am

I believe that the East Wing of the White House was an historic structure and should never have been destroyed. But it has. Now, I think it should be rebuilt as a replica of the former structure. As close to the original as possible. We can only hope everything that was in the building has been preserved and it should be placed back where it was. Anything lost or destroyed should be recreated and used as the original was. Art, furniture, all of it. This was a legacy of our Democracy. Restore it!!!!!!!! If a "bunker" for the White House is needed, this may be the time to construct it. Thank you for reading this. Jacquilyn Otis, from Marquette, Michigan.

Name: Kathryn Mintz
Date: February 19, 2026 7:44:49 am

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Name: Linda Cavallero Cavallero
Date: February 19, 2026 7:45:16 am

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Name: Barbara Rivolta
Date: February 19, 2026 7:46:43 am

I'm a retired archeologist and museum curator who, after retirement, spent countless volunteer hours at the John F. Peto Studio Museum helping to have this historic site included on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of historic artists homes and studios. Destroying the East Wing of the White House in the way it was destroyed is an affront to to the nation's history and heritage. Its destruction is symbolic of this administration's attempt to erase and rewrite history.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Meribeth Moore
Date: February 19, 2026 7:47:06 am

Were all the legally required steps followed before the demolition of the East Wing of the White House? Were all the assigned commissions consulted before the demolition of the East Wing? One man’s desire for a shrine to himself does not allow for laws and commissions to be unobserved and broken. A commission needs to determine if the White House needs a grand ballroom or is there a higher need for the space. The Kennedy Center will be next.

Name: Meredith Hamilton
Date: February 19, 2026 7:47:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design exactly. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Catherine R Hodge
Date: February 19, 2026 7:48:25 am

I oppose spending one dime on this so-called modernization project. It is an abomination that the East Wing was razed without any review by this committee or any public input. I want the East Wing our OUR house restored to its historic state and the funds that were supposedly given to create a disgusting ballroom to be confiscated and used to fund the restoration of the American citizens’ house.

Name: Lauren Hastings
Date: February 19, 2026 7:48:52 am

This is not modernization. This is an erasure of our country's history. Please act to stop the destruction and instead rebuild the East Wing to its historic heritage.

Name: Kate Ransom
Date: February 19, 2026 7:49:00 am

Please stop this willful destruction of our history and the wasteful and corrupt building of an abomination that will turn our proud White House into a convention center that is for rent to the highest bidder.

Name: Kathleen Whooley
Date: February 19, 2026 7:49:45 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom. This project was started without appropriate approval. I would like the east wing to be rebuilt.

Name: Vicki Hart
Date: February 19, 2026 7:50:41 am

I oppose the modernization of the East Wing. Since taking office, the administration has begun, in earnest, to remove any historical monument that they find offensive or do not lift their name to lofty standards. Which is the main objective of the construction of the new ball room in place of the East Wing. The new ball room will completely over shadow and minimize the rest of the White House and is only being done so this administration can put its mark on this historic structure.
Thank you for you time.

Name: Sharon Gage
Date: February 19, 2026 7:51:50 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Melinda Mallari
Date: February 19, 2026 7:53:39 am

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Name: Bobbie Willard
Date: February 19, 2026 7:54:16 am

This needs to stop completely and now. The destruction of the 'People's House' and incredible history that has already been demolished is sad & disturbing. The fact that proper procedures were not followed also should mean the one who ordered it should pay for it...NOT ONE penny if tax payer $.....full restoration!

Name: Robert Moore
Date: February 19, 2026 7:54:18 am

Have Trump personally pay to have the outside of the East Wing put back the way it was. Then build a smaller ballroom one that fits the space.

Name: Kelly Cintron
Date: February 19, 2026 7:55:55 am

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Name: Jeffrey Kass
Date: February 19, 2026 7:56:22 am

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Name: Cheri Bach
Date: February 19, 2026 7:57:01 am

Dear Commission,
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I don't see it in any way as a 'modernization project' but rather a complete razing of American history and unnecessary spending of money at a time when we are in debt. I want this project canceled immediately. Clean up the site and walk away. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melinda Zaviska
Date: February 19, 2026 7:58:25 am

I am adamantly opposed to this project. The size of this addition overshadows the size of the White House which is against the lawful guidelines. This also will take funds from other necessary areas: health care, child care, FEMA. Why is this president allowed to break the law with no consequences?

Name: Anne Dailey
Date: February 19, 2026 7:58:34 am

I was so sad when the East Wing of the White House was torn down so quickly and without following the proper review and consultation process. American history destroyed before our eyes - for a ballroom? The East Wing is tragically gone - but it should not be replaced by a poorly designed garish ballroom. Thank you for taking my comment.

Name: Cheri Bach
Date: February 19, 2026 7:58:38 am

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Name: Hugh Fudenberg
Date: February 19, 2026 7:59:04 am

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Name: DOUG FROST
Date: February 19, 2026 8:01:05 am

Building a giant ballroom to feed an authoritarian’s ego violates everything our democracy stands for. Do not approve this project!

Name: Kat Warner
Date: February 19, 2026 8:02:23 am

The destruction that has occurred already is unforgivable. The White House is the People"s House and for a single individual to destroy our common history is horrifying. And for a ballroom of all things. A place that the people will never use, benefit from or be proud of. Something that represents the gilded rich not the people of this country. I know it's impossible to repair the damage done but please do not allow this abomination to continue.

Name: Kelly Lively
Date: February 19, 2026 8:03:28 am

I oppose this wasteful project that doesn’t celebrate our country but seeks to agrandize one man. This project began without review and is an example of extreme waste and abuse of power. The only money that should be spent on the Whitehouse is that which would restore it to its historic glory.

Name: Susan St Louis
Date: February 19, 2026 8:03:34 am

Do not allow Trump to proceed with this. The wing needs to be put back exactly as it was!!

Name: Job Youshushaei
Date: February 19, 2026 8:03:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The restoration of the East Wing should be funded by the donations that were accepted to build the ballroom and not be funded by taxpayers.

Name: logan Edwards
Date: February 19, 2026 8:04:46 am

I oppose the construction of a tax-payer funded ballroom extension on the White House. The current administration should be held accountable for such a project that bypasses proper legislation for federal construction projects.

Name: Carolyn Egeli
Date: February 19, 2026 8:05:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Colleen Palmer
Date: February 19, 2026 8:05:12 am

Commissioners:
The East Wing Modernization Project appears to be an attempt by the current occupant of the Oval Office to make over the Capitol of the United States in his own image. He does not seem to recognize that the Capitol is public property, not his private property. He completely bypassed the procedures necessary to lawfully undertake this unnecessary, destructive, and frankly ugly project. He should be fined in the amount it will take for the restoration of East Wing to its original size, historical style, and function. The American People should not pay one penny to subsidize his massive blunder.

Name: Cathy Stepka
Date: February 19, 2026 8:05:56 am

I oppose the razing of the people's East Wing of the White House which is an historic monument that will be built to suit the taste of a very gauche man. It should be rebuilt as it was originally designed. Destroying public property is unlawful and unethical, no matter who claims to speak for the people.

Name: Mark Norwood
Date: February 19, 2026 8:06:15 am

I strongly oppose the so-called "East Wing Modernization Project." It was launched without proper authorization, without required permits, and without legitimate design review. That is not modernization; it is demolition disguised as progress. You don't modernize history by bulldozing it.

We were lied to, this project does not update the East Wing—it erases it. It trades architectural heritage for vanity construction and treats the rule of law as a nuisance to be sidestepped. Public buildings, especially those that belong to the American people, are not personal canvases for unchecked ambition.

I call for this project to be halted immediately. The East Wing must be rebuilt and faithfully restored to its original design. Those who authorized and advanced this unlawful undertaking must be held accountable.

No one is above the law—not private citizens, not public officials, not even presidents. To allow this project to proceed without consequences would not merely damage a building; it would damage the principle that laws bind us all. And once that principle is weakened, it is far harder to rebuild than any historic building.

Name: Lea Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:06:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

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Name: Ellen Brand
Date: February 19, 2026 8:06:33 am

Please stop this project. It is not needed and will destroy the Capital's appearance. Trump just likes to destroy whatever he can. He is an idiot.

Name: Felicia Schneberg
Date: February 19, 2026 8:07:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ali Frost
Date: February 19, 2026 8:08:30 am

Put the money towards helping real people not destroying history.
Don't glorify fascist. Laws apply to everyone, even rich and powerful.

Name: Richelle Barber
Date: February 19, 2026 8:08:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project completely canceled/thrown out. This is the people's house and I demand that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored back to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This should also be paid for by the people that broke the law and allowed it to happen in the first place.

Thank you.
Richelle Barber

Name: Janet Giardina
Date: February 19, 2026 8:08:53 am

The East Wing must be returned to its original condition, respecting its historical design and value, with only updates to materials used for strength and preservation. It should be funded using private funds collected by the president and not be any cost to taxpayers.

Name: John Gattorn
Date: February 19, 2026 8:09:21 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mark Neuwirth
Date: February 19, 2026 8:09:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Granlund
Date: February 19, 2026 8:10:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gary Hertzog
Date: February 19, 2026 8:11:14 am

Please stop the demolishing & construction of the East Wing. The president has consistently lied about the facts of his ball room construction. While it may not be possible to return the East Wing, we need responsible & educated people to study & build a replacement addition that fits into the beauty of the current structures already in existence---not something that is just big in size & dwarfs the current White House. Thank You.

Name: Thomas Coil
Date: February 19, 2026 8:11:32 am

The East Wing being demolished without proper authorization, the proposed Ballroom should not be built on public property.

The donated funds should be used to fully restore the East Wing to modern standards. If not feasible, perhaps the area can be naturalized - new rose garden or public park to memorialize Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

Name: Alyson Buchalter
Date: February 19, 2026 8:11:33 am

Illegally destroying the East Wing of the White house, a piece of American History, without proper authorization, permits and design review is despicable. It should not be rewarded with control of the design of it's replacement. There is a reason National Preservation and Trust has rules for any major changes in OUR White House. (Compete replacement is 'major'). The new East Wing should have improvements but remain in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. It's function should not be wasted on a vanity space. A gilded ballroom is not what the East Wing was originally built for. It is NOT what should be built in it's place. Restore it's function as a working part of the White House as it was intended before it was so violently destroyed.

Name: Janis Meyer
Date: February 19, 2026 8:11:41 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Now that it has been demolished without review, the project must not be continued until the proper procedures are followed. The new construction must be proportional to the rest of the building.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Additionally, this section of the White House should not be named for any person, as it is "the people's house".

Name: Heidi Stanczak
Date: February 19, 2026 8:12:06 am

I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project, which was launched without the required authorization,

permits, or design review. This is not a thoughtful modernization effort; it is the wholesale destruction of a historic American landmark. The East Wing was torn down before Congress granted approval—an action that reflects reckless disregard for established legal and constitutional processes.

President Trump's decision to move forward in what can only be described as a political temper tantrum undermines the rule of law and the system of checks and balances that governs federal projects of this scale. No individual, including the President, is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without accountability for those who bypassed legal requirements would send a dangerous message and diminish respect for the institutions that safeguard our democracy.

While we cannot undo the loss of the historic East Wing, any effort to rebuild it must proceed through the established checks and balances required for federal projects. The restoration should be subject to full congressional approval and guided by qualified historical architects selected through a bipartisan process, ensuring transparency, integrity, and respect for our shared national heritage.

Name: Adriana Polesel
Date: February 19, 2026 8:12:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jean Witt
Date: February 19, 2026 8:12:48 am

It was heartbreaking to see how the East Wing was so quickly torn down.
This is the people's house and should not be a ballroom for the elite.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Tanja Deshida
Date: February 19, 2026 8:14:22 am

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Name: Claudia Martin
Date: February 19, 2026 8:14:48 am

This destruction of the East Wing to build a ballroom is not what any Americans wanted or approved. Trump's vanity project much be stopped..

Name: Alison Brennan
Date: February 19, 2026 8:14:54 am

Regarding the building of a new ballroom and the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House:

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Name: Larry-Diana Caudell
Date: February 19, 2026 8:16:19 am

My wife and I were 100% against the tearing down of our historic East Wing of the White House by the arrogant supposed leader. This has been historic portion of the White House. It has all been done unlawfully for the president's vanity project. It is the property of the people and not the president's. This absolutely outrageous. Him or his donors must replaced back to original state. Those that are involved must be held accountable.

Name: Gina Renzi
Date: February 19, 2026 8:18:58 am

I oppose the spending of over $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Albamonte
Date: February 19, 2026 8:19:01 am

Stop this project from continuing, and stop the president from destroying more historic spaces.

Name: Jane Steele
Date: February 19, 2026 8:19:03 am

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Name: Cynthia Franck
Date: February 19, 2026 8:19:10 am

The people's house belongs to all of us and this project should never have been started. The destruction of our beautiful and beloved house breaks my heart. The ONLY acceptable solution to this is to halt it immediately and then build an exact replica of the original. Unfortunately, we can't rebuild history, but we can stop its destruction. Please do everything in your power to ensure this happens. Thank you for the work you do on our behalf.

Name: Jackie Chandler
Date: February 19, 2026 8:19:29 am

I oppose this project and am not happy that it has proceeded this far without proper steps being taken. History has been destroyed.

Name: Nancy Hynes
Date: February 19, 2026 8:19:30 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Lisa Wamsley
Date: February 19, 2026 8:20:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project aging to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Zahra Nwabara
Date: February 19, 2026 8:20:27 am

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.
It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE WHO TORE IT DOWN WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION. Not using taxes paid by the American people because none of us voted for this.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Cook
Date: February 19, 2026 8:20:29 am

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Name: Jocelyn Stenberg
Date: February 19, 2026 8:20:59 am

Will you also go down in history as paving the way for a law abiding democracy to fall into the abyss of fascism?

Name: Dr. Robert Banasik
Date: February 19, 2026 8:21:23 am

I oppose the spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction and repudiation of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michal Millrod
Date: February 19, 2026 8:22:51 am

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization project. Using private donations breaches ethical standards. The scale is grotesque and it will cost taxpayers in upkeep. It was a crime to demolish the people's house before official approval of the plan.

Name: Nina Granlund
Date: February 19, 2026 8:23:34 am

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Name: Cabrini Rudnick
Date: February 19, 2026 8:24:11 am

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Name: Anne Raham
Date: February 19, 2026 8:24:31 am

I am strongly opposed to a 90,000 sq foot addition to the White House. The design of this is a monstrosity. It will completely overshadow the White House - the PEOPLE's house. The beautiful central White House building should always be the focal point of this historical site. Any additions should be subtle, tasteful, and never distract from the main building. My preference is to restore the East Wing as it originally existed with whatever modernizations are needed to the interior. Please do not let the peoples house be disfigured with a gawdy addition that will forever be a stain on this beloved house.

Name: Elizabeth Anderson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:25:07 am

The White House is the Peoples' House, not a Trump real estate holding. I vehemently oppose this construction proposal. The project commenced without legally required authorization, permits, design approval, or public health oversight. An aesthetic nightmare, it grows larger, gaudier, and more costly with each subsequent design iteration. Construction must stop immediately, and the East Wing should be fully restored to its former configuration. Allowing this illegal boondoggle to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would insult our nation and its traditions.

Name: Kathy pitts
Date: February 19, 2026 8:25:38 am

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Name: Carlos Figueredo
Date: February 19, 2026 8:26:51 am

Destruction of a historical building is an insane way of dealing with a situation of necessity. Donald Trump lied to the American public. He clearly sang said "no damage would be done " to the original White House by the addition,

He should be made to pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing.

Name: Sherrill Kirchhoff
Date: February 19, 2026 8:27:31 am

I agree, totally, with the comments of a previous citizen who most eloquenty expressed not only her views, but mine as well. I was heart-broken to see photos of the destruction that oblterated a part of the White House, the People's House. It is not the private domaine of a single indiviudal, no matter what office that person holds. This is America; no person is above the law.

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Name: Bettie Pleasant
Date: February 19, 2026 8:28:26 am

I think that the demolition of the East Wing was an unlawful act and the person responsible should be punished. No one is above the law. The rebuilding of it should be in keeping with the architecture of the current the White House. This is an American landmark not President Trump’s private residence. It will be here long after he is gone. Please preserve the architectural integrity of the people’s White House.

Name: Donna Winton
Date: February 19, 2026 8:28:46 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was a travesty, done without any appropriate review, oversight, or consideration of history and significance. I oppose the spending of $300 million on transforming its ruins into a vanity project ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and which is envisioned to be entirely out of proportion to the White House as a whole. It is not a "modernization" project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Megan McGivney
Date: February 19, 2026 8:30:12 am

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Megan McGivney

Name: Melinda Dial
Date: February 19, 2026 8:32:57 am

I oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $400M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Brenda Broleman
Date: February 19, 2026 8:33:48 am

Please STOP the BALLROOM!!!! Bring AMERICA'S house back to its original splendor!!!!!

Name: Janet Applegate
Date: February 19, 2026 8:34:36 am

I oppose the demolition of the East awing to build a ball room. This project was started without proper authorization and it is not the best interests of the American people. The new ballroom will be a sour reminder of a failed system if it is allowed to be completed.

Name: Lynn Britt
Date: February 19, 2026 8:34:46 am

This plan should be stopped. Rebuild to former footprint and charge the people who did not follow required permitting for the rebuild. Wait to formally rebuild until the American people can be involved.

Name: Greer McGrath Zeitts
Date: February 19, 2026 8:35:45 am

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Name: Brian Klein
Date: February 19, 2026 8:37:25 am

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Name: Margaret Hoke
Date: February 19, 2026 8:37:36 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom. It was wrong to demolish the East Wing without going through proper channels. And it's wrong to build a gaudy ballroom for the elites in the People's House just to satisfy a certain person's ego.
It's a gross misuse of funds and a betrayal of trust.

Name: Nancy Harby
Date: February 19, 2026 8:38:53 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

History is watching. Please do the right thing for ourselves and our posterity.

Name: Jessica Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 8:38:55 am

This project is pathetic and unnecessary. There are people who can’t pay bills or buy groceries due to rising costs, ICE is murdering people in the streets and many can’t afford healthcare. We have many bigger priorities for Americans to fund than this project. Focus on the people you are supposed to be serving and not yourself or the agenda for once please.

Name: Wayde Weston
Date: February 19, 2026 8:39:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The White House, the “People’s House”, belongs to the American People. The current President is treating it as his own personal Lego set, to build up and knock down at his will. This cannot be permitted.

Name: Kathy Erndl
Date: February 19, 2026 8:39:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million plus on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at Trump's expense. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laurel Wanat
Date: February 19, 2026 8:42:05 am

In short, I'm utterly opposed to this project. This is an abomination. First they tear down a historical piece of American history without any authorization, and then they plan to rebuild it as a monument to one man's ego. I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this monstrosity, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a vanity project, and I cannot for the life of me understand why it's been allowed to get this far. The project should be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This is absurd and absolutely against everything this country was supposed to stand for.

Name: Christy Williams
Date: February 19, 2026 8:42:22 am

I oppose this project for several reasons.
1) The Whitehouse is housing for our countries elected President & family and a symbol of the separation in our 3 branches of government, not an entertainment venue.
2) The number of state dinners and similar events is 3 to 5 per year on average. At a cost of $400 million, even with private funding, the annual upkeep and maintenance will be paid by the taxpayers. Rent the tent!
3) It's gastly over building. The area around the Whitehouse is already cluttered and congested, this expansion will not only add to the chaos but serve to further separate the President from We the People.
4) This administration, essentially throwing a tantrum, and demolishing the East Wing ahead of required approvals, which

now must be repaired regardless of the modernization project, is no reason to move forward with the ballroom. In the public sector, asking forgiveness instead of permission does not work, this is not a private business nor private home. Any funds donated to date should be used for the repairs.

Thank you,

Name: Wanda L. De Coteau
Date: February 19, 2026 8:42:53 am

The unautorized demolition of the East wing to serve an ego fueled project
is another unnecessary and unwarranted "defacing" of an historic building.

This act is work than the effort to made one of the People's buildings resemble some Oligarch's or Royal's Palace, not the home of a democratic representative.

That desecration should have never been started and all efforts shoould be made to have the structure restored. (At Mr Trump and family's expense)

Name: Ty West
Date: February 19, 2026 8:43:24 am

I want this ill-concieved, unapproved project stopped and a much more appropriate, scaled down design commissioned for the east wing of the White House. Size mattera.

Name: Ginger Desmond
Date: February 19, 2026 8:43:30 am

The destruction of the former East Wing without propper approvals in place was an assault on the American people. A ballroom addition that overwhelms the scale of the White House is inappropriate and entirely unnecessary. Funding of this proposed project through "donations" is also of a dubious nature given the corruption of the current WhiteHouse occupant.
This project should not be approved and the former East Wing restored at Trump's expense.

Name: Gail Garbutt
Date: February 19, 2026 8:44:16 am

DJT has destroyed our house! The American people must be heard about its reconstruction. I agree with all points made by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Name: Patty Conway
Date: February 19, 2026 8:44:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project which has been handled without proper approvals, permit or design review. It is tearing down history with no input from anyone. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all Americans.

Name: Rebecca Huff
Date: February 19, 2026 8:44:22 am

Please rebuild the east wing of the White House and dismiss any idea of a grand ballroom. I hope charges will be pursued against all those involved in illegally tearing down the original. This property belongs to the American people and not to any one individual.

Attachment

Name: Katie Romig
Date: February 19, 2026 8:45:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Rogers
Date: February 19, 2026 8:46:13 am

I am whole heartedly against this, it is a project that was created to appeal to the president’s vanity. This needs to be stopped and the west wing repaired!

Name: Michal Levine
Date: February 19, 2026 8:46:59 am

I am vehemently opposed to the east wing modernization project. Using private donations breaches an ethical line. It will cost taxpayers for upkeep anyhow. It is out of scale with the historic Whitehouse. This is thr people's house and it should never have been destroyed without going through proper channels.

Name: Anne Kennedy
Date: February 19, 2026 8:48:23 am

The destruction of our historic East wing without regard for regulations protecting our whitehouse is an unfathomable wound perpetrated against every American. I believe this crime should be corrected by rebuilding the wing and restoring it as much as possible to its original design. I believe there would be massive support for erasing the results of the crime, and no one person should ever destroy our heritage in this way again.

Name: Ginger Futch
Date: February 19, 2026 8:49:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. Further more I would like to see ms Kennedys Rose Garden re established.

Name: Nancy Conybeare
Date: February 19, 2026 8:49:03 am

Trump's destruction of the historical East Wing which belongs to the citizens of the US, is one among a myriad of travesties he has committed. I would like to see his ballroom construction halted. Also, his taste is hideously garish and I do not want that to represent my country.

Name: Marty Garges
Date: February 19, 2026 8:49:43 am

I was shocked when I saw photos of the East Wing of Our White House being bulldozed to the ground! Why would the

American People's House be treated this way? Why had the process, that is explicitly outlined to protect our historic buildings, Not Been Followed? And been so brazenly been Ignored by the president of our country?

I believe this may be the only chance that the American people have to register their disbelief and abhorrent disgust of the actions that caused this to happen as well as the next building, a ballroom, that is to be erected again, without going through the normal procedures. Even the name of the project does not accurately describe what is taking place.

According to historian, Heather Cox Richardson, in her Letters from an American on February 16, 2026,
"In 1789, when George Washington took the oath of office as the first president of the United States of America, no one knew what to expect of leaders in a democratic republic. Washington understood that anything he did would become the standard for anyone who came after him. "I walk on untrodden ground," he wrote in 1790, the year after he assumed the office of the presidency. "There is scarcely any part of my conduct w[hi]ch may not hereafter be drawn into precedent."

In the ensuing years since Washington's shining example, many laws and procedures have been enacted to protect our buildings, such as the White House. We CANNOT let this go on without doing everything we can to force the procedures be followed and followed to THE LETTER.
Thank you.

Name: Melonie Carlson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:49:49 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project as written to spend $300+ million dollars to build a ballroom of undetermined size and cost. This proposal for a grand ballroom serves no true purpose beyond limited and infrequent use that would never justify the costs and expense. The White House is and has always been the People's House. The now destroyed East Wing was how we came to visit and love this cherished landmark that has been such a part of our history. I request that the East Wing be rebuilt to its former glory, use and design. Any modernizations of the original structure could be done at that time as it is rebuilt back to its former beauty using all the original furnishings.
I thank you for the opportunity.

Name: Richard Ferenci
Date: February 19, 2026 8:50:32 am

I beg of you - PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE the current plan for the ballroom. The scale and design are totally inappropriate.

This project should NOT be designed and approved based on the whims of one man. It should go through the appropriate vetting process and include a range of architectural experts. It will be a sad day for Washingtonians and Americans if this project is bullied through and approved because the responsible committees don't have the courage to stand up to Donald Trump.

Name: Rachel Tanenblatt
Date: February 19, 2026 8:50:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Black
Date: February 19, 2026 8:50:49 am

The visual image of the east wing torn down, seemed like a symbol of the destructiveness of this administration. The law was completely ignored in raising the east wing it's a raising of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the Eastwing rebuild and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and those who have broken the law should be penalized.

Name: Cynthia Gilbert
Date: February 19, 2026 8:51:09 am

I flatly oppose the reckless expenditure of $300 million on a project that was launched without proper authorization, required permits, or any legal design review. This is not a modernization effort - it is the deliberate dismantling of an important piece of American heritage.

This undertaking represents a profound disregard for both our history and the rule of law, and it must be halted immediately. The project should be terminated in its entirety, and the East Wing must be faithfully rebuilt and restored to its original design.
No individual, agency, or administration stands above the law. Allowing this unlawful project to proceed without accountability undermines public trust and insults every American citizen. This illegal his destructive course must be reversed without delay.

Name: Catherine Sell
Date: February 19, 2026 8:51:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dale Lyles
Date: February 19, 2026 8:52:28 am

I oppose this project from the ground up. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; it was an illegal erasure of our history in the service of one man’s monstrous ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If he wants his name to be remembered, he might think about actually doing things that help our nation and its people.

Name: LeAnn Clark
Date: February 19, 2026 8:54:01 am

This whole project is obscene. Protocol for historical building preservation was not followed. Laws were broken. The east wing was demolished without the proper permits. This is not the United States of Trump. He clearly wants everything he can think of to be a homage to him - airports, bridges, statues, the White House. Everything about this is gross. Please stop the prostitution of our White House and our country. The wealthy people who are supposedly paying for this ballroom are clearly buying political favors.

Name: C Wallace
Date: February 19, 2026 8:54:18 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper permitting or authorization review. The destruction of the East Wing is the result of a fascist leader's diabolical temper tantrum. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design and the costs of it should be made by those who broke the law and participated in this assault on American history.

Name: Beverly Burns
Date: February 19, 2026 8:55:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shelley Dunn Eversole
Date: February 19, 2026 8:55:52 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: seth schwarzman
Date: February 19, 2026 8:56:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: donna snyder
Date: February 19, 2026 8:56:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Donna Snyder

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Name: susan mitchell
Date: February 19, 2026 8:56:39 am

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this East Wing project.
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this modernization does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.”
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible.
No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

Name: Julie Kamyszek
Date: February 19, 2026 8:57:37 am

I wholeheartedly object to this defacing and destruction of our beloved whitehouse. The fact that this "project" and the decimation of this historic building was begun without proper authority and planning makes it even more egregious. I demand it be restored to its former state NOW! Someone should be prosecuted for this immediately!

Name: Joanne Sorenson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:57:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
I want this project canceled, and the east wing rebuilt, and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to

permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans. Thank you.

Name: Dana Warren
Date: February 19, 2026 8:57:45 am

I oppose this project and would like the east wing restored to its original state. The $300 million spent is a waste of my tax dollars. Demolition was done illegally, destroying a piece of our history. The idea that wealthy donors “promised” to fund this project is abhorrent to me. The promises were only made to curry favor with the government. Also, that only one American has been able to demolish the east wing without a future plan is ridiculous. The size he purports alone will detract from the White House’s former beauty. We are not assured anywhere that this project will see a completion date. Based on past promises, I sincerely doubt it.

Name: Janet Gottschalk
Date: February 19, 2026 8:57:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carolyn Weckstrom
Date: February 19, 2026 8:58:19 am

I feel the destruction of the East Wing and the beginning of the construction of a huge ballroom has been done without the proper oversight for the peoples’ house. I would like the east wind built back as it was and the construction of the ballroom to halt.

Name: Janis Salcfas
Date: February 19, 2026 8:58:22 am

I oppose the ballroom project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Randa Hightower
Date: February 19, 2026 8:59:00 am

No one is above the law. This project was illegally processed and should not have happened. STOP any continuation of this project until this criminal is out of the People’s House.

Name: Kristin Lawrence
Date: February 19, 2026 8:59:43 am

This was a horrible thing to do to our White House. It wiped out some of our history. It was done without the consent of the people. It is extremely wasteful. Disgusting!

Name: Susan Nelson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:59:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens of the United States.

Name: Laurie Justice
Date: February 19, 2026 8:59:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joan Frost
Date: February 19, 2026 9:00:17 am

I oppose this project which was instituted without proper authorization. The people's house which is the four-year home of POTUS does not mean that there is no oversight by the people's representatives. This "modernization" should be halted until proper oversight is put in place.

Name: JULYNE Stanton
Date: February 19, 2026 9:01:15 am

This project should be stopped and the East Wing restored to its former state. This project is an affront to the American people and unlawful. This vanity project disks not go through the lawful process and procedures required for a major renovation to an historic building so important to the history of the United States citizens. The project should be stopped, the East Wing restored and the people who committed these acts punished accordingly.

Name: Carolyn Zimmerman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:01:19 am

I oppose the "modernization" project regarding the East Wing of the White House. This project was begun without proper permitting or review and should be required to under go both BEFORE consummation. Rather than being a "modernization" it feels like an erasure of American history. The taxpayers had no say through representation or otherwise regarding this project, only the billionaires who supposedly funded this project. Our national security has been undermined by the demolition of the underground bunker also.

I believe the East Wing should be restored to it original glory and the money contributed to build this monstrous "ballroom" should be used for the restoration.

Thank you,

Carolyn Zimmerman

Name: Carrie Ripple
Date: February 19, 2026 9:01:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I oppose billionaires having this kind of access to our president and our White House.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Terry Buckley
Date: February 19, 2026 9:01:36 am

I am totally against the modernization of the east wing of the White House. This never should've been started without proper authorization. As far as I'm concerned, it never should've been started at all. The American people are going through way too much financial difficulty at this time, and I'm pretty sure billion dollar donors are not going to cover the cost. I would like to have the White House restored to its previous glory but not during this presidency. I'm appalled that this was allowed to happen and want the remainder of this term living in the eyesoar that was created. And I would like all involved in the tearing down of the left wing of the White House to be criminally prosecuted, but that might be the job for another department.

Name: Milla Kharchenko
Date: February 19, 2026 9:02:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Jonathan Watts
Date: February 19, 2026 9:03:34 am

I oppose the proposed $300 million expenditure on this project, which appears to have advanced without appropriate authorization, permitting, or comprehensive design review. In my view, this effort represents not a modernization but a significant alteration of a historically meaningful structure. I respectfully request that the project be halted and that the East Wing instead be preserved and restored in a manner consistent with its original design and historical character. It is important that all development activities adhere to established legal and regulatory requirements, and allowing this project to proceed without accountability for any procedural deficiencies would undermine public confidence in those standards.

Name: Geraldine Piccard
Date: February 19, 2026 9:04:29 am

Restore the East Wing, please. The Rose Garden has been razed and is now a cement patio. I don't recall discussion before that destruction. Then the East Wing was demolished, without approval by the National Historical Trust, for a ballroom that would get very little use at a cost of $300 million. If the White House needs upgrading to keep with current codes, it can be done without forsaking the simple beauty of the people's house.

Name: Heather Wells
Date: February 19, 2026 9:05:46 am

I am opposed to the expansion of the east wing. The demolition of the historic east wing was done without proper permits and requests, this is the people's house and it has been desecrated by this administration.

Name: Marie Doyle
Date: February 19, 2026 9:06:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Towse
Date: February 19, 2026 9:08:28 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Stephen Waxman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:10:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Alguire
Date: February 19, 2026 9:10:50 am

This is an unnecessary project. It’s a Trump vanity project. The White House has always been a symbol of our great nation. Now it is reduced to rubble with sketchy details of an abominable rebuild. Going forward we don’t need a permanent reminder of this disastrous period in our nation’s history. The east wing needs to be restored to its original structure.

Name: Mary Dempsey
Date: February 19, 2026 9:11:09 am

I am opposed to the construction of the oversized ballroom for many reasons. It was decided without proper permits or authorization from the National Park Service. The entire East Wing as we knew it was demolished without the appropriate approvals. The ballroom is too large and not in keeping with the beautiful White House architecture. A ballroom designed for 600 people, properly designed and not overshadowing the mansion is more in keeping with the rest of the property. The ceiling does not need to be so high. The ballroom does not need to be so outrageously large. Does the new construction replace the rooms that were destroyed when the East Wing was razed ?

Name: Mary Deckman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:11:38 am

The ballroom is a travesty. Our current president does not realize he is a temporary resident, living in MY house. History and good taste are not his strong points, and with his ego in charge, who really knows what grandiose ideas he has. There are many venues in D.C. for ballrooms. Security has to be a factor in having one at the White House. And how much of the grounds of the MY house will be destroyed for his “vision”? We already have a good idea of the answer.

Name: Yasmine Jandali
Date: February 19, 2026 9:11:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kate Gingold
Date: February 19, 2026 9:12:34 am

This project has not been appropriately approved and should be halted. It is using my tax dollars and going forward without my approval through my representatives. My country's history and future should not be decided by one person. Stop the project. Restore the destruction. Penalize those who thought they were above the law that governs decisions such as this.

Name: Julie Kline
Date: February 19, 2026 9:12:44 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jean LeBlanc
Date: February 19, 2026 9:12:56 am

The rebuilding of the East Wing of OUR White House must be subject to public input and professional review. A project of this historical importance should never be designed and executed according to the desires of one individual, or a small group. The laws that govern the replacement of historic monuments in our country must be respected and enforced. Surely someone in our government has the courage to stand up to the dictator and tell him NO!

Name: Rosey Maffei
Date: February 19, 2026 9:13:49 am

It should be titled East Wing Destruction. The East Wing should never have been razed so haphazardly and quickly but that’s trump’s MO. We do not need a 90,000 square foot ballroom that will dwarf the White House. The East Wing must be rebuilt but to the previous size and scale as was torn down. It should not be named after Trump, a convicted felon, racist and rapist.

Name: Vivian Coss
Date: February 19, 2026 9:14:27 am

I am horrified by the disregard this administration has for the rule of law, regulations, thics, and morals. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Anne Hutter
Date: February 19, 2026 9:14:46 am

As the commission and public know, the destruction of the East Wing completely ignored the law and federal regulations. It is an abomination, but that is done. For the future, I urge the commission to consider the existing architecture of the White House in any decisions made to reconstruct the East Wing. It must be in keeping with that design, to present to the Nation and the world a unified (to the greatest degree possible) vision of the People's House. One person's preferences regardless of who they are must not be allowed to dominate both the appearance and function of any new structure that will stand for decades, hopefully centuries to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Victoria Hutter

Name: Beth Alexander
Date: February 19, 2026 9:14:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Yasmine Jandali
Date: February 19, 2026 9:14:55 am

I not only oppose but am EXTREMELY AGAINST the spending of the ghastly amount of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated ILLEGALLY without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Because of this a piece of beautiful American history over 100 years old has been erased and demolished and bulldozed as if it was garbage. This project should be immediately canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, not the gaudy fake trump design, but the elegant, tasteful design before him. And trump should pay out of his own pocket. He and his family have already fleeced taxpayers out of billions, and benefitted billions more in corrupt schemes since taking office. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all those who abide by the law. This is the people's house. Not trump's house, and he had NO RIGHTS WHATSOEVER to damage and destroy it in the way that he has done!!

Name: Carol Bova
Date: February 19, 2026 9:17:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law.

Please stop this madness!

Name: Mary Ellen Hughes
Date: February 19, 2026 9:17:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. As a taxpaying American citizen, I am first of all appalled that the project was initiated in secrecy, with the demolition of the East Wing covered from public view and done without required prior approval. Such illegal action should not be rewarded.

Second, the proposed ballroom is outsized, dwarfing the White Houst itself. The White House is meant to conduct government business and house the first family. Entertaining guests is a minor need, and entertaining huge numbers of guests is ridiculous. If anything is built to replace the unfortunate loss of the former East Wing, it should be functional - working office space - and in proportion to the existing part of the White House.

I recommend common sense and adherence to the law to guide the repair of our country's most important structure.

Name: Deborah Kile
Date: February 19, 2026 9:18:10 am

Stop this desecration of our White House. We should preserve our history, not obliterate it.

Name: patti messina
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, The scale of the new design is spectacularly out of proportion to the rest of the White House. No one is one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I am not opposed to updating the East Wing with current security and safety features.

Name: Carl Drexler
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:26 am

I oppose spending public funds on this project which was put forward without the proper oversight or review. It has already been an abominable defacement of one of our national icons and the string of events leading to its present state has been a source of both national division and international shame. It is unfathomable that this was initiated in the first place. The only reasonable use of public funds in this case is to use them to restore the building to its previous condition and appearance.

Name: Beth Schuett
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kim Alberts
Date: February 19, 2026 9:20:01 am

Destroying the East Wing of the White House to build a "ballroom" was a travesty. It was done without approval, planning, consideration, or purpose. This destroyed an American Icon, known throughout the world as a source of democracy. No where in the US could someone begin a project of this magnitude without consultation, permitting, approval from zoning, historical foundations, and time for public sentiments. For it to be destroyed in days without any notice or legal process further demonstrates the destructiveness, lack of respect, and failure to consider anyone else exhibited throughout trump's presidency.
This must be rectified in the most historically accurate and appropriate means possible without trump's involvement or the blood money supposedly donated by corporations.
This was a criminal act committed by trump and should be punished as so.
Kim Alberts

Name: Monica Neiderman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:20:19 am

We do not need a ballroom. We should have the elegant East Wing replaced in all his historical grandeur and his expense. He did this without permission, permit or discussion with appropriate people. So he can pay to restore The People's House!

Name: Carol Gray
Date: February 19, 2026 9:21:34 am

The razing of the East Wing in the proverbial dead of night is criminal desecration of a Federal monument.I oppose the spending of $300 million (or more) on a ballroom vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: David McWilliams
Date: February 19, 2026 9:22:18 am

I am very concerned with the planned East Wing Modernization. First the east wing was illegally torn down prior to any review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) or the public. The destruction of an historic building in our nation's Capital is unforgivable and a great loss for our country. Second, the proposed structure is vastly larger than the former east wing, dwarfing the historic White House and West Wing. This ostentatious structure sends the wrong signal to our citizens and the world that the USA is now a monarchy rather than a democracy, a country run by the rich few and not the people. The White House is the "People's House" and it's appearance should represent that. I was honored to be in attendance when my aunt received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Bush in 2003. I know that she would be rolling over in her grave seeing this totally inappropriate structure being proposed for the White House. Please reject this proposal and find a way to rebuild the destroyed East Wing.
Respectfully,
David McWilliams

Name: Becky Slane
Date: February 19, 2026 9:22:20 am

The flagrant disregard of the laws of the country must stop. This disrespect cannot be memorialized with this building project on the people’s house. IT MUST STOP HERE. This project must not go forward. It is a stain on this nation.

Name: Antonia McGuire
Date: February 19, 2026 9:22:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stewart Chute
Date: February 19, 2026 9:23:08 am

I wish to emphatically state that the proposed modifications are inappropriate as they do not serve the purpose or style of the White House and they detract from our nation’s democratic traditions.

Name: Yokochi Laura
Date: February 19, 2026 9:24:01 am

I was horrified by the destruction of the beautiful, historic East Wing. This was done without permission or public input. This belongs to we, the people, not any temporary resident. Most presidents have shown respect for the White House and have understood that they are living in a house that doesn't belong to them. This administration has no respect for history and has desicrated the memory of all the first ladies who worked and held events in the East Wing. They, and everyone involved in this tragedy must be held accountable (including the demolition company). The cost of rebuilding must be

paid with their funds, not our tax money. The new East wing should be in keeping with the scale and architecture of the White House.

Name: Brittany Stevens
Date: February 19, 2026 9:26:33 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop the madness!

Name: Elo Noormets
Date: February 19, 2026 9:26:58 am

The White House East Wing and Rose Garden should be rebuilt as an exact replica of the original. It was illegally demolished without the permission of the American People.

Name: William Ochester
Date: February 19, 2026 9:27:29 am

I was appalled at President Trump’s decision to demolish the East Wing of the White House. As a historic building belonging to the People, the White House should have been protected from the thoughtless destruction by this man, who has a long history of abuse of privilege. He should be punished to the full extent of the law, and required to use his “immense wealth” to finance the full restoration of this building. Under no circumstances should he be allowed to move forward with construction of his gaudy and unnecessary ballroom.

Name: Julanne Shimada
Date: February 19, 2026 9:27:29 am

I am absolutely disgusted by the East Wing Modernization Project. I am appalled that The People’s House was destroyed in such a manner, without going through the proper channels. I don’t know why action wasn’t taken to prevent this. The White House, which has so much significance in American history, has been decimated. The East Wing should be restored at the president’s expense and measures should be taken to ensure something like this never happens again.

Sincerely,

Julanne Shimada

Name: Kathleen Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 9:27:53 am

I write today as an American citizen who has always revered the White House and what it represents. I was heartbroken when the East Wing and rose garden were demolished. Upon finding out that the proper protocol was not followed to make changes to the People’s House, I was outraged; although, I admit, not surprised. The American people have no need for a ballroom in the White House, particularly when it’s slated to be larger than the House itself. The disregard for the House, proper protocols, and the American people by this administration should not be disregarded, and the East Wing and rose garden should be rebuilt to their former glory and no further changes should be allowed by this administration.

Thank you,
Kathleen (Kate) Jones

Name: Diane Neese
Date: February 19, 2026 9:28:21 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: David Haar
Date: February 19, 2026 9:28:25 am

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Name: Robert White
Date: February 19, 2026 9:28:29 am

I say no to this. Permissions weren't granted and the public wasn't informed. It should be stopped until proper procedures are followed and punishment for not following the law should be enforced.

Name: Krisia Rosa
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:02 am

I am an architect who worked in DC for several years. In my opinion it’s the most attractive cities in the US, from L’Enfant’s original layout, to the well sited monuments and museums and the natural beauty of Rock Creek Park. Much of its attractiveness is due to restraint, such as the city’s building height restrictions. The Proposed East Wing Modernization Project is totally out of proportion to the existing historic structure. Proceeding with this scheme will turn the White House into the laughing stock of historic buildings.

Name: Debora Stinner
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:09 am

This destruction of history within the "People's House", the White House without proper authorization and input from the people needs to be shut down and the bribery money donated for the ballroom should be used to fully restore the East Wing to it's previous size and purpose.

Name: Kari Schmidt
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:19 am

The White House is the people's house. I don't object to modernization and funtionality updates. I do object to massive destruction and indiscriminate change without input and approval from all interested stake holders in accordance with the law. No one, not even a President of the United States, is above the law. I will not cede my voice and I do not consent to continued work on this project absent the oversight required by law. Please do your jobs. Stop this.

Name: Brian Bacchus
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Iris Valanti
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:53 am

To Whom it May Concern:
Please do not allow the president to trample on the majesty of our federal buildings, including the East Wing. Despite his claims, he is NOT an architect, and clearly shows no regard for tradition or grace in architecture. If you allow his "ballroom" design to go forward, not only will you get a monstrosity that dwarfs the White House, but you also know he will attempt to put his name in giant letters on the outside. The president is already an unstable character who is only interested in whatever benefits himself. He betrays American values at every turn. Do you really want the "people's house" to turn into the "twice impeached felon's house"? I realize the effort to prevent this architectural catastrophe may be futile, as it is reported that the president has stacked the relevant boards with his sycophants. But understand if they allow this travesty to go forward, they should be prepared to be outed and roundly ridiculed for their blind servitude to the worst president in American history.

Name: Samara Ayvazian-Hancock
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:55 am

The demolition of the East Wing, wrongly labeled 'modernization' in the title of the project, was carried out without the correct oversight required for historical buildings. As this is not a private residence and does not belong to the Trumps, the aim of this project is not being conducted for the people or with their input. A significant amount of damage has already occurred to the building and it is not permissible that building proceeds without the required committees being allowed their due oversight. As an American citizen this damage has been done to a nationally recognized building that stands in as a symbol of the American presidency, and I feel greatly grieved and frustrated that it has been done without any consultation of those meant to prevent reckless whims and fancies from transforming the landscape of our historical capital. Please stop this project until it can be properly reviewed by those third party individuals and please allow them to carry out the tasks they have been assigned to conduct in ensuring American history is not needlessly destroyed.

Name: C T King
Date: February 19, 2026 9:31:03 am

The White House belongs to the people, not to the President. Therefore, any decisions to modify any part of it should be made by us citizens - and made with consideration to historical significance. Donald Trump tore down the East Wing without any authority to do so, and he should be stopped from building a ballroom or anything else on White House grounds. Period!

Name: Allyson Bailey
Date: February 19, 2026 9:31:53 am

The destruction of the White House East Wing was an act of destructive vandalism, undertaken without the appropriate and required review, consultation, authorization or permits. I am given to understand (though I do not assert this from any expert knowledge of my own) that the demolition was in fact illegal. In addition, I am not aware of any accounting for the contents of the area that was destroyed.

There is absolutely no need for the government to create a new ballroom for official functions, nor am I convinced that all the plans for the rebuild have been made clearly available to the public, so we are unaware of what else is due to be constructed.

The White House East Wing should be rebuilt, decorated and furnished exactly as it was before, where possible with original furnishings and fittings. Where originals are unavailable, their fate must be fully and transparently documented, and they must be replaced to an equivalent standard. The rebuilding and refurnishing must be carried out entirely at the expense of those that sanctioned the original clearance and destruction. American taxpayers must not have to pay to put right something that was never authorized to take place. The rebuild must take place under clear impartial scrutiny to ensure that everything is restored to its original standard, the workmanship is of the highest quality and everything that

belongs to the White House has been returned to it.

If it is determined that any part of the project was unlawful, those responsible must be brought to an appropriate court of law to determine where culpability lies and ensure that it is punished as required by law.

Name: MICHAEL WARD
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathryn Morse
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:21 am

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

I'm retired now, but have worked in Community Development and my office often interacted in work with Historic Preservation specialists and community groups.

I was horrified when the East Wing was demolished without oversight by relevant agencies. I was equally horrified by the sketches of the proposed ballroom. The scale of the proposed building would visually compete with the White House. The proposal looked to me like it violated any guidelines and standards for additions to historic buildings.

Since the East Wing no longer exists, it seems to me that there should be a Commission established to solicit input from historians and preservation experts to determine how to proceed with redeveloping the area. I think the primary questions to answer are: "What is the best use of this area?" and "What should be the footprint and height of any new construction?"

I suspect the best use of the area is what it was before, and that the footprint and height should be the same. And I believe Hillary Clinton, Laura Bush, Michelle Obama and Jill Biden would have wonderful suggestions!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Morse
M.P.A., M.Ed.

Name: Florence Newman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:27 am

The Trump administration forced this project upon the NCPC by razing the East Wing of the White House. It clearly expects the Commission to decide that it is too late to oppose the planned project to replace the previous structure with a “grand ballroom.” Approving the project in any form or size is a capitulation to this administration’s modus operandi of doing as it wishes, regardless of laws, regulations, or public opinion.

Washington. D.C., has already seen the results of this single president’s intention to make over the nation’s capital *irreversibly* in his own image. The time to stop this Trumpification of the city is now. The NCPC has the duty to do so and the rationale to do so in this case, by enforcing existing regulations and heeding the objections of experts in architecture and urban design.

Name: Shelley Irwin
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:28 am

I object to my tax dollars being used to fund a vanity project for a President who will be out of office in a few short years. The White House belongs to all the people of the United States, not just one man. I want the historic East Wing of the White House to be rebuilt and restored as it was before demolition, with construction following current building codes.

Name: Diana Hews Diana Hews
Date: February 19, 2026 9:33:38 am

The East Wing Modernization Project:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Furthermore, is not a modernization project. Instead it is a demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Margaret Bishop
Date: February 19, 2026 9:34:11 am

I oppose any construction at this time on the land where the East Wing of the White House was before it was illegally demolished. I request a thorough investigation into the demolition including charges brought against those who went forward with the destruction without following legal guidelines. Any reconstruction of the East Wing or other building of any kind on this site must not begin until the legal process of consideration and approval is completed with additional time for public comment done in the public sphere.

Name: Diana Wendlandt
Date: February 19, 2026 9:34:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Darcie Dagenbach
Date: February 19, 2026 9:34:52 am

I oppose spending any money regardless of where it came/comes from, for this project. It was initialized unlawfully and is a vanity project at its core. We do not have kings in America and have no need for a ballroom when we have no healthcare. Please cancel this project and protect further destruction of the people’s house.

Name: Marguerite Baldwin
Date: February 19, 2026 9:35:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Becket
Date: February 19, 2026 9:36:01 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The saying "if it's not broke, don't fix it" rings startingly true here. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Becky Jain
Date: February 19, 2026 9:36:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Suzanne Lucas
Date: February 19, 2026 9:37:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not meant to modernize the East Wing but to fully raze the East Wing and the American history that it holds. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and returned to its previous state.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Lucas

Name: Jake Youngman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:37:43 am

The White House design and infrastructure is not only up to the current administration. Please make sure that our shared facility and symbol of freedom for our country is taken care of and preserved properly.

Name: David Askren
Date: February 19, 2026 9:37:51 am

Here are my comments on the proposed ballroom.
1) It is much too large in all its aspects: footprint, height, cost. The scale of this will dwarf the White House and the West Wing. Is a room really needed to accommodate 1000 people? How often does this actually occur? Will it be used for smaller events?
2) Will this building cast shadows on the White House and keep it in the shade?
3) The views out of the White House will be dominated by this building.
4) The interior is too gaudy and makes one think you are in a palace instead of a federal government building. Way too much gold trim and decoration.
5) What will be the future cost of maintaining this building (heat, security, water, staffing, etc.) if it's built?. This will be at the taxpayer expense. If the building is actually not used that often, this expense will be for a huge, empty space.
6) What will the noise level be like on the inside for an event (full capacity or partial capacity)? A large space like this can have terrible acoustics and lots of echoing if there is nothing to help dampen the sound.

The East Wing should not have been demolished until this project was reviewed and commented on. How can this project be called "East Wing Modernization" when the East Wing has already been demolished? How can you modernize something that has been demolished?

I think the money pledged for this ballroom would be put to a much better use by rebuilding the East Wing. This ballroom plan should be scrapped.

Name: Martha Prentice
Date: February 19, 2026 9:38:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Terri McCahill
Date: February 19, 2026 9:39:03 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Patricia Meyer
Date: February 19, 2026 9:39:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Patricia K. Meyer
U.S. Citizen

Name: Mary Youle
Date: February 19, 2026 9:41:08 am

I object to the proposed ballroom and east wing modernization which has begun without proper plans and reviews. The destruction of the east wing was not done with proper reviews and has been environmentally harmful. The proposed ballroom is unnecessarily large and is not being planned consistent with the architectural style and history of the White House. Any changes to the White House and grounds need to be made by a committee of qualified architects consistent with historic preservation guidelines and not the whims of a single person.

Name: Wendy Recore
Date: February 19, 2026 9:41:32 am

It appears this project is just another act of destruction to appease the “ child” in the White House..
The project has no legal standing and has destroyed a historical building for no reason other than his ego…
The amount of resources and money used is such an affront to everyday Americans struggling and needs to be stopped.

Name: Michael von Redlich
Date: February 19, 2026 9:41:35 am

This is an illegal action undertaken without permission or proper jurisdiction. The pedophile felon can not be allowed to desecrate our national treasures to serve his own inflated ego

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Name: Julie Lindberg
Date: February 19, 2026 9:41:45 am

I am opposed to this project which is illegal without documented support from the public through proper channels. The proposed ballroom is out of proportion to the White House which belongs to the American public and not to a political party or person. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt to proper size and paid for by those who performed the illegal demolition.

Name: Daniel Clohossey
Date: February 19, 2026 9:42:52 am

Now that the Wing has been illegally torn down, I want design and construction to be handled by an independent commission with professional, competent oversight on behalf of the American public.

Name: Ted M Holden
Date: February 19, 2026 9:44:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Ginna
Date: February 19, 2026 9:44:45 am

To Whom It May Concern:

Please deny permission for this monstrous ballroom project to go forward in its current form. I do not know a single person who is in favor of this design, which is totally out of scale and ruins the beautiful balanced proportions of the White House. Average citizens do not see the point or need of a giant ballroom at the White House; we didn't elect Cinderella to lead our nation. Tearing down the East Wing with no proper oversight was an affront to all of us. Please do not add further insult by allowing this monument to one man's ego to desecrate the people's house. Since the original East Wing is gone, something must be built, but it should be drastically scaled down to ensure harmony with the existing historic structure. I beseech you to heed the people of our country who are frankly appalled by the changes already made to our beloved White House (the Rose Garden has been destroyed for starters), and cannot stand to see the House dwarfed by this unnecessary and overwhelming addition.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ginna

Name: Loretta Miceli
Date: February 19, 2026 9:44:50 am

East Wing Modernization

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Name: Barbara Blaylock
Date: February 19, 2026 9:45:07 am

It is disturbing that the East Wing has already been destroyed. I would hope the new construction looks as if it is part of the original design of the White House. It doesn't need gold decor. It should include offices for the first ladies.
Thank you.

Name: Kathleen Jiannuzzi
Date: February 19, 2026 9:45:56 am

I OPPOSE spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I WANT THIS PROJECT CANCELLED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you!

Name: Ann Clark
Date: February 19, 2026 9:46:37 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Stop this disaster. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melanie Holmes
Date: February 19, 2026 9:46:57 am

This project is a disgrace. Americans' hard-earned tax dollars are being squandered. By enlarging the footprint of the White House, a larger target is created for our enemies who want to bomb it. More marines must put their lives on the line to guard this larger building. And for what? To pacify an immature, felon president and his posse.

Name: Maureen Kelly
Date: February 19, 2026 9:47:16 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It only serves to boost the ego of one man. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House (the People's House) was not just unnecessary, but illegal and a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marcia Lederman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:47:38 am

I oppose the $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete taxing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Francesca Tabel
Date: February 19, 2026 9:48:03 am

This is a disgrace to our country’s historical heritage. The money on the ballroom should be spent restoring the east wing back to its former glory not replacing it with some gold donor wing.

Name: Kaitlin Hilinski
Date: February 19, 2026 9:48:13 am

I'm beginning my comment with the words of another American who put it very succinctly:

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

I would like to add that this is especially egregious during a time when so many Americans are struggling to find meaningful work, pay bills, and even feed their families. This kind of ostentatious spending is a vicious insult to the average American.

Name: Karen Rogers Lynch
Date: February 19, 2026 9:48:37 am

The East Wing Modernization/ Ballroom project should not proceed for several reasons, the greatest being the plans don't coincide with the style and size of the White House. It would be lopsided rather than stately. Also, there are rules that were ignored and no one gets to do that here. The style is gaudy not traditional federalist/ colonial.
Trump needs to pay to replace the East Wing as it was . We can't afford to do it. We busy paying his tariffs. He has stolen enough money to pay for it. The DC area is historical and can't changed.

Name: Julie Bergstrom
Date: February 19, 2026 9:49:01 am

This action to remove the east wing of the White House was undertaken without proper notice and authorization. I oppose construction of a ballroom to serve certain people, and demand that this project be canceled The east wing should be restored and open to the public as it has been in the past.

Name: Patricia Morison
Date: February 19, 2026 9:49:07 am

I strongly opposed the demolition of the White House East Wing and the proposal to replace it with an oversized ballroom wholly incompatible with the character, scale, and meaning of the People's House.

In a single day, a contributing component of a National Historic Landmark was removed while bypassing the level of transparency, documentation, and public engagement required for any other nationally significant property in the United States. The absence of a complete public review undermines both the legitimacy of the action and the stewardship standards the federal government expects of every other property owner in the country.

Regardless of one's politics, the stewardship of nationally significant places must be guided by continuity, the rule of law, and respect for institutional memory—not personal vision. Alterations of this magnitude must meet the highest preservation standards and remain subordinate to the historic architecture they affect. A ballroom of monumental scale risks overwhelming the White House rather than complementing it.

Because the demolition has already occurred, I request that the Commission require the following:

1) Full disclosure of what architectural elements, materials, and artifacts from the East Wing were salvaged.

2) Documentation of where those materials are currently stored and how they will be preserved.

3) A binding commitment that any new construction will interpret and honor the historic role of the East Wing, particularly the contributions of First Ladies and their staff.

4) Design review ensuring the replacement structure remains architecturally subordinate to the White House in massing, scale, and character.

The White House does not belong to a single administration. It is a shared national inheritance, and each generation is obligated to pass it forward with its meaning intact. I urge the Commission to exercise to the best of its ability and its authority to ensure that whatever replaces the East Wing respects the history that stood there and the public that owns it.

Name: Penny Lane
Date: February 19, 2026 9:49:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Additionally, suggesting a prior receptionist as the manager of such a product is ludicrous and an affront to our nation and the historic significance of our nation's Capitol.

Name: Sue Sorensen
Date: February 19, 2026 9:50:38 am

Please put it back the way it was.

Name: Elizabeth Byam
Date: February 19, 2026 9:50:48 am

I am deeply disturbed by the overwhelming size of the proposed ballroom and East wing addition. The White House is a National Monument and symbolically important. Adding this extensive ballroom which is far larger than the White House itself is very inappropriate. It fundamentally changes the footprint and the historical aesthetic of the White House. I strongly oppose this addition. If the addition of a ballroom is necessary, it should be one story high and not near the height of the White House, and it should be significantly smaller in size and scope. It was wrong for demolition of the East Wing to take place without public comment and without plans having been approved in advance. This can only be corrected now by significantly adjusting the plans for the ballroom so that the addition is appropriate in size and scope for this historic landmark. The White House is owned by the people of the United States, and any significant changes such as this should be thoroughly reviewed and discussed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Byam

Name: Devik Wyman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:51:43 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project because it did not go through proper authorization, permits, or design review. These need to be done before any work is started.

Name: Nannette Doetsch
Date: February 19, 2026 9:52:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wanda Silas
Date: February 19, 2026 9:52:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding American

Name: Tom Bedell
Date: February 19, 2026 9:52:46 am

This project is not only proceeding illegally it is an architectural monstrosity. The administration should not only be forced to follow all legal procedures they should also be required to present a rational reason backed by facts as to why we need a larger East Wing. Furthermore, I feel an injunction should be sought to stop all work until the proper legal procedures have been completed. Personally, I would like to see what has been done so far to be removed and the administration forced to rebuild the original. That will probably cost less than the new facility and if the President is forced to use the so-called private funds he says will finance the new facility, then it won't cost the taxpayers anything.

Name: Stephen Blank
Date: February 19, 2026 9:53:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 -$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Winslow Hastie
Date: February 19, 2026 9:53:07 am

As President & CEO of Historic Charleston Foundation, a preservation advocacy non-profit in Charleston, SC, I would like to express our deep concern around this demolition and new construction project on the White House grounds. As one of the most historic sites in the entire country, the White House should serve as a model for best practices in historic preservation policy. The complete disregard of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards sets a horrible precedent for the whole Capitol area and for the nation. Please ensure that adequate review and attention is paid to how this new ballroom wing will impact the symmetry of the site's design and its proposed scale would overwhelm the main residence.

Name: Stephen Blank
Date: February 19, 2026 9:53:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 -$400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Pomelow
Date: February 19, 2026 9:54:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Weglarz
Date: February 19, 2026 9:55:15 am

I do not support the Eastwing modernization project, particularly with its funding being allegedly given by billionaires. It was a historic part of the building and should have never been demolished.

Name: SAMANTHA SEIDENBERG
Date: February 19, 2026 9:55:44 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Name: Jennifer Adams
Date: February 19, 2026 9:56:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stephan Hengst
Date: February 19, 2026 9:58:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and an attempt by the sitting President to make it his house - Not the people's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Sheffield
Date: February 19, 2026 9:59:03 am

The modernization project building should be scaled down so that the main White House remains the main focus. Switch the ballroom purpose to restoring it to the functions it served before and maybe include a very much smaller ballroom/conference room/civic center space for “the people”.

Name: Kay Kramer
Date: February 19, 2026 9:59:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbara Pappas
Date: February 19, 2026 10:00:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Pollock
Date: February 19, 2026 10:00:34 am

I have seen a rendering of the White House Ballroom Proposal. It is too large to be near or attached to the White House. Additionally, it should be externally and internally in the tasteful restrained style of the White House. If one is needed of that size, it should be placed elsewhere in Washington, DC. Any east wing addition needs to be designed so that the White House complex's architectural integrity is preserved.

Name: A Boy
Date: February 19, 2026 10:00:53 am

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on the East Wing “Modernization” project. It was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project, but instead a callous razing of American history, especially the contributions of First Ladies.
I demand the cancellation of this project, and the restoration of the East Wing to its former design. NO ONE is above the law; to allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be in an affront to all law-abiding Americans who value this nation’s history and its Constitution—the rule of LAW.

Name: Nicole Barton, PhD, BCBA-D
Date: February 19, 2026 10:01:05 am

To Whom It May Concern:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project that is completely razing American history and the significance of this historic structure.

A project should not proceed until it has proper authorization and the design approved meets NPCP's terms for modernization. There is no need to have a space that is larger than the entire structure at tax-payers expense. The NCPC needs to assert it's authorty to protect the history of this site and set a precedent.

Name: Patricia Cleveland
Date: February 19, 2026 10:02:00 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The people who started the project without proper authorization must be held responsible and prosecuted for failing to follow the letter of the law.

Name: Michelle Laird
Date: February 19, 2026 10:02:36 am

I am absolutely sickened that the East Wing was demolished without permission, permits, proper preservation of the historical items within the building, and no respect for it being the “people’s house.” As a tax payer I am horrified at the disrespect shown to the American people, that no authorization was sought from Congress, and no respect for historical preservation was given. This project should not proceed. The ballroom sounds hideous. Accountability for this disaster should be swift and transparent so the American people know how this is resolved.

Name: Nancy Marino
Date: February 19, 2026 10:02:39 am

I am a retired nurse in my seventies. As long as I can remember, the White House has represented the center of our

country, home to our president and his family. Nothing is was more exciting than visiting the White House, seeing the East Wing decorated at Christmas. The East Wing was more accessible to the people. The East Colonnade linking the East wing to the White House. Full of history. Our country has held many great gatherings without a monstrous ballroom, large enough to over shadow our White House. The demolition of the East Wing never should have been allowed, stopped as soon as it was begun. This is the people's house. This isn't a castle in Versailles. Our history is a long one. The White House web site expresses the current president's desire to build a Mar a Lago image in its place. This doesn't represent the American people. Let it be built keeping our country's history in mind. Personally I don't feel the need but the East wing doesn't exist any longer. My preference is it remain smaller to maintain the balance of the WH complex. Simple. Please protect our history. Thank you.

Name: Betsye Colvard
Date: February 19, 2026 10:03:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: BETH ROSENBERG
Date: February 19, 2026 10:03:46 am

I am absolutely shocked and appalled that the current President could be permitted to destroy historic White House property (the East Wing) to build a new extravagent ballroom without any Federal or local groups taking action to stop the demolition. The White House is the "people's house" and it is a historic structure - most likely on the register of National Historic places. There are myriad Federal regulations that prohibit destruction or renovation or changing of historic buildings. I truly cannot understand how Trump's actions to demolish the East Wing were not stopped, delayed, prevented, and that he was able to take this action without any groups, the Court System, The National Trust for Historic Preservation taking action to prevent demolition.
This is another example of Trump and his administration completely ignoring laws that other governments, developers, local agencies, non-profits, private citizens and localities are required to follow when desiring to modify or change a historic property.
The Trump administration's actions related to destruction of part of the "people's house" are illegal and appalling, and have destroyed American History. Sadly it's too late undo the damage that has been done.
Perhaps the best that can be expected at this point is that the Trump administration be stopped from demolishing and destroying other parts of the White House and other historic Federally-owned properties.
Stop the madness!

Name: Elizabeth Compagnone
Date: February 19, 2026 10:04:03 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Clint Bramkamp
Date: February 19, 2026 10:04:56 am

The White House is an iconic building which is familiar to people all over the world. Even though it has been modified many times, the basic design and proportions have remained recognizable. Based on drawings that have been made public, the proposed ballroom appears to be grossly out of scale with the White House, and other public buildings in the area. I question whether a ballroom of this size is really necessary, but if it is needed, it should be less obtrusive and farther away from the actual White House.

Name: Elizabeth Bickel
Date: February 19, 2026 10:05:02 am

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing for a vanity project for a temporary resident who did not bother to get the appropriate
approvals and has lied about the funding and scope of the project. I want this project canceled and the East Wind restored to its original design and I want the former contents of the building tracked down and put back in place. This disaster was caused by President Trump without any input from the American people and with our tax dollars. He should pay for the restoration of the building and replacement of any items not accounted for. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Glenora Souther
Date: February 19, 2026 10:06:09 am

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather an erasure of American history. I want the East wing restored to former design if possible with all damage to the White House repaired. The laws and rules governing building changes are there for a reason. Those who fail to follow the rules should suffer the consequences the same as anyone else who willfully chose to ignore the rule of law.

Name: Hai McCulloch
Date: February 19, 2026 10:06:46 am

The lack of accountability to those who carefully watch over our historic preservation is stunning.

A president does not have permission to do anything he/she chooses.

The destruction of the East Wing is improper and illegal and should be reviewed and rectified.

Name: John Atchison
Date: February 19, 2026 10:07:10 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens.

Name: Diann Webb
Date: February 19, 2026 10:07:20 am

While there may be necessary repairs and maintenance due for the East Wing, I would recommend that it had been done before the total destruction that occurred. Rebuild it as it was for the people and while you are at it, please replace Jackie’s Rose Garden.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Name: Joan Lashkari
Date: February 19, 2026 10:07:29 am

The White House belongs to the people of the United States of America. A crime of vandalism has been committed at the White House. It needs to be restored, replacing the East Wing and the Rose Garden.

Name: Jody Gibney
Date: February 19, 2026 10:07:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carolyn Anderson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:08:01 am

What has happened to the East Wing is less a Modernization Project than the complete destruction of part of the Historic White House. It is more than regrettable that the destruction was done without consideration for historical preservation of a public building.

The proposed ballroom addition appears to be hugely out of proportion to the rest of the White House, and its proposed use as a White House/Presidential socializing and entertaining space precludes access by regular citizens.

Any renovations should be thoroughly vetted by those responsible for historic preservation of public buildings and property and should reflect this nation's history as a Democracy.

Name: briggid larson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:08:36 am

Please do not make a useless and inappropriate ballroom. Please restore this wing to its former use. The White House was an iconic institution readily known by its silhouette any thing more would be a tragic mistake. Put it back to its former glory

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Name: Mark Adolph
Date: February 19, 2026 10:09:07 am

I oppose the spending of ANY taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and any future plans for this location shelved until 2030. At some future time I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, but that process should be left to the successors of this administration, not those currently in power. The damage is already done, let the perpetrators live with the destruction they have caused. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deb Lademan
Date: February 19, 2026 10:09:24 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Margaret Dunn
Date: February 19, 2026 10:09:31 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my thoughts regarding any proposed expansion of the East Wing of the White House.

As one of the most recognized and historically significant buildings in the nation, the White House serves not only as the seat of executive leadership but also as a carefully stewarded architectural legacy. Any new addition should honor that legacy in both design and spirit. I encourage planners and decision makers to ensure that an East Wing expansion is compatible in scale, materials, and proportion with the existing structure, while remaining clearly identifiable as a contemporary addition. The new construction should be subordinate to the original historic building in both size and presence. If additional space is required, as much of it as possible should be located below grade so that the historic structure remains visually dominant.

New construction should also preserve historic sightlines and landscape features that contribute to the integrity of the grounds. The White House is more than a building; it is a symbol shaped by its architectural and landscape context. Thoughtful design, reversibility where feasible, and adherence to established preservation standards will help ensure that improvements enhance functionality without diminishing historic character.

Finally, I urge that any addition be designed to achieve LEED certification. Doing so would demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship, setting a powerful example of careful, forward-looking design for the United States and the broader global community.

Thank you for considering public input on this important matter and for your continued stewardship of this national landmark.

Sincerely,
Margaret Dunn

Name: Joanna Chechile
Date: February 19, 2026 10:10:15 am

It has become clear to many Americans that the present administration, without authorizations, rips down everything they want to rebuild in their gaudy and self serving way.
The East wing of the White House once stood proudly and is now a pile of rubble.
The President took action on his own desire to remove and install as he felt, a much needed ballroom.
His action were never approved, no permits were acquired to demolish the wing and now it sits as one more eye sore of the Trump administration.
As an American citizen and patriot I feel it is imperative to remove and rebuild the east wing into some resemblance of the original structure
The gaudy idea of his ballroom should not be granted.
The destruction of the rose garden and paving into a seated parking lot like area is disgraceful.
There are no checks on what goes on within the White House
This administration should not be able to just rip apart, remove and destroy as they like, rename and replace at whim.
These are American institutions owned by all Americans.
This isn’t the playground of one President to do as he pleases without the consult of the American people.
It is imperative that immediate actions be taken to control the abuse happening within our institutions at the cost of all Americans.

Name: Diane Kur
Date: February 19, 2026 10:12:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amanda Pfannenstiel
Date: February 19, 2026 10:12:39 am

I strongly and vehemently oppose the East Wing White House modernization project. The White House is a national treasure and a symbol for the U.S. to the rest of the world. I think making such a large change to this historic building during one presidency is wrong. The proper permits and permissions have not been acquired. This project should be canceled immediately.

Name: Joelle Mabey
Date: February 19, 2026 10:12:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Herman Heath
Date: February 19, 2026 10:12:56 am

I would like to express my concern into what has become a travesty at the White House. It is a shame that there's one man is able to destroy the people's house without even getting approval. I hope that the committee would take into effect the many times that people have come to the White House to visit the magistry of the history of the White House. For that this one man who can only be there for 4 years can destroy a part of American history. Not to mention the removal of the plaques of the slaves in Philadelphia. This has to stop and please please have the courage to stop this madman and thank you

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Name: Tracy Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 10:16:09 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Jody Bader
Date: February 19, 2026 10:18:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Sara Torrey
Date: February 19, 2026 10:19:05 am

This project should not continue and I oppose spending $300 million on this because:
1/ It was begun with proper authorization
2/ It was done with permits

3/ It was done without design review
4/ It was done without input from The People - and do not forget, the White House and its wings belong to The People of the Uniited States.
The demolition of this project is just one more erasure of our real history by the current Administration and it violates one of the principles of our country, namely, that no one, repeat no one! is above the law.

The East Wing should be restored to its former design.

Thank you.

Name: Karen Hayden
Date: February 19, 2026 10:19:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: MADRIENNE PETITJEAN
Date: February 19, 2026 10:20:01 am

Now that it is too late to stop it- it should be toned down. The White House was meant as the "peoples house" so less gold and more muted would be appropriate. It would be wonderful if there could be something representing each state. It may turn out to be acceptable to have a large venue for some public events, but the way it was done was wrong.

Name: Peter Relich
Date: February 19, 2026 10:20:24 am

I oppose the building of the ballroom, which was started without the proper authorizations, permits, or design reviews. It is not a modernization project, but rather a destruction of history. The project should be stopped, and the damage rectified.

Name: Sharon Stevans
Date: February 19, 2026 10:21:05 am

This is not a "project", but a desecration. The destruction was done without proper review and is contrary to the vision of the "people's house". I submit that the east wing should be restored to its' previous state and that the people who supposedly agreed to fund this new monstrous ballroom be billed for the expense.

Name: Kathi Thomas
Date: February 19, 2026 10:21:13 am

That this president tore down the East Wing without going through the proper channels is outright wrong. That he says he's going to build a ballroom that truly, only his fragile ego "needs", is fiscally irresponsible, as well as a blight on the White House grounds.
This project went from "we won't touch the East Wing" to tearing it down. It went from seating 650 and $200 million to seating 1,000 and $400 million. Building a room this large, one has to wonder if he thinks he can hold political rallies and fundraisers in it, which, of course, is yet another illegal thing he wants to do. It's bad enough he paved over the Rose Garden and turned it into a patio.
It's also fiscally irresponsible when you consider the long-term costs of such a monstrosity.
Using tents for the State dinners has worked well. For something that happens, on average, once a year, building a huge ballroom that will have to be maintained, not to mention the air conditioning and heating bills, is a waste of taxpayer money, Reagan hosted an average of ~7 each of his 8 years, but that was an exceptional outlier.
The current president says that "everyone" has wanted a big ballroom for years and years, and that's simply another lie. He wants yet another garish place he can plaster his name on. The majority of people in this county did NOT vote for him, he has no great mandate for anything.

The lack of respect for the historical nature of the White House complex is indicative of this president's lack of respect for anything other than what he wants. He didn't bother with the proper authorization, permits, or even an actual design (since it keeps growing) before having the East Wing illegally torn down.
Given the total lack of taste of this man, I can only imagine how tacky this ballroom would be. I hope that the Commission will rule that the East Wing is to be built back as it was, with the exterior looking as close to the original as possible. I also suggest that the president should be responsible for raising the money, or paying for it himself, since he destroyed it.
SOMEONE has to rein this man in. HE MUST follow the rule of law, and procedure. Stand up to the bully, stand up FOR the American people.

Name: Cherie Holt
Date: February 19, 2026 10:22:45 am

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing and the replacement that will be larger than the White House. I'm deeply disturbed that it was demolished without any regard for history. I would like to see it restored to the way it was prior to demolition since we don't have a Time Machine and cannot rewind time to prevent the demolition in the first place. This is The People's House! The President is only there temporarily, so what is done to it under their regime should have to be approved by The People! Also, stop allowing the naming of Federal buildings and spaces after a sitting president. That's disgusting!

Name: Anne Whitney
Date: February 19, 2026 10:23:12 am

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I would hope it could be restored to its previous state.

Name: Gwen Dooley
Date: February 19, 2026 10:23:24 am

Please do everything possible within your powers and control to STOP this so-called '...Modernization Project', which is actually another desecration project by our Narcissist-In-Chief. There is no longer an East Wing because he destroyed it. And my question is: How was that allowed to happen?

The White House belongs to every American, not to the temporary, current tenant. Moreover, it can be argued that the White House and its history belong to each of our citizens and people of the world as a symbol of democracy and our previous commitments to fostering peace in the world. The current tenant has neither a respect for our democracy nor a commitment to truly fostering peace in the world -- as we've witnessed a constant and consistent series of his attacks on both.

This huge monument to one man's ego is neither appropriate in size, nor called for -- especially at a time of financial hardship for so many Americans. Nor will this 'ballroom' likely be stately, beautiful or of public benefit. The Narcissist-In-Chief likes to stick real or fake gold everywhere he can. Like a gone-full-crazy King Midas: Consider his bathroom throne.

Name: Joan Sampson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:24:11 am

East Wing Modernization

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Carol Peoples
Date: February 19, 2026 10:24:13 am

I am appalled by this administration’s disregard for the history of the White House, which belongs to the American people. And for their hubris in making changes without going through the required channels. I am opposed to the building of a ballroom which is a vanity project for this president. I support replacing the east wing and penalizing those who destroyed the original structure.

Name: Blair Moses
Date: February 19, 2026 10:24:46 am

I was appalled, hurt, and angry when the person in the White House decided without permission from the proper authority or discussion to tear down the East Wing of the White House. The White House is the American people's house, contrary to that person's claims, and has stood as a symbol of our country, our democratic form of government, and our freedom. Ripping the East Wing down felt like the ripping down of who we are as a country.

Because of this, I strongly oppose the use of the hundreds of millions of dollars the person in the White House received being used to build a disgusting, ugly, and unnecessary ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history and MUST NOT go forward! I want this project canceled immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing all those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Loehr
Date: February 19, 2026 10:26:14 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history.

I want this project canceled. Full stop.

It's bad enough that the Rose Garden was razed to make way for a tacky concrete patio. It's bad enough that they've put large gold-plated words all over the building. But those are easily reversed.

This is the People's House, not a monument to one man's fragile ego.

Beyond that, it will be a gross monstrosity throwing the visual symmetry of the White House into a permanent imbalance. On aesthetics alone, this would be a travesty.

To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the systems we have put in place to ensure that decisions are not taken to serve one overinflated ego bent on revenge, retribution, and gilt framing.

Name: Pamela Schamberger
Date: February 19, 2026 10:26:14 am

I want to see the East Wing restored to its original beauty. I do not want to see that obscene dance hall in its place! Our White House is a magnificent part of our history and should remain as it was intended.

Name: Carol Hearty
Date: February 19, 2026 10:27:37 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million or more! on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American

history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Brown-McChrystal
Date: February 19, 2026 10:29:12 am

I do not support construction of a ballroom. I am outraged that the east wing was destroyed without permission. I want the east wing restored. I want Donald Trump to bear the cost of the reconstruction. Tax dollars should not be used.

Name: Douglas Richardson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:29:16 am

The proposed White House ballroom project is a travesty both of process and of "product" -- that being the design of the ballroom itself--that absolutely should not be funded in its present form. In terms of process, the demolition of the existing east wing was undertaken without appropriate, and legally mandated, approvals and without prior submission to the National Capital Planning Commission. In short, it's a crime. The razing of the present east wing was an act of political hubris and arrogance undertaken with the evident opinion that "It's easier to get foregiveness than it is permission." The National Capital Planning Commission should not give that permission after the fact, should not validate Trump's unilateral monument to megalomania and self-promotion.

The project design itself is an aesthetic travesty that defiles a National HIstoric Landmark and also defiles the White House as a symbol of American democracy. It is evident that the grandios design is ridiculously disproportionate -- a 90,000 suare foot box nearly twice the footprint of the building to which it is to be adjunct. It is not an addition; it is a usurpation of the legitimate purpose and presentation of the White House.

In short, the proposed ballroom is illegal and it is ugly. The National Capital Planning Commission should exercise its mandate and authority in conducting this project review and decline to ratify the existing obliteration of part of a national landmark as a fait accompli. Any construction eventually approved must be genuinely compatible with the rest of the White House in both form and function. Having been denied the justified privilege of review and comment before demolition commenced, the American people are owed an active and objective review -- a review that includes denying approval to this grotesque project in its present form.

Name: Katharine Swibold
Date: February 19, 2026 10:29:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Mashaw
Date: February 19, 2026 10:30:04 am

The title used to describe this horror is a perfect example of euphemism. Modernization? I think not. It is the destruction of part of a historic public building to make way for a monument to one man's ego. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, and any 'modernization' should consist of necessary upgrades to HVAC, lighting, safety features, and communication infrastructure.

Name: Lynne Seastone
Date: February 19, 2026 10:30:45 am

I object to the destruction of the east wing of the White House . Everyone must follow the same laws and regulations for the destruction of or renovation of buildings. Please have the President restore the destroyed East Wing to its original state.

Name: Lynnette Steinhoff
Date: February 19, 2026 10:30:46 am

I am appalled by the lack of respect that this administration has for process and procedure, along with an overwhelming attitude that the constitution does not apply to them. The demolition of the East Wing brought me to tears, as years of history and decorum were stripped away for some grand ballroom that, to my knowledge, had no plans submitted nor approved. The gutting of our history has gone far enough, we need to halt any further destruction and begin putting back together what has been lost.

Name: Gloria Norton
Date: February 19, 2026 10:31:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol des Cognets
Date: February 19, 2026 10:31:21 am

The White House must not be dwarfed by the new "ballroom." The need for this ballroom is a major question. Presumably, something needs to be built where the East Wing was (wrongly) razed, and I wonder what sort of vetting process will take place when an architect is appointed.

Name: Marie Wemett
Date: February 19, 2026 10:31:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Tlusty
Date: February 19, 2026 10:32:08 am

I think this project needs to be stopped. No care was taken in the demolition of the East Wing. There were countless pieces of art that are now missing.

Any upgrade to the White House needs to be done with care and consideration. This historical structure needs to be treated with respect and not turned into a spectacle at the whim of an unhinged person with too many nefarious agendas.

The new structure needs to be architecturally compatible with the rest of the White House.

Name: Janice D Stearns
Date: February 19, 2026 10:32:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention in this matter!

Name: Annie McCuen
Date: February 19, 2026 10:32:49 am

Our White House is being vulgarized, integrity compromised, the classic look degraded, restore the Rose Garden, get all the fake gold out of our Oval Office.

Name: Jeane Camp
Date: February 19, 2026 10:33:24 am

I strenuously object to the so-called "ballroom" project and the destruction of the east wing of OUR WHITE HOUSE! Donald Trump may be president, but he DOES NOT own the White House or any other part of this country. The east wing needs to be restored to it's historical appearance prior to this offensive abuse of power and the crime of unauthorized destruction of the "peoples' White House needs to be punished. As a taxpayer and a patriot I want this rectified as soon as possible!

Name: Gweneth Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:34:58 am

I object to the spending and addition to the White House without the legal authority and approval. The White House is the people’s house and the addition that is larger than the original footprint is obscene. Restore the East wing to its original design. Stop this project now!

Name: Brittney LaFond
Date: February 19, 2026 10:35:14 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wendy Hess
Date: February 19, 2026 10:35:25 am

There is absolutely no need for a ballroom attached to the White House. Aesthetically, it will be a lopsided nightmare. Functionally, it's simply a massive waste of money, no matter where that funding comes from, and that's not even taking into account the potential "pay to play" aspect of donations. And there are so many, many greater needs now, it seems rather tone deaf to do this project. Please return the White House to it's previous appearance, which was balanced, attractive, and tasteful.

Name: Lisa McAllister
Date: February 19, 2026 10:35:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like for this project to be canceled, and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No person is above the law, and to permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law not only sets a terrible precedent, but is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Betsy Grbenick
Date: February 19, 2026 10:36:12 am

President Trump did not follow the correct process to destroy the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing needs to be restored and used as it was previously.

Name: Deborah DeGenova
Date: February 19, 2026 10:36:19 am

As an American citizen and taxpayer I was not in favor of the destruction of the wing. Especially since it was done without necessary approvals purposefully. I fully support whatever can be done to ensure whatever construction occurs undergoes the appropriate reviews/approvals. I'm hopeful that the proposed ballroom will benefit from this process.

On the snarky side...The White House is the People's House, and although the current president appears to be comfortable living in a home where the interior has been decorated to look like a brothel, I am not happy to own it.

Name: Elizabeth Wavle-Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 10:37:15 am

The East Wing of the White House has been destroyed, leaving a gaping hole, that leaves the People’s House looking like a bomb was dropped on it. This destruction was done without any historical consideration. The plan seems to be to destroy.

How will this project be funded? Billions are being spent. We the People deserve better. We do not deserve or want a gilded White House, where only the rich are allowed access. This is not democracy!

Name: Elizabeth Adams
Date: February 19, 2026 10:37:23 am

To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my strong concern for the recent demolition of the East Wing of the White House. Obviously it is a historic building that has been home to Presidents since the 1800. The fact that it was demolished before anyone could decide if it should be (besides President Trump) is an outrage and it needs immediate attention!

I have never had the opportunity to visit the East Wing of the White House. Now I and my children, and many more, never will. This kind of reckless erasure of the past and the beauty of our architecture has got to stop.

Sincerely,
Beth Adams

Name: Christine Alexander
Date: February 19, 2026 10:38:22 am

I vehemently oppose the allowance of this project to proceed. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is unconscionable, illegal and criminal both legally and morally that the destruction of the East Wing was initiated and allowed at all. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who initiated and authorized the demolition would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jamie McAloon
Date: February 19, 2026 10:38:59 am

I am appalled by what happened in the White House. Please stop any further destruction and construction immediately. The people should have a say in what is happening to our house .

Name: Ryk Loske
Date: February 19, 2026 10:40:18 am

I could not comment on this matter any better than has been said previously: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

The only action beyond an accurate rebuilding of the East Wing that i would support would be utilizing the fact that the desecration has exposed the surface and additional space could be utilised below grade.

Name: Julie Powers
Date: February 19, 2026 10:40:24 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Darla Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 10:41:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Wagner
Date: February 19, 2026 10:41:41 am

I am deeply disturbed by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House- the people's house. The demolition was carried out with no review, no plan, no approvals, no process. I believe that the funds raised for the Trump Ballroom should
Be used to restore the East Wing insofar as this is possible considering its wanton destruction.

As a proud American it literally hurts my heart to see the wreckage where the East Wing used to be.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Patricia Neal
Date: February 19, 2026 10:41:57 am

Hello!
I am commenting in favor of building the White House Ballroom. It is needed and would be an asset to the White House.

Name: Roger Conely
Date: February 19, 2026 10:42:00 am

I would like to make it known that the current plans for the building of the "ballroom" take away from the grandeur of the White House and should not be done in the proposed plans.

The White House is an iconic statement of America and this new addition, which now has to be built due to the destruction of the East Wing, needs to respect the White House itself and the power, prestige and design it was meant to project. Previous additions and changes to the White House and the grounds have always tried to limit taking away from the main building, and still meet the needs of the White House. Your decision will have a large impact, now and for the future.

Please, I implore you, to make the best choice to replace the East Wing with an addition that makes sense for the site and keeps the focus on the American People's home for the President.

Thank You for your time with this matter.
Roger Conely

Name: Susan Doty
Date: February 19, 2026 10:42:09 am

The white house is a symbol of the people of the united states. It is also iconic. We cannot undo the destruction but we can be more thoughtful about how to fix it. It does not need this ballroom, it does not need this proposed huge monstrosity that will dwarf the rest of the building. The balance of the previous wings were beautiful. I had the pleasure to do a white house tour in 2024, and you could feel the building's history. I would like to see it go back to as close as it was before as possible.

Name: Paula Wendland
Date: February 19, 2026 10:42:11 am

Razing the East Wing was an act of cultural and historical sabotage that was brazen, criminal, and environmentally irresponsible, to say the least. The White House belongs to the People, and no president or any member of the government has the right to alter it without our consent. The current occupant of the White House owes its complete restoration to the nation, and should pay for all costs incurred to put the East Wing back the way it was.

Name: Eileen Brockhurst
Date: February 19, 2026 10:42:57 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It is not owned by President Trump who continues to disgrace it with his presence and his gaudy “décor.” The fact that he went ahead and tore down part of the people’s house is shameful.

Name: Dawn Swanson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:43:06 am

The new East Wing Ballroom should not be of a style that differs from the historic building, nor of a height or bulk that overwhelms the historic White House. Design considerations for both the interior and exterior of the addition should be made by professional architects and historians that recognize the importance of the many decisions made during a project of such magnitude. No person or benefactor should be allowed to put their name on the building or any of the associated buildings.

Name: Patricia Stastny
Date: February 19, 2026 10:43:26 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sharon Killday
Date: February 19, 2026 10:44:01 am

The proposed East Wing modernization project should be halted immediately. Instead of altering or replacing the historic structure, the East Wing ought to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. Preserving the integrity of this national landmark is essential, and allowing the project to proceed without addressing any alleged legal violations would undermine public trust. No individual or institution should be exempt from accountability, and moving forward without consequences would send the wrong message to law-abiding Americans who expect transparency and adherence to the law.

Name: Kim Day
Date: February 19, 2026 10:44:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Hilary Buxton
Date: February 19, 2026 10:45:04 am

I oppose the spending of over $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dianna Stallone
Date: February 19, 2026 10:45:52 am

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the historically significant White House. This building stands as a key monument and symbol of the United States. The building belongs to the American people and its unilateral and impermissible destruction of its unique and historically pivotal character is shameful and wasteful. No one wants or needs a 90,0000 square foot “ ballroom.”

It is indeed ironic that it is the same administration that insists that we must keep confederate monuments to slave owners and people who fought against our country in place due to their historical significance would destroy the entire East Wing of the White House to build this monstrosity, The unprecedented and impermissible destruction of this central symbol of the American government was wildly disrespectful to the American people and to our country.

The administration should be required to restore the East Wing of the White House to its prior configuration and character.

Name: Sharon Davis Green
Date: February 19, 2026 10:46:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Evelyn Mogren
Date: February 19, 2026 10:46:34 am

Objections I have of this project:
1) This East Wing replacement is NOT in proportion to the White House. It is unseemly to dwarf the most iconic People's House with this construction.
2) This addition to the Peoples House is being built with billionaire/corporate money donations and this is NOT in keeping with our US principles of fair, just democratic process.
3) This addition was not conceived by the people, but was forced upon them by an autocratic president without due process or consideration of the ramifications of security, health, tradition or cost.
4) This addition, if constructed as stands, will be a lasting monument of shame to the US public even if it serves the function to which this administration wishes as a gathering place for heads of state, functionaries, and "movers and shakers".

Name: Patricia Painter
Date: February 19, 2026 10:47:27 am

I am fully in opposition to this project, which was begun without following any of the lawful procedures required. It is not “modernization,” but rather desecration of a historic building precious to the American people. It has been undertaken to satisfy the whims of one person, and symbolizes disrespect to millions of others. Please stop it, and rebuild the East Wing as closely to the original as possible.

Name: Cathy Comfort
Date: February 19, 2026 10:47:30 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Cathy Comfort

Name: Paula Ripple
Date: February 19, 2026 10:48:00 am

Please make every effort to prohibit the ballroom plans from continuing. And, please make an effort to see the East wing restored as it was. The people, whose house it is, were not consulted. The proper entities were not consulted. The proper procedures and protocols were scorned. Put a stop to this unlawful activity.

Name: Sarah Leake
Date: February 19, 2026 10:48:24 am

The law was broken by tearing down the east wing without permits. To allow the ballroom to go forward is to promote law breaking by the highest office holder in the land. Please for the respect of the rule of law do not permit this project to go forward.

Name: Carolyn Bassin
Date: February 19, 2026 10:48:31 am

Dear Commissioners:

As an American citizen, I certainly did not appreciate the comment by Chairperson Cook - "Americans have a short memory"
That was incredibly demeaning and certainly indicates your disregard of the over 2000 comments which were according to your committee, 99% against the approval of this ballroom and current East Wing Modernization Project

I would like to say that much of Mr. Baranes' presentation seemed to be about screening the ballroom structure and how the public wouldn't really see it from the street thanks to the trees. So are we saying we know that this structure will be a

monstrosity and clearly out of proportion to the existing White House structure so let's hide it from view as much as we can? I think you all know it is inappropriately large. You all seemed to chime in that removing a pediment made all the difference and what a bold change that was to the original design, but did none of you ever comment on the outrageous size? I know you were appointed by Trump, but really?

To be clear, I am not against the idea of a ballroom. But this project is clearly an ego driven one on the part of President Trump.
Chairman Cook praised First Lady Kennedy's work to bring the White House back to its beauty and showed photos of work that former Presidents have done that were necessary to the support of the aging structure. Let's be clear, those projects were pre-approved and budgeted by the appropriate committees. While the East Wing was too an aging structure, any work on it should have been approved and demolition should have been the absolute last resort.
Mr. Cook said that Trump is "trying to honor what she (Mrs. Kennedy) did in the past". I would love to know how specifically he is doing that?

I am hoping that Mr. Parisi, in his landscape design, will strive to replace the historic trees that were removed and to use only native North American plantings throughout the grounds. We know that the existing boxwoods and the Ilex trees are not native. Only native plants have the most benefit to native pollinators and wildlife and I would see them used in design going forward to beautify the grounds and hide that new massive 90,000 sf structure.

Oh and by the way, no offense to the architects. I think the ballroom building is beautiful in it's own right and in a different location might be wonderful. But not in this place.

Thank you.

Name: Diane Badzinski
Date: February 19, 2026 10:49:17 am

I oppose spending any more money on a ballroom, or in truth, anything other than restoring the East Wing as it was before Trump illegally demolished it. And he should pay for this restoration out of his own pocket.

Name: Susan Bowlby
Date: February 19, 2026 10:49:23 am

I was horrified by the sudden destruction of the East Wing. Any new construction should blend and enhance the existing structure, not overpower it. Please maintain the look of our beautiful capital.

Name: Karen Benner
Date: February 19, 2026 10:49:46 am

The demolition of the East Wing should never have been undertaken without input from the public. The White House is the "people's house" not Trump's house. The proposed ballroom, whether needed or not, is too massive to sit beside the White House. The East Wing should be reconstructed to look as it did. Modernizations can be done regarding the HVAC, internet ,security needs, and whatever else is required but retain the facade as it was. If a larger entertaining space is required then it should be in scale with the White House. Trump's outlandish tastes should have no bearing. The White House is a historical building and, as such, should be renovated with care.
Thank you.
Karen Benner

Name: Sara Oaklander
Date: February 19, 2026 10:50:03 am

This project is a travesty - from start to where is now and to the finish if you let it proceed.

In the words of another commenter - because she says it all better than I could - I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and

restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rhyne M Alter
Date: February 19, 2026 10:50:53 am

I appalled at the desecration of the east wing. I do not want a multi million dollar ballroom built on the White House. It was done without proper authority and should be stopped. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Name: Paige Fairfield
Date: February 19, 2026 10:50:53 am

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. Due diligence was not applied nor were proper procedures followed to ensure the project was within historical significance guidelines, budgetary concerns or timelines.

Name: Sandi Potter
Date: February 19, 2026 10:51:00 am

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Name: Marilyn Arney
Date: February 19, 2026 10:51:22 am

First off what a joke, they are calling this the East Wing Modernization Project when - without approval - he has already demolished the east wing. I understand he is also already talking about "modernizing" the west wing. I was under the impression that Obama orchestrated a complete update of the mechanicals of the whole White House during his term which tells me that all of the money spent on the East Wing was wasted when Trump just demolished it after repeatedly saying that his ballroom would be adjacent and would not touch the East Wing. We know that we cannot trust anything that Trump says and that includes who will be paying for this project. We have seen him repeatedly extorting money for favors and this project reeks of that and his refusal to be open about who has donated and where that money is currently supports my belief that the whole thing is corruption. Trump has no right to make any permanent changes to the White House without congressional oversight and approval. He bypassed that and destroyed part of the structure. His refusal to accept his role as a tenant and not the owner of the White House speaks volumes and it is time that he be held accountable for his actions. I respectfully ask that he be fined the cost of rebuilding the East Wing and that its restoration begin as soon as possible and that Trump be told in no uncertain terms that he is not building anything on the White House grounds or the National Mall as monuments to himself.

Name: Kathleen Bloom
Date: February 19, 2026 10:51:44 am

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Name: Luana Goodwin
Date: February 19, 2026 10:54:27 am

The White House is one of the few iconic symbols of our nation, therefore, alterations or additions should reflect the virtues and values as well as the historic traditions of the United States of America, not just the aspirations and tastes of

our current President. Presumably, the American people will be living with this addition to our White House for generations to come. It should be designed and built by professionals who can approach their task with knowledge, skill and respect for our traditions.

As President of a small 501c3 charged with the preservation of an historic church, I am aware of the value of tradition as well as the need for renovation. I hope that those designing this ballroom will keep both of those values in mind.

Name: Chantal Kirkland
Date: February 19, 2026 10:55:16 am

Given that the funding mechanism is blatantly illegal and lacks oversight of any kind, and that the project itself was started illegally without permitting and proper authorization, I would ask that the project be denied to continue any further. Not only has a piece of amazing American history been irrevocably damaged by the tearing down of the East Wing, but the proposed ballroom would dwarf the actual White House, making for a blatant statement of grand parties and speeches being far more important than the business of the country. Which is not the image the American government should convey either visually, architecturally, or from a human-scale perspective. We, the people, deserve a voice in how our government is funded, where that money is spent, and how our government comports itself. A grand ballroom is not acceptable. Please end this project promptly and restore the East Wing, to its original form.

Name: Marjorie Halperin
Date: February 19, 2026 10:55:26 am

This ballroom is entirely too big and will overwhelm the White House and I urge you to scale back the plan significantly. Adding a giant ballroom destroys any illusion we may have had that this is “The People’s House,” as it is a design catering only to the desires of the current President. Please honor your role as serving the public interest and re-imagine this project from the perspective of the American people who are struggling to make ends meet as the economy tanks. In this context, a giant, gilded ballroom for the President is an abomination.

Name: Victoria Holmsten
Date: February 19, 2026 10:56:24 am

The destruction of the East Wing is a desecration of our American history. I believe it should be rebuilt to restore the original ballroom. The current administration's plan for a multimillion dollar rebuild is an insult to all of us.

Name: Rita Martin
Date: February 19, 2026 10:56:32 am

This was an unauthorized tear down of historical significance. It should be replaced AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ONE WHO TOOK THIS UPON HIMSELF TO DESTROY IT. It should be brought up to today’s institutional standards and rebuilt for cohesive design and footprint with the White House and west wing. This is the people of the United States building; not one man/party. Remember the first lines of the Constitution: WE THE PEOPLE…THANK YOU!

Name: Jessica Guptill
Date: February 19, 2026 10:56:44 am

I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was. It was razed without permission, proper planning, etc. As an American citizen, I do not want an ugly ballroom. An I certainly don't want anything done to the People’s House that is paid for by “anonymous donors.”

Name: dorothy robbins
Date: February 19, 2026 10:57:06 am

The destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House was/is a criminal desecration of our primary historic

treasure.
It must not be fiurther abused by building an obscene ballroom. Our president must be held to account for his many abuses of the public trust in order to celebrate himself, the worst President in US history..

Name: Maria Perez-Stable
Date: February 19, 2026 10:58:00 am

Dear National Trust:

I have been a member of your organization for decades. I served for many years on my community's Historic Preservation Commission.

I am still incredulous that the man in the White House actually tore down the East Wing of the White House, without any by your leave or without following the proper channels.

I vociferously oppose the spending of $300 million on the ballroom project, which he initiated without proper authorization, permits of design review. This is not a "modernization" project, but rather an attack on American history.

This project should be outright CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one, not even he, is above the law and to permit this ill-advised project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law is an insult to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is not his house, it is OUR house.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Maria Perez-Stable, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Name: Mary McKee
Date: February 19, 2026 10:59:15 am

I would like the "people's house" returned to the original state that this new administration found upon taking power. It has functioned perfectly fine all these years and while I do not object to upgrading basic services such as electric, plumbing and communications infrastructure when it is rebuilt I do not want the structure to be turned into a mega mansion and playhouse for the rich. I liked the old structure with it's sense of history and grace. A reminder of a simpler time and respectful of her people and their history. I found peace knowing Jackie's roses still bloomed on the lawn and her sense of style permeated the east wing. A building can still be functional and historic. As far as a ballroom there are plenty of other venues in Washington to provide that space.

Mary A McKee
Grimsley TN

Name: Sharon Perna
Date: February 19, 2026 11:00:39 am

The White House belongs to the people and our history not to the current occupant. Any renovation should be approved by a group of non partisan individuals. The destruction of the East Wing is abominable. A ball room in its place that will dwarf the White House property is even more so. The East Wing should be restored with the money acquired for the proposed ballroom. No further renovations to historic sites or monuments should be allowed by this administration.

Name: Richard Unger
Date: February 19, 2026 11:02:00 am

The scale is far too large. Should be redesigned to fit scale of White House better.

Name: Kristi Lyons
Date: February 19, 2026 11:02:10 am

I oppose this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This was a complete demolition of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

No one is above the law.

Name: Jayne Simser
Date: February 19, 2026 11:02:45 am

Please stop the ballroom and proceed to restore the East Wing to its original glory. So disappointed that this reckless project even began.

Name: Shellie Unger
Date: February 19, 2026 11:03:25 am

“East Wing Modernization” is a misnomer. He tore down part of the White House. What he is building is not in keeping with the historical architecture of “the people’s” house. What he has done is in poor taste, all over the White House and the Rose Garden. The Tesla Sales pitch. Selling access. Please stop this travesty!

Name: Joe Hanrahan
Date: February 19, 2026 11:03:26 am

I am opposed to the destruction of the East Wing. Follow the guidelines that the NCPC has for such projects! Get permits and design approval from NCPC. Follow the rules! Why was this wing destroyed without approval by NCPC?
It’s the Peoples House!

Name: Gwen Martin
Date: February 19, 2026 11:03:28 am

I am speaking as an American citizen with numerous family members who have served or are serving our country & defending the Constitution of the United States. I vehemently oppose this project, and I believe the destruction of the East Wing of the White House defies the principles of our democracy. It is being done without proper review, approval, and oversight. This is the people’s house, and this citizen objects! The White House is NOT fodder for self aggrandizement. Cancel this project and rebuild the East Wing to honor our history and serve the people of the US.

Name: Julien Mcroberts
Date: February 19, 2026 11:04:19 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is beyond offensive that this was allowed to happen.

Name: Jasmine Carag
Date: February 19, 2026 11:04:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amelia Carothers
Date: February 19, 2026 11:04:44 am

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Name: Acree Jill
Date: February 19, 2026 11:05:39 am

The president should be held financially responsible for returning the White House and grounds to their original condition when he moved in, as any tenant would be required to.

Name: Patricia Kahn
Date: February 19, 2026 11:07:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Carolyn Swinnea
Date: February 19, 2026 11:07:42 am

I oppose the changes to our White House. It is a historical building and the East wing should never have been ripped open and the proposed ball room will change the building forever. I believe the changes this POTUS is trying to do is unnecessary and will destroy the visual and historical value of the White House.

Name: Theresa M Harleton
Date: February 19, 2026 11:07:49 am

I am adamantly opposed to any actions taken without adequate submission and oversight by the proper government organizations. Especially, the east wing.
There are procedures to be followed.

Name: Sheryl Downs
Date: February 19, 2026 11:09:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Monica Loegel
Date: February 19, 2026 11:10:01 am

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Name: molly greenzaid
Date: February 19, 2026 11:10:05 am

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Name: Janine Sousa
Date: February 19, 2026 11:10:25 am

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Name: eric strempke
Date: February 19, 2026 11:11:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing should be rebuild and paid for by the persons responsible for it's destruction.

Name: Susan Eslick
Date: February 19, 2026 11:11:35 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Bolt
Date: February 19, 2026 11:12:37 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Victoria Herring
Date: February 19, 2026 11:13:14 am

First, the fact that the East Wing was summarily demolished is offensive and troubling, at the very least. But now that it has been, the question is what to replace it with. The White House, building and grounds, is the people's property. No President or other person owns it. It is ours as citizens.

To that end, if the East Wing must be replaced, it should not be replaced with something which will overshadow the actual White House. If there is a need for a huge ballroom or meeting place, there is no need or purpose to place it on White House grounds.

If something must be built in the place the East Wing once stood, it should be in keeping with the prior structure, not nearly as high as the present plan suggests, not so huge [or its height so great] that it overwhelms the actual White House itself. There are many buildings and areas of Washington DC which can provide secure and useful 90,000 square-foot ballroom space, the White House grounds is not one of them - nor need it be.

Name: wendilee heath obrien
Date: February 19, 2026 11:14:15 am

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Please do not build this ballroom but restore the East Wing to The People's House. Please do not take money from those who want something in return. The People should not be beholden to billionaires.

Name: Erika Lehman
Date: February 19, 2026 11:15:08 am

I oppose the spending of any public funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and the replacement to be funded fully by Trump family money since he authorized destroying the existing building. Any approval by NCPC is an affront to all of the projects who follow the rules and accept the approvals process as defined; this project has done no such thing. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Charles Graves
Date: February 19, 2026 11:15:55 am

I oppose spending 300 million on this project which was initiated without prior authorization, permits, etc. no. Forethought was given to the impact on American history that raising the East Wing might have. I think the entire projects should be canceled and not authorized. Going forward. There needs to be a cool down. And transparent public review of alternatives.

I think an effort should be undertaken to punish anyone involved with this demolition. To the extent that existing laws and regulations were violated. No one should be above the law. Thank you.

Name: Gordon Townsend
Date: February 19, 2026 11:16:10 am

Destroying the historic East Wing to build a monument to trump is a mistake. No permission no plans no design no public comment just destruction. There was no public demand for a "ballroom" or whatever he's building and one can only imagine what kind of golden monstrosity he's building. I would like to see the entire White House and especially the East Wing restored to its former historic glory

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Name: Lori Foster
Date: February 19, 2026 11:16:31 am

As an American, I must wholeheartedly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project has attempted to remove American history. It is not

modernization, considering there was nothing needed to modernize the East Wing to begin with. It's my wish that the project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to the former design. The current administration has broken the law. They are bypassing established procedures for projects. No one is above the law. To permit this project and allow it to go ahead, without penalizing those who broke the law, is an affront to all the law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Doran
Date: February 19, 2026 11:17:00 am

Calling this a "modernization" project is proof of how language can be distorted. It is the destruction of an historic building to fit one man's grandiose vision. The White House does not belong to any single president - they are merely tenants in the nation's home. Changes to the White House should be done with moderation - and only after sufficient discussion by all the appropriate people including historians, architects, city planners, etc. Above all Congress should be involved and should be the entity funding any such program. Allowing political donors to curry favor with the president by destroying our cultural heritage is a disgrace.
Building a ballroom is not something to automatically oppose. It may be necessary, it may even be beautiful but it should not overpower the existing architecture. It should not be built without government oversight. It should not be built to boost the ego of a single person.

Name: Donna DeSoto
Date: February 19, 2026 11:17:46 am

I am angry and heartbroken with the huge changes Trump is making to our much loved iconic landmarks. In fact, as a resident of northern Virginia, who visits DC often, I now honor of my way to not drive near the White House, the Kennedy Center or the Institute of Peace because of how he has defaced these places.

Please make it stop!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

We the people do NOT want these changes! Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Name: Nancy Sagal
Date: February 19, 2026 11:17:49 am

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Name: Kathryn Jorae
Date: February 19, 2026 11:18:23 am

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Name: Alisa Ziolkowski
Date: February 19, 2026 11:19:31 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be a disgrace.
Let's not even bring in to question all his unlawful things he has done.

Name: Marian Saylor
Date: February 19, 2026 11:19:38 am

It should have never been torn down and it should be rebuilt as it was. The President said he has the money so he should have the money to rebuild the original building with only mechanical updates.

Name: Mary Perlman
Date: February 19, 2026 11:19:52 am

I wish to state my objections to the proposed East Wing addition to the White House as currently planned. It overshadows the Executive Mansion proper and has not been approved by the appropriate government agencies, as required by law. Oversight is needed to ensure that the new East Wing is in keeping with the architectural style and scale of the peoples' White House, not to boost the ego of the current President.

Name: Karen Commins
Date: February 19, 2026 11:20:16 am

This project must be CANCELED and the East Wing restored to its former design and functionality. "Modernization" is the president's code word for his destruction of American history and his illegal solicitation and acceptance of corporate bribes. Like the Rose Garden, the East Wing demolition was done without authorization, permits, or oversight. No one is above the law, and all who broke laws in furtherance of this project must be held accountable and punished.

Name: Judith Freeman
Date: February 19, 2026 11:21:22 am

Any plans or physical work on the historic White House should have gone through the proper official review process BEFORE anything else was done. Tearing down the East Wing without having done so is inexcusable.
The ballroom should not physically nor aesthetically overwhelm the appearance of the White House in any way. The White House is a symbol of our country and should be treated with the respect it deserves.

Name: David Morden
Date: February 19, 2026 11:21:44 am

I believe the White House should be restored to its previous configuration and that Mr. Trump had no legal authorization to demolish the East Wing. The proposed plans bears no relation to the historical design, planning or significance of The People's House. The plans for a bloated, oversized ballroom should be rejected out of hand.

Name: Theresa Gazzara
Date: February 19, 2026 11:22:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The razing of the East Wing was a crime and it should be rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of Donald J. Trump. The president has no respect for the People's House which should not under any circumstances be subjected to his personal desires at the expense of American citizens.

Name: Beatriz Vera
Date: February 19, 2026 11:22:17 am

Laws are being violated every day by this administration but, this one takes the cake. Imagine that he trampled on your house! Well, this is the people's house.

Name: Jane Taylor
Date: February 19, 2026 11:22:53 am

Please stop this terrible destruction of a historical site. Trump does not have the right to make a decision for the nation.

Name: SALLY LEE
Date: February 19, 2026 11:24:29 am

I was horrified at the news of the demolition of the East Wing of the White House. It was done recklessly, without proper vetting and authorizations and the wanton destruction of this historical building is consistent with the lawless disregard for the concerns of Americans who value the historical nature that this building played in so many important and memorable events.

To assume that once destroyed nothing can be done is to continue this Administration's ploy to act without respect for our history in order to create an ugly vanity project. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt to its historical architecture and design. The teardown was tragic. We as Americans deserve no less than to literally recreate the foundation upon which this great country was built.

Name: Rebecca Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 11:25:27 am

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The White House does not belong to the President. It is the “people’s house” and should reflect the American people.

Name: Sheila Leavitt
Date: February 19, 2026 11:25:49 am

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Name: Jeanne Marie George
Date: February 19, 2026 11:25:50 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Glenda Vonich
Date: February 19, 2026 11:26:55 am

Please do not support this project!

Name: Renee Rappaport
Date: February 19, 2026 11:27:41 am

The East Wing of the White House was the heart and light of the people's house. It was for visits to see the holiday decorations, it was the offices of the First Lady, and it was the welcoming entrance for those who would like to tour our once great building belonging to all the American people. Buildings, as they age, need updating and renovating. But taking a bulldozer to the East Wing without public comment or Congressional hearings is not the way to conduct the business of the American people. Rebuild the East Wing!

Name: Andra Bell
Date: February 19, 2026 11:28:13 am

This demolition was illegal and without any merit.
I want the East Wing modernization project halted immediately, and the wing rebuilt as it was historically. Put whatever modern infrastructure you want in it, but bring it back.

Arrest the idiots responsible for breaking every rule and law about remodeling any historical building in the national heritage classification. This was a travesty, and how it happened is baffling to say the least.

Stop. Just stop this surge of insanity.

Andra Bell

Name: April Briqueleur
Date: February 19, 2026 11:28:27 am

I oppose the spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project that has completly razed American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The building of this ballroom which I'm better will bare the name of a man who should not be sitting in the White House. He should in fact be facing a jury of his peers in a trail about January 6th, and his role in it. He is already a felon the last place he should be is in the highest office in the land. He is continuing to intentionally divide the country and destroy our democracy. He is in fact making a mockery of the presidency. He doesn't deserve a memorials of any kind, I don't care who he claims is paying for it. He robs Peter to pay Paul.

Name: Marilyn Ewing
Date: February 19, 2026 11:29:31 am

OUR White House is the property of the people of the U. S. There has been through the years an effort to maintain the original design . We wish to keep that tradition. The Trump addition is done with out approval or review. We do need more GOLD tributes to him. Thank you

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Name: Denise Powell
Date: February 19, 2026 11:30:17 am

The East Wing Modernization Project must be paused until all required reviews and permits are obtained. As the People's House, the White House cannot have an entire wing demolished without proper authorization, regardless of who occupies it.

Name: Belinda Conter
Date: February 19, 2026 11:31:23 am

I oppose the spending of any money on East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history and a blatant self-aggrandizing effort on the part of the president for no structural or purposeful reason whatsoever. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alison Rempel
Date: February 19, 2026 11:32:32 am

I oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing "Modernization" Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kate Grohe
Date: February 19, 2026 11:32:33 am

Rebuild the East Wing to it's original blueprint. We do not need a hold ballroom. Also make trump pay for what he destroyed without permission He committed the crime and he should have to pay for it.

Name: JMD Watson
Date: February 19, 2026 11:34:02 am

My Dad was a proud American. In his memory I respectfully opose the destruction of the East Wing and ask it be restored at the earliest opportunity.

Name: carolyn gracz
Date: February 19, 2026 11:35:07 am

The public needs to be a part of a review of the expansion project in the East Wing. I vehemently oppose the current plans for expansion. I want the project to receive a full and transparent design review, with input from the public, and entities involved in its construction, that will better suit such an historic and iconic symbol of our country. I want an expansion that will not take it over visually but will meld in seamlessly, leaving the White House to maintain its current stately presence.

Name: KRISTI Edwards
Date: February 19, 2026 11:35:11 am

I ooppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Tricia Thibodeaux Baar
Date: February 19, 2026 11:35:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a personal ego trip begun with no forethought, study, planning, nor concern for the needs or preferences of the citizenry whose property it actually is. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Name: Nancy Bradley
Date: February 19, 2026 11:37:28 am

I sincerely oppose the approval and funding of this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. While the East Wing may have required modernization, what occurred was a destruction of our shared American history. I want this vanity project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and purpose. To permit this project to go forward is an affront to all Americans who are required to act in accordance with the rules, official procedures, and requirements of the law.

Name: Dolores Benjamin
Date: February 19, 2026 11:37:46 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Sincerely,

D. Benjamin

Name: Jennifer Peery
Date: February 19, 2026 11:38:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your consideration,
Jennifer Peery, R.N.

Name: Beverly Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 11:38:32 am

I oppose the ballroom. The proper rules/authorizations were never followed. This was a total destruction and is not a modernization. The plans are absolutely garish, would look hideous by the White House, and cost estimates have doubled. I also feel the US taxpayers will be on the hook for this and feel that the tech bros will not be contributing as it is illegal.

Name: Albert Poland
Date: February 19, 2026 11:39:19 am

I oppose spending one penny on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Albert Poland

Name: Cathy Abell
Date: February 19, 2026 11:40:36 am

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Catherine White
Date: February 19, 2026 11:41:15 am

Demolition took place without proper process.

There should be accountability for the demolition of the prior east wing building and its historical contents before any new construction begins.

This ballroom project should not be so large as to overshadow the existing White House.

This project should not be paid for by private funds.

This project should be overseen by Congress, and no new building project should be undertaken without following proper process.

Name: Michelle Mentzer
Date: February 19, 2026 11:41:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: stephanie zeck
Date: February 19, 2026 11:42:01 am

mass destruction before submitting for approval from this body negates any potential benefit to so-called modernization of the east wing, its historic gardens and the surrounding property, including any rumored underground bunker being built on the property of the people's house. at the full expense of the person or estate of the individual who initiated this scheme, the property should be returned to its former state and rebuilt to exact replication immediately and without delay, and any civil or criminal litigation that has merit should be pursued against the initiator with expediency and without hesitation

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Name: Kimberly Carson
Date: February 19, 2026 11:42:30 am

This project was initiated illegally and without proper review of the design or impact on the People's House, the White House. The extreme cost and sheer size of the project is suspicious on its own. Is it really a plan for an overbuilt, oversized ballroom or is some other purpose hidden in the project? Please investigate fully and only let it proceed if under the proper authorities and procedures.

Name: Dee MacDonald
Date: February 19, 2026 11:42:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of our history. I want this project cancelled so the East wing can be restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elaine Nell
Date: February 19, 2026 11:43:16 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is definitely NOT "modernization project" but rather a complete razing of American history and property. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law! To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Rebuild and restore the East Wing. And, Hold Trump and all others who illegally and thoughtlessly razed the East Wing accountable!

Name: Karen Christensen
Date: February 19, 2026 11:44:18 am

Please stop the current construction of the ballroom at the White House and ensure that anything built to replace the destroyed East Wing is appropriate to the design and history of the building. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800. Major changes to this historic landmark should only be made in a way that respects history and aesthetics of the building, and not at the whim of a single individual. Federal law requires that major construction projects in Washington, D.C. undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval. Since the White House is also "the people's house" comments from the public should be given particular weight.

The plans described by the current president would destroy the historic architectural symmetry of the White House, replacing it with a massive structure intended as a monument to a single individual. While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. A general principle in historic preservation is to maintain the historic exterior, even if significant renovation is required inside the building. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure. This one clearly is not.

Moreover, it is not even intended to be compatible with the historic building. Rather, the very scale and opulence is intended to put the mark of a single individual on a building that belongs to us all, forcing the American people to remember this individual every time we look at the White House. In the late 1980's Nicolae Ceausescu, the authoritarian

leader of Communist Romania, tore down historic neighborhoods to build a massive opulent and wasteful palace for himself. Although he called he called it "the house of the people" during construction, tour guides now refer to it as "Ceausescu's Palace." Please do not allow the same to happen to the White House which truly is and should remain "the people's house."

Karen Christensen
Arlington, Virginia

Name: Jeanné Aken
Date: February 19, 2026 11:44:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kim Grable
Date: February 19, 2026 11:44:49 am

Please, please…stop the illegal gutting of the East Wing of the White House. I won't focus on the destruction of this historic, memory-filled building, but the fact that this is part of the people's house, not the trump house. Stop immediately this illegal takeover.
Thank you for giving me, a native-born US citizen, a voice in this matter.
Kim Grable

Name: Lisa Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 11:47:37 am

National Capital Planning Commission:

Thank you for this opportunity for the American people to have input on the East Wing Modernization Project. Please consider my concerns.

There is confusion as to the architect on deck . . .
- Shalom Baranes Associates (creator of renderings)?
- McCrery Architects (named on the White House website)?

There is also significant confusion as to a cost estimate . . .
- Original quoted by Trump was $300, later $350
- Most often quoted at $400
- Currently on White House website at $200 (is this without the Secret Service security component?)

The only rendering that shows the building plan in relation to its surrounding (White House) environment lacks any detail. However, the footprint does appear to extend forward significantly further than the West wing—a concern toward balance—although the real concern is the overall mammoth scale in that perfect originally-designed space. As a trained designer myself, balance, proportion and harmonious existence in space are paramount. If this unnecessary building must be erected, please let it reflect the historical dignity where it resides.

I am of the strong opinion that America is NOT in need of a space, "that also resembles the gilded spaces of his [Trump's] private clubs." Trump's circle and self-appointed administration do not reflect the majority of America the People. In fact, the United States was held globally in the highest esteem before any gilding ever occurred. Respect for people—sharing intellect and resources where appropriate—is the measure of a government's success, not frivolous expenditures and billionaire overtures. America the People are currently lacking sufficient income to eat, keep warm and stay healthy. This is where resources are needed.

Lastly, I just want to express my deep horror that the East Wing was torn down with zero regard for an historical treasure owned by the American people. I find Trump's actions beyond deplorable, and akin to indictable vandalism.

Most sincerely,
Lisa Johnson
Ames, Iowa

Name: Holly Bogdanffy
Date: February 19, 2026 11:47:47 am

I am offering this written statement in objection to the Trump administration's illegal demolition of the East Wing of the people's house, the White House. I am in opposition to the size scope and lack of historical reference proposed in this project. Furthermore, I feel that it was clearly meant as an insult to the Free Press, the peoples right to freedom of information via access to the executive branch and a misogynistic symbolic demolition of the role of First Lady. As a female American, I completely resent all of this. I want the East Wing rebuilt, as it was according to historical reference scale and size and modernized to accommodate the free and full functioning of a Free Press and in accordance with the needs of a modern fully functioning office of the First Lady. Thank you.

Name: Caren Werlinger
Date: February 19, 2026 11:47:56 am

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the East Wing, and even more strongly oppose the building of this illegal ballroom. No other individual or entity would be allowed to bypass the permitting and approval process. No one, not even the president, should be allowed to do what this occupant of the Oval Office has done.

Please deny permission for the ballroom and demand the East Wing be rebuilt on this PUBLIC property that belongs to all of us, not to any one individual who thinks he is above the law.

Thank you,
Caren Werlinger

Name: Maggie Rudy
Date: February 19, 2026 11:48:06 am

I am opposed to this unnecessary, undemocratic and unlawful project. I was appalled by the destruction of the historical East Wing and the felling of large trees that commemorated our previous presidents. This is a vanity project facilitated by bribery; one that is happening to a property that belongs to the American people. This is OUR HOUSE. This illegal project must be ended immediately, and the East Wing restored to its former state.

Thank you,
Maggie Rudy

Name: Laurie Sherfey
Date: February 19, 2026 11:49:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was as if they demolished the whole east end of the White House in the middle of the night, so no one had the opportunity to object or question such a huge and expensive change, It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The same people who object violently to a statue being taken down or moved have been completely silent about this dismantling of one of the most significant historic structures in our entire country!

Name: Nicole Gotthelf
Date: February 19, 2026 11:49:48 am

As someone who was an elected official in Madison Wi for 8 years and served on numerous redevelopment committees, including chairing the Community Development Authority, I was appalled when the East Wing was demolished without

any permits, plans, and input from citizens and committees.

Now that we have learned that this project never had funding, I hope you would approve rebuilding and restoring the historic East Wing, not modernizing a non-existing building.

I oppose using $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Remember in most communities, you cannot put up an awning or take down a sign without a building permit.

Name: Topaz Weis
Date: February 19, 2026 11:50:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-Americans.

Name: Emilia Martin
Date: February 19, 2026 11:50:09 am

I am outraged at the demolition of the East Wing of The People’s House by a temporary tenant.

Please do not approve a ballroom of any size, and restore the East Wing. Naturally, some upgrades will be necessary, but the restoration of the façade is necessary.

Thank you for allowing us to comment.

-Emilia Martin
American citizen

Name: Wicca Jampolsky Davidson
Date: February 19, 2026 11:50:25 am

Totally against the Ballroom and anything else Trump wants as he further destroys the White House.

Name: T Fernandez
Date: February 19, 2026 11:50:57 am

This project is an abomination. While there may be a need to address public participation and gatherings on behalf of the United States, so many things associated with this project are wrong. This

These include:
- Process to approved has been fully disregarded and work began without the required reviews.
- There was no review of priorities of White House and where a ballroom fits in that list of “wants”
- The President should not have and does not have singular standing to determine this need (and his hand seleted “panel” is not empowered to do so).
- Private funding does not mean that the project at “the people’s house” should be up to a few and go against the guidelines for public and governmental buildings approval and building in Washington DC. This is not private property.
- The scale of the ballroom is fully out of kilter with the proportions of the other White House buildings.

Please stop this construction now and have defined appropriate reviews occur before a White House change/addition occurs.

Name: Scott Aycock
Date: February 19, 2026 11:50:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Carol Reed
Date: February 19, 2026 11:51:06 am

I oppose the spending of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, the PEOPLE'S house restored , and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design .NO one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans!

Name: Michael Blaszkiewicz
Date: February 19, 2026 11:51:28 am

I submit this comment to raise legal concerns regarding the destruction of the East Wing of the White House.
As a federally owned historic property and designated national landmark, the White House is subject to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), including Section 106 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), which requires federal agencies to consider the effects of undertakings on historic properties and to consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Major structural demolition would appear to constitute a federal “undertaking” triggering these obligations.
In addition, Article I of the Constitution vests Congress with authority over federal property and appropriations. Permanent structural alteration of a national symbol raises separation-of-powers concerns if undertaken without clear congressional authorization, documented appropriations, and transparent oversight.
While executive security needs are legitimate, they do not override statutory preservation mandates or constitutional constraints. I request public clarification of NHPA compliance, consultation records, environmental review, and the specific legal authority relied upon for this action.

Name: Rhonda Cuddy
Date: February 19, 2026 11:51:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Westermann
Date: February 19, 2026 11:53:16 am

The White House is the people’s, and this person says “no” to this monstrosity called a ballroom. Uphold the power of Congress!

Name: Janet Maurer
Date: February 19, 2026 11:53:43 am

Any changes to the White House need architectural approval before work can begin from a representative body filled with non-partisan participants, not Trump appointed people who do his bidding. It also needs congressional funds approval. This is the “peoples” house, not “corporate donors” house. The proposed 90,000 square feet addition is too

large and overwhelms the existing property. Conventions are typically around 24,000 square feet. We do not need this size of a banquet hall attached to the White House!!!

Name: Mary Neumann
Date: February 19, 2026 11:53:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Bloom
Date: February 19, 2026 11:53:59 am

I was deeply upset when I heard about this destruction of our history. No one should be able to destroy what belongs to us, the people. I ask that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was before and that the history books will record the entire fiasco. Please make your decisions carefully and thoughtfully. History is watching. Thank you, Linda

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Name: Dave Cuddy
Date: February 19, 2026 11:54:00 am

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Name: Zia Good
Date: February 19, 2026 11:54:42 am

Until the East Wing is returned to its original glory, I will remain incensed Trump would have had the gall to destroy it. Undoing what he has done is the only way to get back on track, the only way to minimize him to the selfish egocentric manchild he truly is.

Name: Nicole Dewald Swenson
Date: February 19, 2026 11:54:45 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely
Nicole

Name: Sandra Baker
Date: February 19, 2026 11:54:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Darcy Mallo
Date: February 19, 2026 11:55:22 am

I do not believe the ballroom which would dwarf the actual White House should be allowed to move forward. Having donations to pay makes the country beholden to those who have contributed. The White House is the people's house not any president that temporarily resides there. Bigger is not better. Please rebuild the east wing and leave the appearance of one of our beloved buildings remain as the representative of the people, all people not just the wealth.

Name: Chuck Cuddy
Date: February 19, 2026 11:55:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dawn Gonzales
Date: February 19, 2026 11:55:48 am

I am writing in opposition to the White House East Wing Modernization Project. There is a legally required federal review process, and my public participation is to be considered. The White House is not property of the president. It's called the People's House for a reason. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. At this point, it appears that any demo has been done without approval or consideration of existing laws. Please keep our White House as it’s been. I do not want to see it changed out of respect for traditions and the future presidents that will reside there. By making permanent changes to this building and other's overseen by the Trust, it appears that Donald Trump is sending a message that he thinks he will be in office forever. This is not governing for the people or by the people and it important that we all speak up now before construction makes the outcome irreversible. Please stop any construction and restore it back to how it was in 2025. Americans deserve better.

Thank you,
Dawn

Name: Nicole Dewald Swenson
Date: February 19, 2026 11:56:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely
Nicole

Name: William Foreman
Date: February 19, 2026 11:56:05 am

The East Wing Moderation Project is a misnomer. The East Wing is being destroyed and replaced, not modernized. The destruction has been accomplished without any oversight or approval. The project is merely another form of self-aggrandizement for the current occupant of the White House. Put the project on hold until this administration is over and a more appropriate replacement for the East Wing can be considered.

Name: Shirley Ritter
Date: February 19, 2026 11:56:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Sanchez
Date: February 19, 2026 11:56:41 am

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Name: Sally Novak
Date: February 19, 2026 11:57:25 am

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Name: Susan Adinolfi
Date: February 19, 2026 11:58:00 am

This so called modernization of the East Wing is nothing more that the current administration’s attempt to tear down history and create a testament to his “greatness”. As far as who is paying for it, not one of his wealthy cronies are donating for the greater good. There is something in it for them and him, rest assured.
It’s not anything that will benefit We The People. Imagine the good the money pledged would have done it it went towards services for those in need, like our veterans for one.

Name: Ignacia Boersma
Date: February 19, 2026 11:59:08 am

Number one. The proposed ballroom is hideously outsized compared to the White House. Second, America is hurting. Groceries are costing us more. Healthcare is costing us more. Housing is costing us more. We are told that we have no choice, that we the people have to tighten our belts but yet this administration thinks they can spend like it's going out of style for marble and tacky gold fixtures for a gigantic ballroom? That is taxpayer money that could be better spent on things that benefit the people and not so this administration can show off. Lastly, you don't go into a bunker for modern conveniences. You go into a bunker because you're scared and you need the basics for survival. Just be sure you trust the people installing the modern infrastructure and Internet.

Name: Linda Armstrong
Date: February 19, 2026 12:00:38 pm

I have served as a commissioner on my local Kansas City-area historic preservation commission over the course of three decades. I am familiar with the kinds of standards and restrictions established by federal and state authorities governing changes to historic buildings.

That a portion of a historic building should have been permitted to be demolished in the first place is a gross violation of these standards. "Weekend Warriors" who destroy historic resources overnight are the bane of any preservation officer. At

this point, the salvation of historic materials and their re-placement on the structure are no longer possible. In such situations, the replacement of the structure in new materials in such a way as to emulate what had been present is the most appropriate requirement. Absent that, any new construction should conform to the existing structure and context in terms of its size, materials, and appearance. These standards are imposed upon historic structures around the nation on ANY applicant for new construction in these circumstances. No architect or builder should be above the law in this respect. The character of the nation's Capitol can only be preserved by adhering to such guidelines.

As such, the proposed plan for the site of the former East Wing is inappropriate in scale, materials, and appearance. It should in no way be permitted. It certainly should not be built with the blessing of the Trust.

Linda Armstrong
Commissioner, Historic District Review Commission
Liberty, MO

Name: Lisa Goodale
Date: February 19, 2026 12:00:39 pm

I register my strong opposition to the so-called East Wing modernization project. Modernization could have been achieved without demolishing a treasured part of our nation's heritage, and the Administration's moving forward with no regard to established procedures and regulations is inexcusable. Do NOT approve this project, and the proposed construction of the White House ballroom, and restore the East Wing to its former appearance, with appropriate modernization.

Name: grace tully
Date: February 19, 2026 12:01:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I demand this project be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design as the place to welcome the public to the white house as well as house the first lady's office and work area. The white house does not belong to the incumbent at any time--it belongs to the people of the United States. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gerald Loftus
Date: February 19, 2026 12:02:32 pm

Elected officials and government employees who occupy public buildings have a special duty to preserve these witnesses to history. This is especially true of the White House. Every part of it echoes the people who lived and worked there, the historic events that happened within its walls. So it is especially atrocious that the East Wing was destroyed in one fell swoop, without discussion, lacking any sort of regular procedure, by the simple diktat of its temporary occupant, the current President. He does not own the building. We the citizens of the United States do, and we expect that the building and its contents be preserved and respected.

For four years I had the honor of living in the only US National Historic Landmark located in a foreign country, the old American Legation in Tangier, Morocco. It has National Historic Landmark status by right of it being the first American diplomatic property, a gift of the Sultan of Morocco in 1821. The building presents unique challenges of maintenance, a consequence of its location in the middle of an ancient walled city of narrow pedestrian alleys and interconnected walls and roofs. It is painstakingly preserved by a unique partnership between an American nonprofit institution and the US government. Historic preservation is something I lived those four years directing the museum and cultural center housed in the Legation.

The East Wing must be restored. If a way can be found to create space for White House events while respecting the existing footprint of the site, let that come through a public process as set out by the NCPC.

Name: Mary Gray
Date: February 19, 2026 12:03:06 pm

I OPPOSE this project that was started without proper authorization. I want you to restore the east wing of the White House and to invoice Mr. Trump personally for any expenses incurred to restore it. I do not feel that taxpayers should pay for the destruction of a historical landmark and project that this administration has forced upon us.

Name: Deb McAllister
Date: February 19, 2026 12:03:26 pm

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Name: Vicky Palmerton
Date: February 19, 2026 12:04:00 pm

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Name: Beth Herbel-Eisenmann
Date: February 19, 2026 12:04:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Seccia
Date: February 19, 2026 12:05:53 pm

Please do not allow the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

No one (DJT) is above the law. We should penalize those who broke the law (DJT & contractors who destroyed the East Wing of the White House).
I remain appalled and dismayed that no one stopped them before it became a complete destruction of the East Wing.

Cancel this project! The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Barbara Webb
Date: February 19, 2026 12:06:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding citizens.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Susan Boyce
Date: February 19, 2026 12:07:08 pm

The east wing should be replaced as historically correct as possible. The “president “ had no permission or right to proceed with this vanity project.

Name: Susan Witmeyer
Date: February 19, 2026 12:07:22 pm

Please stop the destruction of our democracy and the disregard of the law.
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Name: Laura Doll
Date: February 19, 2026 12:07:35 pm

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Name: John Bryant
Date: February 19, 2026 12:07:38 pm

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Name: SUSAN WICK
Date: February 19, 2026 12:08:16 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was an egregious misuse of power. Someone with a background in real estate should realize that there are laws pertaining to destruction of historic buildings, FOLLOW the laws, and acknowledge that the White House is not the personal vanity project of any individual president. I am disgusted.

Name: Mark Weaver
Date: February 19, 2026 12:08:23 pm

The White House belongs to the American people. It never needed a ballroom or needs one now. Placing one there will detract from the historical nature and political center of the US.

Name: james famiglio
Date: February 19, 2026 12:08:33 pm

I am 100% in favor of this project . Long overdue.

Name: Janice Alhadeff
Date: February 19, 2026 12:08:57 pm

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Name: Jessica Hebenstreit
Date: February 19, 2026 12:09:18 pm

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Name: Joan Nygard
Date: February 19, 2026 12:10:22 pm

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Name: Jessica Clark
Date: February 19, 2026 12:10:47 pm

This project is disgraceful and an affront to American history and the contributions of our First Ladies. Please stop this project

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Name: Karen Barrows
Date: February 19, 2026 12:10:55 pm

I completely and utterly oppose the spending of $300 million (or whatever it ends up costing) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Please do not reward the actions of an increasingly criminal administration by allowing this monstrous project to go forward. Thank you.

Name: Blythe Karstadt
Date: February 19, 2026 12:11:06 pm

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Name: P. Melanie Vliet
Date: February 19, 2026 12:11:50 pm

I understand that President Trump‘s destruction of the east wing of the White House was done without applying for the proper authorization and was therefore illegal. He must be required to rebuild it exactly as it stood using his own personal funds.

Thank you for your attention to this most important matter.

Name: JoAnn Hinchliffe
Date: February 19, 2026 12:11:56 pm

This is not modernization. It is yet another vanity project for a man whose need for reassurance and flattery is bottomless. Nothing could be less appropriate than a few rich individuals pouring bribe money into this project. The White House is the People's House, not the Oligarchs' House. It's appalling that the East Wing was destroyed before the proper authorities were included in the process. The East Wing should be restored to its previous size and design, but modernized with updated insulation, plumbing, electricity, fixtures, etc. Nothing more. And since the president is personally profiting from his presidency with his crypto currency side business, I suggest he pay for the restoration out of his own pocket.

Name: Stephen Wilkins
Date: February 19, 2026 12:13:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The President has stated that this would be funded by private donations. I suspect that, were President Trump to win his lawsuits against his/our own government, the "charities" he claims would receive the funds would be the likes of so-called "East Wing Modernization." In that case, his hideous eyesore would end up being funded by we, the taxpayers.

However, I don't care how it is funded. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Neel Webber
Date: February 19, 2026 12:14:39 pm

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Name: Vicki Wilson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:15:21 pm

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Name: Judith Stein
Date: February 19, 2026 12:15:25 pm

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Thank you.

Name: Jennifer Grizzard Ekzarkhov
Date: February 19, 2026 12:15:58 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Katherine Pettiss
Date: February 19, 2026 12:16:03 pm

Remember the East Wing!

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Ann Calderwood
Date: February 19, 2026 12:16:42 pm

Along with Anara Guard and many others I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Brafford
Date: February 19, 2026 12:16:57 pm

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Name: Barbara Keefe
Date: February 19, 2026 12:17:58 pm

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Name: Debra Muniz
Date: February 19, 2026 12:18:34 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I strongly oppose the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House.

This is not a modest update. It is an expansion nearly double the size of the 55,000 square foot Executive Residence. Preservation standards require that additions to historic landmarks remain subordinate to the original structure. An addition of this magnitude is not subordinate. It would fundamentally alter the scale and character of one of our nation's most important historic sites. Also, project is being funded by large private donations of large scale donors and I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a symbol of democratic governance, not a convention facility. Expanding it to accommodate large scale galas and donor focused events shifts its purpose away from the public trust it represents. The dignity of the People's House should not be compromised for event capacity.

Approving a project of this size at a National Historic Landmark sets a dangerous precedent. If preservation principles can be bent here, they can be weakened anywhere.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and uphold the historic integrity, proportionality, and public mission of the White House.

Respectfully,
Debra Muniz
Boynton Beach, FL

Name: Claudia Albertin
Date: February 19, 2026 12:18:43 pm

The East Wing addition to the Whitehouse appears to be grossly oversized and out of scale with the existing building and grounds. The initial ballroom program was for 500 seats which would more than double the capacity of the existing facilities at the Whitehouse. It does not seem that a 1000 seat ballroom is necessary. A building half the size, and lower in height would be more appropriate to the existing massing and scale. This facility seems overbuilt rather than right-sized. There is also no indication within the building plan regarding security screening and where/how that process occurs...so what is the visitor experience? And what is really envisioned for the West Wing expansion? The plan seems imbalanced, again because the ballroom addition is TOO BIG.
Also, if the only accessible entrance is from the Whitehouse, that seems to be problematic that elevator access is not provided within the new structure.
Finally the Whitehouse complex is to reflect the values of the American people, and while improvement may be required, one thing that has always struck me is that the Whitehouse is intentionally NOT palatial. It is NOT the house of an emperor or king, and reflects that it is the house belonging to the American people. The ostentation and imperialism reflected in the scale an treatment of the addition is inappropriate. It is also inappropriate that the plans are being reviewed by a commission that is largely political rather than professional in nature.

Name: Beth Wing
Date: February 19, 2026 12:18:58 pm

Dear Commission,

I am against the East Wing Modernization Project, but as the demolition has already begun, suffice it to say that it is a desecration and a slap in the face to every citizen. The project should be halted because President Trump began the demolition despite no independent reviews having taken place, or congressional approval given. Even the president's supporters never asked for a ballroom.

The project as it is currently designed is not in proportion to the White House and the images submitted to the National Park Service show that the plans are incompatible with the current design. A former architect under the Biden administration was quoted, "...it is a poorly proportioned neo-classical structure that is completely out of scale" with the White House. (https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/white-house-ballroom-plans-east-wing-b2920326.html) As the Trump administration has clearly ignored National Park Service guidelines, the project should be halted until appropriate plans are submitted.

Also, I don't believe that the project will be paid for by "donors." Eventually, these sycophants will realize their bribes are

useless, and United States taxpayers will be paying for this disgraceful, $400,000,000 vanity project.

Sincerely,

Beth Wing

Name: Carol Drowne
Date: February 19, 2026 12:19:26 pm

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Name: William Singletary
Date: February 19, 2026 12:19:27 pm

Please do not approve the gargantuan addition of the Trump ballrroom to the White House. Everyone knows that President Trump has stacked all oversight entities with toadies who will approve whatever grotesque ego-driven plan he advocates.

Perhaps a larger facility to entertain is called for. But any such project must be undertaken with all appropriate study and slow deliberation. And it must be tasteful and not detract from the White House or federal city. The addition as proposed will dwarf the White House. The current plan is blasphemous. It is hideous. It does not honor the stately and solemn history of the executive mansion. We will hopefully be rid of President Trump at some point. Please do not make the mistake of allowing him to trash our national treasures on his way out. If this project is approved and built, I will support whichever candidate for President in 2028 who commits to tearing it down.

Name: Sarah Shrewsbury
Date: February 19, 2026 12:19:44 pm

Dear National Trust, We are a country of laws. If we don’t adhere to our Constitution nor our laws, our society will collapse. The President acted unilaterally, outside of the laws to tear down the East Wing. He has no authority to unilaterally approve plans for a new design of that space. He must be made to go through proper legal process. Not sure what punishment after the fact can be implemented for tearing down the East Wing without due process. We cannot let this set a precedent. Thank you. -Sarah Shrewsbury US citizen from CT

Name: Carol Nightengale
Date: February 19, 2026 12:19:44 pm

Please restore the East Wing to its former structure and footprint. Restore the interior to be historically accurate to the former configuration. Return as many of the previous furnishings as possible. The tear down is an abomination and insult to the American public. We do NOT want at monstrosity of a ballroom for the rich. It would be a symbol of this misguided administration.

Name: Kimberley White
Date: February 19, 2026 12:20:08 pm

I oppose this project in its entirety. I don’t care how it’s funded, it is a garish abomination. It’s bad enough the east wing has been demolished. Adding this monstrosity as a tribute to the president’s giant ego is an affront to all decent Americans.

Please do not let this project be moved forward. If a bunker is needed, it can be covered with grass easier than a $300 - 400 million dollar building that serves no justifiable purpose.

He’s not even a good dancer!

Name: Jon Krawczuk
Date: February 19, 2026 12:20:41 pm

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Name: Shendl Diamond
Date: February 19, 2026 12:20:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rosalie Dominik
Date: February 19, 2026 12:20:49 pm

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: susan jackson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:21:00 pm

No ballroom. Proper procedure and protocol was ignored.

Name: Ella Briand
Date: February 19, 2026 12:21:29 pm

This is the People's House, it never should have been demolished without proper permission and proper channels. The People’s House doesn’t need this grotesque ballroom. The space should be completely restored to its former historic splendor.

Name: Bruce Karstadt
Date: February 19, 2026 12:22:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. For the current administration, without warning, to destroy this building and all of its furnishings and to just throw them in a trash pit is reprehensible and disrepectful of the American people and our history - especially in this 250th anniversary year. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gregg Smythe
Date: February 19, 2026 12:22:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If that for some reason is unrealistic, this project should be a project OF the people. The people should decide and design what comes next. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. I'd be fine with letting it sit the way it is until the next administration.

Name: Annette Geisel
Date: February 19, 2026 12:23:21 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. his creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Brenda Cameron
Date: February 19, 2026 12:24:14 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Kavanaugh
Date: February 19, 2026 12:24:48 pm

A horrible waste of taxpayer money!

Name: Danielle Varallo
Date: February 19, 2026 12:25:53 pm

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Name: Catherine Gansen
Date: February 19, 2026 12:26:13 pm

I wholeheartedly oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mitch Lutzke
Date: February 19, 2026 12:27:20 pm

Please. We do not that monstrous ostentatious golden ballroom. Let’s have the courage to say no to the party (parties) that wish to further desecrate our country’s beloved White House. Thanks for your consideration of this important matter

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Name: Ken Herting
Date: February 19, 2026 12:27:25 pm

This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The destruction of a full wing of this historic building, The People’s House, without prior review is irresponsible and an affront to all Americans. I oppose any plans to build anything other than restoring it to its former design. I oppose spending any money on any other design change.

Name: Jacob Keplinger
Date: February 19, 2026 12:27:26 pm

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Name: Amy Gruss
Date: February 19, 2026 12:28:01 pm

SAVE THE ORIGINAL EAST WING! I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tylee Greene
Date: February 19, 2026 12:28:26 pm

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Name: Deborah Ferrell
Date: February 19, 2026 12:28:47 pm

Trump should be required to replace the East Wing substantially as it was before it was illegally destroyed. He must pay for it's reconstruction personally and repay the government for whatever costs incurred to tear it down. Once that's done, he can apply legally to the commission that regulates government buildings to make any substantive changes he wants done.

Name: Tracy Zimmermann
Date: February 19, 2026 12:29:46 pm

Please see attached PDF.

Attachment

Name: Joan McKinney
Date: February 19, 2026 12:31:41 pm

I oppose construction of the “modernization” ballroom project. It had not gone through the required procedures for permits and review of the design. The demolition of the East Wing was a brutish violation of the these requirements and a tragic destruction of history. Please exert any authority the Commission may have to require the reconstruction of the East Wing.

Name: Deanna Leitner
Date: February 19, 2026 12:31:50 pm

Send a message:

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Vincent Callaghan
Date: February 19, 2026 12:32:11 pm

Any changes to the White House should be done through the proper channels, not on the whim of the president. The White House is the People’s house and the occupant is only there temporarily. In the past, the changes that have been made were approved through the proper channels. If a ballroom is needed a discussion should’ve taken place where all sides could weigh in before anything proceeded and the destruction of the E. Wing took place. The only people who benefit from a ballroom are the rich friends of the president not the everyday citizens.

Name: Susan Moore
Date: February 19, 2026 12:32:23 pm

I completely oppose this 'modernization' because it's not that at all. It's an erasure of our history and was never approved, permitted, or even designed before the east wing was demolished.
I want this project completely reversed, the East Wing restored based on the original plans, and I want it paid for with those donations that were originally given to Trump AND I want Trump to personally pay for any remaining work that will be needed.

Name: John Yelverton
Date: February 19, 2026 12:32:32 pm

The original White House must be preserved to honor all those who have served to govern our nation for the past 250 years. The East Wing must be restored. One administration cannot be allowed to erase the work of all others proceeding it. The White House has always been a symbol of the humble strength of the United States. It must remain intact for future generations. Thank you.

Name: Penelope Burgett
Date: February 19, 2026 12:32:45 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It's title is false
This proposal IS NOT for modernization; it's for replacement.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donald Ostrow
Date: February 19, 2026 12:33:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jessie Stanton
Date: February 19, 2026 12:34:44 pm

We don’t need a ballroom. We need healthcare for all, education and arts funding. The lawlessness with which the East Wing was destroyed needs to be addressed and people held accountable.

Name: CYNTHIA ERB
Date: February 19, 2026 12:35:17 pm

This $300 million project has never really been properly vetted with the American people. The previous structure was demolished with no notice. It is unclear whether the demolition was properly handled, and we don't know what sort of history has been lost. A more appropriate structure would be what the name of this is--a modernized version of the East Wing, where the First Lady could conduct business, among other things. I oppose this project as it has been currently explained. But I hope to see a new structure, proposed within the proper guidelines, and with Congress, the American people, and the appropriate agencies involved. Such a structure should fit appropriately on the White House grounds, as well as fitting the design of Washington, DC.

Name: Kelly Hernandez
Date: February 19, 2026 12:35:38 pm

This should be halted, torn down, and East Wing should be restored.

The White House is small and humble because it’s not the king’s house; it’s the people’s house. Donald Trump had no right to tear it down without the people’s consent.

If this construction is finished, it will be an eyesore. Trump’s vanity project will be larger than the main building. Do everything in your power to stop this madman.

Name: Theresa A Greco
Date: February 19, 2026 12:35:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deb Pettit
Date: February 19, 2026 12:35:57 pm

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Name: Beth Hufnagel
Date: February 19, 2026 12:36:02 pm

Modernization was needed, I'm sure, and an office for the President's spouse assumes free labor. However, bulldozing it sneakily is simply destruction. If a huge ballroom is needed - and maybe it is- put it underground or somewhere else. The White House is historic and thus small by today's standards. Is the next step to bulldoze that too in the dead of night, so it can be "modernized?"
Maybe just replace the East Wing with a Rose Garden.

Name: Luke Paul
Date: February 19, 2026 12:36:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, or any spending period, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete theft and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If this project is to continue I look forward to seeing those responsible for the erosion of our trust to be held accountable before the law.

Name: Brenda L Roberts
Date: February 19, 2026 12:38:38 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Theresa Jenkins
Date: February 19, 2026 12:39:32 pm

This breaks my heart. I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is NOT a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American (OUR) history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I want the reconstruction to be personally paid for by the one who ordered it destroyed: Donald Trump. He had NOT acquired legal or proper authorization before ordering the destruction of the White House East Wing, because he knew he would be denied. We MUST contain his ourageous dictates NOW! No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The Capitol belongs to all US citizens.

Sincerely,
T Jenkins

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

Name: Nancy Franklin
Date: February 19, 2026 12:40:10 pm

It is shameful that the East Wing of the White House was demolished without the input of historical or architectural committees as well as we the people of The United States.

The “ballroom” is unnecessary considering the plan is for it to be 90,000 square feet. Trump will no doubt fill it with gaudy gold like he did to the Oval Office.

Instead of a ball room, the east wing should be reconstructed exactly the way it was.

I’m so disappointed with how this project was sneaked by the people of our country!

Name: Marya Gabriel
Date: February 19, 2026 12:40:42 pm

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen.

I am very concerned that the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House, one of our National Parks properties and belonging to the people of the United States proceeded without consultation with the National Capitol Planning Commission and other pertinent organizations.

I am against the building of a large ballroom on the site, and would prefer that a new East Wing with that is in keeping with the history of the White House and not of a scale that overshadows what is left of the existing White House be built instead.

I am also concerned about the cost of the ballroom and the private sources of funding for the project and that the financial contributors are donating purely to curry favor with the president. I would also like the amount of tax payer money that is spent on the project to be made public.

There should be some oversight going forward with the building of new monuments, demolition and /or remodeling of historical buildings in Washington DC by the current occupant of the White House as these buildings do not personally belong to him, but to the people of the United States.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Marya Gabriel

Name: Bear Kosik
Date: February 19, 2026 12:41:31 pm

I understand the need for a better venue to host state dinners and large events. However, the established procedures for altering federal properties have not been followed. As much as someone may believe he can effect changes without regard to rules, the national interest is best served by observing every step set out to ensure the results compliment the unaffected surroundings. Administrations come and go. Federal properties are meant to last in continuity.

Name: LaVonne Dodson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:42:14 pm

I oppose the tearing down of the east wing of the people's house to be replaced by a ballroom for the oligarchy. None of the proper authorizations, permits, or design reviews were followed. Stop this unlawful desecration of our national history and restore the east wing to the white house!

Name: Therese Caldwell
Date: February 19, 2026 12:42:33 pm

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Name: Annbritt duChateau
Date: February 19, 2026 12:42:58 pm

I performed with the Broadway company Aladdin in 2015 for First Lady Michelle Obama, and the kids who won her healthy foods recipe contest. It was the thrill of a lifetime to play piano in the East Wing where so many artists have shared their talents with whomever was President & First Lady at the time. To sit beneath the giant George Washington portrait while playing was a total inspiration.

To wake up one morning to learn that Donald Trump had literally taken a WRECKING BALL to a piece of HISTORY made me physically ill. His arrogance and IGNORANCE knows no bounds.
To destroy a piece of HISTORY on his personal WHIM WITHOUT GOING THROUGH CONGRESS is a disgrace. This country does NOT need another gaudy Trump building. PLEASE STOP HIM.

Name: Sophia Twaddell
Date: February 19, 2026 12:43:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Not to mention the anonymity of the donors and their business before the Government.

Name: Nancy Jelinek
Date: February 19, 2026 12:43:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Americans want to preserve history not erase it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

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Not to mention the anonymity of the donors and their business before the Government.

Name: Mary Cox
Date: February 19, 2026 12:44:04 pm

I am 100% opposed to this project. For one thing it is built on a lie. President Trump told the American people the East Wing wouldn't be affected, then proceeded to destroy it. If this monstrosity is built it will replace what was once was once a welcoming place for all Americans. How many ordinary people do you think will be invited to the balls and galas that will take place under the gaudy chandeliers in this "tribute" to a man who was impeached twice, is a convicted felon and is despised by millions of Americans, including myself. I emplore members of the committee NOT to approve it.

Name: Dennis Heller
Date: February 19, 2026 12:44:12 pm

Please insist that the East Wing be returned to it's original design. It was destroyed illegally and a out of proportion dinning/dance hall will eventually have to be torn down. Do the right thing and stop this project.

Name: Barbara Adams
Date: February 19, 2026 12:44:43 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East wing of our White House. This was a morally and possibly criminal act of desecration and destruction by a small man who believes he is above the law.
I demand the East wing be restored in such a way as to conform to the original or a plan be approved by the authorities designated by law to oversee and approve such construction. As no funding was provided by Congress the costs of any construction should be borne by private individuals and overseen by independent auditors to ensure monies from American taxpayers are not used for any aggrandizement of Trump! Thank you.

Name: Margaret Cruthers
Date: February 19, 2026 12:44:59 pm

Please reconsider the East Wing Modernization ball room. This was started without the proper authorization and consideration to the structure and safety of the entire White House. So much has been transposed already in the White House that has diminished its historical value and memories and without knowing at what financial cost to the tax payers. Please stop the destruction and expense to the United States American structure and return it to the majestic historical national monument it once was.

Name: Nancy LeBarron
Date: February 19, 2026 12:45:00 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House that was done without proper permits or prior discussion through proper channels. Please restore this to its prior function and don't allow the grand ballroom to be constructed. Please make sure all new construction is done with proper permits, inspections and review.

Name: Claire Delavigne
Date: February 19, 2026 12:45:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steve Coretti
Date: February 19, 2026 12:46:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Americans want to preserve history not erase it.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Louise Price
Date: February 19, 2026 12:46:32 pm

I oppose the current administration's plans for this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is the People's House, not a vanity project to be developed on one person's whim. This administration must be prevented from doing further destruction to this landmark and any other landmarks in their consideration.

Name: Cathleen Hotaling
Date: February 19, 2026 12:46:41 pm

This project must not go through. The east wing and the White House of the peoples home, not for anyone person or family. The beauty and integrity of Washington DC is being destroyed. The people don’t want it. Please stop this!

Name: Martha Brouwer
Date: February 19, 2026 12:46:42 pm

I am glad to see action being taken to stop this travesty! I would like to see the bunker revitalized and the East wing returned to balance the West Wing. I trust the commission to oversee this and do the right thing.

Name: Chris Nellis
Date: February 19, 2026 12:46:57 pm

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all!

Name: Lynda Freas
Date: February 19, 2026 12:47:37 pm

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House, the People's House, without regard to its historical importance is reprehensible. This administration has committed a criminal act. I strongly protest this horrible action.

Name: Candace Mitchell
Date: February 19, 2026 12:47:51 pm

I agree completely with the comment, below:

“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Name: Nancy Smiedy
Date: February 19, 2026 12:48:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alberto Perez
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:01 pm

This project should have never happened. It did not go through the proper channels at the beginning. The east wing should be rebuilt to its original condition and President Trump should be fined.

Name: Janet Thrower
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:07 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, providing the former balance to the site. A stand-alone ballroom could be built with private funds on some other property where it won't detract from the original White House complex. Actual historians and architects must be in charge!

Name: Marguerite Bostonia
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Horwitz
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of Donald J. Trump. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Irene Hunter
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:23 pm

I am appalled at the desecration of the White House East Wing! The razing of the section was done almost as an unannounced attack, and apparently with no congressional approval or any of the usual permits and oversight. Please do not let the insane personal aggrandizement by the president allow this whole space being turned into an unneeded "ballroom"!

Name: Martha Bari
Date: February 19, 2026 12:49:43 pm

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Name: Kelsey Alcantara-Wright
Date: February 19, 2026 12:50:39 pm

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Name: Adriane Richard
Date: February 19, 2026 12:50:44 pm

This project needs to be stopped in its tracks. The entire process is a reflection of someone who only operates selfishly and impulsively. History cannot be bulldozed to entertain billionaires. Please stop this project and support what is right and just. America is not for sale. This is our house, the people’s house, and we the people do not approve of this project. A prominent symbol of our nation’s history has been erased overnight. Though we cannot restore what was lost, we can change the outcome of what it will become. Stop this now!

Name: Linda Rose
Date: February 19, 2026 12:50:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joanne Barrier
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:19 pm

This is a project that never should have been altered without the permission of the American people. Please return it to its former state. I, personally, prefer the funds should be paid by the person responsible for this travesty. Take it out of his salary until it's full restoration.

Name: Rose Haggerty
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:53 pm

President Trump has proposed a ballroom the size of which will dwarf the White House itself. And he illegally started the project by tearing down the East Wing without any authorization. He should not be able to get away with this. Please hold him accountable by putting restrictions on the size of his ballroom. It should not dwarf the White House.

Name: Doris Elaine Warren
Date: February 19, 2026 12:51:56 pm

I am strongly in opposition to wasting $300 million on this abhorrent monument to Donald J. Trump's monstrous ego. Demolition was initiated without proper authorization, permits, environmental safety plans or design review. It is not a

modernization project but rather a grotesque, bloated, slap in the face to all America. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design after site decontamination is completed, amd Donald J. Trump prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Name: Pamela Metcalf-Kunellis
Date: February 19, 2026 12:53:26 pm

I oppose this project. It is not modernization it is vandalism and the destruction of history. This is the people's house and as such the people deserve to be heard. I support rebuilding the East Wing and denying the construction of a ballroom.

Name: Catherine Hankinson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:54:21 pm

I am vehemently opposed to allowing the President to build the East Wing ballroom as it is currently planned. This is the people's house - not the President's house. The scale is completely out of proportion to the main White House building as well as the proposed gaudy decor. There is a reason our forefathers did not build the President a palace - we are a democracy of the people; not living under a monarchy. This one president should not be able to significantly alter the White House property at his whim. Please do everything you can to stop this construction. Thank you.

Name: Margaret Sprenkle
Date: February 19, 2026 12:54:26 pm

Please restore the East Wing to its previous appearance.

Name: Kathleen Ryan
Date: February 19, 2026 12:55:16 pm

I oppose the use of government money to construct a guilded ballroom for the 47th president. It needs to be rebuilt as it was. He did not have the authority to tear it down and build his own palace. This is an absolute disgrace to our country.

Name: Elizabeth Lindorff
Date: February 19, 2026 12:55:26 pm

President Trump does not own the White House.
Even if he did, he broke laws when he razed the East Wing.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law.To permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Wavle-Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 12:55:31 pm

To whom it may Concern:

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Mary Wavle- Brown

Name: Robin Gotfrid
Date: February 19, 2026 12:55:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is absolutely appalling that the teardown was allowed to take place without any of the usual prior authorization, review and permits. This is our country's legacy and we the people along with historical preservationists deserve the decisive say in what happens on and to this property.

Name: Thomas Ransone
Date: February 19, 2026 12:56:20 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the ongoing demolition and proposed 90,000-square-foot expansion project at the White House East Wing. While I recognize the need for the Executive Residence to evolve, the current "State Ballroom" project represents an irreversible departure from the historical integrity and democratic transparency that the "People’s House" demands.

The following points outline the primary concerns regarding this project:

1. Desecration of a National Landmark
The wholesale demolition of the East Wing, which began in October 2025, has already caused the loss of significant historical fabric. By replacing a structure with deep ties to the 1902 and 1942 eras with a massive, 89,000-square-foot annex, the project disregards the National Historic Preservation Act. The White House should not be subject to architectural whims that prioritize scale over stewardship.

2. Lack of Oversight and Legal Authority
A project of this magnitude—estimated to cost up to $400 million—is being executed without express congressional approval. Federal law typically requires that no structure be erected on public grounds in D.C. without authority from Congress. Furthermore, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has sued to halt construction, alleging the administration bypassed mandatory reviews from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the National Park Service (NPS).

3. Absence of Public Input
The "People’s House" belongs to the American public, yet this project was launched with little to no notice and zero opportunity for public comment. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has condemned the lack of transparency, noting that such significant alterations to public architecture require open decision-making and citizen participation.

4. Ethics of Private Fundraising
The decision to fund a major addition to a public federal building through private donations from billionaires and corporations raises grave ethical concerns. Lawmakers have questioned whether these contributions, which reportedly include funds from major tech and defense firms, could be used to facilitate corruption or secure favorable treatment. Public landmarks should be maintained through transparent, appropriated funds, not through opaque private "gifts" that carry the appearance of a conflict of interest.

5. Aesthetic and Scale Concerns
Renderings show a structure that is roughly twice the size of the original White House residence. This "immense" design threatens to overwhelm the iconic silhouette of the Executive Mansion and permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design that has defined the site for over two centuries.

I respectfully urge you to support a formal halt to the project until a comprehensive, transparent review is completed and the necessary legislative and ethical safeguards are established.

Name: Scott Nelson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:58:23 pm

I am opposed to this project as it currently stands. While something needs to be built to replace what has been illegally destroyed, the scale of the proposed building is ridiculous. Especially when so much has been stripped from the public good by this administration. I am fearful that if you allow this building to go forward as submitted you will be opening the door for more of the same types of self serving projects in the future.

Name: Mallory Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 12:58:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kim McGibony
Date: February 19, 2026 12:59:06 pm

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Name: Maureen Skelly
Date: February 19, 2026 12:59:28 pm

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Name: Marina Perrin
Date: February 19, 2026 12:59:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andrew McLeod
Date: February 19, 2026 12:59:38 pm

This project should not proceed without a full review of impact. Even now it appears to be a half-baked sketch with doorways and stairs going nowhere. It is tragic that the East Wing has already been destroyed, but we should replace it with something that works.

Name: Laurie Rockenbeck
Date: February 19, 2026 1:00:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathy Kempema
Date: February 19, 2026 1:00:19 pm

My objection to this project is the lack of input from organizations like the National Trust for Historic Presrvation and the D.C. planning commission prior to the demolition of the existing structure. There don’t seem to be any agreed upon costs published, or plans for funding the additional maintenance required to this addition to the White House in the future, regardless of promises that it will be built with donations. Is this an addition that will modernize the White House or sent only as another monument to the current administration’s desire for more lavish accommodations?

Name: Francesca Kelly
Date: February 19, 2026 1:00:48 pm

I'm appalled by the destruction of the East Wing without any approval. I do not want my tax dollars to fund this. I want it to be rebuilt with foresight and planning, and under the guidelines of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Right now, its wanton destruction stands as a symbol for a president who espouses the view he once openly stated: "When you're a star, they let you do it." Well, this taxpayer wants us to do everything possible to NOT let him do it. It's a travesty that one man, even the president, can do this to the people's house.

Name: C Grace
Date: February 19, 2026 1:01:03 pm

I am opposed to the current plan for this change to the White House. This was started without proper authorization, and does not take into account the design or purpose of this structure. Please consider a more appropriate use, including building a ballroom structure elsewhere.

Restore the East Wing as an area for visitors, all the people.

Name: Brian Bridgeman Bridgeman
Date: February 19, 2026 1:01:24 pm

Rebuild the east wing as it was prior to the wrecking ball, and send the bill to Donald John Trump.

Name: Meredyth Babcock
Date: February 19, 2026 1:01:46 pm

‘Design Guidelines for the White House and President’s Park’ (1997), issued by the National Park Service: “The White House and President’s Park are first and foremost a public trust, an important part of our national heritage.”

Any alterations undertaken should have followed a rigorous and deliberate design and review process prior to any demolition. Nothing should be demolished before what is to replace it has been proven not only acceptable to the people who's house it is, but necessary to serve those people.
What this administration literally plowed into ruins should be considered a crime against our nation and should be punished as such.

This horrific act of demolition shows a revolting sense of disregard for the people who's house it is, entitlement and self-aggrandizement. It is offensive and undermines the powerful sense of shared ownership and responsibility. The material, both toxic and historic, was treated with the same lack of respect and care as the American people are being treated by this self centered president.
The argument that the” renovations” is being done by donors is absurd. Unspecified donors currying favor is the last element we need in our Peoples House. We need a shared decision-making process that is open and transparent.
We needed thoughtful deliberation and carful assessment of what may actually be needed. This has been stolen from us,

robbed in plan sight because we could not have imagined such insanity. Stolen by a bulldozer and juvenile behavior one expects in a Jr. High school parking lot not in the oval office.

Call this "renovation" what it is, thoughtless destruction for the purpose of self-adulation and facilitating yet more purchase of favor from wealthy donors and other countries.

“The White House is owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It is more than the President's residence; it is a site for protests and national discourse about what it means to be American. As one of the most iconic sites in the country, the White House and President's Park seeks to tell the stories of all people who have lived, worked, and visited. “
https://www.nps.gov/whho/index.htm

Stand proudly on the correct side of history and deny any permit due to the demolition of our peoples house without permission.

Name: Peter Shaw
Date: February 19, 2026 1:02:00 pm

The WH East Wing needed no “modernization”. The destruction of this historic structure containing invaluable records of Presidential First Ladies, historic portraits, & letters removed an opportunity for the public to immerse themselves in Presidential history. The structure belonged to the People, & a 4-year “renter” had no right to tear it down, much less change the purpose & dimensions of a space not needed for “balls”. No matter who is providing the cash. The structure should be replaced as it was.
Tell Trump to return the Qatari airplane & use that money to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Name: Lane scandalis
Date: February 19, 2026 1:02:55 pm

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this East Wing project.
This work appears to have moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or a meaningful design review. That is not acceptable for any public project, and it is especially unacceptable at a site that carries this level of national significance.
Calling this modernization does not match what has happened. What I see is a loss of history and character that cannot simply be rebuilt later and called “the same.”
I am asking that this project be canceled. I also want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, as faithfully as possible.
No one is above the law. Allowing this to continue, without accountability for those who ignored the required process, would be an insult to every law abiding American who is expected to follow the rules.

Name: S Monty
Date: February 19, 2026 1:02:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Merrilee Harmon
Date: February 19, 2026 1:03:20 pm

It is abhorrent what has been done to this national treasure. Please stop the destruction of our cherished national monument and require it to be restored to its former glory.

Name: Kathie Price
Date: February 19, 2026 1:03:21 pm

Put the East wing back, using the same footprint.

Name: Suzanne Ardila
Date: February 19, 2026 1:03:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ted Strait
Date: February 19, 2026 1:04:21 pm

Do not allow this project to continue as 'planned'.
Restore the East Wing to its former design, style and function.

Name: Denise Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 1:04:22 pm

February 19, 2026
NCPC Commission members,

We oppose the current East Wing (of the White House) Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. We understand from your web page that “Section 106 does not apply to NCPC’s review of projects at the White House, and therefore NCPC does not consider potential effects to historic properties for projects at the White House and its grounds”. We also understand the concerns of the American people about the ruthless pillaging of the White House (the people’s house!) abruptly and without normal procedures and authorization may not be within your purview, but we believe it should be. This is an insult to the rule of law and our government process and highlights the contempt this administration has toward its citizens. These factors may or may not influence your decision making, but please understand they DO influence the public interpretation of your decisions.

Another concern we have is the Trump administration’s assumption that arranging private funding for an unauthorized vanity project will appease any concerns citizens may have toward destruction of our Cultural Heritage sites no matter how legally of honorably those funds might have been solicited. Although judging from ongoing administration ‘dealmaking’ even the motivation for those donations may be in question.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

We urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
Denise D. Smith
Bruce C. Smith

Name: Edgar Ardila
Date: February 19, 2026 1:04:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stephanie Gayle
Date: February 19, 2026 1:04:55 pm

I oppose the razing of this historical space. It is not a modernization project, but an attempt to erase history. $300 million for a project created without proper permits or authorizations? No. The citizens of this country deserve a building that reflects their history, not an expensive vanity project initiated by a leader who didn't care to follow the steps all others have to when initiating such major projects that are funded by tax payers.

Name: Sarah LeCompte
Date: February 19, 2026 1:05:26 pm

1) This project is on a publicly owned, building and complex sustained by federal funds and employees. It moved hastily without following protocols required in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and amendments, especially sections 106 and 110, and did not follow local and regional building project review processes and permits. Plans submitted to the planning commission were vague and dodged pertinent questions and data.
2) As a highly visible and well known national landmark and publicly shared building, the input of citizens matters more than the temporary tenants of the site.
3) Although publicity indicates it is privately funded, this information seems uncertain and there has been no information on the ongoing maintenance and utility costs that will fall on public funds.
4) There has been no reliable information or assessment of actual need for a large ballroom, and whether a long-term structure will actually be frequently utilized or justify the expense and ongoing maintenance.
5) The design of the proposed new structure is out of scale and proportion to the site and the existing surrounding buildings. No information on whether construction will use current best practices for energy efficiency, sustainable materials, and maintenance.
6) A structure that matches the style, materials, proportions of the razed East Wing is preferable, and restoration of the grounds that have been destroyed by this hasty, unpermitted project.
7) Penalties and fines consistent with what occurs when local and federal laws are broken.

Name: Kathie Arnold
Date: February 19, 2026 1:05:48 pm

I register my opposition to the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. The destruction of the East Wing was done beyond the permissible rules/laws and this ballroom project needs to be stopped and the historical East Wing rebuilt.

Name: Kc Hensley
Date: February 19, 2026 1:07:25 pm

The damage has been done, but I would like the east wing to be reconstructed only to specs of what it was before being demolished. It should not be treated as a vanity project for a president and we cant trust the intentions of the donors.

Name: Andrena Zawinski
Date: February 19, 2026 1:10:47 pm

I am horrified that a historical landmark has been ripped apart without public input or following laws on such matters. First the rose garden and now the house. It must stop.

Name: Jeanne Conroy
Date: February 19, 2026 1:10:50 pm

I oppose the construction of this huge ballroom. It is totally unnecessary and will detract from the graceful elegance of the current White House. There is no reasonable need to have a ballroom of this size. Its scale against the White House structure is completely out of perspective and will take away from the historic grandeur of current building.

Name: Jewel Greenberg
Date: February 19, 2026 1:11:22 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, not to mention a complete lack of respect for the original architecture. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in the name of one man's disgusting hubris. I want this project canceled immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not even a president. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and it is a kick in the face to the citizens of this country. We benefitted from the history, the beauty, and the grandeur of the original building. Allowing the current president to destroy it shows not only his lack of respect for the American people, but also yours. Please do your duty to us, your fellow citizens, and stop this ridiculous project.

Name: Janice Ostock
Date: February 19, 2026 1:12:01 pm

This project is a huge amount of money and should be reviewed. Design needs to be approved! It isn't "modernization" when it's been totally destroyed;

Name: Mary Reilly
Date: February 19, 2026 1:12:45 pm

I strongly oppose the illegal demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House, and the $300,000,000.00 structure to annex “the people’s house”. There are right ways and wrong ways to go about construction on federal property, but the proper legal ways need to be followed. Permission must be granted and permits attained before this construction continues. Stop the project immediately until the proper channels are followed.

Name: Glenn E Wormsbaker
Date: February 19, 2026 1:12:50 pm

The East Wing has been demolished without preplanning or approval and should be restored to its original design. This is The People's House, not a private residence.

Name: Paula Petroff
Date: February 19, 2026 1:13:22 pm

I am like many here in the United States. I have not approved of the changes made to the White House. I am helping pay for the Deconstruction that I never approved of . This is not only insulting but wrong. I want my money to not be used for something to help the country NOT destroy it.

Name: Rita Swogger
Date: February 19, 2026 1:13:27 pm

This is not a modernization project. It’s a monstrous billionaire scheme that had no approval and destroyed a historic building. The proposed building is completely out of scale and design with the White House complex and I fervently object to its construction. It makes a mockery of the term “The People’s House”.

Name: Daniel Lavoie
Date: February 19, 2026 1:13:29 pm

I’m excited about this modernization of our White House property. This will be a fantastic addition for those around the world to visit and practice diplomacy in person and at larger scale.

Name: Alfred Burgermeister
Date: February 19, 2026 1:13:33 pm

I am appalled at the utter destruction of the East Wing of the White House, a structure that beautifully balanced and provided architectural symmetry, had attained historical significance over the years since its construction, and was destroyed by a rogue president without the consideration of any of the stakeholders in a this national symbol of great meaning to all Americans,THE PEOPLES HOUSE!
As an American citizen, I wish to register my horror and disgust that ANY ONE PERSON was allowed to order such a devastating transgression against our shared national heritage. This act of destruction must be reversed by the historically accurate rebuilding of what was wantonly destroyed.

Name: Lindsay DeBoer
Date: February 19, 2026 1:13:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Respectfully,
Lindsay DeBoer

Name: Scott Gowan
Date: February 19, 2026 1:13:54 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Julie Arnold
Date: February 19, 2026 1:15:40 pm

Please restore the East Wing facade and interior function. Do NOT allow the Ballroom project.

The Ballroom is not needed and plans for it are tacky and gaudy.

Name: Paula Janson
Date: February 19, 2026 1:16:50 pm

Tearing down the historic East Wing without authorization or public input was a desecration of our history and an overreach of power.
The Trump inspired grandiose ballroom is aesthetically displeasing and proceeding without cooperation of the appropriate authorities.
The ballroom should be stopped and the East Wing reconstructed.

Name: Christopher Culig
Date: February 19, 2026 1:17:12 pm

There is no reason for a ballroom at the White House. Particularly, one that dwarfs the main building as this one does. It should also not be funded with donations for such a historic building. Just utterly corrupt.

While I understand that it probably helps to keep an old man who is publicly declining at a shocking rate playing with his toys, it is utterly unnecessary and un-American.

Name: Kathleen West
Date: February 19, 2026 1:18:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pamela Ward
Date: February 19, 2026 1:18:00 pm

Modernization? Is that what it's being labeled now? That's a laugh - it's destruction and EGO! There is no way this should be happening no matter who is supposedly paying for it and it must be STOPPED and restored - update wiring and plumbing then if required to be compliant w\ the NEC etc. The WH is a a historic building and as such should be preserved as the rest of our historic treasures are.

Name: San Lamar
Date: February 19, 2026 1:19:28 pm

I am outraged that $300 million is being wasted on a project that was pushed forward without proper authorization, without the required permits, and without a legitimate design review. This reckless disregard for the law is unacceptable. Worse, this project is actively destroying an important piece of our history.
This project must be canceled immediately. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its original design without delay. No one is above the law, and allowing those responsible to escape consequences would be a direct insult to every law-abiding American.
We have rules, processes, and safeguards for a reason. Ignoring them is not just careless — it’s a blatant abuse of power. This situation is outrageous, and it must be corrected now.

Name: Sharon Roy
Date: February 19, 2026 1:20:10 pm

I am requesting that the construction of a ballroom addition to the White House be suspended until the appropriate permits be obtained for the demolition and construction of the ballroom, the wreckage be tested for asbestos and other dangerous contaminants, and approval of the construction is voted by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. While a large entertainment space may be warranted, the disregard for the permitting process, ignoring the preservation of historical details, and the process of private funding are only a few of the indications that this project in its present form is ill advised

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Name: W.S. Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 1:20:49 pm

As a design professional recently retired from a 45 year career in the design and construction fields, I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law

for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval. The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.
The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following established rules and regulations.
The East Wing may already be demolished. But public opposition matters. I urge the Commission to oppose this project.

Name: Kelly Hunter
Date: February 19, 2026 1:23:00 pm

No, no. Absolutely not. This is a waste of money and should have been thought about before destroying the White House.

Name: Pat Cochran
Date: February 19, 2026 1:23:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.. it was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is simply a razing of history for no purpose. I want this project cancelled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I do not want it renamed. I do not want those who believe they are above the laws of our land to be able to go forward with this project.

Name: Elizabeth Gruber
Date: February 19, 2026 1:25:13 pm

I oppose spending any money at all on this so called modernization project of the east wing. Precious history has been razed without authorization, or design review. It is heartbreaking to me, an 81 year old voter, to see this desecration of the people’s house. The only money that should be spent is to restore the east wing to its former purpose and design.

Name: shauna aguirre
Date: February 19, 2026 1:25:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marie Beck
Date: February 19, 2026 1:26:42 pm

I reject the premise that the president had the legal authority to tear down the previous structure in order to build himself a monument(ballroom). I object to him making a unilateral decision to spend millions of dollars on his egomaniacal display of power. I am requesting that whatever he builds, be torn down and replaced with an identical structure of the original East Wing. He must not be allowed to continue to dictate destruction unless the American People have a say. The White House is the people’s house, not the private property of the president.

Name: Cameron Booher
Date: February 19, 2026 1:26:48 pm

It is a farce to call this project the "East Wing Modernization Project," because modernizing it is wholly unnecessary. The destruction of the East Wing is a stain upon this president's legacy, and a temporary tenant of a building that the people own should not be allowed to make such permanent and sweeping changes. Rather than a ballroom, the East Wing should

be restored to its former structure. The new ballroom design is garish, elephantine, and unwarranted, rather like the current White House occupant.

Name: Donna Hart
Date: February 19, 2026 1:26:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Marie Ellis
Date: February 19, 2026 1:28:24 pm

Good afternoon,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for considering my feelings and opinion on this matter.

Warm regards,
Ann Marie Ellis

Name: Cecile Knott
Date: February 19, 2026 1:28:55 pm

Absolutely do not build that ballroom. The east wing needs to be replaced as it was.
Trumps gaudy, garish gold everywhere needs to be taken down.

Name: Judi Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 1:29:41 pm

I appreciate your serious review of this project…it is unfortunately misnamed as a modernization project. I'm sure that it needed to be upgraded to modern standards - especially the emergency operations area, however, we do NOT need a huge ballroom! It is a slap down to the average American, it is a symbol of aristocracy, it is a symbol of the 19th century. Please, please please only approve new construction that will be supportive of a forward looking view of the House of the People…or a new, large rose garden.

Name: Cheryl Gothier
Date: February 19, 2026 1:30:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This destruction has eliminated a part of the history of the White House and our country. This is an affront to all Americans. Please stop it.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Gothier

Name: Annie Wilde
Date: February 19, 2026 1:30:33 pm

A giant ballroom is a frivolity and expense which does not reflect the values or needs of the American people at this time, or possibly ever. Furthermore, these wholesale changes to our national house, no matter how well planned or thought out, should not be happening without public approval. This is a public residence, not a private one, no matter the occupant.

Name: Tracy Potter
Date: February 19, 2026 1:30:37 pm

I oppose this “modernization” project which is costing 300 million dollars or more. It is not modernization, it is an erasing of history. It was done without planning, authorization, and permits. It is breaking laws. I request that the east wing be rebuilt and restored to its former glory. An individual should not be allowed to erase this large part of our American heritage without permission from the people. We did not vote on the matter and it should never have happened.

Name: Robin Parks
Date: February 19, 2026 1:30:40 pm

I want the East Wing project to be halted and the East Wing to be rebuilt to what it was and should be. It’s a historical building and never should’ve had private investors involved. The White House and East Wing do not need to be torn down and rebuilt. We already lost our Rose Garden to a cement patio. The integrity of this historical building has been comprised. Please rebuild what was there before in the original footprint.

Name: J L
Date: February 19, 2026 1:31:33 pm

This isn't a modernization project this is monument to a small man, sort of like the oversized castle for the prince in Shrek. If it gets built, this monument to a small man is going to remind us all in a few years of nothing but him and his ego. It will no longer remind us of a beautiful house that belongs to America. You should approve nothing that doesn't hearken back to the east wing that he illegally destroyed.

Name: Patricia Renda
Date: February 19, 2026 1:32:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Angela Edwards
Date: February 19, 2026 1:34:25 pm

I am submitting comments about the East Wing "Modernization" Project. First of all, this is a bit performative because the East Wing has already been destroyed. Presidents are temporary, The White House is permanent. The best thing about The White House is that it remained the same, despite the tenant. Reminding U.S. Citizens that we elect our President and Government.
The White House's understated elegance is a perfect representation of how I would like the U.S. to show up to the world. Not gaudy and gold and a tribute to any one President. No one President must dictate or significantly alter The White House aesthetic. Since it is already torn down, I think we renovate it back to what it originally looked like but modernized systems for enviornmental and energy efficiency. Thank you for considering my input!

Name: EJ Peters
Date: February 19, 2026 1:34:28 pm

I’m writing to express my profound concern over the East Wing Modernization Project (NCPC File Number: 8733) and the irreversible changes it has already inflicted on one of America's most iconic historic sites.
The abrupt demolition of the East Wing—completed last fall without adequate prior public review, environmental assessment, or full compliance with historic preservation laws—has permanently altered the visual and historical integrity of the White House grounds. The original East Wing, while modified over time, contributed to the balanced, symmetrical, and human-scaled composition of the White House complex as viewed from Pennsylvania Avenue and the surrounding public spaces. Its modest scale and classical design elements harmonized with the Executive Residence, preserving the symbolic restraint and dignity that define this national landmark.
The proposed 90,000-square-foot addition, including a massive new ballroom, appears from available renderings and elevations to introduce an oversized, sprawling structure that risks overwhelming the main White House mansion. Recent submissions indicate it reaches comparable height but extends significantly farther, potentially disrupting the historic sightlines, proportions, and neoclassical harmony that have endured for over a century.
I urge the Commission to exercise its full authority under the National Capital Planning Act to require restoration of the exterior appearance as it existed prior to demolition. This should include:

Reconstructing or approximating the original East Wing facade, scale, and massing to maintain the pre-2025 visual relationship with the White House.
Rejecting or substantially scaling back above-grade elements that dominate or compete with the historic core building.
Prioritizing compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and ensuring the project respects the White House as a National Historic Landmark.

Allowing this transformation to proceed without meaningful mitigation would set a dangerous precedent for executive overreach on federally protected historic properties and diminish a shared national treasure for future generations.
Thank you for your careful consideration of these concerns during the March 5, 2026, meeting. I respectfully request that this comment be entered into the public record.

Name: E.Jasper Medici
Date: February 19, 2026 1:34:49 pm

I oppose the spending of any money, especially not $300 million, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Don Rake
Date: February 19, 2026 1:35:13 pm

Turn it down. What an atrocity.

Name: Rosalie Phillips
Date: February 19, 2026 1:35:19 pm

Outraged that the east wing was destroyed without any authorization. Equally outrageous that’s a plan to build a ridiculous ballroom for Trump’s ego! Please stop this.

Name: Becki Cunningham
Date: February 19, 2026 1:35:54 pm

Cease and desist the 'renovation' charge the current admin to restore the east wing to it's former glory. they should not have torn it down and act like it was a permanent home dwelling. it's atrocious. all the finishes that are gone forever.

Name: Raymond Scarazzo
Date: February 19, 2026 1:37:48 pm

I don't see the need for the ballroom. The think the East Wing should be rebuilt to its historical appearance. The President should pay for the reconstruction out of his personal money. He did not ask for money or permission to move forward on this project. From what the general public hears, the correct permits were not secured for this project. I understand the project is going over the proposed budget. I remember the president being upset with the over budget cost for the treasury building rennovations. Why is it okay for the ballroom to be over budget? It's NOT. Please stop the disstruction and bastardization of the White House.

Name: Linda Isles
Date: February 19, 2026 1:40:36 pm

Hello. I am writing to comment on the East Wing project that is underway. It’s unfortunate that this was demolished before any plans were approved, but so be it. I certainly understand the need for more space at the White House for formal gatherings, or whatever the case may be. But I strongly object to the size and the designs I’ve seen of this space. I believe the size should be scaled back so that it is more in proportion with the rest of the complex. And I would hope it would be more in line with the decor of the rest of the White House, unlike the Oval Office. Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments.

Name: Arend Thomas
Date: February 19, 2026 1:41:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeanne Clayton
Date: February 19, 2026 1:42:17 pm

The East Wing was torn down with no regard to history, protocol, and with questionable legality That was bad enough. Now he has stacked the make-up of the 2 commissions that will review and approve the new ballroom with partisan sycophants, who just today approved the initial plan, and simultaneously the final plan which no one has seen. It is outrageous that this is allowed to happen. I am totally against the building of this ballroom. It will dwarf, and cheapen the “People’s House” that belongs to us, not one man.

Name: Alison Cole
Date: February 19, 2026 1:42:23 pm

What has been done to the East Wing is a travesty. While I understand that the White House is the president's official residence while he is in office, it is still America's house, and he is a tenant. Therefore, any drastic changes - such as destroying an entire portion - must only be done under the correct steps and permissions.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melissa Morgan
Date: February 19, 2026 1:42:49 pm

I oppose this travesty of a "project." Please scrap the whole idea of a ballroom and restore the East Wing to its former glory.

Name: alan capasso
Date: February 19, 2026 1:43:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and using (the donated 300 million $) the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carla Mathews
Date: February 19, 2026 1:43:44 pm

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Creating havoc and destroying public property without proper authorization is a crime. If it is allowed to continue then this body becomes complicit.

Name: Neil Tapp
Date: February 19, 2026 1:44:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy Hegel
Date: February 19, 2026 1:44:51 pm

I think this whole project is a shame and I am hoping the “ballroom” is not bigger than the White House itself, as that would look terrible. I also am hoping the powers that be look into the legality of this project.

Name: julie wyatt
Date: February 19, 2026 1:45:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maureen Tapp
Date: February 19, 2026 1:45:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Daniel Gay
Date: February 19, 2026 1:47:10 pm

I'm opposed to this project and think the entire project should revert to rebuilding and modernizing the facilities that have been torn down. Notwithstanding the fact that the funding is supposedly private, the entirety of the White House is and should always be "the people's house." The country's population owns the White House and lends the facility by virtue of election to the current president's family, rent free I might add. As such, any and all modifications to the facility should be subject to extensive review and input by the rightful owners of the property. One individual, with or without the help of private contributors, should not be allowed to make modifications to the White House without significant input from the owners. As a rightful owner, I object to the damage that has already been done to the East Wing and would like to see that Wing restored (and modified appropriately) to its previous state. And done so using the same private money, I might add, If an entertainment facility is needed, let it be constructed somewhere else in the vicinity of the existing White House (completely off the current White House grounds).

Name: Kevin McKenna
Date: February 19, 2026 1:47:16 pm

Fuck Donald Trump. Fuck MAGA. Fuck the republican party. Treasonous fucks, all of them.

Prison is too good for these criminals.

Name: Joyce M Hyman
Date: February 19, 2026 1:47:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I oppose 300 million coming from sources outside of our government channels because those contributions will make our East Wing the private club for the donors not for the American people.

Please stop it. Please restore the East Wing. Please take control of the East Wing and the White House. It is our house not donors and not President Trump's.

Name: BONNIE DAVIS
Date: February 19, 2026 1:47:56 pm

I am totally opposed to this projct (ballroom addition to the White House). It is ugly. It overshadows the exquisite White House, even though the destruction of the East Wing detracts from our beloved White House. It serves no national goal and has no value at all to the average American citizen. This entire project is an ego trip for one. I strongly urge you to stop this today.

Name: Sherry Holder
Date: February 19, 2026 1:48:11 pm

I oppose the continued destruction of this historic building which is being characterized as “modernization of East Wing.” The East Wing needs to be restored to its original form.
Ultimately, this restoration should be paid for by Donald Trump, as he is the one responsible for the destruction and did so with no oversight or permits.

Name: Mike O
Date: February 19, 2026 1:48:46 pm

This project is a ridiculous vanity project for a deeply unpopular and evil president. No one wants to see this happen. Please divert any funds allocated to this project to the DOJ and investigate anyone mentioned in the Epstein case files.

Name: Marsha Tamblyn
Date: February 19, 2026 1:49:36 pm

Please restore this historic building to its previous design. This project was done illegally and this building never should have been destroyed. The cost of restoration should absolutely be shouldered by D J Trump, not the taxpayers.

Name: Deborah Yount
Date: February 19, 2026 1:49:54 pm

Please stop this project!!!! Return the East Wing back to it's original state as possible!!! I am Sooo angry about this!!! How could this have happened???

Name: Nancy Taylor
Date: February 19, 2026 1:51:13 pm

I am opposed to the construction of a new ballroom that does not honor the historical significance of the east wing. I would like to see a solicitation of design concepts that incorporates the original East wing with an expanded ballroom.

Name: WESLEY DILDINE
Date: February 19, 2026 1:52:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this alleged modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history to satisfy one man's rampant ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Strauss
Date: February 19, 2026 1:52:12 pm

I object to the illegal teardown, and oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Emily Kessler
Date: February 19, 2026 1:52:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Building a monstrosity of a ballroom that dwarfs the White House is ludicrous and should never have been approved if the design had been submitted through the proper channels. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mindy Raske
Date: February 19, 2026 1:53:05 pm

I am appalled at the brazen disregard of history and tradition. So much of our treasures are being stolen by trump and his goons. It must be addressed and halted. I am glad that you are working on this project. I will support your efforts!

Name: Edward Bosley
Date: February 19, 2026 1:55:13 pm

Esteemed committee members:

While modernization of the East Wing is quite likely an appropriate project to undertake, I, with many others, have serious concerns about the scale of the proposed addition. The over-reaching scope of demolition--not adequately reviewed in advance--is of course now moot. In addition, the architect's drawings have been a moving target (like the architect), so it is difficult to know what one is commenting on.

That aside, each iteration of the proposed addition I have seen has been increasingly out-of-scale with the massing of the historic complex, such that the new east wing will visually relegate the balance of the White House to an unacceptably subordinate status. The addition is simply too big: too tall, too long, too wide. Any architecture student could explain this. The drawings as they stand represent an assault on the classical proportions of the whole. This is perplexing, since President Trump has championed a more classical federal architecture, which I happen to agree with. This situation is not too late to correct; it will, however, mean a retreat to a less grandiose, more self-effacing statement. The people's house deserve no less. Thank you for reading.

Edward R Bosley, Hon. AIA
Director Emeritus, The Gamble House Conservancy

Name: Anduril White
Date: February 19, 2026 1:56:02 pm

The East Wing of the People’s House should be rebuilt using the personal money of the individual who ordered it to be bulldozed without any prior approval. No other renter is allowed to demolish part of a property they’re inhabiting for four years without some level of accountability.

Name: charles cushman
Date: February 19, 2026 1:56:40 pm

the people of the US do NOT need this waste of space, resources, and time. The project ruins the historical appearance of the White House complex.

The ballroom is a vanity project unbefitting servants of the US people.

Name: Sally Murray James
Date: February 19, 2026 1:56:55 pm

I don't understand why the President failed to receive a STOP WORK order that shut down the destruction of the East Wing. The plan now is for something radically larger than modernization. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, and as one of those people, I object to the scope and scale of the project. I recommend the East Wing be rebuilt as it existed a year ago.

Name: Patrick Hazlewood
Date: February 19, 2026 1:59:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was illegally initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Priscilla Stultz
Date: February 19, 2026 1:59:29 pm

Return the East wing to its former glory. Maybe this First Lady does not need a space. But future ones will—return the portraits that are in the East Wing. Please no golf garnish. Bring back it's glory

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Name: Desiree Knauer
Date: February 19, 2026 1:59:55 pm

Stop letting this administration break the law! Enough is enough.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Troy Rampy
Date: February 19, 2026 2:00:00 pm

We should restore the East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, and with the same placement with relation to the West Wing. Construction should include functional updates that bring it up to code and modern standards, including ADA accessibility where possible. If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or use other nearby public spaces. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
The White House is the People's House. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. It is not a Palace for a King.
BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. We should follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Name: Nancy Cracraft
Date: February 19, 2026 2:00:13 pm

Asking that the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt and that the project costs to restore be taken from the current White House occupant. Such a desecration to put it mildly. What next? The Washington Monument? A strong message needs to be sent so that further damage to our beloved country doesn't occur!

Name: Susan Buchanan
Date: February 19, 2026 2:00:53 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Leslie Epperson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:01:06 pm

I am horrified at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I am more appalled at the idea of a gilded ballroom for the wealthy and powerful.

The White House is the People's House. I want it to remain that way.

That this is even a discussion is horrible.

Save our history, honor the constitution and save our republic from autocratic destruction.

Sincerely,
Leslie Ann Epperson

Name: Fran Cording
Date: February 19, 2026 2:01:34 pm

This modernization project was started without appropriate review and approval. Donations should not be used to alter historical buildings in our nation's Capital. Those involved with this project know any demolition/building requires approval IN ADVANCE. Why it took so long to stop this activity is a mystery. It appears we have lost all control of our country and pray this type of activity is NOT permitted. How the damage already done to that beautiful building will be remedied is going to be complex, but the money pledged should be used to reconstruct a wing similar to what was destroyed NOT a gawdy ballroom.

Name: judy kay Patton
Date: February 19, 2026 2:02:14 pm

I am absolutely appalled at the sad state of the East Wing. I am against a new ballroom there. There are plenty of places to do this! just never on an historical building!

Name: Sharon Ostreicher
Date: February 19, 2026 2:02:30 pm

Hello,

I am abhored the current president unilaterally decided to deface a building that belongs to the entire nation without legislative or other approval by the people he was voted to serve.

When it does get reconstructed I hope it is in the manner befitting the history of the building and not the current president's tacky gold preferences.

Respectfully,

Sharon Ostreicher

Name: Keith Longlois
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:03 pm

I think this is a wonderful project and long over due. From a security perspective alone, this should have been done years ago.

Name: Scott Lundberg
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:04 pm

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its original form. No oversized, tacky, wasteful ballroom is justified for this project, nor is it wanted by the American people, who own the White House.

Donald John Trump is a criminal, and violates his oath of office daily. Every single thing he wants should be denied and every single thing he does should be undone the moment it's possible.

Name: Patricia Nunez
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:08 pm

I am opposed to the demolition of the East Wing of the White House which proceeded forward without proper review and

authorization. The proposed “vanity project” of a window-lined ballroom is not needed for the people of the United States and despite “empty promises” that no taxpayer dollars would be spent on this atrocity, it appears that the “promised” funding from the favored billionaires was not a truthful statement. The Ease Wing should be returned to its former floor plan immediately and any further destruction of the people’s house should not be allowed. The president far exceeded legal authority by the actions taken to date on this project and that also needs to be addressed.
Ps. Please returned the concrete slab to the rose garden while you are at it.

Name: Kjerstin Stanavige
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andrea Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:21 pm

The White House is home to The President of the United States, temporarily, and is not owned by any President. It belongs to the people of the United States.

Many changes have been made to the building by many residents. Changes necessary to maintain and changes to beautify, not for the current resident but for the country, the people. The proposed Ballroom gives nothing to the people, not stability and not beauty.

Building a massive ballroom is a vanity project for the current administration and will never be used for or by the American people. Our citizens are struggling, our citizens need help, and our tax dollars must be used for us. We know who will truly pay for this and we know “private funding” is disingenuous. I, we, strongly oppose this project.

Andrea Smith
Citizen

Name: Damon Kettering
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:25 pm

This was a travesfrom the start. No permissions no public input just a pedo in chief barking mad orders. If this stain us allowed to continue without pause we will have a gaudy cheap as fuck gilded toilet as a replacement. Full stop this idiots madness.

Name: Carol Manson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:03:34 pm

I object to the vanity project being pushed on the American people from this egotistical man. He claims the money is coming from private investors, but at what cost to the American people? What has he promised them in return? No one wants this goddie building that's going to eclipse the beautiful White House!

Name: Colleen Gregg
Date: February 19, 2026 2:04:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Hynds
Date: February 19, 2026 2:04:39 pm

Restore the WH East Wing as designed and to its original footprint asap! Return stolen taxpayer funds absconded from the Congressional approved budget and also stop your nonsense about $10b in IRS damages. The American people are fed up with the hatred coming from this administration. Yiu work for US not the other way around.

Name: Ann Mettetal
Date: February 19, 2026 2:05:14 pm

The restoration of the East Wing should proceed following legal guidelines, just like any restoration project. In my opinion, it should aesthetically compliment the remaining part of the White House and be as historically accurate as possible. The contractor and the officials responsible for the destruction should be required to financially restore the East Wing, not the American taxpayer.

Name: Catherine Mergele
Date: February 19, 2026 2:05:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ronda Black
Date: February 19, 2026 2:06:03 pm

It is a disgrace that the East Wing was torn down. The "ballroom" is a tacky monstrosity and everyone involved with the project should be fired, stripped of whatever licensing or credentialing they have, and never find employment in the industry again.

This is not modernization, this is desecration, and you all should be ashamed.

Name: Midori Dunbar
Date: February 19, 2026 2:06:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Terri Carpenter
Date: February 19, 2026 2:06:56 pm

It makes me physically ill to see the White House without the East Wing. This is a reckless destruction of a historic American property. I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars for a ballroom. This project was started without the proper authorization or permits. It is not a project that the American people want or approve of. And again, history was destroyed to make way for this horrible project. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former beauty, with some updating on the inside. To go ahead with this project without penalizing those who broke the law is an insult to the American people.

Name: Carol Carpenetti
Date: February 19, 2026 2:08:38 pm

I am wholeheartedly in opposition to this East Wing Project. The historic damage done is irreversible and so very sad ! Let’s get it put back together in the best most historically way possible! Billions spent on a ballroom is a totally irresponsible use of money!

Name: Mary Petersson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:08:44 pm

I oppose the current plan to build a ballroom in the area formerly known as the East Wing of the White House unless and until,proper building permits and plans have been approved. This building is a historic site and the current “plans” are not in keeping with the original purpose of the building.
I further request all renovations be approved by a committee that will recognize the importance of the historical value of the building. The building should be restored to the former status at the expense of the current residence.

Name: Lauren Hynek
Date: February 19, 2026 2:09:13 pm

I am against this project. It is not modernization. It is the unlawful destruction of US History done with complete disregard for proper authorization or design review. The East Wing of the White House must be restored. Trump’s ridiculous vanity ballroom cannot be allowed.

Name: James Fifield
Date: February 19, 2026 2:09:46 pm

Perhaps there is a need for an official ballroom at the Whitehouse. However, a project of such magnitude should not be left up to the whims and desires of a single person.
There are procedures and process put in place for such projects and these rules should be followed to the letter of the law. A do it now and ask forgiveness later attitude does not work when demolishing national landmark.
In its current iteration I strongly oppose the construction of a ballroom, or any other structure on the Whitehouse grounds unless the proper procedures are followed and adhered to.

Attachment

Name: Wendy Gordon
Date: February 19, 2026 2:09:59 pm

I am writing to express my disapproval of the fast-track permission given this administration to rebuild the East Wing of the White House. This project has been disingenuous from the start - first by the demolition done without going through the proper channels, changes of architects, multiple versions of the project submitted and stacking the authoritative committees with unqualified people who will agree to whatever this administration wants!!! This is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE and we should have a say in how it is changed. It is not meant to be a shrine to the current president - it is a small and unassuming building for a reason - the resident can only be an inhabitant for 8 years at most and he works for US!!!

Name: Lorie Freeman
Date: February 19, 2026 2:10:18 pm

I object to the unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the White House. It is The People’s House and the current president is simply a guest as are all presidents. He/She has no right to tear down any part of OUR property with no prior authorization or approved reconstruction plans. The president works for us and is not an all powerful person. I would like to see the reconstruction facade be made to look as before with interior modifications and modernization as well. No tacky gold embellishments.

Name: Marc Shaller
Date: February 19, 2026 2:10:38 pm

Restore the East Wing to its previous form immediately prior to its fall 2025 demolition. Do not construct a balloon of any size in its place.

Name: Bonita Davis
Date: February 19, 2026 2:11:15 pm

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Name: Tara Crowley
Date: February 19, 2026 2:11:51 pm

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Tara Crowley
Fort Collins, CO

Name: Colleen Snavely
Date: February 19, 2026 2:12:13 pm

I oppose the current East Wing Modernization project. The historic East Wing of the White House was destroyed without proper review of plans or authorization from Congress. There was no environmental assessment performed by the National Capital Planning Commission. Please cancel this project and require the administration to rebuild the East Wing according to its state before the demolition. If this administration wants to build a ballroom, they should get authorization as prior administrations have done for major changes and build it behind the East Wing. Even if this ballroom is built with private funds, it is on property belonging to the United States, not Donald Trump.

Name: Nick Loewen
Date: February 19, 2026 2:12:23 pm

I think it's a terrible shame that the administration has destroyed the White House East Wing with no transparency nor seeming thought to its historical value or the role it plays, and instead has seemingly undertaken the work merely to indulge donors and to host lavish fundraisers, a goal which I believe is illegal. I regret the rassh decision, and I trust the process will be more open and less venal as time passes.

Name: Bobbie Telleria
Date: February 19, 2026 2:12:27 pm

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Name: Kathy Elliott
Date: February 19, 2026 2:12:58 pm

Washington DC is a beautiful city that all Americans can be proud of. Its Neo-classic architecture and harmonious scale over several centuries have ensured that the city retains its historical significance. It was shocking that anyone could authorize the demolition of a major building without the prior review of the Planning Commission and other oversight committees. However, now that the East Wing has been destroyed, it is essential that what is built in its place is in keeping with the style and scale of the White House, which must remain the focal point. A 90,000sf ballroom will dwarf the 50,000sf White House and will be an eyesore for generations. The White House does not belong to any one president - it is the peoples house. Please protect it by preventing this project!

Name: Sonia Fisher
Date: February 19, 2026 2:13:04 pm

I do not support the plans for the new East Wing. There was no public input, there were no permits issued and no approval from anyone other than the President. That is the People's House, its not a private residence to be altered at will. It absolutely sickens me that little, if anything or historical significance was salvaged before it was demolished with no ceremony.

Name: Mara McGill
Date: February 19, 2026 2:13:38 pm

I agree totally with Anara Guard's comments, quoted here:

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Name: Cathy Gilmore
Date: February 19, 2026 2:14:10 pm

I 100% agree with this perfectly stated comment:
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Name: Willie Lapin
Date: February 19, 2026 2:14:19 pm

The scale of the project will draw attention from one of our greatest symbol of our country’s beliefs and strengths. The White House should not be thought of as a “party palace.”

Name: Janice Anestis
Date: February 19, 2026 2:14:50 pm

Borrowing a perfect comment because it reflects my opinion and I could not say it any better:

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Name: Carly Kim
Date: February 19, 2026 2:14:52 pm

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Name: Helen Z
Date: February 19, 2026 2:15:53 pm

I am TOTALLY opposed to the building of the “Ballroom” addition to the White House. Aside from the hideous design plans, the East Wing should have been assessed to see if repairs were needed. I do not believe most U.S. citizens and taxpayers want a huge ballroom project regardless of who is funding it.

Having donors fund this project in this manner leaves the whole process of altering, improving or repairing government structures open to nefarious opportunies for a variety of abuses. This is a clear violation of the public trust.

Name: Nancy Karp- Warshawsky
Date: February 19, 2026 2:16:31 pm

A travesty to destroy history with no architectural oversight!

Name: David Peterson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:17:04 pm

What the president has done to The White House is an abomination of history, and any plans to alter this historical building should have gone through a rigorous review process. The president has no right to unitarily alter the White House based on his own demented agenda, and the country has suffered as a result. I do not support the ridiculous Ballroom, constructed with corrupt money from corrupt donors for corrupt purposes, approved by a corrupt Board. The president should be investigated for this entire fiasco and impeached.

Name: Evelyn Margolin
Date: February 19, 2026 2:17:23 pm

The East Wing should be restored to it's original historical footprint. If a ballroom is necessary, it should be able to be added within the building without destroying the entire East Wing.

Name: Timothy Langford
Date: February 19, 2026 2:17:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million + on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Nikole Wilson-Ripsom
Date: February 19, 2026 2:17:46 pm

Hello,

Growing up in the 1970s and 80s, I was always taught that first and foremost, the White House is the "People's House".

Our votes elect the temporary occupants and our tax dollars fund the structure. The occupants are, in a sense, "renters" with a lease not to exceed 8 years. As such, just like any other renters of any other property, while of course life/safety issues can and must be addressed promptly, any renovations outside of those need to go through a formal review and approval process.

As any renter (or even homeowners in a HOA) can attest, any renovations must reflect and complement the architectural design of the existing structure. The ballroom, as it as currently proposed, does not. It's proposed size dwarfs the remaining, existing structure. The previous design was in scale and provided adequate "camoflauge" for the bunker below. I would like to see any new construction done in the pre-existing footprint of the now-demolished wing - nothing larger.

Furthermore - as the "people's house", the renovation should not be paid for by corporations. The White House is not a tv show with sponsored ad breaks. Renovations done should be only what is necessary for life and safety, (including any accessibility updates), and because it should be limited to the necessary, it should then be taxpayer-funded. A ballroom is not necessary: the past President's have done just fine with the existing options, and if women's heels sinking into the mud is an issue, tell the guests to wear flats, or, rent and install temporary ramps and floors, just like people do all over the country every day for outdoor weddings, festivals, etc.

Thank you.

Name: Michael Moore
Date: February 19, 2026 2:18:26 pm

The fact that the East Wing of the White House was destroyed without any permit or review by the historic trust is a travesty.
The gaudy ballroom that was designed, again, without any oversight or review should not be allowed to be built. This was designed to be a monument to a president not operating on the people’s behalf.
Any monies raised for the said ballroom project should be reallocated to rebuild the East Wing to maintain the trust and historic significance of the White House for the American people.

Name: Linda Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 2:18:28 pm

This project is not a modernization. It is glorification to a president who cares only for celebration of himself and not the history of this country. Should be stopped.
Linda Miller

Name: Cynthia Danza
Date: February 19, 2026 2:19:58 pm

The east wing of the White House was demolished without permits or approvals. Whomever is responsible for that (I am assuming that it is our president) should be required to reconstruct the wing just like it was with their own personal funds.
The scale of the proposed ballroom will overwhelm the size and proportions of the White House. This proposed wing is a completely and utterly inappropriate addition to the beautiful, classical-style, symmetrical White House. Indeed one of the defining features of classical style architecture is symmetry. I cannot use the word "inappropriate" enough.
No other president in our history felt the need to have a gigantic ballroom and all respected the beautiful architectural style of the White House. Why does this president need a gigantic ballroom? Does he think that he is a socialite who must give parties and balls like we were living in the era of The Great Gatsby? Is it just to rub his wealth in all of our faces (or are we taxpayers going to pay for all his balls?) or is he just a party animal? Why is he partying instead of concentrating on running (or ruining depending on how you look at it) our government? How often does he intend to give a ball to justify this monstrosity?
There is a complete lack of transparency about the funding of the project and the awarding of contracts. What are the contributors getting in return for their contributions? Access to the president, favorable tax provisions, pardons for their federal crimes?
If you approve this inappropriate project you will be proving that not only has the "swamp" not been drained but that you are part of the swamp itself.
Do we now live in a country where is no honor or integrity? Please be brave and do the right thing. Thank you.

Name: Janet Tuma
Date: February 19, 2026 2:20:04 pm

I oppose the spending of ant private or public funds on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. As a senior US citizen who visited Washington DC during 8th grade, I still recall the wonder of that trip from Ohio to experience in person our great (and some not so great but still true) history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah H
Date: February 19, 2026 2:20:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Americans need infrastructure improvement projects which will benefit many people and also industry. Americans do not need a big showy party place.

Name: Kathleen Henn
Date: February 19, 2026 2:22:11 pm

Please halt this $300-$400 million unauthorized project by President Trump. He should use any collected funds from donations plus personal funds to rebuild the wing he had
destroyed. He needs to be held accountable for his disregard
for our National Heritage in the form of the People' s house

Thank you for your time
Kathleen Henn

Name: Cathy Lucey
Date: February 19, 2026 2:22:32 pm

I am writing to state my deep concerns about the East Wing demolition at the White House.
I do not believe there has been 150 years of presidents wanting a ball room bigger than the White House itself as Mr. Trump has stated.
We were told, by Mr. Trump initially that it would not affect the White House,"not even touch it".
Both statements are lies.
The White House is the PEOPLES HOUSE. Mr. Trump is a guest there. While past presidents have made renovations, none of them has changed the appearance like this proposed project would.
Input from historical preservation groups and the PEOPLE should be given top priority.
Please stop the project and restore the PEOPLES HOUSE to it's former glory.
Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.
Sincerely,
Cathy Lucey

Name: Dianne Shannon
Date: February 19, 2026 2:22:42 pm

Razing the historic East Wing of the White House is criminal vandalism and an erasure of our history. It was done without permission or permits. I want it to be rebuilt as before and this hideous ballroom to be consigned to the trash where it belongs.

Name: Barry Foster
Date: February 19, 2026 2:22:53 pm

I strongly oppose what has been done to the East Wing. To call it modernization is to add a chapter to Orwell's "1984." We cannot let any current occupant of the White House determine the look of the White House, no matter the source of the funding. This would open a Pandora's Box of poor personal choices that would have nothing to do with history and everything to do with satisfying one's ego. Any changes to the White House should go through a thorough, independent design review before any action takes place, a design review done by a committee that is not influenced in any way by the occupant of the White House. I believe that the East Wing should be restored to its pre-demolition state using the personal funds of President Trump of possibly a fund of anonymous donors. The United States does not need a massive ballroom. We've managed state dinners for hundreds of years without a 'ballroom' that dwarfs the original building. Barry Foster, 10108 sw 268th Street, Vashon, WA 98070 206-595-3460

Name: Daniel Zeiser
Date: February 19, 2026 2:22:58 pm

The White House is a National Historic Site. It is arguably the most important historic site in the U.S. More important, it is property of the American people. Before any changes are made, the law should be followed and the American people should be allowed to comment to shape what happens to public property and our national heritage. While I agree that the White House needs additional space and a larger ballroom, the current plan is not necessary. Any addition should not dwarf the White House itself. The current plan is excessive and interferes with the White House and its surroundings.

Name: Marjorie Thompson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:23:31 pm

The proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House is too large. It will take away from the White House due to the fact that it is enormous in comparison. It is a complete outrage that the American people need to curb the voracious ego of Trump because he's trying to create a legacy for himself which he thinks will obscure the heinous actions of both of his presidencies. While it would seem that a larger building was needed to accomodate state dinners, certainly a building which is more to the scale of the White House would be more appropriate. Are any of the items that were in the East Wing going to be placed in the renovation, such as the paintings, chandeliers, woodwork and other elements which not been mentioned in descriptions of the demolition process and outrage about how quickly the East Wing was demolished? Certainly the paintings, many of which were portraits and chandeliers are part of the legacy of the East Wing and belong to the American people. Has there been an inventory of components removed from the East Wing prior to demolition. Are architects or contractors required to consult historical preservation offices previous to demolition? It is a complete outrage that this destruction has occured and if there is no accounting for many of the items, such as art, lighting fixtures, other elements of historic or monetary value, it would cause one to wonder what could have happened to these items. Thank you for your time.

Name: Claire Kaler
Date: February 19, 2026 2:23:36 pm

Please do not let the balloon get built. I remember the East Wing so well. Went to visit and see the Christmas tree being lit in 1975. I miss it. Took my kids.

Name: Marjorie Thompson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:23:39 pm

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Name: Leslie Roberts
Date: February 19, 2026 2:24:10 pm

Please do not support modernization of the East Wing at the white house. This East Wing is part of American history and should not be destroyed changed modernized on the whim of Donald Trump or anyone without proper permits, authorizations etc. thank you for taking the time to consider my input.

Name: Ann Anthony
Date: February 19, 2026 2:24:14 pm

I believe this is an act of destruction - and lack of respect for preservation of our national buildings, esp the White House. Where the funding comes from in some ways spotlights this as a decision that was based on a personal whim of the president based on his narcissistic needs.
As a American citizen - I oppose this decision
Ann Anthony Weeks MD

Name: Julie Adams
Date: February 19, 2026 2:24:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Patricia Hood
Date: February 19, 2026 2:25:06 pm

"I am calling for this project to be halted immediately. It was initiated without any permits, no design review, and with complete disregard for any legal approval process.

As a historic landmark, the White House belongs to the American people. The building is a reflection of our national heritage. Any significant alterations should be considered carefully through a transparent public process that ensures any changes reflect the desires and aspirations of WE, the American People, not the individual self-aggrandizing desires of the current administration.

We are not a monarchy, and no individual is above the law. To permit this project to proceed would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its historic design and those responsible for defacing the building should be held accountable.

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Name: Phyllis Spears
Date: February 19, 2026 2:25:16 pm

The proposed White House ballroom is an abomination! It is disgusting and sad that the East Wing of this historic site was quickly demolished without any input whatsoever from the taxpaying public. The White House is "The People's

House". The East Wing had existed for more than a century. Shouldn't "the people" have had some say in whether a new 90,000 square foot ballroom is actually necessary, regardless of who is paying for it? Is it truly essential or even advisable to more than triple the capacity that the East Wing provided for? The proposed ballroom will totally overpower the actual White House and would be a gaudy eyesore for generations to come.

Name: Kelsey San Martin
Date: February 19, 2026 2:25:32 pm

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Name: Teresa Buske
Date: February 19, 2026 2:25:49 pm

As both a librarian and a board member of our local history museum, I am appalled at the lack of respect for the historical preservation of the peoples house. This is not the presidents house to destroy. It needs to be returned to its original state. We did not ask for or authorize this travesty.

Name: Jennifer Key
Date: February 19, 2026 2:26:00 pm

I oppose spending $300M on building a ballroom where the east wing of the U.S. capital was destroyed. I want the money to go toward the restoration of the building to its former state. Modernization is a misnomer because it destroys the building and allows for a quid pro quo for business men who are contributing to a ballroom. Boondoggle is the word that comes to mind.

Name: Jodie Beyer
Date: February 19, 2026 2:26:01 pm

I was saddened and appalled at the unapproved demolition of the East Wing of the White House which has been home to U.S. presidents since 1800 and as such is historic.

Since the stated goal of President Trump is to build a 90,000 square foot “ballroom” it will dwarf the current remnants of the White House resulting in totally overshadowing it and destroying any aesthetic compromise.

I would like to see a smaller footprint for the addition that could have some space for larger White House events but also include a dedicated museum regarding the multitude of racial and ethnic groups that have contributed to building and creating the United States since inception. I believe that our diversity is what makes us better.

I hope the final design will be architecturally compatible with the remaining White House.

Thank you. Jodie Beyer

Name: Thomas Hiette
Date: February 19, 2026 2:26:57 pm

Ballroom is totally unnecessary & a colossal waste of time & money. Removing the East Wing of the WH was criminal in itself yet this ballroom concept is ridiculous. It should not be allowed to move forward

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Name: Brenda Wyckoff
Date: February 19, 2026 2:27:20 pm

I object to and oppose the destruction of our East Wing of the Whitehouse and the erasure of First Ladies' marks on our history. The Ballroom project was undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in service to one enlarged ego of an autocrat in the Whitehouse. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with all the historic memorabilia and documentation returned. Not even the #45 admiinistration is above the law, and to allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Attachment

Name: Tina Glass
Date: February 19, 2026 2:27:32 pm

I say no, it’s hideous huge and takes away from the existing White House grounds. Also. Donations open the door to grift and favors. Absolutely unnecessary. Waste and hideous size. No no no!

Name: Laura Vazquez
Date: February 19, 2026 2:27:37 pm

The proposed giant ballroom is an unnecessary abomination. It would alter the iconic White House in a visually unappealing manner and it doesn’t serve the public or the government in any meaningful way. This should never be allowed to happen. A substantial part of the damage is done but allowing the construction to go forward would be unforgivable.

Name: Erin Bowers
Date: February 19, 2026 2:27:42 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Erin Bowers

Name: marcie shealy
Date: February 19, 2026 2:27:55 pm

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Name: Bob Leach
Date: February 19, 2026 2:27:56 pm

Don't put too much effort into this project. You must surely know that as soon as this administration is gone this monstrosity will be leveled to the ground and will remain only in the history books as an example of fascism and sycophancy.

Name: Fuck tRump
Date: February 19, 2026 2:29:24 pm

tRump needs no ballroom for his micro-mushroom penis. STOP THE GRIFT.

This man is a fraud, stole 2 elections, and he is just getting started.

Name: Jerry Kearns
Date: February 19, 2026 2:29:33 pm

This is historically wrong and was not properly vetted. It should be stopped regardless of who is financing it.

Name: Dave Dooling
Date: February 19, 2026 2:30:17 pm

The unwarranted destruction of the East Wing was an insult to the women who have led us in a range of elected and unelected roles, and to the Nation. The NCPC should convene a meeting of First Ladies, or their daughters as keepers of their memories and experiences, and chaired by Ambassador Schlossberg, so they can advise NCPC on how best to proceed.

Name: concerned citizen
Date: February 19, 2026 2:30:24 pm

I am deeply saddened by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and I oppose the spending of $300 million to build a ballroom that no one in America was consulted about or wanted. There was no proper authorization, permit, or design review. This was a complete razing of American history that shocked citizens with its speed and brazenness. To call it modernization is a euphemism that Americans do not accept. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Law abiding citizens should not have to abide the lawless destruction of our White House. Whomever directed this rapid, unlawful destruction should be held legally accountable.

Name: Mary Mattson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:31:18 pm

I have no issues with the project the current administration has proposed. It is embarrassing to host dignitaries in a tent on the lawn when we are one of the most important countries in the world. Even better if I’m not paying for it.

Name: Carl Hillman
Date: February 19, 2026 2:33:01 pm

The proposed "White House Ballroom" will be an architectural atrocity. It completely breaks the elegant symmetry of the People's House and its accompanying wings, and why?

The purported reason is so that events that cannot be accommodated by the East Room have a place to be staged. However, the practice of holding such rare proceedings in tents on the White House grounds is perfectly adequate and does not leave a permanent, gilded tumor of a modern ballroom to destroy the aesthetics of our national treasure for future generations.

Please consider halting President Trump's building plans.

Thank you.

Name: Kathleen Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:33:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or indeed $1.) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Process matters. Law matters. History matters.

Name: Steven Gallington
Date: February 19, 2026 2:33:46 pm

Stop the ballroom. We the people don't want it, we don't need it. Require the restoration of the East Wing to its original, historic condition. This is our house.

Name: Mary Kay Taylor
Date: February 19, 2026 2:35:52 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lou Lou Williams
Date: February 19, 2026 2:36:02 pm

I oppose the spending of 300 million for the ballroom.
I oppose Trump tearing down the east wing without permission.
The white house is a historic building and shouldn’t be changed without written consent from a historic committee who enforces the rule of law.
Trump doing this is disrespectful to our country and our history.
He also shouldn’t have been allowed to pour concrete over the grass in the rose garden.
This administration is awful and we are the laughing stock of the world. I am so embarrassed to be an american and i hope America can survive this fascist regime with no regard for immigrants and the rule of law.

Name: Rebecca Roth
Date: February 19, 2026 2:36:03 pm

Please find a way to stop the destruction of the East Wing and rebuild it. As an American citizen for the full 86 years of my life I am unwilling to see the White House so ruined and a completely oversized ball room further ruin it.

Name: Marilyn Herbert
Date: February 19, 2026 2:36:20 pm

The destruction of the east wing of the White House was so sad as well as a crime. It was done illegally. The White House for 200 years did not need a ballroom and it is still not needed. Public funds should not pay the $400 million to build this abomination. The East wing should be rebuilt at diaper don‘s expense. I hope you can rain this project back in. Regards, M Herbert

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Name: Kathleen Manning
Date: February 19, 2026 2:36:30 pm

National Capital Planning Commission members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Ballroom.

The White House and its surrounds are the people's house and should not be changed based on the whims of a temporary resident. Upon seeing the destruction of the East Wing, I was appalled and saddened by the wanton and illegal destruction of this important public building. The fact that the East Wing was the official offices of the First Ladys made the destruction of the East Wing particularly distressing.

The East Wing should be restored to its original exterior dimensions and architectural style. The construction should be achieved with an eye to how the White House and surrounding buildings blend and support each other architecturally and functionally. Given the complete destruction of this important structure, which is the property of the American people, a newly restored East Wing could retain its original shape, be updated to current standards, and made ADA accessible.

The historic Rose Garden, the site of so many important historical occasions, should also be restored to its original appearance.

If a ballroom is needed for state functions, the facility could be constructed elsewhere in Washington, D.C. In fact, the project could bring economic activity to a D.C. location that would benefit from this use of public funds.

Thank you for your attention.

Kathleen Manning

Name: Jennifer Stickley
Date: February 19, 2026 2:37:48 pm

This should absolutely not be done. it isn't needed and it's so much money that should not be spent, especially for something like this. the East Wing needs to be restored to what it was.

Name: Christine Scott
Date: February 19, 2026 2:38:22 pm

The plan to build a gaudy ballroom that eclipses the rest of the White House, which I will remind everyone is the People's house, not the President's house, is an abomination. I object to this plan in the strongest terms. The President has shown absolutely no regard to history, or architectural taste, with the slap-dash destruction that he engaged in, on his own, without the input from any other Americans. I strongly suspect he broke the law with his destruction. I strongly expect he exposed people to toxic products since there was no apparent effort at asbestos containment. I therefore demand as an American citizen that the East Wing be restored exactly as it was, and I demand it be at the sole expense of the man who destroyed it. I also demand that he face liability for his destructiveness, whether that be criminal or civil.

Name: Vanessa Grano
Date: February 19, 2026 2:38:45 pm

Illegal, disgusting, unAmerican, expensive, unnecessary, inappropriate, and despicable. Shame on Congress. Shame on the trump administration. I unequivocally do not support this illegal ballroom being built to satisfy one pathetic weak man's inflated ego.

Name: Judith Osborn
Date: February 19, 2026 2:39:20 pm

I am appalled that the East Wing of the White House has been destroyed without the consent of the appropriate parties, such as the Preservation Commission. I hope you will condemn the plans for an annex that will not be proportional to the White House itself. The White House is the People's House. It is not the property of the sitting President. Please preserve our history by requiring that the East Wing be restored and no further modifications of United States property be allowed.

Name: Aaron Fuchs
Date: February 19, 2026 2:39:42 pm

Hello,

I really appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Separate from the fact that demolition was started before this process was underway, I want to express my belief that the East Wing Ballroom that is proposed should not happen. I have no resistance to Modernization, however it must be done within the walls of the existing building. As a resident of the DC area for over 40 years now, the image of the White House has always been the main building. The proposed East Wing building will take a way the traditional image of the house and instead turn it into the East Wing, with a white house attached to it.

I do not want my tax dollars to go towards this project. Rebuild the East Wing as it was before it was illegally demolished. There is plenty of ballroom space near the White House both large and small that can accommodate parties of any size.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Edward Acosta
Date: February 19, 2026 2:41:18 pm

The ballroom addition to the East Wing of the White House is a travesty and should not have happened.

Name: John Thompson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:41:35 pm

I write as an academic with advanced degrees in art, history and culture studies. I have been an academic for over 25 years. I also have restored 4 historic structures, both residential and commercial, following the long established guidelines shared by local, state, and national professional organizations. Further, I am a long standing member of our local Historical Commission which oversees various applications for changes or improvements to buildings.

With my strongest voice I condemn the ill conceived destruction of the East Wing of one of the country's most beloved and known structures. Further I condemn the outsized and dominating proposal for a ballroom at the White House. This work has adhered to no known building or historic review, permitting, or planning. This work its totally inconsistent with the character of the 'People's House" and should be halted immediately. The concept, scale and proposed finishes are an abomination and if executed, will be a permanent scar on our capital city's beauty.

When one person proceeds in such a manner in even small towns, the building department would issue an immediate stop work. order. No one should be above the law or broadly accepted society standards without consequences.

Stop the permanent distraction occuring at the White House.

Respectfully,
John L Thompson

Name: Tracey Krach Bastian
Date: February 19, 2026 2:41:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Victoria Wedge
Date: February 19, 2026 2:42:28 pm

This ballroom is entirely too big and will overwhelm the White House and I urge you to scale back the plan significantly. Adding a giant ballroom destroys any illusion we may have had that this is “The People’s House,” as it is a design catering only to the desires of the current President. Please honor your role as serving the public interest and re-imagine this project from the perspective of the American people who are struggling to make ends meet as the economy tanks. In this context, a giant, gilded ballroom for the President is an abomination.

Name: Rebecca Ruggles
Date: February 19, 2026 2:43:10 pm

My comment is simple - I grieve the loss of the historic East Wing and am appalled at what Trump is doing to The People's House.

Name: Chris Gloo
Date: February 19, 2026 2:43:29 pm

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Name: Jennifer Hood
Date: February 19, 2026 2:43:32 pm

I am not in favor of building a colossus ballroom as part of the White House. It doesn't speak the right message that we want to present to other countries. 44 previous presidents didn’t see a need for a larger ballroom to entertain dignitaries. The ballroom should not change the overall look of the historic White House building. US leadership do not need a building that looks like what kings would use - we are a democratic country. the white house is the people’s house and the people of the US are humble and the house should reflect that. Further, I am not in favor of removing the First Lady/Man's offices as part of the renovation to that part of the building. They should be respected for the work that they do as part of the couple in the White House.

Name: Jocelyn Copeland
Date: February 19, 2026 2:44:09 pm

I am concerned about the illegal demolition without permits or oversight or with respect to the safety or workers or humans within the area of demolition which likely contained asbestos, the disproportional and inappropriate scale that will dwarf the historic building, the White House, the violation of historic preservation principles, a lack of transparency in funding and contracting which allows fraud and “quid-pro-quo” favors to be aligned with “donor” funding of the project, the legality of whether a building funded outside of the federal government funds is eligible to be owned and operated by the government, whether the physical and cyber security protocols and standards which are required for federal buildings (especially those which are physically near the White House will be upheld and inspected as being sufficient … and who says that the federal government needs to be in the “Event” business anyway? Have taxpayers or Congress allocated funding to support the ongoing operations of such a facility with meals and security and furnishing upkeep?

All represents the fundamental miscarriage of federal property construction, historical and safety compliance.

Name: Megan McCabe
Date: February 19, 2026 2:44:51 pm

The proposed East Wing ballroom building project is grossly out of proportion with the Historic White House complex. The new building overpowers and unbalances the White House from the north,east and south sides especially. The destruction of the Jacqueline Kennedy Memorial Garden is tragic. The proposed replacement south landscaping destroys the symmetry plan as envisioned by Pierre L’Enfant for the new city of Washington. This is the people’s house and should

be treated accordingly. Having qualified architects, historic preservationists, and knowledgeable historians is crucial as is allowing sufficient time to ensure an historically correct change as significant as this proposal. The loss of the historic magnolias that anchored the east corner is also thoughtless and tragic.

Name: Stephanie Koller
Date: February 19, 2026 2:45:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Emily Ellsworth
Date: February 19, 2026 2:45:25 pm

This is not modernization. It is destroying part of the People’s House- a historic monument to democracy over autocracy, for which we fought a revolution against tyranny. No President of the US has the right to tear down the People’s House for the sake of an exorbitant vanity project which will cheapen and deface this historic landmark. Please stop this project and restore the White House.

Name: Kenneth Kijewski
Date: February 19, 2026 2:46:44 pm

The Eat Wing is not a modernization project...It is a complete replacement to satisfy the presidents' unending urge to put his mark on everything....Please do not vote for this hideous ballroom. I agree that some type of formal ballroom is needed. just something in proportion to the rest of the White House.
Thank you
Ken Kijewski

Name: Lawrence Graykin
Date: February 19, 2026 2:46:55 pm

I vehemently oppose this project; it should frankly be canceled. Not only did the administration start it without the appropriate (and required) authorization, permits, or design review steps, but it's an absurd waste of so much money at a time when so many US citizens are struggling financially. This is a vanity project to placate one man, Donald Trump, not a modernization project. Moreover, he had an architectural component of American history illegally destroyed. Instead of building a monument to Trump's ego, focus should instead be on the complete and meticulous restoration of East Wing to its former design. As another commenter noted, "No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Elizabeth Lydon
Date: February 19, 2026 2:47:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law abiding Americans

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Name: Melinda Hutchinson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:47:30 pm

I am very concerned about the lack of oversight in the destruction of the East Wing. The White House is the people’s house, and a huge, Las Vegas style ballroom is not in keeping with its dignified design. It is important to pay attention to

historians and architects who seek to maintain the essence of the White House and avoid making it an opulent ode to the excess of billionaires.

Name: Gwen Morgan
Date: February 19, 2026 2:47:36 pm

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Thank you,
Gwen Morgan

Name: KLANCY DENEVERS
Date: February 19, 2026 2:48:18 pm

The proposed ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House is too large. It will overtake the graceful composition of the home of the president of the United States that the former East Wing offered.

The need for such a large and pretentious ballroom has not been justified.

The demolition of the former East Wing was done without approval or proper planning and approvals.

The funding for the project is suspect, subject to corruption. Private donors will expect favors from the government, as has already been observed with donors to the presidential inauguration.

I urge you to reconsider any approval for such a project.

Klancy de Nevers
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Name: Martha von Kluck
Date: February 19, 2026 2:49:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The cost of rebuilding and restoring the East Wing should be paid through the private funds collected to go towards the previously proposed ballroom.

Name: Genie O'Brien
Date: February 19, 2026 2:49:59 pm

Please restore the East Wing of the White House to its former state. It is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, not the Castle of a Wannabe King. The destruction was done without going through proper channels,and without consulting appropriate parties and agencies. Thank you, Genie O'Brien Newberry, Florida

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Name: Martin Kohout
Date: February 19, 2026 2:50:07 pm

I object in the strongest possible terms to this ill-advised and illegal project. To allow this travesty to go forward without the statutorily required permits and authorizations is an outrage, not to mention a waste of hundreds of millions of dollars on an unnecessary “modernization” that erases a vital part of our nation’s history. It should be stopped immediately.

Name: Amy Clark
Date: February 19, 2026 2:50:17 pm

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Amy Clark
History Educator and Museum Professional

Name: Jeannette Perkins
Date: February 19, 2026 2:51:09 pm

Please look to the size and cost. Very unacceptable!

Name: Adrienne Dowd
Date: February 19, 2026 2:51:28 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capitol Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving these contracts. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Thank you

Name: Kate Weissmann
Date: February 19, 2026 2:51:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Daphne Gutierrez
Date: February 19, 2026 2:52:09 pm

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Name: Mary Rupert
Date: February 19, 2026 2:52:24 pm

No matter how many laws or buildings are broken, trashed or destroyed, you cannot re-write the history of the United States. We, the people, do not need or want a ballroom in the people's house, i.e. the White House. It is insulting and appalling that $300 million of our hard-earned money was spent on this unlawful project. Laws of our nation must be followed. This project must be canceled, with the East Wing restored to its original design as approved by historical architects, and with the proper design review and permits.

Name: Mary Porath
Date: February 19, 2026 2:52:26 pm

Dear Sirs and Madames,

Please make note of my disapproval of the plan to renovate the East Wing of the Capitol building and add a horrendous ball room. Not only would it be unsightly and overwhelm the White House, it is an afront to those of us who oppose the heavy hand of the president who seeks to glorify himself with ever more tacky gilded decor.

Sincerely,

Mary Porath

Name: Susan Mulleda
Date: February 19, 2026 2:53:08 pm

I am very much opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. The destruction of the existing East Wing was done without authorization or review. I seriously doubt that the project would have been approved by any responsible agency. Will this set a precedent for further destruction of our historical public buildings? I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt to resemble its former design and restored by folks who care about our history.

Name: Susan Nelson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:53:10 pm

I oppose the current plan (such as it is) to build a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing was demolished without proper authorization or a clear, well-conceived plan for the proposed ballroom. Instead, the current POTUS intends to build a massive structure which would dwarf the current White House which he then plans to expand upward in order to compensate. Where does it end? And how much more taxpayer money is going to be diverted from projects that will actually benefit the American People in order to indulge Donald Trump’s vanity projects?? He seems to forget he is a TENANT not an owner of that house. Either scale back the ballroom or rebuild the East Wing and he should not be using ONE PENNY of taxpayer dollars to do any of it!

Name: John Epling
Date: February 19, 2026 2:53:58 pm

Dear Committee Members,
I'm writing this today in pain and sorrow for not only loosing our historically important East Wing of the White House. It's very difficult to understand how this administration can justify tearing down an entire structure like that, by presidential edicts alone, without proper authority or oversight. Please stop the ballroom construction, if it's in your authority to do so and recomend to Congress to have them rebuild the East Wing, from the original blueprints and to it's original footprint to include Solar Panels for both the White House and the East Wing. My wife and I feel very strongly about this distruction and are move emotionally, almost to tears over this! Thank you, in advance for your considerations.
Sincerely,
John and Alys Epling
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[redacted]

Name: Johnna Anderson
Date: February 19, 2026 2:54:38 pm

I oppose the proposed "Trump Ballroom" plans. Please simply restore the East Wing to its former size, amending functionality as necessary, but bearing in mind the purpose and historical value of the site.

Thank you.

Name: Kimberly Beckett
Date: February 19, 2026 2:54:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: jane white
Date: February 19, 2026 2:56:49 pm

White House East Wing ballroom project

Historic Trust:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ellen Meier
Date: February 19, 2026 2:56:54 pm

While I am opposed to the Trump Ballroom/East Wing expansion (which seems a euphemism) which will overshadow the White House, I am more appalled at the lack of communication and approval of the project before it was begun.

I don't know what can be done at this point. The damage has been done. This administration must be reigned in at the ballot box if not before. They are ruining our national monuments, buildings and parks.

Thanks for any input you can provide.

Ellen Meier
San Diego

Name: Michael Heilman
Date: February 19, 2026 2:57:11 pm

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Name: Elle Lipman
Date: February 19, 2026 2:57:41 pm

DO NOT LET THIS MONSTROSITY BE BUILT!!!!!!!!!! IT IS NOT HIS HOUSE. ITS OURS!!!!!

Name: Nicholas Carino
Date: February 19, 2026 2:58:03 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. To allow this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The scale of the proposed alteration will dwarf the White House and is an affront to America. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design.

Name: Kimberly Jenkins
Date: February 19, 2026 2:58:25 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Leary
Date: February 19, 2026 2:58:34 pm

I support the ballroom project because it is needed as an alternative to temporary tents outside. The new space can be used for a variety of functions where large crowds are being hosted. The White House has been remodeled in the past, so there is ample precedent, contrary to what critics say: this is not a desecration of a historic structure. It is being funded through private donations, although taxpayer resources would be entirely appropriate, in my view. To object at this point, when construction is well under way, would undermine the credibility of your commission as a nonpartisan agency.

Name: Helen Fields
Date: February 19, 2026 2:59:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Ransone
Date: February 19, 2026 3:00:33 pm

Reconstruct the East Wing!! Trump did not have the authority to demolish it!!

Name: Maggie Wolfe
Date: February 19, 2026 3:00:37 pm

I think the plans to add a ballroom to the East Wing of the White House are antithetical to everything the White House stands for. I don't think a massive ballroom is necessary in the White House, and the plans speak to a level of grandiose thinking and excessiveness that does not represent us as a country. I don't want my federal tax dollars to support such an unworthy investment. There are so many better things to spend our money on than an unattractive, gaudy, unnecessary ballroom that is outdated and serves no practical purpose. I urge the Planning Commission to block these plans.

Name: Holly Henderson-Fisher
Date: February 19, 2026 3:01:41 pm

I am writing with deep concerns about the illegal demolition of the East Wing of the White House without permits or oversight -- an action that alone should be enough to halt this process immediately in favor of a long-term review. Moreover, the new design for this "ballroom" is absolutely inappropriate in scale. The design will dwarf the White House -- taking the central symbol of the American republic and shrinking behind a tacky ballroom addition. The Administration has violated historic preservation principles and the entire process has lacked any transparency. This project is an outrageous overreach by the President.

Name: J J Dawson
Date: February 19, 2026 3:02:08 pm

The White House is the property of the American people, not the president. The current pResident had no right to raze the East Wing so that he could replace it with a tacky “ballroom” where he can sell influence. I want the next president to raze the “ballroom” and rebuild the East Wing. I also want the donors to be investigated.

Name: Meredith MacCracken
Date: February 19, 2026 3:02:12 pm

The historic East Wing should,never have been torn down in the first place. This property belongs to the citizens of this country and we have a representative org that is supposed to protect our interests. Trump does not have our permission and even though he says it will be funded by donations you can bet he will be sure to profit from it. We will be left with s monstrosity that no common person will ever be able to enjoy.

Name: Robert Levy
Date: February 19, 2026 3:02:13 pm

I strongly object the expenditure on the new ballroom. I object to the acceptance of a design of its rebuild as well. There needs to be a proper process for which this wing is designed that represents our history, not honoring a single person, but our history and heritage. The old ballroom should have never been torn down without proper process and agreement, and funds agreed to. We have things that need resources, much more than we need a new ballroom. I see no urgency to complete this project in the near future.
Robert Levy

Name: Lucy Metz
Date: February 19, 2026 3:02:18 pm

I strongly oppose spending millions of dollars on a giant ballroom. The destruction of the east wing of the White House was done illegally. The east wing should be rebuilt just as it was before the demolition took place.

Name: Mary Busby
Date: February 19, 2026 3:02:43 pm

My heart is still breaking over the unannounced and illegal demolition of a part of the White House, the People's House, the East Wing which also held a significant place for the history of women in our government. How can it be that this building was allowed to be bulldozed without any permits, and without any design review?! It is symbolic of what this current resident of the White House is doing on every level to our society, our government, our culture. He is a TEMPORARY RESIDENT and he is treating the building as if it belongs to him, which it does not. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The current president must be held accountable for all expenses involved in restoring the beautiful East Wing to its former design. Thank you.

Name: Becky Harris
Date: February 19, 2026 3:03:05 pm

What was done to the White House was horrendous. He destroyed history lustrous trying the east wing. It doesn't need a ballroom. This is a travesty.

Name: Lillie James
Date: February 19, 2026 3:03:33 pm

This project is a travesty. The people's house has been damaged irreversibly by one person's decision without proper authority or planning. Trump should not be allowed to make ANY further decisions having to do with the White House. Historic Preservation professionals need to be in charge of deciding the best path forward from where we currently are. No more destruction!

Name: Michele DiBassie
Date: February 19, 2026 3:04:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeanne Megella
Date: February 19, 2026 3:04:23 pm

I want to stop the new ballroom renovation. There was no permit given by the historic foundation for this project. This is the people's house, not to be torn down and renovated without permission. I believe that the people want it rebuilt to the original East wing, paid by the person that tore it down.

Name: Carolyn Rurka
Date: February 19, 2026 3:04:33 pm

I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing of the PEOPLE'S house. This is a travesty and I vehemently oppose the construction of the proposed ballroom.

Name: Alisa Ennis
Date: February 19, 2026 3:06:10 pm

Not sure how this can be called a modernization. Not sure how it got torn down without authorization. Not sure how it got torn down without permits. Not sure how it got torn down without a design review. Actually as an American citizen, a voter and a person that keeps up on the news, I do know and I want this project cancelled. The East Wing should restored at the President cost. The building belongs to the people not just one president.
I would think that all that was done without going through the proper channels would be illegal!!
When this country was founded, they put in three parts of the government for checks and balances. Please use them.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully your follow through in stoping and restoring.

Name: Fredrick Pearson
Date: February 19, 2026 3:06:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Barnett
Date: February 19, 2026 3:07:38 pm

As a registered Republican and a citizen of the United States, I am appalled at the action taken by Trump in the razing of our historic White House East Wing! This was done on his whim with no regard to any rules or historical jurisdiction or design reviews by proper authorities! This project should be rebuilt in its original form with only modifications at the approvals of the appropriate authorities. This should be done with Trumps own money, at NO cost to the taxpayers! This is an absolute outrage along with so many other things he has done. Stop his plan!!!

Name: Catherine McCabe
Date: February 19, 2026 3:08:11 pm

I strongly object to the lack of prior opportunity to comment before the demolition of the East Wing, the failure to comply with established procedures for non-partisan historic review of a very significant change to our nation's most iconic building, and to the proposed gigantic size and gilded design of the proposed new ballroom. It is not an appropriate for "the People's House" of our Republic and puts our country to shame.

Name: Carol Zeavin
Date: February 19, 2026 3:09:45 pm

I oppose spending any money on this project, which was initiated illegally, in secret, without lawful authorization. I want the original East wing design to be recreated and built. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go through would be an affront to American laws and values and our constitutional structures.

Name: Kristen Delcotto
Date: February 19, 2026 3:09:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you,
Kristen

Name: Memre Savant
Date: February 19, 2026 3:10:33 pm

Donald Trump is a temporary resident of the People's House. Despite what he thinks or says, he serves at the pleasure of the citizens of the United States. By tearing down the East Wing, he destroyed history against the will of the people. The people want jobs, better wages, housing, and healthcare, not a wasteful vanity ballroom for a man's ego. It's insulting to the people to spend enormous amounts of money for something that only the rich and powerful will ever use, hosting Gatsby-esque parties while we struggle. I want the East Wing built back the way it was, as well as returning the White House back to its glory before being defiled. Democracy is forever, is for the people and by the people. Trump is not.

Name: Sarah Holterhoff
Date: February 19, 2026 3:10:44 pm

It is quite disappointing to learn today that the Commission on Fine Arts, composed of mainly political appointees without art experience, has approved the White House ballroom project, which is not modernization but actually a

destruction of American history.

I ask the NCPC to please not appprove this project. Destroying the East Wing was done without required approval. It should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. However, if a new ballroom is to be built, it should be far smaller and go through Congressional review, to ensure transparency. The private donors who are supposedly funding this project with $400 million dollars will expect favors from the White House in return. For these reasons and many more, such an ill-conceived addition should not be approved by the NCPC.

Name: Joy Keeping
Date: February 19, 2026 3:11:07 pm

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Name: Alison Stokes
Date: February 19, 2026 3:11:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Aimee Caramico
Date: February 19, 2026 3:11:53 pm

As a resident of the District of Columbia, I find it egregious that a National Historical Landmark was demolished without congressional approval or the approval of the general public. No one asked for this landmark to be destroyed and turned into a mockery and an eyesore at the whims of one person who is supposed to only be in office for a short time. I ask this commission to consider standing up for the history of this landmark and this city before allowing a narcissist to turn the White House into another Trump Hotel.

Name: Ann Bozick
Date: February 19, 2026 3:13:19 pm

This ballroom obsession of President Trump is a complete disgrace and shame to the beautiful White House. He must be held accountable and the protect must be scaled down. How is it possible that is a home owner lives within an historic district then they need approval to even cut down a tree and yet Trump just bulldozed the White House?!! Please put a stop to this madness!!

Name: Karen Jones-Diller
Date: February 19, 2026 3:14:27 pm

I object to this project. It is destruction of public property and an historic structure. There were no permits or plans submitted prior to the demolition of the property. I want the structure restored to its previous plan. Upgrades for safety and current building codes are warranted to ensure public accessibility and safe use. Prosecutions for damage and lack of permits and disregard for safety are needed.

Name: Amanda Campbell Campbell
Date: February 19, 2026 3:14:37 pm

I adamantly oppose a 90,000 sq foot ballroom addition. While additional event space may be needed, any buildings

placed on the site of the East Wing - which was demolished without appropriate approvals - must be done in scale with the White House. This addition must not dwarf the White House as the current plan would have it. It is also imperative that any new build replace the functional space that was removed with the inappropriate demolition of the East Wing.

The White House is the People's House. It is not a palace, nor meant to be one. It should not be adorned in gold as a palace would be either, and that includes any new build.

Name: Patrick Anthony
Date: February 19, 2026 3:14:44 pm

I am a 68 year old disabled navy veteran who feels that this president has no care, candor, or a true and honest executive vision for all citizens of this country. Quite the opposite, he prefers a Kakistocracy where expertise, experience and dedication are scorned. Witness the mass resignations on multiple levels in all departments of government, hollowing it all out, destroying our system from the inside with cronyism leading the hive minded debacle. This project, in my opinion, is just another of the numerous pay to play scams this person and his subordinates are engaged in. Distractions, lies, rigging the board overseeing said project with political hacks, along with the untold number of worldwide bad actors involved in this despicable scheme. Just another scam from a person who, in my opinion, hates more than serves, lies instead of providing facts, proving that not only is this "project" a base defilement and unneeded desecration of The People's White House, that he is, in fact as well as deed, unfit, unqualified, unhinged and just plain evil. I take no pleasure here, and pray that someone in authority will terminate this post haste. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Patrick Anthony.

Name: Mark Robinson
Date: February 19, 2026 3:15:30 pm

We should restore the East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, and with the same placement with relation to the West Wing. Construction should include functional updates that bring it up to code and modern standards, including ADA accessibility where possible. If a larger ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city or use other nearby public spaces. Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.
The White House is the People’s House. It was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions and restrained aesthetics. It is not a Palace for a King.
BEFORE nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to help shape the decision. We should follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.

Name: Bruce Wood
Date: February 19, 2026 3:15:54 pm

It is my full belief that the White House addition (East) that was torn down recently should be rebuilt exactly as it was and that without a doubt Donald J. Trump should be responsible for restoring the entire project no matter how it is restored. He tore it down without permission or any public comments, so I believe he should be responsible financially to restore his blunder.

Name: Mark Cecelski
Date: February 19, 2026 3:16:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This "modernization" project is a travesty to the beauty of our nation's capital!

Name: Philip Desiere
Date: February 19, 2026 3:16:37 pm

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Teresa Nestor
Date: February 19, 2026 3:16:40 pm

Stop the foolishness! The ballroom destruction and potential proposed plans for the future are ostentatious and gaudy!

Name: Nancy Morgan
Date: February 19, 2026 3:16:56 pm

It is disgraceful that the importance and beauty of our heritage is destroyed by a single administration without the appropriate approvals and permissions. The White House belongs to the people of the nation and to the future, not to the tenant. Our history cannot be replaced or restored. Careless destruction of places significant to U.S. identity is short-sighted and disrespectful.

Name: Ellen Dueck
Date: February 19, 2026 3:18:05 pm

This project needs to be terminated, and the East Wing must be fully restored. This project was planned and started without proper permits or approvals. It is a vanity project for this administration -- and it has all been done outside of the law/guidelines. This is the people's house, not any one president's house. The person/people responsible for this project must bear the financial responsibility for correcting their actions.

Name: Randi Nunnink
Date: February 19, 2026 3:20:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Trump should have to pay to have it rebuilt since he demolished it.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Donna Dixon
Date: February 19, 2026 3:21:13 pm

What has been done to the People’s House by one very misguided man is horrific! The East Wing was a thoughtful addition to the White House that was balanced and beautiful. The proposed ballroom is a vanity project that is bigger than the current White House. Not only should the people reject this desecration, the East Wing should be rebuilt with Trump money.

Name: Corinne Acheson
Date: February 19, 2026 3:21:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300M on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead

without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the people's house.

Name: Stephen Meyer
Date: February 19, 2026 3:21:54 pm

I disapprove of the East Wing Modernization Project as it was not approved by taxpayers. Please restore the East Wing to its original state.

Name: Donna Teitelbaum
Date: February 19, 2026 3:22:15 pm

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
The White House is the people’s house.

Name: Dan Joseph
Date: February 19, 2026 3:22:36 pm

It is my opinion that the massive ballroom being proposed does not fit with the historic nature of the site and should not be be part of the White House grounds as designed. It has been pushed through by the whims and desires of a single individual. The White House is the People's House and major changes should be carefully thought through by a non-partisan panel of independent experts in history, architecture, and related fields.

Name: Jana Hadany
Date: February 19, 2026 3:23:09 pm

Oversight and approval for any changes to the people’s house- how dare They’re is no regulations against destroying national treasures. Stop this overpriced Donald Trump project immediately !!!!- how did this even happen to begin with ??? Perhaps we should name everything after this maladjusted & unchecked narcissist
Do your jobs and stop this madness now!

Name: Lynne Bucher
Date: February 19, 2026 3:23:21 pm

The two main issues about the proposed White House ballroom design appear to be its size and relationship to the historical aspect of the overall structure. Although the focus is on attaching a ballroom to the house, building the ballroom in a different location seems like an obvious and excellent solution. The White House may have historically served as an “all purpose” structure, but it is perhaps time to move beyond this idea.

There is clearly not enough room on the grounds for the desired size of the ballroom. As proposed on this site, it will be absolutely squished into the space. Jamming a ballroom into this setting will make it difficult to view and appreciate. The proximity of the old and new sections will diminish both parts. The result will resemble a Greek temple stuck onto an old house - not an elegant solution. And although I do not have the expertise to determine this, I imagine that designing within the space limitations has detrimentally affected design choices, making the structure inadequate in other ways.

Building a dedicated Presidential/National Ballroom in a different location will create an opportunity to build a new East Wing that respects history and enhances the White House overall. Everyone has their own personal taste, but in matters of historical taste it is best to hire experts in the period rather than referring to our own ideas about what looks good. A new East Wing that is refreshingly and seamlessly historical in design, with hidden modern features, would be a wonderful way to celebrate the 250th birthday of the nation while also being a truly substantial contribution to the White House.

Name: Gail J Hanson
Date: February 19, 2026 3:24:01 pm

I do NOT approve of this project in any way and I want it stopped ASAP.

Name: Judith Stoodley
Date: February 19, 2026 3:24:40 pm

I am opposed to spending any money, private or public, on this ego ballroom which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of the White House as The People's House. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Continuing with this project amounts to rewarding criminal behavior of those who think they are above the law. The American people deserve better.

Name: Edith Sparks
Date: February 19, 2026 3:24:51 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the building of a ballroom at the White House. This project has been initiated with complete disregard to preservation laws, procedures and policies. These laws, policies, and processes are in place to protect our natural, historic, and cultural resources. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or required review and approval processes. I want this project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt to match its historic design. In addition, those that disregarded laws and regulations regarding the funding and implementation of the project need to be held to account.

Name: Minette Norman
Date: February 19, 2026 3:24:53 pm

It's misleading to refer to the razing of the East Wing as a "modernization project." This is an unlawful, unauthorized, unpermitted, and unreviewed destruction of American history.

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one, including the President of the United States, is above the law.

To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kate Moncuse
Date: February 19, 2026 3:25:53 pm

Anara Guard said it best, and I am quoting them here, with full agreement: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans." As for my personal comments on the project: the "modernization" of the East Wing is nothing more than a delusional, self-congratulatory, gilded turd. The current administration is a dangerous and criminal laughing stock, run by a senile clown who continues to break the law, defile the constitution, federally fund executions and disappearances, and (probably) masturbate into a huge pile of cash. This country was built by immigrants. This government was founded on freedom and the inalienable rights that all humans possess. The White House sits as a physical reminder of our history, and to demolish any part of that building with such self-righteous disregard in order to coat it in gold paint and use it to host parties for billionaires is akin to personally running a ship aground, stealing all the lifeboats, and laughing while we all drown. I applaud the efforts of The National Trust for Historic Preservation in collecting our comments and (hopefully) being able to put a stop to this project. In terms of our nation's biggest concerns, it's true that this is lower on the list than the violence being committed in our streets and the criminal activity of the current administration, but dammit, this is important too. The American people, the true patriots,

will continue to fight for our rights, our freedoms, our neighbors, our communities, and yes, our historic buildings. Thank you.

Name: Dawn Giterman
Date: February 19, 2026 3:26:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebecca Hill
Date: February 19, 2026 3:26:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million White House East Wing Modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Rebecca Hill

Name: Steven fiering
Date: February 19, 2026 3:26:42 pm

I vociferously oppose the planned ballroom that would be built on the site of the illegaly demolished East Wing of the White House. None of the appropriate discussions and considerations were allowed before the demolition. This is an out of control president acting like he owns the white house and can do what he wants with it. He has a short lease as the white house tenant. A tenant does not make renovations on a house he does not own. This is an insult to the American people. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Felicia Barlow Clar
Date: February 19, 2026 3:26:51 pm

After finally getting to visit the East Wing of OUR White House in April 2024, and appreciating the history embodied in the site and position of US President, I am profoundly disgusted by the illegal destruction of OUR historical property. The White House and its property belongs to the citizens of the United States, not the current resident. This unannounced destruction is an egregious display of zero respect for our country's history, our equal branches of government, the law, and the DC area's people.

There are PLENTY of venues in DC where large gatherings are held. Presidents before him have managed with no complaint. The current administration should have to restore the East Wing to its former architecture and pay out of their pockets -- let the billionaires who tried to buy influence pay for it. And open it back up the the public.

A question that begs attention:
WHERE ARE THE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS THAT WERE ON DISPLAY FOR THE PUBLIC?

Name: June McMillin
Date: February 19, 2026 3:27:05 pm

I am opposed to this renovation project. It is too expensive; it has no value to the US American people, it is just a vanity project for President Trump, it adds no value to the White House. It was not approved prior to demolition. There was no ability to submit bids and designs for this project so that it was not just another grift project. There is no clear direction and designs for this project. While I appreciate that the White House is an ever changing and evolving facility, there

should always be guidelines driving that change and evolution, not the vanity whim of someone who is ELECTED for 4 years.

Name: Miriam Flysjo
Date: February 19, 2026 3:27:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The American people did not want this change. This is supposed to be the people's house. No one is above the law and to permit this project to continue without penalizing the person who broke the law is an affront to all law abiding Americans. This needs to be stopped.

Name: Lori Brooks
Date: February 19, 2026 3:28:08 pm

I STRONGLY oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was started without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It's not a modernization effort but a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans. I still can't believe that the East Wing was demolished in the first place. Whomever allowed that should be held accountable.

Name: Donna Russell
Date: February 19, 2026 3:28:31 pm

Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, is an invited "Guest" at the White House. The White House belongs to the People of the United States, having been built and paid for with taxes paid by the public. Donald Trump, although an invited guest onto property not belonging to him, has willfully and maliciously caused damage on White House property. The homeowner (the People of the United States) may now sue to recover damages. Damages shall not be paid by others , thus relieving Donald Trump from responsibility for damages caused by Donald Trump. The Homeowners of the White House are the tax-paying human population of the United States. Changes and maintenance of the White House may require construction via review and permission by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Bulldozing and removing large or small portions of the White House are not "preservation." Numerosity, Commonality and Standing might allow a future Class Action case against Donald J. Trump. He was a guest on the property owned by the People of the United States. The East Wing must be replaced, architecturally similar to its previous design.

I oppose the building of a ballroom as a replacement for the previous East Wing. I oppose the proposed ballroom being paid for by any person, organization, government, country, other than Donald J. Trump personally. Donald J. Trump may be sued for the damage he caused.
Donna Russell

Name: Larry Levine
Date: February 19, 2026 3:29:17 pm

I urge a rebuilding of the space in an architectural, historical, transparent and completely legal manner.
This needs to include consultation with the National Preservation Trust and others who are independent of executive pressure.
The White House is a National treasure, not a private home.
Even a private homeowner must apply for a pwrmit and submit plans for approval.

Name: Jill Irey
Date: February 19, 2026 3:30:21 pm

I oppose this project! It began without requiring NCPC approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law. Architecturally, the inappropriate scale would dwarf the White House. The $400 million (and counting!) cost is funded by corporations

holding billions of federal contracts, with this administration approving those contracts. This is a fundamental miscarriage of democratic principles and must be stopped immediately.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Theresa Schlagel
Date: February 19, 2026 3:31:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permit or design review to satiate one man's ego. Replacing the East Wing with a gilded ballroom is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project halted immediately and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it's former design parameters.

Name: Joonna Trapp
Date: February 19, 2026 3:31:35 pm

I am horrified at the President's lawless action in changing and demolishing parts of the White House without review, without permits, and without Congressional oversight. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it. No president owns the property or its buildings. This is a travesty and failure of representing the American people.

I ask the National Capital Planning Commission to require the reconstruction of the East Wing to maintain its historic design match the style of the original structure.

Please save our history!

Joonna Trapp

Name: Rebecca Potter
Date: February 19, 2026 3:33:37 pm

I'm not in favor of this project. I want the East Wing of the White House rebuilt as it was in January 1, 2024. It was a waste of money and time to destroy such an historic structure without permission or plans submitted. It is the People's House, Trump is only a temporary resident as has been every President since George Washington. He had no right as a tenant to demolish or remodel any part of it without permission of We the People through the procedure set aside for this purpose. Is it is a huge waste of time, money, and resources. Put it back the way it was!

Name: JANET L COLBRAN
Date: February 19, 2026 3:33:39 pm

The East Wing of the White House has been an icon of our capital for 125 years. The destruction of it is tragic and disgusting. To build a ballroom for a pompous narcissist is nauseating. The fact that the Treasury Department forbid photography is telling. They are aware how distressing it's wreckage has been to the American people. Please, please, do not allow the construction of the ballroom to go forward. You deserve to have the power to stop this insane vanity.

J.L. Colbran, Ph.D

Name: Anne Queeno
Date: February 19, 2026 3:34:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. The plan was not reviewed nor authorized by any committee with the authority to do so. This is the people’s house,& President Trump has destroyed an important part of our history. HE should be made to pay for the damage he has done. I want this part of the White House put back!

Name: Aimee G Hucek
Date: February 19, 2026 3:34:01 pm

The White House is the PEOPLE’s house and has great historical significance for our country. The president cannot tear the entire East Wing down on a whim in the darkness of night with no accountability. The president is not a king. He has the PRIVILEGE of living and working in the White House while he is the president. His residency is temporary. The White House is one of America’s most significant historical buildings. How the president got away with tearing the East Wing down without going through any oversight process is an abomination. Now that there is a gaping hole left where the East Wing once stood, The president should not be allowed to begin construction on a replacement for the East Wing without mandatory approval from a nonpartisan historical preservation review board which is not just filled with his political hacks and cronies. The current proposed plan is way too large and dwarfs the current White House, which should be the primary structure and focus of the complex. No construction should be started without input and approval from an historical architectural preservation organization like the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The design and construction of a new East Wing is not a fleeting project like a ballroom at a country club or an event venue. How we got to this point is an outrage. We need thoughtful and careful design and planning commensurate with the awesome historical building that is the people’s house.

Name: Carolyn Sweeney
Date: February 19, 2026 3:34:37 pm

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design at the persoal expense of those who tore it down. This project - along with the destruction of the Rose Garden - is a razing of American history and an affront to The People's House. No temporary occupant of the White House has the authority to significantly alter the structure or grounds, especially without going through the proper channels of authorization, permits, or design review.

Further, I would like there to be an investigation into the legalities of the entire process from the claim that work permits were not required all the way down to the contractors proceeding with the work of razing the East Wing without approved work permits. This entire thing stinks to high heaven.

I'd love to comment on the idea of that blasted arch, but will save them for the proper time and place.

Respectfully,
Carolyn Sweeney, Rockville Virginia

Name: Paul Tinker
Date: February 19, 2026 3:35:13 pm

Please return the East Wing to its original glory. Also bring to justice those responsible for this unlawful destruction. Use the funds donated (if you can locate them) and not taxpayers dollars.
Thank you,
Paul Tinker

Name: Warren Doyle
Date: February 19, 2026 3:35:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Diane Greanier
Date: February 19, 2026 3:36:51 pm

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Name: Charles Newsome
Date: February 19, 2026 3:37:47 pm

I think any construction that dwarfs the actual White House is a bad idea. If the people dont collectively support this project, it should not take place.

Name: Paul Tabili
Date: February 19, 2026 3:37:55 pm

I strongly urge the National Capital Planning Commission to immediately cancel any further destruction of the former East Wing of the Capitol, as well as any "construction" of the proposed Epstein Memorial Ballroom. It is a disgrace and, as I understand it, a literal federal crime that our "president" ordered the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House. Any further movement toward building anything other than an exact replica of the East Wing is furthering a crime and insult against the People of the United States (it is OUR HOUSE after all) and a despicable normalizing of our disrespectful and clueless head of state. NO EPSTEIN BALLROOM NOW OR EVER.

Name: Ursula Ingram
Date: February 19, 2026 3:38:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Lesli Meekins
Date: February 19, 2026 3:38:52 pm

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Name: Tara Joseph
Date: February 19, 2026 3:39:40 pm

I am written to express my strong objection to the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed addition.
The rules and regulations for this type of project were not followed and demolition was done on a whim of Donald Trump. The demolition should never have been allowed to proceed. The proposed addition is completely inappropriate both historically and aesthetically.

The whole project, how it was started without the proper reviews and the design will reflect poorly on the United States as Washington DC and specifically the White House are representative of our country. This project will show we are not a democracy that follows the rule of law but is governed by an authoritarian ruler who thinks he is above the law.

Please stop this illegal and awful vanity project immediately.
Tara Joseph

Name: Lee Margot
Date: February 19, 2026 3:40:03 pm

I strongly oppose this project to dwarf the White House itself with this ballroom project. This proposed “addition” will cause the White House itself to appear small and insignificant. This is an awful look for the seat of the powerful head if our wonderful Republic. The East Wing was demolished without consultation of the proper authorities, began in secrecy and was presented as a fait du accompli to the American people. The funding for this project is obscure and what little is known about it shouts an effort by donors to curry favor with the administration, namely the current president. This is a vanity project. It is not in the best interest of our country and We the People!
Please stop this project in it’s tracks, on behalf of the American People! Vote NO!

Name: Martin Beech
Date: February 19, 2026 3:40:46 pm

First, I am concerned about the demolition of the East Wing before all formal architectural reviews and procedures could be followed. This should not happen with any historic structure, let alone one of the most important of historic places in our country. I also, question the necessity of having an official grand royal-style ballroom for our great republic. A project this big should get prior approval from Congress before moving forward, and be reviewed by proper architectural and historical review committees and organizations.
Personally, I believe that the proposed structure is not appropriate in that it takes away from the most important element, which is the White House itself - the "People's House." If indeed, the current administration feels the absolute need for such a structure, and the Congress approves, I think it would be more appropriate for it to be placed in a nearby area, and not directly on the National Mall.

Name: Kristin Kiesel
Date: February 19, 2026 3:42:22 pm

As a person who restored a house built in 1740 in Amesbury Massachusetts, I have great respect for the craftsmanship and traditions associated with older buildings. The demolition of the White House East Wing was a desecration. Even if the building had limitations or was too small for its current use, total destruction was not the proper answer, I wholeheartedly support rebuilding it to look as it used to look from the outside, while redesigning the interior to allow more contemporary use. Please do not allow any other use for this site.

Name: Mary Rosenberg
Date: February 19, 2026 3:42:30 pm

Unfortunately it is too late to undo what has already been done. I hope that steps will be taken to assure that the new building is not larger than and does not overshadow the White House "the people's house" as this would be an insult to all Americans.

Name: Ann Welles
Date: February 19, 2026 3:43:35 pm

I'll use the copy and paste comment to start: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

To this I would add that I proudly served for over ten years on the Framingham (Massachusetts) Historic District Commission as Secretary and then Chair having, prior to that, worked on the Cultural Resources Inventory and Massachusetts Historical Commission reports that expanded both of Framingham's historic districts. The work of so many appointed office holders and volunteers was hard, thorough, and took many years to make sure the preservation of the local historic architectural fabric was secured. Too much was already lost in the blink of an eye, with a bulldozer, with wrong-headed changes and willful disregard of not just heritage but of the law.

Now this has happened at the White House, "The People's House", and for the exact same reasons. Once something historic, never mind totemic, is destroyed it is not only gone, it leaves a scar. The Trump administration has done enough damage. Please, please stop this predation on national icons and heritage. Restore the East Wing. Prosecute the responsible parties to the full extent of the law. Thank you.

Name: Kathy McCurdy
Date: February 19, 2026 3:44:14 pm

I do not approve of the proposed $300 million ballroom for the White House. A ballroom is not a necessary part of the White House. First of all, the east wing was torn down without anyone's approval. It was done on a whim on the part of an unrealistic and selfish president. I've always heard that the White House is the peoples' house. We were not consulted. We would prefer that the east wing be rebuilt to honor the history of our country. Our country needs to spend money in the ways that can support and help the people.

Name: Carole Conger
Date: February 19, 2026 3:45:02 pm

I can't wait to see the new grand ballroom!!! Much needed!!! Go Trump!!!!

Name: Jill Beauchamp
Date: February 19, 2026 3:45:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anna Ross
Date: February 19, 2026 3:45:28 pm

This needs to stop. This project is an embarrassment to the American people. The east wing needs to be rebuilt and to a scale that is acceptable and not paid for by oligarchs so that we the people are beholding. Perhaps ICE money could be used instead of paying those hired killers of law abiding American citizens.

Name: Shelley Larsen
Date: February 19, 2026 3:48:21 pm

I absolutely DO NOT APPROVE!!!

Name: Catherine Brabant
Date: February 19, 2026 3:49:06 pm

Honestly, I am still in shock from when trump had the East Wing torn down. It's the People's House and trump had no right to do it. I hope this isn't allowed and that grass will be planted until we can rebuild. I will never forgive trump for destroying the East Wing and our country.

Name: Carl Elefante
Date: February 19, 2026 3:49:32 pm

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Name: Patricia Morrison
Date: February 19, 2026 3:49:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at no cost to the American public. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Curran
Date: February 19, 2026 3:51:17 pm

I feel very strongly that the East Wing should be restored in its previous location and with necessary code upgrades to make it as structurally sound as required. In no way do we need a glitzy ballroom. Washington DC is full of historical buildings and locations and they should be preserved.
I'm.appalled at the idea of the huge monstrosity of a ballroom that was previously intended.

Name: Deborah Stroup
Date: February 19, 2026 3:51:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is nothing but a shrine to Donald Trump, who is not worthy of a shrine. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I do not want it to be larger than the White House, nor do I want it to taller than the White House. As a citizen of this country, I want the seat of the executive branch of my government to reflect the values that are important to ordinary people, not oligarchs.

Name: Cathleen Medwick
Date: February 19, 2026 3:52:21 pm

I can't think of anything more un-American than destroying an important piece of American history and erecting in its place an outsized monument to atrocious taste. A ballroom? When people are hurting, hungry, terrified that their government will brutalize them? Shame on the president and all who go along with him.

Name: B Elam
Date: February 19, 2026 3:52:42 pm

Oppose the new East Wing project until proper authorization is given through the established channels. The taxpayers want to keep the history of the East wing.

Name: LINDA KLEIN
Date: February 19, 2026 3:52:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. We do not need this monstrosity attached to the White House.

Name: Genevieve Kruger
Date: February 19, 2026 3:52:45 pm

No one is above the law, even our President. Please stop this monstrosity of a “redesign” without having been through proper steps of vetting . It is not too late to reverse course and reconstruct with an architectural design that carries the legacy and dignity of all Americans !

Name: Vrina England
Date: February 19, 2026 3:52:52 pm

I agree with Anara Guard's comments: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rosemary Brooks
Date: February 19, 2026 3:53:48 pm

The scale of the proposed change is so massive as to dwarf the White House. The design ignores this.
The destruction of the existing East Wing without input shows a shocking disregard for the story of the White House and its ownership by the American people. Buildings, even historic ones, need to evolve with time but changes should always be done with respect for history and for the people.

Name: Lori Steenson
Date: February 19, 2026 3:54:31 pm

To whom it my concern,
The White House is an historic building and as such is not to have its exterior altered.
Yet this is what is happening as the President wishes to build an expansive ballroom where the East Wing was.
This is not right as it is not HIS house but belongs to the American people. Please do not allow this to continue.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Name: Laura Fabian
Date: February 19, 2026 3:54:39 pm

I opposed tearing down the East Wing. I feel the companies that destroyed the East Wing should face fines and be forced to reconstruct the East Wing brick by brick to the original historic standards. The White House is a historic building that this administration is only occupying for a limited time. They are renters and had no authority to destroy this part (or any part) of the White House.

Name: Christine Witt
Date: February 19, 2026 3:55:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia A Lynn
Date: February 19, 2026 3:56:24 pm

This project should be abandoned. It was illegally started and should have gone through the proper channels to go forward. this president is out of control and needs to be reined in. He has turned our government into an authoritarian regime.

Name: Edie Herrold
Date: February 19, 2026 3:56:48 pm

Regarding the East Wing of the White House and proposed ballroom.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: James Casey
Date: February 19, 2026 3:56:55 pm

As the owner of a historic home and as the leader of Preserve Burbank in Southern California with a degree in architecture, I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is the People's House and Donald Trump is merely a tenant. If a renter ever destroyed an entire wing of a property, the owner would have them put in jail. This is desecration, not modernization. The East Wing already had a ballroom and the need for a room that would seat 1,000 guests is absurd. Form follows Function. This is an ego project being rammed through by the least popular president in modern history.

The East Wing should be restored to its original footprint and exterior facade. Any interior remodeling/modernization should occur within the original style and dimensions of the original. All costs for the repairs should be borne by the president himself and not by donors. It is not his house. He should be treated like any other vandal who destroys property.

Name: Macall Gordon
Date: February 19, 2026 3:57:05 pm

I wholeheartedly object to the desecration that was enacted on the People's House without care or authorization. I do not want taxpayer dollars spent on a monument to one man's ego. This country does not need a ballroom. I mourn the history that was lost and destroyed. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and would greenlight what amounts to blatant vandalism.

Name: Lynn Ungar
Date: February 19, 2026 3:57:16 pm

I am appalled that "The People's House" has been demolished for a vanity project, and paying for it with bribes from the wealthiest makes the project more appalling, not less. To tear down the East Wing, which has been the public-facing side of the White House is an expression of contempt for the people of the country, and a declaration that this administration is only interested in providing access to the wealthy few. To ignore the law and established process to demolish public property is a crime, and the cost to restore the East Wing to it's former beautiful and useful state should come out of the pockets of those who chose to destroy it without permission.

Name: Elva Briones
Date: February 19, 2026 3:58:53 pm

I think Reconstruction of east wing as before than that massive ballroom that will overtake the beauty of white house.

Name: Terri Schorzman
Date: February 19, 2026 3:59:18 pm

As a former advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and life-long advocate for the care and conservation of national, state, and local cultural heritage, I oppose this project, which started without proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is NOT a modernization project but a COMPLETE ERASURE of American history. Please cancel this project -- don't let it go forward. Rebuild the East Wing, restored to its historic design. No one is above the law. To permit this project without penalizing the person who broke the law demoralizes the good people of this country who respect law and regulations. Make him pay with his own money to rebuilt and restore the people's house.

Name: Sandy Meyer
Date: February 19, 2026 3:59:24 pm

I was born in this country and have lived here 78 years. As a long-time citizen, I oppose this project, and believe it should be canceled immediately. The cost ($300 billion) far outweighs the usefulness of the proposed facility, and since it was undertaken without the appropriate authorization and without following the proper protocol to obtain authorization, it should never have been initiated. This country has been successful for 250 years, and a large part of that success is due to the checks and balances system that was put in place at its inception. To abandon that system now would irreparably damage our future as a country as well as damage our reputation as a world leader. Thank you for providing this avenue for the people of this country to express concerns regarding this and other plans for the National Capitol.

Name: Samantha Lyster
Date: February 19, 2026 3:59:26 pm

I would like to request that the East Wing be rebuilt to its former state. This is clearly not a “modernization” but instead a complete pave-over of American history and tradition. It is shameful that the East Wing of the people’s house was able to be lawlessly demolished with no approval or appropriate planning for what is to take its place.

Rebuilding the East Wing as it stood before is the least that can be done to repair this travesty.

Thank you,
Samantha Lyster

Name: Michael Finkel
Date: February 19, 2026 4:00:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cheryl Brungardt
Date: February 19, 2026 4:01:35 pm

I totally oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am very concerned that asbetos removal safety protocols needed for any project on a dated building, endangering any workers that come in contact with the particulates that spewed into the open air. I want this project canceled immediately, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Absolutely no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristen Carrig
Date: February 19, 2026 4:03:54 pm

I am against what this administration has done to the people's White House. It is not a "modernization", but a complete gutting/razing done with no thought to our legacy of carefully researched and planned historic preservation. This is an affront to the citizenry of America - to carelessly demolish the facade of one of our most beloved national treasures, while exhibiting no respect to adhere to the legally required steps needed in the process. Not to mention the ballooning cost - how disheartening.

Name: Penny Zahler
Date: February 19, 2026 4:04:00 pm

It certainly looked like the unbalanced toddler had a fit after the ground breaking No Kings march and simply demolished the White House in a fit of rage. He had no right to do that! NONE.

That enormous ballroom would look awful!

If we had laws in America it would seem logical he should rebuild exactly what was there with his own money! How much of our tax money is he and his corrupt regime wasting? They spend our money to party! While healthcare and the EPA have been gutted. This is sickening and he should be held accountable for a change!

Name: Vanessa Clancy
Date: February 19, 2026 4:04:03 pm

The White house belongs to the people! You can tell he has no plans to leave in 4 years. Congress never voted on this, just Trump doing what ever he wants. Allowing this continues to ignore the fact ,that this is a country of the people ,by the people, and for the people. Not Donald Trump!
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Name: Kim Connifey
Date: February 19, 2026 4:04:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you!!!

Name: JEANETTE JACOBS
Date: February 19, 2026 4:04:46 pm

I think the request for comments on the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and construction of a ball room in its place comes a bit late to do any good. I am vehemently opposed to the construction of this ballroom and believe that the East Wing should be restored as nearly as possible to it's original condition.

Name: Dale Hagen
Date: February 19, 2026 4:05:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robbie Hutchens
Date: February 19, 2026 4:06:18 pm

I believe that rewriting history on the whim of one person is unbelievable How could this ever happen in what is supposedly a democratic country? Shame on Trump for trying to rewrite American history in various areas.

Name: Michelle Bourgoyne
Date: February 19, 2026 4:06:22 pm

What happened to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” ? How would you feel if you built a historic building, only to have it torn down two hundred years later by someone who thinks rules and permits are for other people?

Name: Elizabeth Harris
Date: February 19, 2026 4:06:22 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? We were told it would not be distributed, well that wasn't the case and all without the legal permit or authorization.
Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. And I totally agree so I will repeat them because it expresses how I feel about the destruction of a symbol of our history...

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Vicki Van Zee
Date: February 19, 2026 4:07:04 pm

I am writing out of concern about the White House ballroom project because of its unpermitted, rapid demolition of the historic East Wing, its massive scale overshadowing the existing mansion and a lack of transparency regarding $400 million in private funding.
The White House is owned by the American people and as one of those citizens, I expect that any project undertaken will be done in a way honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House and acknowledges the investment that the American people have made in the preservation of this beloved place. Thank you.

Name: Angela Foster
Date: February 19, 2026 4:08:52 pm

This project is in violation of regulations having been started without proper regulated authorization, lacking required permits, and without required design review. It is an abomination and mirror of the current populist administration. The project should be canceled forthwith, and the original historical East Wing should be rebuilt to look like it did in the 1950's and 1960's when the United States still had some integrity and global clout. Shame on the Trumpists and their mouthpieces.

Name: Margaret Folkemer-Leonard
Date: February 19, 2026 4:09:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the people’s house; it doesn’t belong to one person who wishes to build a shrine to themselves. This project is an affront to our history and our home.

Name: Lesley Peebles
Date: February 19, 2026 4:09:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project: it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ian Brickey
Date: February 19, 2026 4:09:46 pm

The ballroom looks like ass. It fucking sucks. It looks as dumb as every other Trump property, and that's before they put some fucking crypto bullshit name on top of it. Fuck you.

Name: Charles Montange
Date: February 19, 2026 4:09:58 pm

I concur with the following: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Heidi Scott
Date: February 19, 2026 4:10:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want the project to be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: BONNIE MARGOLIS
Date: February 19, 2026 4:10:58 pm

I am vehemently opposed to the demolition of OUR Country’s History and this egotistical attempt to erase further our cultural heritage and our values. THe demolition flaunts ll we stand for in a democracy…is ill conceived, malevolent… and an affront to our democratic government. I URGE you to have this CEASE and for #45/47 to be held responsible for his illegal, inappropriate behavior.
I am MORTIFIED that he has so far gotten away with his reckless, disrespectful , autocratic behaviors. HE MUST be STOPPED and held countable !

Bonnie Margolis
Certified CT 1993 Psychiatric Nurse Clinician
[redacted]

Name: Jan Holt
Date: February 19, 2026 4:11:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer West
Date: February 19, 2026 4:11:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million (or any amount) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The people responsible for its destruction should also pay for its restoration.

Name: Mary Van Halst
Date: February 19, 2026 4:12:08 pm

I don't believe in spending an inordinate amount of money to put in a ballroom that the majority of the citizens of the United States will never set foot in. I think destroying what was already there is sad and unfortunate. We don't need a ballroom, we need to provide for our citizens so we can all have a better life. A ballroom does not house the homeless or feed the hungry or heal the sick.

Name: Melinda Taylor
Date: February 19, 2026 4:12:37 pm

I write to express my opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project.
It has been widely reported that demolition activities affecting the East Wing commenced prior to the formal submission of plans to the appropriate review authorities and without clear legislative approval or oversight. In addition to the serious historic preservation and architectural considerations at stake, my principal concerns relate to transparency, process, and accountability.

According to reporting by the Associated Press, public comments submitted to relevant federal commissions were overwhelmingly opposed to the project. Furthermore, the identities of prospective donors and the specific funding mechanisms have not been fully disclosed. The absence of this information raises legitimate questions regarding potential conflicts of interest and the extent to which private interests may influence decisions affecting a nationally significant public asset. Even where private funding is proposed, rigorous safeguards and full transparency are essential to maintaining public trust.

Proceeding with a substantial, privately funded expansion of the White House without comprehensive review, clear legislative authorization, and meaningful public engagement risks establishing a troubling precedent. Decisions concerning federal property—particularly a site of profound historical and symbolic importance—must adhere to the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and respect for established oversight processes.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge careful reconsideration of this proposal.

Name: Martin Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:13:20 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. No president should have the power to unilaterally and without public comment, tear down an entire wing of the White House. The design for the building to replace the East Wing as presented by the White House is entirely inappropriate for a modification or replacement of any portion of this historical building. The planned building is so large that it will destroy the pleasing symmetry and proportions of a national landmark loved by all Americans. Please reconsider the entire project and insure that any new construction will blend comfortably and esthetically with the existing building.

Name: David Luff
Date: February 19, 2026 4:13:21 pm

I'll keep it short for you: Restore it to it's original condition. NOTHING ELSE IS ACCEPTABLE.

Name: Marie Munro
Date: February 19, 2026 4:14:13 pm

The demolition of the East Wing should never have been done. I staunchly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Please move forward with the opposition to this “project”. We, the American people, want the East Wing restored!

Name: Mary Layton
Date: February 19, 2026 4:14:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

To call this a "modernization" of the East Wing is misleading - the administration has admitted the East Wing was razed to make room for an unnecessary "ballroom". Modernization implies updating a standing structure, not demolishing a standing structure and replacing it with an unrelated building.

Name: Christopher Weiss
Date: February 19, 2026 4:15:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michele Stark
Date: February 19, 2026 4:16:34 pm

I am deeply disturbed that the destruction of the East Wing took place and all the history associated with it was lost. I would like to see it returned as close as possible to the original appearance (with necessary modern efficiencies added that do not impact the appearance).

There is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON to build a gilded "ballroom", this is not the "palace of Versailles", we don't have a medieval king that wants to show off their riches to other monarchs.

Return it to it's original appearance!

Name: Sharon Zaugg
Date: February 19, 2026 4:16:41 pm

CANCEL the East Wing Project! It should NEVER have been allowed to get this far! Disgraceful, UNNECESSARY and a TOTAL WASTE of MONEY!! STOP CHEAPENING OUR HOUSE!!

Name: Diane Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 4:19:03 pm

I do not want another thing done to our White House. No one wants that ridiculous ballroom. The people own that house. The people do not want any more destruction of our house. Leave what is left alone.

Name: Charlotte Lehmann
Date: February 19, 2026 4:19:05 pm

President Donald J. Trump broke the law when he demolished the East Wing of the White House (and also when he paved over the Rose Garden). He doesn't have the legal authority to make demolition of or renovations to the White House. He doesn't own it. The People of the United States do. This is a devastating misuse of power. It is also irreparable damage to an historic building. President Donald J. Trump should be charged with crimes against our country's property. He should be made to pay in full for the damages he's done to the property of our Country. Conviction and restitution are called for!

Name: James Blakeslee
Date: February 19, 2026 4:19:10 pm

I am totally against all Trump Vanity Projects including the White House Ballroom and the Kennedy Center name changes. These are the things that Dictators do to their second and third world countries. Totally unDemocratic and unAmerican. He only cares about himself and his money, his family and the other greedy billionaires and child molesters that support him and his greed. Rebuild the East Wing like it was and impeach Trump for the damage he's already caused our once-great country.

Name: Dave Brockman
Date: February 19, 2026 4:19:36 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt, brick for brick, as it was before the current administration demolished it without consent. Not one single dollar of the cost should be funded by taxpayers.

Name: C OConnor
Date: February 19, 2026 4:19:56 pm

East Wing Modernization project:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history, not a modernization project. I want this project canceled. Rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Thank you.

Name: Nora Yoshimura
Date: February 19, 2026 4:20:00 pm

The project should have been vetted prior to demolition of the existing structure. This did not occur, but that dies not mean building a ballroom should be the only possible replacement structure. Any addition should be in keeping with tge current design and scale if the existing structures. Gilding and other embellishments should be minimal and tastefully applied. The White House represents tge American people. It is not intended to be a faux Versailles.

Name: Carolyn Hughes
Date: February 19, 2026 4:21:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Sandra Statham Klee
Date: February 19, 2026 4:21:49 pm

I oppose this project. This is not modernization. The East Wing was demolished and had historical value. Permission was neither granted nor asked. Trump should be required to build it back exactly as it existed using his own funds.

Name: David Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 4:22:10 pm

This renovation is illegal and likely everyone involved with it belongs in jail.

Name: Sandra Hise
Date: February 19, 2026 4:22:45 pm

I fervently and adamantly oppose the proposed ballroom construction, and the demolition of the East Wing, at the White House.
Both projects were undertaken illegally, without proper notice or practices. This was done to the People's House, without input from, or consideration of, the people of the United States. I oppose any and all changes to the White House made by this administration. It is unwarranted, unprecedented, and absolutely improper.

I request the following:
Cease and desist any demolition, construction, or "renovation" on any part of the White House.
Rebuild and restore what was demolished (East Wing and Rose Garden), in what can only be described as an erasure of our history and institutions.
Ban and block any future attempts or plans to significantly alter the structure, fabric, and integrity of this historic building and symbol of our country.

Name: Alida Silverman
Date: February 19, 2026 4:23:38 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Setting aside my belief that any demolition of the existing structure should have been part of the proposal for a replacement project, I set forth my opinion of the proposed replacement of the East Wing structure. I view this proposal as a violation of the Secretary of the Interior's Standard #9 of the Standards for Rehabilitation: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
The proposed structure is far too large in size and scale and blows out any sense of proportion to the White House and the existing West Wing. The proposed structure screams lack of respect for the White House and the integrity of the entire site. I am confident that an architect who understands historic sites can come up with a proposal that respects the site, satisfies Standard #9, and provides a larger space for a ballroom that is believed to be necessary.

Name: Rowan McNelly
Date: February 19, 2026 4:24:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Louise Clinton
Date: February 19, 2026 4:24:36 pm

I’m opposed to this 300 million dollar project- It should stop immediately & be rebuilt as it was originally before this unauthorized tear down began - No one is above following the law’s & procedures in the United States of America

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Name: Steve Okino
Date: February 19, 2026 4:24:46 pm

The East Wing of the White House must be reconstructed and rebuilt to the condition and state as it existed before the current administration demolished it without authorization and consent. Not one single dollar of the reconstruction cost should be funded by tax dollars, and should be paid out of funds privately collected for the project.

Name: James Finery
Date: February 19, 2026 4:24:51 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before the Trump administration destroyed it without consent. No taxpayer dollars should be used for this endeavor.

Name: Joyce Downes
Date: February 19, 2026 4:24:54 pm

I think it's horrendous and illegal that a huge peice of The People's House has been TORN DOWN without any consultation from the entities whose job it is to preserve and protect the integrity and heritage of The White House. This building belongs to the American people, and they have a right and obligation to have an interest in its disposition. This edifice does not exist for the glorification of one man, but is a legacy for all the generations to come. It should therefore be faithfully restored to its former design and any further alterations must be subject to the scrutiny of the proper entities

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Name: Nancy Boyett
Date: February 19, 2026 4:25:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brian Leech
Date: February 19, 2026 4:25:58 pm

Allowing Donald Trump to literally destroy the White House to build a personal vanity project to his own ego is an absolute disgrace to the United States. This man is a con artist, racist, mysongynist, child rapist, and convicted felon who led an attempted coup on January 6, 2021. Not only is he destroying American democracy and killing innocent people, he's defacing the people's house to compensate for his lacking manhood. This"project" should be abolished and added to the long list of crimes that Donald Trump and his sycophants are guilty of perpetrating.

Name: Rowan McNelly
Date: February 19, 2026 4:26:15 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Stephanie Andrews
Date: February 19, 2026 4:26:38 pm

A project of this scale and significance deserves a thorough, transparent public discussion before moving forward. Decisions involving historic buildings and substantial public funds should reflect bipartisan input, careful design review, and full compliance with established legal and permitting processes.

Rather than proceeding in a way that feels rushed or insufficiently vetted, the Commission must fulfill its responsibility to honor the historical significance of the East Wing and reflect broad public consensus in whatever changes are made. This is not simply a question of modernization, but of stewardship — how we preserve and respect our shared history while considering any necessary updates. Without a more considered process the changes will be challenged and potentially redone to satisfy the next political actor.

A project of this magnitude should move forward only after robust debate, lawful authorization, and a design that reflects both historical integrity and bipartisan support.

Name: Audrey Collins
Date: February 19, 2026 4:26:42 pm

This unplanned, unpermitted, unauthorized destruction of an entire wing of the peoples' White House must stop immediately. We do not need this grotesque "ballroom" which would dwarf the size of the original structure. The fact that it is being paid by murky third parties- probably companies which do business with or stand to benefit from federal spending or priorities- makes it even worse, smacking of corruption.

Name: Les Bortner
Date: February 19, 2026 4:27:00 pm

Please tell Donald Trump to shove his ballroom up his ignorant, cruel, pedofile ass!

Name: Robin Freund
Date: February 19, 2026 4:27:17 pm

I think it should be a crime that our current president tore down the existing East Wing of the White House without the proper permits or going through the proper channels. If I did that in my town, I would be fined, at the minimum. Return the East Wing to its original state.

Name: Lisa M
Date: February 19, 2026 4:27:23 pm

No one wants a big, ass, ugly ballroom that will be bigger than the White House. It will ruin the aesthetics of the existing building.

Name: Susan Larkin
Date: February 19, 2026 4:27:29 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt, brick for brick, as it was before the current administration demolished it without consent. Not one single dollar of the cost should be funded by taxpayers.

Name: Marcea Copeland Rodden
Date: February 19, 2026 4:28:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I am a AP US history teacher too and I am horrified at what happened to our public house... this house is owned by the people. Also on a personal note I remember going into the east wing when I was a kid for the xmas tour and it is all gone... right now I may never be able to bring my son to experience the same magic of Xmas Whitehouse tour...

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Boklage
Date: February 19, 2026 4:28:54 pm

The modifications to the East Wing of the White House are an abomination. They were initiated without consent and desecrated our People's House without the proper authority. The plans for this improvement are obscene and take away from the role the President has as a temporary one, with limitations on his authority to make such changes to the structure. The existing East Wing should not have been demolished without proper consent, nor should the current ballroom plans be constructed. The East Wing should be restored to its former footprint.

Name: Renee Johnsson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:28:55 pm

I have visited the White House and East Wing, I went with my family. I am often in DC and drive past the White House. This is a sacred place for Americans. No president owns this house, any changes must involve the owners, the American people. And yet, the East Wing was bulldozed and a new building almost double the size of the White House now planned. The proposed building is too big. It dwarfs the white house. And if it is to be done in the style of the renovations of the White House, not appropriate as a representation of our country. I graduated with an architecture degree and have worked in art and design all my life. I strongly object to the proposal, the poor communication about this project (which on the official website now says 650 seat occupancy although in the meeting the architect said 1000) and especially the lack of consideration before the East Wing was torn down.

Name: Leon Pascucci
Date: February 19, 2026 4:29:01 pm

This grotesque, ill-conceived and architectural abomination must be cancelled. The public still not being provided with complete, finished plans. The process of funding is being concealed from the public, with a slush fund administered by the Trust for the National Mall refusing to release all information on donors, amounts, application of funds and who exactly is running this slush fund.

This proposed addition to the White House, a public building, has not followed protocols, not respected the architectural and artistic communities and not sought public input. It has been a disgraceful process and must be halted.

The plans shown to the public in no way enhance the 1800 White House building-balance, proportions, style, massing, finishes all are at odds with "The People's House" aesthetic.

I share the sentiment with millions of Americans that this project must be halted.

Leon Pascucci
Rancho Mirage CA 92270

Name: David Santo
Date: February 19, 2026 4:29:40 pm

Just as Washington DC's National Mall captures and honors our shared American history, the White House and its outbuildings are the visible representation of our American leader. Just as American independence shook off the trappings of royalty and majesty, the People's House must be returned to its simple, honorable, and classical architectural beauty. Americans do not need, nor want, a Versailles-esque monstrosity erected to satisfy the ego of a vainglorious huckster.

Name: Tom & Debi Franklin
Date: February 19, 2026 4:30:20 pm

We oppose the current East Wing White House Mondernization Project.
This project began without required approval by the National Environmental Policy Act, or NCPC approval and without congressional authorization required by federal law.

The White House is the peoples house, it is not private property. No president has unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

The disgraceful pillaging of the White House (the peoples house) highlights the contempt this administration has toward its citizens, the rule of law and our government.

Private funding does not appease the concern of the illegal destruction of our cultural heritage sites.

We urge the Commission to reject this proposal.
Sincerely,
Tom Franklin
Debi Franklin

Name: Sue Michalka
Date: February 19, 2026 4:31:16 pm

I object to the “modernization” of the East Wing. This project has not gone through the proper channels or design approvals The “ballroom” is far too large and gaudy and will be extremely expensive to maintain, even if it is built with donor funds. These donor funds are bribes to the current administration.

Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Name: Jennifer Murphy
Date: February 19, 2026 4:32:35 pm

I want to express my concern about the East Wing Modernization Project. I’m personally very alarmed that this project did not follow the rules for proposed demolition and construction. The demolition was complete before allowing for the proper vetting of the plans. Overall, I feel the immense size of the proposed new ballroom is completely out-of-proportion compared to the White House. This new construction should have been compatible with the existing size, scale and features of the White House.

The White House belongs to the people, not to one individual nor to one President. I really hope this project will be reconsidered.

Name: Catherine Kendo
Date: February 19, 2026 4:32:35 pm

You need to return the East Wing as it was, with upgrades per building codes and make Trump pay for its return to its historic make up. Trump should have all his assets frozen until he pays for all of the East wing to be restored as it was pre destruction with the building code updatrs.

Name: Sara Wallace
Date: February 19, 2026 4:32:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Quinn Craughwell
Date: February 19, 2026 4:32:55 pm

The recent demolition of part of the East Wing to make way for Donald Trump's proposed ballroom is deeply troubling and has sparked legitimate outrage across the nation. The White House is not a disposable venue for personal ambitions—it is a living historic symbol of American democracy and the collective heritage of the American people. To see sections of that building already torn down for what amounts to a luxury addition provokes widespread anger and disbelief.

This was not a simple renovation or necessary structural repair; it was the erasure of history. Portions of the East Wing, which had stood for generations and reflected the evolving story of the presidency, have now been lost forever. Preservationists, historians, and everyday citizens are right to feel betrayed: once that physical history is gone, it cannot be restored. The demolition signals a disregard for the architectural integrity and historical continuity of the presidential residence.

Beyond the cultural loss, the optics are infuriating. In a time when many Americans are struggling with economic uncertainty, healthcare challenges, and deep national divisions, allocating enormous resources to raze part of a historic building for a lavish entertainment space feels tone-deaf at best and self-indulgent at worst. This is not about hosting dignitaries or state occasions—it's about reshaping a national monument to fit one individual's vision.

The outrage is not merely emotional; it is grounded in principle. The White House belongs to the public, not to any single president or administration. Its preservation should be safeguarded with bipartisan commitment, not traded for a vanity project that will forever alter the historic fabric of the structure.

In light of the demolition that has already occurred, it is imperative that Congress, independent preservation bodies, and the American people demand full transparency, accountability, and an immediate reassessment of the project. There must be consequences for the irreversible loss that has taken place—and safeguards put in place to prevent future dismantling of our shared heritage for personal or political ends.

The demolition has already happened. The outrage is justified. And the defense of our history must be unwavering.

Name: Cynthia Conner
Date: February 19, 2026 4:33:07 pm

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom expansion at the White House.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and one of the most recognizable symbols of American democracy. It is not a personal estate or an event venue to be expanded at will. Any addition of this magnitude demands extraordinary restraint, rigorous preservation analysis, and full transparency. A project of this scale risks altering the historic character and precedent of a site that belongs to the American people — not to any single administration.

Equally troubling is the broader context. Even if funded with private dollars, this proposal reflects a troubling set of priorities. At a time when millions of Americans are struggling to afford housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare, a massive ballroom expansion sends the wrong message. Leadership is not only about what is legally permissible — it is about what is symbolically responsible.

Private funding does not eliminate public consequence. Long-term maintenance, security adjustments, operational costs, and preservation impacts ultimately fall within the public sphere. The American people deserve clarity about necessity, cost, long-term obligations, and how this aligns with preservation standards.

The White House should be stewarded with humility, historical respect, and an awareness of the broader national climate. I urge serious reconsideration of this proposal.

Name: Theresa M Casagram
Date: February 19, 2026 4:33:36 pm

East Wing Destruction Project, the physical example of ownership when in fact one is supposed to serve and protect. Our tax dollars were used without OUR PERMISSION to destroy our HOUSE. The temporary tenant has broken trust, the law, the historical history of the Peoples House. He alone should be fined, charged with a crime and pay all and any amounts for it's complete and total restoration. This vile act must be accounted for. It's current form is the true feeling our country has about what is being done to the rights of all citizens. ENOUGH.

Name: Ann Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:34:06 pm

This is an abomination. Please do not let it proceed. As a life long DC area resident it breaks my heart to see the destruction of these amazing symbols of American democracy and presidency.

Name: Jody Heatherly
Date: February 19, 2026 4:34:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Stivers
Date: February 19, 2026 4:34:54 pm

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Name: Carole McFarland
Date: February 19, 2026 4:35:13 pm

To the Members of the Commission,
It is obvious that our current president, Donald Trump, craves recognition and attention using whatever means possible, whether through blatant lies or complete disregard of the laws that have been in put place by our fore fathers------just to feed his ego!! The destruction of the East Wing, a building that has stood over time, embedded with the rich history of our nation----our country-----to be blithely replaced with an oversized, gaudy ballroom is just plain disrespectful. No attempt to seek permission, approval, nor even input by the members of both houses, let alone the public, that the law requires!! The East Wing belongs to the People of our Nation and needs to be rebuilt in the exact image that it once was. And I recommend that Donald Trump pays in full for this rebuild!
Respectfully submitted and thank you for this opportunity, Carole McFarland

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Name: Ellen Booraem
Date: February 19, 2026 4:35:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The fact that it is funded with private money just makes it more of a bribe for this administration. The White House is the people's house--a change this major (and this grandiose) should be undertaken with public money and

the proper public design approvals.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt at a scale that is appropriate to the White House.

No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by destroying the existing East Wing would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steve Wnek
Date: February 19, 2026 4:36:15 pm

He didn't have the right to tear down the east wing. Make him put it back. He can pay to have it rebuilt too.

Name: Joy Parkinson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:36:32 pm

“I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It’s a complete razing of American history. It’s an insult to all Americans to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law.”

Name: Shelley Nilson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:36:52 pm

I couldn't understand how this was allowed to happen with no permit or oversight. The ballroom plans do not fit the building at all, and the money promised is not materializing. Trees were destroyed with the grazing of the East Wing. I would like to see it replanted as an entry/meditation garden, since the rose garden has been paved over. No building.

Name: William Buchman
Date: February 19, 2026 4:36:55 pm

This project is an abomination, having already demolished the historic East Wing of 'The People's House' without any public consultation or adherence to planning, construction, or demolition standards. No asbestos remediation occurred, and site waste is being illegally dumped at inappropriate sites in both Washington and the surrounding area. The private benefactors funding this project are essentially providing bribes to gain and retain access to the Executive branch. The entire project is illegitimate and should cease immediately and the perpetrators should be subject to criminal inquiry

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Name: Nicole Gustafson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:37:24 pm

To whom it may concern,

This ballroom is a disgrace to our country. It is nothing more than a vanity project for Trump to try and leave a legacy despite all of his failures. Architecturally, the ballroom is hideous and does not compliment the construction of the White House. There is no justifiable need for millions of taxpayer dollars to go towards building this redundant ballroom when alternative function sites exist within a reasonable distance of the White House. When Trump illegally had the east wing demolished without approval, he ruined a national monument. I am unable to discern a single benefit this ballroom will have for the American people. I am disgusted and disgraced to call myself an American under this administration.

Name: Rachel Youdelman
Date: February 19, 2026 4:38:14 pm

I strongly oppose the East Wing "modernization" project--it should never have been initiated without securing the necessary permits, undergoing a design review, or obtaining authorization. The price tag of $300 million is an affront to taxpayers. Further, there is nothing remotely "modernizing" about this project--it doesn't honor our history; it simply

demolishes it. I believe the project should simply be canceled, and I would prefer to see the East Wing rebuilt as it was in a way which honors history. There is no urgent need for a private ballroom which serves to indulge the whim of one obscenely selfish man, who violated longstanding rules and statues, not to mention public trust, to satisfy a caprice. Penalties for those who broke these laws are in order. Please stop this project now.

Name: Sandra Anderson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:39:31 pm

Since the east wing was demolished illegally, I believe the current president should have no input on its reconstruction. Once the legal decision is made on the rebuilding of this historic property, I hope the reconstruction will reflect the history and dignity of the monument which was destroyed. Them, Mr. Trump and his coconspirators should pay for that historic reconstruction.

Name: Linda Drees
Date: February 19, 2026 4:40:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janice Carnevale
Date: February 19, 2026 4:40:10 pm

I do not support building a massive ballroom where the East Wing used to be. Any new construction should be deeply supervised by the NTHP and any new building should have a foot print similar to that of the west wing so that the building remains relatively symmetrical.

Name: Mollie Mandel
Date: February 19, 2026 4:41:02 pm

I join the opposition as expressed by the person below:
“I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Name: Christopher Ramsden
Date: February 19, 2026 4:41:33 pm

This project is a grandiose waste of taxpayers resources, and does not reflect our nation. The East Wing should be restored to it's former configuration, and all the stupid gold leaf filigree be removed from our house. It's not Mar a Lago and not the Kremlin, and shouldn't look like it

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Name: Clarissa Hoff
Date: February 19, 2026 4:41:57 pm

This project should be outright cancelled. No singular pedophile president should be allowed to destroy American History in a whim.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to

go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Dr. Clarissa Hoff

Name: ANNE-MARIE MCCARTAN
Date: February 19, 2026 4:42:34 pm

I write to urge the Commission to go slowly in modernizing the east wing of the White House. It's the "peoples' house" and should have architects and designers not chosen by the sittin president, as the decisions made will affect administrations for years to come. Please seek greater input from the public and other buildng & design professionals. How about if you do it in a way that makes it non-controversial? I believe that is possible. Thank you.

Name: ellen Robertson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:02 pm

I am disgusted with this project….how in the world did the powers in Washington allow this destruction to happen? It is shameful! Is there anyway it can be fixed and rebuilt as before.? I cant believe our taxpayers dollars have been misused like this……and never mind that it is supposedly being paid for by his majesty……i dont believe it. He destroyed something precious to our nation. Whats next….will he tear down the Lincoln Monument and put up one of himself? Will no one in Washington stand up to this fool?

Name: stephanie moazami
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I am disgusted that the East Wing has been destroyed, and I am disgusted at the hideous proposed ballroom. The White House is the people's house, and this should never have gotten as far as it has without following the established guidelines and procedures designed to protect our joint history.

Name: Sarah Thornton
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:25 pm

Hello,

I am a resident of Washington DC and have concerns about the East Wing renovation. I am very concerned that it has already been demolished before any public comment was obtained or any review of the impact. A historical building was destroyed. I am also concerned about the cost of this renovation. The funding pathways have not been transparent to the public. I also do not trust any design and decor ideas that Trump advises on (see gold spray painted wall decor now on display in the Oval Office).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
Sarah Thornton

Name: Erika Shelton
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:32 pm

The White House East Wing should be rebuilt as it was, brick by brick.

The funds to do this should be raised from the punitive damages assessed against the billionaires and corporations found

guilty of bribery, theft of government data, and other illegal actions taken on behalf of and/or in collusion with the illegitimate (14thA, S3) second Trump administration.

Name: Jenn Hite
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I truly wish this was in any way shape or form about actual modernization or accessibility efforts, but from the other disgraceful embellishments already applied to THE PEOPLES' HOUSE thus far, we know that is not the case. The White House belongs to all Americans, not just the privileged few. It is a living piece of our collective history and should be treated as such. Its purpose is to serve America and Americans, not one individual and their delusions of grandeur. We have policies and procedures in place for exactly these reasons. Why are they being flaunted?

Name: Cara McDonald
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the vanity of one man and his unilateral demands. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The White House is the People's house. Not one president's private playground.

Name: Richard Trask
Date: February 19, 2026 4:45:57 pm

Gentlemen,

I have reviewed the project materials for the East Wing and watched the video presentation by the architect and others. Although I understand the need for the entertainment space and the other functional areas included in the project, as a designer, I strongly feel that the scale is unacceptable.

The humongous size of the addition is out of proportion with the rest of the White House. This should not be taken lightly, as it will be a permanent change to the historic structure. It seems that the presenters emphasized that it will be partially hidden by trees in the summer from some vantage points. Not good enough.

I urge the NCPC to firmly reject the current plan for the East Wing, and ask for a new plan that is no larger than two-thirds of the current proposed size. That should include the height as well. This giant box should not be close to the height of the main White House structure.

Thank you. I appreciate your time and the opportunity to make this comment.

Best wishes to you all.

Name: Stuart Bailey
Date: February 19, 2026 4:46:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not modernization — it is the destruction of American history. I further object to reports that the funding is being supplied by private individuals and corporations, raising serious concerns about legality, transparency, and violations of federal ethics and appropriations laws governing federal property. The White House is not privately owned, yet this proposal reflects the attitude that it belongs to Donald Trump personally, to be reshaped to satisfy his preferences. This effort appears driven less by any genuine need for a "larger meeting space" than by personal ego and

legacy-building. This project must be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to proceed — especially through questionable private funding — without accountability would be an affront to every law-abiding American.

Name: Benjamin Staehlin
Date: February 19, 2026 4:47:32 pm

A ballroom is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer money from an administration that does nothing but waste taxpayer money. This is an insult to every American that gets up every day and works for a living.

Name: Terri Piecara
Date: February 19, 2026 4:47:50 pm

I strongly oppose this project. The East Wing should be built back the way it was. No one is above the law. Penalize those who broke the law. Right now the site where the East Wing stood is an ugly eyesore. A huge ballroom will not improve the appearance. This demolition is a disgrace. Restore The Peoples' House.

Name: Elizabeth Swierk
Date: February 19, 2026 4:47:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (possibly pre-1942). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy Legare
Date: February 19, 2026 4:48:09 pm

Unfortunately a key piece of American history has been destroyed. This project was not approved through proper channels and should not continue. The president does not own the White House. The American people do. Changes to the interior decorating are within the scope of each administration not wholesale destruction of such an iconic structure. Stop the East Wing project and rebuild it to its original specifications.

Name: Nancy Marx Schubarth
Date: February 19, 2026 4:48:29 pm

Hello:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The White House is the PEOPLE'S House, NOT Donald Trump's House.

Name: Joanne Harris
Date: February 19, 2026 4:48:31 pm

The White House including the East Wing is the People's House. It is a historic building dating back to the 1800's and is a national treasure known around the world. To see the East Wing destroyed with no historic/architectural review process and no input from the American people is truly horrifying. My fear, given this president's gaudy taste, is that an ugly

replacement will be built that will be designed to glorify this man who thinks he is king. This is a very sad moment in our Nation's history.

Name: Sharri Bukoski
Date: February 19, 2026 4:49:10 pm

As a 58 year old citizen of this country I have been horrified by the brazen destruction of the East Wing at the whim of a TEMPORARY occupant of The White House! The fact these actions were taken without approval and review and had to be forced to this point by courts of law is shameful and the damage that has been done cannot be made whole. That doesn't mean restitution a restoration shouldn't be attempted. We do not want nor do we need this monstrosity of a ballroom this administration has planned. No one asked for it and no one wants it. It needs to be halted completely AND the East Wing needs to be restored to its previous footprint and architecture. All persons involved in this destruction from POTUS down to the construction companies who actively destroyed this property need to be made to answer to the fullest extent the law allows.

Name: Rick Aragon
Date: February 19, 2026 4:50:15 pm

I write in support of a formal event space at the White House (which I will refer to as "the ballroom"). I believe that for too long, hosting state dinners in tents has given the Republic a poor image to foreign dignitaries. This space would lend dignity and elegance to formal events. It would remove the need for the renting or storing of reception tents.

I believe that any planning should include other uses for that space. It could also be used for public events, such as Presidential Medal of Freedom presentations.

While I support the construction of a formal ballroom to the Executive Mansion, I urge that the eventual building stay in proportion to the current White House. This expansion cannot diminish the White House to where it becomes the dominant space. I also write in opposition to the ballroom carrying the name of any President. All Presidents are custodians of the White House, not owners.

I support the building of a ballroom which should be formally known as "the White House Ballroom".

Name: Marilee Hilgendorf
Date: February 19, 2026 4:50:28 pm

I'm very disgusted with the East Wing of the White House being torn down with not so much as a "may I?" I'd like to see it restored to the way it was, with a few more square feet if the architects think it needs be. I hope Trump has to pay for it!!! It's too bad our taxes were used to tear it down!!

Name: Lynda Magirl
Date: February 19, 2026 4:51:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Wes Chapman
Date: February 19, 2026 4:51:23 pm

As a past partner with the Idaho State Preservation Architect I'm appalled at the lack of process that this event has followed. It seems to follow the idiom that "it's easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission"! In the case of the White House it would certainly suggest that is exactly the case! It's one thing to go about making additions to the original edifice and a whole other to wipe away a third of the structure as if the use of it was not needed. I have heard nothing about where those uses are to be housed on the grounds as I understand some uses were for a First Ladies staff. If

they are not currently being used for such functions it begs the question why not! Not let’s get rid of the area because a current resident doesn’t utilize it for the intended purpose. Where the heck is DUE PROCESS!

Name: linda Huppert
Date: February 19, 2026 4:53:04 pm

I, along with others, also oppose the spending of $300 million on this project , which was initiates without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it’s former design. No one is above the law and to permit the project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Chad Bianco
Date: February 19, 2026 4:53:32 pm

Horrible. Tacky. Gaudy. Ugly. Gross. Inappropriate. Trashy. Inelegant. Styleless. Coarse. Crude. Flashy. Unrefined. Kitsch. Junky. Second-rate. Low-grade. Tasteless. Cheesy. Loud. Garish. Vulgar. Shoddy. Ostentatious. Sleazy. Overdone.

Name: Michele Checchia
Date: February 19, 2026 4:53:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andrew Culwell
Date: February 19, 2026 4:54:38 pm

As a citizen and taxpayer I see this as my house! The destruction of the wing built by Teddy Roosevelt without the approval of congress or due process is criminal. The construction of a ballroom and a new East Wing must be done properly, preserving the character and proportional to the current structure. Funded by the people for the people! Not Billionaires and Millionaires!

Name: Jordan Hirsch
Date: February 19, 2026 4:54:53 pm

Please put a stop to this horrifying disgrace at once. Hard to imagine a worse way to deface a historic public landmark. Stop this project immediately.

Name: Rebecca Hostetter
Date: February 19, 2026 4:55:04 pm

I’m extremely opposed to the project as submitted. The razing of the East Wing was done WITHOUT authorization or consent. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was before unauthorized demolition.

Name: Lil Serviss
Date: February 19, 2026 4:55:38 pm

We do not want the giant ballroom to replace the historic East Wing. In fact, we didn't want the East Wing torn down. This is wrong. This is rushed, and hopefully, it is illegal. There are many of us that agree that this project should NOT go forward. The size of the ballroom is also horrific.

Make Trump follow the law and procedures, just like everyone else.

Name: Rita Dean
Date: February 19, 2026 4:55:45 pm

We don't need or want a modernized East Wing. What we need are sincere, mature, educated leaders who appreciate our history as a nation. Put everything back as it was.

Name: Mary Lynn Culver
Date: February 19, 2026 4:56:08 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission regarding the East Wing of the White House,
As an American taxpayer and concerned American citizen, I want to provide written opposition to spending of $300 million on this unauthorized project. The “modernization” and the subsequent demolition of the existing East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to allow this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

MaryLynn Culver

Name: Sue Elwell
Date: February 19, 2026 4:56:15 pm

Our country needs safe roads, bridges, and highways, paved with appropriate traffic signals, directional signs,and more. America doesn’t need a new ballroom or any updates to the Presidential residence.
Let’s invest in our COUNTRY, not in our leader’s quarters or “playgrounds.” At a time when infrastructure is often crumbling, let us remember that the United States is built on and for WE THE PEOPLE, not on the whims or desires of any single leader.
NO NEW VANITY PROJECTS.
Restore Democracy.
No golden ballrooms!

Name: Susan Mallek
Date: February 19, 2026 4:56:24 pm

The destruction of the East Wing without having secured proper permits speaks for itself re the motivations of this administration. The White House is not the property of the President. Like so many other actions of this administration, the first move is to destroy. It is time for these actions to be held accountable and for proper legal procedures to be followed. The law applies to everyone residing in the United States. No exceptions.

Name: Beth Beasley
Date: February 19, 2026 4:56:35 pm

I thought that it was the American ball room not the TRUMP building. If it is our house I had better be invited to the first party and dance on the floor otherwise leave our history ALONE.

Name: Tyler Magill
Date: February 19, 2026 4:57:03 pm

Our President's monstrous ego is matched only by his disregard for law, for taste, for the American people. He will do what he will do, but the NCPC need not give it their imprimatur.

Name: Mike Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 4:57:23 pm

The East Wing Modernization is a gross misallocation of federal resources. The White House is a house of government and has no need for a ballroom. This entire project is an embarrassment to the American people and an insulting waste of their tax dollars.

Name: Jeffrey Epstein
Date: February 19, 2026 4:57:37 pm

Thank you Donald for protecting me and all of the countries child abusers.

However this is a disgusting monumet to your own ego and you are treating our culture the way I treated 1 queer old girls.

You are a fascist cockroach and a protector of pedophiles.

Name: Aries Silva
Date: February 19, 2026 4:57:38 pm

This project is a travesty and a mis appropriation of public funds. It should NEVER be an unilateral decision by ANY president that he is going to alter significantly the PEOPLE's house. I will gladly vote for ANYONE that promises to tear down this monstrosity once president trump is legally removed from office because of his crimes or during the next election cycle for which he is NOT eligible to run.

Name: Kimberly OConnor
Date: February 19, 2026 4:58:00 pm

No, no no! No one in this nation wants a ballroom and we are mad as hell you destroyed part of our White House without any discussion or permission at all.

This is the United States, not some third world nation run by a dictator. Tell Trump NO BALLROOM. No Arch, no more portraits of his ugly orange face on our government buildings! just NO

Name: Lucie Faulknor
Date: February 19, 2026 4:58:55 pm

This is an outrage! The ballroom was destroyed and all of the contents have not been accounted for. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. How do you justify this spending when so many people are struggling to put food on the table and heat their homes (if they are lucky enough to have a home)? This is a grift. I suspect the builder is a friend of the Trumps who has donated a bunch of money to him and/or his family. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Clinton
Date: February 19, 2026 4:59:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

John Clinton

Name: Amy Marwood
Date: February 19, 2026 4:59:20 pm

Dear NCPC Commissioners,

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and urge you to sue the trump administration for this recklessness.

As you know, no permits were gotten and Congress wasn't involved at all in this demolition. I would like the East Wing to be built to its original plan.

I am a architecture and history buff and this is a gross action by this administration.

Sincerely,

Amy Marwood

Name: Joe Oliver
Date: February 19, 2026 4:59:44 pm

Make it a something that will actually benefit the American People. Put a sick roller coaster

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Name: Phil Wackerfuss
Date: February 19, 2026 5:00:27 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather razing of American history. I want this project canceled. Full stop. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and the systems we have put in place to ensure that decisions are not taken to serve one overinflated ego bent on revenge, retribution, and gilt framing.

Name: Richard Wawrzyszuk
Date: February 19, 2026 5:00:53 pm

As mentioned in your preface to this request for comment:

"The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. "

It is insulting that the President would unilaterally disregard the White House's status a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, as well as totally disregard the needs of its owner - the American people. It is an embarrassing personal status symbol of a President who is unfit for office and a betrayal of the American public. It would have been nice to give comment as you mention is legally required as part of the federal review process, before the entire wing was destroyed, but I suppose that is the usual of a president that puts himself and his own personal benefit before the public or their needs.

The project should not proceed. It is a national disgrace. Leave it as the wreckage it is - a far better symbol for the current political moment than a cheaply garish ballroom.

Name: Shinners Jennifer
Date: February 19, 2026 5:02:17 pm

It is my sincere hope that the commission will reject the ballroom creation. I find it frivolous and unnecessary for the People's House. No prior administration has found the building unsuitable for the entertainment of dignitaries nor was this project properly reviewed nor designed by the necessary parties, as outlined by law. I request that for the above noted reasons, this project be cancelled in its entirety and the building restored properly.

Name: Judith Fox
Date: February 19, 2026 5:02:23 pm

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Yours truly,

Judy Fox

Name: Liz Lois
Date: February 19, 2026 5:02:53 pm

I object to tearing down the east wing without proper authorization, permits and review.
I think it should be restored to its original form.
Sincerely
Liz Lois

Name: Laura Breeden
Date: February 19, 2026 5:04:15 pm

To the members of the commission:

I have been a resident of Washington since 2009. I was also an employee at the U.S. Department of Commerce Headquarters Building for eight years. My office was a block from the White House. I was fortunate to attend several meetings and events there while at the Commerce Department. Many years ago, as an 18-year-old, I came to the White House to receive an award as a Presidential Scholar. I am well aware of the importance of the building and its site to the many visitors to Washington.

All day, people stand at the fence and look at the iconic facade. They tell their children about our history. They take photographs. They carry protest signs. They are quiet, thinking of the momentous decisions that are being made there. The building embodies more than 225 years of our history, from the War of 1812 to the death of Abraham Lincoln to the first televised presidential speech by Harry Truman in 1947 to today. It is a powerful symbol worldwide of our democracy.

The destruction of the East Wing and subsequent plans for a ballroom addition violate the principles the U.S. was founded on. No permissions have been received. No funding has been authorized or appropriated by Congress. Billionaires have been invited to contribute without oversight. The proposed new wing will dwarf the existing White House and change the site completely. It is a travesty. I urge you to reject this proposal completely.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laura Breeden

Name: Eleanor Roosevelt
Date: February 19, 2026 5:04:37 pm

The destruction of the East Wing to build a vanity project for the President is abhorrent. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was using funds from the companies that funded it's destruction. The President should also be required to pay restitution to the American people from his personal fortune for taking away something that belonged to the US people.

Name: Joseph Wiley
Date: February 19, 2026 5:04:41 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt brick by brick to its prior specifications, with the addition of a complex of small jail cells built far underground to house Donald Trump and everyone else involved in its demolition.

Name: Roxanne Gillett
Date: February 19, 2026 5:04:59 pm

Please consider defunding this project. This is a huge travesty! The WHITE HOUSE and all of the historical buildings and monuments in WDC are owned by WE THE PEOPLE. WE THE PEOPLE have NOT approved this project, and are not in favor. Please stop it and make it right!!!! We all vote and will remember this at the ballot box!!

Name: Amy Alston
Date: February 19, 2026 5:05:01 pm

This project to drastically demolish and replace property owned by the United States of America was started without appropriate owner representative review and approval. Damage to the property was not communicated or approved by taxpayers in any form. All demolition and impacts need to be reversed, repaired and rebuilt in-kind at the cost of the party that initiated the work without proper authorization. The impacted party (United States Citizens) must not be held financially liable for this action or actions required to mitigate damage, both physical and financial. A third party needs to be hired to design and oversee historical restoration, at the cost of the party that initiated the work.

This is not how the United States of America operates. Not now, and not in the future.

Name: Heidi Syropoulos
Date: February 19, 2026 5:05:08 pm

Please cancel this project. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Name: Elsie Thoma
Date: February 19, 2026 5:06:16 pm

First, I am appalled that the East wing was demolished without any public input. President Trump lied to the American public about the scope of the his project
Second, it should not be completed until the American Public had an opportunity to see the final project.It is the people's house not President Trump's personal residence. Third, I understand that the President stacked the board with his friends. This is unethical and the people serving on the board should be ashaed

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Name: Katherine Peresolak
Date: February 19, 2026 5:07:21 pm

I am a professional archaeologist in Pennsylvania who works in cultural resources management. This plan is an outrageous affront to historical buildings and the feeling, integrity, and setting of such an important PUBLIC building. Not only do I disagree with the use of public and private money funding such an outrageous project, I also object to the

deeply inappropriate size, plan, and use of a "ballroom" to the White House.
I urge others to not support such an inappropriate project. Not only is this administration completely failing to acknowledge, let alone follow, the legal process for such an undertaking, they also have not shown interest in the historical and PUBLIC nature of the building they are actively negatively impacting to approach any level of a "modernization" plan in a culturally sensitive way. Is "culturally sensitive" on the list of banned words yet?

Name: Deborah Miller
Date: February 19, 2026 5:07:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: chuck miller
Date: February 19, 2026 5:09:59 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT IN OPPOSITION
NCPC File No. 8733
Project Title: East Wing Modernization / White House State Ballroom
National Capital Planning Commission Review — March 5, 2026

Submitted by: Chuck Miller
[redacted]
Date: February 19, 2026

FORMAL STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION
I am writing to express my absolute and unequivocal opposition to the "East Wing Modernization" project (NCPC File No. 8733). As an American citizen who cares deeply about the preservation of our national heritage, the integrity of our democratic institutions, and the responsible stewardship of public property, I find this project to be a profound violation of the public trust. The estimated $300–$400 million expenditure, the lawless manner in which demolition was initiated, the firing of the independent review commission, and the ethically compromised funding mechanism all combine to create a project that is antithetical to the values this nation was founded upon.

This project must be cancelled immediately. All further construction must be halted. The East Wing must be restored to its historic design. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden and all commemorative landscaping must be re-established. And the individuals responsible for bypassing federal law must be held accountable.
What follows is a comprehensive analysis of the legal, procedural, historical, architectural, environmental, ethical, and fiscal grounds on which this project must be rejected.

I. PROCEDURAL MALFEASANCE AND LEGAL VIOLATIONS
A. Demolition Before Review: A Fundamental Breach of Federal Law
The East Wing of the White House was demolished beginning October 20, 2025. The East Portico was destroyed first, followed by the progressive reduction of the entire East Wing to rubble between October 21–24. This demolition was carried out without prior notice to the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, Congress, or the American public. No plans had been filed with the NCPC as required by the National Capital Planning Act. No environmental assessment had been prepared as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). No public comment period had been offered.
This was the first major structural change to the White House complex since the Truman renovation of 1948–1952. The magnitude of this action — the total destruction of one-third of the White House complex — demanded the most rigorous review process available under federal law. Instead, it received none.
When the White House announced the project on July 31, 2025, it was described as a $200 million addition that would be "near" the East Wing "but not touching it" and would "pay total respect to the existing building." By October 22, the President contradicted this assurance entirely, stating that "in order to do it properly, we had to take down the existing structure." The American people were misled about the scope and nature of this project from its inception.

B. Circumvention of the National Capital Planning Act
The National Capital Planning Act requires that plans for construction on federal property in the District of Columbia be submitted to the NCPC for review and approval before construction begins. This is not a suggestion or a courtesy — it is

a legal mandate established by Congress to ensure that the architectural character and planning integrity of the nation's capital are preserved.

The administration demolished the East Wing and commenced construction of the ballroom foundation before submitting any plans to the NCPC. It was only after a federal judge ordered the administration to file plans — in the context of a lawsuit brought by the National Trust for Historic Preservation — that the NCPC received any formal submission. The NCPC's information presentation did not occur until January 8, 2026, nearly three months after demolition began.

To allow this project to proceed retroactively is to validate the principle that any administration can destroy a National Historic Landmark first and seek approval later. This sets a catastrophic precedent for every historic property, park, monument, and federal building in the United States.

C. Evasion of NEPA Environmental Review

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of their actions and to involve the public in the decision-making process. The NPS ultimately prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project — but only after a lawsuit forced the issue, and only after the demolition had already occurred.

The EA itself has been widely criticized as inadequate. The National Trust for Historic Preservation called it "facially deficient, internally contradictory, and plainly designed to support a predetermined conclusion." Former NPS Director Jon Jarvis stated that "several steps have been left out" and that the destruction of one-third of a National Historic Landmark "is by definition a significant impact" that should have triggered a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), not merely an EA.

The EA's own Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) contains a remarkable internal contradiction. It acknowledges that the project "will adversely alter the design, setting, and feeling of the White House and the grounds over the long-term," and that the 90,000-square-foot building "will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a visual imbalance." It further warns that construction vibrations "could affect the structural stability or finishes of the Executive Mansion and adjacent features." Yet it concludes there is "no significant impact." These findings are irreconcilable.

D. The Question of Congressional Authorization

Federal law requires that Congress authorize construction when it is proposed in any federal park in the District of Columbia. The White House grounds are administered by the National Park Service and fall squarely within this requirement. No congressional authorization has been sought or obtained for this project. The administration's argument that private funding negates the need for congressional involvement has no basis in the statutory text and, if accepted, would allow any administration to bypass Congress simply by soliciting private donations for construction on federal land.

E. The Section 106 Exemption and Its Implications

The National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 review process requires federal agencies to assess the impact of their undertakings on historic properties and consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The White House, along with the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court, is technically exempt from Section 106. However, this exemption does not mean that the destruction of the East Wing was lawful or appropriate. It means that the existing legal framework has a gap — one that Congressman Jamie Raskin's "People's White House Historic Preservation Act" seeks to close by extending Section 106 jurisdiction to the White House and its grounds.

The fact that a legal exemption exists does not confer moral or civic legitimacy. The White House is the most recognizable symbol of American democracy in the world. That it falls outside the protection of the very law designed to preserve historic federal properties is a legislative oversight, not an invitation for destruction.

F. The Firing of the Commission of Fine Arts

On October 29, 2025 — just five days after the East Wing demolition was completed — the President terminated all six members of the Commission of Fine Arts. The fired commissioners were Bruce Redman Becker, Peter D. Cook, Lisa E. Delplace, William J. Lenihan, Justin Garrett Moore, and Vice Chair Hazel Ruth Edwards. They were removed via email from the Presidential Personnel Office, effective immediately.

The CFA is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and the city of Washington on matters of design and aesthetics. It was established by Congress in 1910 and has served as a guardian of the capital's architectural integrity for over a century. These commissioners were scheduled to review the ballroom plans. Their removal, and the administration's stated intention to replace them with members "more aligned with President Trump's America First Policies," represents an overt attempt to eliminate independent oversight of a presidential construction project.

On February 19, 2026, the reconstituted CFA — now composed of political appointees including a 26-year-old former White House receptionist — approved the ballroom design by a vote of 6–0. This was not an independent architectural review. It was a rubber stamp. The Commission limited public comment to written submissions shared "at the discretion

of the CFA chairman," a highly unusual restriction that further undermined public participation.

II. DESTRUCTION OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

A. The Historical Significance of the East Wing

The term "modernization" is a misnomer of extraordinary proportions. What has occurred is the systematic destruction of an irreplaceable piece of American history. The East Wing was not some ancillary outbuilding — it was a central component of the White House complex with deep historical roots.

The East Colonnade was originally designed by Thomas Jefferson and architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe to connect the Executive Residence with the grounds' eastern service areas. Jefferson's colonnades were integral to his vision for the White House as a working estate, and they have linked the residence with the East and West Wings for over two centuries.

The modern East Wing was constructed in 1942 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, designed by White House architect Lorenzo Winslow. It served a dual purpose: providing expanded office space and concealing the construction of the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) — the underground bunker used during national security emergencies. The East Wing's family theater was integrated from Theodore Roosevelt's original coatroom, creating a space with connections to multiple presidencies.

For decades, the East Wing served as the office of the First Lady and her staff, including the White House Social Secretary, correspondence staff, and the White House Graphics and Calligraphy Office. First Lady Rosalynn Carter was the first to keep her own office there in 1977, establishing a tradition that every subsequent First Lady followed. The East Wing was a hub of social diplomacy and civic engagement — a working office space where the public's business was conducted.

All of this is now rubble.

B. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden

The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden was one of the most beloved and historically significant landscapes on the White House grounds. Its origins trace to First Lady Edith Roosevelt, who established plantings on the east side of the residence. In 1913, First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson redesigned the space as the East Garden, featuring a modest central lily pond. This work was completed after Mrs. Wilson's death in 1914, making it a memorial in its own right.

The garden was formally redesigned in the early 1960s under the direction of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy as part of her broader effort to restore the White House's artistic and cultural identity. It featured an I.M. Pei-designed pergola and served as an elegant outdoor venue for awards ceremonies, receptions, and cultural events hosted by first ladies of both parties for more than six decades. The garden was dedicated in honor of Jacqueline Kennedy in 1965.

Satellite imagery confirmed that by late October 2025, the Kennedy Garden had been completely torn up. Construction equipment and debris replaced the garden's trees, bushes, and the Pei pergola. This destruction was carried out without consulting the government commission established by federal law to ensure the preservation and integrity of government buildings in Washington, D.C.

C. Loss of Commemorative Trees

At least six trees that surrounded the East Wing were removed, including two historic Southern Magnolia trees originally dating to the 1940s. These magnolias were designated as commemorative trees for Presidents Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Commemorative trees on the White House grounds are living monuments to the presidencies they represent. Their removal was not a landscaping decision — it was an act of historical erasure.

While the White House Historical Association rushed to document photographs and obtain objects of historical value once they learned of the demolition plans, no representative of the U.S. National Park Service was able to confirm whether any of the plants or the pergola were being relocated. Documentation is not preservation. Photographs cannot replace living trees planted nearly a century ago.

D. Architectural Incompatibility and the Violation of the McMillan Plan

The proposed replacement structure is approximately 89,000–90,000 square feet — nearly double the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. The NPS's own assessment acknowledged that "the new building's larger footprint and height will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a visual imbalance with the more modestly scaled West Wing and Executive Mansion." Adding a second story to the East Colonnade would change "the traditional spatial organization and sightlines of the grounds."

This fundamentally alters the architectural balance that has defined the White House complex since the McMillan Plan of 1901–1902 and the original 1792 design by James Hoban. The McMillan Plan, created by architects Daniel H. Burnham and Charles F. McKim, landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., and sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, established the architectural and planning principles that continue to guide development in and around Washington, D.C. The White House's relationship to its surrounding landscape and the proportional balance between its wings and the central residence are integral to these principles.

DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, an ex-officio NCPC member, has called the renderings of the structure

"disturbing," stating that it appears to be "overwhelming the existing building." When the chairman of the DC Council describes the plans as disturbing, the Commission must take notice.
Out of respect for the White House's historic character, no substantive architectural changes had been made to the Executive Residence since the Truman renovation. The Committee for the Preservation of the White House, a congressionally authorized body, must approve any modifications to the State Rooms to maintain the house's historical integrity. This project did not seek or receive such approval before destroying one-third of the complex.

III. FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICAL CORRUPTION

A. The Ballooning Budget

When the project was announced on July 31, 2025, the cost was estimated at $200 million. By October 2025, it had risen to $300 million. By December 2025, reports indicated the cost may reach $400 million. This 100% cost escalation in less than six months — before the replacement structure has even risen above ground — raises serious questions about financial management, planning competence, and eventual total cost.
There is no public accounting for how these funds are being spent, no competitive bidding process has been disclosed, and no independent auditing mechanism is in place. The American people have no way to verify whether this money is being spent responsibly, because the entire funding mechanism has been designed to avoid oversight.

B. The "Private Donor" Model: Corruption by Design

The project is being funded through private donations channeled through the Trust for the National Mall, a nonprofit philanthropic partner of the National Park Service. The Trust has confirmed it receives a 2–2.5% management allocation from each donation, meaning it stands to collect $8–10 million in fees from the ballroom project alone. This is an organization whose previous work involved marshaling volunteers to paint park benches — it has never managed a project of this scale or political sensitivity.
The White House has released a list of 36 donors, including 21 corporations and 15 individuals and family foundations, but has not disclosed how much each has contributed. The New York Times reported that the White House initially withheld the names of several donors, including BlackRock, Nvidia, and Jeff Yass — entities with major business concerns that could be directly impacted by administration decisions.

C. Corporate Donors with Active Federal Business

A review of the known donor list reveals a staggering concentration of companies with active business before the federal government. Corporations such as Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia, Comcast, Lockheed Martin, Palantir, T-Mobile, and Union Pacific Railroad all have antitrust matters, regulatory proceedings, federal contracts, or procurement interests pending before the Trump administration.
Several ballroom donors — including Alphabet, Amazon, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Palantir — are major technology companies that stand to benefit from the administration's AI Action Plan. According to reporting by OpenSecrets, some of these donors were directly involved in shaping that plan. When companies that help write federal technology policy also make large donations to a presidential construction project, the appearance of corruption is unavoidable.
Columbia Law School Professor Richard Briffault has warned that "there is a concern that when companies give to a favored project of the president, they're going to get more favorable treatment in decisions about grants, contracts and procurement, regulation, enforcement or non-enforcement of existing rules." This is not hypothetical — it is the defining feature of pay-to-play governance.

D. Lobbying Disclosure Failures

According to an analysis by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), at least 23 reported contributors to the White House ballroom should have disclosed those donations as part of their regular lobbying disclosure filings. Only one company — Vantive Healthcare — actually did so. Companies including Lockheed Martin, Palantir, and T-Mobile failed to disclose. This systematic nondisclosure suggests that donors and their counsel understood these contributions to be politically sensitive and sought to minimize their public visibility.

E. The Anti-Deficiency Act and Congressional Bypass

Ethics experts have raised serious concerns that the private funding mechanism violates the intent of the Anti-Deficiency Act, which restricts government agencies from accepting unauthorized funding commitments. Federal Judge Richard Leon, who presided over the initial legal challenge, described the funding scheme as a "Rube Goldberg contraption" and said he saw "no basis" in the legislative history of the Park Service's gift authority that would allow it to be used to raise $400 million for a presidential construction project.
By routing hundreds of millions of dollars through a nonprofit intermediary, the administration has constructed a mechanism to build on federal property without congressional appropriation, without competitive procurement, and without the budget oversight that the Anti-Deficiency Act was specifically designed to enforce. Senator Elizabeth Warren and Representative Robert Garcia introduced the "Stop Ballroom Bribery Act" to address the apparent corruption, and Democratic senators have warned of "quid-pro-quo arrangements in which large corporations get backroom favors from

the White House."
The Trust for the National Mall has largely evaded congressional inquiries into the project, refusing to provide documentation requested by Democratic senators. When the intermediary managing hundreds of millions of dollars in politically sensitive donations refuses to answer questions from Congress, the project has crossed the line from questionable to indefensible.

IV. THE NATIONAL SECURITY ARGUMENT IS PRETEXTUAL
The administration has invoked "national security implications" as a basis for continuing construction and opposing judicial intervention. Justice Department lawyers stated in a February 2, 2026 court filing that they would appeal any halt to the project on national security grounds. This argument is transparently pretextual.
The Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) bunker beneath the former East Wing was a legitimate national security installation. But a 22,000-square-foot ballroom designed to seat 1,000 guests for state dinners, complete with a grand staircase, movie theater, and commercial kitchen, is not a national security facility. It is a social venue. The conflation of bunker reconstruction with ballroom construction is a rhetorical strategy designed to shield a vanity project from legal scrutiny.
If the PEOC required modernization, that work could have been accomplished without demolishing the entire East Wing, without building a structure nearly double the size of the Executive Residence, and without bypassing every federal review process designed to protect the public interest. The national security argument is not a justification — it is a smokescreen.

V. THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY'S OPPOSITION
The American Institute of Architects (AIA), the nation's leading professional organization for architects, has been unequivocal in its opposition to how this project has been conducted. The AIA's advocacy includes:

A. An August 5, 2025 formal letter to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House with five key recommendations, including qualifications-based architect selection, adherence to historic preservation standards, full transparency, proportionality to the existing complex, and meaningful professional collaboration.

B. An October 24, 2025 statement expressing "deep concern" that the demolition "stands in direct contradiction to earlier public assurances," calling for a halt to further irreversible alterations and the publication of full project documentation.

C. More than 6,000 letters sent by architects to their members of Congress demanding an investigation into the destruction of the East Wing.

D. Ethics complaints filed against the project's architects, including a letter from 13 AIA members to James McCrery of McCrery Architects and a letter from 29 architects urging Shalom Baranes Associates to decline the commission on ethical grounds.
When the nation's architects are filing ethics complaints against the professionals involved in a federal construction project, it is a clear signal that the project has violated fundamental principles of professional practice and public accountability.

VI. THE DANGEROUS PRECEDENT
The implications of allowing this project to proceed extend far beyond the White House grounds. If the NCPC approves this project retroactively, it establishes the following precedents:

Any federal agency or administration can demolish a National Historic Landmark and seek approval after the fact.
NEPA environmental review can be conducted after demolition is complete, rendering it a meaningless formality.
The NCPC's own authority is optional, not mandatory — agencies may bypass it and return for post-hoc validation.
Independent review commissions can be fired and replaced with political loyalists to ensure favorable outcomes.
Congressional authorization and budget oversight can be circumvented through private donor schemes.
Corporate entities can make large, undisclosed donations to presidential construction projects on federal land without triggering conflict-of-interest protections.

Every one of these precedents weakens the rule of law and the system of checks and balances that protects American public property. If this can be done to the White House — the most visible and symbolically important building in the country — it can be done to any federal building, any national park, any historic site.

VII. DEMANDS
Modernization does not require destruction. Security upgrades do not require a 22,000-square-foot ballroom. The People's House is not a private estate to be renovated at the whim of its temporary occupant. I respectfully but firmly demand that

the National Capital Planning Commission take the following actions:

Reject the Current Plans: Deny approval for the 90,000-square-foot ballroom and associated construction. The project's procedural violations alone are grounds for rejection, independent of its architectural and ethical deficiencies.
Mandate Immediate Construction Halt: Order the cessation of all construction activity on the site until lawful review processes are completed in full, including a proper Environmental Impact Statement and congressional authorization.
Require Reconstruction of the East Wing: Mandate the reconstruction of the East Wing and East Colonnade to their former architectural specifications, using historical documentation, photographs, and the records preserved by the White House Historical Association.

Restore the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden: Require the full re-establishment of the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, including the I.M. Pei-designed pergola, and the replanting of commemorative trees as a matter of national priority.
Refer for Investigation: Refer the procedural violations in this matter to the appropriate congressional committees and enforcement bodies for investigation, including the unauthorized demolition, the absence of NEPA compliance, and the questionable legality of the private funding mechanism.

Require Full Financial Transparency: Demand the public disclosure of all donor identities, donation amounts, competitive bidding records, and financial accounting for every dollar spent on this project.

CONCLUSION
The White House belongs to the American people. It is held in trust by each President for the duration of their term, to be passed to the next occupant and the next generation in the condition they received it or better. No President has the right to demolish part of the White House complex, circumvent federal review processes, fire independent oversight commissions, solicit hundreds of millions of dollars from corporations with pending federal business, and then present the result to the public as a fait accompli.
The East Wing Modernization project is not modernization. It is demolition, self-aggrandizement, and institutional corruption, executed under the false pretense of national security and shielded from accountability by a funding mechanism designed to evade congressional oversight.

American history is not a real estate asset to be flipped or "modernized" at the whim of an individual. The laws that protect our shared heritage exist for a reason. The review processes that govern construction on federal property exist for a reason. The independent commissions that provide expert oversight exist for a reason. Every one of these safeguards was violated or circumvented in the execution of this project.

I call upon the National Capital Planning Commission to fulfill its statutory mandate, reject this project, and send a clear message: no one is above the law, and the People's House is not for sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Miller
[redacted]
February 19, 2026

Name: Ronda Charping
Date: February 19, 2026 5:12:01 pm

The buildings belong to EVERY American, including the president. However, your ownership does not give you the right to destroy the building and build something for you. Please restore the building and ALL of its contents before your term in office ends. Keeping in mind that every president realizes his office is temporary and you must leave the People’s House and ALL of the People’s documents in the hands of those citizens who are gatekeepers.
Thank you.

Name: Kurt Kessner
Date: February 19, 2026 5:12:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margot Kopley
Date: February 19, 2026 5:12:48 pm

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Margot Kopley

Name: Rebecca Renwick
Date: February 19, 2026 5:13:19 pm

Please halt the construction of the proposed ballroom. The scale of the ballroom will eclipse the beauty of the existing structure of the White House. Due to the negligence in filing the correct permitting and approval, I believe those persons responsible should pay for the reconstruction of the East Wing as it was originally designed and how it stood prior to the demolition.

Name: Cathryn Varga
Date: February 19, 2026 5:14:58 pm

Thank you for opening for comment. The East Wing of the people's White House, which was demolished without planning, approval, or budget, must to be restored to its original footprint and dimensions at the direct cost of Mr. Donald J. Trump or his heirs.

No further public money or money solicited from "donors" should accrue to this plan.

Name: Paige Hicks
Date: February 19, 2026 5:15:36 pm

The ballroom is a stupid idea, and the East Wing should be restored. All money already offered for the ballroom should go to restoring the East Wing, and it should get a plaque that reads, "Here is the restored East Wing, rebuilt after being destroyed by the worst president in U.S.A. history at the time, the embarrassing Donald J. Trump."

Name: Leslie Rothblat
Date: February 19, 2026 5:16:00 pm

The White House is a stately, classic, historic building that belongs to the people. Its beauty is in its simple elegance and its history. It does not belong to this president or any other would be president. Donald Trump has no right to unilaterally destroy the East Wing or any other part of the White House. It is the People’s House not his house.
All the tacky, tasteless gold “adornments” he has added to the interior are offensive enough. Because of its enormous size, his planned ballroom will become the dominant feature of the White House. One can only imagine how tastelessly offensive his enormous ballroom will be.
The financial support for the construction of the Donald J. Trump ballroom will be from very wealthy donors who will surely expect something in return. Any changes to the White House would require approval. Donald Trump has chosen a board of “yes men” to give that approval. This all appears to be riddled with corruption.,
The sight of the destroyed East Wing is devastating. The plans for the huge ballroom are evidence of our current president’s malignant narcissism.

Name: Elaine Klein
Date: February 19, 2026 5:17:15 pm

Dear colleagues,

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on the "East Wing Modernization Project" as envisioned by President Trump. Far from "modernizing" this historic space, this project as envisioned serves to promote the vanity of the current president who acted illegally to raze the building and impose his design. Of course, that damage is done, and funds must be spent on cleanup (because the site was demolished without adhering to good and proper demolition and hazmat procedures), design, and reconstruction. Since a project must move forward, I would recommend that THIS project be canceled, and a new project undertaken to rebuild a historically sensitive, updated and modernized version of the old East Wing. (I do not propose rebuilding to historically accurate standards - much has changed in the nearly 125 years since the wing was initially built, and I'm sure that an excellent design team could be found to envision a modern and functional version that reflects the gravitas and purpose of the original.)

I will admit that in all of this, I am most concerned about the precedent that would be set by moving forward with this project as President Trump has designed it - doing so suggests that any president may get their way by acting as though they are above the law and may willfully forge ahead and pretend to ask permission later. Good parents don't tolerate that behavior in children; we should not tolerate it in the elderly man serving as President. Rewarding someone who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mimi Marquis
Date: February 19, 2026 5:17:59 pm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I VEHEMENTLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and erasing of American history and vanity project. I demand this project canceled, and the East Wing be restored to its former design.

Absolutely no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Mimi Marquis

Name: Bonnie Overman
Date: February 19, 2026 5:19:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I agree 100% with the above statement

Name: Lisa Rosenstein
Date: February 19, 2026 5:19:50 pm

Dear Madams and Sirs,
The demolition of the East Wing was shocking and remains horrifying. But I won’t go on about that.

Please in the name of all good and caring citizens do not allow the planned oversized monstrosity to be built. There is absolutely no call for a ballroom that accommodates 999 people. The lack of intimacy in a room that size does not serve our country.

I understand the need for more room, but any space accommodating more than 500 tops, the ability for people to connect goes out the door.

The information that the funding will be covered for the most part by private donors doesn’t give me a good feeling either. Who are these people and what favors will be expected?

Will the list of donors be published?

Respectfully,
Lisa Rosenstein
Washington DC resident since 1988

Name: Sandra Russo-Wagner
Date: February 19, 2026 5:20:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: TODD BENNITT
Date: February 19, 2026 5:21:26 pm

Dear Commision Members ,
Based on today's FAC sham hearing
I suppose it's a waste of time to forward these comments . Nonetheless , I'll just add to Americas overwhelming lack of respect and support for this shameful vanity project by the Con Man. The proposed new structures are massively out of scale for the site and the historical setting . As if the destruction of the historic Rose Garden is not enough we now face the desecration of the entire site. While I urge you to put a stop to this insanity perpetrated by the felon I also realize that he's stacked the deck with gutless ass licking cronies who have zero respect for Americas voices . What shame you bring to what was once a professional ,respected oversight commission !

Name: Barbara McGee
Date: February 19, 2026 5:21:27 pm

I too oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
In most localities across our nation, you are required by law to openly present your project in order to obtain a building permit before any work begins. This may require further permit permissions and variances affecting local zoning ordinances, including historical impact and requirements, environmental impact, and there are more. Where I live, this would be illegal.
Let us not forget, this is The People's House! No single person owns The White House, No single administration owns The White House. Certainly, 'We the People' should have some sort of say in such a monumental change to this centerpiece of our Democracy.

Name: Diana Dewey
Date: February 19, 2026 5:22:24 pm

The proposed size for the ballroom is much too big. It will dwarf the White House. Also the current President's personal affinity for a gaudy decor, as evidenced by the Oval Office and other areas of the White House, is as unacceptable for the ballroom as it is for the Oval Office. Please keep the building to an appropriate size and shape((90,000 sq ft is not appropriate or reasonable) in respect to the White House itself. Also please prevent the interior design from looking like a bordello as is currently the decor of the Oval Office.
Thank you
Diana Dewey

Name: Beth Whittemore
Date: February 19, 2026 5:23:07 pm

My heart was broken when the East Wing of the White House was razed. This is our house not the temporary resident's, Trump.
I do not want a ballroom built but want it to be built back the same as it was.
He had no right to destroy part of our history.

Name: Andrew Makar
Date: February 19, 2026 5:24:24 pm

Not only no, but he'll no. The East Wing should never have been torn down. Where we go from here here should be controlled by Congress. Not one dime for Trump's vanity project. And we should particularly ban funding this project by bribery.

Name: Mary Nadeau
Date: February 19, 2026 5:24:59 pm

Please restore the East Wing to how it was prior to being torn down. Please restore the building to exactly how it was before it was torn down without any approval. The White House belongs to all the citizens and not to the current administration and never should have been torn down without approval.
Thank you for your consideration
Mary Nadeau

Name: Lisa Backer
Date: February 19, 2026 5:25:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Furthermore, the funding mechanism is a thinly veiled bribery scheme. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete glorification of a wanna be dictator. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christina Karlstrom
Date: February 19, 2026 5:27:22 pm

Please don't fund this project. It does not benefit the citizens of our country. If Trump wants to leave a lasting impression of his presidency, he should allocate more money to public health and public schools. Let's build up the future of America by supporting the youth, not squander money on meaningless projects for the rich elderly. Please do not fund this project.

Name: Kathy Stenson
Date: February 19, 2026 5:27:32 pm

The White House should be restored as much as possible to it's original state,.and Trump should have to providenthe funds since he ruined the people's house without appropriate consultation and approval.

Name: Candy Cavaness
Date: February 19, 2026 5:28:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Larkin
Date: February 19, 2026 5:28:03 pm

I was absolutely appalled when I saw the East Wing of the White House obliterated with no warning or permission. Donald Trump had no right to do that without oversight. I've seen his plans for the ballroom. It's tacky and an affront to the dignity of the White House. It's the People's House. How dare he vandalize it like that. Please put a stop to this and restore the East Wing to its former condition.

Name: Mary Hayden-Davis
Date: February 19, 2026 5:29:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Schaffer
Date: February 19, 2026 5:29:28 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The razing of the East Wing was a crime. It should be rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of Donald J. Trump. The president has no respect for the People's House which should not under any circumstances be subjected to his personal desires at the expense of American citizens.

Name: BARBARA READY
Date: February 19, 2026 5:29:30 pm

With tears streaming down my cheeks, I watched the destruction of the East Wing of our White House on television. Frankly, as the President of my local Historic Preservation Society, I'm utterly heartbroken that this "president" as a temporary resident of the White House decided he was above the law and was not required to follow established procedures for any "improvements" to this historic building. The renderings of the outsized and gaudy planned "ballroom" are disgusting. As an ardent supporter of historic preservation, I would completely support that Donald Trump be forced to pay personally for the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House that he had no right to destroy.

Name: Erin Conwell
Date: February 19, 2026 5:30:21 pm

This project is obscene and an absolute travesty. The East Wing should be rebuilt, not replaced, as it is shameful that it was ever demolished in the first place. Putting a giant party space for a pathetic wannabe oligarch in the People's House flies in the very face of democracy. I'm reminded of Gaddafi's disgusting temples to himself. Restore this historic building to its previous, dignified state.

Name: Anne Rolincik
Date: February 19, 2026 5:30:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Julia Brotherton
Date: February 19, 2026 5:30:43 pm

The former East Wing was an historically significant structure that should never have been demolished without input from any number of parties, including but not limited to Congress and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Its summary destruction without such input was in insult both to all previous First Ladies and to the American Public at large. The current occupant of the White House must be ordered to reconstruct the original structure, with as much fealty to that early design as feasible.

Name: Christine Sheets
Date: February 19, 2026 5:31:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rachel Rosenthal
Date: February 19, 2026 5:32:05 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, permits, or Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people, who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the Executive Mansion's original structure.

Name: Ann Cannon
Date: February 19, 2026 5:34:27 pm

Please do not approve construction of a ballroom where the East Wing once stood. Such a monstrosity would not only dwarf the White House, but would be an affront to anyone who cares about what the White House represents. It is beyond outrageous that one man was able to unilaterally destroy the historically significant and priceless East Wing. He is a boarder in the people’s house. The people should have the power to determine this outcome. I’m also gravely concerned about the enormous cost of this boondoggle and what favors were promised to wealthy individuals who may donate to it. At what point will people in power stand up and finally tell him “no”? I implore you to respect our beautiful landmark and reject plans for this wasteful monument to one man’s ego.

Name: Linda Barnes
Date: February 19, 2026 5:35:31 pm

I am opposed to this project. It was illegally begun, and the project did not conform to any of the regulations set forth by law. The East Wing should be rebuilt and the interior returned to its original condition and furnishings.

Name: Roy Simmons
Date: February 19, 2026 5:37:57 pm

I believe Trumps Ballroom is nothing bur his attempt to make himself great. It has NOTHING to do with a NEED for a Ballroom! Trump is a FACCIST TRYING TO CHANGE AMERICA FOR THE WORST, NOT BETTER.
His ballroom should be CANCELLED and return the EAS WING TO HISTORY!

Name: Cynde Spence
Date: February 19, 2026 5:38:10 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As an architect and preservation advocate, I believe changes to the White House require the highest standard of transparency, humility, and respect for civic legacy.
The White House is not simply a residence; it is a national symbol shaped over time through stewardship, often guided by preservation-minded leaders who understood that additions must defer to history rather than compete with it. From careful restorations championed by figures such as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to the long tradition of civic-minded design oversight, alterations to this site have historically reflected restraint and reverence.
I have the following concerns:
• Process and Oversight: Reported demolition of the East Wing prior to full preservation review, documentation, and hazardous material handling raises serious concerns about adherence to established federal review standards.
• Review After Construction Began: Oversight scheduled only after demolition undermines public trust and the integrity of the design process.
• Security as Rationale: If demolition has created security vulnerabilities, those conditions are self-induced and should not justify accelerated or unchecked construction.
• Scale and Proportion: While expanded assembly space may serve functional needs, the proposed ballroom appears disproportionate to the White House itself. Extending significantly into the South Lawn risks diminishing the primacy and visual authority of the historic structure.
• Monumentality vs. Civic Restraint: Architectural gestures such as matching cornice lines or adding a non-functional portico do not ensure contextual harmony. Civic architecture at this site should embody restraint, not personal expression.
• Unresolved Planning and Accessibility Issues: The available plans raise unanswered questions regarding:
o ADA-compliant independent access
o Guest circulation and security screening for large events
o Traffic impacts on Executive Avenue
o Service access, storage, and secure waste handling
o Inconsistencies between floor plans and elevations, including vertical circulation and mechanical systems
• Incomplete Documentation: Advancing demolition and construction without publicly reviewed, coordinated construction drawings suggests a rushed and insufficiently vetted design process.
The White House belongs to the American people. Its evolution should reflect thoughtful stewardship, rigorous oversight, and respect for history, not urgency or excess. I respectfully urge that the project be paused until full preservation review, transparent documentation, and comprehensive design coordination are completed.

Attachment

Name: Judith Moore
Date: February 19, 2026 5:39:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marcia Jante
Date: February 19, 2026 5:40:19 pm

We do not need a gold ballroom. The East Wing of the White House should never have been destroyed. Everything that happened with the project was against government protocal. This destruction was wrong, unlawful and a blatant act of defiance. Someone needs to be punished for this action.

I now oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, I would love to see the wing rebuilt to its original design and retake its place in American History.

Marcia

Name: Janice Wachtler
Date: February 19, 2026 5:40:36 pm

This project was initiated without the approval of of the Historic Preservation Commission and at the whim of one person. The White House is an American historical building that is should not be remodeled without approval of Congress and Senate as well as the American people.

The use of private corporation's funding is only to gain the support of a corrupt administration and the largest crime family in our history.

In my opinion the Trump family should be charged with rebuilding the East Wing of the White House as it was.

Name: Lauren Spilsbury
Date: February 19, 2026 5:40:48 pm

The White House does not belong to any current resident. It belongs to the American people. Any resident shall not unilaterally decide to make changes. There is a process where changes can be made, and the process should be followed. At present, there was unauthorized demolition performed. The company who performed demolition should stop further destruction and repair the space to its former condition until decisions can be made. It may not sound fair to hold them accountable but they were aware that permits were not pulled. They have the choice to sue whomever instructed them to perform this demolition.
The cost of repairs is to stay on their shoulders. Then the proper channels shall be initiated to make changes to the East wing. Private donors should not be used as this looks like a bribe. Do things the correct way going forward.

Name: Phyllis Pepper
Date: February 19, 2026 5:41:45 pm

It's funny that this is called the East Wing modernization project because The People's House no longer has an East Wing. The people of this country never asked for a ballroom, just as we have never asked for the Rose Garden to be paved over. This President, nor any President, owns The White House or its grounds and he had no right to tear it down. He also has no right to use tax payer money for a tacky ballroom. I do not for one second believe that he and his billionaire friends will pay for the entire bill.

This country and its people are in great need and he and his republican sycophants in Congress do not care. It's too late to stop the demolition as it's already been done but it isn't too late to rebuild. Trump is not a king and he doesn't need a gilded ballroom.

Phyllis S Pepper

Name: Dev Patel
Date: February 19, 2026 5:42:17 pm

This is a massive waste of money, it destroyed historically significant parts of the house's history, and it's so gaudy and stupid. DC's budget still hasn't been made whole - my local taxes are still not going to my own community. Yet an ungodly sum will be spent on a tacky, illegal addition to the white house. He already ruined the kennedy center. He already threatens us with home rule. And he's removing history from museums, erasing story, and just destroying kinda everything. Why should he be allowed to unilaterally spend our money without permission and create items of hubris? He's a pathetic old man trying to find immortality in naming ***** buildings. Pathetic.

Name: Jennifer Fort
Date: February 19, 2026 5:42:32 pm

Build the East Wing back exactly as it was prior to the illegal actions of the felon who tore it down without permission.

The East Wing belongs to the American people. Restore it and make Trump pay for it.

Name: Barbara Elish
Date: February 19, 2026 5:42:36 pm

I want this project cancelled. It does not reflect the wishes of US citizens. And singlehandedly destroying the White House is not only not permitted but should be punished.

Name: Carolyn Yordy
Date: February 19, 2026 5:43:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nancy Becker
Date: February 19, 2026 5:45:23 pm

I am totally opposed to the building of a ballroom that will dwarf the White House! Not to mention the East Wing was demolished without input by the Commission. I want the East Wing rebuilt as it was and consequences ti be imposed for its destruction!

Name: Anita Williams
Date: February 19, 2026 5:45:50 pm

The White House does not belong to Trump! He just took it upon himself to have it demolished to put up a $300 million “ballroom!” He shouldn’t have the power to destroy the White House for his likings!! We the people should be able to have a say as to what is done to the white house!! Please put a stop to this and repair the White House to look like the east wing used to look!! Please!!!

Name: Amanda Greenway
Date: February 19, 2026 5:47:04 pm

This is an affront to history. Please rebuild the east wing as it was.

Name: Sally Tuy
Date: February 19, 2026 5:47:22 pm

I am firmly against building a ballroom where the east wig was demolished (without approval;!) This "modernization" is not fitting with the history of the white house nor our culture. It is ostentatious and unnecessary and no environmental planning was done, there is also a concern that the unapproved demolition has released toxins to people and the environment. And further work must be stopped and the east wing should be rebuilt as per the original design at a personal cost to the president since he went ahead without any approvals. .

Name: Sherrell Cuneo
Date: February 19, 2026 5:47:23 pm

The White House is The People's House, the current occupant is a tenant residing in the People's House for a limited amount of time. The fact that the historic East Wing was demolished without the proper authorization, permits, or design review is egregious. It is a move typical of a shyster real estate developer, destroy illegally, say 'oops' and then proceed to do what they want. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would

be an affront to the history of our great country, and slap in the face to every US citizen, and every patriot who has fought one way or another for the principles this country was founded on. With all due respect, this is a serious offense, a violation of the public trust, an abuse of power and could conceivably rise to the definition of high crimes and misdemeanors.

Name: Beth Lyon
Date: February 19, 2026 5:47:25 pm

The ballroom should be canceled and the East Wing restored. The President doesn't own the White House and this should never have been done without consultation of Congress and other appropriate bodies.

Name: Mary Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 5:47:40 pm

Please do not allow this ballroom project to go forward. It will overwhelm the White House. Instead, please use the money that has been raised for it to be used to restore the original East Wing and to repair the damage done to the landscape destroyed during the unauthorized process of tearing down the East Wing. What is proposed has nothing to do with modernization.

Name: Arlene Zingale
Date: February 19, 2026 5:47:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathy Williams
Date: February 19, 2026 5:49:22 pm

I, as one of we the people, oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because changes to a national historic site should occur through transparent review, not unilateral action. Additionally, this $300M project is being funded by large private donations at the behest of the sitting administration which creates at the very least the appearance of influence-seeking or preferential access, and undermines public trust.

The East Wing was destroyed to make way for a new state ballroom funded largely by private donors, with demolition beginning before review by the National Capital Planning Commission and amid unresolved preservation concerns.

I am asking for clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and public accountability.

The White House is a shared civic symbol, not the property of any one administration, and major alterations should follow the same oversight standards expected of every other federally significant project.

Name: Aimee Contreras-Camua
Date: February 19, 2026 5:49:25 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project for the sitting President. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kelly DeLoriea
Date: February 19, 2026 5:49:50 pm

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Name: Paul Porter
Date: February 19, 2026 5:50:46 pm

Our current president, whose name need not be mentioned, has already disgraced our country and the principles on which it stands. To have already torn down the East Wing, without the consent of this Commision is a crime. He has zero regard for the law or this country's legacy and its treasures. To further stain this country's treasures by erecting an ugly self serving atrocity is for nothing than to satisfy his insatiable ego and is without merit or consideration for the grace and beauty of the treasure that is the White House. I demand the East Wing be restored to its original design and functions.

Name: Ann Reckner
Date: February 19, 2026 5:52:43 pm

It is simply irresponsible to engage in a massive project like this without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The American people deserve better. The government cannot be allowed to destroy historically significant architecture on a whim. Our government is not above the law! I respectfully ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Thank you.

Name: Jane Fastelin
Date: February 19, 2026 5:53:28 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed ball that will eclipse the white house.

Jane Fastelin

Name: Ramona Brand
Date: February 19, 2026 5:54:01 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This president does not own the White House, the American People do! It is not his to tear down. Stop this abomination and destruction of the People's House.

Thank you,
Ramona Brand

Name: Laura McPherson
Date: February 19, 2026 5:54:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anna Albanese
Date: February 19, 2026 5:55:10 pm

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Name: Anthony Hayne
Date: February 19, 2026 5:55:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andrew Eisenmann
Date: February 19, 2026 5:56:45 pm

This seems like a desecration of a beautiful, balanced historic building. The East Wing has already been torn down without appropriate review and the addition seems like it will dwarf and overwhelm the main building. This seems like a huge waste of money when there are so many real problems to be working on.

Name: Marjorie Turner Hollman
Date: February 19, 2026 5:57:18 pm

The wreckage of the East Wing of the White House has put the entire structure at risk. Restoration of the structural integrity of the wrecked walls is essential. What a travesty this is.

Name: Alice Newman
Date: February 19, 2026 5:57:33 pm

I want the ballroom stopped and the East Wing restored as a public entrance to the White House including all the historic artifacts and displays. I believe this should be paid for by Donald Trump. He destroyed the EST Wing without authorization. Therefore, he should pay for its restoration. Thank you for stopping the construction of an unnecessary eyesore and fighting for a restored East Wing.

Name: Jean Christensen
Date: February 19, 2026 5:58:07 pm

The Destruction of the White House East Wing, initiated without proper authorization or oversight by Congress is abhorrent and an insult to the citizens who regard the White House as a National treasure and the property of these citizens. Any control over the renovations and construction of the now necessary repair should immediately revert to representatives of Congress and those personnel authorized by them. The President’s unilateral decision to destroy the East Wing and replace it with something he regards as a personal reflection of his own wishes, ignores his role as an elected official and the appropriate procedures required for any, now necessary, construction!

Name: Cecelia Reilly
Date: February 19, 2026 5:59:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Michael DeMent
Date: February 19, 2026 6:00:03 pm

I oppose this architecturally wrong, graft-driven project and ask that a proper consultation process be conducted prior to any reconstruction.

Name: Janet Sheppard
Date: February 19, 2026 6:02:45 pm

The symmetry of the whole building should be kept. The East Wing should be identical in size to the West Wing. The East Wing should not be adorned in gaudy gold.

Name: Rita Lynn
Date: February 19, 2026 6:04:16 pm

The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its appropriate style and size. If modernization is indicated, it should be done after appropriate procedural and design approvals are obtained. No private entity should undertake, and no private funding should be solicited without these prior approvals.

Name: Barbara Dornbush
Date: February 19, 2026 6:04:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carolyn Porter
Date: February 19, 2026 6:05:00 pm

I oppose any plan which changes the character of the White House. The destruction of the East Wing is shameful and was done without proper authorization, design review, or permits. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. Allowing this project to proceed is an insult to Americans and a destruction of our history.

Name: Lesley DuTemple
Date: February 19, 2026 6:05:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alan Goodman
Date: February 19, 2026 6:06:18 pm

Seeing as how our traitorous President will soon be Impeached, convicted, and imprisoned soon, he should have no say as to the proposed East Wing renovation. We do not need to have the absolute worst President in history have a lasting impression on the White House grounds. The country will be so much better with Trump in jail.

Name: john van ryn
Date: February 19, 2026 6:06:24 pm

there was no need to demolish the east wing. put it back.

Name: Richard Senechal
Date: February 19, 2026 6:06:54 pm

I have been a registered architect for 50 years. I spent most of my career in the hospitality industry, designing and building hotels and resorts, most of which included ballrooms. I have likely planned and designed a great many more ballrooms, of every shape and size, than any member of the Commission or anyone on the proponent's team has seen. As a recognized expert in this field, I would like to share with you some of the metrics that are generally applied to the design of all ballrooms, regardless of size or intended quality.

To seat 1,000 for dinner, the minimum ballroom size is 13,000 square feet. A 15,000 square foot ballroom would comfortably accommodate this program. The proposed 22,000 square foot ballroom is significantly larger than required for the stated purpose.

Assuming a 22,000 square foot function room, an additional 50%, or 11,000 square feet would typically be allocated for public pre-function areas and service circulation. Consequently, the building footprint need not exceed 35,000 square feet. Whatever additional elements have been included in the 90,000 square foot program can and should be located below grade.

The maximum reasonable ceiling height for a ballroom of this size would be 28.5 feet. Assuming six to eight feet for structure and mechanical services, the height of the building need not exceed 36 feet, substantially lower than the 55-foot height of the White House and much more in scale as a dependent wing of the main residence.

I submit that any proposal that exceeds these parameters does not do so for any functional reason. I strongly urge you to do your duty to protect this historic building from the overweening vanity and monumental bad taste of the current occupant who will, after all, be gone in less than three years.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

Richard Senechal, AIA
Presidential Scholar, 1965
United States Navy Veteran
Yale College, 1969
Yale School of Architecture, 1974

Name: Megan Whirley
Date: February 19, 2026 6:08:47 pm

Dear Public Servants,

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, paid for by the gracious corporations and individuals who were allegedly "supporting" this project.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Had any ordinary citizen acted in such a manner, said person would be sued and prosecuted for violating various regulations and legal procedures. It is striking that this administration is so comfortable bulldozing our institutions, literally and figuratively, and it is quite telling that continually, the American people are footing the bill for an out of control executive. There are necessary steps for a reason, especially in a healthy democracy. The People's House has been violated by this egregious disregard for our nation's systems. We, the people of this nation, are in charge—elected officials are meant to serve us, not act through their whims and egos, as many in public office unfortunately seem inclined to be. Had proper procedures been followed to the letter of the law, including a period of

public comment prior to the demolition of the East Wing of the People's House, this conversation would be unnecessary.

Any decent leader would recognize their faults and uphold accountability, especially while being the leader of a nation experiencing the greatest wealth gap in history.

I don't have to wonder how this period of our history will be discussed in the future. But I would like to see every American, regardless of their position, held to the highest standards of the law.

Name: Marilyn Foote
Date: February 19, 2026 6:09:42 pm

I cannot believe that anyone thinks spending 300million dollars on "Modernization of the East Wing" is a good idea. There is such a desperate need for that money to be spent elsewhere, on healthcare so seniors don't have to chose between food or medication, public libraries, and so many of our great parks are in disrepair from lack of funds and years of neglect. Most of the original work was done by the WPA at many facilities and we all know how long ago that was. Also this is not an improvement or preservation, it is destruction of an historical asset to please the ego of the current president. That is not a good reason to spend this money. Nor is it the way government by the people, for the people and of the people works. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Laura Henzel
Date: February 19, 2026 6:10:45 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a GROSS violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Penelope Nye
Date: February 19, 2026 6:10:56 pm

How often is there a need at the White House for an "event space"?
What is the average number of attendees at State dinners and other types of White House events that require such a large space as the one proposed?
I fail to see the necessity for something so disproportional as the proposed space.
Visually it makes the White House look like an afterthought and not the center of attention it should remain.
I question the utility of such a large space as it seems that most likely it will sit dormant for a large percentage of days in a calendar year.
I find the proposed ballroom to be an unjustifiable expense and an eyesore on the property given it's proposed size and scope. If an "event space"/ballroom is needed than it should be in harmony and not overwhelm he White House
If there is necessary modernization than that should be done in a way that is not at odds with the history, beauty and scale of our White House.
The proposed ballroom/"event space" looks like a monument to excess rather than an update that historically honors the current White House and it's history.
Please, please we do not need this huge addition just for show or to try and rival/outdo similar venues in other countries.
Thank you

Name: Carol Whaley
Date: February 19, 2026 6:12:45 pm

What this "president" had done to the East Wing is a travesty. It must be restored to it's former design and not allowed to become a gaudy monstrosity. Please maintain the architectural and historical integrity of the White House.

Name: Jill Peters-Stanfield
Date: February 19, 2026 6:13:18 pm

As an American citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizen

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Name: Mary Wilkinson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:13:42 pm

The US public wants the East Wing restored to the way it was in December 2024. We do not want a tacky overpriced ballroom, and we know this is a cover story concocted to create a bunker. Even if a ballroom was needed, there are correct ways to get that done, but nothing about this has been handled legally. We deserve better.

Name: Julia Hoepner
Date: February 19, 2026 6:14:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300M on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Scott Mackenzie
Date: February 19, 2026 6:14:36 pm

1) ballroom is unnecessary. Using facilities for rent in DC provides economic benefits to the business community and then the taxpayer is not on the hook to maintain this monstrosity, and
2) the perfect symmetry of the building will be destroyed forever. All for a vanity project for the current occupant of the White House. None of this has been approved by Congress.

Name: Peter Y
Date: February 19, 2026 6:14:46 pm

An abuse of power and a flagrant mid-use of public funds. Halt this emblem of Trump’s corruption

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Name: Dawn Newcomer
Date: February 19, 2026 6:15:06 pm

The people were never consulted and Congress never approved this project. In fact, the Executive simply demolished the East Wing without approval or consent. This is an unconstitutional act and the president should be impeached immediately for this and numerous other crimes and unconstitutional actions. NO to a huge gold appointed ballroom, vanity project and money laundering scheme.

Name: Edward Meakem
Date: February 19, 2026 6:16:13 pm

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Mollaun
Date: February 19, 2026 6:17:30 pm

It is illegal to build a ballroom and tear down a historical structure on public property. I demand that it is stopped. Use funds collected to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Name: Barb Blau
Date: February 19, 2026 6:19:41 pm

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Dan Hanson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:20:14 pm

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Name: Ruth Bradshaw
Date: February 19, 2026 6:20:29 pm

We do not need a golden ballroom in the White House. We need focus on real issues: health care, housing, inflation, education, our threatened environment, scientific and medical research, and our eroding relationships with our allies. This frivolous project should be immediately stopped.

Name: Carlton Bonner
Date: February 19, 2026 6:20:34 pm

I remember visiting Washington D.C. when I was in school. Seeing the monuments and the Whire House. They were and are awe inspiring. A symbol of our nation and democracy. They belong to the people of the United States. They are not places to be owned by any one president, of either party. Please do not allow this monstrosity of a ballroom to go forward. Bring back our beloved White House. Thank you.

Name: Marylee Reagan Schanen
Date: February 19, 2026 6:20:47 pm

We the people do not want nor see the need for another tacky addition to the White House. It will be a complete waste of money as “The People” will see that it is demolished ASAP. Trumps attempt to build a monument to himself will not stand. Just like the Rose Garden will be restored to its once beauty. If not demolished many ideas have floated of which my favorite is a veterans homeless shelter. This blight on the home of American democracy is deplorable. This nightmare too shall pass…. Red State turning blue. Make America Godless Again.

Name: Helen Liggett
Date: February 19, 2026 6:25:33 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom addition to the White House. The project is listed as "East Wing Modernization Project". It is not a "modernization project", a name that implies improvement to an existing space. Instead, the East Wing which was integral to the function, symbolism and history of the White House has been destroyed. This removal of the functioning, symbolism and history of the First Ladies' works is a great loss to the country.

The proposed project goes in the opposite direction. It is out of scale with the remaining parts of the White House and the grounds. It undercuts the function of the White House as the central site of governing. It undercuts the symbolism of the White House as "the people's house". It has already removed important history from the site. It is not clear how often the space would be used.

In addition the proposed ballroom is out of scale with the rest of the building. It is not aesthetically pleasing. If such a thing as a ballroom is even worthy of consideration, it should be sited some place else and designed to represent the people and citizen oriented events, not merely the whims of the current administration and its donors.

Name: Cynthia Tremblay
Date: February 19, 2026 6:26:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Suzanne Brunner
Date: February 19, 2026 6:26:47 pm

I am writing to express my opinion on this project. The work that has been done, demolition, was completed without prior approval in an effort to force the Commission to approve the plans. Allowing the destruction of the White House is not only a horrible idea but giving in to an out of control administration is even worse. There is no need for this monstrous room to exist. Previous administrations have had no problems with the existing ballroom and have used the East Wing rooms for their intended purposes. The previous East Wing should be rebuilt so that future administrations have what is necessary vs an empty, and frankly gaudy, space.

Name: Julie Parcells
Date: February 19, 2026 6:27:06 pm

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Name: Donna Coe
Date: February 19, 2026 6:27:07 pm

I strongly oppose spending any more money on changes to the East Wing. The White House is not a private residence. There are reviews, permits, and authorizations required for changes made to any public, taxpayer-funded building, and they have been brazenly ignored. There should be serious consequences for such actions, including restoring the East Wing to its original state.

Name: Mark Sullivan
Date: February 19, 2026 6:27:20 pm

I strongly oppose this project and hope that it will, first, be halted immediately and, second, that plans be required from the current Administration, under guidance of the Commission, to restore the East Wing to its former interior and exterior appearance.
It was outrageous that one individual tilted scales in his favor and quickly moved to demolish the former structure. While "The People's House" sits atop Capitol Hill, the White House also belongs to the people. A President is only a caretaker of the White House and its grounds for past, present and future Americans.
I also suggest that the funds for rebuilding and restoring the East Wing be obtained, using all available legal means, from the various monies that Donald Trump has taken in during his Presidency. He has plainly and demonstrably used the office of President to enrich himself and family via bitcoin, meme coin, cyrpto, "donations" and favors from both domestic and foreign governments, money-making schemes sold to individuals, etc. Such gains only came about through unprecedented leverage of an office entrusted to him by many Americans. He should be required to make restitution to the American people by paying for the rebuilding of the Wing that he unwisely demolished.

Name: Ronnie DiComo
Date: February 19, 2026 6:28:24 pm

The White House belongs to everyone, not Donald Trump and his rich friends. Please restore the East Wing the way it was. We don't need a ballroom for billionaires. Shame on him for tearing it down!

Name: Nan Hooks
Date: February 19, 2026 6:30:23 pm

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Name: Dan Cervin
Date: February 19, 2026 6:30:24 pm

This project is a travesty and a stain on our democracy.

It is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

It is shameful that millions of Americans are losing healthcare because it is "too expensive", but somehow the construction of massive party room addition to the White House is an acceptable use of our money. Shame!

This project should not be allowed to proceed.

Name: Alisa Owen
Date: February 19, 2026 6:30:59 pm

The People's House does not need a gigantic ballroom. It would be a disgrace, particularly when proposed by a racist rapist.

Name: Douglas Wilson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:32:04 pm

The White House is the most important residence in the United States and has been home to every U.S. President since 1800. It is a symbol of the honor and dignity that signifies the Presidency and embodies the spirit of the United States and

its people. In recognition of its historical significance, the White House was nominated and listed as a National Historic Landmark in 1960. Its historical significance is tied to its construction as the first public building in Washington D.C. and as a suitable residence for the President of the United States. While recognizing that presidents often remodel the interior of the house while retaining the floorplan, the exterior has only been slightly modified and largely looks the same since its construction in 1800. Importantly, the wings that were added (including the East Wing prior to its demolition) are smaller in scale and do not overwhelm the original structure. The White House was designed by an Irish immigrant who modelled the home after Leinster House in Dublin, the residence of the Duke of Leinster. It was not built as a royal palace but rather an attractive, dignified, and modest home for an important person. This is consistent with American notions where all citizens are equal and all have a stake in the government and its expenditures.

The submission materials and narrative for the East Wing Modernization Project (NCPC File Number: 8733) appear to be conceptual designs at an early stage of development. Even so, the proposed ballroom as shown is too large in size, undermining the main volume of the White House. The proposed ballroom addition, due to its height and massing is visibly incompatible with the scale and size of the United States President's historic residence. The proposed ballroom is much larger in size than the ballrooms of the main castles of the European monarchy, including St. George's Hall at Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, and the Élysée Palace. The design of the White House is stately and traditional and when it was built was a clear departure from royalty and castles, reflecting the new nation that had been born just 25 years before. The proposed addition overwhelms the "peoples' house."

From a specific operational need, it is also unclear why such large groups should be gathering at the White House residence as even the largest state dinners could be accommodated in a much smaller space. Much larger ballrooms for massive gatherings are already present nearby and could accommodate much larger groups, such as the nearby Old Post Office ballroom which is currently owned by the U.S. Government.

The ballroom as proposed is inconsistent with the function of the presidential residence and would diminish significantly the integrity of the White House as a National Historic Landmark. Further, the imbalance that will be created by the ballroom as proposed will likely require additional demolition and renovation to the West Wing which will further adversely affect this singular place. I encourage the commission to disapprove the preliminary site building plans and to wait for much more detailed plans before approving the final site and building plans. I urge the commission to argue for the reduction in the footprint and the height of the proposed ballroom to bring it into the scale with the rest of the residence.

Name: Lisa Harner
Date: February 19, 2026 6:32:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Duncan
Date: February 19, 2026 6:32:59 pm

I do not believe our East Wing should have been demolished!!!!!!!
Tell the President to put it back up as it was, and no gold is to be put in it.
He destroyed a National Treasure that belongs to us and not him.
Tell the President to pay for it himself out of his own money. Taxpayers should not foot the bill.

Name: tim morell
Date: February 19, 2026 6:33:56 pm

I'm opposed to the recent destruction of the East Wing of the White House, and the Rose Garden, to pave the way for a $200,000,000 ballroom that is an affront to the democratic principles that this country is supposed to represent. The optics of a Golden Ballroom, especially one funded by billionaires, that only the wealthy or powerful might ever have access to is an insult to the notion that America is a country where all men are created equal. Beyond that, what is the purpose of the ballroom supposed to be, other than feeding the ego of the man behind the decision to build it? What other President would ever have use for it? What's more troubling is that the only man who wants it is scheduled to leave office in three years. Given the slow timeline for projects like this, how many times could he actually manage to put it to use before

someone else takes office, unless of course it's his plan not to leave office at all.
A $200,000,000 boondoggle that serves no purpose other than to be a showcase for the growing income inequality of this country and it's descent towards authoritarian rule has no business being attached to the "people's house". Very kind regards, Tim Morell

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Name: Donna Baker
Date: February 19, 2026 6:34:17 pm

I am opposed to this project proceeding in the manner planned by President Trump. I believe the size and scope of the project will not fit with the present White House structure, making it look unbalanced and garish. I do not think the size is necessary and my understanding is that it was planned without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. All of those things should take place first and the project should not proceed based on the whims and ego of one man. I am also very uncomfortable with the fact that private donations are supposedly paying for this project because so many of the donors have ties to government contracts. This lends itself to future favoritism towards these donor contracts, which is not the way our government should be run. Thank you.

Name: Rebecca Smith
Date: February 19, 2026 6:34:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Robert Cembrola
Date: February 19, 2026 6:34:44 pm

Since the damage is done the only way forward is to follow the process that has guided these type of projects in the past. Have open , formal meetings. All members who will be making decisions should be qualified and non-partisan. Congress needs to be involved. There should be no independent funding, the funds must be appropriated by Congress. This is the people’s house!

Name: David Tirman
Date: February 19, 2026 6:35:00 pm

I am writing to express serious concerns about the proposed East Wing Ballroom project, especially regarding its size and scale, as well as the process by which it has been considered and presented to the public.

• Mass and scale: The White House is a highly recognizable symbol of American government and history. Any new construction needs to be sensitive to the context, proportions, and visual impact of the Executive Office Building. The current proposal seems to introduce massing and scale that overshadow the surrounding architecture and historic fabric. I recommend thorough evaluation of massing studies, scale comparisons with nearby historic structures, and a design that maintains the clarity of the site’s historic hierarchy.

• Public input and deliberation: The public record for this project has been lacking so far. The White House and its design partners should create a transparent process that features meaningful public input, open forums, and prompt responses to public concerns. Before moving forward with any approvals, there needs to be a well-documented process showing how public feedback has been considered and addressed.

• Demolition of the prior East Wing: I am concerned about the demolition of the historic East Wing carried out without sufficient public input or proper historic preservation review. The loss of this building requires formal acknowledgment, a clear explanation of how the decision was made, and guarantees that future actions will include strong preservation efforts and public involvement.

• Recommendations:
1) Pause or slow the project to enable a thorough public review of massing, siting, and scale, with independent third-party

design expertise analysis.
2) Publish all historic preservation assessments, environmental reviews, and design iterations promptly and in an easily accessible way.
3) For public hearings or town hall meetings, provide a clear feedback loop that shows how input will influence design decisions.

Thank you for considering these concerns. A project of this significance merits thorough, inclusive, and transparent engagement to respect the nation's history while addressing current needs.

Name: Jan Zaccarelli
Date: February 19, 2026 6:36:13 pm

I oppose spending millions to build a gigantic ballroom. What was good enough for so many former presidents should be sufficient! 900 square feet is just immense; it's much too large.
It will ruin the scale of the White House which is iconic and belongs to the American people.
A president is just there temporarily. He shouldn't be acting like he thinks he'll be there forever! If funded by private donors, this amounts to bribery in hopes of governmental favors.
Trump shouldn't be able to just do whatever he wants without permission. No one else has ever undertaken any kind of renovations without them being approved beforehand.

Name: lynn buono
Date: February 19, 2026 6:36:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Baer Hurl
Date: February 19, 2026 6:37:50 pm

I vehemently oppose the wasteful spending of $300 million on this project - one initially undertaken without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It dumbfounds me how someone could be so bold as to destroy such a significant piece of America's history without any consideration for the significance of that history, input from those more knowledgeable about the processes involved therein, and - perhaps most importantly - the seeking of opinion from America's citizens. I want this project canceled and, in turn, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - the cost of which should be upon the shoulders of those who destroyed it and NOT the American taxpayer. No one is above the law. To permit this project to move forward without penalizing those who broke the law would show the utmost disrespect for our nation's law-abiding citizens.

Name: Nancy Block
Date: February 19, 2026 6:40:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Angelo Carusi
Date: February 19, 2026 6:41:02 pm

I have been practicing architecture for over 40 years and seldom have I seen such a poorly planned project. The proposed building footprint is massive, overwhelming the delicate scale of the main house and eating into the public domain meant for the People, not the president. The scale of the building is way too long. Looking at the great ballrooms of the world, they are more compact and more luxurious in design.

The original White House design was determined by Design Competition. This design has not gone though that process, it was dictated. A true example of the reasons the people of America rose up against their tyrants. There is nothing "Peoples House" about any of this. Ironically, neoclassicism is not an American invention. There are many American architects that developed uniquely American aesthetics and continue to do so. They could have been selected to create a uniquely American solution. The suburbs of America are rife with neoclassical interpretations of residences on too small lots so perhaps this oversized ballroom on too small of a lot is truly American...just not the aspirational America I would think we would seek.

Stylistically, it is clear the selected design team needs to read more Vitruvius. The Corinthian order will conflict and overwhelm the Ionic order (less ornate) of the main house. The Corinthian order also calls for an entablature 1/4 to 1/5 the column height. The proposed entablature height visually crushes the slender columns but is a result of trying to make the portico work. I would strongly recommend looking for a design team that has more skill and sensitivity to true neoclassical architecture.

All of my life as an architect I have been guided by the premise that architecture is a reflection of its society. Do we really want a structure that represents a) bad design, b) poor planning, c)a process that doesn't include the public in determining the design or the design team and d) a design more emblematic of a suburban neoclassical subdivision?

This American says no.

Name: Rebecca Pridmore
Date: February 19, 2026 6:42:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Lou Zins
Date: February 19, 2026 6:42:33 pm

I oppose the building of a ballroom to the People’s House. The destruction of the East Wing was done illegally and it should be restored. The desecration of this historic home that belongs to the American people should not be tolerated. No one is above the law.

Name: Mary Smietanka
Date: February 19, 2026 6:42:46 pm

I am absolutely appalled that the people’s house has been destroyed without any public input and blatant disregard for laws and norms. Now that the East Wing is gone, I would like someone other than Trump with his garish vision to take control. I don’t want the private “donors” to pay their bribes. Use public funds and hire an architect removed from Trump under the control of an historic preservation entity. If it is allowed to be built under Trump, it will forever stand as a folly and affront to the American people. Do what is right! Thank you for asking.

Name: Alice Grossman
Date: February 19, 2026 6:43:24 pm

The East Wing was destroyed illegally without the normal oversight. I think it should be rebuilt as it was at the President’s expense because he gave the orders to destroy it. In our country you cannot destroy history like that. Our president is not king or a dictator and cannot erase history by tearing down a whole wing of the White House!!

Name: Flo St. Jean
Date: February 19, 2026 6:45:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project to add a ballroom to the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is essential for all Americans to follow the laws of our country, regardless of status or position.

Name: Anna Jordan
Date: February 19, 2026 6:46:56 pm

The East Wing is a living historical monument to the people of the White House, not the work of the President. It's preservation is essential to remembering the ups and downs of American history and should NOT be replaced by a modernized white-washing of this history. The White House is temporarily loaned to a sitting president by the People of the United States, and therefore should not be modified in anyway without the approval of the owners. Furthermore, it is the part of the historical site that forms the first impression of the US on foreign dignitaries. We should stand tall in our history and not be seen as a modern construction site with gaudy facades. The American people should not foot the bill for the desecration of the White House while they struggle to survive. The entire project screams "Let them eat Cake."

Name: Michelle Ames
Date: February 19, 2026 6:47:20 pm

I am a tax payer and a regular voter. I have part of the voting ecosystem before I could legally vote by working on campaigns and studying voter apathy as part of a high school documentary project. I ceremonially submitted my voter registration on the day I turned 18. I am descended from Mile Standish of the Mayflower. I am about as United States of America citizen as you could be but certainly not an descendant of the original citizens of this land.

I am appaulled that the East Wing of the White House was torn down without proper approvals from Congress and historical preservation societies. Donald Trump should, from his own pocket, reconstruct to historical accuracy every nook and cranny of the East Wing. He should also be made to account for each and every artifact from the East Wing and its whereabouts. If any item has been demolished, he should have to, at his personal expense, replace to historical accuracy each item. If the item can be procured as an antique, he should have to bear that expense personally. No restoration of the East Wing should be borne of tax payer money.

A ballroom should not be allowed to be built on or near that site. And Donald Trump should have to remove all of the fake gold and resort-style lettering from the White House grounds and restore each area to its condition prior to him entering office. This includes the Rose Garden.

Name: Jean Shepherd
Date: February 19, 2026 6:48:57 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project; rather, it is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary McKinney
Date: February 19, 2026 6:49:07 pm

It is my understanding that these enhancements, more commonly viewed as the destruction of government property, were done at the whim and fancy of the current resident of the White House. It as if this individual believes, since the justices gave him immunity, that he can do as he pleases. There is a documented process that includes a historic design review process at a minimum for historic government buildings. The use of private funds is an attempt at an end run around the advisory committee and congressional approval as the sight is a museum. It is not a modernization that is being done, it is rather a desecration of a historic museum. The second most impactful desecration since it was burned in 1814 by the British. The attachment of a building that will dwarf the White House will be the next ludicrous appeasement of this man.

He, who must attach his name to buildings and his image dangling from places not unlike some of the most unpleasant leaders of the 20's, 30's and 40's in parts of Europe and Russia or leaders in parts of Asia in more recent times. It will be curious to see if his name is attached to JFK's eternal flame in Arlington as he is already usurping the Kennedy Center.

Name: Marie Gilbert
Date: February 19, 2026 6:49:33 pm

To the Committee:
re: East Wing Modernization

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
I have never intended to pay my taxes all my working life to waste the money on these ill-planned vanity projects.

Name: Kristen Paulson
Date: February 19, 2026 6:51:11 pm

The President demolished an important and historic part of the White House without authorization or oversight. He seems to be under the delusion that he can do whatever he wants to the White House. But the White House belongs to the American people, not the President. This project must be cancelled to avoid and mitigate further damage to an irreplaceable piece of our history. Rebuilding the East Wing should not be a vanity project for one man, it should be a collaborative effort of the true owners of the house, and conducted with review and oversight

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Name: beth antell
Date: February 19, 2026 6:53:16 pm

I want to express my concerns regarding the building of the White House Ballroom. I will say that an indoor space to hold large events is probably a good idea as opposed to erecting tents. HOWEVER, and this is what is truly important, how the president went about this and continues to push forward with plans is what is WRONG. First, the President bypassed normal procedures and had the East Wing demolished before consulting and getting appropriate approval. Second, anyone can look at the blueprints and see the proposed size of the ballroom is just simply too large relative to the scale of the white house. The main building should be what stands out, with the "wings" being supportive architectural buildings. We all know that this project is going to happen. We just need to ensure the size of the ballroom is scaled down.

Name: Susan Cassidy
Date: February 19, 2026 6:54:11 pm

To whom it may concern,
As a citizen of the US, I vehemently oppose the plans for the proposed ball room. It was never approved by congress or even consulted with the historical society. It is a project for our narcissistic president and the majority of the citizens of the country do not support this project. Please listen to the people and halt the project.
Thank you in advance,
Susan Cassidy

Name: Linda Morales
Date: February 19, 2026 6:54:52 pm

I am in support of the East Wing Modernization Project to add a Ballroom. We are the richest, strongest and highly respected nation in the world and we do not have a secure facility to host a large gathering of leaders for dinners or celebrations.

We should not be hosting leaders in a tent and it being on grass in various weather conditions.

Name: Patricia McGillis
Date: February 19, 2026 6:57:25 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Spending of $300 million on this vanity project is absurd when there are thousands of people, probably within blocks of the White House, who need food, housing, and medical care. I would like this project to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dan Oshea
Date: February 19, 2026 6:57:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was started without the legal and proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not at all a modernization project but a complete razing of American history. I want to see this project canceled, and the East Wing completely rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing all those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Joe Beck
Date: February 19, 2026 6:59:00 pm

A ballroom is not needed or wanted. Trump is full of shit when he says otherwise. Rebuild the East Wing and send trump to prison for demolishing public property and taking bribes. Who are these “donors” and what are they getting in return. This whole thing is ridiculous and obviously corrupt.

Name: Christy Enterline
Date: February 19, 2026 7:03:17 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House to make way for a grand ballroom fills me with profound sadness, and I strongly oppose spending $300 million to replace it with a ballroom. The East Wing structure was not merely an architectural appendage but a living piece of American history, a quiet witness to decades of leadership, ceremony, and national memory. As someone who deeply values the preservation of historic spaces, I find it heartbreaking to see such a meaningful structure reduced to rubble in pursuit of modern grandeur and showiness. The loss feels like an irreversible erasure of tangible heritage that no new construction, however elegant, can truly replace. Instead of the ballroom, the East Wing should be reconstructed as faithfully as possible and restored to reflect the character, dignity, and historical integrity it once embodied.

Name: Betty Brault
Date: February 19, 2026 7:04:36 pm

I oppose the illegal destruction of our historic People's House by Trump! He has been allowed to get a way with MURDER since entering office! I do not approve of a Gold Ballroom or anything else he plans to do to tear down our American History & roots!! The East Wing is greatly mourned!!

Name: Jennifer Terhorst
Date: February 19, 2026 7:05:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: rebecca hines
Date: February 19, 2026 7:07:37 pm

I oppose thr ballroom project. It was initiated without permission, review or planning and decimates the character of the Whitehouse. It trashes important United States history. Please rebuild the historical wing as it was before it was torn doen

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Name: Heather Venegas
Date: February 19, 2026 7:08:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Jennifer Ress
Date: February 19, 2026 7:09:32 pm

This project did not receive proper authorization, permits, or design review and this project must be cancelled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design restoring its place in American history. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Murray Bolesta
Date: February 19, 2026 7:09:50 pm

The "ballroom" is a disgraceful abomination.

Name: Jeff Boyle
Date: February 19, 2026 7:11:33 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Like millions of my fellow Americans I was deeply disturbed by the lack of consideration and due process in the demolition of the former East Wing of the people’s house. Sadly the current occupant has exhibited no consideration for public input in how we got here, and I expect he will not listen to reasonable voices who would rather have left the prior structure standing. Instead, the American oligarchy is planning to erect a gaudy monument to their collective lust for power. My only hope is the “modernization” project is delayed long enough to see the current regime lose interest, influence or funding and the land is returned to a more sensible use. A vegetable garden would be nice.

Name: Michelle Goodson
Date: February 19, 2026 7:12:52 pm

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PUBLIC COMMENT IN OPPOSITION
NCPC File No. 8733
Project Title: East Wing Modernization / White House State Ballroom
National Capital Planning Commission Review — March 5, 2026

Submitted by: Michelle Goodson
Date: February 19, 2026

FORMAL STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION

I am writing to express my absolute and unequivocal opposition to the "East Wing Modernization" project (NCPC File No. 8733). As an American citizen who cares deeply about the preservation of our national heritage, the integrity of our democratic institutions, and the responsible stewardship of public property, I find this project to be a profound violation of the public trust.

The estimated $300–$400 million expenditure, the lawless manner in which demolition was initiated, the firing of the independent review commission, and the ethically compromised funding mechanism all combine to create a project that is antithetical to the values this nation was founded upon.

This project must be cancelled immediately. All further construction must be halted. The East Wing must be restored to its historic design. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden and all commemorative landscaping must be re-established. And the individuals responsible for bypassing federal law must be held accountable.

What follows is a comprehensive analysis of the legal, procedural, historical, architectural, environmental, ethical, and fiscal grounds on which this project must be rejected.

I. PROCEDURAL MALFEASANCE AND LEGAL VIOLATIONS

A. Demolition Before Review: A Fundamental Breach of Federal Law

The East Wing of the White House was demolished beginning October 20, 2025. The East Portico was destroyed first, followed by the progressive reduction of the entire East Wing to rubble between October 21–24. This demolition was carried out without prior notice to the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, Congress, or the American public. No plans had been filed with the NCPC as required by the National Capital Planning Act. No environmental assessment had been prepared as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). No public comment period had been offered.

This was the first major structural change to the White House complex since the Truman renovation of 1948–1952. The magnitude of this action — the total destruction of one-third of the White House complex — demanded the most rigorous review process available under federal law. Instead, it received none.

When the White House announced the project on July 31, 2025, it was described as a $200 million addition that would be "near" the East Wing "but not touching it" and would "pay total respect to the existing building." By October 22, the President contradicted this assurance entirely, stating that "in order to do it properly, we had to take down the existing structure." The American people were misled about the scope and nature of this project from its inception.

B. Circumvention of the National Capital Planning Act

The National Capital Planning Act requires that plans for construction on federal property in the District of Columbia be submitted to the NCPC for review and approval before construction begins. This is not a suggestion or a courtesy — it is a legal mandate established by Congress to ensure that the architectural character and planning integrity of the nation's capital are preserved.

The administration demolished the East Wing and commenced construction of the ballroom foundation before submitting any plans to the NCPC. It was only after a federal judge ordered the administration to file plans — in the context of a lawsuit brought by the National Trust for Historic Preservation — that the NCPC received any formal submission. The NCPC's information presentation did not occur until January 8, 2026, nearly three months after demolition began.

To allow this project to proceed retroactively is to validate the principle that any administration can destroy a National Historic Landmark first and seek approval later. This sets a catastrophic precedent for every historic property, park, monument, and federal building in the United States.

C. Evasion of NEPA Environmental Review

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of their actions and to involve the public in the decision-making process. The NPS ultimately prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project — but only after a lawsuit forced the issue, and only after the demolition had already occurred.

The EA itself has been widely criticized as inadequate. The National Trust for Historic Preservation called it "facially deficient, internally contradictory, and plainly designed to support a predetermined conclusion." Former NPS Director Jon Jarvis stated that "several steps have been left out" and that the destruction of one-third of a National Historic Landmark "is by definition a significant impact" that should have triggered a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), not merely

an EA.

The EA's own Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) contains a remarkable internal contradiction. It acknowledges that the project "will adversely alter the design, setting, and feeling of the White House and the grounds over the long-term," and that the 90,000-square-foot building "will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a visual imbalance." It further warns that construction vibrations "could affect the structural stability or finishes of the Executive Mansion and adjacent features." Yet it concludes there is "no significant impact." These findings are irreconcilable.

D. The Question of Congressional Authorization

Federal law requires that Congress authorize construction when it is proposed in any federal park in the District of Columbia. The White House grounds are administered by the National Park Service and fall squarely within this requirement. No congressional authorization has been sought or obtained for this project. The administration's argument that private funding negates the need for congressional involvement has no basis in the statutory text and, if accepted, would allow any administration to bypass Congress simply by soliciting private donations for construction on federal land.

E. The Section 106 Exemption and Its Implications

The National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 review process requires federal agencies to assess the impact of their undertakings on historic properties and consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The White House, along with the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court, is technically exempt from Section 106. However, this exemption does not mean that the destruction of the East Wing was lawful or appropriate. It means that the existing legal framework has a gap — one that Congressman Jamie Raskin's "People's White House Historic Preservation Act" seeks to close by extending Section 106 jurisdiction to the White House and its grounds.

The fact that a legal exemption exists does not confer moral or civic legitimacy. The White House is the most recognizable symbol of American democracy in the world. That it falls outside the protection of the very law designed to preserve historic federal properties is a legislative oversight, not an invitation for destruction.

F. The Firing of the Commission of Fine Arts

On October 29, 2025 — just five days after the East Wing demolition was completed — the President terminated all six members of the Commission of Fine Arts. The fired commissioners were Bruce Redman Becker, Peter D. Cook, Lisa E. Delplace, William J. Lenihan, Justin Garrett Moore, and Vice Chair Hazel Ruth Edwards. They were removed via email from the Presidential Personnel Office, effective immediately.

The CFA is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and the city of Washington on matters of design and aesthetics. It was established by Congress in 1910 and has served as a guardian of the capital's architectural integrity for over a century. These commissioners were scheduled to review the ballroom plans. Their removal, and the administration's stated intention to replace them with members "more aligned with President Trump's America First Policies," represents an overt attempt to eliminate independent oversight of a presidential construction project.

On February 19, 2026, the reconstituted CFA — now composed of political appointees including a 26-year-old former White House receptionist — approved the ballroom design by a vote of 6–0. This was not an independent architectural review. It was a rubber stamp. The Commission limited public comment to written submissions shared "at the discretion of the CFA chairman," a highly unusual restriction that further undermined public participation.

II. DESTRUCTION OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

A. The Historical Significance of the East Wing

The term "modernization" is a misnomer of extraordinary proportions. What has occurred is the systematic destruction of an irreplaceable piece of American history. The East Wing was not some ancillary outbuilding — it was a central component of the White House complex with deep historical roots.

The East Colonnade was originally designed by Thomas Jefferson and architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe to connect the Executive Residence with the grounds' eastern service areas. Jefferson's colonnades were integral to his vision for the White House as a working estate, and they have linked the residence with the East and West Wings for over two centuries.

The modern East Wing was constructed in 1942 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, designed by White House architect Lorenzo Winslow. It served a dual purpose: providing expanded office space and concealing the construction of

the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) — the underground bunker used during national security emergencies. The East Wing's family theater was integrated from Theodore Roosevelt's original coatroom, creating a space with connections to multiple presidencies.

For decades, the East Wing served as the office of the First Lady and her staff, including the White House Social Secretary, correspondence staff, and the White House Graphics and Calligraphy Office. First Lady Rosalynn Carter was the first to keep her own office there in 1977, establishing a tradition that every subsequent First Lady followed. The East Wing was a hub of social diplomacy and civic engagement — a working office space where the public's business was conducted.

All of this is now rubble.

B. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden
The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden was one of the most beloved and historically significant landscapes on the White House grounds. Its origins trace to First Lady Edith Roosevelt, who established plantings on the east side of the residence. In 1913, First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson redesigned the space as the East Garden, featuring a modest central lily pond. This work was completed after Mrs. Wilson's death in 1914, making it a memorial in its own right.

The garden was formally redesigned in the early 1960s under the direction of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy as part of her broader effort to restore the White House's artistic and cultural identity. It featured an I.M. Pei-designed pergola and served as an elegant outdoor venue for awards ceremonies, receptions, and cultural events hosted by first ladies of both parties for more than six decades. The garden was dedicated in honor of Jacqueline Kennedy in 1965.

Satellite imagery confirmed that by late October 2025, the Kennedy Garden had been completely torn up. Construction equipment and debris replaced the garden's trees, bushes, and the Pei pergola. This destruction was carried out without consulting the government commission established by federal law to ensure the preservation and integrity of government buildings in Washington, D.C.

C. Loss of Commemorative Trees
At least six trees that surrounded the East Wing were removed, including two historic Southern Magnolia trees originally dating to the 1940s. These magnolias were designated as commemorative trees for Presidents Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Commemorative trees on the White House grounds are living monuments to the presidencies they represent. Their removal was not a landscaping decision — it was an act of historical erasure.

While the White House Historical Association rushed to document photographs and obtain objects of historical value once they learned of the demolition plans, no representative of the U.S. National Park Service was able to confirm whether any of the plants or the pergola were being relocated.

Documentation is not preservation. Photographs cannot replace living trees planted nearly a century ago.

D. Architectural Incompatibility and the Violation of the McMillan Plan
The proposed replacement structure is approximately 89,000–90,000 square feet — nearly double the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence itself. The NPS's own assessment acknowledged that "the new building's larger footprint and height will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a visual imbalance with the more modestly scaled West Wing and Executive Mansion." Adding a second story to the East Colonnade would change "the traditional spatial organization and sightlines of the grounds."

This fundamentally alters the architectural balance that has defined the White House complex since the McMillan Plan of 1901–1902 and the original 1792 design by James Hoban. The McMillan Plan, created by architects Daniel H. Burnham and Charles F. McKim, landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., and sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, established the architectural and planning principles that continue to guide development in and around Washington, D.C. The White House's relationship to its surrounding landscape and the proportional balance between its wings and the central residence are integral to these principles.

DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, an ex-officio NCPC member, has called the renderings of the structure "disturbing," stating that it appears to be "overwhelming the existing building." When the chairman of the DC Council describes the plans as disturbing, the Commission must take notice.

Out of respect for the White House's historic character, no substantive architectural changes had been made to the Executive Residence since the Truman renovation. The Committee for the Preservation of the White House, a

congressionally authorized body, must approve any modifications to the State Rooms to maintain the house's historical integrity. This project did not seek or receive such approval before destroying one-third of the complex.

III. FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICAL CORRUPTION

A. The Ballooning Budget

When the project was announced on July 31, 2025, the cost was estimated at $200 million. By October 2025, it had risen to $300 million. By December 2025, reports indicated the cost may reach $400 million. This 100% cost escalation in less than six months — before the replacement structure has even risen above ground — raises serious questions about financial management, planning competence, and eventual total cost.

There is no public accounting for how these funds are being spent, no competitive bidding process has been disclosed, and no independent auditing mechanism is in place. The American people have no way to verify whether this money is being spent responsibly, because the entire funding mechanism has been designed to avoid oversight.

B. The "Private Donor" Model: Corruption by Design

The project is being funded through private donations channeled through the Trust for the National Mall, a nonprofit philanthropic partner of the National Park Service. The Trust has confirmed it receives a 2–2.5% management allocation from each donation, meaning it stands to collect $8–10 million in fees from the ballroom project alone. This is an organization whose previous work involved marshaling volunteers to paint park benches — it has never managed a project of this scale or political sensitivity.

The White House has released a list of 36 donors, including 21 corporations and 15 individuals and family foundations, but has not disclosed how much each has contributed. The New York Times reported that the White House initially withheld the names of several donors, including BlackRock, Nvidia, and Jeff Yass — entities with major business concerns that could be directly impacted by administration decisions.

C. Corporate Donors with Active Federal Business

A review of the known donor list reveals a staggering concentration of companies with active business before the federal government. Corporations such as Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia, Comcast, Lockheed Martin, Palantir, T-Mobile, and Union Pacific Railroad all have antitrust matters, regulatory proceedings, federal contracts, or procurement interests pending before the Trump administration.

Several ballroom donors — including Alphabet, Amazon, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Palantir — are major technology companies that stand to benefit from the administration's AI Action Plan. According to reporting by OpenSecrets, some of these donors were directly involved in shaping that plan. When companies that help write federal technology policy also make large donations to a presidential construction project, the appearance of corruption is unavoidable.

Columbia Law School Professor Richard Briffault has warned that "there is a concern that when companies give to a favored project of the president, they're going to get more favorable treatment in decisions about grants, contracts and procurement, regulation, enforcement or non-enforcement of existing rules." This is not hypothetical — it is the defining feature of pay-to-play governance.

D. Lobbying Disclosure Failures

According to an analysis by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), at least 23 reported contributors to the White House ballroom should have disclosed those donations as part of their regular lobbying disclosure filings. Only one company — Vantive Healthcare — actually did so. Companies including Lockheed Martin, Palantir, and T-Mobile failed to disclose. This systematic nondisclosure suggests that donors and their counsel understood these contributions to be politically sensitive and sought to minimize their public visibility.

E. The Anti-Deficiency Act and Congressional Bypass

Ethics experts have raised serious concerns that the private funding mechanism violates the intent of the Anti-Deficiency Act, which restricts government agencies from accepting unauthorized funding commitments. Federal Judge Richard Leon, who presided over the initial legal challenge, described the funding scheme as a "Rube Goldberg contraption" and said he saw "no basis" in the legislative history of the Park Service's gift authority that would allow it to be used to raise $400 million for a presidential construction project.

By routing hundreds of millions of dollars through a nonprofit intermediary, the administration has constructed a mechanism to build on federal property without congressional appropriation, without competitive procurement, and without the budget oversight that the Anti-Deficiency Act was specifically designed to enforce. Senator Elizabeth Warren and Representative Robert Garcia introduced the "Stop Ballroom Bribery Act" to address the apparent corruption, and

Democratic senators have warned of "quid-pro-quo arrangements in which large corporations get backroom favors from the White House."

The Trust for the National Mall has largely evaded congressional inquiries into the project, refusing to provide documentation requested by Democratic senators. When the intermediary managing hundreds of millions of dollars in politically sensitive donations refuses to answer questions from Congress, the project has crossed the line from questionable to indefensible.

IV. THE NATIONAL SECURITY ARGUMENT IS PRETEXTUAL

The administration has invoked "national security implications" as a basis for continuing construction and opposing judicial intervention. Justice Department lawyers stated in a February 2, 2026 court filing that they would appeal any halt to the project on national security grounds. This argument is transparently pretextual.

The Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) bunker beneath the former East Wing was a legitimate national security installation. But a 22,000-square-foot ballroom designed to seat 1,000 guests for state dinners, complete with a grand staircase, movie theater, and commercial kitchen, is not a national security facility. It is a social venue. The conflation of bunker reconstruction with ballroom construction is a rhetorical strategy designed to shield a vanity project from legal scrutiny.

If the PEOC required modernization, that work could have been accomplished without demolishing the entire East Wing, without building a structure nearly double the size of the Executive Residence, and without bypassing every federal review process designed to protect the public interest. The national security argument is not a justification — it is a smokescreen.

V. THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY'S OPPOSITION

The American Institute of Architects (AIA), the nation's leading professional organization for architects, has been unequivocal in its opposition to how this project has been conducted. The AIA's advocacy includes:

A. An August 5, 2025 formal letter to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House with five key recommendations, including qualifications-based architect selection, adherence to historic preservation standards, full transparency, proportionality to the existing complex, and meaningful professional collaboration.

B. An October 24, 2025 statement expressing "deep concern" that the demolition "stands in direct contradiction to earlier public assurances," calling for a halt to further irreversible alterations and the publication of full project documentation.

C. More than 6,000 letters sent by architects to their members of Congress demanding an investigation into the destruction of the East Wing.

D. Ethics complaints filed against the project's architects, including a letter from 13 AIA members to James McCrery of McCrery Architects and a letter from 29 architects urging Shalom Baranes Associates to decline the commission on ethical grounds.

When the nation's architects are filing ethics complaints against the professionals involved in a federal construction project, it is a clear signal that the project has violated fundamental principles of professional practice and public accountability.

VI. THE DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

The implications of allowing this project to proceed extend far beyond the White House grounds. If the NCPC approves this project retroactively, it establishes the following precedents:

Any federal agency or administration can demolish a National Historic Landmark and seek approval after the fact.

NEPA environmental review can be conducted after demolition is complete, rendering it a meaningless formality.

The NCPC's own authority is optional, not mandatory — agencies may bypass it and return for post-hoc validation.

Independent review commissions can be fired and replaced with political loyalists to ensure favorable outcomes.

Congressional authorization and budget oversight can be circumvented through private donor schemes.

Corporate entities can make large, undisclosed donations to presidential construction projects on federal land without triggering conflict-of-interest protections.

Every one of these precedents weakens the rule of law and the system of checks and balances that protects American public property. If this can be done to the White House — the most visible and symbolically important building in the country — it can be done to any federal building, any national park, any historic site.

VII. DEMANDS
Modernization does not require destruction. Security upgrades do not require a 22,000-square-foot ballroom. The People's House is not a private estate to be renovated at the whim of its temporary occupant. I respectfully but firmly demand that the National Capital Planning Commission take the following actions:

Reject the Current Plans: Deny approval for the 90,000-square-foot ballroom and associated construction. The project's procedural violations alone are grounds for rejection, independent of its architectural and ethical deficiencies.

Mandate Immediate Construction Halt: Order the cessation of all construction activity on the site until lawful review processes are completed in full, including a proper Environmental Impact Statement and congressional authorization.

Require Reconstruction of the East Wing: Mandate the reconstruction of the East Wing and East Colonnade to their former architectural specifications, using historical documentation, photographs, and the records preserved by the White House Historical Association.

Restore the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden: Require the full re-establishment of the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, including the I.M. Pei-designed pergola, and the replanting of commemorative trees as a matter of national priority.

Refer for Investigation: Refer the procedural violations in this matter to the appropriate congressional committees and enforcement bodies for investigation, including the unauthorized demolition, the absence of NEPA compliance, and the questionable legality of the private funding mechanism.

Require Full Financial Transparency: Demand the public disclosure of all donor identities, donation amounts, competitive bidding records, and financial accounting for every dollar spent on this project.

CONCLUSION
The White House belongs to the American people. It is held in trust by each President for the duration of their term, to be passed to the next occupant and the next generation in the condition they received it or better. No President has the right to demolish part of the White House complex, circumvent federal review processes, fire independent oversight commissions, solicit hundreds of millions of dollars from corporations with pending federal business, and then present the result to the public as a fait accompli.

The East Wing Modernization project is not modernization. It is demolition, self-aggrandizement, and institutional corruption, executed under the false pretense of national security and shielded from accountability by a funding mechanism designed to evade congressional oversight.

American history is not a real estate asset to be flipped or "modernized" at the whim of an individual. The laws that protect our shared heritage exist for a reason. The review processes that govern construction on federal property exist for a reason. The independent commissions that provide expert oversight exist for a reason. Every one of these safeguards was violated or circumvented in the execution of this project.

I call upon the National Capital Planning Commission to fulfill its statutory mandate, reject this project, and send a clear message: no one is above the law, and the People's House is not for sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Goodson
February 19, 2026

(Photo: PBS & AP)

Name: Karen Nystrom
Date: February 19, 2026 7:12:59 pm

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the current plans for the East Wing Modernization Project. The current project needs to be stopped immediately and undergo multiple complete and independent reviews to ensure that the project is in keeping with the law, any environmental assessments, and has secured Congressional approval.

In addition, in terms of design the current scale of the East Wing Modernization Project is a monstrosity and not fitting with the current design of the White House complex. No "Wing" of the White House should overshadow the main building, the People's House. This project and the selection of its architect and final design, should be run in a similar manner to the selection of the Vietnam War Memorial - via a national, anonymous competition and left up to public vote. The final selection should be up to the American people.

Any future planning for this project should include input from historians and preservationists to maintain the style and integrity of the White House complex. It should follow proper review periods, authorizations, permits, and procedures while respecting environmental assessments, public comments, and congressional debate and ratification. Any funding for this project should be fully transparent to the American people. Donors and amounts should be publicly listed.

Please stop the East Wing Modernization Project.

Sincerely,

Karen Nystrom
M.A., History of Art, The Ohio State University

Name: Elizabeth Nortrup
Date: February 19, 2026 7:14:09 pm

Without proper study, without authorization, and without any input, a significant piece of our American heritage has been torn down to satisfy a megalomaniac’s desire to put his name on everything possible in an attempt to secure himself a place in history.

The East Wing of the White House was a beautiful and significant part of our architectural history.

Please vote to have the East Wing restored to its former condition using the money that Trump supposedly raised to build his ballroom.

Thank you

Name: David Klein
Date: February 19, 2026 7:19:49 pm

The White House is one the three most important buildings in the United States. It has been a symbol of our presidential federal republic and our rotating executive. The building and the office of president are greater than any one person. However, the proposed plan to dramatically alter and enlarge this public building, and how it represents our republic, is a testament to the grandiose selfish greedy self-promoting vanity of one man, a felon who models the worst of the seven deadly sins. This expansion should be opposed in its entirety.
The design is overly large, disproportionate to the original structure and incomplete in its details.
Furthermore, the process by which this expansion has been thrust upon the American people illustrates the depraved ways in which this felon believes he is above any law, custom, rule or practice. Why did he authorize demolition without following any of the rules, regulations and practices for any federal construction project, let alone one to such an importantly historic structure? Why rush to do this work without fully assessing the impacts: historical, structural, environmental, architectural or political? Everything about this project to date has been wrong.
It’s too late to return the building to its former glory, but at least we should take the time, care and patience to make sure the renovations are appropriate, respectful, and legal.

Name: Mario Cardenas
Date: February 19, 2026 7:19:51 pm

This "modernization" is a travesty in naming and in deed. It has no place in relation to the existing building and is merely a crass projection from the fevered dreams of the current occupant of the White House.
Instead of a space that accommodates actual work for the people he purports to serve it is in fact a monument to himself, bloated, grandiose, obscene. A playground for a gilded toddler and no more.

Name: Ernie Brock
Date: February 19, 2026 7:20:08 pm

I am an eighty year old Army veteran who grew up believig intensely in this country and the idea of the balance of powers. Now Inrealize it all just depended on common sense decency that apparently is completely lacking in the executive, judicial, and half of the legislative branches of this country. The White House belongs to all of us, and its defacement makes me nauseous. And I am still further sickened by the idea of sticking some large and tasteless ballroom onto the classic building, destroying completely the architectural harmony of a building that has such important symbolic significance. How could this have been permitted. It is an absolute travesty! The destruction must be stopped. Please, anyone with any power, do whatever you can to clean up the mess that has been made and restore our White House to its original aspect.

Name: Katherine Frost
Date: February 19, 2026 7:20:34 pm

I am appalled that anyone can demolish an historical building without first seeking approval and permits. Please end this type of inappropriate action by holding the perpetrators liable for the damages. And please do not all the construction of a ballroom. It is totally unnecessary and is just a vanity project which should never be allowed.

Name: Ronni Krasnow
Date: February 19, 2026 7:22:36 pm

Donald Trump does not own The White House. It belongs to the American people! He undertook this “renovation” without going through any of the proper channels and without regard to the historic significance of the building or sense of history. PLEASE put an end to this garish ballroom and restore the White House to its former state.

Name: Hathaway Lisa
Date: February 19, 2026 7:24:49 pm

Go for it! Use all the money Doge discovered that was stolen from prior administrations.

Name: Leni Tanenbaum
Date: February 19, 2026 7:25:21 pm

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. As with the Philadelphia slavery display at the Washington house, this administration seeks to erase our precious history, our progress and the role of citizens in our government. The East Wing of the White House belongs to the citizens of this nation. I want this project canceled. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. To permit this project to continue without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: William Gade
Date: February 19, 2026 7:27:03 pm

I strongly oppose the “modernization” project as currently proposed. I urge the commission to reject the proposal until all legal processes are followed and completed. The be illegal demolition of the existing century old wing was despicable

and is no excuse to further disregard legal processes for a grotesque glamour project. The private funding is a serious conflict of interest. Thank you for rejecting this trashy proposal.

Name: Carolyn Darlington
Date: February 19, 2026 7:27:46 pm

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Name: Jeanette Murphy
Date: February 19, 2026 7:28:58 pm

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The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Patrick Temple
Date: February 19, 2026 7:30:13 pm

East Wing Modernization is laughable if I wasn’t lamenting the hubris that pushed the project forward without the expressed will of the people.
To tear down this historic structure without shared vision of this national treasure is simply abysmal. Shame!
At the same moment we are slashing essential infrastructure we are erecting this phallus.

Name: Judith Ciancio
Date: February 19, 2026 7:30:59 pm

This is outrageous! This is a democracy in the United States, not a Monarchy!!! There should be consequences and reimbursements demanded from this ridiculous excuse for a president.

Name: Judith Palmer
Date: February 19, 2026 7:31:39 pm

It is an outrage that part of the people’s house was torn down without any consent of Congress or the people. If it is allowed to go forward to completion, it will remain an embarrassment to the nation and a reminder of the misdeeds and greed of the current administration, a group unmatched for corruption and destruction of our countriy.

Name: Jeanne Cunningham
Date: February 19, 2026 7:31:50 pm

I assume this includes 47's vanity project ballroom. I am glad the National Capital Planning Commission has gotten involved with the plans for this monstrosity. It is a crying shame that we were not able to forestall the destruction of the East Wing. I don't know how one man's ego can destroy our National historic buildings with no oversight or approval. That is "The People's House" and he has no right to destroy any part of it. Adding a gilded "palace" that will dwarf the White House itself and is supposedly funded by billionaire buddies should be illegal. This is corruption on a major scale. And if it is the taxpayers who are footing the bill, that is a crime in itself. And then there's the matter of good taste, of which he has none. PLEASE stop him from doing any further damage to the White House, the White House grounds, The Kennedy Center, the view from Arlington Cemetary to the Capitol Building (with his arch), or any other property that he does not own outright.

Thank you for looking into this. I hope you can stop him before more damage is done.

Jeanne Cunningham

Name: Cassie Hammond
Date: February 19, 2026 7:31:51 pm

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Name: Sarah Williamson
Date: February 19, 2026 7:32:10 pm

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization project. The East Wing was a precious piece of historic architecture. It was destroyed without permission and needs to be restored without alteration. I am a taxpayer and this is how I want my money spent.

Name: Susan Lishman
Date: February 19, 2026 7:33:04 pm

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Also, the nation is in debt and this multi million dollar project is a waste of funds.

Name: Clara Collins
Date: February 19, 2026 7:33:23 pm

This ballroom is a travesty. It is too large , it will dwarf the Whitehouse. It is tacky and embarrassing. The east wing was an historic part of the Whitehouse, built with consideration of esthetics and proportion. Where was the public comment period before the wrecking crew arrived? How was the trust for historic preservation kept out of the loop? Stop this ridiculous edifice to one man's warped ego!!! And please find a way to stop his trashy remodeling within the Whitehouse itself. The Lincoln bathroom now looks like a cheap one day bath install makeover. Oh, and I am pretty sure he intends to rip out the west wing as well. Please Stop This!!!
A concerned citizen

Name: Blanche Meslin
Date: February 19, 2026 7:33:25 pm

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Calkins
Date: February 19, 2026 7:33:29 pm

The arrogance of our current president to think that he can just demand to have one of his vanity projects approved without going through the normal vetting process is enough to make most people disapprove of the project. I vehemently disapprove.
Let us take into consideration that this president has made the United States of America the pariah of the world and so now must wonder who, other than those happy to kiss the ring, we'll have any interest in visiting a ball room at OUR White House. By the way, have you seen how our dictator in chief dances? You would need to be desperate to submit yourself to being up close to that.
Mary Calkins

Name: Jessica Corrigan
Date: February 19, 2026 7:34:38 pm

I am writing to respectfully express concerns regarding the proposed modernization of the White House East Wing. Preserving historic federal buildings is an important responsibility, and I recognize that maintenance and security updates are sometimes necessary. However, given current fiscal pressures and competing national priorities, it is reasonable to carefully evaluate whether this project represents the best use of taxpayer funds at this time.
Across party lines, Americans consistently express concern about federal spending and the national debt. Regardless of administration or political leadership, large-scale renovation projects at executive facilities can raise understandable questions about timing, cost control, and public benefit. Transparency around the full projected cost, scope, and long-term necessity of this modernization effort would help build public trust.
Many communities continue to face pressing needs that could benefit from additional federal investment, including:
Strengthening local healthcare systems and mental health services
Supporting veterans and military families
Investing in workforce training and education pathways
Repairing aging infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water systems
Improving disaster preparedness and resilience
Each of these areas enjoys broad bipartisan support because they directly impact families, economic stability, and national security.
A careful review of whether the East Wing modernization can be scaled back, delayed, or phased in over time may demonstrate fiscal responsibility while still preserving the integrity of federal facilities. Thoughtful prioritization is not about criticism—it is about stewardship.
At a time when many Americans are budgeting carefully in their own households, federal decision-makers have an opportunity to model similar prudence. I respectfully urge consideration of whether this project is essential at this moment and whether available funds could deliver greater public benefit elsewhere.

Name: Deborah St Julien
Date: February 19, 2026 7:36:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. I want all the protocols and procedures that were ignored to be re-instated. I want oversite of the rebuilding f the people's house! I am appalled at this unilateral action and plan.

Name: Dana Mies
Date: February 19, 2026 7:36:30 pm

This administration should never have been allowed to tear down the historic East Wing in the first place. I see two choices. 1. Do not build anything, just fill the hole and spend these taxpayer dollars making sure the needs of everday Americans are met. 2. It should be rebuilt as it was, no additional square feet needed. Rebuild it with care given to historic detail. Restore the Rose Garden. Add a memorial or exhibit within that honors the hands that built it and the

original Whitehouse and wing. The American people do not need a gilded ballroom, it is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Financial fraud has been committed, abusing the rights of the American people.

Name: Tammara Wickson
Date: February 19, 2026 7:36:48 pm

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Name: Ruth Angelo
Date: February 19, 2026 7:38:40 pm

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Name: Susan Ginsburg
Date: February 19, 2026 7:39:47 pm

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project that was never approved by anyone, had no permits or designs and was done secretly!! This is not a "modernization project, by yet another monument that Trump wants his name on. The East Wing should be restored to its history beauty and former design. Those who planned and carried this out broke the law and should be punished: either fined or jail time. Making it a gold encrusted room would be a sacrilege to our history.

Name: Kathleen Roman-Hayward
Date: February 19, 2026 7:40:56 pm

Since the people and proper agencies of the United States were not consulted before the East Wing was demolished, I would like to see it put back just the way it was, inside and out. The people who went ahead without proper permits should pay the costs to do it. Thank you.

Name: Tonda L Daugherty
Date: February 19, 2026 7:43:02 pm

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Susanne Crowell
Date: February 19, 2026 7:43:43 pm

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an absolute WORST mistake!!

Name: Melita Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 7:44:25 pm

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Name: Dena Norrod
Date: February 19, 2026 7:45:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. This project and changing of the White House should have followed proper protocol and guidelines.

Name: L Bentley
Date: February 19, 2026 7:46:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-

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Name: Leslie Dreyer Kalra
Date: February 19, 2026 7:48:20 pm

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Name: Taylor Crowell
Date: February 19, 2026 7:49:02 pm

I don't understand why you would need a ball room for the rich and wealthy. You do understand that it's the American people who make the country and the ballroom won't be used for these people.

Name: Deborah Treguboff
Date: February 19, 2026 7:49:32 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on the East Wing Modernization Project.

It is highly distressing to see the East Wing of the White House, The PEOPLE"S House, demolished without proper authorization. That, however, is a fait accompli. As to the modernization project, I believe the current design as presented by the president is inappropriate. The East Wing Modernization is outsized as compared to the original White House. If a

'ballroom' is indeed needed, which in itself is highly questionable, the design should be aesthetically balanced and complementary to the main White House building, not the monstrosity currently envisioned by some. The design should be something that blends in with the surrounding buildings and property. I do not believe the president is qualified to make design decisions, nor do I believe it is his prerogative to do so. I believe all decisions should be made by the appropriate commission in an effort to rectify the destruction of the East Wing in the way most beneficial to the needs of the country, not an individual's ego.

Name: Tiffany Panko
Date: February 19, 2026 7:49:45 pm

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Name: Robert Daugherty
Date: February 19, 2026 7:49:57 pm

I am horrified by the illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This was done without legal authorization or proper permits. This is not a modernization project. This is one man's self aggrandizement. This project must be canceled and the East Wing restored to its original, historic design. The White House belongs to the American people.

Name: Abbe Alpert
Date: February 19, 2026 7:51:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy Ollendorf
Date: February 19, 2026 7:51:38 pm

I believe the White House as well as all federal government agencies have an obligation to the American public to comply with all federal historic preservation laws, regulations, standards, guidelines, and best management practices as well as policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines of their host communities. In the case of the proposed ballroom design & construction, the National Capital Planning Commission and Washington, D.C. are the specific local stakeholders of concern. No one in our country should be above the law!

Name: Richard Greenwood
Date: February 19, 2026 7:51:46 pm

Please put the East Wing back.

Name: Teri Templar
Date: February 19, 2026 7:51:52 pm

I oppose the spending of 300 million dollars on trumps east wing White House project when we have much larger problems in this country that need attention. Healthcare, rising food prices, homelessness, the list goes on. Healthcare needs to be stopped!

Name: Michael Schumacher
Date: February 19, 2026 7:53:04 pm

I am absolutely against building the enormous ballroom that Trump has proposed. There was no oversight on the demolition of the East Wing so I feel it would only compound the breaking of rules and norms.

This is the people's house and shouldn't be used by any one President to promote themselves. Any modernization of the people's house should be done in consultation with the people.

Thank you,
Michael Schumacher

Name: Jeanne Leitl
Date: February 19, 2026 7:53:29 pm

Please reconstruct the east wing to it's historical significance. The demolition should have never happened. We The People don't need a ballroom, the White House is not a castle. This should be done at Trump's expense since he didn't go through the process that all other presidents followed. Trump has destroyed Jackie Kennedy's rose garden & lawn and replaced with a tacky patio. He now wants to dwarf the White House with a tacky golden ballroom. Thank you for the opportunity to express my disgust with what has been done & what is proposed for the site.
Jeanne Leitl

Name: James Kalsbeek
Date: February 19, 2026 7:53:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Annette Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 7:55:51 pm

There is no longer an East Wing. It has been erased. The proposed ballroom project is a grandiose vanity project . With many Americans struggling to eat it's a slap in the face of our citizens.

Name: John Lopez
Date: February 19, 2026 7:57:16 pm

Mr. Trump should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for destroying federal public property. He should be required to pay for research on what kind of building space is most needed (not a ballroom) and for the actual costs of building a state of the art, carbon neutral, environmentally friendly building that serves as a model for the rest of the world of what can be done. Then Trump should be imprisoned. If he dies before he pays for everything, his estate and family should still bear the full cost of undoing the damage he has done.

Name: Dane Johnson
Date: February 19, 2026 7:57:34 pm

No... just no. Not wanted, not needed, not necessary.

Name: Joyce Meier
Date: February 19, 2026 7:57:38 pm

I support the restoration of the East Wing of the White House, as an important historic space. It was destroyed without full approval or connection with the appropriate preservation authorities. It was a beautiful building, that embodied our country's history, and should be restored.

Name: Craig Calsbeek
Date: February 19, 2026 7:58:18 pm

I am writing to express concerns regarding the procedural handling and historic preservation review of the proposed East Wing Modernization Project.

As a member of the public with an interest in responsible governance and preservation of historically significant resources, I respectfully request clarification on the following matters:

1. Compliance with Established Review Procedures

Large-scale public projects typically undergo established review processes to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. These may include environmental review, public notice and comment periods, consultation with preservation authorities, and interagency coordination.
• Were all required statutory and regulatory steps completed prior to project initiation?
• Was the public provided adequate notice and opportunity for meaningful input?
• Were relevant oversight bodies formally consulted?

Clear documentation of procedural compliance is essential to maintaining public trust.

2. Historic Preservation Obligations

If the project affects a structure, site, or landscape with historical significance, federal and local laws generally require formal evaluation and consultation before alteration or demolition. These reviews often assess cultural, architectural, and historical value and consider alternatives that would avoid or mitigate harm.
• Was a formal historic preservation review conducted?
• Were independent experts consulted regarding the significance of the affected resource?
• Were preservation alternatives explored before irreversible action was taken?

Historic assets serve not only as physical structures but as shared public memory and civic heritage. Their treatment warrants careful and deliberate consideration.

3. Transparency and Documentation

For projects of substantial scope or public impact, full transparency regarding decision-making processes, timelines, and approvals is critical.

I respectfully request that all relevant approvals, reports, consultations, and findings be made readily accessible to the public before your approval.

In closing, my concern is not opposition to development or renovation per se, especially since the Trump Administration has already demolished the East Wing but rather ensuring that public institutions adhere to established legal frameworks and preservation standards designed to protect shared heritage and public accountability.

I urge you to carefully review whether the appropriate procedures were followed and to take any necessary steps to ensure compliance before further action proceeds.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Craig Calsbeek

Name: Emily Shimansky
Date: February 19, 2026 8:00:04 pm

The destruction of and ugly disproportionate plans for the East Wing must be stopped! It is a monstrous design not at all in keeping with the history or size of the White House. Do not let THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE be ruined.

Name: Maureen Foran
Date: February 19, 2026 8:00:14 pm

What a tragedy this is for our nation. You must say no to the destruction of this treasured building. Trump must pay to have the East Wing reconstructed to its original building, once it’s buueho will pay for his grand scale dinners!

Name: Lori Isabella
Date: February 19, 2026 8:01:40 pm

I wish to express my opposition to the current plan to build a $300M ballroom on the site where the East Wing of the White House stood. This project was undertaken without proper review or approval. The proposed scale and design of the new building will be incongruous with Executive Residence and West Wing of the White House. I believe the best course of action is to rebuild the East Wing following the original plan and design in order to restore the White House, The People's House, to its historic beauty.

Name: Patricia Kirtland
Date: February 19, 2026 8:02:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Lisa Murphy
Date: February 19, 2026 8:03:51 pm

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Name: Sue Cowan
Date: February 19, 2026 8:05:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million + on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuild and restored to its former design. The cost should not be born by the taxpayers, since we have had no voice until now in the disposition of the people's property. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As I understand there was no concern about the possible hazards of asbestos and other contaminants as the East Wing was just demolished without permission. The proposed "ballroom" is not in line with the rest of the White House structures and should not be larger than the White House itself. I object.

Name: Alison Starkey
Date: February 19, 2026 8:05:46 pm

I believe the $400 million demolition and reconstruction of the White House East Wing is deeply problematic. Critics, including myself, are concerned about the destruction of a historic structure, the lack of transparency in planning, and the excessive cost. While the White House defends the project by citing structural decay, mold, and water damage in the

original wing, I’m not convinced that this justifies such a drastic overhaul. Preservationists, like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and historian Douglas Brinkley, have compared the project to "slashing a Rembrandt painting," and I agree that it risks damaging the White House’s historic integrity. The fast-tracked demolition, which began in October 2025, was done without sufficient public review, and this raises serious questions about the process. Even with the justification that it’s more economical than renovation, the project’s $400 million cost feels excessive, especially when some are calling it a "vanity project." While officials argue that structural issues, such as an unstable colonnade and water leakage, make rebuilding the only viable option, I still question whether that justifies the scale of the new construction. Lastly, there are health and environmental concerns, particularly regarding asbestos, which the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization has raised, and these need to be addressed carefully.
A believer in properly caring for our Historic Properties

Name: Gerriann Jackson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:06:41 pm

This project is a heartbreaking representation of what this administration is doing. Tear it down and build a gold toilet. I cannot believe no one stepped in before the original was bulldozed. Please recreate what was already there to the best of your abilities

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Name: Molly R Forman
Date: February 19, 2026 8:07:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lindsey Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 8:09:01 pm

Trump had no authority to go around the American people and destroy OUR house. All of his designs and remodels to date are gaudy and not in line with the history of the White House nor what the building represents to the world. The East Wing should be rebuilt to prior specifications and Trump should pay for it from his own corrupt pockets. His proposed ballroom will dwarf the most important building in our country and relegate the main building to an afterthought. This disgrace must not be allowed.

Name: Lori Myers
Date: February 19, 2026 8:10:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Melinda Dolan
Date: February 19, 2026 8:11:38 pm

Borrowing from Anara Guard's message to your commission:
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Name: Tom Hower
Date: February 19, 2026 8:13:15 pm

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Name: Ellen Sachs Leicher
Date: February 19, 2026 8:13:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing of the White House project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is the people's house, not any individual President's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Again, the project needs to be cancelled and the building rebuilt to its former design. It has been a complete waste of taxpayers money that could serve so many other worthwhile endeavors.

Name: Virginia Woulfe-Beile
Date: February 19, 2026 8:13:55 pm

I am appalled by the illegal demolition of the East Wing of my White House and the building a guilded ballroom in its place. A part of our US history was destroyed. Hold the guilty parties accountable.

Name: deborah schoenbeg
Date: February 19, 2026 8:16:15 pm

Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization project for various reasons including failure by the administration to conduct NEPA, public scoping, and consultation with Historic Preservation officials. I oppose the spending upwards of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I understand the need for sufficient space for gatherings, but this proposal is excessive, overly flamboyant and does not represent the "People" and citizens of this country. It represents the ego and tastes of a narcissist out to create a personal legacy. The design and construction are not in the public's interest and reflect the President's belief that he will be around for a long time to enjoy it.

Putting politics aside, the project has blown off all checks and balances designed to keep the public's interest at the forefront. The historical East Wing is gone, without so much as a "may I?". The requirements, oversight and protocols that are in place to protect historic spaces were clearly violated and ignored. This review may only be a cursory checking of the box since the new construction has already been approved, but I want my voice on the record as opposed in large part to the grandiosity of the proposal, the treatment of the People's house as a private property rather than a public space and institution, and a complete disregard for processes and protocols in place by law designed to maintain our country's historical legacy and architectural aesthetic.

Name: Ron Wohl
Date: February 19, 2026 8:17:35 pm

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donna Torrisi
Date: February 19, 2026 8:18:55 pm

I want this project canceled. This project serves no purpose, except to stroke the ego of a president who I can best describe as an egotistical self-serving, greedy pathetic monster.

Name: Sheri Hinshaw
Date: February 19, 2026 8:19:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Heidi Weeden
Date: February 19, 2026 8:21:36 pm

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Name: Barbara Gugliotti
Date: February 19, 2026 8:22:05 pm

I just learned that the US Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) approved the concept plans for the proposed White House ballroom today, and then, in a second vote—without any advance public notice—also approved the final plans.

This strongly suggests that the CFA did not engage in serious design review, and is a blatant violation of CFA's process to consider the views of the American people to whom the White House belongs, including the over 2,000 comment submissions expressing opposition to the current design and offerings of suggestions for improvements.

I AM OPPOSED THE RENOVATIONS TO THE EAST WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE, particularly the manner in which those serious structural modifications were begun without following due process.

Let me remind you that the White House is the "People's House" and that the current resident is does not own it. The "landlords" (the American People) must be consulted, and the historic integrity and symbolism of our Nation must be conserved.

Name: Sandra Borneman
Date: February 19, 2026 8:22:18 pm

The White House is 234 Years old. A Historical foundation to this country. Nothing should be done without first getting approval from the people and seeking aid from the National Historical Society. The president did not obtain permits, submit a design, or contact the Historical Society.This project is not a national security as he is claiming. It needs to be cancelled and the East Wing restored.
When will this president be stopped from doing more damage?

The rose garden was 113 years old and by his whim is now is a slab of concrete. It was started during the Wilson term and updated by Jacqueline Kennedy. Approval was not sought and plans were not given. Please CANCEL the East Wing Modernization Project.

Thank you

Name: Laurie Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 8:23:25 pm

Dear Commissioners,
Please do not spend 30 million dollars on an oversized, gilted, Versailles - like edifice on the grounds of the White House. We, the people want a beautiful yet modest East Wing which embodies the foundation of this wonderful experiment, Democracy. We, the people do not want to be characterized as a nation catering to faux-Royalty with all the trappings of that societal distinction. Our White House should demonstrate that we respect our leader by giving him a well-turned abode, but not a palace. The East Wing was destroyed before any democratic processes had been tended to. The person who blatantly walked all over and dismissed all norms in the redesign of a national building should be fined and jailed rather than be rewarded with an extravagant party palace.
I thank you for your consideration, Laurie Brown, American Citizen, Patriot, tax payer, and person of taste.

Name: Laura Leany
Date: February 19, 2026 8:23:59 pm

I am opposed the the current proposal for the East Wing Modernization Project (Ballroom). One of my biggest concerns is the lack of transparency and potential grift in the funding, costs, and contracting related to this huge project, with the actual cost continually increasing. That cost doesn't even include the recurring costs for heating, utilities, and upkeep that will probably ultimately fall on taxpayers. I am also concerned about the demolition without permits or oversight. What does that mean for other potential "cut corners" that would result in additional repair costs down the road.

I am concerned that the scale will dwarf the actual White House and conflicts with the symmetrical ascetics of this design style. I know there is talk of adding to the West Wing, but how will that be funded and won't that dwarf the White House even more. We must preserve the history and national symbols in any modernization of our countries landmarks and historical buildings.

The scale of the ballroom is much to large for the majority of events that would happen there. It seems to be more about power and control than what is really best for the country and its needs. And comes back to the costs to build and maintain such a huge space for extremely rare needs that could be met in other ways.

This major project cannot be compared to adding a basketball court, small pool, or garden. The decisions made must uphold the democratic principles, oversight, and laws in place. We must not allow decisions made now to tear apart the legal oversight and checks and balances built into our constitution and country's principles and governing rules.

Name: Roger Fain
Date: February 19, 2026 8:24:56 pm

This project is faulty in many ways, including its scale and design. The White House grounds are public property, and do not belong to the president. The fact that no attempt was made to secure a review by qualified people, or to gain agreement from those responsible for determining a project's value, indicates that the people behind it knew it was not likely to pass muster. This is not a good place to live by the philosophy of asking for forgiveness rather than permission.

Furthermore, it is likely to be subject to further lawsuits because the expenditures have not been approved by Congress. Even though it is supposedly being paid for by donations, these moneys should first be deposited with the Treasury and then the expenditure should be approved by Congress, to be consistent with constitutional principles. The money should also be in hand before the project goes any further, so that we don't wind up in a situation where the project is unfinished, and the "donation" money was either never donated, or has run out.

In addition, the building will sit empty and unused for most days of the year, but will still require heating and air conditioning. We should know how much these costs will be, as they will not be paid for by donations, nor will maintenance of the building in the future. If it is necessary for the White House to have space for large events, it would be prudent to explore other locations before building something that is likely to be torn down in the future.

Name: Kate Tofte
Date: February 19, 2026 8:25:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Elgin
Date: February 19, 2026 8:26:53 pm

I would encourage the Commission to support the current plans for the Ballroom addition to the White House complex. As an educated and practiced Architect, Designer and Artist, I believe that the addition is long over due and the current renderings that have been released to the public integrate nicely into the site and into the Architectural style of the current buildings. Thank you.

Name: Kathleen Doyle
Date: February 19, 2026 8:26:59 pm

Gentlemen:

I find the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House to be a travesty. I oppose spending over 300 million dollars on a project which was begun without proper permits, design review or authorization. This is not a modernization project but rather the destruction of American history. I want to see this project stopped and the historic East Wing restored to its original design.

Name: Martha Katz-Hyman
Date: February 19, 2026 8:29:03 pm

Although I understand that a large event space is necessary for a modern presidency, the destruction of the East Wing in the manner it was performed was totally unnecessary and potentially hazardous to the wider Washington community. Its proposed replacement with an overly-large and ornate building that has not gone through the independent review that is required and which completely overpowers the White House itself is a poor decision that does not honor the historic building nor the people who have lived there for over 200 years.

Name: Gabriel Fontes
Date: February 19, 2026 8:29:23 pm

As someone with a degree in architecture, I strongly oppose the proposed White House ballroom. The scale and siting of the building are deeply problematic—its massing overwhelms the historic character and proportions of the White House rather than complementing them. A structure of this size risks diminishing the architectural integrity and symbolic prominence of one of the nation’s most important landmarks. Any addition to such an iconic site should be subordinate, sensitive, and contextually appropriate—this proposal is none of those.

Name: Beth Touomou
Date: February 19, 2026 8:30:11 pm

I’d like to go on record opposing the East Wing “modernization” project in the strongest terms. This $300 million vanity project is rife with corruption and driven by personal egos. The Trump administration’s insistence on defiling our institutions and our history must be stopped. This isn’t modernization, it’s the destruction of our history. This project must be stopped and the East Wing must be restored. The people who launched this, without permits or consultation, have broken the law, it’s time for the grownups in the room to step in and stop this fiasco. Thank you

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Name: Maureen Kaczanowski
Date: February 19, 2026 8:31:03 pm

This project must not continue. It was started without proper procedure or approval. It is an affront to the American people. It must be returned to its original design, paid for by those who ordered and performed its destruction.

Name: Maribeth Davis
Date: February 19, 2026 8:31:33 pm

The historic East Wing of the White House was destroyed without following the proper processes and laws or even ensuring that valuable artifacts and human health would be protected (missing items and clouds of asbestos). The plans to build a colossal ballroom that would dwarf The People's House are undignified and destroy this iconic site's classical design and balance. The president is not a king and the White House is not a palace. Please restore the East Wing to its original beauty and proportion while improving its safety and accessibility.

Name: Jean Tanner
Date: February 19, 2026 8:32:16 pm

I remember our family making a trip to Washington, DC years ago when the kids were young. We saw the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and Capitol Hill. All in one day, it was a lot of walking. But our first stop was the White House. I remember how proud I felt, seeing it in person for the first time. And now President Trump wants to overshadow the People's House with a ballroom.
The destruction of the East Wing and construction of a ballroom is not a project for the President of the United States to create and implement solely on his whim. The White House belongs to the people of the United States. The President, any President, is a tenant with a lease of no more than 10 years, according to the US Constitution. If you rent a house, you cannot tear down the garage and make plans to build a dance studio without getting approval from your landlord, and then whatever approval your city requires. Therefore, any major demolition or construction project which drastically changes our House must be approved by the people of the United States.
While I realize that a nationwide election on blueprints is not a realistic plan, the destruction of the East Wing and the construction of a ballroom should have been approved by a bipartisan group elected by the people of this country, not by presidential appointees who serve at the behest of their appointer. I've heard the argument that, because the United States is the greatest country in the world, we need the greatest ballroom. The true measure of the greatness of any country is how its government treats its citizens. Our government needs to respect the concerns of its citizens with regard to this project, something that wasn't shown with the destruction of the East Wing. No ballroom is more important than the White House, and its design should not overshadow the White House in scale, scope, or design. No major changes to the White House and grounds, especially the exterior, should be made without the approval of those who consent to be governed by any administration. President Trump may live there, but the White House is not his property. He needs to show respect to those who allow him to reside there for the next three years.

Name: Scott Kirkwood
Date: February 19, 2026 8:32:52 pm

I'm horrified at the changes being made to the White House. Donald Trump is a temporary resident, and he has no authority to make drastic alterations to the People's House. This is illegal, unethical activity fueled by corporate donations which will clearly demand a quid pro quo, and it must be stopped--and reversed--immediately.

Name: Beth Pimenta
Date: February 19, 2026 8:33:11 pm

I oppose the approval of this project which should never have been started without proper authorization. I live in a historic town and we are not able to make any changes to the exterior of our homes without approval by the historic committee. The White House belongs to everyone. No one should be able to unilaterally take such a tremendous step without congressional approval at the very least. The person who gave the order to demolish this portion of history should be made to build it back as it was with his own money. As I said before, no one is above the law. Allowing this to go through is a slap in the face to the rule of law which is absolutely required to support our Repuplic.

Name: Judy Meier
Date: February 19, 2026 8:35:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The razing of the East Wing was a crime and it should be rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of Donald J. Trump. The president has no respect for the People's House which should not under any circumstances be subjected to his personal desires at the expense of American citizens.

Name: Matthew Stevenson
Date: February 19, 2026 8:36:00 pm

I think the east wing should be restored to how it was before Trump destroyed it without public approval. No ballroom is necessary.

Name: Henrietta Southam
Date: February 19, 2026 8:36:15 pm

The volume, height, width, location of the proposed new East Wing are completely out of whack. The driveway should not be touched. The wing should not be bigger than the White House. The wing could be perpendicular but attached in the middle of the mass so as not to overshadow the WH.

This is a Folly, and no matter how you dress up this travesty of a renovation, the Emperor will still have no clothes.

Name: Megan Clark
Date: February 19, 2026 8:38:00 pm

This renovation is a destruction of American history and a waste of tax payer funding. Trump’s legacy will be the demolition of American values, as clearly demonstrated through his destruction of our national buildings.
Do not let this rebuild continue to sap taxpayer funds and distract the American people from the corruption and criminal activities of which the president is guilty.

Name: Kelly Ground
Date: February 19, 2026 8:41:11 pm

Greetings,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and replaced according to existing law and oversight including public comment. The funding for this should also adhear to the law and be approved by congress. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The current administration has side stepped all current law and destroyed a historical landmark. The replacement proposal is out of line with the desired balance and review of all historical government buildings and is a monstrosity.

Please consider the american people and deny any further implimentation of this criminal project.
In solidarity
Kelly Ground
American Citizen

Direct decendants of Irish, German and English immigrants and a patriot who didn't participate in the riot in the plot to overtake the US government on January 6th.

Name: Martha Dyck
Date: February 19, 2026 8:41:35 pm

I oppose the reconstruction of the White House. The razing of the East Wing was done illegally and without Congress or Senate approval.

Name: Jessica Spencer
Date: February 19, 2026 8:42:41 pm

The National Capital Planning Commission site states:“Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.” However, we were robbed of that opportunity when the East Wing of the White House was torn out in a violation of the public trust. I am strongly opposed to this petty vanity project that has come at the unceremonious destruction of the People’s White House. Not only did they not take time for public comment, but it also appears that they did not take precautions against toxic waste from asbestos, lead and other harmful substances in the historic structure. I would ask that proper remediation be done on the site, as well as anywhere that the debris is being stockpiled (at the East Potomac Golf Links). I oppose spending $300 million on a project that was not properly permitted or authorized. This violation of the public trust will not stand and the project must be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt. That is the only acceptable solution. No one is above the law. This is not one man’s house to remodel. It is OUR house and allowing this project to move forward without consequences for those who destroyed the East Wing would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Judy Last
Date: February 19, 2026 8:43:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your attention to this matter and for trying to stop it.

Name: John Hartman
Date: February 19, 2026 8:43:23 pm

I write to be counted as speaking against the East Wing Modernization project. This project does not reflect the will of the people. Unfortunately it reflects only the will of the President. Where is documentation of a thorough vetting of this project with Congress or American citizens? How much architectural history will be lost in this project? If no guardrails are put on the whims of our President, I can only fear what comes next? Gold leaf ornamentation on the front doors of the White House. This modernization project is a radical departure from the wonderful history of the White House as a residence of our top elected official rather than a palace for royals.

Name: Allison Rojas
Date: February 19, 2026 8:45:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Fran Drake
Date: February 19, 2026 8:45:26 pm

First, let me say that true American patriots who love our country are devastated by the destruction of the old East Wing.

There are really no words. It is heartbreaking.

Put is back just like it was. No one wants a whore-house inspired ballroom for a dictator.

Name: Nancy Tisdale
Date: February 19, 2026 8:45:47 pm

The White House is the people’s house. It is NOT Trump’s house. It is his temporary residence and office. The East Wing should maintain the footprint, history, and dignity of the White House. It is a historical building and should reflect that historical style.

Thanks.

Name: Cindy Clark
Date: February 19, 2026 8:46:20 pm

This "public comment" should've been done before the East Wing demolition! And going forward the decision must be reviewed by an unbiased panel not one that was entirely selected by Trump. All comments should be made available and viewable online. I'm definitely against the ballroom. The design dwarves the historic White House. Put the East Wing etc back, bill the construction to Trump and make sure he pays for every penny!!1

Name: LYN Fletcher
Date: February 19, 2026 8:48:02 pm

I am against this ostentatious ballroom to be attached to the White House. It can be built elsewhere. But the east wing should be restored in its outside appearance to maintain the visual balance of the original building. Adding more working space (offices, SKIFF, secure room) in a basement floor would be useful and acceptable. I understand that antiques and art were not removed before the demolition of the east wing. If this is true, then the President should compensate the People for what was destroyed and be fined.

Name: David Gauld
Date: February 19, 2026 8:48:15 pm

Please stop the desecration of the people’s White House by this vulgarian. It is hugely over scaled.

Name: Kathleen Manzo
Date: February 19, 2026 8:51:08 pm

I object to the architecturally and historically inappropriate plans for building a massive ballroom in place of the illegally demolished East Wing of the White House. This is the People's house, not Donald Trump's next real estate development project. Any plans for rebuilding should restore the East Wing in similar scale and style. The White House does not need a ballroom for the rich to gather as they continue to buy our government and seek even more favorable tax and revenue opportunities on the backs of working Americans. Stop the vandalism of our national treasures.

Name: Richard Brown
Date: February 19, 2026 8:51:35 pm

I am TOTALLY again the plan to replace the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom no matter who pays for it. The President had no right to destroy the East Wing without proper approvals from the commissioners and Congress. His plan to put a 26 year old lackey with no experience or applicable knowledge in charge of a commission is blatantly counter to what a responsible official would do.

Name: ALISON TRUMBULL
Date: February 19, 2026 8:52:18 pm

The destruction of the East Wing and construction of Trump's ballroom is an insult to American history and the American people. It shows no respect for the history of the building or that it is not Trump's house, it is not the president's house, it is The People's house. It is also a disgusting waste of money and time. It is a perfect symbol of the disrespectful cult of personality that IS this administration.

Name: Pamela Ruediger
Date: February 19, 2026 8:54:05 pm

The East Wing Modernization is an egregious, disgusting betrayal that must be stopped and those responsible must be held accountable financially, esthetically and morally responsible as well as being forced to rebuild at their own expense!!

Name: Karen Sheehan
Date: February 19, 2026 8:54:53 pm

I have seen the plans for the Ballroom and am shocked that it is of such a large scale, as to eclipse the actual White House. The historic office and residence of the United States President should be respected and allowed to shine without an extension that would overshadow it. Proportion and scale need to be compatible, and this huge ballroom is not compatible.
Please do not allow the Ballroom to proceed according to the current plan. No other sitting president has made such an outsized change to the layout of the White House property. It shows a lack of respect to the institution, in contrast to the restraint shown by previous presidents, as they honored the ongoing legacy of the property through their terms.

Name: Samantha Silva
Date: February 19, 2026 8:55:22 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization. The cost is beyond the pale and I have immense concerns about the funding sources and the appearance or actual impropriety. The $300 million project is dwarfed by the loss of significant history property, which was destroyed unilaterally in what is meant to be THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. I would like to see the East Wing returned to her former design and rebuilt with modest improvements to conform with the rest of the White House, NOT modernized.

Name: JillAnne McCarty
Date: February 19, 2026 8:55:28 pm

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history, and a waste of taxpayer dollars. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please do the right thing and stop this.

Name: Laura Wanner
Date: February 19, 2026 8:56:16 pm

I’m not opposed to necessary modernization of the White House. It’s beautiful and one of the important headquarters of this amazing nation a modernization becomes necessary through time. Yet, undeniably, it’s been an affront to the American people to see the east wing of Our House ripped open and destroyed. I absolutely oppose anything other than restoring it to its initial purpose and as a structure that respects the history of the White House, the People’s House. Ballrooms are for royalty and, by way of our founding, we are a nation squarely against such status worship, egotism, opulence, and class stratification. Also, no citizen should be above the law, and I don’t know the what legal actions can be

taken against the unauthorized, unreviewed demolition of the east wing, but I hope those at the head of that action will be held accountable.

Name: kathleen OConnell
Date: February 19, 2026 9:00:25 pm

I wish President Trump would focus the administration's efforts on more important issues other than than those on which he puts his name. I don't support the demolition and redesign of the East Wing. Now that it has been demolished, please let historically qualified architects decide the final design.

Name: Adam Rakunas
Date: February 19, 2026 9:02:19 pm

Putting aside how hamfisted the demolition of the original East Wing, this Commission should stop any planning on this project until its finances are in investigated and vetted for any signs of corruption, kickbacks, or financial chicanery that will only enrich Donald Trump and his cronies while leaving the public holding the bag. Only after that has been cleared should the Commission determine whether the scale and scope of this monstrosity are appropriate for the rest of the building. I think it is not. Donald Trump's tiny-handed vulgarity has no place in our nation's capitol, and this ridiculous and unnecessary ballroom is nothing but Trump's attempt at architectural immortality. Better to put his name on a Superfund site.

Name: Pamela Jaccarino
Date: February 19, 2026 9:08:32 pm

While the East Wing may need updating, the SCALE of the addition needs to be considered. It should not dward the White House. This is America’s house and the people who pay taxes in this country, and who are citizens, need to be heard. Thank you

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Name: Colleen Grant
Date: February 19, 2026 9:09:17 pm

Thank you for your dedicated stewardship. I respectfully submit the attached public comment file.
NCPC File Number: 8733

Attachment

Name: Mark Gedlinske
Date: February 19, 2026 9:09:30 pm

Here is what I’d like to see for the East Wing Renovation:

1) the size and shape of the wing should not over-shadow the main portion of the White House (which should clearly be seen as the main focal point for the entire building).

2) the color scheme and decoration should be consistent with that of other existing government buildings. There should be limited use of gold.

3) there should be room in the facility for additional rooms for other purposes. Some of these might need to be underground.

Name: Nancy Honeychuck
Date: February 19, 2026 9:12:22 pm

I am against the so called the East wing modernization project. It has. has been undertaken without proper permissions and is therefore a has been undertaken without proper permissions and is therefore an illegal. Most importantly, and additionally it is not in fact a modernization project, but rathera destructive act, defacingan important building and abolishing the history of an historical and beloved structure, which belongs to the people. If it is allowed to go forward, it sets an important and unlawful precedent which is greatly disrespectful of the opinions and will of the American people to whom the building actually belongs. Thank you for your attention.

Name: Karen Huysers
Date: February 19, 2026 9:14:57 pm

In a democracy, we follow procedures to be sure representation is fair. By presenting the ballroom to a committee of Trump appointees, it is not fair to the millions of people that do not think the ballroom is needed, wanted or desirable. The East Wing was full of history. It was built in concert with the design of the White House. The ballroom is so much larger than the rest of the building. It will dwarf the actual building. For the few times it will actually be used, it is a waste of money and an affront to the historical nature of the White House. I would love to see the East Wing rebuilt but I don't see that happening. A smaller "ballroom" might be more palatable.

Name: Jennifer Marti
Date: February 19, 2026 9:16:16 pm

I would like to voice my opinion as a citizen of the USA that I DO NOT consent to the destruction of the East Wing. I abhor the fact that it was summarily destroyed at the whim of a crazy person who currently holds the office of the President. Until he, and his entire cabinet of goons is out of office, there should be no construction on the site. We the People get to decide what happens to the People's house. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Bethany Behrmann
Date: February 19, 2026 9:16:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leslie Hicks
Date: February 19, 2026 9:18:20 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts. The People’s House, already has a ballroom. Stop this nonsense now!

Name: Karen Hatton
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:27 pm

Since I am a tax-paying American citizen, the Federal Government works for me. My representatives in Congress did not have the opportunity to vote "NO" on this abuse of our tax dollars. I oppose the spending of $300 million of mine and other tax paying citizens' money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anne Hannigan
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:29 pm

I oppose this project based on its lack of full review, pricetag, funding sources, and design. Any additions to the White House should complement the central, historic building rather than dwarf it. A 90,000 sf addition, nearly twice the size of the White House, is neither appropriate nor attractive.

Tearing down the East Wing prior to getting design and building approvals is a frequent method used to rush projects that might otherwise have been turned down. The idea that its easier to ask forgiveness than permission, should be rejected and this project should go through normal reviews by non-partisan, qualified architects and art historians.

Name: Michael Walker
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:40 pm

This administration's action to tear down part of the White House, prior to gaining approval of the new design plans from the National Register of Historic Places is troubling. It is as though the President believesbhe is a dictator. This garish design, is a monument to the excessive, selfish, disgusting lack of taste. The only suggestion I have is to add Geothermal heating to the White House while the ground is already torn up.

Name: Diane Burton
Date: February 19, 2026 9:19:45 pm

Please have the East Wing of the White House restored to what it was before the current President moved in for his second term. I can not make changes to my home and property without approval from the building authorities of my local jurisdiction; it is absolutely unconscionable that anyone would make changes to a publicly owned historic piece of property without going through the proper approval process. I trust that the National Capital Planning Commission would handle a remodeling/rebuilding project on a historic property like this with the proper respect, class, common sense, and sense of responsibility--everything that has been missing from the inception of this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to leave my comments.

Name: Misti Furr
Date: February 19, 2026 9:21:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michele Wilson
Date: February 19, 2026 9:21:26 pm

Thank you for updating our beautiful White House! Please know that our family of five supports your efforts to provide a place worthy of our cherished allies and leaders from around the world. Thank you for providing a place to dine, talk, and appreciate our great country! Please continue this project!

Name: Sally Roddy
Date: February 19, 2026 9:23:23 pm

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Likewise, I request full transparency into whomever donates to this project should it move forward, whether an individual or a corporation. The American public deserves to know who is currying favor with this Administration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Most sincerely,
Sally Roddy

Name: Aaron Stockel
Date: February 19, 2026 9:23:40 pm

Guys. Don't build a giant fuhrer bunker / data center under the White House. Don't build a giant ostentatious ballroom where the East Wing used to be either. Stop it. Just stop it. Please stop it?

Why not simply rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was but with better water fountains than the old ones? In fact, this member of the public is categorically opposed to any other course of action.

Name: Sonja Rouillard
Date: February 19, 2026 9:24:27 pm

I am completely opposed the spending of $300 or 400 or 500 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: V Bligh
Date: February 19, 2026 9:24:39 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbara Wilkinson
Date: February 19, 2026 9:25:35 pm

I’m furious that the Trump administration tore down a portion of the White House - No permits. No notice. No good reason!

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on replacing the East Wing of project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: S Michels
Date: February 19, 2026 9:27:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I cannot make changes to my OWN HOME without meeting these basic requirements, and it was executed with no regard to these, as if this administration is thumbing its nose to say it is above the People and all we are subject to.

The White House is the People's house, so I want this project canceled and the Wing restored to it's former appearance. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing this action would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Stephanie Battjer
Date: February 19, 2026 9:29:19 pm

I oppose this $300m project which was started without authorization, permits, or design review by historic preservation committees.
The original East Wing should be restored to its original splendor as part of the White House of the American people. Those responsible for the present disaster should face the penalties of the law. No one is above the law.

Name: Kerry Marden
Date: February 19, 2026 9:30:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Charlotte McGee
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:14 pm

The new proposed ball room is way out of proportion to the existing White House. It should NOT be erected.

I vote NO.

Name: Mark Doolittle
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:25 pm

I oppose the spending of ANY money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Further, I would like there to be an investigation into the entire process from the initial plan including the claim that work permits were not required all the way down to the contractors proceeding with the work of razing the East Wing without approved work permits.

For those reasons, in my opinion, this entire process was illegal to the point that criminal charges, (starting with destruction of public property), are warranted and should be filed.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design at the personal expense of those who directed it to be torn down. This project, (as well as the destruction of the Rose Garden), is a razing of American history and an affront to The People's House. No temporary occupant of the White House has the authority to significantly alter the structure or grounds, especially without going through the proper channels of authorization, permits, or design review.

Name: Jill Alexander
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:50 pm

I oppose spending funds on a project where demolition began without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. They have completely razed American history. This project should be canceled. Furthermore, the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Lemire
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Charles Baggerly
Date: February 19, 2026 9:32:55 pm

I oppose the unlawful destruction of the East wing, and demand that those responsible for this unlawful act be punished and the east wing be built back in its original form

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Name: Heather Laskow
Date: February 19, 2026 9:33:24 pm

PLEASE stop this travesty.
That house belongs to the PEOPLE OF THE USA.
It is NOT HIS HOUSE to tear down.
Just one more thing he is doing that he isn’t allowed to do.
PLEASE HELP.

Name: Brenda Williams
Date: February 19, 2026 9:33:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debra Thompson
Date: February 19, 2026 9:38:39 pm

Explain to me why the worst dancer on the planet could possibly need a BALLROOM. I want the People's East Wing back just as it was found, not the gilded homage to a moron.

Name: Jack Hawkins
Date: February 19, 2026 9:39:06 pm

A resounding NO to allowing this illegal project to continue. Restore the East Wing to its original form. This demolition goes against all that the people’s house was intended for. The billionaires can build their own ballroom somewhere else. The White House is OUR house. It does not belong to the whims of one man’s ego.

Name: Kim Bundgaard
Date: February 19, 2026 9:39:34 pm

I believe that following the permit/approval process for construction projects, especially those affecting national landmarks must be adhered to in order to do everything possible to guarantee the integrity of the project is examined and the determination made that the project does not denigrate the existing value of the property from both a financial and historical perspective.
This project began without this process being respected and must now be brought into compliance on these key questions

to the degree possible.
My hope is the NCPC will hold this project to the highest standards possible.

Name: Justine Dalton
Date: February 19, 2026 9:41:44 pm

If there is going to be a ballroom, it needs to be on the same scale with the rest of the White House, and the funding of this project must be transparent.

Name: Judith Spellman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:41:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing destruction project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design approval. It destroyed history. The citizens of this country do not need a golden ballroom. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Name: Trisha Wooldridge
Date: February 19, 2026 9:42:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Skulnik
Date: February 19, 2026 9:44:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I cried when I saw the destruction of this beautiful, symbolic building. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steve Rittenberg
Date: February 19, 2026 9:45:02 pm

The space is sufficient as is. This type of project is inconsistent with public values and sentiment when there are people who cannot afford food, shelter, or health insurance. Will this project make one life better? Whether public funds are used or not, the money should be spent to build housing, shelter, or provide food or medical care.

Choose compassion!!

Name: Patricia Alley
Date: February 19, 2026 9:45:24 pm

I want it rebuilt as it was … the people’s house

Name: Julie Eiselt
Date: February 19, 2026 9:45:25 pm

Please stop this project and restore the East Wing. This construction was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is hardly a modernization project. It is the elimination of American history. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Jamie Harvester
Date: February 19, 2026 9:45:29 pm

I sat at home crying as I watched the East Wing being demolished. I was as upset as I would have been had a wrecking ball come through my own living room. This is America's house. Each brick, each plank of wood and each nail is a part of our collective history and it was removed without the approval of those institutions that we as Americans trust to protect our collective history. The White House does not need a ball room and it shows extremely poor taste to construct one when so many Americans are struggling.

Name: Heather Long
Date: February 19, 2026 9:47:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former exterior design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mara Kalish
Date: February 19, 2026 9:47:59 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: DAVID FULLER
Date: February 19, 2026 9:51:19 pm

No building should be build on the White House grounds that is bigger than the White House itself. The White House should be the majesty of that property. It should not be even slightly dwarfed by the size and constructed arrogance of any other building on the grounds.

Name: Brenda Meller
Date: February 19, 2026 9:51:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joel Doty
Date: February 19, 2026 9:52:12 pm

This project is a blight on our Nation's Capitol and needs to be halted. I realize it cannot be restored to its past glory, but please do not build a ballroom in its stead.
Restoring as closely as possible, to what existed in 2024 and previous is what I feel should be done.
A concerned US Citizen,
Joel Doty

Name: Mary Catherine McGarvey
Date: February 19, 2026 9:52:50 pm

The White House is the house of the American people and not the property of a failed real estate developer with a fragile, overinflated ego and no regard for architectural integrity and history. The proposed design for the East Wing is an abomination and must be stopped.

Name: Denise Foster
Date: February 19, 2026 9:53:18 pm

Hello:

I would like to register my complaints about the East Wing Modernization project.

1. The East Wing hasn't been "modernized", it was demolished - without permits, and the debris (which may include pollutants like lead paint, or asbestos) were transported (without permission or inspection) to places like the East Potomac Park Golf Course.
2. We were promised by Mr. Trump that the East Wing wouldn't be touched, but instead it was removed completely without permits, permissions or inspections.
3. The proposed ballroom is completely out of proportion to the White House and will visually overtake it. There is no reason for a ballroom to be larger than the building it's just supposed to be an addition to.
4. The proposed ballroom has not had a proper approval process as to its design, purpose, placing, etc. The president does not have the authority to do a "renovation" that including removing historic structures (the East Wing), historic gardens, historic trees and features of the Peoples House.
5. How has this all occurred without oversight? Are there not procedures that need to be in place when something is demolished? Or built? Who will inspect it to make sure that all was done properly? That the construction is up to code? No regular citizen could do any of these things without being fined and/or prosecuted.

I ask that you impose some constraint on this project. The White House is the Peoples' House, and the people should be consulted before parts of it are ripped apart, or someone constructs a monstrosity that will make the People's House a mere appendage to one mans' desires and ego.

Sincerely,

Denise Foster
Frustrated and Saddened Citizen

Name: Kirsten Suazo
Date: February 19, 2026 9:53:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Petroff
Date: February 19, 2026 9:53:22 pm

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The White House is the people’s house.

Name: Carolina Andrada
Date: February 19, 2026 9:55:43 pm

The "East Wing Modernization Project" is another of the countless things making the US an international laughingstock. I would know, I'm an immigrant, and my contacts back home can't believe how stupid it is. Why are we tearing down a perfectly good building to construct a ballroom... in an administration that axed like half the federal government in order to "end government waste"????? What's more wasteful than reinventing the wheel? I grew up in the Deep South, where I quickly learned the phrase, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". What was broken about the original building? And how is this new building fixing that? Let me tell you - it fixes nothing.

Honestly, axe the project. Don't build a ballroom. Don't build anything. If we're so short on cash that we had to fire half the damn State Department, we don't have the money to build a ballroom either. And if we *have* to build something, because the money's *already* been earmarked for a new building... make it actually useful. Build offices, I don't know. But like, a ballroom? Get over yourselves.

Name: Becky Kipp
Date: February 19, 2026 9:55:50 pm

The National Capital Planning Commission website states:
“Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.” However, we were robbed of that opportunity when the East Wing of the White House was torn out in a violation of the public trust. I am strongly opposed to this petty vanity project that has come at the unceremonious destruction of the People’s White House. Not only did they not take time for public comment, but it also appears that they did not take precautions against toxic waste from asbestos, lead and other harmful substances in the historic structure. I would ask that proper remediation be done on the site, as well as anywhere that the debris is being stockpiled (at the East Potomac Golf Links). I oppose spending $300 million on a project that was not properly permitted or authorized. This violation of the public trust will not stand and the project must be cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt. That is the only acceptable solution. No one is above the law. This is not one man’s house to remodel. It is OUR house and allowing this project to move forward without consequences for those who destroyed the East Wing would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Rebecca Elliot
Date: February 19, 2026 9:56:37 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House has not only transgressed tradition, but was done without the proper permits by someone who has no regard for the art and discipline of architecture or the cultural value and importance of historic preservation. Donald Trump has a track record in his hometown of New York City of violating historic preservation requirements, of attempting to tear down historic structures in favor of his own private profits, and of failing to pay contractors who labor to build his construction projects. He should be required to reconstruct the East Wing. The facade should match the previous one so as to respect the exterior design, symmetry, and scale of the White House as a whole. The interior should be reconstructed so as to restore any features that were historically, culturally, architecturally, and/or aesthetically significant. The reconstruction should also take advantage of the opportunity to improve upon and modernize any features of the original structure that needed updating while also respecting the original design and the previous additions that had been properly approved and permitted. The proposed ballroom should not be built. There is no great need to entertain a larger number of wealthy supporters and international oligarchs than previously. The proposed ballroom will not advance the interests of the American people. Any would-be supporter of the United States and its people should not need a lavish party in a ballroom in order to be convinced to act benevolently.

Name: Matt Hoverman
Date: February 19, 2026 9:57:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christopher Spitzmiller
Date: February 19, 2026 10:02:29 pm

Dear Committee.
My first job was as an intern in the east wing, which was torn down with no historic planning considerations. The new building is far too large for the White House campus. If a larger building is considered, it could be place further south on the White House grounds. I understand full that modernization take place but historical importance and how the building fits in to the White House grounds should be considered by more then the appointees of one president.
This is a monumental task and should not be rushed or considered in haste, as the old time tested saying, ‘haste makes waste’
Sincerely,
Christopher Spitzmiller
Lamp maker to 5 presidents

Name: E M
Date: February 19, 2026 10:04:00 pm

East wing modernization project must be further reviewed.

Name: Karen Elizabeth Marx
Date: February 19, 2026 10:04:48 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom in its current grandiose scale and urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject a plan that overwhelms the historic integrity, architectural balance, and symbolic significance of our nation’s most iconic residence, reflecting yet another troubling abuse of power that disregards both due process and overwhelming public opposition.

Name: Kit Tossmann
Date: February 19, 2026 10:04:50 pm

It is absolutely horrendous and illegal for this regime to totally destroy an iconic, historic building without going through the normal permits and processes. I oppose the building of this vanity project of building a massive ballroom. Even if the cost is connected by big donors, I am sure they will be looking for favors in exchange for their donation. This is just another example of White House plundering and pilaging with out regard to norms or history.

Name: Ruth Helwig
Date: February 19, 2026 10:05:40 pm

This project is a travesty. It is an afront to what was a beautiful budling. It is a waste of money. I suspect the billionaires will pay for it the same way Mexico paid for the border wall. And if the billionaires do contribute to the project, it is with strings attached. None of this benefits the American public. None of this was necessary. The damage was illegally done to the building so no matter what happens, the building was destroyed and money needs to be spent repairing it. We do not need Mar-A-Lago of the north. This was the people's house, now it is becoming a temple to the rich and powerful.

Name: Arlene Beckton
Date: February 19, 2026 10:06:53 pm

I oppose this project.

Name: Holly Green
Date: February 19, 2026 10:09:09 pm

The new plans for the east wing do not adequately reflect the history and sincerity of the white house as the home of the United States of America. The new structure is disproportionate to the existing structure and is excessive in size.
To optimize its value, the new structure should be of a size that will fit the needs of the MAJORITY of gatherings, not

just a few large gatherings. Additionally, the interior should be decorated with period decor in a style that reflects white house decor as a whole.

Name: Mary Coleman
Date: February 19, 2026 10:09:17 pm

I VEHEMENTLY oppose this vulgar project. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paul Carabello
Date: February 19, 2026 10:11:33 pm

Please be respectful of the White House’s unique place in American history, and its historic beauty. The new ballroom should be designed and built with that in mind, and should not overshadow in any way the White House. It must be completely secondary to the White House.

Name: Lee Schollnick
Date: February 19, 2026 10:13:09 pm

This project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Ernestine Linton
Date: February 19, 2026 10:14:21 pm

East Wing does not need change. It should be rebuilt in its original style to accommodate the needs of the First Ladies . Why does everything have to be changed to be appropriate and lovely. We’ve had too much change already!

Name: Mark Twain Stevenson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:14:44 pm

I oppose the President's plan to build an enormous ballroom. The only "need" for this is to stroke the President's insatiable ego. Private funders are paying the equivalent of bribes to the President. This monstrosity will dwarf the White House and for that reason alone it should not be built. The White House and grounds are not the possession of one man-it belongs to all of us Americans. President Trump has not applied to the relevant authorities to make this change. Nor did he have the right to tear down the East Wing. What if I were a renter and I destroyed part of the landlord's building with no permission? President Trump should be required to rebuild the East Wing using his own funds.

Name: Lara Palmer
Date: February 19, 2026 10:16:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and a bi-partisan team to determine what should be built in its place even if that’s just a Rose Garden. I do not want a ballroom to be built so that more rich people can fraternize. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristin Bjorgo
Date: February 19, 2026 10:16:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Lets call it exactly what it is, wholly a vanity project and nothing else. We the people are not fooled! We the people will not be silenced.

Name: Annette Lind
Date: February 19, 2026 10:19:37 pm

Yes, you were elected president. President not king. The White House is not a palace . It is the people’s house. You live there at the people’s will. It is not your home to remodel and turn into a glittering version of Versailles.

As you work to destroy the truth of history and turn it into your imagined version, you forget all that made this country work—all that made this country the place immigrants dreamed of as a new home and a new chance.

Tear down that disgusting monument to greed and arrogance. You had no right to tear down the east wing. You have no right to build this ostentatious ballroom. We the people did not get a voice in what you did to our house.

Name: Kerri Cohen
Date: February 19, 2026 10:20:08 pm

I wholeheartedly oppose spending any money or time on "remodernizing" the East Wing of the White House. This project started without proper approvals or review. No one is above the law, even the President, and as such the project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt to its former glory.

Name: Michael Wyatt
Date: February 19, 2026 10:20:42 pm

I do not support tearing the East Wing down and replacing it with a ballroom

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Name: Ben Samson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:21:03 pm

I got my Bachelors and Masters in Architecture down the road at UMD and VT's Alexandria campus. The facade facing the Treasury as designed is strikingly unbalanced and does not reflect neoclassical style attention to scale, proportion and hierarchy. Humbly, I have attached a sketch that tweaks the original design while adding balance and proportion. The porches still mirror the Treasury, but here they are met with balance and scale with the rest of the facade, not overshadowing the main ballroom.

Attachment

Name: Susan DeSanti
Date: February 19, 2026 10:21:38 pm

I oppose the spending of any funds on this project (whether taxpayer or private), because this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but an outrageous assault on American history. To permit this project to go ahead lawlessly would be an insult; no one is above the law. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Kenneth Wingard
Date: February 19, 2026 10:22:08 pm

As a Princeton University educated architect, one who values the preservation of our American architectural heritage, this ballroom is an abomination. It eclipses the most famous house in our nation and would be an enormous travesty as well as an aesthetic nightmare. No, just no.

Name: Pamela Cranston
Date: February 19, 2026 10:23:48 pm

To: The National Capital Planning Commission
The Commission of Fine Arts
Dear Commissioners,

There is an African proverb which goes: "The child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down to feel its warmth."

Like the child who burnt his village down, President Trump destroyed the east wing of the White House because he thinks the White House belongs to him and not the American people, and because real estate is the only world where he feels at home.

When he did this last October, without congressional approval or oversight, he desecrated one of the most revered symbols of our national identity.

Now the President is adding insult to injury by proposing a monstrous 900,000-square-foot ballroom which will overshadow our beloved White House. This project must undergo required reviews by an independent National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and then receive approval from Congress before proceeding forward.

The President claims this project will cost $300,000 million dollars which he says will be paid by private donors. The source of these funds must be made public and supervised by appropriate Congressional oversight so that the president doesn't feel free to pocket the money for himself. Those managing the project must, from start to finish, be made accountable every step of the way.

For all these reasons, I strongly object to President Trump's proposed ballroom. If you have any reverence for our national heritage, I urge you to vote against President Trump's ballroom and to authorize the construction of a balanced, tasteful, and more proportionally appropriate building.

Sincerely,
The Reverend Pamela Cranston

cc: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative James Comer, Chairman and Representative Robert Garcia
House Committee on Natural Resources: Representative Bruce Westerman, Chairman and Jared Huffman
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Senator Rand Paul, Chairman, and Senator Gary Peters
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks: Senator Steve Daines, Chairman and Senator Angus King
House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, Representative Tom Cole, Chairman, and Representative Rosa DeLauro
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Representative Mike Simpson, Chairman and Representative Chellie Pingree

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Name: Carol Mackey
Date: February 19, 2026 10:24:15 pm

Everything that has been done so far with the East Wing has been incorrect. No rules have been followed. Someone, meaning Trump, needs to recognize that this is a National Historic Landmark and National Park that is owned by the American People and stewarded by the National Park Service. This is "NOT HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY", it it loaned to him for 4 years and he needs to recognize this along with respecting that the people are upset that he had done this without any type of permission. If I could, I would evict him like any other renter for not following the rules. It's a shame that Trump disrespected all the rules that are in place to preserve history.

Name: Kathy Snyder
Date: February 19, 2026 10:24:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marcia ferguson
Date: February 19, 2026 10:24:25 pm

It's terrible that the East Wing was demolished. It's not a 'modernization project'. It's destruction, like paving over the Rose Garden, so that President Trump can leave his mark on the People's House. It never should have been demolished without congressional approval. I've heard that beneath the huge (and unnecessary) ballroom, there will be a new bunker. I would want to know why another bunker is necessary and what it will entail. Will it be a real ballroom, or will it be a 'mansion' of sorts?

Every small town and city is aware of historical preservation. If we can't preserve the White House, what is historical preservation?

Name: Katharine Ballard
Date: February 19, 2026 10:25:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: john baughman
Date: February 19, 2026 10:28:00 pm

horrible idea; should have left it alone instead of tearing it down; destroyed historical value; worse idea in a long time

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Name: Rose Bohmann
Date: February 19, 2026 10:28:19 pm

I am opposed to any East Wing rebuild that is taller or covers a bigger footprint than the original part of the White House. This building belongs to the people of the country, not to whatever person resides there. The demolition of the East Wing was done without any proper oversight, and that needs to be rectified. While a ballroom might be good to have, there were also functions that the East Wing provided that now have no home.

The further renovation of the White House needs to stop, and a commission set up, INDEPENDENT of the office of the president, to determine the best way to rebuild on the White House grounds. No veto power should be given to the president or his staff. Congress alone has the power to allocate funds, and that's where the funding should be approved.

Name: Margie Alexander
Date: February 19, 2026 10:36:07 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was a travesty, an assault on history, tradition, and process. The planned replacement is obscene,and will dwarf the history White House. It's nothing but an ego project for a president whose bottomless need for attention and gold decor and excess should not be indulged.

Name: Melinda Shilansky
Date: February 19, 2026 10:37:51 pm

It is truly crushing that the Trump administration has destroyed the East Wing without any concern for its historical significance or importance to the American people. Building a grotesque ballroom that that the Trump family can continue their grift is equally appalling. Nobody needs this. Nobody wants this.

Name: Joanna Fredericks
Date: February 19, 2026 10:39:16 pm

I am writing to voice my opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project was undertaken without proper authorization. I have read that funds for the $400M cost of building this room aren't actually available, and the expense will be footed by the American people.
Furthermore, I have never heard anyone, publicly or privately, say that they wanted this ballroom, except the one man who will put his name on it.

Name: Jimmy Bailey
Date: February 19, 2026 10:43:00 pm

The old East Wing was well proportioned with the rest of the building. I am concerned that the proposed ballroom, while functionally may make sense for large events, will detract from the appearance of the White House.

Name: John Buckley
Date: February 19, 2026 10:43:33 pm

Dear Society for Historic Preservation-

As a practicing designer in San Francisco for more than 30 years, and a proud Member of the ICAA, The Institute for Classical Architecture and Art. I am deeply concerned that the current president has not done his due diligence in tearing down the East wing without making the proposed plans available to a board and also the public, at large. The scale of the proposed addition and the style does not seem in keeping with the White House's original design. This must be shut down. We deserve a chance to have a say in the design and the Architectural Firm that might design the space. As usual he has bypassed the law in favor of his own wishes. This is NOT ok. Please help us hit the pause button and reset. If we don't we'll end up with something hideous that is not befitting a great American building nor the American people.

Best Regards

John Buckley III
San Francisco, California

Name: Ellen Toler
Date: February 19, 2026 10:44:35 pm

Where is the historical and architectural integrity to preserve the East Wing? Anyone can see from the current architectural plans — this is a complete eyesore. The proposed scale and cost of this project is staggering to the people of

the United States. It will usurp our beloved White House - the people’s house - that has always served as a beacon of our democracy. We deserve better.

Name: Marcia Risher
Date: February 19, 2026 10:45:24 pm

As a US citizen, voter, taxpayer, and member of the White House Historical Association I am 100% opposed to the demolition of the historic East Wing. No one asked for a ballroom, there is no need for one, and not one penney of taxpayer money should be used to build it. Demolishing a building without authorization is not modernization. It is a crime. The current President ordered the illegal demolition of the East Wing and he must pay for it's restoration and repair.

Name: Andrew Gage
Date: February 19, 2026 10:46:22 pm

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House without the proper review and application process is a brazen takeover by one individual of the People's House. It does not belong to any one occupant of it; it belongs to the American People. Therefore the action should be deemed illegal, and the parties involved, including but not limited to, the current occupant of the White House, and the contractor who is responsible for the demolition action, should make whole the East Wing as it was prior to its demolition, and the cost of the restitution and restoration of the structure should be charged to the offending parties. Nothing less will satisfy the breach of trust with the People.

Name: Sarah Alvidrez
Date: February 19, 2026 10:48:56 pm

Please reconsider the design to be in alignment with the historic nature of the White House, and keeping it to a more moderate size that will not detract from the White House itself. Thank you, Sarah Alvidrez

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Name: Betsy Leavell
Date: February 19, 2026 10:49:45 pm

The destruction of our East Wing a crime! We don't need a $300 ballroom - we need to honor our history!
Not erase it, not destroy it.
That's how we learn...the people that are doing this have no sense of right/wrong - only want. It's despicable! That is MY house - it is YOUR house...it is OURS and NOONE should be able to do this.
The East Wing should be re-built in It's original design and glory!

Name: Thomas Kligerman
Date: February 19, 2026 10:52:42 pm

The current design proposed by President Trump is vastly too large, overscaled, and over-embellished. Now that the East wing has been callously, demolished, an appropriate building that respects the overall complex of White House buildings should be designed and approved through proper protocols.

Do not not allow this current design to be built. It is a vulgar embarrassment.

Name: Kelsey Sakumoto
Date: February 19, 2026 10:55:46 pm

This project is a blatant waste of taxpayer money. I do not support this. The White House is the American people’s house, not whoever is temporarily living there. That this administration tore down the East Wing without approval and now seeks to spend hardworking citizens’ money on a vanity project is un-American. This project should not be approved and should not move forward.

Name: Elizabeth Evans
Date: February 19, 2026 10:56:02 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization. The Trump administration does not have the authority to tear down the East Wing.

Name: Ned Martel
Date: February 19, 2026 10:57:22 pm

The East Wing design ideas need immediate reconsideration. A competition among architects would be a better way forward. The process needs to befit this most hallowed American residence, with a plan that reflects its history and its departure from monarchical styles of the Old World. A restoration of the garden named for Mrs. Kennedy is another absolute agenda item for any comprehensive plan.

Name: Joyce Hanna
Date: February 19, 2026 10:57:50 pm

I oppose the building of the ballroom for various reasons including the lack of adherence to governmental protocols for the demolition of the east wing. The private donations would be better spent by decreasing the federal deficit.

Name: cynthia ryan
Date: February 19, 2026 10:58:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Judy J Merritt
Date: February 19, 2026 10:59:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paula King
Date: February 19, 2026 10:59:08 pm

The White House stands as the people’s house, the most symbolic building of our nation. To see it dwarfed by an oversized ballroom, without review or comment by experts, is a devastation. It is all of our legacy, a tragedy that will outlive all of us, and will serve as a reminder of a crumpled democracy. The people demand accountability , transparency, and consultation with historians and architects who will honor this house and our collective history. The rendering isnt grand, it is a sign of greed and power. It needs to be reduced in scale and reviewed by the public and experts. The fact that the historic East Wing was demolished without preservation, wasnt moved to a museum, wasn’t made public until it was as too late is a tragedy we will be admonished for. We can at least move forward with more mindfulness and patriotism.

Name: Mary Lynn Botts
Date: February 19, 2026 10:59:40 pm

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jarret Yoshida
Date: February 19, 2026 11:01:36 pm

Interior designer and builder in DC and NYC who wants to ensure that this legacy we hand to future generations is given the thought and time it deserves. This project simply needs more creative thought and the current plan has numerous shortcomings to be addressed. The volume and space planning looks rushed like someone who was trying to do to much at once. We deserve better.

Name: Brooke Kaplan
Date: February 19, 2026 11:02:12 pm

Fuck Trump and every corrupt thing he has ever said, done, or touched. He had no right to tear down the east wing and the beautiful history it represented for our country. The White House is not his vanity project and he needs to find a modicum of humbleness and gratitude to his short term appointment to this position. The White House needs to be restored to its previous set up and this project thrown directly in the trash with the rest of his “priorities”.

Name: Shelley Weston
Date: February 19, 2026 11:03:51 pm

Since the East Wing of the White House was torn down without any congressional approval or oversight, I am completely opposed to the ballroom the president is planning on building at the site. The White House is the people’s house. We want our house back exactly as it was built. It’s our house and our history. If a huge monstrosity of a ballroom is truly needed in Washington DC, please put it somewhere else. We want to cherish our history and our house. We want our house rebuilt as it was. Thank you.

Name: Carolyn Kelly
Date: February 19, 2026 11:04:26 pm

I am totally opposed to the $300 million ballroom project and want the East Wing rebuilt to its former glory. And because Mr. Trump did this illegally I believe he should be responsible for the rebuilding.

Name: Nancy Wiltgen
Date: February 19, 2026 11:04:42 pm

I am a resident of Minnesota and oppose the spending of $300 million (or perhaps now $400 million) on this proposal, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of United States history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one -- no one -- is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding residents and citizens of the United States. I unequivocally oppose this project.

Thank you.

Name: Marcia Turner
Date: February 19, 2026 11:05:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: JoAn GODFREY
Date: February 19, 2026 11:06:09 pm

I agree with ANARA GARD.
OUR building should be restored to it's historic appearance.
Unauthorized, unpermitted, solely dictated changes are illegal and should be prosecuted.

Name: Jeanne Gibbons
Date: February 19, 2026 11:09:49 pm

Please restore the historical East Wing to its former glory.
Our history is important. It is worth protecting and preserving.
It is sad to see the ruins of a place so rooted in our culture and heritage.
If a ballroom is needed, surely there is a more appropriate location nearby.

Name: PATRICIA CRUZ
Date: February 19, 2026 11:10:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is a travesty and an example of grandiose corruption on the part of trump. Tjhis must be stopped.

Name: Steven Trevallee
Date: February 19, 2026 11:10:17 pm

I support absolutely nothing about the Eastwing modernization project.

The east Wing must be rebuilt.

The process so far has been illegal, ignoring everything except the whims of people in power.

Name: Jonathan Finkelman
Date: February 19, 2026 11:12:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Huff
Date: February 19, 2026 11:14:19 pm

This alteration of an historic building in this way is unacceptable. Not only does it significantly change the external appearance of an iconic building in a way the grossly impacts the balance and symmetry of the building -- rendering it a monstrosity and eyesore -- but it also involves a significant expenditure of public funds at a time when so many Americans are struggling. We'd much rather have those funds come back to our communities for roads, bridges, schools and Healthcare than squandered on someone's pet project.
Restore the building to its original configuration. We don't really need (and certainly can't afford) an extravagance like a White House ballroom.

Name: Summer Lyons
Date: February 19, 2026 11:15:11 pm

This is a national tragedy. I'm appalled that the East Wing was destroyed on the whim of a madman.

Name: Jessie Johnston
Date: February 19, 2026 11:16:41 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather, a complete razing of our precious American history. This hasty obliteration of a project needs to be canceled, and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without our approval, and without penalizing those who broke the law, would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans…many who have dreamed of visiting but will never get to see where so many memories before us were made.

Name: Jennifer Sorth
Date: February 19, 2026 11:18:18 pm

I was appalled when President Trump demolished the East Wing of the White House. The White House complex is owned by the American people and has huge historic, symbolic, and emotional significance. The President demolished the East Wing without notice, proper review and permitting, congressional approval, or a good reason for doing it. It was and remains a travesty. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored and its contents returned.

The proposed ballroom is a vanity project that has no place in the White House complex. President Trump can build his ballroom at his presidential library, over which he will have full control. The proposed size of the ballroom at 90,000 square feet is much too big. It would overwhelm the White House itself and deliver a message that the President's overweening vanity is more important than the governance of our great nation. The project is tainted by corruption, as rich individuals and businesses with whom the administration does business have committed to contribute money to the project. Those are inappropriate and illegal bribes. The design reeks of tinpot, 3rd-world dictator vibes and has no place in a complex that is such an important symbol of our nation's dreams and aspirations. Trump wants to construct a nightmare. We should not let him. This project must be rejected.

Name: Jeannette Root
Date: February 19, 2026 11:25:11 pm

I am very concerned about the scale and unattractive design of this project. I urge the committee to reconsider such a large addition and perhaps add a modern and updated addition that suits the scale of the original house. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Joy Bissett
Date: February 19, 2026 11:27:08 pm

I oppose the spending of any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is the people's house.

Name: Chris Maxwell
Date: February 19, 2026 11:28:26 pm

I was absolutely outraged when President Trump demolished the East Wing of the White House in order to build his vanity ballroom. This was done without any sort of prior review and did not follow proper procedures for permitting or

congressional approval. In fact, President Trump replaced the review board which would normally opine on such projects, with his hand-picked lackeys after the fact, and they, of course, approved everything he asked them to/
It should be made clear that this is a completely vanity-driven project, financed by bribes from wealthy business people who want something from Trump. Several architects have criticized the size and scale of the project, which will overwhelm the White House itself. Donald Trump needs to remember that he is a TEMPORARY CUSTODIAN of our nation's capital -- the White House is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. The people have repeatedly made it clear that we want NO KINGS, yet he persists in acting as if he were a king. This has no place happening to such an important symbol of our nations's dreams and heritage. We should not let this happen. This project must be rejected.

Name: Janine Glasheen
Date: February 19, 2026 11:31:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Dolloff
Date: February 19, 2026 11:31:32 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law.

Name: Patrick FirzGerald
Date: February 19, 2026 11:32:07 pm

1) The squatter in the White House demolished the East Wing on a whim, without public input or authorization.
2) No notice was given until the feat was begun.
3) 'We, the People' have no need or desire for a garish and worthless 'Regal Ballroom'.
4) Respectfully request to put it back the way it was.

Name: Nancy Aitkenhead
Date: February 19, 2026 11:37:14 pm

It is appropriate that the US has a ballroom similar to other nations. It is not appropriate, and insecure, to hold official events in tents.

Name: Alina Baciu
Date: February 19, 2026 11:38:42 pm

The ballroom should not dwarf the White House.
In my native Communist Romania of the 1970s and 1980s, public design was increasingly intended to satisfy Nicolae Ceausescu’s obsessions with a certain kind of grandiosity, and to reflect his cult of personality. There is no place in our beautiful city for disproportionate monstrosities intended to glorify one specific president. The White House is the people’s house and its modest scale and relative simplicity of design have thus far been in keeping with our nation’s democratic ideals. Ostentatious gold leaf and a gigantic ballroom for billionaires and other vassals of a would-be king have no place at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW. Ballrooms also seem like an anachronism, a throwback. Our country marks its 250th birthday without a White House ballroom and now that’s suddenly the great need for the 21st century? The city has plenty of venues for presidential inaugural balls, and I don’t think the case has been made for why a White House ballroom is even needed.

Name: Brenda Spencer
Date: February 19, 2026 11:39:34 pm

It is too late to object to the destruction of the East Wing, unfortunately. This was done unlawfully and destroyed a historical site that is truly impossible to replace. Shameful and outrageous. Whatever is going to be built now needs to go through proper planning and legal steps required to ensure the building is appropriate and proportionate to the White House and that the space is used in a way that allows our government to function better. The funding of it needs to be appropriated lawfully.

Name: LuAn Vormier
Date: February 19, 2026 11:41:25 pm

In regards to the East Wing Modernization project, I believe it’s a fantastic idea.

The White House should have a majestic space to host large events. The ballroom will be a significant addition to our capital. One that our current President and Future Presidents can be proud of.

Even though the plans have materialized quickly, they were well overdo. The United States of America is celebrating its 250 year anniversary, and as powerful nation it’s nice to see the White House evolve and meet the future demand. It’s a ballroom to host large events…it not critical mission. Build it and they will come! Not put a tent up and walk on the grass!

It should represent the future not the past and the future looks bright!
Build it! Do it Now! Don’t look back!

Name: Katelyn Sisk
Date: February 19, 2026 11:41:39 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing ballroom addition. As someone who works in design and deeply values historic architecture, I believe this project is out of scale and inconsistent with the character and legacy of the White House grounds.

The White House is not just another building site, but it is a symbol with extraordinary historical and cultural significance. Any changes to it should be approached with great restraint, transparency, and respect for established preservation standards.

I urge the Commission to reconsider.

Name: Anna Santilli
Date: February 19, 2026 11:42:42 pm

Funny name for this as the East Wing no longer exists. What a sacrilege to tear down part of the People's House, to build a gaudy unnecessary elitist ballroom. Put the White House back the way it was.

Name: Carol Rowey
Date: February 19, 2026 11:43:50 pm

I do not want to see any building constructed on the demolished site that is bigger in size than the White House. I also want the design to be vetted and approved by the local building authorities and the White House historical commission. And I want all local laws regarding building structures to be followed to a T. And I’d like to see a law pass that you can’t tear down something before you have approvedplans for it.

Name: Mary Adams
Date: February 19, 2026 11:44:59 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of a symbol of treasured, shared American history. I am strongly urging that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Franco Pasquale
Date: February 19, 2026 11:45:51 pm

To whom it may concern,

Franco A. Pasquale ASID
[redacted]
February 18, 2026

Re: Formal Objection to Demolition and Proposed Replacement Structure

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection regarding the demolition of the historic building that previously stood on this site and the scale and architectural direction of the proposed replacement.

As a professional designer and architect, I do not see buildings as simple real estate assets. They are part of our cultural record and civic identity. A historic structure, particularly one held in public trust, belongs to the people. Its removal without meaningful public consent reflects a serious lapse in stewardship and transparency.

What is equally troubling is the scale and massing of the proposed new building. From what has been presented, its overall size, height, and visual dominance are entirely out of proportion with its surroundings. The structure will dwarf our White House, diminishing its presence and symbolic importance. This is not simply a matter of preference. It is a matter of architectural proportion and civic respect.

Architecture has physical and symbolic weight. When a new building overpowers a historic landmark, it disrupts balance and undermines the integrity of the setting. The White House must retain its visual and architectural primacy within the landscape. The proposed structure, as currently designed, shadows and competes with it rather than supporting it.

The scale must be reduced substantially. The massing must be reconsidered. The hierarchy implied in the current design reads as self important and imposing, rather than contextual and respectful. Good architecture does not compete with heritage. It frames it and allows it to stand with dignity.

I strongly urge the governing body to pause and reevaluate this project. A meaningful public review process should be conducted. The building size should be scaled back significantly to preserve appropriate proportional relationships and protect view corridors. Decisions that affect historic civic landmarks must be made with care, humility, and public input.

We are entrusted with protecting the integrity of our most important buildings for future generations. Development may be necessary, but it must be thoughtful, measured, and aligned with the character and importance of what already exists.

I respectfully request that this proposal be reconsidered with the seriousness it deserves.

Sincerely,
Franco A. Pasquale
Founding Principal
Franco A Pasquale Design Associates, Inc.
Tampa, Florida

Name: Alison Shearer
Date: February 19, 2026 11:47:19 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is a tragedy. The proposed ballroom addition is a flagrant disregard of the history of the site. Additionally, the size of the proposed ballroom is disproportional to the White House. The destruction and the proposed addition should never have happened. The White House does not need a separate ballroom, as it already has the ability to hold events IN the White House. On behalf of the American public, we should preserve the people's palace, and oppose any ballroom addition.

Name: Bonnie Barfield
Date: February 19, 2026 11:47:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathy Pyles
Date: February 19, 2026 11:48:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and want it cancelled as it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. There was no conversation with Congress just like there was no conversation with Congress to rename the Kennedy Center.

This is clearly not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. THe East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Someone PLEASE see that this vanity ballroom project is stopped immediately, and the White House is restored to its prior status.

Name: Trudy Jones
Date: February 19, 2026 11:50:12 pm

This ballroom project is a travesty and the project of a deranged old egotistical man who does not have the power to desecrate an historical landmark for a shrine of his sickness. Stop this project !

Name: Ilene April
Date: February 19, 2026 11:54:31 pm

One of the first things we learn in design school is appropriateness and scale. This project is neither appropriate for the space or fits the scale.
The White House is the people’s house and thus should not be overshadowed by a ballroom.
I would have appreciated that this project had gone through the proper approval channels.
Please reconsider this design.

Name: Bonita Tweeton
Date: February 19, 2026 11:58:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Beth Westerlund
Date: February 19, 2026 11:58:49 pm

Terminate this unlawful project. The people's house does not need a gaudy ballroom. It's a ridiculous waste of money and simply a way for billionaires to curry favor from Trump. Put that money into investigating the Trump-Epstein Files. Those women deserve justice.

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

Total comments: 917

February 20, 2026

Name: Stacy Chiavaro
Date: February 20, 2026 12:02:16 am

The White House East wing modernization plans do not take into account the scale of the historic land which it is designed for. Its grossly over scaled design over shadows the classically designed Executive Residence and West Wing structures. The design approval process has been pushed through with zero public review or approval. It’s an offense to our democratic system and tax dollars we work hard for. Please do not approve this design.

Name: Michael Brennan
Date: February 20, 2026 12:05:51 am

This project is a good example of the use of the philosophy, “It’s better to ask for forgiveness later than to seek permission first.” I see no reason to reward the applicant with an abbreviated process up just because the demolition presents a ruined site for consideration. My primary concerns revolve around the site’s density and park-like character. Both are threatened by the current proposal. First, the footprint of the structures before demolition already pushed the limits for space density. The proposed ballroom and east wing would obliterate any semblance of proportion. Second, this imbalance would also remove the precious garden character of the site, which was already eroded by the destruction of the Rose Garden. The proposed project will hasten this urbanization of a formerly park-like setting to a shadow of its former self. Approval of the project would do irreparable harm that would be universally regretted later, as is the case with all lost natural spaces. The solution, then is to reduce the footprint and height of the proposed structures.

Name: Cherie Thomas
Date: February 20, 2026 12:11:11 am

I oppose this project moving forward because it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The impetuous destruction of an historical site and the “people’s house “ is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I support canceling this project and restoring the East Wing of the to its former design updated to current construction codes and with the reviews, permits and oversight required by law. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without holding those who broke the law accountable would be an affront to me personally and all law-abiding Americans! I do not oppose progress, but support progress within the legal constraints that assure history is honored and preserved and the people’s house is representative of and honors all the people of this great nation! Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Virginia Greenwald
Date: February 20, 2026 12:11:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Helen Cherullo
Date: February 20, 2026 12:15:34 am

The outrageous desecration of "the Peoples' House" must be remedied. This vandalism was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and returning the East Wing to its original historic design would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debra Eliason
Date: February 20, 2026 12:16:00 am

The East wing should be proportional to the size of the White House. It should not become a 90000sf ballroom which would rarely be used. It should be rebuilt to meet the needs of the people.

Name: Benjamin Gorman
Date: February 20, 2026 12:17:22 am

The White House is the People's House. As such it is meant to remain a symbol of our check-and-balance republic, and an icon of our shared history against oppression. The current regime is daily abrogating not only custom and tradition, but established law and the nation's Constitution, and should not be permitted to—indeed, does not and never will have the authority to—bypass established procedures for evaluating any proposed changes to this or any other historic building or monument in the nation.

I wish to register my extreme displeasure with the actions taken by this present administration with respect to the changes already made, and the proposed modifications to the historic White House. If there is any force that can stop them from continuing their rapacious destruction of history, tradition, and ethical standards, it should be brought to bear on this fascistic regime with extreme prejudice.

Name: Thomas Coleman
Date: February 20, 2026 12:21:08 am

Remember the East Wing

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law-abiding citizens.

Name: Christine Wong
Date: February 20, 2026 12:23:32 am

This East Wing monstrosity is all about Trump and absolutely nothing about the most important building in the United States. There needs to be a true review and approval not by Trump appointed sycophants but by an actual professional review board.

Name: Michael Evans
Date: February 20, 2026 12:26:43 am

The project is generally overscaled. The video pointed out that its cornice line is at the same height as that of the White House itself; that causes it to compete with, not complement, the White House. And because the footprint of the new project dwarfs that of the White House, it's not a very fair competition - the White House is being clobbered.

At the very least, there's no reason why the main level can't be lower, with the support spaces at least partially below grade, which would reduce the need for all those steps down to the exterior. But I'd go further and question why this project needs to be directly adjacent to the White House at all. If there is a need for such a huge National State Ballroom like this, it would be more appropriate, and less limited, if it were on its own site somewhere else in the capital. It's telling that in the video the presenter felt the need to end by showing images trying to justify this large intrusion by arguing that it would be hidden by mature trees in some key views.

Neoclassical design is proposed for this project, no doubt in the name of compatibility with the White House, but there is a high risk of creating a building whose neoclassical credentials will be found sorely wanting when compared with the White House itself or even the US Treasury across the street. Even as recently as 100 years ago many architects were trained and fully fluent in the language of classical architecture; that fluency is extremely rare today. Too often, when classicism is attempted today, it's just a shallow, illiterate effort of slapping columns and cornices onto a modern building without any sense of proportion or knowledge of how the pieces go together. It's very, very, easy to aim at elegant grandeur, but instead produce something loud, large, and vulgar that would be more appropriate in Las Vegas than Washington DC. (If you're wondering, yes, I have been a practicing licensed architect for almost 40 years.)

For this reason I would suggest further opportunities be made for the public to offer comments as the design progresses in greater detail.

Name: Saba Taghvai
Date: February 20, 2026 12:27:49 am

Please consider a different, smaller, and more timeless design than the current proposal which sways away from the historic and traditional architecture.

Name: Constance Tolliver
Date: February 20, 2026 12:28:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Burke
Date: February 20, 2026 12:34:09 am

The current plans for the modernization of the east wing in short is an abomination. While a new wing and ballroom may be needed with appropriate security the size and scale should not overwhelm the existing historic White House. It is completely out of proportion and frankly absurd from a design perspective

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Name: Cindy Mendoza
Date: February 20, 2026 12:34:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tracy Morrison
Date: February 20, 2026 12:36:46 am

I vehemently oppose this project- as an American citizen & taxpayer. The demolition that has already taken place in my White House by this administration without permission exceeds boundaries & must be stopped. Do not allow any further destruction.

Name: Diane Easley
Date: February 20, 2026 12:38:44 am

I oppose the spending of any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the funds raised to be used for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Sara Orozco
Date: February 20, 2026 12:42:35 am

I strongly disagree with how this project has moved forward and oppose spending $300 million on this project. With blatent disregard for policy and procedure, the East Wing of the people's house was destroyed. There was no regard for historical preservation or public comment. While changes are regularly made to the White House, they are executed according to regulation and through a process. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Changes should be made in accordance with law and procedure.

Name: Rose Bacchi
Date: February 20, 2026 12:43:37 am

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is a disgrace to the United States of America.

Name: Marcia Janke
Date: February 20, 2026 12:44:18 am

Obviously the East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it no longer exists.
Rebuild to the original blue prints of grace and decorum with modern upgrades to wiring, plumbing, ADA access etc. It's function is not a monument to greed and gaudy decore.
Restore the Rose Garden and strip the White House of those embarrassing gold accoutrements. Give the White House, the East Wing and anything else that has been obliterated by this wanna-be dictator back it's dignity.
And make sure that those millions of dollars for reparations do not come out of the pockets of the American public. Trump claims he has the $400 million to pay for building his monstrosity to bad taste, so channel that money directly into restoring the damage he has done.

Name: Kelsey Roberts
Date: February 20, 2026 12:44:54 am

$300 million to fund this project is a disgusting misuse of American tax payer money when Children are loosing school lunch and Medicare and healthcare are being gutted. I oppose this project on civil and moral grounds. No one is above the law. I want the project stopped, the east wing restored, and those responsible held accountable.

Thanks for your time and consideration

Kelsey Roberts

Name: Laurie Lindsay
Date: February 20, 2026 12:48:21 am

I am so upset about the demolition of the East Wing and am strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its

former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Florence Caplow
Date: February 20, 2026 12:49:01 am

East Wing Modernization Project? It's gone, dust, dirt. Without a single consultation or permit. No government or individual should get away with destroying a historic property of this magnitude, and I can't think of a historic property of greater magnitude than the White House, without serious consequences. This project should be canceled entirely and the original East Wing recreated. Hopefully the historic furniture and paintings have been preserved so they can be returned to their rightful places. This modernization project is an abomination and a travesty of "preservation". Please do not allow it to go forward.

Name: Sylvia Beaudoin
Date: February 20, 2026 12:49:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete erasing of our culture and American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead simply because the current president wants his mark on the peoples house, without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Stop this project immediately.

Name: Jacob Laws
Date: February 20, 2026 12:53:09 am

This is an absurd and relentlessly gauche, distasteful, boring, and (while not shocking) tedious display of a person needing to prove something. More than likely, to inherently prove something isn’t small by building something big. The thing about this monstrosity is that it alters The People’s House and makes a mockery out of a lasting and powerful piece of architecture in our country that is the symbol of diplomacy, a united nation, hope, greatness, and - although its current residents lack this powerful element in gaining respect - good taste. This is the most ridiculous and stupid use of countless hours of (some) creative minds, hundreds of jobs which could be utilized on one of the other many projects that are in actual need of attention not to mention the shocking cost and irresponsible use of funds - whether those are public or private. Can we not live without a 90,000 square foot ballroom? Would it be so unimaginable to focus our energy on rebuilding a sense of security and safety and unity instead of an unattractive and unnecessarily large mausoleum on the grounds of the White House? Did I mention it’s ugly? If I didn’t add it to the list of my oppositions. Thank you. Jacob Laws

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Name: Gary Bizman
Date: February 20, 2026 12:57:17 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of millions on this project, regardless of whether the funds come from sycophant billionaires' pledging their fealty or from public coffers. It was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in order to create a vanity project. I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, so to permit this project to go forward and those who broke the law not be penalized would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laurie Lindsay
Date: February 20, 2026 12:58:08 am

I am resending my comments because I entered my email address incorrectly:

I strongly oppose the tear down of the East Wing and the spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law

and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Cathy Teegardin
Date: February 20, 2026 1:11:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million to construct a “ballroom” where the East Wing once stood. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. The White House is the People’s house, and one man should not be allowed to destroy it to satisfy his narcissistic whims.

Name: Danielle Goyette
Date: February 20, 2026 1:14:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Eveler
Date: February 20, 2026 1:25:12 am

I am echoing others comments because they EXACTLY match my own thoughts, feelings, and concerns.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I couldn't say it better if I tried. Please hear me.

Name: Deborah Round
Date: February 20, 2026 1:33:34 am

I express my strong opposition to the White House East Wing modernization project. None of the proper channels or authorizations have been followed. The White House belongs to ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS and the American public is entitled to participate in the process.

Name: Patricia Schenk
Date: February 20, 2026 1:33:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Moira Stephens
Date: February 20, 2026 1:36:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with Trump paying in full for the destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Respectfully,
Moira Stephens

Name: Georgette McGehee
Date: February 20, 2026 1:38:59 am

This so-called "modernization" is little more than masturbatory adulation to a wounded ego. Damaged egos are best healed with therapy and not a paean to someone's delusions of grandeur.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Valarie Brady
Date: February 20, 2026 1:45:24 am

I object to the spending 300 million dollars on the construction of a ballroom on the previous site of the east wing. United States of America does not need a big gaudy space for dancing or grand scale banquets, most especially in a time that so many are struggling with making their next mortgage payment, house and car insurances, put food on the table, and pay for medications!
The destruction of the East Wing was done without following protocol, and whatever is decided next for its space should follow that protocol. The East wing holds a great amount of history and must be restored to its original use and purpose.
Valarie Brady
Registered voter

Name: Brenda Pierce
Date: February 20, 2026 1:59:10 am

The White House belongs to the people of the United States and any changes to it should be approved by the people. The east Wayne.should be restored to its original design.. it’s destruction was totally unlawful.

Name: Matthew Farnum-Schneider
Date: February 20, 2026 2:06:12 am

The East Wing of the White House should have never been destroyed and should be restored brick by brick to its original design.

Name: Lacey Hatmaker
Date: February 20, 2026 2:10:23 am

We should not be destroying historical public property that is well maintained and in good repair just for the sake of it. The amount of money proposed for this project is unnecessary. I would like to see the East Wing restored. This project was not reviewed or permitted properly from the beginning and should not be occuring.

Name: Jacqueline Apel
Date: February 20, 2026 2:11:41 am

I am writing to voice my objections to the planned construction of the 90,000 square foot ballroom, which would replace the now former East Wing of the White House, torn down this past fall by the Trump Administration without the approval of Congress, or any other organization or service that presides over historical buildings in the city.

The plans for this ballroom seem to be completely incongruous and out of proportion and character with the existing

architecture of the historic White House, and they leave me with the impression that both the history and beauty of the original People's House is being erased and replaced with something that is overly large, ostentatious, and foreign in feeling; and which has no meaningful relevance to the original architecture of the House, or even the lawn on which it is sited.

The present White House is considered a premiere example of the Neoclassical Palladian style of architecture, built by the Irish architect James Hoban between 1792 and 1800, said to be influenced by Leinster House in Dublin. The White House is the most important symbol of our country, representing America and its ideals of Democracy. It carries the historic memory of all of the past Presidents who have lived there and the notable events that have shaped our nation's history. The architecture itself can be described as "understated elegance," with the original mansion being perfectly positioned in the center of the front and back lawns, surrounded by a fountain, as well as trees and shrubs that elegantly frame the House and grounds. It is both elegant inside as well as out, with its many beautiful rooms, paintings, and furnishings. The large, open back lawn looks out towards the National Monument and beyond, and is home to a substantial number of trees growing on it that create a lightly forested area in a lovely park-like setting, while also providing privacy for Presidents and their first families, in the middle of the city. The positioning of the home with its beautiful front portico and circular drive through, and front and back lawns was carefully done. The stately appearance of The White House as seen from Pennsylvania Avenue and Lafayette Park, is also one of beauty and timelessness. It is situated like a jewel in the middle of the busy downtown area and surrounded by the lovely plantings and trees which until recently, partially hid both the East and West wings. The back of the White House has equally lovely architecture, with its large, circular Truman balcony and South Portico, framed by the double twin staircases on either side that bring people outside to the enjoy the view of the expansive back lawn.

The White House has been an enduring symbol of hope and prosperity, as well as all the ideals of Democracy, including freedom, equality, and justice around which our country has until most recently, been built. The White House was never meant to be an imposing palace, but rather just the opposite. Known as "the People's House," it represents all citizens who live in our country, as part of our Democratic ideal, and as such was created to be an open and welcoming place. It was not meant to overwhelm or to impose upon the setting like the planned ballroom architecture seems to, destined to replace the gracious East Wing that has now been torn down, without approval or permission. The ballroom plans show it extending outward to take over nearly one-half of that side of the back lawn. The plans seem to show this structure whose scale is so large that it competes visually with the size of the original White House, altering the gracious symmetry of the two, balanced wings which were built lower in height so as not to take away from the focal point of the central features of the mansion. As seen in a photo featured in the below article found on the "Thought.co" website, the White House's two wings were actually tucked away on either side of the main portion of the mansion, and surrounded by beautiful trees which created a secluded, park-like setting all across the lawn, making one feel that they are not really in the middle of a city.

Please visit the following website to see several photos of the White House, and one particular photo that shows its two wings from an aerial view, framed and hidden by trees on both sides, at this link:
https://www.thoughtco.com/the-white-house-washington-d-c-178067
Citation: Craven, Jackie. "Building the White House in Washington, D.C." ThoughtCo, Apr. 24, 2025, thoughtco.com/the-white-house-washington-d-c-178067.

One of the most well known facts about the original design and planning of the city of Washington, D.C. is that its buildings were not allowed to be built too high so that they might obscure a view, and the open green spaces that characterize the city from the lawn of The White House to the National Mall, and around the tidal basin where the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials are, as well as other parts of the city that expand outward towards Georgetown for example, are all noted for their beauty. The city was never meant to hold large, imposing structures that would not fit into this original design. Its historic legacy can be seen in the many beautiful buildings found across the main section of the downtown area along Connecticut Avenue from Dupont Circle, south to 17th Street and on, to the National Mall. These features are part of an overall, carefully designed plan created by Pierre L'Enfant that had elegance, symmetry, and logic built into it. L'Enfant's plan was inspired by Paris and the Baroque style of architecture. It was described as having "radiating avenues and grand public squares, as well as elevated locations" that were centrally positioned and proportioned within the plan, (such as the siting of The White House). The original design of the city has served us all well for the past 250 years, in fact.

While the Trump Administration describes their ballroom project as solving a problem of lack of entertainment space at the White House where the need to be able to hold large numbers of guests and foreign dignitaries is being answered, I think that the ballroom would in fact, be a large, overwhelming structure that lacks the warmth and elegance that the original White House has. It is a cold and imposing structure that constitutes an enormous eyesore on the horizon next to the White House. With a price tag of $400 million, it also seems like a huge waste of money, whether privately funded or

not; and gives the impression more of a private palace in which the President can hold his own private events (some which may not even have anything to do with the important issues facing our government and country, today). Although the project is described as being architecturally in the same "traditional spirit" as the current White House architecture, the architectural plans indicate something that would be much too large to be sited next to the main House, creating a visual distraction, even though it would be turned at a right angle, and connected by some type of covered hallway. It competes visually with the elegant design of the original White House, which also features Palladian windows, but much smaller ones than in the proposed ballroom. There is no aesthetic or tasteful integration with the main house, and the number of large, full-room-length Palladian style windows on all four sides of the ballroom completely dwarf the smaller, elegant ones found in the original White House. Furthermore, the temple-like feature with columns designed for the back end of the ballroom that resemble a Greek portico, looking out over the lower half of what would be left of the back lawn, seems to be yet another overwhelming detail. The architecture of this ballroom is cold and uninviting to be perfectly blunt. Furthermore, the lawn, which has been an area where Easter egg rolls and other holiday events have been celebrated over numerous years, would now have an additional circular driveway across the center of it, presumably to drive the guests in and out of the area, creating more cement and traffic, where this lawn once was. This ostentatious ballroom does not really fit with the historic aesthetic and elegance of The White House at all, or the lovely lawn and grounds as they appear today. It just overpowers and obliterates them. Trees that have graced the White House lawn for a century or more would be eliminated to make room for this new monstrosity. The ballroom is so large in scale as to dwarf the original mansion, and would totally transform the grounds in a very unsettling way.

What then, is the point of historic preservation if buildings like The White House and its grounds, which have been until recently considered sacred, can just be replaced and transformed in such a bold manner, destroying the physical appearance and beauty of what has been recognized for over 200 years as a symbol of our country and all it stands for? The fact that this historic property and its history can now be completely overwritten and overpowered by a ballroom which is nothing more than a vanity project for President Trump, is astonishing.

While it may be true that there is a lack of meaningful space for large groups for entertainment, the sheer size of this ballroom is just out of proportion to the rest of the grounds, and the White House building itself. If history is now so indispensable that no one any longer cares about the original architecture of the White House or its beauty and tasteful design, not to mention historical significance, then what kind of a nation have we become? Although the ballroom is a separate building, its size is unacceptable and it looks totally alien and out of place. If the plans were scaled back and more tastefully integrated, and they were to leave surrounding woodland intact, then it might become more acceptable. But currently these plans in fact have not been approved by Congress or the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and no one else other than President Trump and his private donors has had any say in them. The building does not represent our country in any meaningful or useful way, and the President really does not have the right to make such a huge transformation without seeking the approval of Congress, the National Park and Planning service, or to abide by the recommendations of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The plans need to be scaled back to a more reasonable size, or just stopped altogether until others can have a voice and weigh in on what should replace the now destroyed East Wing.

I lived in the Washington DC area for many years and worked as a docent at the nearby Corcoran Gallery of Art, which is a fine example of French, Beaux-Arts architecture and design. The museum's original art collection is now dispersed at other museums across the city, due to the unfortunate bankruptcy and mismanagement of the museum's funds by the former Board of Trustees. I am familiar with the architecture of Washington, D.C. as well as its museums and artworks, and I believe that this architectural plan does not really meet the standards of the city, its beauty, or its past. We need to rethink whether allowing such a large and drastic change is really in the best interests of the city and its design, as well as the people, and future occupants of The White House. As mentioned in one of several articles in The Washington Post about the ballroom project, emphasizing statements made by Judge Leon who is presiding over the case currently before the court that was brought by The National Trust for Historic Preservation to block the building of the ballroom. Here are some notable quotations and thoughts from two of the published articles on the project:

Article 1:
Commission, packed with Trump allies, approves White House ballroom project
-The Commission of Fine Arts voted unanimously to approve the nearly 90,000-square-foot building’s design. A federal judge is weighing whether to halt the project.

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"The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a nonprofit charged by Congress with preserving historic buildings, criticized the commission’s unexpectedly truncated process, including the decision to approve final plans that were not

presented or reviewed."

"The commission “bypassed its obligation to provide serious design review and consider the views of the American people,” the National Trust, which is suing the Trump administration to stop ballroom construction, said in a statement. Trump has framed the ballroom as a top priority, repeatedly extolling the design in public remarks and saying that presidents need a permanent space to entertain VIP guests. He has also defended the cost of the planned $400 million project, saying that it is being funded by private donations."

"...the White House had failed to undertake legally required reviews as well as obtain authorization from Congress before demolishing the East Wing."

"Democrats and watchdog groups have questioned whether ballroom contributors, including major corporations such as Amazon, Google and Palantir that collectively have billions of dollars in contracts before the administration, will receive special access or other perks in exchange for their gifts. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.) Some Democrats have acknowledged the potential value of renovating the White House grounds but said the ballroom should be far smaller and go through congressional review, to ensure transparency."

"Polls have found that most Americans oppose the president’s planned ballroom. Twenty-five percent of respondents said they supported tearing down the East Wing to build the ballroom, compared with 58 percent who opposed the project, according to an Economist/YouGov poll conducted this month."

Article 2:
Federal judge questions Trump’s authority to build White House ballroom
-Judge Richard Leon focused on whether the Trump administration’s use of private donations to fund the $400 million project was an “end run” around Congress.

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""A federal judge on Thursday questioned whether the Trump administration is legally allowed to build President Donald Trump’s planned White House ballroom, asking Justice Department lawyers to cite a law that gives him the power to do so."

"The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a nonprofit group charged by Congress with helping preserve historic buildings, sued the Trump administration in December, arguing that the White House had failed to undertake legally required reviews as well as obtain authorization from Congress before demolishing the East Wing."

“The president is a temporary resident of the White House. He’s not the landlord,” said Tad Heuer, a Foley Hoag lawyer representing the National Trust, calling for a halt to construction.

“He’s a steward,” [Judge] Leon replied."

Name: Nina Liakos
Date: February 20, 2026 2:14:14 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Julie Keegstra
Date: February 20, 2026 2:18:58 am

I support rebuilding the East Wing as it was. I was disgusted by the tearing down of an historic part of the People’s House without the proper, legal authorization. A ballroom is not what I want to see attached to the White House. Also, please restore the Rose Garden without a concrete patio.

Name: Paul Marcarelli
Date: February 20, 2026 2:24:31 am

The proposed East Wing Modernization Project must not be allowed to move ahead as proposed. The scale, design -- and the manner in which it has been undertaken -- is an outrage to the Democracy the People's House is meant to represent.

Name: Aliz Raksi
Date: February 20, 2026 2:30:02 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Clausen
Date: February 20, 2026 2:32:07 am

I strongly feel this project has been pushed through without the input of the American citizens and should be halted immediately. It has already caused historic buildings to be lost to future generations and completely disregards the aesthetic intentions of the original designers of the White House. It in no way represents the spirit of the America we love. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Hillary Niblo
Date: February 20, 2026 2:34:20 am

I support the proposed new East Wing Project. All the negative comments I read seem to be solely from TDS suffers against Trump and anything and everything he does. Opposition not rooted in reality. Political opposition only which I believe is ridiculous. The need for such a function space in this day and age of extreme security needs is much overdue.

Name: John Hanson
Date: February 20, 2026 2:39:23 am

The ONLY way this "ballroom" construction project should proceed is with full consent of a commission of former US presidents and vice-presidents. Donald Trump is trying to gild a lily. This "lily" is not in need of gold-plating. Our Whitehouse is in need of a restoration of integrity. That doesn't happen with a facade.

Name: Nanette Bishop
Date: February 20, 2026 2:46:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans!

Name: Hollie Kalkstein
Date: February 20, 2026 2:49:04 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated

by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Lindsey Dickinson
Date: February 20, 2026 2:51:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Meredith Ambroson
Date: February 20, 2026 3:05:35 am

The destruction of the White House East wing is a travesty and the idea of replacing it with a ballroom is both an embarrassment and a misappropriation of government funds. I do not support the construction of a ballroom in any way, shape or form. I think no construction or demolition of public government buildings should take place without first going through the appropriate application and approval process.

Name: Mj Cavallo
Date: February 20, 2026 3:08:40 am

I was very disturbed when Trump had the East Wing bulldozed. The symetical ballance that lent dignity to the White House is forever gone.

The plans that have been submitted so far call for a huge ballroom. Aside from its being financed by private individuals and institutions, the grandiose size will destroy preportions. It will diminish the House itself.

A smaller, proportionate addition is far more desireable. I also wonder how it will effect traffic in this congested area.

Name: Brooks Robinson
Date: February 20, 2026 3:14:44 am

I oppose the proposed plan to modernize the East Wing. From what I have seen in public reports, its huge size is inappropriate in relationship to the main White House building: it is aesthetically offensive. In addition, one of the most significant aspects of the White House is its modest size, which symbolizes and conveys humility. We call the White House the People’s House for a reason: we are not a monarchy.

Equally offensive is the ethical murkiness of the plan to fund this project. I am a retired civil servant, and I always understood that our government was not allowed to take gifts from private citizens. Is it not actually illegal to fund the project this way?

Name: Robert Mallah
Date: February 20, 2026 4:12:36 am

Against the Trump ballroom replacing the historical East Wing. The East Wing should be reconstructed at Trump's expense..

Name: Mary-Louise Totton
Date: February 20, 2026 4:12:58 am

The demolition of this historic structure is not a modernization but an erasure of a historic public monument. This was done without authorization and the destruction has broken multiple laws. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored and those guilty of this unlawful act punished. We are a nation of laws.

Name: Sherri Baker
Date: February 20, 2026 4:19:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on project ballroom, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It isnt Modernization, it is the current President Trump in abuse of power, and I as an American, want to see the White House shine again in its original glory.

Name: Shane Meeker
Date: February 20, 2026 4:22:25 am

I am totally opposed to constructing a ballroom where the East Wing formerly stood. Trump should be required to restore the East Wing, as it was, at his personal expense. He doesn't intend to use it as a ballroom, but rather as a throne room.

Name: Allen Bergal
Date: February 20, 2026 4:38:37 am

I am opposed to the building of a giant ballroom to replace the illegally destroyed East wing of the white house. I want grass planted over the site till this excuse for a human at the helm of our grand country is gone. I do not want illicitly gained monies to be used to build a public building that no one will want to use. Please stop the madness.

Name: Marcy Taylor
Date: February 20, 2026 4:49:46 am

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Name: Bonnie Huval
Date: February 20, 2026 5:06:52 am

The White House belongs to all Americans, not the President whom we allow to reside in it while in office. It is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. Donald J. Trump demolished the East Wing without notice, without bothering to adhere to legal restrictions or protocols, without obtaining permits, and without bothering to preserve elements of it that held historical significance. It was a spectacular act of vandalism which must not be tolerated, let alone encouraged by letting him replace it with a vanity project.

The National Capital Planning Commission should demand reconstruction of the East Wing as it was before it was illegally demolished. No deviations from the original should be allowed. Donald J. Trump should pay for reconstruction from his personal funds. The taxpayer has already been harmed once by his lawless actions in this regard and should not

have to pay again to remediate the damage he wrought.

No one is supposed to be above the law in the USA. That is established by the Constitution, no matter what DOJ policy says. Law enforcement should pursue punishment of Donald J. Trump for the crimes he committed when he tore it down. Private donors to his project should be charged as co-conspirators in the crime. The National Capital Planning Commission should make appropriate referrals to law enforcement to initiate that process.

Name: Neil Krupnick
Date: February 20, 2026 5:12:22 am

The White House is the People's House, not any single individual or administration. The current president is a temporary tenant of the People's House and it is not for him to decide what can be destroyed or built on the property. There is a lawful process for that which he has wilfully ignored. The destruction was bad enough. What the president is proposing is nothing less than a monstrosity.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: ANN PICKENS-CLARK
Date: February 20, 2026 5:13:41 am

I am horrified that the correct process for making massive alterations to the White House has not been followed and that destruction of the East Wing has already occurred. The White House is owned by me and all other Americans, and has been curated so well to date by the National Park Service, so to have the present resident willfully destroy property and plan a major rebuild without due consideration and process is akin to damaging my own house without appropriate permission. The White House is one of the most iconic buildings in the United States and We the People deserve the opportunity to be heard regarding any changes to it, so that we can help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. The present occupant of the building will vacate at the end of his present term, but the building will continue to reflect the heritage and values of our country for many years more.

I wish for an immediate halt to any works on the building until the legally required federal review process has been undertaken and congressional approval obtained following the review. So far, there is no transparency, no accountability and a huge stench of cronyism and corruption. This is not the American way and I want my voice to be heard to ensure that the correct controls are placed on any building works at the White House.

I am requesting the restoration of the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people’s house.

Sincerely,
Ann Pickens-Clark
A proud American citizen

Name: Jennifer Hillman
Date: February 20, 2026 5:16:04 am

I am strongly opposed to the buidling of a huge ballroom as part of the East Wing White House project. I had the honor of working in the White House years ago and of a few limited visits to the East Wing. The proportions and stateliness of the East Week were memorable. I believe contructing a massive, out of proportion ballroom will destroy the look, feel, and message that the White House use to have as a people's house, where the president and his family could live and those adivising the president could work. Adding a huge ballroom that is as large or larger than the rest of the parts of the White House sends a very different message that the White House is about gilded age style balls that only the rich and connected

can attend. I also object to the funding mechanism for the ballroom, as it simply breeds corruption and a desire to buy favor with President Trump.

Name: Linda Donnelly
Date: February 20, 2026 5:20:08 am

This destruction of the “People’s House” is outrageous. The talk of remodeling the ball room didn’t sound absurd but then this administration tore down an entire section of the White House.

Please stop this project and try to repair our house.

Name: Jasin Horowitz
Date: February 20, 2026 5:31:51 am

The work on this project should not have begun without public comment and input. We cannot undo what has been done, but we can work towards putting it back the way it was before it started. There is no reason for this large out of character for the building structure to be built. Please have them return it back to what it was as close as possible as soon as possible. The proposed project is too big and unnecessary for the space while also undercutting the historical significance of this location.

Name: Gail Obrien
Date: February 20, 2026 5:40:30 am

Please return the east wing to its original historic glory. It means so much to many American families of all generations.

Name: Sandra Ellingson
Date: February 20, 2026 5:43:23 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If it is anything like what was done to the Rose garden, then I oppose it 100%.

Name: Matthew Sanders
Date: February 20, 2026 5:43:39 am

To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly oppose the current plans in place to build such an ostentatious ballroom. This is clearly not in the public interest, but yet another example of a personal vanity project undertaken by the man currently occupying the White House. This project deserves the proper review and oversight to ensure transparency.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sanders

Name: Cooper Herrlinger
Date: February 20, 2026 5:51:15 am

Hello,
I am writing out of deep concern for the proposed White House ballroom project. While the illegal damage has been done to one of our country’s most sacred buildings, The People’s House, without any respect for historic preservation, the steps

to complete and repair this ‘modernization’ must be taken with care and utmost consideration. The renderings that have been presented show a structure that is completely out of scale and dwarf the White House entirely. There has been no oversight to this project and decisions are being made hastily and without any attention to appropriate design. Historic places matter especially when they are a symbol of our nation and our democracy. I beg that this project not be rushed and that design is held paramount with the utmost respect to the architecture and scale of the White House. The People’s House does not belong to any one person, but belongs to all of us and must be treated with care and consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
With respect and concern,
Cooper Herrlinger
Boston, MA

Name: Jodi daynard
Date: February 20, 2026 6:00:31 am

The White House is the People's House. Does Trump plan to invite the American People to enjoy this ballroom? Did he get the proper authorization to tear down the East Wing and build something meant to aggrandize himself? Both answers are NO. There needs to be a reckoning.

Name: Mary Ellen Camele
Date: February 20, 2026 6:03:11 am

Greetings,

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The people don't need a ballroom. Only President trump needs this. And his rich and famous friends.

Best,
Mary Ellen Camele

Name: Terry Carter
Date: February 20, 2026 6:05:02 am

Asking for comments AFTER demolition has commenced is a cruel joke on the public. The Epstein BFF Trumpf will be impeached over this.

Name: Debra Graves
Date: February 20, 2026 6:12:19 am

Without due review, comment and study, the current administration chose unilaterally to destroy history. Simply: that’s not ok. The White House is the people’s house, not theirs to tinker with based on whims or fancies. Either a) rebuild what was torn down, or b) commence a study / review of what can be built to enhance the site. No one is above the law. No one.

Name: Brenda Wright
Date: February 20, 2026 6:18:36 am

I am adamantly opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project. This is not a modernization project but rather a further complete trashing of American history. The White House is not owned by any singular president and they have no right to redesign it without respecting the proper channels in place. The damage already done is a national tragedy and the East Wing needs to be rebuilt to accurately reflect the historical perspective of the White House, the People's House. The new wing should be compatible in scale and design of the White House and be subordinate to the original structure.

IF a new ballroom is needed, it should be built somewhere else where there is room for a larger building, adequate parking and better traffic flow for historic, safety and security reasons.
Thank you for your time.
Respectfully and sincerely,
Brenda Wright

Name: Jill Luttges
Date: February 20, 2026 6:19:31 am

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Name: KRISTI STARR
Date: February 20, 2026 6:25:32 am

This is quite simple.

The White House is the "people's house", not Trump's personal residence.
There is no NEED for this ballroom.
The administration did NOTHING that is was supposed to do as far getting PROPER PERMISSIONS.

It is just another PAY-TO-PLAY scheme.

Stop this NOW!

Thank you.

Name: Kevin Panko
Date: February 20, 2026 6:28:16 am

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Name: Beth Lawton
Date: February 20, 2026 6:29:40 am

I am writing to express my concern that the East Wing Modernization Project is taking vital public resources, destroying part of an historic building, and circumventing the regulatory practices that help keep development of U.S. buildings and landmarks of a quality that fits our country's history and beliefs. Adding a fancy ballroom to the "people's house" is unnecessary, shameful, and embarrassing, regardless of whether it is privately financed or not. Please stop all construction until the normal channels for development are followed.

Name: Susan Kappler
Date: February 20, 2026 6:30:31 am

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of the White House without approval by oversight agencies. Our history should not be replaced by the travesty that is being proposed. The White House should remain a symbolic image of the humility of the presidential office and not a grand pseudo palace. We should replace it as it was and ensure that the vanity project ballroom never is built.

Name: Susan Berry
Date: February 20, 2026 6:33:09 am

I am greatly opposed to the tearing down of the East Wing to build a ballroom. As a taxpayer and that being the People's House, I have a say in what should be done.
I believe the East wing should be rebuilt to serve the same purposes as before. Historically the People's House was not designed to be a palatial party house. The bigger the ballroom, the bigger the events and all of that is at taxpayer expense. Anything that is done should have to go through the proper channels and keep to the same rules a building of historical significance goes through. It should never be up to whims of one man/woman to decide what to do to the People's House!

Name: Lucy Oddo
Date: February 20, 2026 6:36:20 am

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Name: Laurel Owen
Date: February 20, 2026 6:39:01 am

The east wing should not have been destroyed. And I am opposed to an ugly golden ballroom to glorify the current president. We don't need an eyesore attached to the White House.

Name: Jen Wilson
Date: February 20, 2026 6:50:23 am

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Name: Miriam Goerk
Date: February 20, 2026 6:50:49 am

Trump without permission, destroyed the beloved East Wing! While leaving dangerous air quality and destroying history to fill his selfish ego to have a ridiculous gaudy golden palace for self gratification! He should be made to rebuild it as it was. America does not need any more tributes to a pedophile America has become disgraceful, and Trump has filled it with tribute to his self that are un warranted and unwelcome!

Name: Jeffrey Greer
Date: February 20, 2026 6:50:50 am

Please rebuild the East Wing and a suitable size entertainment center that does not come close to the size of the one currently being proposed. It is so out of scale to our Historical WH core that it will forever be looked at with disgust. Do not do this to our beautiful White House grounds. It is not who we are as a Country and should be vetted by a group of experts that are not political. Thank you for your consideration, Jeffrey Greer

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Name: Elizabeth Gagnon
Date: February 20, 2026 6:56:22 am

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Name: Cindy Wentz
Date: February 20, 2026 6:56:48 am

I am an American born citizen. I do not approve of any part of this $300 million dollar vanity project. Trump did not ask permission from you, Congress, the American people, he did not abate the demolition properly, have a plan or any sort of design. The East Wing is iconic, historical and cherished. We don't need a ballroom. Not even if were the right size.

If the East Wing needed some modernization, Trump should follow protocol, and ask permission FIRST. I would also say he alone, using his own money, should pay for proper abatement, and reconstruct the East Wing as it was.

Thank you.

Name: Carol Bosco Baumann
Date: February 20, 2026 6:57:10 am

To Whom It May Concern:

As a follower of history and the preservation of historic structures, I was very disturbed by the destruction of the East Wing and all the history that was lost. Now, I am deeply concerned that the new construction will overwhelm the White House itself and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.

The White House is owned by the American people, and I am grateful for the opportunity to submit comments about this historic building, with its design approved by President George Washington himself! The White House is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation’s ideals.

Please follow the federally recognized Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation which state that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features.

I respectfully urge the Administration and the National Park Service to PAUSE demolition until plans for the proposed ballroom go through the legally required public review processes, including consultation and review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. And please consider the opinion of people like me, who have a high regard for history and architecture and want to see our US treasures preserved for generations to come.

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Name: Jamie Kilian
Date: February 20, 2026 6:59:38 am

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Name: Kathrine Pease
Date: February 20, 2026 7:00:20 am

I oppose this illegal destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House and the plans to create a giant gilded ballroom that serves no purpose other than to feed the massive ego of one senile man. No one applied for the proper permits to do any of this. There was no formal approval. This historic House and all its property belong to the people of the United States of America and is subject to the laws and regulations required for the renovation of National Historic properties. Not only must it be rebuilt exactly as it was, this president should be subject to the same consequences as any citizen would be for the senseless destruction, and he personally should be financially responsible, for the entire bill.

Name: Nancy McDermott
Date: February 20, 2026 7:00:26 am

It's despicable that the people's house has been destroyed. Our house has been ruined by this destructive administration without our consent. Shameful actions are taking place in our name with our taxes! Put it back and investigate this

miscarriage of justice.
Concerned citizen and I pay my taxes, unlike the Epstein class of this country.
Do something right for the people!

Name: Melissa Evans
Date: February 20, 2026 7:01:28 am

This is an abomination and destruction of the people's house to serve a sociopath's ego. It must be stopped.

Name: Harry Cooper
Date: February 20, 2026 7:04:12 am

We are not a monarchy and the White House is not a palace. Unbalancing the classical symmetry of this notably modest head-of-state residence when compared to that of other nations by adding an outsized and overweight ballroom as its new east wing is not just aesthetically objectionable but far more important would announce in concrete visual terms that the social function of holding lavish parties is of more importance than the Presidential work of guiding the nation.and serving the people. Let us remember who serves and who is being served.

Name: Sarah Lydon
Date: February 20, 2026 7:07:59 am

I cannot remember ever being moved to write on behalf of the preservation of a building that I did not know and love personally, but like many Americans I have been appalled at the thoughtless destruction of the East Wing of the "people's house" and feel strongly about its future. The project cannot continue without the oversight and guidance of professional architects, landscape architects, historians, hopefully to rein in the horrifying excess, pointless expense, and utter disharmony of the current plans. The precedent being set here is shameful.

Name: Angie Fulford
Date: February 20, 2026 7:08:21 am

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Name: Kristy Wolfe Wolfe
Date: February 20, 2026 7:09:42 am

To whom it may concern,

Please keep the White House in its past style - additional space is ok, but something double in size is not. Maybe update wiring, have ADA entrances added. Do not let the current administration run rampant and destroy the inherent integrity of the peoples house.

Thank you,
Kristy W
Leesburg

Name: Vickie Stangl
Date: February 20, 2026 7:09:57 am

The East Wing was destroyed without any regard for the historical importance of the building & as a national treasure to the American people. I am heartsick at this destruction. We took our 8 & 11 year old granddaughters to visit the White

House the year before it was illegally demolished.We now treasure those memories & pictures of the East Wing, gone forever. I can only urge you to restore the East Wing as historically accurate as possible. To do anything less is a betrayal to America & makes a mockery of preservation efforts & our history. History matters!! President Trump simply had no legal right to tear down the historically rich & revered East Wing. A massive ballroom is totally contradictory to the history & purpose of the “People’s House” & does not reflect the simple elegance of our young nation during the Federalist period. Please restore our home to its historical roots. Thank you.

Name: Megan Simpson
Date: February 20, 2026 7:15:31 am

I oppose this project, which is not a modernization but an erasure of history. It’s a vanity project by a president who did not follow legal procedures to authorize it and an affront to the American people. The project should be halted and The East Wing should be restored to its previous form.

Name: Elizabeth Edwards
Date: February 20, 2026 7:18:16 am

This proposed monstrous ballroom addition must be stopped. I don’t understand how an entire wing of the White House, the people’s house, and its history, have been demolished without giving us a voice in the matter. It’s an outrage. I don’t understand how we got here…

Name: Suzanne Nicoletti-Krase
Date: February 20, 2026 7:19:07 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing moderninization

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Susan Berkenstock
Date: February 20, 2026 7:19:20 am

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Name: Heather Stanton
Date: February 20, 2026 7:19:43 am

I am writing to express my opinion as a U. S. citizen that the White House should not be altered with a new fancy ballroom. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. My husband and I visited it two years ago. As a historic place, I think it should be preserved as is. I also feel that the new ballroom will only benefit the rich and powerful (who will be entertained

there), at taxpayer's expense. Ordinary people are struggling and will receive no benefit from this ballroom, and should not have to pay for it. Most ordinary people will never set foot in it. This is taxing the relative poor to benefit the most privileged, powerful, and wealthiest people. The White House is already quite impressive now, and does not need this "improvement." Thank you for taking this comment.

Name: Audrey Gup-Mathews
Date: February 20, 2026 7:21:27 am

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Name: S. Joshua Mendel
Date: February 20, 2026 7:21:46 am

At a time when people are literally starving and freezing to death, this project is unneeded and a terrible waste of funds--even if it is totlaly outside-funded. (Also a casye for shame if you ask me.) The scope of the project will dwarf the White House. IT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE WORLD.

SInce there is nothing but an empty site now... a crime as I see it!, either filli it in (maybe eith a garden???) or build something of a far lower scale.

Name: Natalie Woodroofe
Date: February 20, 2026 7:30:03 am

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Name: Ellie Bailey
Date: February 20, 2026 7:31:39 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Toy Moreira
Date: February 20, 2026 7:34:51 am

I strongly and unequivocally oppose the decision to proceed with the construction of a ballroom on the White House grounds following the destruction of the East Wing, particularly in the absence of proper congressional authorization. Such an action reflects a troubling disregard for legal process, institutional checks and balances, and the preservation of a historic national landmark. Decisions of this magnitude demand transparency, accountability, and adherence to the rule of law.

Name: Darren Nolen
Date: February 20, 2026 7:35:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristen McKenney
Date: February 20, 2026 7:39:51 am

I beg for someone to halt this project. The White House is the People’s House, not Donald Trump’s to do whatever he wishes to do to it. I KNEW he had plans to build a ballroom (which I thought was ridiculous because the White House already had one), but he had insinuated the current structure would remain untouched. All of a sudden, I see on the news a gaping hole where the West Wing stood. Now he is trying to do the same to the East Wing. This devastation has caused me mental harm. The destruction of a symbol of our lovely democracy, WITHOUT going through the proper channels OR even letting us, the people, have a say so in all these decisions is abhorrent. Please stop this madness and restore the White House to its former glory.

Name: Erin Blackwood
Date: February 20, 2026 7:41:05 am

I oppose what is being called the "East Wing Modernization Project" because it is an illegal and amoral destruction of US History, This demolition was initiated without public input, proper consent or permissions. It is especially offensive because this is The People's House, and The People have had no say in this destruction of history. There has been no true public accounting of a budget for this, or the final design of the proposed renovation. I want this project cancelled. I would like to see the involved decision makers and donors fully investigated and prosecuted if that is called for. No one is above the law, not in the United States. Please protect our history, decency and The People's House. Please restore the East Wing to its previous glory. Thank you.

Name: Lesa Moll
Date: February 20, 2026 7:42:01 am

I believe modernization and increasing the size of the east wing is a great idea. It is said that the White House is the people’s house, but citizens can not just walk into the “people’s house.” For now, it’s President Trump’s house and he should be able to do whatever he pleases with his home. Those that are opposed to this project are just opposed to Trump. He’s our president, give him the respect that he deserves and has earned. May God bless America and President Trump and let all the fighting against him stop!

Name: Anica Miller
Date: February 20, 2026 7:42:44 am

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Name: Matthew McKenzie
Date: February 20, 2026 7:43:58 am

Good morning,

I'm writing to express my extreme displeasure and disgust at the East Wing "Modernization" project. It was not needed, it

was done haphazardly, and done without a defined process to enable all stakeholders

The White House is the Peoples' House, not the personal project of the President. It is a *privilege* for someone to be able to live there, but that does not mean they own it. The President does not get to do whatever they want to the White House, and they *certainly* do not get to do permanent lasting changes to the building without intensive consultation with all stakeholders, which includes the people of the United States. Asking for comment from the public *after* the East Wing has already been torn down is absolutely insane.

Also, the funding methodology for this is absolutely undemocratic and against the nature of the United States. If this need to be done, then Congress should have debated it and allocated money for it. Accepting donations from the largest corporations not only appears like corruption and favoritism, it actually is.

And look, everyone knows there's a bunker under the White House. And it probably needs to be renovated and upgraded significantly. Just be honest about that (and then get Congress to allocate the money for it). The secrecy and subterfuge about that is just mystifying.

Name: Mary Cottrill
Date: February 20, 2026 7:47:52 am

First how can you modernize something that doesn't exist? An event space should be built, but why not share it with the country? Build a grand and secure space that can be used by more than just the President. This is a democracy, right? Rebuild the East wing with an updated bunker and then build an event space that is secure with underground, drive in entrance...but something that can be used by citizens for other gatherings...and make it flexible for various events. This should not be a monument to one man and one man shouldn't tell WE THE PEOPLE what we should do.

Name: Donna Hartmann
Date: February 20, 2026 7:49:49 am

I am strongly opposed to this construction project which will destroy the historical value and meaning of our White House. Do not allow this travesty to go forward.

Name: Christopher Brown
Date: February 20, 2026 7:50:12 am

stop this nasty ballroom project, this is not the United states.

Name: Jean Ritzinger
Date: February 20, 2026 7:51:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: James Williams
Date: February 20, 2026 7:52:44 am

I am a citizen of the United States and a retired person who has traveled to Washington, D.C. many times, touring the major federal buildings and monuments, including the White House itself. Over the years, I have watched friends, family members, and other visitors react with awe as they see the White House and the surrounding civic landscape for the first time. The architecture and planning of our capital are not simply backdrop; they help people feel connected to our shared history and to the idea that our government can do serious, thoughtful work on behalf of the public. The classic proportions of each building, and the harmony among them, communicate dignity, stability, and a sense that great things are possible through careful, collaborative planning and perseverance.

From that perspective, I am deeply concerned about the demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the proposed design, size, and proportions of the new East Wing ballroom complex. It appears that demolition moved forward before the American people had a full and transparent explanation of the long-term plan for this part of the White House and without a robust public process to weigh alternatives. For a building that is both the people's house and a National Historic Landmark, this is troubling. Decisions that so dramatically alter the appearance, function, and symbolic meaning of the White House should be made slowly, openly, and with clear respect for both preservation law and public trust.

As the National Capital Planning Commission reviews the East Wing Modernization Project, I urge you to focus not only on programmatic needs inside the building, but also on how the project will be experienced from the outside—from the Ellipse and Lafayette Square, from nearby streets and sidewalks, and through the camera lenses that transmit images of the White House around the world. The way this project looks from common public vantage points will shape how Americans and others understand our national leadership and our respect for history. We should be very cautious about introducing forms and masses that make the White House complex feel more like a private entertainment venue and less like a carefully balanced ensemble of public buildings.

The external size and proportions of the rebuilt East Wing must remain in clear visual balance with both the historic Executive Residence and the West Wing. The East and West Wings should read as subordinate, supporting elements that frame and serve the central White House, not as competing or overpowering structures. Classical design principles such as the "golden ratio" suggest that supporting wings should be visually smaller and composed in a way that leads the eye back to the primary volume. In practical terms, that means the height, depth, and length of the new East Wing should be carefully calibrated so that it does not visually dominate the central house when seen from common viewpoints. The exterior of the new East Wing should be organized using harmonious proportions, with window groupings, cornice lines, and façade rhythms that echo the West Wing and respect the character of the historic core.

Materials and details matter as much as overall volume. The visible portions of the new East Wing should use materials and architectural features that are sympathetic to those of the historic White House: similar stone or masonry appearance, appropriate window proportions, and restrained classical detailing rather than flashy or overly monumental gestures. Visitors should experience the White House complex as a coherent whole, not as a patchwork where one administration's priorities are permanently stamped onto the skyline in a way that clashes with what came before and after. Even those who never set foot inside the building will form opinions about our democracy based on what they see from the outside.

Because the East Wing has already been demolished and will be entirely rebuilt, the project clearly qualifies as an "undertaking" under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The White House sits within a historic district, is itself a National Historic Landmark, and shares its viewshed with multiple other National Historic Landmarks and properties on the National Register of Historic Places. A thorough, good-faith Section 106 consultation should be central to planning, not an afterthought. That process should identify historic resources, assess how the project will affect them, and genuinely explore ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects. I ask the Commission to insist that this consultation be visible, inclusive, and fully documented, so that the public can see how preservation concerns are being addressed.

Similarly, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is essential both for environmental stewardship and for protecting workers and the public. The East Wing was built and maintained over many decades, likely incorporating asbestos, lead-based paint, and other hazardous substances common in older construction. Photographs of the demolition showed heavy dust and, at least from an outside perspective, limited visible encapsulation or containment. For such a sensitive and symbolic site, it is critical to review the planning and execution of demolition to ensure that appropriate surveys, abatement, and monitoring were conducted. Before and during reconstruction, there should be thorough testing to confirm that soils and surrounding areas are not contaminated, and that ongoing construction does not release hazardous materials into the air or groundwater. The health of construction workers, White House staff, visitors, and the surrounding community must be a priority.

The future East Wing should also reflect our values of inclusion and accessibility. The design must incorporate clear, well-thought-out accessibility features consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and related federal standards. This includes accessible routes, entries, interior circulation, restrooms, and viewing areas so that people with mobility, sensory, or other disabilities can fully participate in tours, events, and work that takes place in and around the East Wing. A key test of a public building in the twenty-first century is whether it welcomes all members of the public, and the rebuilt East Wing should meet that standard.

Because taxpayers will ultimately bear the costs of maintaining, operating, and securing the rebuilt East Wing, I also urge the Commission to insist on ambitious sustainability and performance goals. At a minimum, the project should be

designed to achieve at least a LEED Gold level overall, and to aim for Platinum-level performance in categories such as water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. High levels of energy efficiency and water conservation will reduce long-term operating costs and environmental impact. Thoughtful choices about materials and indoor air quality will benefit the health and comfort of staff, visitors, and future occupants. Given that the design and engineering team has experience with green building standards, these expectations are both responsible and realistic.

Finally, transparency and visualization are critical for public understanding and trust. I appreciate the opportunity to comment at this stage of the approval process, but meaningful engagement requires access to clear, scaled drawings, and visual simulations from key public viewpoints. I urge the Commission to ensure that the public can see accurate representations of how the rebuilt East Wing will appear from places like the Ellipse, Pennsylvania Avenue, Lafayette Square, and other commonly photographed locations. Only with that information can citizens truly understand the long-term visual and symbolic consequences of this project.

Thank you for considering my comments. I care deeply about the White House as a symbol of our democracy and as a place that has inspired generations of visitors. I hope the final decisions about the East Wing will honor that legacy by respecting history, protecting public health, advancing sustainability, ensuring accessibility, and preserving the balanced, dignified character of the White House that so many of us know and love.

Name: Ryan Lepsch
Date: February 20, 2026 7:53:12 am

The East Wing of the White House should be properly rebuilt to its exact previous condition before the unauthorized and illegal demolitions took place. The American people did not consent to this destruction of "The People's House" and no single individual or organization in this country is above the law. Reconstruction of the East Wing to its former standards following proper laws and procedures will be the only way forward to repair the harm done to public trust by American citizens for this country's federal government.

- signed Ryan Lepsch, a deeply concerned American citizen

Name: Gretta Wark
Date: February 20, 2026 7:56:09 am

After the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing, there can be little doubt that this president will treat the construction of a new East Wing as a personal vanity project. His vision, his project plan, his choice of materials, his budget...his, his, his. Please take back this project for the American people before this president leaves us with an expensive, oversized, ugly, non-compliant monstrosity with his name on it.

Name: Myra Donnelley
Date: February 20, 2026 7:56:23 am

Committee Members - This project would better be called the White House Desecration Project. Donald Trump chose to unilaterally order the demolishment of the historic White House East Wing including, reportedly, classified security facilities under the public facing sections of the building. This work was initiated and accomplished without review and reportedly without requisite plans and approvals from ANYONE in place. This is a public building with protected historic status and not a privately owned home that can be torn down and added to willy-nilly by every new, temporary occupant. Public outcry in opposition to the wholesale destruction was immediate, and the Trump government sought to conceal their appalling actions from public view including from the upper windows at the nearby Treasury Building. Once the horrific destruction of this historic wing of an historic structure was a fait accompli, the public, via a court proceeding was informed by Trump Administration lawyers that construction of a new 90,000 sq. ft "ballroom" HAD to continue for "top secret" classified reasons related to the President's security. As many have said this is like rewarding an arsonist burn down a house and then forcing "insurance" to pay to rebuild and massively upgrade it for the arsonist's security and pleasure. While the judge has agreed that underground construction of what we now know is a hardened military security bunker complex can proceed, the above ground, above bunker construction of an enormous "ballroom" facility almost twice the size of the existing White House has been temporarily placed on hold. It is imperative that this "above ground" architectural abomination not be built. Despite the complaints of the current temporary occupant, the White House does not "need" a massive oversize "ballroom". Multiple, alternative, large event assembly spaces already exist across Washington DC - as evidenced by the multiple "Inaugural Balls" held in these spaces in conjunction with every

Presidential inauguration of my lifetime. The "necessary" construction of a supposedly top secret underground military security bunker complex now required by the wanton destruction of the previous White House security facilities by Donald Trump, and, per Donald Trump's own public speeches, a reportedly "hardened" ballroom stucture atop it to be "used for future inaugurations" is mind boggling. Further, holding Presidential Inaugurations which are traditionally ticketed public events that are importantly and symbolically held outdoors on the Capitol Steps and the National Mall, not private events for an elite 900 invitees held inside a glorified White House annex - is an additional undemocratic affront to the institution, traditions and values of the American Presidency as embodied in both the Constitution and in the physical structure of the People's White House. Further, financial support for this massive construction project and hideous boondoggle is being touted as "privately funded", at a level far in excess of what the most "luxurious" construction would require, making the project a giant sucking funnel for on-the-books bribery of the president by high wealth individuals and corporate entities and extortion by the current occupant of the Oval Office. For all these reasons the current plans for a disproportionately massive, above ground White House "ballroom" addition cannot and should not be approved by the Committee.

Name: Susan Rizzo
Date: February 20, 2026 7:56:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Rich
Date: February 20, 2026 7:57:53 am

Trump had no right to destroy the East wing for his vanity project.

The White House must be returned to its previous state. His destruction of THE PEOPLES HOUSE, an historic landmark, was an abomination and an outrage. The destruction of the East Wing Is NOT the same thing as modifying a tennis court to have a basket added to it to play basketball, or adding a pool to an interior space. Those were legitimate modifications done by other presidents through proper protocols.

He had NO RIGHT destroy part of the White House and erect an obscene eyesore of a monument to HIMSELF. A BUILDING THAT WILL TOWER OVER THE EXISTING WHITE HOUSE AND MINIMIZE ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE AND OUR HISTORY.

Trump DOES NOT OWN THE WHITE HOUSE AND CAN’T DO WHATEVER HE WANTS TO IT. HE IS TENANT IN THAT BUILDING, HE DOES NOT OWN IT. THE PEOPLE OWN IT. IT IS NOT A TRUMP PROPERTY TO BE GILDED WITH GOLD AS HE HAS DONE WITH THE OVAL OFFICE, MAKING IT A GROSTESQUE ABOMINATION MIRRORING HIS CORRUPTION.

NOBODY ASKED FOR THIS. NOBODY ASKED THAT HIS NAME BE PUT ON FEDERAL BUILDINGS EITHER, SULLYING THEM. THOSE BUILDINGS ARE NOT HIS AND HE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO RENAME THESE BUILDINGS. IT IS A DISGUSTING ABUSE OF POWER HE DOES NOT HAVE.

ARTICLE TWO DOES NOT ALLOW HIM TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTS, CONTRARY TO HIS DELUSIONS OF AUTOCRACY.

WHAT HE HAS DONE IS WHAT FASCISTS DO WHEN THEY TAKE OVER A COUNTRY TO STEAL FROM TAXPAYERS AND DESTROY THE RULE OF LAW.

Name: Sarah Shangraw
Date: February 20, 2026 7:58:44 am

I am a retired high school history and government teacher. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former

design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Medlock
Date: February 20, 2026 8:01:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Crowell
Date: February 20, 2026 8:01:46 am

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed White House Ballroom, in its current design concept iteration.

The scale, the MASS, as I believe most Americans agree, is entirely unsuitable for the “people’s house”. The character of our beloved White House will be altered forever, in the most unfortunate way. This is not to say a more effective way of entertaining on a large scale at the White House is not needed - but this design is clearly not appropriate.

I was saddened, disheartened, and shocked with the speed of the demolition of the East Wing, and now the fast-tracking of this proposal, a FINAL VERSION having been approved by a panel who has not seen or reviewed a final version, is not right. A White House alteration of this scale needs thoughtful consideration, and input needs to be listened to. This is not something to be fast tracked without careful consideration of input by historians, preservationists, top architects, interior designers, and landscape designers. If 99% of letters written to the US Commission of Fine Arts were stating disapproval of the project as it currently stands, this needed to be listened to, and certainly not fast tracked.

I have an interior design background, own a shop focused on design, live in a historical home, and have always had a keen interest in architecture, interiors, and gardens. I care deeply about this. I sincerely hope you will vote to STOP this proposal, and take thoughtful steps to making the White House ballroom something we can all be proud of.

Name: Janet Tirrel
Date: February 20, 2026 8:03:01 am

Restore the East Wing to original form. It was wrong for it to destroyed without thought or care for historical preservation. Thank you.

Name: Mary Adams
Date: February 20, 2026 8:03:08 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gary Hacker
Date: February 20, 2026 8:03:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this ill conceived project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Suokko
Date: February 20, 2026 8:03:48 am

The proposed plan is wsy out of proportion , ugly, and an affront to the historic White House.

Name: Meghan Hindley-Chugg
Date: February 20, 2026 8:05:16 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to our constitution, our historic integrity and all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Shellee Mierow
Date: February 20, 2026 8:06:12 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Lutz
Date: February 20, 2026 8:06:40 am

It is a horrific tragedy what has been done to that beautiful Eastwing. Not one red scent should be spent two build a ballroom. The people’s house does not belong to one person

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Name: William Abranowicz
Date: February 20, 2026 8:06:58 am

This size of this is preposterous and completely out of scale. OUR White House should not be dwarfed by a balllroom. I condemn this project and encourage downscaling it
Significantly.

Name: Elizabeth Borg
Date: February 20, 2026 8:12:02 am

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled and the East Wing to be fully restored to its former design. No one is above the law and permitting this project would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Torrence Shealy
Date: February 20, 2026 8:14:21 am

The East Wing Modernization project is an affront to the people of America.
The start of the project was unlawful and the project plan is not in keeping with the scale and design of the White House.
The project should be reviewed and directed by career personnel not rushed to approval by newly appointed members.

Name: Carly List
Date: February 20, 2026 8:15:01 am

I oppose this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is not a modernization project but a razing of American history.

I want the project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to its former design.

Noone is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: maryanne Martonik
Date: February 20, 2026 8:21:55 am

I think what Trump has done to the WH is absolutely wrong. He did it without getting the usual and required permissions. The WH is a very strong symbol of our country. He thinks he can destroy it on a whim. It is an outrageous affront to our nation. Someone has to step in and stop him. Please, please, please.

Name: Mindy Moak
Date: February 20, 2026 8:22:57 am

Having had the opportunity to grow up in beautiful Washington DC, I am deeply disturbed by one, runaway freight train of ego and his arrogance in remaking the People’s House without the approval of the Americans he is actually supposed to be working for - not the other way around.

Name: Carlos Castells
Date: February 20, 2026 8:23:47 am

The East Wing functioned for more than a century as a visitor and security center, and half a century as a press center and First Lady's offices. These key functions may mean nothing to the current administration, but they do mean something to the citizens of the country, and are practical necessities future presidents will miss greatly. . Thinking "asking forgiveness is easier than asking permission" the East Wing was torn down without authorization. I oppose putting any money, appropriated OR donated, into this project which never should, or would, have been allowed had honorable authorities been in charge.

Name: Sue Lynch
Date: February 20, 2026 8:23:57 am

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Valerie Alston
Date: February 20, 2026 8:25:44 am

The destruction of the East Wing and its replacement is outrageous. Taking action without following legal procedures is unacceptable. Continuation without consideration and guidance from those architects who have authority and talent is unacceptable. The proposed structure is out of scale with the White House and is an embarrassment to the historical site and reverence to its history,

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Name: Carol Bonkosky
Date: February 20, 2026 8:26:31 am

The proposed East Wing project was begun without oversight, and demolition began in the dark of night without authorization or normal safeguards for the environment and workplace safety. The remains of the East wing were dumped on public land - public golf courses - in another assault on public property by Trump. The financing arrangement looks like pay to play, and the proposed replacement is far too large, gaudy and overwhelming. The White House is not another Trump real estate project to be built on his whim in disregard to laws, and preservation of history. I am against this yet another attempt at rebranding American landmarks and icons.

Name: Paula Mercer
Date: February 20, 2026 8:26:44 am

I want the Trump East Wing of the White House “plans for modernization” canceled and the East Wing restored to its former beauty. What he did in tearing down the wing had no oversight or authorization. His plans for a ball room are a travesty.

Name: Carroll Pierce
Date: February 20, 2026 8:27:00 am

I do not support this project.

Name: Jane Beiles
Date: February 20, 2026 8:28:01 am

Concerned citizen who would like to see the appropriate process carried through for the thoughtful and considered rebuilding of the White House East Wing.

Name: Donna Becker
Date: February 20, 2026 8:28:28 am

Please don't refer to this as the 'East Wing Modernization Project'..its a theft!! Trumps vanity project has destroyed part of the AMERICANS HOUSE! This is OURS not his!!! Hes a renter!!! We The People will demand the big ugly ballrooms destruction as soon as trump is gone...so get THOSE permits ready!! PLEASE dont allow him to go ANY FURTHER and to restore that part of the PEOPLES WHITE HOUSE to its original form. NO BETTER NO WORSE!!! And be sure to get rid of all the surveillance equipment hes installed with the structure. This man is is league with Putin!!!! Can you not see what this is all about????

Please for the love of America DONT allow this!!! and the damned arch is next!!!

Name: Courtney Tilinski
Date: February 20, 2026 8:29:55 am

Opposed to the ridiculously sized ball room.

Name: Karizma King
Date: February 20, 2026 8:30:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tamra Fuscaldo
Date: February 20, 2026 8:30:30 am

I do not approve of the new ballroom addition in scale, design, or purpose.

Name: Jeryl Malloy
Date: February 20, 2026 8:31:41 am

Please give your utmost consideration to the scale of this proposed building. It looks massive and very much out of proportion to our beautiful White House. Please make sure it is in balance architecturally and aesthetically tasteful.
Thank you

Name: Alexander Widener
Date: February 20, 2026 8:32:30 am

The White House belongs to the American People, and major changes to the historic structure should be a decision we all participate in. I urge you to deny the request for the East Wing Modernization Project. - Alexander Widener, Wiscasset, Maine.

Name: Steven Barak
Date: February 20, 2026 8:32:34 am

I am an American citizen currently living in South Africa and am appalled at the destruction of our heritage.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank You
Steven Barak

Name: Linda Watt
Date: February 20, 2026 8:33:00 am

Please follow procedures, get okays BEFORE YOU START DESTRUCTION. Please respect the White House by not overwhelming it with a supersized building. Please do not put the Trump name on it. Please do not gild this building like what happened with the Oval Office. Gag. We are not aiming for the ‘palace’ look. Please be transparent as to how this is being paid for.

Name: Carolyn Culhane
Date: February 20, 2026 8:33:03 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million for a “modernization project”. The razing of the East Wing was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled.

Name: Deborah lacy Doremus
Date: February 20, 2026 8:33:19 am

HOW DARE YOU. IT'S OUR HOUSE.....NOT YOURS. You are nothing but a tin plated DICK-TATOR and not a very good one at that. May you and your family be CURSED from now into eternity.

Name: Crystal Fox-Perruccio
Date: February 20, 2026 8:35:07 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Robert Riley
Date: February 20, 2026 8:35:45 am

Atrocious. Disgusting. An insult to democracy and the constitution. Meant to bolster one man's ego. Stop the construction and corruption now.

Name: Julie Daugherty
Date: February 20, 2026 8:35:59 am

I could not express my opinion better than this person’s:

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Name: Martha Knutson
Date: February 20, 2026 8:36:37 am

I oppose the ballroom and wish to have the East Wing rebuilt and restored as the historic part of the White House that it was.

Name: Sharon Kokot
Date: February 20, 2026 8:37:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Total destruction is NOT renovation.

Nothing in the Constitution gives the president the right to assault our history and destroy our monumental buildings in honor of himself. The rebuilding of the East Wing needs to be done with a consensus of support from the full Congress and the public, after a thorough evaluation of how best to rebuild it in a manner that preserves its original design and intent.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Thank you for considering the legality of the project and the constitutionally-founded opinions of the millions of taxpayers who oppose it.

Name: Thomas Bradham
Date: February 20, 2026 8:38:00 am

Please do not turn our White House into an extremely tacky gold house of baffons!! Wasting money when it may be better used for the citizens of the United States of America.

Respectfully,

Thomas Bradham

Name: Stephen Pezzetti
Date: February 20, 2026 8:38:14 am

This project is an affront to the American people. It is a silly and foolhardy venture. It denigrates the history of this country and the physical building of the White House itself. It should be shut down immediately and not allowed to move forward. In fact the demolition that has already occurred should be reversed and a tree rehabilitation project started to replace the trees removed by this needless and vain effort. NO BALLROOM! God save the USA!!!

Name: Talin Tarkhan
Date: February 20, 2026 8:38:16 am

Stop the destruction of the people's house by a pedo con artist criminal who is occupying it. Destroying everything our ancestors built while committing ethnic cleansing, building concentration camps, killing citizens and those who have the sin of being brown. Doing it all while robbing the US tax payers and getting away with it! Just the same way he got away with raping babies.
STOP THIS ! The White House is ours he doesn't get to " remodel " and build his Epstein memorial " ballroom" while Americans (who he's robbing) are STARVING. Do your job!

Name: Jo Lantier
Date: February 20, 2026 8:38:25 am

This is totally wrong to "modernize" the east wing. It should be restored back to what is was at the personal expense of the president. The American people did not want this and he acted recklessly and without permission.

I repeat. There is no need to spend this money!

Name: Mitch Dwoskin
Date: February 20, 2026 8:38:26 am

I oppose the proposed plan to modernize the East Wing. From what I have seen in public reports, its huge size is inappropriate in relationship to the main White House building: it is aesthetically offensive. In addition, one of the most significant aspects of the White House is its modest size, which symbolizes and conveys humility. We call the White House the People's House for a reason: we are not a monarchy. The President should not have any say in this process or we have we become a monarchy?

Equally offensive is the ethical murkiness of the plan to fund this project. I always understood that our government was not allowed to take gifts from private citizens. Is it not actually illegal to fund the project this way?

Name: Linda Tribick
Date: February 20, 2026 8:40:39 am

Trump has no right to modify, tear down, and/or destroy that which belongs to the people. Slapping his tacky name and tacky Temu gold embellishments on anything and everything his beady little eyes see will never him the respect or admiration of history. The Trump name will forever be associated with waste, fraud, and abuse; not by previous administrations but by him unto the American people. Whatever he and his sham arts board decide to put up in place of the east wing should be torn down as soon as we rid ourselves of this corrupt administration.

Name: Melissa Bridgman
Date: February 20, 2026 8:40:45 am

The White House belongs to all of us. Most of us didn't want the East Wing, Rose garden, or any other historic aspect removed. It is a travesty. Please rebuild as it was.

Name: Bradly Widener
Date: February 20, 2026 8:41:43 am

If a federal project moves forward by skirting the established review process, that should concern everyone—regardless of where they fall politically. The National Capital Planning Commission exists for a reason: to ensure that development in Washington reflects long-term planning, public input, transparency, and respect for the historic character of the capital.

The East Wing project may or may not have merits on its own. But bypassing or minimizing NCPC oversight undermines the very safeguards designed to protect the integrity of federal land use decisions. Rules aren’t optional when they’re inconvenient. They’re the framework that keeps projects accountable, fiscally responsible, and publicly vetted.

If this project is sound, it should withstand full review. If it can’t, that’s precisely why the review exists. We should insist on adherence to established planning processes—not because we oppose development, but because process integrity matters.

Name: Michelle Coombs
Date: February 20, 2026 8:41:57 am

I am vehemently opposed to any renovation or expansion of the East Wing. The project has circumvented all normal planning procedures and did not have the required approvals. The Trump administration should be responsible for rebuilding the East Wing in its original design at their own expense. Tax payer money should not be used to fund a project that was not approved by the people's representatives (Congress), nor should private donations be accepted, as this would inevitably be seen as a bribe - yet another way for both foreign and domestic interests to curry favor with this corrupt administration. The East Wing should be returned to its former state at the expense of the vandal who destroyed it. And while they're at it, they can restore the Rose Garden. Donald Trump has desecrated The People's House.

Name: George Mack
Date: February 20, 2026 8:42:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sara Lamar-Sterling
Date: February 20, 2026 8:44:42 am

I oppose this project in its entirety. It is totally unnecessary, a complete waste of money and other resources and a destruction of U.S. history. The project needs to be stopped and the East Wing needs to be returned to its previous status and design before the current administration’s destruction of this important, historical American landmark.

Name: Meg McCarthy
Date: February 20, 2026 8:46:34 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Beth Macy
Date: February 20, 2026 8:47:17 am

The White House is not a Real Estate deal to rip down and modernize. It is the People's House and belongs to us, the citizens of the United States, not to the president. It is a historic building and a symbol to all of us. It is not a hotel nor is it a beautiful ballroom. It should not be covered in gold and marble as a king would do or an Arab shah. It is rich in history and has been horribly disfigured. It is garish and a cheap display of bullying weakness whereas it before subtly showed the richness and power of the United States of America. Forget the ballroom. Restore the East Wing to its original facade. History is important. We do not need it changed. We do not want nor do we need a ballroom. We want real government and action not a gaudy display. Thank you.

Name: Adelaide Horn
Date: February 20, 2026 8:49:14 am

He has torn down our History!!! You can not let him deface it more by a useless ballroom , just for his edification. This building belongs to the people, not to him or even to the GOP. It belongs to the people. You must restore the East Wing, and you can use his money he has collected, if any for the ballroom, or the GOP campaign chest, since they allowed this.

NO BALLROOM. RESTORE THE WHITEHOUSE!!!

Sincerely,
Adelaide M. Horn
Former Commissioner, State of Texas, former Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Name: Karrie Stewart
Date: February 20, 2026 8:52:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Sheets
Date: February 20, 2026 8:53:19 am

Any new construction should 1) match the historical architecture of the White House, 2) follow architectural guidelines already in place for new construction, 3) protect current White House buildings

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Name: Shannon Everhart
Date: February 20, 2026 8:54:18 am

I think Trump should not be able to destroy our nations White House, 5he President’s residence. The only time it has happen it was burned by our enemy in the war of 1812. Do we now consider Trump to be any enemy of the United States?

Name: Daniel Markos
Date: February 20, 2026 8:56:12 am

Shameful, offensive, and unnecessary. This administration has already done plenty to desecrate the White House. This cannot be allowed. It must be stopped.

Name: KATELYN Cummons
Date: February 20, 2026 8:57:20 am

The White House is the symbol of the United States. While our presidents may change, this structure holds the beacon for each successive newcomer. It houses the traditions, historical moments, and decisions that will survive the people that visit. That must be remembered. Each resident is just a visitor. They are placed within its walls to fulfill a duty to the American people. The duty that each citizen of the United States holds. Historical residences and symbols will need restoration. That is an understood passage of time that reveals itself. However, the White House is not a personal residence to be upgraded to satisfy the personal whims of the individual inside of it. The project represents the individualistic motivations and one that is not based on the good of the people, but the placeholders that currently reside in the walls.

Name: Rita Owen
Date: February 20, 2026 8:57:29 am

I strongly oppose this $300 (or more) project. The existing structure was demolished without authorization or approval of the appropriate authorities and a constitutes a rejection of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored in a form commensurate with its former design.

Name: Lesa Nelson
Date: February 20, 2026 8:58:04 am

This is the most ridiculous proposal. The cost of living in this country is increasing every month. Electricity for our homes is at an all time high with rate increases in the future. Seniors on a fixed income are losing ground and we have a government that is ignoring the people while razing the White House to build a ballroom with guilding. NO, the east wing needs to be rebuilt. It should never have been demolished-the president had no authority to tear it down which he knew or he would not have done all this without input or permission. This is the people’s house not one man’s vanity project. NO BALLROOM.

Name: Molly Kunselman
Date: February 20, 2026 8:58:22 am

This project is riddled with flaws. The timeline is too fast for citizen input, and judging from the proposed design, it’s too fast for the design team to develop something appropriate or desirable. The proposed design dwarfs the existing structures, ruins the existing symmetry and balance, and proportionally gives the wrong message about what “the people’s” house is and why it exists. The White House is not owned by tRump and he has no right to alter it so profoundly in such mediocre fashion and without public awareness and input!

Name: Alice Regina Severn Cave
Date: February 20, 2026 8:58:41 am

I am against the East Wing project. I see no reason for the US to have a ballroom. I am against any president making any renovations to the public areas of the White House (the "peoples house"). The only changes to be made should be those required to maintain the property. As an aside I do not think we need an arch either. We are not a European country. Our values are different. We have not needed nor do we need ostentatious displays to show our worth.

Name: Colleen Hannas
Date: February 20, 2026 8:59:06 am

I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper planning, permits and review. The scale of the proposed building is completely out of proportion for the site, and it is a travesty that American History is being trampled on in this manner. This is not a modernization project, it is a complete bulldozing of history and tradition. The original East Wing should be

rebuilt in its former state. It is unacceptable to allow those who broke the law by proceeding without proper authorization to be rewarded by allowing this project to continue.

Name: Jean Rogers
Date: February 20, 2026 8:59:41 am

I object to the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed gigantic ballroom. The proposed design appears to dwarf the existing White House. The ballroom should be scuttled.

Name: Julie Bushnell
Date: February 20, 2026 9:00:43 am

Please reconsider the scale and design of this project - the proposed plan would overwhelm the existing residence. The destruction of the East Wing without an approved plan in place was irresponsible and we should not move forward without respect for the input received. Plans should go through the proper processes and reviews.

Name: Beth Rooke
Date: February 20, 2026 9:01:08 am

The East Wing rendering is terrible, and the project should be cancelled.

Name: Stephanie Brown
Date: February 20, 2026 9:01:24 am

I strongly oppose spending of $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Terri Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 9:01:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katie Raeburn
Date: February 20, 2026 9:04:44 am

The White House belongs to all Americans and we deserve a say in what happens to it. That right has been taken from us once already, with the destruction of the East Wing, and that can’t be allowed to happen again.

Name: Larry Cater
Date: February 20, 2026 9:06:21 am

This project was conceived in a vacuum, unnecessarily invasive and plans have a profoundly negative effect on the overall White House grounds. The supposed funding from megadonors has not obscured the fact that it is a bribe being paid to a larcenous president, and the donors are being rewarded by expansion of Federal contracts for their companies and products.
The proposed ballroom is unnecessary, overly large for the scale of the grounds, and has not received any input from the Public at large, who most certainly should have a say in what is constructed in and around the White House.

Cancel this project, and replace with a structure suited to the needs of the staff, not the overblown ego of a vain and petulant temporary occupant of the White House.

Name: Patricia Vance
Date: February 20, 2026 9:06:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. A new plan should be created with oversight and proper authorizations. The current plan has neither of these. The White House belongs to the American people and is a symbol of American history and the future plan should reflect that. Thank you

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Name: John Murrell
Date: February 20, 2026 9:06:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. If we have $300 million to waste then how about putting it to better use by using it to provide healthcare for the people.

Name: Joel M Ronningen
Date: February 20, 2026 9:06:53 am

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Name: Emily Winters
Date: February 20, 2026 9:07:11 am

Please do not make major renovations to a historic ballroom. Honor the legacy.

Name: Allie Alexander
Date: February 20, 2026 9:07:32 am

I oppose spending funds on a project where demolition began without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. They have completely razed American history. This project should be canceled. Furthermore, the East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cecilia Staunton
Date: February 20, 2026 9:07:33 am

The president does not own the White House. He can not make unilateral decisions regarding major renovations, removals and dismantling to the people’s house. There is an official process of review and approval that must be adhered to.

The proposed project and design with dwarf the White House itself and are so gauche it’s laughable. I implore you to not let this happen. The east wing is gone, that can not be changed but for the love of beautiful, and appropriate classical design (which Washington DC is known for) this proposed ridiculous vanity project must be amended to be in balance with the rest of the White House complex.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Staunton
Redding,CT

Name: Carol Leigh
Date: February 20, 2026 9:07:51 am

As the original building was destroyed first without gaining approvals, any comments now seem pointless. The damage is done. Will anyone be held accountable for destruction of public property?

Name: Emily Griffith
Date: February 20, 2026 9:07:59 am

What an absolute abomination! The original East Wing should never have been torn down to begin with and this “modernization” project should not be allowed to move forward. The White House is the people’s house - not Trump’s to do as he pleases with.

Name: Robin O Harris
Date: February 20, 2026 9:10:32 am

I think the demolishing of the East Wing was a crime against every U.S. citizen. To do so without any consideration of rules, obligations, permissions, or authorizations reveals an arrogance and an affront to our democratic society. To spend over $300 million dollars on a vanity project ballroom when there are veterans among the homeless and children starving in our country is despicable—I don’t care where the money comes from. The only right thing to do is to restore the East Wing completely. This is important as the White House is the People’s House and should be treated as such.

Name: Ronald Wallace
Date: February 20, 2026 9:10:49 am

I strongly oppose the White House ballroom project. It is a travesty!

Name: Holly Benton
Date: February 20, 2026 9:11:03 am

This is a travesty. It’s the people’s house and we the people are heartbroken at the destruction taking place. Please stop this project.

Name: Shane Fryer
Date: February 20, 2026 9:13:21 am

President Trump’s proposed ballroom extension is not harmonious with the architectural character of the home or its purpose. The White House belongs to the American people; it is not a palace to satisfy the whims and ego of a monarch. Any replacement of the destroyed East Wing should be crafted, from the ground up, by experts and be built to serve the purposes of this historic and purposefully humble home.

Name: Myrna Dyson
Date: February 20, 2026 9:14:16 am

I want this project cancelled!

Name: Amy Kehs
Date: February 20, 2026 9:16:34 am

I want this project cancelled.

Name: Debbie Metz
Date: February 20, 2026 9:18:54 am

It is ridiculous that this so-called president is focusing not on the interests of the PEOPLE in this country but rather on a cool gold ballroom so the billionaire donors who run this country now can have a fun party space to celebrate all their wealth. SO DISGUSTING! Does our president and the members of house and senate actually think of themselves as PUBLIC SERVANTS ... no way! Term limits!

Name: Ruben Stemple
Date: February 20, 2026 9:19:14 am

HI,

As a resident of Washington DC I would like to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project. The project to modernize the East wing in order to build a White House ballrom does not benefit the people of Washington DC or the United States. The project will cause a significant change in the landscape of our nation's Capitol and will not enhance the beauty or accessibility of this ciry.

The White House and the surrounding area have always been accessible to the people of this nation. It is referred to as "the people's house" and for years I have enjoyed taking visitors on a walk along the street nearby so that they can understand that this relatively modest house (by world leader standards) is where the person who holds the power lives, but that they are surrounded by and held accountable by the people who are free to walk nearby. The demolition of the East Wing and the addition of a massive structure will physically display a disproportionate balance of that power. The ostentatious design is intended to display raw power and wealth which are not the ideals that founded this nation. We are a nation of people, many of whom live below the poverty line and who will never be invited to even set foot in this new addition to the people's house.

This addition and the preceding destruction of half of the people's house is a vulgar display of power and wealth. We are not a nation that thows grand dance parties to visiting dignitaries. Instead, we have always stood on the principles of fairness and democracy and we display those ideas when other nations visit. This grand ballroom is so that the top 1% can throw parties to raise money for themselves. It is the epitome of unbridled wealth and power and flies directly in the face of what the White House should stand for.

As a resident of the District of Columbia and the United States I wholeheartedly disapprove of this project.

Thank you,

Ruben Stemple

Name: Dustin Wiley
Date: February 20, 2026 9:20:38 am

I oppose the building of a massive ballroom. The lack of transparency thus far in the project, the lies that it would not affect the current building, the wholesale replacement of members of the Commission on Fine Arts with persons that were clearly hand picked to approve this project and are clearly acting as a rubberstamp was bad enough and in my opinion reeked of corruption. The further ignoring of the 99% disapproval rate in the comments and the pre-approving of the final plans without review has cemented my opinion that the members are not doing their jobs and are just approving whatever the president tells them to. The NCPC must in the face of such blatant disregard for the opinion of the American people and such obvious rigging of the CFA reject the plan and demand that the destroyed east wing be rebuilt with a potential for a smaller meeting area to be added later.

Thank you,
Dustin W.
Citizen of the United States of America

Name: Erika Morton
Date: February 20, 2026 9:21:11 am

Esteemed members of the Planning Commission,
I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, it is a vanity project and the complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Every American who cares about the institutions of this nation should want to see it rebuilt and restored. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: judi cossin
Date: February 20, 2026 9:21:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Vicky Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 9:21:59 am

I think this project should be cancelled. Enough damage has already been done. The funding is sketchy, and building a lavish ballroom while people go hungry, immigrants are detained in vile conditions, and a war with Iran on the horizon is a seriously bad look for the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Name: Louise McIlhenny
Date: February 20, 2026 9:22:14 am

I am apposed to the size of the ballroom. It overpowers the actual White House. I ask that the size be reduced significantly

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Name: Bethann McCarthy
Date: February 20, 2026 9:25:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to a scale and design sympathetic to the White House grounds. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Name: Elisabeth A Meyers
Date: February 20, 2026 9:26:53 am

The people's house has historical value to Americans. It should be protected. Any potential upgrades must preserve it, as it is. Destroying the East Wing was a mistake and therefore, it should be rebuilt upon the original footprint. We the people must issue a warning to all future Presidents that their temporary residence belongs to us no matter how uncomfortable, small or dated it may be.

Name: Patrick Roe
Date: February 20, 2026 9:28:36 am

I am STRONGLY opposed to this project and demand that the East Wing be reconstructed in its prior design. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. The President is a temporary resident of the People's House and had no authority to demolish it without proper review and approval. The unilateral destruction was an utterly outrageous abuse of power. Cease all plans for a ballroom and restore the prior condition.

Name: Marianne Zahorik
Date: February 20, 2026 9:30:16 am

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex. It is too late to save the East Wing of the White House, there should be consequences for it's destruction and the review process should have been and must be followed.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Name: Dale Stefan
Date: February 20, 2026 9:31:04 am

This is not a modernization project. Tearing down the East Wing without any kind of public or legislative input, permits or authorization is a crime. Plain and simple. The White House is a historic building which belongs the People of the US, not the president. It should be rebuilt so the exterior looks the same as before

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Name: Linda De Jesus
Date: February 20, 2026 9:31:12 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. Don't allow that gaudy, vulgar ballroom to ruin The White House.

This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Amy Stornello
Date: February 20, 2026 9:34:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Leigh Ann Hammen
Date: February 20, 2026 9:36:34 am

Love the modernization of this outdated space. Will allow for appropriate banquet attendance.

Name: Karen Schwartz
Date: February 20, 2026 9:36:34 am

So happy to hear that a new ballroom is being added. The expense of erecting a temporary structure, rental of decor, etc. is outrageous. A country of our wealth and prominence deserves a beautiful ballroom in which to host foreign dignitaries and esteemed guests. Bravo.

Name: Deborah Hodged
Date: February 20, 2026 9:36:49 am

This project is a disaster and is NOT the will of the people. The East Wing should never have been demolished. It was historic and should have been protected at all costs. You must stand up and stop this. We do not need or want a ballroom. While millions of people in our country cannot make a decent living, money is being spent on this ridiculous project. STOP this now!! It is a travesty and never should have gone this far. Protect our heritage. Protect The White House.

Name: Dorothy Holmes
Date: February 20, 2026 9:37:12 am

I feel this project is just an ego move and has no or little impact for the American people. It’s a huge waste of our taxpayer dollars.

Name: Victoria Williamson
Date: February 20, 2026 9:37:24 am

I vehemently oppose the destruction of the people's house for this narcissist's vanity project. This demolition was an affront to the traditions of getting input& approvals for any renovations. It is against the law. Cancel this project and restore the East Wing the way it was at Mr. Trump's expense (no tax payer money)and do not allow any other building projects without proper review and approval.

Name: Patrick Hammen
Date: February 20, 2026 9:37:48 am

This is a long overdue and needed project. That finally will see fruition. Thank you for tackling this project and for bringing our White House into the modern era.

Name: Beth Ables
Date: February 20, 2026 9:38:44 am

We do not want or need a ballroom that will dwarf the original structure of the White House.

Name: Stephanie S
Date: February 20, 2026 9:39:18 am

This East Wing ballroom is not what the American people want. This is a bribe paid for by tech oligarchs to curry favor with the President of the United States. Nobody under the $100 million mark would be able to attend any of the events at the ballroom anyway. This is the house that belongs to the People, not the President, and We the People don't want a tacky ballroom that has destroyed the historical integrity of the People's House.

Name: Elizabeth Hocking
Date: February 20, 2026 9:39:22 am

Historical treasures must be preserved and not destroyed. Any alterations should not be allowed at the whim of one president. Changes must be thoughtfully made and with historical context at the heart of any project.

Name: Elizabeth Hammen
Date: February 20, 2026 9:39:46 am

I can't wait to see how this new renovation comes together! This will be a huge benefit to all future administrations as they welcome guests to the people's house.

Name: Anna Cherry
Date: February 20, 2026 9:40:04 am

The title of this project should be what is the end result- East Wing Modernization Project. No ballrooms, convention, or other large scale event venues should be located in a place that has served as the office of First Ladies for decades. The history of the White House having equal wings with access to the executive branches staff and residence of the president should be maintained and the office space dedicated to First Ladies or Gentlemen should be restored to the best available condition using this has an opportunity to hire craftsman to make a modern restoration possible.

Name: Wendy Ellsworth
Date: February 20, 2026 9:41:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Weilbacher
Date: February 20, 2026 9:41:18 am

If the law mattered, this would be a very straightforward case. Since the East Wing of the People's House was illegally torn down by a temporary tenant, it needs to be returned to it's original state and paid for by the party that destroyed it.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.
Deborah K. Weilbacher
American citizen

Name: Melanie McLaughlin
Date: February 20, 2026 9:41:34 am

As an older American, who has seen multiple renovations to our White House without this type of overreaction, as in the basketball court that the Obama administration added to the White House, this is a project we have all needed, and that will allow our White House to truly shine.

Name: Kelly Wicker
Date: February 20, 2026 9:42:11 am

To whom it may concern. I would like to share my comments regarding the East wing project that the Trump administration has taken upon itself to move forward with even though they don't have any of the proper paper work or permission to destroy a national treasure (as far as I'm concerned).
It's my hope that the national trust or somebody with some clout will file charges against them to cease and desist from any further destruction or construction. The White House doesn't belong to any political party, nor to any person who happens to be sitting in the presidency at the time. This is really unbelievable and it needs some oversight! Sincerely, Kelly Wicker.

Name: Karen Groff
Date: February 20, 2026 9:42:50 am

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Name: Colleen McAvoy
Date: February 20, 2026 9:44:03 am

I am gravely concerned about this size of this structure overshadowing the more important and historical structures that remain on the property. Also, the fact the old east wing was recklessly torn down with lies to the public about what was going to happen is inexcusable. If in fact there is a need to host that many people for an event, I'm sure there are other current locations in DC that can accommodate, as has happened in the past. The size of an addition should not overwhelm the primary building in that location - the white house. If Trump is allowed to continue unchecked with this project, I can imagine there will be no stopping him with dismantling other buildings or wings of the white house or destroying other buildings around D.C. before he is done.
Look at the Kennedy center if you need any further proof that these projects are all about him, not what is best for the environment, the historical significance or the aesthetic of the building(s). I understand they may need a larger space, but the number of huge events that would be held is probably minimal and they should confine this construction to something smaller than the actual main white house.

Name: Courtney Faul
Date: February 20, 2026 9:45:47 am

The White House belongs to the people and already has suffered misaligned anesthetic, and historically inaccurate changes under the administration. No more changes should be made unless it's reverting back to original fixtures and blueprints.

Name: Deborah Hyde
Date: February 20, 2026 9:45:56 am

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Name: Rona Hitlin-Mason
Date: February 20, 2026 9:46:19 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design

review.. It is not a modernization project but a destruction of American history. I have always been so proud of our people's house, one of modest design that speaks to our democratic system> A house that represents all of us, not a lavish, garish home for an elite. No project should proceed without penalizing those who broke the law. And no project should proceed without appropriate permits or approved designs by historians and appropriate authories (not hand picked lackeys). Please reject this proposal and restore our house.

Name: Linda Cranston
Date: February 20, 2026 9:46:32 am

Money to build comes from those expecting favors from the President who has overly grandiose ideas and plans for gaudy out of place structure. Urge halting this project by any means possible unless and until the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) is directly involved in the architectural design and planning.

Name: Susan Charette
Date: February 20, 2026 9:46:51 am

Please keep it quietly elegant. No gaudy gold stick on molding. Use craftsmen and women from all fifty states and use materials and nods to all Americans including Indigenous, Hispanic, Asian, African American and those from European Descent. Secretly imbed parts of the Declaration of Independence throughout. Fill it with what they call “Easter eggs” now. Subtle salutes to our history and the fabric of the American community. You have the chance to surprise everyone and make something truly beautiful with local wood, quartz, metalworks that will be venerated throughout the decades or you can make something showy, cheap and shameful that will be torn down in a future administration.

Name: Nancy Plyler
Date: February 20, 2026 9:47:08 am

I was and am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing. I oppose Trumps concept for the ballroom and believe it should be stopped. Mr. Trump needs to realize he is a temporary resident and get approval with any changes to the White House. His donors are strictly in
It for the favors he grants them.

Name: Terry Zmyslo
Date: February 20, 2026 9:47:25 am

I am making comments of concern with any step forward with the East Wing Modernization project. It is obvious to anyone that the current plans do not take into consideration scale and that the current Whitw House will be dwarfed by the new ballroom. As this is the nations 250th birthday please put an immediate pause on this project to insure what is eventually built will be a design that enhances the original integrity of the White House environs.

Name: Patricia DeCrappeo
Date: February 20, 2026 9:48:49 am

I am a US citizen and taxpayer. I oppose the illegal construction of the Trump Ballroom. This vanity project should be denied. The funds already contributed need to be audited and applied to rebuilding the East Wing.

Name: Betty MacDonald
Date: February 20, 2026 9:49:09 am

Cancel this project! This projectI was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Dahl
Date: February 20, 2026 9:49:28 am

I am concerned that the approval process for the East Wing is being rushed. Further, I am concerned that the proposed ballroom is far too large. Is that much space really required for typical state events? I understand that security upgrades are important and I am not opposed to a ballroom in principle, but the renderings I've seen show an addition that does not match the scale of the rest of the White House. Thank you.

Name: Julie Edminster
Date: February 20, 2026 9:49:41 am

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Name: Aldona McBain
Date: February 20, 2026 9:49:54 am

These exact words were written by Amara Guard to you and I am copying them verbatim as they state perfectly how I feel about the destruction of American history by the tearing down of the East Wing of the White House.
" I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: heather lindsey
Date: February 20, 2026 9:50:45 am

The White House represents early years of American Democracy, it is a truly American symbol, and belongs to American people. America was never grandiose or overly extravagant and this egregious demolition and "modernization" project does not accurately represent America and American people.

Name: Lori Coombs
Date: February 20, 2026 9:51:01 am

The construction of the East Wing Ballroom is unacceptable.
The ballroom is larger than the Whitehouse.
The cost of the ballroom has increased significantly from the first introduction.
The funds to build it has been questionable.
No requests for permits were made to destroy the East Wing.
As a previous employee of the National Capital Planning Commission, I would expect the commission would hold this project to the same standards as other requests.

Name: Susanne Campbell
Date: February 20, 2026 9:51:12 am

I am writing in opposition to the desecration of the White House with the ridiculous ballroom. I do not understand how the President has the authority to destroy part of the White House to satisfy his own vanity. This project should NOT continue. Count me as a NO!

Name: Callan White
Date: February 20, 2026 9:51:34 am

I think the first point to remember is that this is: The People's House-The People's Building. It is not there to gratify someone's ego, or be a place for the "selective elite". It this building is being paid for with any tax dollars then it should include access and use by the citizens of the United States.
This area should be within the measurable balance of the White House-not bigger, grander, over-powering.
This wing should not be named after the person who desecrated the East Wing by just demolishing it. If it is to have a name, it should be THE EAST WING.
This area should not have any gold. The People's house is not an expression of wealth, but of community and progress and function.

Name: Robin Hindahl
Date: February 20, 2026 9:51:41 am

I strongly object to the plans for the "East Wing Renovation". As a citizen of the USA I am a partial owner of that building and my opinion counts. Had I been given the opportunity, I would have objected to the unfortunate unannounced demolition by Donald of the East Wing. I want it restored to its former historic condition. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!

Name: Laura Cohen
Date: February 20, 2026 9:52:07 am

Every required step in the process to justify, consider, and evaluate this project was ignored. The Commissioners were denied their valid authority to approve or deny this project. If it was a necessary and justifiable project, it would have been sent through the normal processes. The complete disregard of the established process, and the literal bulldozing ahead without any request or approval, tells me that the current presidential administration knew the proposed project would be denied. It is imperative that a precedent be set to show that such illegal and immoral actions have serious consequences, including for any private contractors involved. Destroying a treasured, historical part of the people's house without so much as pausing is reprehensible. Constructing a gawdy, historically inappropriate gargantuan 'ballroom' cannot be allowed.

Name: Leigh Plue
Date: February 20, 2026 9:52:53 am

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Name: Janet Planre
Date: February 20, 2026 9:54:05 am

I 100% agree with this statement:

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Name: Laura Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 9:55:38 am

I am very upset with the approach that has not been taken for this project. Why tear a historically important building down without proper procedure, plans and long term impact. In the 21st century ballrooms are obsolete spaces. A study should have been undertaken to understand the space needs of the White House and go from that point, not a whim.

Name: Jane Nordli Jessep
Date: February 20, 2026 9:58:56 am

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I will contact my congressional representatives about blocking any kind of funding which, no doubt the president will attempt to slide in, despite saying it will be paid for by outside donors. This is a dangerous set up as expecting quid pro quo for any donors is not out of the realm of possibility. This feels like a very dubious project all around, but worse than that we have lost a bit of our history.
Sincerely,
Jane Nordli Jessep

Name: CLARE POTTER
Date: February 20, 2026 10:00:44 am

I am very much against this proposed plan for the so-called ballroom. It way out shadows the White House itself and is a shocking design.

Name: Anna Blanco
Date: February 20, 2026 10:00:49 am

The White House belongs to the people of the US. Please maintain its integrity and history. Do not build the garish ballroom.

Name: Tracey Bey
Date: February 20, 2026 10:00:58 am

This project should never have been allowed. Destroying the whole East Wing of the White House is removing a part of History that we can never get back.

We do not want a ballroom that is bigger than the White House. What we want is to preserve the White House and honor the memory of the presidents who served our once Great Country.

Name: Lauryl Eppler
Date: February 20, 2026 10:01:41 am

Decrease the square footage and please keep it historically accurate. The 90,000 sqft ballroom exceeds the 55,000 sqft executive residence. No Trump name labeled on building please.

Name: Steve Schroeder
Date: February 20, 2026 10:02:28 am

Build it back exactly like it was. One man can not destroy what is not owned by him. Tighter regulations must be needed to avoid situations like this or punishments must be given.

Name: W Syreck
Date: February 20, 2026 10:02:49 am

I write to oppose the White House Ballroom

I have serious concern about the proposed nearly 90,000-square-foot White House ballroom addition, specifically its design and overwhelming scale. While modern presidents do need event space, this proposal goes far beyond a functional enhancement and instead threatens to visually overpower the historic Executive Mansion itself.

The original White House residence is about 55,000 square feet, yet the new ballroom complex would exceed that by a wide margin, effectively turning what should be an “annex” into a larger, more imposing structure than the house it is meant to serve. Even some reviewers who are otherwise open to the project have described it as “immense” and noted that it appears oversized, warning that the new volume would dominate rather than support the main structure. When an addition is larger in bulk and footprint than the original building, it stops reading as an addition and starts reading as the main event.

This imbalance in scale raises a second concern: visual dominance. The White House has always been understood as a relatively modest-sized mansion framed by larger federal buildings around it, a composition that reinforces its symbolic role as the “people’s house.” The proposed ballroom risks reversing that relationship. By sheer bulk, it would compete with, rather than defer to, the Executive Mansion, turning the historic residence into a backdrop for the new wing instead of the clear focal point of the complex. From key vantage points, especially across the South Lawn, the familiar silhouette of the White House could be lost within a much larger mass.

The proposed façade design compounds these problems. Renderings emphasize a multistory, ten-column porch that many observers have noted looks more like a grand Treasury-style building than an appropriately modest extension of the White House. The scale and monumentality of this colonnade are out of proportion to the rest of the complex, introducing an institutional, almost palatial front that clashes with the mansion’s restrained neoclassical character. Even officials inclined to support the project have suggested this feature needs to be “toned down,” which is itself an acknowledgment that the current design is excessive.

Good additions to historic buildings follow a simple principle: they should be clearly subordinate in size and expression, allowing the original structure to remain visually primary and legible. This proposal fails that basic test. In both its massing and its architectural expression, the new ballroom reads as a rival building rather than a supportive background element. That is not a mere aesthetic quibble; it goes to the heart of how the nation’s most recognizable civic symbol will be perceived for generations.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose the ballroom project in its current form and to insist on a design that respects the White House’s historic scale, character, and visual primacy. A more modest, deferential solution could meet functional needs without fundamentally altering the way Americans see their presidential residence.

Name: Debi Quarry
Date: February 20, 2026 10:03:05 am

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National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
401 9th Street, NW
North Lobby, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Opposition to the White House Ballroom Construction (East Wing Site)

To the Members of the Commission,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the construction of the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House. While the need for an expanded venue for state functions may be valid, the current project represents an irreversible loss of American heritage and a violation of established preservation principles.

My opposition is based on the following concerns:

Destruction of Historic Fabric: The demolition of the East Wing, originally constructed in 1942, was carried out without the transparent public review typically required for buildings of such national significance. This sets a dangerous precedent for the treatment of our nation’s "First House."

Inappropriate Scale: As presented in recent renderings to the Commission of Fine Arts, the proposed structure is significantly larger than the White House residence itself. This "massing" overwhelms the neoclassical balance of the historic complex, shifting the aesthetic from democratic restraint to an imperial scale that is inconsistent with the building's 200-year history.

Lack of Transparency: The bypass of the Section 106 review process under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) has prevented the American public from weighing in on the environmental and cultural impacts of this $400 million project before irreparable damage was done.

I urge the Commission to exercise its jurisdiction over new construction on federal land to reject the current design and require a more modest, architecturally sensitive alternative that respects the historical integrity of President's Park.

Sincerely,

Debi Quarry
[redacted]

Name: Christy Matlock
Date: February 20, 2026 10:03:54 am

An area to entertain guests would be okay, but this ballroom is out of proportion to what is acceptable! I used to be proud to be an American with the symbol of the White House known and respected around the globe, but now people in other countries are mocking/laughing at us (with good reason). This depiction shows that the White House has "grown smaller" (and gaudier) and thus its government must also be diminished. Please bring back American Pride in a government FOR THE PEOPLE!

Name: Stephen Eubank
Date: February 20, 2026 10:04:01 am

I agree with Commissioner Mendelson's comments from the January meeting. The proposed building is completely out of scale with the context. There has been no justification for the size of the building nor the number of people it must service. We are told that it doesn't really matter what it looks like because of the dense trees that will screen it from both the north and the south. From the aerial photo, it looks like the building will be 3-4 times as large as the White House itself, and will ruin its park-like setting. There is no justification for the height of the building.

This building should reflect the proud heritage of a democratic nation. The process almost guarantees that it will not. Three months after the secretive demolition of the East Wing, the public is presented with a set of plans that is far less detailed than an ordinary re-zoning request in a small town. Questions about the plan are met with an excuse that the information is top secret. We are told that there will be modifications to other parts of the building [a new Visitor Center here, adding a storey there], but are not presented with a coherent renovation plan. We are told that more detailed plans will be presented in future NCPC meetings, presumably after approval has already been given. We are told that work on the foundation has already begun, but that, of course, it could be changed "subject to budget and schedule". We are told that it is embarrassing to host royalty because their facilities are better - I wonder what George Washington and Thomas Jefferson would have thought about that. In all of this, "we are told" what will happen. That does not reflect the democratic dialog that made this country great.

Name: Mary Patroulis
Date: February 20, 2026 10:04:28 am

Please treat the "People's House" with great respect and care. I was shocked to see the East Wing demolished by a wrecking ball without proper attention to the rules that apply to the modifications of any historical landmark. It's appalling that in this moment in time, when so many Americans are struggling to put food on the table, our President has

prioritized the thoughtless demolition of an important part of the White House. To be raising funds for a garish, glittery ballroom when the people are suffering is careless and cruel. As someone who believes in the careful preservation of historical buildings, I agree with the statement from the Society of Architectural Historians:

Excerpt from the statement:

While we recognize that the White House is a building with evolving needs, and that it has undergone various exterior and interior modifications since construction began in 1792, the proposed ballroom will be the first major change to its exterior appearance in the last 83 years (since the East Wing in its current form was built in 1942). Therefore, such a significant change to a historic building of this import should follow a rigorous and deliberate design and review process. Since the project announcement, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has expressed concern and offered recommendations in five areas: establishing a qualifications-based architect selection process, enacting a rigorous historic preservation review, prioritizing transparency and public accountability, considering "proportionality" and "design harmony", and leveraging collaboration and expertise across the architecture profession.5 We share the AIA's concern and support their recommendations, while offering the following additional items for consideration:

1. Enact a Comprehensive Preservation Review: Since the last significant exterior change to the White House in 1942, major advances have been made in the field of historic preservation. Federal regulations and best practices now mandate careful study and mitigation of the impacts of new additions and changes to historic buildings. While the White House is exempt from the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 that requires federal agencies to consider the effects of federal projects on historic properties, given the exemplary significance of this site, we urge the White House to follow a meticulous review of any proposed demolition and new construction. From the limited information released to the public, it is unclear whether the proposal involves any demolition of the existing East Wing. Statements by the Chair of the National Capital Planning Commission indicate that "demolition and site preparation work" can proceed outside of any approvals process for the new building.6* More recently, President Trump stated that the ballroom will be "slightly larger" with a new capacity of 900 people as opposed to 650 people that was originally announced, reflecting an almost 40% increase in occupancy.7 We urge the White House to be transparent and carefully consider the scope, scale and extent of all demolition and new construction. Various design options for the ballroom should be prepared, and a comprehensive process of review and approval should be initiated that prioritizes maintaining the historic character of the building, including but not limited to, architectural scale, proportion and style. In addition, the advisory bodies that exist to better guide preservation of the White House, namely The Committee for the Preservation of the White House, The White House Historical Association and the National Capital Planning Commission, should be consulted and offer their unbiased, thorough and objective assessment and oversight. Moreover, these reviews should be carried out at a pace that allows in-depth deliberations and should not be rushed to meet an aggressive timeline.
2. Evaluate Impacts to the White House Grounds: The proposed addition appears to significantly extend into the landscape south of the existing East Wing. This impacts not only the layout and configuration of the buildings, but also the surrounding landscape that is equally important to the historic character of the White House and the President's Park (including Lafayette Park and the Ellipse). As such, any changes to the White House grounds should be carefully deliberated and involve appropriate landscape experts.
3. Consider Broader National Impact on Historic Preservation: Known as the "People's House," the White House is one of the most significant and visible historic properties in the country. Any project at the White House, whether it involves interior renovation, changes to the landscape, or a new exterior addition, acts as a national precedent in the treatment of historic properties. Recognizing this, we urge the White House to carefully consider our recommendations so that the project can have a positive influence on preservation practice, policies and procedures across the nation.

https://sah.org/2025/10/16/statement-on-theproposed-ballroom-addition-at-the-white-house/

Name: Normal Mota-Altman
Date: February 20, 2026 10:04:51 am

The White House is our house! The razing of the East Wing was done without input, permits, or consent of the people. I want it restored to its previous glory and the cost charged to Donald Trump.

Name: stephanie pinck
Date: February 20, 2026 10:05:53 am

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Edie Hertel
Date: February 20, 2026 10:06:04 am

Dear King Trump and your lackies on the commission,
This Ballroom is an abomination in design, funding and desecration of the People's House. Do not approve this without guidance from anon-partisan group of architects, historians, engineers, and land use experts.

Name: TEDDIE GARRIGAN
Date: February 20, 2026 10:06:43 am

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed addition of a large ballroom to the White House and to the reported efforts to accelerate or reshape the approval process in order to make such a project possible. The White House is not a private residence or a blank architectural canvas; it is a historic structure held in trust for the American people. Any intervention of this scale carries cultural, symbolic, and architectural consequences that extend far beyond a single moment in time.

When established systems of review are bypassed, pressured, or reconfigured to achieve a predetermined outcome, the integrity of preservation itself is failed. Oversight exists precisely to protect historic places from disproportionate change, political influence, or the pursuit of spectacle at the expense of stewardship.

A monumental addition that alters the scale and character of the White House risks diminishing the architectural restraint that has defined it for generations. Preservation does not reject evolution, but it does require humility, proportion, and respect for historical context. The introduction of a grand, highly assertive structure — particularly under conditions that suggest manipulated approvals — undermines public trust and sets a troubling precedent for how national landmarks are treated.

I urge the National Trust for Historic Preservation to advocate firmly for transparency, independent review, and preservation-first decision-making. The White House belongs to the country, not to any administration or individual. Protecting its integrity is not a partisan act; it is a responsibility shared by all who value history, architecture, and the democratic principles these places represent.

Name: sharon lamar
Date: February 20, 2026 10:07:00 am

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Signed,
Sharon Lamar

Name: Gail Wilson
Date: February 20, 2026 10:07:03 am

I have been horrified, at even the prospect of this project from the first minute those machines hit the East Wing of the White House. No warning, no reviews or permissions, dark of night, total destruction. The East Wing wasn't just a wing, it was the White House itself. Heartbreaking enough, but now the prospect of this out-of-scale, garish ballroom taking its place is a total travesty. Please stop this project immediately and restore the beautiful East Wing!!

I am appalled at how this administration has recklessly taken over personal ownership of so many properties in Washington.

Name: Rea Loftis
Date: February 20, 2026 10:08:20 am

I believe the White House is a sacred place for the people of the United States of America, even though it is the home of our standing president and all changes should be approved through historical avenues and be the benefit “FOR THE PEOPLE”.

Changes made outside of the people and the historical communities wishes are abhorrent.

Name: Kathie Chyrywaty
Date: February 20, 2026 10:09:53 am

The East wing should be replaced exactly as it was. It doesn’t need modernization. Visibly it should NOT overpower the people’s house, which is the most important part of the whole structure. Also stop modern renovations going on in the house without approval by the committee. It is not a hotel. Please do your best to stop the faux renovations.

Name: Alessandra Pellegrini-Masini
Date: February 20, 2026 10:10:01 am

I am writing a humble and simple comment, not as a historical preservation expert but as a simple American citizen expressing her wish for the People's House.
I completely agree to the need of upkeep and renovations of the White House in order to mantain structural soundness and functionality, within historicall preservation boundaries and public limits. With the terminology "public limits" I would like to underline how this building is not a private but a public institution, with the goals of representation and service. The private taste and comfort requirements of transient guests (namely, POTUS and his family) should be accommodated as long as they don't impose a structural and long lasting change to the House of the People.
Having said that, witnessing the demolition of the East Wing was heartbreaking. It was witnessing to History itself being demolished, and a private diregard for public goods, and public rules (like historical preservation) to which any of us is subject and whose respect should be praramount in our First Citizen, POTUS.
So, this comment is to unnderline that us, the People, have lost the East Wing of the People's House and would like it back, according to its original structure, size and decorum. We, the People, do not feel the need of a 90,000 sqf ballroom (or renovated East Wing). Particularly, we don't want to lose a symbol of United State history and replace it with a permanent symbol of disregard to rules and standing laws, and a self-declared monument that a single President admittedly plans on building for himself, for posterity remembrance.

Name: Glenn Gissler
Date: February 20, 2026 10:11:05 am

Architecture has cultural meaning.

Historic architecture and buildings matter!

The demolition of the East Wing and the planned Trump Ballroom is a hideous display of a self-serving vanity project at the expense of the people, and the People's House.

Donald Trump is a short term occupant of OUR house. His egregious acts of architectural violence and gross abuse of poser is deeply offensive

The Ballroom should NOT be APPROVED!

Name: Ali Nolan
Date: February 20, 2026 10:11:34 am

I’m writing to express strong concern regarding the proposed East Wing expansion of the White House.

The current concept feels fundamentally misaligned with the historic character of the building and its surrounding context. The scale and massing appear disproportionate, introducing a visual weight that overwhelms the existing architecture rather than complementing it. Instead of reading as a thoughtful addition, the proposal feels abrupt and institutional, lacking the restraint and elegance that define the White House's legacy.

Beyond scale, the overall design language seems disconnected from the original structure. Successful additions to historic buildings should feel deferential — respecting proportion, rhythm, and materiality — while remaining quietly contemporary. This proposal does not achieve that balance. It risks diminishing one of the most recognizable civic landmarks in the world.

The White House is not just a functional workplace; it is a symbol of American history and identity. Any intervention should be held to the highest standard of architectural sensitivity and long-term stewardship. I urge decision-makers to reconsider this approach and pursue a solution that is more modest in scale, more refined in proportion, and far more respectful of the building's architectural heritage.

Thank you for considering public input on such an important matter.

Name: Kimberly Gunn
Date: February 20, 2026 10:12:03 am

You're ruining this country, and you should be ashamed of yourselves for your disregard towards historical preservation. This isn't the first time. Do better!

Name: Mitzi Barker
Date: February 20, 2026 10:16:04 am

I respectfully urge you to not allow a greatly out-of-scale ballroom to be constructed next to our beautifully proportioned historic White House.

Name: Nancy Lorenz
Date: February 20, 2026 10:18:42 am

Please note my opposition to the "East Wing Modernization Project"

The White House is meant to embody democratic restraint, not excess. Replacing the East Wing with a ballroom signals a troubling shift—from governance toward self-promotion.

Architecture communicates values. A ballroom of this scale communicates power as display rather than service, permanence as ego rather than history.

It is your responsibility to heed the public outcry, the vast majority of us opposing this embarrassing and misguided project.

Name: Elizabeth Hayes
Date: February 20, 2026 10:19:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Alyssa Kisiday
Date: February 20, 2026 10:19:39 am

The East Wing project by the current administration is a disgrace and slap in the face to all Americans. Trump has no

respect for his constituents or our history. He only cares about enriching himself, and that is all this new ballroom will be used for.

Name: Christopher Kleinhenz
Date: February 20, 2026 10:20:40 am

I strongly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. Any proposal that is to be approved must pass muster with all the panels and agencies responsible. Any modernization plan cannot be approved by the President just because he wants it to be done. The White House is the "people's house" and cannot be damages or "improved" simply at the whim of any temporary inhabitant. Any changes much go through proper channels.

Name: Jill Bocskay
Date: February 20, 2026 10:20:41 am

The American people are sickened by the loss of our beautiful East Wing which held such historical value and collective memories for our country. We deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the planning of such an important project as the rebuilding. The demolition and planning of this project have from the start ignored decades-held protocols regarding preservation of historic buildings. Please hear our outrage over what has happened to this iconic, beautifully-classical American building, and find a way to block and/or edit the obscenely- garish, bloated-in-scale designs being offered. Thank you.

Name: Mary Finsterwalder
Date: February 20, 2026 10:23:39 am

The East Wing of the White House belongs to The American People. It does not belong to whoever is in the offices of the White House at any given time. This property was taken without public input or notification, even, from The People, and destroyed - no permission therefore A THEFT - A CRIME - punishable by law. There is no proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

And to then try to charge the taxpayers, whose stolen property this is, $300 million on this project?
What should happen is the perpetrator of this robbery and destruction of property of The American People, needs to be charged to rebuild it as it was, to clean up the mess, and pay restitution to The People for the monies already stolen from us to pay for the illegal tearing down of the East Wing and every other cost to date.

Name: George Lucas Buhr
Date: February 20, 2026 10:25:10 am

If this is going to be done, do it the right way. Permits, authorization, review etc.

Name: Patricia Howell
Date: February 20, 2026 10:25:54 am

So much destroyed without proper hearings or authorization!
And to built a monstrous building bigger than the Capitol will look ridiculous and as tacky as the inside now looks. If the goal is to impress visiting dignitaries from other countries or to have lavish parties for wealthy donors while many US citizens are hungry, jobless, afraid, homeless or needing health care than this is a CRIME.
I want to see a list of every donor and account for every dollar. If not taxpayer money, then what favors have been promised? If this disgrace proceeds I will not support any business on the list.
I am embarrassed for our country.

Name: Kathleen Lloyd
Date: February 20, 2026 10:27:53 am

I am very opposed to the razing of the East Wing of the White House and replacing it by an extremely large building that is larger than the real White House. It looks out of place and is ugly. One does not need to have a very large building as a ballroom that would not be used that often. It takes away from the beauty of the original White House. Any decisions about the White House should be made by Congress after discussions with people and architectural design experts. People should know where the money would be coming from. and what has been promised to the president in return for the money.

Name: Steve Young
Date: February 20, 2026 10:28:35 am

I oppose this horrific structure. Since the East Wing has been demolished, please rebuild this wing back to a balanced size to the west wing, making the White House asymmetrical. If it must be a ballroom, make it fit. The current monstrosity is completely unacceptable.

Name: Jan Goldman-Carter
Date: February 20, 2026 10:29:16 am

I am a US citizen, a strong believer in democracy, and a longtime resident of the District of Columbia. I strongly oppose the President's unilateral destruction of the White House East Wing and construction work on a new ballroom. The White House is the People's House and the White House grounds and parks in the District of Columbia belong to the People of the U.S.

The President must abandon unilateral plans for the ballroom unless and until those plans achieve proper design and construction approvals from the National Trust for Historic Preservation as well as the National Capital Planning Commission.

It is essential to integrity of the architecture and vision of the National Mall that any changes to the White House, the Ballroom, and other buildings on the National Mall be consistent in scale and design with the overall vision of the National Mall.
The current plans send a disgraceful message that a Grand Leader's Ballroom is more important than the Lincoln Memorial. Disgraceful.

Name: Carole Hopey
Date: February 20, 2026 10:29:30 am

Members of the Commission: All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was unlawfully destroyed by the President. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem. Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess.

Name: Andrea Gerlach
Date: February 20, 2026 10:29:50 am

The current residents should not be allowed to destroy the beauty of the WH. Please do not allow them to change any more items in the WH, and turn it in to absolute garbage. There agenda does not align with the nations.

Name: Alisa King
Date: February 20, 2026 10:30:41 am

The White House is not the President’s house. It is the people’s house. I urge developers to restore class and dignity to the

East Wing during the current restoration/remolding project. We don’t need another space filled with gaudy, gold trinkets made in China and found at big box stores similar to those put in the Oval Office by the current administration! Citizens want to see timeless elegance.

Name: Anne DeVries
Date: February 20, 2026 10:31:17 am

This is a link to my comment which is to follow what the prosecutor wants to happen:
https://cdn.savingplaces.org/2025/12/17/08/22/16/f2b9145e-404e-40d0-9f45-d3838b24be95/2025.12.12%20DE%202-3%20-%20Declaration%20of%20Alison%20K.%20Hoagland.pdf

Please rebuild the east wing exactly like it was prior to destruction. There are loans and photos and videos showing how it was. Build it with sustainable materials and make the finishes look historic.

Name: Martin Lolich
Date: February 20, 2026 10:32:29 am

I vehemently oppose the construction of an enormous ballroom where the beautiful historic East Wing used to stand. It was demolished without public comment or permitting, after assurances it would not be touched.

The President Donald J Trump Ballroom would be architecturally ruinous to the White House. Worse, it would be a monument not to America's greatness, but to the convicted felon who rules by decree and uses his office for personal profit and retribution against anyone who displeases him.

If this monstrosity is built, I would fully support its demolition when this disgraceful president is out of power.

Name: Richard Dorrier
Date: February 20, 2026 10:34:08 am

As someone who has spent their entire career preparing approval documents for Federal buildings in Washington, I find the proposed Trump ballroom (‘East Wing Modernization’ project) massively over-scaled and non-conforming in relation to its site context (President’s Park) and its adjacent building, The White House. This proposed ballroom building, as currently designed, blatantly blocks historic views and will permanently disrupt the symmetry and scale of the historic grounds and existing building at this site.

If an architectural program of this size is desired, I don't understand why an underground structure with appropriately-scaled above-ground features has not been considered - something successfully accomplished elsewhere to protect a treasured historic setting(s).
Anyone involved with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and any other required review documents would come to this same conclusion as a reasonable alternative when considering the necessary approvals.

Despite the Commission of Fine Arts’ ruling yesterday, I strongly urge NCPC, and any other agencies involved, to consider an underground alternative or other mitigation measures to prevent this irrevocable impact to one of our most precious National assets.

Richard Dorrier, AICP, LEED AP
Alexandria, VA

Name: Angela Reighard
Date: February 20, 2026 10:36:43 am

No. We own this house, and any updates or changes should be approved by the people. No one has desecrated this venerable home in the past because of decorum. Let’s continue that.

Name: Lowell Ashbaugh
Date: February 20, 2026 10:38:33 am

The construction project to replace the East Wing has been moving too fast without proper oversight. This is amply illustrated by the illegal demolition of the East Wing without any notice. The entire project to construct a ballroom should be halted until a real and valid oversight body is in place. The design of a replacement for the illegally demolished East Wing must be compatible with the remaining White House. It should not be entrusted solely to Donald Trump. Halt the project now.

Name: Phillip Wright
Date: February 20, 2026 10:41:04 am

I am strongly against the construction of a ballroom at the White House, and I regret veery much the damage that has already been done there.

Name: Mary Abbott
Date: February 20, 2026 10:41:29 am

We do not need a ballroom that taxpayers will ultimately support, we need healthcare, clean air, better schools. This project is unnecessary and wasteful and will ultimately cost taxpayers regardless of what the current president says.

Name: J Greenberg
Date: February 20, 2026 10:42:18 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, not to mention a complete lack of respect for the original architecture. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history in the name of one man's massive ego and disregard for the American people's opinions. I want this project canceled immediately and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law, not even a president. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and it is a kick in the face to the citizens of this country. We benefitted from the history, the beauty, and the grandeur of the original building. Please do your duty to US, your fellow citizens, and stop this idiotic waste of money and destruction of American art and history.

Name: Keira Dembowski
Date: February 20, 2026 10:42:19 am

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the orginal Executive Residence. To do so here, the ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence and retain the historic sight lines for the public viewing the White House from the street.

Name: Linda Larrabee
Date: February 20, 2026 10:43:30 am

While I might have agreed that some updating of the East Wing might have been in order, the complete destruction of this historic part of the White House is very disturbing. The lack of attention to historic preservation is alarming. I would recommend restoring the exterior dimensions and architectural style, but update wiring and make interior ADA accessible where possible. Follow the process for making needed but historically sensitive changes. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city. The proposed modernization will overwhelm the historic building and be a blot on the landscape. The White House is the people’s house and should be treated as such and with respect. .

Name: Pat Oakes
Date: February 20, 2026 10:44:17 am

The east wing of the white house should never have been destroyed trump did not have the authority to destroy it. trump should be ordered to rebuild the east wing of the white house exactly as it was at his and his families expense!

Name: Karen Gilman
Date: February 20, 2026 10:44:48 am

I do not approve of this proposal.

Name: Beatrice Vicente
Date: February 20, 2026 10:45:20 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding

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Name: Tom Bullion
Date: February 20, 2026 10:45:40 am

Trump has destroyed a part of our collective historical White House without proper oversight or accountability. He ignores regulations pertaining to building or changes to existing structures. This is against lawful oversight systems that are in place. I'm shady at his disregard of these rules. Unfortunately he is not qualified to make any decisions regarding architectural chages. If we need to legislate new rules for this president, let's do it. He needs to be personally accountable for his reckless destruction of our house, it's not his

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Name: Paul Vincent
Date: February 20, 2026 10:46:30 am

Thank you for providing a method to submit written comments regarding this project. First, the demolition portion of this project has already been started without any comments allowed. This in my opinion is a huge mistake and it also changes the White House entirely so I believe it is unfortunate that that part of the project proceeded without the appropriate comments in advance..

Second, it is likely that a new larger ballroom is a good idea but exactly how and where it is located is up for discussion and people with more knowledge than I have regarding Washington DC and regarding the White House should weigh in Thank you again for allowing me to provide comments regarding this project

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Name: Curt Van Blarcum
Date: February 20, 2026 10:47:31 am

Replace and restore exactly what you stupidly and illegally ripped off the White House!!! Stop messing with Federal Government architecture and assets that do not belong to Donald Wreaking Ball Trump. Also reduce your other forms of impact to ALL other National Monuments.

Name: Derek Burr
Date: February 20, 2026 10:50:22 am

You advertise this as "white house ballroom" and then on this form it is "east wing modernization project".

Regardless, I oppose these renovations and destruction of the famous rose gardens. As am American Citizen my voice/comments should be given as much consideration as the President as the White House and its gardens are for all Americans. These proposed changes were not put forth by required legal processes. The President alone cannot be the

sole voice on how our White House and its grounds are changed. The House and Senate represent the American people and they were given little to no opportunity to provide their recommendations or the recommendations of their constituents. I do not support the destruction of the famous Rose Gardens nor do I think the American people need an expensive “fancy” ballroom. There are so many other pressing, important needs in this Country and I do not support use of taxpayer dollars for this President’s project.

Respectfully,

Derek CS Burr, PMP

Name: Annie Bluhm
Date: February 20, 2026 10:50:40 am

Please keep the East Wing just as it is. Thank you.

Name: Sue Sparling Olson
Date: February 20, 2026 10:50:52 am

I am strongly opposed to this project. Nothing was approved. No plans were sent through the appropriate channels prior to demolition.
This is a travesty. I do not want to see a ballroom built. I don’t want to SEE it or have us be beholden to the people “giving” money for this horrible project.

Name: Karen Verola
Date: February 20, 2026 10:52:55 am

I want the East Wing rebuilt exactly like it was. It is part of history. It wasn't approved. Use that money to build shelters for the homeless and poor immigrants.

Name: Michael Purser
Date: February 20, 2026 10:54:27 am

The actions taken on the East Wing are wrong on so many levels. Americans take pride in their historic structures and altering them in any way cannot happen without due process being considered. We do not allow for changes, or the destruction, of our historic treasures without considering the consequences on our nations historic fabric. Destroying them on a whim without providing a clear plan goes against all principles and ideals for maintaining a continuum of our cherished properties. The project should be stopped at its current status and maintained in its current state to show taxpayers we do not allow for the destruction by those who malign our reverence for our public buildings.

Michael W. Purser
Atlanta, GA

Name: Cynthia Bonini
Date: February 20, 2026 10:55:10 am

I am deeply troubled by many aspects of this this project. The demolition was done without proper authorization. Plans for the replacement building continue to change. Using private donations to finance the project make me wonder what influence these donors may expect in return. The White House does not belong to any President. It cannot be treated as a private home undergoing renovation. Any changes to the White House, especially changes of this project's magnitude, must have planning, discussion, decision-making, and oversight from all appropriate agencies. Until then, I ask that this project be suspended.

Name: JoAnna Pippen
Date: February 20, 2026 10:57:52 am

This is a travesty. The East Wing was demolished before any proper procedures were followed. This is nothing more than a Trump vanity project. Realistically, how often would a ballroom of this size even be needed? Although, taxpayers aren't funding the initial project there is certainly no guarantee we won't end up paying a lot in the long run. Where is the oversight?
Now, we learn the debris from the tear down is being dumped on a public gold course. Seriously? That's okay?
Why is any of this being allowed to happen?

Name: Matthew Dowd
Date: February 20, 2026 10:59:13 am

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Name: Roberta Marley-Merchant
Date: February 20, 2026 10:59:36 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This was a blatant and illegal disregard of proper authorization, permits or design review. There is no need for this structure. This complex would dwarf and overpower the remaining wings of the White house and destroy the symmetry and beauty of the original design. The original East Wing needs to be restored now. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carrie Edwards
Date: February 20, 2026 10:59:37 am

Dear Review Committee,

As an American citizen, We the People should have a say about the buildings that we own. This includes the White House and its ancillary structures.

My first wish would have been to not build a ballroom next to the White House at all. My second wish would have been to build a smaller ballroom behind the East Wing as President Trump first stated, "I love the East Wing. The ballroom won't even touch it." Then he demolished it. My final wish would be that it is not built so large to overshadow the White House, a cherished symbol of our freedoms.

Finally, I wish to point out that a building so large that you can see it from space makes a good target. Think 9/11.

Sincerely Submitted.

Name: David Hindahl
Date: February 20, 2026 10:59:51 am

I would like to add my objections to the "modernization" project of the East Wing of the White House. I was extremely angered by the Presidents ill advised and unregulated destruction of a major portion of the "People's House, the White House. After lying to the public about his intentions to "not even touch" the existing structure, and with no input from the NCPC or any other agency, the East Wing was suddenly and tragically destroyed. I am outraged by the President's actions.

The newly proposed banquet/entertainment hall is massive, and will certainly be ugly, if any of President Trump's past architectural designs give any indication. His fondness for gold plating and gothic cherubs is not in keeping with the

stately, simple elegance of the People's House. The size alone is worrisome, as it will dwarf the existing structure and make it look like a small, antiquated shack attached to an office building. Although I can understand the need for some sort of indoor entertainment space for state dinners etc, I do not see the need for such a grandiose and enormous building. Please remove President Trump from this process entirely. My recommendation is that the East Wing be rebuilt as it was, at the expense of President Trump's personal businesses, and that the ballroom, if needed be smaller, and in more in accordance with the existing architectural design of the White House. This is a place that many of us (including myself) have visited and revere, and it is a shame to let this narcissistic megalomaniac who has terrible tastes force us to accept his design.

Respectfully

David S Hindahl MD
White Salmon, WA

Name: Rebecca Anerling
Date: February 20, 2026 10:59:59 am

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Name: Trevor Groce
Date: February 20, 2026 11:00:11 am

I oppose the addition of a “ballroom” to the White House property as it conflicts with the values of humility and service to the people has should be embraced by the residence’s temporary occupants. The office is already overly prone to corruptability as exhibited everyday by the current administration’s self-dealing and unresponsiveness to the immediate concerns of a majority of the population. The space that formerly situated the East Wing would be better suited for green space, symbolically and functionally. Let the government use other spaces outside the White House perimeter for such large-scale events that require an events space of this size.

Name: Donna Brown
Date: February 20, 2026 11:02:37 am

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Name: Michael Stromberg
Date: February 20, 2026 11:02:51 am

Donald Trump illegally destroyed the east wing of the White House. He was able to accomplish what Osama Bin Laden was not able to accomplish on 9/11/2001. He did this with out following the law. And he is doing it with out legal funding from Congress. Any further work on the White House should go through the legal reviews that are required by law, AND be properly funded, by Congress, as required by our Constitution.

Name: Conway Graft
Date: February 20, 2026 11:03:22 am

The destruction of the historic East Wing by the President is unlawful. If he is not held accountable than he could destroy the White House and many other historic properties such as Mount Vernon, Monticello etc. I worked in the field of History for over 40 years. This has been a travesty.

The project to replace the East Wing wirh a ballroom should be denied. Only an accurate reproduction of the Iriginal East Wing should be allowed. Thank you.

Name: Louise McPhillips
Date: February 20, 2026 11:04:36 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

As an architect, and as a concerned American citizen, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: RICHARD WOODRUFF
Date: February 20, 2026 11:04:58 am

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Name: Tristan Studer
Date: February 20, 2026 11:07:12 am

This is a righteous waste of our public resources, all in the face of overwhelming evidence we are entering a recession. Turn it into a garden and be done with it.

Name: Larissa Rhea
Date: February 20, 2026 11:08:35 am

The White House is a monument meant for preserving, not modernizing. It represents our history and celebrates our country. Modernization removes that connection to the past. I strongly disagree with the proposed remodel.

Name: Norm Reinhary
Date: February 20, 2026 11:08:53 am

Are you kidding me? This lunacy must be stopped, and the White House restored to its symmetry. T Rump destroyed it: T Rump must pay for the damage and restoration!

Name: Lindsey Elman
Date: February 20, 2026 11:09:05 am

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to strongly urge the Commission to deny approval of the East Wing Modernization Project — the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex — and to use every authority available to it to demand a full accounting of how this project has proceeded to date.

The review process has already been irreparably compromised. Trump's decision in October to demolish the East Wing began without the independent reviews, congressional approval, and public comment that are typical even for relatively minor modifications to historic buildings in Washington. Demolition of a structure serving as a landmark of American civic life for over two centuries was carried out before this Commission or the public had any meaningful opportunity to weigh in. The NCPC is now being asked to approve above-grade construction for a project whose most consequential and irreversible act has already been done. That sequencing is not a technicality; it is a fundamental subversion of the public oversight process these institutions exist to provide.

The administration has exploited jurisdictional gaps to avoid accountability. NCPC does not review the demolition of buildings or general site preparation. The National Capital Planning Act does not give the Commission authority over demolitions. The administration appears to have used this limitation strategically. Subsurface work has proceeded under the administration's interpretation that NCPC jurisdiction attaches at "vertical build." In other words, by racing through demolition and below-grade construction before seeking formal approval, the project has created facts on the ground designed to make Commission rejection practically and politically difficult. The Commission should not allow itself to be used as a rubber stamp for decisions already made in bad faith.

The oversight bodies reviewing this project lack independence. President Trump dismissed all six CFA commissioners in October 2025, denying the body a quorum to exercise its voting authority. Earlier this year, five new members were sworn in, enabling the commission to continue its formal review of the East Wing proposal. The reconstituted panel is chaired by White House Staff Secretary Will Scharf. A review body chaired by a sitting White House official and composed largely of recent presidential appointees cannot credibly serve as an independent check on a White House construction project. The Washington Post first reported that one appointee, Chamberlain Harris, a 26-year-old White House aide, was sworn in ahead of the February 19 meeting and lacks a professional background in architecture or design. When oversight panels are stacked with loyalists immediately before votes on controversial projects, the integrity of the review process itself is called into question.

The historic significance of what was lost cannot be overstated. The origins of the East Colonnade can be traced to the early 19th century. When Thomas Jefferson arrived at the President's House in 1801, he directed Benjamin Henry Latrobe, surveyor of public buildings, to construct wings on the east and west sides of the President's House. This was not merely old construction — it was a living artifact of the founding era, connecting the American people to their earliest presidents. Its demolition, without Section 106 review, without Congressional authorization, and without public comment, represents an irreplaceable cultural loss. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has sued in federal court to halt construction of the ballroom. The Commission should take seriously that a leading national preservation organization found the legal and procedural violations here serious enough to pursue litigation.

The proposed structure is out of scale with its setting. At the fine arts commission's January meeting, some commissioners questioned the lead architect about the "immense" design and scale of the project even as they broadly endorsed Trump's vision for a ballroom roughly twice the size of the White House itself. A private event facility twice the footprint of the White House Executive Residence is inconsistent with the character of the National Mall and the historic setting of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Commission has an obligation under the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital to evaluate proposals against policies related to urban design, parks and open space, and visitor experience. This proposal fails those tests.

The National Capital Planning Commission is one of the last independent institutions with any formal authority over this project. I urge Commissioners to exercise that authority with the full weight it deserves. Approving this project would signal that historic demolitions can be laundered through belated review processes, that stacked advisory boards provide sufficient oversight, and that the nation's most symbolically important address can be redeveloped for private event use without genuine public consent.

The Commission should deny approval, demand environmental review that meaningfully accounts for what has already been destroyed, and make clear that the sequence of events here — demolish first, seek approval later — will not be accepted as a precedent for future federal projects in the National Capital Region.

Name: Jane Armstrong
Date: February 20, 2026 11:10:01 am

The destruction of the east wing and grounds was destruction of security and historically significant citizen/taxpayer property

The president is an elected temporary leader, not realtor nor developer. Not omnipotent.

The new buildings -and grounds all need to conform and fit with the surroundings, the uses , the access, the history past to future and be approved by representative historical, security, architectural , structural professionals with full funding before one more spade of dirt is moved . Congress minimally should have a roll in approving funding and the project in our property.

Name: Amelia Day
Date: February 20, 2026 11:11:03 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. This project is not a modernization project. This project is about replacing an historical landmark that was torn down and now is to be replaced with a new building in a process that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The White House is known as the people's house because we, the American people, own it. We allow the presidents to live in it and use it but this National Historic Landmark and National Park does not belong to the president. The president is a tenant and no tenant is allowed to tear down a building without permission of the owner: how would you feel if a tenant tore down a building that belonged to you? Tearing down the East Wing was illegal and the president, the temporary tenant, who committed that crime should not be allowed to build whatever he wants on the site of the building he illegally tore down. The building's owners, the American people, were given no opportunity to comment on what he plans to do with our building. The destruction was a violent fait accompli that we watched with horror on TV.

What the tenant constructs on the site of our building that he illegally tore down must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion: what he plans to build is NOT. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require that the president reconstruct the East Wing that he illegally tore down with a building that keeps its historic design and size.

Name: Kristin Krumenacker
Date: February 20, 2026 11:11:14 am

STOP destroying property of the American People without our input! What has always happened should never have been allowed and those who allowed it should be held responsible for destruction of property. No changes! This administration has shown they cannot be trusted and must not be allowed to do ANY MORE DAMAGE!

Name: Tina Brock
Date: February 20, 2026 11:11:32 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Warner
Date: February 20, 2026 11:12:39 am

Just because the current administration has committed countless criminal and incompetent acts threatening the lives and livelihoods of millions does not mean its "smaller" misdeeds should be given a pass. Tearing down the historic East Wing of the White House should not have happened simply upon direction of a powermad corrupt president. Industry and corporate moguls should not have had the opportunity to funnel money to the presidents vanity project. We can't change what has already happened, but we can demand that from this point forward, the rules and regulations governing national spaces be respected and followed. Proper planning must be done and permitting must be obtained for any construction on White House grounds. That area belongs not to the current, scofflaw occupant but to the American people as a whole. Any construction must proceed in a fully transparent and legal fashion.

Name: Willow Moon
Date: February 20, 2026 11:13:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Sewell
Date: February 20, 2026 11:14:49 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million, or any other amount, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: William Harshaw
Date: February 20, 2026 11:15:07 am

It is the White House, not a palace.

The scale of the ballroom will overwhelm the main building.

No addition can be taller and larger than what it meant to enhance.

If a grand executive branch ballroom is truly needed, it should be not be on the white house grounds. Move it offsite.

Name: Ninette Carnevale
Date: February 20, 2026 11:15:37 am

The design and size of this project is offensive not to mention how the entire project was a lie in how it was funded and not approved. There has to be a solution that is reasonable at this point and tasteful and not 400 million.

Name: Pieter Estersohn
Date: February 20, 2026 11:15:39 am

As an architectural historian who has worked on over sixty-five books on design, architecture and preservation, I would like to register my disapproval of both the failure to correctly vet this project through the appropriate scholarly voices necessary when initiating such an endeavour, as well as the pure disregard of the actual historic scale and proportions of the White House. I use the adjective "historic" simply to refer to the holistic thread that must be considered when making drastic changes to an historic campus, such as the one at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. I have documented the White House as a photographer, and am well aware of the nuances and transitions necessary while additions and improvements are needed. The disregard for this particular kind of attention, as shown in these plans, is deeply disturbing. A proper, scholarly and impartial committee of EXPERTS must be formed to review these plans before any further advances are made in what will be historically viewed as an architectural abomination.

Name: Charles Biddle
Date: February 20, 2026 11:15:48 am

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express serious concern regarding the demolition and proposed modernization of the East Wing of the White

House.

My concern is no longer hypothetical. Substantial demolition has already taken place. That reality heightens the responsibility to ensure that what follows reflects restraint, historical continuity, and fidelity to the architectural character of the White House complex.

The White House is not simply another federal facility. It is a layered architectural and symbolic space shaped by generations of careful stewardship. Historically, major interventions have been undertaken only when clearly necessary and executed with deep respect for historic fabric. President Truman's reconstruction of the residence was driven by structural failure, and even then the exterior form and historic character were meticulously preserved.

The East Wing evolved incrementally in response to functional needs. Its architectural restraint and coherence with the broader complex contributed to the visual and symbolic continuity of the White House grounds. The complete removal of a standing structure, particularly one with established ceremonial and public-facing functions, represents a far more sweeping intervention than routine modernization.

I also write from a personal place. As the great nephew of the late Jimmy Biddle, former president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I was raised with a deep respect for the stewardship of historic places. My great uncle was directly involved in White House decorative efforts during the tenure of Lady Bird Johnson and Jacqueline Kennedy. Those initiatives were guided by a philosophy of restoration and enhancement rooted in historical research and continuity, not reinvention. That tradition of thoughtful preservation has long defined the best moments in the White House's evolution.

For that reason, I am troubled by the scale and speed of the current changes. Once historic context is removed, it cannot truly be recovered. Reconstruction, however well intentioned, is not equivalent to preservation.

I respectfully urge the Commission to ensure that any further action adheres to established preservation principles, including minimal necessary intervention, architectural continuity, transparency in review, and meaningful public engagement. The White House belongs not to any single administration, but to the nation and its history.

Modernization can and should coexist with preservation. What must be avoided is irreversible alteration that diminishes the architectural integrity of a site that carries exceptional civic significance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Charles Biddle

Name: Alicia Pershell
Date: February 20, 2026 11:15:52 am

I am opposed to the proposed changes to the White House. I am appalled at the demolition of the White House. I want to see the White House, The People's House, restored to it's previous state , before 2025.

Name: Sandra Meyer
Date: February 20, 2026 11:15:53 am

Nice try with east ing modernization title for what I believe is a desecration of our Whitehouse. Shameful for one person without any authorization or approval has destroyed so much. I oppose these changes. I abhor the idea of a grand. Ballroom. I believe Trump should be required to repair what he has destroyed without permission. No authoritarianism should be rewarded or ignored . We are a democracy and we have laws to protect us from the evil that this despicable man has thrust upon us. Stop the madness. Let all decisions be through appropriate channels.

Name: Lindsay Constantine
Date: February 20, 2026 11:17:17 am

The East Wing being demolished is an insult to the American people. It needs to be rebuilt and protected. I just cannot fathom how this could have happened without asking for the approval of the American public.

Name: Melissa Jeuck
Date: February 20, 2026 11:19:06 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sheila Bouck
Date: February 20, 2026 11:19:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bruce Cundiff
Date: February 20, 2026 11:20:24 am

I am commenting as an American taxpayer to protest the use of taxpayer owned space for this incredibly awful idea, regardless of who is funding it. This is a horribly conceived vanity project that does nothing for the true owners of the White House -- the American people. The incredibly inept implementation of the project thus far only further exposes the hypocrisy of this illegitimate administration. Calling it a "Modernization Project" only adds to that exposure of hypocrisy. Let me join the 99% of American taxpayers who have commented on this project to say that I am strongly against this idiocy.

Name: Mary Catherine Graziano
Date: February 20, 2026 11:20:27 am

This was outrageously poorly handled. The building has been demolished without any process and now we have a historical building damaged illegally. I want the building repaired and restored.

Name: Karen Hadley
Date: February 20, 2026 11:21:18 am

Please put original members of commission back in place who have architecture and art history experience. It is fine to also include an events planner or other that knows the planned use and needs of the room but the majority should be design experts,

Please do not overbuild and ruin the lovely snd stately current feel of the area. It is unfortunate a section has already been razed eliminating g history snd beauty.

Name: Polly Leaf
Date: February 20, 2026 11:22:33 am

Proportion is so important in architecture. OUR White House embodies that in its original design. The addition of an enormous ballroom kills it. The destruction of the East Wing ruins any sense of balance on the exterior and has wiped away all the artifacts that gave warmth, a sense of history and connection to the wing’s interior. The White House no longer looks like the people’s house but more like a resort or club for the wealthy, and ones with very bad taste.

Please make every effort to stop this dreadful, garish project and return our country’s home to us. And don’t stop there. The Rose Garden, the Oval Office should be restored to the beauty and dignity they once had.

Thank you

Name: James Yarosh
Date: February 20, 2026 11:22:36 am

I respectfully submit the following comment:

In the wake of the rash tearing down of the East Wing, I oppose the continued bulldozing of thoughtful design principles—an act that will forever alter history during a deeply divisive moment for our nation and its place in the world. This disregard for artistry and meaning favors grandeur over purpose, deepening the divide between the powerful and the people when unity should be our foundation. The arts have always reminded us of who we are and who we can become—celebrating the beauty born of every culture, gender, race, and identity. If this project truly seeks to reflect the greatness of our nation within the ballroom of the living museum that serves as both the President's residence and workplace, it should do so not by building the largest halls, but by mindfully creating a gracious landmark space with more tables and more seats for guests—as a metaphor for a country that welcomes every voice and every story, embraces the full spectrum of our diversity, and shows what true inclusion looks like when everyone has a place at the table.

Name: Mike Musson
Date: February 20, 2026 11:23:07 am

This is an absolute waste of money for something to entertain elite donors who are buying in with contributions to curry future favors. Time to stop turning this into Maralago north and turning our Capitol into Trumpville.

Name: Helen Kashevaroff
Date: February 20, 2026 11:23:56 am

The project to build a ballroom for the White House is at present a bad design. I am glad that this opportunity to have public input is now available. The White House is not owned by the president. The President Trump overstepped his authority by having the old East Wing torn down without any review from the National Capital Planning Commission. Any plans for remodeling the White House must be reviewed by the Commission. Consideration should be taken for historical and esthetic designs. The present idea is too big. If such a large ballroom is needed, then it should be built somewhere else. The balance of the present design would be destroyed by such a large ballroom. The White House itself should be the focus of the area that it is presently in.

Name: Barb Howe
Date: February 20, 2026 11:24:13 am

I am writing to support the comments of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in regard to the East Wing Modernization Project. I have reviewed the materials provided online and cannot support this plan. It appears that you only have concepts of a plan, to quote one of President Trump's famous vague phrases. The drawings you have online provide few details. Why does the proposed building need to be so large?

Name: Sandra Roark
Date: February 20, 2026 11:25:00 am

The destruction of the East Wing was shameful and ignored all procedures that should have been followed before the destruction was approved. This is part of our American history. This is not a modernization. This is taking away American history from citizens. This is a vanity project, please stop it!
Thanks.

Name: Katherine Wallace
Date: February 20, 2026 11:25:59 am

I oppose the unauthorized demolition as well as the unauthorized ballroom planned by the trump administration. It is ghastly over reach to demolish a historical building such as the White House, let alone building an obtuse oversized ballroom to self commemorate the current occupant of the White House. Please put a stop to any further construction and allow the replication, as well as appropriate improvements, to the east wing. Thank you for your time!

Katherine Wallace

Name: Kareema Gray
Date: February 20, 2026 11:26:18 am

The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing of the White House is an unconscionable act of historical destruction that must be stopped immediately. This is not modernization — it is the deliberate razing of a cherished piece of American heritage, undertaken without proper authorization, required permits, or mandatory design review. The proposed expenditure of $300 million in taxpayer funds on a project that bypassed every legal and institutional safeguard is an outrage that demands accountability.

The East Wing belongs not to any one administration, but to the American people and to history itself. We call for the immediate cancellation of this project, the full restoration of the East Wing to its original design, and the pursuit of appropriate legal consequences for those who authorized and initiated this unlawful demolition. No individual, regardless of title or position, stands above the law. To allow this destruction to proceed without consequence would send a dangerous message that those in power can disregard legal process at will — a precedent that strikes at the very foundation of our democracy. The American people deserve accountability, transparency, and the preservation of the institutions and landmarks that reflect our collective identity and history.

Name: robert kahn
Date: February 20, 2026 11:27:24 am

I am totally against the proposed East Wing project. It is so over scaled as to drawf the White House. Would a home owner place the addition of a garage three times as large as their house adjacent to their residence making the house appear an insignificant after thought? Of course not.
The sole purpose of this project is only to satisfy the over sized ego of the president. It will replace the identification of the White House as the Party House.

Name: Amy Wixon
Date: February 20, 2026 11:27:49 am

The White House is a public building and the public should have a say in any significant changes. This is also a historical building and that should desire consideration in any renovations.

Name: Joan Beccard
Date: February 20, 2026 11:27:53 am

This is the People’s House. Trump has no right to tear it down and build a golden ballroom that will not be accessible to the average citizen

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Name: Susan Righi
Date: February 20, 2026 11:31:02 am

I am so distressed by what the President has done to the East Wing of the White House.

The proposed new East Wing Ballroom is too big, and should balance the West Wing. The gold has to go. This is not a monarchy and I DO NOT want my tax money to fund this vanity project of the President.

The US Commission of Fine Arts, whose membership has been stacked with loyalists, bypassed its obligation to provide

serious design review and consider the views of the American people, including the over 99% of public comments (out of 2,000 submissions) that expressed opposition to the current design and offered valuable suggestions on how it might be improved.

The National Capitol Planning Commission should listen to the American People, and not the ego of one man, and pursue a design for the east wing that created a classic, balanced, beautiful building that my grandchildren and I can be proud of. What we are getting is a monument to Donald Trump, which turns my stomach and of which the US, a formerly democratic country, should be ashamed.

Name: Laurel Zaepfel
Date: February 20, 2026 11:32:12 am

I oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars on the project to tear down part of the White House, a national landmark, and replace it with a gaudy event center which will dwarf the White House itself. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans and an egregious waste of taxpayer money. Thank you for reading my comment.

Name: Sandra Joy
Date: February 20, 2026 11:32:18 am

Restore the East Wing to its original structure and appearance.

Name: Catherine Turrill-Lupi
Date: February 20, 2026 11:32:44 am

I want to express my deep concern about the demolition and proposed rebuilding of the historic East Wing of the White House. The demolition already has happened, without consultation or approval; the plan to build an extravagant, outsized ballroom “wing” on the site seems to be moving forward, again without meaningful, bipartisan consultation or approval. No matter what President Trump may claim, I think the people should be given a chance to protect the people’s house; that historians should have a voice as well, given their greater knowledge of the site being impacted by this grandiose project. I am an art historian with a subspecialty in American art and architecture, a retired professor who was trained at the University of Delaware and who interned at the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC. Thank you for your attention.

Name: Sean Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 11:33:03 am

The size of the proposed 90,000 sq ft East Wing modernization project is significantly larger than the 55,000 sq ft White House executive residence. The disproportionate scale of the proposed East Wing dwarfs the historic residence. Consequently I oppose the proposal. The historic executive residence should remain the focus of the site and should never be overwhelmed by another structure.

Name: Tracy Dillard
Date: February 20, 2026 11:33:24 am

As a member of the Emeritus Board of Landmarks Illinois, I want to go on record as strongly opposing the East Wing ‘modernization’ project. This administration had no authority to demolish the East Wing, with or without warning — and has none to move forward (however funded) with a structure not only vastly out of scale, but also unjustified by necessity. I urge you to promptly halt this planning and construction — and to require rebuilding of the demolished East Wing. Thank you.

Name: Elizabeth King
Date: February 20, 2026 11:33:43 am

The proposed plan for the so-called East Wing modernization has distorted the footprint of the once elegant White House and in so doing obliterated the optical balance of the space. If constructed, this building will dwarf and obliterate the beauty of the White House as it has stood for centuries. Much as was done to the once historic rose garden, (along with the American dream, environmental safeguards, green energy, access to medical care and vaccines, etc.), President Trump has proven himself particularly skilled at paving paradise to put up a parking lot. At some point, there needs to be a process of independent review to approve or reject a plan that scars the viewscape of our (emphasis: our) White House. I urge you to take all lawful steps necessary to ensure that construction does not commence without proper authorization and vetting.

Name: Ann Osborn
Date: February 20, 2026 11:34:33 am

Please cancel this project now!

Name: Marie W Harris
Date: February 20, 2026 11:35:31 am

I am appalled and horrified at the illegal demolition of the East Wing of the White House, and the inappropriate scale of the ballroom that is to replacee it.
This is a violation of historic preservation principles and againt the law.
There are organizations and guidlines for the care of historic buildings which Donald Trump chooses to ignore.
Please stop him!

Name: Alaina Sivadasan
Date: February 20, 2026 11:36:59 am

The White House is one of our nation’s most historic and symbolic buildings. The East Wing is part of that legacy and should be preserved, not torn down for a ballroom. This feels like an unnecessary and costly use of taxpayer dollars when those funds could serve far more pressing public needs.

Name: Teresa Eiland
Date: February 20, 2026 11:37:51 am

I am strongly opposed to the CFA's decision to approve plans for the East Wing modernization project without serious review, including the input of experts like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and, most importantly, the American public. It is *our* house after all.

My list of complaints about the design as currently imagined is long but the most significant is that the size and scale of the ballroom is completely out proportion to this historic site. The White House is our most iconic residence. This bloated and bloviating "modernization" would only serve to overshadow and diminish one of the most significant historic buildings in the country, which I imagine is the point.

Name: Michelle Nicholas
Date: February 20, 2026 11:38:00 am

I believe this project is a waste of money. Please stop this project.

Name: Michael Murnin
Date: February 20, 2026 11:38:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rebekah King
Date: February 20, 2026 11:38:50 am

The White House has been home to our Presidents since 1800. Owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service, the White House was designed by Irish architect James Hoban, whose winning design was selected by President George Washington in a competition for the honor of designing the home of the American president, and demonstrates Georgian and neoclassical architectural principles. While the White House does need to provide a larger meeting and gathering space, I am deeply concerned about the sheer massing and height of the proposed 90,000 square-foot new ballroom construction. I think it will overwhelm the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet. I am also very concerned that the new construction will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex, which emphasizes the prominence of the Executive Residence in contrast to its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing" of the existing structure. Id. § 68.3(a)(9)-(10).

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence. I hope the final design plans show a decrease in the size, volume and massing of the new construction. The height should be lower than the Executive Residence. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings, and the design should preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. I respectfully urge that the design of the ballroom take into consideration the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Name: Carol Derov
Date: February 20, 2026 11:39:25 am

These comments are regarding the blatant and illegal over-reach of the current President to destroy a part of the White House.
This building is owned by me- and the American people! We did NOT give approval for the East Wing to be torn down so that an overly huge ballroom can be built. This ballroom is simply another monument to Donald Trump. It must be stopped!
Enough with the illegal "projects" that are ultimately being funded by tax payers- while healthcare, food affordability, housing issues and the future of our country's democracy lie in shambles!!
Prosecute DJT for Epstein! Stop this ballroom!!

Name: Michelle Coles
Date: February 20, 2026 11:39:32 am

I object strongly to the scale of the current proposed addition.

Name: Michael Gorin
Date: February 20, 2026 11:41:56 am

I am AGAINST the purpose and scope of this proposed project.

PURPOSE
I have visited the White House campus several times and have toured the White House. It is an extremely iconic and hallowed place in Washington that represents our countries history and is one of the signs of our democracy that so many

people have died to protect. It is a location where serious meetings and significant decisions are made, not a location where large and lavish parties should be held.

SCOPE
When I look at the architectural renderings, it makes me think of a convention center and it overshadows the central mansion building that should be the focal point of the White House grounds. It is not inline with the sense of modesty that I feel when I visit the White House. It is the location of the "people's house", not a lavish palace. There are plenty of existing locations in Washington that are available for our President to host large parties. I would also think that it would be a security risk to have so many people attending large events so close to the President's office and residence.

As a born citizen of our United States, I am embarrassed when I see photos and video now of the existing Oval Office. I am sure that the gold embellishments do not represent what our founding fathers had in mind when the White House was constructed. The interior East Wing conceptual drawings that I have seen on TV (not even included in the submission materials), look to have the same theme.

The original building should not have been demolished without more formal approval and I sure hope that the new construction of such significant scale should be carefully reviewed before final approval.

Sincerely,

Michael Gorin
Phoenix, Arizona

Name: Susan McIntosh
Date: February 20, 2026 11:42:23 am

Two comments on the East Wing Modernization project.

First, I object to the destruction of the original East Wing, which was implemented without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Second, since the East Wing has already - unfortunately - been demolished, I am in favor of building a social venue in the space available. I agree that the White House needs a larger indoor event facility; this would eliminate the recurring costs and issues associated with outdoor events. However, the new building should be consistent with the scale & design of the current buildings on site, which does not seem to be the case with the current plan.

Name: Andrew Fogel
Date: February 20, 2026 11:42:37 am

This is an improvementuse of public property and a destruction of a historical landmark. It should be halted and the East Wing should be restored at President Trump's expense.

Name: Susan Rountree
Date: February 20, 2026 11:43:24 am

I am opposed to the construction of the new ballroom to replace the East Wing. The East Wing was demolished without prior approval, and the new ballroom, as planned, would destroy the architecture profile of the White House and will not hold up to historic standards. Though the plans were "approved" by the Trump-appointed board, I would ask that the NCPC stand up for its rights to oversee and approve any remodeling of "The People's House." The Trump regime continues to ignore historic protocol and the laws set forth by Congress in renovating historic properties owned by the United States. It is my understanding that the project is still under litigation though not halted. Please use the powers that have been bestowed upon your commission to stop this project until proper designs can be approved that are proportionate to the rest of the White House.

We can't bring back the East Wing. Yet Trump destroyed part of our nation's history when he destroyed the East Wing. I have no confidence that historic artifacts housed in the East Wing were treated with the care and safekeeping that we entrust White House staff to employ. If possible, please gather proof that these artifacts (china, gifts, paintings, etc) are in fact being carefully maintained.

Thank you for your time.
Susan Rountree
Raleigh, NC

Name: Michael Mccurdy
Date: February 20, 2026 11:43:46 am

This project should not proceed until the required review actions have been met.

Name: ROGER HAGENBUCH
Date: February 20, 2026 11:44:39 am

Now that Trump has already demolished the old East Wing and taken donations from billionaires, supposedly to pay for building his monstrous, gaudy ballroom, it appears he will get his way. As a regular US citizen, I want to express my opposition to his total disregard for common decency and respect for our national treasures and the democratic process established for making changes to them. He seems to have forgotten that the land and building in which he resides belongs to all the American people and he doesn't have the right to change it at his will. Now, the ballroom will be built and the American taxpayers will likely be left with the bill.

Name: Terry Mattingly
Date: February 20, 2026 11:44:43 am

This is an abomination. The history of the White House is being destroyed, hijacked and replaced by a monstrosity that is totally out of scale to our White House just because Trump wants our White House to look like a Florida country club. We have already lost Jackie Kennedy’s garden and the entire east wing to one man’s intent to make everything in his name. Enough. We, as Americans, should have the final approval of any plans to change our White House. It does not belong to any President, it belongs to the American people.

Name: Helen Mickelson
Date: February 20, 2026 11:45:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront

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Name: Ryan Skinnell
Date: February 20, 2026 11:46:22 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history and a narcissist’s sad vanity project. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Valerie Homanics
Date: February 20, 2026 11:46:49 am

I Valerie Homanics oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law

and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- abiding citizens.

Name: Margaret Hall
Date: February 20, 2026 11:46:51 am

The Executive Mansion is historic and important to all people in the United States. However necessary a large dining room is to entertaining many people, it should not overshadow the Mansion. I oppose any ballroom that is taller than the Mansion. Please design a ballroom more appropriate to the site and the Mansion.

Name: Catherine Overton
Date: February 20, 2026 11:47:03 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project,
but a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law including the president and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding American citizens.

Name: Theresa McCartin
Date: February 20, 2026 11:48:58 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Catherine Kuss
Date: February 20, 2026 11:49:19 am

I am opposed to this destruction of our heritage. Please stop it and rebuild the East Wing. Let’s get back the Rose Garden and the democracy while we are at it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Desiree Cobb-Olori
Date: February 20, 2026 11:49:43 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project.
As a descendant of early Americans I am saddened to see American History be erased, especially without proper authorization, permits or design review. This is the people’s house! Please cancel this project & restore the East Wing to its former design.

Name: Carol Uecker
Date: February 20, 2026 11:49:58 am

I oppose the "sneaky, in the dead of night" destruction of the East Wing of the White House. That building belongs to all the people, not the current resident. Money "earmarked for it" should be used to rebuild that wing of the White House.

Name: Cathy Stiff
Date: February 20, 2026 11:50:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

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Name: Ellen Shiflet
Date: February 20, 2026 11:53:09 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design..
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Name: Stacie Kentop
Date: February 20, 2026 11:53:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens of the USA.

Name: Ilya Speranza
Date: February 20, 2026 11:54:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Loren Campbell
Date: February 20, 2026 11:55:07 am

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project, from ANY source. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history for the self-gratification of a malegoformed nitwit. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lauren Murphy
Date: February 20, 2026 11:55:30 am

I am opposed to the proposed East Wing ballroom addition to the White House. The building is out of scale with the historic structure and overwhelms the existing building. The height, mass, and false historic architectural style are all inappropriate under the Secretary of the Interior's (SOI) Standards and all of the National Parks Service's preservation briefs as they relate to additions and new construction. As someone who works in historic preservation at the local level, it is extremely challenging to work with applicants who wish to add to their homes or businesses to better their every day life but still remain sensitive to the historic character of their specific building and the district in which it is located. To do so, we often undergo numerous rounds of review and revision to ensure that both the needs of the property owner and the historic resource are met. In this case, the property owner is the American people. The Federal Government has not taken into account the impact of this massive addition on the character of the White House nor have they paid attention to their own federal guidelines and standards for the treatment of historic buildings. The overly grandiose columns and height of this addition make it seem as if THIS structure is more important than the original. The first thing we ask of property owners is to ensure their additions are subordinate, yet compatible. This is neither. This project should be paused and architect that specialize in additions to historic structures should be consulted so that the mass of the ballroom can be adjusted to be more respectful of the existing historic buildings and their historic additions already on-site. The one-story hyphen which connects the White House to the ballroom, should be more open, ideally like the colonnade which was

demolished without due process. The height of the ballroom should be reduced, and if possible, that mass should be further setback from the front of the White House. Further, it is not appropriate that the ballroom would attempt to mimic the historic details of the White House. The balustrade at the top of the new addition is completely out of place and attempts to make it seem as if the ballroom had been there all along when the SOI standards clearly indicate that modern construction should be a product of its time and not seek to replicate historic details falsely. The decorative columns on the side of the structure are entirely inappropriate and should be eliminated. This is not an historic structure nor is it the historic entrance to the building and highlight this area with a heavy pediment and fluted columns would not be acceptable in any historic district in this country. In short, the new ballroom should take its cues from the existing west wing and the portions of the structure which were demolished. It should be reduced significantly in height so that it is clearly shorter than the White House and it should seek to humble itself to the historic buildings which surround it rather than attempting to challenge those for dominance.

Name: Laura Zeranski
Date: February 20, 2026 11:56:25 am

Objection to Unauthorized Project and Call for Restoration
I strongly oppose the allocation of $300 million for this project. The initiative commenced without securing the necessary authorization, proper permits, or a thorough design review. Such procedural oversights raise serious concerns about the legitimacy and transparency of the project's development.
This endeavor should not be characterized as a modernization effort. Instead, it represents a complete demolition of a significant piece of American history. The current approach threatens to erase valuable historical architecture and cultural heritage that deserve preservation.
I respectfully request that this project be canceled immediately. In its place, I advocate for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design, thereby honoring the historical value and legacy it represents.
No individual or entity is above the law. Allowing this project to proceed without holding accountable those who bypassed legal procedures would be an insult to all Americans who abide by the law. It is imperative that appropriate measures be taken to address these violations and uphold the principles of justice and fairness.

Name: James Mullen
Date: February 20, 2026 11:57:04 am

"I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Sarah Branch
Date: February 20, 2026 11:57:27 am

Please consider the historic integrity of this building of the people. The plans to modernize and strip the building of its charm and history are absolutely devastating.

Name: Andrea Reich
Date: February 20, 2026 11:57:35 am

Absolutely NO!!! This project is completely out of scale with the White House and should not be allowed to proceed. What is wrong with the board which approved the project in spite of 99% of the comments against it? They should be forced to rebuild what was there before the illegal demolition.

Name: Morgan Fykes
Date: February 20, 2026 11:58:32 am

The planned East Wing demolition and ballroom project is an egregious abuse of power that tramples the law, disrespects history, and serves a single man’s ego instead of the American people.

The administration began tearing down the East Wing in October 2025 without the public notice, independent reviews, or congressional approval that are normally required for even minor changes to historic federal buildings. A lawsuit by the National Trust for Historic Preservation argues that this rush job violates multiple federal statutes, including requirements that no major structure be built on federal land in D.C. without explicit authorization from Congress and that large projects undergo proper environmental and historic review. A federal judge has already signaled deep skepticism that the president can simply wave away these laws and replace them with a backroom scheme funded by private donors.

This is not about safety, essential repairs, or basic functionality; it is a sprawling 80–90,000-square-foot ballroom, larger than the existing White House itself, designed to host lavish state events while millions of Americans struggle with housing, healthcare, and basic services. The project's cost has exploded from roughly a $100–200 million "privately funded" concept to a $300–400 million monument to excess, with no credible public justification for why this scale of expansion is necessary. Polling already shows Americans oppose these renovations by more than two to one, making clear this is a personal indulgence masquerading as national infrastructure.

The demolition was launched with no meaningful public comment, no transparent alternatives analysis, and only after the president stacked key arts and planning panels with loyalists who rushed through approvals in a single meeting. Preservation advocates, architects, and historians have warned that the colossal new structure would overwhelm the carefully balanced classical design of the White House and permanently erase the scale and symbolism of the original East Wing. When faced with criticism, the response has not been reflection or restraint, but retaliation: dismissing commissioners and installing yes-men to rubber-stamp a foregone conclusion.

Demolishing a historic wing of the People's House on dubious legal footing, to build a mega-ballroom funded by wealthy donors and approved by stacked panels, is not leadership; it is self-serving vandalism dressed up as renovation. It treats federal law as a suggestion, public heritage as disposable, and the American public as an afterthought whose only role is to watch the dust settle from outside the construction fence. Any administration that bulldozes process, precedent, and the people's trust to erect a gilded hall for its own glory deserves nothing but firm, unequivocal opposition until this project is halted, fully investigated, and either drastically scaled back or abandoned altogether.

Name: Nikol Jensen
Date: February 20, 2026 11:59:56 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kimberly Ronon
Date: February 20, 2026 12:00:09 pm

Please put the East Wing back to what it looked like before it was ripped down without permission!!!
We do NOT need or want a ballroom!!
We want the White House put back to what it looked like before this regime took over.
Thank you.

Name: Jennifer Ferrara
Date: February 20, 2026 12:00:13 pm

Dear Commission Members,

I write to oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without following any of the proper protocols, including permits and review of the new design. It is not a "modernization" project but rather a complete erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Suzanne Levin
Date: February 20, 2026 12:00:49 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East Wing to be built into a huge ballroom. This was done without proper approval and needs to be built back as it was.

Name: E Walter
Date: February 20, 2026 12:06:47 pm

I oppose the rushed construction of a massive new ballroom on the site of the East Wing of the White House. The White House is not a private property or a political trophy; it is a national asset that belongs to the American people and represents our shared history and democratic values.
Any significant alteration to this historic site must undergo careful, transparent review. That includes thoughtful architectural design, preservation considerations, environmental review, and strict adherence to all federal, local, and historic preservation laws. There should be no shortcuts, no expedited approvals that bypass established safeguards, and no exceptions made for political convenience.
Recent actions, including the reported dumping of East Wing debris in public areas of East Potomac Park, raise serious concerns about whether proper procedures are being followed. Before any new construction is approved, the public deserves clear answers about how that debris will be handled, relocated, or remediated in a legal, safe, and environmentally responsible manner.
The White House deserves deliberation, transparency, and respect for the rule of law. Major changes to such an iconic and historic site should reflect the highest standards of accountability. Not haste.

Name: Margaret Phillips
Date: February 20, 2026 12:06:47 pm

We do NOT need a ballroom! We need the East Wing to be restored along with the rose garden. The White House is the people’s house! Stop this insanity now!

Name: Patricia DeWitt
Date: February 20, 2026 12:07:51 pm

I have seen the proposed plans for the East Wing ballroom at the White House. As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I ask the National Capital Planning Commission to uphold the standards of the Capital and oppose this project.
The building appears completely out of proportion to the rest of the White House complex and the changes, including removing the pediment, don’t materially improve that. I have often stood on the National Mall admiring the buildings and other structures that were put there for the benefit of the American people and to display to the world what Americans value: science, the arts, history, government by the people for the people. This new ballroom building is for the benefit of one person, and it displays what he values to the detriment of a historical structure that symbolizes our country. The fact that the new construction is to be financed with private funds is itself an affront to the character of this part of our nation's capital. It is not an excuse for atrocious changes in the architectural quality of the White House.
Thank you for your consideration.

Name: John Davison
Date: February 20, 2026 12:08:29 pm

This “East Wing Modernization” project is more than unnecessary, it’s an illegal crime in my view. This was done without prior approval of Congress and the American people who own the People’s House. Never in my lifetime have I seen something like this happening without any accountability and it should be stopped immediately from going forward. It’s absolutely disgusting that the historic and protected East wing was removed in the first place and in my opinion should be rebuilt exactly as it was with NO BALLROOM allowed. It’s also disgusting that the planned monstrosity would be than the actual historic White House. Please stop this madness immediately.

Name: Michael Bodziner
Date: February 20, 2026 12:08:32 pm

The scale of this proposed design is an aberration and a desecration of the White House - the people's house. Yes, a social event space on the White House grounds is a marvelous idea. But the Trump design is entirely inappropriate, unnecessary, and an embarrassment. The proposed design must be required to go through the legal and standard approval process!

Name: sarah scott
Date: February 20, 2026 12:08:46 pm

I can barely even find the words to describe how painful it is to watch the current administration tear down the East Wing of the White House with proposals to replace it with a ballroom. A ballroom that I have seen mock ups to be the same size or larger than the main White House. I do not even understand how a single administration has the power or capacity to rip apart an entire wing of the White House, and they certainly should not be rewarded by being allowed to erect whatever they so choose. Large plans on the White House should be led and driven by historians with the main focus being preservation of our nation's history at the front of mind, not parties or showing off. This is heartbreaking for many Americans, and I can't believe this has even happened

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Name: Tana Allen
Date: February 20, 2026 12:08:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all American citizens.

Name: Georgie Canestra
Date: February 20, 2026 12:10:06 pm

To whom it may concern,

I, and We, the American people, DO NOT want the destruction of the East Wing to be created into Trumps ridiculous ballroom. We do not agree to have OUR tax money go towards such wasteful spending. The East Wing holds memories of our past and needs to be cherished and preserved.

Thank you
Georgie Canestra

Name: Sally Pachulski
Date: February 20, 2026 12:11:00 pm

Our history razed and those who break the law by destroying without permits and authorization need to be held accountable. Or do we just assume we are no longer a nation of laws? It does seem that way. Restore, at the personal expenseof the president, what was destroyed to the state of the wing as of Oct 1, 2025. Then follow proper procedures.

Name: Maura Lambert
Date: February 20, 2026 12:11:25 pm

I object to this renovation because it has not been historically planned or approved and it has already destroyed part of the building that belongs to the people of the United States of America.

Name: Claudia Brown
Date: February 20, 2026 12:12:59 pm

I am horrified at the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed state ballroom. There was no need to destroy the East Wing and the ballroom can be built in a totally different location. A location with easy access, security and adequate parking for the proposed number of attendees. This project as proposed is not well thought out at all. This project should not go forward. The East Wing should be restored.

Attachment

Name: Joseph Guydish
Date: February 20, 2026 12:13:34 pm

The White House is owned by the American people. No one should be allowed to make major modifications without consulting the American people, through their legislative representatives.

Name: Lana Dowell
Date: February 20, 2026 12:14:01 pm

This should have never been allowed to happen. I oppose the extreme expense of an unnecessary ballroom and support the restoration of the East Wing at NO EXPENSE to the government or taxpayers.

Name: Sue and Peter Ladouceur
Date: February 20, 2026 12:15:24 pm

We are very against Trump’s destroying the East Wing of the White House without permission and approval from the Congress and the Historical Preservation Society and without support of the citizens of the United States! To go against rules and laws that our constitution uphold is certainly against the law and anyone involved in this destruction of our Historic Pride should be prosecuted to the fullest! No regard to law or government or historic process is an insult to our love of history and keeping our history preserved. We want the East wing rebuilt and restored to its original representation! As soon be as possible.

Destroying our countries valuable and loved history is a moral and criminal act and the modernization of the east wing to a ballroom that was never voted on or even went thru the correct branches of government nor The historic preservation society for approval, must be denied by law, the Congress and the courts and those involved should be prosecuted to the fullest!

We hold dear our history and the fact that this President so brazenly destroyed without permission a part of the White House that was loved and treasured by all, is an affront to history and a criminal act.

Name: Debbie Wolf
Date: February 20, 2026 12:15:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I foresee a similar amount may need to be spent to repair the damage done for the East Wing to be restored.

Name: Tyler Harris
Date: February 20, 2026 12:16:02 pm

This is horrible. Why the rush, why the cloak and dagger shenanigans? If it's truly a good plan, why not be "transparent" as the administration is always shrilly declaring themselves to be? Sunlight is the best disinfectant. Given what's been done to "the people's house" already, I can't believe grownups in roles like this are entertaining these childish selfish short-sighted vanity projects. It's not too late to do the right thing. Let's take a breath and come up with a reasonable proportionate respectful plan we can all be proud of for centuries to come.

Name: Parham Cain
Date: February 20, 2026 12:16:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If that for some reason is unrealistic, this project should be a project OF the people. The people should decide and design what comes next. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens. I'd be fine with letting it sit the way it is until the next administration."

Name: Eric Reed
Date: February 20, 2026 12:18:21 pm

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt as it was. The proposal new East Wing will look stupid, as it will drawf everything around it. Any architect firm, that isn't compromised by greed and/or loyalty to Trump, would never design/build such a wasteful use of resources. Trump needs to use his own money to rebuild it, as it was (but modernized inside, while leaving the old footprint alone), and use not private donors/donations that aren't made publicly known.

Name: Suzanne Towne
Date: February 20, 2026 12:20:18 pm

I am horrified at the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed state ballroom. There was no need to destroy the East Wing and the ballroom can be built in a totally different location. One with easy access, security and adequate parking for the proposed number of attendees. This project as proposed is not well thought out at all. This project should not go forward. The East Wing should be restored.

Name: Cheryl Klink
Date: February 20, 2026 12:20:22 pm

Sadly, I think the damage is done, and preservation is no longer possible. The demolition of the east wing of the White House erased the history of all those who previously resided there, with plans for "modernization" being nothing more than garish personal taste for one man who won't even be in office when the restoration is complete. Yes, every sitting president should have the opportunity to decorate their abode to their personal preference, and pictures, wallpaper, and decor are one thing. The complete obliteration of an entire wing is something else all together. The best we can hope for at this point is to restore it to its previous grandeur, as close to possible.

Name: Barbara Dunn
Date: February 20, 2026 12:21:05 pm

This vanity project must be stopped. We, the people, have no use of a golden ballroom, We, the people will never be invited to use it, though we will have to pay for it at the expense of much more important uses of our money

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Name: Eileen Bernstein
Date: February 20, 2026 12:21:37 pm

No one president or administration has the right or authority to alter any property that is supported by tax payers without proper vetting, ESPECIALLY THE WHITE HOUSE.

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jonatha Gott
Date: February 20, 2026 12:22:01 pm

The size and overall scale of the proposed ballroom are totally inappropriate, as it dwarfs the original White House. It must be scaled back significantly - there is no need to seat 1000 people in official functions. The interior plans are gaudy and not in keeping with the decorum the American citizens expect. Funding the ballroom using donations from wealthy individuals and corporations is highly problematic - clearly a vehicle to curry favor with our current president. The commission should not approve this tacky, oversized vanity project.

Name: Gerald W. Lott
Date: February 20, 2026 12:22:11 pm

The destruction, not renovation, the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, the People's house, was extremely disturbing to me. The President, just one man, decides what decides, based on his ego, that something so out of historical bounds should be completed irrespective of NCPC input or Congressional input. The current President Trump proposal is more than alarming. There should be historical input, architectural input, and a review of true need. The process should also be open; no backroom black hole planning and decision making. The current plan makes a mockery of the White House; the People's house. It is too grandiose; it over shadows the White House. We don't need a monarchical ballroom.

Name: Kristin Lewis
Date: February 20, 2026 12:22:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This money should have been spent supporting American citizens in getting equal access to healthy food, health care, education.

Name: Valerie Le Grande
Date: February 20, 2026 12:23:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. We are losing history due to the awful actions of Donald Trump. I want this new project cancelled and the East Wing REBUILT and restored to look on the outside like if formerly looked. If seating space for state dinners is built inside of this, okay, but NO NEW BIG addition. Futhermore, I believe that Donald Trump should personally pay for this rebuilding since he unlawfully tore it down to begin with. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of us law-abiding Americans.

Name: Victoria Lamb
Date: February 20, 2026 12:24:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an injustice.

Name: Helga Burre
Date: February 20, 2026 12:25:41 pm

The East Wing should never have been torn down! And the debris should not have been dumped on a DC golf course. And all the artifacts from the East Wing, supposedly removed and preserved, must be located and securely stored. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. If restoration is not possible, i want the re-building to be designed by a group focused on an historically APPROPRIATE size and structure that matches the current White House and West Wing! NO GOLD! With the 250th anniversary of our freedom from a monarchy approaching, any public building should reflect the restraint showed by our founders. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gail Doucette
Date: February 20, 2026 12:29:01 pm

This is not "modernization." It is criminal destruction of history and property belonging to THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. It was never intended to be a bribe collection center to facilitate influence peddling by the most corrupt "administration" in our history. Everyone involved in this travesty should hang their heads in shame while responsible people restore to the public what is rightfully ours. Rebuild the East Wing.

Name: Mary Rector
Date: February 20, 2026 12:30:29 pm

I have been following the dismantling of the White House East Wing in disbelief and horror. It’s beyond comprehension that the “People’s House” can be changed and turned into a mockery of everything our democracy stands for. I implore you to resist the grandiose plans submitted by the 28 page document that plans to build a structure (behemoth) larger than the White House and West Wing combined. Please demonstrate the courage to resist and design something representative of who we are as a nation. Already so much has been destroyed but you can still prove to the American public that you can rebuild and restore some trust in listening to the people. More than 99% of submissions disapprove the plan. In our democracy, how can you in good conscience move forward?

Name: Katherine Barbour
Date: February 20, 2026 12:31:33 pm

I want this project cancelled and for the East Wing to be rebuilt in the manner of its past design.

Name: Robert Dudek
Date: February 20, 2026 12:33:19 pm

Subject: Public Comment Opposing Proposed Ballroom Construction at the White House

To the Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a large ballroom on the grounds of the White House.

First and foremost, I am deeply concerned about the dismantling of the original East Wing. The East Wing is not merely an auxiliary structure; it is an integral part of the historic fabric of the White House complex. Its architectural character, historic associations, and role in shaping the current composition of the grounds should be preserved. Removing or substantially altering it would diminish the integrity of one of the nation’s most significant historic sites.

Second, the proposed ballroom appears to be excessively large in scale relative to the existing structures and landscape. The White House grounds are defined by balance, proportion, and restraint. A ballroom of the proposed size risks overpowering the carefully calibrated sense of scale that has evolved over generations. Such a structure could visually

dominate the grounds and alter the historic character of the setting.

I am also concerned about the removal or displacement of original elements, materials, and longstanding features associated with the East Wing and surrounding areas. Historic preservation principles emphasize retaining and rehabilitating original materials wherever possible. Once lost, these elements cannot be authentically recreated.

Finally, I urge the Commission to slow the approval process. A project of this magnitude—affecting a National Historic Landmark and an internationally recognized symbol of American democracy—deserves a transparent, deliberative review. Rushed decision-making risks unintended and irreversible consequences.

I respectfully ask the Commission to:

*Preserve the original East Wing and associated historic elements.

*Ensure any new construction is subordinate in scale and character to the historic complex.

*Conduct a thorough and transparent review process with ample opportunity for public input.

*Consider alternatives that meet functional needs without compromising historic integrity.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your stewardship of the nation’s capital.

Respectfully,

Robert Dudek

Name: Barbara Ulrich
Date: February 20, 2026 12:35:12 pm

I was dismayed by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House, completed without approval typical congressional approval, public comment, or independent historic preservation reviews. The building should reflex American values, rather than those similar to Louis XIV.

Name: Raymond Nicklas
Date: February 20, 2026 12:35:14 pm

Rebuild the former East Wing in the same style and scale as it was, but install functional updates that bring it up to code/modern standards that may not have been possible in the former structure.
Some expansion may be OK, but not at all anything like what is proposed that will dwarf the White House.
Please DO NOT allow that gigantic over-shadowing ballroom.

Name: Carina Lovitt
Date: February 20, 2026 12:35:17 pm

I am not opposed to building an elegant event space as part of The White House (The People’s House). However, it needs to speak and relate to the existing structure. The current design completely overwhelms and fails miserably to achieve this basic goal. After destroying the historic East Wing please have the courage to do what’s right for the White House and ultimately our country by designing something tasteful and in proportion to the current dwelling.

Respectfully,
Carina Lovitt

Name: Lee Rose
Date: February 20, 2026 12:35:20 pm

It is my opinion that the East Wing Modernization project was undertaken without any consideration for the history of the

White House or any review by the relevant authorities. In addition the funding methodology, as reported, seems rife for quid-Pro-Quo with the current administration in violation of both history and law.

Name: Phyllis Kennedy
Date: February 20, 2026 12:35:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Kathryn O'Brien
Date: February 20, 2026 12:36:36 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible.

As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated: “The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comments and shape the project.”

Name: Lisa Johnson
Date: February 20, 2026 12:37:58 pm

NCPC's missions is to preserve and enhance the history, culture and federal assets of the National Capital Region to support the needs and needs of the federal government and enrich the lives of visitors, workers and residents. I fail to see where any of these goals are achieved with the continuance of this project.

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project because it is unnecessary and ill-advised project that was initiated without going through the proper and legal processes necessary prior to the destruction of the East Wing. The history of the East Wing is well documented. It has provided functional space First Lady operations. It represents a symbolic gateway for public entrance and engagement. Its destruction demonstrates disregard for the general public's connection to the White House and the desire to cater to the wealthiest sector to the exclusion of the populus that is the President's responsibility to serve. Destruction of the space designated for first ladies' operation base is representative of the current President's disrespect for females and a denigration of the value of female role in the Administration. Another example of his lowly, insulting and criminal opinion of women.

Presidents have been hosting foreign dignitaries within the existing facility elegantly and comfortably for over 100 years. The ostentatious designs that are being implemented are an attempt to impress dictators of countries who are not aligned strategically with the goals of the majority of American citizens and to feed the ego of a leader with the goal of enhancing the riches of a small group of the extremely wealthy as well as himself and family. The project provides no measurable benefit to the millions of citizens that the White House serves.

As a taxpayer and a citizen, I oppose the spending of $300 million dollars or more on this project and demand that the East Wing be restored to its historical design and functionality. I oppose this ostentatious representation of our country when so many in this country are struggling to put food on their table, medical care for their families and safe and affordable housing.

Name: Elizabeth Graff
Date: February 20, 2026 12:39:30 pm

The People's House, the East Wing, was destroyed without my consent. The People's House belongs to the people and I, as a citizen of the United States, did not consent to having the East Wing demolished.

I want the People's House restored.

When the People's House is restored, I want a plaque that says, "Unauthorized demolition of the People's House began 20 October 2025 and now the East Wing is fully restored on this day [with the date the restoration is finished]." I want this plaque to also say that the East Wing of the White House belongs to the the people of the United States, not to any president now or ever.

Since this demolition was done without the consent of the PEOPLE, restoration needs to be paid for by the person responsible for demolishing it.

I do not want a ballroom. The East Wing is for the people of the United States. We are not an empire; we are a democracy. We don't need thrones or ballrooms. We don't have a king; we don't want a king.

STOP this ballroom project NOW.

I want the East Wing restored, and I want an honest record of what happened, who was responsible, and how we restored the East Wing memorialized there, at that site, when we rebuild it.

Name: Lucy Miller
Date: February 20, 2026 12:39:34 pm

To whom it may concern;

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Lucy V. Miller

Name: Rose Schafer
Date: February 20, 2026 12:39:36 pm

This project is a waste of money and more importantly, it is a means of staying in power.

Name: Walter Zielinski
Date: February 20, 2026 12:39:58 pm

The Ballroom, what a garish piece of crap and a complete waste of money. The White House should reflect understated elegance and not that monstrosity.

Name: Ann Phillips
Date: February 20, 2026 12:40:00 pm

The proposed ballroom addition to the White House is completely out of scale with the rest of the White House and grounds. The White House is the People's House and the building of an enormous, gaudy addition to this beautiful and humble structure is a travesty.

Name: Diana Mercurio
Date: February 20, 2026 12:40:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens

This is the people’s house that we are allowing Trump to live in rent free. Enough of the gold tackiness

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Name: Jody Erikson
Date: February 20, 2026 12:42:20 pm

Google AI said this is where I should comment on the building additions to the White House. WTF! Okay, I understand the ballroom was likely not big enough for intended National/State functions but it now outweighs the actual White House. The White House is an iconic symbol of the U.S. and the U.S. Presidency (regardless of any one resident). To overshadow it by a ballroom used infrequently is a travesty to the White house Icon and waste of tax payers money. Current estimates online say it will be $400 million, but my guess is that like most building projects that number won't be the final.
Someone needs to stop this over inflated, puffed up expense. My hope is it is this committee. My guess is no one will stop this abuse of taxpayers dollars. sad.

Name: Tara Tisch
Date: February 20, 2026 12:43:36 pm

Build back the East Wing. We do not need a gold gilded ballroom. We need Healthcare, clean air, equal rights, end homelessness.

Name: Tara Stevens
Date: February 20, 2026 12:45:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Seeing this history “erased” is crushing. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steven Sklar
Date: February 20, 2026 12:46:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Steven Rauschkolb
Date: February 20, 2026 12:49:29 pm

It is both disappointing and potentially unlawful that any occupant of the White House can unilaterally make changes to the “People’s House” without proper oversight or approval. The White House is a historic building, and throughout the United States, buildings of historic significance are typically subject to thorough review and vetting before any alterations are made.

This ill-conceived ballroom project is unnecessary and ill-advised, particularly at a time when funding is being reduced for programs that support the arts and, more importantly, assist the most vulnerable members of our society. In addition, the reported budget for this project seems to increase with each update, and questions have been raised about whether funding from corporations and billionaires may be intended to curry favor—or, in the worst case, create expectations of a quid pro quo.

A thorough, independent investigation should be conducted to determine how this project has advanced so far without appropriate oversight and transparency. In the meantime the project must be halted until the American people get a satisfactory explanation about why is should continue.

Name: Mary Cowan
Date: February 20, 2026 12:50:20 pm

Donald Trump destroyed the East Wing of the White House — The People's House — without legal authority. His plan for a gigantic ballroom is the ultimate vanity project and and insult to the American people. Stop the ballroom.

Name: Kaitlin Schneck
Date: February 20, 2026 12:50:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Enrich
Date: February 20, 2026 12:51:05 pm

The White House was built initially to serve as a residence and offices for the President for the purpose of SERVING THE PEOPLE. It was to be a relatively modest dwelling to convey, in part, that the President was part of the people, not a King or emperor, but someone to serve the people of the country. It was based on the humble belief that we are all one in all aspects — law, ability to speak one’s mind and have the basic belief system of “one for all and all for one.”

What is happening in the East Wing of the White House goes against all those democratic and egalitarian beliefs. A ballroom of that size is gross and opulent and gives a message to our fellow Americans and to the rest of the that those with money and power should have advantages that most Americans will never know. It is ridiculous, absurd, and repulsive to have such an enormous ballroom which will dwarf one of the most iconic buildings in the US.One additional question: who will be filling up this ballroom? Certainly not me or any of the other everyday Americans who will have to look at this unbalanced monstrosity from the outside.

Of all the issues this country faces, from health care to inflation to immigration to research to housing, etc., etc., etc., spending money on a toy like this which will only be used by elites, a ballroom is a disgrace to our country and gives the wrong message of our worth.

Name: Ellen Zundl
Date: February 20, 2026 12:52:27 pm

The People’s House should never have been allowed to be altered — let alone destroyed — without the required reviews and approvals. It’s appalling that the supposedly co-equal branches of government did not stop the destruction of the East Wing. The planned replacement is totally out of scale to the primary structure. Allowing a single man with unquestionably bad taste to add gaudy gilt decor to the Oval Office was bad enough. The destruction of the East Wing is unforgivable and the construction of an over-sized, grandiose abomination to replace must be halted — or will need to be replaced subsequent to the end of this man’s term in office. Sadly, the damage done by this rogue administration seems to have no end.

Name: Annalee Fannan
Date: February 20, 2026 12:53:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history done at the whim of a narcissist instead of honoring the people of this country, and the People's House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to law and order, not to mention democracy.

Name: Adam Auerbach
Date: February 20, 2026 12:53:39 pm

I am deeply opposed to the recent demolition of the East wing of the white house and plans for a lavish ball room. This does not represent democracy or the will of the people or fundamental American values.

Name: Katie Tremper
Date: February 20, 2026 12:55:02 pm

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Name: Danielle Phillips
Date: February 20, 2026 12:55:29 pm

Trump is wasting tax dollars for his own ego. We didn't need a new ballroom. We are in need of a leader who actually cares about the country and the people in it, not a narcissist who's only using our country to make himself more rich and powerful at the expense of human life.

Name: Pamela Dobrowolski
Date: February 20, 2026 12:57:38 pm

I stronglyoppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the People’s house rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Henry Corbin
Date: February 20, 2026 12:57:40 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC):

As a stakeholder in the White House property, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to express my opposition to the proposed replacement of the East Wing. I believe this project conflicts with the strategic goals and objectives of the NCPC and does not meet the standards of stewardship expected for a site of such national significance.

First, the proposed project directly opposes the Commission’s mandate to preserve historic and cultural resources. The loss of the East Wing in its entirety has removed an entire chapter of American history. Although the demolished East Wing has been characterized as a utilitarian wartime structure, it stood as a rare surviving example of FDR-era home-front architecture and embodied the resilience and improvisation of the nation during World War II. Its replacement with a grand ballroom is fundamentally at odds with the goal of protecting the historic nature of structures and sites within the Nation’s Capital.

Second, the project contradicts the NCPC’s goals of high-quality, resilient, and sustainable development. Demolition is the least sustainable method available in any modernization effort. While I appreciate the work undertaken to retain select elements of the historic East Wing, the loss of the structure as a whole is a cultural and environmental cost that cannot be understated. Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse — standard preservation practices — were not meaningfully explored or presented.

Third, the project does not demonstrate alignment with NCPC’s requirement for transparent, predictable, and accountable review. The project narrative provides no detail about the specific security standards the existing building failed to meet, why reinforcement or selective reconstruction was insufficient, or what alternatives were considered and rejected. While

security is unquestionably critical to the nation’s wellbeing, invoking it as a broad, undefined justification does not meet the level of transparency required for NCPC approval. The background and rationale for demolition have not been explained in a manner consistent with the Commission’s standards.

The East Wing and East Colonnade are not merely administrative appendages; they are integral components of the historic composition of the White House. Their demolition and replacement — even with stylistically sympathetic architecture — disrupts the continuity of the building’s story and design. In preservation practice, we are taught that preservation is not about freezing a building in time; it is about maintaining the authenticity of its evolution. This project interrupts that authenticity.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the National Capital Planning Commission:

Withhold approval of the East Wing Modernization Project as currently justified.

Require a full exploration of rehabilitation and adaptive-reuse alternatives.

Request greater transparency regarding the specific security requirements that purportedly necessitated demolition.

Ensure that any future proposal aligns fully with NCPC’s statutory mission and strategic goals, particularly those related to preservation, sustainability, and public access.

The White House is not only the seat of the Executive Branch; it is a cultural landscape of unparalleled national significance. Decisions affecting its historic fabric must meet the highest standards of stewardship. I urge the Commission to uphold those standards in its review of this project.

Thank you for your consideration.
HT Corbin

Name: David LeHotan
Date: February 20, 2026 12:58:35 pm

This modernization is long overdue and is appropriate for the size of events that need to be held for visiting dignitaries and their entourages.
It needs to be a statement of our stature on the World stage.
Donations are in place to mitigate costs, so this project is not only positive for taxpayers, but effective in projecting a continued positive image of what is possible under our form of governance.
From an architectural standpoint, it will enhance the value of "Americas House" since as Thomas Jefferson stated "The Strength of a Nation Lies Within its' Homes".
Thank You.

Name: Angela Miller
Date: February 20, 2026 1:01:23 pm

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the demolition of the East Wing and the ballroom construction. In my opinion, from the very first day, the way this project had taken place has been an affront to our country’s history and heritage, to the White House, and to the American people.
There was little public notice given. The prescribed process was ignored. There were no permits or oversight. The President appears to be acting as monarch, and his administration seems to have taken the attitude that it’s better to ask for forgiveness than permission.This is sadly borne out by the fact that the historic and venerable East Wing cannot be brought back, but the President has gotten what he wanted.
Furthermore, there has been no transparency in regards to the funding and contracting to which the public is entitled. We are told the funds are all donations, yet this is still public property, our property. Americans deserve to know who donated what and what they may receive in return. Moreover, it is our taxpayer dollars that will operate and maintain this massive building.
There has recently been approval granted by the Commission on Fine Arts, packed with the loyalists who the President appointed to replace the members he fired, this was done in an expedited manner that even Secretary Thomas Luebke said was “highly unusual” and lacking in documentation, making note of the hugely negative public comments on the project.
While many have said this ballroom is much needed, the size and scale should not so massively dwarf The White House, arguably the greatest symbol of American democracy and power. The East Wing was added and other Presidents have

made changes, but these are changes on a scale that has never been done. That these changes have, and are, taking place by cutting corners, without public input, and ignoring norms and the law is shameful and inexcusable. The White House is and always has been The People's House, and the people have had no say. Thank you.

Name: Manuel Gutierrez
Date: February 20, 2026 1:01:52 pm

This is nothing less than a unauthorized vanity project for an out of control madman!
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Name: Skye Cary
Date: February 20, 2026 1:03:27 pm

I am strongly opposed to this project. I'm even more opposed to the American public, paying a single penny toward it. It was done without any legal proper or moral steps. I would only support we're building this historic American structure and sending the bill personally to Donald Trump.

Name: Patricia Elovich
Date: February 20, 2026 1:03:50 pm

I am devastated seeing the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing in what seems to be yet another attempt to erase cherished American history. I am also opposed to its funding via donations, which strikes me as another pay-to-play scheme, where billionaires can buy favors with this president. Nothing about this project respects appropriate channels of approval and legal authorization that the citizens deserve for what is supposed to be OUR house. This selfish act that serves solely to fulfill the desires of the current occupant at the expense of history while bulldozing the norms and protections that should have protected it is simply wrong and must be stopped. I ask that the East Wing be restored as accurately as is possible and serve as a reminder that we have no kings. Our country has a democracy and a history that are under very real threat right now. Please stop any further dissolution of history and instead bolster it with the immediate restoration of the East Wing. Thank you.

Name: Matthew Reckard
Date: February 20, 2026 1:04:05 pm

The proposed ballroom is inappropriate for multiple reasons. Here's three: Visually it is way too large, ruining the setting and appearance of the White House, one of the nation's most historic structures. Functionally too, its palatial size is inappropriate. The White House was deliberately designed to be a house, to convey the message that US presidents are not royalty and do not live in palaces. The illegal manner in which the project was put in motion and the existing east wing destroyed, altering major public property with no public participation or even notice, is disgusting and forever fouls the entire concept. If built, it will be a monument to corruption.

Name: Hallidie Haid
Date: February 20, 2026 1:04:46 pm

Please do not let this east wing plan overwhelm the White House. The addition to should be appropriate scale to the main structure

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Name: Lisa Kenigsberg
Date: February 20, 2026 1:05:05 pm

We, the American people, reject the idea that the White House is in need of a massively oversized ballroom to entertain

who exactly?? Donors to the President? Only supporters of the President? Corporate leaders intent on sucking up the President? International leaders who suck up to the President? What is the purpose of this monstrous, tacky and unnecessary addition to our original and much loved White House? And who are the added guest rooms for exactly? Only those corporate and international leaders willing to give money and lavish support to the President? Finally, how exactly will these added spaces be maintained and paid for? There are no funds set aside for ongoing future expenses - imagine the added energy costs to cool and heat this massive space, or the added staff needed for it. Where is that money coming from???
So many unanswered questions for this garish and gargantuan structure to forever dwarf the White House. We the American people do not a gilded palace / we need a respectful, respectable home for the nation's leader, not this boondoggle for the ages. Stop it in its tracks!!!

Name: Joseph Moffa
Date: February 20, 2026 1:05:09 pm

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Name: Janet Merrill
Date: February 20, 2026 1:08:28 pm

I love the White House. I am shocked that a President, who is only a tenant, could destroy the historic East Wing, not to mention Jackie Kennedy's Rose Garden, suddenly and without any oversight or authorization. The proposed Ballroom is ridiculously big—163% the size of the White House. As such it will dwarf the historic and beautiful White House. Please stop this project. It should not matter that the project is privately funded. In fact accepting private funds only invites corruption, payoffs and bribes. The American people deserve better and our concerns need to be heard and acted on. Thank you.

Name: Catherine Anderson
Date: February 20, 2026 1:08:33 pm

Please do not approve this ballroom project! It's horrendous, and shows a lack of care or knowledge of the history of the building. It is the people's house, and the majority of people do not approve of Trump according to all polls, and he has caused incredible pain on our country. It will be a horrific monument to a time we all would be better off forgetting. Please restore the East Wing. It already had a ballroom, and it was nice proportionally to the rest of the White House. The people will never be invited to the ballroom - just persons hoping to appease Trump and line his pockets. It is horrendous - please don't destroy our White House, and restore the East Wing - the people's house. The ballroom screams "elitism" which is not what our country was founded on.

Name: Leah Dyjak
Date: February 20, 2026 1:10:11 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It was initiated without proper review or consent. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and permitting this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke it would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I abhor the fact that my tax dollars are being used in such an irresponsible manner, without following the protocols put inplace to ensure appropriate use of funds for renovations.

Name: Lucy Breslin
Date: February 20, 2026 1:10:30 pm

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Name: Barbara Ravis
Date: February 20, 2026 1:11:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million (which will surely cost much more) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
It is not just about penalization, but also taking into account how this new ballroom would work with the White House in an in an historic and tasteful manner, if it must be built and not overpower it and become the main attraction. We cannot erase our history! And no one is above the law!

Name: Katie Winn
Date: February 20, 2026 1:13:54 pm

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Name: Seana Wood
Date: February 20, 2026 1:15:48 pm

I think this project is a disgrace at its most basic, it is proportionately all wrong and will dwarf the existing building. And the glitzy gilded interior is completely at odds with a traditional American aesthetic.

Name: Elizabeth Nix
Date: February 20, 2026 1:17:00 pm

I oppose the erection of a massive ballroom on the site of the historic East Wing of the White House. The addition as planned will overwhelm the White House. The president destroyed the East Wing without going through the permission process. The plans for the ballroom keep changing. The renderings are tacky.

I can see the benefits of having a permanent structure that could handle large banquets. Hosting foreign dignitaries in a tent is less than optimal. But use the proper channels. Go through an approval process. Have the addition match the scale of the historic White House.

Name: J Riley
Date: February 20, 2026 1:18:00 pm

Restore the People’s East Wing with its original functioning and necessary business offices and public access, rather than this gaudy, unnecessary party room, to be accessed only by the rich and powerful. This proposal is an embarrassment for our Country. It doesn’t matter how it’s funded, it remains an embarrassment and is a wasteful use of $4M. Use the money to help those of us who actually pay taxes, and who will likely never set foot in this atrocity. Stop wasting our money!

Respectfully submitted.

Name: Jessica Weiss
Date: February 20, 2026 1:20:23 pm

East Wing Modernization Project is double speak for the wholesale unwarranted overzealous destruction of an historic wing of the White House. This vanity project must be cancelled. And the parties that called for and initiated this unapproved, unpermitted (how were the bids and contract managed?) destruction should be fined and the fine should include environmentally and historically informed and sensitive reconstruction and ncpc approved plan costs as well as more than superficial punitive fees. Accountability matters as does adherence to policy and the rule of law in the case of policy violations.

The august history of the Presidency and the national, international and family history of the East Wing were irreparably damaged as was the architectural history and integrity of the White House. An archival and oral history project to document the important history of the East Wing's creation and its "lifespan" and the moments of family, diplomatic political and historic that took place in the East Wing should begin with a planned public exhibition on the grounds of the rubble. It should include interviews with those hired to raze the building.

Approving these plans may well sanction future destruction of the "people's house," acting as a "blank check" to proceed with bluster, with it consultation, and against procedure.

Cancel the proposed plans which are out of scale with and out of historical architectural character of the existing White House that remains untouched.

A ballroom is an inappropriate aristocratic project that stands in stark contrast to the increasing economic inequality of the United States and the decline of US status as a beacon of democracy around the globe. The optics are not only insensitive but starkly contradict historic American political values.

Any future rebuild should be a leed-certified, faithful- as-possible recreation of what will forever stand as a reminder of a tremendous act of disrespect toward the American people and the history of a hallowed building and the government office that resides there. Since that is not in the table at this time, please do not approve the current East Wing modernization plan.

Name: Patricia Cromley
Date: February 20, 2026 1:21:08 pm

Any work that has been done to demolish parts of the East Wing should immediately cease and be paid for by Donald Trump personally. The White House does not need to have large sections torn down. It is a national monument and belongs to the people. All changes made by this administration should be reversed and Trump should pay for all of it from his pockets immediately. Collect it now since he has a habit of not paying his bills. The East Wing should be restored to its prior state as well as the Rose Garden and any other areas that were changed by this administration. He did not have the authority and you failed to stop him. It is imperative that we retain this national monument for everyone to enjoy. Thank you.

Name: Verna Groger
Date: February 20, 2026 1:25:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Seanan Aubouin
Date: February 20, 2026 1:27:38 pm

The White House is the People's house, not Donald Trump's showpiece. Any inclusion of new event space must be within the scale and style of the existing, historical property. I'm horrified by the destruction already inflicted. Please hold fast to

all existing regulations and protocols as this project is developed to avoid further damage and disrespect to OUR house.

Thank you

Name: Christina Routon
Date: February 20, 2026 1:30:28 pm

The East Wing of the White House should be rebuilt as soon as possible. There is no reason for a large ballroom that would overshadow the White House itself. The East Wing should have been remodeled to remove office space and turn it into an event space if necessary. There is ample event space available within Washington DC if space is needed for an event. I don't agree on such a large addition to the White House, especially at the desire of a president with three years left in office. My opinion, again, is that the East Wing should be rebuilt as an event space instead.
Thank you.

Name: Nancy Walcott
Date: February 20, 2026 1:30:52 pm

The illegal destruction of the historic White House East wing (to say nothing of the callous disregard of health hazards to workers and further health risk resulting from improper disposal of asbestos contaminated material) was a travesty, and should be corrected immediately.
No one is above the law, and none of the proper legal permitting, inspection, and comment procedures were followed.
The new "addition" will dwarf the President's residence, which should never be allowed. (And where do they plan for the 1,000 ballroom goers to park???) The entire plan is an idiotic vanity monument, and the former East wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was.
Anything less would be an affront to law abiding citizens. The White House belongs to the American people, not the current renter.

Name: Leslie Buck
Date: February 20, 2026 1:31:21 pm

The East Wing was taken down in record time and under no authorization or oversight for a historic building. Therefore there should be no forward movement on this property until the proper authorities that should have been a part of this process are involved.

Name: John Muszynski
Date: February 20, 2026 1:31:35 pm

As an American citizen I am outraged that any one person could randomly destroy a National Landmark that was paid for by the American people with no congressional consent.

Since Donald Trump made the decision to destroy the East Wing of the White House (The People's House), he should by fully financially responsible for it being replaced with a design approved by congress and the American People. Furthermore, he should be brought to trail for his illegal actions that caused the destruction of a National Monument. He had no right. If any other citizen destroyed a National Monument they would be sitting in prison right now.

By not taking action on this, the United States of America looks like fools to the rest of the world and our citizens and, once again, the citizens will have to pay for this tragedy.

Name: Mary Tworek-Tupper
Date: February 20, 2026 1:33:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or actually any amount of money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law

and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lucinda Cutter
Date: February 20, 2026 1:33:21 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tammi Lafleur
Date: February 20, 2026 1:33:57 pm

I oppose spending 3 to 400 million dollars tlo build a ballroom. Instead, this administration should be required to restore the East Wing of the White House that it destroyed without proper authority. Leave it to a future Administration to work on designing and building a new meeting space if it seems it necessary. Don't reward the current Administration for bad acts.

Name: Marcus Bruckert
Date: February 20, 2026 1:35:32 pm

The proposed structure is not needed, and it is out of scale with the existing White House. It is an igreguous waste of money. It will not benefit the people or the government. It is the vanity project of one man who will be out of office before it is even completed. In addition, donor names should not be placed in any government buildings as this is an immediate conflict of interest. Donors should not be involved in government building renovations, period.

Name: Sharon Page-Medrich
Date: February 20, 2026 1:35:35 pm

I vehemently oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Rodel
Date: February 20, 2026 1:39:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. It was not authorized through the proper channels. That is against the law and is an affront to the law-abiding Americans in this country. I want this project stopped and the East Wing returned to its former glory.

Name: Geraldine Anglum
Date: February 20, 2026 1:39:18 pm

While it is too late to save the lovely East Wing that was there, actually approved Architects and Plans must be approved at this point to try to rebuild appropriately and in keeping with the White House. I visited as a child and still remember how lovely it all was. I saw Jackie Kennedy's and other First Ladies Tours on Television. I can't believe that destruction happened so quickly and easily! Along with approved rebuilding there ALSO must be an investigation into how that happened so it NEVER Happens Again!

Name: Wendy Walker
Date: February 20, 2026 1:39:50 pm

The Roxbury Historic District Commission, Roxbury CT, felt compelled to comment on the East Wing Project.

Name: Dawn Porta
Date: February 20, 2026 1:40:27 pm

I oppose ANY further “improvements” or modifications being made to the White House by this administration. I’m horrified that the White House is being made to look like a casino. Please do not allow this to continue.

Name: Karen Lucas
Date: February 20, 2026 1:40:49 pm

Since the WH is not only a historic building but is also the People’s House it should be up to the people as to what happens to it. Since it was already torn down without permission it seems that we don’t have much choice, but to rebuild something. However, I do not think it should be up to anyone other than the people to decide what to build. In addition, since federal historic property was destroyed, I believe that the person responsible for that should be prosecuted just as I would be if I even broke a window at the White House.

Name: Hideko Secrest
Date: February 20, 2026 1:41:00 pm

This seems to be shutting the barn gate after the horses have escaped. The historical edifice has already been torn down with absolutely no review, and new plans and financing have been put in place without oversight from the proper committees or communication with the American people. In the rush to demolish, so many historical materials were turned into rubble rather than preserved and reused. The people who have rubberstamped this new plan have little to no architectural background. This is a travesty, that will result in a desecration of the White House as the emblem of our nation. Please modify construction so as not to make this ballroom larger than the rest of the White House as a whole, and in keeping with its historic aesthetic. Slow down!

Name: Rebecca Ake
Date: February 20, 2026 1:41:38 pm

I am totally against this project. The proposed build will be ugly and totaly out of proportion with the existing buildings. It is not needed. I proteste the whole project in the st4rongeste terms possible.

Name: Mark Murphy
Date: February 20, 2026 1:43:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Billie Jo Gowler
Date: February 20, 2026 1:44:07 pm

The White House is an historic building belonging to the citizens of the United States. Any substantial change plans should have been submitted to the National Trust in order to maintain the integrity of the building for those same citizens. Circumventing this process establishes a precedent that sets in process the descruction of our history.

Ignoring the law by the leader of our currently free nation, signifies, by that same leader that no one is to be held accountable for any of their actions.

The end result, in both senarios, is the descruction of our history which makes the way for rewritting it in a non-truthful manner. The creation of a country with no history or, heaven forbit, a false one.

Thank you.
Billie Jo Gowler, CPA

Name: Julie Johnson
Date: February 20, 2026 1:44:55 pm

I'm appalled by the Removal of the East Wing WITHOUT PERMISSION of the People . I do not Trust this administration to Build Anything Appropriate on the gaping wound that used to be a historical building .

Name: Shaun Hamer
Date: February 20, 2026 1:45:51 pm

Why is the new ballroom soooooo big?? It will totally dwarf the White House? Why can't it be the same size as the "lost" East Wing but with an additional floor. The East Wing was hardly small. If the ballroom hosts 1,000 people how exactly are 1,000 going to gather in the East Room for cocktails as Trump suggests before walking through the new glass colannade to the ballroom? Will the shere size of this ballroom block out sun to the gardens and south east corners of the White House?? It's just tooooo big

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Name: Ben Hamby
Date: February 20, 2026 1:46:00 pm

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Name: Emily Soltanoff
Date: February 20, 2026 1:48:19 pm

I urge the commission to do all it can to STOP the East Wing Modernization Project.

The project is a huge and unnecessary expense that does nothing to help the American people. The ballroom is far out of scale for the context, dwarfing the White House.

This project is nothing but a vanity project for the president; please be sure that it does not happen.

Many thanks,

Emily

Name: Teresa Thome
Date: February 20, 2026 1:48:59 pm

National Capital Planning Commission,

File number 8733 White House East Wing Modernization Plan

It’s with deep anguish and concern that under the President’s direction the East Wing of the White House was so rapidly demolished. This should never happened without the National Capital Planning Commission, the National Register of

Historic Places or Congressional input and approval for historic preservation.

I respectfully urge that the rebuilding of the East Wing of the White House remain consistent with the historic scale, character, and architectural integrity of the existing structure and the broader White House complex. Any reconstruction should honor the original intent and visual continuity of this nationally significant site, ensuring that additions or modifications are harmonious rather than expansive or stylistically incongruous.

At the same time, it is both appropriate and necessary that the East Wing be brought fully into compliance with current safety standards and accessibility requirements, including ADA guidelines. Modernizing the building to ensure safety, inclusivity, and functionality is an essential responsibility and should be accomplished in a way that is sensitive to the historic context.

The East Wing has long served practical and ceremonial roles, including providing workspace for the Office of the First Spouse and associated staff. Any redesign should continue to accommodate these essential functions, ensuring that necessary offices and support spaces are included within the plan.

If event or gathering space is deemed necessary, it should be thoughtfully designed within the existing footprint of the East Wing. Such space should reflect restraint and dignity, avoiding unnecessary expansion or overly ornate features. The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.

Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Sincerely,
Teresa Thome
Redmond, Washington

Name: Suzanne Gore
Date: February 20, 2026 1:49:33 pm

The White House of the United States belongs to the people- therefore it is essential to respect the views of those who have an opinion. To ignore and disregard public comment on this project is UnAmerican.
I want to ask for Historic Preservation and appropriate sizing to be allowed to direct the Modernization of The People’s House. Opinions by experts not appointed people beholden to Donald Trump should be valued and followed.
The current plan will tarnish this presidents name for eternity.
Thank you.

Name: Dale Gould
Date: February 20, 2026 1:49:36 pm

I am opposed to the current plan for a ballroom at the White House that has not been vetted in advance. It is outrageous that Donald Trump violated the building g in the first place with no permission or planning. Please stop this egregious activity.

Name: Stephanie Luyties
Date: February 20, 2026 1:49:51 pm

As a US voter, I respectfully request that the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Commission of Fine Arts, the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service perform due diligence to protect both the historic and functional integrity of the White House, a sacred national symbol.

Name: Connie Lazoration
Date: February 20, 2026 1:49:55 pm

Restore the East Wing to its design prior to the brazen, illegal destruction it suffered under the same dictator who destroyed the historic White House rose garden and installed inappropriate and gaudy decor elsewhere in the WH.

Name: Eileen M Steinberg
Date: February 20, 2026 1:49:57 pm

I am outraged that Trump proceeded with the destruction of the East Wing without proper approval. I feel that the destruction should be DISAPPROVED and that he be ordered to fully RESTORE the East Wing and that the cost of the destruction thus far and the full cost of the restoration be paid from Trump's PERSONAL MONEY and that of any other persons responsible for this debacle.

Name: Matt Leopold
Date: February 20, 2026 1:50:23 pm

I oppose the proposed $300 million project to modernize the east wing and expand the footprint with a ballroom not because I resist change, but because I believe change to this building must meet the highest constitutional, architectural, and procedural standards.

The White House East Wing is not merely office space. It has evolved carefully to support the First Lady’s offices and ceremonial access, all while respecting the architectural vocabulary established by the original designers. Alterations to this structure must be reviewed by preservation authorities, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts, processes designed to protect national heritage from unilateral executive decisions.

Historically, major White House renovations have been undertaken only when structurally necessary or to preserve the building itself. The most dramatic example occurred during the Harry S. Truman administration (1948–1952), when the residence was literally gutted because it was in danger of collapse. Even then, the exterior walls were preserved and faithfully reconstructed to maintain historic continuity. That project was about structural survival, not aesthetic reinvention.

Similarly, updates during administrations from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan focused on restoration—returning interiors to historically accurate designs, improving safety systems, or modernizing infrastructure discreetly.

The current ballroom proposal associated with Donald Trump has been publicly described as a “modernization” intended to reduce reliance on tented structures for large events. However, architectural renderings and public statements have shifted over time regarding scope, placement, funding structure, and historic impact. Claims that the addition would be seamlessly integrated or privately financed have been questioned by preservation advocates who note the scale and permanent footprint such a structure would impose on a historically sensitive site.

The core issue is not partisan. It is procedural and preservationist.

If the project was initiated without proper statutory review, permits, or transparent design oversight, that alone warrants suspension. The White House does not belong to one administration, it belongs to the American people and to history itself. Any addition of this magnitude should undergo:

1. Full preservation review

2. Public architectural transparency

3. Congressional oversight if federal funds are involved and oversight if private funds are being provided.

To proceed otherwise risks setting a dangerous precedent: that a sitting president may reshape a national historic landmark without the same legal scrutiny required of any other property owner in Washington, D.C.

Restoration should mean preservation of heritage, not the replacement of it. If expansion of event capacity is needed, temporary structures or reversible additions, as used by prior administrations, provide a lawful and historically responsible alternative.

The White House has endured because leaders treated it as a trust, not a canvas. That standard must remain.

Name: stephen peisch
Date: February 20, 2026 1:50:53 pm

The East Wing was demolished before Trump's project went through the approval process. That was wrong. The proposed project itself is unnecessary, wasteful, and disrespectful of the history of the White House. Its lavishness broadcasts the arrogance, materialism, and greed of our current leader, and I pray that he will will be stopped.

Name: Jean Lachowicz
Date: February 20, 2026 1:51:00 pm

The White House has long been in need of additional office space, and the demolition of the East Wing only intensified the problem. When a presidential administration is run by professionals instead of sycophants, office space is needed for professional activities to serve the people. Furthermore, no ballroom should be built to such a comedic scale as the planned trump ballroom, to dwarf the rest of the building and destroy any sense of balance and harmony in the structure.

Name: Janet Gagosian
Date: February 20, 2026 1:51:05 pm

Stop this vulgar ego trip now! It's a vanity project aided and abetted by enablers of grandiose, dictator-style overreach who were appointed by overtly corrupt means.

Name: MICHAEL WIGGINS
Date: February 20, 2026 1:51:17 pm

This is an out of scale, disgraceful addition to a national treasure that should never be built.

Name: Gayle Meskimen
Date: February 20, 2026 1:51:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cathy Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 1:55:36 pm

I feel a great disjustice has been made in the distruction of our We the People's house by tearing down of the East Wing. This should have never happened in the first place. It should be built back in it's exact glory and paid for by trump.

Name: Margaret Brentano
Date: February 20, 2026 1:56:11 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this ridiculous and destructive vanity project. This ballroom does not represent “modernization” but an undemocratic turn toward autocratic extravagance. The historic East Wing, with its inspiring connection to Eleanor Roosevelt and to the First Ladies who followed her, should be rebuilt and restored to its former glory.

Name: Ruth Dragan
Date: February 20, 2026 1:56:54 pm

To whom it may concern,

I am so appalled and so angry at what Trump has done to the White House. The White House does not belong to him. He’s a tenant. The White House belongs to the American people. In one short year he has destroyed the rose garden, demolished the East Wing, gilded the Oval Office and made plans to build an obscenely oversized vanity structure that will dwarf everything around it. He has absolutely no concept of what a sympathetic addition is. In his ignorant little mind bigger is always better. He tells us that he will pay for the whole monstrosity with donations from private citizens and corporations. Simply stated, if you want any favors from the Oval Office, you had better pay up. It’s extortion at the highest level. If the White House event planners needed more space for large gatherings, there were better ways to do it than by demolishing a beloved and historic home.

Please stop Trump!

Thank you.

Name: Cynthia Miller
Date: February 20, 2026 1:57:41 pm

I visited the East Wing in 1996, very proud to be a citizen in a country that allows all to tour the historic building where the president lives and works. If this is the People's House, why on earth was the current president allowed to raze it to the ground? And now we are subjected to the tacky and tasteless plan to put in a giant ballroom that 99.9% of Americans will probably never see. It is disgusting how low our previous laws and traditions have fallen. As a stakeholder in the People's House, I demand plans for a ballroom be scrapped immediately and completely and restoration of the East Wing commence. And make DJTrump pay for it.

Name: Erin Hoyes
Date: February 20, 2026 2:01:01 pm

The historical and architectural integrity of the White House must be preserved by respecting all existing policies regarding submission, disclosure, review and public feedback. The White House belongs to ALL Americans, not its temporary occupants.

Name: Kim Gerlach
Date: February 20, 2026 2:02:38 pm

It saddens me to lose this part of our history. Unless there was a structural problem or vermint issue I think it should’ve been left alone.

Name: Annye Baldwin
Date: February 20, 2026 2:02:40 pm

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GO THROUGH!! I was trying to be patient with this president, hoping he would show some sense of respect and decency for the American people, the republic, the separation of powers, and basically his own duty as an elected official not to act like a monarch high on his own supply of ego inflation. But he couldn't even stick with an aesthetically restrained design in keeping with the colonial style of the nation's sacred historical site, the White House: WHICH IS NOT HIS HOUSE!!! And the enablers of this vulgarity are complicit in helping destroy architectural integrity and expressing contempt for this republic and its people! The corruptly installed "replacement arts commission" that fast-tracked this obnoxious project have ZERO legitimacy, and are just apparatchiks This is a Soviet- or Chinese-regime style Communistic dictatorship vanity project. It's a manifestation of un-American selfishness on our 250th anniversary: completely out of line!

The White House is not Mar-a-Lago, but it's unfortunately way too predictable for this administration to slap the whole

country in the face with this insulting montrosity of an "addition." It is critical that our government start PUSHING BACK and SETTING BOUNDARIES with this cult of personality allowing its leader to try and "pee on every tree" in Washington! (Kennedy, Center, Institute of Peace building, etc.) The enabling of this petty behavior has gotten out of control.

Name: Timothy Galvin
Date: February 20, 2026 2:02:44 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for your time and consideration of the public's comments for this controversial project. I believe that the way President Donald J. Trump tore down the East Wing of the White House was completely unjustified and unconstitutional. As President, he has the right to propose, plan, and execute changes to public buildings, facilities, and grounds, but only with the consent of Congress. There are laws and regulations that must be followed before any major changes can be made, and that was followed here. Contextually, there have been many Presidents who have made additions and alterations to the White House, but they went by the book. So, if President Trump wants to add on an updated wing or some other structure, he must submit a plan and have it approved by all of the necessary stakeholders. We are a country where the rule of law is the foundation; it must be followed.

Thank you,
Tim Galvin

Name: Irene Powell
Date: February 20, 2026 2:07:52 pm

Please do not reward someone (Trump) for NOT asking permission or following rules. Instead moving quickly so "It's too late" and he then gets what he wants and reinforces his behavior. The White House is a very special place AND the People's house - not Trump's. It is proper to have all the right things done (public input, approved design, etc.) BEFORE any destruction. I'm so glad you might be in a position to represent the public. Good luck.

Name: Amanda Davidson
Date: February 20, 2026 2:08:11 pm

Tearing down the East Wing was a disgrace, but the new structure built to replace it should be harmonious with the rest of the building. What is being proposed is way too large and is not congruent with the scale of the White House.

Name: kelsey lutz
Date: February 20, 2026 2:08:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and devaluation of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Warren
Date: February 20, 2026 2:09:49 pm

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Name: Mary Ellen Frey
Date: February 20, 2026 2:12:09 pm

To allow this project to go forward is a mistake. I do not want a $400 million dollar gold ballroom. This is the “people’s house” not Trump’s house. If donor’s are paying for it—name names-because it is influence peddling. No one should destroy this historic building.

Name: Diane Walczak
Date: February 20, 2026 2:13:29 pm

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Name: kimberly gilhool
Date: February 20, 2026 2:13:58 pm

make it smaller!!!!! it’s way too big in proportion to the white house. horrible!

Name: Raymond Fitzgerald
Date: February 20, 2026 2:17:44 pm

I am strongly against this project. The plans for the ballroom show a building that is much bigger than the White House. If a ballroom is needed, build it somewhere else where it will not look so ridiculous.

Raymond Fitzgerald

Name: Marc Kemper
Date: February 20, 2026 2:18:38 pm

As the East Wing razing was done illegally, President Donald J Trump should have to pay to rebuild the East Wing of the Nation’s Whitehouse, which belongs to the American People from his own personal funds and Not from taxpayers money.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: YIRELIS HERRERA
Date: February 20, 2026 2:20:09 pm

Good afternoon,
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
As an American, that values what our founding fathers left as legacy, restore it to it's formal glory. "If it ain't broken,why fix it"!

Name: William Kemper
Date: February 20, 2026 2:22:05 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The naming a panel to approve the destruction of U.S. history is a sham. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Penelope Cole
Date: February 20, 2026 2:22:26 pm

~As an American Citizen & Retired Federal Career Employee I strongly oppose this "East Wing Modernization project." I oppose the spending of $300-400 million on this project, which was initiated without the Proper Authorization, Permits, or Design Review.
~It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing Rebuilt and Restored to its former design.
~No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael Goggin
Date: February 20, 2026 2:23:28 pm

A ballroom funded with corporate bribes is inconsistent with democratic values. The White House is supposed to be “the people’s house.” The gaudy and oversized ballroom proposal is more fit for Versailles and will overshadow the intentionally modest White House.

Name: Sarah Sutro
Date: February 20, 2026 2:26:25 pm

As an artist and a college art professor for 30 years, I would like to share that every project I have been involved in or guided has had a trajectory of participant and commission discussion, professional planning, community input and extensive design development. Especially in the instance of the design of a ballroom within a national heritage site, there should be an extreme degree of caution at bounding ahead with a planned project such as this. As the White House is essentially 'the people's house,' members of the art, design and historical community should be part of the decision-making.
Please consider that this architectural change will effect everyone, and good representation of the US community should be a bottom line in the process.

Name: Max Arnold
Date: February 20, 2026 2:29:10 pm

I believe that President Trump is failing to understand that the nation, including it's buildings and monuments belong to the American people who have a say, through our representatives as to what is to be built or remodeled. He seems to want to turn the Capital into a gaudy, Disneyland style 'Trump World' attraction. He must have input from the Congress. I love my country but ashamed that Trump is being allowed to claim it for his own. I agree with the idea of a ballroom but not his design. We are not a Monarchy.

Name: Carolyn Morrow
Date: February 20, 2026 2:29:12 pm

It is unconscionable to have torn down the East Wing and be turning it into a ballroom. The act itself - without any congressional or communal consent - is an act of thoughtless destruction. It lacks awareness; it lacks an honoring of the historical memory/integrity of the building. It is superficial and self-congratulatory. It is not for the White House or for the people. Who or what is it really for???

Name: CB Davis
Date: February 20, 2026 2:30:03 pm

It is absolutely heartbreaking that the "President" is allowed to destroy a piece of American History without any oversight. This is not democracy, this is authoritarian rule. Please take the keys away from grandpa and bring back the White House as the People's house!

Name: Sharon Furey-Stilson
Date: February 20, 2026 2:31:39 pm

Dear Sir:

I would like to express how outraged I am over Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I agree with The National Trust for Historic Preservation when they argue that Trump must seek Congressional Approval and also consult with Federal Commissions and the Public before any work continues.

I deeply feel that the East Wing has been destroyed illegally.

I am in hopes the East Wing can be restored to its original state. Trump's Ballroom would be an abomination of our Nation's Capital and also destroy the symmetry of our beautiful White House.

The White House is the People's House. The President is a Steward of the White House, not an Owner!

Sincerely,

Sharon Furey-Stilson

Name: Jenifer Karwoski
Date: February 20, 2026 2:32:10 pm

I oppose any plans submitted by anyone other than a bipartisan National Historical group and that plan should consider the true needs of the space and restore the full function of First Lady and other WHO staff offices while respecting historical continuity with the rest of the building.
The illegal, unvetted destruction of the former East Wing at the whim of a wannabe dictator should never have happened, and the damage should be minimized.

Name: Richard Paulus
Date: February 20, 2026 2:32:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tia Holmes
Date: February 20, 2026 2:33:03 pm

I oppose the spending millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to let this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an insult to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Brian Nafzinger
Date: February 20, 2026 2:34:07 pm

This illegal, unauthorized, unnecessary, and corrupt project must be halted and the East Wing restored to its former glory fully funded by Donald Trump. No one is above the law.

Name: Susan Aune
Date: February 20, 2026 2:36:54 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Wilson
Date: February 20, 2026 2:37:31 pm

I vigorously oppose the "East Wing Moderiaztion" project because it is not needed and it reflects a wrong and unhealthy image of the USA.
Even though it is supposedly paid for by private contributions, the taxpayers of the USA will have to support and maintain it and it has no meaningful value to the country or the vast majority of the people of the country.
No to allowing this project to proceed!

Name: fred oehrlein
Date: February 20, 2026 2:37:58 pm

This. Building is of the people, for the people and by the people and should not move forward as planned.

Name: Sarah Huntington
Date: February 20, 2026 2:38:46 pm

I oppose spending $300 million (or more) on this project. It has not gone through the required review for a building in the National Historic Register. Tearing down the East WIng without proper permission is against the law. I want the East WIng to be rebuilt and returned to its last interior and exterior status. To allow this project to proceed by those who broke the law would be a great disservice to our law-abiding citizens.

Name: Lanore Briggs
Date: February 20, 2026 2:39:01 pm

The East Wing Modernization Project

Put the East Wing back the way it was. The White House is a temporary residence of trump, and once he is gone, I’m afraid that this historic Presidential home along with many other national treasures will have been destroyed. The destruction of our nation’s capital buildings must stop. They belong to the people and no one person has the right to make these drastic changes without our approval through Congress.
Please do the right thing and stop this mess.

Thank you,
L.R. Briggs
[redacted]

Name: Millie Fife
Date: February 20, 2026 2:40:58 pm

I am writing because I do not support spending $300 million of taxpayer money on this project. I believe that it was an illegal action to destroy the East Wing and lament the loss of U.S. history. These decisions are not proceeding with proper authority or review and should stop. The proper recourse is to rebuild what was destroyed. And for those responsible for the destruction to be held accountable.

Name: Susan Linderman
Date: February 20, 2026 2:41:05 pm

The White House and East Wing are historic buildings that belong to the people of the United States. No President should be allowed to destroy, significantly alter, or build adjacent buildings without thorough and independent historical and architectural reviews. Reviews and approvals must follow established processes and include participation by people who are experienced and knowledgeable professionals dedicated to the preservation of history and architecture. Reviewers and approvers must be independent, and therefore cannot be solely appointed by the President of the United States. Independence is crucial. The tearing down of the East Wing is a travesty. Please stop all future changes and building until an independent review process is established and followed. No one person, even the President of the United States, should have unilateral control of preservation, design and building. Do NOT allow the ballroom to be built.

Name: Hannah Styron
Date: February 20, 2026 2:42:57 pm

Hello,
As a proud American, I am saddened to see what is being done to one of THE national symbols. Something that represents America on a global stage. At this point it is too late to voice my protests for the East Wing Demolition, but I can say that it should be rebuilt in its entirety, with only insulation, electricity, and fire code compliance updated.

Thank you,
Hannah Styron

Name: Marian Krieger
Date: February 20, 2026 2:45:34 pm

I am apposed to the money being spent on President Trump's ballroom. Taxpayers don't need or want a ballroom. President Trump has destroyed enough of our country. No more.

Name: Lisa Mount
Date: February 20, 2026 2:45:47 pm

The unauthorized destruction of the East Wing was an assault on our history and legacy. The proposed gigantic addition is out of scale with the rest of the White House and is solely personal aggrandizement for the temporary resident of that hallowed building. Under no circumstances should this “modernization” take place. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before this desecration occurred.

Name: Kate Wright
Date: February 20, 2026 2:47:09 pm

I oppose this project because it began without proper authorization, permits or review. It is a blow to symbols of our shared American history and should be rebuilt to its original design. The White House is called "the people's house" afterall. It would be an affront to our history and legacy to go ahead with this project.

Name: Cynthia Cox
Date: February 20, 2026 2:48:24 pm

I oppose spending $300 million of our taxpayer money to rebuild. President Trump should pay for it and should be be punished for not adhering to the law to get the appropriate permission and permits. I don't think we should use any of the architects or contractors that Trump used to build or design the People's House.

Name: Beth Ann
Date: February 20, 2026 2:48:56 pm

The size of this proposed project is so extraordinarily out of scale with our nations most iconic residence. It seems as though this President wants his legacy to be twice the size of any other President. Literally. Let's just call this what it is, a vanity project.

Name: Margaret Kieffer
Date: February 20, 2026 2:49:22 pm

I am shocked and disgusted that one person can do such damage to OUR Whitehouse, without permission or planning approval. Please do something to stop any further damage to the Whitehouse!

Name: Janet Anti
Date: February 20, 2026 2:50:02 pm

The razing of the East Wing of the White House was a flagrant violation of law that erased important history of our nation, particularly of the First Ladies participation in our national leadership. The independent planning for the monstrous ballroom privately funded, not taxpayer funded for the "People's House," is also against the law. I am AGAINST the building of this ballroom. It is not East Wing Modernization. It is East Wing Desecration.

Name: Julie Graves
Date: February 20, 2026 2:51:24 pm

It’s SO infuriating that the current administration destroyed a historic institution without initiating any permits or design review authorizing the project. Not to mention the environmental protections for the asbestos in the old construction!! I OPPOSE the spending of $300 million on this project!! I want this project cancelled and The East Wing restored to its original design and glory!!

Name: Virginia Jones
Date: February 20, 2026 2:52:10 pm

I feel that with so much going on in the government that I have NO control, I must comment on the East Wing.

This is so sad and disheartening. I have toured the White House when I was a teenager and then later in life.

Please stop this "Ball Room" - it is so not necessary!! Our country is in crises and we can little afford for this massive

addition.

Please severely modify this addition and do not allow any more monuments to our current President.

Please fix what is broken.

Respectfully,

Virginia A. Jones (retired nurse)

Name: Marek Nelson
Date: February 20, 2026 2:53:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Gnat-Mullin
Date: February 20, 2026 2:55:08 pm

The East Wing has historically been the locus of the First Lady's activities to benefit the American people. In tearing down this wing, President Donald J. Trump has sent a message to women everywhere that their views and ideas don't matter, and has attempted to replace a building steeped in history and programs to benefit the American people with a lavish, ugly, over-the-top gathering place for the super wealthy. Please stop this illegal building grab, this history grab, and restore the East Wing to its original style and function.

Name: Phyllis Halpern
Date: February 20, 2026 2:57:09 pm

The demolition of the former East Wing made me, as a proud American, very sad. No standards, transparency, reasoning, or consideration of the beautiful craftsmenship, the old-growth wood and other materials was provided. All the materials, cabinetry, and years of historically useful elements should have been preserved for re-use if a normal process had been followed. Stamdards amd protocols for historic preservation have developed over the years, for essential reasons. The former East Wing belonged to the American people, and as such, its demolition deserved a much slower and more careful process, if it was at all neccesary.

The design of the modernized East Wing is way too large. It overwhelms the White House itself. It is shoehorned into the site, and requires a weird asymmetry on the pathway. Because it is so huge and looming, the new East Wing is not at all harmonious. Further, there seems no need to build a 1000 person ballroom! It is a wasteful plan! If every so often, the need arises for a space to accomodate so many people, there is no reason why a tent, or at least a tent extension could not be used. Whether taxpayer dollars are used, or not, does not change this project's size, wastefulness, inappropriateness, and lack of good procedure.

Name: Kathleen Roche
Date: February 20, 2026 2:58:37 pm

I, like many others are emotionally appalled at the destruction of the East Wing of our White House. I never gave permission for any such project via my local representatives vot which is required. Please pass along strong reminders to all who need to hear this that it is not Donald’s house. It is the peoples house. Every citizen in our country has voted our representatives to follow the governing laws and by all legal manner out a stop to a so called presidents dream to install a golden ballroom that I nor the everyday citizen ever see. I don’t want it. Please stop this absurd and illegal construction now!

Thank you.

Name: Lola Yarger
Date: February 20, 2026 2:58:47 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which began without proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization effort—it is the destruction of important American history. I want the project canceled and the East

Wing restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to proceed without consequences would undermine every law-abiding American.
Sincerely,
Lola Sue Yarger

Name: Margaret Viets
Date: February 20, 2026 2:59:55 pm

Pure and simple, this ballroom is not needed. It is a folly and nothing more than an unsightly monument to Donald Trump's hubris and ego. This massive monstrosity does nothing for the American people and nothing for our beautiful capital city. It should NOT be built regardless of where the obscene amount of money required comes from.

Name: christine krieckhaus
Date: February 20, 2026 3:00:24 pm

This matter should go through the normal and legal process and include input from the public and legislative bodies and legal permitting process. It is vital that we preserve our museums and other sources of historical importance.

Name: Carolyn Schott
Date: February 20, 2026 3:00:34 pm

I am angry and horrified that the East Wing of the WH was torn down without any sort of oversight of its historical and architectural significance nor to gain approval of such a drastic demolition. If that is not a crime, it should be.

I am angry that millions of dollars will be spent to build a gaudy replacement. Whether those are tax dollars (which makes me angry because that's my money that's being spent) or donor dollars (which makes me angry because people are just trying to buy influence), it is a disgrace.

The East Wing served many vital functions - including offices for First Ladies that actually did productive projects, as a public entrance, and for some social functions. Replacing that with a ballroom that has minimal functionality is also criminal (or should be).

The East Wing should be rebuilt in a form and functionality that is the same or similar to what was torn down, and is consistent to the rest of the White House structure.

Name: Grace A Houghton
Date: February 20, 2026 3:01:48 pm

It is truly inconceivable that Donald Trump ruthlessly tore down the East Wing without any approval whatsoever. In the small city where I live, you can't alter a house deemed a landmark without going through a fairly rigorous vetting process - and that might be for something as minor as changing the paint color!

That man flouts every rule of law, every established policy, every legal precedent that impedes something he wants. I just cannot understand it. Why don't the rules apply to him? He just destroyed a huge part of this country's heritage. Just like that. And all to put in what looks to me like the grand balloon at the banquet center off some interstate. Completely without grace, dignity, or awareness of place. It's a travesty.

Please do not allow the East WIng to be yet another monument to Donald Trump's arrogance, greed, and appalling bad taste.

Name: Melle Lee Warren
Date: February 20, 2026 3:05:40 pm

I am writing to object to the unauthorized destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House. The People's House

is just that; it is not the property of the current White House resident to do as he pleases. The ballroom must be stopped, and the East Wing rebuilt. The money allocated for the ballroom should be used for the restoration.

Name: Isabelle Petersen
Date: February 20, 2026 3:05:53 pm

I am writing to record my opposition to the ballroom design on the former White House East Wing land. The scale of the design is atrocious.

I taught the history of art and architecture for decades. Principles of scale and aesthetic balance are vital to successful architectural design. The plans, as published on February 20, show neither.

The planned ballroom appears to tower over the White House, distracting from the symbolic importance of "the people's house." If a large ballroom is indeed needed at this location, it should be harmoniously proportioned to the existing architecture without detracting from its focus.

No democratic president should be allowed to create monuments to himself while destroying historic landmarks that belong to the American people.

Name: Sue Johnson
Date: February 20, 2026 3:07:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Daryl Bornstein
Date: February 20, 2026 3:11:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initially without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Hanna Rue
Date: February 20, 2026 3:12:14 pm

Do not build a ballroom at the White House.

Name: Annie Kuhlman
Date: February 20, 2026 3:12:55 pm

I highly disagree with this proposed plan. This committee is meant to be nonpartisan, not a rubber stamp of this current administration to bypass what has been in place as an oversight in development since its inception in 1910. The ballroom and the proposed arch are gross excess when people are struggling to pay their grocery bills.

Name: Stephanie Decker
Date: February 20, 2026 3:14:26 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Stephsny Cross
Date: February 20, 2026 3:14:28 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White Houdr and replacement with a ballroom is extremely offensive to the American people. This place is the “home” of all Americans and Trump had decided to turn it into a disgrace. Please stop him.

Name: Robin Armand
Date: February 20, 2026 3:16:08 pm

I strongly feel that the DJT administration has already desecrated “The Peoples’ House”, which should never have been allowed. I hope there will be consequences for that destruction. But that is already done. I hope there is a way to prevent the building of the horrible, gigantic, gaudy and embarrassing ballroom. Calling it the East Wing Modernization Project is a joke, since the East Wing no longer exists. Please don’t allow this abomination to continue.

Name: Constance Cross
Date: February 20, 2026 3:17:52 pm

I am appalled that Trump took it upon himself to take a wrecking ball to the house that belongs to us, We the People. And he did so with no permits or authorization. His monstrous so-called ballroom must never see the light of day and the East Wing must be restored as it was

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Name: Shirleen Manganelli
Date: February 20, 2026 3:20:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Fronzak
Date: February 20, 2026 3:21:37 pm

"I pray Heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this House, and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof." — John Adams (in a letter written the second night he lived there, 1800).
"The White House belongs to all Americans. It's supposed to be something we're proud of." — Nancy Reagan.
"This is a house that belongs to all the American people." — Jacqueline Kennedy. Just a few quotes to remind us all of what the White House should stand for, the people's house with temporary residents.

Modernization of historical buildings can be necessary for the comfort and safety of the temporary residents. GUTTING

historical buildings without careful consideration would seem to follow Donald Trump's method of acting for anything, period. He complained about the decor and feel of the White House his first term and spent most of his time at Mar a Lago. I guess he decided to bring the gaudy and tacky style of decoration to the White House. The amount of gold gilt he has installed in the Oval Office is truly horrendous and quite frankly, disgusting, as is his plan for his "grand ballroom." .....then we have the bunker he wants to build underneath the larger footprint.

Donald doesn't care for history, ignores it, or is constantly trying to rewrite it to his satisfaction. When he decided to demolish the East Wing without the 30 days normally required in going through the National Capitol Planning Commission or other federal agencies to proceed with even smaller projects, it was like a punch in the gut (which I think the man wanted to do to people anyhow). It IS the people's house, not Donald's house (although I believe he has plans to stay indefinitely). Where is the furniture, where are the paintings, all pieces of our history? Were they just destroyed? As a student of history, as an American citizen whose roots go back to the Revolutionary War and beyond as a member of the Choctaw nation, I demand there be an accounting of what was done. The White House should be restored to the architectural equilibrium that was present before Trump took a wrecking ball to history. We do not NEED a ballroom to house all the wealthy people for a ball--I suspect none of "the people" who work for a living will never again see the White House.

I am also vehemently opposed to demolition of the other buildings Trump has in his sights, and am equally opposed to the construction of the "Triumphal Arch" which will destroy the beauty of the mall, an introspective place to be and remember WHAT our government and those operating and serving within should actually be and how they should act.

Most Sincerely,

Deborah P. Fronzak.

Name: Deb Kiley
Date: February 20, 2026 3:22:31 pm

The east wing should never been torn down to build a monstrosity that ruins the White House, the people’s house. The President should have to use his person funds to rebuild the east wing to original specifications. Any future modifications must follow the law and existing procedures.

Name: Anne Settanni
Date: February 20, 2026 3:22:47 pm

I object to the construction of any ballroom or other building on White House grounds. The east wing was destroyed without permits obtained and should be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Arthur Shippee
Date: February 20, 2026 3:24:46 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this ridiculous project.

It was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, so any associated plan should be looked at with great suspicion. What are they hiding?

It was a wanton desecration of American history. It also sells the People's House to private interests. No one is above the law, and allowing this project to go forward would be an insult to a lawful country and to law-abiding patriots.

This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I hope you'll take a firm stance for the right against this egregious plan.

Name: Karen Mason
Date: February 20, 2026 3:24:56 pm

The need for a ballroom at the White House is not clear. Many former presidents have not publicly made the statement that the White House needs a ballroom to host the many official functions, including state dinners, which have been held there. Right now, it seems like a waste of money, even if the money is private donations.
If the White House does need a ballroom, then the design should be in the style of and in appropriate scale for the existing structure. Architects should have the opportunity to submit their ideas publicly and one plan should be chosen with public input. It should be paid for with public funds, so that there is some control of the size, embellishment and outfitting. Since the White House is not a private residence; the design and embellishment of any additions should reflect general expectations, not the taste and grandiosity of any one person, including the current occupant.

Name: Karen Ryker
Date: February 20, 2026 3:26:18 pm

Spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization or permits or design review of design, is to be opposed. It is not a modernization project. Rather it is a destruction of American history. This is THE PEOPLE's building, and I , a citizen, want this project canceled. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. And cost for this should be born by Mr. Trump, who illegally initiated the project. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathleen Finderson
Date: February 20, 2026 3:26:40 pm

I oppose the building of any replacement to the erased East Wing without the required reviews, including a review of the design by all appropriate parties.
The White House is the People's House. While renovations may be needed, they should always be appropriately designed and sized to complement, not distract from, the original structure. And those designs and the budget for renovations should be reviewed and approved by the normal process, whether they are funded by tax revenues or by any other source.

Name: Sharon Spratley
Date: February 20, 2026 3:26:42 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Democracy is by the People, of the People, for the People. There was nothing democratic about the East Wing demolition. Any project that lets that un-Democratic act stand is an afront to everything the founding fathers and the American people stand for. This project should be rejected, out of hand.

Name: Lori Oberhofer
Date: February 20, 2026 3:32:03 pm

I am 100% against this project. This is OUR WHITE HOUSE. It belongs to ALL Americans, not TRUMP. This is the PUBLIC's WHITE HOUSE. The "Epstein-Trump Administration" had NO RIGHT to tear down the East Wing of the PUBLIC's WHITE HOUSE without consultation first. And few to none of us want an absolutely classless Putin-style Ballroom. This is an atrocity and I'm appalled. "Thank you for your attention to this matter."

Name: Jim Gurski
Date: February 20, 2026 3:33:56 pm

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt so the original layout of the White House would be restored. The ballroom could be built in a proportional scale to the existing buildings in a less prominent position so as to not detract from them. The White House should regain its importance and not be overshadowed by this ballroom. It was disgraceful that the East Wing was destroyed without public input! This is the people’s property, it is not a private residence!!!!

Name: Patricia Joy
Date: February 20, 2026 3:34:08 pm

I strongly oppose the destruction of the East Wing to be replaced with a gaudy ballroom. The multi billions of dollars spent on this project would be much better spent keeping the programs promoting education and aid to struggling countries, etc. Please put a stop to all this wasteful spending by this criminal POTUS!!!

Name: Kathleen McGlathery
Date: February 20, 2026 3:36:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project, the demolitions for which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patrick Brennan
Date: February 20, 2026 3:37:45 pm

300 million dollars for greed and selfishness

Name: Anne Gilkey
Date: February 20, 2026 3:38:12 pm

Hello, my name is Anne Gilkey and I live in Greenville, SC. As a lover of historic homes I vehemently oppose the modernization of the East Wing of the White House. As Jack Schlossberg said “my grandmother saw America in color” and her garden was proof of that. It was a blatant act of disrespect to the memory of Jacqueline Kennedy and Bunny Mellon when the garden was paved and a concrete pad was left in its wake. That garden represented change and beauty, all of which these new plans at the White House do not. This is historic home for all Americans and it is so disheartening to see this once beautiful home that has hosted so many historic events be allowed to turn into a miserable gray box. I implore you to consider what the White House truly stands for and represents. It’s a home that is meant to exude comfort, trust, and warmth to all that visit no matter when they are from. Please stop stripping the history from this home. These plans are not to “modernize” the White House, they’re meant to dehumanize it. To erase the memories of all that have come before. Enough damage has already been done. I mean no disrespect to our sitting president but I do respect what the White House represents.

Name: M B
Date: February 20, 2026 3:42:02 pm

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I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Words well spoken.

Name: Kathy Swartout
Date: February 20, 2026 3:42:57 pm

I oppose this effort. It was started without proper procedure. I want it restored to its original state.

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Name: Nadra MacArthur
Date: February 20, 2026 3:44:31 pm

I am wholeheartedly against this project mainly because it is a vanity project, not a necessity for the American people who are ultimately responsible for covering the cost of operating and maintaining the White House. These costs will only exponentially increase with the ballroom - both for maintaining and paying for events held there. People don’t have healthcare and cannot afford basic necessities while the Adminstration conducts themselves in a Marie Antoinette style. The East Wing should never have been torn down before this process took place. It’s disturbing that the committees who oversee such projects are just rubber stamping this gaudy monstrosity despite the majority of Americans opposing it. Lastly, this project does not reflect the stately and historic nature of our existing White House. There is no dignity in the look or feel of this project.

Name: Barbara Brimlow
Date: February 20, 2026 3:45:30 pm

I am writing to protest the destruction of the East Wing and asking the commission to stop the ballroom project and restore the East Wing. This is the People’s House and should never have been destroyed without Congressional involvement.
Barbara Brimlow

Name: Frank Buffum
Date: February 20, 2026 3:47:15 pm

I oppose the spending of any money, public or private, on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jill Thach
Date: February 20, 2026 3:49:31 pm

The White House belongs to the American people.
It's East Wing should not have been demolished by the current President without approval of the American people through various votes, boards, commissions, etc., that are not simply "rubber stamps" for whatever the President decides he wants.
The East Wing should be rebuilt to its 2025 condition--at the sole personal expense of the President who unilaterally decided to demolish it virtually overnight without permission.
This demolition is a complete travesty, a taking of public property without due process.
The East Wing must be rebuilt to its 2025 condition.
Shame on the President. Shame on his enablers.

Name: Dolores Daigle
Date: February 20, 2026 3:49:44 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt to the current building codes, but then restored to it's former size and purpose. It's inexcusable that the building was torn down and a new design "approved" without proper reviews, applications, and permits. The new design completely dwarfs the historic White House, which belongs to the Nation, not to a temporary occupant, who wants his name and ugly portrait everywhere. Historically, this wing was the headquarters for the First Lady, and there is a long history of First Ladies, who contributed to the welfare of the country, in my lifetime from Eleanor Roosevelt to Michelle Obama. That the current temporary First Lady chooses instead to use her role to make a

movie about herself, and seems to live mostly elsewhere, is no justification for permanently destroying and changing the purpose of the building.

Name: Joanne Subranni
Date: February 20, 2026 3:49:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Please do not permit this project to move forward.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Katherine Bianchi
Date: February 20, 2026 3:49:52 pm

Any additions done should reflect and complement the architectural design of the current White House. The White House should be restored to its original look along with the once beautiful Rose Garden.
The White House is a symbol of democratic governance and shared national heritage—it should not be treated or presented as a palace.
Above all, the White House belongs to the American people. Any changes to its structures should reflect stewardship, respect for history, and a commitment to preserving its character for future generations.

Name: Deborah OConnell
Date: February 20, 2026 3:55:10 pm

I oppose the building of the 'new ballroom' which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of American history. No one is above the law. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. This project should not be permitted to progress and those who broke the law need to be penaliized. No one is above the law.

Name: Bruce Wilhelm
Date: February 20, 2026 3:55:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or more on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard Christel
Date: February 20, 2026 3:56:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans,

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Name: Marla Akin
Date: February 20, 2026 3:57:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the Trump glorification project, which was initiated with no proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history that must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without

penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts on this as a taxpayer, an American, and a protector of our built history.

Name: Janice O'Brien
Date: February 20, 2026 3:59:09 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

I object to the tasteless design of the new proposed Ball Room. The White House is a historic treasure belonging to the American people, not a president. Restorations are supposed to go through a process which is being ignored now. Selecting only people on the committees that agree with this president and his design is a sham.

This design overpowers our beautiful and classic White House and the surrounding grounds. Please do not let this be built
Sincerely,
Janice O'Brien

Name: Joanne Tobey
Date: February 20, 2026 3:59:59 pm

I am vehemently opposed to this project. I am opposed to "modernizing" (which is actually "destroying") the PEOPLE'S house. The project as it stands is unlawful. Plans have not yet been filed with the National Capital Planning Commission as required by the National Capital Planning Act; no adequate public environmental assessment or Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and Congress has not yet authorized construction of the building as it is required to do when construction is proposed in any federal park in the District of Columbia. The East Wing as it stood was a connection to our history and proportional to the building and surrounding architecture. It provided all that was needed in an aesthetically pleasing way. We do not need and should not allow this unconstitutional project to proceed. The East Wing should be restored.

Name: Kimberly Calvin
Date: February 20, 2026 4:03:58 pm

As an American who's family fought to create this country in the Revolutionary War, I dissent. The White House does not belong to the President of the United States. My family helped to make the White House possible. It belongs to the people and we provide it for the President so his job can be done more effectively. Just like any other historic monument, the White House is a Historic landmark that no one has the right to change. The current President has already destroyed the Presidential Rose Garden with out permission and killed off rare roses that were our pride and joy. Do not allow him to destroy any more of our heritage by allowing this ballroom to go through. It does not matter that the current President wants a ballroom for himself. It matters that the White House belongs to the American people he is supposed to be representing. We are the landlords providing housing for the President. The East Wing needs to be reconstructed and repaired to what it was before the current administration damaged it. The cost for doing so needs to come out of the Presidents personal finances, not the country's taxes. This atrocity needs to be stopped.

Name: Tamara Kent
Date: February 20, 2026 4:04:41 pm

The American People deserve to have a say regarding the East Wing Rebuild. It was illegally destroyed. US taxpayers might not be paying to build it if donations come in, but the American People will pay for the upkeep. We need oversight. An enormously oversized building is also not the answer. Stop this project.

Name: Cynthia Saxl
Date: February 20, 2026 4:04:56 pm

I feel outraged that the East Wing of the White House, which belongs to the American people and not the current

occupant, has already been demolished, before customary professional, lawful, historical and public review. I'm not disputing that the EW did need significant update: wiring, ADA compliance, structural and safety issues, and so on. What I would like to see is a restoration of the exterior dimensions before razing, a new building with the original architectural style, with the necessary updates implemented with historical sensitivity. A 90,000 foot ballroom, swamping the size of the other part of the structure, is a totally unwarranted vanity project. If there is an actual need for a ballroom for State functions, construct it somewhere else or rehab a different building, while being mindful of lawful processes. Signed, an American citizen proud of our heritage and our national parks

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Name: Craig Bobby
Date: February 20, 2026 4:06:05 pm

Comments about this project are irrelevant. This country is now run by a dictator, who has full and absolute power. Whatever that dictator wants, that dictator will get. It is irrelevant what the "laws" are or what has to be "reviewed" first. These had value in previous presidential administrations, but not this one. If these concepts actually had any viability, the plan to demolish the East Wing of the White House would have had some hurdles to jump through, which it did not. The same applies for what is about to built to take the place of the demolished wing. Soliciting "comments" about this is a waste of time and energy.

Name: Earl Starbuck
Date: February 20, 2026 4:07:04 pm

I wish to strongly oppose this project for all the reasons stated below.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Janice OBRien
Date: February 20, 2026 4:07:38 pm

To Whom this may concern,

I am against the present design of the Ball Room submitted by President Trump. As planned this structure is so large that it overpowers our beautiful White House and surrounding grounds Also, I would like to remind this committee that the White House belongs to the American people not just the resident at present.

Please do not let this monstrosity to be built next to our classic and beautiful White Hpuse

Sincerely,
Janice OBrien

Name: Hester van Heemstra
Date: February 20, 2026 4:08:10 pm

The White House is "the People's House" where the president is a temporary resident. Concerned citizens, especially those who have background in historic preservation and architecture of public buildings should be considered and plans should be made with transparency at every step. The taste of one president should not be the primary factor in the renovation design. The funding of the renovation should also be done with transparency. The destruction of the entire East wing was not subjected to expensive review, and the public was not informed in advance as to what happened to the contents of the building and any preservation attempts. I understand hat objects were preserved, but why not inform the public and be transparent.

Name: Erica Hahn
Date: February 20, 2026 4:10:42 pm

I am commenting on the proposed ballroom to be attached to the White House. As someone who is passionate about the history of the United States I have a great love for the White House, which has been an ongoing project since the presidency of John Adams. It is a beautiful graceful building. Over the years there have been modifications. The West Wing was added, interior work had to be done, ultimately in the presidency of FDR the East Wing was added. These additions were very respectful of the original building. I had the privilege of visiting the East Wing last year, when it was still standing. I understand the argument that the United States should have a larger area for public events. However even so, any new structure should be harmonious with the white house itself. There is also a question of how big a public area is actually needed. Seating for 900 seems quite excessive. The proposed "ballroom" which is really actually a banquet hall is too big and too gawdy to meet the purpose. If built it would dwarf the White House. It would look ridiculous. It is not respectful of the building where Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt lived, which Jackie Kennedy introduced on television to the American people. If built it would be a shrine to architectural bad taste. Thank you.

Name: Jayne Frye
Date: February 20, 2026 4:10:45 pm

The East Wing of the Whitehouse has been torn down illegally, without permission. It should be fully restored as it was originally. The person accountable for the illegal action should be sued by we, the people, and made to pay for the reconstruction and restoration for destroying public property.

Name: Jennifer Mittereder
Date: February 20, 2026 4:13:55 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Jim larsen
Date: February 20, 2026 4:15:09 pm

This modification to the White House will visually destroy the history and honor of one of our nation’s most sacred monuments…….it is beyond my belief that a fellow Architect would ever put this on paper….it is the antithesis of our beliefs as Architects to even consider such a monsterous addition……it is misnamed a “modernization”….it is an “abomination”

Name: Jayne Bonnette
Date: February 20, 2026 4:16:23 pm

I am definitely against Trump's ballroom plans and feel is it completely out of proportion with the existing structures. The interior of the ballroom looks like it came out of Europe or Russia, not America. I feel it is entirely too large, and its usage does not seem practical to me. The fact that it is paid for with private funds is alarming as well. The people should decide what is appropriate not wealthy friends of a particular president. This is the people's house not Trump's personal or investment property.

I am particularly insulted that once again another lie was told that the East Wing would not be touched and suddenly now it is gone. The untruths being told, particularly by this administration, just go on and on.

Name: Stephen Flick
Date: February 20, 2026 4:16:46 pm

I object in toto to Mr. Trump's demolition of the East Wing and his proposed ballroom. First, the East Wing demolition was done without consulting the proper authorities for such work. Legally, the President cannot undertake any work on a whim, which is exactly what he did with the wholesale obliteration of a building that was one-and-one-quarter centuries old. Additionally, he does not own the White House or any part of it. It is the people's building. He continually ignores the

will of the people and established law.

In addition, he wants the ballroom not as an integral part of a 200-plus year old building, in harmony with the architecture of the White House, but as another monument to himself, much as Julius Caesar and other tyrants did for themselves. The proposed building is not to scale with existing buildings on the White House grounds. It is a monstrosity as proposed, overly expensive to build and maintain and grotesque in character.

It is only one of many projects Mr. Trump has undertaken without consulting the public, the relevant laws, or experts in respective fields. One of those now proceeding without the consent of the governed is the dumping of East Wing rubble next to a public golf course. There are many good reasons why he should not be altering that artificial island (which is not part of the natural, original landscape), but he is having it done, anyway.

He needs to be told "no" much more often. The ballroom place is as good a place as any to begin.

Thank you for your time.

Name: Kathryn Amato
Date: February 20, 2026 4:19:09 pm

I am saddened by the destruction of a historic American building. This was genuinely heartbreaking to witness and even sadder to know that this project was undertaken in haste, without the input of the constituency the president serves.

Name: Matthew Larkin
Date: February 20, 2026 4:19:52 pm

The proposed addition is completely out of scale. This is another disgraceful act by the current President of the United States to destroy our shared heritage by imposing his horrendous taste on national monuments. Congress and the Supreme Court needs to do their job and halt this and any other design projects imposed by the current President.

Name: Susan Krsnich
Date: February 20, 2026 4:20:07 pm

At 75 yrs of age I remember Jackie Kennedy’s tour of the White House - bringing us through the house of the people historically restored. We’ve had the rose garden ripped out and cemented over - now this! I cringe whenever I see the gold spray painted wall art in the Oval Office I think of the cheapening of our cultural heritage.

The East wing was a place from which the First Ladies functioned. It looks like a war torn area now…courtesy of Trump’s act first an ask -only if I have to - later approach. Without any communication the White House has been damaged with plans to build that will not fit in with or compliment the existing edifice in style or proportion.

This disgusts me and further demonstrates the lack of communication and respect of this administration for the house of the American people.

I hope that a restoration program will be developed instead of- and not at the expense of the American taxpayers. As long as we continue to clean up after this Trump will go on imposing his will on us. He needs to pay for this - he can think of it like alimony!!!!!!

Name: Jamie Schroepfer
Date: February 20, 2026 4:20:45 pm

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed East Wing project and to urge the Commission to withhold approval.

Based on publicly available information, this project represents a fundamental demolition and replacement of an existing historic structure, not a limited modernization or rehabilitation. As such, it raises serious concerns under long-standing federal planning, preservation, and review requirements that exist to protect nationally significant buildings and ensure transparency and accountability in federal construction.

The reported cost of approximately $300 million demands heightened scrutiny. At a time when federal resources are constrained, any project of this scale must clearly demonstrate necessity, compliance with applicable laws, and respect for historic integrity. A complete razing of an existing wing—rather than restoration or sensitive rehabilitation—risks the irreversible loss of architectural and historical value that belongs to the American public.

Equally troubling is the appearance that key steps in the planning and review process may have occurred out of sequence or without full public engagement. Federal projects of this magnitude are expected to undergo thorough design review, permitting, and interagency coordination prior to advancement. These safeguards exist precisely to prevent irreversible decisions from being made without proper oversight.

I respectfully request that this project be halted and reconsidered, with a preference for restoring and rebuilding the East Wing in a manner consistent with its historic design and character. Approval should not be granted unless and until all required legal, procedural, and preservation standards have been fully met.

Allowing a project to proceed despite unresolved compliance concerns would undermine public trust and set a troubling precedent. No federal project—regardless of sponsor or purpose—should be exempt from the laws and processes that govern responsible stewardship of our shared national heritage.

Thank you for your consideration and for your role in safeguarding the integrity of our nation’s capital.

Name: Tony Fellows
Date: February 20, 2026 4:24:50 pm

This ballroom is not needed,and to destroy a part of the building that means everything to Americans is terrible. The White House is already being turned into a brothel with all of the gold flake everywhere. The next President can come in nd restore the house to the way it was intended to look like.

Name: Chris Burch
Date: February 20, 2026 4:25:45 pm

I am writing with concern about the hastily planned and presented ideas regarding a new East Wing ballroom for the White House. It is my firm belief that plans that concern The Peoples' House and other historically significant properties should be properly planned and vetted with extensive support and guidance from historical authorities. Bulldozing buildings without following an accepted and careful process and then planning to construct a replacement that is ill-suited in scale to the main building, that dominates and fails to respect the importance and proportion of the White House is not an acceptable option. When I first saw the images on the news, I was shocked and felt disrespected as a citizen of the United States. The government buildings of our capital reflect who we are as a nation. They are a visual reminder of our strength, justice and intelligence. An improperly planned building will only make us appear confused, careless and silly. We must respect our history and the knowledge and regard our forefathers had for planning our capital with dignity, instilling our values as a physical manifestation through the architecture. Thomas Jefferson would not approve.

Name: LINDA HOOBLER
Date: February 20, 2026 4:27:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Our country has MANY issues that should take priority over a Golden Ballroom that will only be available for use by a very few from "elite" members of society who already have access to more than any one person needs or deserves.

Name: Amy Martini
Date: February 20, 2026 4:28:59 pm

I oppose the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but a razing of American history. I request that this project be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without proper planning and authorization is an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Name: Julie Locascio
Date: February 20, 2026 4:29:26 pm

I am 100% against this project. It is obviously being set up as something funded corruptly by millionaire donors and will be used as a private country club by the oligarchy where they can pay to have access to the President's ear. The White House has been chiefly a place for the President to work and live with his family. Entertainment is a small part of diplomacy and social initiatives. To destroy the East Wing without consulting Congress or the National Capital Planning Commission, let alone your organization, shows what an oligarchic move it was. It has absolutely nothing to do with preserving the White House as a potent symbol around the world of a strong democracy. To build an obscenely large ballroom symbolically dwarves the functional purpose of the White House, setting it up to look like a pleasure palace where the elite have parties. The project never in a million years would have been approved by Congress, and it's obscene to spend the money while Americans are struggling with pandemic-fueled inflation, struggling to make ends meet. The Orwellian "modernization" adjective is an insult to anybody with even a modicum of historical education.

Name: Claire McGuire
Date: February 20, 2026 4:29:53 pm

I am writing to express my dismay at the size of the proposed structure as it will overwhelm the White House grounds. Mr. Baranes was the architect on an apartment project in my neighborhood in Woodley Park and like the renderings on this project the apartment structure as built is way too large for the property. I fear the same will be true for the proposed East Wing structure and once built it will forever destroy the visual of the White House grounds. I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal in favor of a structure more in keeping with the size of the White House itself which should not be overwhelmed by the proposed ballroom.

Name: Paige Whitley-Bauguess
Date: February 20, 2026 4:30:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kate Burton
Date: February 20, 2026 4:30:20 pm

I feel this quote by Adam Gopnik on 10/25/25 expresses my feelings regarding the destruction of the East Wing. Building a ballroom of this size and nature is an affront to the historical landmark that the White House is. I feel that the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was prior to the demolition or that a similar structure that is proportionately as well as visually aligned with the structure that it will sit beside. The structure built needs to reflect the ideals of a democratic people, not a structure that gives the impression of an authoritarian legacy.

Here is the quote: "Architecture embodies values; it is not merely a receptacle of them. Simple proportions and human spaces don’t just suggest the spirit of a democratic nation. They are that spirit in three dimensions, with doors and windows. Reverence for the past, and reluctance to destroy until the risks of destruction are fully known, is not timidity but wisdom, in architecture as in life. To conserve, after all, is the essence of conservatism. The shock that images of the destruction provoke—the grief so many have felt—is not an overreaction to the loss of a beloved building. It is a recognition of something deeper: the central values of democracy being demolished before our eyes. Now we do not only sense it. We see it." https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/11/03/why-trump-tore-down-the-east-wing

Please ensure that the dignity as well as the historicity of the new structure embodies the traditions befitting this structure. Rebuilding the East Wing as it previously was, would meet this criteria.

Thank you

Name: Anna Nau Braswell
Date: February 20, 2026 4:30:32 pm

As a professional architectural preservationist, architectural historian, and as an American citizen, I write to share my extreme concern regarding the size, proportion, and design of the proposed new East Wing at the Executive Residence ("White House"). The White House is and always will be the "people's house" and any changes to the buildings and grounds must be in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.

In 1908, a few years after the completion of the restoration of the White House and construction of the original East and West wings under architect Charles McKim, President Theodore Roosevelt wrote to the American Institute of Architects, emphasizing the symbolic and architectural significance of the building. Roosevelt called it "the ideal house of the head of a great democratic republic" stating that "it should be a matter of pride and honorable obligation to the whole Nation to prevent its being in any way marred."

I urge you to listen follow the recommendations provided by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, including the following:
• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Itsheight should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.
• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.
• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.
• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.
• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

Respectfully,
Anna Nau Braswell, PhD

Name: Kristi Froehlich
Date: February 20, 2026 4:30:36 pm

The East Wing was illegally torn down. The design change did NOT go through appropriate channels. It's the people's house and should be restored IMMEDIATELY to it's previous design as it was prior to illegally being torn down. Again ... this is the people's house and should be governed by the rules and guidelines as laid out by the NTHP. Put it back now!

Name: Amy Alderson
Date: February 20, 2026 4:31:24 pm

I think it is a literal crime that the historic east wing was demolished. I think the administration, and in particular Donald Trump, should be punished for breaking the law and tearing down what belongs to the American people. The east wing should be rebuilt at the personal expense of Trump himself.

Name: Gregory Florence
Date: February 20, 2026 4:31:32 pm

As a citizen of the United States I am writing to register my firm opposition to this project. It is not a "modernization" project because the entire structure was raised to the ground by order of the President and is being replaced, not with a "modernized" East Wing, but with what has been advertised as a ballroom. While I will allow that the White House is the President's residence, and thus the occupant should have some latitude in making modifications to the building and the grounds, it is also the property of the People of the United States. As such, a major undertaking of this scope should be authorized, with funding appropriated, by the People's representatives, Congress, and should be planned and built in accordance with our laws for historic preservation, national building projects, and the ordinances governing construction in Washington DC. None of this, from the early morning destruction of the East Wing to the planning and fundraising for this project has been done in a transparent, honorable, or legal manner. The fact that private donors are funding a project that has already seen its cost soar before the East Wing demolition was even completed demonstrates that this vanity project of the President is one that is rife with opportunities for extortion and corruption. Federal buildings should be paid for with appropriated federal dollars to ensure that there is accountability and that the construction occurs in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. That corruption is already evident in the decision by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, staffed by President Trump's loyalists, decided to approve this project when President Trump despite the fact that 99% of the 2,000 comments they received in the last week were negative about the East Wing Project. The fact that no final plan or budget has been submitted made it irresponsible for them to do that. This entire project is wrong, in the way it was done and in the fact that it is bigger than the main White House building. Please vote "no" on this project and have the restoration of the East Wing done in a way that honors our nation's liberal democratic principles and ensures that we are building a structure that all Americans can be proud of for years to come, not a monument to one man who is already recognized as one of the worst, if not the worst, Presidents that the United States has ever had to endure.

Name: Eugene Kenney
Date: February 20, 2026 4:34:16 pm

With a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Museum Education from The George Washington University in addition to more than 30 hours of Graduate Studies in the History of Art, I feel I am better qualified than the President's recent appointment to the Commission of Fine Arts to opine that the plan they approved for the East Wing is much too large and much too gaudy. Please revert to a plan that replicates as closely as possible what was demolished.

Name: Su Friedrich
Date: February 20, 2026 4:34:24 pm

To Whom It May Concern,
As an American who, like most, has an affection for and attachment to the White House, I find Trump's plan to be utterly outrageous and unacceptable.
The East Wing should never have been demolished (and in a hurry, without proper vetting--like most things that he does) and now the plan just keeps getting more and more preposterous, offensive and expensive.
But it isn't the cost that matters so much, it's what this hideous, ostentatious structure would represent: Trump's ego. Certainly not anything to do with the American people, 99% of whom don't care about golden ballrooms but would rather be able to pay for groceries, gas and health care.
It's an affront to all of us who do love this country, as compared to someone like Trump, who seems to only love things slathered in gold.
Su Friedrich
Brooklyn, NY

Name: Megan Sonier
Date: February 20, 2026 4:34:29 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed demolition and "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House.

As a citizen concerned with the preservation of American history, I believe this project violates the stewardship of a nationally significant, historic site. The East Wing, in place since the 1940s, is not just a building; it is a critical, tangible

link to the legacy of the presidency and the professional, ceremonial space of First Ladies.

My opposition is based on the following points:
- Circumvention of Process: The lack of a rigorous, transparent, and public design review process for a structure of this importance is unacceptable.
- Destruction of Heritage: The proposed replacement with a massive ballroom destroys a key historic component of the White House complex, rather than preserving it.
- Funding Transparency: I have concerns regarding the reliance on private, corporate funding for significant changes to public, federal, and historically designated property.

The White House belongs to the American people. Its preservation should be guided by professional review and continuity, not rapid, unilateral destruction. I urge the administration to halt this demolition and reconsider the proposal to protect this historic site for future generations.

Name: Kimberly Lowe
Date: February 20, 2026 4:34:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joan Pritchard
Date: February 20, 2026 4:34:49 pm

I am opposed to the White House Ballroom Project for three reasons.
1) It is not legitimate. It is a vanity project perpetrated by a partisan group of people without regard for the concern or input of the American people.
2) The proposed ballroom would be built on the land where the East Wing once stood, a historic feature of the White House that was demolished allegedly without legal authorization and without any sensitivity for what it meant to the American people.
3) It is much too large and overwhelms the original White House which is the crown jewel of America’s monuments to history and ought to be the most prominent feature in its space and location.
I demand that this project be stopped.

Name: Barbara Board
Date: February 20, 2026 4:36:09 pm

I believe strongly that whatever changes are made to the White House must go through the current formal approval process used by previous administrations. This process is in place for many reasons and should never be disregarded.

The building should compliment, yet not overshadow, The People's House. No president should be allowed to radically change the White House without the approval of the People and in the case of the White House that would be The National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the United States Congress, as these organizations are in place to support the wishes of the People of the United States.

I am not opposed to a ballroom but feel strongly that it DOES NOT need to be located on the Capital grounds. Washington, DC is a big city with other much more suitable locations available.

Name: Timothy Sullivan
Date: February 20, 2026 4:36:15 pm

Upon who's authority was it given to destroy the East Wing of the White house. No plans were submitted no committees were consulted just the whims of wana be dictator. I feel the West Wing should be rebuilt to its original structure along with the Rose garden.

Name: Betty Gilpatric
Date: February 20, 2026 4:36:19 pm

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Name: Sarah Atherton
Date: February 20, 2026 4:38:27 pm

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Name: Patricia Reinhardt
Date: February 20, 2026 4:39:14 pm

I strongly object to the Tru**p administration’s plans to build a monstrous ballroom. Like everything Tru**p does, the ballroom promises to be ostentatious and vulgar, dwarfing and cheapening the rest of the White House complex, like the cheesy gold trim he has installed in the Oval Office. It’s not clear yet if it was even legal to tear down the East Wing or to build this monstrosity. It’s a moot point as he shown no respect for the rule of law countless times, as he continues his efforts to remake the White House Complex into a trashy Tr**p property and American democracy into an authoritarian, White Christian Nationalist oligarchy. I doubt he won’t use taxpayer money; he considers the presidency just another vehicle to enrich himself, his family and fellow oligarchs, treating government funds that should be controlled by Congress as his personal piggy bank. Please stop planning and construction immediately and develop a reasonable design that complements our stately White House, which belongs to the American people, not to the Tr**p family.

Name: Kathy Riker
Date: February 20, 2026 4:40:56 pm

I object to the planned ballroom construction.
Our magnificent White House will be marred by this ridiculous outsized addition. As a concerned citizen I demand balanced oversight and review.

Name: Susan Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 4:43:03 pm

I strongly oppose any construction or modernization of the East Wing. It was destroyed without proper studies, permits, and involvement of related agencies. One man decided to destroy a part of the people's house in what appears to be a fit of pique. We MUST not spend even one dollar without historical architects, planning commission, permitting agencies, etc. In fact, the best plan is to replace what was destroyed, making it historically accurate. It would please me greatly if Donald Trump had to pay for the reconstruction himself since he acted alone and without approvals. He certainly is making enough money off of the presidency (another law being broken) to be able to afford it. Hold him accountable. Bring back what belongs to all people of the US. This "East Wing Modernization Project" must not move forward as currently planned.

Name: Jodi Rafkin
Date: February 20, 2026 4:46:04 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon;

the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.
The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.
I do not want or need a gaudy ballroom. I want a working government with separation of powers and elected officials who are working to benefit all Americans, not wealthy elite who are friends or family of the president.
I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: LISA WARD
Date: February 20, 2026 4:46:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a demolition of American history. It is incomprehensible that this project was not voted on by the American people. I want this project canceled and I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law; although it appears that our present "leader" is allowed to break whatever law he wishes. Law-abiding Americans have to follow the law and pay their taxes while many are trying to survive on very little income. It is grotesque that this monstrous sum of money is being used to desecrate the White House for a "ballroom". I don't believe that the American citizens feel that "dancing" is a top priority for themselves; let alone our government. It is an utter embarrassment and an insult to the American people.

Name: Joan Jowett
Date: February 20, 2026 4:47:26 pm

I agree with Anara Guard, who wrote the following:
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Name: Suzanne W Pelton
Date: February 20, 2026 4:48:35 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

I object to the current design proposed by Donald Trump. The East Wing Ballroom project is too big. It will dwarf the historic White House and destroy the symmetry and balance so well represented by the Federalist architecture of the White House. I have served on my town's Historic District Committee and know that an addition must not be bigger than the original building.

In addition to competing with the White House in overall mass, the two story design and grand entrance overwhelm the beautiful 1800 building. The designers should be asked to both scale back the dimension of the project overall and

consider putting one of the floors underground.

I sympathize with the need for more entertainment space at the White House but consideration should be given to scale back the need to seat 1,000. There are, after all, a number of nearby venues in Washington, DC that accommodate large audiences.

Sincerely,
Suzanne W Pelton
[redacted]

Name: Angela Hinds
Date: February 20, 2026 4:49:09 pm

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Name: Sy Castells
Date: February 20, 2026 4:50:50 pm

I am an Ohioan, but I have deep personal ties to Washington, DC. In addition to its status as the capital of my nation, the seat of our government, it is also the nearest major city to many in my family, thus I have spent most of my life visiting Washington and consider it among the cities I call "home" in our fair country. My father was raised in Arlington, VA and my grandparents are buried nearby. Among my most cherished childhood memories are the many times my grandparents, Carlos and Marijane Castells, took my brother and cousins and me to the museums and monuments in Washington. As a toddler I called the huge white obelisk "Washington Mommyment" while eating sandwiches at the side of the reflecting pool, and as a teen I marveled at the fossils and minerals at my favorite museum, the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. In every year in between the city of Washington was a living, breathing reminder of the history and character of my America, the country I was born in and have always been part of. The country that my grandfather, Carlos Castells, emigrated to in his teens in a fateful choice that changed my family forever and made it possible for me to exist, and devoted his entire life to serving both as a military veteran and a lifelong public servant in the federal government.

I never visited the White House. I don't know why it never made it onto the itinerary of our childhood trips; maybe the security and expense just made it less accessible than the rest of the landmarks I was accustomed to visiting. As an adult I have responsibilities that make travel more difficult, and when I visit the area I am more inclined to focus my time on my family. As a result a visit to the White House, and thus the East Wing, just never happened. It never occurred to me that I might have the opportunity taken away. How could I ever have known? If there were any plans for any part of the White House to be removed, surely there would be *warning*, yes?

An historic building in my current hometown, the former Firestone plant in Akron Ohio, i s currently on the verge of being demolished. It has laid vacant for many years, it is visibly dilapidated at a casual glance. For the better part of a year, perhaps even longer, I have seen news articles on the status of this building - whether it will be saved, if any organization will step up to preserve it, what will be done with the property? And that's for a building that's not even in use, that arguably poses a real danger to the neighborhood due to its condition. The White House hardly fits that description, and it's not a former factory in a relatively small city - it's the building that houses the offices and home of our head of state, a building occupied by every President since Adams. If any building can be said to be of the MOST historical and cultural significance to the United States of America, surely the White House is on the shortlist.

A White House tour, and especially a visit to the East Wing, is something that has always been on my "maybe someday" list. I'm currently planning a trip with my partner to visit St Louis, because the Gateway to the West is also on that list, and I aim to check it off. The "maybe someday" list isn't idle fantasy; I want to see what I can of the world in the time I have. If I'd known before the autumn of 2025 that any plans existed to demolish part of the White House, you can be SURE that I would have tried to make time to visit before it happened. I was in the area not long before, for my grandfather's funeral; if I'd had any notion that the opportunity was soon to be taken away, I would have made it happen then.

There was no warning. There was no advance notice. There was a congressional dispute that led to a federal government

shutdown, and during that shutdown - which I'm sure can't have been a coincidence - the demolition began. Before anyone seemed to know it, the entire east wing seemed to be GONE. I saw a satelite image online, and I don't know how accurate it was, but it showed a mere patch of bare ground where almost half of the White House used to be. Given the hurry that the work seems to have been done in, I seriously doubt any meaningful preservation work was done on the artwork and architectural details that the East Wing is famous for, that I and everyone else and all future generations will never see. I can't describe the immensity of the loss I feel; I am not an historian or a preservationist, so all I know is that my country's history, and in fact its very heart, has been broken by this.

I know that nothing can be done to reverse the damage. I know that the East Wing is likely lost forever, with little hope of recovering even part of its former glory. Stopping any construction at this point would not fix this. But what can be prevented is any further damage and loss from reckless, unaccountable haste. The public needs to have a say in a project of this magnitude, and my say is this: this was done too quickly, without enough warning. Stop all work now, and do nothing more until ALL of the public has had abundant opportunity to give feedback, to prepare themselves and their communities for change. The suddenness of the demolition means any further construction on the site needs at least double the amount of planning, warning, and advanced notice that would otherwise be required. To further ignore this need is to risk further permanent, irreversible damage to our precious history and culture, not to mention the public trust.

Washington, DC is a venerable city known for its plethora of historically significant buildings and monuments. As a student of urban affairs, I have a great deal of respect for the roles such buildings play in our communities. They are not merely functional, nor merely ornamental. They are part of the body of our community as much as your heart or your brain or your lymph nodes are part of your own body. This part has been hurt, and needs to heal. You can't build on an open wound. Anything built here at this time will become a monument not to a great chapter in our history, but to the pain and resentment many of us rightfully feel about this unjust and unconscionable destruction. Let grass grow on the site. Let children play on the grass at the next decade's worth of Easter Egg Rolls. Maybe, when those children have grown, one of them will design a worthy replacement for the East Wing. Then, we will be ready to move on.

Name: V. Nesbitt
Date: February 20, 2026 4:51:25 pm

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Name: Pamela Davis
Date: February 20, 2026 4:51:41 pm

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Name: John Allen
Date: February 20, 2026 4:52:31 pm

This project was not approved by the public, nor were the plans ever made available for review by an approving authority. The current "way forward" is unclear and the final price tag is a moving target. Funding is not transparent either. What is this costing the tax payer? Where is the demolition debris being deposited (I read a public park)? Everything about eliminating a registered historic landmark should be made available to the voting public to whom it belongs. And if the project is stopped, restoring the East Wing to its original condition should utilize the funds that are allegedly being raised for the Ballroom, or come from the President's private funds.

Name: Lorne McConachie
Date: February 20, 2026 4:54:42 pm

Attachment

Name: Doug Claflin
Date: February 20, 2026 4:55:07 pm

I doubt that my opinion will have any bearing, but I feel compelled to comment.

The razing of the East wing was done quickly in an attempt to move faster than people could organize. This blatant vandalizing has been halted.
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Name: Elizabeth White
Date: February 20, 2026 4:55:36 pm

Please do not approve the proposed “modernization” project of the East Wing. The scale is going to dwarf the White House and public has resoundingly objected to the careless design.

Name: Will Letchinger
Date: February 20, 2026 4:56:11 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the East Wing Modernization Project in Washington, DC. I believe this project is ill-conceived, underdeveloped and hastily designed. As an Architect in Washington, DC I have the opportunity to have worked on a number of historic redevelopment projects that require review by Local, State, and Federal jurisdictions prior to approval. This project, which was demolished without a permit in violation of DC and Federal Law, is not only unnecessary but also does not have the required thought and design to replace a national icon of this nation.

It would be a disservice to you, your profession and our country as a whole if this design is approved.

Will Letchinger, AIA

Name: Theresa Beyer
Date: February 20, 2026 4:59:07 pm

I strongly object to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. As a recently retired architect, I am well versed in the hoops you have to jump through for construction especially when you are adding onto a historic structure. For all I know the building may well need modernizing, but the process must be followed. The proposed addition is out of proportion with the rest of the building. One of the charms of the White House is that it is not an ostentatious palace. We do not have kings.

Name: Joann Bonnville
Date: February 20, 2026 4:59:47 pm

I vehemently oppose the demolition of the White House East Wing because the proper, transparent procedures - including review by NPS, NCPC, and CFA that was to be completed and approved BEFORE the East Wing was torn down, regardless of the funding source - were never followed.
This East Wing "Modernization Project" to build a behemoth ballroom should be canceled immediately.

The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it previously was, with only upgrades/modernization done should be to interior systems, such as HVAC/Electricity/Plumbing.
The public does not want nor need a ballroom that will overshadow the People's House. Mr. Trump is not King, he does not personally own any of our Federal buildings, and he is not above the law.
The person(s) who illegally authorized the demolition of the East Wing should be held solely responsible for all restoration costs, not the US taxpayers and not donors, who appear to be buying favor from the Trump Administration.
All donors to any restoration/demolition/new construction to any Federal building should be clearly disclosed to the public.
Environmental and design review, along with public accountability for this debacle, must happen or else it sends a message to this Administration that it can continue to destroy public buildings to suit its preference, with total disregard of established and required oversight.
It is high time for the checks and balances to begin to reign in our self-appointed, would-be king.
Thank you.

Name: Marcia Ford
Date: February 20, 2026 5:00:15 pm

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Thank you
Marcia Ford

Name: Ellen Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 5:02:25 pm

Donald Trump and his ultra wealthy associates have no right to destroy our national history. The East Wing of the White House should be restored and, if needed, updated, but only by architects and designers who follow the regulations for historical preservation. If a ballroom is needed, careful plans should be drawn up and approved by appropriate departments of the government. Trump has already damaged the building and grounds with his tacky, gaudy preferences. Please stop this!

Name: Joan DEELY
Date: February 20, 2026 5:03:29 pm

I adamantly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Marilyn Harrison
Date: February 20, 2026 5:05:46 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my outrage about the modernization of the east wing of the White House. I believe it is a shameful and exorbitant project and an outrageous waste of the taxpayers' money. Please do not allow this to happen. There is so much need in this country and wasting it on something so unnecessary and frivolous is beyond reason..

Thank you for this opportunity to express my enormous concern,

Marilyn Harrison

Name: Heather Tunis
Date: February 20, 2026 5:08:21 pm

Please do not allow this project to go forward. The entire manipulated approval process has thankfully been transparent - that this project has a moving forward with the approval of appointees selected precisely for their willingness to approve anything requested by this White House without any regard for professional expertise or opinion. Additionally the destruction of the existing east wing was conducted without any proper notification or approvals. Finally for the purpose of this comment, clearly the project is primarily for the purpose of aggrandizement of one person rather than for the benefit of the people and spirit of the United States.

Name: Daniel Lissman
Date: February 20, 2026 5:08:21 pm

President Donald Trump lacks the legal authority to take the actions he has already taken. Congress should impeach him and remove him from office and pass legislation with funding allocations to restore the East Wing of the White House to its former state.

Name: Debra Traub
Date: February 20, 2026 5:09:23 pm

This is no modernization, this is desecration without permission permission without oversight without historical input. Has it not occurred to anyone that besides being illegal it is not safe to have a ballroom of that size in the side the White House there should never be 1000 strangers coming into the White House all at one time for security reasons. If this had been run by experts, if it had been run by people who understand what could be done then we would have a chance to contemplate this project. I have read everything I can get about this project. I have not seen one instance of bidding being done on this project or of the completion date of the project or of the final cost of this project. Please cancel this project and make them restore the White House to its own dignity. Stop that’s mad man. Thank you.

Name: David AMOTT
Date: February 20, 2026 5:09:56 pm

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

As many other commenters will undoubtedly note, the White House is, at least in principle, the American people’s house. Plans to build an extension to this building that exceeds the size of the original structure risk altering the historic balance, scale, and symbolism of this nationally significant building. In doing so, such a project could be perceived as prioritizing the legacy or preferences of a single administration or individual, including Donald Trump, rather than preserving a shared civic symbol that belongs to all Americans.

The federal government, founded on the principle of a government by, for, and of the people, should ensure that its most visible and enduring symbols remain rooted in continuity, restraint, and broad public stewardship. Changes of this magnitude raise serious concerns about the long-term integrity of one of the most important sites in our national landscape. I respectfully urge the Commission to vote down or permanently table the proposed plans for “East Wing Modernization.” Many Americans believe that more is at stake here than a simple building update.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Amott, Ph.D.
Architectural Historian

Name: J Ballard
Date: February 20, 2026 5:10:28 pm

I oppose the spending of 300 million on n this project. I want this project cancelled and the east wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Christine Misurelli
Date: February 20, 2026 5:10:38 pm

To the Honorable members of the planning board,
I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the East Wing Modernization Project "8733". I have several reasons for my opposition to this project which I hope you will consider when it's time for the board to make a decision.
While it seems like a good idea to expand the event hosting capabilities of the White House, the size of this project is concerning. The scale of the ballroom in relation to the White House is disproportionate. The White House is a lovely mansion with beautiful landscaping around it. The proposed ballroom is too large at 90,000 sq ft, dwarfs the original mansion and desecrates the surrounding landscape.
Secondly, like any event space for 1,000 people, the question of parking and security issues arise. Garages and staging areas must be included without destroying the area.There are also traffic flow issues in the surrounding area that impact the residents and businesses. It appears that little consideration has gone into these parking and security aspects of the proposed project and what plans do exist are not sufficient. A realistic comprehensive mitigation plan must be required for any approval of this project. As it stands right now, the project is too burdensome for the District and should not be approved.
Lastly, the design of the ballroom itself is substandard and amateurish. It looks like a bunker even with the planned windows. The designers need to rethink and redo the look of the building in addition to the size. Until a better looking design is offered, the board should withhold approval.
It is my hope that at the very least the board withholds approval of this project for at least 12 months in order to resolve the above issues. I also hope that the board uses the next 12 months to consult with all the stakeholders, Congressional, local and national to find an alternative to this proposal as it stands.
Respectfully,
Christine Misurelli

Name: Debra DeCoite
Date: February 20, 2026 5:12:09 pm

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Name: Leslie diCurcioMarra
Date: February 20, 2026 5:14:45 pm

I am disheartened that the East Wing Modernization project ~the destruction of the Peoples' House ~ has begun without the involvement and/or approval of the American public. This project is being conducted unlawfully and must be halted before further and irreversible damage is done. The federal review process and public participation is a legal requirement and must be upheld. Please work to restore our faith in government by abiding by our laws.

Name: Deborah Katz
Date: February 20, 2026 5:15:55 pm

It was a sad day when Trump destroyed the East Wing of the White House with total disregard for a design review,

authorization or permits. This president is taking a sledgehammer to the history of this country in an attempt to remake it in his own selfish and narcissistic image,

Of grave concern is how this project will be funded. It has been reported that several ultra wealthy scions of American Industry have pledged to pay for this renovation, however there is no transparency as to what they will be given in return.

The founding fathers warned us about the dangers of autocrats who serve themselves as the expense of citizens. It is clear that this administration has no knowledge, respect or admiration for the true history of the United States. The White House is the people's house not Trump's house.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elisha Aharon
Date: February 20, 2026 5:16:17 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, much less $400 million, while the national debt is soaring out of control.

It is not a "modernization" but a complete destruction of the East Wing on the whim of President Trump, who treats the White House as his house. We know, but must insist to those who don't, that the White House is not Trump's house, nor even the President's house... it is and always will be the people's house.

No one can be allowed to act as if they are above the law in the United States, least of all those whose calling is ostensibly to serve the people. To permit this project to go forward without proper design review, permits and proper authorization is an affront to all law abiding citizens.

The current imbalanced building plan is foolish and tasteless. We can't let this continue, because we'll all have to live with the resulting lopsided, ostentatious and yes, garish and gilded ballroom for the rest of our lives... and bequeath that to future generations? No. Not on our watch! Don't we know better, really?

Elisha Aharon

Name: Anna Hoffman
Date: February 20, 2026 5:17:19 pm

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Name: June Gaeke
Date: February 20, 2026 5:19:52 pm

I do not support Trump’s current plan for his ballroom. The White House is the people’s house and the ballroom should be the people’s also.

It should go through the proper procedure for a public building. There should be a contest that architects submit entrees to, a committee made up of bipartisan individuals with a wide representation of expertise and the construction should go out to bid. It should not be a building funded by wealthy donors.

Then there are the esthetics of the current plan. The ballroom is out of scale to the main White House building and possibly too close. It has been hard to tell if there is actually an east wing in the renderings I have seen to significantly move the addition far enough away to give the original building breathing space.

I have heard that the pediment has been removed from the plan, but I don’t think that is enough.
I say the current design and process is a big beautiful NO!!!

Name: Corrine Zichos
Date: February 20, 2026 5:19:59 pm

I am totally opposed to proceeding with the replacement of the East Wing Ballroom for the reasons I will state below.
The destruction was done without authorization, permis or discussion.
I questions whether any original materials and/or artifacts and historical items were salvaged.
The National Park Service and Historic Trust should be demanding that all assets of the sitting president , who made this decision on his own, be confiscated to pay for the destruction and all costs associated with future construction as well as fines associated with the illegality of his decision.
This project was nothing more than an ego trip for an out of control head of state who does not follow the laws and norms of society.

Name: Dylann Geyer
Date: February 20, 2026 5:20:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Julie Duke
Date: February 20, 2026 5:21:23 pm

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed $300 million ballroom project.

This was not a careful modernization, thoughtfully debated and lawfully approved. It appears to have been launched without proper authorization, permits, or meaningful design review. That alone should give us pause. Process exists for a reason.

The East Wing was not an empty canvas waiting for reinvention. It was part of our shared architectural and civic history. To raze it under the banner of “improvement” feels less like progress and more like erasure. We are temporary stewards of these spaces. They do not belong to any one administration, personality, or moment in time.

If laws and preservation standards were bypassed, there must be accountability. No public official or private entity should be permitted to ignore established procedures without consequence. The rule of law is not a decorative feature; it is the foundation.

I respectfully urge that this project be canceled and that the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its prior design. Renovation can honor history. Demolition cannot.

Name: Ellen Spiro
Date: February 20, 2026 5:21:48 pm

Reconstruction of the East Wing must be halted immediately. The demolition of a significant portion of the People’s House (aka the White House) was illegal. Any further reconstruction must be in accordance with architectural principles of proportion and respect for the history of what was, until the illegal demolition, a beautiful symbol of our country. Do not let the White House be defiled any further. Please take a righteous stand.
Thank you.

Name: Robbie Conlisk
Date: February 20, 2026 5:21:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt (also the Rose Garden) and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and

to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Rhonda Cohn
Date: February 20, 2026 5:25:59 pm

I'm sorry, but this is not a modernization; this is a complete teardown and removal of a very important piece of American history. And it was done without the proper permits and permission through the proper channels. This needs to stop and have the East Wing restored to its former glory.

Name: Cindy Lefton
Date: February 20, 2026 5:27:01 pm

As a US citizen and daughter of a pilot who lost his life in Vietnam, and was devastated at the destruction of the East Wing. My mother served as the National Coordinator of the National League of Families for POW/MIAs. We lived in Washington for 2 years. The White House is a symbol of our country. Please restore it as it was. We do not need a golden ballroom!!

Cindy

Name: Paul Foppe
Date: February 20, 2026 5:27:35 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lana Bahr
Date: February 20, 2026 5:28:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization,permits,or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American History. I want this project canceled,and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would ba an affront to all law- abiding Americans

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Name: Marlene Delfs
Date: February 20, 2026 5:29:48 pm

I do not want Trump’s renovation project to proceed. He has no authorization and Americans cannot let him break the law again.
This project erases American history and must be stopped.

Name: JUDITH PREDMORE
Date: February 20, 2026 5:30:35 pm

I do NOT want my TAX dollars to build an UNNEEDED OVERSIZED ballroom whose only purpose is to feed Trump's oversized ego. Trump is NOT a king who gets to destroy the People's buildings. He wants to make the capitol into a palace instead of a place of governance and diplomacy. Trump is NOT above the LAW. He should NEVER have destroyed the East Wing without following legal procedures for permission.

Name: Nancy Scott
Date: February 20, 2026 5:31:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Barbara Kay
Date: February 20, 2026 5:31:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patty Craig
Date: February 20, 2026 5:32:50 pm

What is being done to the East Wing is absolutely deplorable. These buildings belong to the people, not to the rich. There was nothing wrong with that building. Michelle Obama stated it was a place where people went to get away from what was going on in the White House. A place to rest. Not a place where the oligarchs can socialize and make deals. I don't know if it can be restored to its original state but we don't want a gold gilded space for the wealthy.

Name: Rima Greer
Date: February 20, 2026 5:35:28 pm

I oppose this project on every level! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete destruction of a priceless American heritage site.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Not only should this project be canceled, but those responsible should be made to pay for restoring the East Wing EXACTLY THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE!

Name: Deborah Cheek
Date: February 20, 2026 5:37:08 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Christina Johnson
Date: February 20, 2026 5:38:50 pm

To whom it may concern:

The East Wing never should have been demolished in the first place. It should be rebuilt exactly how it was before. The citizens of the United States should have a say in any future construction.

Thank you for your time,
Christina

Name: Lorna Gibson
Date: February 20, 2026 5:39:12 pm

The current design is a travesty. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Len Liu
Date: February 20, 2026 5:40:59 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was blatantly illegal and must be reversed at the expense of the initiator. There was no review or consideration of the historical nature of the East Wing, nor were funds correctly allocated for the work.

Name: Susan R
Date: February 20, 2026 5:41:24 pm

I strongly oppose this outsized addition to the People's House. It has not been properly vetted, or reviewed or approved. It is out of proportion to the White House. The East Wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was, this demolition and planned massive structure is an affront to the American people.

Name: Sue Fitzpatrick
Date: February 20, 2026 5:41:59 pm

Please, we don’t need a marble ballroom added to our house.

Name: Julie Kinney
Date: February 20, 2026 5:43:41 pm

I do not support the expenditure of $300 million on a project that moved forward without proper authorization, permits, or meaningful design oversight. This is being characterized as modernization, but in reality it amounts to the dismantling of a significant piece of American history. I urge that the project be halted immediately and that the East Wing be restored to its original architectural design. Upholding the rule of law matters; permitting this to continue without accountability for those who disregarded legal requirements undermines the principles that govern us all.

Name: Sara Jordan
Date: February 20, 2026 5:47:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: patricia pandoff
Date: February 20, 2026 5:51:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joyce Sheehey
Date: February 20, 2026 5:52:07 pm

Regarding the proposed East Wing ballroom:

I'm writing to officially register my complaint against the continued demolition and building of a ballroom in the White House. It feels like the least of the problems the United States should be dealing with right now, and that's why the money, the labor, and the energy that has gone into the planning, destroying and production can be better used elsewhere. This president is all about ostentatiousness, showing off, and the most vulgar of human traits. We should have nothing to do with this.

Thanks for your time.
Joyce Sheehey
Burlington, Vermont

Name: C. Paul Heins
Date: February 20, 2026 5:52:21 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robert Hazelton
Date: February 20, 2026 5:53:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely!

Name: Natalie Pawell
Date: February 20, 2026 5:58:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I have two neighbors, one built a fence and the other built a wall. Both without proper permits or procedures before completing them. Both were fined and had to take down their projects. They didn't follow the proper procedures and felt the consequences of their actions. This should also hold for all who were responsible for this illegal action.

Name: Ruth Gehring
Date: February 20, 2026 6:00:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Denise Nathan
Date: February 20, 2026 6:01:35 pm

I oppose the East Wing modernization project and urge that it be halted.

Based on the information provided, this project appears unnecessary and does not represent a responsible use of resources. The proposed changes do not demonstrate clear public benefit, nor do they justify the financial, operational, or community impacts that would result from moving forward.

Until there is transparent justification, demonstrated need, and meaningful community engagement, I cannot support this project and request that it be stopped

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Name: Vicki Bryden
Date: February 20, 2026 6:03:55 pm

The demolishion of the East Wing was a travesty. Heartbreaking without any reviews and lies of the impact. I strongly opposed the building of a montrosity of a White House ballroom ---expecially that will overwhelm the size of the historic White House.

I have long been involved in local community historic preservation. Every addition to the Registry and project gets vigorous review before approvals. We should expect that and more at the federal level.

Vicki Bryden
Medford, Oregon

Name: Joy Gregory
Date: February 20, 2026 6:07:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amanda Lydon
Date: February 20, 2026 6:09:35 pm

The blatant corruption on display in the rubber-stamping of Donald Trump's ballroom project is as grotesque, vulgar and depressing as the architectural plans themselves. Surely you must feel a little ashamed? Do the right thing by yourselves and by the country, and submit the project for LEGALLY REQUIRED reviews by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, with public oversight and congressional approval.

Name: Simone Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 6:12:30 pm

The president had no right to destroy the west Wing. The White House is a national treasure not a gaudy pedo ballroom. The rose garden was an atrocious act as well. Using tax payers dollars to destroy something that the people own. Absolutely disgusting and shameful. Trump will never be known in history as anything but a complete monster.

Name: Lewis Rimer
Date: February 20, 2026 6:12:41 pm

The White House is the people's house, not the president's house. It is not just a place, it's a symbol - of our democracy, freedom, rule of law - of all that America has stood for since its founding. The idea that a president can just tear part of it

down and build an addition that in some ways dwarfs the White House is an affront to Americans. The construction of a new building is something all Americans should have a say in, not the fait accompli that it appears to be. If the executive's office and our country really need a ballroom that can accompany more people than is now possible in the state dining room, I understand that. So build something that is bigger - but appropriate in size to the site. In other words: the proposed ballroom is Way Too Big! It's embarrassing. We should not build anything that is as big as the White House. That would change how the White House is viewed - not just as a symbol of our country, but a building that's next to a ballroom. If you insist on building a new ballroom, make it half the size. Build part of it underground. I don't care. Just not the size it is now. Thank you.

Name: Edwina Lieb
Date: February 20, 2026 6:12:59 pm

I would like to see the East Wing of the White House rebuilt to the exact same footprint it occupied before it was destroyed, to the identical specifications, and that should be done with its interior as well. I would like to see as little gold used as possible.

Name: Amanda Bailey
Date: February 20, 2026 6:13:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Nofo Santoro
Date: February 20, 2026 6:14:05 pm

The demolition of the East Wing and its replacement with a gilded palace that now looms larger than the White House is a profound and senseless loss. What once stood as part of a historic and symbolically balanced complex has been erased, not by necessity, but by a self-serving autocrat with zero regard for our history. These buildings carried the weight of continuity — reminders that the presidency is an office rooted in tradition and service, not personal spectacle. That continuity has now been broken.

In its place would stand an outsized monument to excess — a structure whose scale and gaudy ornamentation shift the focus from the institution to the individual. Government architecture should reflect restraint, dignity, and respect for history. Instead, we would be left with a monument that is self-indulgent and discordant with the solemn purpose of the grounds it occupies.

Public office demands stewardship, not self-glorification. By allowing historical significance to be bulldozed in favor of conspicuous grandeur, we have diminished more than brick and stone. We have diminished a symbol of national continuity and replaced it with a structure that feeds Trumps ego rather than honors service.

Everything Trump touches, breaks. His self-glorification and bastardization of our American monuments must be stopped.

Name: Galina Kofman
Date: February 20, 2026 6:16:00 pm

I oppose wasting $300 millions of taxpayer money on this monstrosity while badly needed programs for average people are being cut.

This protect needs to be cancelled

Name: Mary Buckley
Date: February 20, 2026 6:16:08 pm

I strongly disagree with erecting a ballroom where the East wing of the White House once stood. I believe it was criminal to demolish the East wing and that it should be rebuilt as close to what it had previously resembled.
Demolishing an iconic national landmark, perhaps the most recognized US landmark in our country was beyond comprehension and a complete disgrace. How could the congress, courts, and oversight in the government have let this happen? How was this administration able to pave over the rose garden? There needs to be some accountability and enforceable rules established immediately when it comes to government owned properties because you know this will not stop here.
While I'm at it I'd also like to say NO Arc de Trumph at our capital!!!!!!!!!!!! smh

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Name: Pat Eliason
Date: February 20, 2026 6:17:01 pm

I oppose the administration's plans for a ballroom. There was no public input before the destruction of this historic wing. It should be restored to its original form and penalties applied to those who led this misguided effort.

Name: Katherine Tate
Date: February 20, 2026 6:17:27 pm

I oppose the spending of ANY AMOUNT on this Trump vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and as well was not even put before WE THE PEOPLE of the United States for our input. This is NOT a "modernization project" but is a vindictive and retaliatory complete razing of American history by a man who is removing history across the country and replacing it with revisionist falsehoods to fit the racist viewpoint and narrative of him and much of his administration. His agenda of marking territory by building monuments and ballrooms and affixing his name to others already in existence must be stopped. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the White House to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Reddick Harris
Date: February 20, 2026 6:21:24 pm

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Name: Susan Wheeler
Date: February 20, 2026 6:21:30 pm

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Name: Pamela Suddaby
Date: February 20, 2026 6:22:08 pm

The modernization of the East Wing should consider historical relevance,function and aesthetics consistent with the rest of the building. It should not be a ballroom. The building belongs to the American people. Given the current economy it should be very fiscally responsible. No bribes. No Quid pro qou deals. Only historical preservation experts and the people should have input. The President is a temporary resident and should have minimal input. Sincerely, Concerned Citizen

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Name: Kimberly Rapczak
Date: February 20, 2026 6:24:49 pm

The East Wing was torn down without public consultation and without the proper processes being addressed. I am not a lawyer, but I'm going to hazard a guess the destruction of the East Wing was illegal.

The country does not need a ridiculous gigantic ballroom, but it does need its history. I want the East Wing to be rebuilt with appropriate technological updating, and laws enacted so that such a scandalous act cannot occur again.

Name: Margie Bekoff
Date: February 20, 2026 6:25:46 pm

I am strongly opposed to the destruction of the East Wing and the building of a garish ballroom.
Thank you!

Name: carolyn M tolpo
Date: February 20, 2026 6:27:11 pm

stop the desacration of our United States history and architecture immediately. You had no permits for this to go forward. Use your supposed donations to rebuild it to its original design and structure. You had no right to do this to the American citizens.

Name: Carol Cortright
Date: February 20, 2026 6:28:21 pm

As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I oppose the destruction of the White House East Wing, which is also a grievous and tangible manifestation of the destruction of American History wrought by this administration. Not only is it an egregious expense when so many Americans are struggling, but this project was also given the green light without proper oversight including design review, permits and authorization. THIS PROJECT MUST BE CANCELLED and anyone who permitted it to go through must be penalized accordingly. The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored. Thank you.

Name: Dr. Lynn Siebert
Date: February 20, 2026 6:32:23 pm

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the East Wing "modernization" project - i.e., the Trump ballroom - as currently proposed. Mr. Trump's complete disregard for and appalling ignorance (and willful disregard) of historical, regulatory, and architectural norms are manifested in his lawless demolition of the East Wing without any warning or proper review. His current plans to build a "great ballroom" that would be completely out of proportion with the Executive Mansion and totally distort the architectural integrity of "The People's House" should be summarily and totally rejected. The White House is NOT his private home but rather a critical symbol of our County and its people and he should have NO right nor ability to pursue extravagant vanity projects that damage our architectural and historic landmarks. In my many years, I have never seen such a crude and overweening executive whose goal seems to be to put his "mark" on America's legacy monuments. Please do everything in your power to preserve and protect our national heritage and prevent this man from despoiling it. REJECT this project and insist whatever is done to repair the East Wing is done in conformance to the existing architecture's proportions, insuring the integrity of the historic structure and with oversight and review by all applicable governmental and historic entities that normally protect our landmarks and heritage buildings. Thank you.

Name: Larry Giannou
Date: February 20, 2026 6:34:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard Goetz
Date: February 20, 2026 6:34:51 pm

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Name: Janice Reid
Date: February 20, 2026 6:35:10 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a cultural symbol not just of an administration, but of the American people and their shared heritage. Reports indicate that demolition of the East Wing began before plans were submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission and before meaningful public notice or review processes took place, undermining not only public trust but the preservation frameworks that guide federal stewardship of culturally significant places.

While it has been stated that NCPC does not have jurisdiction over demolition on federal property and that only vertical construction requires approval, this approach sidesteps the spirit of laws and policies designed to ensure transparency and accountability in changes to historically significant federal structures.

The public reasonably expects that major alterations to iconic civic architecture, especially demolition of existing historic fabric, be subject to review under the National Capital Planning Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and longstanding executive policy directives such as Executive Order 11593 requiring historic preservation consultation. This expectation is not merely aesthetic but it is rooted in the principle that preservation and security or modernization can coexist without irreversible loss.

I respectfully urge the Commission to clarify and disclose:

What specific elements of the East Wing were demolished and on what authority;

What review procedures under NEPA and related preservation policies were initiated, if any;

The timing of submissions to NCPC, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts relative to demolition activity;

How Indigenous cultural significance, including traditional knowledge connected to celestial navigation and landscape heritage of the Washington region, was considered in planning and review.

Historic preservation law includes the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq., the Presidential Residence Act, and implementing policies that have long governed changes to federal landmarks. Even though the East Wing is exempt from automatic Section 106 review under NHPA Section 107, the need for transparent consultation and meaningful public participation remains a material obligation. Extraordinary action without proper process sets a troubling precedent.

Decisions affecting nationally significant cultural sites should not proceed without clear documentation and accountability. For the American people, and for all who value our collective heritage, including Indigenous communities whose cultural landscapes have been historically marginalized, the preservation of shared symbols of democracy demands careful, transparent review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Johanna Sheehey-Jones
Date: February 20, 2026 6:36:07 pm

Please register my disapproval of the renovation of the East Wing to build a ballroom.

Name: Lucy Chaplin Trumbull
Date: February 20, 2026 6:36:15 pm

If a building project such as this were being undertaken by a private entity, there is no way it would have been allowed to even *start* without the proper permits or oversight - let alone razing a substantial part of a *historical landmark* as has been already done. It's an example of the usual outrageous trampling of any "pesky" protective constraints carried out by this regime.

Building a massive McMansion to satisfy one man's ego is sickening. Giving sycophantic entities a method to buy favor in the process is about as blatant a flaunting of the Hatch Act as is possible. Having it "approved" by the Commission of Fine Arts board - who were appointed by the person who's project they are "approving" (and no doubt facing being fired if they don't approve it) is almost farcical.

That aside, the prospect of the planned monstrosity is so ridiculous—completely dwarfing and overshadowing the existing historic structure - all in the name of "modernization"?? I note that all other improvements or renovations made to the residence over the years were done out of necessity or with utmost sensitivity - and without damaging the overall aesthetics of the structure - including the "modernization" of certain features.

Instead, what is being proposed is akin to putting lipstick on a pig.

Name: maureen Manley
Date: February 20, 2026 6:38:55 pm

Spending of $300 million on this project is insane. A total breach of proper authorization, permits, and design review. .We don't want it, and we do want our history preserved. The county has existed for 250 years without a ballroom to accommodate 900! Don't need one now. this is not about creating space for diplomacy! This president doesn't know the meaning of diplomacy! He only knows he wants to own or have his mark and his name of every bit of real estate in the country. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No one is above the law!

Name: Mary Ann Michael
Date: February 20, 2026 6:39:43 pm

I oppose spending 3 million dollars to update the East Wing of the White House. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt and returned to its original design. The White House is not a private residence but a national treasure that belongs to the American people. Those who temporarily reside there should be stewards of that history, not free to alter it according to their personal taste. In that same spirit, I believe the Jaqueline Onassis Kennedy rose garden should be thoughtfully replanted and restored to reflect its original design, preserving the legacy of Mrs. Kennedy’s vision and the historic integrity of the grounds.

Name: Leslie Bunting
Date: February 20, 2026 6:40:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Wendy Woodrich
Date: February 20, 2026 6:40:58 pm

As a concerned citizen of the US, I am outraged at the demolition of the East Wing of OUR White House, and the

proposed construction of the monstrosity called The Ballroom. It is gauche and completely out of proportion to the space. It is a laughingstock and an embarrassment. But most importantly, the project is completely outside the scope of the president’s authority, and should NEVER have reached this point in the first place. Please halt all construction and restore the White House to the dignified and stately home it was before the Buffoon seized power.

Name: Cathy ALPER
Date: February 20, 2026 6:44:03 pm

I am opposed to the proposed ballroom. I believe having a building larger than the White House would create an unbalanced unattractive look and take away from the significance of the White House.

In my opinion, the ballroom that is proposed does not represent the history of America or the wishes of the American people.

Name: Deborah van Hecke
Date: February 20, 2026 6:45:24 pm

I am writing to oppose the spending of $300 million on the project to replace the East Wing of the White House with a huge, unnecessary and artless ballroom. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It therefore amounted to razing a piece of American history. The White House is the PEOPLE'S House, not a piece of Trump real estate to vandalize as a vanity project. To call it a "modernization project" is the type of cynical double-speak propaganda that George Orwell parodied in his book Animal Farm.

Any work on the White House and other historical monuments that belong to the PEOPLE of the United States must be reviewed and approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. This was not done, which amounts to an illegal destruction of public property.

Furthermore, Congress created the 116-year-old Commission to be staffed with “well-qualified judges of the fine arts” who would review and advise on projects in D.C. This current president has appointed people with little to no professional qualifications to review and advise on art and architecture projects. Their only qualifications are their loyalty to the man currently residing in People's House. This lack of qualifications is vividly evident in the newly appointed assistant, Chamberlain Harris, who has no experience in the arts, making a making a laughingstock of the Commission of Fine Art.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Lillydahl
Date: February 20, 2026 6:45:31 pm

I am writing to urge you to remember that the White House belongs to the American people and that it's design has historical significance that should not be neglected.

The current design is completely incompatible and out of proportion, dwarfing the historic White House and destroying its architectural and historic integrity. It is grandiose and seems purposedly palatial, out of character for a democratic republic.

Any alteration of the White House needs to involve a competitive process in which designs are submitted by multiple non-partisan architects, evaluated by respected and knowledgeable historians and architects, and submitted to a competitive bidding process for the actual construction work. And the final design should be respectful of our history and traditions, enhancing the basic structure without overpowering it.

Sincerely, Sandra Lillydahl

Name: Chris Henry
Date: February 20, 2026 6:45:58 pm

The commitment to changing this public facility for one person's narcissism is unconscionable.

Any changes should have oversight of planning and funding by the people, after being voted on by the people.

Name: Jen B
Date: February 20, 2026 6:46:25 pm

This country belongs to the people. The White House is also the People's house. Not Donald Trump's house. He has disgraced the building time and time again with his gaudy penchant for cheap looking gold medallions and cold marble. He paved over the beautiful rose garden, and made it look like outside dining of a Chili's restaurant. He got rid of trees that were symbols of past Presidents... All to make a quick buck by monetizing anything and everything.
And he took it upon himself to demolish an entire wing of the White House with no permission or thought about the history within those walls and rooms.

And now he wants to further ruin OUR house by building a monstrosity of a ballroom. This room is way too big and it is unnecessary. He is wasting money on something that should be torn down when he finally is removed from office.
He has ruined every thing he has touched. Everything. He is like King Meidas, but instead of turning things to gold, he turns everything to manure.

STOP allowing him to degrade the People's house anymore than he already has. The White House will be around a lot longer than him (thank God) and we should not have to be reminded of this dark time forever by looking at a giant ballroom to feed his ego.

Name: Miriam Sheehey
Date: February 20, 2026 6:48:36 pm

This seems a wasteful project. Historic buildings in my city pass through a gauntlet of permissions before changing them is either accepted, revised or rejected. I am opposed to building a ballroom in the east wing. Come on! Spend my money wisely!!!!!!

Name: Sharon Havens
Date: February 20, 2026 6:49:16 pm

see attached .pdf

Attachment

Name: Cynthia Ostergaard
Date: February 20, 2026 6:56:27 pm

I am excited to be able to leave a comment supporting the East Wing Modernization Project. I have only visited the White House from the exterior and am always disappointed and a little embarrassed of how unremarkable the People's House is. I do love the Classic details and believe that the design should always be humble but dignified. I am looking forward to being able to tour the White House one day in the future. Thank you for believing that the dignitaries that we host in this country deserve to be treated with respect and hospitality befitting of a country proud of its role in the world. Thank you and God Bless.

Name: Steven Cypher
Date: February 20, 2026 6:56:40 pm

A National Historic Landmark and a National Park, the White House has been the home to our Presidents since 1800. Owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service, the White House was designed by Irish architect James Hoban, whose winning design was selected by President George Washington in a competition for the honor of designing the home of the American president, and demonstrates Georgian and neoclassical architectural principles.

While I acknowledge the utility of a larger meeting and gathering space at the White House, I remain deeply concerned that the sheer massing and height of the proposed 90,000 square-foot new ballroom construction will overwhelm the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet. I'm also deeply concerned that, as proposed, the new construction will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex, which emphasizes the prominence of the Executive Residence in contrast to its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing" of the existing structure. Id. § 68.3(a)(9)-(10). To that end, the National Park Service's Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House, issued in 2000, recognized the need for expanded event space — yet proposed locating such facilities in "new underground structures" so as to "minimize any new intrusions on the surface" and ensure that "the integrity and character-defining features of the White House and its grounds … are preserved and maintained."

The National Trust frequently and successfully advises on renovations to significant historic properties around the country—including a ballroom at Mar-a- Lago—to ensure that those properties can accommodate modern needs while preserving their historic character. We know from experience that both goals are simultaneously achievable.

To this end, any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. To do so here, the ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence. We appreciate the submission of plans that continue to revise the design of the addition. That being said, having viewed the revised plans, I support several modifications to the proposed project, including:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.

• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

I respectfully urge the CFA to consider these recommendations. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Name: Pat Dietrich
Date: February 20, 2026 6:57:24 pm

I am against the current plan. Current resident is not the owner of the property. We the people are the owner and only stated representatives must have final and total say over any renovation and building plans.

Name: Sarah Vines
Date: February 20, 2026 6:57:38 pm

I strongly oppose this project. It is not modernization, it is the willful destruction of the People's House turning it into an eyesore. It is a waste of money. It is only a monument to one man's gross & bloated ego & should not be allowed to proceed.

Name: Martha Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 6:59:09 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a razing of a piece of American architectural history. The White House does not need a huge ballroom attached. The proposed project is out of scale to the building, and is completely unnecessary. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront and set a dangerous precedent.

Name: Louise Weber
Date: February 20, 2026 7:00:00 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I am appalled that the historic East Wing has been destroyed, and that this behemoth is being proposed in its place.

Thank you.

Name: Martha Sheehey
Date: February 20, 2026 7:00:19 pm

It’s way too big!

Name: Jacoba Coes
Date: February 20, 2026 7:04:35 pm

The structure distracts from the White House, would be better situated away from the people’s house so that it retains its presence.

Name: William Milone
Date: February 20, 2026 7:05:47 pm

The demolition of the east wing should never have happened, and certainly not so suddenly and without input from the public or real preservation professionals. Its loss a travesty and this ballroom addition, however well-designed it may be, will stand for centuries as a prime example of this president’s hubris and misguided priorities.

Name: Cynthia Horn
Date: February 20, 2026 7:05:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Ackel
Date: February 20, 2026 7:09:11 pm

To tear down a part of the White House seems ridiculous…. But it's too late now. So let's address the rebuilding project. I know that taste is arbitrary. Surely we need a panel which includes architects, historians and people educated on tasteful norms. We can defer to the White House Historical Association. The White House should be preserved…. not demolished or changed in a significant way.

Name: Jill Fedge
Date: February 20, 2026 7:10:50 pm

I don't understand why this President is above the law. Someone needs to end this disaster and restore the White House to it's original, beautiful house.

Name: Dru Davidson
Date: February 20, 2026 7:12:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Edie Clark
Date: February 20, 2026 7:12:55 pm

I was horrified by the sudden demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House. I vehemently oppose the so called "renovation " which would add an immense gaudy 90,000 square foot addition, dwarfing the historic White House itself. The White House is "the people's house" , not the current resident's . It should be the focus, not this Las Vegas monstrosity. The President failed to obtain the proper authorization, permits, or design review. He should not be the arbiter of taste and design. Then there are serious ethical questions as well. Who are the donors? Do they have business before the administration? Do they stand to get favors from the President in exchange for their contributions? Where is the accountability? This project should be stopped until proper review by actual historians, architects, not rubber stamped by political appointees appointed by the President.

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Name: Connie Anderson
Date: February 20, 2026 7:13:40 pm

Restore the East wing to its original design with modern updates to infrastructure. No Ballroom is needed. DC has other structures available. Restore the Rose garden too

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Name: Patrick Riemersma
Date: February 20, 2026 7:13:43 pm

This administration is destroying the people’s house.

Name: Susan Kokora
Date: February 20, 2026 7:15:11 pm

The East Wing "Modernization Project" is viewed by myself and many as blatant disregard and disrespect of a historically significant wing of the White House, its art, and its grounds and gardens.
The project was done without consultation, and there was swift demolition, suggestive of a desire to get it underway before anyone could object.
The White House belongs to the American public, and this is an attack on our heritage. Building a $300 million private ballroom is a crass and gaudy endeavor @ this time in our history.

Name: James ONEILL
Date: February 20, 2026 7:15:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lucy Doswell
Date: February 20, 2026 7:18:11 pm

This plan is completely disproportionate in scale. It is gaudy, improper design, and will not be a timeless addition to our nation’s capital. I urge you to review in depth and make the proper modifications to make this a long lasting national treasure, not an embarrassment.

Name: C. Petersen
Date: February 20, 2026 7:18:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Everyone must follow the law and allow for input from the proper entities.

Name: Hedy Birschbach
Date: February 20, 2026 7:21:31 pm

The decision on changing the People’s House should come from the people and not ONE person who has 34 felonies.

Name: Linda Unsicker
Date: February 20, 2026 7:23:18 pm

The proposed ballroom where the East Wing of the people's house once was, serves no purpose at all. Why spend all of that money, even if donated, just to please one man's ego? By the time itis finished this president won't be in office. If no prior president has felt a need for such an extravagance, it seems likely that it will seldom, if ever, be used. Only the rich and royal would be invited. We are supposed to be a Christian nation, yet a $400 million ballroom appears to be more important than health care, education, food, and housing for honest American citizens in need. Many of those people in need are veterans who served our country, who helped protect this country, at the cost of a normal life for themselves. I should add roads, bridges, and FEMA should be priorities. This is absurd. This country does NOT need to build this hideous structure when so many other needs should definitely be addressed first.
PLEASE do not let this project continue.

Name: Chip Mayer
Date: February 20, 2026 7:29:52 pm

I am heart sick to see the beautiful East Wing of our White House destroyed for a ballroom.

Name: Barbara Bergeron
Date: February 20, 2026 7:31:51 pm

It is unfathomable that the current resident of the White House has taken with NO permission, and no plans for replacement. of this building. The plans need to be submitted and APPROVED through proper channels. Demand them.

Name: Susan Weiner
Date: February 20, 2026 7:32:01 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Christine Amrhine
Date: February 20, 2026 7:32:52 pm

I completely and adamantly oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This $400 million construction project began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

These violations cannot and must not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president.

As a native Washingtonian and a lifelong U.S. citizen, I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments.

No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you for your consideration.
Christine Neuberger Amrhine

Name: Mary Kellington
Date: February 20, 2026 7:33:29 pm

I am outraged that Trump destroyed the East Wing without approval and is privately financing what will be an atrocious monument to this appalling new gilded age.

Name: Rho Miller
Date: February 20, 2026 7:34:07 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lori Caldwell
Date: February 20, 2026 7:34:30 pm

This was a slap in the Americans face. Tearing down the East Wing was heartbreaking and upsetting to say the least. trump tore down part of our history. This was selfish, and very inconsiderate to the country. We should be preserving our history. The WH is the people's house. It was wasn't his choice alone to do this.
Must be something to make this kind of renovation with others money. Our tax dollars are paying for it. We have outlandish deficit because of trump. He should have never been allowed to do this. Never!

Name: Elaine Ciccone
Date: February 20, 2026 7:36:08 pm

As citizens, we all have agreed to abide by common laws, rules and protocols. The East Wing Modernization Project is, on its' face, illegal. No further steps should be taken until all requirements for such builds have been completed, without fast tracking. No one should be above the law, particularly elected government officials.

Elaine Ciccone
Citizen

Name: Abigail Birbach
Date: February 20, 2026 7:37:16 pm

This project was started without the required permits, permission, and necessary oversight for a historic project of this scale. The budget has nearly doubled, and work has barely started. This doesn't even account for the completely unacceptable historical and cultural eradication. There are MANY more important projects in which to spend these tax-funds, but if this area must be modernized, we should restore the original design as much as possible.

Name: Mary-George Simonitch
Date: February 20, 2026 7:37:39 pm

The East Wing ballroom should not be built. Ballrooms are for massive parties that are extremely costly. Where is the money going to come from to stage these balls, even if the financing of the construction comes from private sources and not from the tax payers' pockets? We are not living in Victorian England where the royal family was expected to put on formal balls. We have a president and a constitution that governs us, not a monarch. Rebuild the East Wing in modest proportions to house the offices of the First Lady and other useful endeavors of our government.

Any money that would be spent on this folly of a ballroom would better go to taking care of the poor and needy people in this country, not feeding the egos of the rich and powerful, the people who would surely be the only invites to events held there. Stop this president from building on his massive ego.

Name: Susan Sweetland
Date: February 20, 2026 7:43:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Therese Ojibway
Date: February 20, 2026 7:43:52 pm

"I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design and function. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. A ballroom or similar venue could be built with prior authorization and proper permitting at a different location for large functions."

Name: Willam Carroll
Date: February 20, 2026 7:47:51 pm

Absolutely opposed to the construction of a massive ballroom that will dwarf the White House.

Name: Laura Maciel
Date: February 20, 2026 7:48:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Solnit
Date: February 20, 2026 7:48:30 pm

I strongly oppose this project. It is not modernization at all, but rather a destruction of our architectural heritage in a pathetic attempt by a deeply insecure and vicious person to cover up his own lack of self-esteem. It is also arguably illegal.

Name: Michael Morse
Date: February 20, 2026 7:48:38 pm

Our country loves and is proud of its tradition, not ostentatiousness. Please do NOT proceed as planned.

Name: Ann Heideman
Date: February 20, 2026 7:50:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Ann Heideman

Name: Barry Keener
Date: February 20, 2026 7:51:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please refuse to cater to bullies!

Name: CHERYL RICHTER
Date: February 20, 2026 7:52:31 pm

I oppose any investment in this project, independent of the source of funds. The project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Moreover, the current design is grossly out-of-proportion with the main White House. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design at the expense of the individual(s) responsible for its destruction. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: MICHAEL RUBIN
Date: February 20, 2026 7:53:02 pm

I agree with another commenter, Anara Garud: I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Please return the White House East Wing to its former glory.

Name: Constance Chiodini
Date: February 20, 2026 7:53:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but a complete razing of our American history. I want this project cancelled.
And the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding A ericans.

Name: Sara Barry
Date: February 20, 2026 7:58:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

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Name: Olga Alvarez
Date: February 20, 2026 8:01:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sicily Irie
Date: February 20, 2026 8:03:08 pm

Please rebuild the East Wing back to its original beauty and grace.

Name: Kathleen Schultz
Date: February 20, 2026 8:03:26 pm

Do not approve this vanity project by Trimp. It is a total waste of time and energy, because the next Democrat will tear it down and restore the East Wing as much as possible. Trump will be gone and all monuments he has built to himself need to be destroyed as soon as possble after he is gone. There should never be government monuments to a convicted felon, rapist, and overt racist.

Name: Lorri DeShon
Date: February 20, 2026 8:04:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Suzanne Doree
Date: February 20, 2026 8:04:58 pm

The People’s house must preserve its history and purpose. I oppose modernizations that are clearly intended to boost the overinflated ego of an individual and does not serve The American people. President Trump should be personally liable for the costs to restore the East Wing.

Name: Kathleen Rosenberger
Date: February 20, 2026 8:05:55 pm

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to express my outrage for the proposed ballroom where the East Wing once stood. The people must have a say in this project. It is our house. It must, by law, be reviewed by the proper committees, departments, and by congress. I am at a loss for words to describe how ostentatious, grotesque, out of scale and proportion the proposed design is to The White House. I’ve always been proud of the architecture of our capitol buildings. They are classic, beautifully proportioned, and representative of what America stands for. The White House is not and never should be a king’s castle, gaudy and pretentious. The American people do not want this. We matter.

Thank you,
Kathleen Rosenberger

Name: Nancy Maccormack
Date: February 20, 2026 8:06:18 pm

The White House is the people’s house. I am against the east wing ballroom.

Name: Koren Burling
Date: February 20, 2026 8:07:14 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Jennie Cook
Date: February 20, 2026 8:07:32 pm

To comment on plans for a building that was brazenly demolished without legal consent seems as useless as the man who commanded the action. But I will persist.

I vehemently oppose the method by which this project is being conducted. There has been zero adherence to legal protocols, so why would any citizen believe that the process to rebuild the East Eing would be properly conducted? We wouldn't. This administration has been the very opposite of transparent and forthcoming. That the final plans for this project have been approved without *even being seen* epitomizes not only the abuse of power so rampant in the Trump Adminiatration, but reveals how short-sighted it's ideas are - a lack of scrutiny and oversight in any building project indubitably ends in disaster.

I oppose this project, and I oppose the recklessness with which it has been realized, start to finish.

Name: Linda M Fraga
Date: February 20, 2026 8:07:33 pm

I am very upset about Trump's destruction of the East awing of the awhile House without Congressional approval. His plan to build this huge ballroom and fill it with ostentatious gold decorations completely alters the
Feeling of the White House. This is supposed to be the American people 's house. The proposed monstrosity will no longer feel like a home. I sincerely hope this project can be stopped.

Name: Penelope Goldstein
Date: February 20, 2026 8:12:30 pm

I oppose the so called “East Wing Modernization Project” because it was initiated without proper review by the architects and planners authorized to approve or deny such projects, nor by Congress. The White House belongs to all Americans. It is not the President’s exclusive sand box. While there may be valid reasons for desiring a ballroom, the hasty demolition of the East Wing and the ever-changing story about cost, size and design, all from someone who has yet to show an understanding or appreciation of our nation’s history and artistic heritage, tells me this won’t end well.

Name: Debora Longenhagen
Date: February 20, 2026 8:12:36 pm

Restore it the way it was before it was demolished. The ballroom is an abomination

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Name: Beth Welty
Date: February 20, 2026 8:13:33 pm

I am appalled at the destruction of the East Wing, which was done illegally by a criminal "President". This was completely reckless and shows the utter contempt that trump holds for the United States.

Not one penny of taxpayer's money should go to building the dictator's vanity project. In fact, trump should be charged

for the full cost of rebuilidng the East Wing back to its original condition. This proposed ballroom will stand as nothing but a monument to fascism.

Name: Carol Taylor
Date: February 20, 2026 8:13:35 pm

Hello, and thank you for accepting public comments on this topic. I would like to ask that you do everything and anything possible to stop this absurd and horrifying demolition (too late for that i suppose) and planned 'ballroom' where the East Wing used to be. I would love to see it rebuilt to what it was originally... the historic richness and history of the White House should be protected and preserved to the utmost ability of all involved and i am personally offended and ashamed of what has happened to it and what is trying to be built in its place. Besides, the White house is supposedly 'the people's house'... though not a single one of us was consulted before the demolition happened... i actually had the thought of trying to figure out how to form some sort of class action (?) people's lawsuit to stop the horrors.. so i am very glad to hear that the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Capital Planning Commission have stepped up on this topic. Please, please do all you can stop this and return the East Wing to its original status. Thank you so much.

Name: Rebecca Jackson
Date: February 20, 2026 8:14:44 pm

The White House belongs to all of us, and tearing it down for this project will destroy irreplaceable US history.

Name: Karen Levine
Date: February 20, 2026 8:14:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans

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Name: alexandra proietti
Date: February 20, 2026 8:17:38 pm

This is an outrage. The original building should have never been torn down without the public's support. This is the peoples house and should go through all of the proper steps for any 'modernization.' I am not alone and strongly oppose any support for this project.

Name: Mary Carpenter
Date: February 20, 2026 8:17:47 pm

Subject: Immediate Halt and Restoration Order for Unauthorized Alterations to the White House East Wing

To Members of Congress and the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to formally oppose the reported $300 million demolition and reconstruction project involving the East Wing of the White House. Based on publicly available information, this project appears to have proceeded without proper authorization, required design review, and statutory compliance.

The White House is not merely a residence. It is a symbol of the American Republic and a historic property of extraordinary national importance. Any substantial alteration to its historic fabric demands rigorous adherence to federal law and established oversight procedures.

Several federal statutes and regulatory frameworks are implicated:

National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.), particularly Section 106 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), which requires federal agencies to consider effects on historic properties and consult with the Advisory Council on Historic

Preservation.

National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.), requiring environmental review and public transparency for major federal actions significantly affecting the human environment.

National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8721 et seq.), establishing the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission over federal development projects in the National Capital Region.

The Shipstead–Luce Act (40 U.S.C. § 910), requiring review of exterior architectural design within protected areas of Washington, D.C.

Executive Order 11593, directing federal agencies to inventory and protect historic properties under their jurisdiction.

If these procedures were bypassed or minimized, the project may represent a serious failure of statutory compliance and oversight.

In addition to preservation concerns, I strongly oppose the expenditure of approximately $300 million on a project that appears to prioritize aesthetic alteration over preservation and modernization. At a time when fiscal responsibility is essential, this level of spending demands explicit Congressional authorization and transparent justification.

The destruction of historically significant architectural elements cannot be characterized as modernization. It constitutes the irreversible loss of national heritage. No administration—regardless of party—should be permitted to alter or demolish nationally significant historic resources without full legal compliance, review, and public accountability.

I respectfully request that:

All construction activity be immediately suspended pending full statutory review.

Congress initiate oversight hearings to determine whether applicable preservation, environmental, and planning laws were followed.

Any unlawful actions be investigated and appropriate remedies pursued.

The East Wing be reconstructed and restored in accordance with its historically documented design.

Clear safeguards be enacted to prevent future unilateral alterations to nationally significant historic properties.

No individual or office is above the law. The integrity of our legal system depends upon equal application of statutory requirements. Allowing such a project to proceed without accountability would set a dangerous precedent for historic preservation and federal governance.

I urge you to act swiftly to protect the architectural and civic heritage of the United States.

Respectfully,

Mary E. Carpenter
San Diego, California

Name: Jake Emery
Date: February 20, 2026 8:18:27 pm

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Name: Diane Watson
Date: February 20, 2026 8:19:21 pm

This is the biggest waste of money! To spend this kind of money on a facility that will be used infrequently, is a waste of money. We are supposed to be a country of the people and for the people.
We are becoming a country of the rich and almighty and this needs to stop.
Thank you
Diane Watson

Name: William Kemp
Date: February 20, 2026 8:19:50 pm

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Name: Kathryn Ruud
Date: February 20, 2026 8:19:58 pm

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Name: Alice Ford-Sala
Date: February 20, 2026 8:22:10 pm

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Name: Viv Bernstein
Date: February 20, 2026 8:22:14 pm

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Name: Misty Jackson
Date: February 20, 2026 8:27:29 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

The project that is proposed is very concerning. The East Wing of the White House was demolished without any concern for the American public's views on the matter. The use of donor money for construction of this project is questionable and not transparent and lies in the area of bribes and currying favor with a President who during his first administration referred to the White House as a dump.

The White House represents America. When structures of great historic and architectural significance on the National Register of Historic Places are renovated or rehabilitated, it must be done under very specific guidelines. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Any and all construction of the new East Wing should and must be done in the same manner as it would be at any National Historic Landmark. The new construction MUST FIT in style and feeling and materials with the existing main part of the White House and West Wing.

Demolition of the East Wing was a tragedy and blight on America. The New East Wing's design plans and construction MUST be guided and overseen by professional historians and architectural historians and historic architects NOT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OF HIS APPOINTEES.

Name: Anne Eaton
Date: February 20, 2026 8:31:57 pm

The proposed ballroom addition is an abomination. It must be rejected and scaled down dramatically.

Name: Margaret Sheehey
Date: February 20, 2026 8:34:01 pm

This project that is called East Wing Modernization project is the building of an ostentatious ballroom. When I hear the term "'modernization", I think of an upgraded bathroom, or a fresh coat of paint, not building a ballroom. This gilded ballroom would only be for the pleasure of the rich and powerful elite. It is heartbreaking to me that this would be allowed to proceed. There should be a permit process closely adhered to especially when it involves historic landmarks. Please vote NO on this project.

Name: Oliver Brotski
Date: February 20, 2026 8:37:28 pm

I would like to recommend several modifications to the proposed project: • Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence. • Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue. • Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings. • Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade. • Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence. We respectfully urge the CFA to consider these recommendations. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place. Sincerely, OJB

Name: Heather Hughes
Date: February 20, 2026 8:38:30 pm

The White House is not an event center for Mar-a-Lago. It is not a king’s palace. Any modifications (because this is not a modernization) need to be carefully considered. That is not happening right now. If the President feels the White House is not up to his entertaining standards, he is free to leave.

Name: Stephanie Brandon
Date: February 20, 2026 8:39:04 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elyse Rubin
Date: February 20, 2026 8:40:02 pm

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Name: Barbara Waugh
Date: February 20, 2026 8:41:37 pm

To: Trump

I can't do this to MY house without permits, authorization and review. How can you do this to OUR house without permits, authorization and review????

Name: Danielle bronk
Date: February 20, 2026 8:44:01 pm

Changes to historic landmarks require carefully reviewed and approved plans by others outside executive branch that maintain historic integrity.

Name: Susan Smith
Date: February 20, 2026 8:48:06 pm

The East Wing of the White House was absolutely beautiful and perfect as it stood.

And, don’t we refer to the White House as the people’s house? I’m pretty sure that no one asked the American people if they wanted something new (we don’t) or even ran the idea and any architectural drawings by any historic committee.

Because I’m fairly certain the answer would have been “NO”.

Take the $300 million price tag and use it for something more meaningful and appropriate.

Name: Marilyn Gilbert
Date: February 20, 2026 8:48:25 pm

I am sending this to comment section of the National Capitol Commission public comments page on behalf of myself and a number of my friends: We strongly oppose the spending of $300-400 million on the WH's vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing and dishonoring of the Peoples' House and shared American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joyce Miller
Date: February 20, 2026 8:49:05 pm

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Name: Chuck Fischer
Date: February 20, 2026 8:50:40 pm

Please insist all laws and permit procedures are followed exactly as written for other expansions on Federal property. Please make sure all architectural revies are monitored and adjustments made to final design and execution.

Name: Sabrina Stout
Date: February 20, 2026 8:53:46 pm

The president should not be able to do first and all permission later on publicly owned buildings. He has destroyed history from personal gain. If I did that I would be in jail.

Name: Annette Felice
Date: February 20, 2026 8:59:43 pm

This is not a modernization project, it’s the destruction of a historical building. This area housed the First Lady’s offices, and has historical interest. It was not approved, the proper channels and permits were not followed.
I do not give my consent to this destruction
Annette Felice

Name: Ruth Curry
Date: February 20, 2026 9:03:05 pm

I find this absurd. Presidents inhabit the White House at the invitation of the People and deserve the chance to authorize, permit, and review changes to it. No one is above the law. To allow this $300 million project to go ahead would be an affront to the American People.

Name: Tamina DeLuca-Baily DeLuca-Baily
Date: February 20, 2026 9:03:36 pm

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Name: Jean Sheehey
Date: February 20, 2026 9:04:06 pm

This is a gross waste of money not to mention a total disregard for history and tradition.

Name: AnnMarie Miele
Date: February 20, 2026 9:12:05 pm

Please stop the destruction of the White House. The White House belongs to the American people and not the president. This ballroom is going to be an absolute disaster dwarfing the remaining structure. A ballroom is totally unnecessary. Unfortunately part of the White House has already been destroyed. There are proper channels to take if something needs to be done/modernized at the White House, and of course Trump chose to ignore that process. This is a historic building and should be treated as such. Please save the people's house.
Thank you!
Ann Marie Miele

Name: J S
Date: February 20, 2026 9:12:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

Name: Joann Flaherty
Date: February 20, 2026 9:22:49 pm

The entire White House belongs to THE PEOPLE of the United States - Not Trump he’s a tenant - As a tenant he has NO Right to do what he is doing- as a tenant he should be thrown out.
The idea that his billionaire cronies would make contributions- is just WRONG on so many levels!!

Name: JOHN THOMAS PLATT
Date: February 20, 2026 9:23:09 pm

When we are facing huge deficits this project is a waste of money and time. It also is way too large and looks like it should be in Las Vegas not our national capitol. John Platt Tacoma Washington

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Name: Gail Norman
Date: February 20, 2026 9:25:04 pm

I oppose the East Wing modernization project. I would like to see the east wing restored to its original state.

Name: Shane Martin
Date: February 20, 2026 9:25:07 pm

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Name: Sue Woodard
Date: February 20, 2026 9:25:11 pm

As you consider this project, I ask that you remember the historical significance of the White House and what is now lost as the East Wing of that building. Its destruction is a tragedy, but it has been done. That space should not be replaced a "ballroom" or any other structure that projects the facade of a golden glorification of the current president. As a voter and a descendent of early Americans, I ask you use your discretion boldly, without regard to the pressure I'm sure you are facing. Please do the honorable thing and refuse to condone this structure.

Thank you.

Name: Karen Wilkening
Date: February 20, 2026 9:31:00 pm

President Trump has no right to rebuild the East wing of the Whitehouse. He tore it down with no review, permitting or approval, like he does everything. I dont trust him to do a competent or legal job. It was an outrage that he tore it down. I dont want his name or tacky taste in decor on ANYTHING in the Whitehouse. Hopefully he will be gone soon, before he turns this country into an entirely depraved fascist state. No, no, no, Hell no!

Name: Liberty Pacatte
Date: February 20, 2026 9:33:56 pm

Restore to original architecture. Should not have been modified without the people's consideration and vote.

Name: Jim Wolfkill
Date: February 20, 2026 9:34:00 pm

He has destroyed our American history. No one wants the ballroom. He should be required to return the west wing to its historical dignified decor as befits the People's house & to rebuild both the East Wing & the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose garden to their original forms And he should be required to personally pay for all the new & restoration costs & be fined for his destruction without the proper approvals from Congress & The Historical Society

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Name: Nicole Moriarty
Date: February 20, 2026 9:36:26 pm

The proposed "modernization" of the East Wing feels out of proportion to the historic scale and purpose of the White House. Its strength has always been its restraint and symbolism, not grand additions. A ballroom may serve ceremonial ambitions, but it doesn't reflect a real need of the American people, who value preservation of history and function over unnecessary expansion. Do not proceed with this addition until the American people can speak their minds. Do not allow the Trump administration force this addition.

Name: Jim Wolfkill
Date: February 20, 2026 9:37:57 pm

Trump should be forced to pay all restoration costs to return the West wing to a dignified decor befitting the People's house & all costs to have the East wing & Jacqueline Kennedy's rose garden reconstructed to the way each was when he took office & should be fined for destroying the American people's history

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Name: Patricia Roberts
Date: February 20, 2026 9:42:34 pm

If approved, The 89,000 expansion to provide a ballroom adjacent to the white house would greatly overshadow the existing buildings, which amply provide room for residents and modest numbers of guests. The White House was never intended to be palatial. Since the 1,000 or so attendees at events in the ballroom are not staying at the White House, the White House should either continue to use the more than adequate temporary tents as before, or consider other large venues in the area. Perhaps approving construction for a ballroom at a much smaller scale would be a good compromise.

Name: Julianna Mathers
Date: February 20, 2026 9:44:22 pm

Please preserve the beauty of our Capital's architecture. Please hire an architect. A classically trained architect. I recommend Christine Franck out of Denver or Brent Hull. Please get someone who knows how to make this ballroom beautifully integrated into our dear historic White House, and not this ersatz monstrosity that is currently planned and approved by people who don't have the educational background to advise.

Name: Stephen Engblom
Date: February 20, 2026 9:45:54 pm

RE: Proposed White House Ballroom – Scale, Massing, and Process Considerations

To the Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I respectfully submit the following comments regarding the proposed ballroom addition to the White House.

The White House has always functioned as a living and evolving workplace and ceremonial venue. It is entirely reasonable that programmatic needs change over time, and the desire for expanded gathering space is understandable. At the same time, any addition to this singular structure must be carefully calibrated to preserve the architectural hierarchy and symbolic primacy of the Main Residence.

The enduring strength of the White House lies in its restraint, proportion, and compositional clarity. The Main Residence remains the defining architectural element of the complex, and new construction should be deferential in scale, massing, and expression. In this context, the potential impact on the historic elliptical drive and the broader site geometry raises important questions about how the addition may alter the ceremonial sequence and spatial balance of the grounds.

I would respectfully encourage a careful re-examination of the overall massing and its relationship to the existing composition. Transparency regarding the program requirements and a fuller exploration of alternatives would further strengthen public confidence in the outcome. Given the national and symbolic significance of the White House, broad and open dialogue is essential.

The White House has long embodied understated elegance and architectural harmony. Any addition should reinforce those qualities and safeguard the legacy that generations of Americans associate with this place.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these comments and for your stewardship of our nation’s civic architecture.

Respectfully,
Stephen Engblom, AIA, LEED AP

Name: Linda Carreno
Date: February 20, 2026 9:46:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cynthia Anderson
Date: February 20, 2026 9:46:52 pm

I’m furious that a historic wing of the White House was destroyed without any approval by the right channels. The East Wing was very special and where the First Ladies held many events. I think the East Wing design should honor its previous design with necessary modern upgrades. It should match its historic origins an honor the original design. Please do not put any gold trim as that is gaudy and does not honor the original design of the White House.

Name: Traci Wolfe
Date: February 20, 2026 9:47:41 pm

This project is disgusting. The White House is the people’s house and it should have to go through the appropriate channels as any other renovation. I am ashamed that rules and laws are being thwarted because someone thinks he is above them. He is not. Please do the right thing.

Name: Nadja Gutowski
Date: February 20, 2026 9:49:09 pm

The White House is a symbol of the USA. Any proposed new addition should maintain the current historical scale and neoclassical architecture. The Trump administration is a steward for White House on behalf of the American people for posterity and any proposed development should include input from architectural historians and preservationists.

Name: Jacquelyn Fischer
Date: February 20, 2026 9:49:11 pm

I'm opposed to this whole project as it has not been authorized by any entity with the legal right to do so. And I would be diametrically opposed to any taxpayer money being used for a frivolous addition. If private donors want to contribute to a project, please advise them to replace the demolished East Wing with an updated functional place for productive activity. A ballroom is a luxury and there are too many Americans needing the means to survive.

Name: Rose Griscom
Date: February 20, 2026 9:50:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of critical American history. This project should be canceled, and if possible, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, or at the least, with the former purpose and materials within it. To permit this project to go forward after breaking mulyiple laws and design processes, is an affront to the rule of law in America.

Name: Carolyn Janney
Date: February 20, 2026 9:54:24 pm

Trump allowed Musk to demolish wonderful programs, such as USAID, and allowed Musk to fire so many employees that were necessary for the running of our government. All was done in the name of ridding the government of waste, fraud and abuse. Tearing down the East Wing and spending, at this point a projected $400 million is an absolute waste of taxpayer dollars and an abuse of Trump’s power. He didn’t bother, for starters, with appropriate permits or permission to spend the money. The project needs to be stopped and the East wing needs to be restored. I strongly oppose this project.

Name: Karen Doty
Date: February 20, 2026 9:55:30 pm

I don't care who is donating money to this project, it NEVER should have started without input. Trump has RUINED an historic building. There is NO REASON this building needs to be so massive & larger than the main building. The white house used to be the Peoples house. Trump is acting like Marie Antoinette!!!

Name: Jeremy Rice
Date: February 20, 2026 9:57:09 pm

The new east wing size will be a gigantic blunder. It’s too big. It totally dwarfs the WH and the scale of the surrounding area. For generations to come this will be a gigantic, and incredible reminder of the nightmare of how ego and self purpose was put ahead of our country and needs. With over 20 years of interior design work, I can swear by scale being able to single handedly make or break a project. The size that it is proposed, we might as well build a gigantic dildo and lay it there, so the president can point to it and brag about the size. That would be less of an embarrassment.

Name: Wes Hanna
Date: February 20, 2026 10:04:59 pm

I completely object to this project and its blatantly irresponsible purpose of grandiosity for this president. I urge this project be stopped and the building be returned to its former site and design.

Name: Robin Seigle
Date: February 20, 2026 10:06:13 pm

Dear Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to oppose the building of a $300 million large ballroom in the place of the East Wing of the White House. There is not a need for such a huge ballroom, which the President wants for entertaining heads of state and his friends who are millionaires and billionaires.

The White House property does not belong to President Trump, he is allowed to live there while he is President, but he is not allowed to make such huge changes as demolishing the West Wing, which was a historical building and housed much Presidential memorabilia, without any adherence to the norms and procedures required before making such changes.

It really is a disgrace that the President ignored the procedures for changing things at the White House complex. The reason for the procedures is to be sure that the Commission and Historians can weigh in on demolition and/or construction of any buildings in the complex.

It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

President Trump said it would be paid for by private donors. I am concerned that, as with so many of his donations from millionaires and billionaires, it is bribery for him doing something favorable for those individuals or their companies (CBS, Elon Musk, etc.)

Thank you for your consideration and please do not approve the building of the gaudy, oversized ballroom that no one seemed to need before, and which he wants to build to make the White House complex like Mar-a-Lago. The private social club for millionaires and billionaires.

Respectfully,

Robin Duboe Seigle
[redacted]

Name: Catherine Weaver
Date: February 20, 2026 10:08:31 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt the way it was before it was illegally torn down without proper permits! The White House belongs to all of us, and should only be changed following legal avenues. Thanks!

Name: Steven Helmle
Date: February 20, 2026 10:12:59 pm

Subject: Deep Concern and Outrage Over the Demolition of Historic White House Features

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my profound disappointment and deep concern regarding the recent demolition of the East Wing's historic elements and the removal of the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden features. These decisions represent a staggering loss of national heritage, and I am struggling to understand how such actions were permitted under the Commission's oversight.

The East Wing and the Jackie Kennedy Rose Garden are not political trophies to be altered at the whim of any administration. They are part of our shared national story—spaces shaped by decades of cultural, architectural, and historical significance. Their destruction is not merely a design choice; it is an erasure of irreplaceable history.

Many Americans, myself included, are appalled that these changes were approved without transparent public justification, preservation safeguards, or meaningful consultation with historians and conservation experts. The lack of stewardship shown in this process is deeply troubling. Decisions of this magnitude should reflect the long-term interests of the American people, not the short-term preferences of any individual or administration.

I urge the Commission to provide a full public explanation of how these approvals were granted, what preservation standards were applied, and what steps will be taken to prevent similar losses in the future. The American public deserves

accountability, transparency, and a commitment to protecting the historical integrity of the White House complex.

These spaces belong to the nation—not to any single occupant of the office—and their preservation should be treated with the seriousness and respect they deserve.

Name: Patty Kitchen
Date: February 20, 2026 10:15:14 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Cathy Horne
Date: February 20, 2026 10:18:39 pm

Stop the insanity of the gilded ballroom. Do not spend any taxpayer money on this illegal project. In fact, make Trump spend his own money to rebuild the East Wing as it was.

Name: Nicole Herda
Date: February 20, 2026 10:19:17 pm

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Name: Laura Sprunk
Date: February 20, 2026 10:26:18 pm

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Name: Michael Vanderploeg
Date: February 20, 2026 10:27:41 pm

I am extremely angry that the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without any consultation or consent of the American people or their representatives. The President is not the owner of the White House; it truly is the people's house, and a vanity project for the current occupant should never have been allowed to go forward. I would like the current destruction halted, and the former design features restored.

Name: Terri Holden
Date: February 20, 2026 10:28:21 pm

Please do not continue with this ill-planned and ill-designed concept. The White House is not Trump's house; it is the house of every American. This will change the look, the feel, and the purpose of the seat of the executive branch of what used to be the most important democracy in the world.
Just. Please. Don't.

Name: Susan McGraw
Date: February 20, 2026 10:34:20 pm

Please restore the historic East Wing of the White House. We do not want to see the huge ballroom that will change the beauty and history of the people's house, The Whitehouse. No sitting President has the right to make such major changes without pre-approval. This is a complete waste of time and money. Stop this destruction of The Whitehouse!

Name: Ken Masters
Date: February 20, 2026 10:36:11 pm

I absolutely do not support the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars to build a shrine to our fascist, demented president.

Name: Alexandra Schulte
Date: February 20, 2026 10:38:05 pm

Dear Sir, Madame:

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A. Schulte
Sandpoint, Idaho

Name: Paul Hays
Date: February 20, 2026 10:39:02 pm

To whom it may concern,
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Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Paul Hays

Name: Colleen Pirelli
Date: February 20, 2026 10:40:04 pm

The White House is a Historical building and should never be torn down on the whim of one president. It's a building of the people and our forefathers. The East Wing should be no more than the original 55,000 feet.

We do not need a 90,000 ft ballroom. The decision should be up to the American people. My family has been here since the 1600's. My ancestors would be turning in their graves. They were the original people that founded this country. If history and your families are more important to you, than the plan needs to be historically modified to keep the history of the building intact. If this is not fixed appropriately, than this administration is not about keeping our history, its about destroying it on the whim of one president
in our hundreds of years of democracy. May God guide you.

Name: Ron Ottenbacher
Date: February 20, 2026 10:40:17 pm

Removing historical beauty for gaudy marble and gold desecration must be prevented, please stop this blight on our America 's heritage.

Name: Cathy Owens
Date: February 20, 2026 10:44:20 pm

Hello,
Please accept the letter to voice my serious concerns about the destruction of the East Wing and the proposal for a ballroom. The proposed project of the ballroom must be stopped and full restoration of the East Wing is critical. Where were all the appropriate steps and approvals for East Wing demolition and the construction of a ballroom?

Please take a stand and stop the ballroom project!
Thank you,
Cathy Owens
Silver City, New Mexico

Name: Marcy McDonough
Date: February 20, 2026 10:46:24 pm

This disaster is both heartbreaking and an example of the eradic, nonsensical, wasteful, and abusive nature of the current administration. Americans deserve better. Perhaps we need to accept that we cannot have nice things until we can dig ourselves out of the literal and figurative financial hole that the current administration has only made deeper and wider

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Name: Laura Kinder
Date: February 20, 2026 10:46:24 pm

The proposed East Wing Modernization Project aka The Ballroom, must not go through as planned. It does not serve Americans, it does not preserve historical knowledge and does not represent American values. Nothing in that landmarked area should overshadow The White House. While most Americans struggle from paycheck to paycheck, to flaunt a huge golden ballroom, near the White House ignores these struggles. As the East Wing has already been demolished, there is nothing left to modernized. And can you tell the public what has happened to all the items from the East Wing? Where are the portraits? The furniture? The décor items given as gifts to the American people? As an American, I respectively ask that the project is declined to move forward.

Name: Denea Hope
Date: February 20, 2026 10:46:36 pm

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Name: Eileen Hersch
Date: February 20, 2026 10:51:02 pm

I oppose spending 300 million dollars on this project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And, the current president should pay for the restoration of the East Wing and apologize to all Americans for daring to demolish OUR WHITE HOUSE.

Name: Lorey Wheeler
Date: February 20, 2026 10:51:06 pm

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Name: Mary Kaifer
Date: February 20, 2026 10:53:45 pm

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Name: Richard Reed
Date: February 20, 2026 10:56:38 pm

What an unnecessary monstrosity and huge waste of money. The distruction of the east wing was a shameful erasure of our national history. The White House belongs to all US citizens, not to any one administration. If a ball room had to be built, a much smaller version could have been designed without destroying 1/3 of our White House. How can one maniacal narcissist get away with constructing such an eyesore? The gigantic size and design are gauche and the ground plans look unimaginative to the point of being boring. Please reconstruct the original east wing and build a much smaller more sensible ballroom.

Name: Yvonne Moncovich
Date: February 20, 2026 10:58:43 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. The current administration campaigned on the platform of eliminating fraud, abuse, and wasteful government spending. The current administration terminated thousands of government workers, most without cause, to reduce government spending. There is no valid reason to spend hundreds of millions of the payer dollars to rebuild the east wing. Let the legacy of this administration be the pile of rubble of a demolished building before the plans and authorization and funding had been secured for its unnecessary replacement. If the US doesn’t have enough money to adequately staff our administration, and protect our public lands, we don’t have enough money for a vanity project.

Name: Amy Richards
Date: February 20, 2026 10:58:48 pm

I am writing to object to the wanton destruction of the White House East Wing. This is a travesty, not approved by Congress or any architectural committee, and a metaphor for the destruction of our democracy by Trump. We should all

mourn. This , among many other serious crimes, should be cause for impeachment, conviction and at least some consequences. No one is supposed to be above the law. Apparently our dictator is .

Name: Jennifer Stroud
Date: February 20, 2026 10:58:51 pm

I object to this project on several grounds: 1) normal steps in discussion, permitting, projections, etc, we're circumvented with no public or Congressional discussion or input; 2) the East Wing of the People's house was destroyed without regard for its historic value, despite the President's assurances to the contrary; 3) artists' rendering of the finished project as proposed will dwarf the White House and change the landscape forever; 4) the prosed ballroom projects a vision of our government as elitist, diametrically opposed to the vision of our Founders, that ours is a government of, for, and by the people. Please stop this project, and rebuild the East wing as it was, symbolic of restoring our democracy as it was, before we made the dreadful mistake of installing a Fascist in the White House.

Name: Renette Hier
Date: February 20, 2026 11:00:20 pm

Please do not dwarf the White House in building the Ballroom or in rebuilding the East Wing. Building materials and elevations should blend seamlessly with those already there. Large, mature trees need to be reintroduced into the landscape. Cheap gold scrolling signage is an offront and should be banned.

Name: Lucille Serody
Date: February 20, 2026 11:04:41 pm

As a senior citizen, with a long history in this nation of ours, I have never been more ashamed of our government. Spending massive amounts of money for a totally unnecessary grand ballroom strikes me as being selfish to the point of criminality. That money could have been spent to house the homeless in Washington, D.C., or for something else for the benefit of the people of the United States. We don't need Versailles on the Potomac! The building stood for many years as a monument to our reasonable, measured way of doing things. Previous presidents didn't presume to remake the whole city in their image. We don't worship our leaders here. We elect them for a period of time, with an eight-year maximum, according to the current law. We don't have to change the law. The building should be restored to its previous size and shape, with an office for the First Lady, (or First Gentleman), who will presumably follow in the footsteps of great helpmates like Eleanor Roosevelt in supporting the elected president. If the argument is made that the money for this reconstruction of a grand ballroom came from private donors, that's even worse, because quid pro quo is corrupt. What do they expect to get from the current president? I feel ill.

Name: Jamie Crayne
Date: February 20, 2026 11:08:25 pm

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Name: Stef ONeill
Date: February 20, 2026 11:12:43 pm

I am writing to share my deep concern regarding the East Wing modernization project. While I understand that facilities must evolve to meet current needs, I am troubled by the extent to which this renovation has altered or removed elements of the building’s historic character.

The East Wing was more than just a functional space. It represented craftsmanship, architectural integrity, and a tangible

connection to our history. Original details and design features carried meaning that cannot simply be recreated once removed. Modernization should not require the erasure of heritage, particularly when that heritage contributes to the identity and legacy of the institution.

Progress and preservation do not have to be opposing forces. Many institutions across the country have demonstrated that thoughtful renovation can enhance usability while honoring historical significance. I believe we owe it to our community to pursue solutions that respect both innovation and legacy.

I hope leadership will reflect on the impact of these changes and consider how future projects can better protect and preserve the historical character that makes our institution distinctive. Our history is one of our greatest assets, and once lost, it cannot be replaced.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Stefanie ONeill

Name: Lanice GOODIN
Date: February 20, 2026 11:16:24 pm

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Name: Susan Tingley
Date: February 20, 2026 11:17:44 pm

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Name: Lia Palomba
Date: February 20, 2026 11:22:53 pm

I oppose the construction of a new east wing, an appendix of such unnecessary scale, a massive addition that completely disrupts the harmony of the existing, beautiful, neoclassical White House. Please don’t approve the project as is. Demand a major revision.

Name: Bruce Phillips
Date: February 20, 2026 11:23:33 pm

After promising the East Wing would only be modified, the President razed it. Liars should not be rewarded. He destroyed it, leave it that way. I don't wantmy tax dollars used for a personal vanity project. Oh, you say, private donors will cover the cost? That's even worse: that will be an indirect bribe. We have already see that with this administration. Anyway, we don't need that ballroom anymore. The president has alienated so many of our aallies that there won't be more state dinners held anyway.

Name: Janice Abbott
Date: February 20, 2026 11:24:37 pm

Modernization, restoration, and possible expansion of our national buildings is desirable and necessary. However, such measures need to be done with purpose, vision, and respect for the history and place of the building. Will the new construction serve a useful purpose for the government of the People of the United States, for the benefit of the People? It should all be undertaken under the auspices of the HPO and HPRB, with input from the People and complete

transparency on the project. The WH ballroom, as proposed, violates every single one of these guardrails and celebrates an individual over the American people. In addition, it violates the integrity of the original WH being the focal point of the compound. The Versailles-style proposal violates the founding tenet of our Country's creation - no Kings. It will also sit unoccupied and under-used for the majority of the time, used to inspire awe instead of moving our Country's principles forward.
(I'm a 76+ year-old female, a registered Independent, and I've voted in EVERY election since the voting age was changed to 18.)

Name: Jacqui Brown
Date: February 20, 2026 11:27:38 pm

Please restore the East Wing to its previous structure. It was perfectly symmetrical and should remain that way. Build a small ballroom somewhere else but restore the East Wing to its former glory!

Name: James Scarborough
Date: February 20, 2026 11:39:59 pm

Please see attached five-page comment for NCPC File No. 8733 (East Wing Modernization Project). The submission raises questions regarding proposal scope under 40 U.S.C. § 8722, environmental baseline and alternatives under NEPA, connected actions, and Comprehensive Plan consistency. I respectfully request that the attached document be included in the official administrative record.

Attachment

Name: Margaret Nicoletti
Date: February 20, 2026 11:43:45 pm

HOW IS THIS EVEN HAPPENING? THE MAN WHO IS PLAYING PRESIDENT SHOULD BE IN JAIL FOR NOT SPEAKING WITH CONGRESS, NOW IS A BIG EYE SORE. A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING TORN DOWN, HOW AWFUL. I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE BALLROOM - IM ASSUMING IT WILL BE US TAXPAYERS. EVERYTHING HE TOUCHES JUST TURNS TO CRAP. AND YET COGRESS IS DOING NOTHING. WE ARE A GLOBAL EMBARRASSMENT
MARGARET NICOLETTI

Name: Eric Graham
Date: February 20, 2026 11:51:31 pm

This project was initiated without consulting NCPC. It is not architecturally compatible with the existing White Houuse structure and should be terminated. Any new additions to the White House should be approved by the NCPC.

Name: Tim Hacker
Date: February 20, 2026 11:54:47 pm

There is a process to solicit proposals and to review them in order to make an informed and principled decision regarding any structural changes to the White House. As a citizen, taxpayer, and architecture aficionado, I insist that this process be followed.

Thank you.

Name: Susan Shaw
Date: February 20, 2026 11:55:41 pm

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Amweicans.

Name: Linda Clary
Date: February 20, 2026 11:56:37 pm

I oppose the building of a ballroom that no one needs, whether or not Trump has really raised the money privately to build it. I see this as nothing less than a bribe to Trump that should be investigated. The East Wing should be rebuilt, preferably at Trump's expense, but to its previous design with any necessary modernizations.

Name: Michael Villers
Date: February 20, 2026 11:56:39 pm

Trump's project to build this ballroom is completely and totally certifiably insane. It is based in pure megalomania and corruption. Put a stop to it and restore the East Wing as it was.

Name: Karen Garguilo
Date: February 20, 2026 11:59:09 pm

This project should be stopped until it can be properly reviewed, both for compliance with building and historic permitting and compliance processes and for irregularities in funding and budgeting. Of course, there will have to be some restoration or redesign involved. Oversight of the project by a bipartisan approved team of design and financial experts is essential. The integrity of the White House must be maintained for future generations.

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: William Klein
Date: February 21, 2026 12:06:59 am

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It is a shame that Congress cannot control Trumps destruction of our beautiful historically buildings and turn them into huge monstrosities buildings decorated in gold looking like Mar-a-Lago with his name in large gold letters for his Rich friends to party in.

I also object to Trump removing actual true historical displays in museums and trying to change US history to suit his false stories.

Name: Doering Meyer
Date: February 21, 2026 12:07:42 am

The destruction of the East wing of our White House is inexcusable!!!

However, it is symbolic of how the convicted felon's administration is destroying our nation and violating the oath he took to our Constitution.

It should be encapsulated in plexiglass and a large sign out on it naming it, The Trump Memorial, to remind future generations what he did and why we should never allow a convicted felon to hold public office. In Istanbul, there's an historic building they used this technique on to preserve the historic character and then the interior was remodeled to suit modern uses.

This would be my suggestion for the East Wing destroyed by the current occupant of the oval office.

Thank you,

Doering Meyer

Name: Tracey Shrum
Date: February 21, 2026 12:09:25 am

The proposed ballroom on the east wing of the White House is not merely an extravagant addition—it is a misuse of a historic symbol of the American people’s trust. This sacred residence should reflect the dignity, accessibility, and restraint befitting the presidency, not serve as a stage for excess. Expanding private luxury at the nation’s expense undermines transparency, disregards the legacy of the White House as a public institution, and sends a troubling message that personal indulgence outweighs civic responsibility. Americans deserve leadership that honors the integrity of our national landmarks, not one that transforms them into personal playgrounds.

Name: Sonia Tseu
Date: February 21, 2026 12:14:08 am

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Name: David Collins
Date: February 21, 2026 12:24:06 am

I wholeheartedly object to the demolition of the east wing of the people's house without any respect for law or custom. The ugly destruction of the east wing is a tangible representation of what this administration has imposed on the fabric of America since that bleak January day just 13 months ago. Shame.

Name: Judy Wicklund
Date: February 21, 2026 12:25:59 am

I oppose the building of a ballroom in place of the East Wing. The American people have not been "crying" for a ballroom for decades and centuries. I want to see this returned to the East Wing, to be used as it was before it was destroyed.

Further, the idea that this is being built with donations, and then the donations are rewarded with enormous tax cuts and favorable deals is repugnant to what the United States should stand for. I am embarrassed that we have come to this, and I am greatly opposed to a giant ballroom which is in no way "of the people, by the people or for the people." Everything about it screams oligarchy and plutocracy. Please end it.

Name: Susan Grandt
Date: February 21, 2026 12:27:56 am

Put the East Wing back the way it was, and let him pay for it. To my knowledge, he had no authority to demolish it in the first place. There is no need for a 90,000 SF ballroom. It's the PEOPLE'S house, not his personal entertainment center!

Name: Elizabeth Christeller
Date: February 21, 2026 12:35:01 am

The East Wing of the White House should never have been torn down without going through the established process. It belongs to US citizens, not Donald Trump. Rebuilding the wing must go through the proper processes. I don't think it is appropriate to build the monstrosity Trump has planned. It would dwarf the White House. Stop this President in his tracks. He has done enough damage.

Name: Emily Wigley
Date: February 21, 2026 12:35:38 am

I object to the dramatic changes to the White House. More space may make sense, but continuity of the beautiful traditional building is important. Please go through the proper process to propose and build, not the destructive, sudden change and lack of correct process. Thank you.

Name: John Aulicino
Date: February 21, 2026 12:39:01 am

Dear Sir
I am writing to express my distain for the current destruction of the East Wing of our Whitehouse and the plan to replace it with an ungodly eye sore of a ballroom. We have managed for 250 years without one and I see no foreseeable future need for one.

Name: Luisa Smith
Date: February 21, 2026 12:46:32 am

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Name: Samantha Stout
Date: February 21, 2026 12:46:45 am

Please don't do it.

Name: Amanda Lohec
Date: February 21, 2026 12:48:13 am

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Name: Christina Arnold
Date: February 21, 2026 12:48:27 am

Please stop this “modernization” project which is a violation of the principles of historic preservation, destroying part of our nation’s most cherished and symbolic locations.

Name: Stephanie Albrecht
Date: February 21, 2026 12:49:01 am

The East Wing should be fully restored as it was before the illegal destruction.

No permits, no approval, we don't need or want a ridiculously priced ballroom to stroke an ego. The person responsible for the destruction of the East Wing of "The People's House", should be solely responsible for the costs of the reconstruction of the historic East Wing.

Name: Linda Woodworth
Date: February 21, 2026 12:59:07 am

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Name: Mark Rutherford
Date: February 21, 2026 1:06:07 am

I strongly oppose the destruction of our historic White House. All due process was ignored and goes against the will of the people. I want the east wing restored and those who perpetrated this unauthorized act held accountable.

Name: Taylor Haywood
Date: February 21, 2026 1:12:39 am

I fully acknowledge the necessity of accommodating evolving functional needs at the White House. However, the design as presented is profoundly misguided, and the process has been rushed to satisfy the ego of one deeply divisive individual. The scale and massing appear to dwarf the established composition, and the architectural language appears to lack the discipline, dignity, and refinement demanded by so consequential a building. Any intervention at the White House should embody restraint, dignity, and exceptional quality, yet none of these seems present in this hastily conceived proposal. We the people deserve a better process, and a better building.

Name: Kathleen King
Date: February 21, 2026 1:25:59 am

The White House, the People's House, was deliberately designed and built with modest dimensions, restrained aesthetics, and symmetry.

The occupant of The White House is a public servant and lives there as a temporary guest. The modernization should maintain the original size of the East Wing, and should follow all protocols for environmental & regulatory reviews, and public comment.

Name: Laura Oneal
Date: February 21, 2026 1:34:14 am

I disapprove of America’s White House being destroyed without approval and having a historic piece of our history turned into a gaudy hotel ballroom. This is our house, not his personal home.

Name: Alexander Rose
Date: February 21, 2026 1:35:47 am

To have demolished a wing of the White House, our most important and historic building of government, without historic review or planning is already a travesty. To move forward with a notional plan that is way out of scale and keeping with appropriate architectural (and not to mention security) standards, will be an embarrassment that our country will have to live with for at least decades. This is already a wasteful boondoggle, but I can only hope that sanity prevails, and the correct process of design and historic standards are implemented.

Name: Katharine Blaker
Date: February 21, 2026 1:38:40 am

I oppose funding for this monstrous action to “modernise” the East Wing which was initiated by Trump with complete disrespect for any legal processes, without any efforts to obtain permits etc, and which in doing so annihilates the precious history of the East Wing. I respectfully request that effort be made to restore the east wing in its original architectural form.

Name: Leighna Harrison
Date: February 21, 2026 1:54:29 am

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Name: Eugene Finnerty
Date: February 21, 2026 2:05:46 am

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Name: Sheri Tiner
Date: February 21, 2026 2:11:35 am

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Name: S Ramsden
Date: February 21, 2026 2:21:28 am

OBJECT. The proposal is excessive in scale and clearly harmful to the significance of such an important historic monument and the wider area. Not only does the proposal overwhelm the original historic building, its elevations are poorly composed and badly detailed. This is one of, if not the, most iconic buildings in America, and deserves to be treated with respect- not like this.

Name: Susan Hoysagk
Date: February 21, 2026 2:42:45 am

I absolutely oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO monstrous ballroom!

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dana Steinke
Date: February 21, 2026 2:43:18 am

I agree with a previous poster, who said "I oppose the spending of $400 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.". Please do not pander to this egomaniac bent on remaking history in his own image. American deserves better than this architectural abomination.

Name: Melinda Johnson
Date: February 21, 2026 2:51:05 am

I was horrified, as were many millions of other Americans, to see the East Wing of the People’s House being demolished out of hand. Not a by your leave, will these plans pass muster with the owners of this house, or any other necessary planning or permitting requirements for such major change to the White House.

Donald J. Trump is only a tenant, not the owner of this property. While the needs for a larger entertaining space may indeed be desired in this modern age, there are rules for making wholesale changes to this historic place. Nothing of the

history of the East Wing was considered or discussed with Congress or the public.

The 400 million dollar price tag seems way out of line with the cost and decoration of such a building and frankly the “private” donations for the construction point very strongly to yet another grift on the American people to enrich the President and his cronies. Perhaps he can park the Quatari 747 on the south lawn to complete the scene.

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt in the style of what it once was. If needs must, a ballroom, but also working spaces and a serious nod to the history of the structure minus the gold filigree and tawdry decorations.

Most importantly, the current administration needs to consult the owners of the White House - the people of the United States of America.

Thank you.

Name: Paul Bartoswixz
Date: February 21, 2026 3:02:42 am

I totally support this project. It is well past due that it happens. I think the rendition I have seen is beautiful and inspiring, well within the architectural designs of most government buildings on the city. Also the fact no public funds are being used should be an inspiration to the American people.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Danyelle Hord
Date: February 21, 2026 3:21:00 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Misty Rodriguez
Date: February 21, 2026 3:30:38 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Marcia Harris
Date: February 21, 2026 3:48:21 am

If this project continues, the White House will no longer represent me or any American. Stop it immediately.

Name: Jesse Moore
Date: February 21, 2026 3:55:52 am

The east wing of the White House has been demolished. It was done without proper authorization or an approved plan. It should be restored as much as possible to his original design.

Name: Juliette Grumley
Date: February 21, 2026 4:24:06 am

Thank you for insisting that this project follow the established process for making alterations to our national buildings.

No temporary resident of the White House should have the authority to make permanent changes to the exterior or interior that damages or destroys the historic integrity of the structure. Mr. Trump’s ballroom proposal is ostentatious and not in character with the rest of the White House. It should be stopped!

Name: Heidi Skolnik
Date: February 21, 2026 4:29:53 am

I am writing in opposition to the ‘East Wing Modernization Project.’ We Americans see the White House as a beloved symbol of our democracy and of the history of the USA. It is not a private property that can be changed at the whim of one person’s preference. The American people own the White House. The proposed project is out of scale and architecturally odd. The process to install this ballroom requires the involvement of the Congress of the United States, along with environmental and access reviews. Instead, the process has had, so far, the markings of a dictatorial approach, wholly in conflict with American ideals.
I hope you will do the right thing for Americans, those of us alive and those not yet born, and reject the ballroom as it is currently proposed. God bless America.

Name: Anita Henriquez
Date: February 21, 2026 4:49:49 am

Restore the size and shape of the original building with changes only to fit accessibility codes and modern. machinery and technology advances to make the offices more functional. No gold or glitter! No decorating with names or portraits of CURRENT occupants.

Name: Carol Darveau
Date: February 21, 2026 5:28:08 am

I oppose the ballroom project. This has not been approved by Congress, and is a waste of money.

Name: Anonymous Citizen
Date: February 21, 2026 5:51:40 am

I oppose the White House Ballroom renovation. It is unnecessary and too large. It overwhelms the rest of the building. It is not how we should be spending funds when so many people are in need, so many programs have been cut.

Name: Renee Baumunk
Date: February 21, 2026 5:54:14 am

Dear Folks with a heart:
Please. The ripping out of Jackie's roses was heart-wrenching enough. Please fix this travesty. Thank you.

Name: Lisa Moses
Date: February 21, 2026 6:00:12 am

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Debbie Lorentson
Date: February 21, 2026 6:16:21 am

This is an illegal act and not a modernization. I demand that the East Wung be rebuilt as it was. This is the people's house, not an oligarchs private property! What he has done is disrespectful to all United States citizens.

Name: Peggy Nichols
Date: February 21, 2026 6:20:50 am

This project needs to end now. This President seems to think he can do whatever he desires without any consequences. He did not go through the proper channels to tear down the East Wing. It is questionable whether there are actual donors for a ballroom that is not needed. The White House belongs to the people of the United States. It is not this President’s personal property to destroy.

The project was illegal from the time the first bull dozer started demolishing the East Wing. This President needs to be held accountable for what he illegally did. He must be stopped, fined and made to rebuild the East Wing exactly as it was at his own expense. No donations to rebuild the East Wing from his “donors” or sycophants. A message must be sent to this President that he cannot do whatever he wants without consequences.

Name: elissa Hanson
Date: February 21, 2026 6:23:18 am

Strongly oppose rebuilding what the dictator tore down. But if we have to rebuild it should be modest, energy efficient and fitted to house US AID offices so that program can be reinstated.

Name: Lora Shelton
Date: February 21, 2026 6:28:18 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lesley Carrell
Date: February 21, 2026 6:36:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: David Stewart
Date: February 21, 2026 6:37:30 am

As one who appreciates and deeply respects our nation’s historic buildings, I am outraged by the destruction of the East Wing of the White House and the gaudy construction of a ballroom.

To my knowledge, this plan was implemented without any consultation with the advisory boards and governing bodies, which makes it unlawful.

I urge you to use your authority to restore the East Wing to its original purpose and condition and to halt the construction of the ballroom. I further urge you to prosecute Donald J. Trump for his unlawful and despicable destruction of public and historic property.

Thank you.

David Stewart
Manhattan. KS

Name: Patricia Galloway
Date: February 21, 2026 6:37:36 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Heather Davis
Date: February 21, 2026 6:38:52 am

This project is not in line with the architectural design of the White House and is completely disproportionate. Plus it should not be a vanity project. The previous iteration of the East Wing should be rebuilt and there should be accountability for its destruction.

Name: Jill Barrick
Date: February 21, 2026 6:40:19 am

The current ballroom plans are excessively large and out of scale to the primary focus which should be the White House.

I request that a more balanced plan be developed that results in a tasteful, classy final building vs the current plan.

Name: Jason Tucker
Date: February 21, 2026 6:41:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Edwin helwig
Date: February 21, 2026 6:45:00 am

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Miller
Date: February 21, 2026 6:45:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Rogerson
Date: February 21, 2026 6:59:37 am

It was a travesty to begin with for the East Wing to be demolished. The exterior should be built back as was. I am not sure if the interior should be the same or updated. Trump & his administration should have no say whatsoever in anything that is done.

Name: Christine Matson
Date: February 21, 2026 7:05:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Yet another monument to our President’s monumental ego and self-aggrandizement would be evidence that all Americans are his sycophants. WE ARE NOT!!

Name: Laura Ruiz
Date: February 21, 2026 7:10:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kynda Houara
Date: February 21, 2026 7:10:38 am

The East Wing must be rebuilt, as it was, with the necessary modernization ADA, technical upgrades, etc. included. All plans for the completely unnecessary, abomination of a ballroom must be abandoned.

Name: Elaine Hitch
Date: February 21, 2026 7:13:50 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Joyce D'Auria
Date: February 21, 2026 7:15:13 am

I deplore this wanton, illegal destruction of an iconic historical public place.

Name: Margaret Danielson
Date: February 21, 2026 7:20:33 am

I am against the current proposed East Wing renderings. The scale overwhelms our country’s most iconic historic site.

Obviously, the East Wing must be rebuilt, but it can be done in a way that does not overwhelm our nation’s most iconic residence.

Respectfully,
Margaret Danielson
Dallas, Texas

Name: Ralph Van Inwagen
Date: February 21, 2026 7:27:00 am

Please require the East Wing to be restored to its original state to preserve our nation's White House historical prsence as it was.

Name: Theresa Young
Date: February 21, 2026 7:27:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is the destruction of American history. It was not started out of need or safety. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Andy Jacobson
Date: February 21, 2026 7:27:52 am

This is an abomination. A disgusting display or ego and avarice, a monument to bribes and corporate enrichment as a quid pro quo to a president who will violate the Constitution to attack anyone who doesn't bend to his will. It should be stoped immediately and a restoration if the illegally destroyed prior East Wing of the White House should begin poste haste.

Name: Jessica Cook
Date: February 21, 2026 7:31:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Cheryl McKeon
Date: February 21, 2026 7:39:08 am

As an American who honors and treasures the symbolism of our nation’s traditions and structures, I beg you to demand restoration of the East Wing of the White House, the People’s House, recently randomly obliterated. Thank you.

Name: Carol Webster
Date: February 21, 2026 7:45:56 am

I strongly oppose the current scope of and plans for this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and not only erases a building which has played an integral and important role in our nation’s government and history, but also destroys the esthetics of the people’s White House. I want this project canceled; no one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lee Stearns
Date: February 21, 2026 7:46:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: michele seagraves
Date: February 21, 2026 7:46:56 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done without any required approvals from national agencies. The US does not need a ballroom constructed in its place. The White House is THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE; it does not belong to Trump. Every other President has understood this.
In addition, the funding of this project has zero transparency. Given Trump's propensity to lie, our tax dollars are likely involved and should not be used for his vanity projects.

Name: Jackie Haney
Date: February 21, 2026 7:47:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Miriam Kilmer
Date: February 21, 2026 7:52:37 am

I agree with Anara Guard, who wrote: "
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Cherie Luke
Date: February 21, 2026 7:53:07 am

Put it all back the way it was. No ballroom!

Name: Mark Smith
Date: February 21, 2026 7:56:01 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carrie McGowan
Date: February 21, 2026 7:57:31 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I oppose taxpayer or private funding. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

I want those who demolished the East Wing without going through the proper procedures without the proper reviews to personally pay for the restoration. Not penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Nancy Mack
Date: February 21, 2026 7:59:35 am

What president donald trump has done and is planning to do to the White House are atrocities! The White House is a

national treasure, a magnificent building on the National Register of Historic Places and is the seat of our Democracy. Additionally, it is protected per the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act (law) and was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1960. Please follow the law. Please ignore the bullying attempts of a president who is a despot. As of February 2026, his national approval rating is approximately 42–43%, with a disapproval rating around 55–56%, and a net approval of about -12 to -13 points. Please stop the craziness! Please save our beloved White House.

Name: Daphne Philipson
Date: February 21, 2026 7:59:47 am

Stop the ballroom. It is an unnecessary expenditure. Restore the White House to where it was before. This was an atrocity.

Name: Darilyn Fenech
Date: February 21, 2026 8:03:38 am

I have lived and worked in historic districts most of my life. My grandparents and parents owned historic buildings. I truly believe the facade should NEVER be changed or removed, and in all States I have lived, that is the law! Even the paint color is controlled by the historic district board.
That said, I do not understand why we need a ballroom in the first place. I also do not understand how a historic building could be torn down without someone on the board STOPPING it. I think it should be rebuilt to original standing. The cost should be billed to the President. All of America has to go through historic boards and planning commissions. Seriously, does no one in Washington DC have to follow the rules of that the rest of us do? My family has to replace an exterior staircase on a 1905 building in CA. It has to be rebuilt in the original style. The siding on the building also has to stay in the original style and be replaced with redwood, the same wood we are taking down. It's expensive but has to stay in the historic facade it has always been since 1905. The White House is much more Historic than our building. Put it back to its original facade. Stick a little ballroom behind it out of view but leave the front alone. Just like the rest of us have to do! You are setting precedent that could destroy Historic buildings and Districts across America.
I vote to replace the original structure and facade.

Name: George Wisser
Date: February 21, 2026 8:04:43 am

There is a 2000 seat ballroom located one mile east of The White House, hosted by the National Building Museum. https://nbm.org/host-an-event/ It has hosted Presidential Inaugurations in the past.

Why do we need a lesser ballroom at The White House?

Name: Suzette Walker
Date: February 21, 2026 8:06:30 am

Please restore the East wing of the White House. Please DO NOT erect the gaudy ballroom that Trump wants. I visited the White House in the 80's and toured the White House entering through the East Wing. Wonderful memories touring during the Christmas season, Again please restore the East Wing. Also Jackie's Rose Garden.

Name: Stephanie Sulyma
Date: February 21, 2026 8:07:35 am

The East wing was torn down by Donald J. Trump without any permit, permission or public discussion. He did it without Congress, without the preservation board. He just ordered it to be down. Unilaterally. Like the White House is his personal house. It is NOT his house. He is a tenant. A tenant. And, like any other tenant who rents you cannot make changes without permission of the owner. And the owner of the White House is WE the people. He did not ask us before he demolished the East wing and the history that went along with it. This was wrong. It was illegal and we want it back. We want it replaced back to its original form. The White House is not his to do with as he pleases in his fever dreams. He needs to get back to working on the economy, on utility prices, on healthcare, on issues that mean something to we, the people NOT trying to remake the country in his distorted dictator-like dreams. . Putting gold filagree all over the White

House, his name on buildings, airports and train stations that he has nothing to do with. Putting larger than life banners up of his face on buildings that belong to us, we the people. His behavior ls not legal, moral or ethical and if congress is not willing to stand up to him and stop him it is up to us, we, the people. Stop this project and return the east wing to its original structure or the White House will be next. Thank you.

Name: Peter Kliegman
Date: February 21, 2026 8:07:42 am

The Intentional Humility of the People's House is a physical demonstration of the Government by the People to destroy it is to erase
democratic ideals and replace them with individual grandiosity. The plan is vulgar and beneath the dignity the People's House
deserves.
Peter H. Kliegman

I could not write it better so I quote the write below.

Zealan Hoover
Oct 26, 2025
I was dismayed this week by images of an excavator dismantling the East Wing of the White House to make way for Donald Trump’s new ballroom. Despite earlier assurances that the historic structure would not be meaningfully altered, the entire wing—home to first ladies and their staffs since Eleanor Roosevelt—was reduced to rubble in less than two days.

I spent years as a White House staffer, and I’ll be the first to admit: glamour was not part of the job. The ceilings were low, the hallways narrow, and paint often scuffed from the hundreds of events and thousands of visitors. When giving tours to family or visiting dignitaries, I’d caution that the building’s majesty was largely symbolic. It wasn’t Versailles; it was a dignified and understated center of American government.

Trump, whose life and brand have long been about shine and spectacle, was never likely to appreciate that modesty. One can understand his urge to tear it down and rebuild in 90,000 square feet of marble and gold leaf. But he misses something essential about the White House design: it kept its occupants humble.

That humility was built into its history. John Adams called it a “cold and damp house” when he and Abigail first moved in. Harry Truman’s family had to vacate altogether when the walls cracked and the floors sagged in the late 1940s; he later said living there felt like “staying in a very elegant jail.” Even Jackie Kennedy, who could have remade it into a glamorous reflection of Camelot, insisted, “Everything in the White House must have a reason for being there. It would be sacrilege merely to ‘redecorate’ it.”

The White House’s restraint has always served a purpose. The president is the only national official elected by everyone, but does not live in a fortress or palace. He lives in a house that belongs to the people. The trappings of power—Air Force One, the Marine Band, the legions of staffers—are balanced by a physical space that reminds whoever occupies it that authority in a republic is borrowed, not owned.

That modesty also speaks to the world. Foreign dignitaries who step inside encounter not mirrored halls but the quiet confidence of a country that knows its power on the global stage. Transforming it into a ballroom resort-style statement of grandeur turns self-assurance into insecurity. The world can tell the difference.

Washington itself was designed to convey that same democratic geometry. Pierre L’Enfant’s plan placed the Capitol on the hill, commanding the horizon, while the White House sat modestly off to the side. The layout reflected a civic hierarchy: Congress leads, the president serves, the courts balance. But as Congress has ceded more authority to the executive, it was perhaps inevitable that the architecture of executive restraint would give way to architecture of ambition.

At a moment when federal employees are working without pay, Medicare has been cut by billions, and energy costs are surging, it may seem frivolous to fixate on bulldozers. Yet the images of the East Wing’s destruction have struck a national nerve because they reveal something deeper. Democracy is not only about who holds power—it’s about how power carries itself. The historic White House, with its quirks and creaks, reminds its residents to stay grounded. A new one, glittering and grand, risks reminding the President only of himself.

Name: Teresa Narayan
Date: February 21, 2026 8:09:31 am

The current ballroom plans are too large in scale and need much more review I do not agree with then as is.

Name: Catherine K
Date: February 21, 2026 8:09:40 am

A horrible and heartbreaking abomination and horrible scar upon a treasured landmark.

Name: Kari Singleton
Date: February 21, 2026 8:11:53 am

I am opposed to the recently proposed structure for the new East Wing due to its lack of respect for the history of the site and scale of the existing buildings. It is monstrous, and needs to be scaled back in size. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. The public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.
Thank you.

Name: Catherine Hudgins
Date: February 21, 2026 8:15:15 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernisation Project. The razing of the East Wing was illegal, and should be criminally investigated. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, with the parties responsible for its destruction paying for the restoration. The White House belongs to all Americans.

Name: Brooke Alhanti
Date: February 21, 2026 8:16:46 am

Restore the East Wing with historical accuracy. No gaudy ballroom!

Name: David Fallin
Date: February 21, 2026 8:17:28 am

This is an absolutely disgrace. As an American citizen, a retired Navy Chief, and a tax payer that pays 6 figures in taxes to the federal government, I do NOT condone this or any other project that adheres to the whims of this corrupt dictatorship!

Name: Rachel Wood
Date: February 21, 2026 8:19:04 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Buffy Sevre
Date: February 21, 2026 8:21:49 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project. We do not need to spend $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing

of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elaine Jayne
Date: February 21, 2026 8:21:53 am

President Trump's ideas of grandeur are not only tasteless but destructive--case in point his East Wing plans. He has no sense of the historic heritage of our country, let alone the architectural beauty and symmetry of the White House as it was. I am distressed by his destruction, distressed by his grandiose plans. I hope legal action can stop this project and that the original wing can more or less be rebuilt.

Name: Elizabeth Gerron
Date: February 21, 2026 8:25:34 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. I would also like to see an investigation into how this project was allowed to proceed to the point of destroying the East Wing with no such approvals or authorizations in place. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stephanie Schuler
Date: February 21, 2026 8:26:35 am

If a federal project moves forward by skirting the established review process, that should concern everyone—regardless of where they fall politically. The National Capital Planning Commission exists for a reason: to ensure that development in Washington reflects long-term planning, public input, transparency, and respect for the historic character of the capital.

The East Wing project may or may not have merits on its own. But bypassing or minimizing NCPC oversight undermines the very safeguards designed to protect the integrity of federal land use decisions. Rules aren’t optional when they’re inconvenient. They’re the framework that keeps projects accountable, fiscally responsible, and publicly vetted.

If this project is sound, it should withstand full review. If it can’t, that’s precisely why the review exists. We should insist on adherence to established planning processes—not because we oppose development, but because process integrity matters.

Name: Marianne Chaffin Strickland
Date: February 21, 2026 8:26:37 am

Demolition of the historic East Wing was a malicious action and to replace it with a vulgar monstrosity that will dwarf the White House itself is unconscionable. We are a democracy and should not be building a monument to monarchial lavishness and extravagance that is inconsistent with the spirit of our nation. Any replacement should be in the same scale and style as what was criminally destroyed and should exhibit a restrained and humble rationality more consistent with what our country once did and should again be presenting to its citizens and the world.

Name: Margaret Hall
Date: February 21, 2026 8:28:31 am

I am opposed to construction of a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the Executive Mansion. The East Wing should not have been torn down.

Now that it has been torn down, any dining room built to "replace" it should be in character with the history and design of the Execuitve Mansion. The dining room should not overhwhelm the Mansion. if it must be built, it should be smaller in size and height.

Name: Renee Hughes
Date: February 21, 2026 8:31:16 am

To whom it may concern;

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Renée S Hughes

Name: Laura Young
Date: February 21, 2026 8:34:38 am

Dear National Trust,
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Sincerely,
Laura Young

Name: Kathleen Dimon
Date: February 21, 2026 8:36:57 am

This is an abhorrent abuse of power! As a legitimate and educated historic preservationist who has fought for the Section 106 rules and standards, I believe that the agencies responsible should set the requirements we are all required to adhere to, and that these agencies should have the strength to follow these standards and demand that the administration comply with them. One issue is forcing this administration to abide by NHPT standards in taxpayer- and public-funded properties. This MUST be addressed through legal or financial remedies to maintain these agencies' credibility and responsibility. Do not acquiesce! It is inconceivable that the people should not be heard and that a “Roman” monstrosity should not be allowed to dominate the White House grounds.

Name: Alice Sampe
Date: February 21, 2026 8:37:10 am

The proposed ballroom is not appropriate to the site. It is overwhelming in size, which detracts and minimizes the white house.
The east wing needs to be brought back to its original glory. If a ballroom gets built on that site it needs to be smaller, able to fit up to 500 people, and needs to be no taller than the white house. It should be named "We the People", to represent that it belongs to all of us just as the while house is called "the peoples house". It should absolutely not be named for the current president!

Name: Mary Burns
Date: February 21, 2026 8:37:41 am

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Name: Djuna Clark
Date: February 21, 2026 8:40:28 am

This proposed project is an absolute monstrosity. It is so wrong of Trump to tear down part of our White House and put up a tacky, hideous, unnecessary ballroom that overshadowes the historic building. It must be stopped! Also, solicitation of funds from the richest people in the country to build it is clearly a bribe. Please find a way to stop this horrendous construction.

Very truly yours,
Djuna Clark

Name: Mark Shepherd
Date: February 21, 2026 8:41:19 am

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Name: Charles Webster
Date: February 21, 2026 8:41:36 am

Although the need to modernize and update the East Wing is a great objective, destroying the character of our nation's capital and completely dwarfing the scale of the original White Huse seems like a decision that should be contemplated more holistically and have more collaboration on the outcome.

Name: Cara Finnegan
Date: February 21, 2026 8:41:41 am

As a concerned citizen and scholar of presidential communication, I write to express my outrage over the ways the Trump administration sidestepped formal processes to destroy part of the People’s House. The White House is a museum of the presidency and a federal workplace, not merely a personal home. I urge a stop to this so-called “modernization” project and a full investigation of the decisions that led to the East Wing’s unsupportable destruction.

Name: Elshna Weinflash
Date: February 21, 2026 8:45:43 am

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Seeking private donations to pay for this project does not address my concerns. It exacerbates a separate concern that access to the president is for sale.

Name: Jeff Reininger
Date: February 21, 2026 8:45:44 am

As an architect who has served on historic review boards, I oppose the proposed White House ballroom project due to its potential to irreversibly alter the historic character and architectural integrity of one of our nation’s most significant landmarks. Major interventions to historic properties require careful review, transparency, and meaningful public engagement. The advancement of this project without a thorough and clearly communicated review process undermines public trust. I am also concerned about the lack of transparency regarding funding sources, which raises legitimate ethical

questions. Given the widespread public opposition and other pressing national priorities, this project does not appear to reflect the will or best interests of the American people.

Name: Chadwick Boyd
Date: February 21, 2026 8:49:55 am

This ballroom is complete trash, and it’s unlawful. No American, especially in leadership, should be OK with this. My grandfather fought for the US and endured torture in German prison camps for our Constitutional rights. This illegal takedown and building of this ballroom degrades him and millions who fought and died for us. Shame on everyone allowing this to happen.

Name: Michael Shultz
Date: February 21, 2026 8:54:23 am

Dreadful. An absolute disgrace to the United States Taxpayers!!! Please stop this idiotic project now.
Sadly the history of our country will be tarnished forever.

Name: Denise Miller
Date: February 21, 2026 8:55:33 am

I do NOT agree with the East wing project. There was no approved plans or permits submitted. The White House is a house of the people and no one should be able to make dramatic decisions on what projects are done without the proper permission. I vote to rebuild the East wing back to what it was before Trump decided to build the foolish ballroom.

Name: Sara Baumgartner
Date: February 21, 2026 8:57:05 am

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- Sara Baumgartner

Name: M Angelo
Date: February 21, 2026 8:58:39 am

Please please please, remember Atlantic City

Name: Eleanor Owen
Date: February 21, 2026 8:59:04 am

Please reconsider the scope of this ballroom project. It is not in keeping with the scale or character of the original building. Any additions should be done with sensitivity and concern for aesthetics. As currently proposed this project shows neither.

Name: Stephan Hagemann
Date: February 21, 2026 8:59:35 am

It is disappointing that public input is only being meaningfully considered after irreversible changes have already been made to the people’s house. The White House belongs to the American public, and transparency around any alterations should be a baseline expectation — especially after repeated assurances that no work would harm the historic structure.

That said, the reconstruction of the East Wing presents an opportunity. If it is to be rebuilt, it should be done in a way that reflects both the dignity of the White House and the standards of 2026 — thoughtful, timeless, and architecturally coherent with the historic residence.

I do not object to replacing the temporary outdoor tents that have long been used for larger events. A permanent solution, if thoughtfully designed, could improve both functionality and continuity. My concern lies with the proposed scale, placement, and massing of the new structure. As presented, it appears to overpower the carefully proportioned classical composition of the White House — a building whose balance and restraint are essential to its architectural integrity and symbolic role in our democratic republic.

The renderings shared thus far suggest a level of ornamental maximalism that risks diminishing, rather than elevating, the building's character. The White House has always balanced grandeur with restraint. Guests — domestic and international alike — should experience a setting that reflects enduring American design values, not aesthetic trends that may quickly feel dated.

Equally concerning is the question of funding. Reports indicating that a significant portion of the project is being financed through private donations — with limited public disclosure regarding the sources and amounts — raise legitimate transparency concerns. When appropriated federal funds are replaced with opaque private financing for alterations to a protected historic structure, the public is entitled to full clarity. Any project of this magnitude should be accompanied by clear disclosure of who is contributing, how much, and under what terms, to ensure that public trust is preserved.

To borrow a property development analogy: when substantial work is undertaken but fails to enhance long-term value, it reflects personal taste more than institutional legacy. The White House deserves decisions made with its next century in mind — not the preferences of any single administration.

Name: Ray Booth
Date: February 21, 2026 9:00:10 am

I am architecturally trained… I have a respect and understanding of classical proportion and composition. This following is a grotesque and overdone non-proportionally correct design. It would be a travesty for it to represent what this country is composed of, and it's lack of humility and humbleness is more a reflection of the current administration rather than the people of this country I strongly protest against this structure.

Name: Donald Koch
Date: February 21, 2026 9:02:19 am

I am absolutely sick over the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of OUR White House, the People's House, of which Donald Trump is only a short term tenant. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Rumasuglia
Date: February 21, 2026 9:07:41 am

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Name: David Mann
Date: February 21, 2026 9:08:18 am

I have watched as the East Wing was demolished for this project and been dumbfounded. How can such changes be made

to the White House, the people’s house, and not be thoroughly vetted for approval. This administration’s arbitrary treatment of rules and process has gotten to the point where I cannot stay silent.
The renderings of the new addition are astounding in the size of this structure. This structure will visually affect the symmetry of the White House. Yes, changes have been made to the White House. But, none have been more “erasing” as those made by this administration. I will never forgive the destruction of the Rose Garden designed by Bunny Mellon during the Kennedy administration. To me that garden was a landmark that needed to be protected.
Please push for a close examination of this project and future projects to historic buildings. Please place an injunction on the future construction until proper meetings have been conducted to consideration of the ramifications this project will ignite. I feel that we have a leader who does as he wishes without seeking permission first.
Hold him accountable and protect our landmarks…

Name: Concerned Citizen
Date: February 21, 2026 9:10:43 am

As a regular US citizen, watching the unexpected demolition of the East Wing of the People's House was very heartbreaking. Modernizations to the People's House is expected and normal but the current proposal to rebuild is as disturbing as the demolition. I expect US leadership to respect centuries of US tradition in proceeding in a thoughtful manner to any changes to the architectural integrity of the White House. The current path is anything but that. Dwarfing the White House in size with a meeting hall that is enormous as currently proposed is not the most thoughtful design. For a renovation or construction project of this magnitude a great deal of thought should go into the design and construction. This is my expectation as a tax paying citizen of the United States of America.

Name: Clara Guerrero
Date: February 21, 2026 9:11:46 am

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Name: Regan Wood
Date: February 21, 2026 9:13:54 am

The East Wing should never have been demolished and it is a great loss to our country. However, clearly now, the East Wing must be rebuilt in a way that honors the current White House architecture and scale. An elegant event space would be an excellent addition. But not at a grandiose scale that overwhelms and diminishes the most historic and iconic residence in our nation.
This is the people’s house. Proper protocols should be followed. Please do not approve these plans.

Name: Anne Kiefer
Date: February 21, 2026 9:14:49 am

Dear Trustees and Staff.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice our feelings about the People's House.

President Trump's callous disregard for the norms and institutions that protect our historic landmarks and national parks is an outrage. In this instance, Trump steamrolled over the mandated reviews by the NCPC, the CFA, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Congress to push his vision for a monstrous, unneeded addition to the White House campus. To add insult to injury, he lied to the American public about his intention to preserve the East Wing before bulldozing it to rubble.

I do not support the construction of a 90.000 square foot ballroom paid for by billionaires who trade their money for preferred treatment by a president who will use the space to preen in front of his wealthy cronies and foreign heads of state.

I demand that this project be stopped altogether, or at least be halted until a full review by the above mentioned entities - the NCPC, the CFA, NEPA, and Congress.

Thank you,
Anne Kiefer

Name: Cristee Ellis
Date: February 21, 2026 9:18:40 am

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The thing that is impersonating a president needs to be held accountable and put in prison for crimes against the country and more specifically, the constitution.

Name: Aaron Kirchner
Date: February 21, 2026 9:19:10 am

The White House is a masterclass in neoclassical restraint. Any addition should demonstrate fluency in that vocabulary — scale, rhythm, materiality. This design feels architecturally tone-deaf, prioritizing statement over stewardship. When working with a building of this symbolic weight, subtlety isn't optional — it's the standard.

This isn't contextual design — it's architectural cosplay. The White House deserves continuity and rigor, not a pastiche that flattens its historic authority.

Name: Ann Steadman
Date: February 21, 2026 9:19:59 am

Dear sirs/madams
I am wholeheartedly opposed to the size & scope of the East Wing expansion project and wish to make my voice heard. I agree w the NPHS that a larger ballroom is needed and that tented solutions of the past are probably inadequate. However, reports indicate that the proposed size of the EW would seat 1000 +\-. That seems completely unnecessary. Further, the visual size and magnitude of the current administration's plans — seemingly without architectural review, edits, support, and/or approval — dwarfs the size of the central White House and the West Wing and needs to be reconsidered. Thank you for your work to support fine and historic architecture. Let's hope better judgement can prevail. Yours truly.

Name: Kayley NAMMARI
Date: February 21, 2026 9:21:26 am

I, a citizen and Army veteran of the United States, vehemently oppose the grandiose scale of the East Wing's ballroom.

Name: James Hobbs
Date: February 21, 2026 9:21:45 am

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write in strong opposition to the proposed ballroom addition to the White House East Wing.

I believe this proposal poses serious risks to the architectural integrity, historic landscape, and symbolic clarity of the White House. The White House is not merely a residence or event venue; it is a carefully evolved composition of architecture, landscape, and national memory. Its power lies in restraint, proportion, and continuity. Introducing a large-scale ballroom addition to the East Wing would disrupt the delicate balance between the Executive Mansion and its

surrounding grounds.

The East Wing has historically functioned as a secondary, service-oriented structure that defers visually and symbolically to the main house. Expanding it into a prominent ceremonial facility risks shifting that hierarchy and altering long-established sightlines and spatial relationships that define the White House campus. Even if designed in a compatible style, the sheer scale and programmatic intensity of a ballroom would fundamentally change how this historic complex operates and is perceived.

Major alterations to nationally significant civic architecture must meet an exceptionally high threshold of necessity and public benefit. In this case, the functional desire for a larger event space does not outweigh the long-term cost to architectural coherence, historic authenticity, and cultural meaning.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject this proposal and instead encourage solutions that preserve the integrity, scale, and symbolism of one of the nation's most important civic landmarks.

Sincerely,
James Hobbs

Name: Meredith Oram
Date: February 21, 2026 9:22:26 am

The White House has long been "The People's House" - temporarily housing the sitting President. Historically it has never become "The President's House," to do with whatever he wishes. Therefore destruction of part of the soul of that sacred space at the hands of one sitting President without vote or consideration of the voices of the people of our nation is unjust. Permitting this project to continue, particularly at the scale of which is planned, needs to be reevaluated and halted immediately. Thank you for considering the voices of the many American people who are adamantly opposed to this project, rather than the orders of one.

Name: Bethany Khan
Date: February 21, 2026 9:24:50 am

The proposed ballroom design is entirely out of line in terms of scale and placement, diminishing the heart of our nations presidential residence and iconic drive, which should remain at its core.

The size of accommodation for seating should be questioned and not to seat more than 400. There are other venues appropriate for a gathering of a larger scale and there is no precedent that justifies the demand for this size.

The White House should be taken most seriously as a place representative of our democracy. The due process of this review holds those responsible for reviewing accountable for ensuring this symbolic place remains respected and preserved, and see that this unjustly, disrespectful proposal is not approved as proposed.

Name: Huong Nguyen
Date: February 21, 2026 9:25:19 am

The ballroom is a travesty and a waste of money. It's bad enough he tore down the East Wing with no approval. He's using the ballroom project to grift money. The construction will be disgusting, wildly oversized, and tacky. We should be restoring the East Wing, not building a gaudy and unnecessary ballroom. The White House belongs to the people of the country, not to this stupid and lawless administration. It's not your personal palace!

Name: Cheryl Richardson
Date: February 21, 2026 9:25:20 am

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Name: Marianne Brown
Date: February 21, 2026 9:26:44 am

The scale of this project looks totally out of proportion to the White House. It is not a thoughtful design meant to enhance the existing historical building. I am appalled at the lack of taste this design illustrates.

Please do not allow this poor design to become a reality. This is no more than a spectacle meant to glorify the current administration and does not honor our country's history in any way.

Marianne Brown

Name: Allison Yorra
Date: February 21, 2026 9:27:56 am

Thank you for allowing the public to comment (finally). As a resident of DC and a "neighbor" to the WH, I feel the need to speak up.
First, I am not opposed to a ballroom for state dinners, etc. It appears it is needed. What I find deeply disturbing is the blatant disregard in demolishing the PEOPLE'S HOUSE without consulting the people! The WH is ours collectively and the process to renovate, such as this one, albeit late, was completely ignored. The audacity of this action is beyond comprehension!

In addition, I find the renderings to be gaudy, elitist and distasteful. And again, without public comment.
I'm not sure what opening up this forum to comments now will do, as nothing will change (imo).
If there is a chance for review, please...enough with the gold and marble. It screams 'I'm rich and tasteless!"
Thank you.

Name: Cheryl Peach
Date: February 21, 2026 9:28:13 am

Why does one person have the right to destroy a precious piece of our history? The destruction of the East Wing was not modernization, it was a vicious act without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. I OPPOSE SPENDING $300 MILLION ON THIS. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law. Proceeding without penalizing those who broke the law is a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans.

Please do not let this proceed.

Sincerely,
Cheryl A. Peach

Name: Amy Ramirez
Date: February 21, 2026 9:29:50 am

I value the role of the NCPC and would like to share my strong concerns re: the East Wing project. The ballroom design has not been given proper consideration of size/scale/sense of place and history by the applicants. I urge you to take action in right-sizing this project to accommodate the objective of building a permanent entertainment space but with practical and tasteful restraint and protection of historic design on the White House campus.

Name: Margaret Clancy
Date: February 21, 2026 9:30:27 am

I oppose the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. The destruction of the East
Wing was unauthorized. STOP construction now and restore the East Wing.

Name: June Brandsma
Date: February 21, 2026 9:34:49 am

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Name: James Youngblut
Date: February 21, 2026 9:34:49 am

The new ballroom is too big proportionally to the White House residence. It's not necessary to have it be this large, tents used for dinners in the past did not hold nearly 1,000 people. It looks like a tacky convention center.

Name: Sarah Beisheim
Date: February 21, 2026 9:37:48 am

The proposed ballroom project is being conducted without proper, mandated oversight and without transparency required by law. There is no excuse or justification for this administration's refusal to seek proper authorization and to hide information about funding sources. Apart from this clearly illegal approach, the project is an obscene waste of funds at a time when ordinary Americans are being squeezed by illegal tariffs and impacts from illegal CBP and ICE activities in their communities. The administration's grab-by-force tactics that resulted in demolishing the East Wing without proper procedures and runs rampant through all of their actions must be stopped.

Name: Dana McDowell
Date: February 21, 2026 9:39:23 am

The size and scale of the new East Wing project, which includes the proposed ballroom, dwarfs the massing of the historic residence. It also disregards and alters the historic landscape, including the elliptical drive. The White House should not be subjected to this over the top display of insecurity and overcompensation. The design plan includes a new garden space adjacent to the proposed building, but is inferior to the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden which was senselessly removed. The White House is not one man's home. It is a symbol for the American people and it should not be ruined for the ego of one administration.

Name: Marianne Hanley
Date: February 21, 2026 9:42:21 am

this design is an abomination in scale,void of demonstrable need, and indicates the subservience of the White House to an entertainment space which is on all levels unnecessary ;it is obvious that its conception is directly related to the attention-getting obsession of the current "host". Aside from the constant trend in his proposals and his business life of oversized grandiosity,he has no right to impose his vision of this and other structures upon the people's Capitol statement. Like everything he does, it reflects a desperation of "look at my legacy" which of course we are already saturated with the stain of it. Nothing observable should ever be changed without the input reflecting the will of the people. The man's vision reeks of "monstrosity". If he insists on an overblown "ballroom" it could be made at the old post office, definitely away from the contiguous space of the White House' statement of purpose design and proportion. The way in which he has gone about forcing this upon the space is deceitful and unforgiveable.

Name: Nancy Lewis
Date: February 21, 2026 9:45:46 am

I object to the proposed new East Wing design for the White House. The new design is too big and destroys the historic setting of the people's house, the White House. Any new design plan should require a formal review of the choice of

architects as well as new design plan. This new addition does not respect the landscape and is ill conceived. I object to my tax dollars being used for this Trump vanity project.

Name: Lynn Filipski
Date: February 21, 2026 9:45:51 am

As a historian and preservationist, I am appalled at the plans for the East Wing. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people. The President of the United States is a temporary occupant and did not have the power to alter or destroy a landmark without proper review. The 90,000 square foot ballroom is almost double the size of the Executive Residence and so out of scale to the original structure that it dwarfs anything near it.

The story of America is the story of a democracy. The story of the proposed structure is more suited for a King or autocracy. No one on the Commission should vote for this project in its current form and should be deeply concerned at the lack of procedures followed as well as the funding that smacks of influence peddling.

Name: Joy Magowan
Date: February 21, 2026 9:46:12 am

Hello,

I am dismayed at what is happening with regard to the destruction of the East Wing and the buildilng of the ballroom. The people of the United States do not need or want this style of architecture that tries to mimic a European Versailles. We are not a nation of immense buildings with gaudy displays of marble and gold. We are a nation of hard-working people who want an official space that is a building with simple quiet elegance reflecting the beauty of our country, something we can all feel proud of. The proposed plans for the ballroom reflect some type of an imperial government, a complete contradiction to what the United States is supposed to be about, nothing to feel proud of.

The idea of needing a larger space for important events is not the problem, but the size and style of this proposed ballroom is a problem. The proposed plan is a monstrosity, reflecting an imagined notion of grandeur, but in reality looking simply tacky.

I know this comment probably will not matter to the people in charge, but in the United States, we supposedly are allowed to express out concern. I cannot do much, but I can do that.

Joy Magowan

Name: Kristina Windom
Date: February 21, 2026 9:46:40 am

While I appreciate the opportunity to comment on "the people's house" it falls upon deaf ears -as the project is already underway and this is the biggest issue about this "project." I do not live in DC anymore for various reasons but it is sad to watch my birth city rebrand in to a moat.

Name: Valerie Straight
Date: February 21, 2026 9:47:05 am

Dear Sir/Madam,
Please consider the scope and size of the proposed project will dwarf the existing structure.
I believe this is a questionable project from ascetics to funding and in the brash fashion the former East Wing was torn down.
To believe the funding is a “gift “ with no strings attached is naive. To believe that one man has the right to fire existing experts and caretakers and replace them with his hand picked friends is borderline criminal, in my opinion.
It is not too late to mitigate the damage. I ask that this massive project be reduced in size, redesigned as is fitting to make the buildings look as if they belong together.
Thank you for the opportunity to participate, and voice my opinion.

Respectfully,
Valerie Straight

Name: Charlotte Soriano
Date: February 21, 2026 9:48:44 am

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Name: Elizabeth Fabel
Date: February 21, 2026 9:49:43 am

In January 2025 I traveled to Bucharest. The city, even on a sunny winter day, shouldered a dark shadow. Nicolae Ceausescu's edifices to his own ego--both those completed like the parliament building and those abandoned like the museum to communism--oppress this city and its people, its history, its present, its future. 13 months ago I hurried to the train to Ruse, so relieved to be leaving this sad city that cannot shake the dictator, dead for decades, who holds the place, still, in his fist. And now it is me who cannot shake the fist of a dictator--this one in my own country.

Name: Maribeth Mills
Date: February 21, 2026 9:50:22 am

The proposed East Wing Modernization project raises serious concerns from a preservation, sustainability, and design perspective. If a portion of the White House can be demolished, it sets a troubling precedent for all historic resources. Our country's preservation record is already fragile; weakening protections at the highest level sends the wrong message about the value we place on our built heritage.

Historic structures are nonrenewable resources. Demolition erases our tangible connection to the past. It sends high quality building materials to our landfills. And it opens the doors to more destruction. The East Wing embodied decades of history—including significant chapters in women’s history—and reflected a level of craftsmanship and material quality that cannot be replicated.

From an architectural standpoint, the proposed infill design is incompatible with its historic context. Its scale and massing, in relation to both the White House and the West Wing, will disrupt the carefully balanced composition that has been thoughtfully and legally adapted through countless administrations.

Approving this project creates a slippery slope—not only does it condone the demolition of the East Wing but opens the door for future alterations at the White House and potentially at other historic federal buildings. Decisions made here will reverberate far beyond a single wing.

Preservation is not about resisting progress. It is about stewarding irreplaceable resources responsibly while finding solutions that meet modern needs. We should expect modernization efforts at the White House to reflect the highest standards of preservation practice and design excellence. This does not.

Name: Paul Scott
Date: February 21, 2026 9:52:42 am

Hello, my name is Paul Justin Scott and I’ve lived in the United States my entire life.

I am very concerned about what is going on with the White House. I have loved and followed and respected the historic importance of this building. I am not happy with the new plan. And I think you can do better with our first home. Please do not destroy more. By building something so large. On something so great. Thank you.

Name: Michael Arsham
Date: February 21, 2026 9:53:01 am

Donald Trump should not be permitted to continue demolition of the East Wing or construction of a ballroom. He should reimburse and reverse the damage that has already been done. The White House is the people's house, and should not be altered with disregard for the people. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Connie Gore
Date: February 21, 2026 9:53:28 am

What has happened to the White House is a travesty. I personally believe the East Wing should be rebuilt to its previous design. The proposed ballroom is far too big and should not over-shadow the White House, the Peoples' House. The East Wing has served the project well. If more space is needed, I'm sure a design that is approved through the proper channels can be achieved without it over-shadowing the White House.

Name: Bethany Clifford
Date: February 21, 2026 9:57:25 am

I strongly oppose the $300 million being spent on this project, which began without proper authorization, permits, or a formal design review. This is not a modernization effort; it is the destruction of a piece of American history. I call for the project to be halted and for the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its original design. No one is above the law, and allowing this to continue without holding those responsible accountable would be an insult to every law-abiding American.

Name: Tom Riker
Date: February 21, 2026 9:59:56 am

As a principal owner of an interior design firm with a masters degree in architecture, I want to convey my dismay at the plan for the White House expansion and new ballroom. The scale of the addition is totally out of context and dwarfs the house which is the main purpose of this building. I also feel strongly feel that any addition to the White House needs to go through a thorough review process by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and other governing bodies that are unbiased and not full of Trump appointees.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Kimberly DePerno
Date: February 21, 2026 10:01:11 am

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my concern about the scale of the proposed East Wing ballroom. Bigger is not better. The ballroom should be designed with the scale of the White House in mind. It should not dwarf the White House in size. I thank you for pushing for proper size and scale that enhances rather than detracts.

Sincerely,
Kimberly DePerno

Name: Lawrence Gordon
Date: February 21, 2026 10:03:26 am

The size and scale of the proposed addition of a ballroom dwarfs the neighboring White House in a manner that is disrespectful and deliberate.

Name: Patty Powell
Date: February 21, 2026 10:04:02 am

As a US Citizen, I’m so upset about what President Trump did to the East Wing without permission! The White House is the people’s house! I don’t think a 90000 square foot ballroom is necessary, and it will overpower the White House. Please don’t allow this obnoxious structure to be built; instead restore the East wing as it was.

Thank you.

Name: Julie Collins
Date: February 21, 2026 10:06:19 am

I am writing in opposition of this entire project, but unfortunately it’s well underway at this point so what I am asking for is that you actually take your time look at the design and push back to make sure that the project is actually something that represents the United States of America in a timeless and classic way. These are our tax dollars at work and I think it’s very important that you follow the process and the procedures that are set up to ensure this design is as it should be. Please do not cave to bullies. It’s important as this is our legacy.

Name: Sue O’Connell
Date: February 21, 2026 10:07:51 am

I am disheartened by the proposed massive design of the new White House Ballroom. Please consider the history, design and aesthetic as part of this renovation. It should be built as a enhancement to our nation’s beautiful and historical home, not an ugly, massive, unnecessary appendage.

Name: Kathy Edmonston
Date: February 21, 2026 10:09:25 am

The White House and this building area 'the People's House' and do not belong to one President to build or rebuild in his image.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The East Wing was torn down without proper permission or procedures. Let's not rebuild it to overshadow the White House and be the dominant structure there.

Name: Willie Daniely
Date: February 21, 2026 10:18:27 am

This project is a national embarrassment. Not only does this addition, not fit the parcel, architecturally. It is a disgrace to the beauty of Washington DC. This is erasure of history.

Name: Stephanie Misar
Date: February 21, 2026 10:20:15 am

The proposed ballroom and demolition of the East Wing without going through the proper channels before taking action is an affront to history, sustainability, structure, protocol and the citizens of the United States. Not only did my heart shatter as I saw the machinery taking down the former East Wing but I could not understand how someone could be so callous and condescending to the historic structure to which a President is only a visitor and typically protects. As someone who lived in the DC area for 22 years, it is unfathomable that this has transpired. It is also ignorant for

something that is drastically out-sizing the White House itself to be proposed, let alone intended to be built. It will overwhelm the area and it does not meet the standards and time honored protocols initiated to ensure The People's House and structures owned by the American public are protected and stewarded for generations to come. Renovations, demolition and new builds must follow the chain of command and get the correct approvals, buy-in and review of experts and expert organizations and Congress before they are started. Involving outside companies in the financing goes against the very principles the country stands for. Our government is not pay for play and we do not involve corporate dollars in the creation of our structure because it is an obvious conflict of interest.

Name: Jodi Horwitz
Date: February 21, 2026 10:20:29 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

The fact that this needs to be brought up points out the obvious problem- we are giving in to a person who does not represent our country or its people.
This house belongs to the American people NOT one individual.

Name: Patrick Farmer
Date: February 21, 2026 10:20:29 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House to facilitate the construction of a large "Ballroom" appears to solely gratify the self-adoration of the occupant at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. No consideration of the owners, the American people, nor the property manager, the National Park Service, was considered. I am extremely negative on this desecration of a national treasure.

Name: Keir Howell
Date: February 21, 2026 10:20:55 am

I am writing in strong opposition to this project. Contrary to Trump's statement that it is too late to go back, he and anyone involved in tearing down the East Wing need to be held responsible for their illegal and reckless actions and be made to rebuild the White House as it once stood at their expense. They need to be held accountable for going ahead without authorization, permits, or design review and not encouraged to continue to do whatever they please regardless of legality, constitutionality, or the will of the people our government is meant to represent.

Name: Anne Kenney
Date: February 21, 2026 10:22:17 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Diane Borgic
Date: February 21, 2026 10:22:19 am

Rebuilding of the East Wing must conform to prior rules and regulations for design in keeping with the historical design of the White House. It must not be as large or larger than the existing White House. Its style must match the style of the White House. President Trump's plans are not acceptable.

Name: Susan Tsu
Date: February 21, 2026 10:22:55 am

As a teacher and theatrical designer, I hold in deep regard the significance of historic buildings and monuments that teach us about the values our country has been built upon. Like many others, a visit to the White House as a school child sealed in me a respect for our Democracy and the Presidents and their wives who led our country throughout the ages. The East Wing was much more than bricks and mortar, it represented the stability of our nation, ongoing respect for our elected leaders, and what was good and cherished within our nation. A walk through the White House, rose garden, and Kennedy Center allowed us to honor our past, to remember the hopes, dreams and wisdom of great leaders, to gain strength from them, and to be gifted with impactful experiences bequeathed to us by those leaders.

The destruction of the East Wing, rose garden and potentially of the Kennedy Center has left me in unspeakable pain. I cannot help but think that our current President is relishing the optics of what he and his First Lady have done as a show of dominance and power, for this President seeks to sow destruction of a government Of the People, For the People and By the People. Those who claim that the destruction of the East Wing was necessary in order to build a much needed ballroom in order to be able to entertain world leaders as other countries do, have ignored the fact that a part of our nation's soul has been ripped out for the sake of "keeping up with the Joneses." Shame on them.

Name: Emily Wick
Date: February 21, 2026 10:27:12 am

Please do not allow the design Trump has submitted to add that monstrosity of a ball room to the White House. The historical significance of the house will be forever tainted with addition. It does not add anything but a tacky look to the people's home and is a terrible design concept.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Wesley Hedgepeth
Date: February 21, 2026 10:28:20 am

This proposal is embarrassing. The White House is an iconic structure known to the world perhaps more than most other structures. The proposed ballroom extension is way too large and offensive. The distortion it creates in the house’s and approach road’s symmetry is ugly and the entire structure will be out of balance. Please vote no on this plan and advocate for a smaller, more reasonable East Wing.

Name: Linda Short
Date: February 21, 2026 10:28:26 am

To Whom It May Concern:

This project has gotten completely out of hand.
The idea that there is needed a ballroom in the White House at this cost, is an absolute waste of American taxpayers' money. The excess and extravagance of this project is abhorrent. While cutting health care for millions, and all the "belt-tightening" that we've been expected to do, for the White House to be so garishly remodeled is unthinkable. The White House should not be an example of political greed, and a sensible approach to updating the structure is what the American people need and expect.
Thank you.

Name: Martin Torres
Date: February 21, 2026 10:28:38 am

I'm a licensed structural engineer and have worked on many big, beautiful projects, just how the president likes it. The east wing modernization project is ugly, abhorrent, and will ensure the US is the laughing stock of the world for many years to come. Terrible aesthetic decisions; doesn't fit with the White House at all; completely unnecessary; and a huge waste of money. It's never too late to cancel the project.

Name: Curtis Spencer
Date: February 21, 2026 10:29:05 am

This is an atrocity on every level from one on the most vulgar and corrupt administration in our history. The White House belongs to no one but We The People. It is our history and one of our most iconic symbols.

The way this was done, only emphasizes the crass and disgraceful character of the current administration.

If in fact the East Wing needed an upgrade or there was a need for a larger event space - there is a procedure to follow which was blatantly ignored.

Please put on the brakes and save our beautiful house.

Sincerely,
Curtis S.

Name: Sue Browning
Date: February 21, 2026 10:30:57 am

As an American I am delighted to support the White House State Ballroom! This project is long overdue and will be a grand addition to the White House as well as a credit to the greatness of America and her exceptional people.

Name: Herbert Acevedo
Date: February 21, 2026 10:32:34 am

The scale and design grossly overwhelms The White House. A reduction in size to accommodate 400 people would be sufficient and a more gentle design would defer attention to The White House.

Name: sabrina chacon
Date: February 21, 2026 10:32:59 am

I respect the need for an indoor ballroom and have not been opposed to the overall idea. However the scope and size of the proposed design is inappropriate and simply a poor choice that destroys the overall exterior architecture. I agree with those that say having seating for 650-900 people makes it appear more like a convention hall. Please scale back the plans and respect this most treasured of landmarks and it's architecture.

Name: Sharon Allen
Date: February 21, 2026 10:33:30 am

The destruction of the East Wing is a travesty! And probably illegal. A ballroom is nothing more than a vanity project. Halt any planning or building of this ballroom and re-build the East Wing. In addition, is there a way to keep him from plastering his name on other buildings, etc.? None of this is his property—it is the people’s property.

Name: Neal Blevins
Date: February 21, 2026 10:39:11 am

Hello:

While I understand the need for a dedicated space to host larger events at the White House, this proposed ballroom is not the best option. The scale overwhelms the current Executive Mansion. It dominates the property. It’s simply too large and too palatial. The White House is a beautiful mansion that reflects America’s democracy, which is a republic. The size and stylistic codes of the proposed ballroom are in keeping with a monarchy, a palace.

I sincerely hope that the design is rethought and redesigned to be in keeping with the notes I mentioned.

Thank you.

Name: Ayla Sardar
Date: February 21, 2026 10:39:17 am

How is it possible to cause so much irreversible damage
Without any mechanism to hold reviews of the intent and process ? Placing a street light on a house in Greenwich village has more reviews and safe guards .
I do not agree with the design nor do I agree with the abnegation of process for the plans to add to the White House

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Name: Jean Steinbrecher
Date: February 21, 2026 10:39:33 am

I oppose spending $300 million on a project which was initiated without proper permits,authorizations, and design review.
Moving forward the East Wing should be restored.
Thank you

Name: David Price
Date: February 21, 2026 10:40:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Shaun Goldfarb
Date: February 21, 2026 10:42:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Starrett Zenko
Date: February 21, 2026 10:43:15 am

Hello,

As a trained interior designer, I am deeply concerned with the proposed project. The scale is so monstrous and out of proportion to the historic White House. I am also concerned about the manner in which this is being pushed through without any consideration or consent. It’s illegal and an insult to all patriots who love our country.

Sincerely,
Starrett Zenko

Name: Michelle Bowers
Date: February 21, 2026 10:43:46 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Taylor
Date: February 21, 2026 10:44:21 am

For a building that is used for state visits and irregular events, the footprint is too large. Cut it in half. The project is just another egotistical attempt to glorify the executive. I don't like it.

Name: Jessie Emery
Date: February 21, 2026 10:45:58 am

I hate the loss of scale this project will bring and the manner in which it was handled (destroy first ask permission later), however the USA does need something better than tents and port a potties for state dinners. Maybe for the sake of scale the West Wing should also be rebuilt more consistent with the new East Wing Ballroom Bunker extravaganza? The "House" part really should be smaller than the working part of the complex, which has to accommodate staff and reporters. They would have to preserve the Oval Office itself because too much history would be lost without it. That could result in renewed scale and a West Wing that could better serve the needs of this current and future administrations.

Name: Clarke Conant
Date: February 21, 2026 10:46:51 am

I oppose this project because:

1. It is an insult to democratic values. The president is a citizen, not an imperial emperor, and his/her house should be more 10 Downing Street than Versailles.

2. It is a garish affront to the aesthetics of a national landmark.

3. It is a waste of money.

4. It belongs to me, a taxpayer.

Clarke Conant
Davis, CA

Name: Sarah Shrader
Date: February 21, 2026 10:48:30 am

Please stop this! I oppose what Trump is doing to America in every sense including the Wast wing!

Name: Constance Kiesel
Date: February 21, 2026 10:51:12 am

The destruction of the original east wing was an unauthorized and irreversible devastation to the people's house and trust. This proposed ballroom is gaudy, excessive, and unnecessary. If constructed It would forever be a symbol of the selfish arrogance of one man and a shame to our nation. It is not America first! It is fraud! It is waste! It is abuse! Abolish the notion.

Name: Howard Freed
Date: February 21, 2026 10:53:49 am

Please STOP the President Trump ballroom. It is too big and out of character with the rest of the White House.

Name: Anne King
Date: February 21, 2026 10:57:40 am

Please halt the East Wing modernization project. As it is presently proposed, the mass and overall scale of the project dwarfs the historic “people’s house” and Olmsted Brothers landscape design.

Any redesign of a national treasure and symbol of democracy demands time, expertise, and public scrutiny, and should not be subject to the whims of a single executive.

Respectfully,
Anne R. King
Greenville, SC

Name: Allison Bainbridge
Date: February 21, 2026 10:58:44 am

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
It is heartbreaking to see the photos of the destroyed East Wing, and to think that future generations will not get to see the White House as it was intended and originally built “as the people’s house” but instead a golden palace built by a would be king.

Name: Shelly Trenchard
Date: February 21, 2026 10:59:13 am

I am a UNITED STATES Citizen and I whole heartedly DO NOT APPROVE of a ballroom that WE THE PEOPLE were never allowed in a VOTE ON.
I Do APPROVE of The East Wing being rebuilt with modernization and slightly bigger to hold larger venues.
My Money and that of other Tax Payers know this ballroom is a complete and utter waste of taxpayer dollars.
Someone who says down with the SWAMP has created the LARGEST KNOWN SWAMP IN D.C. that has ever existed.

Name: Helen Gaul
Date: February 21, 2026 11:00:55 am

After having seen many renderings of the huge ballroom project on the White House grounds, I believe the project to be of such proportions as to totally eclipse the beautiful and historic White House. Any President is just a caretaker of the White House, and a project of this magnitude is totally without precedent. In addition, the current occupant of the White House has stacked the various entities which need to approve the plans with his chosen cronies, so obviously they will follow his bidding and approve the terrible plans.
I do hope that the suit filed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will prevail, and sound judgement will be rendered by the courts to keep this project from advancing and totally changing the appearence of the White House grounds. I also belive that he did not have the right to tear down the East Wing without gaining approvals from the proper agencies.
Thank you - Helen Gaul

Name: Richard Crossin
Date: February 21, 2026 11:01:12 am

I am writing to address President's Trump's unauthorized destruction of the East Wing and his intent to "modernize" the historic White House by adding a 90,000 (!) sq. ft. "ballroom".

The whole idea stinks, starting with his unilateral destruction without notice, of a substantial portion of "The People's House'. Mr. Trump needs to be reminded that he is a temporary tenant, not the owner of the White House. He should be made personally liable for the cost of restoring the historic East Wing.

His idea of creating a bloated and unnecessary "ballroom" also stinks. What public purpose will it really serve? None. Because none of us will ever be invited there or be able to make use of it. None, because it will not serve to promote the country's best interests but to serve the vanity of the person who wants it built. By all accounts and if the past is any indication, it will be gaudy, ahistoric and a tawdry monument to a very, very small man. He and this nonsensical project must be stopped.
Richard Crossin

Name: Abby Madeiros
Date: February 21, 2026 11:02:30 am

I regret that the East Wing and all of it's historical value was demolished without public consent. It is the PEOPLE's house, not the sitting president's and as such, only the PEOPLE should be able to decide how it is refurbished.

I do not approve of any renovations going forward that outsize the current White House. I do not approve of any renovations that are NOT approved by a committee chosen by THE PEOPLE, not appointed by the sitting president.

This is not how we should be treating our historical buildings.

Do NOT approve of any further work.

Name: Stephanie Danesie
Date: February 21, 2026 11:03:13 am

As a citizen, I urge NCPC to follow and respect the spirit of the review process, to consider public comments, and to preserve the historic integrity and symbolism of the People’s House for future generations. Destruction and renovation of the White House should not be the decision of one man, or due to fear tactics instigated by one man.

Your sense of responsibility and respect of the American process should guide the outcome of our historic property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Danesie

Name: Charlotte Gemes
Date: February 21, 2026 11:03:46 am

The proposed East Wing design is incredibly and unnecessarily large. While there is a need for a larger East Wing for accommodating larger events, a space that accommodates 999 people seems unnecessary. It will feel like a convention hall rather than an esteemed American institution. The space will alter the footprint of the White House so monumentally and the fact it is getting rushed and pushed through when the vast vast majority of Americans do not support it is devastating. The fact the original East Wing was torn down illegally is deeply troubling, but unfortunately we can’t undo the past. Please think more critically about this important piece of American architecture and don’t just cave to the people in power who are trying to destroy this great American symbol.

Name: Will Fleming
Date: February 21, 2026 11:04:10 am

The East Wing modernization is an abomination to the past presidents and the entire White House as a whole. There already is a ball room at Mar-A-Lago. Keep it there.

Name: Melanie Donat
Date: February 21, 2026 11:04:36 am

I feel it dwarfs the WHITE HOUSE. Why do we need it too be so large? It's not a palace.
It should be reviewed and approved of by the normal channels. Not fast tracked.
It is the PEOPLES HOUSE and our opinions should be listened to.
thank you,
Melanie Donat

Name: Elizabeth Koppelman
Date: February 21, 2026 11:05:51 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Paula Vitaris
Date: February 21, 2026 11:09:55 am

I am absolutely appalled that President Trump ordered the destruction of the East Wing and the Jackie Kennedy Garden, as well as the removal of historic trees, to be replaced by an enormous, ugly ballroom that nobody wants and that is completely out of proportion with the space available. It is unfathomable that this destruction took pace without the proper and required oversight, review and permits, and such actions must be prevented in the future, hopefully by legislation enacted by Congress. Donations by corporations and wealthy individuals to the $300 million (and rising) cost of this ballroom are also a pathway to conflicts of interest and favoritism.

The only proper action at this time is to rebuild the East Wing and restore the Jackie Kennedy Garden. Any monies donated to this effort that are in addition to taxpayer funds appropriated for the reconstruction, should be blind donations.

Thank you.

Name: Sherlyn Maughs
Date: February 21, 2026 11:15:04 am

First of all does the country need a BALLROOM that large? Also, how often will it be used and by whom? Who is to pay for the ballroom and will the benefactors be given special favors for their hefty contributions? Will this divide our country politically even more? Has anyone thought of the construction noise and dust that surrounds this kind of building project? Will this be an annoyance to regular work in the white house? I've heard the underground bunkers were also destroyed. Are they to be replaced?

Name: Scott Brown
Date: February 21, 2026 11:15:51 am

The newest design is inappropriately large and dwarfs the main building. This design should be scrapped. And shame on the administration for how this has been handled. And shame on the governing bodies responsible for rubber stamping this garish, destructive administration after it destroyed the People’s House.

Name: Michael Arrington
Date: February 21, 2026 11:16:20 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorisation, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalising those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Georgette Sturam
Date: February 21, 2026 11:16:24 am

The People's House was intentionally designed to not be of grandiose scale but something more reasonable. It is not and was never meant to be an extravagant expression of a particular occupant of the Oval Office. Much less at the expense of the tax paying citizens of this country.

While the need for indoor entertaining space is well understood, the scale, massing and placement of this 'addition' is utterly out of context and offensive to the eye and virtually anyone's aesthetic sensibilities. It overshadows the People's House. The current administration is proceeding in an unprecedented and likely unconstitutional manner by bypassing any review beginning before the demolition of the former East Wing. It is wholly unconscionable. Unacceptable.

I have worked in the design industry including in respected architecture offices for decades training in the world of classical architecture and design. It is literally unfathomable that this project is being pushed forward under current parameters with virtually no oversight, no vetting, etc. There must be an honest review process by Congress and the public. This MO of doing whatever one wants then dealing with questions/fallout later is something the framers strive to guard against.

This is not ok.

Name: John Tuck
Date: February 21, 2026 11:20:28 am

I, too, strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. If, in fact, the East Wing needs modernization, proper planning protocols and permissions should have been followed and sought prior to the demolition of the wing. Further construction on this project should be canceled until proper assessment of the site and appropriate design options -- keeping in mind the government's needs, building's function, and historical value -- should be considered and approved. Among the options under consideration should be the rebuilding and restoration of the East Wing to its former design.
For the president to have made a unilateral decision on such a matter and impulsively begun demolition is unacceptable. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: Jacob Grantier
Date: February 21, 2026 11:20:29 am

The White House, since its initial completion in 1800, reconstruction after the burning of Washington, and reconfiguration during the Truman Administration has, and should remain, the People's House and one of many important symbols of our representative democracy. Even as presidents and First Ladies have contributed to the design of the building over centuries, these projects have, to date, reflected the zeitgeist and identity of the nation. The recent developments with the White House's East Wing are clearly and solely a vanity project by a would-be authoritarian and should be halted so as to maintain the essential character and modesty of the temporary home of the nation's executive rather than the permanent residence of a aspiring monarch. Protect the People's House and reject the proposed plans for this project.

Name: Denise Gold
Date: February 21, 2026 11:22:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or

design review.. it is not a modernization, but a complete destruction of America’s history. The East wing needs to be replaced and restored to its original design. No one is above the law. this destruction of American history is an affront to all Americans. Shame on them. And shame on you if you allow it to go forward.

Name: Robert Madeiros
Date: February 21, 2026 11:30:33 am

Dear Commission,
I am writing to you today to express my vehement opposition to the planned ballroom monstrosity currently being shoved down our collective throats by the current administration. The White House, is by definition, the 'Peoples House' and to see the unsupervised destruction of the current east wing, the grossly overstated ballroom design dwarfing the white house itself, is an abomination, and must be stopped. This alleged 'self-funded' project satisfies only one person - and must be stopped before more damage to the White House occurs. Please capture this comment as a complete and heartfelt rejection of what is being proposed.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Madeiros

Name: Alison Sheffielld
Date: February 21, 2026 11:32:07 am

Please stop the continuation of this egregious plan. The ballooning cost and scope are deeply inappropriate and offensive. On so many levels. Thank you.

Name: Eric Stadtherr
Date: February 21, 2026 11:33:34 am

I oppose this project altogether, including all costs and continued effort. The project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review, and the goals are inconsistent with our history and culture as a democratic nation. It is not a modernization project but rather an attempt to put the "Trump" name on a public landmark. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dorene Williams
Date: February 21, 2026 11:33:53 am

To whom it may concern,

Having spent my entire career in design with a focus on architecture for the last twenty six years,
I feel compelled to voice my opposition to the East Wing Project.
This project is architecturally insensitive to its historic surroundings and takes no account for scale, history or general design disciplines.

I am adamantly opposed to the ridiculous proposal of this appendage.

Name: Donna Edwards
Date: February 21, 2026 11:35:36 am

How rude to request one to comment on a “project” which has already been decided! Destruction has already occurred. If the LAW was simply followed there would be less disgust for what is currently in the works. There is better use of my time. Know that truth will eventually rise.

Name: Carol Nolan
Date: February 21, 2026 11:36:19 am

The entire White House in the national capital of the United States IS the people's house.
I DO NOT approve this project, initiated by President Trump, for many reasons: desecration of the people's house without public input; with total disregard for the architectural history of the East Wing; with what also appears to be a rather excessive expense and appears to be done without regard for existing design integrity of the entire White House but rather a decision made to meet the needs of one person. He does not own the White House. He merely occupies the White House. The PEOPLE own the White House and I for one am disappointed, disgusted, angry with the manner in which this has been handled.

Name: Howard Goldberg
Date: February 21, 2026 11:40:16 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Gracie
Date: February 21, 2026 11:43:17 am

I am writing to formally share my concerns regarding the current ballroom project for the East Wing of the White House. As a citizen invested in the architectural heritage of our nation's most significant landmarks, I am troubled by what appears to be a departure from established historical precedents and a lack of transparent oversight.

The White House is more than a residence; it is a living museum that represents the evolution of the American aesthetic.

The current design trajectory seems to lack a cohesive dialogue with the existing Neoclassical and Federal elements of the site. A project of this magnitude should honor the "long view" of history, rather than the taste of one temporary resident.

It is vital for the public to be assured that such significant alterations have undergone a rigorous review by independent architectural historians.

While the need for functional event space is understandable, and updates are necessary, the preservation of the White House's historical "footprint" should remain an important consideration.

The American people are the ultimate stakeholders of the "People's House." I hope to see a commitment to a standard of excellence and historical reverence that matches the dignity of the building itself.
Thank you for your time and for your work in maintaining our national heritage.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gracie

Name: FRANK SARA
Date: February 21, 2026 11:43:25 am

While I commend innovation and improvements to an important and frequently used national, taxpayer funded building, I am dismayed by the lack of opportunity for public input and deliberative process. The point is not that changes should never be made, it's that changes to such an important building to Americans should reflect the democratic process for which the building should at best represent.

Name: Lucy Blankstein
Date: February 21, 2026 11:45:15 am

The White House is an historical building. Any changes needed to be done must have the authority of a commission that honors the intention of the founding fathers. A large hall for dancing at the White House is not necessary. Abraham Lincoln's 2nd inaugural ball was held at the Patent Office building that now houses the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. Glittering chandeliers, golden gewgaws are not what democracy is all about and certainly not what George Washington envisioned.

Name: Elaine Eichelberger
Date: February 21, 2026 11:50:14 am

As a historian who is active in historic preservation, I am appalled at the lack of integrity in the new designs for the East wing of the White House. This is the People’s house and yet no peoples have been consulted other than a power-hungry, tasteless executive branch. Please consider being on the right side of history and reconsidering the atrocious design. Objectives can be accomplished without excessive and gaudy designs.

Name: Carla Ellis
Date: February 21, 2026 11:50:41 am

To: National Capital Planning Commission
From: Carla and Pete Ellis
Unfortunately, the public's input was not entertained prior to the destruction of the East Wing. In the local government I participate in, when a major project need is identified, our leaders seek bids for said project. After all bids are reviewed by local boards, the company that is awarded the bid must often wait until a bond referendum is voted on by the people. This allows for all to approve.
I am seeking transparency and fiscal accountability for the East Wing project. The need for such a dramatically large ballroom is simply wasteful spending. No matter what is presented to us as to how the funds for this project were obtained, the people of the U.S. will be responsible for the cost of the "Modernization". And we should stay informed in every aspect. Please consider a functional and need-based solution to the rebuilding.
Sincerely,
Carla Ellis
Pete Ellis

Name: Ellis Clark
Date: February 21, 2026 11:50:50 am

This project, in its projected scale and scope, is an affront to the American people and our patrimony. Contrary to his belief, the White House is not the current president’s personal home to do with as he sees fit. It was already a ghoulish defiance of all pre-established law and norm for his ordering the demolition of the East Wing; this body must not allow such unfettered further changes to the People’s House. A rebuilt East Wing can be done with minimal damage to the curvature of the southern driveway and the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, while incorporating better security access for the public on the East Executive Avenue entrance and even, yes, expanded entertaining spaces for those lucky enough to visit the White House for state dinners and official events. But the Mar-a-Lago-ification of this space is absurd and should be rejected across the board until the scale of the project reflects a symmetrical and appropriate massing to the demolished portion. And I hope an adjusted project admonishes and far outlives the occupant who illegally initiated it.

Name: Lilly Young
Date: February 21, 2026 11:53:06 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority

to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.
I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Maury Sparrow
Date: February 21, 2026 11:53:08 am

I passionately urge this project be halted until further, open and complete review. The entire project is a travesty in all respects, most importantly in scale. There must be a design review process with the highest level of professionals weighing in. Please do not approve this project.

Name: Leigh Holland
Date: February 21, 2026 11:54:41 am

As a former student of architecture and the regulations and laws regarding the preservation of our historic built environments and an ardent admirer of our nation's capitol and all its fine buildings, I am aghast at Donald Trump's proposed $300M vanity "ballroom" project and the fact that it was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The project has, so far, been an attempt at erasing a part of our American history and the hideous proposed replacement shows no promise of improvement. I hope the project will be immediately canceled, and that the East Wing will either be rebuilt and restored to its former design, or a suitable replacement will be proposed and run through all the appropriate approval steps. To permit this ostentatious, tasteless, and highly illegal project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all of us.

Name: Peter Schlesinger
Date: February 21, 2026 11:57:55 am

The White House was designed at its current scale on purpose, as a symbol to the American citizens and the world that the elected leader of the United States is not a supreme monarch. This proposed construction is grossly out of scale with the rest of the White House and out of touch with the symbolism of the building. It does not need to, and should not, be this big.

Name: Jamie Shipp
Date: February 21, 2026 11:57:58 am

All work, renovation or new build, should be congruent in style and size as the existing building. Nothing should challenge the focus being on the White House.

Name: Tracy Rauch
Date: February 21, 2026 11:58:28 am

Good Morning, I am writing to comment on the White House ballroom. Not only does the structure dwarf the original building, but no input from the voters was obtained. On an expansion of such magnitude, to the People's house, one would hope that the People would have an opportunity to comment and voice concerns. Rather, the President has made the decision to go forward on this project and put in place yes men/women on the board who will affirm his actions. We do not need the ballroom, our government is in debt and the cost of the structure is excessive.
Thank you.

Name: John Bianchi
Date: February 21, 2026 12:00:27 pm

The current plans show huge ballroom that overpowers the White House. The ballroom becomes the dominant structure

when viewed from any angle. The ballroom needs to be scaled back drastically to become an annex of the White House, not the main building.

Name: Lori Albrecht
Date: February 21, 2026 12:03:56 pm

Dear National Trust,

Re-East Wing Modernization Project

I greatly appreciate the work of the National Trust in preserving the diverse historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage of the United States through its programs, resources, and advocacy. I consider the White House to be people's house & am appalled by the gall of the POTUS to demolish the historic East Wing with the belief that a garish ballroom is needed instead.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for the important work that you do in preserving America's historic places for future generations of Americans to learn from and enjoy.

Name: Teresa Sabankaya
Date: February 21, 2026 12:04:37 pm

Hello,
I strongly appose the model plans submitted for this project. I believe it tarnishes, obscures, and defiles our beloved white house, the people's house.
It is atrociously too large. It does not reflect what we are a as a nation. It is tasteless.
Thank you for your consideration.
Teresa Sabankaya (a concerned U.S.citizen)

Name: J Mannion
Date: February 21, 2026 12:06:25 pm

I am highly opposed to this project as it will destroy the aesthetic of this historical landmark. It's important we honor and preserve history, not destroy it with an ego boosting project, especially for someone who deserves zero recognition. I am not in favor of this project in any capacity.

Name: David Benzwi
Date: February 21, 2026 12:07:11 pm

I strongly opposed the East Wing modernization project. The ballroom
way over scaled and completely inappropriate to the site.

Name: Julia Dvorin
Date: February 21, 2026 12:07:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gibson Wood
Date: February 21, 2026 12:07:39 pm

I do not agree with this. It overshadows the symbol of western democracy (the White House) with disgusting wealth. The White House is not a palace for a king, it is the house of the people.

Name: Patrice Manchola
Date: February 21, 2026 12:10:52 pm

In viewing the design, one can easily see that this modernization and addition are going to dwarf the current White House. We the people cannot agree to that. In my opinion, this addition is completely unnecessary. If is to go forward, the design MUST be proportionate to the current structures.

Name: Theresa Gang
Date: February 21, 2026 12:11:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This was never approved by the public and they sought to avoid any approval.

It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project by a would be dictator in an effort to inflate his public value and opinion due to overwhelming insecurity. This project did not consider our American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Wynne
Date: February 21, 2026 12:12:36 pm

Hello -
I'm writing to oppose the current plans to for the East Wing Modernization. Our historic White House is an iconic symbol of our USA. Please reconsider the existing plans for the grandiose structure. Please look to better understand size scale, and taste level. Please keep the overall scale of the White House in mind.
The current modernization plan is neither at the taste level or architectural scale of what should be considered.
Please consider hiring well respected architects and designers to assist!
Best,
KW

Name: Susan Duane
Date: February 21, 2026 12:14:13 pm

Such a large scale building is completely inappropriate to be adjoining the White House, the People's house. It would be an embarrassment for all Americans in the eyes of the world.

Name: lawrence helman
Date: February 21, 2026 12:16:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynn Altizer
Date: February 21, 2026 12:16:49 pm

I support the idea of having a brick and mortar location to hold large events at the White House. I believe it would be much easier for staff to set up/tear down, then the current use of tents. Weather would no longer be a factor, making it more pleasant for guests. However, THE BALLROOM SHOULD BE AN ACCESSORY TO THE WHITE HOUSE, not the main show. Both Presidents T. Roosevelt and F.D. Roosevelt added and made changes to the wings, but kept the integrity of the "people's house."

Name: Lin De Noyer
Date: February 21, 2026 12:17:08 pm

I object to building an oversize ballroom on the site of the former East Wing of the White House. No authorization and no permits were granted for demolition of the East Wing, which was rich with the history of our nation and our presidencies. This is not a modernization project. It is a razing of the history of our nation.

I want the project cancelled, and the East Wing restored to its former design.

No one is above the law. Continuing with this Modernization project rewards law breakers. It would be an affront to the law-abiding citizens of this nation. We must not allow lawlessness to succeed.

Name: Laurie Novak
Date: February 21, 2026 12:17:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all citizens of the U.S.

Name: Bethany Menkart
Date: February 21, 2026 12:18:28 pm

I want to state, for the record, that I am completely opposed to Trump's arbitrary and illegal destruction of the East Wing of the White House. This is the people's house, and does NOT belong to the President, and requires congressional approval to make any changes., as well as the Historical Commission. WE do not want an 80,000' ballroom, paid for by billionaires, who are attempting to curry favor with Trump. The wanton destruction is unjustified, and the East Wing must be replaced, as it was. Trump must be fined for the damages to OUR house, along with the careless exposure of workers to asbestos by a megalomaniac, driven by an addiction to gold, and his own grandiosity.

Name: Judy Anderson
Date: February 21, 2026 12:28:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Opatz
Date: February 21, 2026 12:31:22 pm

I am writing to express my disappointment and frustration with the process that has been followed on the East Wing Modernization Project. Someone somewhere needs to inform this administration that there are procedures in place for rehabilitating structures on the National Register of Historic Places. Those of us who work hard to protect and preserve historic structures in our local communities are bound by certain standards set by the Secretary of the Interior; this administration should be bound by those same standards. With the demolition of the East Wing, our nation's history has also been destroyed. Another issue: Where are the furnishings that were housed in the East Wing? Have those items been destroyed, too?

Name: Paul Wilhelms
Date: February 21, 2026 12:32:28 pm

I am sure that the chorus of voices in opposition will be ignored by this handpicked commission - nerveless I am posting my disappointment with this excessive intrusion into the elegance of the Whitehouse Grounds. It is too large, and disrupts the refined elegance of the grounds, not to mention overshadowing the Whitehouse itself.

Architecturally, the overbearing scale and overwrought Corinthian expression are excessive and detract from the elegance of the Whitehouse. If these functions are needed by the Executive branch, they should be constructed elsewhere in the capital.

Name: Kim Mercado
Date: February 21, 2026 12:33:29 pm

I oppose this project, which cost $300 million, and was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a destruction of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans everywhere!

Name: Marnie O’Brien
Date: February 21, 2026 12:36:40 pm

The proposal for a ballroom at the White House deserves careful reflection. While I appreciate the desire to enhance the functionality of the residence, I respectfully disagree with the current scope and direction of the design as presented. The White House is not merely a venue — it is a living symbol of our nation’s history, continuity, and architectural heritage.

Any project of this magnitude should be guided by a bipartisan committee of historians, preservationists, architects, and scholars who deeply understand its historical references, proportional language, and aesthetic integrity. Additions to such an iconic structure must elevate its beauty and honor its legacy, not risk diminishing the harmony that generations have carefully preserved.

Stewardship of this building requires restraint, reverence, and collective wisdom.

Respectfully,
Marnie 0’Brien

Name: Eva Simon
Date: February 21, 2026 12:37:12 pm

To Whom IT May Concern,

About the building of the East Wing Ballroom.

Very poor idea.....Using $'s which can be used to support the people of this country many of us love, demolishing "history", ignoring

feedback from community and politicians who would oppose this construction just to entertain the few who will actually be invited to

use this unpopular ballroom is most unfortunate. Many of us who love this country stand in disbelief that this is one of the the many

unwanted and unwelcome projects planned and in process.

So very unfortunate!!!

A concerned citizen!!!!

Name: Shree Rao
Date: February 21, 2026 12:38:01 pm

No way! The president broke the law by tearing down the White House--THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE-- without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

You don't reward a law-breaker by giving them more resources and permissions to continue. You punish them for their violations, and you work towards restoring the damage that has been done.

Accordingly, the project needs to be cancelled, and the East Wing needs to be restored to its former glory!

Name: Caroline Caldwell
Date: February 21, 2026 12:40:38 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

Name: Barbara Williams
Date: February 21, 2026 12:41:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Helen Geyer
Date: February 21, 2026 12:42:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Do not approve this project!

Name: Gail Boswell
Date: February 21, 2026 12:49:23 pm

I am a designer. This project of a massive modernization of the East Wing of the White House is out of proportion to the original historic building, the White House. It needs a through design review by A list architects and designers to put it into the correct scale. What is proposed is an artistic eyesore and an insult to the original historic building which is the people’s house and an icon of architecture.

Name: Jill Swanson
Date: February 21, 2026 12:51:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: james thurber
Date: February 21, 2026 12:53:02 pm

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Name: Catie Bell
Date: February 21, 2026 12:53:31 pm

Tearing down the east wing was awful- seeing the history so carelessly destroyed was heartbreaking and happened so quickly- it was an assault on our history as a country. Care MUST be taken- time to review and consider plans MUST be done intentionally and thoroughly. Please pause and reflect on how the plans will affect more than just a single administration- it affects our history for years to come. PAUSE. And think about how our children will view your actions.

Name: Jackie Mammen
Date: February 21, 2026 12:53:56 pm

I believe the east wing of the White House should be rebuilt exactly as it was and the bill to do so be sent to Donald Trump. He does not own the White House, the people do.

Name: Elizabeth Heppner
Date: February 21, 2026 12:56:13 pm

It has been disappointing seeing the East Wing destroyed for really no reason. Now its done and we can't change that. What I hope for is that what is put in place will be well thought out and in line with the rest of the existing White House. I hope that things that were lost can be redone and put back (like the honor to Jacquline Kennedy) especially since her rose garden was made into some kind of hot dog stand). That respect for the rest of those who were honored in that Wing will be replaced with other honors. If we have to have some kind of ballroom please keep the style that is similar to the rest of the white house.

AND, God willing, get his name off of any building or place he has changed that should not have been done. We sure don't need his name on the ballroom either. These are places that represent the whole body of the country not just one idiot.

Thank you for letting us have input to something that belongs to the people of this country and not one person.

Name: Julie Prandi
Date: February 21, 2026 12:57:21 pm

I am outraged about the plan to build a huge ballroom, after a big portion of the White House has already been demolished-- where proper approval for that destruction of an existing structure had never been given.
This is the people's house and no one person should be able to determine what is done, especially when it involves much more than redecorating an existing room.
Plans to substantially alter the facade, size of a White House and even structure need a much stricter vetting process. It is not right to let people who have all been appointed by the current president to decide these matters. Those people are just a rubber stamp for what one person, our current president, wants to see happen.
I sincerely hope these building plans can be halted in a timely fashion.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Cathy Klein
Date: February 21, 2026 12:57:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Juli Wilson
Date: February 21, 2026 12:59:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project (especially since the public was hoodwinked into believing the funding would come from tech giants and other billionaires), which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kim Rooney
Date: February 21, 2026 12:59:33 pm

Please reconsider the current design of this project. It is overwhelming the people’s house, which is the White House, and has destroyed any and all the historical significance of the east wing. With no regard for honoring the past, this whole project has completely disregarded the important preservation of this historic building and would serve to overwhelm the main structure which is most significant to our American heritage.

Name: Tracie Vincent
Date: February 21, 2026 1:01:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in similar fashion as before. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jennifer Quick
Date: February 21, 2026 1:02:45 pm

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Julie Cooper
Date: February 21, 2026 1:03:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Beth Hoppe-Stidham
Date: February 21, 2026 1:08:03 pm

I am oppose the spending of millions of dollars on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sharra Wagner
Date: February 21, 2026 1:08:10 pm

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my deep concern for the poor design and scale of the East Wing Renovation Project. Classical design requires balance and restraint. The current design minimizes and swallows the grandeur of the White House, an important symbol in our democracy.

Additionally, the US Commission of Fine Arts did not allow for public comment. Bulldozing both the existing structure and now bulldozing the right of public comment for a project this massive is a disservice to the American people.

Sincerely,
Sharra Wagner

Name: Jonathan Sapers
Date: February 21, 2026 1:15:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Matthew Potts
Date: February 21, 2026 1:18:37 pm

I am a licensed architect and I write to register my significant concerns regarding the proposed White House east wing design. The proposed design is too large in every dimension, overcrowding the White House grounds and overwhelming the historic mansion. There is no need for a ballroom the size of a convention center a the People’s House. The modest dimensions of the executive mansion should be respected and the wings of the historic mansion should remain diminutive in stature compared to the home built by George Washington. It is imperative that this project undergo serious redesign to include reductions in height, length, and area before proceeding.

Name: Harley Cozewith
Date: February 21, 2026 1:21:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Chiara Julia
Date: February 21, 2026 1:22:43 pm

I am deeply concerned by the size and scale of the new ballroom. I am concerned that it is not being examined with regards to the rest of the buildings and property and I do not understand why such an immense ballroom is necessary? Nor do I understand the scale of the proposed architecture.

Name: Kevin Hartmann
Date: February 21, 2026 1:24:11 pm

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Name: Sue Peterson
Date: February 21, 2026 1:24:56 pm

Stop the ballroom and restore the East Wing!

Name: Cecelia Brave
Date: February 21, 2026 1:25:50 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Cynthia Ignash
Date: February 21, 2026 1:29:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. There are established laws, procedures and guidelines for a project of this nature and they should be adhered to. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Carol Roehrich
Date: February 21, 2026 1:31:37 pm

This is a disastrous blow to our country's heritage! How DJT was allowed to destroy this landmark is beyond me.

Do something about it!

Name: AL KOSTER
Date: February 21, 2026 1:32:47 pm

I oppose this project. While we may need a larger venue space, this monstrosity if not it. It is excessive, tacky, and

gauche. In addition, The East Potomac Golf Links municipal course has been turned into a dump for the debris from the tear-down. That is wrong. This comment period should have happened before any work was started. This is all wrong.

Name: Ron Schwartz
Date: February 21, 2026 1:32:59 pm

The so called “modernization” of the East Wing is a travesty meant to massage the ego of the president. It will overwhelm the appearance of the White House and will be a security risk to the whole compound. IT should be immediately halted and some semblance to the East Wing restored.

Name: Annie Arthur
Date: February 21, 2026 1:35:18 pm

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Millions could be fed, millions could receive health care so desperately needed, rather than waste on the complete destruction of history in order to appease a selfish self declared king. Golden ballrooms are not needed, yet golden hearts that actually care about helping the people they are in office to defend and aid. Please strike down this backhand at history and unwarranted abomination.

Name: Christina Kirkish
Date: February 21, 2026 1:39:25 pm

“Tackiness and tyranny go hand in hand.”(Paul Krugman). “Dictator Style” (Peter York) gilt is not golden. The proposed ballroom will be a trashy, coruscating, bulbous excrescence alongside The Peoples’ House.

Name: C Denise Shaw
Date: February 21, 2026 1:43:34 pm

This project OUGHT to be the RECONSTRUCTION of the East Wing out of personal expenses of Mr Trump. He ought to be fined a massive fee for demolishing this wing without going though prior approval process. I am outraged at the lack of care by his administration on a building that doesn't belong to them. It belongs to us ... the People of the United States.

Name: Beth Nelson
Date: February 21, 2026 1:44:13 pm

No ballroom.
This is a farce what Trump has done.
He breaks the law constantly.
This never should have happened.
Please prevent the balllroom!
Bring back respect and dignity to our Government.
Sincerely
Beth Nelson

Name: Howard Gradet
Date: February 21, 2026 1:44:18 pm

This is not a modernization, it’s a desecration. To destroy a portion of the White House without proper authorization should be considered a crime.

Name: Janse Haywood
Date: February 21, 2026 1:45:40 pm

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Martha Robertson
Date: February 21, 2026 1:46:18 pm

I am writing to express my concern about Mr. Trump's $400,000,000 Ballroom Project.
First is the cost. At a time when average Americans are struggling to put food on the table, afford health care, and pay their bills, it is an obscene for the country to embark upon such an unnecessary extravagance.
Mr. Trump's solution to raise the money from wealthy donors is untenable. This would open the door to graft, corruption, bribes and leverage from wealthy people who seek special favours from Mr. Trump. It is a slap in the face to working Americans who cannot afford to buy favours, and is in direct opposition to our American values of an egalitarian democracy.
Of no less concern is how this project has proceeded up to this point. Mr. Trump has bypassed the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Parks Service, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other federal commissions that should have been consulted and given approval for the demolition of the East Wing and the plans for this edifice. There has, until now, been no opportunity for public comment despite the fact that the White House belongs to the People, not to the President, who is only a temporary resident. This flagrant disregard of legal obligations and regulations does not bode well for future agreements nor promise respect for oversight agencies.
Then there is the matter of aesthetics. One has only to look at the Oval Office, the Rose Garden, Mr. Trump's own homes- Mar a lago and his penthouse apts- to see that this man is entirely bereft of any aesthetic sense. His taste is garish and gaudy, running counter to the values of egalitarianism and restraint that symbolize our country. He fired the professionals in architecture, landscaping, and fine arts who formerly comprised the US Council for the Arts, and installed political cronies with no background or training in the arts to get his ideas approved.
Mr. Trump has no appreciation for our heritage nor for preservation of historic architecture. This current project will irrevocably change the character and architectural landscape of the White House complex. There is a potential for irretrievable damage. Mr. Trump must not be allowed to destroy the White House or any other Historic Preservation site belonging to the People of the United States.
Finally, the Department of State says that such an structure as an open ballroom built over a not-so-secret bunker is a security risk to those who live and work at the White House and to guests, including Heads of State, who may come to dine. We are potentially putting lives at risk.
For all the above reasons, I urge you to stop this extravagant and poorly conceived project.
Sincerely,
M. Robertson

Name: Beth Naughton
Date: February 21, 2026 1:46:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Greg Strickler
Date: February 21, 2026 1:51:21 pm

I live now in Texas, but I was born in Alexandria and grew up in McLean. I spend my early life surrounded by the history and tradition of the city of Washington.

Key to maintaining the dignity of the city has always been the management of monuments and office buildings that surround the capital, the mall, and the White House. The East Wing Project flies in the face of procedure and tradition.

The old East Wing was destroyed without a coherent plan. The new design of the East Wing and Ballroom need to go through architectural review just like any other modification to an historical building and must comply with the constraints on design and construction that apply to all other projects.

I believe that the Ballroom will detract from the dignity of the White House; it will not improve it.

I believe that the Ballroom Project must be funded with public money, subject to auditing and oversight. Private funding for a public building should be a conflict of interest as well as an opportunity for mismanagement and fraud.

Thank you for your attention.

Name: Jenna blaustein
Date: February 21, 2026 1:54:58 pm

Destroying the East Wing was an unlawful action, without forethought, public comments or permits, and the destroyer should not be allowed any input on its replacement.

Donald Trump does not own the White House.

I believe it should be restored AS IT WAS with upgrades only for safety.

Name: Mark Gabriele
Date: February 21, 2026 1:57:30 pm

Architecture carries symbolic value, and it is from this standpoint the current modernization project should be evaluated and rejected. A gilded 1350 person ballroom to be used for opulent parties is a symbol of political corruption, especially considering its being funded by private and anonymous sources. Approving the plan would memorialize these dark and unfortunate days when billionaire interests are paying to play and looting our government. The 250 years of American democracy that we celebrate this year should instead be reflected in architecture that honors and cherishes our past and its founding values - not razing it. The current "modernization" plan should be rejected outright.

Name: Daniel Boutin
Date: February 21, 2026 1:57:46 pm

Our forefathers built the Whitehouse as a symbol for the people of this great country. Not for some clown to destroy it and use it for his own benefit and his crooneys.

Name: Christian Sanders
Date: February 21, 2026 1:59:03 pm

Citizen Comment on Proposed East Wing Ballroom Expansion- Massing and Scale For the March 4 Hearing

To the National Trust for Historic Preservation,
I submit this comment as a citizen concerned with the architectural stewardship of the White House as The People’s House and as one of the most symbolically and architecturally significant civic buildings in the United States. My objection to the proposed East Wing ballroom expansion is limited, specific, and architectural in nature: the massing and

overall size of the proposed addition are fundamentally incompatible with the historic hierarchy, proportional order, and civic restraint that define the White House ensemble.
The White House derives its authority not from monumentality, but from measured scale, clarity of hierarchy, and disciplined balance. The Executive Residence is intentionally legible as the dominant central volume, with subsidiary wings clearly subordinate in height, breadth, and visual weight. This proportional relationship is not incidental; it is essential to the building's civic meaning.
The proposed ballroom addition—by virtue of its extraordinary footprint, height, and consolidated mass—would disrupt this hierarchy. An addition that approaches the scale of the main house ceases to read as a wing and instead competes as a co-equal structure. Even when executed in a neoclassical vocabulary, excessive mass cannot be neutralized by stylistic alignment alone. Classical architecture depends on proportion and subordination, not applied symmetry or surface resemblance.
Of particular concern is that the proposal appears to solve an interior programmatic desire through exterior enlargement, rather than through architectural mediation. In a preservation context, large-volume interior spaces are traditionally absorbed by fragmenting mass, lowering apparent height, increasing setbacks, or distributing bulk across secondary elements. The current proposal does not sufficiently do so, resulting in a building that reads as visually dominant from key site perspectives.
Equally troubling is the implication that additional construction elsewhere may be required to "restore symmetry" once the East Wing is expanded. This logic risks compounding the original error. Architectural balance is not achieved by mirroring excess; it is achieved through restraint and deference to the historic center. A design that necessitates further expansion to justify itself is, by definition, disproportionate.
The White House grounds are not surplus land available for convenience-driven enlargement. They are an integral part of a carefully ordered civic composition whose geometry, vistas, and open space reinforce the primacy of the main house. Alterations that force the landscape to adapt to a building—rather than the building to the landscape—represent a reversal of proper preservation priorities.

In summary:
The scale and mass of the proposed addition overwhelm the established hierarchy of the White House complex.
Stylistic classicism does not compensate for disproportionate volume.
The project risks redefining the White House from a restrained civic residence into a compound of competing monumental forms.
This outcome would represent a permanent alteration of national significance, not a reversible or modest accommodation.

I respectfully urge the National Trust for Historic Preservation to continue to oppose or seek substantial redesign of the proposal on the grounds of massing, scale, and proportional incompatibility with the White House as a historic civic landmark held in trust for the American people.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Sanders, Citizen Commenter
Interior Designer, Historic Preservationist, Project Manager

Name: Donna Federico
Date: February 21, 2026 1:59:04 pm

What Donald Trump is proposing is abominable and an affront to every working class American who will never benefit from his narcissism. To have destroyed the East Wing without permission of the People who own the White House, the People's House, is an affront to every citizen who feels helpless in the face of such overreach. It is clear that this president only cares for his own agenda which aims at increasing his, his family's and his cronies' wealth and power. His actions have only advanced the destruction of our Democracy through his personal disregard of the rule of law. As an American citizen, I am frightened and disgusted how my tax dollars are being spent.

Name: Lisa Reinhardt
Date: February 21, 2026 2:00:14 pm

I am deeply concerned about the scale of the east wing for a ballroom. It is entirely too large and dwarfs our beautiful White House. The wing should be a beautiful accessory of the main building, not taking dominance over the White House. Careful thought and planning by the guidelines of National Preservation Committee should be adhered to keep the integrity and historical context of the original buildings.

Name: Celeste Krepack
Date: February 21, 2026 2:00:56 pm

Once the ballroom monstrosity is built what will stop him from looking at the White House and declaring it’s too small and old then proceed to tear it down too! Trump is destroying every norm of democracy and he will most certainly take our White House with him. Make it stop!

Name: Jonathan Sari
Date: February 21, 2026 2:01:49 pm

We're getting ripped off. Terrible deal. Terrible. $300 million for a ballroom? Somebody is a terrible deal-maker. The old east wing was much better.

Name: Cynthia Kurtz
Date: February 21, 2026 2:02:51 pm

Hello and thank you for allowing the public to comment on this issue.

I am an American citizen. When I was in high school, our entire class went to Washington D.C. to see the capital, the White House, the monuments, and the Smithsonian Institution. When my son was the same age, I took him to Washington to see all of these things. I felt that it was my duty as an American parent to show him the seat of our government.

I have worked on federal government projects, sometimes for years at a time, and every time I was in Washington for a meeting, the sight of the White House always filled me with pride. I remember that I used to call my parents when I was in sight of the White House and tell them where I was, just to hear how proud they were of me for working to help the people in our country.

The White House belongs to all Americans. As an American, I respectfully request that the part of it that was destroyed without our consent be restored exactly as it was. In addition, I respectfully request that the process of restoration be fully explained to the public, with special input from knowledgeable historians, so that we can all see what has been taken from us and what is being brought back to us.

Cynthia Kurtz

Name: Ron Baker
Date: February 21, 2026 2:03:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million in money obtained from special interests and a single dollar of taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Gretchen Taylor
Date: February 21, 2026 2:05:06 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which is completely unnecessary while ordinary Americans continue to see prices on nexessary items like groceries increase by almost $1000 a family over the past year. Additionally, this project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is not a modernization project but rather a complete decimation of important American history. I feel that the entire East wing project should be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Teya Walkker Maxwell
Date: February 21, 2026 2:09:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete obliteration of an important part of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. In addition, the adjacent trees that were removed/destroyed in the garden must be replaced with the same type of tree with their original placards and an update of what happened including an apology. I was particularly mortified to read that the tree that was planted together by Michelle Obama and the First Lady of Japan was removed. This is OUR White House, the People's House, and OUR history. The current President has no right to desecrate our cherished places without consultation and agreement from our representatives. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Richard Gaffney
Date: February 21, 2026 2:09:51 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Susan Devito
Date: February 21, 2026 2:12:07 pm

I oppose spending $400 million on building a huge Whitehouse Ballroom, especially when the money has not been authorized by the Congress. It is questionable, regardless of what the President says, that enough private funds will actually materialize to fund the construction and we, the people, will end up footing the bill. In a time where the government is forcing rural hospitals to close and gutting our environmental protections is unacceptable to spend money on such a outlandish project.

The current administration disregarded the law when they torn down the existing structure without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

If there truly is a need for a larger meeting facility, then this administration or a future administration needs to go through the proper channels and steps to build a new East wing in keeping with the architecture and size proportionate to the original building.

Name: E.L. Peelle
Date: February 21, 2026 2:15:30 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project plan. This $400 million construction began without adequate public and Congressional input. Specifically, there were no National Capital Planning Commission approval, required environmental assessments, and congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be encouraged with after-the-fact approval.

Furthermore, any East Wing project must be paid for ONLY by taxpayers after approval by Congress. The current funding creates vast, unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving for the public good. These would be inappropriate payments to obtain access and unfair favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental

assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic public property without following the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input.

Name: Dan Meis
Date: February 21, 2026 2:17:11 pm

As an architect, and an American, I am horrified by the process and the scale proposed ballroom. No one person should be able to decide the fate of the White House, the People's House, without public debate and expert oversight.

Name: Jamar Miller
Date: February 21, 2026 2:17:59 pm

Thank you trump ! Love it ! And the best thing is it's being done with private funds! This is a perfect way to do things . With that said , I would like to see in the future some kind of approval process . I don't want the crazy democrats to tear down this much needed , beautiful , new ballroom just to spite you ! This was a long time coming , a much needed project / upgrade / addition ! Best president of my lifetime ! Thank you !

Name: John Maxwell
Date: February 21, 2026 2:25:32 pm

As a lifelong student of American history, I am heartbroken, disgusted and angry at this administration's "East Wing Project." How is it even possible for a president to decide on his own that a historical structure simply be demolished?? How is it that he found contractors who were willing to take part in the destruction of our public property?

Not only should the project be shut down but the president should be personally charged for the destruction and the historically accurate replacement of the East Wing. He should then be fined for violating the public trust and if necessary, be jailed for his arrogance and incompetence.

Name: Donna Moessner
Date: February 21, 2026 2:25:36 pm

Honorable Commission members:

I am writing to ask you to stop the destruction of the East Wing and instead rebuild it back to its original design. This country is being torn apart in so many ways, many of them physical historical statues, displays and names on buildings. How far are you willing to go to support #47's ego? How do you want to write history? Or right history? We as a country need you to step up to honesty and save our history. You can do this. Thank you.

Donna Molander Moessner
Daughter of a WWII Navy man and a reserve Navy chaplain post-WWII

Name: Donna Wheeler
Date: February 21, 2026 2:25:44 pm

As my representatives on this project, I would like you to know my opinion. The president's choice for a new building twice the size of the White House is totally inappropriate. Please hold fast against approving any plans that would dwarf the White House. I assume there will be lots of pressure to go along with the other board vote, but I don't know anyone that likes his plans. My friends, associates and I would like to see his current planned building torn down, after he is out of office, if built as planned. What a waste of money that would be. Also, does he actually have the needed funds? They need to provide a list of "who" and "how much", backed up with bank records. Please hold fast and stop this idolization of "Trump's" Washington. We are not Europe or other foreign lands that idolized living monarchs. Thank you.

Name: Janet Marshall
Date: February 21, 2026 2:26:28 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the project to replace the East Wing of the White House with a huge, unnecessary and artless ballroom. The destruction of the East Wing was initiated without any proper authorization, permits, or design review. It therefore amounted to razing a piece of American history. The White House is the PEOPLE'S House, not a piece of Trump real estate to vandalize as a vanity project. To call it a "modernization project" is the type of cynical double-speak propaganda that George Orwell parodied in his book Animal Farm.

Any work on the White House and other historical monuments that belong to the PEOPLE of the United States must be reviewed and approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. This was not done, which amounts to an illegal destruction of public property.

Furthermore, Congress created the 116-year-old Commission to be staffed with “well-qualified judges of the fine arts” who would review and advise on projects in D.C. This current president has appointed people with little to no professional qualifications to review and advise on art and architecture projects. Their only qualifications are their loyalty to the man currently residing in People's House. This lack of qualifications is vividly evident in the newly appointed assistant, Chamberlain Harris, who has no experience in the arts, making a making a laughingstock of the Commission of Fine Art.

This project must be canceled, and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Heidi Arner
Date: February 21, 2026 2:26:39 pm

The scale of the East Wing ballroom is completely out of proportion with the White House. It encroaches on the Olmsted Brothers ellipse drive design. Meeting space for close to 1000 attendees makes the historic people’s house appear less like a special space and more like a convention hall. Installing more pavement including grand staircases is not well designed landscaping. It’s a travesty that destruction of the East Wing occurred in the first place. It’s inconceivable that an arts body stacked with members loyal to the president could unilaterally approve such a lasting and ill designed project without constituent feedback and submissions of designs from additional architects. Finally, where is the $ coming from?

Name: Marthita Thomas
Date: February 21, 2026 2:27:59 pm

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Name: Lisa Martyn
Date: February 21, 2026 2:29:11 pm

Why!!! The historical preservation of the White House should have been considered before building a gold monstrosity.

Name: michael lindner
Date: February 21, 2026 2:29:12 pm

please restore it to it's previous configuration.
kind regards, m)

Name: Brian Lehman
Date: February 21, 2026 2:31:13 pm

I vehemently oppose this ego-driven $300 million project.

Name: Kimberly Aiken
Date: February 21, 2026 2:32:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Faith Morgan
Date: February 21, 2026 2:34:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

(Photo: PBS)

Name: courtney Yanni
Date: February 21, 2026 2:39:15 pm

Hello,

The size and scale of this new renovation is not at all in keeping with the historical integrity of the White House. I highly discourage you all from allowing this plan to move forward.

Best,
Courtney Yanni
moss design

Name: Alexandra Bonds
Date: February 21, 2026 2:40:43 pm

The destruction of the East Wing without prior review was an egregious assault on our national and architectural heritage. The outsized ballroom focuses on entertainment over spaces for communication. Please prevent this construction of a carbuncle on the White House. Proportion, scale, aesthetics, ornament, and function must prevail. No more pretentious gilding with a thin veneer of gold to cover up the crassness beneath.

Name: Bruce Dougherty
Date: February 21, 2026 2:43:15 pm

Hello,
I think the proposed ballroom and related east wing changes are an affront to the public. I support no grandiose monuments to an individual and his fetish on his presumed authority to propose monuments to his name. We are a nation of the people, not servants to some would be dictator.
Bruce Dougherty

Name: Barbara Adkins
Date: February 21, 2026 2:45:06 pm

As an American citizen and preservationist I find it appalling and unacceptable that a man of poor taste and even less education regarding both historical architecture, heritage sites and preservation be allowed to demolish a national landmark unchecked. You are kissing up. You have to be as horrified as me! What are you afraid of? Show some spine. Stand up for our historic built environment.
A new meeting space, ball room or whatever is needed could certainly be handled in a way that's more sensitive to the existing structure!
Stand up!!!

Name: Geralynn Ransom
Date: February 21, 2026 2:45:12 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project and request that the East Wing of the White House be rebuilt and restored. This project was started without proper permits, authorizations or design review. Please cancel this project and penalties applied to those who broke the law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Ann Straub
Date: February 21, 2026 2:45:30 pm

I am strongly opposed to the size of the East Wing Ballroom. The grace and elegance of the People's House will be forever lost. The construction needs to stop immediately and new plans drawn up for a smaller ballroom that will preserve the beauty of the White House and the gardens.

Name: CynthiaDresser Dresser
Date: February 21, 2026 2:46:46 pm

My name is Cynthia Dresser. I'm a 70 y/o Veteran. I oppose waisting taxpayer money on the frivolous vanity projects DJT is undertaking. I am a retired VA nurse and a teacher as well as a proud Democrat.

Name: Justin Robertson
Date: February 21, 2026 2:47:37 pm

I respectfully oppose the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. As a National Historic Landmark owned by the American people, the White House deserves thoughtful stewardship grounded in preservation, fiscal responsibility, and public trust. At a time when many Americans are facing economic hardship, such an expansive and costly project feels misaligned with national priorities. While history reminds us—through figures like Marie Antoinette—how displays of excess can appear detached from public reality, we have the opportunity to choose a more responsible path. Significant alterations to an irreplaceable historic structure should be approached with restraint, transparency, and meaningful public engagement before any irreversible decisions are made.

Name: ELAINE PEASE
Date: February 21, 2026 2:48:17 pm

The East Wing was historic and beautiful. The plans for the new ballroom look gaudy and oversized. It will visually overtake the White House which it truely a sad, unfortunate shame.This is a terrible use of funds, private or public. Please do not approve it.

Name: Tracee Jenkins
Date: February 21, 2026 2:48:21 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Charlene Mongeon
Date: February 21, 2026 2:55:46 pm

I am absolutely irate and horrified that the current president decided unilaterally to destroy the east wing of our beautiful White House, a very historic building. Building a ridiculous and ugly ballroom for him to live out yet another of his toddler like narcissistic fantasies. This ballroom will not benefit the American people at all, and is costing the taxpayers an exorbitant amount of money. This is happening at the same time as so many Americans are losing their housing, their ability to feed their families, and their health care. How did this happen in The United States of America??

Name: Susan Sizemore
Date: February 21, 2026 3:04:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marc Anthony
Date: February 21, 2026 3:06:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I support the cancellation of this project, and the restoration of the East Wing to its former design.

Name: Gina McMather
Date: February 21, 2026 3:13:26 pm

The removal of the historic East Wing of the White House was an illegal and arrogant act. The question of remodeling “the People’s House” is not a matter for one man however exalted in his own mind. The federal government does not exist to throw parties a là Louis XIV but to serve the needs of the American people. Aesthetically the gigantic ballroom desgn would be a disaster both artistically and symbolically. A modest, functional building proportionate to the building as a whole must be carefully designed by competent and fully authorized committee of architects and historians.
In no case should the man who ordered the demolition be allowed to determine the end result. Ideally he should be prosecuted.
Thank you.
Gina McMather

Name: Elizabeth Ring
Date: February 21, 2026 3:14:39 pm

Please find a way to reduce the footprint of the White House ballroom. It’s way too large and will look out of proportion to the White House itself.

Name: Michelle Beasley
Date: February 21, 2026 3:14:50 pm

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Name: Wendy Beckmann
Date: February 21, 2026 3:16:47 pm

This needs to be stopped!!!! History is being erased by the bulldozers and if anything is to be done to repair the damage that has been already done, that needs to be rectified. Stop the illegal movement of the current administration thinking they can bull doze over what they like. Or build anything they like. Or rename anything they like without consulting the American people.Enough already!

Name: Beverly Branum
Date: February 21, 2026 3:18:40 pm

The East Wing in particular was where the White House inhabitants have historically welcomed The People who came to see what is supposed to be, in essence, "their house." In building a gaudy ballroom in its place, for entertaining the wealthy, it essentially says, "PEOPLE OUT. OLIGARCHY IN." I pray that the National Capital Planning Commission will NOT approve the plans for a ballroom and require that The East Wing be restored as the primary entrance for public tours and social gatherings involving The People, and offices for First Ladies to develop and implement public projects which better us as a people and a country.

Name: Katherine Woldum
Date: February 21, 2026 3:20:47 pm

The ballroom plan is poorly executed and completely unnecessary. The scale is off.

Name: Lynn Schroeder
Date: February 21, 2026 3:21:58 pm

The proposed ballroom addition is an abomination, it must be stopped. The White House and the surrounding public land and monuments are historic landmarks. Any changes to existing buildings or proposed additions must be reviewed and approved by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Name: Ronald Hill
Date: February 21, 2026 3:23:03 pm

Our nation's capital is rich in architectural history and the proposed plans for a massive ballroom will negatively impact the surrounding spaces. The initial rendering's of the structure look ridiculous because the new ballroom will dominate the historic grounds and dwarf the original White House buildings. Regardless of approved funding, this project should create a new structure that 'fits' in with the existing building scale and I believe building a new space for events can be

done with less grandeur. The demolition of the East Wing was shameless and should be criticized as a huge mistake... let's not make another huge mistake with the East Wing modernization and a Presidents obsession with size!

Name: Susan Rainey
Date: February 21, 2026 3:27:55 pm

As an American citizen, I believe that the "modernization" of the East Wing is simply another grotesque vanity project for an out-of-control authoritarian president. The illegal razing of the beloved East Wing should have sent shockwaves through your commission. How was this allowed? My recommendation is to hold the people accountable who destroyed the East Wing by making them pay to restore it to its original condition. There are plenty of photos that show every detail.

Also, the idea that a "ballroom" almost twice the size of the White House is necessary is truly absurd. It is an abomination and again, simply a nod to the narcissistic man baby who currently resides in the White House. If this gets built, it will be torn down in the near future, so save us the trouble by not allowing it to be built in the first place. This administration is already syphoning off billions of taxpayer dollars (and where is the money supposedly collected for the ballroom? No one seems to know!). You have the chance to place yourselves on the right side of history. We beg you to stop this madness and return the White House to its former glory. It is the people's house and we want healthcare, not a ballroom!

Attachment

Name: Suzanne Scallion
Date: February 21, 2026 3:29:32 pm

I ADAMANTLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

This is completely unacceptable. This is a decision to be made by elected officials representing ALL Americans.

He is OUT OF CONTROL.

Name: Sandra Eckhart
Date: February 21, 2026 3:29:36 pm

I am 77 years old, and my heart was crushed when I saw the destruction of the East Wing. It held such historical significance for our country and for the women of our country who have worked so hard for equal rights and recognition for the women who have contributed so much to our country. Having a dedicated place for the First Ladies gave us hope and made us feel "seen." It said to us, the women of the United States, and the rest of the world, "we belong, women belong." Its destruction was such a callus dismissal of our history. We do not need a ballroom. How often would a ballroom be used? Who would use a ballroom? Certainly, everyday hardworking citizens would not be attending balls in a gaudy White House ballroom. We don't need to try to impress other countries or dignitaries with massive structures. We should be impressing them with our character, honesty, and humanity. Please restore the East Wing as it was. Give it back to the First Ladies. Give it back to us.

Name: Jennifer Hanst
Date: February 21, 2026 3:33:55 pm

The demolition of the east wing and future outrageous ballroom is illegal and an abomination and should be restored immediately and at the personal expense of the President.

Name: Deborah Newberg
Date: February 21, 2026 3:34:28 pm

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Name: Julia Chasman
Date: February 21, 2026 3:34:49 pm

I want to add my voice to the chorus of concerned citizens who find the new plans for the overly MASSIVE ballroom near the East Wing to be architecturally way over scale and out of keeping with the proportions of our classically designed White House. We cannot allow this plan to move forward. The massing of buildings makes no sense at all and damages the overall design in a way that cannot be corrected without having to tear it down in the future. We have already lost cherished parts of the White House and Rose Garden and we must not allow this plan to move forward. I remind the committee that the White House is : the People's House! Please note how many thousands of people have taken the time to submit a written comment and please don't let our efforts go to waste! Thank you!

Julia Chasman
Interior Designer
[redacted]

Name: Amy Farrington
Date: February 21, 2026 3:35:10 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written comment. If this East Wing Ballroom project will have any amount of funding by the U.S. government, I strongly object. Our elected officials should be managing the budget with priority on fiscally responsible spending that takes care of citizens and tax payers. It's unclear how demolishing something functional in order to build something else would make America's great again. It's unlikely that most Americans would ever see or use the elaborate, unnecessary remodel.

Name: Andrea Humber
Date: February 21, 2026 3:39:04 pm

Another gauche and unneeded excuse for slapping trumps name above the entrance to yet another vanity project. Ballroom schmallroom ugh.

Name: Phyllis Bourne
Date: February 21, 2026 3:39:50 pm

I oppose the illegal and unauthorized destruction of the East Wing of the White House. When this country has massive debt and so many citizens living in poverty, it is ridiculous to consider spending $300,000,000 whether from taxpayer money or from private donations. This is an historical building and should be treated with proper respect and care. I want the destruction halted and the building rebuilt based on its original design. To repair or modernize the building with a plan approved by the National Capital Planning Commission in a form that reflects our American history as a suitable legacy to future Americans. This is a country that does things in an orderly fashion, following legal doctrines and the Constitution of the United States of America. No one is above the law. To permit this mass destruction of this building is abominable and those who broke the law in destroying this building should be penalized. Those who allow or condone moving ahead with this project without proper planning and authorization should be ashamed. As an American citizen whose ancestors helped settle this country, I am devastated by this blatant flaunting of our countries systems and values.

Name: Nom dePlume
Date: February 21, 2026 3:45:52 pm

A regime that cannot answer basic questions about ethics, transparency, and past associations has no business pouring concrete for a 90,000-square-foot vanity hall at the White House. Yet here we are. After the apparent illegal demolition of the East Wing, the public is expected to shrug and watch a palace-scale ballroom rise in its place, funded by billionaires

whose “generosity” conveniently requires no public oversight. If you wanted a visual metaphor for corruption, you couldn’t design a better one.

Let’s speak plainly. Donald Trump has spent years surrounded by unanswered questions about his relationships, including his documented social proximity to Jeffrey Epstein. The American people were promised transparency. We were promised clarity. We were told everything was “perfect.” Instead, we’ve received deflection, partial disclosures, and a political culture that treats accountability like an inconvenience. And now, while those shadows still linger, we’re supposed to applaud the construction of a chandeliered ego chamber inside the People’s House?

It’s obscene.

When oligarchs line up to finance structural changes to the seat of executive power, that is not philanthropy, it is leverage. Nobody drops that kind of money without expecting influence. Nobody bankrolls an expansion of presidential grandeur out of pure civic affection. They expect access, favors, regulatory indulgence, or protection. That’s how oligarchy works. And the American public is sick of being gaslit about it.

This proposal is not about governance. It is about spectacle. It is about projecting dominance and wealth while ordinary Americans grind through inflation, housing crises, climate disasters, and collapsing infrastructure. It is about constructing a literal ballroom for self-congratulation while serious ethical questions remain unresolved. The arrogance is breathtaking.

People are pissed off because this feels like impunity in architectural form. Bulldoze first. Build bigger. Let the donors foot the bill. Ignore the optics. Ignore the precedent. Ignore the law. Just keep expanding the throne room and dare the public to object.

Well, here’s the objection: The White House does not belong to a president. It belongs to the people. It is not a monument to ego. It is not a safe space for billionaires to purchase proximity to power. And it is certainly not the place for lavish indulgence while transparency and accountability remain incomplete.

Reject this proposal outright. The country needs integrity, not excess. We need sunlight, not chandeliers. And we are done pretending this kind of brazen self-aggrandizement is normal.

Name: Abigail Pressel
Date: February 21, 2026 3:48:44 pm

I am writing to express my concerns about the White House plan for the East Wing. The idea that this is called a modernization when the historic site was bulldozed to the ground is laughable. The size of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the rest of the White House structure and makes it look like a country club. I also am concerned at the rapid pace this seems to be being pushed through without the proper steps for review and public comment.

Name: Deborah Ledford
Date: February 21, 2026 3:50:06 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Stop this shameful abomination.
Deborah J Ledford

Name: Jill Kocourek
Date: February 21, 2026 3:51:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on White House ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper

authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Rezutko
Date: February 21, 2026 3:52:52 pm

Please drastically scale back the size and scope of this addition. It grossly overwhelms the beauty of the original, historic grounds of the property. A smaller ballroom to seat up to even 500 would feel more special and keep the correct scale.

Name: Meredith Martin
Date: February 21, 2026 3:56:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Angela Ranzoni
Date: February 21, 2026 3:59:27 pm

The ballroom is a travesty, a waste of time and a display of gross power by the most careless and reckless President we've ever had. The historic East Wing soils be restored to its previous state.

Name: Susanne Bean
Date: February 21, 2026 4:00:20 pm

While there may be a need for a larger modern venue at the location of the east wing it should not over power the actual White House. The White House is a historic building for the country and should retain that important status. The current design is larger than what is needed.
The design of the new east wing should honor our history while not reducing the importance of the historic White House. Many European nations - value and honor old buildings and work to maintain, build, renovate or replace in a style and manner that honors the past while embracing the future. I hope that the new East Wing will do that too.

Name: Suzanne Conrad
Date: February 21, 2026 4:00:48 pm

To whom it may concern,

I am aghast that The People's House's East Wing has been destroyed without any input from the people. The insult feels physical to me.
While this administration's policies have stripped the poor at home and abroad of basic survival needs, they are building an enormous ballroom? It is cruel, and immoral. This will never serve the people, rather rich and powerful donors.

Insist that this is matching in size to the West Wing, true architecturally to the other buildings, and planned for the people.

I am sure of course, this is impossible, and neither you nor I will have any say in the matter.
Suzanne Conrad

Name: judith hodell
Date: February 21, 2026 4:00:58 pm

I am shocked that this ungainly and disproportionate design is being rushed through he approval process after the similarly heedless demolishment of the original East wing without going through the established review and consultation process. It is terribly inappropriate for a ballroom of this scale to dwarf the actual White House. It looks like a hotel convention center. There is no need for it to overshadow the symbolism of our seat of democracy. And it is most undemocratic for the will of one man to foist it on the nation for many years to come. I strongly oppose both the design and the manner in which it has been rushed out. Shoddy all around.

Name: Cathy ONeill
Date: February 21, 2026 4:03:24 pm

I love that you are renovating the East Wing to make a big beautiful ballroom. It’s needed and appreciated.

Name: William Smith
Date: February 21, 2026 4:04:30 pm

The process for this project has been a sham perpetrated by the President. The White House should be the "People's House". The review and input process has not been conducted until after the President made the decision for the change and had appointed his chosen people to the groups responsible for the reviews. Whether or not a ballroom and the design was an appropriate addition is now not a consideration, it's the way it's been done is the issue, without respect to anyone other than the one person who decided it would be done. This is not the way OUR government is supposed to work and people will remember.

Name: Debra Fraser
Date: February 21, 2026 4:07:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Ritter
Date: February 21, 2026 4:07:54 pm

The White House has always been a symbol of hope, Home and democracy. Do not let it be destroyed as it has been already. Rebuild it as it was.

Name: Janet Grayson
Date: February 21, 2026 4:08:32 pm

What he did he did to the White House was un American!

Name: Barbara Hatcher
Date: February 21, 2026 4:08:55 pm

The White House belongs to the people of the US. The White House is not the personal property of any President. As such, the project requires approval from either the people themselves or their representatives in Congress. This approval should have occurred before construction began. My main concern is whether this is good stewardship. There has been no cost-benefit analysis or consideration of fully involving the true owners of the White House—the people.

My specific concerns are as follows:
1. The President is controlling private donations and appears to be offering special favors to donors. For example, are Paramount and others receiving federal advantages to buy up and gut more liberal communication holdings, and contract advantages with federal agencies? These actions seem illiberal.

2. While the people are doing poorly because of increased costs for food, utilities, and health care, couldn't funds be better spent on public health, veterans, housing, or other documented needs?
3. It is not clear that the proposed building aligns with historical preservation standards. If the new structure will dwarf the White House, it will become an eyesore rather than an asset to the aesthetics of Washington, DC.
4. US citizens have not been given the option to vote on a design for the building. The design should reflect the people and not the personal branding of one person or the political branding of one group.

For these and other reasons, I do NOT support the approval of the proposed project.

Name: Ellen Hubbard
Date: February 21, 2026 4:09:00 pm

As someone who grew up in Washington, and loves the history and architecture of our nation's capital, I beg you to do everything in your power to stop this insensitive and grotesque disfigurement of the White House. Thank you.

Name: Valerie Rounds-Atkinson
Date: February 21, 2026 4:12:35 pm

The White House belongs to the American people. Major construction projects that involve demolition must be first submitted to the appropriate authorities, not the whims of whatever politician happens to be staying there.
I oppose the construction of an underground data collection center under proposed dining room. The East Wings was built to be the heart of the government, whereas the West Wing is for the work of government. The White House is not the present occupants personal property. Please stop this construction and endeavor to rebuild as closely as possible to the original.

Name: Libby Langdon
Date: February 21, 2026 4:13:53 pm

Hello, I'm Libby Langdon an interior designer in NYC and I work on residential and commercial projects all over the United States. (Www.libbylangdon.com) I'm writing to oppose the construction of the proposed "East Wing Modernization", it's not in keeping with the architectural integrity and design history that make the White House "The People's House", as well as the functions for our government. This decision is by one person, Donald Trump and is NOT going through the proper channels to be cleared and deemed acceptable. As someone in the design industry for over 20 years, this simply MUST be stopped and put through the proper non-partisan channels for clearance, clarity and honestly about what and who this proposed ballroom will actually serve.

Name: Isadora Kravitz
Date: February 21, 2026 4:19:10 pm

The proposed plan for the east wing modernization should not be approved. The scale of the new ballroom does not respect the White House. The original footprint of the White House needs to be the prominent design element. The ballroom needs to be drastically reduced in size. A ballroom should not be the main focus.
The plans need to be rejected.

Name: Jane Smith
Date: February 21, 2026 4:21:46 pm

As a citizen, a Republican, & an individual who has loved Washington D.C. for over sixty years, I m calling on those at the helm of this project to reconsider the plans & place the new structure in an appropriate place & redesign it so its scale is in harmony with the White House. The house should be the main focus.

Name: Meg Fletcher
Date: February 21, 2026 4:22:35 pm

I strongly object to the tearing down of the East Wing and hope that it will be rebuilt as it was before, restoring the historical design of our White House. The fact that this tear down took place without permission is shocking and I really hope that there will be consequences for the utter disregard for our historical capitol not to mention the American people.

Name: pete crooks
Date: February 21, 2026 4:25:49 pm

Not only will this ballroom and extension be hideously ugly but the sources of funding and lack of transparency in the process of planning and construction are sketchy and unacceptable.

Name: Kristine Kern
Date: February 21, 2026 4:26:11 pm

Please reconsider the size and scope of the east wing renovation. Im very concerned about current plans and their scale, which seems overdone.

Also, please respect and adhere to the standard approvals process with time for public oversight and input. This is the PEOPLE's house, after all.

Name: Michelle Sabin
Date: February 21, 2026 4:28:47 pm

Hello, I am writing as a concerned citizen and as an interior designer (University of Oregon I.Arc '09). The new east wing plans for the White House are appallingly large and out of scale to the historic original building. I urge the government to reconsider the approvals. It seems the new design of the "People's House" has not had enough public scrutiny or input. As such an important landmark and symbol of our democracy, we all deserve better.
Thank you, Michelle Sabin

Name: Carolyn Song
Date: February 21, 2026 4:32:10 pm

Please restore the White House to 2024 structure - ballroom does not benefit the American people

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Name: David Britton
Date: February 21, 2026 4:36:39 pm

At this point it is my opinion that this project should be put on hold until designs and additions can be reviewed by historic preservation experts to assure it's done in a reasonable and appropriate fashion. This is not a decision that should be made by one person as a vanity project. I personally do not have any issues with updating historic buildings to suit modern needs or even the addition of an event space for the White House but this seems extremely excessive.

Name: Elizabeth Kates
Date: February 21, 2026 4:40:22 pm

The people of the United States do not need a permanent reminder of the size of President Trump's ego affixed to the eastern portion of the White House. The size of the addition is entirely out of scale compared to the original House.

Name: Kathleen Presnell
Date: February 21, 2026 4:43:28 pm

Put it back exactly the way it was before torn down.

Name: Sue Williamson
Date: February 21, 2026 4:44:34 pm

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Name: Jan Schochet
Date: February 21, 2026 4:54:24 pm

I strongly oppose spending $300 million on this project. There were no proper authorization, permits, or design review, and yet it began by completely razing this wing of the White House.

This is not a modernization project. Instead it is an elimination project. It eliminated a huge chunk of American history. I am writing to ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project proceed without consequences for those who broke the law would be a glaring affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Hathaway
Date: February 21, 2026 4:57:32 pm

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Name: casey friedman
Date: February 21, 2026 4:58:21 pm

A renovation of the east wing is a wonderful idea. However, the proposed ballroom and east wing addition are grossly out of scale with the current main building. In addition, the plan would interrupt the symmetry of the current drive, symmetry, scale, and order being the main principles of classical design which the proposed plans do not reflect.

-Casey Friedman

Name: Anna Cave
Date: February 21, 2026 5:02:22 pm

The cardinal rule in historic architectural preservation is that a new structure must be subordinate in scale and size to the original. The proposed plans utterly fail to meet this rule. In short: it’s in poor taste.

Name: Jennifer DeMarrais
Date: February 21, 2026 5:02:57 pm

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Name: Leslie Swanson
Date: February 21, 2026 5:03:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million or any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The East Wing celebrated the history of the First Ladies and should not have been demolished.

Name: Bobbi Purnomo
Date: February 21, 2026 5:07:45 pm

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Name: Stacy Brightman
Date: February 21, 2026 5:09:34 pm

I strongly oppose the east wing “modernization” project as being profoundly and distressingly out of scale with the historic White House. The design appears to resemble an unattractive convention hall and lacks grace or elegance.

Name: Rhonda Case
Date: February 21, 2026 5:12:29 pm

Although the destruction of the People’s House and the concomitant damage to our nation’s psyche cannot be undone, I beg you to do whatever is within your power to restore what was lost. To call the President’s leveling of the East Wing of the White House “modernizing” is moronic and offensive.

Our Founding Fathers were a class act. In contrast, our nakedly crass and ignorant Emperor will be wearing his New Clothes to every ball (or wrestling match) he organizes in his own honor in his grotesquely proportioned, gilded ballroom. Please stop this mad descent into the ugliest of dystopias.

Respectfully,
Rhonda Case
Eureka, California

Name: Sharie Goodfellow
Date: February 21, 2026 5:13:27 pm

I object to the demolition of The People's House by Donald J Trump. He had no permission or authority except his own vanity project idea that there needed to be modernization of the East Wing of the White House. Further, the funding of this project by him is very suspicious. We, the people, need to give our permission through the planning commission and that has not been done. We don't need a ballroom for billionaires. Stop the destruction and "tinselization" of the White House.

Name: Rachael Morton
Date: February 21, 2026 5:16:15 pm

I am against the proposed east wing project as shown.

Its scale dwarfs the existing buildings and is completely out of proportion. It needs to be completely redesigned in keeping with existing historically significant architecture.

Name: Megan Mellin
Date: February 21, 2026 5:17:39 pm

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Name: Julie Neill
Date: February 21, 2026 5:21:50 pm

The design of this building flies in the face of the historic importance and makes a mockery of the ideals and aspirations of our country as expressed in the restrained grandeur of the White House as we know it. By ignoring the important history and location of the building and neglecting to go through the proper review channels, this completely out of scale building will put a permanent stain on this important site.

I oppose proceeding with project without proper review.

Name: MARYANN MCFARLAND
Date: February 21, 2026 5:21:59 pm

I am extremely opposed to the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The funding sources are also not appropriate for a project taking place on the White House grounds. This is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Roger Landes
Date: February 21, 2026 5:22:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sally Clark
Date: February 21, 2026 5:22:27 pm

Please consider rebuilding the East Wing (Ballroom) so as not to dwarf the existing White House structure. I say NO to the proposed plan.

Name: carla massaro
Date: February 21, 2026 5:24:27 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review or public given an opportunity to comment before the current historic structure was ripped out by its' roots. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former authentic design. NO PERSON, OFFICIAL, PRESIDENT is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. You must rebuild! Thank you.

Name: Ray Yarrow
Date: February 21, 2026 5:24:27 pm

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Also I do not like how he is extorting people/corporations to have them pay for his ego project that is not meeting the own symbol of the President being of the people. Not some king for a project that he can hold his stinking rallies in. The people paying for this are paying bribes for favors. Maybe tRump keeping them from going to jail because of the Epstein file?

Stop this reward for him breaking the law to build this piece of gawdy tRump crap!

Name: Georgia Pellegrini
Date: February 21, 2026 5:26:07 pm

I am strongly against the current East Wing design. It is ostentatious and goes against our democratic principles in its aesthetic. It is something more readily scene in Versailles than 2026 America. I am also appalled by how reckless the demolition was in destroying parts of American history, including mature trees planted as memorials. This entire process has been done with total disregard for the people, this is our house and the aesthetic does not represent us.

Name: Kelly Tuohey
Date: February 21, 2026 5:29:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jill Braaten
Date: February 21, 2026 5:30:16 pm

I write to register my opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project, especially the ballroom. While appropriate modernization and maintenance that are respectful of the architectural design are a necessity, this is not that. It is not necessary and has already destroyed a part of the WhiteHouse that held historical significance now lost for the American people, the ultimate owners of this house and landlord to all who temporarily inhabit it. We should maintain a welcoming and proper residence/offices for our presidents with appropriate accommodations made for entertaining foreign heads of state and doing the people's business. No president of either/any party should ever be allowed to suffer the delusion that it is--or could be--either a palace or a party headquarters. Modernization and maintenance, yes. Grand ballrooms that are egregiously bedazzled and grossly disproportionate to the main structure as well as tone deaf to the reality of the daily struggles of the American people, no.

Listen to the American people--the landlords--and be respectful of the privilege of your stewardship of the people's house. Thank you.

Name: Amy Wilkerson
Date: February 21, 2026 5:31:58 pm

Has the sitting president have no respect for history?
This project is an obscene eyesore and a complete travesty.

This vanity project is illegal and gross.

Amy Wilkerson
Citizen

Name: Edward Lawrence
Date: February 21, 2026 5:34:34 pm

I’m writing to oppose the multi million dollar ballroom project which defaces our White House. This project was initiated without permission or consultation and without regard to the historic significance of the East Wing. To continue this project without regard to its illegal beginning would be to reward criminal behavior. I encourage you to insist on the restoration of the East Wing to its January 2025 status with the funding coming from the appropriate fines that should be levied for its destruction.

Name: Jane Yerkes
Date: February 21, 2026 5:35:11 pm

I think that permission should have been sought before the East Wing was torn down, and knowledgeable organizations be involved in all architectural design and planning. The National Trust for Historic Preservation needs to be involved in any future design and implementation.

Name: Tyler Reed
Date: February 21, 2026 5:35:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Peter Carlsen
Date: February 21, 2026 5:38:02 pm

For starters, Donald J. Trump should be impeached for ordering the destruction of the East Wing without the required approvals, including the approval of Congress.

Any major new structure on the White House grounds should be approved by Congress. Construction of it should not start until such approval is granted.

The executive mansion unquestionably should be the largest and most prominent structure on the White House grounds. Therefore, the proposed new structure at 90 thousand SF is at least two times too large.

Name: Dianna Warren
Date: February 21, 2026 5:39:10 pm

I love how Anara Guard put it and I agree so I’m using her words!

Anara Guard's comment :

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Thank You,
Dianna Warren

Name: Elissa Timoner
Date: February 21, 2026 5:39:10 pm

donaldjtrump should be forced to have the East Wing of the White House rebuilt as it was before, and at his personal expense!

Name: Joanne Wolff
Date: February 21, 2026 5:41:33 pm

This "design" is a travesty. The only need for something this obscenely huge would be turning the White House into a tacky catering hall. It is a vanity project for an unstable "leader" who will never be able to utilize it to enrich his own coffers, as he will be ineligible to run for office again.

Name: Peter Wood
Date: February 21, 2026 5:41:33 pm

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to President Trump's renovation of the East Wing and proposed construction of an adjoining ball room. While I don't dispute the need for an appropriate venue for official events and state dinners, the current plan is completely inappropriate. The scale is entirely out of proportion to the existing historic building....the White House.

To quote Dr. Carol Quillen, President of the National Trust, the White house is "Owned by the American people...The building respects Georgian and neoclassical principles. It is a National Historic Landmark, a National Park, and a globally recognized symbol of our nation’s ideals." So, why would the American people want to diminish one of our national symbols to satisfy the vanity of one man? Apparently, they, we, I don't. 99% of the comments so far have voiced opposition to the plan. It seems to me that if we are a "government of the people, by the people, for the people" the government should listen to us.

Respectfully,
Peter Wood

Name: Lesl Brown
Date: February 21, 2026 5:41:43 pm

I oppose this project. The project was initiated without review or authorization. The construction of dimensions are ill defined and has changed over the months. It is also not in harmony with the White House.
The funding for the construction should be made public.

Name: Kelley Carter
Date: February 21, 2026 5:49:57 pm

For all my 70 years, I have taken great pride in the simplicity and beauty of the “People’s House.” Without following proper and legal procedures, part of our house was ripped apart practically overnight. As a temporary resident, Mr Trump clearly did not understand that his lease was held by the American People and that our feelings (along with our rights) matter. The “Modernization” must be to put our house back together as it was with only necessary improvements! My hope is that generations to come, will be able to look at the White House simply as a symbol of a united people.

Name: Dan Klyn
Date: February 21, 2026 5:51:06 pm

A disgrace to our capital; this project should be re-designed by an actual architect.

Name: Leslie Needham
Date: February 21, 2026 5:52:11 pm

I would like to register my extreme concern,
disappointment and objection to the plans for the proposed east wing of the White House. The White House is an American treasure and landmark and any alterations, additions or renovations to this building need to be done with proper care and approvals. This new East Wing addition has not met this criteria. The new proposed addition is completely out of scale with the White House and has no relationship to the site and landscape surrounding it.

This project should not continue as it is designed. It is the “people’s house” and should reflect the needs and desires of the American people. As it is currently designed, it does not do so.

Leslie Needham
American citizen
Landscape Designer

Name: Christine Fitzgerald
Date: February 21, 2026 5:52:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Pomerantz
Date: February 21, 2026 5:56:45 pm

As an American taxpayer, I strongly oppose President Trump’s East Wing expansion. He is doing this project unlawfully - like he does everything else. Plus he is not building a ballroom, he is building an under ground bunker. We all know he is dishonest and will not be truthful in his plans. Since he is our country’s most shameful president the idea of him leaving a lasting legacy on the people’s house makes this tax payer nauseous . Any renovation plans to the White House should be submitted and approved in advance. Changes should be reasonable in nature abd proceed with the goal of preserving our history and tax dollars .

Name: Germaine LaBerge
Date: February 21, 2026 5:59:32 pm

Hello,
as a concerned citizen, I oppose spending $300 million on this project—- one initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing of the people’s house rebuilt & restored to its former design.
No one is above the law.
To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thanks for taking & listening to my views,
Sincerel,
Germaine LaBerge

Name: Tom Desmond
Date: February 21, 2026 6:05:53 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the East Wing ballroom project as currently configured at 90,000 square feet. The problem is that it is going to dominate and overwhelm the existing structures of the White House, and this is not something that should be permitted.

Unfortunately, the premature destruction of the previously existing East Wing requires that something be constructed in its place. But it is important that the replacement be scaled appropriately. In view of that, an addition that might be perhaps a third the size of what is being proposed might be appropriate.

It is further important that input be received from architects and designers outside those who are assigned to work on this project in order to ensure that the result will be architecturally appropriate and not end up being considered an eyesore.

Name: Russell Hopper
Date: February 21, 2026 6:07:40 pm

I strongly oppose the ballroom addition to the White House at the former East Wing site.
I am an architect with 30 years of experience. The new addition is greatly oversized and out of scale with the central White House building. The architecture is inconsistent with the style of the original building. The East Wing must be rebuilt to the original footprint with an assembly space if needed. The destruction of the existing East Wing is a travesty and never approved by any governing body. Overturn the current approval.

Name: James Hankey
Date: February 21, 2026 6:07:42 pm

I vehemently oppose this ego-driven $300 million project. The East Wing should be restored with historical accuracy.

Name: Deirdre Carlson
Date: February 21, 2026 6:08:59 pm

This project is an affront to the people of the US. This is OUR building. I OPPOSE this project. It is NOT a modernization project at all, but simply a vanity project of President Trump. Additionally, it did NOT have the required prior authorization. It represents the destruction of a beloved historical building. The project should be immediately stopped and the East Wing should be restored as much as possible to its original structure.

There should be severe consequences for the current administration that BROKE THE LAW!

Name: Barbara Jeniker
Date: February 21, 2026 6:11:14 pm

I strongly OPPOSE any OVERSIZED BALLROOM to replace he WHITE HOUSE EAST WING, which was WRONGFULLY and RAPACIOUSLY DESTROYED!

When someone deliberately damages PUBLIC PROPERTY, they should be held ACCOUNTABLE and made to MAKE RESTITUTION. They should NOT be rewarded by being allowed to continue their illegal VANITY PROJECT!

THE BALLROOM PROJECT SHOULD BE CANCELLED.
The EAST WING of the PEOPLE'S HOUSE should be REBUILT and RESTORED to its former HISTORIC PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE!

Name: Jon Bernstein
Date: February 21, 2026 6:13:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jeanne Rogers
Date: February 21, 2026 6:13:59 pm

We do not want this grandious addition. It is out of scale and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Name: Barbara Daniels
Date: February 21, 2026 6:14:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amy McCabe
Date: February 21, 2026 6:17:33 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House without any consultation, input or planning with the proper authorities puts the whole project in question. The planned replacement building will dwarf the White House and is nothing more than monument to the ego of one man who has no concept of public service or public good. This is a monstrous destruction and desecration of one of our most enduring national symbols. The Commission must act in the best interests of preserving our national treasures and with clear intent to protect the integrity of this site. An outsized golden ballroom is not in keeping with our founding fathers dream of a democratic republic that is not to be ruled or subjugated by one man with only ambitions of power and wealth.
This is the people's house and needs to demonstrate the values of our country of equality for ALL. A place for elites to gather is not in the best interests of this country.

Name: William Miller
Date: February 21, 2026 6:17:43 pm

I am strongly opposed to the current plan presented to build a 90,000 square foot east wing that would hold a ballroom for 999 people.
The scale of this addition will ruin the house of the people- our White House. It’ size and design overwhelm the current building.
I understand the need to have a large ballroom but this project needs to be rethought . Ballroom that would hold 600 people is 50% larger than any tent that previously had been used .
Plus the need to change the grounds to accommodate this building ruin the original Olmsted park .
Please stop this project as it stands.

Name: Tandy Graves
Date: February 21, 2026 6:29:22 pm

Destroying our Whitehouse is not a Presidential right. It is not a palace to be adorned in gold . Our Founding Fathers fought against Kings and their symbols. It belongs to the American people and is a cherished historical structure.

Name: Elaine Daly
Date: February 21, 2026 6:32:25 pm

The proposed ballroom addition is out of scale, destroys important historical attributes of the original White House, and does not convey the dignity, gravity and beauty that has traditionally belonged to this space. If our goal is to present American taste as graceless, trendy and grandiose, it succeeds brilliantly. Honestly it would look much more at home in Las Vegas.

Name: Tracy Sellman
Date: February 21, 2026 6:33:57 pm

I am writing to provide public input regarding the East Wing Modernization Project, including the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a unit of the National Park System, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has served as the home of our presidents since 1800 and stands as perhaps the most symbolically and historically significant site in the United States. Any permanent alteration to such a nationally important place demands rigorous review, transparency, and meaningful public participation.

I am deeply concerned that the East Wing was demolished without proper authorization or public review. This action should never have occurred. The East Wing is an integral part of the historic White House complex, and its removal represents an unacceptable breach of established preservation standards and public trust. Rather than replacing it with a large new addition that risks overwhelming the historic scale and character of the site, the East Wing should be faithfully restored to its original form, in exact architectural and material detail, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

In addition, the removal of historic landscapes associated with previous administrations is equally troubling. Jacqueline Kennedy's Rose Garden and Michelle Obama's vegetable garden are not decorative afterthoughts; they are culturally and historically significant features that reflect evolving chapters of the White House story. Their removal without authorization or public process was inappropriate, and both landscapes should be fully restored in keeping with their documented designs and historical intent.

The White House does not belong to any single administration. It belongs to the American people—past, present, and future. Alterations made without proper review undermine public confidence in our shared stewardship of national heritage. I urge the responsible reviewing entities to reject the proposed ballroom addition, require restoration of the East Wing and historic gardens, and ensure that all future actions adhere strictly to preservation law, professional standards, and transparent public engagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment and to participate in decisions that affect one of our most important national treasures.

Best regards,
Tracy Sellman

Name: Mary Rook-Nykrin
Date: February 21, 2026 6:37:17 pm

oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ze' daLuz
Date: February 21, 2026 6:39:12 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing, with no apparent benefit to the public.

This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The money given towards this project can be used for the rebuild. Or perhaps the guy who illegally began it can pay from his own pocket.

No one is above the law, fines should also be levied on the person(s) who gave the illegal go ahead. To permit this project without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Liron
Date: February 21, 2026 6:40:20 pm

Hello,
I am very troubled by the changes occurring at OUR, the people’s, White House.
Tearing down the East Wing without seeking approval was very upsetting. The current plans for the ballroom seem beyond what is needed or suitable.
The described size and opulence our not in keeping with our country’s values.
Please do not allow this to go forward.
Sincerely,
Sarah Liron

Name: Shannon Ggem
Date: February 21, 2026 6:40:44 pm

This project failed to
Meet requirements and also violates standards of beauty. The project needs a complete redesign and should not be approved.

Name: Rena Palloff
Date: February 21, 2026 6:41:36 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. We do not need a "ballroom" and particularly one of this size, magnitude, and cost. I saw the drawings of the proposed project and was horrified at what it would do to our current White House.

Name: Ben Glor
Date: February 21, 2026 6:41:54 pm

A renovation and new event space to the White House may very well be necessary to meet the needs of 21st century engagement. However, at minimum, it must pass through the same level scrutiny as all historic projects do.

It's critical to the design process and sensibilities writ large in our nation's capital for this to be taken seriously and with respect. It denegeates the traditions we try to uphold by not allowing the public a chance to voice their opinions.

Without the careful public facing design consideration the White House renovation will, at best, be a boondoggle for the American Taxpayer. Without having to stand up and defend the architectural design in front of the public the Architects and their Client are choosing for the White House to become a symbol of national arrogance.

Name: Donald Schaeffer
Date: February 21, 2026 6:43:40 pm

The White House is one of our most well known public structures and an important part of Washington DC and the country's architectural heritage. I would ask that whatever modifications are made be done in keeping with the larger architectural plan and be of appropriate scale to enhance, and not detract or overpower the existing grounds and building. Some of the renderings that have appeared to date show a very large structure completely out of proportion with the rest of the building. Given the magnitude of this project, I trust that established procedures and protocols for review will be followed to ensure whatever is built is in keeping with the spirit of the existing structure and grounds.

Name: Ruth Golush
Date: February 21, 2026 6:48:23 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
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Name: Patrick Dimond
Date: February 21, 2026 6:53:30 pm

Please do NOT proceed with the current drawings of the east wing that Trump is encouraging!!! It’s is far FAR too large of an addition. In terms of scale it is completely inappropriate and uneven. Preserve the integrator of the people’s house and the lawn.

Name: Barbara Yusko
Date: February 21, 2026 7:00:11 pm

I am opposed to this project as it is illegal. It is NOT a modernization but an upheaval and erasure of American history. I am also suspect of the process. I am sure there is a board that should have been consulted. This historic building was torn down and destroyed with no thought. It was meaningful to the American people and that has been totally disregarded. It is a sad day in America when a president can just unilaterally decide to do what they want with no guardrails.

Name: Karri Whisman
Date: February 21, 2026 7:02:40 pm

I OPPOSE the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The record of public opposition matters!

Name: Virginia Megee
Date: February 21, 2026 7:04:41 pm

I am appalled that the East Wing was destroyed and I adamantly oppose the construction of the obscenity that has been proposed. No American needs or wants a ballroom! The White House is the People's House and the people need a well functioning democratic republic not a king with his private ballroom! No ballroom!

Name: Mari Krajewski
Date: February 21, 2026 7:08:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christi Smith
Date: February 21, 2026 7:10:03 pm

Public Comment on the Proposed White House Ballroom

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I respectfully submit this comment expressing concern about the proposed scale of the new ballroom addition to the White House.

Any changes to this historic building must carefully respect the architectural vision established by its original architect, James Hoban. While modernization and functional improvements may be necessary, new construction should remain compatible in scale and clearly subordinate to the historic Executive Residence. The currently proposed ballroom appears to risk overwhelming the original structure and altering the balance and proportions that define the White House's architectural character.

Established historic preservation standards emphasize that new additions to landmark structures must be differentiated yet compatible, and must preserve the historic property's character-defining features, scale, and spatial relationships. Additions to nationally significant landmarks should reinforce, rather than compete with, the historic fabric. I urge the Commission to require revisions ensuring that any ballroom addition preserves the primacy of the original building, maintains appropriate proportional relationships, and minimizes visual impact on the historic setting.

The White House is an enduring symbol of national heritage, and its architectural integrity should remain the guiding principle for any modification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Christi Smith
Austin, TX

Name: Jill V
Date: February 21, 2026 7:10:41 pm

Tearing down the East Wing of the White House (the People's House) without permission or warning is the height of hubris and pettiness. Recently, the President stated that he was within his rights to destroy our country. What??? No, he's really NOT. And this administration didn't have the right to tear down a part of the White House as a surprise without a transparent PROCESS.

I'm writing to request that the ballroom project have a proper level of transparency and adhere to the set standards for historic PUBLIC property. That includes public comment on any plans so that the People get to weigh in on any monstrosity you're planning.

Thank you,
A Concerned Citizen

Name: James Osteen
Date: February 21, 2026 7:17:20 pm

The new ballroom does not need to be as big as is being proposed. This is not a convention center - it is the people's house and should only accommodate as many as have been hosted in temporary quarters with tents to date. I would recommend the ballroom to be no more than 60,000 square feet, which would be ample for most events that should be

held at the White House. Anything larger would overwhelm the original White House structure.

That said, I am vehemently opposed to the lack of legal process that has been followed by the current administration. Appointing lackeys to review boards is not representing the will of the people for the people's house.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Name: Jane Woodman
Date: February 21, 2026 7:21:53 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project. The submitted ballroom design would be completely incongruous with the existing White House and the proud history of the space.
I want this project canceled, and for the public to be able to review a set of design proposals that would place a modernized office space on the original footprint of the East Wing. The New East Wing should include significant design elements similar to the Old East Wing, and several historical markers commemorating the important events in American women's history that took place in the Old East Wing.
Please stop this desecration of our people's house.
Thank you.

Name: Mike Bottoms
Date: February 21, 2026 7:22:57 pm

I was surprised to see the removal of the East Wing of the Whitehouse. Once I heard that it was being replaced with a large space where State events can be held. I am completely comfortable with the change. I've seen so many photographs of events being held under tents (an embarrassment to our Country when world leaders attend) because there isn't a large enough room to provide a comfortable environment for our Country's guests. I completely support the new construction and removing of the old East Wing space. Thank you.

Name: Kathleen Lyons
Date: February 21, 2026 7:23:45 pm

I oppose the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. I have not seen any information regarding safe storage or preservation of the art and historic artifacts that were in the East Wing prior to its destruction last year, and this lack of transparency is concerning with regard to the budget process specifically and the construction in general for any replacement on that site. In particular, past material choices and proposals for the ballroom by the current president have been unfortunately notable for their lack of quality and durability, as well as for their cost and likelihood of sweetheart deals for his affiliates. The White House has been, in my lifetime, the house of the people of the United States, and needs to have any changes undertaken with consideration of the history and constitutional ideals that it represents. The proposed ballroom does not fit those basic criteria, and the current resident has amply demonstrated that he is not fit to make sound judgments concerning the White House structure nor it's grounds.

Name: adaline havemeyer
Date: February 21, 2026 7:26:39 pm

Clearly the East Wing needs rebuilding but not at a grandiose scale that overwhelms the historic building that is the White House. The scale and massing of this addition are heavy-handed and insensitive to what currently exists.

Name: Melanie Reed
Date: February 21, 2026 7:31:38 pm

Nothing about this project seems to have followed proper protocol and we are losing an important piece of history without our consent. I would like to see this revisited and handled appropriately.

Name: Lea VandenBoogaard
Date: February 21, 2026 7:33:23 pm

I was appalled when the beloved Rose Garden was bulldozed and turned into a stark patio space that mirrors any number of forgettable convention centers nationwide. I was moved to tears when I saw the total destruction of the East Wing.

First occupied by President John Adams and his wife, Abigail, in November of 1800, the White House has stood as a symbol of the Presidency, the United States government, and the American people. The White House does not need a ballroom, especially one as oversized as is planned. The White House is the temporary residence of whomever happens to be President at any given moment of time. It has a rich history and is filled with beautiful artwork and furnishings. It is most definitely not subject to a vanity project by the current occupant. The White House is the People's House, and is most definitely not Mar-A-Lago or any number of personally-owned properties that Donald Trump is well within his rights to desecrate as he sees fit.

I most strongly oppose the spending of at least $300M on this project, regardless of the source of funding. This project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. This project must be rejected, cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former glory. To allow this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the East Wing would be a slap in the face to all law-abiding Americans.

The US Commission of Fine Arts approved design plans for the ballroom project. Every single member that voted in favor is a Trump appointee, after the entire panel was replaced in January of last year. The National Trust for Historic Preservation filed a lawsuit in December to halt construction.

Please. I implore you. Save what is left of The People's House.

Thank you for your time in allowing public comment on this urgent matter.

Name: Jennifer Fernandez
Date: February 21, 2026 7:37:04 pm

I oppose the building of a ballroom of this size at the White House. A small addition, that went through appropriate planning and budget committees would have been fine. I would like to see the East Wing restored to what it was before the demolition.

Name: Leigh Anne Shaw
Date: February 21, 2026 7:37:05 pm

I oppose the destruction of the East wing, which was done without proper review, process, and input by the people for whom it was built and serves. I oppose the destruction of this national monument, especially as it was done for corrupt and self-aggrandizing purposes which are wholly inappropriate. I oppose this project as it was illegally conceived and has had no appropriate oversight. The perpetrator of its destruction, the president of the United States Donald Trump, must be charged and held accountable. He must be removed from office for destroying the very structures that he was charged with safeguarding.

Name: Laura Harris
Date: February 21, 2026 7:42:47 pm

I am very upset and concerned about the proposed changes to the East Wing. I understand that the East Wing needs to be updated and modernized but it should be done in a way that works within the context of the entire historic site not to completely overwhelm it. I believe as a tax payer that any change made to buildings as important and historic and emblematic of our country should be done with much thought, care and discipline and this plan shows none of that. The scale is completely wrong and diminishes the house of our President and the historic fabric of the White House. I very much hope and pray that you will vote AGAINST this.

Name: Melissa Bostrom
Date: February 21, 2026 7:44:03 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Christin Swearingen
Date: February 21, 2026 7:55:53 pm

I want this project canceled. It is an assault on the house of the people, and the East Wing should be rebuilt to its former state. Dictators build golden ballrooms to stroke their egos, this should not be happening in the United States of America.

Name: Ellen Smith
Date: February 21, 2026 7:55:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the White House Ballroom project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elena Fugiel
Date: February 21, 2026 7:56:19 pm

Please take in consideration the scale and historical significance of the existing structure so that this new addition will not only complement it but also not overwhelm it.

Name: Susan DeLude
Date: February 21, 2026 8:00:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Stacey McLaughlin
Date: February 21, 2026 8:08:59 pm

I am an American born citizen of the United States. I am a taxpayer of the United States. I am opposed to any alterations of the people's house without the law and proper procedures being followed: Alterations to the White House require Congressional approval and funding, as it is federal property managed by the National Park Service. Significant changes must pass reviews by the National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts to ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

The demolition of the white house by the current would be "king," has no authority to destroy public property as he has done. I am respectfully requesting that the National Park Service, National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts demand the rebuilding of the White House to its original state prior to January 2025.

If there is a mechanism for impeachment of Donald Trump for this violation it would be appropriate for congress to take action immediately to remove him from office and to protect the White House and return it to its historic state.

I am formally requesting that this comment be officially entered into the record.

Name: Christ Kanoles
Date: February 21, 2026 8:12:03 pm

I oppose what is currently happening. This is not a modernization project. A historical building has been destroyed without planning or forethought. The ballroom is not in the interest of the American people or our sense of history. If allowed to proceed, it will destroy the image of the White House. The previously existing structure needs to be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Jessica Huang
Date: February 21, 2026 8:16:40 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Angela Ferrari
Date: February 21, 2026 8:25:19 pm

Hello, I am submitting a comment to express my wholehearted view that the East Wing of the Whitehouse belongs to the people of the United States and not the current occupant. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

I am against the East Wing destruction. Furthermore Donald Trump needs to rebuild the East Wing that the people of the United States own at HIS expense. He tore the national landmark down without the consent of the people and now Trump needs to replace it with no cost to the American people.

Name: Sandra ODell
Date: February 21, 2026 8:30:55 pm

Please stop the unnecessary renovations that destroy elegance and replace it with tasteless decor!

Name: Mary Patton
Date: February 21, 2026 8:32:11 pm

Please stop this. It’s erasing American history. It’s one man’s ridiculous dream.

Name: Diane Hoffman
Date: February 21, 2026 8:32:16 pm

This rendering shows a design of poor taste, poor design and poor reflection of the historic importance of the project. It is a wart on the White House campus. The scale is way out of proportion and it not supposed convention hall. Even the largest state dinner is too tiny for the space. Bigger is not better. Please discard this design. .

Name: Peter Gachot
Date: February 21, 2026 8:33:52 pm

The sheer size of it is in bad taste. Please scale it back. I come from a family of architects and historians and know of what I speak.

Name: Marilyn Ferrari
Date: February 21, 2026 8:34:17 pm

Hello, I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Donald Trump needs to rebuild the East Wing at HIS own expense and restore it to its original state. The American people own this landmark and want it restored to its original historical state before the current occupant damaged the historical sight without the permission of the American people who own it.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Ferrari

Name: Dolores Egan
Date: February 21, 2026 8:36:26 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This "ballroom" is not needed or wanted.

Name: Gay Crawford
Date: February 21, 2026 8:38:20 pm

While I understand the desirability of preserving the past (I am a genealogist), I also appreciate renewing and improving our world. I am looking forward to seeing the new structure(s), and think the planned ballroom will be a good addition to the White House. It sounds like it will be beautiful.

Name: John Niles
Date: February 21, 2026 8:38:44 pm

February 21, 2026
I understand the White House East Wing Modernization ordered by President Trump was initiated originally and continues through today without proper legally established authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project halted, reviewed, then adjusted and officially re-authorized as a revised project to be restarted in compliance with existing law. One option to consider is to restore the East Wing to a reflection of its historic configuration, with some approved modernization in the facilities to achieve improved functioning. The President's order leading in the present day to replacing the East Wing with a ballroom without NCPC review and approval is outside of the established legal process for such development, NCPC should take clear and decisive action to set this project on a better course. As a bare minimum this action should include preparing complete documentation of how and why the project has proceeded to its current state, including a description of what has already been lost in the demolition of the historic White House East Wing..
Respectfully submitted,
John S. Niles, citizen living in Seattle, former District of Columbia resident.

Name: Janice Robin
Date: February 21, 2026 8:42:24 pm

Dear Sirs and Madames,
I recommend that the project be taken out of the hands of trump entirely. He had no business destroying the East Wing arbitrarily as it was done. It should be rebuilt into its original structure. Trump should pay for the rebuilding himself. A message to him: you broke it, now pay for fixing it.

Name: Katelyn Shearer
Date: February 21, 2026 8:45:43 pm

Members of the Commission: All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was unlawfully destroyed by the President. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem. Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess. No President should be able to destroy property that belongs to the country use taxpayer dollars on a design that is an eyesore and suspiciously exempted from the public or congressional review process.

Name: Kathy Hieatt
Date: February 21, 2026 8:54:24 pm

The White House was designed as a symmetrical building: a grand, central part flanked by smaller wings. The proposed ballroom would dwarf the governmental section and make the original building look ludicrously tiny. Talk about the tail that wags the dog!

Name: Retta Flagg
Date: February 21, 2026 8:57:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Regina Cherry
Date: February 21, 2026 8:59:13 pm

Unauthorized, illegal destruction for self aggrandizing project by the current president of the USA

I vehemently object and demand repair and reconstruction

Sincerely,
Regina Cherry

Name: Kelly Meyer
Date: February 21, 2026 9:03:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jonathan Duncan-Davlaur
Date: February 21, 2026 9:06:27 pm

The wholesale destruction of the East Wing before the approval (or indeed submission) of plans for any manner of

replacement is irresponsible. Moreover, the existence of a "white house ballroom" has been justified only by the vague desires of the president rather than a proven need of the union.

In short, the ballroom is a destructive, expensive project with no clear objective or value save for the placation of an aging would-be despot. Perhaps its only worth is as a painfully poignant metaphor for the administration's legacy.

Name: LaVone Krakov
Date: February 21, 2026 9:10:51 pm

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Name: Carolyn Hart
Date: February 21, 2026 9:15:38 pm

As someone who grew up inside the Beltway, I am deeply saddened by the annihilation of the East Wing of the White House without any input from Congress or anyone else or even a plan of what it would look like. This "plan" is a wrecking ball applied to the People's House and should be reversed immediately and repaired in any way that it can. The Rose Garden and other features have already been destroyed--this "ballroom" is bigger than the rest of the White House and contributes to making the USA look like it's bent on the destruction of the country as we know it.

Name: Tyler Putman
Date: February 21, 2026 9:17:10 pm

The illegal demolition of part of the White House should be met with the strongest possible condemnation because of how it has transgressed public safety, zoning, and historic preservation laws. Thank you.

Name: Joan Rockwell
Date: February 21, 2026 9:22:34 pm

I respectfully submit this statement in opposition to the proposed modernization of the East Wing of the White House.

The White House is not a personal residence in the ordinary sense; it is a national symbol, a historic site, and a shared civic space that belongs to the American people. Any significant alteration to its structure or function should be guided by clear institutional necessity, long-term preservation standards, and demonstrable public benefit—not by the personal preferences, legacy ambitions, or branding interests of any one individual who temporarily occupies the office.

The East Wing, in particular, holds historic, architectural, and symbolic significance. Modernization efforts that exceed routine maintenance or necessary security upgrades risk eroding the historic integrity of the complex. Such changes may also set a precedent whereby each administration seeks to imprint personal priorities on a structure intended to represent continuity, stability, and constitutional governance.

At a time when federal resources face competing demands—ranging from infrastructure and disaster response to national security and economic stability—it is essential that capital projects at the White House meet a strict standard of necessity and transparency. Projects perceived as primarily aesthetic, personal, or legacy-driven risk undermining public trust.

The presidency is an office, not a personal estate. Modernization that appears designed to elevate the image or comfort of one officeholder rather than serve enduring institutional needs should be carefully scrutinized and, where appropriate, declined.

I urge the Commission to require:
• A clear, publicly available justification demonstrating operational necessity.
• Full transparency regarding cost, funding sources, and long-term maintenance impact.
• Independent historic preservation review.

• Assurance that the project serves the Office of the Presidency institutionally—not the preferences of any single individual.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter and for your stewardship of the nation’s capital and its most significant civic structures.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rockwell

Name: Sharon Thompson
Date: February 21, 2026 9:24:51 pm

I am opposed to having private citizens pay for a White House ballroom to curry favor with the current president. No president should be able to modify the White House without first seeking approval from National Historic Trust. The White House is a national treasure and important part of the history of the United States. Please stop the construction of the ballroom.
I am an American citizen and vote in Massachusetts.

Name: M Freeman
Date: February 21, 2026 9:26:17 pm

I absolutely do not support the proposed multimillion dollar ballroom meant to replace our cherished east wing. It is the people’s house and the people do not want this expensive debacle. Thank you.

Name: Patti Schroeder
Date: February 21, 2026 9:28:17 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Philip Romanelli
Date: February 21, 2026 9:37:55 pm

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Name: Becky Bossi
Date: February 21, 2026 9:39:04 pm

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Name: Genevieve delemos
Date: February 21, 2026 9:41:22 pm

This project is offensive in every way. The scale is so off that even the untrained eye- my own- can see that the scale of

the addition is off by miles. In addition, this project is illegal and should have gone through multiple reviews before any demolition or planning took place. This is the most historic piece of property in the USA- treat it as such and scrap these plans. Use qualified architects and the proper channels to arrive at an appropriate and complementary addition.

Name: sari besu
Date: February 21, 2026 9:41:36 pm

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Name: Daphna Peled
Date: February 21, 2026 9:42:47 pm

There is no need for such a large ballroom, it is completely the wrong scale and devalues the White House overall. As a resident of Washington DC I feel strongly about the historic significance of this building and the architecture. Please keep the ballroom more proportionate to the overall structure and maintain the integrity of the design and scale that was previously in place. I was not in favor of this project in the first place and think comment should have been taken before tearing it down. Please be conservative in what you do next .

Name: Joyce Coleman
Date: February 21, 2026 9:45:01 pm

I'm copying Anara Guard's comment, which is:
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
My own feeling is: The White House belongs to the people, not to rich men who want to control the whole country and keep all its wealth for themselves. Shame on them all! Bring back the East Wing as it was and should be, and keep America free!

Name: Joysa Gilbreath
Date: February 21, 2026 9:45:08 pm

This is an abomination of the White House!!! It was illegally demolished by the felon in the White House and should NEVER be reconstructed as a “ballroom”!!!!!

Name: Peter Ginna
Date: February 21, 2026 9:46:35 pm

I'm a citizen with a deep respect for American history our nation's government. I have studied architecture and am involved in historic preservation in my home town in New York State. And I have visited Washington often and admired the graceful and dignified architecture of the White House.

I'm dismayed by the current plan to rush forward with the construction of an enormous monstrosity of a ballroom which has already led to the hasty demolition of the historic East Wing. The proposed ballroom is grossly out of scale with the White House itself. It seems totally inappropriate for this function space to overwhelm the seat of the Presidency. Furthermore the design itself is a banal fake classicism that looks more like a Las Vegas casino than an appropriate complement to one of American's most elegant buildings.

Please stop this disaster in the making and make sure that the renovation of the East Wing follows the approved (and legally required) design and review procedures.

Peter Ginna
Sag Harbor, NY

Name: Timothy J. McGinty
Date: February 21, 2026 9:47:47 pm

Please stop this disgraceful assault on our nations history with this tacky carnival addition to the American people's mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. It's ridiculous and all responsible architects & historians should find this underhanded move abhorrent. Anyone who approves this absurdly huge & ugly monstrosity being attached to our nations White House should be ashamed of their having submitted to the pressure of the mad man egomaniac responsible for this sneak attack on due process & deliberation ! I'm

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Name: Wendel Buys
Date: February 21, 2026 9:49:29 pm

The White House ballroom is a grand idea. It is long overdue. The U. S. needs an appropriate place to host events on a large scale.

Name: Carla Simon
Date: February 21, 2026 9:55:38 pm

Do not let this abomination take place! You must stand up against this despicable dictator wannabe who thinks he has no one to stop him! You cannot let this absurd, unnecessary behemoth to be built, to dwarf the main building of the White House. The process must be according to rules of preservation. This cannot take place. The west wing must be reconstructed and if a ballroom must happen it should be a size commensurate with the existing structures.

Name: Cynthia Juco
Date: February 21, 2026 9:56:30 pm

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Name: Julie Williams-hill
Date: February 21, 2026 9:58:45 pm

I do not support this project. All other projects funded with federal dollars must go through the NEPA process and a National Historic review (local and state governments all comply!) The fact that this project is called a "modernization" of the east wing flies in the face of the historical White House monument. Even if an argument could be made to modernize it, a ballroom, is hardly a modern upgrade! This is a waste of tax payer dollars and an insult to all US citizens!!

Name: Debra Degalis
Date: February 21, 2026 9:59:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Neale Allen
Date: February 21, 2026 10:02:38 pm

The ballroom is an abomination. Please stop it !!!!

Name: Linda Brick
Date: February 21, 2026 10:12:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Avery Frantz
Date: February 21, 2026 10:19:35 pm

I am in support of the East Wing Modernization Project, and I believe it helps elevate the status of the grounds in a greater holistic approach.

Name: Angela Rex
Date: February 21, 2026 10:23:02 pm

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Name: Felicity Devlin
Date: February 21, 2026 10:25:38 pm

I am completely opposed to the current plans for the ballroom that has been proposed to replace the former East Wing of the White House. The White House is one of our nation’s most important buildings and a symbol of our democracy: We are not ruled by monarchs from their palaces; but led by a president who lives in the People’s House. In keeping with its symbolic role, the White House is elegant but relatively modest, befitting the head of state of our democracy. Any addition to the White House should reflect its symbolic role and should defer in scale to the White House, leaving the White House as the most important element in the complex. And yet the proposed ballroom will not defer to the White House but will overwhelm the building. Not only is it as tall as the White House but, worse, it is twice the size of the White House. And its massive bulk will block previously protected sight lines to the White House. The proposed ballroom is thus completely out of keeping with the guidelines developed by the National Park Service that any additions should be compatible with the historic structure. The plans for the ballroom should therefore be greatly scaled back to ensure the White House will retain its visual preeminence.

Name: Thomas Vannatter
Date: February 21, 2026 10:27:57 pm

I strongly disapprove of the proposed redesign of the East Wing of the White House. The proposed ballroom designs do not aesthetically fit within the extant dimensions of the historic building, creating a gaudy, lopsided monstrosity that spits in the face of a historic structure that has served as the stately and iconic seat of democratic power in this country for over 230 years. This goes beyond the destruction of the rose garden. By demolishing this historic building without permission, plans, or oversight the president has not followed the rule of law nor respected the gravity of such an action. As the East Wing has remained a gaping hole all winter it sends a message to our allies and enemies both that the leadership in this country is scattered and ineffective reflecting the expanding rifts between rich and poor and between red and blue. This haphazard dismantling of the seat of power signals that our leadership regularly causes destruction without any planning

and without acknowledging experts in the field or the breadth of precedent that lay before them. It is a travesty to behold and sadly one of the countless atrocities this president has inflicted upon the country.

Name: Brad White
Date: February 21, 2026 10:28:39 pm

The felon living in the Peoples House shouldn't have been able to raze it to the ground without following the proper procedures. His shrine to himself needs to be stopped and the East Wing restored to its previous status. The current felon resident should be forced to pay for the restoration from the funds he's enriched himself with through his corruption in office. This form has an option to attach a PDF file, but there's already one living in the White House.

Name: Michael Shanahan
Date: February 21, 2026 10:30:55 pm

I am writing to express my profound opposition to the recent demolition of the White House East Wing and to formally object to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom project currently under your review.

The East Wing was a vital piece of our nation's heritage. Its abrupt destruction represents a desecration of the White House's historical fabric and permanently diminishes a shared symbol of our democracy.

Furthermore, I strongly condemn the unilateral manner in which this demolition was executed. Rushing to tear down a historic structure in October before the National Capital Planning Commission and the American public could properly review the plans is an unacceptable circumvention of established oversight. The White House is the People’s House, not a private estate, and alterations of this magnitude demand rigorous transparency, public engagement, and adherence to the law.

As the NCPC prepares for its upcoming March 5 hearing on this project, I urge the Commission to hold the administration accountable. Please exercise your oversight authority to ensure that any replacement or future construction on the site is conducted lawfully, transparently, and with strict deference to the historical and architectural scale of the Executive Residence. We must not allow unilateralism to bypass the democratic review processes designed to protect our national monuments.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to preserving the integrity of our nation's capital.

Name: Sue Polansky
Date: February 21, 2026 10:33:45 pm

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Name: Kathy Moacanin
Date: February 21, 2026 10:35:03 pm

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Name: Troy Van Hoesen
Date: February 21, 2026 10:35:22 pm

I am in support of this much needed project. Remove the politics from ithis and it is obvious we need a state room

capable of housing world leaders in a fashion that expresses the greatness of the united states. Not in a tent on the lawn. Hard to believe this is even a controversial topic.

Name: Linda Olsen
Date: February 21, 2026 10:40:55 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Karen Pollard
Date: February 21, 2026 10:45:36 pm

I object to this project in it’s entirety. I do not believe that the current administration had the right to demolish the East Wing. I think that the East Wing should be restored to its original form or as close to it as possible. We the people do not need some grandiose ballroom. The White House is not a palace. It is the people’s house. It is an embarrassment to our Country that this destruction occurred. I believe it was unlawfully done and that those responsible should be held accountable for it.
Sincerely Karen Pollard

Name: Elizabeth Smyth
Date: February 21, 2026 10:50:51 pm

The size, scale, design, and siting of the new WH
East wing is anathema to the spirit of the people’s house and also unnecessary for the functioning of the WH. Please do not let this proceed. It is a grossly out of proportion iliterally and metaphorically.

Name: Carol Stocksdale
Date: February 21, 2026 10:52:59 pm

A 90,000 square foot ballroom is absurd and would absolutely be grotesque attached to our beautiful White House. This must be stopped.

It is literally criminal what has been done to our nation’s house by its current tenant and I hope prosecution, punishment and restitution will come.

Name: Deborah Machta
Date: February 21, 2026 10:58:21 pm

I feel strongly that the East Wing Modernization Project is completely out of proportion with the White House, much too large. The White House as it stands is one of the most important historic buildings in our country, it would be a travesty to

overshadow it with an enormous ballroom. I feel that the need for a ballroom should have been resolved before the former East Wing was removed. Now that it has been removed let's make sure what is put in it's place it appropriate for both design and size so as not to detract from the White House. I believe the current plan is too large and does not enhance the existing buildings.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Bethany Miller
Date: February 21, 2026 11:02:56 pm

I and many fellow Americans share great sadness over the destruction of the East Wing. Any replacement should be designed to blend with the existing structure and held to the highest standard for additions to a historic building. As The People's House, the project should not be privately funded by partisan supporters of Trump.

Name: Jon Chaney
Date: February 21, 2026 11:10:57 pm

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Name: Chris Swann
Date: February 21, 2026 11:11:02 pm

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Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Laura Daly
Date: February 21, 2026 11:14:07 pm

The scale of the east wing addition is double what it should be and overshadows the classical design and scale of the White House. Please scale back the building by half and make it a seamless, organic outgrowth of 'the people's house' that we all know and have long admired as a symbol of our democracy.

Name: Kathleen Burke
Date: February 21, 2026 11:16:53 pm

Please consider our proud heritage and use discretion in creating a monument to the American People. This is not a gaudy trophy for a despot. It is the home of the people who built this nation. Think carefully and choose wisely. History will be your judge.

Name: Nita Furlong
Date: February 21, 2026 11:20:19 pm

I urge you to restore the wing to it's original footprint and facade. The destruction for a ridiculous giant ballroom is a massive waste or resources and is detrimental to the look and history of the building itself. An active first lady who serves our nation needs offices once the uninterested woman who currently holds that title is replaced by someone who takes the job seriously. The destruction of the rose garden and classic features is a desecration.

If we as a country need a massive ballroom or entertainment pavilion then build one somewhere else. Build one that can be used for state functions and then rented or used for other functions so that it is not a giant monstrosity that sits vacant and must be maintained and heated and cooled daily, only to be used for a handful of functions for the Uber wealthy contributors and foreign representatives each year. There is nothing that says the "National Ballroom" needs to be attached to the White House. There are motorcades and even a helicopter to get folks to a separate ballroom located elsewhere that can serve the country's entertainment needs and be rented to help offset the maintenance costs when not in use by the government.

Name: Tracy Salladay
Date: February 21, 2026 11:37:12 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commision:
I have reviewed the drawings and photo mockups for the addition to the White House and I want to express my horror at the scale of this design. As an architect with experience in historic preservation and a love of public buildings I object to the scale of the new construction. There are no floor plans or square footage totals noted in the project description materials but I would ask the Commission to inquire about the capacity and accomodations and have the architects show data on how the size is related to actual events & program needs. The numerous colonnades and oversized staircases also needlessly add to the footprint.

The existing White House size and architectural elements are not considered in the design of the addition. Only the height is said to be matched, while the mass is many times that of the White House. Please note that the photo renderings that would give the comparative view of the addition and the White House have trees obscuring the addition. This is not acceptable presentation for such important review. Also, photo renderings can be misleading: has the addition really been shown as it will apprear adjacent to the White House?

The design details are not refined and show lack of architectural sensitivity. In the side view of the addition the columns that face the street are very disproptionate to classical order. The architrave above those massive columns is heavy as well. I question the choice of Corinthian columns when the White House is detailed with Iconic order. And overall the design is not of this time or place in history. One cannot sense any relationship to the White House or any innovation in the approach. The design is oppressive and authoritarian.
I would urge you to reject the application.

Name: Peggy Moser
Date: February 21, 2026 11:42:28 pm

I do not feel the adding of a ballroom is needed, even if it was free.

Name: Jennifer Beach
Date: February 21, 2026 11:43:44 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Shaw
Date: February 21, 2026 11:55:09 pm

The White House is a national treasure and a repository of history. It should not have been radically changed without third party review
Completely altering The White House is not the same as planting a rose garden or hanging a few pictures. History is in its walls and it belongs to the people of this country not one president.

Name: Linda Shillabeer
Date: February 21, 2026 11:58:09 pm

1) Reduce the scale of the structure to something that is proportional and appropriate to the site, preserves grounds and gardens, and is faithful to its history and national significance. If indeed a grand ballroom is needed for state occasions, then off-site would be more fitting and practical. Reconstruct the East Wing to accommodate administrative and support functions that would not be subject to change from administration-to-administration, along with visitor facilities, reception areas, historical corridors.
2) Nothing gold. Not one ounce. Use organic and 100% U.S. sourced materials for reconstruction designed by U.S. artisans. Wouldn't it be cool to incorporate some facet from each of the 50 states.
3) No naming for any one individual. It is the People's House.

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

Total comments: 357

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Name: Margaret Wierzbicki
Date: February 22, 2026 12:16:02 am

I find this project to be not in keeping with the historic features of the peoples house. I have no problem with adding a ballroom however it should not eclipse the entire building which is of great significance to the country and its citizens.

Name: Katherine Lowell
Date: February 22, 2026 12:33:05 am

I do not think tax payer dollars should be going to a superfluous (and tacky) remodel and expansion of the White House. Disregarding the history and beauty of the current landscaping and building is wrong. Enough is enough!

Name: Wendy Miller
Date: February 22, 2026 12:37:10 am

Please stop this project. The administration has destroyed too many historical landmarks. Trump ignored all laws and regulations to make changes to the PEOPLES house. It does NOT belong to Donald Trump and his destruction MUST be stopped.

Name: Vanessa Elliott
Date: February 22, 2026 12:40:46 am

I respectfully urge the NCPC to reconsider the proposed East Wing plans. The current massing feels out of scale with both its immediate context and its civic use, and the overall bulk risks visually overwhelming the West Wing of the White House. Any addition to this historic campus should defer in presence and proportion to the existing structures, reinforcing — not competing with — their architectural hierarchy. A more restrained approach to scale and form would better honor the balance, symbolism, and historic integrity of this nationally significant site.

Vanessa Elliott
Principal Designer
Elliott | Meyers Design

Name: Teigh Taurino
Date: February 22, 2026 12:41:40 am

With respect to the destruction of the East Wing, and the proposed building of a “ballroom”, I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Name: Eilish Hathaway
Date: February 22, 2026 12:43:45 am

I am totally opposed to this project. It needs review and approval by Congress. It is despicable that Trump was able to tear down the East Wing with no review and Congessional approval. STOP THIS PROJECT

Name: Kimberly Wheeler
Date: February 22, 2026 1:06:11 am

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this proiect, which was initiated illegally, without the proper authorization, permits, or desian review. It is not a modernization proiect but rather a
complete razing of American history.
This proiect needs to be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go
ahead without penalizing those who
broke the law would be an affront to
all law-abiding Americans!

Name: Barry Lewis
Date: February 22, 2026 1:11:51 am

I vigorously protest the destruction of the historic and beautiful East Wing and projected replacement with a garish and tasteless ballroom that will overwhelm the rest of the White House. Please stop this ridiculous homage to a would-be dictator and his tech bro enablers.

Name: kate dorman
Date: February 22, 2026 1:20:42 am

You Have Until March 4th to Comment on Trump’s White House Ballroom

The National Capital Planning Commission opened public comment on the East Wing Modernization Project (Trump’s $400M ballroom funded by Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Lockheed Martin, and other companies with billions in federal contracts).

This is your only formal opportunity to weigh in.

Deadline: March 4, 2026 at Noon ET

How to Submit:

1. Go to https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

2. Click “Submit Written Comments”

3. Select “East Wing Modernization” from dropdown

4. Submit your comment

Template letter you can use:

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental

assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The Commission votes March 5th. The East Wing is already demolished. But the record of public opposition matters. Make your voice heard.

Name: Lauren Dornell-Neal
Date: February 22, 2026 1:42:18 am

Please cancel this project. Redecoration is appropriate. Demolition of a national historic site-whether official or unofficial without congress or the people's input or approval, undermines tradition, common courtesy, is self- serving and is demonstrative of impulse management and biundary issues. In a democracy, a presidency lasts 4-8 years, permanent structual change without recourse symbolizes turning a blind eye to democracy and the requirement for all American citizens to go through necessary and/or required beauracratic processes that ensures mindful administration of actions. The president as an American citizen who chooses to represent the American people, must role model best citizenry. Demolition and rebuild based on personal tastes undermines the message of our current White House: ever present, willingness to change from within, restrained, purpisefully nonaristocratic, humble and strong. It has only been demolished through civil war. We must preserve the structure of our White House and what it stands for and support the rights of future presidents who will honor tempirary terms to live within the living tradition of the current structure.

Name: Cheryl Quinn
Date: February 22, 2026 2:10:10 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House should be considered a crime as none of the typical procedures were followed. The citizens of the United States own the building. As a landlord of three modest homes, I reserve the right to evict tenants who would remove portions of the building without my permission. The current tenant of the people's house did that. I would love to see him evicted, but at the very least the East Wing, and Jackie's Rose Garden, should be restored at the tenant's personal expense.

Name: Mike Rock
Date: February 22, 2026 2:25:16 am

I am a U.S. citizen writing to express my concern that the proposed renovations of the White House will destroy the historic design of the White House, a critical symbol of our democratic republic.
I urge NCPC to follow and respect the spirit of the review process, to consider public comments, and to preserve the historic integrity and symbolism of the People’s House for future generations.
Thank you.

Name: Therese Mersereau
Date: February 22, 2026 2:39:44 am

I am strongly against the construction of a ballroom to replace the East Wing of the White House. This is a TEMPORARY RESIDENCE of the current President. I am appalled that he destroyed a third of the White House without approval from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and appointing a bunch of lackeys to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts who will rubber-stamp the wishes of the current president without the consent of the American public or the National Trust for Historic Preservation is undemocratic and just plain wrong. Despite what the President says, NO ONE, except him, has been clamoring for a large ballroom at the White House before he became president.

Name: Carrie Davis
Date: February 22, 2026 2:45:24 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Name: Kindra Peltomaa
Date: February 22, 2026 2:47:47 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Amelia Wallace Mendoza
Date: February 22, 2026 4:18:55 am

The ballroom plans for the White House are completely inappropriate in scale. The addition will dwarf the existing building and mar the landscape of Washington DC . Additionally, the Trump aesthetic is a vulgar one and not in keeping with the traditional elements of the people's house. The destruction of the East Wing and the Jaqueline Kennedy Rose Garden should never have happened without proper procedural planning.

Name: Suzanne Bay
Date: February 22, 2026 4:29:05 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project.
I support rebuilding the East Wing of the White House and restoring the White House and grounds to their previous historical beauty.

Name: Eileen Giarraffa
Date: February 22, 2026 4:46:54 am

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Name: Mark Sarnacki
Date: February 22, 2026 5:12:00 am

I am deeply concerned that the size, location, and massing of this proposal will overwhelm the carefully balanced classical design of the White House, a symbol of our democratic republic. The whole approach to this project has been disrespectful of our greatest American history and not well planned.

Name: Sue Gorenflo
Date: February 22, 2026 5:28:23 am

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Name: Babs Wheelden
Date: February 22, 2026 6:04:37 am

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ballroom/event center in our nations capital. While I support reasonable development, I believe this specific proposal, as currently designed, is inappropriate for this location.

Name: William Gehring
Date: February 22, 2026 6:09:51 am

I am 81 years old and have lived through 15 presidents, so I have some historical perspective. Let me be blunt: this project is an abomination. Razing part of one of the most historically important buildings on an egotistical whim is outside the bounds of normal behavior. Adding an unneeded and garish ballroom is just another insult to our heritage. The fact that one man can order this to be done without any checks or balances is emblematic of the Trump presidency. We don't let petulant 5 year olds burn the family home, but we ask for public comment after the fact?

I love my country but this whole project is an affront to our history and heritage. The next president should create a go fund me page to demolish the ballroom and accurately restore the east wing; I'll happily donate.

Name: Nick Nicholson
Date: February 22, 2026 6:40:00 am

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the removal of the East Wing and the proposed construction of a new ballroom at the White House.

The White House complex is not merely a residence or event venue; it is one of the most symbolically and architecturally significant sites in the United States. Its power lies not in spectacle, but in restraint — in the humility, balance, and harmony of its design. Over generations, additions and modifications have respected this scale and architectural language, preserving the dignity of the whole.

The proposed ballroom appears markedly out of scale with the historic structure. Its size and character risk overwhelming the architectural coherence of the existing complex. Beyond issues of proportion, the addition feels unnecessary and discordant — an insertion that prioritizes grandeur over continuity. Such a structure would fundamentally alter the visual and symbolic balance that defines the White House.

Architectural heritage demands stewardship, not embellishment. I strongly urge rebuilding the East Wing, which was illegally demolished, rather than exercising these plans that would compromise the scale, harmony, and historical character of this national landmark.

Respectfully,

Nick Nicholson

Name: Brooke Smith
Date: February 22, 2026 6:44:33 am

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Name: Jane Ayers
Date: February 22, 2026 6:48:56 am

I do not approve the proposed plans for the East Wing modernization project. Please reconsider the plans and adapt so that it does not dwarf the iconic White House, seats 400-500 rather than 1,000 (the White House should not be a convention center) and does not obstruct the pathway.

Name: Jamie Appel
Date: February 22, 2026 6:58:51 am

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design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: G. Campbell
Date: February 22, 2026 7:05:33 am

The illegal demolition of the White House East Wing should be reversed with a full restoration of the original structure. The current administration should be fined for its actions in this matter and also be forced to pay for the full restoration. This needs to be a firm rebuke of such actions that will stand as the rule for future administrations. The ballroom idea is ridiculous!

Name: Margaret Shaw
Date: February 22, 2026 7:05:48 am

This is a travesty. It never should have happened. No permission, no permits, all done by an ego-driven maniac who feels he is above the law. The wing needs to be rebuilt as it was! To let him get away with destroying part of an American landmark would be to set a precedent of giving one individual free rein to destroy whatever beloved American architectural landmarks he chooses.

Name: Cynthia Filkoff
Date: February 22, 2026 7:07:31 am

To whom it may concern,

As a registered architect with over 40 years of experience practicing residential architecture in the United States of America, I believe it is my civic duty to voice my professional, expert opinion.
The proposed East Wing Modernization project should not be approved because it is vastly out of scale with the White House. The proposed project will dominate and destroy the exceptional historic beauty of the residence.
Americans adore the White House. It is the quintessential example of an elegant American residence. Please do not allow the proposed project to ruin its architectural splendor for future generations.

Thank you

Respectfully,

Cynthia Filkoff
Di Biase Filkoff Architects
[redacted]

Name: Robin Harris
Date: February 22, 2026 7:15:46 am

I strongly object to this "ballroom" project. The East Wing should never been torn down.
.....and an incongruent and "opulent" ballroom that does not represent our basic American values should never occur in its place.

Name: Kelley Osgood
Date: February 22, 2026 7:19:12 am

As a registered Architect, I can attest that the scale of the east wing project is an absolute abomination. Even first year students of architecture are taught the importance of hierarchy of scale. In plain terms, this is the White House, and as such, should be the main focus of the campus with the wings on either side being subordinate and not a grand monument to one of many temporary residents.

Name: Valerie Connor
Date: February 22, 2026 7:22:12 am

The demolition of the East Wing of the White House without permission was and is illegal. This is the People's House and the people want it restored to what it was. There is no reason to build a huge ballroom which completely destroys the architectural symmetry of this historic building. It is an eyesore. The idea that one person can decide to destroy part of a federal landmark without input from ANY interested party is outrageous. NO ONE is above the law. This landmark needs to be restored promptly by the party responsible for said destruction.

Name: Jessica Wojcik-Rounds
Date: February 22, 2026 7:22:41 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Catherine L Sepulveda
Date: February 22, 2026 7:27:52 am

Stop the construction of this so called ballroom. Restore the structure back to it's original form.

Name: Kent Neuerburg
Date: February 22, 2026 7:30:53 am

The Trump administration’s current plans for a new Ballroom complex on the site of the former East Wing of the White House should be denied. Any new construction should
• be in scale with the current White House structure (i.e., smaller than the 55,000 sq. ft. residential building, not dwarf the existing building as is currently planned),
• architecturally blend with the existing structure,
• be funded in a transparent manner so as not to create potential conflicts of interest nor a quid pro quo dynamic between donors and the Trump administration, and
• receive proper design review, environmental assessments, congressional approval, and public input before any construction is allowed to begin.

Name: Alison LaGree
Date: February 22, 2026 7:35:54 am

I strongly oppose the proposed expansion of the East Wing of the White House.
At a time when children in our country go hungry and veterans struggle to access adequate medical care, allocating taxpayer dollars to expand the size and scope of the East Wing is deeply misguided. Federal spending should prioritize essential human needs — food security, healthcare, housing, and support for those who have served our nation — before funding structural enlargements to an already historic and functioning building.
Beyond fiscal concerns, the White House is one of the most recognizable historical landmarks in the United States. Its architectural integrity and historic character should be preserved for all Americans and for future generations. Expanding the East Wing risks altering the balance, aesthetics, and symbolism of a building that represents our shared national history.
The White House does not belong to any single administration — it belongs to the American people. Changes to its size and scope should be approached with restraint, transparency, and deep respect for its historic significance.
For these reasons, I urge decision-makers to reject the proposed expansion of the East Wing and instead focus public resources on pressing national needs.

Name: Barbara Cottis
Date: February 22, 2026 7:41:50 am

The East Wing of the peoples house was torn down illegally for nothing more than another vanity project. I oppose the building of a huge ballroom that will overshadow the white house. What ever is built should be done with the proper historical guidelines. Also still heartbroken about the rose garden

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Name: Daniel Johnson
Date: February 22, 2026 7:42:10 am

The proposed new Ball Room project is way out of scale with the White House in many ways. Number one is that it is architecturally out of scale with the White House and the Grounds. It dwarfs the White House physically and diminishes the understanding of the Presidential Residence. This is a programatic failure for the White House Complex. It shifts the balance off the White House and diminishes the reading of the residence.

Secondly it is out of scale in terms of program and the site. The White House is not an entertainment center. It is the seat of the US president AND HIS OR HER FAMILY. The purpose of the East Wing is not entertainment-it is the functional space of the first partner and to welcome the public. It is not to flatter and entertain those who wish to influence and flatter the president. The White House is the residence and center of thought for the presidency, not a place to party with cronies.

Thirdly it is out of scale financially. It should not be a leverage point for those who want to buy influence with the president. It also should show American values of sound financial organization and leadership in environmental stewardship. It should not be a symbol of conspicuous consumption.

The whole process is a testament to crony capitalism and a symbol of an oligarchic system. The best design comes through a process of public participation and informed critique. This process is led by a uniformed consumptive baffoon who is looking to satisfy his ego. It is not designed to serve the people and the US. It is a colossal symbol of what the founding fathers were working to avoid.

Stop this waste now and have a thorough and thoughtful process. Generate a place that is symbolic of a responsible future: programmatically, environmentally and fiscally.

Name: Jeff Allison
Date: February 22, 2026 7:45:08 am

I'm a staunch advocate for progress, but I firmly believe in the importance of preserving our history. The Trump administration's push to modernize the East Wing exemplifies a dangerous overreach of power. Demolishing such a historic structure without public input or regard for its significance is unacceptable. I urge decision-makers to ‘reject this project’ and consider alternative locations if modernization is truly necessary. Let’s honor our heritage while moving forward

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Name: Angie Wright
Date: February 22, 2026 7:48:24 am

Please make this ballroom smaller and in keeping with the style and size of the White House. The new ballroom will dwarf the existing building and grounds!

Name: mary krause
Date: February 22, 2026 7:48:50 am

Resstore east wing to original and have president pay for it

Name: Bill Tempelaar-Lietz
Date: February 22, 2026 7:49:38 am

The East Wing proposed ballroom is completely out of proportion to the rest of the White House structure/footprint. It should be 2/3 or 1/2 of what's being proposed, to be in balance. This is the People's House. This is not a privately owned property. This plan is not acceptable. The scale is obscene. Historic structure and grounds were unnecessarily destroyed in the process. This has to be scaled back. Again, this is not a privately owned residence to do just whatever with. This is a temporary home for public office.

Name: jacquie g
Date: February 22, 2026 7:51:42 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Connie Frisbee Houde
Date: February 22, 2026 7:52:09 am

This is a disaster from the very first. I never should have been torn down. However since it has, i believe that it should be reviewed of exactly what is needed. It should be tastefully designed to not over power the Peoples House - The White House. It should not be covered in guilt that is not tasteful and in keeping with the history of the house. Let the proper process go forward and be reviewed,

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Name: Daniel Kron
Date: February 22, 2026 7:55:35 am

I have reviewed the drawings for the proposed East Wing and I believe the proposed structure is too large in relation to the White House residence. If constructed as planned, it will seriously diminish the beauty & symbolism of our nation’s treasured icon. I implore the committee to reject this proposal. We, the people, deserve something better.

Name: Nancy Mueller
Date: February 22, 2026 7:56:47 am

I just can't believe Trump has already destroyed part of this historic beautiful House. I believe WE THE PEOPLE own this White House, not the president. How did this ever happen without proper written law? I am so sad this wonderful country of ours is falling to ruination. I pray to God we all survive the next 3 years of his dastardly deeds.

Name: Clair Newbigging
Date: February 22, 2026 8:00:05 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law abiding citizens

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Name: Elizabeth Brown-Pickren
Date: February 22, 2026 8:00:16 am

Like any criminal who defaces historic treasures, Trump should repair all damage and be prosecuted accordingly.

Name: Jan Bruce
Date: February 22, 2026 8:00:52 am

The approval process for this building expansion must be followed. The proposed building is not up for debate, its scale and site plan are over-stepping need and function. The demolition of the East Wing and garden was unapproved as is this over-sized design.

Name: Laurie Malone
Date: February 22, 2026 8:02:44 am

The People’s House is not Trump’s House- I’m sure if he thought he could, he would name the White House after himself.
President Trump illegally and literally wrecked the White House to make it his own. Years of history erased by one man’s idea that he is a king, a dictator who can do anything he wants. He is out of control. Spending three million dollars to remake the once beautiful site into a garish domain is not legal and puts a stain in everything that the People believe in. Please stop him before he does even more damage to the People’s House.
Sincerely,
Laurie Malone

Name: Anne Rosenberg
Date: February 22, 2026 8:02:45 am

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Name: Helen Flach
Date: February 22, 2026 8:12:56 am

I strongly oppose the proposed "ballroom". The East Wing is (or was) a historic building and colluded continue to serve its purpose for decades to come. The proposed "ballroom" dwarfs the rest of the White House, and any event involving enough people to fill this enormous space will be a security nightmare. Proceeding without approval should result in censure .

Name: Peggy Penner
Date: February 22, 2026 8:16:39 am

The American tax payers do not need nor want this project. The white house belonga to the people not Fonald Trump. It is a waste of our money. Restore the East Wing to its original design now.

Name: Zachary Young
Date: February 22, 2026 8:22:19 am

Oh absolutely not. I vehemently oppose lighting $300 million on fire for this chaotic fever dream of a project — especially one that waltzed in without authorization, permits, or even the courtesy of a proper design review.

Let’s call this what it is: not “modernization.” Not “renovation.” This is a full-blown architectural travesty where American history gets shoved offstage without so much as a curtain call. Cancel it. Scrap it. Toss it in the bin next to bad ideas and low-rise jeans.

Let’s be crystal clear: no one is above the law. Not contractors. Not committees. Not whoever decided “eh, permits are

optional.” Allowing this project to continue without consequences is a slap in the face to every law-abiding American who understands that rules are not suggestions.

Name: Sharon Farley
Date: February 22, 2026 8:29:36 am

I do not support the building of an over-sized ballroom addition to the White House. It is an unnecessary waste of resources, a potential eyesore in our Nation’s capitol and an oversized, awkward addition to a national treasure that is the White House. I also do not support the razing of the East Wing, but the People were not given the opportunity to offer their opinions before that destruction took place. Please listen to The People and support their right to have a say in how their White House is altered.
-Sharon Farley

Name: Leona Shea
Date: February 22, 2026 8:33:45 am

The proposed ballroom dwarfs the historic residence and disrupts the historical eclipse laid out by the Olmsted brothers. The plan also doesn’t include any well-planned outdoor space, including gardens. This plan looks like a palace - please do not approve this plan.

Name: Michelle Maresh
Date: February 22, 2026 8:36:20 am

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am profoundly against the building of a ballroom. The White House is The People’s House, not a building to be used as a vanity project. The plans show a building well out of scale.
Since the historic building has shamefully already been torn down, a building more in line with the historical nature can be built. Please, I implore you to put a firm stop to this atrocity of a building.

Respectfully,
Michelle Maresh

Name: Mary Walker
Date: February 22, 2026 8:36:25 am

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Name: Sarah Atkins
Date: February 22, 2026 8:41:23 am

The White House is the residence of the President. It should remain a residence. Adding a ballroom that is larger than the rest of the house is in violation of the principle that the white house is a residence. The White House needs to retain it's historic character; not become an entertainment venue.

Name: Betsy Willey
Date: February 22, 2026 8:41:44 am

I strongly oppose the ballroom that will loom larger that The White House. The East Wing never should have torn down but it’s not too late to stop this outrageous project! Please honor our precious history. Thank you!

Name: Christina Wyatt
Date: February 22, 2026 8:47:20 am

I strongly oppose the completion of this illegal project as currently planned. I object to the "modernization" of our historic house, especially with funds from private donors currying favor with the current president. I wish to see the East Wing returned to its former state using funds appropriated from taxes paid by the citizens to whom this building belongs. Under no circumstances should the project planned by the current president, but not properly approved and permitted, be allowed to continue. We do not need a vanity project ballroom.

Name: Susan Burke
Date: February 22, 2026 8:49:43 am

In light of the need for the White House to have a gathering space please consider the proposed design in light of the scale to the existing remaining building.

Name: Susan Ouellette
Date: February 22, 2026 8:53:32 am

To the Commission:
As an early American historian and the director of a museum located in an historic register building, I feel compelled to express my extreme disappointment in the way that the White House has been desecrated. The proposed project should have been properly reviewed, presented to the public for comment BEFORE the destruction of the East Wing. This is not Donald Trump's private residence, it is the People’s house and he is only a tenant.
The proposal for a huge ballroom attached to an 18th century building is ludicrous. Responsible public stewards would not have initiated such an ill advised and irresponsible act.
Sincerely,
Susan Ouellette

Name: Kelli Mueller
Date: February 22, 2026 8:53:48 am

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Name: Daren Thomas
Date: February 22, 2026 8:58:27 am

To whom it may concern, I respect the need for upkeep and renovations over time, I also respect the history of a building and the serious conversations that can happen in our historic buildings. As someone who has worked in and around the White House for over 30 years, the need for a 90,000 square foot ballroom is beyond me. There is no way serious conversations can happen in rooms of that size, an invitation to the White House continues to be a high honor. It was never intended to host the masses. Architecture alone dictates form follows function, one of the Great Georgian Houses of America! And in our 250th anniversary - I am appalled at the lack of historically oversight! History has a way of leveling the playing ground for self serving leaders, I beg you to err on the side of appropriate construction that is fitting of our past, present and future, not on the whims of arrogance and ignorance!

Daren Thomas
Washington, DC
Boone, NC

Name: Jenny Schrom
Date: February 22, 2026 8:59:38 am

The demolition of the East wing prior to legally required reviews and public comment for changes to the people's house was abominable. The building cannot now be restored to its original form, but any future building MUST be under such a review and public input. Any new building should absolutely match the historical architecture of the White House and other significant US historical buildings in Washington DC. Such building should be elegant, as is the fitting the people's house, but not garish or opulent, as has been suggested by the current president. Such a building would be unbecoming to the United States of America. All building should be first approved by this body and built with taxpayer funds so the United States government is not beholding to any private entity. Anything else is inconsistent with our democracy. This house belongs to the people, not the current resident and not future presidents.

Name: Ann Levy
Date: February 22, 2026 9:02:26 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project. It was started without proper authorization or review. This is a complete destruction of history which was illegal. This project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to it's former design.

Name: Linda S
Date: February 22, 2026 9:02:37 am

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Name: Joan Donahue
Date: February 22, 2026 9:17:11 am

Remember the East Wing of the White??

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Is this a modernization project? No, rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, please.

Name: Brooke Thomas
Date: February 22, 2026 9:23:04 am

As a long time DC area resident who worked in the east Wing and has also done work in the field of antiques, I object to the size of the ballroom. I respectfully request that the largess of the facility should not undo the beautiful symmetry of the drives and hope it will stand significantly below the height of the main residence.

The capacity of the ballroom should not be bigger than 500 people, which would allow higher capacity events than tents on the lawn but not become as physically overwhelming as what was recently presented. As the plans stand, the ballroom, quite frankly, resembles a soulless hotel conference space not fit for the history of our country.

Name: Diana Vasilakis
Date: February 22, 2026 9:24:03 am

The East Wing ballroom design is lacking the aesthetic fit required by the commission for the White House and grounds, the people’s house. The enormousness of this building will ruin the White House’s historic and elegant design and alter

the Olmstead designed elliptical path. This entire process has disregarded the approval requirements and should be reigned in or scrapped altogether.

Name: Dana Gers
Date: February 22, 2026 9:24:47 am

I strongly oppose the proposed design for the east wing ballroom extension to the White House. The disregard for proportion to the stately and iconic original White House structure along with the tacky pomposity of the design would turn America's home into tasteless catering hall.

Name: Piper Reimer
Date: February 22, 2026 9:29:33 am

To whom it may concern:

I adamantly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is NOT a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you.

Name: terry hussey
Date: February 22, 2026 9:37:27 am

I strongly object to the proposed building of a ballroom attached to the White House, taking the place of our beloved East Wing. . I objected to tearing down the historic East Wing as well, in particular as it was done without authority and without U.S. citizen concurrence. The White House, with the wings, is iconic and beloved. The proposed structure (ballroom) is wildly out of proportion, too large and gaudy. Even if a case could be made that the U.S. should have a facility to entertain foreign guests/dignitaries, the architecture of the proposed building is not acceptable. It will overshadows the White House itself which should be the focal point of the overall site. Having empty ground would be better than a building that would dwarf the White House and degrade out Nation's capital. It makes me terribly sad that the East Wing was demolished illegally - it makes me mad that a grotesque monster of a building is illegally planned to take its place. I want to thank the National Trust for insisting that the legal process for WH renovations is followed.

Name: Paul Grumley
Date: February 22, 2026 9:38:39 am

I am opposed to the present plan. The proposal should be reviewed and analyzed by the appropriate boards and committees. The final plan should be consistent with National Trust guidelines. The decision about how to proceed should not be made by one person. The East Wing should not have been torn down before the plan went through the appropriate channels. Thank you for your efforts. Stand firm!

Name: Anita Morgan
Date: February 22, 2026 9:44:30 am

I thank you for the opportunity to submit comments concerning the proposed ballroom addition to the White House. Please stop the work on this project until a more fitting plan can be researched and approved. The decision should not be made by a group of people loyal to the fantasy of the person who resides in the White House. Thank you again for listening to the American people who have respect for our history and want to celebrate with less grandiosity.
Anita Morgan

Name: Pamela Strassberg
Date: February 22, 2026 9:48:08 am

Dear Fellow American, Our US history should not be for sale to the highest corporate bidder. The tRump administration did not follow code of conduct during their destruction of the East Wing of the Whitehouse and they should not be allowed to continue their grotesque rebranding of the people's house. We the people want affordable and quality child care and health care, environmental regulation to protect our health and planet, as well as an end to human rights violations by DHS. We the people do not want the White House turned into another site for the super wealthy to party on tax payer dollars. We need real oversight of the destruction of the East Wing, not some feckless tRump appointed "yes men" to decide the fate of this American historical site.

Name: Kevin Dietz
Date: February 22, 2026 9:48:20 am

Not one person wants or needs this. The ballroom will be a monument to Trump. Jobs are being lost, the economy is slowing down, and the president wants to build a ballroom that the majority of Americans will never see. It's imperative that this project is not allowed.

Name: Rebecca Crystal
Date: February 22, 2026 9:49:49 am

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Name: Sarah Ann Smith
Date: February 22, 2026 9:51:48 am

As a former Foreign Service Officer, I am appalled although not surprised at this administration's utter disregard for law, process and history. The current proposal for the destroyed East Wing would dwarf surrounding buildings and the White House. After 250 years, this nation does not need a grandiose ballroom. We must preserve the pre-eminence of the White House and have buildings suitable to the surrounding buildings.

That said, as a former US government employee, some buildings need updating of the electricity, plumbing, heating/cooling (retaining windows that OPEN should be a heaven-sent and commission-approved requirement), and space requirements. A venue for State Dinners for visiting dignitaries, special events and so on, with updated and secure visitor entrances and facilities are entirely appropriate AS LONG AS THEY HAVE Planning Board and Historical Board approval.

The wanton destruction and disregard for US history is simply heartbreaking. Those in charge should be held personally accountable, starting with the Oval Office, and should pay all the penalties themselves.

Any new building should be in a scale and style appropriate to the environs and keep the people's house, the White House, at center stage.

Thank you, from a loyal (retired) public servant who comes from a family that has served the US since my father enlisted at the very end of World War 1 (yes, one...he was old when I was born). He was also a US Foreign Service Officer, my mother served with the US Army in occupied Japan and then as Foreign Service Staff, my half brothers were Marines, and my husband was also a Foreign Service Officer. Please SAVE the People's House, the White House, and its attached workspaces including those required for visitors and State events.

Name: Pam Lanham
Date: February 22, 2026 9:53:09 am

DESTRUCTION of the EAST WING of the White House without review, permits, or Congressional oversight VIOLATED THE LAW. The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. The American people own it.

The National Capital Planning Commission should require any reconstruction of the East Wing to match the historic design and size of the original structure and be funded only by Congress. If Congress does not approve funding and a design keeping with the building's historical character, the land should be left vacant.

Name: Deborah Cleary
Date: February 22, 2026 9:53:54 am

Thank you for inviting comment. The destruction of the East Wing without appropriate approvals is a travesty, and must not be rewarded by allowing the construction of the architectural monstrosity that Trump is planning.

A new building must be built to replace the current devastation that Trump has wrought. This should be led by architects who specialize in historic construction, not by Trump. It is NOT his house. The building should be APPROPRIATELY sized, designed and decorated in keeping with the dignity of our Capital. If truly warranted, event space should be included but not to the point of drastically expanding of the footprint. Of course, any security features that are crucial should be included.

Thank you. Please do right by the American people. Trump will not be in office forever, but the people and the dignity of our Democracy will endure.

Name: Jeffrey Strand
Date: February 22, 2026 10:01:09 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project begun without proper Congressional or National Capital Planning Commission or any public input or review by President Trump encroaching on authority granted to other branches under the U.S. Constitution. The project should be halted and the ballroom for billionaire oligarchs should be denied. This is yet another illustration of the lawless behavior of a President who claimed no knowledge of Project 2025, but who since his election has pursued ALL aspects of the plan to create a unitary executive akin to an authoritarian king or dictator. The Trump plan is grandiose, has already partly destroyed aspects of the "Peoples' House," and should be permanently halted. We do NOT need to spend hundreds of millions on a ballroom for billionaire oligarchs while the working poor and disadvantaged among US our systematically cut off from health care, food assistance SNAP, and other social welfare programs are cut by Republicans and Trump.

Just say NO to continued desecration of the White House of the United States of America!

Name: D Ryan
Date: February 22, 2026 10:04:14 am

This is a joke, we are supposed to be a democracy, not a KINGDOM we do not need a PALACE. Leave the White House alone. It is ridiculous that this excuse for a President stacked the commission for his approval. You know 99% of the public is against this. Honor the US citizens, not this "Kingdom".

Name: Keith Heinrich
Date: February 22, 2026 10:05:36 am

Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the architect of Washington, D.C., originally envisioned the White House as a massive palace for the President of the relatively new United States, a vision that did not fit with the new Nation's ideals of a government "...of the people, by the people, and for the people," as so famously stated by Abraham Lincoln. L'Enfant was dismissed and a public competition was held to determine the design. James Hoban won the competition with a much more restrained design, representative of the young democracy. The early years of the nineteenth century saw the building burned by British troops during the War of 1812. Hoban was brought back to rebuild the White House, even reusing the ornamentation that had been scorched. The 1820s saw the construction of porticoes on the north and south sides of the building, both, again, overseen by Hoban. 1902 saw the construction of the West Wing by President Theodore Roosevelt. The scale and massing of this new construction ensured that it was subordinate to the White House and did not overwhelm the original design and appearance of the White House. 1942 saw the construction of the now-demolished East Wing by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Again, the scale and massing of this new construction ensured that it was

subordinate to the White House and did not overwhelm the original design and appearance of the White House. The discovery of structural weaknesses in the 1940s, under President Truman led to the gutting of the interior and its reconstruction with stronger modern materials. This was done to make sure the White House retained its exterior appearance and design for generations. Also under Truman, a balcony was added to the second story of the south portico. While a change, it did not overwhelm the portico. All of these renovations and additions respected the original design and appearance of the White House, while ensuring that it adapted to changing needs. Clearly the White House has changed and I recognize that those changes were necessary as the needs of the government changed. All I ask is that the changes proposed to accommodate larger functions respect the original design and appearance of the White House. A new place to gather and a design that does not overwhelm the White House are not mutually exclusive. I ask that you reconsider the current ballroom plans and create an addition that adds to the White House complex without detracting from its original design and appearance.

Name: Marie Zito-McCain
Date: February 22, 2026 10:06:58 am

I oppose spending $300 million on this project which was not vetted through normal permitting procedures. An independent committee, not appointed solely by the President who wants approval should be overseeing the feasibility and design process of such an historic renovation of a public space.

Name: Darren Mckeeman
Date: February 22, 2026 10:07:36 am

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Name: James Conte
Date: February 22, 2026 10:13:35 am

This is completely disgraceful and you all know it. This is not Trump's tacky vanity project, it's the White House and you're not even attempting to honor its architectural history or significance, and there purely from an aesthetic point of view. It's meaning is much deeper than its facade.

James

Name: James Asbury
Date: February 22, 2026 10:14:22 am

The destruction of the East Wing is disgraceful and tragic. The proportions of any addition or modification must be in scale with and in accordance with the architectural specifications that will not dwarf the existing White House. The interior needs to be in keeping with the original style of the complex, before the current administration's renovations and the gold leaf decoration. All renovations must be approved through the proper channels. If it entails sealing off the destroyed east side of the White House until a future administration can respect the White House and work responsibly through the proper channels for appropriate approval and guidance, then the renovation must be put on hold.

Name: John Maloney
Date: February 22, 2026 10:17:14 am

The proposal for the changes on the grounds of the White House should be simply based on scale, appropriateness and established process.
If the White House requires larger, entertaining space, it should absolutely be studied and proposed. Funding should be approved by Congress and transparent to all.
James Hoban’s original design of a dignified and restrained residence needs to be kept in mind. At the same time, that was for a nation vastly different than the one we are in today and that too needs to be taken to consideration.

Issues of scale—which the current design ignores— need to be addressed.
The White House grounds are limited by the exponential growth of our nation since it was originally conceived and the city that surrounds it.
It may be that a separate entertaining pavilion needs to be constructed in an area unrelated to the current location.
Shoehorning in a building that is out of scale does damage to the existing residence and the surrounding area. Like the enduring beauty ofParis, the avenues and vistas created by L'Enfant's original plan need to be kept in mind during the planning process
I am not against the project. I am against the current execution that is planned. We, as citizens of the US, deserve better than what is being proposed and pushed through in a very 'back alley' way.

Name: Sarah Kingsley
Date: February 22, 2026 10:17:43 am

I absolutely oppose spending hundreds of millions of dollars (estimated $300 million) regardless of the source of funding to rebuild the East Wing as a ballroom. The beautiful and useful East Wing was torn down without the proper authorization, permits, or any kind of design review. I the proposed design is not representative of the US people. It is a gaudy tribute to one person and to the elite, It does not equally represent the citizens of this wonderful country. And they are not only use of this space will be to spend US tax dollars entertaining a small group of elites and troubling leaders of other countries.

Return it to a space for the First Lady to work. Return it to a reception area for all people to be receive into the people's house. Return it to a space that serves this country.

Name: Deborah Chanen
Date: February 22, 2026 10:25:48 am

I oppose the tearing down of the East Wing & converting it to a ballroom. It is a part of American history & should have been preserved. It was torn down without appropriate authority. It should be put back as it was.

Name: Sara Tyler
Date: February 22, 2026 10:29:04 am

The White House, including the West and East wing, belong to the people of the United States. It is a symbol of historical significance. The East Wing should be rebuilt in a way that matches the style and scale of the historic building. Adding a new wing that dwarfs the original White House is a mockery of it's significance to the American people. This project should not be allowed to move forward with the original proposed plans. Revised plans, taking account the historical significance of the building and keeping the new East Wing in scale, should be submitted for approval.

Name: Sharman Schauff
Date: February 22, 2026 10:30:01 am

This president has already destroyed the historic Rose Garden and continues to destroy the historical White House. While thousands go hungry and America has so many real needs, he proposes to spend millions on an unnecessary project which will likely include portraits of himself. The Kennedy Performing Arts center has come under his attack in once again trying to put his name all over America. Leave America's historical beauty alone.!

Name: Diana King
Date: February 22, 2026 10:38:39 am

This is NOT a modernization of the East Wing! Call it what it is! As Google would call it, "The Gilded Void", "The Hallow Pavilion", "The Elite Epoch Ballroom", "The Irony Pavilion" or "The Ozymandias Room"

I want this project canceled and The East Wing rebuilt and restored to its original design! No one is above the law and especially this Administration, who is very accurately described as a Kakistocracy!!

This $300 million dollars used for this project should be given to the people in need no matter where this money comes from!!

Name: James Thomas
Date: February 22, 2026 10:39:00 am

Rebuild the East Wing the way it was before its demolition

Name: Michael Sodano
Date: February 22, 2026 10:40:07 am

The White House , including the East Wing, is a National Monument. One man, even if he's the President, should NOT have the sole decision making process in its replacement. He's stacked the Commission of Fine Arts with his sycophants that have rubber-stamped approval on the project and we need to ensure that going forward the ballroom, while perhaps needed, does not visually overtake the People's House. This is NOT Versailles. This is NOT Mar-a-Largo. This is NOT a private residence. Trump has transformed the Oval Office with his "golden touch" and that can be reversed. However the $400 million replacement structure as designed cannot simply be reversed (and he knows that).

We cannot let a failed developer have the ONLY voice in the design and development of a new structure to the People's House complex. He bulldozed the East Wing without oversight. Let us not have the construction of what replaces it be approved without listening to professionals who can design a "right-sized" addition to the complex.

Name: SUSAN LYONS
Date: February 22, 2026 10:41:41 am

This ballroom is an absolute atrocity and has destroyed the history and beauty of the White House. With the Rose Garden gone, and now this overpriced, guady monstrosity, something has to be done to stop this madness. Please do not allow this destruction to go any further!

Name: Angela Werner
Date: February 22, 2026 10:44:16 am

I am against the construction of a ballroom. He doesn’t have the authority to destroy the White House. This destruction needs to stop. He’s a 34 count felon, he has no say in this. The White House is property of the People of the USA.

Name: Laurie Beech
Date: February 22, 2026 10:45:33 am

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Name: Linda Schilling
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Name: Margaret Sapia
Date: February 22, 2026 10:49:03 am

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Name: Laura Babka
Date: February 22, 2026 10:49:41 am

I am astounded and appalled by the proposed East Wing on the White house both because the public and appropriate historic preservation agencies were not consulted, and also because the scale and design are jarring and inappropriate for the building. I understand that there needs to be space to entertain heads of state and dignitaries, but it doesn't need to be either part of the building (it could have been on the property, unattached) or it could have been elsewhere in D.C. Destroying a historic building - arguably the most notable public building in the U.S. - is completely unnecessary and frankly doesn't seem like something a president should have the right to do.

Name: Kris Chilvers
Date: February 22, 2026 10:54:05 am

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Name: Jennifer Clark
Date: February 22, 2026 11:01:33 am

I would like to express my opinion that the removal of the East Wing has shown the American people that the administration has no respect or consideration, for the wishes of THE PEOPLE or the laws of our great county. The American people neither need nor want a ballroom or, an underground bunker.
The PEOPLE want the administration to uphold the law and the Constitution of The United States of America for the people it serves.

Who will cover the cost of maintaining this huge building? The donors or the people? I imagine it will remain empty most of the year.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Name: Elizabeth Dunn
Date: February 22, 2026 11:02:36 am

The White House belongs to every American. It does not belong to its occupant.
The destruction of the East Wing was an assault on its owners, including me. The “ballroom” proposed as its replacement is a monstrosity. Its size is disproportionate to the remaining White House and overwhelms its proportions. Also, it is grossly inconsistent with the classic elegance of the White House and the balance it used to represent.
Future occupants may desire larger quarters for events, but destroying the East Wing and building the equivalent of a temple to the current president isn’t the answer. Previous Presidents have managed to entertain foreign dignitaries without destroying the symbol of American Presidents.

Name: James Aitkenhead
Date: February 22, 2026 11:04:56 am

National events shouldn’t be held in a tent. I support having a real, opulent ballroom for National social events and presentations.

Name: Charlene Miller
Date: February 22, 2026 11:07:18 am

I don't not support the building if a ballroom and did not support destruction of the East Wing. I believe DJT should personally pay to have it restored.

Name: Christopher Urban
Date: February 22, 2026 11:11:24 am

Hello,

My name is Chris Urban, I am a registered Architect in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Throughout my career I have worked on numerous historic structures, and my education at The Catholic University of America also gives me a perspective on the architecture character and history of our nations capital. I would be happy to provide further statement but I will keep this comment brief. As a professional Architect I am foremost appalled by this administration’s blatant disregard for one of our nations most cherished buildings and unwillingness to listen to the will of the people. I wish I could say it is surprising but we have seen time and time again that this administration believes they are above the law and exempt from the all checks and balances. Not only did the administration ruthlessly and ignorantly demolish a historic structure, but now they intend to replace it with a “ballroom” for the elite upper class which is not only garish in appearance and form but completely out of contextual scale with the existing building and surroundings. This must not be allowed to proceed without significant redesign. The intent here is clear: overpower the existing White House with a new ballroom that will bear Trump’s name and “legacy”. The United States of America does not have a king. It has a President elected by the people, for the people. If this project is allowed to proceed without true due process and consideration of the public opinion it will be a blight on our Nation’s Capital and history.

Thank you,
Christopher Urban, AIA

Name: Patrick Fitzgerald
Date: February 22, 2026 11:13:30 am

I am writing in opposition to the proposed ballroom addition, which is far too large, and disproportionate to the current White House. The Executive Mansion, also known as The White House, or People’s House is a national treasure and symbol of American democracy. It is essential it remain the centerpiece of the existing 18 acre site. The new ballroom proposal overwhelms the White House because the proposed ballroom is far too tall, wide, and deep. It must be much smaller than the current proposal. The proposed capacity is too large. Instead of 1000 people consider 250. The proposed ballroom, at grade level, should not exceed one storey, and if possible part of the structure should be set underground. Please encourage a design for a lesser capacity, smaller dimensions, and balance the ballroom with the West Wing. The old East Wing and West Wing were in harmony with the central Executive Mansion. Please work to achieve a similar harmony, for the best interests of the country, and for future generations.

Sincerely,
Patrick Fitzgerald
[redacted]
February 22, 2026

Name: Michael Polovina
Date: February 22, 2026 11:15:26 am

Please stop this travesty. The Whitehouse is a universal symbol of America and democracy. There must be alternatives.

Name: Lucinda Bartley
Date: February 22, 2026 11:19:55 am

First, the East Wing is not being “modernized.” It no longer exists. Second, the People’s House and the American people who allow their elected officials to work and live there deserve more respect. The system for architectural, historic, and environmental review exists to protect our shared cultural resources from autocratic whims. I’m outraged that this administration’s ridiculous fantasies about grand architecture are being carried out without any meaningful guardrails to protect the public interest. Third, substantial renovations to the White House, or the Capitol, or the Supreme Court Building, as the symbolic homes of the three branches of our government, must be planned with integrity, longevity, balance, utility, safety, and stewardship in mind. This project is rushed, for no reason. This project is partisan, for no reason. A project of this scale and importance to the nation should have been years in the making—I have zero confidence that the proposed plan reflects a thoughtful understanding of the needs of the historic building, of the staff who operate it, of the executive branch that is based there, or of the people who allow their president to use it. I work in an industry that does public design work—we take public engagement very seriously. The public is telling you that they are disgusted by the way the East Wing was demolished, disgusted by the rush job of designing a replacement, and disgusted by the absurd, overweening, out-of-scale structure that is being proposed. It is unnecessary. It is grotesque. It is embarrassing. I ask you to reject the current proposed plan and listen to the public. The nation is fortunate to have world-class architects, historians, landscape architects, planners, and designers. Listen to them. We do not have to accept this—the people do not want it, and I do not want it. I want to be proud of my nation’s capital city.

Name: Tom Ingersoll
Date: February 22, 2026 11:21:50 am

This is a vanity project of the current president, at best. Non-union crews have done his bidding, with funds donated by Big Tech, Crypto and Military Contractors. There is nothing in this for the People, now or later.

Trump's blatant disregard for systems, process, and discussion fly in the face of values held dear by generations of Americans. On grounds of procedure alone, permission should be denied for further work.

The administration's response will likely be something like this: "Well, we can't just leave it looking like this."

We can, and maybe we should, for a while, so the People can see what happened, and learn why.
And so that a non-partisan committee can propose, discuss, refine and find consensus on a solution.

My opinion: The World does not need another symbol of Romanesque conquest and opulence. We're America: Let us do something independent and progressive, such as planting a little forest of native trees to provide shade, filter air, and create habitat for birds and bees.

Name: Debra Greer
Date: February 22, 2026 11:22:44 am

The proposed plans for the proposed ballroom are horrendous! This massive structure completely dwarfs the stateliness and elegance of the White House. That’s MY house you’re trying to change. Go back to the drawing board, please. Do better!

Name: George Weaver
Date: February 22, 2026 11:23:11 am

Comon guys. I’m a landscape architect and one of the base tenants of good design, through the centuries, is genius loci. This proposed project is the antithesis of that. Horrible scale, detailing that has no reference to the original structure, completely forgetting the entire concept of “the people’s house”.

DC has some amazing event spaces (National Building Museum) that using those would be far better stewards of the DC built environment.

It is terribly troubling that one person can dictate the unnecessary and simply aesthetically grotesque enlargement of the

simplest of state residences. This is not Versailles….

Rip Weaver, CLARB, PLA
Landscape Architect

Name: Ira Beckerman
Date: February 22, 2026 11:26:16 am

I speak as a historic preservation professional with 40 years of experience in both Maryland and Pennsylvania. I have a PhD in Anthropology from The Penn State University with a specialization in archaeology and have worked for governmental agencies for over 30 years as well as having previously served on my State's Historic Preservation Board. I believe the destruction of the East Wing of the White House was both capricious and illegal. There is a standing Federal Lawsuit over it, which as of this moment hasn't been decided. In no uncertain terms, the construction of a 90,000 square foot ballroom should not be undertaken at that spot. Instead, the Federal Government should undertake to reconstruct the East Wing as it was in 2025, both in plans and materials. National Park Service Standards for Reconstruction should be followed. Presumably, the East wing has been fully documented, so that plans for its reconstruction should be available.

Reconstructing the East Wing resets the conversation over the current and future use of the East Wing in such a way that a legal path forward toward any renovations can be taken. This path should include the same public and congressional notice and involvement that previous major renovations to the White House have taken. To entertain discussions of a ballroom or any future use of the space at this time and in its current condition is to condone the illegality as a fait accompli. The full reconstruction of something so recently destroyed may seem counterintuitive; but there is no other moral option that keeps to the principals on which this Nation was founded.

Regarding the cost of the reconstruction, previous commitments by named and unnamed private donors should be declined, as an obvious conflict of interest in those donors holding or seeking government contracts. The unfortunate and needless cost of this reconstruction must be borne by the American People, as appropriated by Congress. However, to the degree that the pottery barn rule can be invoked, it should (see Colin Powell).

Name: Lynne Goldman
Date: February 22, 2026 11:26:29 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. The $400 million initiative moved forward without approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, without the required environmental reviews and without the congressional authorization federal law mandates for construction on parkland in Washington. Those failures should not be excused through retroactive approval.

The project's financing raises serious conflict of interest concerns. Corporations with billions of dollars in active federal contracts under this administration are contributing to a construction effort at the president's residence, even though that same president oversees those contracts. This is not philanthropy. It is an investment in access and potential preferential treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not to any single officeholder. I urge the Commission to reject the proposal until it fully complies with the law, including securing congressional authorization and completing environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without adhering to established legal requirements.

Name: Mary Stockdale
Date: February 22, 2026 11:26:44 am

The demolition of the East Wing was a systematic flaunting of the rules and procedures guiding the management of public buildings. Now that President Trump has stacked oversight boards with individuals loyal only to him, the NCPC is the last bulwark against further destruction of the "people's house." Public opinion is firmly against the construction of an outsized ballroom to benefit the powerful and wealthy. We ask that you rein in these grandiose plans to maintain the architectural character of the White House, rather than to stroke the ego of the character who currently resides there.

Name: Kelly Furlong
Date: February 22, 2026 11:27:13 am

this is wrong! destroying and re-doing wing is terrible...

Name: Deborah Bound
Date: February 22, 2026 11:29:44 am

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Name: Pat Fancsali
Date: February 22, 2026 11:31:05 am

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Name: Maria Crosby Pollard
Date: February 22, 2026 11:33:00 am

As an interior designer with 25 years of experience, a member of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art (ICAA), and someone who has worked on historic and high-end residential and commercial properties, I am deeply troubled by the proposed scale of the White House ballroom expansion. The governing framework for any work on historic properties, the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, is explicit: additions must be subordinate to, and compatible with, the historic character of the original building. This proposal fails that test entirely, and notably, even the National Park Service’s own environmental assessment concluded that the structure will ‘disrupt the historical continuity of the White House grounds and alter the architectural integrity of the east side of the property.’
The proposed 90,000 square-foot footprint, nearly double the size of the existing executive mansion, dominates rather than defers. It distorts the South Lawn’s iconic driveway, disrupts the views from the South Lawn that have been carefully preserved for generations, and requires the removal of historic magnolia trees planted in the 1940s. In design, programming drives scale, meaning the size of a space must be justified by its actual use. The White House already accommodates large state dinners and ceremonial gatherings in its existing spaces. No credible event planning or hospitality standard supports a structure of this magnitude.
This proposal bypassed the independent reviews, congressional approval, and public comment that have governed every major change to the White House before it. That alone should give every American pause.
This should be reconsidered.

Name: Timothy Piper
Date: February 22, 2026 11:33:49 am

Trump is ruining our country and historic monuments. The east wing of the white house was one of them. Construction of this hideous ballroom monster of a self serving tribute to his ego is a waste of my tax payer money. I don't want, I don't approve of it, and it must be stopped. Rebuild the east wing like it was with modest improvements and upgrades.
Tim

Name: Ely Rhea
Date: February 22, 2026 11:36:46 am

This project is a disgrace and a violation.

Name: Anthony Lindsay
Date: February 22, 2026 11:39:30 am

Good Day,

I feel this project is an absolute waste of American taxpayer dollars. An historic piece of our Capital's history has already been irreversibly destroyed as part of this project. We have no shortage of beautiful, historic event spaces to host State events. The size of this addition is also ridiculous. It looks tacky and out of place to its surroundings. Even the released plans to try and make it look good make it look out of place.

Thank you,
Anthony Lindsay

Name: Kathy Sandler
Date: February 22, 2026 11:39:40 am

Hello,

As a designer and student of Historic Preservation, I must use my voice to oppose the approval of the East Wing Project as proposed.

The proportions of this addition are GROSSLY out of scale with the remainder of the White House, one of my favorite historical sites.

While I believe the demolition and destruction of the East Wing without going through the proper process, what’s done is done and is imperative to ensure that what is rebuilt be in proportion with the existing structure.

Allowing this addition to be built with its proposed design will dwarf the existing structure and destroy one of the most beautiful and historic buildings in Washington, DC.

Please do not let this place be ruined anymore than it already has been. Thank you.

Kathy Sandler, ASID Allied, WELL AP

Name: Janet Stoker
Date: February 22, 2026 11:39:44 am

I oppose the projected construction of the proposed ballroom. Please consider ruling against it.
I support maintaining the traditional building profile. If possible, the east wing should be returned to its pre-destruction configuration.
Thank you for considering my comments.

Name: Camille Warmington
Date: February 22, 2026 11:43:29 am

Classical architecture is not only about columns, pediments, entablatures, but more importantly about proportion, balance, and harmony for which this proposed addition has NONE. It's as if someone dropped the abominable snowman or the Michelin man haphazardly into an elegant formal landscape next to an exemplary historical structure. It's a shame and a sham and not befitting of our great nation. We deserve better.

Respectfully,
Camille Warmington

Name: Cheryl Boland
Date: February 22, 2026 11:43:58 am

The scale of the proposed east wing usurps that of the White House, an important historic and symbolic building for all Americans. It where the President lives and works. It is not a hotel or convention center.

Name: Linda Risner
Date: February 22, 2026 11:45:10 am

My opinion, on the building of the new East Wing, is that the dimensions compared to the White House and the West Wing are entirely out of proportion. This building is going to dwarf our beautiful White House and the West Wing and I'm not in favor of it.

Name: Patricia Blogg
Date: February 22, 2026 11:46:47 am

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Name: Julia Detwiler
Date: February 22, 2026 11:49:07 am

This project directly conflicts with the Secretary of the Interior's standards. It does not preserve or improve history, it destroys it. This project is a visual representation of the rapid disintegration of democracy and the constitution in this country. The way this historic campus is being bulldozed is shameful, and anyone who recommends approval of this project does not understand or respect the basic principles of historic preservation.

Name: Ianthe Coover
Date: February 22, 2026 11:52:08 am

We the people were not asked if we agreed to have 300 MILLION of OUR TAX DOLLARS to make an UNNECESSARY ballroom at the white house. OUR HOUSE. We were not asked if ripping if the HISTORIC east wing to build this UNNECESSARY ballroom was OK. TRUMP HAS DONE NOTHING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. The entire administration has ignored the American people, their wants and needs, spit in the faces if judge's and made this country a laughing stock. I DO NOT APPROVE OF HAVING MY TAX DOLLARS SPENT IN THIS WAY. They should be spent on CIVIL LIBERTIES...Healthcare, housing, food.

Name: Lou Ellen Fecher
Date: February 22, 2026 11:53:34 am

"Moreover, it would encourage the current administration to believe it can continue to destroy public buildings to suit the preferences and whims of the President, who is, and needs to understand that he is, a TEMPORARY occupant. He was not given this building; he was granted the use of it for the duration of his limited tenure, for the convenience of the public, not for the convenience of the president.

When I rented apartments or houses in the past, I was expected to leave the premises in good condition, virtually the same as when I arrived, or I'd have to pay for the damage. Mr. Trump has made extensive damage to the building, and HE, not his donors, nor his Epstein-class acquaintances, should be required to pay to have it restored to its original condition."

Name: James Berryhill
Date: February 22, 2026 11:59:38 am

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Name: Eric Braun
Date: February 22, 2026 12:01:27 pm

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Name: Susan Margot Ecker
Date: February 22, 2026 12:03:30 pm

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Name: Livia Cowan
Date: February 22, 2026 12:04:36 pm

The unlawful destruction of the East Wing is sheer blasphemy. The White House is the People’s House. Construction of the megalomaniac’s “gilded age” monstrosity must be stopped. Beyond being yet another self-tribute, it is a violation of laws respecting the preservation of American history.

Name: Eileen Lovell
Date: February 22, 2026 12:05:45 pm

I am outraged at the destruction of the East Wing without public input. My mother, a lifelong republican and American history aficionado, would be so outraged at this capricious action for self aggrandizement by this administration. I understand that updates to the East Wing were probably necessary. I am sure that the modernization could have occurred in a more historically sensitive manner. I want architectural historians with no affiliation or indebtedness to this administration to help with designing an historically respective rebuild of the East Wing.

We the People want our historical buildings back!!!

Name: Melayne Cohen
Date: February 22, 2026 12:13:40 pm

I am writing to oppose the proposed plans for constructing a new ballroom in the White House East Wing. This project raises significant concerns about transparency, fiscal responsibility, and compliance with federal preservation law.
The proposal appears to disregard important public participation requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which mandates consultation and review for alterations to properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The White House, as one of our nation’s most significant historic sites, should not be subject to unilateral decisions that bypass these critical safeguards.
The scale and nature of the proposed ballroom are inconsistent with the architectural and historic character of the East Wing and risk undermining the integrity of a site that symbolizes the continuity of American democracy.

Moreover, despite assurances that private donations may support the construction, experience shows that federal funds—and by extension, taxpayer dollars—inevitably cover costs related to security integration, operations, and maintenance. This is an improper use of public resources for a project that lacks demonstrated necessity or public benefit.
I strongly urge the National Park Service to deny approval of this project as currently proposed, require full compliance with the NHPA's consultation and review processes, and reopen the proposal for robust public comment and independent preservation review. The American people deserve transparency, accountability, and respect for the historic stewardship entrusted to the National Park Service.

Name: Howard Perdue
Date: February 22, 2026 12:15:45 pm

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Name: Liz Ryan Cole
Date: February 22, 2026 12:18:34 pm

stop this rolling disaster. A legal path forward toward any renovations must be taken. The Federal Government should undertake to reconstruct the East Wing as it was in 2025.

Name: Frank Lock
Date: February 22, 2026 12:19:50 pm

The current President, like every other before him, does not have the right to change National Icons on a whim! The house he currently occupies does not belong to him. It belongs to the people of the U.S. now, and in the future. What he is doing to the White House, is desecrating history. It is important that he understands that what he is doing, like all the the foolish things he has done, will be undone by his replacement, appropriately. His tastes are vastly different from the tastes of the average American. The average American does not want gaudy.
His proposals for the renovation of the East Wing must be stopped. The White House is The People's House and must reflect the desires of the people. Thank you.

Name: Robert Martin
Date: February 22, 2026 12:22:14 pm

The White House belongs to all American citizens and is "leased" to the elected President to live in during their term of office. There is a budget for painting and decorating while the President lives there.

There is no precedent nor budget for tearing down the East Wing and building a ball room.
The recent tear down is a criminal act as it has defaced a building belonging to all Americans.

The East Wing should be restored to its previous state and the restoration cost should be paid by the Trump family.

Name: Linda Krause
Date: February 22, 2026 12:23:30 pm

I want our White House preserved and trump should have to pay out of HIS money to have it put back to the original design. It's a travesty, what he's done to our beautiful White House. It is OUR White House not his.

Name: Carol Capper
Date: February 22, 2026 12:25:16 pm

I oppose the spending of $300,000,000 on the "East Wing Modernization" project. This is not a modernization project. It wasn't necessary. It's not modernization. It's a tribute Trump is giving to himself and his billionaire friends. It was never approved, did not go through the proper channels. I would like any money donated to this project to be used for restoring the former building, not a ballroom dedicated to Trump. Thank you for your attention.

Name: Donna Bean
Date: February 22, 2026 12:27:27 pm

I oppose the proposed 90,000 sq ft ballroom. The size is excessive and will detract from our historic White House. A better plan would be to rebuild the East Wing that torn down without any input from the public.

Name: Brennan Shearer
Date: February 22, 2026 12:28:00 pm

Members of the Commission: All visible and public interior and exterior structures and decorative pieces of the East Wing should be rebuilt to look exactly as it did before it was unlawfully destroyed by the President. If the underground part of the structure out of public view needs to be updated, no problem. Trump should be made to pay personally for this rebuild in its entirety, since he is solely responsible for the current mess. This is very disappointing that it was bulldozed for the purpose of greater entertainment for an administration that has left than 3 years left in office.

Name: Cheryl Franklin
Date: February 22, 2026 12:30:12 pm

I oppose the demolition of the East Wing, which spends $300 million initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. This is destroying history to boost Trump’s ego. The East Wing needs to be rebuilt as it was! Trump is NOT above the law & abused his power to get this done bypassing the LAW!!!

Name: Vivian Comer
Date: February 22, 2026 12:34:46 pm

Rebuild the East Wing as it was, before djt had it torn down, at djt's personal expense and without him or anyone supporting him involved in the reconstruction & interior refinishing.

Name: Cassandra Bannecke Pettay
Date: February 22, 2026 12:37:51 pm

Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style, update wiring etc. and make interior ADA accessible where possible.
Follow past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.
Do not allow special interest funds to influence or pay for the rebuilding.

The White House is the people’s house!

Name: Monica Zukrow
Date: February 22, 2026 12:38:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Holly Garner
Date: February 22, 2026 12:41:17 pm

I fully oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.
This aggressive project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.
The $400 million cost is funded by corporations seeking favor because they hold billions in federal contracts that the administration must approve. This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.
The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this shameful proposal.

Name: Jane Galvin
Date: February 22, 2026 12:42:45 pm

Please vote to approve a scaled down version of the proposed white house ballroom. The current proposed size is too large and not in keeping with the existing structure of the White house.
The project is disruptive to the design of the existing areas and needs to be dramatically scaled back.
Thank you.
Jane galvin

Name: Carolyn Gordon
Date: February 22, 2026 12:42:47 pm

Regarding the East Wing of the White House-

I STRONGLY oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated w/out the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project CANCELED, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be A DISGRACE TO OUR COUNTRY!

Name: Richard Cooper
Date: February 22, 2026 12:43:09 pm

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Name: Karel Reeves
Date: February 22, 2026 12:50:49 pm

I oppose the spending the East Wing modernization project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It was destruction of our American history. I hope you vote to cancel this project, require the East Wing to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go forward without consequences for breaking the laws would prove to regular citizens that there are those who are above the law if you are wealthy or powerful enough. The rules and regulations that govern permitting are there for a reason and they should be followed by everyone.

Name: Kathleen Peach-Cassidy
Date: February 22, 2026 12:56:18 pm

For decades my family and I have had such respect for the history of the White House. In 1999 my family and I loved our tour of several beautiful rooms of the American people's house.
Although improvements to rooms in the White House in past decades have been well-considered and acceptable, what our current president is demanding in transforming the East Wing from dignified, respected spaces into a gilded, opulent ballroom at the now cost of $400 million is beyond belief.
The American people resist this shameful degradation. Please stop this project. Restore the East Wing to its previous uses and beauty.
Thank you for listening to us.

Name: Elizabeth Thompson
Date: February 22, 2026 1:00:56 pm

The East Wing project should be stopped immediately. The historic structure that formerly occupied this space was installed after much review and consideration and had historic value. The current project does not meet any of the criteria considered in the master plan for the White House, and offers little value. Its size and stature diminishes the main building, constructed in 1800 and changes the character of the Presidents House and office. The White House only hosts 4-6 events a year that would warrant the capacity the new building is being constructed for and the cost of furnishing, maintenance and utilities are a significant burden to taxpayers.

Please stop this project now. If it is truly needed, it should be added to the Capital Improvements Plan for the White House and go through the same review and approval process as any significant project that has an impact on the taxpayers.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Thompson

Name: Erik Levy
Date: February 22, 2026 1:01:29 pm

Great idea!

Name: Mary Weber
Date: February 22, 2026 1:01:53 pm

It is despicable that this narcissistic person who currently occupies 1600 Pennsylvania Ave has destroyed the East wing with no permission and with the purpose of building yet another worthless thing to glorify himself. No one, other than him wants a ballroom that is twice the size of the White House. Just restore the remaining facade and fine him for the destruction he has caused.

Name: Elizabeth Treadway
Date: February 22, 2026 1:02:33 pm

The damage done by the sitting President is unprecedented. A travesty has been perpetrated on the American people by the destruction of the East Wing to replace it with a vanity project of Trump. He has no regard or respect for the history of this nation and the historical nature of our monuments and the White House itself. A ballroom that is not needed - the White House is not a gathering place for the rich and famous to be feasted in luxury and gold. It smacks in the face of all we've stood for and all we should honor. Renovations should face the test of historical preservation - not ego driven waste of money. Rebuild the East Wing - modernize as needed but a wasteful ballroom does not represent the values of our nation.

Name: Leah Renzi
Date: February 22, 2026 1:03:00 pm

The White House is the people’s house and should not be altered in such a significant manner to meet the whims of any single President. The proposed alterations do not increase education or express collective values of the American people. It should immediately be stopped. Additionally, all construction efforts should not impede on other public lands like the East Potomac park. Shame on this administration for believing the destruction of public property for limited use for foreign dignitaries and elite American invitations.

Name: Alexander Scheufler
Date: February 22, 2026 1:04:14 pm

Having completed a dozen historic home restorations primarily within historic districts in Boston, this project is a shocking departure from the norms and process of construction even adjacent to a historic district.

The illegal demolition of the east wing was alarming, and the plans for the "modernized" ballroom addition are so far out of the architectural context and scale that it is shocking it would be seriously proposed.

The design lacks balance, completely overpowering the previously harmonious and largely symmetrical structure. The deviation of the entry drive is a testament to the unbalancing impact.

Aside from the design issues presented by a firm that has a track record of abominations, the lack of standard process and replacement of experts with cronies lacking any expertise during the last approval is insane. Funding of the project by private entities and corporations functions transparently as quid pro quo bribes.

Please do our capitol, and the country a favor and reject this proposal.

Many thanks,
Alexander Scheufler
[redacted]

Name: Matthew Winter
Date: February 22, 2026 1:04:33 pm

Replacement Building is to large and dwarfs the white house, forever making the white house look small and less important

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Name: Robert Tobias
Date: February 22, 2026 1:07:23 pm

The people currently executing this project are demonstrably inept, and work should be halted immediately until competent leadership can be assigned.

The current level of incompetence is clearly shown by how much demolition work had been conducted before the public was allowed to comment. It's as if the "powers that be" believe it's easier to ask forgiveness than to seek permission. However, it is the role of this Commission to ensure adequate permissions are obtained BEFORE any work is undertaken. That shouldn't be more important than with a project that includes the demolition of a national treasure like our White House.

Frankly, I've lost track and don't know whether the NCPC is one of those groups that has been taken over by the executive branch to follow its bidding, or if it has managed to maintain a semblance of independence and continues to fulfill its duties to the American people.

Name: Eileen Brandt
Date: February 22, 2026 1:09:53 pm

I would like to offer my complete support to the East Wing Modernization Project. Officials announced on January 8th that preserving the East Wing was not viable due to structural problems, historical deterioration, and other significant issues including mold.

The United States of America has to remain a beacon of freedom and hope for the world. The White House should be a structure worthy of such honor and scrutiny, especially when hosting dignitaries and delegations from other countries.

This is a project which was long overdue and as a lifelong law-abiding citizen and resident of the USA, I am thrilled to see the ballroom being constructed at the White House through the East Wing Modernization Project. I am also proud of our President for finding a way for this project to be completely funded without using taxpayer dollars (unlike Mr. Obama's $376 million dollar project in 2010, or Mr. Biden's $50 million dollar project in 2023).

Name: Colin Wilcox
Date: February 22, 2026 1:13:33 pm

Under no circumstances should this become a single purpose ballroom. The modernization must:
1. Provide office spaces for multiple uses, practical, ceremonial, and celebratory.
2. Emphasize that the White House is the people's house, not a monument to ego.
3. Use an architecture style consistent with the main house and west wing, and be scaled in such a way that it doesn't overshadow either building or call undue attention to itself.

Name: Carol Ann Westfall
Date: February 22, 2026 1:16:27 pm

Don't let this Administration near the East Wing Grounds. This is the home of Democracy, history, and hope. Use any money collected to preserve and keep the Historic Preservation Society policing and control of cleaning up the destruction, with possibilities for a semblance of restoration. Preserve and protect in love.

Name: Art Meripol
Date: February 22, 2026 1:19:03 pm

Why call it modernization when it's really a projection of ego?
This administration will be gone before it's completed and we the taxpayers will be stuck with an unusable space to maintain.
The planned wing is not visually or structurally balanced to complement one of the most important and famed buildings in our countries history. It's overly large and should be put to a stop.

Name: Leslie Alexander
Date: February 22, 2026 1:19:57 pm

The People's House is to be governed by the people and for the people. The unauthorized demolition of the East Wing was illegal and any plans to turn it into a gathering place for The Felon's cronies is an unacceptable use of public funds ... yet ANOTHER unacceptable use of public funds.

As a voter, I cannot support the plans for a ballroom.

Name: Linda Junod
Date: February 22, 2026 1:20:54 pm

I completely support this project. Why would we not support a project to enhance our beautiful White House, especially

one that is not funded with taxpayer dollars. We have a President that understands what is needed to update and beautify the people's house and can do so with donations. We are always hearing about taxing the rich. The rich are willing to give dollars to this project and now we want to complain about it. Let this project go forward without using taxpayer dollars!

Name: Kathy Edwards
Date: February 22, 2026 1:23:42 pm

I 100 percent OPPOSE the actions taken by Donald Trump to COMPLETELY raze the East Wing of the White House. He thinks he is a God when in fact he is JUST A TEMPORARY OCCUPANT. I DEMAND that the East Wing be rebuilt with the original exterior footprint. STOP rubber stamping this fat fascist and letting him do whatever he wants. We- the American PEOPLE- own this building and do not need a hideous gilded ballroom that dwarfs the original structure that WE WILL HAVE TO BLOW UP ONCE HE LEAVES OFFICE and replace. STOP him NOW

Name: Mary Jeanne Oliva
Date: February 22, 2026 1:25:37 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project which was begun without proper authorization or review.

Name: Jan Wagner
Date: February 22, 2026 1:27:11 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Teresa Henrich
Date: February 22, 2026 1:33:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Virginia Saylor
Date: February 22, 2026 1:34:57 pm

Donald Trump needs to be held accountable for his destruction and loss of the White House property (east wing, rose garden, etc.) loss of the history he has disrespected, apologize to the American people for his disregard for the trust he has violated and Broken!

Name: Glenn Gray
Date: February 22, 2026 1:42:40 pm

No president should have the right to tear down a wing of the Whitehouse. This project should be stopped immediately, and Congress should decided what to do next

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Name: Jackie M Messinger
Date: February 22, 2026 1:45:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project

canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Robert Cavnar
Date: February 22, 2026 1:46:33 pm

I am writing to the Commission to express my strong opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. The proposed palatial structure is completely out of place in terms of scope and scale of the existing building, especially where sited. The shocking destruction of the East Wing with no approvals or forethought was bad enough. To replace it with a grandiose ballroom that dwarfs the entire White House complex is an assault on the senses. The White House has a ballroom already. If a new facility is needed, at least scale it to more appropriately fit the “People’s House”, which is what the White House actually is.

Name: Gregory Jackson
Date: February 22, 2026 1:54:16 pm

I am writing to express my deep concern about the project to construct a new ballroom and make other substantial changes to the White House grounds. The proposed project
Is grossly over scaled and will significantly detract from the historic building. The architectural design further detracts from the restrained classsicism of the White House I urge you to please stop this project.
Sincerely
Gregory Jackson

Name: Susan Levy
Date: February 22, 2026 1:57:59 pm

I am heartbroken to see what has been done to our beloved White House and horrified to see what is planned with the “ballroom addition.” It is a travesty that this has been allowed to happen. The new addition will completely overwhelm the existing structure and look ridiculous. I think it should be stopped and Trump should be personally financially responsible for returning it to its original condition.

Name: Beth Kaprelian
Date: February 22, 2026 2:01:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you

Name: Christine Rumery
Date: February 22, 2026 2:02:14 pm

This is a waste of money and a show of power from the current administration. Do not allow this decadent waste to ruin “the People’s house”. The tech boys should use their bribe money to do something good in this country. This is a dangerous precedent for any future administration to destroy anything they do not like. They are merely tenets & should be subjected to the same rules a landlord requires.

Name: Marilyn Bodnar
Date: February 22, 2026 2:02:57 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this East Wing project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jane Moore
Date: February 22, 2026 2:03:58 pm

The damage has been done without any authorization. The United States does not need another gold encrusted room designed to show dominance. The East Wing should be rebuilt at Mr. Trump's expense.

Name: Teresa Gettinger
Date: February 22, 2026 2:04:53 pm

I greatly oppose what is happening with the East wing modernization project. This president thinks he is above the law and does not have to go through proper channels to do what he wants. So far, no one is stopping him and it’s utterly shameful, harmful, neglectful and rude to allow him to continue this behavior. The White House is a deeply historical building that has been destroyed for greed. Please do not allow construction to continue. The building should be restored back to its former glory and President Trump needs to be told no.

Name: Margaret Holm
Date: February 22, 2026 2:08:52 pm

I oppose spending any money for this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Calling the destruction of the East Wing a modernization project is ridiculous. It isn't being modernized, it was destroyed for an unnecessary ballroom. Having a ballroom larger than the White House will be an eyesore. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Elizabeth Fletcher
Date: February 22, 2026 2:11:19 pm

The White House is a national historic landmark. It belongs to the citizens of our nation, not to any sitting president. Any renovation should be completed only in accordance with the National Park Service guidelines. The East Wing should not be turned into one president’s personal playground.

Name: Joseph Biggin
Date: February 22, 2026 2:11:29 pm

I am writing to register my firm opposition to the actions of the President and the Administration in altering the White House. The changes are inappropriate and the process that has been undertaken so far is inappropriate.

The scale and massing of the proposed new East Wing does damage to the historic character of the White House.

I urge a stop to the current course, and then the convening of a committee to consider and propose alternative solutions, including reconstruction of the East Wing along the lines of the structure that was illegally demolished.

Name: Samuel Ireland
Date: February 22, 2026 2:14:10 pm

I am strongly opposed to the planned construction of a "ballroom" replacing the East Wing of the White House. Not only will the addition be out of scale and unbalanced as it relates to the rest of the building, such a structure is unnecessary. Since its construction, the White House has hosted an untold number of large functions within its current footprint.

While many Presidents have made changes to the White House over the years (i.e., the FDR and Gerald Ford swimming pools, Truman's bowling alley, the Obama basketball court), those items have not changed the scale or style of the White House itself. The only major exterior change that comes to mind is the Truman balcony which was an addition to the central part of the White House itself and not some appendage that matched or dwarfed the size of the main building. Further, the Truman balcony served a practical purpose in providing shade for the south portico and obviated the need for the (in my opinion) ugly awnings previously in use.

The other, and I believe, crucial point is the maintenance cost of the addition should it ever be completed. News reports have alluded to construction costs funded by private donations. While that is all well and good (I guess), will the same private donors be expected to pay for the additional heating, cooling, and maintenance of the addition? I would expect such costs to double (or more) the current taxpayer-funded maintenance costs of the existing White House. Is this really a good use of taxpayer funds?

Name: penny lee
Date: February 22, 2026 2:20:07 pm

This is the people's house. I object to this project

Name: Emily Shapiro
Date: February 22, 2026 2:20:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kristine Liberato
Date: February 22, 2026 2:23:09 pm

Put it back the way it was before this tyrant had it bulldozed. I don't care what they do with the bunkers underneath, but the East Wing was a beautiful part of our White House.

Name: Christina Brandt
Date: February 22, 2026 2:24:52 pm

While I understand that modifications to the building have been made by other presidents over the years, the current proposal for the ballroom goes well beyond the pale. I urge you to consider the following recommendations when finalizing plans for the structure that will replace what was so hastily torn down:

1. Restore the exterior dimensions and architectural style to what it was before the bulldozers showed up, making it compatible in scale to the west wing and main house.
2. Honor the original style of the White House with restrained elegance (i.e., refrain from gilding everything in sight).
3. Update the wiring etc. to meet current code and standards.
4. Make the interior ADA accessible wherever possible.
5. Follow the past process for making needed but historically sensitive changes.
6. If a ballroom is needed, construct it elsewhere in the city.

The White House is the people's house. Make it more reflective of democracy and less about power and grandeur.

Thank you for your attention.

Name: Karen Gritter
Date: February 22, 2026 2:27:22 pm

The east wing should never have been torn down to begin with. It needs to be fully restored at Trump's expense..

Name: Kay Dougherty
Date: February 22, 2026 2:27:54 pm

This should never have been able to happen but now that it has it should not be allowed to change the footprint or height of the original building. This is a completely needless monstrosity at a time when people are without healthcare and food. Shame on everyone who has anything to do with making this happen.

Name: Lynne Wilson
Date: February 22, 2026 2:32:10 pm

The proposed ballroom project is not keeping with the traditional style of the White House grounds and should require more thought (and approval) as this significant change will long outlast the current administration.

Name: Kara Perry
Date: February 22, 2026 2:33:48 pm

I oppose building a ballroom. I oppose allowing billionaires to directly fund a project on public lands as these are indirect bribes. I question the need for a ballroom with so many nearby hotels available for large conference spaces. A ballroom implies the government will be hosting parties not working and representing public interest.

Name: Heather DeNinno
Date: February 22, 2026 2:56:25 pm

I oppose the $300 million dollar east wing project. I demand they rebuild it as it was. This is the people's house, not the President.

Name: Terry Hughes
Date: February 22, 2026 2:56:30 pm

The original East Wing should NEVER have been torn down!! Whatever replaces it must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. A 90,000 square feet ballroom is not only unnecessary, but would dwarf the Executive Residence, which would be totally disrespectful to the office and to history. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Please to not let this farce continue!

Name: Paula Pumphrey
Date: February 22, 2026 2:59:27 pm

I can understand the need for a ballroom at the White House but not as large a one as being proposed. The President should not have demolished the East Wing without going through the proper channels and necessary review process. The East Wing housed the First Lady's offices; what is the replacement proposal?

Name: Karin Griffith
Date: February 22, 2026 3:01:10 pm

This is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers money. It’s another vanity project. Please stop this expansion. Thank you.

Name: Rosanne Reynolds
Date: February 22, 2026 3:04:51 pm

Hello!

I am deeply opposed to this project, which did not go through any proper channels. I believe it should be immediately cancelled; It had no design review, nor proper authorization (not to mention permits). I am opposed to spending $300 million on converting it; the East Wing instead should be immediately rebuilt and returned to its prior historical design. Moreover, this rebuild should be at President Trump's personal expense, given that the original destruction was on his order & did not go through the proper channels. It is fundamentally the Peoples' House, maintained by our taxes, and destroying one third of it without proper permits, review, notice or input should invoke penalties to all who ordered or allowed this to happen. And it must never be allowed to happen again.
Respectfully,

Rosanne Reynolds

Name: Charles Arnold
Date: February 22, 2026 3:05:41 pm

Please do not agree to have this project continue. Require that regulations for approval of building be followed. The proposed plans are not Jeffersonian. They are overdone and too big. As Doonesbury said, the proposed plan is a mix of Louis XIV and Home Depot.

Name: Ron Bathgate
Date: February 22, 2026 3:07:51 pm

He had NO right to demolish it!

Name: Gareth Knowles
Date: February 22, 2026 3:08:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: michael Price-Brown
Date: February 22, 2026 3:10:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Clayton Price-Brown
Date: February 22, 2026 3:11:22 pm

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Name: Deborah Bouton
Date: February 22, 2026 3:11:38 pm

I am horrified that this is underway without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. ONE PERSON ALONE has decided to obliterate this magnificent structure and spend $300 million (!) to build a monument to himself. This is not an improvement or "modernization," it is the destruction of our past - our American history. PLEASE STOP this project and require the East Wing to be rebuilt to its former glory (ideally at the president's personal cost). Allowing this travesty to proceed tells those of us who follow the law that we no longer need to abide by the law ourselves.

Name: George Lenzer
Date: February 22, 2026 3:15:30 pm

George H. Lenzer
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February 22, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Public Comment — NCPC File Number 8733 — White House State Ballroom, East Wing Demolition and Reconstruction
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Scharf and Members of the Commission:

As a resident and citizen of the United States, I submit my comment in the public interest. I respectfully request that the following points be entered into the public record regarding NCPC File Number 8733, concerning the proposed White House State Ballroom, herein referred to as the Ballroom.

As reported by The Washington Post in August 2025, plans for the Ballroom were not submitted to the NCPC for review as required by federal law. Construction began in September without proper review. This does not match historical precedent and calls into question the purpose and function of the powers of the NCPC. As far as I am aware, the plans have still not been properly submitted.

There hasn't been as extensive of a structural change to the White House since the Truman administration. While Harry Truman had no intention of taking no for an answer, he did follow the legal requirements and work through all the proper channels before his project began. The scale of work that the Ballroom project is taking on is unprecedented in modern preservation law and federal planning oversight. This makes proper review of the plans for the Ballroom of the utmost importance.

By many accounts, the plans for the Ballroom suggest that it will be larger than the White House itself. Historically, the NCPC has rejected even the most minor of changes (certainly much smaller than the Ballroom) for altering the viewshed. With the small amount of public information, the Ballroom will alter views from The Ellipse, The Treasury Building, and Pennsylvania Avenue in such a way that the historic views are not preserved. This is not trivial and falls clearly as a responsibility of the NCPC.

In October, the head of the National Trust for Historic Preservation cited concerns that the Ballroom could overwhelm the classical design of the White House and suggested that construction should pause since the building is the most prominent historic representation of the United States of America. It is the NCPC's stewardship that is expected by the American public to transparently protect exactly this kind of building from exactly the kind of construction the Ballroom represents.

The most problematic aspect to the Ballroom is funding. There are serious conflicts of interest concerns behind the funding of this construction. Many of the donors have exhibited questionable ethics and appear to have used their funding as a way of acquiring proximity to the office of the president for unknown reasons. Alphabet/Google donated $22 million

as part of a legal settlement with the administration. Another donor, Stefan Brodie, was a biotech entrepreneur previously convicted of violating American sanctions. There are more, but just these two, on their own, are troubling enough. On the back end of this, citizens have not been made aware as to whether a legal public competitive bidding process was followed. Both of these items make the funding and contracting very concerning.

When the project was announced, it was expected to be at a cost of $200 million dollars. In October 2025, it was raised to $300 million with no explanation of the reason for the increases. By December 2025, it was at $400 million. If a project in the private sector continued to increase at that rate, the stakeholders would have serious concerns about the management of the project. Additionally, this sets a precedent for future administrations to unilaterally demolish and replace any public lands using private funding, which raises serious questions about the public interest and takes the nation into uncharted legal and ethical territory about ownership of public spaces, public architecture, and the promulgation of a new norm — one in which wealthy donors and powerful executives can permanently reshape public landmarks to serve personal or political ends, with no meaningful public oversight. As mentioned earlier, there was no public competitive bidding process and, Treasury department employees were instructed not to photograph the construction. This kind of opacity from the administration is troubling. NCPC should take this all into account as it raises serious ethical questions about the Ballroom project.

Even if the administration eventually submits plans to the NCPC, the fact that demolition and construction are already substantially underway means the commission will be reviewing a project after the point of no return. This is a direct challenge to the integrity of the review process itself. Approving a project mid-construction, after irreversible decisions have already been made, fundamentally compromises the purpose of commission review and goes to the heart of why the NCPC exists.

The project filing indicated that NEPA review is required, but... the construction is already underway. This is a process failure that cannot be overlooked when considering the Ballroom project. If NEPA review is required but construction proceeds regardless, the Commission must ask whether its own authority means anything at all. Another example of process failure is the Section 106 waiver. The White House is a historic landmark. There is no defensible reason to bypass NHPA Section 106. How will the NCPC address this absolute failure of process?

I note that the Commission of Fine Arts approved the Ballroom 6-0 on February 19, 2026. However, all six members of that commission were recently appointed by the current administration. An approval vote conducted entirely by appointees of the project's proponent does not constitute the kind of independent review that the public interest requires. I would ask this Commission to consider whether it can provide that independence, and to conduct its review accordingly.

Security implications and environmental impact alone warrant full independent review — and I have confined myself here to only a portion of the concerns this project raises.
I believe the Ballroom project is wrong for the country and that proper review would make it clear that it must be stopped. I stand in opposition to this project and want that clearly preserved in the historical record.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments. I respectfully urge the Commission to exercise its full authority in reviewing this project.

Respectfully submitted,
George H. Lenzer
February 22, 2026

Attachment

Name: Kathy Hayes
Date: February 22, 2026 3:17:02 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was an abomination. Sadly, the wanton destruction of this historic building that belonged to the American people cannot be undone. However, we can prevent further desecration: Do NOT build a ballroom on this important site. Build a new East Wing that replicates the previous building. We can't recreate the history, but we can restore the former appearance of the White House.

Name: Lesley Annis
Date: February 22, 2026 3:18:23 pm

The current design of this project is lacking appropriate scale and deference to the existing White House and American history. The design should have been an open competition - not a decision by a tasteless fascist who has no understanding of history or traditional design.

I hold a Master's Degree in Architecture with an emphasis on Urban Design from the University of Notre Dame. I proudly stand to say that this design is terrible and goes against the very principles of good traditional design, which recognizes history, context, beauty, and sustainability as it's tenets. This will be nothing more than putting lipstick on a pig!

If AI created a design based on the current priorities of current private developers in America, it would no doubt look similar to this atrocity. A glorified Big Box store - DO BETTER!!!!

Name: Kristin Carter
Date: February 22, 2026 3:18:46 pm

This project is completely unnecessary and against the desire of the American people. The East wing was an important component of the White House and was torn down without permits or authorization.
The east wing should be rebuilt to the original specification in honor of the history it holds.
No ballroom at the White House!

Name: Tish Vessey
Date: February 22, 2026 3:19:31 pm

Where is the involvement for historical preservation? This demolition & now new design hasn’t gone through any of the proper channels! Furthermore it’s a complete waste of our tax dollars. The expansion is ugly & takes away from the historic beauty of the Whitehouse. Please put a stop to this wasteful monstrosity.

Name: Denise grayson
Date: February 22, 2026 3:20:30 pm

This is unfortunate that they destroyed the East Wing WITHOUT insight from the public. Is it NOT the "People's House"? The new area should be in fitting with the scale of the rest of the WH. There should NOT be self-aggrandizement in naming the area. There should be NO gold in the decoration. Thank you for providing a comment forums.

Name: Ellen Brauza
Date: February 22, 2026 3:22:48 pm

Since when does destroying something that does not belong to you pass for modernization? The East Wing of the White House has been utterly destroyed, by a president who seems not to know that the White House is not his personal property, but belongs to the American people. He is permitted to live there. Some renovations may be called for, but it is unlawful for him to order such moves without the consent of National Capital Planning Commission, and under the advisement of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Trump has neither sought nor received these consents and advisements. There is no real need for an ostentatiously huge ballroom on the grounds of the White House. This project must be stopped, before further damage is done. The same is true for all of Trump’s efforts to turn the National Mall into a cheesy tribute to himself and his ego.

Name: Judith Mize
Date: February 22, 2026 3:22:59 pm

I am writing to oppose the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. In it's current form, it is completely incompatible with the main portion of the White House. The proposed addition will overwhelm the historic structure. I propose rebuilding the East Wing in the same style and size as was destroyed without public input and adherence to regulations pertaining to renovations to government buildings.

Name: Brooke Hayward
Date: February 22, 2026 3:26:08 pm

Our national monuments should not be altered by one individual. Due process is needed ASAP! Thank you for preventing the White House from looking like a hotel lobby!

Name: Suzanne Christopoulos
Date: February 22, 2026 3:26:24 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Is is not something I, or anyone I have spoken to, want. I believe this project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Mary Adore Coloney
Date: February 22, 2026 3:31:20 pm

This is a travesty and a shocking misuse of public funds, even if the claim is that it will be covered by "donations". The White House has already been disfigured by the destruction of the former East Wing. Proceeding with construction of this vanity-project monstrosity as designed is virtually a criminal act. This is in addition, and on top of, the conjectured construction of an enormous bunker below the ballroom, to insure the safety of a dictator and his regime.

Name: Elida Mondragon
Date: February 22, 2026 3:31:39 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Deborah Kimmet
Date: February 22, 2026 3:32:57 pm

Dear Commission Members,

It was a travesty that the East Wing was torn down. It should be restored to its former state, not some gaudy, obscene ballroom.

Please do not forget the grandness of our historical buildings by replacing them with the grandiose. The understated elegance of what was there before truly showed the greatness of our power and majesty - not some fake gold overstated piece of excrement.

Please restore the East Wing to its former glory and allow tours again. After all, it is the People's House.

Thank you.

Name: Mark Gorney
Date: February 22, 2026 3:34:27 pm

I am submitting this comment regarding the demolition of the East Wing and the proposed ballroom addition at the White House.

While I understand the desire to modernize facilities and accommodate larger events, the scale of the proposed ballroom appears oversized relative to the historic character and architectural proportions of the White House complex. Additions to a site of such national significance should demonstrate restraint, visual compatibility, and deference to the established design vocabulary.

The White House is not simply another federal property; it is a symbol of continuity and constitutional stability. Its architectural evolution has historically been incremental and carefully considered. A large new structure that alters the massing and footprint so substantially risks setting an unfortunate precedent.

Modernization and preservation are not mutually exclusive. Sensitive adaptation, renovation, or more modest expansion could meet functional needs without compromising historic integrity or altering the balance of the grounds.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider the scale and appropriateness of the ballroom addition and to ensure that any approved changes reflect the highest standards of preservation, proportionality, and stewardship.

Name: B Shamenek
Date: February 22, 2026 3:36:17 pm

The White House East Wing modernization project was undertaken outside of the planning and compliance process required by Federal law. Not only is this the case, the scale and appearance of this proposed addition to the East Wing do not fit any period of significance nor was the design created by soliciting public input prior to the demolition of the East Wing, again, as required for historic structures via federal law. The East Wing should be restored to its former condition immediately and proper planning and compliance processes should take place prior to any further alterations to the White House structure.

Name: Katherine Paxton
Date: February 22, 2026 3:37:46 pm

Dear Commission Members,
Please vote against building a ballroom at the White House. The White House is the people's house, not a wannabe king's gaudy pet project.

Please restore the area with a structure that is reflective of this county's history and that accommodates the wonderful and inspiring educational tours previously available to the public.

Thank you.

Name: Joel Kann
Date: February 22, 2026 3:40:33 pm

I oppose spending $300 million on this eyesore of a project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history to satisfy our President's enormous ego. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Katherine Grass
Date: February 22, 2026 3:45:13 pm

The White House is the People's House and should be treated as such. There are laws to protect the history and prestige of this building. Those responsible for damaging the East Wing should be held financially responsible for replacing everything into it's exact order as these changes were made without the appropriate clearances and historical reviews. We do not need a ballroom - we need the Executive branch to follow the law and respect our history.

Name: Kathryn Deaville
Date: February 22, 2026 3:46:39 pm

Dear Commission members:
Having had a career as an architect, I am serving on the East Bradford Township PA Planning commission and also am the building chair board member of a small non-profit dedicated to the preservation of an historic artist's studio. I have not seen enough plans of the proposed work at the White House to be able to give a detailed critique of the plan. However, that very fact leads to my major concern that any modifications to the White House complex must be done in complete transparency with multiple opportunities for public comment before any work can proceed. In our township, we have spent years reviewing some development applications. Yes, this is a lengthy process but we are impelled to take every resident's concerns into account as well as the legal implications of any construction process. We have numerous historic properties in our township that we do our utmost to protect. The surprise demolition of the White House East Wing is completely unacceptable and must not be allowed again. This is truly the "People's House" and we the people must be given a say in how it is cared for.

The one aspect of the proposal that does seem glaringly obvious is the fact that this proposal is grossly out of scale for this location. Its huge size will dominate the historic center of the White House and unfortunately it seems that this is the actual intention of this project. I beseech you to put an immediate stop to any further demolition and/ or construction on the White House and set up a full and transparent schedule of reviews for all to participate in.

Thank you
Kathryn Deaville

Name: Michael Hoenes
Date: February 22, 2026 3:47:18 pm

Nero fiddled while Rome burned. That's the social commentary.

Architecturally: beyond the obvious scale gaffe, most dreadful is the misuse of a huge high style pediment. Respecting the existing axis between the Treasury Pediment and East Wing is a given. Mirroring the Ionic Treasury Pediment with a Corinthian Pediment suggests an improper relationship between our nation's coffers and the lavish parties that will be attended by select oligarchs.

Name: Renee Hall
Date: February 22, 2026 3:49:49 pm

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Janet Dahlquist
Date: February 22, 2026 3:51:16 pm

Dear People,
I believe the plan to add a gigantic garish ballroom to the White House demeans the property and is completely unnecessary. The balanced design of the White House provided classical symmetry and should be adhered to.

Name: peter hussey
Date: February 22, 2026 3:53:52 pm

The mass and location of the proposed ballroom ruin the symmetry, dignity and beauty of the White House setting as conveived during the time of the founding fathers. This unique parkland in the center of the metropolitan area should be treated as a cherished legacy of the nation's history, as seen by Lincoln, Roosevelt and JFK. Just as a county historic

review board wouldn't condone a big box store on a civil war battlefield, we shouldn't tolerate a non-contributing eyesore dwarfing the White House.

Name: Marye Taylor Wagner
Date: February 22, 2026 3:54:03 pm

I am writing to urge you all, in the strongest possible terms, to give serious consideration to, and ultimately adopt, the design recommendations proposed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the East Wing Modernization Project. These thoughtful and thorough recommendations were the result of tireless efforts and input from some of this Nation's finest architects, historians and designers. As a former resident of Washington, D.C. and someone with an M.A. in Architectural History I applaud what is proposed as a way forward following the grievous loss of the preexisting East Wing. It cannot be resurrected but to move forward with a 90,000 square foot replacement structure will diminish the splendor and integrity of the remaining White House complex. Consequently, it too will be lost, not in a physical sense but in its diminishment and in the lacking of architectural continuity and scale.

Throughout history and around the globe cultures and civilizations are defined by physical structures and/or what remains of them. For over 200 years, "the Peoples' House" has been just that, a symbol of our Chief Executive and the embodiment of one of our three branches of Government. Just as it would not be appropriate to significantly alter the structures that house our other two branches of Government, the Supreme Court and the Capitol, careful consideration and thoroughness are essential to the design of the new East Wing. In following the guidelines set forth by the National Trust we are not only assuring proper balance and scale for one of this Nation's most important physical structures but we are also reaffirming the balance and scale of our Executive Branch and its critical role and partnership in our Democracy. So please do the right thing for all of us and stand up for everyone in this Nation who cares about the symbolism of our public buildings. They are a reflection of who we are and what we, as a Nation, aspire to be.

Name: Christa Levko
Date: February 22, 2026 3:59:05 pm

This plan is dumb and a complete waste of money.

Name: Bruce Evans
Date: February 22, 2026 4:02:15 pm

This is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers money. Please revise the plans and reduce the scale. Thanks.

Name: Linda Caspar
Date: February 22, 2026 4:03:14 pm

As a tax payer, Senior Citizen and Assessor for my Municipality in Maine, I am outraged and sick to heart regarding the "Ballroom " construction. As I am aware of the needs of our property owners and residents, I cannot fathom the use of public funds in this way. The needs for medical care, heat assistance, food support, elder care (Mainers are some of the oldest citizens in our Nation) road repair support and school support should be addressed over a Ballroom at the White House. How unconscionable this expense is compared to taking care of our citizens.

Name: Julie Reiff
Date: February 22, 2026 4:05:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Suzanne DeJonge
Date: February 22, 2026 4:10:26 pm

To whom it may concern:

I am appalled that the east wing was demolished and that the modernization project is in progress without the proper approval required by law. Please make every effort to stop this project from going forward and have those responsible for ignoring proper procedure held accountable.
Furthermore the image of the proposed exterior of the new construction is especially ghastly and will truly ruin the architectural beauty of the White House and its grounds.

Respectfully,
Suzanne DeJonge

Name: CARLA KURTH
Date: February 22, 2026 4:10:31 pm

I am a Missouri constituent and I want to express my disgust with the Big Beautiful ballroom proposed by President Trump. I stand in solidarity with The National Trust for Historic Preservation and their lawsuit against the Trump administration (December 2025) to halt construction of a $400 million White House ballroom, arguing it lacks required Congressional authorization, environmental reviews, and design approvals.

The American people deserve full transparency regarding the substantial demolition, preparation, and construction at the White House. The decisions were made in complete secrecy and undertaken without public disclosure or proper consultation. The House Natural Resources Committee has jurisdiction over public lands generally, parks within the District of Columbia, and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals under House Rule X(m). The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X.

I fully support Congressmen Jared Huffman and Robert Garcia, and Congresswoman Yassamin Ansari who wrote: "I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Stella Perez
Date: February 22, 2026 4:12:37 pm

I vehemently oppose spending ANY taxpayer funds for this unnecessary vanity project. The White House belongs to the American people, not one elected official. This misuse of taxpayer dollars is an affront to all Americans and not one cent should be used to fund this monstrosity.

Name: SUSAN DOLLOWITCH
Date: February 22, 2026 4:17:25 pm

no ballroom rebuild east wing

Name: Kari Gunderson
Date: February 22, 2026 4:23:59 pm

I am a strong supporter of preserving historical buildings like the White House, Oval Office, and East Wing of the White House. President Trump had NO legal authority to have the East Wing demolished without following the property protocol to preserve the East Wing.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or

design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. All supposed donations from wealthy US oligarchs should be refunded in full or used to rebuild/restore the East Wing to it's original structure.

Name: Jordan Benderly
Date: February 22, 2026 4:27:49 pm

Trump's preemptive approach of tearing down the East Wing was completely inappropriate and calls the entire project into question.
If he had followed normal procedure, it is highly questionable whether the teardown would have been approved.

We're past that now, so the question is whether the new ballroom should be built at all, and if it is built, is the design/scale appropriate as an addition to the White House.
-- My main comment is simple -- the proposed ballroom is completely out of scale with the White House. I think it should be rejected and the whole process started again, as if the original East Wing had never been demolished.
-- If that is not possible, at a minimum the size and scale of the proposed ballroom should be drastically reduced so that it is subordinate to, and supportive of, the principal building.

Name: Bob Vines
Date: February 22, 2026 4:31:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300+ million on the so-called "East Wing Modernization" project to build a ballroom on the site of the illegally destroyed East Wing of the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Beverlyn Thompson
Date: February 22, 2026 4:34:31 pm

The original planners of washington DC and those who have followed since have had a keen sense of history, scale, design, and a commitment to make the capital of the people, by the people and for the people. Centuries have passed with these tenets in place.

However what is being done to the white house is abominable. The importance of the white house is that it is the people's house...not a one person or oligarch who has free reign and unlimited resources to make it his or her own. if this project goes through, which I am protesting deeply, it will minimize the scale of the White House compared the gaudy barn that is being proposed. THAT'S NOT RIGHT! I DO NOT WANT MY WHITE HOUSE DIMINISHED
AND OVERSHADOWED BY ANY BUILDING attached to it, making the people's house, our beloved historical white house building, look like the maintenance building. The proposed building and décor need to be understated and a representation of America. We don't need a structure like that one which will only be used a handful of times and a year.

Name: Emily Brechting
Date: February 22, 2026 4:35:51 pm

I am writing to express concern and dismay about the size and scale of the proposed ballroom. It does not fit the existing structure, nor honor or match the style of the people’s house. Please honor the history of the White House and the will of the people. We are a democracy, not a monarchy. Displaying excess and wealth while our people struggle to afford daily expenses is gross.

Name: Beth Weber
Date: February 22, 2026 4:39:54 pm

Regardless of whether the East Wing of the White House needed “modernization,” its total destruction was unwarranted and disrespectful to the country and to its citizens. No one needed this ballroom except Donald Trump’s vainglory. The White House does not belong to Donald Trump or any other President of the United States; it belongs to the people of this country. Destroying history and recreating the East Wing of the White House into a bloated, tacky, gold-plated, white trash ballroom is not what we ask of a President. Extorting money from the business-class to fund a vanity project in order to curry favor is not what we ask of a President. This is another ridiculous distraction from the terrible mismanagement of the federal government, the economy, and the standing of the United States in the world order. It is another example, not of strength, but of Donald Trump's weakness. I am embarrassed for this country.

I hope the next President of the United States demolishes whatever monstrosity is erected and recreates something that the PEOPLE of the United States can be proud of. This will not be that.

Name: C. H.
Date: February 22, 2026 4:41:38 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Kirschner
Date: February 22, 2026 4:42:20 pm

I strongly believe the modernization project must be tasteful and continue to represent/incorporate historical elements/references and classical design. While I recognize that there are needs to make enough space to seat more guests and that it is desirable to provide indoor shelter and basic amenities, I do not believe the building should be a grandiose, glitzy, nouveau riche display of the power and wealth of one individual and that person's ideas. It should incorporate as much as possible the ideals of all our truly great leaders and the positive elements of the cultures and ideals which have propelled our country to be a leader and builder and uniter. Please do not obliterate the contributions of all who came previously. My family first came to the United States in 1628. The men and women provening from those first c. 300 European residents have been primarily uniters and builders, hard workers of a variety of denominations and skills and talents who valued the land, who fought for democracy and the nation's unity. They were honest people who were also humble and whose 'word was their bond.' They valued history and what history taught us and what we could learn from many people. Some of my family literally were carpenters and/or had training in architecture and/or design and/or artistic expression. They were inclusive. They did not believe in bombast and 'cheap' displays of power. Please let this building rise as something we can all be proud of. Thank you for your attention.

Name: Keenan Morgan
Date: February 22, 2026 4:43:14 pm

The scale of this project is entirely unnecessary. The East Wing did not need to be entirely destroyed, nor does it need to be replaced by a project bigger than the actual White House residence itself.

The White House itself is unique as an administrative center and home of democratic power *because* it is not a grandiose palace.

It holds significance and historic value not just because of who has worked and lived there, but because its size and scope humbles its occupiers. This includes the relatively small size of the East and West Wings.

To permanently change the White House complex with such a monumentally huge building would be an afront to the intention of the White House as a home of democratic power. Further, it would only rubber-stamp the legally dubious process through which the project has been proposed and initiated, only enabling such whims — all to the material and symbolic benefit of *no one* except one man.

The East Wing should be rebuilt to accommodate what is *needed* by the White House — restoration, office space, and event space. To have this does not require a massive structure rivaling those of the Pax Romana. I would venture to guess that everyone in this project knows this.

Those of you who are the rubber stamps: have the courage to do what your fellow Americans are unable to by virtue of not occupying your position — stand against this project for all the practical, historical, legal, and logistical, reasons you know should. Reject it.

Speak TRUTH to POWER. History will thank you, no matter the consequences you face in the immediate term.

History is forever. YOU will get to make or break it. Do the right thing.

One of your fellow Americans,

Keenan Morgan

Name: Layne Seelig
Date: February 22, 2026 4:44:42 pm

Tearing down the East Wing for modernization without going through the proper channels is an insult to our country. We are razing a complete part of American History. The building should not be changed, it should be rebuilt as it was.

Name: vk kent
Date: February 22, 2026 4:45:14 pm

I do not approve of the plans to replace the East Wing of the White House with a ballroom either imagined or planned by the current resident.. I want any money already collected for that purpose to be used, upon the current resident vacating the property, to restore the White House to its condition on January 19, 2025. Henceforth I want it known by all future residents that the White House is the people's house. They are temporary occupants who will treat the residence and its people with respect, or they will be evicted. Any additional cost to restore the White House, including removal of all gold wall embellishments, shall be borne by the current resident.

Name: Cynthia Roach
Date: February 22, 2026 4:50:17 pm

Building a golden ball room while many Americans are struggling to put food on the table, pay medical bills, support their families (and on and on) is a ridiculous idea. The money to do that could be used in so many good ways instead of in a place that will be used to entertain the wealthy. The White House belongs to the American people, please treat it that way.

Thank you.

Name: Dennis Bickel
Date: February 22, 2026 4:52:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bonnie Heikes
Date: February 22, 2026 4:57:05 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission:
I am opposed to the 2025 demolition of the Whie House East Wing as it represents destruction of American historical heritage. The act bypassed the proper preservation procedures. The plan replaces a functional, modest space with a large, private, and potentially opulent ballroom.
The East Wing was home to first ladies' offices, the White House Historical Association, and the "people's entrance" for visitors, making its removal a loss of, as some describe it, a sacred part of the "people's house".

The new ballroom represents a self-glorifying structure as opposed to the democratic, humble, and functional design of the original building.
I ask the powers to be to reconstruct the wing as close to its original historic look and purpose as possible.
Respectfully,
Bonnie Heikes

Name: Ilene Dube
Date: February 22, 2026 4:58:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design--at the expense of the person who initiated it. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Daniel Kunsman
Date: February 22, 2026 5:09:43 pm

Of all the disgraceful action this 'administration' has taken so far, this one is at or near the top of the list! There are procedures in place that are to be followed, and for very good reasons. The White House belongs to the People, not to the current resident. Any changes or alterations to The People's House must, by law, follow proper procedures. Just as I must follow proper procedures when I wish to add to or alter my home, so too must the current resident of the White House.

This disgraceful action MUST come to a halt until ALL proper procedures have been obeyed. NO ONE is above the law!

Name: Lindsay Teeples-Mitchell
Date: February 22, 2026 5:09:44 pm

Hello,

I am writing regarding the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. As a National Historic Landmark and a property owned by the American people, the White House deserves careful stewardship.

While expanded event space may be a legitimate need, any addition must respect the historic scale, architectural integrity, and symbolic importance of the original structure. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and clearly subordinate to the original building, not overshadow it.

This review process through the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act exists precisely to ensure transparency, environmental consideration, and public accountability.

As Carol Quillen has stated, the American people deserve “an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.” I urge the Commission to fully consider public input and ensure that any changes honor the historic character and national significance of the White House.

Thank you for your time,
Lindsay

Name: Tracy Balbort
Date: February 22, 2026 5:09:55 pm

My desire for the “ballroom” is for it to be rebuilt and perfectly replicated as the East Wing of the White House that was destroyed by Trump. This would be rebuilt at it's original location.

Name: Leslie Thorsen
Date: February 22, 2026 5:14:21 pm

There are no words for this destruction of the historical people's home. We demand that this project make an about face and restore the east wing to it's original design. As for Donald Trump, he has no right to have authorized this. Donald. stick to Mara Lago, and releasing the Epstein files to prove just how innocent you are. Innocent or not, restore the east wing.
Leslie Thorsen and my husband Donald S Kilgus

Name: Andrea Spata-Merrill
Date: February 22, 2026 5:14:33 pm

The east wing should be rebuilt exactly as it was and he should be fined for destruction of public property.

Name: Pamela Nolan
Date: February 22, 2026 5:17:38 pm

There is nothing "modernizing" about this project.

Trump demolished our East Wing.

Now he wants to build a "ballroom" that is larger than anything around it.

Do not approve this monstrosity.

We have done without a "ballroom" for 250 years, and we can do without it for a few more years while a more suitable design is developed that isn't gaudy and oversized.

I'm the meantime, rebuild our East Wing the way it was.

Name: Rose Ernest
Date: February 22, 2026 5:20:27 pm

I am writing to express my formal objection to the 90,000 sf ballroom addition to the White House East Wing. This project is a threat to the historic integrity of the Peoples iconic structure. I urge the Commission to reject the plans for this project and to scale it back to restore the architectural balance.

Name: Martha Walker
Date: February 22, 2026 5:21:06 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and home to our presidents since 1800.

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House must be stopped! Donald Trump must be stopped! He should be held financially responsible for the destruction he ordered and has already completed. He should also personally be responsible for the cost to restore this historic building.

I strongly oppose any spending on this project, which was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. Under the guise of modernization Trump is attempting to change the historic look of our nation’s capital into a tacky reflection of his personal style.

While event space may be needed, constructing a ballroom larger than the White House is ridiculous! The East Wing must be rebuilt and restored to its former design, and be in proportion to the existing structure.

This East Wing Modernization project should not be allowed to go forward without following established legal guidelines, reviews and permitting.

Name: Steven Herrup
Date: February 22, 2026 5:24:36 pm

Writing an opinion as a U.S. citizen at this point, after Donald Trump has already assumed, rightly or wrongly, the permission to initiate and then complete the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, based upon his recent victory in the Presidential Election of 2024, is very much like locking the barn door after some thief has already stolen all a farmer's livestock, from chickens and ducks to cows and horses. But, having lent my opinion in the past to other vain enterprises, I offer this objection.

Despite the well-known tradition that the White House is "the People's House", only one individual, Donald Trump, has been able exert and creative control over the design of the soon-to-be construction East Wing Modernization Project, which, according to Donald Trump's personal decision, will include a massive ball room, so massive that it's dimensions will truly dwarf the remaining portions of the White House. If this East Wing Modernization Project is completed as designed, the entire world, and all of its citizens, as well as all U.S. citizens, will inevitably view the combined White House Complex, with such a hideously inflated ballroom structure attached to its side, as ugly. Not just inappropriate. The White House will be viewed as a truly ugly structure.

I request urgently that the entire West Wing Modernization Project be halted, that its current architectural firm be dismissed, and that a proper search be started for a new and unassociated architectural firm, which can design a proper addition to the White House.

Name: Lisa Radmer
Date: February 22, 2026 5:27:48 pm

This project had no approval or permits. The beautiful historic White House East wing was destroyed at immense cost to satisfy Trumps vanity. This money, whoever is paying, could be spent on much better things. Those who lawlessly did this destruction should be held accountable,

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Name: Janet GIBERSON
Date: February 22, 2026 5:28:06 pm

Since this "modernization project" has been carried on illegally by Donald J. Trump, it is my opinion that he must be made to pay personally for the rebuilding of the East Wing as it was prior to its demolition.

Name: Molly Charr
Date: February 22, 2026 5:30:45 pm

I am totally opposed to the enormous proposed ballroom! It will dwarf the historic mansion and be a scar on the historic property.

Name: Christy Leilani Carver-Madalon, PhD
Date: February 22, 2026 5:35:38 pm

I am writing to express my deepest opposition to the demolition and irreplaceable historic loss of the East Wing (dating back to 1902) as an integral part of the Historic White House as a part of our nation's history and national memory. I am further deeply concerned by the lack of transparency in which this demolition occurred without forethought for the people of the United States, nor respect for the history of our dear nation.

This was undertaken without public disclosure, nor discourse which is the foundation of our democracy. The White House doesn't not belong to President Trump but belongs to the United States and the current President does not seem to understand that he is temporary as this is a democracy and his tenure will end soon.

The job of the President is to care for the people of their republic. This Ease Wing project is proceeding without adequate public scrutiny, especially since the only oversight is coming from people who have been appointed by the current President. How is that appropriate? Where are the checks and balances?!? My final concern is ethical. This is in line with the fundraising of this, obscene ballroom and the costs forthwith. The current President is allowing (blatant) access to be purchased to himself which is paramount to sheer bribes in tit for tat for donations for this ballroom. Oh- how our Founding Fathers are rolling in their graves- their disgust would be so profound. This is a sheer mockery of our democratic system.

I ask that this ballroom be halted and no other American structures be destroyed out of the respect of the American people.
God Save America!
Dr. Carver-Madalon

Name: Joy Yavelow
Date: February 22, 2026 5:39:52 pm

The destruction of the East Wing is a disgrace and an attempt to to bury history that belongs to all Americans. The project must stop, and the East Wing be reconstructed as well and faithfully as possible. This was not Trumps to ruin.

Name: Jennifer Fisher
Date: February 22, 2026 5:40:17 pm

I am disappointed in the tearing down of the East Wing and the building of the ballroom. I hope this can be stopped.

Name: George Shackelford
Date: February 22, 2026 5:40:39 pm

The idea of a larger meeting space for the White House, in which ceremonies and banquets can be held with more people in attendance is a good one.

The design that the public has been shown in postings from the President's office is not a good one.

It's not grand, it's GRANDIOSE. It reflects the beauty of the White House in the way that Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas reflects the beauty of ancient Rome.

The hallmark of historical American classical architecture is its dignity and restraint. The White House itself is a great example.

Adding something so big and so pretentious to the site is a very bad idea. If it gets built this way, it will be seen in future as a true folly, no matter how convenient it is. And the people who facilitate its construction will not be well regarded, you can count on that.

So please don't approve it as is.

Respectfully,

George T. M. Shackelford
Fort Worth, Texas

Name: Julie Keating
Date: February 22, 2026 5:41:19 pm

Please reconsider the scope of this project. Take the advice of architects and the National Trust for Historic Preservation who believe that this building will destroy the integrity of the White House campus. Don't rush into building this large of a ballroom solely on the advice of Trump partisans, but please seek the advice of experts that will ensure an outcome of which the American people will be proud.

Thank you.

Name: Carolyn O'Daly
Date: February 22, 2026 5:43:29 pm

I object to the ballroom and would like to see the East Wing fully restored.

Name: Alan Teller
Date: February 22, 2026 5:50:23 pm

A process has long been in place for making any radical changes to the White House. Architects, historians, preservationists and others were meant to offer their advice and recommendations before any radical transformation to The People's House could be undertaken. All of those safeguards were abandoned for a narcissistic project by President Trump. The financing of this vain-glorious act comes from wealthy donors and corportions, all of whom have commercial dealings with this president and whose participation has the appearance of corruption, if not the fact. Now that so much destruction has already taken place, it is incumant on this commission to work with responsible parties to assure that architectural standards in line with the existing White House are kept at the forefront. A nation where much of the population is struggling financially does not need a 90,000 sq. ft. ballroom. I urge that real oversight is enacted and that the designs are consistent with the integrity that seems to allude this adminstraiton. Thank you.

Name: Julie Campbell
Date: February 22, 2026 5:50:30 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisan Martin
Date: February 22, 2026 5:52:45 pm

I am writing to request that the National Capital Planning Commission consider halting the "modernization" of the East Wing of the White House pending a full environmental and historic review of the plans for this project. I am appalled by this bloated and reckless project so far - the scale of the ballroom is absurdly large and out of proportion to the rest of the White House and the complete lack of review and appropriate historic preservation before demolishing the East Wing was shocking! Additionally, if this is the "people's house" what is the lack of transparency about private donations and what does this mean in terms of the appearance of future favors to donors? All in all, this is a shocking and undignified process that I ask the Commission to consider halting before it goes further.

Name: Charles Luebke AIA
Date: February 22, 2026 5:57:01 pm

I have been a registered architect since 1977 and have also served on a city planning commission as a member and chair. That experience and responsibility has taught me the importance of decision making in the public realm and for the overall public good. Elected or appointed positions like yours takes the burden of the architectural and urban planning decision process out of the hands of the public to rest squarely on the shoulders of your commission. The Commission on Fine Arts in their "rubber stamping" approval of not only the preliminary plans for the White House East Wing Expansion and their subsequent appalling decision to approve final designs and plans of the project without even a submission of them, makes your responsibility that much greater. I have reviewed the plans submitted to the CFA. The first thing I must say is how did the demolition of the original East Wing ever happen without proper review and approval? The destruction of a portion of the Peoples' House or White House is not something that should have been done by the whim of any current resident of the WH. That being said and the act having been done should make approval of anything new even that much more intensive in its process. The current plans are a terrible design solution! The worst aspect of the design is the physical scale of the addition in relation to the existing main structure of the WH. It is totally out of proportion and

dwarfs the main residence, which should be the main focal point of the complex. This scale issue is not just in the plan dimensions of the addition, but also in the massiveness of its scale in height. I believe no "ballroom" of this size could ever be designed properly to solve this problem. The building is just too big. The concept of "bigger is better" fails completely in this context. The design execution of the building's four sides looks like a cacophony of classical design motifs thrown at the building to make them somehow fit into the fabric of federal building design. I urge you to disapprove this project immediately. It is a waste of your time and its construction would be an eyesore to our nation's presidential residence and the DC urban fabric. Approval of this design for political reasons and pressure from the current president is no reason to pass it through your process. He is merely a tenant for a short time in this residence. Courage to use sound urban planning and architectural review is warranted and essential as you are the last bastion of the public's right to determine what is appropriate and good for the future of this historic place. If any of you were appointed to your positions on the Commission by the current president, then your responsibility to the citizens of this nation is even more compelling to be independent. Respectfully, I ask you to do the task you were given which in this case is to deny approval of this project. The scale of it is just too immense. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Ann Panush
Date: February 22, 2026 6:01:30 pm

I am very opposed to the destruction of the people's house for a Trump Ballroom! I want this project cancelled.!!!!!!! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Krista Milne
Date: February 22, 2026 6:05:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alexandria Johnson
Date: February 22, 2026 6:16:16 pm

I would like to express deep concern for the size and scale of the proposed East Wing modernization project. The proposed design is dwarfing the highly historic White House and seems to not include any care for the historic design or sense of place created by centuries of Americans who have contributed to this most-important historic landmark. I can only hope that historic preservation will prevail.

Name: Bonnar Spring
Date: February 22, 2026 6:18:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. As a mulit-generational Amercian, I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lynn Ferguson
Date: February 22, 2026 6:25:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Kay Shaw
Date: February 22, 2026 6:31:30 pm

My concern about the changes to the East Wing of the White House relates to the image it is portraying to the public. It says that history does not matter and that the President can do whatever he wants to our property and no one see this as a problem. The fact that a ballroom is bigger than the office and working place of the Presidents makes one think that all that matters to the current resident is that he can host parties and have guest, which we pay for, while the rest of us suffer —let them eat cake!! The fact that the economy is so bad for many of us, and we are doing without, and he is spending money on a building, makes us the owners of the house feel as if no one really cares.
As Nancy Reagan said, “The White House belongs to all Americans, and it is supposed to be something we are proud of.” It serves as a symbol of our democracy, and our interest is that ALL of us own it and the person living there is our temporary tenant for 4 or 8 years. FDR left a plaque in the White House that reads, "I never forget that I live in a house owned by all the American People and that I have been given their trust.”
There have been changes before and former resident have gone to great measures for approval and to try and honor what has happened before their time. I support the work of the National Trust for Historic Preservation to determine what is architecturally sound and make recommendations accordingly. Past Presidents have used a democratic process to make changes I feel it is unfair to us, the owners, that the current President has been allowed to tear a building down and that no one has done anything, makes me wonder what else can he tear down??

Name: SARAH-LEA BROWN
Date: February 22, 2026 6:34:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The scale of the proposed addition is a complete affront to the original architecture, to say nothing of ongoing maintenance costs. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elise Kress
Date: February 22, 2026 6:36:35 pm

It was a crime to tear down the historic East Wing of the WH with no plans seen or approved. Washington, DC is a historic city. Among the things that make it beautiful are scale, respect for history, and architectural balance.

I abhor the new plans. Please keep the historic part of Washington, DC safe from careless and ugly changes.

Please rebuild the East Wing as it was, and restore the building the way it was meant to be.

Thank you,
Elise Kress
Resident of Alexandria, Virginia

Name: cynthia mccusker
Date: February 22, 2026 6:36:37 pm

That destruction of this magnitude could/would happen without consent from any government agency is monstress. We cannot save the East Wing but we must prevent the ballroom from ever emerging from that space. If built, it would be the physical monument of Trump's middle figure to all of us.

Name: James Arndt
Date: February 22, 2026 6:37:13 pm

We do Not need a new "White House Ballroom" . It would overshadow the White House itself. In the plans I have seen, it is an ugly monstrosity and the millions and millions of dollars to build this boondoggle could be better spent on all the projects that trump has DEFUNDED.

Name: Lynnette Hentges
Date: February 22, 2026 6:41:56 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Ann Mohr
Date: February 22, 2026 6:42:53 pm

This project must NOT proceed! There are laws and rules that MUST be followed when dealing with the People’s House and none were taken into account.
Furthermore the White House must be restored!
STOP this project! Do NOT let it proceed!

Name: Juanita Roussin
Date: February 22, 2026 6:43:56 pm

I am sick each time I see pictures of what Trump has done to the East Wing. It was history which can never be restored. For this to have happened with no permission, no evaluation, no opportunity for we the people to voice an opinion. There one day, gone the next. The Oval Office has been rendered to a laughing stock. The Kennedy Center has been disgraced by the addition of his name. Please put some restraints on the damage done by this president.

Name: Dave Fernley
Date: February 22, 2026 6:45:15 pm

This project was not subjected to any proper permits or review. What was done to The People's history in The People's House is unforgivable. Never should any public project such as this be subject to the whims of one individual's taste (or lack thereof, in this case). I want to see this project canceled, and the East Wing restored to its former design. I do understand that it had certain spatial limitations, but it didn't seem to limit other presidents. I also want to see those who broke the law by inciting and allowing this project to proceed to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Name: Mary Cefalu
Date: February 22, 2026 6:47:46 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Anthony Cicci
Date: February 22, 2026 6:47:48 pm

I submit written comments in opposition to the Project. Comments are provided in the attachment.

Attachment

Name: Edith Lever
Date: February 22, 2026 6:51:13 pm

This project if an affront to our history, the American People and the constitution!!

The planned project is an abomination! It should not surpass the majesty of our original White house!

He cannot be allowed to destroy, replace in his name anything he wants. The white house is not and will never be mar a logo!

It was destroyed illegally, he personally must be made to replace it to the specifications of the historical society

There are more important things to be done with the 300-400 mm he claims he had lined up to pay for it. If you believe it!

Thank you! Reasonable people are watching if the law will be upheld!

Name: Anita Powell
Date: February 22, 2026 6:59:41 pm

The Trump Administration unlawfully destroyed property that legally does not belong to them. They must pay for the damage they caused and then rebuilding the East Wing according to its exact specifications at the time of its destruction. If the Capitol Building Is ever to be changed, remodeled, replaced, it must be done legally and according to the wishes of the American people.

Name: Janet Balhan
Date: February 22, 2026 7:00:10 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

How dare the president do this without using the proper channels to get the authorization to do this. He does not get special laws and privileges because of his position. This is outrageous!

Name: Harry Werner
Date: February 22, 2026 7:01:21 pm

I'm all for the Trump Ballroom expansion project. It's an embarrassment that every time we have a large state affair that we have to rent outdoor tents. No matter what your political party, this is an issue that everyone should be able to get behind, It will benefit both democrats and republican presidents now and for years to come. I also understand that it will be constructed at no taxpayer expense. Go for it while we have the chance. It should have been done years ago.

Name: Craig Jones
Date: February 22, 2026 7:05:12 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, study, or review. It is not a modernization project but rather the erasure of American history and an attempt by the President to emulate and one-up the misperceived strength and grandeur of autocrats whom he admires. This project should be canceled and the funds directed to restoring the East Wing entirely to its former design. It would be wrong to permit this project to proceed and those who broke the law by authorizing and permitting this debacle should be investigated and penalized accordingly.

Name: Marcia Stanton
Date: February 22, 2026 7:07:59 pm

I have two concerns about the Weast Wing Modernization Project.

1. As currently proposed, it seems out of scale with the rest of the structions on the White House campus, and

2. While it appears not taxpayer funds will be used for the construction, I believe taxpayer funds would need to be provided
for ongoing maintenance, HVAC [cooling and heating], and wouldn't Congress need to appropriate those fund prior to construction.
It makes no sense to build something we can't afford to maintain..

Onward!

Name: Eileen Wagner
Date: February 22, 2026 7:09:10 pm

I oppose the spending of any taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. This should never have happened to start with.

Name: Cheryl K. Knight
Date: February 22, 2026 7:12:48 pm

Completely demolishing a part of the Peoples' House is not really a modernization in my opinion. It is troubling that the people who committed this travesty had no authority to do so.
It seems to me that the plan being submitted to rebuild the East Wing should match the rest of the White House and could include a large multipurpose room that would serve as a "ballroom."
I would further add, it should not be "named" after anyone. Including any donor or President, past or present. It should be named, as it was previously, the East Wing.

Name: Steven Corley
Date: February 22, 2026 7:14:51 pm

I oppose the destruction of the historic East Wing and the planned construction of a ballroom.

The East Wing should be rebuilt keeping it's original exterior elevations and internally it should serve all functions that it formerly did. All plans and construction should be conducted with full review and oversight by the National Capital Planning Commission.

Name: Jennifer Stafford
Date: February 22, 2026 7:17:31 pm

I oppose the spending of millions on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Prior rehabs of the White House – such as the West Wing and Truman Balcony - were done with bipartisan support and architectural consensus. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. No President – who is a short-term occupant – should be allowed to raze the White House as a vanity project. Lastly, the proposed design of the ballroom is also just ugly and oversized compared to the rest of the structure.

Name: Marian Markus
Date: February 22, 2026 7:18:13 pm

The Trumps are 'Tenants' currently living in "The People's House', otherwise known as 'The White House'. .If I were renting someone else's property I would certainly be obligated to receive permission before tearing pieces of it down. I'll be honest, I cried when the Rose Garden was bulldozed. Watching history destroyed is heartbreaking. Please, rebuild OUR history..

Name: Toni Wallace
Date: February 22, 2026 7:18:31 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather both a vanity project of the current president' and a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Julie Breutzmann
Date: February 22, 2026 7:20:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Virginia Gleaves
Date: February 22, 2026 7:22:41 pm

The $300,000,000 vanity project being ‘bulldozed’ into existence by Mr. Trump and his billionaire minions is an affront to American history and the American taxpayer. The destruction of the East Wing, without any inspection, mitigation, permitting or congressional approval should be recognized as a crime. Any ordinary citizen attempting such a ‘remodeling’ project without the appropriate permitting would be fined in to oblivion. (The same could be said of unpermitted construction, if this project were allowed to continue.)
This project should be cancelled, with the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
No one is above the law. As such, all involved with this project need to be held accountable and penalized appropriately.

Name: Ann Meyer
Date: February 22, 2026 7:33:15 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Anne Obal
Date: February 22, 2026 7:36:17 pm

I oppose the destruction and remodeling of the East Wing of the White House.
Even in our suburb, you cannot remodel your house without submitting proposed changes to our building commission and get their approval.
It should be even more important to submit plans for renovations to the White House to the appropriate regulatory groups, in order to ensure the appropriate steps are taken to maintain the history and architectural significance of such an important structure.

Name: Cynthia Axell
Date: February 22, 2026 7:37:12 pm

The razing of our White House East Wing, without proper consultation or review, represents an egregious affront to the historical preservation and care for the people's house. The very people who in haste tore it all down now demand a hasty acceptance of the new structure for 'security reasons' they themselves introduced. The symmetry of this classical structure and the restraint in its design will be lost when a gargantuan, gaudy, and over-gilt ballroom takes its place. The people's house will become a memorial to one man's hubris and unrestrained ego—a stain on our national treasure. I sincerely hope this hideous structure is never built.

Name: Kyle Ortman
Date: February 22, 2026 7:50:21 pm

Do not allow the orange menace to further desecration the people's house one bit more. History and the American people will hold you to account if you fail in your duty to protect our treasures

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Name: Deborah Cutbirth
Date: February 22, 2026 7:51:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Dan Sabatini
Date: February 22, 2026 7:51:44 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission

I am compelled to write to voice my thoughts about the East Wing Project after reviewing the limited images and information. I have practiced architecture for over 40 years with many historic additions and remodels so, I feel well qualified to say that this proposal needs to be reworked to address the overwhelming scale that imposes on the White House. I assume the ballroom floor plans are not being shared so not to need to justify the footprint. We have all heard or seen square footage analysis that would suggest the footprint is grossly over the need. Without interior floorplans is impossible to know. One thing I have learned about "modernization" project is that more that one way to address client's needs.

We see approaches such as the Louvre Museum that places most of the modernization underground. We seen historic building celebrated by us the modernizations to focus attention on the original. The true measure of a great architect and client is restraint. Knowing when to stop or reduce. I would say the removal of the pediment in the February rendering is a move in the right direction. Placing more space program below grade and reducing the footprint and over height is the other way. Simply removing the south colonnade and grand stair might be the easiest fix. This could all be studied in 3D renderings.

I find the only information being provided is classic developer presentation. Show images that show the building as 2D elevations. Give no sense of the context. A Southeast 3D image would show that the White House is impossible to because how far it protrudes to the south.

I don't think our President will listen to public comments so this is probably be in vain but I think he would have serve himself and the public better to have a national design competition or invited the public to be involved.

Respectfully, Dan Sabatini, Sabatini Architects, Lawrence, KS

Name: Paul Vandeman
Date: February 22, 2026 7:57:52 pm

I am writing to formally oppose the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House and the construction of the new ballroom advanced during the administration of Donald Trump.

The White House is not merely a residence or event venue; it is one of the most significant civic buildings in the United States. Its architectural evolution reflects more than two centuries of national history. While additions and renovations have occurred over time, the enduring strength of the White House complex lies in its careful stewardship, measured adaptation, and respect for the architectural language established by James Hoban and subsequently refined by generations of architects and preservationists.

The East Wing was itself a historic component of the White House complex. It played an essential role in maintaining the architectural balance of the Executive Residence grounds and contributed to the spatial composition that frames the public and ceremonial approach to the building. Its demolition erased an important layer of architectural history and disrupted the carefully evolved symmetry and scale of the campus.

The proposal to introduce a large new ballroom presents serious concerns. The White House is fundamentally a neoclassical structure defined by proportion, restraint, and human scale. A modern ballroom of significant size risks overwhelming the site, competing visually with the Executive Residence, and altering the hierarchy of spaces that currently distinguishes public, ceremonial, and private functions. Good design principles dictate that new interventions in historic contexts should be subordinate, reversible where possible, and harmonious in materiality and massing. A prominent, oversized addition—particularly one designed primarily to expand event capacity—would compromise these principles.

Preservation is not resistance to change; rather, it is a commitment to thoughtful continuity. If additional event space is necessary, alternatives should be explored that minimized demolition, preserved historic fabric, and respected the architectural hierarchy of the site.

The White House belongs to the American people. Decisions affecting its physical form must prioritize long-term cultural stewardship over short-term functional convenience. Demolishing the East Wing to construct a new ballroom represents a permanent loss to the architectural heritage of the nation and undermines sound design principles that have guided successful preservation efforts for generations.

I respectfully urge you to reject the proposed ballroom and pursue modernization strategies that honor the historic integrity, architectural coherence, and symbolic significance of the White House.

Sincerely,

Paul Vandrman

Name: Karen Boldra
Date: February 22, 2026 8:02:46 pm

Please deny permission to proceed. This project desecrates US history. Rebuilding the East Wing of the White House--the PEOPLE's house--must be in scale, proportion, design, and concept, consistent with the humble and restrained dignity of existing structures. An imitation Versailles has no place in Washington, D.C. Furthermore, had a 'ballroom' been a real necessity, such need would have been apparent before now. Please require restraint, proper planning, and input from the public before a new plan is finalized.

Thank you,

Name: Kim McLaren
Date: February 22, 2026 8:03:38 pm

Calling the destruction of the East Wing “the East Wing Modernization Project” underscores the brazen lawlessness and lies by the current regime. Now that the East Wing was destroyed without approval, regulations and appropriate standards need to be applied to the current outsized and hideous plan. This vanity project should be under the control of an

independent and historically minded group to create a suitable and aesthetically consistent building. Trump has proven his consistent lack of taste and affinity for cheap looking affects that America doesn’t need to invest in correcting in a few short years.

Name: Kevin Camfield
Date: February 22, 2026 8:07:09 pm

CANCEL THIS PROJECT! It has the needs of only one individual in mind and that is of the current president. Previous presidents have had the autonomy, within limits, to make changes to the White House complex as Trump did in his first term. This project, particularly this grotesque ballroom, is not that. It is not a current resident's interpretation of how modifications can better meet the long term needs of "the people's house". It is instead the fever dream of a person struggling with their own mortality and hoping for a lasting monument for purely personal reasons. As a result, no other metrics or considerations regarding the ongoing stewardship of the WH and Capital complex matter to those attempting to ram this project through.

If you cannot stop it, do all you can to slow it down so that it takes more than 3 years to make significant progress. That will make the effort involved in eventually tearing it down that much easier.

Name: Catherine Marzyck
Date: February 22, 2026 8:11:17 pm

Please CANCEL the East Wing Modernization Project. Trump's complete destruction of the East Wing was totally illegal. He completely ignored Federal law and democratic processes and bypassed congressional oversight and approval. He proceeded with the demolition without submitting plans to the NCPC for the legally mandated review process. Trump's total disregard of the law, national history and pride, all democratic and oversight processes, and the will of the American people is abhorrent and despicable, and should NOT be rewarded by allowing him to proceed with his plans for a huge ballroom and "bigger and better" East Wing. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored to exactly as it originally was, with any needed updates to HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems as being the only "modernization" permitted, and the entire replacement of the East Wing should be paid for from Trump's personal funds. In addition, Trump should be fined double the value of the East Wing for the pain and suffering of the American people seeing their beloved White House treated with such evil contempt and disrespect. In fact, Trump should be in prison for the crime of unilaterally and illegally destroying the East Wing, along with all his other crimes that he keeps getting away with. JUST SAY NO to the East Wing Modernization Project!

Name: Jennifer Westdal
Date: February 22, 2026 8:23:03 pm

Please stop this project. It should never have happened to begin with. This is the peoples' house, not the President's house, and the entire concept is against that idea and an desecration of a building that is a major part of our national heritage.

Name: Ellis Heyer
Date: February 22, 2026 8:23:42 pm

The size and scale of the proposed project for the East Wing is completely out of scale with our existing White House. Should the East Wing dwarf our White House? That is not a question of style or taste, it is making a statement that the East Wing is larger and more important than our White House, WHICH IS COMPLETELY WRONG! Most Americans did not support the destruction of the former East Wing to begin with and was done without our permission and do not support this hideous replacement.
Please stand up for our beautiful and beloved buildings in Washington and DO NOT ALLOW a ballroom to be built.
Thank you for hearing my opinion.
Sincerely,
Ellis Heyer

Name: Bonnie Morris
Date: February 22, 2026 8:27:31 pm

As a professor of history whose East Coast teaching career offered me the privilege of working near the beautiful White House buildings, I am heartsick to see so much intentional and ill-conceived destruction of a heritage site. Please uphold all prevalent laws to stop further construction of an unnecessary new ballroom. Most Americans will never, ever be invited to that ballroom; but al can look with pleasure at the exterior of an historic building purported to be the people's house.

Bonnie J. Morris
Emeritus professor
George Washington University

Name: Elaine Joggerst
Date: February 22, 2026 8:37:19 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Pamela Pittenger
Date: February 22, 2026 8:39:18 pm

This "project" is an insult to all Americans. Not planning, no warning, no consultation. Thie building does not "belong" go DJ Trump. I object on so many levels I hardly know where to start.

Name: Kelley Scudder Temple
Date: February 22, 2026 8:46:31 pm

As an anthropologist I am concerned with the absence of any cultural resource mitigation during this process.
No administration owns public property. The Whitehouse belongs to the people and regulations are in place to ensure that cultural resources are protected and maintained in accordance to federal regulations. It is inappropriate for any elected official to believe that they can bypass these regulations.

Name: Gwynne Taylor
Date: February 22, 2026 8:49:52 pm

This proposed ballroom is too large!! It is a travesty to dwarf the White House and ruin the elliptical drive. It’s fine to have a nice ballroom but it doesn’t need to seat more than 500!

Name: Nadine Abrahams
Date: February 22, 2026 8:50:24 pm

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Thank you.

Name: Thomas Schock
Date: February 22, 2026 8:51:33 pm

I am totally opposed to building a massive ballroom on the east side of the White House. I was involved in real estate

development for over 40 years and the projected scale and costs are both totally out of line with accepted real estate norms. A 90,000 square foot building attached to the 55,000 square foot White House will dominate the sky line, look overwhelming, and destroy the architectural integrity of the nation's most important residential building. The cost at $400 million is over $4,000/ square foot. This is a ridiculous per square foot number for a large box. The building should cost less than half that amount.

Please use your review/regulatory power to stop this destruction of a national landmark. If necessary, the ballroom should be placed underground and a restored East Wing constructed to match the existing White House.

Name: Valerie Coles
Date: February 22, 2026 8:56:32 pm

This project is illegal and unwanted. No one asked for a giant ballroom for the Epstein class. We the people want our house back.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

VC

Name: Tamara Thomas
Date: February 22, 2026 8:58:45 pm

Please oppose this so-called modernization project. The White House is intended to be lived in by sitting presidents, not used as a foil for personal revenge. The spending of $300 million of public and bribery-obtained funds on this project is a travesty. It is another attempt by this "president" to rewrite American history for his own purposes. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design - at Trump's personal expense. He is NOT above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing him and all those who broke the law must not be permitted.

Name: LENORE LARSEN-DWYER
Date: February 22, 2026 9:02:35 pm

It is not a modernization project. The proposed palatial ballroom is not in national interest of the people's house nor is it MODERNIZATION.
The excesses of the total square footage of the proposed ballroom *(which includes lifetime maintenance and cost of utilities) is not something Americans have asked to pay for.
The East wing should represent American people not wealthy folk who prefer ballrooms. Ballrooms are not a place for the peoples's work

"I oppose the spending of $300-$600 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.
I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with cost effective and security infrastructure.

Rapid destruction of the White House is viewed now as a "crime scene" and the proposed ballroom will also be viewed as a crime against American Citizens,
No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans."

Name: Susan Graves
Date: February 22, 2026 9:29:35 pm

The White House is the people's house. It is lived in by the president for a very short time. Mr. Trump has no business demolishing the East Wing. He knew exactly what he was doing in doing it prior to getting approval. It should be criminal to do what he did to something not his.
Furthermore, the proposal to construct a new ballroom at the White House raises serious concerns about priorities, symbolism, and stewardship of a historic national treasure.

The White House is not merely a venue for events; it is one of the most enduring symbols of American democracy. Its architectural character, shaped over centuries and preserved through moments of triumph and crisis, reflects continuity, restraint, and respect for history. Introducing a large-scale ballroom risks altering not only the building's physical integrity but also the spirit of humility and public service it represents.

At a time when the nation faces pressing challenges—economic uncertainty, infrastructure needs, public health concerns, and global instability—allocating significant resources toward expanding ceremonial space sends the wrong message. The presidency carries profound symbolic weight, and any major alteration to its official residence should be approached with extraordinary caution, transparency, and public consensus.

Enhancements to functionality are understandable, but they must not compromise heritage or appear disconnected from the lived realities of the American people. Preserving the White House as it stands is an act of respect for history, fiscal responsibility, and the democratic values it embodies.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed ballroom addition and urge decision-makers to prioritize preservation, prudence, and the long-term integrity of one of the nation's most iconic institutions.

Name: Frances M Connolly
Date: February 22, 2026 9:33:41 pm

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Name: Mame Harlow
Date: February 22, 2026 9:38:20 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House? Remember the giant ballroom that the tech billionaires have agreed to fund in its place? The National Trust for Historic Preservation is making a gallant effort to stop this. And we can help.

Thanks to the National Trust, we have until March 4 to submit comments about the ballroom to the National Capital Planning Commission. You can make a comment through the link below (click on Submit Comment). PLEASE NOTE, the project is called East Wing Modernization on the pull down menu.

Anara Guard's comment on this is beautiful. She gave me permission to post it here, if anyone wants to use her language.

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Name: Karen Poppy
Date: February 22, 2026 9:43:13 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project and ask that the project be canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, and any surplus of the funds be spent on helping people in our country in need of food, shelter, and other public services.

This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Name: Teresa Carroll-Gillis
Date: February 22, 2026 9:43:55 pm

Since the decision was made with no prior input from no constituents, I was wondering is if it too late to ensure Ballroom is smaller so it is at the appropriate scale with the White House?

Name: Kathleen Kravets
Date: February 22, 2026 9:51:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one President or Legislator has the right, legally or morally, to destory the historic property of our nation. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law and robbed theTreasury to do so would be an affront to all Americans.

Name: Susan Smithson
Date: February 22, 2026 9:53:15 pm

Tearing down the East Wing was an abomination and should never have been allowed to happen. The wing was a important part of American history and "modernizing" was done to destroy the history and replace it with selfish desire that does not represent the American people. It should not be allowed to continue but instead, restored to the original likeness and purpose as much as possible. The funds to rebuild should come from the money currently being wasted by POTUS to further his agenda.

Name: Robert Stek
Date: February 22, 2026 9:57:13 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Steve Zang
Date: February 22, 2026 10:00:32 pm

As an architect for over thirty years the proposed addition to the east wing is out of proportion and overpowers the White House. The main focus should always be the White House. From a design point of view there are several things that could be done to make the addition fit into its surroundings. Please provide a thorough design review and have the design team provide several options to resolve this issue to satisfy all parties. It will be a bad image for the USA if a ballroom dominates the White House grounds.

Name: Jutta Miska
Date: February 22, 2026 10:03:39 pm

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Sincerely,
Jutta Miska

Name: Anne Kuntz
Date: February 22, 2026 10:06:11 pm

I am opposed to the "modernization" of the White House East Wing. Our historic buildings are a treasure. The damage already done is disturbing enough but the proposed plan that dwarfs the current White House is unthinkable.

Please stop this massive assault on history and monstrous waste of money.

Please ask donors to give their money to FEMA for victims of natural disasters.

Thankyou,
Anne

Name: Katharine Peck
Date: February 22, 2026 10:10:12 pm

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Name: janet mikus
Date: February 22, 2026 10:13:51 pm

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Name: colleen williams
Date: February 22, 2026 10:16:10 pm

Commissioners: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very public and historic landmark.
After viewing the Commission's January 8th meeting and hearing members of the Commission comment on how important the White House is to the United States of America and its image, I have concerns regarding the proposed design. My concerns are that the new building (East Wing) is NOT at all to scale with the White House. It is extremely overbearing and makes the White House appear to be so very insignificant. Is that the design mission, to make the White House look small? The proposed new building is a glorifed shoebox. A two story shoebox which does not complement or fit in with one of the most important government buildings of this country, The White House.

Please, significantly decrease the size of the buildiing height and footprint, so that it is smaller than the White House.
Also, please do not destroy or eliminate the Rose Garden.
Also, as one of the Commissioners stated on January 8th, please, oh please ensure that ramps exist wherever there are stairs. How shameful it would be to have someone who uses a wheelchair not to be able to enter or exit at the same location as other participants.

Thank you

Name: Pamela Torrisi
Date: February 22, 2026 10:19:30 pm

Please put a stop to what is happening to our White House. It’s disgraceful that the building was destroyed the way it was. I totally disagree with the decision to tear the building apart to build a ballroom that will be a trashy addition just as the other things are that are being done.
Bottom line: People are required to get permits to tear down and rebuild. If we’re all required to do that, then why wouldn’t this building have the same requirements. Especially since it’s an historic building which belongs to the People, not the present tenant.
Thank you,
Pamela TORRISI

Name: David Wood
Date: February 22, 2026 10:20:22 pm

As a proud American and taxpayer, I urge you to consider a smaller, more modest East Wing modernization design than the monstrosity currently under consideration. The White House should be the focal point of the site, not the so-called ballroom. Most of us Americans will never see the inside of the ballroom; if you proceed we will be left staring at the ugly edifice you plan to build.

Name: Glen Dixon
Date: February 22, 2026 10:26:54 pm

The East Wing should, obviously be smaller than the White House Mansion. The impact and presence of the White House should not be visually diminished by a ballroom, or any adjacent structure.
Also, the view between the Arlington National Cemetery and Lincoln Memorial should be maintained as well as other historically symbolic views. These were mostly created with great forethought.
Our history is important to a vast majority of Americans and must be considered by the government WE empower.
Thank you for your consideration, I hope it's a great day!

Name: Christopher Morris
Date: February 22, 2026 10:29:39 pm

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Name: Terri Reynolds
Date: February 22, 2026 10:31:46 pm

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Name: Carol Huntsinger
Date: February 22, 2026 10:58:06 pm

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Name: Amanda Millett
Date: February 22, 2026 10:59:16 pm

This project began without notice or permission. It should be put back the way it was at the expense of those who tore it down. No tax dollars should be used to do this. There must be accountability for destroying a large section of a historic building. Until such time this project cannot move forward.

Name: Janet Watson
Date: February 22, 2026 11:01:02 pm

To have undertaken this $350,000,000 “project” without submitting an application for approval or getting the funding approved by Congress, on a building that doesn’t belong to him, President Donald J. Trump has probably committed a crime by having the existing East Wing destroyed. His plan to build a ballroom should be immediately scrapped and he should be required by law to repay from his own personal money the cost of cleanup and rebuilding of the East Wing in an appropriate manner that is appropriately approved. Mr. Trump should be banned from seeing or commenting on the rebuilding plans, imposing a large fine on him anytime he mentions it! His action calls to mind his remark in 2016 when he said he could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue and nothing would be done to him. Please don’t let him get away with ‘murdering’ the White House!

Name: duane smith
Date: February 22, 2026 11:13:33 pm

I urge the NCPC to vote no to the proposed ballroom addition and to enforce the rebuilding of the original East Wing.

The proposed ballroom addition is out of scale with the site and overshadows one of the most historic and significant buildings in this young nation.

Name: Katinka Bryk
Date: February 22, 2026 11:14:47 pm

Hello,

You have to stop this illegal monstrosity.
I know your board are all tRump flunkies, but where is your sense of obligation to your duty?
Allow for a measured review of this project.

Name: Jeanie Purcell
Date: February 22, 2026 11:29:19 pm

The White House needs to be restored back to its original appearance. Permission change it was not requested and certainly not granted. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, not one man who currently resides there. It is not his house. It is OUR house and every part of it has historical significance.

If this president wants a big, beautiful ballroom, by all means, he should build it, but build it somewhere else. It should not come at the expense of desecrating an historic landmark.

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

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Name: William Friedel
Date: February 23, 2026 12:14:16 am

No normal American wants a grand ballroom s part of the White House. It will remove the history and the symmetry of the building, nd its a waste of money.

Name: Amanda Greene
Date: February 23, 2026 12:29:11 am

America's White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or its buildings; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size.

Name: Deborah Good
Date: February 23, 2026 12:41:50 am

The East Wing should be restored to its original condition. It was illegally torn down and DJT should pay for its restoration.

Name: Martha Redeker
Date: February 23, 2026 12:44:04 am

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This vanity project for Donald J Trump is an affront to all the people who honorably served the American people in the East wing. What is built here ought not to be gold and mirrors and marble but building materials that match those found in the US and that complement the White House itself. The size of the wing should not be larger than the White House itself. This is America and we don't need or want a Versailles. The architects and builders ought to have impressed on them that they are working for the American people and NOT Donald J Trump. I'm sure he will try to withhold the money that he will say he collected from donors, but they are only bribes that he has extracted for his own benefit and not true gifts to the American people for THIER house. Every nickel that is collected and spent for rebuilding should be strictly accounted for. Whatever grandiose ideas Mr. Trump has for a ballroom he should save for his retirement home, Mar a Lago.

Thank you for your attention to this matter on behalf of the American people for generations to come.

Name: Annie Brunelli
Date: February 23, 2026 12:49:24 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront and an insult to the American People. This is their house, not the private property of one man.

Name: K B
Date: February 23, 2026 2:18:31 am

This is The People's House. This is an historic structure, known around the world and within our country as a symbol of strength and unity. Only the most talented classically trained architects and designers should be allowed to design and develop modifications and additions. Submissions should come in as a competitive endeavor, reviewed by the historical commission that governs such things.
COLLABORATION, COMMUNITY, COHESION should all come together to design a suitable, elegant and situationally appropriate addition to OUR White House.

Name: Mary Mendelsohn
Date: February 23, 2026 2:40:47 am

As I grow older, I appreciate historic preservation more than ever. New is not always better and this is particularly true regarding the East Wing of the Whitehouse.
I oppose spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ronald Seroka
Date: February 23, 2026 3:36:23 am

As an American, I always felt a point of pride that the White House was the 'People's House' and not a playground for the rich. There are other private areas for grand parties. This ballroom would destroy the architectural balance of the White House area. The best thing to do would be to return the East Wing to its original design before it was thoughtlessly destroyed. This reconstruction should be paid for by Trump.

Name: Debra Hempler
Date: February 23, 2026 4:03:12 am

No one should have destroyed the people's house without permission. No one wants a fake gold ballroom that none of us will use. If the billionaires have so much excess money floating around they should feed the hungry and house the homeless. Save our heritage. Thank you

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Name: Steven E Donnelly
Date: February 23, 2026 4:24:39 am

Let this project continue as planned.

Name: Elaine Coate
Date: February 23, 2026 5:23:01 am

Until a legal decision is soon enacted to halt turning the East Wing into a (surely) gaudy, unnecessary ballroom, the heartbreaking open wound initiated by #47 is a constant reminder that it could indeed become just that. Continuing to

slow walk/postpone/ad nauseam, the legal accountability procedure of his actions is unacceptable. We're talking about "the PEOPLES' HOUSE," for cryin' out loud!! Why the delay?! How much more of even greater destruction (on many levels) is coming from this cruel, self-serving individual do to our country and democracy before such egregious harm is appropriately addressed in a timely manner?! Begging; please reel in this power-drunk D.J. Trump.
Thank you for hearing my plea for the swift return of timely justice of this case. Countless other delayed cases await.

Name: Zainab Akbar
Date: February 23, 2026 5:56:21 am

The scale and size of this is just too big. Loses character and makes the residence look like nothing. Hopefully the size and scale will be considered and in line with the whole complex

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Name: Craig Ziegler
Date: February 23, 2026 6:03:20 am

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Name: Lyndsay Faye
Date: February 23, 2026 6:12:17 am

The razing of the White House's East Wing is not a "modernization project" at all. It is open war against America's standards of leadership, dignity, and gravitas, not to mention taste. Stop letting this rancid gilt-covered bull in a china shop destroy even the symbols of what is meaningful to decent Americans.

Name: Shana Belsito
Date: February 23, 2026 6:42:24 am

It’s called the White House, not the White Palace. This proposed monstrosity significantly impacts the historic landscape and dwarfs the massing of the living residence. While a new space for entertaining is needed, the size and scope of this proposed project is not necessary. The proposed ballroom does not “need” to seat 999 individuals, prior tented events on the South Lawn were held approximately 400 people,
There needs to be a tasteful and sensitive design approach; scale is everything in design and this is a complete miss and mess.

Name: LeAnn Malecha
Date: February 23, 2026 7:12:59 am

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Name: Leslie Vensel
Date: February 23, 2026 7:36:14 am

I oppose the plans to build a ballroom on the East Wing of the White House. It will be big, expensive and ugly.

Name: Katherine Murray
Date: February 23, 2026 7:50:23 am

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Name: Krista Atkinson
Date: February 23, 2026 7:52:03 am

The title of this project is upsetting in itself. The East Wing did not require any modernization - if it did, it should have been determined by a careful and thoughtful committee made up of experts from the organization meant to oversee such projects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The fact that the entire East Wing of the White House was razed within days by one man's direction, with no public notice and few, if any, preservation attempts, is an embarrassing administrative failure to acknowledge and preserve our shared history. The price tag of $300 million, "donated" (sometimes annoymously) by mostly wealthy technology company CEOs, is clearly overblown and wasteful. The president may consider himself a designer, but he is not familiar with the requirements of history and taste required to make a new East Wing/ballroom that stands up to time as a model of restrained, tasteful, and balanced American design. I firmly stand against this project.

Name: Stephanie Bullard
Date: February 23, 2026 7:53:40 am

I oppose the unauthorized destruction of the East wing of the White House and the construction of a new building in its place. I think that the East Wing should be restored to its original footprint and design at the cost of the person/people who decided without permission (or input from the people) to demolish and replace it. If any legal or criminal consequence are possible for those who authorized the demolition, they should be pursued. It needs to be made clear that the people’s property (especially historic sites) is not to be altered or destroyed based on the whims of one person or a small group of people.

Name: Kristin Heckman
Date: February 23, 2026 8:17:50 am

This is not a “modernization” project. It is an illegal, unjustifiable and arrogant power grab by a fascist president acting without authority. I oppose the design and ask that the east wing be rebuilt to its former glory and that all artifacts be restored and preserved. And that the cost for restoration be covered by Trump and his friends, not the American people.

Name: Stephanie Chaplin
Date: February 23, 2026 8:18:19 am

I am opposed to the current plans for the 90,000 square foot ballroom where the former East Wing of the White House previously stood. My arguments are as follows:
1. The White House is the People's House, meaning it belongs to the citizens of the United States -- not to any one person.
2. For almost 250 years, each occupant of the People's House has respected the structure and size of the building.
3. The residence of the White House is 55,000 square feet. A 90,000 square foot ballroom would dwarf the existing structure.
4. There are ways to build a 90,000 square foot ballroom without dwarfing the current structure, such as building a part of the
ballroom underground.
5. It is required that any alterations to the People's House of this magnitude be approved by nonpartisan agencies and Congress.
This procedure was not followed.
6. Use of private funds to construct such an addition violates all procedures for planning and construction of an addition to the White

House.
7. The former East Wing was demolished without consulting any agency that should have been consulted and permission granted.
8. Each occupant of the People's House is granted permission, by the People,to occupy the White House. The occupant does not
own the building and must follow procedures for altering the structure.
For these reasons and others, permission to allow the current plans for construction of a 90,000 square foot ballroom must be denied.

Name: Meredith Moench
Date: February 23, 2026 8:22:44 am

I oppose the multimillion dollar project for a ballroom. The east wing of the White House was destroyed without any legal authority at the whim of one person. The nation does not need a giant ballroom reminiscent of the worst of Europe's monarchies. I want my grandchildren to be able to see the White House as it has been for over 200 years. It is an historical building belonging to the people, not the man who happens to be temporarily occupying it. The east wing of the White House must be rebuilt to its original design, and this so-called modernization project stopped. I also think there should be legal consequences for Donald Trump for willfully destroying a large part of an historic national treasure, which also happened to have been the first ladies residence. This cannot be allowed.

Name: Adina Steen
Date: February 23, 2026 8:22:53 am

It is an absolute disgrace what Trump has done and is planning to do to the White House. He does not own the house; the People do. Using billionaire money to do it poses enough ethical concerns, but it also completely flouts preservation rules, NEPA approvals, and required Congressional approvals. He is out of control and must be stopped.

Name: Amy Cole
Date: February 23, 2026 8:25:27 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization Project which was undertaken without proper authorization, permits, or design review. The razing of the East Wing was a crime and it should be rebuilt and restored to its former design at the personal expense of Donald J. Trump. The president has no respect for the People's House which should not under any circumstances be subjected to his personal desires at the expense of American citizens.

Name: Katherine Schoettle
Date: February 23, 2026 8:33:25 am

In most areas of the country, when there is proposed building in a historic district or an alteration to a structure which has been designated as historic or which is recognized as an historic structure, there is a process to follow before the project receives an ok.

The wanton destruction of part of the White House, which is unarguably a historic structure, must be viewed as illegal.

Name: Sara Jondahl
Date: February 23, 2026 8:44:30 am

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to respectfully express opposition to the proposed ballroom addition at the White House based solely on the merits of the application as presented.

While the functional need for an enhanced space to host and entertain world leaders is understandable and carries practical merit, the proposed scale and massing of the addition do not appear to be consistent with the existing complex. Historically, the ballroom associated with the White House has been significantly smaller then the proposed and always

secondary in form and scale to the main Executive Residence. The current proposal, as described, introduces a structure whose size and visual prominence risk competing with, rather than complementing, the primary building. As one of the most recognizable civic buildings in the world and a symbol of American democracy and governance, the White House holds exceptional architectural and cultural significance that warrants careful stewardship of any proposed alterations.

Preservation best practices emphasize that new additions to historic structures should be subordinate, compatible in massing, and respectful of established proportions and character-defining features. Based on the information available, the proposed addition does not sufficiently demonstrate this level of subordination or contextual alignment.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge reconsideration of the proposal in its current form and encourage exploration of alternatives that better align with established preservation principles while still meeting functional objectives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sara Jondahl, concerned US Citizen and historic preservationist.

Name: Thomas Shafer
Date: February 23, 2026 8:44:59 am

It’s hard to find words to describe the demolition of the East Wing of the People’s House. Heartbreaking, insulting, and enraging are a few words that come to mind. What Americans witnessed was a brutal assault on our legacy. We were promised as recently as July, 2025 that a proposed ballroom addition would not affect the existing structure of the White House. That, was a lie.

We have now been shown a series of ever-grandiose renderings of a ballroom that dwarfs the Executive Mansion. A building, that if completed, will irreparably alter the site lines of the White House grounds. At best, any structure that replaces the East Wing should be no larger than the footprint previously taken. If the goal is a modernized space for events, surely that can be accomplished within the shell of the East Wing’s former dimensions. A structure of the dimensions currently proposed should not be considered viable for the White House grounds.

Name: Robert Cole
Date: February 23, 2026 8:49:38 am

The White House and its land belong to the government of the Unted States, not to the (temporary) occupants. The occupants cannot legally or ethically make unilateral property decisions any more than a renter can engage in major construction on a landlord's property. There is a process for making decisions such as the East Wing construction, and that process must be fair, reasoned, guided by experts and followed.

Name: Phyllis Cousins
Date: February 23, 2026 8:50:00 am

It simply amazes me that you are allowing the illegal razing of the East Wing of the White House without repercussions. Should this blatant disregard for public property continue, what else may be lost to the American public? Please stop this NOW.

Name: Arch MacInnes
Date: February 23, 2026 9:01:54 am

Please restore the building as it was. This hasty and unwarranted “renovation “ is so inappropriate as to be laughable.

Name: Deri Dannenbrink
Date: February 23, 2026 9:03:25 am

I am requesting that the regulations regarding the use of taxpayer dollars to destroy and rebuild part of the White House,

to please a few to whom a few million is nothing, be stopped. We, the people supposedly being represented, work hard to pay for these spending atrocities. We speak for many when we say we want the historic building restored and the ballroom project stopped.

Name: Amy Pemberton
Date: February 23, 2026 9:05:55 am

The East Wing of the White House MUST be restored in full to EXACTLY how it was before Donald John Trump tore it down.

EVERY particle of the East Wing that was removed MUST be restored and replaced IMMEDIATELY. Anything that cannot be restored must be replaced with historically accurate materials.

The only "modernization" that should be allowed is changes that are required to meet modern building codes. But these "modernizations" must be made 100% invisible - meaning no one should be able to detect them visibly.

Donald John Trump must be compelled to pay the full cost of all work to repair his vandalism. "Full cost" means not only the direct cost but also 1) all legal fees for any and all legal action needed to compel his payment; 2) full cost plus interest on any funds advanced by the government to immediately begin work and stabilize the work site and restore the materials from wherever they have been removed to; 3) any and all legal cost required for civil actions against the contractors involved in the East Wing demolition, including legal cost for removing the business and professional licenses of all business and professionals involved and 4) any and all legal cost required to hold his collaborators criminally, civilly and financially liable for any future and current damage.

Restoring the East Wing in full is the moral, legal, ethical, and patriotic duty of the National Capital Planning Commission. It is also your duty to see that the taxpayers are not on the hook to pay for Donald John Trump's vandalism. There are simply no other options. You are required to treat Donald John Trump the way any landlord would treat any other tenant who trashed their property - by compelling tenant Donald John Trump to pay all costs in full and restoring the White House in full.

I look forward to the Commission doing its duty.

Name: Lynne Sedey
Date: February 23, 2026 9:08:35 am

As a student of history, I have the folliwing comments.

1. Following an act of Congress in 1961, the White House’s permanent collection and historic rooms are considered a museum, requiring cooperation with the Committee for the Preservation of the White House and the White House Curator, which often includes input from historians and experts to preserve its historical integrity.
2. During the Truman administration (1948–1952), the White House was found to be structurally unsound. Congress created the Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion to oversee the project, which involved significant public transparency and expert input.
3. Although the White House is exempt from certain federal historic preservation rules (Section 107 of the National Historic Preservation Act) that require public review, past administrations have traditionally submitted plans to the Commission of Fine Arts for advice, even if not strictly required.
4. In the 1960s, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy formalized the process of restoring the White House, establishing the White House Historical Association to provide financial support and expertise for preservation, which involves collaboration with experts.
5. In contrast to these traditions, the 2025–2026 plans to demolish the East Wing for a new ballroom were criticized for lacking the standard, formal public and expert review processes.
Ultimately, while the White House is a home to the President, it is legally federal property managed for the people of the United States.

Thank you.

Name: Ryan Smith
Date: February 23, 2026 9:11:41 am

I strongly oppose the presidential administration's demolition of the previous East Wing without Congressional oversight or planning review. For the proposed ballroom and other amenities, I also oppose the administration's proposal for the ballroom structure, as being forced through a system that does not involve oversight by trained designers, landscape professionals, and heritage officials. This is public land, and the proposed private financing of the project creates structural incentives for political corruption, while foreclosing Congressional oversight. Lastly, the proposed design for the ballroom itself, a mammoth structure that threatens to overwhelm the primary residence itself, is entirely inappropriate for the setting of an important visual representation of American democracy that has stood the test of centuries as an enduring symbol of our nation's character. Please do not allow this project to proceed under the current plans and structures.

Name: Carol Barnes
Date: February 23, 2026 9:13:34 am

The East Wing should have NEVER been destroyed! Now you want comments afterwards? Idiots… this administration is full of idiots!

Name: Lynne Sedey
Date: February 23, 2026 9:17:58 am

As a student of history, I have the following comments about this project.

1. Following an act of Congress in 1961, the White House’s permanent collection and historic rooms are considered a museum, requiring cooperation with the Committee for the Preservation of the White House and the White House Curator, which often includes input from historians and experts to preserve its historical integrity.

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5. In contrast to these traditions, the 2025–2026 plans to demolish the East Wing for a new ballroom were criticized for lacking the standard, formal public and expert review processes.

Ultimately, while the White House is a home to the President, it is legally federal property managed for the citizens of the United States. As a temporary resident, the President should not unilaterally make major changes to the White House.

Name: Ellen Nagle
Date: February 23, 2026 9:19:22 am

Stop the building of the ballroom on the white house. It's illegal and a waste of our money .

Name: Kathy La Plante
Date: February 23, 2026 9:19:23 am

It is with a very heavy heart that I write opposed to the building proposed by the administration to replace the East Wing, which was tragically destroyed without taking any kind of public comment. How this happened in the US is beyond comprehension. The East Wing should be rebuilt - for no new building should over-scale the White House and its surroundings. There is no funding for this type of project and do not support a lavish ballroom being built.

Name: Marylee Chamberlain
Date: February 23, 2026 9:19:48 am

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This action is an affront to all that came before and gave due respect to the history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. You must not allow this to move forward.

Thank you for your careful consideration on this.

Name: Bonnie Hull
Date: February 23, 2026 9:31:34 am

This is a horrible waste of historic architecture, as well as being a project funded by billionaires with high stakes in American political outcomes. The administration should not be allowed to create a project fraught with pomp and baroque excess, signaling to the world and to the American public that we, Americans, could not be farther from the priorities of their “leaders”.
This renovation should be made into a space where the truths of the North American experience both pre and post colonization can be told and memorialized for the world.

Name: Elizabeth Satterfield
Date: February 23, 2026 9:32:35 am

As a professional historic preservationist and public historian, the "modernization" project of the East Wing of the White House is beyond troubling. It is a flagrant abuse of power on the part of the Executive Branch and clearly ignores and violates the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Section 106 processes, as well as many other elements of due process. Although this project claims to value the integrity of the historic site that is the White House and its cultural landscape, the demolition of the East Wing is in clear defiance of federal mandates and has forever jeopardized the integrity of the site. No "modernization" project or elaborate ballroom scheme can restore what has been lost.

I serve as the Curator at a small museum and historic site in West Virginia called Arthurdale. Arthurdale was the nation's first New Deal community, a revolutionary federal experiment aimed at lifting up the poor and vulnerable. Arthurdale was championed by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who visited the community more than 30 times. Eleanor was also instrumental in the use and expansion of the East Wing for the work of the First Lady. My admiration for Eleanor and her work made the destruction of the East Wing and this "modernization" project even more painful.

Since 1985, my nonprofit, Arthurdale Heritage, has worked to preserve this community and its history. We are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and often receive state historic preservation grants (funneled from NPS) to conduct preservation work. We are required to follow many federal procedures and laws, including Section 106 and Department of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation. If we do not comply, our funding is withdrawn.

If a small, rural nonprofit in West Virginia is required to follow federal laws and procedures, should not the Executive Branch and the White House be required to do the same? Federal dollars, garnered through taxing the American public, are intended to fund this project. I do not support my tax dollars being spent on this abuse of power, destruction of a historic site, or construction of an unnecessary and appalling grand ballroom.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth P. Satterfield

Name: Matthew Hickman
Date: February 23, 2026 9:38:59 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project.

This project began without required National Capital Planning Commission approval, without environmental assessments mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, and without congressional authorization required by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington.

The $400 million cost is funded by corporations holding billions in federal contracts with the administration approving those contracts.

This creates an unacceptable conflict of interest.

The White House is not private property. It belongs to the American people. No president should have unilateral authority to demolish historic structures and approve construction without following the law and allowing public input.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Name: Cristeen Fort
Date: February 23, 2026 9:44:28 am

The President destroyed the east wing without proper approval. This is part of the people's house and a historic part of the most iconic building that represents America. We do not want it replaced with a gaudy venue for the wealthy while thousands of Americans go without health insurance and the basic necessities.

Name: Patrick Leggett
Date: February 23, 2026 9:53:26 am

I vehemently oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These initial WH actions were criminal hypocrisy in action. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment- this is criminal hypocrisy in action.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president and definitely no corporation. I urge the Commission to unanimously reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Ashley Hanley
Date: February 23, 2026 9:53:26 am

Good morning,

I am writing with my concern of the East Wing Modernization Project. Not only was the East Wing demoed without approval, the plans were also finalized without any approval. While it is apparent that a larger meeting space is needed for the White House, it is disappointing to see architectural history of the United States of American be completely torn down without any approval. It sets a precedent in this country for historic preservation that benefits developers and lacks the proper care and attention that is needed to historical preservation. An architectural study of using the existing footprint of the East Wing with proportion additions and renovations should have been the first plan in place. Now that we no longer have the East Wing, I strongly encourage National Capital Planning Commission and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts to order to have the plans revised so that the new wing will not overwhelm the carefully balanced classical design of the White House, a symbol of our democratic republic. I hope that you respect our public's opinion and concerns to preserve the historic integrity and symbolism of the People's House for future generations.

Sincerely,
Ashley Hanley

Name: Erin Smead
Date: February 23, 2026 9:57:06 am

This project is not modernization, and it did not go through proper channels of approval. The White House belongs to the American people, and at a time when people are struggling, using tax payer dollars to build a vanity project like this ballroom without permission, necessity, or consensus is unconscionable.

Name: Elizabeth Pemberton
Date: February 23, 2026 9:57:29 am

I am writing to oppose the construction of the obscenely large addition to the White House complex. The construction plans include an expensive ($400 million plus) ballroom designed for entertaining the wealthy. The ornate design is offensive as is the destruction of the East Wing without public notice and the lack of respect for our basic oversight procedures.

STOP THE CONSTRUCTION
RESCALE the design to complement the current White House complex
PROTECT OVERSIGHT of the project
ENSURE TRANSPARENCY
PUBLISH DONOR names and amounts given

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Joanne Hutton
Date: February 23, 2026 10:00:18 am

I oppose the present plans for a gargantuan building that will dominate and unbalance the landscape of the White House grounds and add significantly to ongoing taxpayer burden for maintenance.

Should a ballroom be deemed necessary and prudent to the operations of all future administrations, a more seemly profile and scale is called for, fitting with this historic site's dignified but restrained culture.

Joanne Hutton
[redacted]

Name: Joanna Caplan
Date: February 23, 2026 10:01:28 am

I love our country and I’m particularly moved by the original White House and East Wing as architecturally reflecting the simplicity and purity of thought and ideas of the founders of our country.
I had the privilege of working in the White House for six months under President Jimmy Carter. I was so proud to arrive for work in the morning and arrive through the South Gate. I loved showing my family and friends around the premises when they arrived at the East Wing for their White House tour. The halls of the East Wing were hallowed.. Historic photos of presidents and families and noted politicians graced those corridors. I used to think: how fortunate to have such a magnificent building — White House and East Wing — represent who we are as Americans. Trump is destroying our country physically, spiritually and historically. Don’t let him
Build a colossally UGLY, out of character building in the white house grounds. That means our country will never be tge same. Joanna F Caplan

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Name: Maurie Van Buren
Date: February 23, 2026 10:03:43 am

The east wing should be re-built as it existed prior to demolition.

Name: Anne Kristobak
Date: February 23, 2026 10:06:53 am

As an interior designer, I would like to express my disappointment with current plans for this project. The ballroom is grossly out of scale. While I understand that a space to host events is needed, the current plans do not reflect an elegant, classical solution to the problem. We, as the American people, who will have to live with this structure for decades and perhaps centuries deserve a structure that has been well-thought out and careful considered. This is not it.
Funding this project with private donors is also concerning and brings up considerable ethical questions.

Name: Bernadette Flinchbaugh
Date: February 23, 2026 10:13:32 am

I do not believe it is appropriate to spend $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Razing a historical building is not acceptable Even if it is just P art of the building .

Name: Janet Egelhofer
Date: February 23, 2026 10:22:38 am

I am abject at the loss of the historic East Wing and object to the overpowering scale of this project. It dwarfs the historic White House and destroys the symmetry and balance so well represented by the Federalist architecture of the White House.

In addition to competing with the White House in overall mass, the two story design and grand entrance overwhelm the beautiful 1800 building. The designers should be asked to both scale back the dimension of the project overall and consider putting one of the floors underground.

I sympathize with the need for more entertainment space at the White House but consideration should be given to scale back the need to seat 1,000. There are, after all, a number of nearby venues in Washington, DC that accommodate large audiences

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Name: Gail Misulich
Date: February 23, 2026 10:23:18 am

I vehemently detest that the East wing of the People’s White House has been destroyed in a brazen, unauthorized act of obliteration of history without permission or design review. I demand the East wing be rebuilt and restored in its entirety, exactly as it had been prior to its destruction. Those responsible for this heinous act must be penalized in accordance with the law.

Name: Andrea Vaughan
Date: February 23, 2026 10:24:28 am

I oppose spending $300 million plus of tax payer dollars for this Trump vanity project. Once it is built, it will stand forever as a reminder of the worst, most corrupt president ever. It will dwarf the White House and ruin the esthetics. This project was initiated without the proper reviews or permits and just like any other project started this way, it should be halted on that basis alone. Scrap this project and rebuild the East Wing.

Name: Regina Chabarek
Date: February 23, 2026 10:24:31 am

I respectfully request that any reconstruction of the East Wing be in keeping with the current architectural design of the

building in size, scope and style. I would ask the board to consider the nature of the project. Does it serve the best interests of America's citizens or will it be accessible only to the ultra wealthy? It is the people's house. How will the reconstruction serve the people as a nation? How will it blend in with its surroundings and respect our nation's historical values? How will it reflect democratic values?

Name: Bridget Powers
Date: February 23, 2026 10:25:39 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: john prokop
Date: February 23, 2026 10:27:43 am

I have spent more than 30 years of my life living in the DC area and have practiced architecture in DC. Several historic structures and cultural elements in DC are still standing primarily because of my advocacy for them. Historically, the NCPC has also been a large part of those kinds of efforts because of the expertise and preservation knowledge held by many of its members.

The current board makeup was installed specifically to rubber stamp this project and others like it and unfortunately have little of that expertise. This commission therefore should pay even more attention to the expertise and public comments from design and historic restoration professionals such as myself and less upon the direction they are being given by their appointer.

History will be a harsh judge if the wisdom of experts is ignored.

All of us can agree that the demolition of a major, historic, contributing structure attached to what is arguably the most iconic building in our nation's capital, without any review, is appalling, unwarranted, and unprecedented. The White House, The People's House, was essentially treated with less respect and less scrutiny than a historic one-car garage in Foggy Bottom would normally receive prior to demolition.

For many decades, the process of design review and the application of Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties for our nation's capital has been a non-political, professional endeavor. The members of this body and the CFA should repurpose themselves to not just rubber stamp this project and to take their responsibilities seriously.

This project has not followed ANY proper contracting or bidding regulations. The massing, scale and detailing DO NOT follow the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Specifically, the addition to a major historic structure should be subordinate in size, height and footprint.

It is subordinate in none of the above criteria.

This building renderings publicly available show that it attempts to "create a false sense of history" by copying too many elements of the historic architecture.

Simply put, this building needs to be smaller, simpler, less conspicuous, and lower in height than the main White House structure.

Name: Diane Walker
Date: February 23, 2026 10:28:27 am

Please restore the original east wing. Do not allow this heinous and incredibly tacky ballroom to be built: it's a denial of everything this country stands for and a monument to waste and greed.

Name: Jan Carper
Date: February 23, 2026 10:29:59 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Lindenbaum
Date: February 23, 2026 10:32:41 am

Dear Stakeholders,

I am the head of the Historic Preservation Commission in Bloomington, Illinois. Our city code lays out many rules and procedures for the treatment of historic structures. For structures with zoning that identifies them as historic, a meticulous process of review is in place for owners wishing to repair, renovate, alter, maintain, or otherwise change the structure. Our board adheres to The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and ensures any projects involving historic structures adhere to these guidelines, in part to maximize the structures' longevity. Additionally, our commission reviews demolition requests for structures older than 50 years to make sure that no historic structure is being demolished needlessly or arbitrarily.

Our humble municipality has procedures in place to protect and maintain irreplaceable historic structures and ensure that any additions and alterations do not interfere with their architectural and historic character. While the historic East Wing has sadly been lost forever, there is still time to make sure that the White House is not overwhelmed and overshadowed by the president's proposed 90,000 sq ft ballroom. I call on the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to carefully review The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and protect the People's House from this inappropriate addition.

Sarah Lindenbaum

Name: Carol Conklin Spillane
Date: February 23, 2026 10:35:32 am

I oppose the unlawful demolition of the East Wing without approval, I support rebuilding it, and doing so with funds garnered by fining the president and his cronies who think they are above the law. Destruction of public property is against the law!

Name: Jane Stelboum
Date: February 23, 2026 10:40:46 am

Hello. I'm writing to object to the plans for the White House ballroom. I don't object to the concept of a ballroom. But I do object to the process - without going through the proper channels to vet designs and have the proper institutions approve the plans. I also object to the sheer scale of it. It's ridiculous to have a ballroom that overshadows the White House itself. It's just another monument to fuel one man's ego and it's a complete waste of money that could be used for more important purposes. I'm asking you to shut down this current process and go through the proper channels. I think if you queried the American people for their desire to spend money on this initiative you'd find we are not interested. Thank you.

Name: Shirley Mosteller
Date: February 23, 2026 10:41:14 am

I oppose this project, even if the $300 million were donated funds. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lisa Johnson
Date: February 23, 2026 10:46:53 am

What is the point of an architectural review committee if they are not included in planning the East Wing changes? NO president should have unbridled authority to change historical properties. Stop this project immediately and ensure proper steps are taken to protect the integrity and original intent of these historic monuments.

Name: Todd K
Date: February 23, 2026 10:47:27 am

I find it deplorable that a structure that will effectively dwarf the White House will be constructed next door. Further, US citizens are literally living on the streets with no food nor shelter just feet away from this $400 million project, and this is how we allocate our resources? Shame.

Name: Mark Pfost
Date: February 23, 2026 10:48:24 am

I oppose the White House East Wing ballroom modernization project for a number of reasons. But first, my wife and I toured the White House in October, 2024. As we walked through the various rooms, we joked—with black humor—that depending on the following month's election, we might never be able to replicate our visit. Little did we know how prophetic that black humor was. We would have walked through the visitor entrance and security screen areas before continuing on the Executive Residence.
Frankly, I am surprised that the president didn't order the destruction of the Executive Residence as well, so that he could guild it with gold and paper the walls with his image.
Sarcasm aside, I oppose the modernization project because: 1) it did not go through proper review process; 2) funding sources create more questions than answers about "who is in whose pocket;" 3) citizens—through established committees and review functions—were excluded from providing input prior to the destruction; 4) since we are not a monarchy with the need of kings, we do not need a ballroom-type space; 5) I suspect those selected to raze the old and build the new, may not have been properly vetted—a national security risk; 6) disposal of waste from the site has environmental risks that have not been properly managed; and 7) this is a vanity project for the President. He has as much as said so.
While the damage cannot be undone, any continuance of the project should be put on hold pending architectural reviews, security reviews, environmental reviews, citizen agreement, and complete knowledge of who is funding the project. Until such time that all of these concerns are met, I do not want to see another shovel of dirt lifted, or two planks nailed together.

Name: Beth Cestari
Date: February 23, 2026 10:50:19 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mandy Elliott
Date: February 23, 2026 10:52:10 am

Aloha and my gratitude for your time. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you.

Name: Linda Behrendt
Date: February 23, 2026 10:54:38 am

I DO NOT support this project, particularly given the fact that Trump has hand-chosen those who will guide the design. Also, there is zero transparency about where the funding has come from. Who knows what the "pay for play" President has agreed to do/allow for the donors. Until Trump took office in 2025 I had NEVER heard a word about the need for a ballroom at the White House; it's one more way Trump wants to put his name on a building.

Name: Mandy Charles
Date: February 23, 2026 10:57:47 am

A 90,000 square-foot ballroom additioin to the White House is totally unnecessary, a waste of taxpayer money, and will end up being another gaudy embarassment. I am commenting so that my disapproval is on the record, not because I believe my comments or those of any of the other thousands in agreement with me will make any difference considering this administration has put yes-men and women everywhere so that Donald Trump can do whatever he wants. I'm angered, saddened, and embarassed by what is going on in this country on so many levels. "Thank you for your attention to this matter." HAHAHAHAHAH!!! -Mandy Charles

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Name: John Minigan
Date: February 23, 2026 11:06:41 am

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Name: thomas quinn
Date: February 23, 2026 11:07:32 am

Don't waste my money!

Name: Helen Sides
Date: February 23, 2026 11:08:07 am

I am an architect in the state of Massachsetts. My practice focuses on old house tranformations. They are not just restorations.
Old building need to be updated so that we as custodians bring them into the next century, well maintained and well loved.
This is the opposite approachfrom what Trump has taken. The White House is not his house. It is all of ours' house. He has destroyed a space of history and legacy.
Trump must be stopped. This demolition was done brazenly and illegally. We must not treat the proposed construction with a normal process of review. His program needs to be greatly reduced and pay omage to what he destroyed.

Helen F. Sides, Architect LLC
[redacted]

Name: Marlenna Walker
Date: February 23, 2026 11:10:26 am

Please stop this madness!!!!! He has no right to destroy the East Wing and then put up whatever he wants. Please put all these plans before Congress!!!!! Somebody has to begin the process of stopping Trump's plan to put his name on and control on everything he can.
Our nation deserves better and much more respect.

Name: charles neiman
Date: February 23, 2026 11:12:07 am

I initially questioned the need for a ballroom, but when I learned of the water seepage problem with an outside tent on the lawn, limited capacity, private funding and future use, the project is more than justified and I think the finished product will enhance the appearance nd use of the facility..

Name: Raymond Hirano
Date: February 23, 2026 11:12:27 am

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Name: Susan Powers
Date: February 23, 2026 11:15:09 am

I live in Newport Rhode Island. We have historic public buildings that date back to the 1700s. We respect them and have a historical preservation society to protect them.
I am appalled that one egotistical individual has taken it upon himself to a destroy a wing of the Peoples House. He has NO RIGHT to redesign and make a mini Versailles out of our historical building.
Where are the checks and balances on this type of behavior? Will he be mounting a plaque with his name on it? The Donald Trump White House?
Do what's RIGHT- get a spine, Washington, and stop this madness.

Name: Kathaleen Wilson
Date: February 23, 2026 11:18:10 am

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Name: Tina Mathes
Date: February 23, 2026 11:19:34 am

Thank you for opening this issue up to public comment and providing ample lead time for me to collect my thoughts, review your meeting when this topic was covered, and research concerns surrounding this proposal. My comments are below in no particular order of importance.

Summary:
I understand the need to update and modernize historical structures and I want the White House to be welcoming and showcase our country pride. However, there is a right way to make these improvements and protocol to be followed. Demolition of any part of the structure was uncalled for and premature at best. I am angry that the current administration ignored everyone else during this process. It is not okay and action should be taken to prevent similar unchecked future action for national structures, monuments, sites, etc. There needs to be accountability and consequences of rogue action, regardless of who is involved.

Questions/Comments:
> You refer to this modernization as a 'project" though it is not conforming to project protocol. Distinct project phases, including Initiating (define scope, provide justification, seek budget approval, etc.), Planning (define dependencies, identify risks, list & engage stakeholders, clarify approval protocol, process, vendor solicitation for bids, etc.) - notice all the work and discovery PRIOR to the Execution Phase (BEFORE ANY project work is done).

> Demo - if not in this Commission's purview for historic structures on federal land, then who has this oversight? Is your stance that it is not illegal to demo without oversight? So the administration could demolish the White House without your engagement and concern for oversight protocol? Who decided to start with the Execution Phase by demolishing the structure leaving no recourse or discussion for consensus?

> Segmented projects? Why isn't the commission requiring an official Scope of Work for each project, their dependencies and integration as part of an overarching "Modernization Program of the 18 Acre Property" listing each of the potential subprojects, for full transparency BEFORE this administration decides to demolish something else important to The People? This method is project management 101!

> Budget - using ANY tax dollars without appropriate consensus is wrong. Private donations still do not permit acting without the proper oversight, especially kicking off any project that impacts our historical structures by demolishing any part. These changes should be fully vetted, approved, transparent to the American people BEFORE any work begins. Even the timing and urgency of this change should be reached through consensus outside of the primary beneficiaries given all that is going on at any given time.

Generally, I want my tax dollars to work for the good of the people - affordable health care, food, electricity, and gasoline, education, caring for vulnerable people, etc. Where are the checks and balances for spending our tax dollars appropriately? (I recognize that budget may not be in the scope of this committee, though the question begs to be asked)

> Handicap/physically challenged accommodations - seriously, this is even a discussion? The people who struggle the most are limited to an single entrance in the proposal, which dictates they travel the furthest to get to the new structure! This is about more than wheelchair users. It is about anyone who struggles to comfortably walk long distances or stand for long periods, using a cane, or walker, on oxygen, etc.

Given the number of entrances, a two story internal elevator attached directly to the new structure is a basic requirement and can be constructed quite attractively. Anything less is an insult to general users and specifically to anyone in need of an accommodation. (ADA compliance is not a choice but a requirement of all structures to meet current code - The People's House should be no different and should be welcoming to all while not placing a burden on some. The new structure will be a blank slate - convenient ADA accommodations should be required)

Kind regards,
Tina Mathes
[redacted]

Name: William DeMaio
Date: February 23, 2026 11:19:50 am

To the Commission,
As an architect that lived and worked for many years in Washington, DC, I am strongly opposed to the new East Wing design. This project is both out of character and scale to the White House, a major symbolic building in our country's history. The detailing of the addition overwhelms the Neo-Classic design of the building and the size and placement completely destroys the symmetry and balance that once graced the building.

The fact that this project completely ignored required reviews and procedures during it's conception is also disturbing in the least and is another reason for slowing the breakneck speed with which is being built.

This commission is tasked to preserve and enhance the extraordinary historical, cultural, and natural resources and federal assets of the National Capital Region and as such should have undertaken this review process long before any demolition occurred. I suggest the commission review that mission statement before making any final recommendations.

Sincerely,
William J. DeMaio
Architect

Name: William Gillen
Date: February 23, 2026 11:22:49 am

I am very opposed to plans to modernize the East Wing of the White House. This project has been fast-tracked without

full public participation;and debate concerning the authorization for such a project and without regard to the history of the White House and its surroundings. There has been no public information regarding this project especially its funding. The White House belongs to the people of the United States and not to its current occupant, who has shown scant regard for its architectural history.
In short, this protects requires much greater detail about its funding and plans.

Name: Robin McConaughy
Date: February 23, 2026 11:32:00 am

To whom it may concern:
At a time when so many Americans are struggling to make ends meet and jobs for federal workers have been cut, I am appalled at the plans for a new East Wing. It's grandiose scale, the timing, speed and unexpected nature of the demolition, and its unnecessary and redundant nature make the administration seem overtly, almost purposefully, out of touch with the financial pain Americans are feeling. How did the demolition and final plans get approved without going through the proper channels? Why now? We are all making do with what we have at this time. For this new project to move forward with no explanation to Americans, even though partially bankrolled by corporations, feels like a slap in the face.
I think it's important for all Americans to understand exactly why this ballroom is necessary and how we will benefit from the project, the funds from which could have been better allocated to directly support the American people.
Thank you for your time.

Name: J Martin
Date: February 23, 2026 11:42:15 am

I DO NOT support the proposed project described in the Tentative March 5, 2026 agenda as: NCPC File #8733 - Executive Residence at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC - East Wing Modernization Project.

Please vote "NO" on this proposed project.

Thank you.

Name: John Mansfield
Date: February 23, 2026 11:42:30 am

DISGUSTING AND DISCRACEFUL

Name: Barry West
Date: February 23, 2026 11:42:35 am

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Name: Margaret Ricks
Date: February 23, 2026 11:45:51 am

In my opinion, the proposal completely overshadows the historic building with its size. It is ugly. And the whole model of a huge function hall is inappropriate.
thank you for doing what you can to preserve American history,
Margaret H Ricks

Name: Frank Kingman
Date: February 23, 2026 11:48:06 am

I am outraged by Trump's efforts to destroy the White House and build his ballroom. This project must be stopped and the People's House and Grounds restored to what it was historically.
Frank Kingman

Name: paula j harper
Date: February 23, 2026 11:49:33 am

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We need leaders with a moral compas not one with a wrecking ball

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Name: Jess Hughes
Date: February 23, 2026 11:57:31 am

This is a terrible and absolutely unnecessary project that a king want to be wishes. We do not have the money and this man should not get his own special ballroom for his Epstein buddies. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Nicole Lathrop
Date: February 23, 2026 12:01:12 pm

This project isnt 'modernizing'. It is a complete destruction and rebuild. Additionally the rebuild isn't for any practical use by the people. It is a massive parthenon to excessive spending and gawdy architecture of roman empire proportions. we have no need for this while our communities cant buy food. We don't need gold adornments when school fundings are cut and masked agents are kidnapping off the street. This symbolises a decline of a world power, not a celebration of it.

Name: Carl Lange
Date: February 23, 2026 12:03:52 pm

The Whitehouse is a national treasure of the people. No individual, including the president, should have the right to alter this structure without thoughtful consideration of it's historic past and future through input of the people.

Name: Bobby Rowland
Date: February 23, 2026 12:04:54 pm

I oppose this project.
It is destructive of our history.

Name: Joan McRae
Date: February 23, 2026 12:05:50 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is tragic and nothing more than a self-aggrandizing pursuit by the temporary resident of the White House. At the very least, experts in historical architecture should be included in the final design in order to keep the addition consistent with the beauty and importance of the White House.

Name: Joan Vohl Hamilton
Date: February 23, 2026 12:06:30 pm

This project is a brazen elimination of American culture and history with no input, whatsoever, from the American people. The fact that it's being paid for (supposedly) by private individuals is equally troubling. What will be expected, in return, for their financial contributions? This is not how our country does business.
This is not only a razing of history, but a shredding of democracy. The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review, and the historic East Wing was razed with no approval from Congress. This project must be canceled, THEN must go through approved routes for construction, if approved.
Better yet, rebuild the East Wing as it was. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maribeth Krupczak
Date: February 23, 2026 12:09:40 pm

I write in opposition to the East Wing plans recently approved by the US Comm. of Fine Arts and urge the NCPC to reject the plan presented and fully comply with the process for such a project.

Organizations such as the National Trust have offered thoughtful, expert solutions to modify the plans in keeping with the fundamental design of the White House. Nuanced changes are possible which can achieve both preservation of the balance and integrity of the site and the enlarged meeting space identified as a need.

As a citizen, I am dismayed by the serious neglect of process to this point and the profound disregard of public opinion in pursuit of this project. Please protect a site cherished by Americans and recognized by the world, rather than indulging the whim of a single person with a temporary bully pulpit.

Sincerely,
M. Krupczak

Name: Deborah Thomas
Date: February 23, 2026 12:18:02 pm

My comments are not in a formal format but they are nevertheless very heartfelt. I am mortified on a daily basis by the sight of the destruction that has already occurred to this beautiful and historic building and grounds. Even the title of this project is misleading. It should be called, " The Desecration oh the White House." The size of the proposed ballroon addition is outrageous and unnecessary. Even more troubling is the fact that demolition began without first going through the proper procedures ensuring public input and review by the authorized review panels.

Nothing can be done to undo the demolition that has already occurred but I hope the members of the Capital Planning Commission will stand up for the American people and rein in this vanity project.

Sincerely,
Deborah Thomas

Name: Jack Hume
Date: February 23, 2026 12:21:28 pm

In August 2025, President Trump's executive order, “Making Federal Architecture Beautiful Again,” designated classical and traditional architecture the default for new federal buildings. Classical architecture is, by definition, symmetrical, proportional, and geometrically simplistic. President Trump’s proposed approximately 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to The White House contradicts all these key components. The ballroom, even with the removal of the pediment, will be immense and completely dwarf the existing 55,000-square-foot White House. Keeping the ballroom the same height as the White House will compromise the architectural integrity of the main executive mansion and will make the White House complex appear asymmetrical and disproportional. The new ballroom renderings will also block street views of the White House due to its immense size.

President Trump is a temporary resident of The White House and does not own it. He is certainly allowed to make cosmetic changes to the building to suit his needs as have all previous presidents. He cannot and should not be allowed to make permanent architectural changes to “the people’s house” without an objective and thorough review by the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Institute of Architects, and the White House Historical Association. This means not stacking some of the organizations with all his appointees who then approve everything he wants… without question.

Name: Bill Haddad
Date: February 23, 2026 12:27:39 pm

The proposed ballroom is an abomination and an insult to the nation's history and values. Please do not approve of this plan or anything other than the faithful reconstruction of the original East Wing.

Name: Barbars Lucas
Date: February 23, 2026 12:27:41 pm

I oppose this project. Not only have does it destroy a historical landmark, it represents the narcsissim of one man and has nothing to do with the citizens of this country.

Name: Karen DeWinter
Date: February 23, 2026 12:28:25 pm

It's too big and ugly.
East wing should never have been torn down.
Please remove design control from the Trump administration.

Name: George Rogers
Date: February 23, 2026 12:29:59 pm

The proposed East Wing project is grossly out of scale for the site and would dwarf the White House. Any plans should obtain the necessary approvals and follow architectural guidelines

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Name: EDWARD CRAPO
Date: February 23, 2026 12:32:30 pm

Please cancel this project.

Name: Janet Giger
Date: February 23, 2026 12:33:13 pm

The new area should NOT be larger than the White House. The project should be overseen by the National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Name: Matt West
Date: February 23, 2026 12:45:22 pm

I am writing to OPPOSE the East Wing Modernization Project. The WH East Wing is significantly historical and should be preserved as a national historical site. In addition to wanting to preserve a national historical monument am against the modernization project because the planned ball room appears to be disproportionately sized with respect to the existing WH structure. The project should not move forward until a fully transparent and comprehensive (and independent) review is completed by a National Capital Planning Commission and appropriate National Historical Preservation organizations.

Please stop all work on the East Wing Modernization Project.

Matt West
[redacted]

Name: Susan Skidmore
Date: February 23, 2026 12:52:54 pm

I want this project cancelled! I don't feel that Trump had the authority to tear the old structure down, and I don't think it's a priority....I DON"T want my tax dollars spent on this unauthorized project.

Name: Stanley Green
Date: February 23, 2026 12:55:45 pm

I oppose this project as violating the rights of all Americans. No president has the authority to destroy our American heritage. This president mistakes his tenancy for ownership

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Name: Nora Beger
Date: February 23, 2026 12:58:15 pm

The plan for the modernization of the East Wing overshadows what should be the most prominent section of the White House - the residence. The government does need a place to host receptions but it does not need to feel like an event center. While the decor can be tastefully designed to represent the importance of dinners and events held at the White House, inviting guests to a 1000-seat venue diminishes the importance of the dinners. Find a place to hold a rally or speech for 1000-plus, but don’t create a monstrosity that overshadows everything else in DC.

Name: Tracy Barlow
Date: February 23, 2026 1:04:37 pm

In regards to the East wing modernization project, and the new ballroom, I completely oppose it. It is not architecturally appropriate for the history and legacy of the White House compound. Do not build it. Do not allow this to happen!
Tracy Barlow

Name: Elizabeth Henderson
Date: February 23, 2026 1:05:38 pm

I'm outraged by the White House East Wing modernization project. At a time when millions of Americans are struggling with inflation, housing insecurity, and healthcare costs, it’s insulting to see taxpayer money poured into cosmetic upgrades and bureaucratic conveniences instead of addressing urgent national needs. The White House is supposed to serve the people — not indulge in vanity projects that benefit a political elite already insulated from everyday reality.

This "renovation" was undertaken illegally, and irreparable historical damage has been done. environmental damage that will cost possibly millions to mitigate has been a result of this illegal activity directed by the President of the United States. The proposed "ballroom" is a hideous monstrosity for the gilded age elite Epstein class. And we know there is a "bunker" being built that is not being disclosed.

The American public deserves to know how much this will cost, who stands to profit, and why it’s being prioritized now. Every dollar spent on illegal, unnecessary renovations is a dollar taken away from Americans who actually need support. I’m fed up with the waste, the misplaced priorities, and the disregard for accountability in this administration.

Name: Robert P. Blank
Date: February 23, 2026 1:13:26 pm

Where do I start? The very idea that ANY American president, especially one as corrupt and incompetent as this one, could unilaterally knock down a part of the White House -- the people's house -- is appalling. NO president before Mr. Trump has had the gall to destroy a wing of the White House -- Trump is a temporary occupant, not the owner. He neither sought nor obtained any approval to destroy the East Wing. And now he expects to be rewarded for his lawlessness by being given permission to construct his very own self-aggrandizing monument.

Moreover, the design is hideous -- it will dwarf the building in which every former president has lived since John Adams, and it will resemble one of Trump's failed casinos. And who has approved the design? His very own, handpicked sycophants. He says the taxpayers will not pay for his monument, but even if this were true (which I doubt) and "private" citizens finance the cost of it, what influence will they demand? Everything with this man is transactional, and anyone who helps pay for his ballroom will expect (and undoubtedly get) far more in return.

What SHOULD happen is that the country get an abject apology from this narcissistic autocrat and the East Wing be restored at Trump's sole expense. Anyone who blesses this obscene project will have dirty hands, and history will not be kind.

Do the right thing and reject everything Trump is demanding.

Name: Peggy Bielby
Date: February 23, 2026 1:15:46 pm

I respectfully object to the proposed addition of a ballroom to the White House on architectural and historical grounds. As a structure of exceptional national significance, the White House has evolved through carefully considered interventions that preserve its original character, proportional harmony, and symbolic clarity. Each major modification—from James Hoban’s early design to the Truman reconstruction—was undertaken with restraint and a commitment to maintaining the building’s classical balance and its iconic place in the American architectural tradition.
Introducing this new ballroom risks disrupting this carefully maintained equilibrium. The existing layout and massing were never intended to accommodate a large ceremonial volume of this type, and any substantial new construction would likely alter key sightlines, spatial relationships, and exterior symmetry. Such a change could diminish the integrity of one of the most historically sensitive and symbolically resonant sites in the nation.
I am also concerned that this proposal appears to lack the level of professional, highly trained preservation and architectural expertise traditionally required for any alteration to a site of the White House’s historical significance. The accelerated pace of the project leaves little room for the careful, methodical evaluation such work demands, and the limited transparency surrounding the design process—particularly regarding the guiding concepts, review procedures, and alternatives considered—makes it difficult to determine whether the proposal meets established standards for stewardship and architectural integrity.
Given the White House’s role not only as a residence but also as a living historic artifact, I urge that alternatives be considered—whether utilizing existing ceremonial spaces, building a new ballroom that properly honors the historic nature of the existing architecture, or even hosting large events off-site—so that its architectural legacy can remain intact for future generations.

Name: Steven Oatmeyer
Date: February 23, 2026 1:16:56 pm

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Name: Ann Crostic
Date: February 23, 2026 1:17:19 pm

What has happened to the East Wing is so very sad, it hurts the people of America.
This should have never been allowed to occur. One more piece of our country destroyed.
The Ball room as currently envisioned, should not move forward. The President is ignoring all safeguards established in our Constitution.

Name: Liz Erion
Date: February 23, 2026 1:17:19 pm

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Name: Janet Gray
Date: February 23, 2026 1:19:58 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on what appears to be a vanity project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. The grand ballroom, as planned, will be an aberration, spoiling the simple elegance of the property and its remaining structures. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Erickson
Date: February 23, 2026 1:22:34 pm

It seems a very inappropriate time for this project. For an administration who says over and over they are for fiscal responsibility, they've already spent billions of dollars on projects that no one is asking for and the American people don't support. They destroyed part of a historical building without asking for planning or permission. It's ridiculous to call this East Wing Modernization since it now is about building back part of the White House that was literally demolished. The American people are watching those we've placed in charge ignore what the people in this country want: affordable housing, affordable and safe food, quality public schools that teach actual facts, actual history and critical thinking skills.

Name: Carrie Conner
Date: February 23, 2026 1:30:25 pm

To Whom It May Concern at The National Capital Planning Commission.

I am an Aemican Citizen writing to express my dismay at the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, "The People's House." I support the The National Trust for Historic Preservation and their authority in regards to the East Wing. Therefore, I oppose the spending of $300+ million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. As we all know, this was a complete razing of American history. I urge you to deny this project, and restore the East Wing to the condition the xurrent Administration found it. Please uphold the law and do not permit this project to proceed as planned by those who have already defied the law. I also ask for repercussions to be levied upon the current Administration for the damage they have done.

Name: Celso Frazao
Date: February 23, 2026 1:34:11 pm

"Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA, comply with the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval." The East Wing Modernization Project must come to an immediate, screeching halt until the public has had a fair chance to provide meaningful input, and all predefined procedures and processes for proposals, reviews and approvals have been followed to the letter. This project should not and must not be left merely to the whims of a wannabe dictator.

Name: Patrick Mulcahey
Date: February 23, 2026 1:34:22 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project — whoever and wherever it comes from. It was undertaken without authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete upending of our historical capital project. The White House should not subject to the whims and vanity of one temporary tenant: it is the People's house. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. To permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans

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Name: Audrey Hois
Date: February 23, 2026 1:34:53 pm

As a former real I always found that the addition must fit the original structure This proposed structure is too large as it will dwarf the white house I also question the need for a ballroom, especially one of this size We have had no need for such a structure for 200 years and I question the spending of 400 million dollars for a limited use structure It would seem that there could be more use for meeting and office space I believe this project is a vanity project and does not belong in the peoples house

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Name: Rachel Bryant
Date: February 23, 2026 1:35:18 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is purely ego-driven and unnecessary. I want this project canceled. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Lauren Wodicka
Date: February 23, 2026 1:38:52 pm

I write in unequivocal opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

This proposal represents an unnecessary and extravagant use of public funds at a time when restraint and stewardship should guide decision-making. The White House is not a private estate; it is a National Historic Landmark owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Any intervention should be measured, deferential, and architecturally disciplined.

Beyond fiscal concerns, the scale and concept of this ballroom are deeply troubling. A 90,000-square-foot addition of this nature risks overwhelming the historic structure and disrupting the carefully balanced classical composition that has defined the White House for more than two centuries. Such a massive expansion feels excessive, insensitive, and fundamentally out of step with the dignity of this site.

The White House endures because of its proportion, restraint, and symbolic power—not because of grand gestures. If additional event space is necessary, alternatives should be explored that protect the architectural integrity of the historic complex and respect its legacy.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal in its current form.

Respectfully,
Lauren Wodicka

Name: Sara Elkin
Date: February 23, 2026 1:40:35 pm

I am writing to formally oppose the $300 million allocation for this project, which bypassed essential permits, authorizations, and design reviews. Rather than a modernization, this represents the destruction of American heritage. I am calling for the project's cancellation and the faithful restoration of the East Wing. To proceed without holding those responsible for these legal lapses accountable would undermine the rule of law.

Name: Patricia Kosik
Date: February 23, 2026 1:41:57 pm

I oppose the current "modernization project". The east wing was destroyed without permits, regulations, or review of the impact on the building or surrounding areas. We don't need a $400k party room. Please recommend the East wing be restored/remodeled to bring it in line with current design/build requirements and restore the White House to its historical condition.

Name: Lea Mellom
Date: February 23, 2026 1:43:02 pm

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Name: Jeremiah Bartsch
Date: February 23, 2026 1:43:31 pm

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Name: SARAH BRASHAW
Date: February 23, 2026 1:44:21 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval. The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment. The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Name: Sophie Romanik
Date: February 23, 2026 1:45:50 pm

I am a US citizen and am firmly against the east wing ballroom project. Regardless of the real reasons for the construction, the demolition was done without proper approvals and the reconstruction will cost tax payer dollars that should be spent on helping the people, not building unnecessary White House additions.

Name: Jane Wilson
Date: February 23, 2026 1:52:19 pm

I am a (young!) 81 year old woman whose family history goes back to the American Revolution but also includes Irish immigrants from the post-Civil War period. I spent my high school years in Alexandria, VA, and wandered the District of Columbia then and during my university years. The Nation's Capital is my absolute favorite city in the United States, and I make a visit every several years both to get my "DC Fix" and to visit the graves of my parents, step-parents, and grandparents in Arlington National Cemetery.

The hubris of a President, a single human being, summarily destroying the east wing of the White House to replace it with a tasteless golden ballroom is, to me, nauseating. The White House is and always before has been treated as The People's house. Its improvements have been throughly vetted before being undertaken. It has always been one of the significant, magnificent symbols of our great nation and its democracy.

I am thoroughly opposed to what has been done to the East Wing already and feel that all further change should be stopped. Just because the damage has been done doesn't mean it should be allowed to continue...and taxpayer money should not be used to repair it! Those private "donations" should be confiscated and used to restore the East Wing.

Name: Elizabeth Hopkins
Date: February 23, 2026 1:53:21 pm

My opinion for the East Wing is to restore it as it was with updates for electrical and other utilities ONLY! Washington DC offers a plethora of ballrooms/large event rooms! To dwarf the original White House is not in line with American pride. It's beauty has already been ruined enough with the removal of the rose garden and insulting presidential picture with his childish scribble beneath them (hoping those will be removed immediately after he leaves along with the cheap gold enhancements in the Oval Office that looks anything but dignified now). The WH belongs to the American people, not a wannabe narcissistic bully. He is a renter, not an owner!! He doesn't follow the rules and should not be rewarded by building a huge atrocity that will have to be heated/cooled along with maintenance year-round for a small number of events. Not needed; never was. NO to the ballroom!

Name: Andrew Huston
Date: February 23, 2026 1:55:27 pm

The White House has been known for over a century as The People's House. First Lady Jackie Kennedy said, in no uncertain terms, that "the White House belongs to the American People." Mr. Trump is swiping it from the People, and turning it into a temple to his and his cronies' own pride and decadence. He wiped out over a century of history in demolishing the East Wing of the White House without a thought. Surely there are plenty of other places with less historical signficance to place this ballroom of his. I am not alone in my disapproval; I have in fact heard not a single positive remark from a single person about this project of his, save from the talking heads he's amassed in the media. This is a shame to our nation. I am entirely in favor of having a place to host galas, celebrations, and elegant events for visitors both foreign and domestic, but not at the price of history - *our* history. I worry, too, that Mr. Trump's sense of style and taste for spraypainted gold on bottom-shelf plastic ornatements from Lowe's Hardware will also shape the aesthetic of this proposed ballroom. I have nothing against Lowe's, of course, but spraypainted gold on bottom-shelf plastic - the metaphor writes itself with this shoddy administration. As an American citizen with a shared stake in the keeping and upholding of honest and dignifying American history, I voice my deep dissent against this project.

May GOD have mercy on our country.

Name: Cristelle Baskins
Date: February 23, 2026 1:57:00 pm

I write to express my concerns about the hasty destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The action was undertaken without going through proper review, without consideration for historic preservation, and without public discussion. Sadly the architectural destruction mirrors the dismantling of our democracy at the whim of the current administration. Stop the ballroom project and restore the East Wing's architectural heritage.

Name: Jeannine Heath
Date: February 23, 2026 1:58:36 pm

A national treasure like the White House should receive a well-considered recommendation from experts in historic preservation on the shape, size, and scope of the renovated East Wing.

It is enough that the wing was torn down before anyone could lodge any protest, but the building of a new one without impartial professional input would be folly.

Please proceed with caution - this house belongs to the people, and we are watching.

Thank you.

Name: Katharine Wells
Date: February 23, 2026 1:59:42 pm

The proposed Ballroom for the East Wing of the White House is far too large and will overwhelm the historically significant main building of the White House. The modesty of the White House should be preserved by building a ballroom that is smaller in scale and simpler in decoration. The rush to approve this monstrous addition is an affront to the democratic process and ignores the expertise of professional designers and civil servants. United States citizens will be ashamed of this addition for many years to come if it is rushed through now. Stepping back and insisting on a smaller addition that is appropriate in scale to the original White House building will be a gift to the nation.

Name: Louise Jackson
Date: February 23, 2026 2:01:57 pm

I’m opposed to the East Wing project. We do not need a gilded ballroom. What we need is more help for people and families on the lower end of the economic scale: help for them to acquire decent jobs, as well as help to provide for their education, their housing, and their general welfare. The constituents of our representatives are not all wealthy individuals. There are many of us who are living from month-to-month, trying to make ends meet. We should also be represented equally.

Name: Margaret Wilken
Date: February 23, 2026 2:02:57 pm

Donald Trumps’s plans for the East wing ballroom are atrocious and in my opinion are illegal. Please stop this nonsense.

Name: Virginia Blanton
Date: February 23, 2026 2:08:09 pm

Hello--
I am appalled by the destruction of the East Wing without proper procedure and by-in by the American people. The last thing we need is a privately-funded ballroom that attempts to rival Versailles. The East Wing Modernization Project completely unbalances the WH and the West Wing, making an enormous monstrosity. This building belongs to the American people, not the President and deserves to have careful review of as a historic place. I am opposed to this project and wish to see the East Wing rebuilt as closely as possible to its original footprint and on the same scale.

Name: Deborah Holmes
Date: February 23, 2026 2:10:19 pm

I oppose the spending of any money on this project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design reviews. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. Please cancel this

project & rebuild the East Wing to restore it to its former design. No one is above the law & to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Paul McBeth III
Date: February 23, 2026 2:10:52 pm

Has the White House Historical Society gotten involved with this project? My understanding of the project is that the east wing is gone. If so who is designing the addition, and can our architects share their ideas with them?

Name: Marie Doering
Date: February 23, 2026 2:14:53 pm

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Name: Marie Hosier
Date: February 23, 2026 2:16:46 pm

As a United States citizen from birth, I oppose this project due to the enormous tract of land it will consume in comparison to the White House. While I am not opposed to expanding the footprint of the White House, I don't think it is crucial to lend this expansion to a Ballroom which will only be used a few times a year. The East Wing which was destroyed by the President was vital to the each incumbent First Lady and her staff. The current First Lady has very little association within the administration and she has not made herself available to the public in this her second term.

What type of usage would this ballroom receive? Currently, The President of the United States spends every weekend at his Florida estate/club and given that this monstrosity will not be complete before the end of this, his second term, what would be the point of spending such an obnoxious amount of money for a room that may not be used by any future administration? I believe this is a waste of money at a time when people are struggling with rising prices in almost every section of the economy.

Sincerely,
Marie Kennedy Hosier

Name: Mary Thompson
Date: February 23, 2026 2:18:30 pm

I write to express my anger at what has transpired with the East Wing of the White House. The lack of notice and review of the demolition was clearly an attempt to subvert long-established processes that insured the integrity of this most significant landmark. Generally, reviews by experts in the fields of architecture, architectural history and art history generate options that should be discussed in open formats. That did not happen. The People's House was assaulted by one person.

In local communities, demolition permissions are not granted until the replacement is approved. In this case, shifting proposals regarding size, scale and relationships to the overall White House complex have resulted in a poorly designed product. Unfortunately, the American people will be stuck with what appears to be a monstrous, out-of-scale, behemoth of a building that does not respect the historic structure. The argument about the need for a ballroom is muted by the lack of any studies on where a new facility might be best located and how it should be designed to best support the existing historic building. Its construction did not have to impact the historic (yes, it is historic) East Wing. The fact that no options were presented or openly discussed leads one to the inevitable conclusion that no other options were ever entertained - public remarks notwithstanding.

The Planning Commission has an obligation to open for public comment whatever proposal is submitted. It has an obligation to affirm the review process. It has an obligation to ask for options. It must act in the interests of the historic

White House and not become a rubber stamp for bad design. To approve this proposal (whatever it is) as it stands disregards decades of careful stewardship of this priceless historic structure.

Name: Elizabeth Barbour
Date: February 23, 2026 2:19:32 pm

I vehemently oppose this project and the spending of $300 million on it. Why, because it was initiated by the hubris of a single person without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
The project overwhelms the White House. It is an abomination.

Name: Edward Rao
Date: February 23, 2026 2:20:09 pm

We do NOT need President Trump's ballroom vanity project! Do NOT damage our White House with a ballroom, put the money towards our national infrastructure instead.

Name: Debra Dougherty
Date: February 23, 2026 2:21:17 pm

Please find attached my written input regarding this project. I appreciate your consideration of my comments.

Attachment

Name: Ruth Zielke
Date: February 23, 2026 2:21:42 pm

The East Wing should never have been destroyed in the first place, since the destruction never went through any channels to be approved. Anyone making decisions about rebuilding without going through proper channels must be stopped. I believe the project should be designed, planned and funded with proper approval, which should not come from a hand picked and appointed group of lapdogs who do President Trump's bidding. The National Trust for Historic Preservation should have the final word. The National Park Service should also be involved.

It is important to stop the destruction of buildings and areas that belong to the people of the United States; they do not belong to any president. Having seen the lack of good taste with which President Trump has "redecorated" the Oval Office, there is no way I want him designing anything for our country. Please take any decisions about our nation's buildings out of his hands. The Commission of Fine Arts and the Executive Residence Staff should not have any say in the matter, since they have proven by their actions and choices that they simply follow Trump's bidding. Please stop him.

Name: P. Perez
Date: February 23, 2026 2:22:02 pm

Modification of any national historic site, especially of the People’s House, should occur only through careful, transparent review— never through unilateral action. Given unresolved preservation concerns and the absence of Commission and public review of the East Wing Modernization Project, I strongly oppose both the demolition of the East Wing and any subsequent “modernization” pursuits. This $300M project, funded by private donors at the behest of the sitting administration, not only opens the door to preferential treatment and influence of special interests but undermines public trust and erodes the very foundation of our government “of the people and by the people.” I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. At minimum, the public is owed clear disclosure of donor funding, environmental and design review, and accountability. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to “the people”: U.S. law-abiding taxpayers. Thank you for protecting our historical sites!

Name: Margaret Hauben
Date: February 23, 2026 2:23:13 pm

Dear Committee Members:
I write in support of very careful consideration of any alterations to our national symbol: The White House. There are few buildings or symbols that upon viewing immediately say to the viewer --The United States of America. And none foster that national understanding more often, more completely than the White House itself.

Our history shows that the Founding Fathers developed a government unique in structure and intent, not a government or system of governing ever seen before , and certainly not one that promoted kings or queens, royalty in general, and class systems. As many Americans have , I have toured the White House and been captivated as I walked through the rooms that our most famous leaders had walked these same rooms decades and decades before me. This historic link was an enormous and powerful connection for me as an American.

The question is : Do we a need a larger, more grand ballroom for state functions? A place that might reflect the best of Versailles which was built in times of opulence and grandeur reflective of its kings and governing system , but which is not at all like the story of America. I think not! Our country should not be defined by the amount of gold used in decorations bur rather by its actions for the common good.

The plans as suggested are insensitive to American history, the system of government we have , and the content of the US Constitution which clearly states that we are not to be a ROYAL country but one of equality and inclusion for all citizens. A gold filled ballroom does not echo that premise.

Any president, any elected official is and should always be a STEWARD of the historic symbols of this country. Not elected to insert his or her personal taste and whims, but rather to work with guidance to protect and continue these symbols as part of our national history.

Please reflect carefully and wisely on activities that do not promote or link directly to the historic nature of our national symbols.
Follow the guidelines already in place when changes of such significance are proposed.

Thank you,
Margaret Hauben Ed.D.

Name: Christopher Wilson
Date: February 23, 2026 2:25:07 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will the change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is unsuitable, taking away from the original, dwarfing it in scale and relating it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Dr. Christopher S. Wilson
Architecture and Design Historian
Ringling College of Art + Design
Sarasota, Florida, USA
[redacted]

Name: Spencer Zembrodt
Date: February 23, 2026 2:25:26 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete and improper razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt in a way that will serve The People, not the rich and powerful. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Donald Sanders
Date: February 23, 2026 2:25:42 pm

To whom it may concern,
Please cease all consideration and funding for the new East Wing "ballroom."
It is not worthy of the historic nature of the White House; it has not passed scrutiny by the National Trust and other historic preservation efforts meant to safeguard our heritage from just these very unwarranted, unsupervised, and wanton actions. This is not a partisan issue, it is one for the ages and recognition of the special place the White House has for our culture.
Thank you for weighing our voices in opposition to this monstrous overreach.
Donald Sanders, PhD

Name: Diane Oestreich
Date: February 23, 2026 2:28:28 pm

The proposed (and already begun) East Wing destruction project and disproportionate ballroom addition is a blight on the historic White House landscape. Throughout the country, projects impacting the historic appearance that funded in part or completely by national or state dollars are subject to a design review. The Secretary of the Interior has a relatively simple guide to what is appropriate and what isn't. How one person can decide to demolish a large part of a historic building (the historic East Wing) to replace it with a disproportionate, completely out-of-scale addition is mind boggling.
The White House is a cherished part of our national heritage. Even the two historic wings are designed to be less imposing than the original White House. Even necessary construction (repairs and structural enhancements) have been designed to be unobtrusive, especially from the exterior. I applaud the National Trust for its efforts to stop this inappropriate construction.

Name: Dave Jakes
Date: February 23, 2026 2:30:34 pm

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Name: Amy Gutoske
Date: February 23, 2026 2:38:12 pm

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Name: Mark Thistlethwaite
Date: February 23, 2026 2:38:45 pm

I oppose the East Modernization Project because its grotesque scale and size significantly diminish the beautiful White House, both physically and symbolically (as “the people’s house”). I also oppose the project because of its lack due diligence. Because The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. This is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. The public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Name: Juliette Fassett
Date: February 23, 2026 2:38:50 pm

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed East Wing project and to outline my objections to it.

First, the East Wing was demolished without oversight, planning, or input from the American people or the experts entrusted to manage changes, maintenance, and upkeep of our national buildings. Those responsible must be held accountable for this disastrous assault on the people's property.

The federal legal requirements for review and management of such projects by the National Capital Planning Commission exist for good reason. If they do not apply here, they do not apply anywhere. Are we not still a nation of laws?

At 90,000 square feet, this project is nothing more than a ghastly monument to a single man. The White House and what it represents extends back through history and forward into the future. Its very existence is a symbol of the power of the people — not of any single individual.

The "funding" of this project is little more than a quid pro quo for unknown favors. To suggest that taxpayers are not paying for this debacle is a fiction — we are paying for it in ways that will be felt for generations. The Commission of Fine Arts, as currently constituted, is a sham that should be transparent to anyone paying attention.

My additional concerns regarding national security, asbestos abatement, and the fact that a majority of Americans oppose this project are widely echoed in public comment.

We must not only stop this project entirely — we must demand accountability and real penalties for the unauthorized destruction of the East Wing, along with a strict, cohesive plan to address the dangerous, unsightly, and deeply troubling wound that has been inflicted on our house and on the American sense of what is right.

Thank you.

Name: Stephen Wagner
Date: February 23, 2026 2:39:36 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.
Sincerely,
Stephen M. Wagner

Name: Sarah Burns
Date: February 23, 2026 2:39:47 pm

Dear NCPC: although the horse is already stolen and there's no point in locking the barn, I think the East Wing "Modernization" Project (obviously a euphemism) represents an architectural devolution of the grossest kind. The destruction of the old East Wing was an arrogant act of brutality, and its replacement merely a self-aggrandizing travesty of good taste and decorum. Nuff said, since it's probably too late to do more than raise our voices.

Name: Philip Shaffer
Date: February 23, 2026 2:40:49 pm

This grandiose and obscene use of taxpayer money is utterly despicable and a monument to one administrations ego-maniacal whims. There are much better uses of tax dollars that could represent this nations history and legacy as a leading global power. Please consider any alternative which would more tastefully reflect our nation and our history.

Name: Alex Frazier
Date: February 23, 2026 2:41:24 pm

I have significant concerns about the allocation of $300 million for this project. Based on publicly available information, it appears the project moved forward without completing all necessary authorization, permitting, and design review processes. Large-scale public expenditures should follow established legal and procedural requirements to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds.

Additionally, I question whether this project constitutes modernization or instead represents a substantial alteration of a historically significant structure. Decisions affecting sites of historical importance should involve careful review, broad stakeholder input, and adherence to preservation standards.

I respectfully urge a pause on further spending until full legal compliance, proper review, and public transparency are ensured. If any required processes were bypassed, those issues should be addressed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Accountability and due process are essential to maintaining public trust.

Name: Sura Levine
Date: February 23, 2026 2:44:05 pm

Dear Members of the Commission,

I have been dismayed over the months since the ballroom project was begun and about the ways that this administration, in particular, the President, has defiled the White House. This is a building that has national status, it is meant to be preserved, but this administration has destroyed the integrity of the architecture to build an addition that will dwarf the People's House. If someone had written a piece of fiction about this, no one would believe it could be possible. To destroy in such a wanton way a space that does not belong to an individual, seemingly without the permission of the people who know better than he does about historic precision, is truly unforgivable. We must ask for this kind of thing to be stopped. And it must be repaired.

In the late 1970s, I worked at Bonwit Teller a year or so before a young real estate man purchased the building. At the time he promised that he would donate the art deco reliefs to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (please see this recent

article on the subject: https://news.artnet.com/art-world/donald-trump-bonwit-teller-friezes-met-2132673). But, instead of doing so, he imploded the building and just said 'oops, couldn't do it.' I remember at the time thinking that this was truly unethical. And now he has done it again. His craven need for ego strokes has done it again with the White House. You must make him stop and you must force him to repair the damage he has created.

Yours sincerely,
Sura Levine

Name: Terry Dunlap
Date: February 23, 2026 2:45:31 pm

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Name: Caitlin Hotaling
Date: February 23, 2026 2:48:26 pm

This project is a travesty of historical proportions. The destruction of the People's house without any permits or permission is beyond sad. I can't do a project on my little house in my little neighborhood without pulling permits and staying within the guidelines of our town building codes! Yet again this president thinks he can get away with anything, because so far he has. Please put a stop to this folly.

Name: Bonnie Bayardi
Date: February 23, 2026 2:48:27 pm

What a shocking thing to have done! Please build it back better, but not out of proportion to the White House.

Name: Janis Elliott
Date: February 23, 2026 2:53:03 pm

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Dr Janis Elliott
Professor emerita of Art History
Texas Tech University

Name: Joanna Gardner-Huggett
Date: February 23, 2026 2:53:41 pm

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Thanking you for your time,

Joanna Gardner-Huggett, PhD

Name: Vivien Fryd
Date: February 23, 2026 2:58:10 pm

I strongly urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the plans for the White House Ballroom Project. As an art historian who published Art and Empire: The Politics of Ethnicity in the United States Capitol, 1815-1860 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992; reprint in paperback, Athens: Ohio University Press, 2000), I eel strongly that the plans for the new ballroom will detract from the White House in terms of its monumental size and will not be stylistically compatible. Thomas Jefferson, the architect of his home, Monticello, and of the University of Virginia, also initiated the design competition for U.S. Capitol Building. He influenced the selection of William Thornton's temple-like design with its central rotunda, and in 1805, argued again for its simplicity, preferring Doric columns for the House of Representatives. Jefferson advocated Roman classical visual language for the American republic, wanting a monumental, simple, and dignified classical aesthetic for the federal government buildings, to expresses American democracy as stable, sold, and grandiose. I do not believe that the current designs for the White House Ballroom Project adhere to Jefferson's founding ideals for D.C. federal buildings.

Name: Kathryn Tanner
Date: February 23, 2026 3:00:29 pm

Trump's proposed ballroom will not enhance the lives of the people of the United States. After the East Wing of the White House was demolished without precedent, I see no value to the American people to spend $400 million on a monument to Trump. The "East Wing Modernization Project" title is a misnomer. The East Wing is not being modernized as it has been destroyed. Spend the money on the people of the United States. If there is really $400 million being donated for this "project", then the billionaires can donate lots more money to benefit the people of the United States and make "America First".

Name: William Galloway
Date: February 23, 2026 3:00:31 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to respectfully express opposition to the proposed ballroom addition at the White House based solely on the merits of the application as presented.

While the functional need for an enhanced space to host and entertain world leaders is understandable and carries practical merit, the proposed scale and massing of the addition do not appear to be consistent with the existing complex. Historically, the ballroom associated with the White House has been significantly smaller then the proposed and always secondary in form and scale to the main Executive Residence. The current proposal, as described, introduces a structure whose size and visual prominence risk competing with, rather than complementing, the primary building. As one of the most recognizable civic buildings in the world and a symbol of American democracy and governance, the White House holds exceptional architectural and cultural significance that warrants careful stewardship of any proposed alterations.

Preservation best practices emphasize that new additions to historic structures should be subordinate, compatible in massing, and respectful of established proportions and character-defining features. Based on the information available, the proposed addition does not sufficiently demonstrate this level of subordination or contextual alignment.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge reconsideration of the proposal in its current form and encourage exploration of alternatives that better align with established preservation principles while still meeting functional objectives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
William W. Galloway

Name: Andrew Parkyn
Date: February 23, 2026 3:07:32 pm

I am unsure how this can honestly get to this point and with no accountability. The damage has already been done and heritage destroyed. I can only hope that something sympathetic can be put in its place but this seems unlikely. How well documented was the east wing documented prior to its demolition as it would be nice to see some visualization through VR or similar deliverable be availble to the public as may be a virtual walk through to at least preserve the building in a virtual world.

Name: Mala Wingerd
Date: February 23, 2026 3:09:41 pm

Tearing down an entire wing of the White House is not only wrong, but illegal! There is precedence to modernize portions of the WH, but to demolish the structure is simply not legal. Just as any citizen is required to get permits to remodel portions of their home, this is an expectation for government buildings as well. Plus, the WH is NOT owned by the POTUS, it is let to them during their term in office and there are term limits as provided by the U.S. Constitution! The current POTUS did not obtain permission from the Historical Society, Congress, or obtain local permits. He simply had NO legal right to tear down any portion of the WH. And now that it is done, it should be restored to its historical perspective.

Not only is this illegal but it is also ethically improper to do so when so many in our country are suffering due to this POTUS’s failed economic actions. At a time when his ratings are lower than any other POTUS at this time in office, he should be working to build bridges with our own citizenry and with our allies. He has made us the laughingstock of the world by his inability to be reasonable and rational. This is not about "Modernization" (like adding electricity or plumbing), it is yet another “vanity” (NPD) project that is defrauding the American people and must be reined in. I do NOT want my tax dollars going to something like this! And when he is finally removed from office – he AND this family of grifters must be forced to pay back every penny to the American people for this financial assault on the citizens of the U.S. Does the Emoluments Clause (both foreign and domestic) mean nothing anymore? He and his family have profited off this office every day he has been in office. I say ENOUGH! Congress Republicans need to grow a spine and put a stop to this grift!

NO ONE SHOULD BE ABOVE THE LAW or accountability – ESPECIALLY those elected to serve their constituents. And we are ALL his constituents, even if we did not vote for him.

Name: Kristen Lynch
Date: February 23, 2026 3:10:33 pm

Rebuild the East Wing that was illegally torn down.

Name: Natasha Seaman
Date: February 23, 2026 3:14:51 pm

The East Wing, now that the historic building has been destroyed, should be replaced with a building that will sensitively respond to the historic location while allowing functionality. While a ballroom is perhaps the most helpful space for this area, its size should be equivalent to need and not based on notions of grandeur.

Name: Susan Singer
Date: February 23, 2026 3:15:16 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. In the case of the East Wing of the White House, though, it seems that none of these procedures were followed. And before we knew it, the East Wing had been utterly destroyed.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA. They must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). And they must receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

The trump administration has a nasty habit of ignoring these processes, shows complete disregard for public input, and proceeds according to the needs and whims of one man. That should not be how ANY of this works.

I am not in favor of any modification (or, as you call it, 'modernization" of the East Wing. If I had my wish, I'd wish for them to rebuild it exactly as it was before they bulldozed it down.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my view. It's a tragedy, what this administration has done to The Peoples' House.
Susan O. Singer
New Canaan, Ct

Name: Earl Martin
Date: February 23, 2026 3:15:27 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely,

Earl Martin
Deborah and Philip English Curator of Decorative Arts, Design, and Material Culture
Walters Art Museum, Baltimore
[redacted]
www.thewalters.org

Name: Alison Kettering
Date: February 23, 2026 3:18:56 pm

Please pay attention to most voters' insistence that the project as envisioned is wildly out of scale. Stop this Trumpification project from going forward. He was wrong to destroy it, wrong to forego discussion with specialists far, far more knowledgeable than he, wrong to take impulsive actions.

Yes, there's a need for a space for public gathering. But no, this is the wrong design and the wrong way to go about it.

Name: Carol Quillen
Date: February 23, 2026 3:21:43 pm

Good Afternoon:
On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, attached please find our written comments on the East Wing Modernization Project. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Carol Quillen
President and CEO
National Trust for Historic Preservation

Attachment

Name: Randall Van Schepen
Date: February 23, 2026 3:25:43 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Randall Van Schepen
Associate Professor of Art and Architectural History
Roger WIlliams University

Name: Beverly Joyce
Date: February 23, 2026 3:28:54 pm

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Sincerely,
Dr. Beverly Joyce
Professor of Art History
Mississippi University for Women
[redacted]

Name: Sandra Zalman
Date: February 23, 2026 3:29:46 pm

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Thanking you for your time,
Sandra Zalman

Name: Kathryn Koca Polite
Date: February 23, 2026 3:30:48 pm

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Thanking you for your time,
Kathryn Koca Polite
Museum worker

Name: Elizabeth Theban
Date: February 23, 2026 3:31:49 pm

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Thanking you for your time,

Elizabeth Theban

Name: Alison Locke Perchuk
Date: February 23, 2026 3:32:29 pm

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The scale of the structure is also in violation of the Secretary of the Interior's own Standards for Rehabilitation, which require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. This current proposal does none of that.

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Thanking you for your time,

Dr. Alison Locke Perchuk
Professor of Art History
California State University Channel Islands

Name: dennis cook
Date: February 23, 2026 3:32:57 pm

Although commenting on the east wing project is obviously redundant, it does provide an opportunity to mention actions which preceded this particular one. I guess constantly claiming that the 2020 election was,"rigged" and he really won, could be considered the railings of a five-year-old; he won't be impeached for this. Other actions which would [should] result in impeachment, are:
January 6th, attempt to overturn the election.
Taking, and refusing to return, a truckload of secret documents [while they are copied].
Releasing/excusing the participants in the Jan. 6th. Fiasco.
Re-naming every thing in sight, to bear his name.
There are many more things worthy of mention, but I'm currently pressed for time, so I'll simply leave you with this. I have been a registered republican my entire [voting] life. I'm 87 years old; born in 1938, when FDR was president--at this point, I consider myself an Independent, awaiting some semblance of intelligence; I may not have the option of waiting for things to change, but I pray for their safety and well-being.

Name: Jessica Dallow
Date: February 23, 2026 3:36:38 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely, Jessica Dallow

Name: Erica Bittel
Date: February 23, 2026 3:45:39 pm

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Thanking you for your time,

Erica Bittel, Ph.D.

Name: Diana Greenwold
Date: February 23, 2026 3:48:43 pm

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Thanking you for your time,

Diana Greenwold

Name: Robin Eller
Date: February 23, 2026 3:49:47 pm

Thank you to the original author. I could not have said it better.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

(Photo: PBS)

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Name: Judith A Galloway
Date: February 23, 2026 3:50:05 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to respectfully express opposition to the proposed ballroom addition at the White House based solely on the merits of the application as presented.

While the functional need for an enhanced space to host and entertain world leaders is understandable and carries practical merit, the proposed scale and massing of the addition do not appear to be consistent with the existing complex. Historically, the ballroom associated with the White House has been significantly smaller then the proposed and always secondary in form and scale to the main Executive Residence. The current proposal, as described, introduces a structure whose size and visual prominence risk competing with, rather than complementing, the primary building. As one of the most recognizable civic buildings in the world and a symbol of American democracy and governance, the White House holds exceptional architectural and cultural significance that warrants careful stewardship of any proposed alterations.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Name: Akeem Flavors
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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Name: Kay Wells
Date: February 23, 2026 3:51:01 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my grave concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project is almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. Making this "addition" larger than the original White House, and making it the same height or even taller than the existing White House, means the Ballroom will not just dwarf the White House. It will make this crucially important historical building seem insignificant relative to President Trump's structure.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is also no doubt that this particular design is unsuitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relegates it to a secondary role. That is an unacceptable way to treat the White House, our oldest and most historic of federal government buildings, whose very modesty is a testament to the democratic and republican principles of our nation.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed. It will become an embarrassment to the American public if it is allowed to proceed and to overwhelm the historic character of the White House as a monument to the modest ideal of presidential power as distinct from the grandiose palace of a king. While the White House should adapt as history marches on, it should be adapted in ways that respect its historical legacy and allow the core structure to remain center stage in our nation's ongoing drama of democratic republicanism.

Thanking you for your time,
K. L. H. Wells
Associate Professor of American Art and Architecture
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Name: Paula Wisotzki
Date: February 23, 2026 3:57:49 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Paula Wisotzki, Ph.D.
Professor of Art HIstory
Loyola University Chicago

Name: Barbara Wolanin
Date: February 23, 2026 4:01:52 pm

Dear members of the National Capital Planing Commission,

I write to express my strong concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is totally out-of-scale with the existing structure and disrespects our historic and iconic White House.

The East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will stop the "addition" being larger than the original building. Making it the same height as the existing White House further dwarfs the important building and is completely inappropriate.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. These guidelines need to be respected.

Even though a larger gathering space may be needed for official functions, the current design is out of scale and disrespects and belittles the White House.

I implore you to not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thank you for taking a strong stand for what is right for our country.

Sincerely,
Barbara Wolanin, PhD

Name: Luiza deCamargo
Date: February 23, 2026 4:08:14 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your consideration. It's okay to change your mind.

Name: Marjorie Hilliard
Date: February 23, 2026 4:08:23 pm

The White House is a historical treasure of our country. I believe the East Wing Modernization project should be stopped until there is approval of Congress and a thoughtful review by experts in historic preservation.

Name: Dennis Denenberg
Date: February 23, 2026 4:09:30 pm

The White House is THE People’s Home, not the property of the individual who inhabits it. To add a huge ballroom that is not necessary is truly an abomination and an insult to our nation- and actually to the world. The project must be stopped NOW before any construction begins.
It is truly the symbol of “government of the people, by the people, for the people.”

Name: Richard Kramer
Date: February 23, 2026 4:09:44 pm

They didn't have this category, but I would like to see an impeachment of trump as soon as possible. I also want them to stop the white house project of the east wing.

Name: Jacqueline Marie Musacchio
Date: February 23, 2026 4:10:36 pm

I want to state my great concern that the so-called "East Wing Modernization project" is shockingly and inappropriately out of scale with the remaining White House complex; it should not be allowed to continue according to the most recent plans.

This project now covers 90,000 square feet, nearly twice the size of the remaining White House. It will dwarf the White House, disrupt the entire complex, and even necesitate changes to the ellipse. The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation demand that any additions to historic structures be smaller in scale and overall size, distinct from the historic building, and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. This project does not fulfill these demands.

Of course there is a need for a larger gathering space for White House functions (although tents have more than sufficed up to this point). No one denies this. But this costly, appalling monstrosity - because it truly is a monstrosity - is not what we need. The U.S. president is not royalty. This entire project runs contrary to our country's history and subverts the law to massage the current office holder's ego. It is a ridiculous waste of money that could be spent in so many more important ways.

You cannot allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Jacqueline Marie Musacchio
Professor of Art
Wellesley College
Wellesley, MA 01781

Name: Beth Rubin
Date: February 23, 2026 4:12:37 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is dramatically out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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Thank you for your time,

Beth Rubin
Saint Louis Art Museum

Name: Sara Fitz-Gerald
Date: February 23, 2026 4:22:17 pm

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As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time.

Name: Heidi Short
Date: February 23, 2026 4:22:54 pm

This should not be done. The rose garden has been destroyed without consultation. The East wing is not to have a bunker and a ballroom. It's not important for national security. The president has bunkers in other places and this ballroom is a

joke. The interior of the white house is slowly being turned into a disrespectful disgrace to the people of the United States of America. The founding fathers are being disrespected everyday by what's happening now. This must be returned to its original look and function. If they don't like it they can make a new building at Mar a Lago and move the administration there.

Name: Andrea DeHart
Date: February 23, 2026 4:24:33 pm

Modernization? More like destruction! The demolition of a third of the White House is absolutely disgraceful. It should be restored to its original state. A large gaudy ballroom that will overpower the grace and dignity of the remaining part of the White House should not be allowed.

Name: Nathan Newcomer
Date: February 23, 2026 4:25:03 pm

The American people were excluded when the president tore down the East wing without congressional involvement. Private funding raises concerns about pay to influence/corruption.

Architecturally, a temporary occupant shouldn't get to make the aesthetic choices. That process should belong to the People through our Reps.

The scale of the planned ballroom is completely overwhelming to the remaining historical site.
I propose restoring the East wing as it was before the wrecking ball swung.

Name: William Harper
Date: February 23, 2026 4:25:53 pm

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This Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

This particular design is wholly unsuitable - It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I respectfully ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Gabriel Wick
Date: February 23, 2026 4:26:10 pm

The proposed expansion is completely out scale and proportion with the mansion, and threatens to overwhelm it. Such radical modifications to the people’s house should not be rushed through with such an opaque planning process. All prior presidents have been careful to make additions in a restrained and nuanced manner — preserving the overall massing of the building. This additional would obliterate that tradition. I urge the committee to reject this expansion.

Name: Anne Stanton
Date: February 23, 2026 4:26:39 pm

I write to express my concern about the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom).

The proposed ballroom is much too large in comparison with the existing structure. As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

As long as the White House stands as a national symbol, it should not be relegated to a secondary role in its own landscape.

Respectfully, I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Janice Simon
Date: February 23, 2026 4:27:01 pm

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This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. As currently planned, this project violates these rules. It seems to me, an art historian, that the desired gathering space could be achieved without creating such a large out of scale structure that is an affront to the original White House building.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Janice Simon
Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor, Emerita, University of Georgia

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Name: Pamela Ehrlich
Date: February 23, 2026 4:32:50 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time

Name: Shaun Manning
Date: February 23, 2026 4:34:02 pm

There is no real remedy for the destruction of the East Wing, which was performed rashly and without input from the public. A piece of history has been lost, along with all of the history contained within (as far as anyone can tell, no artifacts were conserved before demolition). Now the only thing that can be done is to prevent further harm by halting construction of the ghastly, gaudy, tasteless and unnecessary ballroom, which serves no purpose other than to satisfy the insatiable ego of the current president. The White House is not his personal property to deface and degrade. Cauterize the wound and hope a better steward can build something better—with input from the White House's actual owners, the American people.

Name: Linda Unsicker
Date: February 23, 2026 4:36:17 pm

The proposed ballroom where the East Wing of the people's house was, serves no purpose at all. Why spend all of that money, even if donated, just to please one man's ego? By the time it is finished this president won't be in office. If no prior president has felt a need for such an extravagance, it seems likely that it will seldom, if ever, be used. Only the rich and royal would be invited. We are supposed to be a Christian nation yet a $400 million ballroom appears to be more important than health care, education, food, and housing for honest American citizens in need. Many of those people in need are veterans who served our country, who helped protect this country, at the cost of a normal life for themselves. I should add infrastructure and FEMA should be priorities. This is absurd. This country does NOT need to build this hideous structure when so many other needs should definitely be addressed first. PLEASE do not let this project continue.

Name: Susan VandeMerkt
Date: February 23, 2026 4:37:00 pm

The East Wing of the White House has significant historical value and is integral to the overall design and preservation of the building as a whole. The sitting president does not and should not have the authority to make any alterations to the White House proper without congressional review and in conjunction with architectural review to ensure design integrity. Donald Trump bypassed congressional review and proceeded with demolition of the east wing which was well beyond his scope of authority. The White House has existed since 1792 without a large lavish ballroom garishly gilded in gold with the Trump name emblazoned on it as it is planned by Donald Trump. He is not the owner of the White House he is simply the current temporary occupant. His plan for the addition of an unnecessary massive space, unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer money and a design that is incongruent with the existing building needs to be nullified and the east wing restored to its former state at his personal expense. This current president has already desecrated the once elegant Rose Garden by replacing it with a large patio with umbrella tables that looks like an outdoor cafeteria setting. He should not be allowed to destroy national landmarks with historical significance.

Name: Elizabeth Hansen
Date: February 23, 2026 4:37:28 pm

First, I don’t believe that is an appropriate name for what he is doing. I am a historian and to see the facade destroyed like that and the rose garden concreted over, it’s disheartening. To see the artist renderings of the ballroom is just gross. This is supposed to be the peoples house not a northern extension of his tacky southern residence. So disappointing.

Name: Chellene Wood
Date: February 23, 2026 4:38:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design (and not at the cost of taxpayers). No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Kimberly Campbell
Date: February 23, 2026 4:38:33 pm

As an American and a historian, I am heartbroken at the state of the Easy Wing all the history that has been lost there (especially women's history) to satisfy one VERY UNPOPULAR politician's ego. No one asked for or, indeed, approved this. Since Trump has shamelessly enriched himself at the expense of the American people, I hope he will be compelled to personally pay for the restoration of the East Wing AND the Rose Garden he destroyed.

Name: Gale Sinatra
Date: February 23, 2026 4:40:23 pm

It is historically, architecturally, financially, and in every other way completely inappropriate to build a massive ballroom connected to the White House. Stop this insane project now.

Name: Terry McDonald McDonald
Date: February 23, 2026 4:41:51 pm

I think a 90,000 sf addition is just too much, way too many square feet, to be added without overshadowing the historic White House. And not needed. A ballroom to serve the world's elites can be better handled with private money, on private land- not in any way subsidized by the US Government.

The former East Wing probably DID need a major remodel, and probably should be the future offices of the President's staff until the West Wing undergoes a similar remodel.

Thank you for this opportunity

Name: Marie Moore
Date: February 23, 2026 4:42:28 pm

Esthetics or lack there of, is a great worry to me when I think of what might be the build out of the new East Wing of the White House. President Trump has a low class idea of what style should be. He time after time leans towards flashy gold trimmings in his surroundings. He seems to prefer the interiors of 18th century salons of France or the Russian gold embellishments in various museums in St Petersburg.

Mrs. Kennedy during JFK’s presidency had a lovely understated style that spoke volumes. She believed in preservation. She saved the Old Post Office from being demolished. At her young age she brought grace and style that didn’t slap you in the face. Trump should have little say in how the East Wing is out fitted. Practical form and function should dictate what rises from the rubble the President has caused.

Name: Meagan Johnson
Date: February 23, 2026 4:43:35 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing "Modernization" Project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Bonnie Ecker
Date: February 23, 2026 4:44:18 pm

I have not heard yet if an elevator will be provided in the new structure to meet ADA requirements?

Name: Lynda Shillito
Date: February 23, 2026 4:45:05 pm

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Lurenda Morris
Date: February 23, 2026 4:45:09 pm

I believe Donald Trump's destruction of the East Wing of the White House was done prematurely and illegally without authorization of Congress, the National Capital Planning Commission, and any other oversight agencies. I believe any further demolition and construction on "the former East Wing" should be completely and permanently halted until such time the appropriate entities with legal authority have the chance to review and plan for further construction. Donald Trump does not have the power, authority or legal right to have destroyed the East Wing or to solely decide what is to be built in its place. That is not his property; it does not belong to him. It belongs to the people of the United States. We are allowing him just to reside there--temporatily. Along with the sudden demolition of the East Wing and Trump's plans for his "Big Beautiful Ballroom" which could hold "thousands," what plans have been made for the offices, event spaces, public areas, etc., that disappeared with the destruction? What is happening with the people who worked in the East Wing? Where are now? Where will their new offices be? Where will former East Wing functions be held? Who in addition to Donald Trump decided the United States needed, or even WANTED a new "big, beautiful ballroom?" In my opinion the Trump Administration has greatly overstepped its bounds with this East Wing Modernization Project, and they need to be reintroduced to the American system of checks and balances, following proper protocol , and most of all, behaving in a legal manner. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to see that any further East Wing Modernization complies with the law, and the appropriate agencies and authorities for such projects. Thank you.

Name: Helen Harrison
Date: February 23, 2026 4:46:32 pm

Dear NCPC,

As the retired director of a historic site and a National Trust member, I write to express my objection to the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom).

The current East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building and nearly eight times the size of the original East Wing (12,000 square feet). No amount

of tweaking its design (except by making it smaller) will change the fact that it overwhelms the White House, and further dwarfs it by being the same height.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. But the proposed design is not suitable. It diminishes the historic White House, dwarfs it in scale, and relegates it to a secondary role.

I sincerely request that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Helen A. Harrison
Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw Director, retired
Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center
East Hampton, NY

Name: Nancy Kerrigan
Date: February 23, 2026 4:46:51 pm

The People's house. What gave anyone the right to destroy our house without bringing these changes to the America people for their opinions, their hopes,and their dreams. How can total destruction be considered modernization when it was physically destroyed.
It is heart breaking to see what has happened to this historical landmark. And no one was allowed to state their opinion about it being destroyed.
My husband and I came to Washington last year to experience the magnitude of our history. I am so sad that no one cared enough to ask the people how we felt, or share their ideas, or allowed us to share our ideas for modernization.
It breaks my heart to see how it has been treated.
Sincerely Yours,
Nancy Kerrigan

Name: Amy Eisner
Date: February 23, 2026 4:47:14 pm

This project must be rejected as a matter of principle. The lawless, unilateral bulldozing of the White House East Wing is an insult to the people. Even considering the approval of this ballroom adds insult to injury. It would be tremendously and memorably wasteful to allow construction, as the people simply will not let it stand.

Name: Kevin Dobies
Date: February 23, 2026 4:50:29 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is obscenely out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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This new design is garbage – It violates Standards for Rehabilitation and detracts from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relegates it to a secondary role.

Do not allow this project to go forward.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dobies

Name: Tracy Novick
Date: February 23, 2026 4:53:49 pm

The White House is OUR--the American people's--building, and what this administration has done to it is a travesty. There was no need to knock it down, and there is absolutely not need for the monstrosity being proposed. The White House is bigger than any single president, than any presidency, and this one should be stopped from doing this to the People's House.

Name: Steven Frankel
Date: February 23, 2026 4:54:41 pm

It is a national travesity what Mr Trump has already done to the people's house - paving over the Rose Garden, putting cheap looking gold crap every along with plaques that insult those he doesn't like but the East Wing project is a whole nother level of evil. His proposed design is totally out of scale with the main White House and he is only doing this to feed his ego. There should have been publicly approved plans before the first brick was removed. This project should be halted until a public consensus on what should be done is reached. Stop letting his ego ruin this county.

Name: Leslie Lee
Date: February 23, 2026 4:55:16 pm

Everything about this is illegal and an affront to the American people. It is your duty to stop this project.

Name: Cathy Smith
Date: February 23, 2026 4:55:33 pm

I am beyond horrified by what Trump has done to the East Wing, without approval. I am even more horrified by his monstrous "ball room/bunker." All of this is egregious.

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt, and he should pay for it from his own pocket.

Name: J Mara
Date: February 23, 2026 4:55:39 pm

Trump, without proper review or permission, destroyed a part of the people's house--not his house. Debris from the demolition was dumped at the public East Potomac Golf Links, which, by the way, Trump claims he plans to take over.

Reportedly, plans for the ballroom, which will inappropriately dwarf the White House itself, have risen in cost multiple times as the room gets bigger and bigger.

Trump is operating outside proper channels, without regard to environmental impact, esthetics, site appropriateness, or the will of the majority of the American people.

Why would any commission give this vulgar, tasteless, hubristic, self-aggrandizing, lawless, and deeply corrupt man permission to proceed with this abomination?

Shut it down.

Name: Tim + Kathleen Smith
Date: February 23, 2026 4:55:58 pm

We are opposed to the outsized ballroom being built to replace the White House's East wing. It is not in proportion to the other wings, and has not been examined by an expert in historic architecture to make sure that it is designed appropriately.

Name: Karen Clay
Date: February 23, 2026 4:56:59 pm

It is with concern that I write about the current proposal of the East Wing Modernization Project. Having worked in the historic preservation field (University of Vermont Graduate Program,1984), I know the value of protecting the architectural environment financially, historically and educationally. My concern with the 90,000 square foot ballroom is its overwhelming size in comparison to the White House.

Recognizing that the Neoclassical/Georgian architectural significance of the Executive Mansion should be considered first and foremost in regard to any proposed new construction, I am sure the Commission will evaluate not only the scale of the project, but also the compatibility of design. The importance to our history of "The People's House," as a National Historic Landmark and a National Park cannot be overstated, thus all design consideration should enhance the White House, not overwhelm or belittle it.

The need for a large event space has been made clear, but I am concerned that the East Wing Modernization Project will be dictated by President Trump without the proper consultation and guidance. Following the guidelines set forth by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation state that new additions should not take away or destroy the historic fabric of existing structures. It is my understanding that the National Trust for Historic Preservation has offered its assistance and that the National Park Service had already submitted a design plan.

I have faith that the NCPC will listen to all qualified entities who value our historic American architecture and that both a functional and compatible design can be created. The built environment speaks to us, not only of our history, but of our future. It asks us to understand the functional requirements and creative expression of generations that have gone before us. Not one generation should override another because they think their interpretation is so much better. Please stand firm against the monumental and overpowering design being proposed!

Name: Robert Swartz
Date: February 23, 2026 4:57:14 pm

This proposal should be rejected.

It is out of scale and architecturally incompatible with James Hoban's design of the President's House. In addition, it would deeply unbalance the classical composition of a main house with dependent wings.

In fact, it resembles a number of late 19th century plans to bury the White House with massive wings, all of which were soundly rejected for the same reasons.

Moreover, it is disingenuous at best to label this an "East Wing Modernization Project". The former East Wing isn't being modernized. It was destroyed in an illegal destruction of government property.

Plus, despite the government's arguments in Court recently, what is proposed here is in no way comparable to the Ford administration adding an in-ground pool, or the first Trump administration adding a tennis pavilion to the White House grounds.

Finally, no new building can be built on public property without explicit Congressional authorization, which the questionable private financing of this project does not override.

For these reasons, the NPNC must reject this proposal.

Name: J. W. Nichols
Date: February 23, 2026 4:57:59 pm

Scale back the size of the ballroom, remove all gold, include a visitors' center, and call the addition The People's Ballroom.

Name: Juile codell
Date: February 23, 2026 4:58:06 pm

Dear NCPC,

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The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

If there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the 200-person room, although I do not think such a need is there However, This particular design is not suitable and relegates the original White House toa secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed please. Thank you.
Julie Codell

Name: Julie Harris
Date: February 23, 2026 4:59:48 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is significantly out-of-scale with the existing structure (The White House).

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, which is almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" to "the People's House" is larger than the original. In addition, because the addition will be the same height as the existing White House it will further obscure it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. There is a reason for this: we must respect our history by preserving its most emblematic structures.

There is no doubt that the White House requires a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, this particular design is not suitable – It takes away from the original White House, it dwarfs it in scale, and relegates it to a secondary role. The White House deserves better.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Sincerely,

Julie Harris, Ph.D.

Name: Susan Cochran
Date: February 23, 2026 5:01:28 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thank you

Name: Lyn Wright
Date: February 23, 2026 5:01:55 pm

It is shocking the disregard to preservation that the current administration has exhibited by tearing down the East Wing. What has happened to the historical artifacts? Where is the due diligence to ensure this is something the people, not the current president, want and how will we help guide this process? Something of this magnitude should follow an established and deliberate process, which apparently was not considered before ripping down the East Wing. I do not support this super "ball room" that serves no public benefit, but rather serves the egos of those in power. This is the antitheist of what the founding fathers envisioned for the presidential residence. How are tax payers considered in these decisions? If there's a proposal for outside corporate or foreign interests to pay for this, how are we to be assured there is no undue influence expected from these 'donations'. This is irregular and needs to be put under a microscope.

Name: Barbara Swan
Date: February 23, 2026 5:02:10 pm

I oppose quick approval of the East Wing Modernization Project. The East Wing was demolished without any review. The White House is the people’s house. It is the temporary home of the president, but does not belong to the president. New construction on the site of the East Wing must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate agencies, and must be visually harmonious with the existing structure.

Name: Karin Williams
Date: February 23, 2026 5:02:17 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Kind regards, /Karin Williams

Name: Elizabeth Carmichael
Date: February 23, 2026 5:03:14 pm

I oppose the spending of tax payer dollars for rebuilding the East Wing. Because it was torn down without the proper authorization, permits, or design review by one person, the cost of rebuilding it should fall squarely on the shoulders of Donald J. Trump. He has made billions by using the office of President to enrich himself. So he should pay for it. As long as we are at it, let’s make it slightly bigger and better than before without dwarfing the White House. The underground bunker should also be rebuilt and updated.

Name: Mary Fekete
Date: February 23, 2026 5:04:59 pm

Dear NCPC,
I am alarmed at the scale of the proposed project. The proposal almost doubles the existing square footage of the White House. The People’s House should be showcased and not dwarfed by the proposed monstrosity. The historical architecture should also be consistent with the existing structure. Please do. It allow this project to go ahead as planned.

Thank you,
Mary Fekete

Name: Michael Nutt
Date: February 23, 2026 5:05:50 pm

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable - It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.
I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Kirsten McElligott
Date: February 23, 2026 5:05:50 pm

I am appalled by the brazen destruction of the East Wing of the White House. It is the people's house, which means it is my house. You had no right to flatten this beautiful, historical place. I demand that the East Wing be reconstructed as it was and that tRump pay with his own money (not money that he has extorted from the American people). Thank you.

Name: Cynthia Talmadge
Date: February 23, 2026 5:06:26 pm

The.name of this project perfectly exhibits it's lunacy.?this is not a modernization but an illegal teardown with a monstrosity planned in its place.

Rebuild it as it existed at the President's personal expense.

Name: Michele Redmond
Date: February 23, 2026 5:06:38 pm

I strongly oppose the so-called “East Wing Modernization Project” to construct an enormous ballroom where the East Wing of the White House once stood. The project should be cancelled and the East Wing should be rebuilt as it was. The White House is the people’s house, our house, not the President’s—he is only a temporary tenant. He had no right to demolish that wing and begin this project without the legally required authorization, permits, or design review. In places where such laws hold, someone who illegally demolishes a property with plans to build something else is made to restore the property.

Name: Linda Lee
Date: February 23, 2026 5:07:00 pm

I’m writing today to express concern over the ‘East Wing Modernization Project’ aka the ballroom. The proposed ballroom is completely out of scale with the existing structure.

Currently, the proposed ballroom comprises 90,000 square feet. That’s almost double the square feet of the existing White House. The ballroom as proposed will dwarf the White House and take away from its significance.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its mass, features and massing.

Perhaps there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than 200 people. However, this design does not seem suitable. It takes away from the White House, dwarfs it in scale, ruins the symmetry, and relegates the White House to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not let this project go ahead as proposed.

Thank you.

Linda Lee
Franklin, TN

Name: Thomas Pheasant
Date: February 23, 2026 5:07:29 pm

The White House Ballroom
My name is Thomas Pheasant, I am a Washington DC base interior designer. I have been working in my field for 45 years. My work has included 12 years at Blair House where I was leading decoration and renovations. I recently completed the redecoration of The Benjamin Franklin Diplomatic Room for the State Department for which I received the 2025 John Russell Pope Award by the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art.

I am very much opposed to the proposed grandiose design being presented for the White House Ballroom. The proposed design diminishes both the scale and spirit of the White House. I do not believe this important addition to the “Peoples House” should reflect the subjective ideals of any one man in power but should be carefully reviewed and approved by our finest preservationists. After many years of travel and exploration of the finest palaces of the world, I have come to see the unique beauty within the simplicity of our American architectural heritage. This ballroom should not be seen as a jewel in the crown, but as the reflection of our American spirit.

Sincerely, Thomas Pheasant

Name: Char Dapena
Date: February 23, 2026 5:09:28 pm

I object to this project and want it returned to its original state before the demolition. This project did not go through appropriate approval channels and is way too costly. It also overshadows the Whitehouse.

Name: Victoria Miller
Date: February 23, 2026 5:09:29 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Victoria Miller

Name: Catherine Soverino
Date: February 23, 2026 5:09:44 pm

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Thanking you for your time,

Name: Jeffrey Feltman
Date: February 23, 2026 5:10:48 pm

The White House is a sacred space for U.S. democracy. Unlike palaces of European monarchs or Eastern potentates, those residing inside are not owners but temporary occupants — which is the point of our constitutional democracy and tradition of peaceful change of power.

The relative modest scale of the White House, including the Oval Office and its representational spaces, contrasts sharply from royal residences, and for good reason. This is a vivid reminder to our president, foreign visitors, and U.S. citizens alike that power derives from the people, in accordance with our constitution, and not from the pomp and pretensions of grand, gilded surroundings and hereditary bloodlines. The curious tradition of erecting tents for state dinners, while inconvenient, should, in reality, fill us with pride: it is our democracy, not grandiose physical spaces, that is meant to

impress. Our elected president's job is to govern according to our constitution, with entertaining guests an occasional distraction and peripheral activity, not a major part of the Article II responsibilities outlined in our constitution. The proposed ballroom destroys the symbolic importance of the relative modesty of the Executive Mansion. The exterior proportions and "faux royal" interior design features will undermine the clean break that the historic "People's House" represents between European monarchies and U.S. democracy.

Aesthetically, the ballroom as currently envisioned would dominate and likely overwhelm the complex, diminishing the centrality of the historic White House. According to released drawings, the pleasant symmetry of the existing South Lawn would be permanently disfigured by the intrusion of the ballroom onto the gently curving eastern elliptical drive, which will have to be partially relocated. (The released drawings makes it appear as though the drafter of the elliptical drive burped when drawing the new curve.) The planned doubling of the height of the wing connecting the historic White House to the new ballroom, compared to the demolished East Wing, risks making the White House appear to be a mere annex to the looming ballroom. Occasional musings about doubling the height of the arcade leading to the West Wing — to "restore symmetry" that should never have been destroyed in the first place — are not reassuring, as that would, again, detract from the centrality and distinctiveness of the historic main residence. Published renderings suggest that the passageway to the ballroom will connect to the main residence via the central window of the East Room, destroying the integrity of the interior and exterior of a room that has been the site of so many historic events since the White House's construction.

Even if promised "private" (albeit undisclosed) donations cover construction expenses, the aesthetic and symbolic cost of this ballroom vastly exceeds its utility. The ballroom will either sit empty most of the time or — worse — the presidency will be transformed in appearance and perhaps in reality to something akin to an entertainment industry. "If they build it, they will come," as is said. Do we want our president constantly entertaining those guests who will come (holding coveted invitations), or do we prefer our president to attend to the business of governing according to our constitution? One could argue that the White House has been "monetized" before, with donors having access to the Lincoln Bedroom or events with presidential access. Do we really want a permanent space in the White House complex that would appear to deepen the divide between elites with money and access and the people in whose name the president is supposed to govern?

In short, the proposed ballroom is a monstrous deviation from the symbolism of our White House as physical, architectural representation of our democracy. The lack of transparency over costs and funding further erodes confidence in our government. The ballroom promises to be an aesthetic abomination that, just like its primary proponent, serves primarily to draw attention to itself. If a tenant of a building wishes to make alterations, the tenant is required to ask the landlord for permission for the alterations. This tenant has already demolished a wing of a residence he does not own, without referring to the landlord, i.e., the citizenry. He should not be permitted to permanently disfigure this historic compound and undermine its symbolic importance.

It is astonishing to witness such unbounded arrogance leading to massive, irreversible alterations to a beloved building that has such history and such meaning for generations of Americans who have gazed with admiration through the iron fence or who had the memorable opportunity to step inside, via the now-destroyed East Wing. The awe and reverence we hold for the White House does not derive from architectural magnificence (appealing as the White House is to most of us). It derives from our knowledge, from pictures and descriptions, of the history that has occurred there. Let the presidents alter the private upper floor living spaces to suit family needs and preferences. But please make it clear that presidents must use a far lighter — and reversible touch — when considering adjustments to the historic interiors and exteriors: adjustments subject to outside review and approval, not faits accompli literally bulldozed through.

Name: Dr Kimberly Dunwoody
Date: February 23, 2026 5:10:48 pm

The decision to demolish the East Wing of the White House is not just a vanity project—it is a profound erasure of history, tradition, and the enduring contributions of America's First Ladies. For decades, the East Wing has stood as a symbol of the vital, often underappreciated work of these women, who have shaped the nation in ways that extend far beyond ceremonial duties.

Jacqueline Kennedy transformed the White House into a living museum, restoring its historical integrity and opening its doors to the American public through her televised tour. Her efforts preserved the cultural heritage of the presidency and set a standard for the stewardship of the nation's most iconic residence.

Lady Bird Johnson championed environmental conservation and beautification projects, leaving a legacy of green spaces and public parks that continue to enrich communities across the country.

Pat Nixon expanded the White House's accessibility, introducing public tours for the visually impaired and increasing the number of artifacts on display to make the People's House more inclusive.

Betty Ford broke barriers by openly discussing breast cancer and addiction, using her platform to destigmatize health issues and advocate for women's rights.

Rosalynn Carter redefined the role of First Lady by actively participating in policy discussions, particularly around mental health, and serving as an advisor to her husband.

Hillary Clinton brought a sharp focus to healthcare reform and women's rights, becoming a global advocate for equality and opportunity.

Laura Bush championed literacy and education, launching initiatives to improve reading skills and promote libraries as centers of learning.

Michelle Obama inspired a generation with her Let's Move! campaign, tackling childhood obesity and promoting healthy lifestyles, while also advocating for military families and education for girls worldwide.

Dr. Jill Biden has continued this tradition of service, focusing on education, military families, and cancer research, all while maintaining her career as a community college professor.

The East Wing has been more than just a physical structure; it has been a space where these First Ladies have carried out their initiatives, hosted events, and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Americans. Its demolition disregards the legacy of these women and the countless staff who have supported their efforts.

This project is not about progress—it is about erasure. It dismisses the historical significance of the East Wing and the invaluable contributions of First Ladies who have used their influence to champion causes that matter deeply to the American people. Preserving the East Wing is about honoring their legacies and ensuring that their work is remembered, not wiped away in the name of vanity.

Shut. It. Down.

Name: Diane Piron-Gelman
Date: February 23, 2026 5:12:39 pm

The illegal demolition of the East Wing was a travesty. Please do not compound it with another by allowing this grotesquerie of a ballroom to be built that will (intentionally!) overshadow the White House. We don't need "Temu Versailles" in Washington, D.C.

Don't let Donald Trump, Grifter-in-Chief, leave an indelible stain on the symbol of America and the seat of government that belongs to we, the people!

Name: Susan Moore
Date: February 23, 2026 5:16:06 pm

After reviewing the proposed materials, I urge the Commission to reject this proposal. The intended construction is not in scale with or appropriate to the style of the existing historic structures and does not integrate well with the landscape. Restoring what was destroyed in the rushed demolition of the East Wing to the highest possible standard of quality should now be the priority. While additional large event space may be desirable in new construction, what is currently proposed is not in any way acceptable.

Name: Lisa Berenson, LEED AP
Date: February 23, 2026 5:18:51 pm

Dear Council Members and Commissioners,
After reading all the documents related to this project, reviewing posted drawings, and watching the live Council Meeting where the new Architect of Record Presented images representing the New Schematic Phase and answering questions

from Council Members and Commissioners, I feel the Architect of Record Must Present a new Alternative Schematic Design of the East Wing Modernization Project. First, the connecting Colonnade from the White House to the East Wing should be (1) story, not (2) as currently presented. Second, the overall footprint of the East Wing should be reduced. Third, the overall Height and Massing of the East Wing should be reconsidered. The Overall height, massing, and footprint "overshadows" the White House. The White House is supposed to be the Focal Point. The current Schematic Design of the East Wing deters the "eye" away from the White House. I am in Total Agreement with the Comments provided by Commissioner Phil Mendelson. Also, I agree there are ADA and Egress Issues with the current Schematic Design. I do understand the intent of wanting and needing a "ballroom" for visitors and guests which is supposed to include the Public. However, why is a Movie theatre and the First Lady's "Office" included in this East Wing Modernization Project. Where are the code required Public and Private Restrooms for this "ballroom". Also, I am concerned about the landscaping and trees that currently exist and the addition of appropriate new landscaping and the addition of new trees. Not to be political, but I am concerned about "this" considering the Administration demolished and paved over the Kennedy Rose Garden. Also, I am concerned about the Private Donors who contributed to the East Wing Modernization Project and what "silent agreements" were potentially made in regards to the Overall Size, Height, Massing, Interior Design, Programming and Function of the "ballroom". The White House is the Peoples' House and Includes the East Wing with the 'ballroom". Lastly, Nowhere on, in, or around the new Colonnade, East Wing, "ballroom", and Landscaping Grounds should have any Naming and/ or Affiliation with the Current President and Administration and any Private Donors. This is the Peoples' House and the East Wing Modernization Project should represent "the People". Thank you.

Name: Katharine Schumacher
Date: February 23, 2026 5:19:45 pm

The proposed replacement East Wing, at approximately 89,000 square feet across two stories, would be significantly larger than the 55,000-square-foot Executive Mansion itself. The National Park Service warned that the new building's larger footprint and height "will dominate the eastern portion of the site, creating a visual imbalance with the more modestly scaled West Wing and Executive Mansion." D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, an ex-officio member of this very Commission, described a rendering of the structure viewed from the Ellipse as "disturbing" and warned that the addition risks "overwhelming" the historic building it purports to complement.

The White House's architectural character derives from restraint, which may not matter to the current administration but to the architectural and arts community, the design and steps taken are an extension of the assault of our democracy. A 90,000-square-foot event hall funded by corporate donors, conceived in the image of a private club, is not a continuation of the American tradition. It is a rupture with it and a disgrace.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to use its full authority to demand a scaled-back proposal that respects the historic proportions of the White House complex, to require complete transparency about asbestos abatement, donor influence, and structural decision-making, and to ensure that the American public, who are the true owners of this landmark have a meaningful role in determining its future.

The White House has been renovated before. Every prior administration understood that such changes required care, consensus, and deference to the building's historic character. This project has shown none of those qualities. It is not too late to insist on a better path.

Name: Doug Callabresi
Date: February 23, 2026 5:20:02 pm

I’m very disappointed to see the proposed plans of the east wing. It’s outrageous and provides poor context and symbolism for the suppose ballroom to be larger than the White House itself. This should never be the case. And I am personally offended that this project has moved forward with destruction of beautiful proportions of the White House grounds. A ballroom bigger than the White House itself is an offense to me and to our country.

Name: Betsy Nicoletti
Date: February 23, 2026 5:21:13 pm

The East Wing should be rebuilt as closely to the original as possible. Nothing grand. Nothing gold. Nothing extravagant. This is not what our country was built on.

Be humble. Reconstruct a modest structure, in line with the proportions of the White House.

Please, don't leave us with a large, out of scale addition.

Name: Dana Lively
Date: February 23, 2026 5:22:10 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable - It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Dana Lively

Name: Angela George
Date: February 23, 2026 5:22:19 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my deep concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is very much out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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Sincerely,
Angela George

Name: Scott Stevens
Date: February 23, 2026 5:23:16 pm

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Scott Sevens
Maggie Valley, NC

Name: Roberta Martin
Date: February 23, 2026 5:24:23 pm

I hope whoever is reading this is doing well. I am absolutely disgusted by the tear down of the East Wing. I worry about the history. Did they preserve anything with any historical value? Was there concern for the structural integrity of the remaining building? The fact that Americans don’t know this is terrible.

As for the ballroom that’s supposedly going up in its place…a total eye sore. Why is it bigger than the palace at Versailles? I have a feeling that this is more about creating a monument for Donald Trump, which should not be the priority as the White House belongs to the American people. I dislike this idea so much that I hope a future American president would tear it down…hopefully this time with more care for the building and the people who allow Trump to live there.

Thank you.

Name: Joy Patafio
Date: February 23, 2026 5:24:24 pm

The new ballroom is excessively large especially compared to the White House. But more importantly, any modifications to the White House should go through a proper approval process. Including ensuring that all donations and funding are fully vetted and approved. We must maintain the integrity of the White House and the United States.

Name: Elisabeth K Marshall
Date: February 23, 2026 5:24:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Patricia Pearson
Date: February 23, 2026 5:27:01 pm

I think the National Preservation and Trust procedures should be followed to recreate the East Wing to have modest improvements in keeping with the proportions of the White House proper. All reviews that are standard should take place so all voices can be heard and all issues addressed prior to construction. Signoffs by required organizations should be obtained before construction begins.

Name: Linda Safran
Date: February 23, 2026 5:27:36 pm

The proposed "East Wing Modernization Project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is hideously out of scale with the existing White House structure. At 90,000 square feet, it is almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the addition is larger than the original.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with it in materials, features, and massing.

I accept that the White House might benefit from a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room, but the current design is utterly unsuitable: It undermines the visual impact of the White House by dwarfing it in scale. I hope you will not allow this project to move forward as proposed.

Name: Elizabeth Wellborn
Date: February 23, 2026 5:28:35 pm

I write to express concern that the "East Wing modernization " project is absurd and ridiculous in size and scope. It is proposed as a monument to one man's insecurity and will be an eyesore in the district.
I ask that you do not allow this project to go forward as proposed.

Name: Manuel Medeiros
Date: February 23, 2026 5:33:05 pm

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Name: Sarah Petersen
Date: February 23, 2026 5:36:37 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed White House State Ballroom and urge the Commission to reject it.

THE APPROVAL PROCESS HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY SUBVERTED. The administration demolished the historic East Wing before submitting plans, before public comment, and before any NCPC or Commission of Fine Arts review, ensuring this Commission cannot meaningfully evaluate alternatives. The claim that NCPC jurisdiction attaches only at "vertical build" is a legal fiction; foundations and below-grade work directly determine the building's ultimate scale and footprint. Approving this project rewards a strategy of demolish-first, seek-approval-later and sets a dangerous precedent for future administrations.

THE COMMISSION'S INDEPENDENCE IS COMPROMISED. NCPC Chair Will Scharf simultaneously serves as White House Staff Secretary, the office managing this very project. Any approval rendered under this conflict of interest lacks legitimacy.

PRIVATE FUNDING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC PROCESS. Donor-funded construction at a national landmark raises serious ethical concerns about access and influence. Private dollars cover only construction; taxpayers will bear maintenance, security, and operational costs for a 90,000-square-foot facility in perpetuity, a public obligation

that demands public input.

THE PROJECT'S SCALE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SITE'S HISTORIC CHARACTER. At 90,000 square feet with capacity for 999 guests, this is not an addition but a wholesale transformation of the White House grounds. The East Room has served the nation for over two centuries. Its loss is irreversible. No claim of entertaining necessity justifies it.

The Commission must act with independence. I urge rejection of this project until all legal and procedural deficiencies identified by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the federal courts are fully resolved.

Name: Abigail Bailey
Date: February 23, 2026 5:38:33 pm

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the proposed demolition of the East Wing of the White House and the construction of a new ballroom. As a resident of a rural New England town, I understand the importance of adhering to the review process, especially when it comes to maintaining historic districts. It is concerning that the president did not follow proper protocol, regardless of the recommendations from his hand-picked Commission on Fine Arts.
Initially, the project was estimated at $250 million, which has now been corrected to $400 million. While Mr. Trump presents himself as a businessman, his history includes multiple bankruptcies—at least six, to my knowledge. This raises questions about the reliability of his financial projections. Furthermore, he has stated that the project will be funded by a group referred to as “The American Patriots,” yet there is little transparency regarding this organization.
Mr. Trump has demonstrated a transactional leadership style; this raises concerns about what he may be offering in return to those “patriots.” At a time when our nation faces pressing issues—outdated infrastructure, crumbling roadways, and environmental concerns, such as raw sewage spilling into the Potomac—spending on a gold-encrusted ballroom seems misplaced.
This project does not reflect the values or needs of the People’s House.
Thank you for considering my concerns.
Sincerely,
Abigail Bailey

Name: Steve Portigal
Date: February 23, 2026 5:39:13 pm

I write to express my concern about the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) as it is tremendously out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently articulated, the East Wing Ballroom Project is 90,000 square feet, almost double 55,000 square feet of the currently existing White House building. No amount of tweaking the design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the size of the original!

This is important specifically because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation states that additions to historic structures must be subordinate in both scale and size, as well as distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its: i) materials, ii) features, and iii) massing.

While there is a need for the White House to have a gathering space that can accommodate more than the current 200-person room, there is also doubt that this particular design is suitable because again it takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relegates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanks to you for your time

Name: Bradford Patrick
Date: February 23, 2026 5:41:38 pm

The destruction of the East Wing was unprecedented, illegal, and most importantly, a moral abomination. The POTUS is not the owner of the White House, he is a tenant in the People's House. The Executive Mansion is not his to do with as he pleases. What authority exists due to the office he occupies, and should be exercised solely in conjunction with the myriad interests who have historically consulted on such things. Today it seems quaint to remember the degree to which

First Ladies consulted with the White House Historical Society, the National Park Service, and others to take any action affecting the East Wing or the White House grounds. This president literally took a wrecking ball to history. This destruction is a betrayal of generations of citizens who held fast to the principles and laws securing the blessings of liberty.

TL; DR - To hell with this president and his @#$! plans. He should be personally liable for its rebuilding and restitution. No ballroom!

Name: Judy Sizemore
Date: February 23, 2026 5:42:01 pm

I am against the plans that have been released publicly.
The planned space doesn't fit with the design of the existing building. In my mind, to construct a space of the size planned, one should consider the Capitol Visitor's Center. The space was designed to not detract from the Capitol, but give the space needed for support of the capitol. This idea can also be sued here.
Efforts should be made to replace the office spaces and welcoming area for visitors that was destroyed when the East Wing was demolished. Since the symmetrical visional effect has been lost, the new addition should address the overall capitol campus and the appearance to people passing by.

Name: Karen Gutmann
Date: February 23, 2026 5:42:01 pm

I presume the “East Wng modernization Project” is the ballroom construction proposed by Donald Trump.

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed design. Trump has experience in constructing imposing, modern urban towers and golf courses. He has no experience in historic preservation, architecture or any aesthetic other than bold and gold.

The White House belongs to all of us who are citizens of this country. A large majority of Americans are opposed to the massive, garish addition that Trump champions. He is notoriously someone who builds to honor and please himself. He is president today. but at the end of the day, he is just one citizen whose time here is nearing an end.

Please make this decision based on its effect on the image of our nation’s capitol, on the principles of historic preservation and aesthetics, and on the strong opposition of a majority of U.S. citizens.

Let the White House remain the People’s House.

Thank you.

Name: Bryan Wolf
Date: February 23, 2026 5:45:43 pm

Is this really a necessary addition to a White House that has worked fine without it since the early 19th century? Or is this simply the place where architecture and (pathological) narcissism meet? I suspect the latter.

Name: Terri Tauber
Date: February 23, 2026 5:46:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

These may not be my original words (shared with permission), but they perfectly summarize my feelings about this project. I was horrified to see the East Wing demolished. Some things just can't be undone, but this needs to go back to the original East Wing.

Name: Tracey Herzer Huston
Date: February 23, 2026 5:48:13 pm

I brought my 12-year-old daughter to Washington, D.C. recently. She is homeschooled and we'd been learning about the structure and functions of our government. I was heartbroken to show her (from the street) the White House, surrounded by trucks and dirt, so instead we went to The People's House museum across the street. Even the name of that place made me tear up because the iconic White House is supposed to belong to the people of the United States, not a single party, not a single administration, not a single person. I understand the need for renovation and additional space, but to do it in this manner without going through proper channels is unconscionable. The current proposal is ludicrous and will leave the whole structure looking unbalanced. Please, PLEASE rethink this project and then go about it in a different way.

Name: Susan Huppert
Date: February 23, 2026 5:48:32 pm

I am absolutely amazed that the president is being allowed to build a ballroom (after tearing down our beautiful East Wing of the White House). This is the people's house, not his. He should have been stopped immediately the very minute those bulldozers arrived. Most of the nation does not want a gaudy gold ballroom. This should never have been one man's decision to build. Because it is our house, not his, it should have gone through the appropriate channels. I'm just so ashamed of our congress who allow this president all these powers without checks and balances.
Stop this immediately until the people get a say in it.

Name: Julie McGee
Date: February 23, 2026 5:53:11 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time.

Name: leslie fitzpatrick
Date: February 23, 2026 5:54:09 pm

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Name: Susan Garland
Date: February 23, 2026 5:54:19 pm

Remember the East Wing of the White House?

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Name: Travers Nelson
Date: February 23, 2026 6:01:29 pm

I oppose the project for the reasons stated in the attached file. Thank you.

Attachment

Name: Patricia Way
Date: February 23, 2026 6:02:19 pm

I guess someone from your organization forgot to inform White House staff of the preliminary requirements in paragraph one under the heading “Why This Moment Matters”, in the article on Facebook with a link offering this opportunity to comment before your March 5, 2026, meeting. Kind of a “cart before the horse” deal, isn’t this?
Moving on. My strong belief is, now that the East Wing is completely demolished, any new structure should outwardly conform to the existing design of the White House, “the People’s House”. It should not be larger than either the White House proper or the West Wing. Outwardly the three areas should present a symmetrical appearance, symbolically representing the triad of US government: the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial branches.
Inside, there should be a sufficient number of offices needed for future First Spouses and their staff to conduct business. There should be an adequate number of updated ADA restroom facilities inside. There should be at least two ADA entrances-and-exits to the outside, for fire and other safety concerns. Any outside-facing windows should of course be bulletproof. Any remaining space, if there is any, could be used for functions not related to White House daily business, such as White House gatherings.
The decor should be tasteful and in line with what the public would expect of our White House, the People’s House, as it existed BEFORE the present occupant filled the walls with cheap, gaudy, gold-colored plaques and decorations.

Name: Michael Gaughan
Date: February 23, 2026 6:23:18 pm

There is no need for a ballroom for the White House at all. Restore the East Wing as it existed before the pedophile in chief illegally destroyed it and redevelop the Rise Garden.

Name: Judy Thomas
Date: February 23, 2026 6:28:29 pm

Restore the White House East Wing in full and stop the hideous ballroom project!

Name: Anne Bowen
Date: February 23, 2026 6:33:33 pm

To: National Capital Planning Commission:
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go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Sincerely,
Anne Bowen

Name: Michael Parker
Date: February 23, 2026 6:34:12 pm

My comment is about the proposed ballroom, which is supposed top be erected to replace the demolished East Wing.
It's a terrible idea.
Initially the E wing was going to be 'renovated', then without warning (or justification) it was totally demolished.
Now a gaudy 'golden ballroom' is to be erected in its' place. The proposed structure will dwarf the remaining buildings, and the style will be incongruent with the W.H.
This is more a vanity project for the current president than it is a needed upgrade.
We should replace the East Wing with a building congruent with the size and style of the current structures, and the president can build a ballroom somewhere else. If it's about the underground bunker, that can still be accommodated by a structure more in keeping with the size, style and image we want to project to the world.
Thanks for letting me offer my opinion.
Michael

Name: Gail Grycel
Date: February 23, 2026 6:36:14 pm

Whoever is living in the White House is there with permission of the people of this country, and any changes should be approved by the people of this country. The destruction of the East Wing, without permits and permission, is an affront on the people of this country. It should be rebuilt to return it to its original state before any deconstruction happened.

Name: Coleen Neary
Date: February 23, 2026 6:41:47 pm

The destruction of the East Wing without a viable plan and destroying the building is without doubt an impulsive and horrible plan. No one should be able to make changes to the White House without having the paperwork in order.

A WH ballroom is not needed and is nothing more than a vanity project.

Please reject the ballroom.

If the bunker below is what needs addressing then this should be fixed. A gilded ballroom is not needed by any President!

Name: William Diebold
Date: February 23, 2026 6:50:52 pm

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Name: Nom dePlume
Date: February 23, 2026 6:53:07 pm

There is something profoundly rotten about proposing a 90,000-square-foot ballroom at the White House while the country is grappling with crises that demand seriousness, restraint, and integrity. After the apparent illegal demolition of the East Wing, this administration now wants the public to accept a monument to ego funded by billionaires operating “without public cost” and, conveniently, without meaningful public oversight. That alone should set off every alarm bell in a functioning democracy.

This isn’t about architecture. It’s about character.

Donald Trump has spent years under a cloud of legitimate public concern about ethics, transparency, and judgment, including his documented association with Jeffrey Epstein. Americans were told there was nothing to see. We were told to move on. We were promised disclosure and clarity. Yet the full accounting the public deserves has never materialized in a way that extinguishes doubt. In that context, the spectacle of constructing a palace-scale ballroom feels less like celebration and more like defiance: A signal that accountability is optional and optics don't matter.

And then there's the money. When oligarchs step forward to finance structural changes to the executive residence of the United States, it is not a charming civic gesture. It is influence seeking a return. It is power consolidating itself. Nobody spends tens or hundreds of millions of dollars for nothing. Access is purchased. Loyalty is rewarded. Favors are remembered. That is how systems decay.

Americans are not angry because they dislike chandeliers. We are angry because this reeks of entitlement. Because it feels like a ruling clique reshaping public property to reflect private vanity. Because it sends the message that while ordinary citizens are asked for sacrifice and patience, those at the top are busy expanding their banquet halls.

This proposal embodies a governing philosophy that equates grandeur with legitimacy. Bigger room, louder applause, brighter lights. But real leadership doesn't require a 90,000-square-foot echo chamber. It requires humility, transparency, and fidelity to the public trust, all of which feel in dangerously short supply here.

The White House is not a stage set. It is not a reward for loyalty. It is not an oligarch-sponsored monument to self-importance. It is the People's House.

And the people are fed up with watching it be treated like a gaudy development project for the powerful.

Reject this proposal. What this country needs is accountability and restraint, not another gilded room built to celebrate those who already have far too much.

Name: K. G.
Date: February 23, 2026 6:55:05 pm

As an urban planner with a background in historic preservation, I would like to register my comments about the East Wing Modernization Project. While tearing down the East Wing without public review was both shocking and tragic, now that your Commission is at this juncture, I implore you to pause and direct the design team to return with options that reduce the size and massing of this modernization project. The proposal as currently designed, overwhelms the White House and should be scaled back in size.

Furthermore, the massing, treatment of the fenestration, portico design and details of the facades should be distinctive from the White House and west wing in order to avoid a "false sense of history". From the current plans it seems that the facades are trying to the mimic a neo-classical design. I urge you to carefully consider the placement of the new addition in relationship to the White House so that it is clearly subordinate to the White House.

Finally, please consider the treatment of the landscape surrounding this addition to ensure that important features of the site are retained and preserved.

A project as significant as this should be carefully considered. I hope you will be able to say that you were on the right side of history when this project comes before you in March, 2026,

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Name: James Hardin
Date: February 23, 2026 6:56:29 pm

I oppose spending $300M and probably more on this project. It was done with proper permits or design review. No one is above the law. Had a citizen done this to a personal property they owned it would be torn down until proper laws were followed.

Name: Lynda DeWitt
Date: February 23, 2026 6:57:06 pm

As a 50-year resident of the DMV and a lifelong American, I strongly oppose the current plans for the East Wing of the White House. Its grotesque scale — nearly twice the size of the Executive Residence — will make 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue a complete eyesore.

I urge you to preserve this historic complex -- especially with our nation's 250th anniversary coming up. Like many others, I revere this iconic place and would not want it ruined in this way. Allow historic preservationists to make primary decisions about siting and design. Please ensure that this project will result in a timeless and beloved addition to the People's House.

Thank you.

Name: Craig Hanson
Date: February 23, 2026 7:09:51 pm

Dear Members of the NCPC,

I write regarding the proposed 'East Wing Modernization' project. I am frustrated for many reasons and ask that you please stop work on the currently proposed White House Ballroom.

I believe deeply in the power of architecture (including classical architecture!). I also believe deeply in historic preservation, scale, and context. A structure nearly twice as the existing White House building is not simply an 'addition'; it is a major revision to the entire site.

I am appalled that the previous building was razed with such little care. I am appalled that the current project is being rushed with such disregard for process. An architect is being asked to deliver a plan and start on a building in less time than it might take to remodel a kitchen.

The proposed Ballroom is far too large and will mar the White House permanently—or until the Ballroom is torn down, a real possibility given the partisan swings the country is currently plagued with.

Please slow down, and listen to the public. Voters across the political spectrum are overwhelmingly opposed to the proposed Ballroom. We are better than this as a nation. We deserve meaningful architecture at the 'People's House', not a convention center.

This could be an opportunity for an effective, thoughtful addition. What's been proposed is not that.

Craig A. Hanson, PhD
Professor of Art History
Calvin University
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49506
[redacted]

Name: Mary Hoag
Date: February 23, 2026 7:13:51 pm

The United States is a young country. The White House is one of the few historical buildings that are instantly recognizable. Please preserve our history.

Name: Elaine Yau
Date: February 23, 2026 7:14:38 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern about the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom).

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the

existing White House further dwarfs it. The proposed addition is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Elaine Yau

Name: Lisa Sessa
Date: February 23, 2026 7:15:58 pm

It is too big, too ugly, and too expensive. There has been no oversight other than from Trump approved minions. There have been no construction bids. This monstrosity should never be built. The construction site as it stands is better looking than what Trump has proposed.

Name: Mary Ellen Miller
Date: February 23, 2026 7:16:22 pm

The horrifying destruction of the East Wing sent a very clear message to all of us that this administration has no respect or regard for the laws that apply to National Historic buildings or the history of our country. We do not need a gold ballroom hulking over the White House. The design for this projects shows no respect to the original building. The East wing needs to be rebuilt as a replica of the building that was destroyed with , of course , modern wiring/technology, plumbing etc in the interior. Any ballroom space needs to go through all of the proper project reviews, committees and permitting procedures required by law. If additional venues for events is necessary it should be behind the front facade of the White House and east and west wings and be in proportion to the rest of the structures and carefully reviewed and approved by historians, architects, preservationists and other experts who need to give approval for a project of this size.

Name: Jack Foy
Date: February 23, 2026 7:17:54 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposed East Wing Modernization Project.

The White House belongs to the American people, not to any single President or administration. Its profile is iconic of the American republic and its democratic governance. It is, by design, a modest building: an executive mansion, not a palace. While the structure has been modernized and extended over its history to fit the needs of various administrations, those improvements have been made with an eye towards preserving the historic character and scope of the building and grounds.

In contrast to this thoughtful historic evolution, the East Wing Ballroom Project as currently envisioned is massively out of proportion to the existing structure. It would be almost twice the size of the existing mansion and would destroy much of the symmetry and elegance for which the White House is famous. It is, in short, gaudy and ugly, unworthy of a place in Lafayette's Washington: grandiose rather than grand, closer in spirit to fascist grotesques like the Victor Emmanuel II monument in Rome.

The need for additional function space at the White House is perfectly understandable, and the building can and should continue to change to serve the requirements of the people's elected government, but the current design proposal is fundamentally unsuitable. I ask that you do not permit it to proceed.

Cordially,
Jack Foy

Seattle, WA
February 2026

Name: John Coate
Date: February 23, 2026 7:19:34 pm

I am strongly opposed to this new gigantic, ugly ballroom that is being rammed down the throat to the people without consent. I do not approve of my harder tax dollars being applied to this ridiculous vanity project.

Name: Sara Blumenstein
Date: February 23, 2026 7:19:44 pm

I oppose this project in its current form. Not enough has been shared with the public about what form this will take and how it will reconcile with the rest of the White House. The White House doesn’t belong to President Trump, it belongs to the American people — and we deserve oversight of this project, its goals, and its approach.

Name: Marshall Maher
Date: February 23, 2026 7:19:53 pm

I am writing with complete disgust and horror at the events that have occurred related to the East Wing. President Trump is fine to want modernization in the White House but tearing down the East Wing with no warning, no authority, and funding an elaborate ballroom with tech giant money to distract from his prominant role in the Epstein Files is beyond the pale. I look forward to, like his casinos, steaks, universities, and marriages - that this effort fails and is wiped from the face of the Earth. I would personally donate $1000 to tear down the Epstein Ballroom and am sure many Americans would as well.

Name: Nick Bicknell
Date: February 23, 2026 7:20:02 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Nick

Name: Tyler Dent Hayes
Date: February 23, 2026 7:21:25 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room, given the vetting required in order to admit a guest in the first place. Even if that weren't the case, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Name: Michael Abadi
Date: February 23, 2026 7:22:32 pm

Beyond the grotesque overbuilding of this structure, the private funding surfaces questions of ownership. Are Trump and his corporate benefactors the true owners here? And you must conduct a serious investigation of how the old east wing was leveled without a public process before you move forward.
Also please no Arc D'Trump for 250th birthday.

Name: Suzanne Jones
Date: February 23, 2026 7:23:12 pm

Please restore the White House East Wing and surrounds, i.e., Rose Garden to the state prior to the time that the Trump Administration decided to destroy and replace them. Just the other day, I was watching the movie, The American President, and the East Wing, the Promenade, and the Rose Garden were all featured/replicated. It was SPLENDID to see, Americana at its most simple, graceful and RECOGNIZABLE elegance. There was none of the cheap, gawdy gold embellishments, none of the paved-over gardens, and all architecture was proportional and preserved. AMERICA, its historic White House, does not need to be destroyed by an outsized physical paean to the vanity of one man, Donald J. Trump.

Name: Rachel Mic8ja
Date: February 23, 2026 7:23:13 pm

The destruction of the East Wing of the People's House is a criminal disgrace. It needs to be rebuilt as it was before, at the expense of the person who illegally tore it down. If the government can attach the wages of workers for unpaid taxes, child support, or student loans...it can extract the money from the perpetrators to rebuild the visitors entrance, collonade, and first lady's offices.

Name: Kyle Copas
Date: February 23, 2026 7:23:13 pm

Dear NCPC members:

I wish to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is

disproportionately out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, nearly twice the size of the existing White House building's 55,000 square feet. No adjustments to its design will alter the fact that the so-called addition is larger than the original. Making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This fact is significant, given that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be:
• subordinate in scale and size
• distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and
• compatible with its materials, features, and massing

While programming needs undoubtedly justify the need for a space at the White House that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room, this particular design is unnecessary and unsuitable, because it takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I urge you to decline approval for this project as proposed.

Name: Robert Linett
Date: February 23, 2026 7:25:03 pm

The White House is owned by "We the People" not any single president, who are occupants of the House for defined, limited terms.

The deconstruction of the East Wing occurred prior to any review by representatives of said owners of any plans for remodeling, revision, or redevelopment. Now, the representatives of the people have been presented with a fait accompli.

Consequently, an extensive, detailed, comprehensive review is warranted. Should the occupant seek a more speedy, accelerated review, the plan should mimic the pre-existing East Wing as close as possible allowing for modifications related to safety, energy efficiency, and other minor adjustments that do not impact the Wing's former aesthetic.

Any significant departures in the style, height, breadth, and function of the revisions will require a more detailed review involving considerably more time and public comment. Additionally, no significant departure from an approved plan should be allowed.

Moreover, as the White House is owned by We the People, than any expenditures in excess of those for these minor adjustments should be borne by the occupant not by the American taxpayer, particularly in that the occupant destroyed the building without first discussing his plans with the public's representatives.

Nor should the funding be provided by and private person or organization with business before the US Government, such as a government contractor or business with regulatory approvals before the Government. Any expenses other than those for minor adjustments should be paid by the occupant in just compensation for the East Wing's destruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Karma Anderson
Date: February 23, 2026 7:25:41 pm

This is an abomination and should not be allowed to proceed. This is the people's house and any significant changes should be approved by the American people.

Name: Richard Warnick
Date: February 23, 2026 7:28:42 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It is not the personal property of the current occupant. The sudden demolition of the century-old East Wing without any public process was a violation of the law.

Current (and ever-changing) plans for a $400 million ballroom and a secret underground bunker threaten to overwhelm the White House itself, with a building much too big for the site. The absurdity of this project is akin to a "Saturday Night Live" (SNL) comedy sketch. Oh wait, it actually WAS an SNL sketch.

Let's build a new East Wing at the proper scale, please.

Name: Linda Trader
Date: February 23, 2026 7:30:21 pm

I'm an american who is upset that the east wing was bulldozed without any public input. There was no opportunity as a country to discuss and debate what should happen to the east wing. I am against the building of an enormous ballroom funded by private donations. I don't believe the inauguration needs to be held indoors and am unhappy about overturning our traditions.

We value our history and it's wrong that our history has been trampled on. We have three branches of government and there should be oversight and conversation about what the future holds for the former east wing. Construction of this project should be funded by the government in a non partisan fashion, not by private donors trying to curry favor with the president.

This is a shameful moment in the history of the white house. Congressional oversight and public input about what happens next is the bare minimum. Please do not allow this to proceed . Please enforce some checks and balances and reach a reasonable compromise that includes public input and honors tradition. Please do not build a privately funded monstrosity

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Name: Frances Harding
Date: February 23, 2026 7:31:23 pm

"Modernization" my Aunt Fanny. I do NOT want MY tax money used to construct what will no doubt be a gilded monstrosity when it is finished. I am furious that no one seems able to say "no" to 47 although he is clearly demented. I am furious that he was allowed to destroy the East Wing in the first place. Where was the commission then? There are many Americans who are cold and hungry. Use this money to comfort them.

Name: Joseph Felker
Date: February 23, 2026 7:31:44 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to express my grave concern about the proposed changes to the East Wing. Despite the administration stating that no structural changes would be made, they proceeded to tear down the entire East Wing. Since they cannot be trusted to speak truthfully and follow simple rules, they certainly shouldn’t be trusted with the “renovation.” Furthermore, the proposed “renovation” would dwarf the size of the existing People’s House. I urge you to reject the renovations in their entirety; We the People, who the People’s House is named after, do not want our tax dollars to go to a pointless vanity project.

Sincerely,
Joseph Felker

Name: Susan Flowers
Date: February 23, 2026 7:32:13 pm

As a U.S. citizen, I object in the strongest possible terms to Donald Trump’s planned ballroom project. The destruction of the East Wing is an outrage; the construction of a ballroom which would dwarf the White House itself would just add to the ongoing desecration of this historic space.

Despite what he believes, the White House and its grounds, like all federal buildings, belong to the American people, not to Donald Trump.

In addition, any changes to this house should be paid for out of taxpayer funds, not private donations. This entire project should be dropped immediately.

Name: Wendy Givens
Date: February 23, 2026 7:32:26 pm

The demolition of the east wing is not something the American people want. It is part of our country's history. Using our tax dollars for the demolition and building a ballroom without any say from the citizens of this country is a disgrace.

Name: Mary Shimp
Date: February 23, 2026 7:33:31 pm

While this project may not have gone through the normal process, there was nothing about the East Wing that was historical or important. It held offices built by the FDR Administration.

It is embarrassing to have foreign dignitaries come to the US to attend a State Dinner...in a tent. And do we even need to debate how embarrassing it is that they have to use port-o-potties? This is the United States of America. We should have a ballroom that represents both our power and beauty and that imbues visitors with the grandness that is America.

Name: Mitch Powell
Date: February 23, 2026 7:34:42 pm

Dear Members of the NCPC,

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project" (also referred to as the New White House Ballroom). As designed, the project is dramatically out of proportion with the existing White House structure.

The current proposal calls for a 90,000-square-foot addition—nearly twice the size of the White House itself, which encompasses approximately 55,000 square feet. Regardless of aesthetic refinements, the fundamental issue remains: the addition would exceed the original building in size. Making a structure of that magnitude the same height as the White House only intensifies the imbalance, visually overwhelming the historic building.

This concern is not merely aesthetic. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation clearly state that additions to historic properties must remain subordinate in scale and massing, be distinguishable from the original structure rather than mimic it, and remain compatible with its defining materials and architectural character. The proposed design appears inconsistent with these principles.

While it is understandable that the White House may require a larger event space beyond the existing 200-person capacity, that need does not justify a design that diminishes the prominence of the historic building. In its current form, the proposal shifts visual and symbolic focus away from the original White House and reduces it to a secondary presence.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you not to approve the project as presently proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: ignatius Lynch
Date: February 23, 2026 7:37:39 pm

Dear United States Government,

I hope that you remake the origininal East Wing. Tearing down a historic house of the people of the United States with no plan is akin to just plain hair brained. At best it should be rebuilt.

IL

Name: Greg Shackleton
Date: February 23, 2026 7:41:37 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to oppose the proposed “East Wing Modernization Project” . It's nearly twice the size of the White House making it clearly out of scale. Making it the same height diminishes and visually overwhelms the White House.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require additions to be subordinate in size and scale, distinct from the historic structure, and compatible in massing and materials. As proposed, this project does not meet those standards.

While there is a legitimate need for a larger gathering space, this design is not appropriate. I respectfully urge you not to approve the project as currently proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Anne Williams
Date: February 23, 2026 7:41:53 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I would like to see this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
Thank you

Name: Heinrich Gompf
Date: February 23, 2026 7:42:45 pm

I get that having tents set up for every event at the White House is not ideal, and so expanding the East Wing is necessary, and I'm fine with that. But please make sure to not build it too big, or have it jut out too far to the South. For so many of us, the iconic view from E St NW across the South Lawn is sacrosanct; it gives us an incredibly patriotic feeling just standing there, to think "this belongs to all of us, we are all part of this great endeavor." Having lived on the East Coast and the West, I always make it point to take in that particular view of the White House whenever I have a chance to visit. Having a giant box--however beautiful it might be--to the right (East) of the main building would interfere with that. So please, don't make it too big, keep the visual focus of someone standing there directed at the main building so that generations to come can have the same feeling so many of us do when we're there.

Name: Suzanne Detwiler
Date: February 23, 2026 7:43:06 pm

I am against this. The White House is turning into a gaudy mess. Put it back to the way it was.

Name: Ellen Hansen
Date: February 23, 2026 7:44:24 pm

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization project/Ballroom. First, because the size and scope of the proposed project is beyond the needs of the White House for gatherings. Secondly, the proposal has not taken the advice of any historical agency. And thirdly, the project smacks of a vanity project of the current president who is not adhering to his constitutional mandate to represent the people of the United States, but rather chooses to represent his own personal preferences.

Name: Marcia Miller
Date: February 23, 2026 7:46:30 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Marcia Miller
U.S. Citizen

Name: Nanc Van Maren
Date: February 23, 2026 7:53:15 pm

I am very upset that President Trump took unapproved and likely illegal action to destroy a portion of the White House. The White House does not belong to him and he had no right to demolish it. It is irreplaceable and he has caused damage to all Americans now and every generation in the future. Now he plans to build a ballroom using "donated funds". We, the people, have no need for a ballroom. I am opposed to the building of this structure. It will forever change the historical value of the White House grounds and scar the legacy of the area.

Name: Shaenon Garrity
Date: February 23, 2026 7:54:07 pm

I'm horrified by the sloppy, disrespectful, unpatriotic demolition of the White House's East Wing by the current administration. I have no confidence in the administration's plans to "modernize" it. The proposed blueprint is childish. If, heaven forbid, someone managed to actually build it, it would be grotesquely out of proportion to the rest of the building, ruining the Neoclassical symmetry and elegance for which the White House is known and loved. You insult Americans' intelligence and waste our time by forcing us to indulge this nonsense for a second.

Repair the portion of the East Wing that you ripped down, paying full respect to the original building and the country it represents. And then get your hands off our house.

Thank you!

Shaenon K. Garrity

Name: Kristine Willis
Date: February 23, 2026 7:55:34 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization Project" at the White House is violently out of scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the new East Wing Ballroom covers 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55.000 square feet of the existing White House. This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building, and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

It does not seem possible that the proposed structure could be made compatible with these requirements.

As a homeowner of one of the historic neighborhoods of DC, and a native of one of the oldest cities in the US, I ask that you protect the historic beauty of our national capitol by blocking this project.

thank you,
K. Willis, Ph. D.

Name: David Gehrig
Date: February 23, 2026 7:58:52 pm

One of the fascinations of the National Mall is its insistence on proportion and understatement. The Washington Monument, for example, isn't an avalanche of gold filigree and carved foliage. Instead, its message and majesty is rooted in its astounding simplicity.

Proportion and understatement, unfortunately, are concepts foreign to our President, a man apparently capable of neither. He wants to build a colossal monument to himself at taxpayer expense — a ballroom! — with as much gold leaf bric-a-brac and polished marble as he can wrangle out of the national budget. An echoing cavern with impossibly bad acoustics.

Please do not approve this tribute to idiocracy. But if you must, engrave into the marble over the entrances with lettering lined in some tacky gold leaf: LET THEM EAT CAKE.

If not that, then: MR PRESIDENT, TEAR DOWN THIS BALLROOM.

Name: Keith Kennedy
Date: February 23, 2026 8:00:37 pm

No please. No huge gaudy, gold crusted abomination. No Mayfair trinkets. No record crowd size. Just no.

Name: Zack Davisson
Date: February 23, 2026 8:01:32 pm

This is a horrible misappropriation of funds for a vanity project that no public citizen has asked for or supports. As American citizens, the White House is our building. Allowing Donald Trump to destroy it with no assent from the American public is an abuse of power.

Stop this immediately and restore the White House to what it was.

Name: Tania Richter
Date: February 23, 2026 8:01:44 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role. It's also an ugly design that doesn't look modern at all.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Tania

Name: Becky Dickerhoof
Date: February 23, 2026 8:02:41 pm

I am appalled that anyone, especially a person who holds the office of US President, could demolish a public building without following the law, without obtaining the required permits. The full power of the law needs to be exercised to protect our public buildings. The damage needs to be assessed and restitution made by the individual NOT the US Taxpayer!

Name: Barbara Kesel
Date: February 23, 2026 8:05:35 pm

The disrespectful demolition of this historic wing was a dreadfully selfish action. Its replacement should be built with care and respect for the proportions of the overall White House complex and vetted by architectural and historical experts.

Name: Jennifer Ryan
Date: February 23, 2026 8:06:18 pm

A suspected pedophile, convicted rapist, and criminal should not be allowed to build anything that will taint The People's house with his stench.

Name: DALLAS NEIGHBORS
Date: February 23, 2026 8:06:19 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time

Name: Elizabeth Spear
Date: February 23, 2026 8:06:59 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Elizabeth A. Spear, Ph.D

Name: Sarah Ramsey
Date: February 23, 2026 8:06:59 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern on the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom). As presented, the proposed building is massively out-of-scale with the existing structure and if built along this design will overshadow the original historic building. The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building, and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. This proposed design in no way meets those requirements.

The White House has changed through our country's history, but always with a respect to that history and to the idea that the White House belongs to the American people. It is not a palace and does not belong to one president or administration. This new building makes a mockery of that foundational idea.

When thoughtfully and deliberately done, change can be good. This change is not thoughtful, does not respect the history of the White House or the American people, and will create an ugly mess of a building instead of the graceful structure that once stood there.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thank you,

Sarah Ramsey
Alexandria, VA

Name: Dawn Ollila
Date: February 23, 2026 8:08:08 pm

The damage already done at the White House is inexcusable. I believe the East Wing should be rebuilt in the same footprint, as close to the original as possible. There is no need for a ballroom. This is the people’s house and the public should have been consulted before this ever began. Building a garish structure, outflanking the original beautiful, historic and iconic symbol of our Democracy is a travesty. All to stroke one man’s ego. Please stop this disgusting project.

Name: Nicholas Martin
Date: February 23, 2026 8:09:16 pm

This is contrary to everything our nation stands for. This new addition is a monument for a wannabe king. There are steps and protocols that we follow in this nation, especially in respect to The People's House. The current occupant neither understands nor respects what this house stands for.

Do not accept their plans. Reject them. They are antithetical to all that we, as a nation, should stand for. Stand strong. Stand up for We, the People.

Name: robert atkinson
Date: February 23, 2026 8:09:47 pm

To even call this atrocity a modernization project only adds to the illegality of trump tearing the east wing down. It was not his house to destroy, it belongs to the American people. No hearings, no permits no approval from the Park Service or other agencies with jurisdiction over this treasured national monument. He has destroyed our house for the sake of building himself a vanity enclosure that will no doubt be full of his home depot gold painted decor. A blight compared to the historical treasure that was the East Wing of the White House.

Name: Katherine Wertz
Date: February 23, 2026 8:10:23 pm

I'm completely horrified by the wanton destruction of the east Wing, undertaken with no respect for the White House's history, structural integrity, or the will of congress or the people of the United States. The White House belongs to the people of the United States, and is not subject to the whims of any one president. Any significant changes to the building must be approved by congress and thereby the people of the United States. It is a historical monument as well as a residence, and to take a wrecking ball to it without any consideration for the historic structure was crass, unethical, and a slap in the face to every American citizen.

The proposed ballroom dwarfs the rest of the White House, and is an unnecessary addition to the building. The plans for the ballroom itself are slapdash, not clearly thought out, and do not take into any consideration the needs of the historic building itself. This is a waste of our time, an insult to our intelligence, and an gross insult to our country and our history.

Repair what you have broken, with utmost respect to the building itself, and then get your filthy hands off of our people's house.

With all due respect.

Katherine Wertz

Name: Peggy Hoffman
Date: February 23, 2026 8:15:41 pm

The White House is known as the "Peoples House" for a reason. It belongs not to the President or to Congress but to the

American people. The American people, guided by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and National Capital Planning Commission should be making decisions on the ballroom, not the cronies that Trump has lined up to provide a stamp of approval for whatever he wants.

Name: Delanie Tucker
Date: February 23, 2026 8:16:01 pm

I am writing to express my level of utter disgust at the so-called renovation and ballroom. Initially we were told it wouldn't touch the East wing--only to see that once again the Mad Toddler-King lies more easily than breathing. This renovation was neither asked for nor actually approved by anyone beyond a handful of puppets installed as yes-men. It shows an absolute contempt for history, for respect to the White House, and to the people of our great nation. While updates are certainly in order, at this juncture the plans show a monstrosity dwarfing the entire White House for zero reason other than as a glittering edifice to Trump's ego. I have yet to see any reports as to who catalogued the antiquities and artifacts previously contained in the East Wing, nor yet where they have been stored. Did they actually remove anything or just commence tearing down the structure with the same enthusiasm they show for tearing down the Constitution?

The American people did not ask for and do not want this brobdingnagian ballroom destroying what is The People's House. The very simplicity contained therein has always been a solid reminder that opulence is for kings but we the people as a republic have better uses and needs for our money. It's bad enough he's tchotchked up the Oval Office like a Temu Faberge egg, but at least those can be chiseled off and repainted. His befoulment of the White House with this unnecessary paean unto himself and his ego should not happen. It's an embarrassment and affront to everything America should stand for.

Name: M Burton
Date: February 23, 2026 8:18:30 pm

I would like to register my objection to the East Wing project/White House Ballroom), if for no other reason that it is ridiculously out-of-scale with the White House.

As currently proposed, it is almost double the square footage of the existing White House building. By making such a large building the same or bigger height as the existing White House, it dwarfs it. If there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing room does, a more balanced addition could be designed.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Alberta Chirico
Date: February 23, 2026 8:19:30 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of over $300 million on this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. This project should be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. The White House does not belong to any president or administration. It belongs to the citizens of the United States. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This money should be spent on improving the lives of the citizens of the United States.

Name: Deborah Chasse
Date: February 23, 2026 8:21:27 pm

I am writing to express my profound concern about the demolition of the East Wing of the people’s house, and the plans for construction of a ballroom in its place.

Words can’t express the horror with which I watched the East Wing demolition. In less than a week, an important piece of American history was reduced to rubble. The current administration showed no regard for the history of the building, the treasures contained within its walls, or the fact that they are temporary tenants of an historic landmark; a landmark that represents centuries of diplomacy and democracy.

The plans for the proposed ballroom illustrate a building that is too large, too gaudy, and represents the antithesis of culture and decorum. There is a regal aesthetic to the public buildings in our nation's capital that this administration neither respects nor understands. It would be a further blow to national pride to erect a grotesque monstrosity of a building that dwarfs the White House.

I implore you to consider public input on this project. The vast majority of Americans oppose this project and we should not be ignored. We are the landlords of The White House, and as with any rental the tenant is not allowed to make changes without careful consideration and prior approval. Please put an end to the indiscriminate changes to this national treasure and prevent the current ballroom plan from going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Michael Sigurdson
Date: February 23, 2026 8:24:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.
Nobody is above the law.

Name: Jeff Ravel
Date: February 23, 2026 8:25:43 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Jeff Ravel
Professor Emeritus of History, MIT
https://history.mit.edu/people/jeffrey-s-ravel/

Name: Haley Scott
Date: February 23, 2026 8:27:48 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alice Yang
Date: February 23, 2026 8:30:48 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing as a US citizen deeply concerned about the current proposal by the Office of the Executive Residence for the construction of a 90,000 square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. The Standards say that additions should 1) not destroy the historic fabric of the property and 2) be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing" of the existing structure.

Regarding point 1, the White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It has been home to our Presidents since 1800. In a competition for the design of the home of this young nation's first president, Irish architect James Hoban's submission won. His design demonstrates Georgian and neoclassical architectural principles, with its emphasis on balance and symmetry. This new construction proposed by the Office of the Executive Residence would grossly disrupt that carefully balanced classical design and disregard the 200-plus-year history of the birth of this property, its stewardship by the National Park Service, and its ownership by the American people.

Regarding point 2, the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom would dwarf the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet. A 90,000-square-foot appendage clearly would not be compatible in scale and massing with a 55,000-square-foot existing structure.

Any new addition to the White House complex should have a smaller footprint and be lower than the Executive Residence to retain the balanced classical design of the complex with its two smaller, lower, and approximately symmetrical East and West Wings. If this does not afford enough space for the functions that are envisioned to take place in the addition, then perhaps some of the addition can be built underground, as the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have recommended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alice Yang

Name: Cyane Lowden
Date: February 23, 2026 8:34:26 pm

Have you no shame?

NO to East wing modernization project.Tearing it down was illegal. Restoring it is the only option.

Name: Chris Rumsey
Date: February 23, 2026 8:36:46 pm

I think that the East Wing should be restored to what was there before it was destroyed without the required federal reviews and approvals, violating historic preservation laws.

Name: Jody Timmins
Date: February 23, 2026 8:37:08 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" — the new White House Ballroom — is completely out-of-scale with the existing structure.

The architects are proposing a 90K square foot building on the east side of the White House; it will dwarf the 55K square foot White House itself, and ruin the symmetry of the site.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. This new building meets none of those standards, and has followed none of the established procedures for approval up to now.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jody Timmins
Madison, WI

Name: Laura Obregon
Date: February 23, 2026 8:37:22 pm

Hello,
I am absolutely against the horrible ball room trying to be built. I would like the east wing restored to its design before it was illegally torn down. Everyone involved in the destruction of the east wing without prior consent should be held accountable.
Laura Obregon

Name: Mary Chalmers
Date: February 23, 2026 8:41:41 pm

The White House only has a foot print of about 14,000 square feet. Putting a building with a 90,000 square foot footprint next to it will overwhelm the historic building. Replacing the illegally demolished East Wing should balance the Residence with the current West Wing in scale.

Name: Marcia Cuccaro
Date: February 23, 2026 8:44:41 pm

The nation’s White House is a national historical landmark in which duly elected Presidents are allowed to live in. Construction began in 1792 and was completed in 1800. Since then minor changes to the structure (compared with tearing down an entire wing secretly in the dead of the night) have been done. Always in keeping with the original integrity of the building.

It was my understanding that changes were pre approved by a historical committee.
The current proposed addition was not evaluated prior to the demolition of the East Wing. The proposed addition is totally out of course and scope of the original building. It will diminish the original building due to its proposed size which seems to be getting bigger and bigger. There is no current nor anticipated need for this building. It is being thrust, unwanted, on the American public. It is a huge “Golden” vanity project.

Any future construction on the White House should be restoration of the East Wing. Any future construction should be evaluated and approved based on complimenting the original building and not overshadowing it.

The proposed “Trump Ballroom” should be denied. And in reality, how many Presidents in 2025 or in the future, actually have use of a 4-6,000 sq ft Ballroom. I doubt the ballroom at the Versailles was that big and that was a time when “balls” were held. In today’s time - not so much. And if it is to be used as a convention center, distasteful as it sounds for the White House, I’m more than sure, the D.C. has ample convention centers available for the amount of use this proposed ballroom would receive.

Thank you for considering my though. This matter.

Name: Candy Shirey
Date: February 23, 2026 8:47:14 pm

Lack of Legal Authorization:
The National Trust for Historic Preservation states the project did not receive necessary Congressional approval and failed to undergo proper environmental and historic reviews.
Destruction of Historic Structure:
The project involved demolishing the existing East Wing, is "garish disfiguring" of the White House and a "bulldozing of American heritage".
Immense Scale and Impact:
The proposed 90,000-square-foot, 999-person capacity structure is considered too large, it would disrupt the architectural balance of the historic White House complex.
Financial and Timing Concerns:
The project, with costs reaching $400 million funded by private donations, are too "lavish" nature during times of broader economic concern.
There is no viable need -
Existing, nearby facilities like the Andrew Mellon Auditorium already exist for large-scale events.

Name: beth w scully
Date: February 23, 2026 8:48:19 pm

Enough is enough. This is the people’s house and we should have our comments and concerns considered in this review process. This administration only operates in darkness and unlawfulness.This addition to the White House should be reviewed by qualified architects with an interest in historical preservation. Not by the president’s “yes men”.

Name: Andrew Schell
Date: February 23, 2026 8:56:02 pm

In regards to the East Wing Modernization project (aka New White House Ballroom) is grossly out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project is almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original and by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because as I understand, the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is probably a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time.

Name: Martha Boyd
Date: February 23, 2026 8:58:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sarah Ecton
Date: February 23, 2026 8:59:08 pm

Why has Trump been allowed to destroy a piece of our national heritage and history, to build a monstrosity that will dwarf the White House and ruin our legacy? I'm furious and upset. Stop letting this egomaniac destroy a beautiful piece of history and architecture because he is a spoiled toddler that wants his name on everything. This White House belongs to we, the people.

Name: Laurene Poole
Date: February 23, 2026 9:00:04 pm

I feel very strongly that any modernization project of any official Washington DC national government buildings, as well as, National Historic Landmarks including the White House, Parks, museums and monuments should not be undertaken until approved review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.
I feel that the currently proposed enhanced ballroom will overwhelm and denigrate the current White House.

Name: Priscilla Jane Frank
Date: February 23, 2026 9:03:04 pm

STOP!! Have the courage to stand up and say NO. Do not proceed with the building of the ballroom without going through the proper channels. Trump already tore down a historic landmark in a fit of disinhibition. Out came the bull-dozers, down came the walls without any signs of preparation. Where is the art? Where are the historic artifacts? Who kept the area safe from lead or asbestos contamination. This was simply a slap across the face to Americans. Or shall I say another slap across the face. Every morning we face yet another moral injury.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the NCPC and the CFA, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Public input should occur before construction makes the outcome irreversible. As National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen has stated:
“The American people deserve an opportunity to provide comment and shape the project.”

Signed,
Priscilla Jane Frank

Name: Elizabeth Widas
Date: February 23, 2026 9:03:23 pm

This process is lawless, capricious, and filled with one man’s apparently endless appetite for monuments to himself. See also, the planned Arc d’ Trump, another nightmare.
I oppose the demolition and reconstruction of this hideous folly. The White House belongs to Americans. Trump’s vandalism must not stand.

Name: P J Evans
Date: February 23, 2026 9:03:38 pm

I'm writing because the proper procedures have NOT been followed in "modernizing" the East Wing. It was demolished without planning or permits, and asbestos mitigation doesn't appear to have been done. There don't seem to be plans for

the proposed building, either: we've been shown several architectural renderings, each of which shows a different design and none approved or even in the permitting process, and the only thing *I'm* sure of is that it's far too large for the location. (I also don't think we need a ballroom the size of a convention center main hall. There are plenty of halls big enough for a ball, and previous presidents have used them.)

Name: Breanne Robertson
Date: February 23, 2026 9:08:39 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Breanne Robertson

Name: Kimberly Pinkham
Date: February 23, 2026 9:09:43 pm

Dear NCPC - I am writing to express my concern and dismay regarding the 'East Wing Modernization Project' (the new White House Ballroom). The project as proposed, at 90,000 sq ft, is approaching twice the size of the existing White House at 55,000 sq ft. No amount of redesign tweaking will keep it from dwarfing the White House proper and draw the focus away from the historic mansion, making the historical and symbolic Home of the President a secondary feature of the site. As I understand it, this is contrary to the standards established by the Secretary of the Interior for rehabilitation of historic sites, which state that additions must be subordinate in scale and size to the existing building.

If a space to accommodate groups larger than the existing 200-person room is truly needed, surely a design can be found that will not obscure the building that has become a symbol of our country all over the world. As it stands, the proposed design is perceived by many as a testament to the current President's ego more than a needed improvement. Similarly, the fact that funding for the ballroom project has been raised by corporate and billionaire donors to Mr. Trump himself, rather than going through appropriate channels, makes the entire project seem steeped in corruption. The fact that the existing East Wing was demolished with no warning and little care for the possible destruction of historical artifacts or safeguarding public health (there were no visible attempts to contain asbestos or lead paint, for instance) further makes the ballroom look like a vanity project pushed forward haphazardly to occupy a deteriorating and self-aggrandizing man.

The National Mall area deserves to be treated with respect and keen reverence for the history it represents, not treated like a personal sandbox for one person's ego. The ballroom as proposed will take focus away from the White House and the solemn responsibility that mansion represents by making it the poor little sidekick to a much bigger addition dedicated to extravagance. It should not go forward as proposed.

Thank you for your time,
Kim Pinkham, citizen

Name: Kay Rosburg
Date: February 23, 2026 9:09:53 pm

Historic preservation is a vital expression of the American story. Protecting our history connects communities, bridges generations, and strengthens public understanding. The White House is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before our historic places are permanently altered or lost, the American public should have an opportunity both to be heard, and to shape the decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

For ANY president who is currently a resident of this historic building to start demolishing a part of it without seeking approval/authority from the people (i.e. Congress) is outrageous!! This iconic building in the middle of our nation's capital should not be "modernized" or changed in any way until a lengthy approval process has been adhered to. Shame on this president for believing he is above the law and has no need to adhere to processes that have been laid out long before he took office. Shame!

Name: Mary Carr
Date: February 23, 2026 9:10:00 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design with the "donor" money, not the tax money from hard-working Americans. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mary Ellen Alexander
Date: February 23, 2026 9:14:49 pm

The dignity and historical significance of the White House MUST be preserved. The proposed 1000 person capacity of the East Wing ballroom is totally out of scale with the rest of the White House, and it will destroy the classical integrity of the White House. The White House belongs to the American people, not to any single president, and any modifications need to be at an appropriate scale and with an integrated design that complements the existing White House, and preserves the historical significance of this present structure.

I support only a much smaller addition, not the proposed 90,000 square foot monster now under consideration.

I implore the National Capital Planning Commission to veto the proposed monstrosity and only allow a project that retains and preserves the White House for all Americans.

Name: Harriet Davidson
Date: February 23, 2026 9:19:38 pm

Please do not compromise the architectural integrity of this historical building. As the plans show, this renovation will dwarf the rest of the White House. This is the people’s house, honor this buildings architecture and not turn it into a golden shrine, glorifying the current administration.

Name: Sarah Cihat Grant
Date: February 23, 2026 9:24:57 pm

To the Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to provide comments regarding the proposed alterations to the East Wing of the White House and the addition of a new ballroom.

The White House is not the private residence of any one president. It is the People’s House — a symbol of democratic governance that belongs to the American public, not to a single administration. Unlike a monarchy, our system does not confer personal architectural legacy rights upon temporary officeholders. Permanent structural changes to this historic

building therefore demand extraordinary restraint and justification.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Historic Integrity and Preservation
The White House complex represents layers of architectural and national history. Significant structural additions risk altering the integrity, proportion, and historic character of both the Executive Mansion and its surrounding grounds. Any intervention should preserve the architectural balance and symbolic clarity that have defined this site for generations.

2. Scale, Massing, and Design Compatibility
One of the most troubling aspects of the proposal is its scale. The disproportionate size of the proposed ballroom appears to overwhelm the existing East Wing and disrupt the symmetry of the main drive, originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. The Olmsted plan established a careful sense of approach, balance, and procession. Pushing that drive out of symmetry through an oversized addition would fundamentally alter the historic spatial composition of the grounds. The architectural power of the White House derives in part from its restraint and proportional harmony; a large-scale ballroom risks undermining that carefully evolved balance.

3. Precedent and Long-Term Impact
Approving a major permanent addition establishes a consequential precedent. Because the White House is a national symbol central to our constitutional system, alterations should meet the highest threshold of necessity and design excellence. Alternatives — including smaller-scale, reversible, or off-site solutions — should be thoroughly evaluated.

4. Federal Interest and Public Trust
This proposal implicates core federal interests: preservation of nationally significant historic resources and protection of the symbolic seat of the Executive Branch. The building's meaning transcends any single presidency. Decisions made today will shape how future generations understand and experience this defining symbol of American democracy.

I respectfully urge the Commission to exercise great caution and require rigorous preservation analysis, meaningful alternatives review, and exceptional design scrutiny before approving any substantial addition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Cihat Grant

Name: Nancy Sodano
Date: February 23, 2026 9:30:18 pm

The East Wing Ballroom should not be larger than the actual White House. The construction should be guided by experts and have Congressional approval. Anything less is taking the American people's trust and trashing it.

Name: Betsy Anderson
Date: February 23, 2026 9:32:12 pm

Please do not let this unreviewed, unauthorized, illegal destruction of our nation's White House proceed! The White House does not belong to Mr. Trump. It is not his to destroy.

The Trump administration is engaged in an all-out effort to erase invaluable pieces of our history. Please protect the East Wing from this "modernization" - really, ruination - plan.

Thank you.

Name: Gary McNeil
Date: February 23, 2026 9:34:33 pm

Laws are being broken to ruin the East Wing. Many years of American history have occured in the East Wing of the White House. To spend $300 million to tear it down and put in a ballroom is a outrageous and unlawful act. It is being

done without proper authorization, permits, and design review. It must be restored to its original design before it is too late. Please do not let an evil dictator break laws in order to get what he wants.

Name: CJ Mlsna
Date: February 23, 2026 9:41:03 pm

From concept to execution, the so-called East Wing modernization project is a gaudy, unnecessary, and potentially corrupt or corrupting vanity project. If there were a real and immediate need to expand or rearrange the East wing, it would have been executed in a way that treated the White House in its entirety as the historic building it is and had a minimal impact to the whole, not bulldozed without proper oversight and public input. The project should come to a halt and new designs drafted and put before the public that are more in line with the remaining structure and the original East Wing dimensions and scale. The largest part of a symbol of American governance cannot be a gilded symbol for entertainment and wealth.

Name: Debbie Ryan
Date: February 23, 2026 9:41:28 pm

NCPC,
I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.
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This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.
There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable - It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.
I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.
Thanking you for your time,

Name: Stephanie spina
Date: February 23, 2026 9:41:43 pm

The White House is the people's house -- not the president's. He had no right to demolish part of it and destroy the history of the East Wing. He has turned the White House into the epitome of bad taste -- destroying the rose garden and decorating it like a bordello. I know this won't count for anything and the people will be ignored, but we have to try to fight such desecration.

Name: dan gillotte
Date: February 23, 2026 9:44:05 pm

I'm writing register my disapproval in the trump administrations plans to build a ballroom at the Whiter House or to make any other changes to it. The admin proceeded with demolition without permitting and should not be rewarded with approval for this to move forward.
The plan destroys the beauty and proportions of the historic White House and must be rejected.

Name: Marie Watkins
Date: February 23, 2026 9:48:55 pm

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

—-Marie Watkins

Name: Ashley Berridge
Date: February 23, 2026 9:53:29 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Michael McIntyre
Date: February 23, 2026 10:00:31 pm

By bypassing the Congressional appropriations process, the proposed ballroom avoids the checks and balances designed to prevent special interests from literally buying a piece of the White House. Because the funding sources for this garish ballroom are obscured, it undermines public trust.

The White House should of course evolve, but it should do so with the prior consent of the governed, and through the proper legal channels. All changes should also show a deep respect for the past. The proposed ballroom represents a fast-tracked, oversized, and opaque departure from those values. We should be building for the next century of democracy, not for the temporary vanity of a single person.

Name: Stephanie McLaughlin
Date: February 23, 2026 10:00:45 pm

The East Wing Ballroom Project plans a huge 90,000 square feet addition the nearly doubles in size of the existing White House! It is unconscionable that this addition will dwarf the White House. And, to date, there has been no public input on the egregious demolition of the East Wing of The People's House and this proposed gargantuan replacement.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation mandates that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, different from the historic building (rather than imitating it), and compatible with its materials, characteristics, and mass.

I understand there is much debate whether this project's specific design is appropriate. As such, it detracts from and drawf's the original White House and reduces it to a secondary position. This is an unacceptable, super-sized addition to The People's House!

I request that you do not allow this project to proceed as intended.

Thank you.

Name: Melinda Ellis
Date: February 23, 2026 10:13:39 pm

I am a daughter of a Major General of the US Army, who served 29 years including many years in Washington, DC. We were raised with respect for the White House, its national history, and its architecture.

I encourage the National Capital Planning Commission to NOT extend federal planning authorization to the White House East Wing Modernization to move above grade as construction and litigation proceed in parallel. I oppose this project, which initiated and carried out the demolition of the White House East Wing, without proper design review and without authorization. Historical structures are not demolished, their structures are analyzed, extended, and balanced with sizing. Even if the White House, Capital, and Supreme Court buildings are exempt from the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), previous Presidents have followed design reviews and authorization. Just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should do it. If the President can raze the White House, does that open the door to razing the Capital and the Supreme Court building?

I ask that this project be canceled, and the East Wing be rebuilt and restored to its appropriate size. This project does not link with our national history. The architecture dwarfs the mass of the White House. The White House currently has a carefully balanced classical design with its two smaller and lower East and West Wings. Will the next project be an enlargement of the West Wing, without design review and authorization? Does the East Wing project plan consider its adjacent impact on the community? Are plans available for logistical impact, such as traffic flow for 900 invitees, parking for 900, water usage and volume of sewage? Has it been analyzed for heating, cooling, and maintenance cost? How does the project dwarf the current allocated funding for White House maintenance? Please do not authorize this project. Listen to the many voices that are calling out for this dire action.

Name: Laura Hughes
Date: February 23, 2026 10:13:47 pm

I am concerned that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is inappropriate considering the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

It also feels like a violation that the original East Wing was demolished without any agreed upon, structurally appropriate plan being in place for its replacement. Allowing a violently inappropriate monstrosity of a building to be constructed in its place feels like adding insult to injury.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Judy Briar Kolp
Date: February 23, 2026 10:14:43 pm

i disagree with the ongoing destruction of the White House and believe this project as described needs to be stopped.

Name: Leslie Bauer
Date: February 23, 2026 10:16:55 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to

go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all.

Keep this property sacred for the people, not the whimsical of a regime run by an unqualified boob.

Name: Jen Howicz
Date: February 23, 2026 10:18:59 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: justin johnson
Date: February 23, 2026 10:22:39 pm

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Commission,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed "East Wing Modernization project," also referred to as the New White House Ballroom, in its current form. While the need for enhanced gathering space at the White House is understood, this specific proposal fundamentally violates the core principles of historic preservation and would cause irreparable harm to one of our nation’s most significant and cherished landmarks.

My primary concern is the project’s complete disregard for the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, which serve as the benchmark for any work on historic properties. This proposal fails to meet these standards in several critical ways:

Grossly Out-of-Scale Addition: The project proposes a 90,000-square-foot structure, which is not an addition but a massive new building that would nearly double the footprint of the original White House (55,000 square feet). The Standards require that new additions be subordinate in scale and size to the historic building. An addition that is larger than the original structure itself is, by definition, not subordinate. It would overwhelm the historic building, making the iconic White House appear as an appendage to a modern construction.
Inappropriate Massing and Replication: The design’s attempt to make this massive volume the exact same height as the existing White House further compounds the problem. Instead of creating a harmonious relationship, this choice visually ties the two structures together in a way that dwarfs the original. The Secretary’s Standards mandate that new work be distinct from the historic building to avoid creating a false sense of history. Replicating the height of the existing structure while dramatically expanding its width does not achieve compatibility; it creates a distorted and dominating partner that relegates the historic White House to a secondary role on its own site.
While we acknowledge the functional need for a larger gathering space beyond the current 200-person capacity, this practical requirement cannot justify a design solution that actively diminishes the architectural and historic integrity of the President's Park. The current proposal is not a matter of minor design tweaks; its fundamental flaw is its colossal size. No amount of refinishing, material changes, or landscaping can mitigate the fact that a 90,000-square-foot addition will be the dominant feature on the site.

Therefore, I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal. We ask that you not allow this project to go ahead as planned. Instead, we encourage a return to the drawing board to develop a solution that truly respects the scale, materials, and massing of the original White House, providing necessary functions without compromising the very character that makes this building an American icon.

Thank you for your time and for your essential role in safeguarding the nation's capital.

Name: Gina Bates
Date: February 23, 2026 10:35:09 pm

I am writing to demand that someone put a stop to the unlawful demolition of the White House by Donald J Trump, Sr & his Administration.

What he is doing under his egregiously misnamed 'Modernization Project' is ILLEGAL as per 18 USC 1361. Therefore, I am quite curious as to why there have been no injunctions or cease and desist motions filed against this administration for

the Destruction of Government Property.

Donald J Trump Sr needs to be held accountable, including prosecution, for committing this illegal action against the White House.

Meanwhile, immediate injunctions and cease and desist motions must be filed in order to halt any more destruction of the White House. Once said injunction, etc., is in place, please ensure that it is enforced & that severe legal consequences are imposed if the Administration does not comply.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Name: Katelyn Young
Date: February 23, 2026 10:36:10 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. Moreover, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable, as it takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed for the sake of preserving the integrity of the original White House building.

Thank you for your time,
Katelyn Young

Name: AINE OCONNELL
Date: February 23, 2026 10:36:31 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Margot Clark-Junkins
Date: February 23, 2026 10:40:57 pm

I have a Masters degree in Design & Curatorial Studies from the Smithsonian’s Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum. I am opposed to the overly-large scale of the architect’s proposed design for the East Wing Modernization, and it’s very rudimentary, chunky aspect. I am also opposed to changing the circular drive.

Greek-revival elements (like a pediment) are essential to creating a unified whole with the White House. Seek guidance from a panel of architects and DO WHAT THEY SUGGEST.

The design lacks sophistication and worse, the committee is missing a golden opportunity to engage the public, to win hearts with this project.

Name: Greg Jones
Date: February 23, 2026 10:44:09 pm

I am opposed to the ballroom. Its size, style and proportions are inappropriate for the location.

Name: Bob Frank
Date: February 23, 2026 10:49:50 pm

I am absolutely against this project. This is our history that this man want to destroy, this is the house the we the people built, our founding fathers, it should be treated as a national treasure, a place of reverence, a place that carries the weight of centuries, carries the lessons, the trials, the sadness, and the triumphs of all the presidents that have occupied it since John Adams. Who does this arrogant man think he is! It's appalling he thinks he has a right to just tear down like it's his dog house.

Name: Sue Poovey
Date: February 23, 2026 10:52:11 pm

I’m sorry it has taken me so long to express my disgust with the decision of our president to dismantle the east wing of our White House and replace it with a ballroom. I totally agree the east wing should be reconstructed to it’s former beauty and importance to those of us who still consider ourselves fortunate enough to be proud citizens of the United States of America. Donald Trump has no respect for any of our country’s history, values or its citizens. God willing he will be replaced and erased from our memories in due time.

Name: lois crozer
Date: February 23, 2026 10:58:28 pm

East Wing Modernization Project!!?? This is the name for the 90,000 sq ft ballroom!?

You've GOT to know this is just one of Trump's egotistical follies. I do NOT support this in any way, shape or form. Why did you let him tear down the East Wing without any congressional approval? Please do your job. This is a disaster, just like Trump's presidency. It should never have been allowed. Now that it is under construction, I hope someone has the decency to limit it's ugliness and waste of money.

Name: Karen Mueller-Harder
Date: February 23, 2026 10:59:22 pm

This project is a travesty! Renovations to the White House should be done thoughtfully, with respect to the history of the building, and in proportion to the other elements of its structure, not in a frantic rush and without consultation with experts. The scale of the proposed addition is much too large, and destroys many aspects of the White House, as well as the Rose Garden, and costs way too much when food banks do not have enough money to feed people.

Name: Cristina Mathews
Date: February 23, 2026 11:02:37 pm

I oppose this project at every level. The proposed East Wing destroys the proportions of the White House. For now, it creates a lopsided building, hideous for its hodge-podge of styles and gross imbalance. If the West Wing is eventually supersized to match the monstrosity planned for the East Wing it will leave us not with the People's House, but with a grotesque compound that elevates the presidency over the other branches of government and over the people. The White House is big, but it is not the seat of government. It is where the head of one branch lives and works. This vanity project converts the White House into a hideous symbol of a bloated executive branch. It broadcasts an executive branch that is self-involved and self-important, and that sees itself as independent of its coequal branches.

Do not permit this executive to indulge his whims by giving him forgiveness when he should have asked permission. It is

not his house.

Also, please do not neglect the question of funding. An East Wing built with private money donated to curry favor is un-American and further damages the White House as a symbol of our nation.

I urge you not to approve this project.

Name: Joseph Beck
Date: February 23, 2026 11:12:12 pm

The theft of our shared heritage from the children of the future is an abject stain on the character of anyone who abets it. A penitent restoration of the historic East Wing should by all rights begin immediately, but failing that, no person currently involved in this national crime should let an hour pass before they resign in shame.

Name: Sarah Kayle
Date: February 23, 2026 11:14:54 pm

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed East Wing Modernization project. I feel the scale is far too grandiose and completely overwhelms the existing White House structure. I hope you will reconsider drastically altering the appearance of this American icon and choose a more appropriate plan. Thank you so much.

Name: Becca Pheasant
Date: February 23, 2026 11:15:33 pm

Dear NCPC;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the White House. Public and professional comments are critical to ensuring the integrity of our historic places that represent our entire nation.

1. The design of any modifications to the White House should have been thoroughly reviewed and approved by qualified professionals and representatives of the public prior to any work. The demolition of the East Wing without approval was in direct opposition to precedent and best practices for historic buildings. Litigation is currently moving through the judicial system that questions the legality of the process up to this point.

2. All historic buildings must be reviewed for hazardous materials and properly abated prior to demolition. By not following proper procedures, the health and safety of the public was put at risk. A full investigation into the possible harm caused by demolishing the East Wing without prior abatement should be undertaken immediately.

3. Review of government projects should be impartial and free from influence from those being reviewed. Any reviewer with ties to the current administration should immediately recuse themselves from the process. Project review should be delayed until an impartial review commission can be selected through a transparent process.

4. Information has been provided by the administration indicating that a halt in work would jeopardize "security." This raises serious questions regarding the security planning of this project. Any security threats appear to be a direct result of the haphazard way this project is being conducted and did not exist prior to the start of the project. The administration should be responsible for mitigating the security risks created by their actions. Security risks should not be used as an excuse to require the project to move forward.

5. No studies regarding the size of White House events have been provided. The size of the new addition appears to be based on arbitrary numbers without studies identifying how often events requiring space for 650+ (1000?) people would be held vs the time when the hall would be vacant or underutilized. The actual number of guests to be accommodated has shifted throughout the design process. A formal study should be provided on the actual guest needs of the white house prior to reviewing the design.

6. Since the size of the hall at maximum capacity will be used to size all other spaces and systems within the addition (such as kitchens, restrooms, trash, mechanical, etc.), oversizing the space will have a severe impact on the ongoing maintenance effort and cost for the life of the building. A full financial impact study of the maintenance, energy, and other ongoing costs of the addition should be required prior to reviewing the design.

7. The design as proposed is out of compliance with the government's own guidelines for additions to historic properties. According to the Secretary of the Interior Standards and Guidelines for Historic Properties, constructing a new addition that is as large as or larger than the historic building is not recommended. The new addition is exceptionally out of proportion to the White House. It overwhelms the building to such an extent that additions to the West Wing are contemplated to regain some semblance of balance.

8. Based on the renderings provided, the new addition is exceptionally visible and overwhelming from every view that is not directly blocked by trees or another building. From the East, the building completely blocks all views of the main White House Building. The design impacts the symmetry of the campus, even modifying the symmetrical drive into an amorphous blob.

9. Finally, the funding of the new wing through private donations should be thoroughly investigated and transparent. Any opacity in the funding process could be viewed as a sign of corruption and bribery. This is particularly the case for those providing funding for the addition that have public contracts with the government or private contracts with public officials, such as the president, who are associated with the project. Full assurance that all funds have been secured should be a requirement prior to any approval of a new East Wing. Promises of funding without fully securing the funding should not be accepted.

Other experts have already done an exceptional job at identifying concerns surrounding accessibility, security specifics, historic incompatibility, and other design choices that appear to be symptoms of a poorly thought-out process. The overwhelming primary issue is that of a rushed process without full public review, without the necessary studies, and without adherence to the government's own requirements and guidelines. I request that you deny approval of the project as presented until there is a full investigation into the disregard for health and safety during the demolition, the ongoing security risks, the long-term maintenance costs of the new building, and the funding sources for the construction.

Attachment

Name: Donna Manion
Date: February 23, 2026 11:54:12 pm

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Donna Manion

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

Total comments: 214

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Name: George Washington
Date: February 24, 2026 12:01:52 am

Fuck this guy to the deepest hells

Name: Naomi Wilson
Date: February 24, 2026 12:06:58 am

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Name: Patricia McLoone
Date: February 24, 2026 12:09:25 am

Trashing the east wing without consultation was vandalism a simply not the presidents prerogative. The demolition was unsafely done and emptying the debris at the public golf course is hazardous and irresponsible. This is not trumps property and he has horrible taste anyway and no respect for history or law.
There is no need for the bordello ballroom. Think of the people instead of the billionaires you want to party with at my expense. Do that on your own dime at magatlargo.
Restore the east wing without input from Trump. Make him pay for the damage he has done and the contractors have liability as well.

Name: Andrew Burnett
Date: February 24, 2026 12:14:25 am

Respectfully, it’s an absolute disgrace that we only have time to comment after a piece of our history is torn down, but here we are.

I think the best case scenario for rebuilding at this point is to halt all progress until the American society can vote on how to move forward. We did not vote or have a say in tearing down a piece of our history, our narcissist president made the decision on his own. It’s time to allow the people’s say in America again and halt any rebuilding decisions until there is a wide consensus on how to proceed.

Name: James Muse
Date: February 24, 2026 12:17:43 am

I am appalled that demolition was started without an approved plan. A giant ballroom will dramatically outscale the executive wing of the White House making it look asymmetric, bizarre, and as if the ballroom is the most important part of the whole place. It should be dramatically scaled back to fit within a more balanced scale of the entire complex if it must be done at all (this did not appear to be truly needed in the first place)

Name: Leila Belhadjali
Date: February 24, 2026 12:19:13 am

The ballroom is slated to be a gilded monstrosity that will dwarf the White House and look both ugly and ridiculous. In addition, the project is being overseen by a corrupt president is bound to be full of kickbacks and will not doubt result in the US taxpayer having to pay to fix the inferior but no doubt full of gold leaf construction. I ask that this project not be approved as proposed and that if a structure is needed, the process that usually guides this type of endeavor be followed.

Name: Ruth Tuff
Date: February 24, 2026 12:19:14 am

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project which Illegally demolished the historic East Wing of THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, not the narcissistic vanity project of Donald Trump.

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Name: Tobin Hahn
Date: February 24, 2026 12:21:08 am

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the modernization of the East Wing of the White House (also known as the Ballroom).

This project is incongruous with the existing historical structure of the White House in that it clearly violates design protocols laid out in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. In particular, its relative large size to the existing structure.

The "ballroom" design is more fiddler crab than fidelity to any architectural standard of balance and is as such questionable in enduring architectural relevance and value.

The project should proceed with a more balanced design (a smaller East Wing) that maintains an emphasis on the People's House.

Sincerely,

Tobin Hahn

Name: Dana Micklethwait
Date: February 24, 2026 12:22:27 am

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is absurdly large and not proportional to the other buildings, making it out-of-scale and unharmonious. Bigger is really not often better, and a ballroom bigger than the other structures is not aesthetic and diminishes the import of the history and work done in the other buildings.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. That is honestly ridiculous.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

The proposed design is NOT suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relegates it to a secondary role. This is not acceptable. It disrespects history, cheapens the White House complex and doesn't comply with stated requirements.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed

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Name: June Chebet
Date: February 24, 2026 12:25:17 am

Please do not build a ball room, return the East wing to its former architectural glory, the ball room is not needed nor respectful of the people's house

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Name: William Frazier
Date: February 24, 2026 12:25:32 am

I believe the new wing will be in tension with the existing architecture. It's likely to be a divisive symbol in the years to come. Any ballroom or large hosting location should be built elsewhere to preserve what's left of the historic building.

Name: Regina Eury
Date: February 24, 2026 12:26:09 am

The current President demolished part of the WH like he was a King.

WE HAVE NO MONARCHS IN THE USA.

No more work

Name: Emma Helper
Date: February 24, 2026 12:31:41 am

This is so incredibly fucked, it's stupid and shortsighted and has no justification. I hope no one comes to your ballroom and you rot in hell.

Name: Susan Kahler
Date: February 24, 2026 12:31:51 am

I am very concerned about the proposed ballroom addition to the White House.

The proposed 90,000 square foot ballroom is nearly double the size of the White House and will dwarf it. The project should not be allowed to continue as is. Any design must go through proper review channels. After all, the White House is the People's House, it is not a personal residence and should not be treated as such.

Name: Susan Humiston
Date: February 24, 2026 12:40:29 am

Dear NCPC,

This comment relates to the project called East Wing Modernization. I urge you to deny approval or support for the creation of a wing to the White House that dwarfs the size of this historic building complex. The East Wing should not have been torn down and the effort to replace what was wrongly gutted with a ballroom that far exceeds architectural standards for historic buildings should not be supported. If a common space (ballroom) is needed, it should meet applicable standards and be no larger than the wing wrongfully removed and otherwise watch the size, structure and material of the preexisting building.

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Please do not allow the planned installation. Thank you.

Name: Sandy Scott
Date: February 24, 2026 12:43:32 am

Please do not let this project go forward as planned. The scale is entirely too large. Also, no approval procedures have been followed to date. This project should be carefully considered as it is such a symbolic and historical building. It belongs to everyone, not just to the president.

Name: Gail Fugett
Date: February 24, 2026 12:49:17 am

The destruction of the East Wing of the White House is so dishonorable to the United States of America. It had historical significance any it was just destroyed. How can you do something like this and say you love America and want to make it better. We are 250 years old this year and you just wiped out a third of it's history.

Name: Karyl Newman
Date: February 24, 2026 1:19:27 am

A number of writers have recently compared a building or home to a poem. Perhaps in the way spaces unfold like ideas, some familiar and some surprising due to time of day and light

or old things revealed in new places. When the edifice is ripped away, without the consent of the owners or any reverence for a shared history, all of this stored energy and potential power is lost. Forever.
Can there again be poetry in its place? Perhaps only if the walls and roof of this wing are replaced with glass revealing the gaping wound inflicted on people and place, for posterity.

Name: Jyoti Mahapatra
Date: February 24, 2026 1:20:28 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-aboding citizens.

Name: Hisham Ikram
Date: February 24, 2026 1:31:05 am

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Name: Amie Pease
Date: February 24, 2026 2:20:35 am

This is a project that is unwanted and unneeded. There is absolutely no reason to "modernize" what is an important national monument. It is a gross waste of money. Please invest in the restoration of what has been destroyed rather than changing a what was a charming internationally known structure into a modern monstrosity.

Name: Shawn Snow
Date: February 24, 2026 2:26:20 am

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to implore the Commission to compel the Executive Branch staff, consultants and architecture team at the White House to reconsider the size, location, and massing of the "proposed" new construction of the East Wing. While all of this planning should have already been considered, I'm advocating for making the best out of this situation. The current plans will overwhelm the existing White House and are completely out of scale with original building. With the East Wing and its history already partially lost, what recourse is there for the Commission to be able to approve the final design to ensure that this modernization project will respect the original White House for future generations? Can you inform the public if there are plans to reestablish landscaping to mimic what was also summarily removed. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Tatyana Seroka
Date: February 24, 2026 3:29:10 am

The addition of a ballroom to the East Wing of the White House without congressional authorization raises serious constitutional and ethical concerns. The White House is not a private residence—it is a national historic property held in trust for the American people, and any major structural changes must follow established legal oversight and preservation procedures.

Equally troubling is the reported use of private “donations” to fund such construction. When wealthy individuals finance alterations to a government building outside transparent congressional approval, it creates the appearance of influence-buying rather than civic generosity. Public institutions must remain free from even the perception of quid pro quo.

Because this alteration was undertaken outside proper legal and preservation channels, it should be removed and the East Wing restored to its original historic condition. Any restoration costs should not fall on taxpayers, who neither authorized nor approved the change. Those responsible for the unauthorized construction should bear full financial responsibility for returning the building to its lawful and historically protected state.In

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Name: Blue M
Date: February 24, 2026 3:30:35 am

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law by demolishing the East Wing would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Ann Smith
Date: February 24, 2026 3:49:01 am

I was glad to be able to view the presentation to the National Capital Planning Commission on the East Wing Modernization Project.

Watching the presentation, it seems that people have tried to make the best of getting backed into a corner. I understand that there is a need for a larger venue to host foreign dignitaries, but a project of this size and importance should have included study and planning prior to breaking ground. The fact that demolition occurred before plans for construction were presented for public review is egregious.

I am specifically concerned about how the proposed project overwhelms the White House itself. While there are trees to mitigate the view from the south, trees are temporary--far more temporary than this structure. I appreciate the effort to balance out the west side--and I appreciate that the visitor entrance will be modernized. That is definitely needed.

However, due to the lack of planning up front, the modernization project underway leaves the impression of a rushed project that is a disgrace for our country.

Name: Leslie Miles
Date: February 24, 2026 4:44:01 am

EAST WING MODERNIZATION PROJECT (White House Ballroom Proposal)
TESTIMONY OF LESLIE K. MILES 202.270.5151 lmiles@topsidedc.com

Good morning, and thank you to the members of the National Capital Planning Commission for considering my testimony today. I write as the former longtime Chair and Member of the Montgomery County, Maryland Historic Preservation Commission 2007-2020, longtime Chair and Member of Advisory Commission 2F of Washington, DC 1997-2002 (Logan Circle), longtime Chair and Member of ANC 2F’s committee considering new construction and renovation in the Logan Circle Historic District, and longtime President of the Blagden Alley Naylor Court Historical Association (DC). I am well aware of the standards for historic preservation found in the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines, which guide my comments. For your information, I am also an alumna of Leadership Montgomery, and a former Board Member of the Kennedy Center Circles Board and the Women’s Campaign Fund, and have chaired other philanthropic organizations including the Tikkun Olam Women’s Foundation and Adventure Theatre.

The White House is, without doubt, the most significant historic structure on the continent, based upon each criterion. More events of historical importance have taken place in that building than in any other. It is instantly recognizable as the seat of the Executive Branch. It was designed by a notable architect and built in the early 19th century. It is the temporary home of each President of the United States. It is part of the Federal Triangle. It retains its original design and materials, with only one full-scale modernization undertaken to preserve the building. It goes without saying that the wholesale demolition of an entire 20th century wing of this structure, violence done to the White House by bulldozer without authority, consideration or respect, was a grotesque usurpation of the public role in a public building.

We now must turn to what should properly replace this substantial structure. The term “renovation” is utterly inapplicable, as there is no brick or bracket remaining. The proposed replacement, which in scale, massing and style, would dwarf the White House, is so outside the realm of what would be suggested, let alone permitted, under any other Administration that it cannot be seriously evaluated. It is inconceivable that such a proposal would receive any consideration by any body with any training or insight into historic preservation, the importance of this structure, or even the most rudimentary familiarity with architecture.

Without even considering the manifold inappropriate and dangerous issues presented by a structure attached to the White House, privately paid for by those who seek the attention of the President, housing a ballroom in which the President can entertain thousands of paying guests, also housing an actual bunker, this proposal must be immediately and summarily rejected as a farcical and horrific destruction of the public building in which a public servant temporarily resides. I urge you to fully and formally refuse permission for anything like this project to proceed. No “wing” can overwhelm a main structure and still be considered subordinate to it. For anything to overwhelm the White House—and let me say it again, the WHITE HOUSE, is a crime against the American People. Say no and make it stick. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Name: Nancy Higginbotham
Date: February 24, 2026 5:20:33 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Laura Greenblatt
Date: February 24, 2026 5:41:24 am

I am completely opposed to the constitution of the ballroom. The East wing should be reconstructed as it was. It never should have been torn down. There was no congressional approval.
The ballroom is a offense to the people of the United States. Such a ballroom fits in a country ruled by a dictator not a president.
As an American citizen. I am profoundly disappointed and disgusted.

Name: William Middleton
Date: February 24, 2026 5:43:09 am

I am deeply concerned that the sheer massing and height of the proposed 90,000 square-foot new ballroom construction will overwhelm the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet.

I am also deeply concerned that, as proposed, the new construction will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex, which emphasizes the prominence of the Executive Residence in contrast to its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure.

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.

• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

Adopting these recommendations will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of our country’s founding, the preservation of historic places that represent our nation’s history has never been more relevant or important. I urge you to consider the deep reverence that I and all Americans hold for this iconic place and undertake a review process that ensures the protection of the historic White House complex for future generations.

Name: Diane Sklar
Date: February 24, 2026 5:46:41 am

Please ensure that the architectural drawings for this project are made public. Please also ensure the design is in keeping with the FEDERAL style of architecture. This style demands simple lines, symmetry, order, and RESTRAINT which was the spirit of our founding fathers, NOT the regal Louis XIV ornamental style that Mr. Trump prefers. This is the PEOPLE's house and should reflect the founding principles of our country.

Name: Polly Moore
Date: February 24, 2026 5:57:11 am

I oppose the destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House. Our current president overstepped his authority by demolishing it without proper authorization. The facility should be restored using the money he raised to build the new structure.

Name: Nina Tichman
Date: February 24, 2026 6:09:13 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a ballroom to replace the destroyed East Wing of the White House, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Megan Lutz
Date: February 24, 2026 6:20:32 am

The fact that the East Wing Ballroom is here referred to as a "modernization" project is Orwellian doublespeak. The East Wing has been torn down without input or consultation. It is not being modernized or renovated for office space, or updated for administrative use. It was torn down illegally on the whim of a madman for the narcissistic purposes of a hideous ballroom.

I do not support the reconstruction of the East Wing for the outsized, vanity project of the ballroom, built with bribe money and made without public input or architectural consideration for the White House. No possible change to the proposed design, except making it smaller, will change the fact that this purported "addition" absolutely swallows the White House itself.

The proposed structure dwarfs the White House, is incompatible with it and violates the Secretary for the Interior's standards that the addition be subordinate in scale and size to the original building, distinct from the original building, and compatible with the original building with regard to features, materials, and massing. This ain't it.

Do not allow this project to proceed.

Megan Lutz

Name: Heather Curtis
Date: February 24, 2026 6:25:05 am

The White House is the people's house, not Donald Trump's house. Changes to the White House should go through the proper process. His time in the While House is temporary. The East Wing should visually look more subdued than the current proposal. His tearing down of the existing wing should demonstrate his lack of consideration of process and procedures and be considered a warning of what he is going to do.

The proposed East Wing is too big and too garish to go with the White House. The proposal should be rejected and a new proposal should be submitted.

Name: Ana Connolly
Date: February 24, 2026 6:27:43 am

The reward for tearing down the people's property on a whim, without proper permission, should not be for the administration to get what they want. The East Wing of the White House should be restored to its pervious condition, and the people who ordered the unauthorized demolition should be fined.

Name: Maryann Fagan
Date: February 24, 2026 6:54:20 am

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Name: Carolyn Hanson
Date: February 24, 2026 6:55:52 am

The wanton demolition of the East Wing horrified me. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kate ORourke
Date: February 24, 2026 6:59:49 am

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Name: Amanda Maloney
Date: February 24, 2026 7:01:33 am

I write to express my strong opposition to the plans to build a ballroom addition to the White House. The current design detracts from the stately symbolism of the White House. As an American citizen, it was heartbreakingly tragic to witness the rapid demolition and complete lack of care for one of America’s most important buildings. Much more consideration must be put into the design and rebuild to make it a suitable size and style. Such an important project should not be rushed and needs input from professionals devoted to historic preservation and people who respect and understand the significance that the White House has to the American people.

Name: Karen Fanale
Date: February 24, 2026 7:03:58 am

First and foremost, any construction to be done needs to be approved by Congress and the proper and lawful commissions and not just by the president, as has been the case for previous remodeling. Everything needs to be transparent to the public and not done in secret or in the dead of night.
No one has been asking for a grand ballroom for 150 years. The former East Wing served a function, especially when we had a First Lady who lived at the White House. I suggest you try and reconstruct something similar, since it should never have been destroyed in the first place. It should not be so huge that the White House is small in comparison nor should it contain a wrestling ring. It should not be palatial, since this is part of the people's house, nor should it be constructed with bribe money. If it also includes remodeling the bunker, let the people know. If it also will hold a database full of everyone's information, let the people know. I am already sick and tired of this administration's flagrant use of taxpayer money for their personal vanity projects such as a ballroom or triumphal arch, use of private jets and funds to party or conduct extra-marital affairs or chauffeur their girlfriend, and taxpayer funded vacations to Italy, etc.
I also suggest that at the very minimum you replant some trees, since very old magnolias were felled for no reason. So in summary, rebuild the old East Wing and plant some trees, and every step of the way in this process must be approved and transparent to the people.

Name: Julie Sutherland Platt
Date: February 24, 2026 7:17:34 am

The Eat Wing expansion should not be allowed to expand as large as proposed.
The expansion completely changes the original proportions of the original White House lawn and garden approach area.
Also there is no need to have an indoor space that is as large as proposed.
Please do everything possible to make sure this addition is at least more to scale and doesn’t disrupt the original plan by Frederic Law Olmstead.

Thank you

Name: Suzanne Hodgson
Date: February 24, 2026 7:18:00 am

The current proposal is not at all in keeping with the historic character of the White House as a whole and should be rejected. An independent commission of experts, not appointed by those with an interest in the project (i.e., the current occupant of the White House or his appointees) should be tasked with developing a proposal for what should be built on the footprint of the East Wing.

Name: Joanie Hahr
Date: February 24, 2026 7:19:09 am

I strongly disagree with the destruction of our National Treasure. Why is this administration allowed to destroy this building?

Name: Michael Hurd
Date: February 24, 2026 7:30:43 am

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is completely inappropriate and likely illegal.

While the previous East Wing was subordinate to the main White House building, the proposed ballroom is completely out of proportion. The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. The new structure would fail almost all of these standards.

All of which is beside the fact that the East Wing Ballroom will be nothing more than a monument to Trump's ego. Such a man is undeserving of the White House as it was, and certainly does not deserve to be 'immortalized' by constructing such a grandiose structure.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thank you,
Michael Hurd

Ceterum censeo saltatorium esse delendum

Name: Jen Boothroyd
Date: February 24, 2026 7:32:36 am

At a time when so many Americans are suffering and need financial assistance, this project is a waste of money. The White House is a historical monument and should be treated as so. The addition of a ballroom is unnecessary and will harm the history and aesthetic of a symbol of democracy known around the world. The People's House should not be at the mercy of the whims of one person.

Name: Becky D'Angelo-Veitch
Date: February 24, 2026 7:32:47 am

I am writing to you today in opposition of the spending of $300 million on this "modernization" project, due to it being initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.Rather than modernizing this space, it appears to instead be razing American history. I hope that with enough public comment and outrage from Americans, this project will be canceled, and the East Wing and rose garden might be able to be rebuilt and restored to its former design. Every project, and every leader must comply with the procedures set out, and to permit this project to go ahead, despite the lack of using the correct channels to initiate it, without penalizing those who broke the law is, a bad precedent to set, and an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jill Wright
Date: February 24, 2026 7:48:40 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Vernon Bush
Date: February 24, 2026 7:53:06 am

Please cut the size of this ballroom down by at least 70%. Its to large. It looks out of place, it overwhelms everything around it. What I'm saying is be tasteful, respectful and measured with our most historic house.

Name: Alan King
Date: February 24, 2026 8:03:22 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Claire Tondreau
Date: February 24, 2026 8:05:30 am

I am writing to express my concern that the East Wing Modernization Project (aka The Ballroom) is hideously out of scale with the existing White House, and to urge that you not allow the project to proceed as proposed.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building, and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. At a proposed 90,000sf, the "new ballroom" would dwarf the White House's 55,000sf.

To build a ballroom that dwarfs the White House sends a message—one that is incompatible with the idea of "a people's house" as an accessible residence for the people of the U.S.

I urge you to require the Modernization Project's amendment and a reduction in size that brings it into compliance with the Standards for Rehabilitation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!

Claire Tondreau
Fair Haven, NJ 07704

Name: Phoebe White
Date: February 24, 2026 8:09:35 am

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public is given an opportunity to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. This is a legally required federal review process, and major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by federal agencies, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

Name: Megan Goldberg
Date: February 24, 2026 8:14:28 am

Hi,
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.
Thank you,
Megan

Name: Linda Neuman
Date: February 24, 2026 8:18:44 am

This project is such a perfect metaphor of what's going on in the country. Taking a wrecking ball and smashing to pieces the very principles we live by, or at least aspire to, as a nation, including equal justice under the law. This "modernization" has not gone through the legal process required for demolishing a government building and replacing it with a 400-million dollar structure which was desired by no one. Put a stop to this now, please. It is an unlawful action. And the Whitehouse will be next. Or the capitol. And soon we'll see "DONALD J. TRUMP" in gold letters on buildings throughout the land. Is this our country? Are we really going to allow him to tear down the East Wing, and the very rule of law with it? Can he truly do whatever he wants with impugnity? Check the Constitution and find out. Go ahead, I'll wait.

Name: Tom Borton
Date: February 24, 2026 8:23:58 am

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Tom Borton

Name: L Roulston
Date: February 24, 2026 8:27:42 am

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original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.
I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Lorraine Caramico
Date: February 24, 2026 8:35:43 am

The defacing of the White House by the current resident is deeply disturbing.The White House is not a permanent residence,therefore any updating or remodeling needs the permission of the owners. That would be We The People Of the United States. Our representatives should be doing just that, Representing and safeguarding what the White House was meant to be. We are not a nation of wealthy white men yet. Our country was built on the back of the working class ,the White house was built on the back of slaves. Let's stop rewriting history. Gold and opulence have no place in our nation's capital.It does not respect our history of where we started and what we wanted from our revolution. The current resident has all the gold he needs at his Mar A largo home. Leave the nations Capital alone

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Name: Ed Atkinson
Date: February 24, 2026 8:47:48 am

As a retired architect, I am concerned that rules, codes, and regulations should be followed. As a preservation minded citizen, I hate to see history erased without deliberation and oversight. Governing bodies are valuable and should not be bypassed on a whim. Please insure that this is done within the established procedures and oversight.

Name: John Greene
Date: February 24, 2026 8:51:14 am

Stop this insane illegal demolition. Restore the beauty and history of the East Wing.

Name: Stephen Smithers
Date: February 24, 2026 9:05:08 am

I am deeply concerned that the sheer massing and height of the proposed 90,000 square-foot new ballroom construction will overwhelm the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet.

I am also deeply concerned that, as proposed, the new construction will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex, which emphasizes the prominence of the Executive Residence in contrast to its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure.

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.

• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

Adopting these recommendations will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of our country’s founding, the preservation of historic places that represent our nation’s history has never been more relevant or important. I urge you to consider the deep reverence that I and all Americans hold for this iconic place and undertake a review process that ensures the protection of the historic White House complex for future generations.

Name: Anthony Chiodo
Date: February 24, 2026 9:07:19 am

The White House is an historically important structure for the American people and the country. The project must adhere to the historical balance of the footprint of the White House to maintain its aesthetics as the people's house. The addition of non-historical embellishments is against the aesthetics of this as the People's House and restraint should be used to avoid their inclusion. If there are space needs for executive branch activities identified that would not be properly addressed in a balanced White House footprint, those needs could be addressed in another project at another site that would not detract from the White House. These needs cannot be new; if they were not needed in prior recent administrations and likely would not be seen as vital in the future, then the needs of this current administration should not drive this modernization project as being excessive. Other temporary measures at other locations can be utilized for these current demands.

Name: Aleyna Amaro-Torres
Date: February 24, 2026 9:07:32 am

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to urge your opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project. It has completely diminished the historical integrity of the Eastern Wing of the White house and myself and many others do not want to see this defamation continue. When the President of the United States initially proposed this project, he claimed “[it] will be near [the East Wing], but not touching it and it will pay total respect to the existing building.” (Archpaper.com, para. 4, 2026); this statement has been completely discarded as a demolition team bulldozed the Eastern Wing last October. Another fact of the matter is that the President himself, no matter which one, doesn’t actually own the White House nor bother with its maintenance. The people of the United States are the ones who actually own the White House, and as you know, it is the National Park Service that maintains it. Throughout the entire history of the White House, it has been a symbol of the American people and the Democracy that we wake up every morning and choose to believe in, “Demolishing the East Wing is altering our history and erasing what really matters-legacy” (C. Mischke, personal communication, 2/20/2026).

Such large changes to our Symbol of Democracy can only go through with your approval. I beg of you to deeply scrutinize this project and heavily consider the implications of its finalization.

Name: Karen Gilbert
Date: February 24, 2026 9:15:42 am

I am writing in opposition to the proposed construction of a ballroom in place of the historic East Wing of The White House. The design is too large and destroys the previous symmetry of the two wings of The White House. Additionally, I fail to see how such a large structure, which will sit empty and unused most of the time, contributes to the efficiency or functionality of the federal government. Isn’t that the purpose of our national capitol? Please do not approve this eyesore and require the Trump administration to rebuild the East Wing in its original scale with modernizations that enhance its functions as a building of the Administrative arm of the United States government.

Name: Daniel Betz
Date: February 24, 2026 9:16:15 am

I’m writing to voice my strong opposition to the "East Wing Modernization project." To put it bluntly: a 90,000-square-foot ballroom is wildly out of scale for the White House.

We’re looking at an "addition" that is nearly double the size of the original 55,000-square-foot building. You can’t "tweak" a design into compliance when the massing itself is the problem. By making the addition the same height as the existing structure, you aren't just adding to the White House—you're dwarfing it.

This proposal clearly ignores the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, which require additions to be subordinate in scale. While I agree the White House needs better event space, this shouldn't come at the cost of the building's historic integrity. We shouldn't be turning a national landmark into a secondary wing of its own ballroom.

Please reconsider this project. It simply doesn't fit.

Name: Carmel Cafazzo
Date: February 24, 2026 9:21:14 am

This project is so totally wrong. This is one of the most national historic buildings and part of it is destroyed. Without consent of her people no less.
I was of the understanding that the president worked for the people of the United States of America. He is not , under the guidelines set forth by our constitution, to take action for his own benefit. I believe that this was only his decision, therefore it would only benefit to his benefit.
Historical landmarks are to be preserved and protected. Not demolished or destroyed and replaced.
We lose so much of what made our country who we are if we erase the past. Better that a whole new place be built, upon approval, than to destroy an historical landmark.
Mr Trump has lost my confidence entirely through his own actions and one else's.
He will be remembered, but not for good. He is in the history book right next to Hilter, Mussolini, Stalin, Zedong, etc….
Sincerely a patriot,
Carmel Cafazzo

Name: Katherine Jeffries
Date: February 24, 2026 9:28:19 am

I wholeheartedly and strongly disapprove of Donald Trump’s desire to destroy the East Wing of the White House to erect a ballroom. It’s embarrassing that this is one of his many inappropriate areas of focus. He sadly neglects to respect that The White House is not his personal permanent residence. He is a temporary resident of the people’s house. With all the deplorable things that are occurring in the country and world, the mental state of the economy and the outright hypocrisy and corruption of the Trump Administration, I can’t fathome why an East Wing Modernization project should be supportable. Shame!

Name: Betsy Lawrence
Date: February 24, 2026 9:28:46 am

I oppose any construction of a ballroom where the East Wing stood. This project was begun without proper authorization or funding. The historic and beautiful East Wing should be rebuilt as it was!

Name: Alice Murphy
Date: February 24, 2026 9:39:28 am

I object to the White House ballroom project for several reasons, the most important being the complete disregard shown by the current administration for due process in altering a historic structure of supreme significance. In addition, the proposed design is of dubious architectural merit, being a pastiche of classical architecture, and is also completely out of scale compared to the rest of the White House.
Please do everything in your power to stop this travesty from going any further.
Many, many thanks for your service to the people of the United States.

Name: casey briskin
Date: February 24, 2026 9:39:35 am

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Casey Briskin

Name: Monica Van der Vieren
Date: February 24, 2026 9:46:24 am

To whom it may concern,
While the need for larger event space at the White House may be needed, as the President claims, the proposed size and visual display of the East Wing is disproportionate and should be changed to fit the existing West Wing and residence. It appears to be feasible to design a modernized East Wing partially underground to maintain a lower, more balanced profile and maintain visual focus on The People's House. I am opposed to an out-of-balance above ground structure that is intended to pull attention away from the structure of most importance to the American people.

I am also opposed to a distinct architectural style that will make the new East Wing appear a distasteful sore thumb against the other buildings. Based on the garish appearance of the Oval Office, I fear that the East Wing architects will be forced to follow some mutation of architectural design to represent the whims of someone clearly intending to force a manufactured legacy on Americans for generations to come. Temporary images on government buildings, and self-named facilities can be changed if democracy heals, but it's much harder to change an oversized, ill-fitting structure after the current occupant is gone. The center of American democracy was never meant to reflect one individual in office.

Landscape restoration needs to establish a balance of concrete with greenery, and greenery that reflects the diverse beauty of nature across the United States. The current president appears to prefer concrete landscapes with entertainment features that resemble outdoor strip mall eateries. While these places are reflective of an element of place in the US, they are not the best of what we offer. This is a place of importance and dignity for the American people, and the landscaping should reflect that. It is possible to lay temporary carpet over grass areas if the president is worried about wet shoes.

Thank you.

Name: Michael Mand
Date: February 24, 2026 9:49:29 am

Dear NCPC,

I am concerned that the proposed “East Wing Modernization project” (aka New White House Ballroom) is drastically out-of-scale with the existing structure. As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project is over 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it radically smaller) will change the fact that the “addition” is larger than the original. Furthermore, by making this new building the exact same height as the existing White House, the new addition overshadows the historical White House. The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. This design breaks these requirements. There is little need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. And this specific design takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale, and relegates it to a secondary role. I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely,
Michael Mand

Name: Sandy Forrest
Date: February 24, 2026 9:49:40 am

I am disheartened by this president’s actions. They are indicative of one who is impulsive and has total disregard for others. He destroyed a portion of a historic building he does not own. He has repeatedly demonstrated his arrogance when confronted by reality. Please assure us he will be held accountable for this disgusting behavior.

Name: A’Lissa Olson
Date: February 24, 2026 9:50:48 am

Dear committee,
I am writing to share my concern about the proposed East Wing project. The scale, expense, and disregard for historic architecture is appalling. The demolition of the existing structure and the attempt to push through approval of its gargantuan replacement is a slap in the face to the symbol of our democratic republic.
I plead with you to reject this monstrosity and maintain the dignity of the White House and our nation.
Sincerely,
A’Lissa Olson
Salt Lake City, Utah

Name: Kelly Hart
Date: February 24, 2026 10:06:47 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I am strongly AGAINST the proposed East Wing 'Modernization' Project. The president had no right to tear down the East Wing in the first place. This is the People's House and must be respected as such. It is the most iconic building in our nation and any addition must be architecturally appropriate and to scale, not dwarfing the existing structure. Further, I question the interior design, its function and aesthetics. This should not be to the fancy of one man but must be appropriate for all future presidents, their families and staff. This must be a building that Americans are proud of and respects our democratic values.

Respectfully,
Kelly Hart
Virginia

Name: Skyler Dunbar
Date: February 24, 2026 10:10:02 am

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this

particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Skyler Dunbar

Name: Reginal Jaramillo
Date: February 24, 2026 10:11:01 am

No president has the right to destroy demolish deface (the Rose Garden) or renovate modernize " improve", The People's House with out consent of the proper authorities or including the numerous authorities that keep up and preserve the White House Historical Association & the committee for preservation of the White House
The President should have announced and open for discussion before swinging the wrecking ball.
Another example of our current president, absolute disrespect and disregard for history and tradition, as well as his duty to serve the people not some made up power of ruling over them.

Attachment

Name: Erin McCleary
Date: February 24, 2026 10:17:38 am

It feels like this process is a bit backwards as the people's house has already suffered what appears to be an unprecedented and severe blow - an illegitimate destruction of an entire wing at the whim of our current president. History, precedent, the will of the people and basic aesthetics have been compromised and ignored leaving us all in a position that feels very helpless.

As the rebuilding begins, I can only hope there is some guidance and input from those who would like historical architecture and gracious design to win over what seems to be a gold obsessed, ostentatious display of questionable and very singular taste.

I am a 30 year resident of DC and it is literally heartbreaking to see the White House morphing into one man's idea of what it means to lead and have power and leave an indelible mark on this national treasure.

Please do the right thing as this new build begins. Do it with sustainability in mind and know that we are all watching with tentative hope and heavy hearts.

Thank you.

Name: Kathi Miller
Date: February 24, 2026 10:22:22 am

TO: The National Capital Planning Commission

Remember the East Wing of the White House — the one with history in every beam, the one generations trusted as part of the nation's living memory. Now imagine it stripped away and replaced with a billionaire-funded ballroom. That is what stands before you now. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is fighting this because they fight for the people's house — for the stories, sacrifices, and identity held within those walls.

To erase America's history without the voice of its citizens is not just misguided; it is a travesty. Billionaires pushing this so-called "East Wing Modernization" do not speak for the millions who cherish our shared past. You must speak for the rest of the country. Cancel this project. Restore what can still be saved of the East Wing's original design. And those who broke the law in its destruction must be brought before the courts. Standing firm now will honor the nation, protect its heritage, and America will remember your courage.

Name: Thomas Forte
Date: February 24, 2026 10:28:06 am

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the proposed renovation of the White House East Wing. As a citizen who believes strongly in the symbolic and historic importance of this building, I feel compelled to speak up.

The White House has long stood as a physical expression of our shared national story. It is more than an address or a workplace for any single administration—it is the People's House, a place that embodies continuity, democratic values, and the collective memory of generations. Any major alteration to its historic fabric deserves the highest level of scrutiny, transparency, and public engagement.

Recent reporting has raised serious questions about the scale and intent of the proposed changes, and many Americans—myself included—are alarmed by the possibility that significant portions of the East Wing's historic character may be lost. Regardless of who occupies the Oval Office, no administration should unilaterally reshape a national landmark in ways that diminish its heritage or alter its identity for future generations.

I urge the Commission to exercise its full authority to protect the integrity of this irreplaceable site. The public deserves a clear accounting of what is planned, why it is necessary, and how the historical, architectural, and cultural value of the East Wing will be preserved. The White House belongs to all of us, and decisions of this magnitude must reflect that responsibility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your stewardship of our nation's most important civic spaces.

Sincerely,
Thomas and Margaret Forte

Name: Alex Hurd
Date: February 24, 2026 10:31:49 am

Hello NCPC,
I am writing this morning about the East Wing Modernization Project, also known as Trump's ballroom. I believe that the design, as currently proposed, should not be allowed to proceed. It is far too large in comparison with the actual White House. The Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be smaller and distinct from the historic building. This would instead dwarf the White House, signaling to the world that we are more preoccupied by theatrics than official government business.
Please stop this project.
Thank you,
Alex

Name: John Gerth
Date: February 24, 2026 10:38:55 am

Apologies for commenting so late in the cycle, but my understanding is that even you were not informed prior to the demolition.

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Colin Kimbrell
Date: February 24, 2026 10:50:15 am

Dear NCPC,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the plans to construct a ballroom on the site that was formerly occupied by the East Wing of the White House. The proposed ballroom seems grossly out of scale with the existing structure, creating an appearance that would be laughable if not for the importance of the matter, and also much too large for its stated function. In the event that such a facility is genuinely needed for some additional, as-yet-undisclosed purpose, it should be constructed in a separate location and the current site should be used for a reconstructed version of the recently-demolished East Wing, matching the former design as closely as possible to preserve the form and function of this important historic structure, while incorporating unobtrusive modernizations where such would be beneficial to the structure as a whole. Perhaps a plaque or other historical marker could also be added, providing a brief summary of the history and process behind the destruction of the prior East Wing, and of any important features and/or artifacts lost in its demolition.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Name: Amy Dietrich
Date: February 24, 2026 10:50:58 am

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Name: Kelly Feenan
Date: February 24, 2026 10:54:19 am

The East Wing project must be conducted with complete transparency and public engagement. Washington’s architectural heritage is a national treasure, and any new construction must honor that legacy. The design should complement—not compete with—our historic monuments. This is the people’s house, and its expansion must reflect dignity, purpose, and respect for the nation it represents.

Name: Laura Rogers`
Date: February 24, 2026 11:07:11 am

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Name: Shelly Gilliland
Date: February 24, 2026 11:11:04 am

My six grandchildren, ranging in age from 14 to 23, all learned about Rules & Regulations, and Checks and Balances as they attended public schools in our home state of Indiana.
Imagine MY surprise when they asked, “How can a president just tear down part of the White House without any permission?”
Imagine THEIR surprise when Grandma replied, “He can’t, but he just did.”

We cannot and will not allow this to continue. This “project” must now go through proper channels and be restored.

Thank you.
Shelly Gilliland
Warsaw, IN

Name: Jonathan Clancy
Date: February 24, 2026 11:11:43 am

To the members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is absurdly out-of-scale with the existing structure and in violation of the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for rehabilitation.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. In short this "addition" is larger than the original and–because of poor design choices–dwarfs the existing White House. This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. If you care about the capital and follow the established standards you will inevitably come to the conclusion that the proposal must be rejected wholesale. This is not about tweaking designs, altering setbacks, or trying to find a way to salvage this project.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role. Moreover, it is in direct violation of the Secretary of the Interior's established standards which for nearly six decades have guided preservation and rehabilitation efforts across the nation.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Jonathan Clancy, PhD
Executive Director
The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms

Name: Barbara McCormick
Date: February 24, 2026 11:14:44 am

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Name: Patty Cooper
Date: February 24, 2026 11:17:19 am

An egregious lack of respect to history and the American people who had no input in the destruction of our property.

Name: Alistair Lowe
Date: February 24, 2026 11:22:44 am

The East Wing needs to balance the West wing and the main building (and no - do NOT make West Wing bigger). The ballroom will only be used once or twice a year - it is NOT needed and architecturally a mess.

Name: Barbara Burzillo
Date: February 24, 2026 11:36:42 am

That house belongs to the people! How dare he demolish one of our most historically significant landmarks without approval. (Not that he ever considers “due process”) Hopefully our other two branches of government will remove this wanna be king before the people do.
God bless America!

Name: Therese Martin
Date: February 24, 2026 11:40:35 am

Dear NCPC,

The extraordinary rebuilding of the White House, called here the "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) should not be allowed to go forward.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. The misnamed "addition" is significantly larger than the original and, at the same height as the existing White House, inappropriately dwarfs the historical building.

As you know, the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

While there may be a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room, the proposed design takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale, and relegates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely,

Therese Martin

Name: Lisa Nelson
Date: February 24, 2026 11:56:16 am

Dear NCPC,

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (link below) require that "The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided." Additionally, "New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property."

The proposed "East Wing Modernization Project" is terribly out-of-scale with the existing structure. Any new design must not overshadow the original White House.

I ask that you do NOT allow this project to proceed as proposed.

Thank you,
Lisa Nelson

https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm

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Name: Kathryn Tyus-Adair
Date: February 24, 2026 12:00:42 pm

I am 100% opposed to the building of a new East Wing of the White House and to the unconstitutional methods that have been taken to destroy the previous East Wing and to plan and, potentially, construct its replacement.

Name: Abbey Sellers
Date: February 24, 2026 12:02:45 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Jane Shellenberger
Date: February 24, 2026 12:08:29 pm

The destruction of the east wing without any advance notice, review, authorization, or permits was a slap in the face to all Americans. Please do not allow this gilded vulgarization of American architecture and history to go forward. The east wing should be restored to its former state at the president's expense.

Name: helen neely
Date: February 24, 2026 12:18:42 pm

I am adamantly against Trump's Ballroom. It is not a modernization project but an architectural
monstrosity. The proportions are all wrong.
He has destroyed the integrity of OUR Whitehouse.
If Trump needs A monument in which to entertain,
I'm sure there is land available in which he can build it.

Name: Janet Early
Date: February 24, 2026 12:23:39 pm

I am appalled that the East Wing of our White House was destroyed to build a ballroom that the majority of Americans will never be invited to or feel welcome. This is opulence at its worst. This is not Trump's house; it is the people's house. We do not need a ballroom when most of us are just trying to survive day to day. I am embarrassed that my county is treating its citizens with such disregard.

Name: Julie Wolf
Date: February 24, 2026 12:25:41 pm

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(Photo: PBS)

Name: Sarah Springer
Date: February 24, 2026 12:27:14 pm

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Name: Matthew Wiederhold
Date: February 24, 2026 12:27:23 pm

National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW
Suite 500N
Washington, DC 20004

February 24, 2026

To whom it may concern-

Heritage Ohio, a state-wide nonprofit organization focused on historic preservation and downtown revitalization, is writing to express our serious concerns over the demolition of the East Wing of the White House, and the subsequent planned addition of a ballroom.

Our mission is to save the places that matter; build community; and live better. All of these are basic yet key parts of historic preservation, and we feel that the current projects underway at the White House are in direct opposition to the will of the preservation community.

The White House is one of the most important and historic buildings in the United States of America, and belongs to the people of the USA. The President who lives in the White House does so at the will of the citizens of the USA, and does not have the autonomy to make significant changes without public input.

Our key concerns are several, including that the entire process was done behind closed doors with no opportunity for public input and review. There has been an overwhelming amount of public opposition which should warrant reconsideration of the current plan. As the White House is a Federally owned property and subject to Federal guidelines for review, we must insist that this entire process be open and those involved be held accountable to the public.

The proposed modifications to the White House are out of scale in size and character to the historic property, and do not compliment the character defining elements of the façade. Again, there are supportive review processes in place, yet those processes were categorically excluded from any input to help guide the proposal to something more agreeable and compatible.

How we treat the White House should set the standard for how we treat other historic Federal historic landmarks nationwide, including National parks, monuments, and buildings, all of which were paid for by the people, for the people.

Several alternative plans have been proposed which would meet the needs of the Federal Government for a larger banquet hall, yet would be complimentary to the existing structure. Alternative plans would reduce the overbearing impact of the proposed current addition, would be more harmonious with the historic White House structure and surrounding environment, and would support a more balanced solution.

We are writing to urge you to delay any final action until there has been meaningful engagement with the preservation community and concerned citizens; to consider design alternatives that would meet the needs of the Government yet be complimentary to the property; and to ensure that accepted preservation standards are upheld as best practices in historic preservation for the Nation.

Sincerely,
Matthew Wiederhold
Heritage Ohio, executive director

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Name: Cynthia Sundvik
Date: February 24, 2026 12:27:47 pm

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Name: Michelle Bard
Date: February 24, 2026 12:47:10 pm

I am writing to voice my support for the White House ballroom addition. While I do value historic buildings and especially the White House and what it represents, I do feel that buildings do evolve over time. I think it is okay to have modifications and additions. It isn't usual, and the project does not take remove the original portion of the White House, which I feel is the most important portion. There are so many examples all over the world of some of the most recognizable historic building in existence having been modified far beyond what was constructed originally. Windsor Castle was not made up of the multiple structures that it is now becoming the behemoth of a complex that it has when it was originally constructed. It grew over time, and parts of it were demolished in the process. Yet, we are left with the amazing and recognizable structure that is present today. The Louvre originally was just the small structure that is now the eastern facade, but large wings were added that dwarfed the original building making it practically a hyphen. Yet, who would criticize today what it has become. Buckingham Palace was given a large addition that completely obscured the original facade. These most recognizable of historic buildings have changed through the years in very significant ways, and that is okay, and the addition of this ballroom is okay.

Name: Thomas Powers
Date: February 24, 2026 12:48:13 pm

I have been involved in Historical Preservation for 40 years. Here are a few observations I have garnered over the past 6 months and some entities that might be able to make the East Wing Renovation truly historical! One, the new East Wing appears to be out of scale to the rest of the White House, also is it too large for the plot? There is an app you can put on your phone to check this. Two, I would recommend various artisans and material be gathered from the 50 states. For example bricks from North Carolina, Hard Woods from Hurricane Helene storm damage. Wood-wrights and brick masons from Colonial Williamsburg and Poplar Forest. Terracotta facades an ornamentations from Gladding an McBean (Lincoln, CA). During the Chester A. Arthur administration, Tiffany Stained Glass Windows/Panels were installed in the White House. If they are still intact you might find a place for them in the new East Wing. If they need to be repaired or replicated then my friend David Judson (Judson Studios, Baldwin Park, CA) can do the job.

Finally I am an art historian and painter. If what President Trump has done to the Oval Office is any indication then the committee needs to get an American Art Historian to temper the President's Midas Touch with Jeffersonian Enlightenment. The University of Virginia, Poplar Forest and Monticello can help you with this. I am also willing to help in this regards. I started the Historical Preservation Movement in Sacramento in 1986. In those days Developers were replacing the City's historical architecture with East German title-up concrete, curtain-class bunkers. I created an apartment house that used artifacts from historical building the city was tearing down and incorporated them in an on the tilt-up concrete bunkers that sat in historical neighborhoods. My concept received the "Governor's Award" for best design in 1996. Respectfully, Thomas Mark Powers, MFA

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Name: Cammie Fuller
Date: February 24, 2026 12:48:58 pm

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Name: Cory Bytof
Date: February 24, 2026 12:49:14 pm

I oppose this project and do not want funding to go toward finishing it but instead to go toward rebuilding it in historic fashion.

Name: Naomi Kissel-Johns
Date: February 24, 2026 12:53:24 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission with regard to the East Wing Modernization Project:

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Name: Newton Key
Date: February 24, 2026 1:01:01 pm

If you need a large ballroom in a city with lots of large rooms, put the thing underground and restore the balance that was in the east and west Wing in Central part of the White House.

Name: Nicole Rasmussen
Date: February 24, 2026 1:06:09 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on a project which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization but rather, a complete destruction of American history. I want this project canceled, the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its formal design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing. Those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kathryn Rile
Date: February 24, 2026 1:06:49 pm

I strongly oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

Cancel this project, and rebuild and restore the East Wing to its former design. This should not be paid for by the American people, but rather by the billionaire who ordered its unlawful destruction.

No one is above the law, and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Martha Demetrion
Date: February 24, 2026 1:09:55 pm

The East Wing "modernization" project must be conducted with complete transparency and public engagement. Washington’s architectural heritage is a national treasure, and any new construction must honor that legacy. The design should complement—not compete with—our historic monuments. This is the people’s house, and its expansion must reflect dignity, purpose, and respect for the nation it represents.

Name: Kim Osborn
Date: February 24, 2026 1:11:47 pm

The East Wing does not need modernization. Donald John Trump's Ballroom Project is a travesty. It endangers US national security in service of his ego. Demolition began without Congressional approval. That should have been a signal for the 25th Amendment to be enacted. The East Wing is a special historical site that should be restored to its 2024 condition ASAP.

Name: Michael Campo
Date: February 24, 2026 1:12:10 pm

I think the ballroom is completely unnecessary and should not be built. Furthermore, it stinks that the East Wing was torn down. This whole thing has been a nightmare.

Name: Edward E Mabrey
Date: February 24, 2026 1:12:56 pm

A 90,000-square foot ballroom addition on the White House grounds is all out of proportion and should be drastically scaled back. White House architect James Hoban would have been appalled to see his original design so dwarfed by a ballroom of this size.

Name: Paul Vetter
Date: February 24, 2026 1:15:14 pm

The project has not passed through necessary statutory reviews of proposed constructions on federally-controlled properties, and we all know it. The project has begun with an attitude of "shoot first, ask questions later," typical of the types of crooked real-estate development which blights so much of our country to the benefit of only a tiny number of affluent jerks.
The project seems to have very poor definition and has not made any serious plans or drawings available for perusal by the public.
The project seems to have been performed without adequate review of environmental impacts.
I am particularly disturbed by reports that demolition materials have been improperly handled and dumped on publicly used lands without proper oversight.
From available sketches and descriptions of the project, the proposed construction seems to have very little benefit to the public -- there seems to be little need to have a large event-type entertainment space attached to the White House. The sketches seem to present a construction that is out of proportion to the remaining White House structure and footprint, and is architecturally only dimly related to the remaining structure. The proposed construction seems to be animated by an aesthetic of Monumentalism, which is inappropriate for the purpose. Despite Mr. Trump's opinions and inflated ego, the United States is not an autocracy or monarchy, and we do not need or want a grand ballroom where potentates pay obeisance to the despot. There will come a day when Mr. Trump is no longer President of the United States, and should the proposed construction go forward, we will be stuck with a ridiculous adhesion to what is supposedly the residence and offices of the President of our democracy. The proposed designs are risible, ugly, vulgar, and clearly intended to gratify the ego of a single person. They are out of character with the needs of the office of the President, and have an unmistakably dictatorial look and purpose. This whole undertaking should never have begun, and I urge any appropriate bodies to reject further plans on construction of what used to be the East Wing of the White House, until such time as competent and neutral review can be undertaken. I see no indication that any of the review of this project has not been impacted by opinions of toadies and lickspittles who serve at the whim of the current President, and more is the shame.

Name: Theresa Cooney
Date: February 24, 2026 1:15:36 pm

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the restoration of the East Wing and the proposed new addition. I hope these developments will not dwarf the existing structures or compromise their historical integrity.

Based on the design illustrations I have seen, the new addition appears to be out of scale and does not align with the architectural style of the White House. The current designs do not reflect the simple dignity or the historical period of the original building. Furthermore, I believe an excessively large and elaborate structure—reminiscent of European monarchical architecture—is inappropriate for this site. This country was founded on a separation from such kingdoms, and our architecture should reflect those democratic values rather than emulating styles built to glorify royalty.

I hope you will consider these perspectives as the project moves forward.

Name: Kurt Feichtmeir
Date: February 24, 2026 1:16:23 pm

Dear NCPC,

President Trump's blatant disregard for historic preservation norms is appalling. His demolition of the White House East Wing and his plans to replace it with an out-of-scale structure are incompatible with appropriate consideration of architectural integrity. It's time to remind the president that the nation's capital is not his to change on a whim. He must be guided by established standards. I urge you to demand that the proposed project be stopped and carefully reviewed by historic preservation planners.

Thank you for protecting our capital's history.

Name: Leigh Chapman
Date: February 24, 2026 1:16:39 pm

This project has several features that I cannot support. The redesigned East Wing simply dwarfs the rest of the White House and looks out of place, asymmetric. It offends the eye and creates a very imbalanced look (South Elevation). The size of the redesigned wing overpowers the strength projected by the White House itself, creating an overall site that looks haphazard and ill-planned. The majesty of the White House is depleted as seen on p. A27 of the East Wing Modernization Project Submission Materials. The gigantic portico of the new East Wing becomes the focal point, which is shame.

I do not agree with the outsized redesigned East Wing.

Name: Karen Good
Date: February 24, 2026 1:20:37 pm

I am deeply disappointed in the actions of the current administration in completely ignoring historic preservation and public participation standards as related to the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is a significant historic landmark that is intended to be a resource for generations - both past generations and future generations of Americans. Demolishing an entire wing of the White House with no public input or proactive communication is an act of criminal vandalism to the White House and the American people. This project should be halted indefinitely to allow for due process and public input from not just the public in DC, but the nation as a whole as this is theoretically the showplace and cradle of American Democracy and the People's House. It is also critical for the elements that have been lost to be documented and provide appropriate interpretive signage and documentation of what was lost as long as an explanation of the reasons why it was demolished with no due process. In addition a architect with standing in the National Trust for Historic Preservation and other experts in architecture and historic preservation should be including in the design & planning moving forward.
Thank you for offing an opportunity to provide input.

Name: Britta Nelson
Date: February 24, 2026 1:25:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park, owned by the American people and home to presidents since 1800. The current president at any given time is not the owner of the property or the structures thereon; the president is a temporary tenant whose interventions are limited by law and by respect for the people of the United States.

The demolition of the historic East Wing without review, without permits and without Congressional oversight is clearly a violation of the law. In addition, it is a violation of the trust of the American people who were given no opportunity to comment on what should have been presented as a proposal and not as a violent fait accompli.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to require reconstruction of the East Wing in keeping with its historic design and size. Anything constructed on the demolition site going forward must be compatible in form and subordinate in scale to the original structure of the Executive Mansion.

Name: Harold MacLaughlin
Date: February 24, 2026 1:25:57 pm

I was unhappy to hear of the presidential commission to renovate the handsome White House.
I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.
It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.
https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/
(Photo: PBS)

Name: Janis Bates
Date: February 24, 2026 1:27:45 pm

I do NOT support trumps tearing down the ballroom. He talked all about reeling down wasteful spending yet has wasted and cost Americans more money with his ridiculous policies his unjustified tariffs the cost of his narcissistic Renaming of buildings and banners and the insane number of golf trips alone. Worst President EVER

Name: Linda Fisher
Date: February 24, 2026 1:28:21 pm

The proposed modernization appears to be not a tribute to our capital but a fulfillment of an unrefined ego.
I beg you to rethink such a destruction of tradition without input from a greater panel of experts and artists.

Name: Bailey Van Hook
Date: February 24, 2026 1:29:05 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is way out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. They should not have to put up tents for state dinners. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Bailey Van Hook
Emerita Professor of Art History
Virginia Tech

Name: Karen Swope
Date: February 24, 2026 1:34:03 pm

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Name: Anne Cawood
Date: February 24, 2026 1:34:30 pm

The White House belongs to the American people, not any one president. Making changes to this historic property must be carefully conceived and executed. Rushing to demolish parts of this building, for whatever reason, is never the answer. We owe it to future generations to preserve our history and thoughtfully update any building of this historic nature. None of this seems to be considered in the current occupants plans. Please work with the historical experts on this building to insure new construction is done appropriately, and not at the direction of some one's whim.

Name: Jenna Baiocchi
Date: February 24, 2026 1:35:43 pm

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the President's recent decision to proceed with the demolition of the East Wing in order to construct a very large ballroom. While I recognize that updates and changes are sometimes proposed to meet modern needs, the manner in which this action has been carried out raises serious procedural and preservation concerns.

The White House is more than a residence or event venue—it is a living symbol of our nation’s history. Since completion in 1800, it has served as both the President's home and a tangible link to generations of American leadership. The East Wing, added in the early twentieth century and refined over successive administrations, carries its own historical and architectural significance. Alterations to such an iconic structure demand transparency, expert review, and strict adherence to established preservation laws and review processes.

Organizations such as the National Capital Planning Commission, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and other preservation authorities exist precisely to ensure that changes to historic properties are approached thoughtfully and lawfully. Circumventing established procedures not only undermines public trust but also sets a troubling precedent for how nationally significant landmarks may be treated in the future. Even the appearance of bypassing proper channels erodes confidence in the stewardship of our shared heritage.

History is not an obstacle to progress; it is the foundation upon which responsible progress is built. Any substantial modification to a site as significant as the White House should involve consultation with preservation experts, public disclosure, and compliance with all applicable federal preservation statutes and review boards. Respect for process is inseparable from respect for history itself.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to review this matter carefully, advocate for full transparency, and reaffirm the importance of established preservation procedures. Our national landmarks deserve stewardship that honors both their past and the rule of law.

Thank you for your continued dedication to protecting America’s historic treasures.

Name: Carol Lynn Byrne
Date: February 24, 2026 1:35:56 pm

The scale of the proposed plans for a new ballroom show a structure that overwhelms the historic existing profile of. the White House. The historic landscape (the elliptical drive designed by the Olmsted Brothers) is also ruined without any input from a landscape architect. While modernization may be needed, the building simply does not need to be this big. It is inappropriate…. This is the White House, Not the White Palace. It shouldn’t mirror Versailles. Additionally the entire review process has lacked transparency and has been rushed. Like the old wing itself, the plan has been bulldozed through.

Name: Patricia Falotico
Date: February 24, 2026 1:37:37 pm

First time submitting a comment. The destruction of the People's East Wing, among other things that this current admin has demolished with any over site, is heartbreaking. As a symbol of the American People, the White House is the People's house, it does not belong to any admin. The gross neglect for history, and the ordinances of rule have been over looked, or in my opinion disregarded. This admin seems to do whatever they feel they want to do and sadly congress is allowing it, or one side of congress. As I had wanted to take my family there on a trip, this White House is not the one I would let my children be in, or around. If the proper rules of request where submitted and approved then that would be one thing, yet they were not. We as the People should not have had to watch a piece of history be demolished, not remodeled, demolished on live TV. Yet I feel that is also a symbol of what this admin has done to our country. Rules do not apply here, and it is incredibly sickening to watch. Please restore the East Wing.

Name: Natalie Zhang
Date: February 24, 2026 1:38:06 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Natalie

Name: Doreen Katz
Date: February 24, 2026 1:54:13 pm

To whom it may concern:

As a preservation professional and construction specialist, I have many concerns about the proposed expansion of the east wing of the White House. It does not appear that full a design

review and competitive bidding process was performed following usual government procedures, nor does it seem as though there was full mitigation of hazardous materials such as asbestos before starting demolition. The loss of historic finishes and furnishings as well as the historic use of the space makes the sudden demolition of the east wing all the more tragic.

At the Cleveland Restoration Society we follow basic guidelines for additions and alterations of historic homes and structures as set forth by the National Park Service Standards for Historic Rehabilitation, and any alteration to a home that changes the historic and architectural character of the street-facing elevations is typically not permitted when projects are financed our Heritage Home Program Loans because they are funded in part by the local government. I would expect equal or better standards for a prominent government building and a project that utilizes tax dollars.

As for the new design, the overall scale of the project dwarfs the original structure and significantly alters the architectural character of the site. One could also argue that the project utilizes tax dollars to create a facility that duplicates the function of multiple other facilities in the area. Therefore, I do not approve of the current design as submitted.

Sincerely,
Doreen Katz
Lead Construction Specialist
Cleveland Restoration Society

Name: Laura Panehal
Date: February 24, 2026 2:02:41 pm

Please rebuild the East Wing back to match the original structure. We do not need a fancy ballroom or a modernized Whitehouse. It was beautiful as it was.

Name: Rebecca Johnson
Date: February 24, 2026 2:09:08 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Frederic Martin
Date: February 24, 2026 2:13:57 pm

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R.§ 68.1 et seq.

That the existing East Wing was demolished without regard to these standards or any reasonable decision-making process, and instead exercised for the hubris of the current president, is moot at this point, but cannot be disregarded. This was never intended as a modernization project, but as a pet project of a single individual. In short, the current height and footprint of the proposed structure are grossly out of proportion to the other buildings of this historic "People's House" complex and are intended to intimidate and impress rather than represent the spirit of our nation, our constitution, and the subservience of the Executive branch to the will of the people.

That some sort of structure to replace the former East Wing is now inevitable, I recommend the following restrictions on any design:

* Maximum footprint: Less than the Executive Residence.

* Maximum height: proportional to the West Wing and substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

* Historic views should not be impeded.

* Ensure that the Executive Residence remains the focal point of the complex (East and West wings are proportional and balance the facade from Pennsylvania Avenue)

* Retain the architectural style of the Executive Residence and the West Wing.

It is imperative to vet the design and construction of this replacement by following established laws and guidelines via this agency. The president can have an opinion, but this is not his house to do with as he pleases. Bending to his preferences over the preferences of the people he serves sets a precedent for future presidents to do what they want with a building they are only occupying as a privilege granted to them by the people. He or she may use but not abuse that privilege.

Name: Edgar Thomson Shields, Jr.
Date: February 24, 2026 2:16:58 pm

I wish to register my objections to what has happened with the East Wing of the White House and what has been proposed.

The current administration has not followed the required procedures for making a change on a building that is a National Historic Landmark, beginning with demolition of the East Wing as it was when the White House was designated a a National Historic Landmark. In addition, there has been no review of plans for what is to go in the place of the demolished East Wing. As a building complex that belongs to the people of the United States, not to the President, public comment about not only what may go up but whether or not to take down part of a National Historic Landmark should have been sought and approval given for the project as a whole.

Speaking to what plans have been put out by the current administration for what they want to build, almost everything about them seems inappropriate. The exterior size of the proposed East Wing/White House State Ballroom visually dwarfs the rest of the White House rather than being a balanced neoclassic space with the residence as the main element, the focal point. As for the interior space of the proposed East Wing/White House State Ballroom, the images that have been released show it to be nothing more than a glorified hotel conference room. Except for the occasional large state dinner or similar event, it would be wasted space. In addition, with the tall ceilings and large windows, it will be difficult and expensive to maintain, both in terms of heating and cooling as well as regular maintenance, like washing windows, painting, etc.

Buildings are living, changing entities, and the White House has gone through several changes since it was built in 1800. However, those changes should be done with the advice and consent of the people who own the house, the American people, and should appropriate to the White House complex as a whole. Neither how the changes have begin nor the proposed changes meet these criteria.

Name: Allison Perelman
Date: February 24, 2026 2:17:17 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am compelled to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

These concerns are significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

While there may be a need for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room, there is no doubt that the existing proposal would diminish the White House rather than enhance it. This particular design is unsuitable as it takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale, and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely,
Dr. Allison Perelman

Name: Gale Corle
Date: February 24, 2026 2:18:12 pm

We need a ballroom, how does it look to host events with dignitaries from all over the world in a tent with porta potties! The construction will be done professionally & add to the White House, much better project than a basketball court. It has been started what are you going to do make him put it back the way it was, that would just be a waste of money & stupid.

Name: John Hayes
Date: February 24, 2026 2:36:08 pm

Please do at least these three things

1. Press the new building into the ground by one story to retain the primacy of the White House. Because of the sloping site, the Ballroom floor will still be well above grade

2 Remove the portico st the South end. There is no entrance to the building at that end so it is a contradiction. Removing it will reduce the length and bulk of the building and the crowding shown on the landscape plan

3 Restudy the East Portico. Why does this have fluted columns when the White House has smooth columns spaced much further apart. Why are the capitals different?

Name: Dana Jacob
Date: February 24, 2026 2:37:06 pm

This comment opposes the current proposed design for a new East Wing ballroom because it is outsized and will detract from the existing White House by reducing its sense of dignity and historical importance. The new structure may not be taller than balustrade of the White House and parts of it may be obscured by trees, but the ballroom's overwhelming presence will not be disguised.

The "People's House" was never intended to exude opulence. Attempting to do so now by way of an attached, oversized ballroom is simply silly.

In my view, the East Wing design should be reduced to reasonable proportions.

Name: David Cuthbert
Date: February 24, 2026 2:38:24 pm

February 24, 2026
Mr. Rodney Mims Cook, Jr.
Chair
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

Re: White House Complex, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
East Wing modernization and ballroom addition. Concept.

Dear Mr. Cook:

I believe the East Wing was demolished in haste and there was no pressing reason to replace it. I suggest the the East Wing be rebuilt in its entirety. Non-visible structural details can of course be changed to accommodate new building codes and materials. Otherwise I would like it be an identical copy of the original East Wing.

Thank you
David Cuthbert, Pahoa, Hawaii

Name: Richard Willingham
Date: February 24, 2026 2:39:18 pm

I would like to protest in the strongest possible terms my objection to the planned East Wing Ballroom. It matters not to me that it's supposedly paid for by private funds, what matters is that it was never Mr Trump's right to order the demolition, and it's not his right to order a new building put up without FIRST going thru proper channels. It's my hope that the original wing will be rebuilt in its original design and replaced as it once was. The majority of Americans disapprove of the demolition and the ballroom, and that should be the deciding factor. Please do not let this happen!

Name: Jane Jones
Date: February 24, 2026 2:49:03 pm

- [ ] I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete removal & destruction of American history. This is my history & many other American citizens & not just the history of one insecure, inhumane, greedy, unstable, narcissistic individual who calls himself a leader.
- [ ] I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.
- [ ] I want to know where all the artifacts & displays that were in the East Wing have gone. These must be restored.
- [ ] No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sheila Bohannon
Date: February 24, 2026 2:50:47 pm

Donald Trump destroyed the East Wing, without Congressional approval on a Monday, just days after the successful No King demonstrations throughout the United States. No plans for demolition nor reconstruction were approved. In fact, it appears he had no plans at all in place when he ordered the East Wing torn down. He just knew he wanted a big ballroom! He carried out this despicable act to demonstrate his power to achieve destruction, just like Kings of centuries ago. Trump refuses to see himself as an elected official of the United States whose responsibility is to citizens of this country and instead, sees himself as our Supreme Ruler who has unlimited power. This evil man must be stopped.

Donald Trump has been President for only one year, since January 2025, but during this time 2026, his presidency has been characterized by critics as displaying reckless behavior through aggressive rhetoric, defiance of institutional norms, disruptive policy shifts and personnel vendettas against individuals, threats against political opponents, the handling of classified documents, significant deregulation, and actions seen as weakening democratic institutions and international alliances. He is interested only in what benefits his family and himself. The exceptionally large ballroom he envisions and his atrocious decorating style are not compatible with the rest of the White House.

He had been vocal that all costs associated with ithe East Wing renovations and ballroom will be paid for with donations. In reality his methods for acquiring private donations are payoffs by wealthy individual and corporations in return for his favors. Several large corporations who pledged millions of dollars for this pet project of his are concurrently laying off thousands of employees, saving money to offset their contributions. These corporations' employees are angry, morale is beyond bad and productivity is seriously suffering. Is this manipulation representative of a leader? Certainly not!

He has also been very vocal about the golden arch he plans to build. Not only is an arch also unnecessary it would restrict views of certain monuments and ruin the well planned aesthetics of our Nation's Capital.

Trump, instead of being their Commander in Chief, treats US Military personnel like they are his toy soldiers. One day he discusses sending them to Greenland to take over that country, another day they are going to Sierras, a few days later he had them invading Iran and, send troops to Africa and it never ends! Does he know the size of our military? He's going to govern Venezuela but he can't even lead the country he was elected to serve.

Trump is passing through Washington despite his belief that he should be President for Life. He's going to live in the White House, at most, another 3 years. I pray he hasn't destroyed all the wonderful things about our glorious country by the time he leaves. Let us not allow him to Trumpify the White House, destroy our history or allow his name or likeness to be displayed on anything of significance on the Inited States.

Name: Jana Opperman
Date: February 24, 2026 2:51:34 pm

Please do your best to stop the ballroom project. It is being conducted without approval by the people who own it and the offices that protect it. The building has legal protections and the president is known in his past to do his best to get around rules and regulations. I am retired from the NJDEP and have first hand knowledge about how he tried to get around environmental protections for areas he wanted to destroy by development. Regulations stopped him from doing his anti environmental views trying to stop windmills that could be seen from his Golf course in Scotland and he couldn’t find a way around it no matter how much money he used. Please stop this ridiculous project now! He needs to follow protocol first just like everyone else.

Name: Michael Ratway
Date: February 24, 2026 2:52:50 pm

My wife, Marie Nugent, and I are completely opposed to the project due to its size and scale. Please see additional comments in the attached pdf file, which contains two figures further making our point.

Attachment

Name: Grace Hutchinson
Date: February 24, 2026 2:59:16 pm

RE White House construction.
I am horrified at what has happened at the White House- the total disrespect for the historical importance of the building, not to. to mention the illegal of tearing down a historical building without getting appropiate permission.

I am deeply concerned that, as proposed, the new construction
will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White
House complex, be in horrible taste and be an eyesore- and an embarrassment to the USA.

Please do not let this abomination continue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Grace Hutchinson
USA. Citizen.

Name: Stefan Gabriel
Date: February 24, 2026 3:01:53 pm

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a citizen concerned about the future of the White House - the people's house.

I am dismayed and disappointed that the demolition of the historic East Wing of the White House, one of our National Parks properties and belonging to the people of the United States proceeded without consultation with and approval from the National Capitol Planning Commission and other pertinent organizations, and of the general population.

I oppose the building of a ballroom on the site, especially one that would be out of scale with the size and history of the White House itself. I think I share the desire of the majority of citizens that since the old East Wing was destroyed, a new East Wing that is in keeping with the history and scale of the White House should be rebuilt instead, after careful and thoughtful consideration.

I am also opposed to the exorbitant cost of the currently proposed ballroom and I am concerned that by soliciting private sources of funding for the currently proposed project, there is a transactional relationship being created whereby private entities would buy the favor of the current administration by contributing. Instead, for an historically and scale-appropriate rebuilding of the East Wing, taxpayers and citizens, should be made fully aware of the cost and sources of the funding.

There should be more robust oversight going forward regarding proposed building, demolition, remodeling and rebuilding of monuments and other historical buildings in Washington DC and regardless of who the occupant of the White House is, that person should not be allowed to proceed unilaterally unless such buildings or monuments were created without the necessary oversight in the first place. The buildings and monuments in Washington DC belong to the people of the United States after all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Stefan Gabriel

Name: Elizabeth Barnes
Date: February 24, 2026 3:11:34 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a vanity project and erasure of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Pugliano
Date: February 24, 2026 3:12:19 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concerns regarding the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom), specifically regarding problematic aspects of design related to the scale of the "renovated" structure.

If executed according to the current proposal, the East Wing Ballroom Project will be 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. This size is drastically out of step with the current building. This outsize "addition" relative to the comparatively modest "original" will be exacerbated by the plan to make the structures the same height. Such a large mass as the planned additional will dwarf the existing structure, and will, in time, supplant it as a focal point of one of our nation's most significant political landmarks.

Moreover, the proposed ballroom design seems to violate the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, which require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

The White House may well need a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, the design now proposed goes well beyond a remedy to an issue of capacity. If allowed to go forward as planned, this project will become not a modernization of a portion of the White House, but a reconfiguration that relegates the White House core as a vaunted symbol of democracy to a secondary role.

I respectfully ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Dr. Elizabeth Pugliano
Art Historian
University of Colorado Denver
[redacted]

Name: Michael Carvalho
Date: February 24, 2026 3:13:26 pm

The East Wing belongs to the People, not the president. The reckless destruction of the former building should be investigated as a criminal offense for which the president should be prosecuted. The reconstruction should be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, with strong cooperation with diverse stakeholders.

Name: Erin Whittaker
Date: February 24, 2026 3:13:39 pm

No! The gaudy, expensive, and wasteful project doesn't reflect American values. As a US citizen and veteran of the military, I want my president to follow the policy for changes to buildings and monuments. I am not opposed to changes and upgrades, but I want my president and government to follow policy rules for how these changes are proposed and made so that money isn't wasted. President Trump ran for president on being efficient and not wasting tax payer dollars. This project flies in the face of your promise. I don't want my government to build the Peoples' buildings and monuments to look like gaudy tacky structures that idolize dictators. Stop!

Name: Lacey Logan
Date: February 24, 2026 3:13:47 pm

To National Capital Planning Commission,

The White House is the People's House. It is not the personal property of the President nor does his garish taste reflect that of USA.

Design guidelines for the White House and President's Park were issued by the National Park Service in 1997. "The White House and President's Park are first and foremost a Public Trust," and are important features of our national heritage and should not be gutted by an individual administration regardless of party.

The current proposed project foot print is 90,000 square feet (SF) including a 22,000 SF, 1,000-person ballroom is totally out of scale with The White House which is only 55,000 square feet (on multiple levels not all on ground floor). Although I recognize the need to build a dinner space rather than pitching a tent every time a dinner is to be held, the project is grossly out of scale to the White House.

There are extreme concerns regarding massing, height, scale aka proportionality and design harmony. Please stop this build and allow a non-partisan historic review occur.

Sincerely,
Lacey Logan
Concerned Citizen

Name: Patricia Tanttila
Date: February 24, 2026 3:24:56 pm

We were horrified by the hasty destruction of the East Wing of the White House, with no input from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, no input from Congress or the citizens of the US, and no environmental impact considerations. Now that it is destroyed, we believe that it is necessary to rebuild a wing that will be aesthetically appropriate for that space. A huge grandiose ballroom would be an eyesore. The modernization of the wing should be done with the guidance of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and be not only done aesthetically but also with careful consideration of the environmental impact. It needs to be done within the framework of the laws and regulations of our country, our national parks, and the zoning of DC.
Thank you,
Patricia Tanttila and Daniel Yansura

Name: Mark Hackbarth
Date: February 24, 2026 3:26:35 pm

I strongly object to construction of the East Wing replacement as currently designed. For the ballroom to be larger than the White House is objectionable. The scale of any redevelopment for a historic property should not overwhelm the important aspects of the historic structure(s). In this case, the proposed ballroom has too great a height and overall size for its location next to the White House. It is imperative that a smaller design be considered. Or put more of the proposed ballroom below grade. Or move it away from the White House.

Name: Dawn Todd
Date: February 24, 2026 3:34:02 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, I feel it is a vanity project for one person. It was was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. The fact that it was allowed to proceed as far as it has is criminal in my opinion. It is not something I feel was ever in the minds of the original builders, or it would have been put there long before now. The fact that a whole section of the people's White House has now been destroyed, is a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Thank you for listening to my thoughts.

Sincerely,
Dawn Todd

Name: Reid Sprague
Date: February 24, 2026 3:54:30 pm

This is a huge project that is making a huge change to our national White House - yet it has received almost *no* consideration by the public before going ahead! This project should be considered by Congress and by the residents of Washington, DC, who will have to live with the fallout. It seems simply to be a vanity project by our current President.

Please show the public benefit of the project before authorizing it!

Also, I do not know the law on this point, but *private financing* seems wrong to me - an open invitation to corruption. Let it be publicly financed, once it is shown that it has public benefit and has been approved by the American public through our ;awful representation.

Thank you!

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Reid B Sprague
[redacted]

Name: Martha Dunkelman
Date: February 24, 2026 4:00:03 pm

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Name: Penelope Brown
Date: February 24, 2026 4:01:03 pm

As someone who is both a longtime resident of the DC area and respectful of its role as the nation's capital, it is important that our city projects the image of the world-class seat of democracy that it should be. Rushing to desecrate the White House with a personal vanity project as the current president is doing does not align with that. Any changes or renovations to the structure need to fit with the building's historical character.

The East Wing should be restored to its former look. The "People's House" does not belong to any one person and should not exist as a memorial to any of its singular but transient residents. This needs to be a building that stands the test of time and functions as a symbol of democracy, not as a continuous reminder of one man's overinflated ego and the damage and division sown in our nation writ large.

Name: Kristine Hanson
Date: February 24, 2026 4:05:59 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it much smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time.

Name: Linda Rogers
Date: February 24, 2026 4:07:20 pm

The current plan must be stopped. None of this was properly vetted or authorized. The space must comply with the historical intent that enforces and supports the Constitutional mandate of our government not the social whim of one individual.

Name: Kimberly Pickens
Date: February 24, 2026 4:12:27 pm

My husband, Ernest Gibson, and I oppose the spending of any amount on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. We do not consider it a modernization project but rather a vanity project, grossly oversized and totally out of proportion to the aesthetics of our beautiful White House. We want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt to complement the West Wing. We understand the importance of a ballroom and would support a project to build one of proper proportions; but this eyesore is not it. And please don't tell us no taxpayer money will go into this project. Even if we believed that, which we don't, taxpayers will forever be on the hook for its maintenance and utilities, not to mention the likely extensive and very expensive repairs that will have to be made once the actual shoddiness of this hastily constructed monstrosity become known. This entire project was done in an underhanded, illegal, and chaotic manner. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding and tax-paying Americans.

Name: HUGH ECKERT
Date: February 24, 2026 4:24:19 pm

I am writing to express my concern about the demolition of the East Wing in order to construct a ballroom. The proposed addition is grossly out of scale with the rest of the White House- nearly twice its size. There's no way to fix this except stopping the project and restoring things to the way they were. The demolition itself was horrifying, especially because the decision to do it was made by executive fiat without public input. The White House belongs to the people of the United State, not to the President.

The way this has been handled is disrespectful and disgusting. Restore the East Wing and leave it be.

sincerely,
Hugh Eckert

Name: Eva Andrus-Price
Date: February 24, 2026 4:34:35 pm

Aloha,
The addition of a 90,000 square foot ballroom to the East Wing will overwhelm the Executive Residence, which is only 55,000 square feet. It will destroy the thoughtfully balanced classical design of the White House complex.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing" of the existing structure. Id. § 68.3(a)(9)-(10). To that end, the National Park Service's Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House, issued in 2000, recognized the need for expanded event space — yet proposed locating such facilities in "new underground structures" so as to "minimize any new intrusions on the surface" and ensure that "the integrity and character-defining features of the White House and its grounds … are preserved and maintained."1

Therefore, any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. To do so here, the ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

Please consider the following:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.
• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.
• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.
• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.
• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.
Respectfully, the CFA should be urged to consider these recommendations. Doing so will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of

the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions.

Sincerely,
Eva Andrus-Price
A concerend and loyal citizen of the Unites States of America and it's constitution.

Name: Steven Baumann
Date: February 24, 2026 4:49:57 pm

I think we can all agree that the demolition of the East Wing should never have happened as there was not approval by all of the proper authorities.

Because I truly don't see how a way to make a ballroom in keeping with the scale and symmetry of the White House, I think the ballroom project should be scrapped and the East Wing rebuilt as it was.
The White House has never had a ballroom. It's been 234 years-- I don't think it needs one now.
And doesn't the White House have authorization to host dinners in one of the MANY Smithsonian buildings? Let's use the amazing cultural institutions that we already have for larger occasions.

Name: Amy Shock
Date: February 24, 2026 4:56:21 pm

This project should not happen unless it follows all legal requirements and approvals. It’s absolutely unnecessary and a huge waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Renee Ramsey
Date: February 24, 2026 5:05:01 pm

Please consider the guidelines outlined in the attached letter below from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. I agree whole heartedly with their comments concerning the current proposal by the Office of the Executive Residence (EXR) for the construction of 90,000 square-foot ballroom addition to the White House. I urge you to protect the historic White House complex for future generations.

Attachment

Name: Jennifer Barber
Date: February 24, 2026 5:07:51 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very disturbed at the destruction of the East Wing, which seems to have happened completely outside the usual approval process. Ignoring this process is an unfortunate breach.

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure.

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

I suggest reducing the size of the proposed project. It is currently out of scale, and destroys the look of the White House.

This house is not the private property of the president and should never have been treated as such.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Barber

Name: Joy Watkins
Date: February 24, 2026 5:08:30 pm

I oppose the spending of $300+ million (quid pro quo for corporate tax cuts) on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law is unethical.

Name: Regina Drucker
Date: February 24, 2026 5:08:53 pm

If the Founders wanted Versailles, they would have built it even grander…this is the most important house in America, the equivalent to the Petit Trianon at Versailles - intentionally designed with Dignity, Symmetry and an avowed intent to state that WE, THE PEOPLE ARE AMERICA, and thus its scale brings Humanity to THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE!
THE DESECRATION OUR HISTORY MUST BE STOPPED - the current occupant must be reminded this is THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE, not his own to desecrate at will.

Name: Stephen Antonson
Date: February 24, 2026 5:25:59 pm

As a student of architecture and history I want to register my opinion of this dubious project . This project is not in the national interest . It is simply in the financial interest of one man . If this gets built history will not be kind .

Stephen Antonson

Name: Anne Pais
Date: February 24, 2026 5:28:41 pm

I'm an old grandmother. In all my years, living through many administrations I totally believed the President temporarily occupied the people's house And that the White House is a national historic landmark, part of our National Park Service.
I am shocked, appalled and disgusted that an elected official, a public servant would destroy part of the people's house.
That he disregarded the people's respect, that he selfishly believed he could take advantage of the Presidency and carelessly destroy what doesn't belong to him.
This is wrong in every way.
I want him held accountable for destruction of property.
I don't want him to be able to build what he wants in its place.
I want a thorough investigation of what unlawfully happened, where the money went that was raised,
And I want consequences for all involved.
No one is above the law.
Thank you.

Name: Linda McJessy
Date: February 24, 2026 5:33:50 pm

The way that this process has progressed is a travesty. It is unbelievable that a portion of the White House has been demolished based on the whims of one man before the appropriate approval process has been completed. That is not how our government works in the United States of America. One man does not get to take over an historic public icon and reimagine it in his image. Although the president and his family occupy the White House for a few years, major renovations should not be made without bipartisan approval and oversight. This is a building that will be used for centuries to come by a variety of administrations elected by the American people. It should NOT be designed to please only one person. Funding for the White House should not be coming only from private donors, giving undisclosed amounts, who may use the donations to curry favor with an individual or an administration. Most importantly, the proposed design is absolutely excessive. Why is this being designed in such extravagant manner? Who actually finds this design appealing? Does it really reflect the principals of America? Additionally, the amount of money being spent for this project could be better used in so many ways? Who is actually going to benefit from this expense and who is actually going to use this space? Seems to me only the rich and famous will ever enter through the doors. This project should have never been started but now that it has it definitely needs to be scaled down in size and redesigned in a more sustainable and appropriate style. A long pause needs to be implemented. The plans need to be reviewed and revised with input from the those in Washington DC who have the trust of the American people, the expertise and the wisdom to incorporate the redesign of the White House, which is what this really is, into the already historic Capital of the United States
of America. Please do NOT approve this potential albatross as it is currently planned.

Name: Gary Meyer
Date: February 24, 2026 5:37:41 pm

The oversized, purposed ballroom is likely not very useful. Would think modern office space would be more useful. Expanding and modernizing the underground bunker makes sense. But an oversized gold-plated ballroom is a vanity project.

Name: Lyn Pawlowski
Date: February 24, 2026 5:38:01 pm

STOP this disgrace. Trump is dismantling our constitution, our country and now OUR HOUSE. He cannot DESPTROY a national landmark, because he wasn't to party on our dime. NO MORE!

Name: Nora Privitera
Date: February 24, 2026 5:56:38 pm

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service.

I am opposed to the East Wing Modernization Project as presently constituted. The replacement of the East Wing would be far out of proportion with the rest of the White House and thereby diminish its importance. This is extremely inappropriate, as it does not properly honor our history and our heritage.

I am also opposed to this project because it is relying on private funding for the People's House, which gives outside influence to to the donors to this project, and lends to the appearance of outside private influence asserting ownership of what is the property of the People of the United States.

Proportionality and adherence to the architectural integrity of the White House should be paramount to this project. Instead I see an effort to build an outsized, opulent and wholly inappropriate edifice that dwarfs the original building and that would look grotesquely out of proportion.

A ballroom of that size is both inappropriate and unnecessary and should be scaled down to fit the architecture of the original building.

Name: Alan Wallach
Date: February 24, 2026 5:57:47 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Name: Linda Spollen Haile
Date: February 24, 2026 5:58:20 pm

I was born in Washington DC as was my husband's family. Our multiple generations grew up with a deep appreciation for the beauty and the history that can be seen in every DC buildin I feel as though the Beverly hillbillies have moved in. One of the highlights of my life was taking an insider's tour with a friend who worked within the White House. I was awestruck by been looted and are still there.
The Washington Post ran an article about an etching entitled "Abraham Lincoln's Last Reception".

https://www.eldreds.com/auction-lot/hand-colored-print-abraham-lincoln's-last-recept_e4c423c853 In the etching, Lincoln is surrounded by all of his generals and their wives in the east room. When I saw the total destruction of the east wing, I was physically sick t
The house does not belong to Mr. Trump. It belongs to every American and to the ages.
I've read that the committee that reviews our historical preservation, like the gutted Kennedy Center board, has been replaced by all Trump appointees which is tragic. I can only imagine
— Linda Haile

Name: Frances Traschen
Date: February 24, 2026 5:59:40 pm

The ballroom is a waste of money and space. Trump had no right to destroy the East Wing. He is a megalomanic. The Ballroom will serve only his wealthy friends and not the average American. The construction and destruction should be stopped immediately!

Name: Leslie Keig
Date: February 24, 2026 6:00:29 pm

The White House belongs to the People. The East Wing, historically the First Lady's wing for business, destroyed to be replaced with an oversized gaudy vanity project for one man who will be leaving the premises is an abomination and unpatriotic.

Name: Anne Simonson
Date: February 24, 2026 6:03:16 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

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These dimensions are significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is evidently a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, the proposed design is unsuitable – It detracts from the historic and symbolic importance of the original White House, dwarfs it in scale, and subverts the purpose of a public building..

Please do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Sincerely,

Anne Simonson
Professor (and Department Chair) Emerita
Department of Art & Art History
San José State University
San José, CA 94720

Name: Paul Freimuth
Date: February 24, 2026 6:09:19 pm

I suggest repurposing the proposed ballroom to be a shelter for the homeless and for other people in need.
As such it could be designed with advanced air handling to limit spread of respiratory diseases, thus circumventing the need to vaccinate the residents.

Name: Carol Keig
Date: February 24, 2026 6:12:26 pm

Mr. Trump had no business dismantling the East Wing without going through a review (a review his project could never have reasonably passed). The White House is NOT his house, it is our house. Put it back the way it was. We do not need a ballroom for billionaires. We need a place where American families, children, military servicepeople of any rank, and all others are welcome.

Name: Lauren Natale
Date: February 24, 2026 6:26:43 pm

As a renovation design/ builder myself, I know how very inappropriate it was for this administration to tear down the East Wing before permitting a replacement. A "developer" should know better. It is ridiculous that such callous destruction was carried out on the orders of the occupant, not the owner, of the White House. That building belongs to the American people, not to Trump. Whether he uses corporate bribes to fund the construction or taxpayer dollars, the East Wing should be restored to its original form, as would be required for any other criminally negligent developer found to have demolished property without permission.

Name: Douglas Hardy
Date: February 24, 2026 6:35:57 pm

I strongly object to the unilateral destruction of the East Wing of the White House. It was done without proper authorization -- no less than destroying public property. Further, the proposed ballroom is grotesque. To call it a "modernization" is nothing but a sham cover for a out-of-scale vanity project. The commission might be made up of political appointees, but my hope is that some shred of conscience remains in members to put this aggrandizing project on hold.
Thank you.

Name: Sara Thom
Date: February 24, 2026 6:36:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Karen Genest
Date: February 24, 2026 6:53:10 pm

I oppose the so called “East Wing Modernization Project”. This project is an illegal, shameful and disrespectful take down of a historic part of The Peoples’ House. I want the project canceled and I want the East Wing restored as it was according to the original design and materials.

Name: Renee Gietz
Date: February 24, 2026 6:54:39 pm

The President needs to follow required procedures and permitting. The destruction of the West Wing without it is unacceptable. Stay strong in your requirements.

Name: Mary Peterson
Date: February 24, 2026 7:02:03 pm

I am totally against the East Wing Modernization. What a travesty! I want it restored to it's original state!

Name: Kathleen Kammerer
Date: February 24, 2026 7:20:28 pm

I would like to join the many other citizens who believe the East Wing needs to be rebuilt in its original style and decor. The gaudy gold leaf that the present tenant of the White House is so enamored of is tasteless and not representative of the Peoples' House. The fact that this present administration literally bulldozed their way through and demolished the East Wing is unconscionable; and frankly, should be reprehensible. It represents yet another example of the way they have carried on paying no heed to standards, rules, laws, the Constitution, etc.
The People need to have this historic building reinstated. And there needs to be a better eye kept on any other so-called "renovations" that this clod dreams up while scrolling TicTok late at night BEFORE they are enacted.

Name: Lorette Lefebvre
Date: February 24, 2026 7:26:52 pm

This action was taken with no warning or approval of any kind. SCOTUS may have made Trump a king, but the people disagree. Trump is severely compromised and the fact that donors are paying for it makes it worse! What national interests are being compromised in the process? This was not a decision that can be made by a mad king. It's not his house, it's a national monument to our democracy. This action, by the most corrupt administration in our history, must be halted and made right. If this goes through, you can bet that I will be there for the demolition when this stain on pur once great nation is gone.
Lorette Lefebvre

Name: Donna Clemmons
Date: February 24, 2026 7:30:12 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Maggie Fyie
Date: February 24, 2026 7:38:00 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

Responsible updates or even a drastic evolution could have be achieved through proper channels, reviews, and established processes with respect for the history and architecture of the East Wing.

Instead, the reckless and unpermitted sudden demolition of the East Wing needs to be framed clearly for what it was. A temper tantrum from a man unfit to hold any office much less one with so much power and influence. A psychological attack on the American people - because that is OUR house and seeing it demolished on a whim was intentionally traumatizing. A disastrous photo op with NatSec implications beyond the WH grounds telling all the authoritarian leaders of the world that our democracy is under attack from within.

Any further projects under this administration are potentially a pipeline for open bribery from the rich as the President “saves the taxpayers” and takes “private donations”.

In addition, from an architectural standpoint, the alleged “plans” for the ballroom/bunker are entirely off-scale, inappropriate for the property, and ridiculous.

Any improvements or restoration should be paused until all the corruption and ineptitude of this administration has been addressed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Max Rishell
Date: February 24, 2026 7:39:19 pm

I believe this project is a monumental ignorant disgrace. The beginning statements were it would not touch the East Wing, then it was torn down. This project is based on lies, blunders and treachery, it should be abandon and the East wing rebuilt.

Name: Danica Ramsey-Brimberg
Date: February 24, 2026 7:56:06 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Tamara Delavan
Date: February 24, 2026 8:29:29 pm

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you for your consideration,
T. Delavan

Name: Charles Hammer
Date: February 24, 2026 8:38:29 pm

Dear Sir/Madam
Please do not further damage the "peoples house," the White House, by building such an overwhelming, out of place ballroom next to it. I am sorry the destruction of the East Wing could not be halted. Such changes can not rightfully be made by one person, president or not, but rather should be made after careful consideration and objective input of the American people. A hand-picked committee does not constitute the objective input of the American people.
Sincerely
Charles Hammer

Name: Wilhelmina Tax
Date: February 24, 2026 8:38:52 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. And Trump should pay for the restoration out of his own money after desecrating the East Wing of the People’s House.

Name: Susan Boese
Date: February 24, 2026 8:39:15 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. This is the people's house and DJT has no rights to destroy our house, and replace it with his opulent dream. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. Cease and desist!

Name: Maryanne Vukonich
Date: February 24, 2026 8:40:25 pm

Planners,

I oppose the spending any money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Maryanne Vukonich, AIA, NCARB

Name: Janet Perry
Date: February 24, 2026 8:44:41 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

I also believe that Donald Trump should be made to pay for the restoration of the East Wing, just like any other American who destroys an historic building without the proper permitting.

Thank you for your time.

Name: Sara Barwinski
Date: February 24, 2026 8:45:48 pm

Modernization Project? I think not. Seeing the illegal destruction of our historic East Wing broke my heart. Please stand up to this lawless disregard for decency and good process. We need accountability to reign in this out of control regime or things will only get worse. We the people do not consent. Do your duty reject the application, impose fines for ignoring the law and begin a restoration process not under the auspices of this lawless, tasteless and classless President.

Name: Marcia Calhoun
Date: February 24, 2026 8:52:29 pm

NO. BALLROOM. STUPID. EXPENSIVE.
EYESORE. RIDICULOUS.
WE KNOW ABSOLUTELY NO ONE WHO FAVORS THIS VANITY DISTRACTION PROJECT.

Name: Rachel Clark
Date: February 24, 2026 10:00:08 pm

Dear NCPC,

As a longtime DC resident, I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

Thank you for your consideration.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Nancy Post
Date: February 24, 2026 10:02:57 pm

I find it shocking that the current president of the United States can sneak in on his own "authority" and destroy years of history with the destruction of the East Wing of the People's House. And build a monument to himself with no consideration of his right to raze the legacy he is destroying, or the out-of-scale, questionably funded "modernization project" we will have to live with after he is out of the White House.

Any addition to the White House would require careful consideration of protecting such a remarkable legacy. The team should include historians, historic preservationists, architects, artists and citizens. The damage is done. Any further work needs to be done after a careful study of its purpose and impact on all of us and future generations.

Name: Lynda Holmes
Date: February 24, 2026 10:03:47 pm

To Whom it May Concern:

The President has already destroyed the White House East Wing. The addition of a 90,000 sq ft ballroom will be unsightly, impractical, and asymmetrically incorrect. The entire White House before the destruction was 55,000 sq ft. A 90,000 sq ft addition would be ridiculous. Please have the East Wing replaced to it's historical dimensions.

Thank you,
Lynda Holmes

Name: Sylvia Chinn-Levy
Date: February 24, 2026 10:14:14 pm

I'm writing as an urban planner who values our heritage and spaces built for and by the people. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. In any other community, such destruction and rebuilding would not be legal. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Betty Morgan
Date: February 24, 2026 10:18:40 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: James Zukowski
Date: February 24, 2026 10:20:19 pm

The proposed new White House ballroom to replace the East Wing that was unlawfully destroyed should not be built.

The White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places such as this are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage. They should not be despoiled at the whim of one person.

Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input. To date, none of these have been done.

Without congressional approval, Mr. Trump has bypassed proper funding procedures for this type of undertaking. The donor system of funding seems more like bribes than anything else. And as we've seen, it also means there is no cap on costs since the price of the ballroom has doubled in the last few months.

This proposed monstrosity must not proceed. Do not approve it.

Name: S Anthony
Date: February 24, 2026 10:22:56 pm

What a waste of tax payer dollars. It's (another) a crime.

Name: Rachel Buller
Date: February 24, 2026 10:27:42 pm

Dear NCPC,

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existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Dr. Rachel Buller

Name: Julia Dabbs
Date: February 24, 2026 10:32:10 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write as a retired professor of art history to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is absurdly out-of-scale with the existing structure of the White House.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House, there is a loss of symmetry to the building's overall original design, which goes against classical norms of architecture which our Republic smartly sought to emulate in the past, and still professes to do so in other current projects.

Moreover, the size discrepancy is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. A clear violation there, and one which, if it moves forward, will risk the project's existence altogether.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, this particular, oversized design is unsuitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role. Is a ballroom to now symbolically take precedence over the executive actions of the President? Think about this, please.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed, and to think about historical legacy (including that of this commission). Please stand up for the tradition of harmonious, meaningful, classically-inspired federal architecture in our nation's Capitol.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Name: Liselle McFletcher
Date: February 24, 2026 10:52:14 pm

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (a/k/a New White House Ballroom) is violently out of scale with the existing structure.

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Jeremy Mehta
Date: February 24, 2026 11:00:16 pm

Greetings,

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the funding structure and ethical implications of the proposed White House East Wing/ballroom project, particularly as it relates to the Trust's role in accepting and administering private donations for this effort.

While private philanthropy can play an important role in supporting public spaces, this project presents uniquely sensitive issues given that it involves structural changes to the White House — a symbol of American democracy and the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States. The scale, visibility, and political context of this undertaking elevate the importance of transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Several concerns merit careful consideration:

1. Risk of Undue Influence (Pay-to-Play Concerns)
The reported reliance on substantial donations from corporations and wealthy individuals — some of whom may have ongoing regulatory, contractual, or policy matters before the federal government — creates at least the appearance of potential conflicts of interest. Even absent explicit quid pro quo arrangements, the perception that financial contributions tied to a presidential project could confer influence or access undermines public confidence in impartial governance.

2. Transparency and Disclosure
There has been limited public clarity regarding the terms under which donations are solicited and accepted, whether any conditions are attached, and how donor relationships are managed. As a steward of charitable funds connected to a federal landmark, the Trust has a heightened responsibility to ensure full transparency regarding donor agreements, administrative fees, and decision-making processes.

3. Circumvention of Congressional Oversight
Because the project is privately funded rather than appropriated through Congress, critics argue that this structure may sidestep traditional oversight mechanisms designed to safeguard public assets. While private funding may reduce taxpayer burden, it should not diminish democratic accountability for modifications to a national historic site.

4. Precedent for Future Administrations
The model established here could set a precedent for future presidents to reshape federally owned historic properties through privately financed initiatives. Without clearly articulated guardrails, this risks normalizing a system in which significant changes to public institutions are driven by private capital rather than public deliberation.

5. Protection of Institutional Integrity
The White House is more than a building — it is an enduring national institution. Any fundraising model associated with it must reflect the highest ethical standards to avoid even the appearance that access to the presidency or influence over national symbols can be enhanced through financial contributions.

6. In addition to the funding and governance issues, there are significant concerns raised by architectural review bodies and historic preservation advocates regarding the impact of this project on the integrity of the White House complex as a designated historic landmark. Critics argue that demolition of existing East Wing structures and construction of a substantially larger ballroom risks altering the historic scale, massing, and classical proportions that define the White House grounds. Preservation experts have emphasized that changes to such a nationally significant site should adhere to established federal preservation standards, including careful review of visual impact, historical continuity, and architectural harmony. When alterations appear to outpace or bypass traditional preservation processes, it raises legitimate questions about whether long-standing safeguards designed to protect America's most iconic civic architecture are being fully respected.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge the Trust to:
• Provide full transparency regarding donor identities, contribution amounts, and any associated agreements or conditions.
• Clarify governance safeguards to prevent conflicts of interest or undue influence.
• Publicly outline how the Trust ensures compliance with ethical best practices when fundraising for projects connected to federal institutions.
• Consider whether additional independent oversight or review mechanisms are appropriate given the project's scope and sensitivity.

The Trust for the National Mall plays an important role in preserving and enhancing America's most visible civic spaces. That responsibility carries with it a duty to uphold not only legal standards, but also the broader principles of public accountability and democratic integrity.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns. I appreciate your consideration and would welcome further clarification regarding the safeguards and transparency measures in place.

Sincerely,

Jeremy

Name: J Fox
Date: February 24, 2026 11:04:34 pm

The East wing project was done without permits or planning or consulting with a historical society. It is overpriced and over-ambitious at a time when we should be learning from our past, not trying to erase it. The people responsible for the project should be held accountable and fined or otherwise prosecuted for doing this without the proper procedures.

Name: Rebecca Black
Date: February 24, 2026 11:21:36 pm

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

I was born in Washington, DC and grew up walking past and showing off the White House to family and friends. I loved it as it was stately and balanced, avoiding gaudiness in favor of a proud simplicity that represented our country. I fear that the design as currently proposed, undermines that simple grandeur. The East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

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I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

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February 25, 2026

Name: William Olson
Date: February 25, 2026 12:26:15 am

I am absolutely disgusted that the East Wing was torn down. This is the People's House, not Trump's to do with as he pleases. The Whitehouse needs to be fully restored, and everything that was in it accounted for. Trump needs to be fined for tearing it down in addition to paying for the entire restoration of the original structure.

Name: Shaun Kelly
Date: February 25, 2026 12:35:05 am

This is a totally self serving act of desecration on a national landmark and a total disregard to the governance of our country. We the people say no to being trodden on by a wannabe dictator and demand that the building and all of its fixtures be returned to the country at the cost of Donald Trump

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Name: Melody Moore
Date: February 25, 2026 1:44:13 am

The East Wing should not have e been destroyed. It is the people’s house not the president. That was our history taken away from us.
Melody Moore

Name: Jennifer Kennard
Date: February 25, 2026 3:34:43 am

The plans for the East Wing ballroom is an ugly and out-of-scale monument to a wannabe king. If approved, this monstrosity would be an atrocious symbol of fraud and corruption in our nation's capital for generations to come. As is, the pile of rubble left in the wake of Trump's wrecking ball is a perfect metaphor of all the chaos and destruction he has sewn since his 2025 inauguration. Just stick a flag on it to memorialize the stupidity and fraud he continues to generate at the expense of the American people. Please do not let him build this gigantic gilded ballroom! Let the next administration take the lead in planning a space that better meets design criteria, and scaled to fit the surrounding buildings. He destroyed the people's house and should now bear responsibility to live with the mess he made.

Name: Shoshanah Stone
Date: February 25, 2026 3:37:19 am

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.
This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable - It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Name: Beth Sharp
Date: February 25, 2026 5:47:02 am

America is watching.

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Do the right thing by America.

Name: Rosa Canas
Date: February 25, 2026 6:11:52 am

As a conscious citizen of this country, I oppose the continuation of the East Wing Modernization Project, and I request that the original East wing be rebuild to its original architecture.

Name: Thomas Manning
Date: February 25, 2026 6:39:36 am

No, no, no. A ballroom is NOT needed or required at the White House. That is a completely colossal waste of money, time and space.
The East Wing should never have been torn down, and I disapprove, as an American citizen and taxpayer, with the changes made and proposed by the current President and administration.

Name: MICHELLE HOGGATT
Date: February 25, 2026 7:03:07 am

I was appalled and sad when the East Wing was demolished, and I was angry that this was done apparently without any public input. We have lost a great deal of history with that destruction.
I am equally appalled at the plans I have seen for the proposed ballroom. The drawings I have seen show an immense box that overshadows the White House. I have seen nothing in the proposal that shows an attempt to blend or coordinate with the existing structure. This ballroom seems to ignore the history of the White House.
This whole project has shown disdain and contempt for the American people. The White House is one of the most recognized buildings in our country, and I wholeheartedly oppose the proposed ballroom. The White House does not belong to the current resident; it is held in trust for the American people. Vanity projects should not be allowed to distort this building.

Name: wes mutter
Date: February 25, 2026 7:31:21 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Anita Blackman
Date: February 25, 2026 7:39:38 am

I write to wholeheartedly criticize the Trump administration for both destroying the historic East Wing and for pushing forward with an ego-driven, oversized, unnecessary and wasteful ballroom project regardles of who or what is paying for it. I further object to the lack of transparency with this pet project and how the President has bypassed democratic processes to get what he wants with total disregard and respect for the proud history of the the people's White House. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) needs to protect the integrity of this iconic, historical place and not approve any plans for this ballroom. In fact, you should insist on restoring the former East Wing to it's historic splendor. Thank you.

Name: Helena Snow
Date: February 25, 2026 8:03:32 am

As an American citizen who loves her country and embraces it's history, I find completely unacceptable the unauthorized and illegal razing of the East Wing in order to accommodate an oversized ballroom that will dwarf the rest of the People's House. The Trump administration's lack of respect for the building's integrity and historical significance, to say nothing of it's disrespect for the administrative procedures which legally govern a renovation project of this nature is shocking and profoundly disturbing. I am writing to explain that in my view, the only acceptable resolution of the current situation would be to restore the East Wing to it's former state. Any other outcome will constitute a stain on our great nation's history.

-Helena SNOW

Name: Jessica Stewart
Date: February 25, 2026 8:42:46 am

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There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,
Jessica Stewart

Name: Anna Shallenberger
Date: February 25, 2026 8:45:45 am

What an ironic misnomer. The ultimate oxymoron.

It's not modernization. It's a step back to Nero.

It destroys something beautiful and historic. Without the approval of the citizens representatives. Because the misogynistic, racist, xenophobic, draft dodging, grifting, pedophilic traitor despot -- who's only actual skill is manipulating. He's never had a successful business without the help of daddy or going around the emoluments clause. Wants to be a king, but instead he's just an obnoxious obese oligarchy. Who has no interest in governing or serving the American people.

He can slap his name on whatever he wants it will be gone soon enough just like how it was taken off buildings throughout New York City

I oppose this ridiculous and un-American vanity project

The $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with after-the-fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interest. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

Our White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I DEMAND the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization and completed environmental assessments. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

The East Wing is already demolished. What ACTUALLY needs to happen is to IMMEDIATELY reverse and tear down the monstrosity that this wannabe dictator has inflicted upon the citizenry. Leave it ugly as a reminder to the his shallow toxicity. With plans to rebuild / restore our (not his) east wing and rose garden starting 1/20/2027-- Goddess willing.

Your vote March 5th matters. But the record of public opposition matters. Commission can do the right thing or the easy thing --,there's no in between.

Name: Lucy Ackert
Date: February 25, 2026 8:55:48 am

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

As did many Americans, I found the demolition of the East Wing gut-wrenching. The White House is the people's house, and changes should be made with the utmost care and consideration. Our history is literally embedded in the walls of the building. It is as important to our future as it has been to our past. The renovation plans seem to be constantly in flux, which certainly does not give me confidence that care or consideration has been exercised. I do not believe the most recent design reflects the best interests of the American people. Please stop this charade.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Lucy F. Ackert

Name: Anne McLaughlin
Date: February 25, 2026 9:07:59 am

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing" of the existing structure.

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.

• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

Adopting these recommendations will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Name: Margaret Allen
Date: February 25, 2026 9:26:53 am

I very strongly oppose this project. The American people were lied to about the scope of it before it began and the White House did not seek approval from the multiple federal agencies in charge of such projects before starting the demolition. (Including the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House (CPWH). No authorization, no permits, no design review. It's not a modernization project but rather a total razing of American history for all the wrong reasons. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Patsy Ramsey
Date: February 25, 2026 9:33:25 am

Now that the East Wing has been destroyed, I want to see a plan designed by and overseen by those persons responsible for the care and upkeep of our nation's presidential residence. The current president, indeed, any president, resides there as a benefit and requirement of a rather temporary job. Please take back control of this project and keep it in the hands of the American people.

Name: Terrence Fagan
Date: February 25, 2026 9:44:08 am

To call it the "East Wing Modernization" is truly Orwellian Newspeak. Trump destroyed the beloved East Wing, without warning and without permission, to replace it with yet another gold plated abomination to his ego. The only right and just answer is to refuse and block any permits to the construction of any edifice in its place until the nation returns to sanity with a new leadership. Only then should we rebuild on that ground, restoring the true East Wing.

Name: Betsy Godwin
Date: February 25, 2026 9:50:26 am

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Name: lucy wyman
Date: February 25, 2026 9:51:12 am

This is a euphemism for sure: tearing down historic structures to indulge in self aggrandizement can hardly be called "modernization". In fact, it seems to me to be a major regression: this sort of thing takes us back to provincial, dictatorial modes that one would hope we have moved beyond.

Now that the East Wing has been torn down (don't know WHY that wasn't stopped at the time???) replacing it should be a team effort with historians, archivists, and progressive thinkers all of whom should consider that it is "the people's" house and try to anticipate how this new structure can serve the people as we move into the future.

It should be environmentally efficient--that's a gain that could be one positive outcome--and balance the historic structure as the old wing once did.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope you will all arrive at the best possible decision for the country, NOT the current occupant of the White House!

Name: Brent Jones
Date: February 25, 2026 10:12:59 am

The proposed design is far too large. It’s scale dwarfs the executive residence and changes the landscape too significantly. It could easily be half the size that it is proposed to be and still accommodate large state dinners and events. Anything larger than five or 600 guests should be moved to an event center anyway. I also see a large staircase that just leads to grass, as well as a brick or paver pathway or patio area that does not seem to fit with the aesthetic of the grounds or even the new design of the ballroom.
This house is a vital piece in the story of America, any and all changes should be made with the utmost care and consideration, mindful of its history, place and importance.
Thank you for your consideration.
Brent Jones
Boise, Idaho

Name: Lois Hughes
Date: February 25, 2026 10:16:19 am

I do not support the new ballroom. It is not what taxpayer monies should be spent on when there are economic issues far more pressing. Also, it is disrespectful of the White House and it's historic representation of our country's history.

Name: Lisa Shofnos
Date: February 25, 2026 10:22:06 am

How was approval obtained to demolish the historically important East wing of the White House? No permits were issued. No design review. I oppose the spending of $300 million on this. The project must be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design.

Name: Brenda McGowan
Date: February 25, 2026 10:24:04 am

Tearing down the East Wing without permissions is totally unacceptable! Did he get a permit to do it legally? Or a permit to build said ballroom? If I were in charge he'd be spending the ballroom money to put the East Wing BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION

Name: Mary Sapp
Date: February 25, 2026 10:24:11 am

The proposal and plans to renovate the East Wing of the White House should have been carefully reviewed by non-partIsan experts and worked through the proper channels. The design for the outside and the inside should be consistent with the rest of the building and be refined rather than over-the-top opulent. It should not reflect the tastes of just one president (the White House is supposed to be the People's House not the current occupant's house) and the new wing should not be named for for a living president.

Name: Lynn Robbins
Date: February 25, 2026 10:32:16 am

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Name: Deb Williams
Date: February 25, 2026 10:33:43 am

I personally love that our President wants to enhance a very old building, the White House, and make it "fit" today's society. It will be there for another 200 years for everyone to enjoy. We are growing as a nation and sometimes thing need to be made larger. Just my opinion.

Name: Catherine kentfield
Date: February 25, 2026 10:33:54 am

Commiting such a large amount to a largely unapproved project changing the People's House is obscene while people go hungry in states like West Virginia where SNAP funds are cut, and where needed infrastructure improvements like the NJ to NJ tunnel, already approved by Congress, have been halted.

Name: Bob Togie
Date: February 25, 2026 10:35:02 am

I am strongly opposed to any further spending, much less spending of $300 million more, on this project. This project was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. It is a vanity project. It is meant to destroy history and tradition, not revitalize anything.

I firmly believe this project should be canceled. The East Wing should be rebuilt and restored in keeping with its former design and allowing for modern code and infrastructure improvements.

To permit this project to go ahead without consequences for those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alexander Bie
Date: February 25, 2026 10:37:06 am

The design of the new White House ballroom does not make any sense. The scale is too big and the location of the ballroom blocks the view of the White House. Please considered scaling down the size of this new building so that it does not overwhelm the White House. Thank you. - Alex

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Name: Tom Lyons
Date: February 25, 2026 10:43:43 am

Leave it alone restore to its original condition. This is an abomination of process!

Name: Marcella Wilkerson
Date: February 25, 2026 10:44:13 am

The correct protocol for razing and building a new East Wing has not been followed. Any building erected in this space should be built with the same proportions and in the same style as the other buildings there. I have seen photos of the new wing that has been planned so far. Simply putting columns on the outside does not meet that criteria. Please be guided by the National Trust for Historic Places. They are quite knowledgeable about different building styles. I'm quite sure they'd

be delighted to guide this project.
Thank you

Name: jean goddard
Date: February 25, 2026 10:44:42 am

I strongly object to building a ballroom on/near the site of the former East Wing. The East Wing should be restored as the historic building it is. Taxpayer or corporate money should not be spent on the ballroom monstrosity, which would mar and cheapen our historic White House. Corporate names should not be displayed. It is a vanity project of the worst sort.

Name: Sue Kuchman
Date: February 25, 2026 10:46:06 am

What right does anyone have to destroy part or all of a national monument? The East Wing should be rebuilt and, if truly necessary, build a much smaller ballroom in another location.

Intentionally damaging a national monument or any federal property is illegal under several federal laws, punishable by heavy fines and up to 10 years in prison. Key statutes include the American Antiquities Act of 1906 (for historic sites), 18 U.S.C. § 1361 (depredation of government property), and the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003.
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Key Legal Consequences and Protections:
Federal Property Damage (18 U.S.C. § 1361): Intentionally injuring federal property can result in up to 10 years in prison if damages exceed $1,000.
Antiquities Act of 1906: Protects historic ruins, monuments, and antiquities on federal land, allowing for fines and imprisonment for damage.
Veterans' Memorial Preservation Act (18 U.S.C. § 1369): Specifically targets the destruction of federal monuments commemorating service in the armed forces.
National Park Service Regulations (18 U.S.C. § 1865): Prohibits the destruction, defacing, or removal of monuments in national military parks.
State and Local Laws: In addition to federal charges, vandalism of monuments may violate state-level criminal damage or destruction of property statutes.
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Acts of vandalism are considered "cultural violence" by the National Park Service, which is mandated to protect these sites

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Name: Pat Tonnema
Date: February 25, 2026 10:46:10 am

This expensive, hideously enormous Trump vanity project was not approved by any legal entity and certainly not by the people of this country. We do NOT approve.
The White House is OUR house!
Pat Tonnema

Name: William Hutchins
Date: February 25, 2026 10:46:41 am

Our sacred White House has been destroyed by our present President simply to build a gaudy ballroom so he can appease his own ego and satisfy his desire to become in his mind equal with the other Authoritarian leaders in the world who he looks up to and emulates.
He proceeded with this project without any permission from not only the American people who are the actual owners of the White House, but your own organization.

Trump must be denied permission to proceed with this project and compensate for full restoration with his own money. He must be taught a lesson that he can not just simply destroy, change, or put his name on any structure that is related to the people's Government simply to try and enhance his stature or other mental requirements.
I will take many years for our Country to recover from the damage that has been done by the President.
It's time to assure no more damage is done.

Name: Cynthia Foerster
Date: February 25, 2026 10:46:47 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Joni Casimiro
Date: February 25, 2026 11:06:31 am

STOP the ridiculous oversized ballroom for Trump. It's fit for a dictator.

Name: Linda Freedman
Date: February 25, 2026 11:09:54 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not modernisation, It is a complete razing of US history. This project should be canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to it’s former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to proceed without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Lynn Hillman
Date: February 25, 2026 11:15:12 am

Please note that the proposed East Wing re-build is too large and too ornate to compliment our beautiful White House. Any changes should be in character with and not stand out against the existing beautiful architecture. The White house is old and probably needs occasional renovation, but that renovation should always be guided by our existing beautiful historical building. It is truly the "People's House" and not to be used as a glorification of any one resident.

Thank you,
Lynn Hillman

Name: Christine Cahill
Date: February 25, 2026 11:27:46 am

Please halt this project. The reconstruction if the East Wing of the White House needs to be in keeping with historical proportion and with approval of the people. It is the People's House, not the Trump House. This proposed ballroom I nothing but a vanity project for the current resident, and a boondoggle for the American people.

Name: Leigh Hoppe
Date: February 25, 2026 11:28:07 am

Add the TRUMP ballroom construction to the list of outrages perpetuated on the American citizen by this bloviator-in-chief. Shut down the project any way that you can and force this administration to reconstruct the East Wing with their own money.

Name: Randal Stephens
Date: February 25, 2026 11:28:56 am

As a constituent who views the White House as a valued landmark for the Nation, I’m concerned at the extreme and accelerated timeline for such a large modification.

Ensuring the appropriate timeline for historical and architectural review by qualified professionals is of the utmost importance to preserve this national treasure for years to come. It would be tragic to lose any of the integrity or historical elements of the building by not adhering to the appropriate process which any other landmark would be held to.

Name: Yvette Weathers
Date: February 25, 2026 11:28:59 am

I am still angry about the dismantling of the historic East Wing of the People's House, done without the permission of the people. Would I'd like to see is restoration of what was destroyed, with appropriate attention to historical detail, and modernization is needed. A panel should produce data on the average number of attendees at the larger "tent" gatherings, and consideration can be given to the addition of an appropriate, proportional space. If this larger space is added, it must not obliterate the historical footprint of the East Wing building, and must be done in a way that is seamless to that footprint. I also want transparency on the location and preservation of the original contents of the East Wing since this travesty occurred.

Name: Cathy Myers
Date: February 25, 2026 11:37:17 am

Please stop this obscene project. While children are going hungry and sick citizens are going without medical care, because of our presidents policies, he wants to spend money on a vanity project. The East Wing was torn down illegally. The president should suffer the legal consequences for his criminal action.

Name: Joan Wilson
Date: February 25, 2026 11:39:07 am

It’s tragic that the East Wing was demolished - with no oversight, no notice, no regard for history or norms.

It’s beyond tragic if the monstrosity the current president plans to erect goes forward. We the people certainly will not benefit. The individuals and companies ‘paying to play’ with this grift-filled administration should not be rewarded and hopefully will be stopped.

Name: Karen Sweeney
Date: February 25, 2026 11:47:34 am

It makes no sense that one person should revamp the White House and other important structures and facilities in the nation’s Capitol. I applaud any steps you can take to stop this individual’s takeover. Otherwise it appears there is no stopping this desecration. Thank you.

Name: Rita and Sean Burke
Date: February 25, 2026 11:51:10 am

We are writing to oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. In my opinion, it razes an important era in American history, when the White House became a place that embraced the work of the First Lady and her staff. This proposal was initiated without proper authorization, or permits, or design review. The East Wing was destroyed with no warning, no Architectural & Engineering Request for Proposals, no bids from contractors, and no abatement of hazardous materials; all as required by federal law.

We would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to its former design (that was scaled and in proportion to the rest of the building) and the administration’s project canceled. The current design is for an out-of-scale, out-of-place, and out-of-time pseudo-historical building.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,
Rita and Sean Burke
Massachusetts

Name: Frances Lewis
Date: February 25, 2026 11:54:20 am

I thought there were restrictions on changing historic buildings. As I understand it, there was no application submitted or permission given to modify the White House. This isn't modernization, it's complete destruction and as a taxpayer I refuse to agree to this.

Name: Mary Avery
Date: February 25, 2026 11:55:58 am

I am appalled at the destruction of the historic East Wing of the people's White House!! To glorify a malignant narcissists dreams of grandeur for himself! It's stealing from the people and he should restore it on HIS dime! Not the taxpayers!!! Just disgusting !

Name: Jennifer Benson
Date: February 25, 2026 11:57:15 am

President Trump has proposed the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom on the east side of the White House campus, adjacent to the historic Treasury Building. Site preparation is already underway, including the demolition of the existing East Wing.

I am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.
The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features. The administration's plans would do just that. I urge you to reject the administration's ballroom plans.

Name: Dana Tomasello
Date: February 25, 2026 11:58:05 am

As a taxpayer I do not want a dime of my tax dollars going to rebuild the Eastwing into a gilded gold vanity project for this criminal president. The project should be delayed until Trump is out of office and a better purpose for the property should be decided after the public are allowed to submit opinions and ideas. The people then need to sue Trump for the destruction he caused and make sure he pays for whatever restoration We the People decide is a best use OUR Peoples’ House.

Name: Joni Rolenaitis Rolenaitis
Date: February 25, 2026 12:00:21 pm

As a US citizen and resident of California, I strongly object to Trump's plans to build a new 20,000 share foot ballroom in place of the East Wing of the White House. From an esthetic perspective, the monstrous structure overwhelms the remaining areas of the White House and presupposes a use for Epstein-class affairs with an attendance far larger than is

appropriate for state functions. Further, the ornate and useless accommodations for such a gargantuan building, e.g. the long entrance corridor, is unbecoming of a public space especially one that previously served FLOTUS.
Perhaps more importantly, the extravagant use of money, public or private, when so many citizens suffer from lack of adequate Healthcare (thank you Big Ugly Bill) smacks of corrupt crony capitalism.

Please do not approve the building of this ballroom.

Joni Rolenaitis
Costa Mesa, CA

Name: Cynthia Stewart
Date: February 25, 2026 12:08:40 pm

It's called the People's House for a reason.
Guardrails in place to make sure it remains the People's House have been ignored.
History has been destroyed.
I beg you, if you have any power in this, to restore House and History to the People.

Name: Srishti Patel
Date: February 25, 2026 12:18:55 pm

There has historically not been a ballroom within the White House because of the association to monarchies. To demolish the East Wing, which has historically been the First Lady's domain, to build a space that will only be occupied on OCCASION is not wise, since all that money and those resources being used to build something that will collect dust until the next big reception will be wasted. This is also not in line with the ideas of conservatism that the dominant party right now likes to preach. Why would this be the next step and why would we use taxpayer dollars for something that most citizens would never benefit from?

Name: Sheryl Andress
Date: February 25, 2026 12:22:18 pm

Any project plans MUST go through Congress. Everyone involved in this illegal project should face criminal charges. Shame on you all

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Name: Reuben Metreger
Date: February 25, 2026 12:24:39 pm

There needs to be serious consequences for the unauthorized destruction of the people’s house. The current administration should not be rewarded by getting to alter the structure in any manner. There needs to be a national discussion and perhaps a competition of renowned architects to propose and properly design any changes. The current administration should not have any say in the naming, management, or design as a consequence for their actions.

Name: Linda Hanna
Date: February 25, 2026 12:25:34 pm

I am writing to oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. In my opinion, it razes an important era in American history, when the White House became a place that embraced the work of the First Lady and her staff. This proposal was initiated without proper authorization, or permits, or design review. The East Wing was destroyed with no warning, no Architectural & Engineering Request for Proposals, no bids from contractors, and no abatement of hazardous materials; all as required by federal law.

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to its former design (that was scaled and in proportion to the rest of the building) and the administration’s project canceled. The current design is for an out-of-scale, out-of-place, and out-of-time pseudo-historical building.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Elizabeth Walton
Date: February 25, 2026 12:29:58 pm

Dear commissioners:
As an American who believes preserving the history of our predecessors is vital, I'm devastated about how the White House East Wing project has been handled thus far. There has been little to no transparency. The destruction of The People's House is not "modernization"--it's erasing First Ladies... their histories and contributions to our country. The destruction has happened, from what I can tell, without authorization (maybe some, but after construction began) and NO permits. The design was not reviewed by the proper authorities, as is procedure--indeed, law. As I understand it, the East Wing was torn down with no RFP, no contractor bids, no study to determine if hazardous materials were present, and no attempt to protect workers in case there WAS material such as asbestos. I think all of these steps are required by federal law.

Why are we allowing this president to run roughshod over all procedures and laws, designed to preserve and honor the history of our great nation, just because he wants a ballroom for parties? No president, of any party, should be allowed to do this. It's up to you to stop this project and have the East Wing rebuilt in a style and size that is proportional to the rest of the White House and using a process that follows all laws.

I thank you for standing up for history and the preservation of our great capital city, which takes my breath away every time I visit.

Name: Karen Williams
Date: February 25, 2026 12:40:23 pm

The East Wing Modernization Project desecrates the tradition of the White House. It is unnecessary and illegal since it was not authorized by Congress. It is an irresponsible use of taxpayer money. I am totally against the project.

Name: Karel Zide
Date: February 25, 2026 12:42:21 pm

This is an assault on our American history and all the slave labor that was abused to build this house, nevertheless, it is the people’s house and no one has the right to tear down our revered history!
Shame and no excuses-
Thank you

Name: James Nation
Date: February 25, 2026 12:47:39 pm

The destruction of the East Wing is an affront to all Americans. That the project is funded by corporate bribes, rather than taxpayer dollars, just makes it worse. Moreover, two important details have not been adequately addressed. Were proper asbestos removal protocols followed? Were proper plans for debris disposal submitted and approved? If NO in either case, it should be dealt with in the same way as any other construction project. Particularly as the proposed monstrous ballroom has no merit in the first place, but rather would detract from the Capitol area.

Name: Caitlin Anderson Beam
Date: February 25, 2026 12:49:06 pm

The East Wing "Modernization" should have been initiated through protocol as per previous administration renovations/projects. That stated, now the focus of this project must be restoring the balance and symmetry to The People's House. The design must incorporate engineering soundness with architectural design that is consistent with White House neoclassical style. Erecting a ballroom the size the current tenant of the White House desires would result in

an aesthetically displeasing and garish incarnation of what is The People's House and runs counter to our democratic republic ideals.

Name: Sandra Walters
Date: February 25, 2026 12:51:06 pm

This over-reaching effort should not be condoned, encouraged or aided. Rather, all appropriate channels should be used, and should have been used. This is a case of "better to ask forgiveness than permission" and that attitude is not in keeping with American values and respect for history and the peoples' property.

Name: Ira Bryck
Date: February 25, 2026 12:58:05 pm

President Trump "modernizing" the East Wing of the White House is as ridiculous as most other things he is doing. His work should be cut out for him - help people, help the world, increase fairness, justice, opportunity; make the Earth healthier, end war, restore democracies, the list goes on. For him to build an enormous ballroom that Putin or Kim would enjoy is one more sign Trump has Tyrant Derangement Syndome- he wants to be president of that club. At his life stage he should be using his experience and wisdom to build - sad that he is a "builder" whose main construction skill is demolition.

Name: Ellen Ruberg
Date: February 25, 2026 1:02:34 pm

It is outrageous that the east wing of the White House has been demolished to lead way to a monstrous, gaudy ballroom to throw parties for the Epstein class.
Plans to restore The People's House should be orchestrated by competent, non-partisan historians and architects.
Thank you.

Name: Silvia Campos
Date: February 25, 2026 1:12:11 pm

My objections to the White House east wing expansion project are several fold. First & primarily is that the demolition was done on false pretexts by the current executive without oversight or prior approval as if the WH is not the people’s house but rather at the sole discretion of a temporary holder of the executive office. Second, that no sacred honor nor reverence was given to the historic nature of the property in preserving its original design aesthetics & sight lines. Third, the poor design. A once beautifully symmetrical structure is now rendered piecemeal & asymmetrical with a gargantuan winged edifice that morphs the iconic central structure while leaving the axis largely in shadow. Fourth, the lessening of green space (inc the historic rose garden) does not commiserate with preservation standards that interpret both building & site. Fifth, the cost of maintaining & using such a space is an extravagance for which the people’s money could be much better spent, and risks its practical use when plenty of other off-site rental options have been utilized as needed in the past. I am against the ballroom project & conclude in summation that the new design lends to the people’s house a palatial air which is in direct conflict with this nation’s founding ideals and principles, and thereby, combined with its implementation, renege on the founders’ pledge to future generations of citizens of these United States.

Name: Katherine Roark-Schwartz
Date: February 25, 2026 1:19:32 pm

Why are you letting this man destroy our historic buildings? We don’t need a ballroom or any monuments for an evil dictator! Stop him as enough wasting tax dollars for golden bs

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Name: Mary Chandler
Date: February 25, 2026 1:22:58 pm

I oppose the building of this monstrosity of a ball room.
The East wing should be rebuilt as it was and legislation should be put in place to severely punish any president that makes changes (or flat out destroys) parts of THE PEOPLES HOUSE without going through the proper channels.
Donald Trump should have to put it back as it was on his personal dime.
Such a shame, I'm heartbroken over what he's done to this piece of our country's history.
Please listen to the people and stop this madness.

Name: Barbara Pratt
Date: February 25, 2026 1:28:57 pm

Funding
* Although donors have signed up to fund this new construction, from past behavior of this president, the final costs will be significantly higher than any current estimate; regardless, this president will use taxpayer dollars to fill any donor shortfall.
* He has many precedents for this, going back to his earliest campaign promises that 'Mexico will pay for the wall'… then immediately reneging on that promise and spending unending billions of working Americans' dollars on that wall.

Inappropriate Message / Brand
* This president has been notorious to Americans and the world for decades as being THE symbol of gaudy and tacky displays of wealth and excess in all his residences.
* His extravagance celebrates the 'haves' over the 'have nots', which is in defiance of a nation whose foundation is 'all men are created equal'.

Dispiriting
* Trump's personal tastes are shamelessly emperor-aspiring, and a visual embarrassment - and joke - to everyday citizens.
* Allowing this proposed new construction to continue as planned would result in daily humiliation to the people of this nation.

Name: Ellen Hornstein
Date: February 25, 2026 1:49:42 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed White House ballroom project.

The proposed project is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act and requires an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement that analyzes environmental impacts of the proposed project, including its cumulative effects, compared to the environmental effects of a range of alternatives, including a no action alternative. Any selected alternative would need to mitigate adverse environmental effects, including effects from toxic substances like asbestos.

The proposed ballroom is not necessary or appropriate, particularly given its high and continually increasing cost, in light of much more pressing needs of our country, like health care and social welfare programs. A gold ballroom serves the wealthy and the privileged, not the people, and should not be part of the White House, which is the people's house. The proposed ballroom will eclipse the existing White House structure and is inconsistent with its primary purpose as the president's residence. A fancy ballroom is associated with large conventions for the social elite or rich corporations at resorts or hotels and has no place in the people's house.

Federal buildings must be funded by federal appropriations allocated by Congress. The ballroom is being funded by private donors with close personal ties to the president. The funding mechanism for the ballroom is thus not only illegal but improper and raises serious questions of conflict of interest and misdealing.

The proposed ballroom should not be approved.

Name: Jean Davis
Date: February 25, 2026 1:50:20 pm

Please disapprove the East Wing Ballroom project. The White House is the peoples' house and it should, therefore, be up to the people to authorize a proposed massive change. I would hope a president would be busy governing rather than managing pet vanity projects.
What a disgrace.

Name: Jennifer Vellinga
Date: February 25, 2026 2:02:21 pm

President Trump has proposed the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom on the east side of the White House campus, adjacent to the historic Treasury Building. Site preparation is already underway, including the demolition of the existing East Wing.

I am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings.
The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features. The administration's plans would do just that. I urge you to reject the administration's ballroom plans.

Name: Deborah Carr
Date: February 25, 2026 2:08:43 pm

As this project advances in some form, I would like to remind everyone that this will impact not only the function of the building but the aesthetic qualities for years to come. The current renderings I have seen are not in keeping with the architectural balance between the Executive Mansion and the proposed new wing. The new East Wing building would dominate, rising to a height and volume that would dwarf the White House. Adding a second story to the Colonnade and steps to the reworked garden would not bring the much needed balance.
Please reconsider the scale of the project to bring it more in keeping with the remainder of the complex. The People's House deserves a better presentation for the future.

Name: Carla Tollefsrud
Date: February 25, 2026 2:30:02 pm

This entire project is unnecessary! And to prioritize it over healthcare and other needed resources for citizens is shameful. And the gilded gold theme is so tacky, its an embarrassment. Ug.

Name: Peter Nordgren
Date: February 25, 2026 2:36:30 pm

The rape of the East Wing of the White House deserves, first, the condemnation of this commission, since the actions taken fly in the face of your purpose. It is a violation of public trust in every respect.

Second, the replacement of the demolished historic building must be done in full and thorough consideration of maintaining a balanced design of the overall building. Furthermore, program needs and user data must be central to this planning process, using well-established space needs methods.

Lastly, decorative approaches, inside and out, must be done in accordance with the existing White House, the West Wing, and that of the late East Wing. The gaudy, tasteless designs that have been circulated by the Executive Branch have NO PLACE IN THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE. Please use your full authority to ensure the White House reflects egalitarian American values.

Name: Antonia Khanian
Date: February 25, 2026 2:54:07 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

https://www.ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines/

(Photo: PBS)

Name: Pamela Dent
Date: February 25, 2026 3:05:51 pm

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be "compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing" of the existing structure.

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.

• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

Adopting these recommendations will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Respectfully,
Pamela Dent

Name: Charlotte Ameringer
Date: February 25, 2026 3:06:07 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project. As a National Historic Landmark, the White House belongs to the American people, and any major alterations must undergo a transparent, public review process, including compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The destruction of the historic East Wing without proper oversight is unacceptable. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to halt this project until full, lawful reviews are conducted.

Name: John C BUSH
Date: February 25, 2026 3:06:23 pm

I oppose this project. It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. I expect action to stop this project immediatelyl

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Name: Scott Knudson
Date: February 25, 2026 3:08:51 pm

1. Reduce the height significantly so the ballroom wing is noticeably lower than the main house. Suggestion to achieve this: lower the entire structure so the kitchen is in the basement, and the ballroom is at grade.
2. Shorten the length of the building by at least 33%, including enough to not disrupt the geometry of the symmetrical driveway on the south lawn. It would be acceptable to me to extend it slightly further north even if a tree is lost.
3. Make this a ballroom for the 21st century, not the 18th. Be less heavy-handed with the neoclassicism. Even if that is the overall tenor, let secondary elements such as the walls behind porches and the interiors express how our nation has evolved in 250 years, not stuck in a Euro-inherited rut.

Name: John Shaw
Date: February 25, 2026 3:09:46 pm

This project is a horrible idea. It's an unnecessary project that only benefits politicians and billionaires not the American people. From a planning standpoint, the process is being forced through without proper process.

1. Historic Integrity and Architectural Harmony

Large additions can disrupt the original architectural proportions, symmetry, and design intent.

A new structure may visually compete with, rather than complement, the historic building.

Changes can diminish the symbolic and aesthetic coherence that gives the building its cultural significance.

2. Preservation Standards

Additions to landmark buildings are often evaluated against preservation principles such as reversibility, compatibility, and minimal intervention.

Critics may argue that a substantial new footprint alters the historic fabric beyond what is necessary.

3. Visual and Civic Impact

Prominent civic buildings carry symbolic meaning; visible alterations may affect public perception.

Scale and massing of a new addition can overwhelm the existing structure or surrounding landscape.

4. Financial Considerations

High project costs may be questioned, especially if the functional need is unclear.

Long-term maintenance and operational costs can add to taxpayer burden.

5. Functional Necessity

Opponents may argue that space needs could be addressed through renovation, reconfiguration, or off-site solutions rather than expansion.

Temporary or modular solutions may be less disruptive.

6. Precedent

Approving a major addition to a nationally significant landmark could set a precedent for future expansions.

Some argue that iconic structures should remain largely unchanged to preserve historical continuity.

7. Public Input and Transparency

Concerns sometimes arise about whether adequate public consultation or design review has occurred.

Major changes to nationally significant properties often prompt calls for broad civic dialogue.

Name: Laurie Eisenberg
Date: February 25, 2026 3:14:46 pm

Anara Guard's comment captures my thoughts exactly and she gave me permission for others to use her language:

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Name: Pamela Herrick
Date: February 25, 2026 3:15:09 pm

The White House is both a National Historic Landmark and a property of the American people, and it is a tragedy that the President of the U.S. has demolished the East Wing to be replaced with a garish, over-large, unnecessary and expensive ballroom. The process of review, design, and historic preservation considerations has been ignored. Congress has stood by mute as our history has been destroyed before our eyes. THIS MUST STOP. The White House Ballroom should not be built.

Name: KATHERINE EMERSON
Date: February 25, 2026 3:24:15 pm

This is not a modernization project, but rather a razing of history. I oppose the spending of 300 million on this project, which was initiated with proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project stopped and the East Wing rebuilt and restored according to the former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project and go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Thank you.

Name: Kaye Martin
Date: February 25, 2026 3:24:51 pm

I am a concerned citizen in California and oppose the spending of $30 million on the East Wing project. Sadly the East Wing has already been destroyed, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits or design review. To me, preserving the history of our nation is more important than modernizing, especially when it comes to the people's White House. I ask that the "modernization project" be canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, including all the historical memorabilia that was previously on the site. The total destruction of the East Wing by the current president should never have happened and permitting him to do what he will with the East Wing should not be allowed. He needs to follow the rules like everyone else in this country should. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Janice Reynolds
Date: February 25, 2026 3:30:47 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled, and the East Wing rebuilt, using the money that was donated for this illegal project. It needs to be restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. The sheer size of the building is just a monument to one man's ego, not to mention all the gold trim planned. Complete monstrosity.
Thank you for your time.
Janice Reynolds

Name: Elizabeth Kidd
Date: February 25, 2026 3:35:57 pm

Please restore the White House as much as we can to it's pre-Trump set up. Noone wants this monstrosity he is building.

Name: Marilyn Donovan DVM
Date: February 25, 2026 3:38:55 pm

The preposed new ballroom is much too large and over whelms the White House!
I believe a ballroom smaller in scale would be more appropriate.
I have distaste for how this project was crammed down the public’s throat, without appropriate and legal input before the demolition of the East Wing.
I can only pray saner heads will prevail.
Marilyn Donovan DVM

Name: Paul Bowman
Date: February 25, 2026 3:45:47 pm

The White House is both a National Historic Landmark and a property of the American people, and as such - the prposed expansion is not an appropriate use of resources. I oppose the project as currently proposed.

Name: Terry S Johnson
Date: February 25, 2026 3:54:04 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization project.

1) The project was initiated without proper authorization, permits and design.

2) The East Wing was destroyed with no warning, no bids from contractors and no plans for the safe abatement of hazardous materials. In other words, it was destroyed illegally.

3) The new plans, which seem to change weekly, are out of scale, ruin the symmetry of the People's house and property and are unnecessarily expensive.

4) The funding for the project is suspect as donors may be expecting executive favors in the future.

5) The Rule of Law needs to be upheld.

6) Any plans for rebuilding the East Wing must go through all the legal and necessary processes no matter how long it takes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Terry S. Johnson

Name: Douglas Himberger
Date: February 25, 2026 3:56:59 pm

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Name: Marquis Smith
Date: February 25, 2026 3:57:00 pm

This is an excellent idea. The White House needs something like the to accommodate the amount of people the ballroom will hold.

Name: Cheryl Genet
Date: February 25, 2026 3:58:22 pm

Hello - I am using words of a friend here, but they perfectly reflect my sadness about the historic East Wing demolition and Trump's brazen use of power even when he doesn't have it!

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Thank you for your attention to this,
Dr. Cheryl L. Genet

Name: Donna Williams
Date: February 25, 2026 4:04:33 pm

The destruction of the east wing was performed outside of all project review protocols. The developing ballroom project is again outside of all review protocols.

I can't imagine the outcry if President Obama had initiated such a project in such a fashion. You all have in front of you the accepted laws and protocols. I expect the White House will be next for the wrecking ball once the new ballroom over shadows its surroundings.

I hope the commission can exert leadership where it is desperately needed.

Name: Gary Briggs
Date: February 25, 2026 4:06:12 pm

I'm writing to express great displeasure over the East Wing Modernization. In addition to serious questions about the legality of the demolition of the original East Wing, this project underscores the fact that the current Administration and the National Capital Planning Commission have forgotten that the White House (and all other monuments in Washington, DC) belong to the people. How were citizens advised of their opportunity to comment on these types of projects? I learned about this through a letter to the editor in our small town paper who gave instructions on the comment process. How specifically did the National Capital Planning Commission advise on the opportunity and mechanism to comment? The lion share of comments and discussions regarding the East Wing Modernization Project have been negative and have questioned the project's benefit and legal standing. Social media blew up over demolition of the existing East Wing. And before you think, "we shouldn't rely on social media to determine public opinion", you might want to remember that President Trump is a master at using social media for his personal and professional gain. Where is the date that shows the people believe a massive ballroom is necessary? It's laughable to hear that the East Wing Modernization Project will be funded by private donors. First off, there are already concerns raised about mismanagement of these funds. And after the building is finished and the private donors are gone, who will fund the daily upkeep of this massive structure? Are private donors lined for up the next 50 years to pay for the staff needed to manage the facility, the security needed to secure the facility, the daily maintenance of the facility, the longterm structural needs of the facility? The answer is clearly "no". What hasn't the National Capital Planning Commission provided any information about the ongoing cost of the new East Wing? This project is not necessary. This project is not supported by the American people. This project is nothing more than an attempt to turn the White House, and Washington, DC, into an eyesore of new, decadent, facilities that speak to privilege, power, opulence and demigods with total disrespect for the history and heritage of our great country.

Name: Gina D'Angelo
Date: February 25, 2026 4:22:35 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, building such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable. It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale and relates it to a secondary role.

I implore you to not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

Gina M. D'Angelo, Ph.D.
Independent Art Historian

Name: Georgia Delbridge
Date: February 25, 2026 4:27:25 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is a complete razing of American history. How dare he! I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. This is The People's House, NOT the Trump House!

Name: Adriane Marcellino
Date: February 25, 2026 4:30:29 pm

I oppose this project. First, it was done without normal approval. Second, being done by funds from wealthy businessmen allows for corruption.

Lastly, a large ballroom not a needed renovation. It isn't a great look while a large amount of Americans are financially struggling. Pretty much saying "Let them eat cake."

Name: Kory Stuer
Date: February 25, 2026 4:39:59 pm

I urge the Commission to do everything it can to preserve and respect history in this project. I have been shocked by the disregard for our country's history in the demolition of the East Wing and all it represents. In August 2025, I hosted my brother's family in DC, including taking a walking tour by the White House with my 5 and 3 year old nephew and niece. It was a profound moment when my brother explained to his young children that the building in front of them belonged to THEM as citizens of this country, and the peaceful transition of power that occurs as one tenant of the White House makes way for the next. When I took a picture of them in front of the White House that day, little did I know then that they were only just barely getting the opportunity to see the East Wing before it was torn down.

The East Wing represented many significant historical events and developments, particularly related to the important role of the First Lady in our country. From Eleanor Roosevelt to Rosalyn Carter, with many other between and since, the East Wing has symbolized the importance of women's civic engagement and political participation. Please do whatever you can to honor that history and ensure that the administration does not succeed with erasing these historical figures and events. American women's history is at stake in this project.

It cannot be an acceptable precedent that a president can unilaterally decide to demolish or otherwise alter the physical structure of the White House and other federal buildings. The White House does not belong to any individual president. It is not a palace to be reconstructed based on royal whims. There should have to be some approval by Congress, representatives of the people's voice, in order for a project to be valid. Please take action to protect the White House as the people's instutition that it is and must be.

Name: Kathryn Lage
Date: February 25, 2026 4:40:19 pm

I am writing to oppose the East Wing Modernization project. It is a waste of taxpayer money and tears down the building from an important era in American history, when the White House became a place that embraced the work of the First Lady and her staff. This proposal was initiated without proper authorization, or permits, or design review. The East Wing was destroyed with no warning, no Architectural & Engineering Request for Proposals, no bids from contractors, and no abatement of hazardous materials; all as required by federal law.

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to its former design (that was scaled and in proportion to the rest of the building) and the administration's project canceled. The current design is for an out-of-scale, out-of-place, and out-of-time pseudo-historical building.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Alisa Baker
Date: February 25, 2026 4:42:08 pm

I vehemently oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Alisa Baker
San Francisco, CA

Name: Ashley E Reader
Date: February 25, 2026 4:49:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: mary beare
Date: February 25, 2026 4:56:50 pm

This is again one of the ridiculous selfish announcements from Trump
The country is struggling with paying bills - high health care costs etc
this needs to stop - Trump acts as dictator
i cannot believe the state of our country right now
I am 75 year old woman - all my life a Democratic
Please do all you can to stop this action

Name: Shane Taylor
Date: February 25, 2026 5:00:45 pm

The East Wing of the White House — having been illegally razed by the Trump administration — should not be rebuilt or "modernized."

In its place, the footprint of the former wing should be memorialized by a terrace of black granite flagstones etched with reminders of grievous errors committed by the United States. A committee of historians and artists should be empaneled to recommend events to so memorialize and the text of each stone.

Obvious candidates for inclusion would be slavery, the displacement and genocide of indigenous peoples, internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, and our long history of discrimination based on gender presentation and sexuality.

The purpose of such a dark memorial is not to denigrate the United States but to soberly remind ourselves that of the sins of our history and that we are not above reproach as a nation, but must ever work to fulfill our promise.

Name: Susan Fischbach
Date: February 25, 2026 5:11:36 pm

I am very concerned that the new addition to the White House will be out of proportion with the existing main building of the White House. A Ball Room wing should not belittle the all important main building. Symbolism is the key for the Executive. The importance of the main building symbolized in its central, larger stature denoting the importance of the actions that occur there.

I am horrified that the East Wing was torn down without authorization, nor consideration for its historic relevance.

Name: Leslie Littell
Date: February 25, 2026 5:15:30 pm

Typical grand rooms use the practice of compression for entry areas so that when guests actually enter the main room it opens up and feels even more of a 'grand' surprise. With a 14' enter floor ceiling height you would loose that sense of movement into an important space. I also wonder at the scale of ceiling height relative to human scale. The exceedingly high ceilings make all guests feel / seem diminished. This would seem to be contrary to the purpose of hosting national and international visitors and letting them still feel important.
From another practical perspective, setting up a large space that could hold 15,000 people seated, (which you could never serve dinner / formal lunch to that many people practically) then only set up for the aforementioned need for 1,000 people - will again seem like the guests are being swallowed up by the space.

It also seems awkward to have guests enter on a low level and then have to internally use an elevator or stairs to get to the main room. That seems like it would become a problem for any emergency situation in terms of safe exit strategy. Has a fire marshal signed off on this?

Name: Heather Sustersic
Date: February 25, 2026 5:20:05 pm

I am writing to formally submit my comments regarding the proposed East Wing Modernization Project. While I understand the necessity of upgrading the White House’s infrastructure, the current proposed architectural direction represents a significant departure from the dignity, history, and symbolic integrity of the Executive Mansion.

The proposed design, as currently drafted, fails to honor the classical vernacular of the site and introduces several points of deep concern:

1. Massing, Symmetry, and Symbolic Alignment
The proposed addition exhibits an unbalanced massing that disrupts the site’s historical equilibrium. Most distressingly, the scale and placement of the structure interrupt the direct symbolic vista between the U.S. Capitol and the White House. This visual axis is a fundamental tenet of the 1791 L’Enfant Plan; to obstruct it suggests an apathy toward the civic geometry that defines our capital. Furthermore, the ballroom should not be treated as the most architecturally "important" volume in the city; its prominence should remain secondary to the historic core of the mansion.

2. Classical Integrity and Material Authenticity
The design displays a lack of adherence to the classical principles that the White House embodies:

The Portico: The proposed "fake" portico, featuring non-functional doors and excessive columns that render the space useless for assembly gatherings, should be removed entirely.

The Order: The use of Corinthian columns is inappropriate for this context. I request that these be replaced with Ionic columns to maintain a cohesive architectural language with the existing White House elevations.

The Palladian Window: Placing restroom facilities directly in front of a Palladian window is an affront to classical design. This feature should be expressed respectfully and kept clear of utilitarian obstructions.

3. Spatial Efficiency and Resource Management
The current proposal reflects a level of spatial wastefulness that is inconsistent with a project of this magnitude. I recommend the following adjustments to improve efficiency and aesthetic harmony:

Subterranean Integration: The kitchen and support spaces should be recessed into the ground. This minimizes the building's footprint and preserves the historical landscape.

Vertical Scale: The floor-to-floor height of the third floor is excessive and contributes to the overbearing massing of the addition. This height must be reduced to bring the building into a more appropriate human and historical scale.

Oversized Ballroom: Reduce the size of the ballroom to permit more flexible use. Its current configuration is only appropriate for extremely large gatherings and will feel empty for a smaller number of attendees.

Conclusion
The White House is not merely an office; it is a symbol of our Republic. The current White House East Wing Modernization design prioritizes selfish, modern grandeur over the disciplined beauty of American Neoclassicism. I urge the committee to revise the plans to reflect a more humble, symmetrical, and historically literate addition that honors the site's heritage rather than competing with it. The United States is better educated than this. We know better and can do better.

Name: Elizabeth Vincenzi
Date: February 25, 2026 5:21:14 pm

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposal to add a ballroom to the White House. I was shocked to see the East Wing destroyed without the people having a say. It is so important that we preserve our history and George Washington's original plan for the city and the People's House. The scale of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the White House, ruins the historical axial connection between the Capitol building and the People's House, disrupts the classical symmetry of the White House and Olmstead grounds, and ruins the public's view of the People's House, which we as taxpayers pay for! I think there should be NO ballroom, but at the very least, the height and scale need to be greatly reduced. We have a Democracy not a Monarchy and the humble scale of our White House and grounds reflects that.

Name: Christopher McLaughlin
Date: February 25, 2026 5:21:38 pm

There are serious issues with the East Wing Modernization Project that should prevent the proposal from moving forward at this time. The changes will irrevocably harm the grounds of the White House campus designed by our nation's greatest designer of outdoor spaces Frederick Law Olmsted. In addition, architect James Hoban carefully balanced the east and west wings, the proposed changes will destroy all sense of balance. The ballroom space is also impractical, it would be too large to be cordoned off for smaller events. Finally, Pierre Charles L'Enfant designed Washington, D.C., to create views of the White House that this proposal would completely block.

Name: Audrey Alvarado
Date: February 25, 2026 5:22:27 pm

As an American citizen who had lived in DC for 20 years I was so proud when viewing the majestic White House, the people's house. I cannot say that today. The grotesque razing of the East Wing to build an unnecessary, wasteful, and unlawful Ballroom is appalling and disgraceful. A project that was started without the proper authorization, permits, or design review as REQUIRED by our laws. I want this project canceled and rebuild the East Wing to its former design. Respectfully, Audrey R. Alvarado

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Name: Gail Gladstone
Date: February 25, 2026 5:25:59 pm

The proposed ballroom introduces harmful design, view, and landscape impacts on the White House, the people's house and all of Washington D.C. The massing is completely out scale with the rest of the White House campus architecture. The proportion is out of balance with L'Enfants Plan for Washington D.C., commissioned in 1791 by President George Washington. It breaks the important axial connections and views that were intended from the very beginning of the design of our nation's capitol. It will destroy the proportions of the historic landscape designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted, the father of Landscape Architecture. The historic views are destroyed. Literally, our history will be destroyed. It is imperative that this ballroom be scaled appropriately to preserve the legacy of the beauiful and historic city plan and the historic architecture. I'm from Maine so I'm not that familiar with the city of D.C. but I know what out of balance, out of scale, and out of proportion looks like. I have attached an image in pdf of how ridiculous this new proposed ballroom looks to me.

Attachment

Name: Melissa Bronez
Date: February 25, 2026 5:27:51 pm

The demolition of the East Wing of the People's House was illegal and an affront to every U.S. citizen. The East Wing should be rebuilt as it was before it was torn down with modernized infrastructure, if needed.

Name: LARRY May
Date: February 25, 2026 5:28:20 pm

Although I understand the desire to have a larger public space for state functions, the east wing addition as proposed completely dwarfs the existing historic White House, which should be the center piece of the site, destroys the symmetry of the White House complex, and finally destroys the historic visual link between the White House and the Capitol. Please reject the current proposed design to allow the architects to design a smaller, less intrusive design that will accomplish most, if not all, of the desired needs stated while respecting and blending in with the historic complex. There is no need to rush to approve an inferior design for such an important public property. The history of White House is integral to the history of our great nations and we, the people, who own this property deserve the best solution possible.

Name: Ann Humphries
Date: February 25, 2026 5:38:27 pm

I want the East Wing rebuilt to match the original and to scale the ballroom to the White House and not have it overpower the White House. Consider locating it elsewhere.

Name: Diane Jadlowski
Date: February 25, 2026 5:42:52 pm

Please take into consideration the following:

This building should be no larger than a standard building for 1,000 guests.
How would you make the space smaller for smaller groups?
This building should be behind the White House.
Not blocking the view from the Capital Building.
Not be taller than the White House
Be as L'Eufont's design details.
It should match the facade of the White House.

Most importantly determine where the money is coming from to build it.
I do not believe the private donors will pay for it.
Is it Congress approved? They have to appropriate the money.

Respectfully submitted

Name: John Henderson
Date: February 25, 2026 5:44:12 pm

The East Wing Ballroom addition as presently designed will forever alter and destroy the beauty and classical integrity of the L'Enfant master plan for Washington, the Hoban design for the White House, and the Olmstead landscape plan of the White House grounds. The size and scale of the Ballroom addition is ghastly and should (and can easily) be reduced to appropriately accommodate 1000 seated guests as intended, both in height and footprint. In doing so the sacred Capitol-White House axis of the L'Enfant plan can be preserved and the Olmsted drive left intact without compromising the functionality of the addition. The east portico of the Ballroom addition should be reduced to equal the portico of Mills' Treasury Department in size and height. Use of the classical Corinthian order columns on the addition is inappropriate

and should be changed to the Ionic order to match both the White House and Treasury Department.

The White House needs a new ballroom, but this is not the way to go about it and I strongly object!

Name: Joyce DiChristina
Date: February 25, 2026 5:45:00 pm

Please reconsider the size and scale of this ballroom! How many times will room be needed for 1,000 plus people! It is the peoples house and it should continue to abide with style and size from the last 200 plus years!! Are there any architects being consulted as to the fake doors and view with the columns!
Why does the kitchen have to be so large?
It could be toned down to better fit in.
Please consider other options
Thank you
Joyce DiChristina

Name: Timothy Mitchell
Date: February 25, 2026 5:45:16 pm

The present White House configuration deserves to be respected in height, scale, and style. The proposed ballroom plan is brazenly disrespectful. So much about it is wrong.

If the Administration insists on adding a ballroom, it could easily be two thirds of the proposed foot print, and half the height, and still allow for 1000 people. The interior could also be designed in a way to accommodate smaller groups...otherwise, the cavernous room will stand empty for 97% of the time, a huge waste of energy.

The NCPC should say "no" to this plan as currently proposed and require a major revision which fits into the design of the Federal District. Slow this down and make it right.

Name: eileen strasser
Date: February 25, 2026 5:45:25 pm

It's important that we keep up with the times while also maintaining our historical integrity. It's wonderful that we do have architectural archives that we can refer to and be able to utilize them in design. The incredible fact is that we now are celebrating this year our 250th as a great nation, although very young in comparison to other nations. We are a nation, now, that the world depends upon in every way, very in-contrast to back in time of George Washington days! Presentation is key, I believe, with respect to this proposed structural change, to be able to share with our distinguished guests of other nations luxurious comforts and power that our United States provides. We have more than earned our standing on the globe, why not be able to live it? Not for nothing, England is a good example that speaks to this point. And, of course if our First Lady needs work space to be that effective partner in service to our great nation, she shall have it!
Thank you
Eileen Strasser
Montville (NJ) Historical Society
Montville (NJ) Township Historic Preservation Commission

Name: Beth Brooks
Date: February 25, 2026 5:48:55 pm

The White House is the People's House, and therefore, the people, such as myself, should have a say in how it is significantly altered.

The proposed ballroom is three times the size of the White House! Why is that necessary? Not only does is significantly alter the original historic design, but it's enormous scale totally alters LaFont's 1791 plan of Washington, DC! It will totally block the axis from the Capitol to the White House. The original Landscape design by Olmsted will also be changed! Why are we doing this?!

I do not believe this is necessary. If a ballroom is needed, then it should be scaled back so that it not only makes more sense, but more closely preserves the history of the White House, Washington, DC and our country. It should also be of a size where the space would be more frequently utilized. As currently designed, it would only be for sit-down events for 1,500 + people.It should also be designed to be ADA compliant.

I am a tax payer and so I'm paying for this.

Name: E. Mortimer
Date: February 25, 2026 5:49:21 pm

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the East Wing because they do not honor the architectural history of our nation's capital and the people's house, the White House. I am especially interested since it appears the designs abandon designs developed and commissioned by our first president, George Washington, by the architect of the White House, and the historical landscape architectural designs for the grounds. I would like to see all this history respected in the development of a new design. I believe we can balance the needs of the modernized new wing with its impact on the historical designs and have the best of both worlds.

There are many issues with the published design including the lack of symmetry in maintaining the classical architectural intent, the immense scale that defies industry standards and the needs for the number of people served, the visual interruption of the sight line connection down Pennsylvannia Ave. of the White House and the Capitol Building and the unnecessary portico with no function, or access. There are other things which I am sure that architects familiar with historical preservation can attest to as needed changes.

Architects, much smarter and knowledgeable than me could design a building that would allow for all of these concerns to be addressed while still developing a building that meets the needs of our administration.

We have already lost the history of the West Wing of the White House in its demolition. Please preserve our nation's history for future generations and don't let it, too be lost.

Sincerely,

American Citizen and person who loves historic perservation,

Suzanne Mortimer

Name: Mikky Tomac
Date: February 25, 2026 5:53:28 pm

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure.

Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.

I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:

• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.

• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the

carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.

• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.

Adopting these recommendations will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Name: Steve Weaver
Date: February 25, 2026 5:54:18 pm

The White House was never intended to become a monument to its occupant. It's been the people's house from the beginning at the direction of George Washington and the Founding Fathers. The current proposal for the East Wing ballroom reflects the arrogance and extravagance of the Gilded Age where the obvious display of wealth was king. It totally disrupts the layout of the city and the aesthetic balance of the White House grounds. I do not question the need for an upgrade. However, the secretive nature of the project and it's funding, the scale of the building with massive ceiling heights and a decorative portico call into question the speed and manner of its approval. I urge the Commission to adhere to the deliberative approval process that has unified the District for over 200 years. Please find a solution that meets the needs of the presidency on a scale that befits the presidency.

Name: Susan Miner
Date: February 25, 2026 5:59:23 pm

I urge members of the National Capital Planning Commissions to respect the history, architectural integrity, and visual/spatial relationship to the Capitol Building of the White House as you review the plans for such a massive enlargement of the East Wing. The proposed size of the ballroom is well above the recommended square footage per person for such a facility and is incapable of being subdivided for groups smaller than the anticipated 1,000 attendees. Imagine the awkwardness of attending a dinner for 350 in a vast room meant for 1,000.
Using Corinthian columns on an "addition" to the White House, which has Ionic columns, is a serious breach of traditional architectural practice which must be corrected if you intend the plan to observe any standard rules of appropriate design.
Above and beyond the multiple design flaws of the plan, please heed the concerns of millions of Americans to whom the People's House truly belongs. This most historic house, so widely recognized throughout the world, requires your protection from the destruction of its pivotal place in the original plan for our nation's capital. Worthy architecture seeks to balance need with impact. The need for a larger ballroom can be reasonably met with a smaller, more sensitively designed building with a significantly reduced negative impact on the White House, its surroundings, and the faith and trust of the American people.

Name: Nancy Mattina
Date: February 25, 2026 6:05:40 pm

Dear Commissioners,

I write to express my objections to the so-called modernization of the now destroyed East Wing of the White House. The very fact that the East Wing was demolished prior to securing public input about the president's intention to replace it with a "privately funded" ballroom should disqualify the project. The White House belongs to the American people in the same way that our national museums, parks, and monuments do. Through our taxes, we pay the utilities, upkeep, and improvements based on the promise that we are, in effect, the president and vice-president's landlords. No doubt some of you on the NCPC have been private landlords. Can you imagine turning a blind eye if one of your tenants bulldozed a portion of your property and when confronted with it said, "Don't worry, I'll pay to have something else built in its place"? Few Americans have the luxury of owning luxury rentals but every one of us understands that property rights are

a cornerstone of civil society. That is, we know vandalism, theft, fraud, and malice when we see it. Allowing this project to go forward creates a precedent for abolishing the property rights of the public at the whim of the party (temporarily) in power. That is not stewardship. It is failure to honor your responsibility to the American people.

The East Wing project also constitutes an assault on our national history. We've raised monuments to our national story over two hundred and fifty years for good reason. Symbols of honor, pride, shame, and regret are crucial sign posts to guide us on the road to achieving progress. When such symbols celebrate the worst of us, by consensus they are removed. No such infamy pertained to the East Wing. In fact, over time it was revered as a symbol of the dedication and patriotic service of our First Ladies. By callously bulldozing the East Wing without any public input, the president showed contempt for the First Ladies legacy as well as our national history of striving for a more perfect union. In Iraq and Afghanistan ISIS and the Taliban attempted to erase history by destroying museums, archeological sites and religious sites. To approve the president's erasure of the East Wing would be tantamount to condoning acts we label 'terrorism' in countries known for their brutality, corruption, and lack of civic institutions.

Finally, while the preemptive demolition of the East Wing disqualifies the "modernization" project on any pretext, the president's intention to erect a splendiferous ballroom paid for by wealthy donors is an insult to the American people. Conceived as an arena for the wealthy and powerful to mingle elegantly while millions of Americans struggle to house, feed, and care for their families, the ballroom would replace a legacy of service with a prescription for the perpetual servitude of ninety-nine percent of Americans. It announces that we Americans are subjects, not citizens. It turns the people's house into a pleasure palace where elites converge to decide our fate over champagne and caviar. It will become a symbol of the triumph of personal greed over public service.

I urge you to fulfill your patriotic and administrative duties by preventing further desecration of the White House complex on the unilateral orders of its current occupant. Presidents come and go. But the stain on your honor as stewards of our national historic treasures will never disappear if you should decide to ignore the people's wishes and proceed with his shameful despoiling.

Thank you.

Name: Elizabeth Vincenzi
Date: February 25, 2026 6:07:08 pm

I am writing in opposition to the proposed White House ballroom project. At a time when Americans struggle to pay for food, health care, and college, we don't want our tax dollars going to pay for the ballroom or all the parties and events that will happen once a large scale ballroom is built. I also care about historic preservation and was shocked when the East Wing was demolished, because I had gone through that entrance, I believe, when I toured the White House in the 1990s. We should not be building a ballroom that is so large that it dwarfs the White House, ruins the classical symmetrical architecture, or blocks the public's view of the White House from that side. Also, Washington DC and the White House was designed with intention, by our founder, George Washington, to have an axial, symbolic connection between the Capitol building and the White House. If this massive ballroom is allowed, that axial connection will be destroyed forever. I was also dismayed that the huge scale of the ballroom will disrupt the symmetry of the White House grounds and circular drive, designed by Frederick Olmsted. I grew up in Spokane, WA near a park designed by the Olmsted Brothers and always liked knowing that Frederick Olmsted also designed the white house grounds. Symmetry brings peace and calm to the eye and having that in the People's House helps show the nation that our leaders are calm and solid and there for us. This country is a democracy run by and for the people, not a monarchy, and the People's house should reflect that humility, not one President's lust for grandiosity.

Name: Sarah Frazier
Date: February 25, 2026 6:13:33 pm

Please reject the proposed plan for a ballroom. As shared with the public, its scale and function are out of line, throwing off symmetry and histpric design such that beauty is also marred. With this design, we would lose the triangle lines connecting the three branches of government with the White House at the center. We would lose the beautiful oval shape Olmstead designed for the White House grounds. The ballroom is at points actually taller than the White House. It's composed largely of a bunch of walls with fake windows, has a kitchen 3x the needed size for 1000 guests, plus a portico beyond the ballroom windows that cannot be accessed from the ballroom. it has no provisions for making a too large space more intimate. It confuses column styles without any greater purpose. An original adjoining Palladian window will be lost. It's a disaster that succeeding generations can only regard as a painful reminder of (hopefully past) excess and authoritarianism.

Name: Jan Bentley
Date: February 25, 2026 6:15:26 pm

I'm a Republican who will never vote for the party that lied to us about Biden's ability & gave us open borders & taxpayer-funded abortion thru the 9th month. And after watching the National Trust's presentation on 2/25/26 on Trump's Ballroom, I want Trump to be impeached.
It's an abomination in every way that Americans will regret for centuries. Please DO NOT APPROVE IT! PLEASE MAKE THEM REDUCE ITS SIZE AND IMPROVE ITS DESIGN TO ALIGN BETTER WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE.

Name: Duke Lokka
Date: February 25, 2026 6:15:28 pm

I think it is a travesty that the President destroyed the East Wing without following proper procedures. It shows a level of arrogance and disregard for history and custom that should not be allowed to succeed. I urge the Commission to prevent further destruction to this national treasure.

Name: Lindsay Suter
Date: February 25, 2026 6:17:56 pm

First, it should be known that I am a US citizen, registered architect, have practiced in the US for more than 30 years, and have taught at many institutions, such as Yale University and the University of Hartford. I have received many professional awards, and have a distinguished list of clients, among them King Charles.
This project has a major impact on the “people’s house”, the White House, and as such it is under the highest scrutiny. This is as it should be. Unfortunately, there has been woefully little for ‘the people’ to see, read or understand about the proposed changes to our beloved White House. Demolition of the previous East ballroom structure happened without enough warning, and without careful consideration. This is an abomination, and should not be followed by an equally hasty rebuilding.
The important message here is: slow down. Give the people a chance to contribute their significant expertise for this important effort. What little design information has been provided so far raises serious concerns:
• The proposed design is badly out of scale – too large, too ostentatious. Look at it – it is larger than the White House. It is the “Tail wagging the Dog”.
• It is in conflict with accepted, time-honored, federal standards.
• It is, especially on the South side, unresponsive to the White House: disconnected, out of proportion, and offers fake doors & windows, and has no relation to the street, the people.
• From an urbanist's standpoint, the massing of the building cuts off the visual axis from the Capitol to the White House – an egregious error! L'Enfant’s plan of DC is violated by this intrusion. Access, both visual and symbolic, must be kept in the view corridors and connections in our nation’s capitol.
• Frankly, it is an egotistical endeavor by an arrogant President, to put a mark on the US before he deserves it. No. Let future generations decide if he deserves memorializing. That’s how we did it for Washington. That’s how we did it for Jefferson. That’s how we did it for Lincoln. And that’s how we need to do it now.
Humbly submitted,
Lindsay Suter, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB

Name: ALISON WALKER BREMS
Date: February 25, 2026 6:24:44 pm

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Name: Loren Mannino
Date: February 25, 2026 6:25:43 pm

Hello and thank you for the opportunity to comment. The so called Modernization appears to be a complete destruction of the past in favor of the current President's somewhat gaudy and gilt approach to the subject. While I don't advocate for a complete restoration of the former wing, I think many elements of the destroyed structure, which I understand have been saved from the wrecking ball, should be featured in the new building to give a sense of continuity. I also think architects not under the sway of the President should have meaningful input into the design of the new structure, with particular regard for it not detracting from the White House main building.

Name: Veree Hawkins Brown
Date: February 25, 2026 6:26:06 pm

I am completely against the current plans to build a unnecessary ballroom and office complex that overpowers the architectural significance and scale of the rest of the White House. This project has not followed the rules of getting the appropriate approvals from government agencies prior to any construction activities. The tear down of the East Wings appears to be an illegal executive action and has destroyed vital historical significance of the building. I encourage all voting members to reject approval of the plans that have been shown publicly at this time. This ballroom appears to be a pay for play project that enriches the President and seems to run afoul of any sense of integrity surrounding the office of the president.

Name: Weslie McLaughlin
Date: February 25, 2026 6:28:55 pm

I am shocked that the East wing of the White House was torn down without the agreement of congress and we the people who own it. The planned ballroom is too large and not proportional with the rest of the White House. The plan shows an area that can hold much more than the stated 1,000 people.. the original plan and architecture of our founding fathers should be maintained. You need to require a plan that will maintain the symmetry and dignity of this historic building.

Name: Mary Elgin
Date: February 25, 2026 6:29:29 pm

The East Wing Modernization plan creates a travesty of uselessness. We should rather restore the East Wing to its former state and citizen-friendly use as an entry point for visitors, and as offices for our First Lady. We certainly do not need to spend money from donors whose motives may be questionable upon a monstrosity of a ballroom which dwarfs the size of our original White House.
Please reject any plans which are not in keeping with The People’s House. After all, we only lend it to the current occupant for four or eight years.

Name: Lorraine Lietzman
Date: February 25, 2026 6:39:00 pm

The building of a Ballroom attached to the White House is not a good use of space or taxpayer money. It should not be attached to the White House and it definitely does not need to be the size projected. The money would be better spent improving the education, health care, and infrastructure of this country and the majority of the people living here. That is what could help make the United States a better nation.

Name: Robert Sierzega
Date: February 25, 2026 6:39:43 pm

Please see attached letter on my letterhead.

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Name: Susan Knowles
Date: February 25, 2026 6:40:22 pm

Commissioners,
I join the National Trust for Historic Preservation in requesting that the integrity of the original section or central element, of the White House, be honored by any and every proposed change. The 1792 winning design was by Scottish architect James Hoban, whose exterior elevation design and architectural plans for the President's House, as the White House was originally known, won the approval of President George Washington. Its Classical symmetry and scale; its type: a Mansion House, not a palace or a Greek or Roman temple; its neatly tailored style (note the use of the simple and modest Ionic, rather than ornate Corinthian order for its column capitals); and its balance and proportion, by which the north portico bay relates the whole facade (leaving equal portions on either side to complement the central feature) was felt to appropriately symbolize the "Republican Simplicity" and represent the ideals of our new nation, a Democracy governed temporarily by elected officials who served at the pleasure of the citizens who had elected them.

This addition to the east side of the building is shocking in its proportions, its lack of respect for the architectural integrity of the existing White House, and the unnecessary use of a first floor story for essentially private functions (kitchen and other) as witness by the addition of false/blind windows and doors along its length and width in order to give the appearance of a true first floor of the building--all of this could be moved below grade, which would solve a number of the problems detailed here:
1) this massive structure as now planned will extend higher than the roof line of the original section
2) this protruding extension is projected to extend so far in front of the original building that it will intrude upon the axial design of streets and vistas laid out by President Washington's architectural planner for the City of Washington, Pierre L'Enfant, in 1791, which created an unobstructed view down Pennsylvania Avenue from the U.S. Capitol to the President's House
3) create massive interior spaces for still to be justified functions -- what has been proposed goes way beyond the projected usage: a second floor ballroom that will accommodate 1000 people at a seated dinner and, because of the massive, non-functional, Corinthian portico with its 24 large columns that has been appended to the three story addition, the honored guests would blocked if not almost entirely obscured views of the Washington Monument and the National Mall, but there is also a nearly equal sized third floor whose function has not been announced
4) the proposed addition would stick out so far in front of the existing White House footprint that it cover and destroy the arc of the circular drive and walking paths of the south lawn, the esteemed Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. landscape design that informs the largest portion of the White House National Park grounds.

While the need for an appropriate and convenient public banquet space at the White House is not in question, this massive proposed structure is far beyond the stated need (a seated dinner for 1000 people), is so far out of proportion as to create striking and intrusive disharmony with the surrounding architecture, intrudes upon both the city plan of Washington DC from 1791 and the park-like setting designed for the President's House for all to enjoy. Please consider the constructive suggestions that are being offered in terms of a reduction in scale, and adherence to classical style and balance for the proposed new East Wing. One of the tenets of good architecture is how it balances need with visual and physical impact. In this case, a reduction in scale and the simplification of extraneous exterior features (elimination of the three story non-functional south portico with its unnecessarily showy Corinthian columns) will provide a much more pleasing and appropriate solution to the identified need.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these and other submitted comments.
Yours truly,
Susan W. Knowles PhD

Name: Sally Hank
Date: February 25, 2026 7:11:44 pm

Restore the East Wing to the original structure. Preserve our White House!

Name: Susan Gerbi McIlwain
Date: February 25, 2026 7:15:49 pm

TO: National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
DATE: 2/25/2026

I am writing to you in my capacity as a private citizen with my concerns about the design of the proposed ballroom for the White House. I adore colonial architecture, especially from the late 1700s, and in fact I designed and built our own home with authentic details from 1790-1810. Symmetry is a basic tenet of Palladian architecture, and this is violated in

the proposed design for the ballroom. Typically, the main entrance to the building has the greater mass and can be flanked by smaller wings on each side, as was true for the White House and also Jefferson's Monticello. Instead, the proposed ballroom overpowers the main facade of the White House.

The architectural details of the wings or additions should mimic that of the main structure, but this is not adhered to in the proposed design. For example, there are Ionic columns on the main part of the White House, but the proposed ballroom has Corinthian columns that are more elaborate and overshadow those of the main building.

The space inside the proposed ballroom is too large if a smaller event would be held there, and the 40 foot ceilings preclude a sliding partition to make the space smaller and more intimate for a smaller gathering.

l'Enfant's vision of his beautiful design for Washington DC is ignored and ruined by the proposed ballroom that obstructs the axis and view running between the White House and the Capital.

Finally, Olmsted's classic design for the White House grounds is encroached upon by the proposed ballroom.

For all these reasons, I sincerely hope that the design and scale of the proposed ballroom can be redone to correct the problems noted above. This should be possible while still meeting the functional need for the ballroom.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.
Sincerely yours,
Susan Gerbi McIlwain
[redacted]

Name: Kathy Cornelius
Date: February 25, 2026 7:16:07 pm

To Whom it May Concern:

I am deeply troubled by the size and scope of the East Wing Mondernization project. Below are my comments:

Please explain the use of Corinthian columns (very decorative) in the new ballroom wing vs classical Ionic columns as used in the White House and Treasury buildings. Why not all Ionic? To use the Corinthian decorative columns would seem to diminish the other monuments.
In most cases these columns eclipse seated guest views from the interior space and block any movement on the terrace as they are so closely placed together, Why are there so many columns?

Why are we allowing a building so large as to block and distort views of the White House from the Capitol Steps and Pennsylvania Ave. This enormous building destroys the symmetry & the symbolic connection between other branches of government, implied in Pierre L'Enfant's original design, ie the centrality of the WH with spokes (one being Pennsylvania Ave) connecting the Capitol and other government entities. The Ballroom footprint totally destroys that symmetry as well as alters the Olmstead driveway/roundabout design.

Why was there such lack of transparency and brazen destruction of the East Wing without public involvement, information of whether/where/how contents were preserved. Was the Palladian window in the East wing preserved and is it part of the new renovation? Where will it appear? How can one president secretly decide the fate of all of these historical items?

The new portico has no connection to the ballroom. It has a stairway to nowhere and no way to enter the building. The south elevation doors are fake & lower floors have mostly blind windows. Why this waste of money?

The kitchen is 13K square feet - why? This is 2-1/2 times what is needed for a 1000 person event. Why is the upstairs so large and the ceilings so high? Is there a plan including offices, kitchen, and other areas, which has been presented to the public, and which would hopefully justify such a large 90K square foot space and odd ceiling heights?

I recently read that now instead of a 1,000 seat ballroom it will be for 1,350 guests. And that the cost will not be $200 but $400 million. Why not something more modest and if there is an overage of donations, use them to pay for utilities, maintenance, security and other expenses?

Sincerely, Kathy Cornelius

cc Congressman Mike Levin, 49th Congressional District
Senator Adam Schiff
Senator Alex Padilla

Name: Diane VanderBeke Mager
Date: February 25, 2026 7:33:45 pm

I write today as both a decorative art and architecture historian and as a concerned citizen.

The classical architecture of our nation's capital is intended to reflect our historic values while meeting contemporary needs. The proposed East Wing Ballroom does neither.

From the historic perspective:
- The original city plan, designed by Pierre Charles L'Enfant and presented to George Washington, is based on four sight lines to the people's house. The proposed ballroom would obstruct the vista from the Capitol to the White House, violating the classical principles of harmony and balance.
- The White House grounds were designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, calling for circular and semicircular drives. The proposed ballroom would break the lines of the circular drive and violate yet another classical principle of harmony and balance with nature.
- The White House itself, was designed in the Neoclassical style by James Hoban, demonstrating a mastery of balance and proportion. The proposed ballroom upsets this balance and proportion in a multitude of ways—from its overpowering height, length, and width in relation to the main structure, to its oversized dead-end portico and false windows, to the inappropriate use of Corinthian columns in relation to the Ionic columns on the main structure.

From the contemporary perspective:
- The proposed ballroom does not meet practical needs. It was intended to provide space for up to 1,000 guests, yet the current plan impractically provides enough square footage per person to accommodate 1,500 people. If its size were reduced to comfortably accommodate 1,000 people, the aforementioned classical sight lines and circular drive could be maintained.
- The proposed forty-foot ceiling height and number of windows do not allow for the ballroom to be subdivided for smaller events, thereby rendering the room impractical and likely to sit idle a majority of the time.
- The proposed portico is non-functional as there is no access to it from the ballroom, and the inappropriate Corinthian columns would prohibit the use of the space for gathering while blocking window views. Elimination of the portico would lessen the dwarfing effect on the main White House and put an end to the mismatch of column capitals in relation to the current Ionic capitals in violation of the classical principles of harmony and balance.
- The third floor of the building calls for nineteen-foot ceilings, which far exceed the height necessary for office or other practical spaces. If the ceiling height were lowered, the overall height of the building could be lowered, thereby no longer dwarfing the main White House structure to the proposed extent.
- The proposed kitchen is larger than is necessary to service up to 1,000 people and sits nine-feet above ground level yet has no exterior windows. Should the kitchen be reduced in size and submerged, the height of the building could in turn be reduced, thereby no longer dwarfing the main White House to the proposed extent.
- It appears that ADA compliance has not been fully considered.

I implore the National Capital Planning Commission to take these points under consideration and to prevent the proposed East Wing Ballroom from being constructed without considerable revision to preserve the classical principles of harmony and balance originally envisioned for the White House and to create practical and accessible spaces for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane VanderBeke Mager

Name: Linda Lovaas
Date: February 25, 2026 7:35:59 pm

I am totally against the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this

project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding citizens.

Name: Richard Cornelius
Date: February 25, 2026 7:44:40 pm

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition and deep concern to the currently planned East Wing/Ballroom of the White House. This proposed project is totally out of proportion with the historic White House and destroys the perspective and architectural nature of The People's House.

The National Historic Preservation Act has been totally ignored during this process. The White House is an iconic piece of American History and should not be allowed to be manipulated because of one President's ego.

The East Wing must be rebuilt now that it has been destroyed, but it needs to be rebuilt so that it reflects the historical intent of its architect and the history that it signifies. Please ensure that its size is proportional and fits the need for a reasonably sized ballroom facility.

Sincerely,

Richard M Cornelius
Rancho Mission Viejo, CA

Name: Carolyn Smith-Gerdes
Date: February 25, 2026 7:48:22 pm

I believe that this expansion project violates historic preservation standards, lacks transparency, and may necessitate further unwanted and drastic changes, such as adding a story to the West Wing colonnade.

While expanded event space may be needed, additions must respect the historic scale and design of the White House. At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom is too large and must be appropriately reduced in size so it would not exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. Additions to historic properties should be compatible in scale and subordinate to the original structure.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to give feedback on this project.

Name: Suzanne Hren
Date: February 25, 2026 7:52:42 pm

I watched today's online meeting, Crucial Insights and Viable Alternatives for a More Sensitive White House Ballroom and concur with all of the points described.

Besides the numerous architectural design goofs, both on the interior and exterior, the proposed site plan is completely disrespectful of the L'Enfant site plan and is, to me, one of the most egregious design violations of those mentioned by the distinguished team of architects.

As an architect AIA Emerita with much experience submitting Federal projects for design review to NCPC, it is my sincere desire for the approval process to slow down until there is consensus among the most interested parties, namely the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the AIA, and other design professionals like me.

This East Wing project is too important to the American people to treat this step lightly and rush through a terribly bad design. The office of the President of the United States changes, and so this ballroom should be one that will serve future presidents for many years to come.

Name: Pamela Kneisel
Date: February 25, 2026 8:08:36 pm

The White House is one of the most important buildings in the United States. If there is to be a ballroom...and I have not been convinced of the need...it should not detract from the White House itself. It is up to the architects and the historians to insure that the White House continues to be the central and dominant structure in the collection of buildings in that White House complex. It would be a travesty to have a building of limited need and use...one man's vanity project...dwarfing the White House.

Thank you for all efforts to have this project be reasonable, tasteful, and historic in a positive way.

Name: John Perkins
Date: February 25, 2026 8:09:10 pm

My comments will be brief primarily because it is so painfully obvious that no policies, procedures, nor rules were followed before the historic East Wing was demolished and yet, such guidelines are clearly in place. This isn't a "renovation" nor a "revamping" nor a "modernization." It is the obliteration of a critical part of one of the most iconic, historic, and beloved structures in the United States. And, it is being done on the whim of one administration. If any structure deserves to be respected and sensitively changed only after thoughtful review and input, it is, or should have been, The White House.

I cannot voice my opposition strongly enough to what as transpired thus far. And, I shudder to think how the monstrosity that is being proposed will change, and destroy, not only the entire look of The White House, but of Washington DC itself. No man nor any administration should be able to so drastically alter one of the most recognizable buildings in the world simply because they want to do so. If that were the case, the very architectural fabric of Washington DC would be in tatters. The city would become nothing more than a hodgepodge of ill-conceived and pompous "temples" based on whoever is in power at the moment. Allowing free-for-all destruction and building would leave DC stripped of the inspiration it has always embodied, at least until now..

Thank you for trying to stop the thumbing of noses at longstanding procedures that are in place for this very reason..

John C. Perkins, Jr.

Name: Maria Roche
Date: February 25, 2026 8:17:31 pm

Please reject the current plan for the replacement of the East wing of the White House. The current ballroom plan is unacceptable.

Considering that the current administration claims to support the use of classical architecture in all federal buildings, the disregard of basic concepts in this current design is glaring. The addition is totally out of scale. It is excessively large (in both square footage and volume) for accommodating the proposed 1000 guest and related support spaces. It can easily be scaled back to a size more consistent with the proportions of the White House. The current plan has a large portico that has no function whatsoever - in short it has no utility. Another principle disregarded in the current plan. Why doesn't it use the same style columns as the current White House? That's another easy fix.

The size and siting the ballroom structure also disrupts the historic siteline along Pennselvania Avenue from the White House to the Capital as laid out by L'Efant and alters the symmetrical drive of Olmsteads' landscape plan. Both of these are also unnecessary if a more thoughtful plan is developed.

Please reject this clumsy, destructive plan which will forever alter not only the White House building and grounds but also how it fits into the greater community of our beautiful Capital.

Name: Lark Champion
Date: February 25, 2026 8:18:36 pm

Please please please consider the scale of this project and the way it dwarfs the existing historical structure. It almost makes a mockery of the building that represents our country and democracy. And to me, that is shameful.
I have read that there is ample space to build a new ball room on the grounds, but not connected to the existing building- that would be preferable and allow the new design to exist more “on its own” and take more liberties with scale etc.
Please consider the voices of historical presevationists and concerned citizens.
Thank you,
Lark Champion

Name: Gayle Kemp
Date: February 25, 2026 8:24:18 pm

How dare Trump break every norm, tradition, policy, and law to destroy the historic East Wing and waste money on that fake gold monument to himself. Trump is telling struggling Americans to just get over themselves and let him build gaudy building that looks like Saddam Husein's palace. $400 million dollars would pay for a lot of college, or preschool, or food for children, the elderly and the disabled.
Do NOT approve this monstrosity and the huge waste of money. And I would bet the Trump organization will make money off of the project because is is openly corrupt.
If you have brains or a soul, do not put up a monument to someone who wants to cancel elections and is openly and proudly racist and sexist. Given what we have seen of the Epstein files that have been released so far and the lawsuit, and allegations by girls, he is also likely a pedophile and is engaged in a cover up.

Name: Elizabea PORREIJ
Date: February 25, 2026 8:25:39 pm

“I oppose the ballroom! The out-of-proportion visual scale, the expense of forever maintaining the structure that was initiated WITHOUT proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It completely razes American history. CANCEL the ballroom. REBUILD & RESTORE the East Wing to its former design.

NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. PENALIZE those who broke the law and destroyed the historic East Wing. To allow and go forward with the ballroom is an insult and affront to all law-abiding Americans.”

Name: Claudine Chavanne
Date: February 25, 2026 8:29:11 pm

The proposed design of the South Portico and Ballroom is grossly larger than necessary, ignores critical components of Classical Architectural design, obscures views of the White House, is not ADA compliant, and disrespects the legacy of this historical People's House site.

A smaller scaled version (without fake windows and doors) that aligns to the Secretary of Interior's standards for the treatment of historic properties would clearly be more appropriate.

We do not need an addition that satisfies a megalomaniacal desire for glitz and grandeur over more appropriately scaled and historically respectful construction.

Name: James Loesel
Date: February 25, 2026 8:42:41 pm

The design for replacing the demolished East Wing, East Colonnade and Jacqueline Kennedy Garden should be discarded and a new design submitted.

1, The proposed plan is inconsistent with President’s Park Master Plan for needed new facilities. The priorities identified in this most recent master plan for the park included more West Wing office and meeting space, a new press briefing room and offices, underground parking, new off-campus visitor center facilities, and support utilities for outdoor events at the Ellipse. A new ballroom was not identified as a need. Most importantly, the master plan calls for these new facilities

to be constructed underground.

The primary argument for the new ballroom is to replace the use of tents for state dinners. This is an inadequate rationale for constructing a very large ballroom. For decades, state dinners have declined as an instrument of diplomacy. The numbers of state dinners is nearly a bell curve, starting with two during the four-year term of Herbert Hoover, rising in frequency to nearly one per month during the terms of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, and falling gradually to two during the first term of Donald Trump. A large ballroom for holding state dinners will stand empty for years between possible future state dinners.

The existing State Dining Room and the East Room have been used for the overwhelming majority of the more than 300 state dinners that have been held in the U.S. Nearly a score of state dinners has been held outside the White House, and starting with Gerald Ford's presidency, about a score of state dinners have been held outside in the White House Rose Garden or on the South Lawn. About a dozen have been held in temporary tents or more recently in glass structures erected for these state dinners. Presidents, or the First Ladies, have elected to hold some state dinners in outside rather than in the State Dining Room or East Room. From pictures taken of events, the tents or glass structures provided opportunities for very elegant décor that differed but matched or exceeded the ambiance of the rooms inside the White House. Of the more than three hundred state dinners held at the White House, I could only identify two that would have filled the proposed size of the new ballroom.

President Trump has also stated that the proposed ballroom had been scheduled for future presidential inauguration ceremonies. Presidential inaugurations are planned by a bipartisan committee of Congress, not the President. Normally the inauguration is held at the Capitol and attended by tens of thousands of people. The proposed ballroom would be inadequate as a setting for presidential inaugurations.

2. The proposed design for the "East Wing Renovation" project is inconsistent with historic Palladian scale of outbuildings which flank a central residence. The basic design is to have small out buildings balanced on either side of a central residence building. The East and West Wings that flank the central Executive Residence were designed to remain subsidiary in size and attention to the central building, in the initial 1904 design and as well as through later reconstruction. Those designs resulted in rooms that were small but were efficient and heavily utilized. The proposed design for the ballroom destroys basic concept of East and West Wings that are subsidiaries to the central White House building. The proposed East Wing structure would be nearly three times the size of the White House residence. It would become the dominant building in the White House complex.

3. The East Wing has served as the primary entrance for visitors to the White House since it was built in 1904. It was a modest one-story building that was inviting rather than imposing for approaching visitors. Even when the East Wing was redesigned in 1942 as a two-story structure, the entrance remained a one-story structure in the form of a porte cochere. Most visitors walked through the covered walkway, but important visiting officials arriving by motorcade would drive through the covered entranceway, where they were greeted by the President. The proposed design for the new East Wing eliminates this human-scale entrance with an imposing five-story portico. The heavy, tall Corinthian pillars are larger than the slimmer and simpler Ionic pillars on the North Portico of the White House. The North and South Porticos of the White should remain the dominant entranceways, not the East Wing's portico. The entranceway will also be less functional than the old East Wing porte cochere. Dignitaries will no longer drive up to the entrance. Everyone will walk up a large staircase to reach the entrance. It is unclear how people with disabilities will enter East Wing and the White House, but they will not enter through this entrance.

4. The East Wing has also served as the principal space for the Office of the First Lady. Although the proposed East Wing is many times larger than the demolished East Wing that it seeks to replace, the office space for the first lady and her staff is reduced substantially in the new building. The proposed design also eliminates the office space for the White House Military Office, Office of Legislative Affairs, and White House calligraphers. Instead of expanding the supply of office space in the White House complex, the proposed design would reduce the supply of office space, which is already a scarce resource there. The proposed design would allocate far more space for a large kitchen than for office space. As noted above, the frequency of large state dinners that would require use of the ballroom is so low that the kitchen below might remain unused for many years. The proposed design also devotes about 1/3 of the second level to a large foyer that would be a gathering place for guests before a state dinner. This space would also remain unused for long periods of time between dining events in the ballroom. Unlike highly utilized space in the White House and West Wing, a large majority of space in the proposed East Wing replacement would stand idle most of the time.

5. The proposed design of the East Colonnade is inconsistent with Jefferson's designs of low colonnades that should remain unobtrusive, almost totally out of view when seen from the north The Jeffersonian design of low, unobtrusive colonnades was maintained in the 1904 reconstruction, as well as later modifications. The current design of a two-story

East Colonnade destroys the long-established design by Jefferson and subsequent architects. The second story would not only be highly visible from multiple viewing points but would also destroy the balance with the one-story West Colonnade. The proposed addition of a second story on top of the West Colonnade to provide “balance” would only exacerbate the departure from the historic design. A West Wing Colonnade would be even more visible from multiple vantage points than the East Colonnade.

6. The south portico on the proposed ballroom is superfluous. A portico is supposed to provide cover for an entrance to a building, but this “portico” serves no purpose---there is no entrance to either the ballroom or floor beneath it. The “portico” is extremely large, with 24 huge pillars arranged in a double row extending across the entire south façade. This south “portico” on the ballroom structure is 12 feet higher than the South Portico on the White House itself. It, rather than the South Portico, would become the principle attraction when viewed from the south.

7. The proposed design shows a grand staircase descending from this south portico onto the South Lawn. It is not connected to any pedestrian route on the South Lawn and as mentioned above, the “portico” does not have an entrance to the building. This staircase is nonfunctional and superfluous.

8. The proposed design shows an elevated walkway on west side of ballroom. This walkway connects the “portico” but it is superfluous because it leads from nowhere and leads to nowhere for both the White House staff and visitors.
9. The proposed design for the South Colonnade also shows an elevated walkway. It is located on top of the walk in the first level of the colonnade, the primary route that visitors and staff will use to walk between the White House and the East Wing. This elevated walkway is both redundant and superfluous. The elevated walkway has no entrance into East Room on the State Level of the White House.

10. The proposed design shows a covered second-story walkway parallel to the uncovered second-story walkway. Both the covered walkway and the uncovered walkway are redundant to the walkway on the first level of the colonnade. This addition of this second story also makes it highly visible and destroys the historic low profile of the East and West Colonnades that was originally designed by Thomas Jefferson, as noted in point 4 above.

11. The proposed design shows a grand staircase descending from the uncovered elevated walkway to the center of the former Jacqueline Kennedy Garden. This grand staircase serves no purpose for staff or visitors. Like the grand staircase descending onto the South Lawn, this staircase is not on any route that will be used for staff or visitors.
The staircase will also be an eyesore from inside the colonnade walkway that will be used by staff and visitors. From inside the colonnade, the bottom of the grand staircase will obstruct the view of the garden. For millions of visitors who traversed the old East Colonnade on their way to the White House, the view of the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden through the windows was an outstanding feature of their tour of the White House. The superfluous grand staircase will obstruct any view of a garden replacing the destroyed Kennedy Garden.

12. The proposed design for the garden to replace the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden is an embarrassment. The Kennedy Garden was designed by Rachel “Bunny” Mellon as a complement to her design of the Rose Garden, and the garden was named in honor of former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy for her substantial contributions to improving the décor of the White House. The Park Service Environmental Analysis (EA) purported to examine the effects of the proposed East Wing renovation project, including the garden to replace the Kennedy Garden demolished at the same time the East Wing and East Colonnade were destroyed. The EA stated that the Kennedy Garden would be fully restored, including the I. M. Pei pergola that had been a prominent feature at one end of the beautiful garden.

The proposed garden bears no relationship to the Kennedy Garden.
• It does not feature the Pei-designed pergola. Instead, it features the superfluous grand staircase, which projects into the center of the garden and totally dominates it.
• The proposed plan says that “Mount Vernon” bricks will be reused is a large circular landing for the staircase. The bricks used for the walkways in the Kennedy Garden were from Colonial Williamsburg, and it is unclear if these are the bricks referenced in the proposed garden design.
• The Kennedy Garden was laid out featuring a long, rectangular core of grass, surrounded by flowing beds of flowers and shrubs. The proposed design of the garden is chopped up into six awkwardly shaped parterres by a series of walkways and the circular brick staircase landings. Unlike the Kennedy Garden, the proposed garden has no aesthetic flow.
• The proposed design for the garden includes a long retaining wall that further disrupts the flow of the garden. The area elevated by this long retaining wall includes a long, paved walkway and six connecting paved walks to entrances into the offices on the first floor of the new structure. These walks create six narrow planting areas of irregular size. Three of the six areas include a wrought iron bench recycled from the Kennedy Garden. They are more art objects than seating for views of the garden. Unlike Mellon’s design, this part of the proposed garden lacks any symmetry.

• The Kennedy Garden featured little leaf linden and American holly trees in beds which framed the grass core in wide planning areas. The proposed garden design reuses four of these trees, placing one recycled tree in the center of four of the six parterres. The placement of the trees clutter up the garden rather than frame it.
• The huge footprint of the proposed building would necessitate the redesign of the symmetrical drive through the South Lawn to the South Portico of the White House. The redesigned drive would be moved to accommodate the building, breaking the symmetry of the South Lawn drives. The drive dictates irregular shapes to these parterres. There are no trees that would visually separate the garden from the drive.
• As noted in point 10 above, the proposed garden would no longer be an attraction viewed by the millions of tourists passing through the colonnade on a White House tour.
The proposed garden would be a huge aesthetic and functional liability rather than an asset to the White House complex. In summary, the proposed ballroom building, colonnade, and garden would degrade rather than enhance the White House complex and surrounding grounds. The proposed design would radically break from the historic Palladian, neoclassical design that has served as the basis for successive adaptations over a period of 225 years. Many of the features are unnecessary and nonfunctional and much of the space would be utilized only sporadically. Rather than the restrained size and ornamentation that symbolizes the nation's republican and democratic values, the proposed design would feature overpowering size and ostentation that symbolize aristocratic excess. The proposed plans should be discarded.

A new plan for the East Wing, East Colonnade, and East Garden should be developed. consistent with the historic principles that have guided adaptation and expansion of facilities on the White House grounds. A redesigned East Wing building should be a subsidiary outbuilding of the White House complex, not the dominant structure. As outlined in the Master Plan for the President's Park, new construction that would exceed the historic design principles should be located underground. A redesigned colonnade should be consistent with the historic, one-story structure. A redesigned East garden should be consistent with the lofty standards set by the Kennedy Garden. The American people deserve White House facilities which make us proud.

Respectfully submitted,
James Loesel

Name: David Silver
Date: February 25, 2026 8:44:51 pm

As the white house is known to be the people's house. This large space should be repurposed to accommodate food distribution for unhoused individuals in the area on weekends. During the week, I recommend having underserved families utilize the space a preschool alternative or public space for children.

Name: Nom dePlume
Date: February 25, 2026 8:59:34 pm

The proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House is not merely tasteless excess: It is a blatant violation of federal law and administrative process. The apparent demolition of the East Wing without proper statutory review was not a "bold executive decision." It was an unlawful circumvention of the very oversight mechanisms designed to protect historic federal property from exactly this kind of reckless executive abuse.

The White House complex is not a private holding of the sitting president. It is federally owned property subject to preservation statutes, procurement law, appropriations constraints, and mandatory review by responsible agencies. Projects of this scale require compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, environmental review under NEPA, consultation with preservation authorities, proper congressional authorization where applicable, and transparent procurement oversight. Skipping or manipulating those processes is not efficiency, it is illegality.

If this administration initiated demolition or expansion activities without the required consultation, documentation, environmental impact analysis, and congressional notification, that is not a gray area. That is a violation. The Executive Branch does not get to suspend statutory requirements because the President wants a larger ballroom for optics and ego.

And the funding scheme only deepens the legal rot. Allowing private oligarchs to finance structural alterations to the executive residence without transparent statutory authorization raises serious constitutional concerns under the Emoluments framework, federal ethics statutes, and anti-corruption principles embedded in procurement law. Public property cannot be reshaped through back-channel private financing arrangements that evade appropriations oversight. That is precisely the kind of influence-peddling structure federal law is meant to prevent.

This is what lawlessness looks like in real time: demolish first, rationalize later. Build first, ask forgiveness never. Ignore the statutory guardrails and dare Congress or the courts to catch up. It is arrogant. It is reckless. And it is profoundly corrosive to constitutional governance.

The American people are not just angry about the aesthetics. We are furious about the contempt for the rule of law. Every administration swears to faithfully execute the laws of the United States. That oath does not contain an exception for vanity construction projects.

If required preservation review, environmental compliance, congressional authorization, and ethics oversight were bypassed, this project must be halted immediately and subjected to full legal scrutiny. Any contracts executed without proper authority should be investigated. Any officials who knowingly ignored statutory requirements should be held accountable.

The White House is not above the law. The President is not above the law. And a 90,000-square-foot monument to ego does not magically exempt this administration from compliance with the statutes it is sworn to uphold.

Stop this project. Enforce the law. Restore constitutional order before spectacle and impunity become the new normal.

Name: Lyn Smith
Date: February 25, 2026 9:01:05 pm

Please see attached letter.

Attachment

Name: Linda Barta
Date: February 25, 2026 9:19:07 pm

I am writing to oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. In my opinion, it razes an important era in American history, when the White House became a place that embraced the work of the First Lady and her staff. This proposal was initiated without proper authorization, or permits, or design review. The East Wing was destroyed with no warning, no Architectural & Engineering Request for Proposals, no bids from contractors, and no abatement of hazardous materials; all as required by federal law.

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to its former design (that was scaled and in proportion to the rest of the building) and the administration’s project canceled. The current design is for an out-of-scale, out-of-place, and out-of-time pseudo-historical building.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Matthew Jasinek
Date: February 25, 2026 9:30:44 pm

What a godforsaken waste of money. Nobody wants this.

Name: Anna Bell
Date: February 25, 2026 9:33:48 pm

Restore the East Wing. Taxpayers do not need to pay for the upkeep and maintenance costs associated this structure.

Name: Emily Awerkamp
Date: February 25, 2026 9:35:57 pm

I oppose this project because it lacks proper authorization, destroys historic integrity, and disregards overwhelming

negative public input. The American people did not want the easy wing demolished and do not want to see our tax dollars spent to continue this project

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Name: Maura Mandyck
Date: February 25, 2026 9:44:02 pm

The East Wing was a priceless and historic part of the People's House. Tearing it down was an outrage, and allowing Donald Trump to re-imagine and rebuild it as his ballroom would make that outrage permanent. And taxpayers will almost certainly foot the bill for hundreds of millions of dollars. The East Wing should be restored and Trump should have to pay for it.

I say NO to this project.

Maura Mandyck
Mobile, AL

Name: Scott Myers-Lipton
Date: February 25, 2026 9:46:35 pm

Dear Committee,

Please ensure that the law is followed when it comes to the East Wing Modernization Project. The White House is the People's House, and while a President can make changes if s/he follows the process and procedures, a President cannot unilaterally make changes.

Kindly,

Dr. Scott Myers-Lipton

Name: Margaret Cole
Date: February 25, 2026 9:49:25 pm

Modernization is a euphemism for uglification… the plans for the East Wing are deplorable, expensive, pointless, and have so far been nothing more than a mechanism for this administration to line its pockets. Please decline these plans and require the petitioner to return all funds delivered for the building of this atrocity. Thank you.

Name: Ann Halpin
Date: February 25, 2026 9:53:50 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project which was initiated without proper authorization, permits or design review. It is not modernization, it is a razing of American History. The proposed ballroom should be cancelled and the East wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. It is, and should remain The People’s House.

Name: Debbie Melendez
Date: February 25, 2026 9:54:07 pm

I oppose the East Wing Modernization Project. This $400 million construction began without National Capital Planning Commission approval, without required environmental assessments, and without congressional authorization mandated by federal law for construction on federal parkland in Washington. These violations should not be rewarded with an after the fact approval.

The funding creates unacceptable conflicts of interests. Corporations holding billions in current federal contracts with this administration are funding a construction project at the residence of the president who controls those contracts. This is not charitable giving. This is an investment in access and favorable treatment.

The White House belongs to the American people, not any individual president. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal until full legal compliance is achieved, including congressional authorization, a completed environmental assessment is done and an open bid process for construction is completed. No temporary occupant should possess unilateral authority to demolish historic structures without following the law.

Thank you for consideration.

Name: Kurt Stege
Date: February 25, 2026 10:16:10 pm

Attachment

Name: Chris Murphy
Date: February 25, 2026 10:18:06 pm

The White House is not Trump’s home but the people’s home. We don’t his gold idols everywhere or a ballroom that will only cater to his billionaire friends. The people who avtuslly worked to make this country honest, hard working people will never see the inside of that ballroom. It’s a shameful act by a raving demented lunatic who should not be in the Whitehouse at l!

Name: Karen Huey
Date: February 25, 2026 10:18:40 pm

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure

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Name: Pamela Wilkinson
Date: February 25, 2026 10:18:46 pm

The following are very polite and helpful suggestions in the East Wing rebuilding project. I would prefer to say that the proposed "ballroom" is an abomination, and it is outrageous that the East Wing was torn down without proper review and saving of historical items. However, here are my official comments:

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure.

I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:
• Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.
• Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.
• Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.
• Preserve the Historic East Facade of the Executive Residence. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and

should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.
• Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico. The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.
Adopting these recommendations will help ensure that the project both honors the exceptional historic significance of the White House complex and acknowledges the investment that the American people have in the preservation of this beloved place.

Name: gloria miller
Date: February 25, 2026 10:28:27 pm

To whom it may concern:
Watching Trump's illegal destruction of the beautiful East Wing of the White House was heart-breaking. Doing that horrible deed without review, permits, or Congressional oversight VIOLATED THE LAW.
The White House is a National Historic Landmark and a National Park. It is, as President Lincoln described it, "the people's house." Yet Donald Trump acts as if he owns the White House. Has no-one explained to him that he is merely a temporary resident? He should be billed for any and all costs of reconstruction, but have absolutely no other part in design or oversight of the rebuilding.

Although the priceless original building can never be replaced, any reconstruction should be overseen by the National Capital Planning Commission. Any future reconstruction of the East Wing must match the historic design and size of the original structure and be funded only by Congress, interior and exterior. If Congress does not approve funding and a design in keeping with the building’s historical character, the land should be left vacant. That means NO BALLROOM.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts on this subject.

Name: Justin Sanders
Date: February 25, 2026 10:28:31 pm

The proposed addition to the White House campus should be denied due to the disproportionate massing and scale of the proposed structure. While there may be a need for additional space for functions at the White House, the proposal would dwarf the Executive Mansion and create an imbalance of scale of the entire complex.

It should also be noted that the Administration has bypassed multiple steps in the stated approval process and unilaterally destroyed the historic East Wing prior to getting any approvals.

The National Trust’s court filing, as the Nation’s premier advocates for historic preservation principles, should be heavily considered by the Commission in its deliberation.

Allowing these violations of process and rubber stamping bad architectural design establish a dangerous precedent for future development in the District and undercuts sound and deliberate public input and participation in the design of the People’s House.

Name: Muftiah Martin
Date: February 25, 2026 10:35:41 pm

Dear Planning Commission Members,

While I can understand the desire to create a space at the White House that can comfortably accommodate large numbers of guests, it is a painful message to be sending to everyday Americans who are struggling to pay their bills. It's like having parents buy themselves a new car when their children don't have clothes to wear. I encourage you to scale back the plans to something more modest, or even considering postponing the project until there is more economic equality in this country. Right now, it feels like our government supports only the billionaires and millionaires. Please remember the rest of us.

Name: Mike Rosen
Date: February 25, 2026 11:13:52 pm

The size is a disgrace. Nothing else needs to be said. It should have been left alone in the first place.

Name: Regen O'Malley
Date: February 25, 2026 11:22:37 pm

I humbly object to the current plans for the monstrosity of a ball room that will throw off the careful proportions of the White House property. The President of the United States is not a king, and “the people’s house” should not be permanently marred by the egoistic whims of a megalomaniac. Such an outsized ballroom in place of the old East Wing serves no good purpose. A better proportioned and more thoughtful plan should be created in place of current plans.

Name: Christine Hines
Date: February 25, 2026 11:28:27 pm

The east wing of the White House must not out-scale or overwhelm the existing historical building. The proposed ballroom should be designed to be in harmony with its surroundings, and it should respect the history of the White House. If the ballroom needs to be as large as has been proposed, it should be constructed at a different location, not on White House grounds.

The White House and the land it stands on belong to the American people, not to one man or one administration.

Name: Lawrence Fisher
Date: February 25, 2026 11:53:49 pm

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects such as this one that affect historic properties. 36 C.F.R. § 68.1 et seq. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure.
Any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence. The ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence.
I recommend several modifications to the proposed project, including:
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Public Comments for East Wing Modernization Project

Total comments: 226

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Name: Elizabeth Love
Date: February 26, 2026 12:02:56 am

Please stop this abomination

Name: JERRI KATZERMAN
Date: February 26, 2026 12:03:02 am

President Trump has proposed the construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom on the east side of the White House campus, adjacent to the historic Treasury Building. Site preparation is already underway, including the demolition of the existing East Wing.

I am deeply concerned that the massing and height of the proposed new construction will overwhelm the White House itself—it is 55,000 square feet—and may also permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design of the White House with its two smaller, and lower, East and West Wings. The federally recognized Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation offer clear guidance for construction projects affecting historic properties. The Standards provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property and that the new work should be compatible with existing massing, size, scale, and architectural features. The administration's plans would do just that.

I urge you to reject the administration's ballroom plans.

Name: Myra Kaha
Date: February 26, 2026 12:03:28 am

I oppose the spending of ANY taxpayer money on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled and any future plans for this location shelved until 2030. At some future time I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design, but that process should be left to the successors of this administration, not those currently in power. The damage is already done, let the perpetrators live with the destruction they have caused. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Celeste Robbins
Date: February 26, 2026 12:09:02 am

The White House is not simply a residence — it is one of the most significant historic buildings in our nation and a symbol recognized around the world. Any proposed addition should be approached with the same rigor, restraint, and formal design review required of other nationally significant landmarks.

A ballroom of this scale risks overwhelming the architectural integrity and proportions of the existing White House. The original structure is defined by balance, clarity, and restraint. An addition that competes with or dominates that composition would fundamentally alter its character.

Major interventions to buildings of this historic importance should undergo thorough preservation review, transparent public dialogue, and careful architectural study. The White House deserves nothing less than the highest standard of stewardship and design excellence.

Name: Beth Ballmann
Date: February 26, 2026 12:34:55 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. I want this project canceled and the East Wing rebuilt and restored. Those responsible for this travesty should be prosecuted and held accountable.

Name: Kevin Scott
Date: February 26, 2026 2:20:28 am

The destruction of New York's Penn Station in 1963 is the event to which the East Wing Modernization Plan is most likely to be compared in years to come. The absence of Penn Station may prove less disturbing than the presence of Trump's Folly.
The silliness of its size is reminiscent of the sets constructed for Hollywood operettas of the 1930s. The set designers of The Great Waltz and The Merry Widow, however, never stooped to the crude asymmetries required to squeeze Trump's grandiose ballroom into the snug campus of the White House. The East wing expansion will ignore and degrade the landscape designed by Olmstead. It will obstruct the view the president has of the Capitol building, and the view Congress has of the White House. The brilliant plan of L'Enfant -- for a Washington whose avenues and vistas would embody the exchange of views and the balance of power essential to democracy -- is about to be refashioned by a president who fancies himself a distinguished builder.
On the contrary. If this Modernization Plan goes forward, history will have yet another reason to regard Donald Trump as a laughingstock.,

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Name: Lee Rose
Date: February 26, 2026 2:48:07 am

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Name: Linda Legrande
Date: February 26, 2026 2:51:42 am

Thank you for this opportunity to comment about the ballroom project that is being considered for the Peoples‘ House. As a citizen and preservationist, I have some serious concerns. When President George Washington appointed Architect Pierre Charles L‘Enfant to plan the new "Federal City" in 1791, great care was put into the development of our new capital, designing the city master plan and the buildings. L‘Enfant‘s plan and that of renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted for the grounds of the capital district are time honored, have served our country well and all aspects of it should be considered before this moderization project moves forward.

The proposed ballroom size completely overwhelms the White House, overshadowing it at a scale of 47% larger than industry standards. At 90,000 square feet, it is in direct contradiction to the Secretary of the Interior‘s treatment of historic structures of scale and symmetrical design.

To insure the preservation of the time tested L‘Enfant and Olmsted plans, the industry standards of today should be utilized to bring the scale of the proposed ballroom down to a reasonable size, and in the process, the viewplanes that create the visual connection of the Capitol and the White House will be preserved. As I learned today, the symbolic and axial connection of these two buildings were strategically planned at the request of George Washington as locations were being considered back in 1791. The view of the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue will be forever partially blocked if the size of the proposed project is not scaled down. And not only will the new building block visual views, but the symmetry of the classical architecture of the White House will be compromised losing its proportional balance.

One last observation from today‘s webinar is something to also seriously consider as we think to scale down. The size of the proposed ballroom is being built for attendance of 1500 people. What if an event only has 300-500 people, or worst yet, 200 people. How do you avoid the cavernous feeling of being is a huge room with but a few attendees. You cannot

resize the empty spaces! A 40‘ high folding partition to decrease room size?

Let‘s balance the need of this facility with the impacts on the Washington, DC situate and the long and thoughtful architectural history of our country. The original intent for the Peoples‘ House must be respected.

Thank you, Linda Legrande
[redacted]

Name: Leah Steever
Date: February 26, 2026 6:49:51 am

I do not feel that we need a ballroom at the white house, and it is not a good use of taxpayer money. Especially not something that dwarfs the existing white house in such a way as the rendering was shared. This is the "people's house", not a monarchy's palace.

Name: Florence Moore
Date: February 26, 2026 6:55:05 am

I adamantly oppose this project. It IS Cultural Vandalism: "Tearing down a historic part of the White House to build a, opulent ballroom is cultural vandalism and a monument to ego, not a necessary renovation.".
Lack of Transparency/Oversight: "This demolition happened without Congressional approval or environmental studies, bypassing the necessary oversight required for protecting a national landmark Finally it smacks as an anathema to our Democracy and encourages That Man's abuse of power.

Name: Kim Martel
Date: February 26, 2026 7:01:15 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Brown
Date: February 26, 2026 7:13:14 am

The White House is "our" house and as such it does not need a massive ballroom. The East wing should be restored to its original size, structure and character. If renovations needed to be made for safety or security that should have been done. NOT demolition.

Name: Donna Truman
Date: February 26, 2026 7:17:15 am

Please stop this monstrous Ballroom, it was not done through the proper avenues. Also restore the East Wing to its former beautiful building.
Thank you,
Donna Truman

Name: Diana Allen
Date: February 26, 2026 8:14:37 am

Restore east wing to previous size and structure and make Trump pay for the damages he has done to our country’s historic building. He does not own the White House and had no right to destroy it.

Name: Mandy Yokim
Date: February 26, 2026 8:25:36 am

Dear Commission members,

As a citizen of this country, I was horrified to see the photos of the destruction of the East Wing of the White House. I do not support the modernization project as is being a 90,000 square-foot ballroom addition that would effectively overshadow the 55,000 square-foot executive residence. What happened to it being a National Park that is owned by the federal government and its people? Right now, it feels like this current administration is taking no long view of the historical significance of the building or its classical design. Can no one stop this current administration or do we just all have to sit back while our landmarks are changed before our eyes with no regard for the history? It's the 250th anniversary and it doesn't feel very celebratory right now.

Name: Robert Nieweg
Date: February 26, 2026 8:33:11 am

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am opposed to the plan for the White House ballroom ("East Wing Modernization Project").

Aesthetically, the planned new building would loom over and dwarf the surviving elements of the historic White House. Practically, the planned new building is far bigger than necessary to host 1,000 guests at the White House. It is a shame that the historic East Wing was demolished before a good plan was created for the "People's House."

The Administration's plan for a White House ballroom must be brought to Congress for approval.

Sincerely,

Robert Nieweg
[redacted]

Name: David Pratt
Date: February 26, 2026 8:45:25 am

I urge you to respect existing White House architecture and proportions when building out the East Wing. Follow industry standards as to size, location, and proportions. Kitchen area should be underground. Ballroom should have direct access to portico and at same grade. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Chris Klein
Date: February 26, 2026 8:52:19 am

I write to express my unequivocal opposition to the East Wing modernization project as currently designed. I don't disagree with the need for a permanent ballroom at the White House, but certainly not one of the sheer size being proposed.

The White House has, of course, evolved over time to meet history's changing needs--but no modifications have ever approached this scale. This would not be the addition of a modest tennis pavilion or balcony or even the original East Wing. By volume, the proposed ballroom would be nearly three times the size of the original White House itself! This proposed structure is an "addition" in the same way that a 10-gallon-hat on a chihuahua could be considered an "accessory." It is dramatically out of proportion with James Hoban's original design.

Such a structure would erase the classical architectural balance between the Executive Mansion and the West Wing and compromise the carefully composed view of the White House from the steps of the U.S. Capitol, a sightline embedded in Pierre L'Enfant's plan for the federal city as a symbolic link between the branches of government. (It's not hard to wonder if there's a psychological subtext at work.)

The demolition of the 1942 East Wing without meaningful public input was itself deeply troubling. To proceed now with a privately financed project so primed for graft it would make Boss Tweed giddy would only compound the offense. I would urge the commission to reject any modernization of the East Wing that is not paid for with public funds and to require the East Wing modernization project to be reduced in scale to respect the architectural integrity, historic context, and symbolic significance of the White House before any further action is taken.

Name: Charles Hart III
Date: February 26, 2026 8:54:41 am

To Whom It May Concern,
I am against size of President Trump's the ballroom plan. It does not need to be that big. I believe he needs to work through proper balanced traditional channels for construction projects for historical sites in Washington DC.
Charles Hart
Virginia

Name: Erin Mayer
Date: February 26, 2026 9:09:14 am

Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.

Reduce Overall Size and Visibility. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.

Name: Paula Marple
Date: February 26, 2026 9:22:43 am

I am both deeply sad & very angry, & I want this horrific demolition/destruction stopped. I want the East Wing restored to as close to the original as possible. Musk, Besos, Zuck—whoever—can pick up the bill. This is “The People’s House.” Of course he knew about prior legal steps + permits + this feedback from the public. He should NOT be REWARDED for just doing whatever he wants, Art & history mean zero to him. And what has happened to EVERYtHING inside of the East Wing? Was anything preserved? Please, please cease this. This man spends his time watching TV, rage-posting, golfing, traveling for business deals enriching himself even further—-all while taxpayers he cares nothing about pays for it. Taxpayers don’t need to then pay for him to nightly wine, dine, & “dance” w/billionaires, dictators, etc. in a monstrosity of a ballroom.

Please VERIFY if the submissions you receive are from the actual public—-not R Senators & Reps & others repeatedly submitting positive comments to do whatever he wants.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Hoping the genuine comments (like this) actually mean something, & are read. This should not proceed & should never have occurred.

Name: Walter Crimm
Date: February 26, 2026 9:29:33 am

This 'modernization' began as a desecration of the 'people's house' by tearing down the East Wing without NCPC oversight. The fact that this esteemed Committee, long tasked with oversight to safeguard our history and built legacy of our Capital Region, is now considering the 'modernization', will in my opinion, ratify the prior acts of this President. Defy this desecration. Reject this proposal since prior acts alone are cause for rejecting any proposal to build on this site. Violations of the rule of law, must not be rewarded.

While the history of the White House may not all be clean, a President who is actively whitewashing history and also demolishing our built legacy, is not honest with the American People, and will not be honest with those of you who nobly

serve this Committee.

Furthermore, this addition to the White House, funded by opaque interests will be a permanent visible monument to special interests seeking favor with a President. Do not immortalize grift on this site of immeasurable importance to American democracy. Future generations will point to this 'modernization' as a visible monument of shame.

Do the right thing, regardless of architectural merits, which are extremely dubious at best and better left to others to address. If this project, a ballroom where 'the people' will not be invited is approved, it will be, as Prince Charles once said, a 'monstrous carbuncle on the face of a dear friend' - and auger the collapse of the guardrails that NCPC has provided for generations.

Name: Joyce Jones
Date: February 26, 2026 9:41:36 am

The White House belongs to the "people" and it does not belong to the President, including Donald Trump. I was appalled when Donald Trump bulldozed the East Wing with total disregard for policies in place for any changes to be made to the White House. His Ballroom plan is an abomination with total disregard for Classic Architecture, the historic nature of the White House and the Historic Plan made for Washington DC. I believe all efforts must be made to stop the construction of this edifice.

Name: David Gosnell
Date: February 26, 2026 9:44:58 am

To the Members of the Commission,

I am writing to formally express my strong disapproval of the current design proposal for the new White House ballroom. While the need for modern functional space is understood, the current iteration fails to meet the standard of excellence required for a site of such immense historical and architectural significance.

My concerns are centered on three primary issues:

Disproportionate Scale: The proposed structure is significantly out of scale with the existing grounds. Its massing threatens to overwhelm the delicate balance of the South Lawn rather than complementing the landscape.

Architectural Incongruity: The design lacks a respectful dialogue with the main building. Instead of a harmonious addition that honors the Neoclassical heritage of the Executive Residence, the proposal feels like a disjointed insertion that diminishes the integrity of the original architecture.

Procedural Failures: Most concerning is the apparent bypass of established approval processes. A project of this magnitude, impacting a National Historic Landmark, demands full transparency, rigorous public oversight, and adherence to the standard federal preservation reviews which, to date, appear to have been insufficient.

The White House belongs to the American people, and any permanent addition must be a testament to architectural restraint and procedural integrity. I urge the Commission to reject the current proposal and call for a design that is both appropriately scaled and developed through the proper, transparent channels.

Sincerely,
David Gosnell

Name: Elizabeth Loring
Date: February 26, 2026 9:45:10 am

The teardown - without any review of any sort - was an abomination and an affront to the American people. (Even the name "Modernization" is misleading - there's nothing left to modernize.) What is built in its place must of course, meet contemporary security standards and all applicable building codes. However, the design must be given proper oversight by all relevant organizations and laws.
It should be designed to respect the White House's proportions and architectural language. Gaudy faux gold and the current obscene proportions should not be part of the new wing. Further, it should have NO input by the current White

House resident or his advisors as they have shown themselves in capable of putting the people's interests first. There should be - somewhere accessible to the public (even if only digital) a properly curated set of exhibits paying tribute to the people, including those held in enslavement, who contributed to the White House's construction and upkeep. The design must be a repudiation of the oligarchic ambitions and behavior of the tRump administration. If it has the faintest whiff of the current administration, I expect that, down the road, the replacement wing will itself need to be replaced as part of the future reforms and reparations of these dark times in our country. This building can NOT be a tribute to one man, but an honoring of ALL Americans.

Name: Robert Ellis
Date: February 26, 2026 9:46:18 am

The proposed ballroom would dwarf the White House and be inappropriate for the site. The previous East Wing was dignified and made the White seem a truly historic building. The replacement should be sized such that it would uphold the historic nature of the complete building.

Name: David Sing
Date: February 26, 2026 9:53:12 am

I am outraged that the administration lied to the American people about the scope of this project. It was initially reported as a addition which would not impact the current structure. It was not until the wrecking ball had swung that the projects true objective was apparent, the complete destruction of the historic East Wing of the White House and replacement with a oversized monolith which dwarfs the historic Executive Mansion. This construction of this monument to the ego of the current occupant of the White House should immediately halted and the former East Wing should be rebuilt in a manner consistent with the esthetics of Executive Mansion and the West Wing.

Name: Joan Bolduc
Date: February 26, 2026 9:53:13 am

The East Wing needs to be rebuilt. They should have never tore it down. The proposed ballroom is way too large and will dominate the historic site. Either bury it underground, or scale the project way back.

Name: Laura O McGowan
Date: February 26, 2026 9:53:30 am

The devastating destruction of the East Wing is done But now is time to mold the future wing of the White House, the house of the people. Since the current administration has no regard for decorum it is my suggestion that an oversite group consisting of bipartisan members, National historic preservation members dictate an architectural plan for the future disregarding the gaudy embellishment of this administration (example: oval office) and create something future politicians will be proud of. It is tradition that each administration puts its "stamp" on the White House, whether a bowling alley, a vegetable garden or a concrete mall that destroys the rose garden, destruction should not be the hallmark of this time, this opportunity. Create balance, both in the White House facade and use of space for the future.

Name: Roxanne J Evans
Date: February 26, 2026 9:53:43 am

Greetings.

I am a 74 year old taxpayer who lived in D.C. on two occasions: 1975-76 (during the Bicentennial) and again in 2002-2006.

I always took great pride in the White House and whenever we had visitors, I made sure we went by the White House. I have toured it on several occasions.

I live in Texas and I serve on the City of Austin Historic Landmark Commission. As a former D.C. resident and as someone who works to preserve historic properties, I am truly dismayed at the damage that has been done and is being

done to the White House. I ask the National Capital Planning Commission and any other entities with authority, to stop this project and to prevent our national treasure from being tricked out to look like a cheap casino.

Thank you for your efforts.

Roxanne Evans, Austin, Texas

Name: Holly Hook
Date: February 26, 2026 9:54:44 am

Dear Madam or Sir,
I am absolutely opposed to the "East Wing Modernization Project". I do not wish any money to be used to build an outrageously large Ballroom. Nor do I think that we should have destroyed the East Wing next to the White House. This is an egregious waste of our government dollars!!

Sincerely,

Holly H Hook
[redacted]

Name: Christopher Dovi
Date: February 26, 2026 9:57:11 am

This is project is a bizarre affront to the American people. Regardless of what obfuscation may be attempted to suggest that this is being funded privately - it is, in fact, a pay-to-play means of currying favor with a president who requires favors and fealty - this project shows how badly President Trump has lost the script. Projects such as these should go through lengthly processes of public comment and approval before anything begins. Instead, Trump ordered the bulldozing of public property - historic public property - with no process whatsoever. And now he demands that he can build pretty well whatever he damn well pleases. He is a president. The presidency does not convey ownership. Frankly, what should happen is that this project should be permanently paused, as he has essentially forfeited the public trust. Congress should oversee any future project, and it ought to proceed by appointing a bipartisan - or clearly nonpartisan - group to make BINDING recommendations on how to proceed with respect to the historic - and public - nature of the White House grounds.

Name: Claire Gudewich
Date: February 26, 2026 9:59:43 am

I strongly oppose the proposed construction of a 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The White House is one of the most significant historic sites in the United States and a National Historic Landmark owned by the American people. While buildings must evolve to meet functional needs, an addition of this magnitude risks overwhelming the historic scale, character, and setting of the existing complex.

A ballroom of this size represents a substantial physical and visual expansion. Such a major alteration raises serious concerns about architectural compatibility, impact on the historic landscape, long-term preservation integrity, security implications, and precedent for future expansion. The White House is not simply an event space; it is a symbol of national history and continuity.

The legally required review process — including NEPA compliance, review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and congressional approval — must involve rigorous analysis and genuine public engagement. Alternatives that meet functional needs without dramatically expanding the historic footprint should be fully explored.

Decisions affecting a site of this importance must prioritize stewardship, proportionality, and preservation for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Renee Magee
Date: February 26, 2026 10:02:02 am

Do not approve the ballroom project proposed to be adjacent to the White House. The scale, size, and location of the ballroom dwarfs the White House, disrupts the lines of sight created by the historic plan for Washington D.C. commissioned by George Washington, and proposes a first floor of walls without windows, a design unfriendly to visitors to White House grounds. The size and scale is totally unnecessary to provide a ballroom on the White House grounds. This design violates the principles of Classical design it purports to advance by destroying symmetry and balance. It simply overwhelms the White House, the residence of the President. Thank you.

Name: Laura Sanburn
Date: February 26, 2026 10:02:27 am

Good Morning National Capital Planning Commission,

The East Wing is gone, we need a new one. What will the new one be? Will it forever be at odds with it's surroundings, as a growth alongside one of our most meaningful symbols of the stability of the USA? Or will it work in tandem with it's surroundings, bolstering the White House, working together to become more powerful?

Since when did entertainment and entertaining become the core goal of our presidency? That's what the proposal is demonstrating.

An out-of-balance East Wing, as proposed, does little to send a unified image of strength, tenacity, and power. It takes away all of those core American values.

Name: Mary Brush
Date: February 26, 2026 10:04:41 am

The East Wing new construction project requires oversight and public comment. Private and public projects all have a system of oversight, code compliance, public review. The more public the project the more oversight as that is how our building code, zoning, land use and construction systems are regulated. The East Wing of the White House is not the property of the President, it is the property of the Federal Government. Presidents can modify their personal spaces, but the demolition and new construction is not within their purview.

Since a new wing is now needed, the new one should - as all other federal buildings - be designed and constructed to the 'best of the abilities of the day'. That is why GSA has the Design Excellence standards. Classical is appropriate as that is the language of the White House. Classical architecture is extremely strict on its hierarchies and proportions. That is why it has been popular throughout time. When it works, it is elegant. The proposed design is not elegant. it is loud.

The proposed new wing is out of proportion to both the White House and to the immediate campus. It is possible to create a ballroom, new offices, and all of the services and sub grade needs proposed and make it secure, accessible, functional, formal, AND in proportion to both the building and classical design. If the administration wants to be remembered for naming objects and for building buildings, then make them excellent design - this is not intelligent design, it is not aesthetic design, it is just loud.

Name: Susan Bailey
Date: February 26, 2026 10:07:48 am

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Susan Newton
Date: February 26, 2026 10:11:01 am

I respectfully request that the new ballroom be redesigned if not disapproved. The scale of the ballroom does not compliment the existing White House structure. It is overbearing and presents a lopsided look to the Whitehouse. The size of this ballroom does not need to hold 999 people. Please protect and preserve the historical integrity and the elegant architecture of the White House which is " the people's house" after all!
Thank you,
Susan Newton

Name: Max Lester
Date: February 26, 2026 10:14:07 am

I have reviewed the East Wing proposal and believe the design is not consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The East Wing should not cause the White House complex to be architecturally unbalanced, block important sight lines, or clash with adjacent federal buildings. The concept of a larger event space is not objectionable, however, the current design is inappropriate and can be reduced in size to ensure the project does not overwhelm the main White House building. Other design decisions are not necessary, such as a portico and grand staircase leading to fake doors (south entrance).

Please note my opposition to the proposed structure.

Name: Melanie Bourbeau
Date: February 26, 2026 10:15:58 am

Having just viewed the YouTube recording of the National Trust's Crucial Insights and Viable Alternatives for a More Sensitive East Wing Modernization and Ballroom Addition webinar, I am even more appalled at the proposed ballroom plans. Key takeways for me are the obstruction and obliteration of historic sight lines along the Pennsyvania Avenue corridor from the White House to the Capitol and destruction of the Frederick Law Olmstead-designed White House grounds -- both of which have stood untampered with for generations. The obscenely large ballroom concept with a completely non-functional portico exemplifies Trump's (and I puposefully did refer to him as "President" because I haver no respect for him whatsoever!) ego-manical personality and this "self-designed" (I do understand he worked with trained architects, but clearly persons who have no understanding of classical design and proprorations related to historic structures, as outlined inthe Secretary of the Interior's Standards) monument ot himself.

The National Trust's proposed plan illustrated in the webinar achieve's the goal of a ballroomn, which i do believe is necerssary for offical functions, in a sympathetic manner to a historic site in our nation's seat of government. I fervently wish that the present plans will be ammended and that a more fitting plan and appropriate design will prevail.

With thanks for this oppportunity to voice my opinion.

Name: Susan Campbell
Date: February 26, 2026 10:16:53 am

The White House is not Donald Trump's house, it is the People's House. The East Wing HAD an important history and function. If it needed updating, then those updates should have had careful, thoughtful, historical and practical considerations before being APPROVED by the proper channels. To just recklessly tear the thing down was like a gut punch to so many of us. And then to add salt to the wound, the idea that a ridiculously over-sized, over gold-guilted ball-room will take it's place is horrendous. Maybe the Nation doesn't want Donald Trump's garish, narcissistic taste stamped on our national monuments. And now, to further add insult to injury, we'll have to waste even more money in tearing that monstrosity down. What a shame. What a WASTE. Do not let him proceed with this plan PLEASE!

Name: Ronald Herbert
Date: February 26, 2026 10:20:20 am

Want the White House returned to the people!
Never asked for gold! Never asked for Presidents Hall with any negative or positive comments about any past or present Presifents.
Would like to have the East Wing rebuilt as a modern version of what was there.
Never asked for a ball room. Don't need it!
Would like to have the office returned to the people, not a gold display room.

Name: Ann Martin
Date: February 26, 2026 10:20:57 am

At the very least, the proper procedure for making any alterations to this historic building should be followed. It should also that be remembered that the building and grounds belong to the American people. At a time when we hear about the budget deficit constantly, why undertake an expensive project such as this?

Name: Rosemary Sullivan
Date: February 26, 2026 10:21:06 am

I am extremely upset at the lack of attention to the proposed overwhelming scale of this project to the original White House as well as the buildings surrounding the White House, the Treasury and the Capitol Building. My first reaction is that the current design sets forth a narrative to anyone looking at the project that intimates that entertaining is the most important job of the White House occupants. On the contrary this addition should be considered to have a very secondary purpose and not stand out as the main purpose of the building and its occupants. The design should reflect the seriousness of the job of running this country and being the custodian of the peoples' trust as well as their hard earned dollars. Even if taxpayer dollars aren't used to build this monstrosity, it will be taxpayer dollars to maintain it. I agree there is a need to build a banquet type hall for entertaining visitors to the White House and it should look as impressive as the present historical building. But this needs to be done in good taste following the parameters of the guidelines that have been previously established to insure the new wing honors and complements the existing structure. We don't need a structure as big as several football stadiums. Big isn't always better! Please honor the the vision and good taste of the designers and architects that preceded you and scale down this project.

Name: Hillary Rayport
Date: February 26, 2026 10:22:11 am

To the Honorable Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I write today as a patriot with grave concerns about the effect the East Wing Modernization Project will have on our National Historic Capital. The new building, as conceived, will interrupt the visual connection between the White House and the Capitol Building. One will no longer be able to see the White House as the terminus of Pennsylvania Avenue - one will instead see the side of the ballroom. This will harm Pierre L'Enfant's 1790 city plan.

The ballroom also adversely affects the landscape designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, America's first and arguably greatest landscape architect. The graceful and symmetrical White House front drive will need to falsely dog-leg around the new ballroom.

The size, position, and decoration of the ballroom harms the classical symmetry of the White House, where the central mass should be the dominant element.

The architecture of the White House and the L'Enfant city plan communicates our American history and is a valuable legacy endowed to us from past generations. Protecting our heritage is a fundamental tenant of conservatism.

Please recommend that this new ballroom be reduced in its above-ground visible size so that the L'Enfant and Olmsted plans be left intact and the classical symmetry of the People's House, which has endured for centuries, be maintained. Preservation of American treasures is our patriotic duty – the actions we take today will be judged by future generations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hillary Hedges Rayport

MA, Preservation Studies, Boston University
Trustee, Massachusetts Historical Society
Director, Preservation Massachusetts
United States citizen and tax-payer

Name: Philip Marentay
Date: February 26, 2026 10:24:18 am

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Name: Donna Phillips
Date: February 26, 2026 10:24:23 am

For the meeting on March 5, 2026: The East Wing Modernization Project

The White House does not belong to Trump. He is a renter and should abide by what the owners agree can be changed. The American people are the OWNERS. I imagine that since Congress represents us, THEY need to agree to changes on the property; especially HALF OF THE WHITE HOUSE. Was that done? NO.

The destruction of the East Wing demonstrates complete disregard for the historical significance of the White House, the wishes of the OWNERS (citizens), and honoring the procedures that should have taken place regarding such a massive change. The East Wing cannot be brought back to us, but why was there no repercussion for Trump's demolition? No penalties were assessed, no warnings that these actions CANNOT continue to occur, and no public statement from Congress that the White House is a meaningful structure that was not held in high regard by Trump.

In moving forward, please ensure that the historical relevance of the White House and its grounds is considered and held to the highest standards.

Name: Jacqueline Urso
Date: February 26, 2026 10:26:58 am

As an American citizen who believes in lawful acts, I wish to register my comment regarding the shameful deconstruction of the East Wing of the White House…otherwise know as " The People's House".
Laws are made to follow in a civil manner and history is recorded to make certain that we do not repeat costly errors. Therefore, President Trump's Ballroom construction is unlawful and should IMMEDIATELY be stopped and reconfigured to its original configuration…it is without permission or legal rights!
Secondly, it is an attempt to remove history that belongs to the PEOPLE not to the occupant of the White House.
Thank you
Jacqueline Urso

Name: Paul Porter
Date: February 26, 2026 10:33:03 am

First off, thank you for all the time and effort that you have put into trying to redesign the ballroom to be in compliance with the historic design of Washington DC that exemplifies the balance of the three branches of government. The existing proposal clearly physically usurps the other two branches of government and the executive branch reigns Supreme over them like a king. I am certain that that is what Donald Trump's intent is in the design. To say what he is initially proposed is grotesque would be a vast understatement. In my opinion, I think as most Americans like myself would prefer to see the East Wing reconstructed brick by brick and put back exactly as it was out of his own pocket. He demolished that without any consent from anybody. That is the people's house and I'm sure that like myself, many Americans are plenty angry about that. We all see it as a distraction from the Epstein files. That being said, if you can get the negotiations to the size and proportions that you're proposing that are in keeping with the architectural order of Washington DC and keep everything proportionate and the three equal branches of government buildings reflecting the equal powers that they each

have, then I guess I can live with it. But I also think that using taxpayer dollars to build this atrocity is absolutely dead wrong. He should have to pay for this himself since he destroyed that historic East Wing of the White House. It also angers me greatly that he tore down the wing that has always been devoted more to the First Lady. Granted I don't hold a very high opinion of Melania, however, all the other first ladies who were before her who used that East Wing of the White House have certainly had their legacies stained by the demolition of the physical reminder of their presence. It just says to me that women aren't important, and given all the girls that he has been credibly accused of raping, and the women that he is credibly accused of sexually assaulting, that is certainly true. For him, tearing that wing down is just a big middle finger to women in general. I think that is absolutely DEAD WRONG. Don't even get me started on what he did to Jackie Kennedy's Rose garden. Concreted over? That is a HUGE insult to her legacy. Hopefully he will be out of office one way or another before this ballroom project ever gets off the ground. I would like to see it scrapped and the East Wing rebuilt as it was, and restore the East Wing to its original purpose of serving the First Lady. The federal government should seize his assets to pay for that. While we're at it, that god-awful remodeling that he did of that bathroom off the Lincoln bedroom should be put back as it was as well. In fact, every disgusting thing that he has done to that building should be removed. The Oval Office is a mockery of what it once was. It looks like Emperor Nero's cheap movie set. Everything covered in gold is just disgusting to look at. I don't think there's enough sage on the planet to get all the bad juju out of the White House that he has put into it. All I know is that I am certain that the founding fathers and the architects who worked so hard on all this to begin with are spinning in their graves. This whole thing makes me so nauseous that I want to throw up. I am quite certain that many other Americans have the same exact feelings about this. I guess we'll keep Pepto-Bismol and Mylanta in business for the time being until this creep is gone.

Name: Michael Hustedde
Date: February 26, 2026 10:33:26 am

I have viewed the materials/videos related to the East Wing Modernization Project/Ballroom Construction. The arguments in favor of building a sizable ballroom are understandable. The process we have gone through to get to this point is not. I sit on our local Historic Preservation Commission which works to celebrate the historic structures in our city through support of homeowners who take pride in ownership of structures built before they were born and who hope to pass along to the next generation of owners structures that reflect the values of our community. We have codes that determine how restoration or adaptive reuse are to be conducted...not to hogtie the owners but to maintain the quality of the strutures and be sure appropriate materials are used and processes are followed. In the case of the EWM/B, the guidelines for historic preservation do not appear to have been followed, and I find that deeply concerning given the historic importance of the White House and its grounds. The project sets a horrible precedent for historic preservation in the United States.

Name: Kathryn Hund
Date: February 26, 2026 10:40:25 am

To the esteemed Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

As a public historic site manager with a deep commitment to preserving our nation's most significant cultural resources, I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed East Wing Modernization Project, specifically the construction of a new ballroom addition to the White House complex.

The White House is not merely a government building; it is the most potent symbol of American democracy and cultural heritage. Every modification to its structure must be weighed against the principle of preserving its historical integrity and the layers of history it embodies. The proposed addition represents an irreversible and, in my professional opinion, unnecessary compromise to this integrity.

It is disheartening to recall the precedents set by past demolitions of the complex, which—in hindsight—are often viewed as an atrocity born of a lack of foresight and a disregard for the structure's historical significance. We, as stewards of the nation's past, have a solemn obligation not to repeat these mistakes. The proposed ballroom addition, while framed as a modernization, risks further diluting the authentic historical narrative and structural honesty of the White House complex, compromising what it means to the American people and world culture.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal. I recommend pursuing design alternatives that prioritize sensitive preservation, maintain the historic fabric of the East Wing, and ensure that any necessary functions are accommodated in a manner that honors, rather than diminishes, the authenticity of our most important national monument.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hund
Public Historic Site Manager

Name: Clare Hopkins
Date: February 26, 2026 10:40:40 am

Do NOT let this project go forward!!! Trump has already RUINED a building of OURS with no input from us. He is a CARETAKER of our national property—NOT an owner; he had NO right to raze the East Wing and CERTAINLY no right to build ANYTHING on that site—most particularly NO “ballroom” to his ego!!! STOP this now!!!

Name: Debra Guida
Date: February 26, 2026 10:44:41 am

I think what Trump did in removing the East Wing was a travesty and the new ballroom is an abomination. The wing should be replaced with one similar to what was taken down (at his cost) and the White House should be restored to what it has always been. The peoples house. If a ballroom is needed.....build it somewhere else. And the ballroom should have a generic, positive, inclusive name. Under no circumstances should his name nor a banner with his face on it, be placed on it.

Name: Sarah Broomfield
Date: February 26, 2026 10:44:50 am

Please reject the current proposal for an East Wing ballroom on the White House. Here are some reasons for that request, and standards that a revised footprint must comply with.
* The currently proposed size is 47% greater than industry standard for occupation of 1,000 people.
* The current design is not ADA compliant and must not be approved until the design is compliant.
* The fake south portico has no direct access to the ballroom, which is 12' above the portico, and it obscures the view on the axis from the White House to the Capitol building. That axis represents an historically important feature of our American democracy.
* The proposed kitchen is 2.5 times the industry standard for serving 1,000 occupants and must be reduced appropriately.

Name: Sarah Parmelee
Date: February 26, 2026 10:46:37 am

I respectfully voice my opposition to this project. The White House is a symbol for our stability and longevity as a nation and altering this keystone structure without following well-established procedures including seeking public input, not only sets a dangerous precedent but also reflects poorly upon our nation. The beautiful proportions maintained for over a century should be restored and not thrown into array simply to suit the tastes of a temporary resident. This building belongs to the American people and should be preserved and restored.

Name: Dan Sarvis
Date: February 26, 2026 10:51:12 am

I support a scaled down version of the addition to the east wing of the White House in Washington DC. I support a version that does not interfere or interrupt the view of the White House from the Pennsylvania Avenue axis street view, as designed into the original plan for the city of Washington DC.

Respectfully & Sincerely submitted,

Dan Sarvis
Akron, OH

Name: J Thomas Brown
Date: February 26, 2026 10:54:43 am

The demolition of the East Wing, a national historic landmark, was carried out in a chaotic manner without first submitting plans or forethought. Now it appears a second story may be added to the East Wing in order to maintain symmetry. Where has the "Planning Commission" been all this time? Gaudy coffered ceilings dripping with gold will only impress other Epstein class playboys. NO THANK YOU!!!

The new construction is to be paid for with donations by the heads of corporate America. This is graft at its worst! This is pay to play. The White House and its wings are the people's house, not the playtoy of the president.

- J Thomas Brown, American Citizen

Name: M Langelan
Date: February 26, 2026 10:59:04 am

I am appalled by Trump's profound disrespect for the White House, American history, and the American people.
No one voted for him to destroy the East Wing.
No one voted for a monstrous gilded ballroom.
No one voted for him to use our historic public spaces for his own insatiable vanity.

In a further display of contempt for the American people, Trump has had the toxic debris from the East Wing project dumped in a beloved public park. East Potomac Park does not belong to him. How much lead paint and asbestos is in that debris? How much is now in the air, soil, and water there?

Please refuse permission for this travesty in any form. Require Trump to pay full compensation to the American people and cover the full costs of remediation -- with punitive damages for both the East Wing destruction and the harm done to East Potomac Park.

We own the White House and the Park. He has massively damaged our property.

Millions of families lack food, decent housing, and health care. Trump's ballroom is a moral obscenity.

Name: Amie Redding
Date: February 26, 2026 11:00:29 am

While I am not in opposition to the idea of modernizing the East Wing Ballroom, I absolutely disagree with the size and scope of the proposed project.

The White House should be the focus. It is the People's House and is the symbol of our democracy. To overshadow it with a ballroom would be a desecration of that symbol. Additionally, hindering the sight lines and city planning that George Washington commissioned would be a huge mistake.

The entire White House complex was designed with such care and consideration, emphasizing the symbolism of our new nation. The size and scope of this project unmines all of that care, consideration, and planning.

Name: Marc Bendick Jr
Date: February 26, 2026 11:02:18 am

As an advocate for historic preservation as well as a US citizen and taxpayer, I wish to oppose the plan for an East Wing ballroom that is out of scale and stylistically discordant with its context, as well as repeatedly in violation of the Secretary of the Interior's standards for renovation of historic buildings.

If a ballroom is to be built at all -- a project for which the necessity is not at all established -- then it needs to be scaled back by approximately 38%, which would bring it into architecturally standard scale to accomodate the 1,000 seated attendeees it is supposedly to serve. It also needs to eliminate the non-functional south portico, move kitchen and service

areas below grade, reduce the height of the colonnade to match that of the West Wing, and ensure that all architectural features are consistent with the style and scale of both the White House and adjacent Treasury Building.

The final design needs to respect the historically-important L'Enfant Plan for the Capital City (especially the symbolically essential sight lines between the White House and the Capital), the Hoban classical design of the White House, and the Frederick Law Olstead landscaping plans for the the White House grounds. The present design fails on all these counts and must be rejected.

Name: Susan Kohlhagen
Date: February 26, 2026 11:11:14 am

I am opposed to building some huge, expensive new addition to the People's White House and feel sickened that the East Wing was knolcked down before the public had any knowledge or way to make comments or oppose. The Administration did not take the proper steps for this. Even if it is said it wall be paid fro by the many donors, I am skeptical and believe that it will still cost tax payers to build it and then maintain it and cover utilities. There needs to be many proposals to fix what has been done that the taxpayers need to weigh in on.

Name: Midge Pierce
Date: February 26, 2026 11:14:30 am

The American Public should be allowed to testify on any and all reshaping of the People's House - the White House. The East Wing reconstruction is in violation of the people's trust. Moving forward, the National Preservation recommendations should be sought our and followed.

Name: Sarah Weinman
Date: February 26, 2026 11:15:30 am

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is inappropriately out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking the addition's design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that it is larger than the original. Also, if the addition is the exact same height as the existing White House, this will dwarf the original historic building.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing.

There is no doubt that there is a need at the White House for a gathering space that can accommodate more than the existing 200-person room. However, there is doubt that this particular design is suitable – It takes away from the original White House, dwarfs it in scale, and relates it to a secondary role.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thank you,
Sarah Weinman
St. Louis, Missouri

Name: Mary Day
Date: February 26, 2026 11:18:53 am

I strongly oppose the construction of a ballroom in place of the east wing of the White House. I understand that the destruction of the east wing was done without proper approval and necessary permits.How in the world did this travesty

happen?A national treasure and legacy for the American people was torn down. Those who are responsible (namely Trump) Must be held accountable for such an outrageous act! The east wing needs to be rebuilt to an exact representation of what it once was.
Please give this consideration. Thank you, M Day

Name: MaryAnne Weatherwax
Date: February 26, 2026 11:19:12 am

I am opposed to the ballroom renovation. How could this happen without any approval. The people's house is supposed to be long to all Americans, not just President Trump! This is just another example of his overreaching and ignoring established rules regarding this type of change.

Name: Chet Hepburn
Date: February 26, 2026 11:20:40 am

The destruction of the east wing and the proposed "ballroom" is a travesty and the erasure of part of America's history and identity.

The proposed abomination should not go forward and the old east wing should be reconstructed.

Name: Linda Clark
Date: February 26, 2026 11:20:51 am

There is a process clearly stated that is to be followed before any changes can be made to the White House. It is unconscionable that the East Wing was suddenly torn down at the whim of the current president. NO FURTHER CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE PROCESS. It is as simple as that. The president must be held to the same rules that govern any changes to our nation's historical properties. The White House is not his house; it is the house of the American people.

Name: Paul Zaengle
Date: February 26, 2026 11:21:30 am

I am staunchly opposed to our (not my) president's plan to build a ballroom on the grounds of the White House. This president's budget and free spending created the largest budget deficit in history last year ($2 trillion+), and as a result has grown our national debt to new highs as well. As a result of the above, as well as all of the carnage him and his adminisration has created, the very last thing we should be doing is tearing down important historical buildings, and spending any tax dollars to replace them. And please don't tell me that corporations are footing the bill for this build. The rampant corruption within this administration makes it hard to believe anything they are telling us. It is very well known that the trump family has profited more than $4 billion since the election.

Please do the right thing, and stop the madness until we can regain our footing as a nation, and begin the cleanup from the mess of this administration.

Sincerely,

Paul Zaengle
Father, CEO, & Patriotic American

Name: Debbie Groveman
Date: February 26, 2026 11:25:21 am

The demolition of the East Wing, without conversation, approval or great thought was a tragedy. Now in order to ‘fix’ this betrayal to the American people, I urge you to reject the current plans and update to consider balance, scale, sustainability as a new plan is formed.

This is the People’s House; our President’s residence, not a gold Palace thrown together to flaunt wealth. This house will stand, hopefully, for another 100 years, long after this president leaves it.

Reject the current plans. Go back to the drawing board and create an East Wing that serves the American people.

Name: Bruce Hlodnicki
Date: February 26, 2026 11:28:05 am

President Trump has not and is not "modernizing" the East Wing of the White House.
He razed it to the ground without permission or plan to replace or rebuild it.
Isn't that ILLEGAL?

I have no idea what President Trump plans from here on.
He is building a gigantic/god-awful golden ballroom leaving no room to rebuild the East Wing of the White House.

Trump only cares about Trump...

Name: Shasta Willson
Date: February 26, 2026 11:31:18 am

I was horrified by pictures of the East Wing in wreckage. Trump broke every promise he'd made and razed American history for a vanity project that didn't stand up to even cursory architectural or historic review. Trump should not be involved in the effort to repair his damage. A team of historians and architects specializing in historic preservation and monuments should decide what the East Wing space will become. This team should be composed with at least 20% Black members, with at least one member with expertise in the history of skilled slave labor in this nation, and White House construction in particular. Whatever they build should stand as a monument to the true history of our nation, and the diversity of excellence under imperfect but aspirational democracy.

Name: Samuel Knecht
Date: February 26, 2026 11:33:07 am

Please see attached PDF statement of opposition to proposed East Wing Project

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Name: Carl Cording
Date: February 26, 2026 11:33:58 am

Is there anything that the USA has constructed, preserved, and loved that this administration doesn't want to defile and destroy?!?

Name: Virginia Becker
Date: February 26, 2026 11:34:29 am

No.

Name: Amy Boone
Date: February 26, 2026 11:35:39 am

I watched with the rest of the country as an unauthorized demolition of OUR house occurred. The President seems to think he has the right to do whatever he wants with OUR house and he actually does not. The idea of a ballroom is not, in and of itself, a bad idea. The way he is going about it is a very bad idea. I actually would WANT the ballroom to be built with taxpayer money so that the President isn't beholden to any donor for special favors. The grift is already off the charts

with this administration and we don't need another place for this to happen. The proper channels should be used at this point and the historic commission and other entities need to be a vital part of the conversation and plan. If it is deemed that the President's reckless behavior will result in an unfinished part of the White House, so be it. It is fitting for this abhorrent administration.

Name: Mary Connor Taylor
Date: February 26, 2026 11:36:32 am

Please stop this project for re-evaluation
It seems to me that the tearing down of the east wing without proper oversight and consideration is a punishable offense .

Name: Lee Perkins
Date: February 26, 2026 11:37:02 am

This is an historical building not a ballroom. We are a democracy yet we had no say in this demolition. It should be returned to its original design and purpose. This project is a slap in the face anyone interested in preserving our country's history.

Name: Phyllis Irby
Date: February 26, 2026 11:40:48 am

The White House is the American people’s house. It represents us and our history. It has always been a source of pride. It makes me sad what is happening to it with this administration. The proposed “ballroom”addition will be so disproportionate as to look strange and take away from the historical White House. It is like if one built an extra “party room addition” to one’s house that was so much larger than the actual home that it looked ridiculous. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Name: Linda Snyder
Date: February 26, 2026 11:41:27 am

“I oppose the ballroom! The
visual scale, the expense of forever maintaining the structure that was initiated WITHOUT proper authorization, permits, or design review.

It completely erases American history. CANCEL the ballroom. REBUILD & RESTORE the East Wing to its former design.

NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. PENALIZE those who broke the law and destroyed the historic East Wing. To allow and go forward with the ballroom is an insult and affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: John Wees
Date: February 26, 2026 11:46:17 am

A vanity ballroom of this size would be a grotesque monstrosity to add to the people's house. Nothing about the proposed design makes a statement about the America I know and love. It only appears to feed the ego of an emperor who refuses to acknowledge that everyone knows he has no clothes.

This would only appropriately represent the United States of America if it were redesigned to be a homeless shelter, to demonstrate the compassion and humanity that this historic property deserves and demands.

Name: Julie Brock
Date: February 26, 2026 11:46:46 am

While I understand the need for the function and utility of a ballroom, and am not writing to ask you to throw the project out altogether, I do not understand the excessive size currently in the plans. I am asking that you please move the kitchen underground (a normal location for most buildings like this), and remove the enormous portico that serves no functional purpose. This would allow Olmsted's original landscape design and L'Enfant's original urban plan to remain intact, both of which are historically significant and protected. I would be thrilled if you would also reconsider the ceiling height of the third floor and the size of the ballroom itself, which will be far too large to host smaller events, but if nothing else, I would be very happy with a compromise on just the portico and kitchen alone. These sacred sites are not Trumps, or the Republicans', or the Democrats', they belong to all Americans. As such, I hope you do not allow irreparable harm to be done, especially considering what we have already lost.

Name: Colleen Callahan
Date: February 26, 2026 11:47:00 am

The proposed ballroom is an architectural abomination. It is totally unnecessary for White House entertaining and if built, it's maintenance will be a drain on the national budget.

Name: Richard Cromie
Date: February 26, 2026 11:48:18 am

I watched the video. This "ballroom" is an insane, poorly planned, illegally funded, monstrous eyesore that rapes the White House in order to aggrandize a not-well president. I respectfully suggest construction needs to be immediately stopped.

Name: Neda Zayer
Date: February 26, 2026 11:49:29 am

National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed design of East Wing Modernization project. The proposed design would significantly impact this historic landmark that is a symbol and institution of governance of this great nation. The new addition will dwarf the White House in physicality and presence. The White House is the structure of signature and importance a should remain the dominate structure onsite.

I implore the National Capital Planning Commission, in your wisdom and authority, to require the project to be redesigned to honor the history, legacy, and design of the White House.

It is detrimental that the previous East Wing was demolished without the decision making process it deserved. Please don't allow the public's voice to go unheard and their concerns unaddressed.

Thank you for your consideration and stewardship.

Neda Zayer

Name: Mary Lou Egan
Date: February 26, 2026 11:50:48 am

The Trump ballroom should not be built. Besides the obvious facts that the design is an abhorrent mixture of fascist statements and out of scale and character of the "peoples' White House, it blocks sight-lines and destroys the existing landscaping design.

The White House is not a personal palace as assumed by Trump. There are procedures and laws that protect it. Trump has already broken those and will continue if not stopped. He has torn down the East Wing and packed committees to get his way. He should not be allowed to continue regardless of the design. STOP this bully and preserve the White House until he is gone.

Name: Tracy Ellis
Date: February 26, 2026 11:52:58 am

I strongly oppose the Trump Administration's plan to construct a massive new ballroom that would dwarf the White House's Executive Mansion and West Wing combined.
The White House is not a private development project. It is a historic national symbol that belongs to the American people. Its architecture reflects continuity, restraint, and democratic values — not personal grandeur. A structure larger than the White House itself fundamentally alters the character, scale, and historical integrity of this site.
The demolition of the East Wing before full public review was deeply troubling. Proceeding with construction while oversight bodies and courts are still evaluating the project undermines established preservation processes designed to protect national landmarks. The National Capital Planning Commission exists to safeguard the long-term integrity of our federal spaces, not to fast-track projects that permanently reshape them without broad public consensus.
Integrating salvaged architectural elements does not mitigate the impact of replacing a historic wing with a much larger, visually dominant structure. Nor does adding additional floors elsewhere to "balance" the scale solve the core issue — it compounds it. The White House complex should evolve thoughtfully and minimally, not through dramatic expansions that overwhelm its historic proportions.
At a time when the country faces significant fiscal and civic challenges, dedicating resources to a grand ballroom described as "the finest anywhere in the world" sends the wrong message about priorities and stewardship.
I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the final plans and require a comprehensive, transparent review process that includes preservation experts, architects, historians, and meaningful public input. The White House must be preserved as a symbol of democratic continuity — not reshaped to reflect the ambitions of any one administration.

Name: Mark Muggli
Date: February 26, 2026 11:53:35 am

As a member of a local Historic Preservation Commission (a state of Iowa CLG), and as someone who has studied the minimal White House Ballroom plans that have been made available, I am rather stunned that an addition of this scope is even being considered.

The proposed building is hugely out of scale with the White House--it obscures where it should reveal, it overwhelms where it ought to defer. In addition, it destroys several key sightlines and landscape features.

This whole bombastic plan involves the destruction of some key features of our historic legacy. In other words, it is in direct contradiction to the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act that has for fifty years served as a template for all national/regional/state/local historic preservation action.

Be brave: insist on reducing the height, length, and total mass of this proposed building.

Name: Nancy Press
Date: February 26, 2026 11:53:50 am

The design and scale of the proposed east wing are inappropriate, tasteless, and shameful.

The NCPC should recognize and adhere to recommendations of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as the experts within that organization obviously have much greater insight than the designers of the proposed East Wing.

The proposed square footage is half again as much as needed for the 1000 people supposedly to be accommodated. The mass of the current White House is 875 thousand cubic feet but new proposed addition is 2.36 million cubic feet—3 times the size of the White House.

The proposed portico is non-functional. There is no connection between the portico and the ballroom, the design includes fake doors, and the grandiose pillars block the view in and out of the ballroom. The grand stairs do not lead to an entrance and the portico is not ADA compliant. The lack of connection, the lack of entrances, the elimination of views to the outside, and the use of fake elements are all emblematic of the current administration's false and remote relationship with the American people.

The proposed ballroom would cut off the view between the White House and the Capitol Building. The real and symbolic connection between two branches if government will be blocked.

To summarize, the new ballroom is unnecessarily large, incompatible with size and scale of White House, disconnects the White House from the people of America and the other branches of government, and violates historical symmetrical design. The NCPC should consult the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Name: Tracy Stessman
Date: February 26, 2026 11:56:45 am

I am writing to register my objections to the East Wing Modernization Project. The proposed design would completely dwarf the remaining structure of the White House. It would be a nod to the corruption of the Epstein class and does a disservice to the serious, stately presidential home and office. Please change course now and change the design to something more stately and appropriate rather than building a huge ballroom. While millions of Americans are struggling with health care and rising costs in general, moving forward with this project seems completely inappropriate.

Name: Patricia Reynolds
Date: February 26, 2026 11:59:40 am

The Administration's plan for the Ballroom is shameful. It will so 'out size' the White House as to appear as an ugly and ill thought addition to something that was once 'balanced' and beautiful.

The Ballroom addition needs to be stopped and redesigned by an architect determined to preserve the beauty of the entire site.
Stop this eye sore from moving forward.

Name: Christopher VerPalnck
Date: February 26, 2026 12:00:27 pm

What can be said that hasn't already been said. The criminal destruction of the East Wing of the White House by Donald Trump was a profound act of vandalism perpetrated by an out-of-control autocrat against the people of the United States. The White House does not belong to the Trump Corporation. Nor does it belong to Elon Musk, Larry Ellison, or Mark Zuckerberg. It belongs to all of us. What this regime has already done to the White House is beyond the pale. At this stage I have no interest in tweaking the design of the behemoth that will replace the East Wing. My only hope is that a future president will demolish it and rebuild the East Wing the way it was. Every vestige of this fascist regime must go.

Name: Lisa Frost
Date: February 26, 2026 12:11:40 pm

The proposed ballroom addition to the White House is so out of proportion. It’s a monstrosity and an embarrassment. Please scale back everything about this plan before we ruin The People’s House. The proposed ballroom will obscure the view from the Capitol and will destroy L’Enfant’s plan.
Thank you.

Name: Patricia Grove
Date: February 26, 2026 12:13:15 pm

After viewing the February 25th webinar on the East Wing project presented by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I wanted to follow up with a comment to the National Capital Planning Commissions. While I am no authority on the subject, after absorbing the information shared by the NTHP, I was emotionally moved by their thoughtful and careful comments. In particular, they made it clear that while they are not against the ballroom project per se, they are genuinely concerned about the design and scope of the structure and its impact on the existing, historically priceless property around the White House (the "Peoples' House). I am adding my voice to others who have submitted comments in the hopes that common sense and reason will prevail before irreparable harm is done to our treasured history.

Thank you,

Patricia Grove
A proud member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Name: Danielle Lescure
Date: February 26, 2026 12:19:48 pm

I firmly object to the destruction of the East Wing in order to build a ballroom. The White House may be home to the current president, but it belongs to the people. It's a symbol of our country's history; it's a place of diplomacy. It's called the People's House for a reason.

While there may be a need for a larger meeting and gathering space here, to create a ballroom (one even larger than originally proposed) turns the People's House into a palace, and last I checked, we're not a country of royalty. We may welcome royalty in those walls, but any larger space should also be a symbol of our country's virtues and ideals. The grandiose ballroom proposed does not meet that objective.

This ballroom also shatters the classical design of the White House complex, designed to emphasize the Executive Residence. If a larger space is required, then I support the suggestions of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, submitted 2/23/26, to better follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation guidelines and to better preserve the symbolic and historic nature of the site.

There are better ways to serve the modern needs of a larger space while preserving the site's historic integrity and legacy. The current ballroom plans do none of those things. And to be quite honest (and, I think, truthful), this ballroom only serves the whims of the president currently residing in the Executive Residence. It does not in any way serve the needs, values, and ideals of Americans and our country.

Thank you.

Name: Cristina Amarillas
Date: February 26, 2026 12:20:12 pm

The White House, including the East Wing, is part of the American story and belongs to the American people. Public opinion has been a vital and necessary opportunity in all aspects of government. The public is allowed to actively participate in this living democracy, and the historic and public monuments, including the White House is no exception. Personally, I would like the plan proposal to include:
Reduce Overall Size and Visibility.
The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself (55,000 square feet). Its height should also be substantially lower than the Executive Residence.
Reduce Footprint and Protect Key Views. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor further interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue.
Respect the Established Classical Composition of the White House Complex.
The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings.
Preserve the Historic East Façade of the Executive Residence.
The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing fenestration and detailing of the east façade.
Ensure that the Proposed South-facing Portico Is Subordinate in Scale to the White House South Portico.
The proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence.
Thank you,

Name: William Haag
Date: February 26, 2026 12:24:22 pm

I have no doubt that a new and larger ballroom is needed as part of the East Wing Modernization. However, I question the

process that was used to be sure that the newly designed space meets the needs of the country and fits in well with other Washington D.C. architecture.

From what I have seen it looks too large and out of scale.
How about including past US Presidents in the plan? They would be the very best at offering opinions regarding what is needed and not needed in the new building.

Name: Christy Manso
Date: February 26, 2026 12:32:14 pm

As former East Wing staff, I was so upset to see the bulldozing of a space that held so many fond memories for me. I do understand the need for additional space to entertain - I worked on several events at the White House - but I have been appalled by the way this administration has gone about accomplishing that goal. But, I'm also a NYer so I guess I shouldn't be surprised by the way this President destroys under the guise of "progress". That being said, the train has left the station so I want to add my comments on the new ballroom. My preference would be for a new space that is more modest than the plans that I have seen. The current plans dwarf the existing White House structure and also make it look lopsided. This is not esthetically pleasing, nor is it historically accurate. It's the people's house, not a palace. I would prefer to see something that is one level as opposed to the 2-3 level structure that is currently proposed. This would still provide line of site to the White House from east executive drive. I recognize that the office space that is now gone needs to be included in the space, but the east wing offices were pretty small and we got along fine, so I don't think there needs to be a tremendous addition to office space. The purpose of this "project" was ostensibly to create more space to entertain, so the space should be dedicated to that and little else. I also think a ballroom that seats 500 should be sufficient. When I worked at the WH, there were very few events that were larger than that number and to my mind, if it's larger than that, then the guest list should be cut. A 1,000 person event is a rally, not an elegant White House dinner and can take place elsewhere.

Name: Donald Barkley
Date: February 26, 2026 12:36:13 pm

As an Architect, I have concerns regarding the functionality as well as the related scale of the proposed Ballroom. I don’t feel strongly that a ballroom would not be appropriate, but feel the scale presented is excessive and inappropriate. The East Wings demolition without prior approvals or permitting appears indicative of a rogue approach those of us in the industry could NEVER get away with. The Permitting process and architectural reviews BEFORE the fact are the norm; proceeding with no prior approvals IS NOT. And to be clear, this is the PEOPLE’S House.

From a practical approach, the proposed scale appears to significantly exceed the industry standard amount needed per person (10 to 15 SF per person would be the norm) and will likely seem so grand as to seem uncomfortably excessive to any user, especially for any smaller gatherings with less than 1,500 people in attendance. A smaller scaled addition could provide the same desired solution.

The location of the addition due to its shear size will alter the Olmsted site design. The fake / applied East portico appears to have no functional purpose. There seems no apparent regard for ADA accessibility at that portico, and its purpose merely becomes a billboard of sorts. The overall height and shear scale of the proposed addition does not seem sympathetic to the historic architecture of the White House itself and frankly dwarfs the people’s house. It’s like they’re adding a house to a 3 car garage, the house seems lost in the scale of it.

Further, the proposed overall building addition's shear scale and siting will block the historic Pennsylvania Ave. main axis sight lines as originally established by L’Enfant, and will forever affect the historic connectivity of the people’s House and the Capital on our National Mall. L’Enfant’s vision for the city design was based around the idea that every citizen was equal, and the mall was open at all corners. Blocking a key axis seems very inappropriate, lacks vision (figuratively and literally), is very unsympathetic, and simply should NOT be allowed.

A more sympathetic and proportionally scaled ballroom is required and a more appropriate approach warranted. Further design considerations should absolutely be entertained BEFORE this project is allowed to proceed at the PEOPLE’S HOUSE. Maintaining the L’Enfant sight lines, maintaining an appropriate scale as an addition to the White House, maintaining contextual sympathy to surrounding buildings (height and massing), PROPER approvals and customary checks and balances regarding established historical norms / guidelines, consideration of original design intent, as well as current codes and ordinances MUST all be considered . Certainly none of it should be simply disregarded by any individual or group.

Name: Jennie Brown
Date: February 26, 2026 12:37:20 pm

I am strongly opposed to this East Wing project and distressed that a historical portion of a historical building was torn down without public input. Given that it has already happened, I want to minimize impact as much as possible to include:

1. reducing the size of it - 90,000 sq feet is visually and functionally unwarranted. More importantly, the bigger the space, the more taxpayer money required to maintain it.

2. Heavy influence and involvement by a historical oversight commission to protect against bad actors.

3. The destruction of the rose garden (at least 75 yo) is a concerning precedent and historical elements of the garden space around said ball room should protected as part of any plan.

Name: Catherine Armington
Date: February 26, 2026 12:43:34 pm

This oversized monstrosity needs rethinking. If one accepts the original premise that the president needs a huge ballroom in order to appropriately entertain large crowds, the floor area of the ballroom should be reduced by a third to handle no more than 1000 guests, and the height of the building should be reduced by at least 15 feet to reduce its negative visual impact on the original White House structure. The size and height of the lower level kitchen seems excessive for the purpose, and use of much of that level for offices with windows should have higher priority. We are lacking any explanation for use or need for the third floor. The completely false grand entry columned porch with 40 foot wide stairway should be removed, so that the view of the White House from the east is preserved and the remaining landscape is not distorted.

No details have been provided for the interior of the ballroom itself, but it appears to lack flexibility for any suitable adjustment for entertaining smaller parties or conferences, so that its usefulness the the president will be extremely limited. Surely with further thought about how those spaces could be used fora variety of government functions a more functional plan could be designed to expand the White House.

Name: Warren Cox
Date: February 26, 2026 12:48:02 pm

This project should not have been started without appovals.Restore the orginal structure.

Name: Louise Cantwell
Date: February 26, 2026 12:48:59 pm

Project: White House East Wing Modernization Project (NCPC File No. 8733) To: National Capital Planning Commission

I am writing as a concerned citizen, an attorney and former Executive Director of the Conservative Society of San Antonio, one of the oldest historic preservation organizations in the nation. I wish to express my opposition to the current design for the proposed ballroom addition at the White House. While I recognize the utility of a dedicated event space for official state functions, the current proposal fails to respect the historic integrity and architectural balance of this National Historic Landmark.

My specific concerns are as follows:

Scale and Massing: The proposed 90,000-square-foot structure—nearly twice the size of the Executive Mansion itself—is out of scale with the historic campus. An addition of this magnitude will overwhelm the primary residence, diminishing the White House's standing as the central, iconic symbol of our nation.

Visual Impact: The height and volume of the ballroom will permanently disrupt the carefully balanced classical design established by James Hoban and subsequent historic expansions. This "massing" threatens the vista of the White House

and the Treasury Building, altering a historic landscape that belongs to all Americans.

Compatibility with Secretary of the Interior’s Standards: Federal preservation standards require that new additions be compatible with the existing building’s size and scale. The current "pseudo-historical" design and immense footprint appear to disregard these principles, prioritizing a "casino-style" aesthetic over the dignified restraint of the original Georgian and neoclassical architecture.

Lack of Transparency: I am deeply troubled that the East Wing was demolished before a full public review, environmental assessment, or congressional approval was completed. The NCPC must ensure that this project undergoes a rigorous, transparent review that includes meaningful consideration of design alternatives that are smaller and less intrusive.

Conclusion: I urge the Commission to reject the current final design and require the applicant to explore modifications that significantly reduce the ballroom's height and footprint. We must preserve the historic character of the People’s House for future generations.

Name: Carl Gerhold
Date: February 26, 2026 12:51:55 pm

I urge you to reject the proposed East Wing modernization plan in its current form and to adopt a more appropriate design. Please see the attached document.

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Name: J B Garrison
Date: February 26, 2026 12:53:22 pm

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Name: Susan Wallace
Date: February 26, 2026 12:58:20 pm

The landscape of our nation's capital is beautifully designed and proportioned to emphasize our most historic structures and memorials. There is no place for massive, hastily designed, self aggrandizing and improperly vetted buildings, particularly attached to our People's House, the White House. Tearing down the East Wing was a horrible thing to do, and the "modernization" plan is terrible, ugly, being pushed through by cronies of the president and illegally funded, and would be a blight on our city and on the reputation of our country for generations to come, until it is torn down. Which will have to happen to get our lovely city back.

Name: Karen Johnson
Date: February 26, 2026 12:59:14 pm

It is imperative that we protect the integrity of our historic properties and not accept the proposed plan for the White House Ballroom that clearly violates historical symmetry in it's environment. The proposed plan for the new White House Ballroom proportions show it to be oversized to the existing size and scale of the Classical White House.

As such, this proposed plan is in direct contradiction to the U.S. Secretary of the Interiors standards for treatment of historic properties.

I strongly recommend considering and accepting other plans for a new ballroom, such as those proposed by the National Trust for Historical Preservation and resize the plan for the the new ballroom so that it accommodates the 1000 seated guests need of the administration.

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Name: Margot Smith
Date: February 26, 2026 12:59:34 pm

The proposed ballroom for the East Wing of the White house is not appropriate for the white House property. The White House is the hub of our national government, not an entertainment center. We had the offices for the First Lady and other government officials in the East Wing, not dance halls. Please oppose the plan for a ballroom on the White House site, it could go somewhere else if really needed. Why is it needed? Having balls at the White House? So wrong.

Name: Katy Carlson
Date: February 26, 2026 1:00:05 pm

The East Wing didn't need modernization. The White House doesn't need a tacky oversized ballroom. This president doesn't own the White House, no other president did either, and should not treat it like his own gaudy real estate. Close up the massive hole he created and build something tasteful, in keeping with the design of the White House. The American people should not be subsidizing a ridiculous ballroom for the Trump family to entertain billionaires in.

Name: M Judith Wilson
Date: February 26, 2026 1:09:27 pm

This project is nothing but a vanity project for the current president. It totally destroys the beautiful balance of scale & design created when our capital was created. The White House is the People's House, not the President's. We have had 250 years of beauty and function, please don't let one person's ego ruin those important components of the capital.

Name: Kathleen Snyder
Date: February 26, 2026 1:10:00 pm

The East Wing of the White House was destroyed without permission. It is not legal to tear down a structure that does not belong to you. If I moved into a rental home and promptly tore down part of the house in order to replace it with something I preferred, the owner would most likely not be any more enthusiastic than we, the public, are about the razing of the East Wing, especially if the owner’s home had historical significance. Now that Mr. Trump has robbed us all of a piece of history and seems to have so many wealthy individuals willing to throw money at him, let them pay for the restoration of the house that belongs to all Americans. Or, maybe, since it was HE who took it upon himself to act without permission from the owners, HE should use some of the money he has used his present position to line his pockets with to pay for the restoration. If he is eager to “modernize” the White House, I suggest he step down from the presidency.

Name: Jim Anglesey
Date: February 26, 2026 1:11:49 pm

This project should honor the classical symmetry of the white house complex. the proposed ballroom is out of balance with the historic white house. The false portico is not appropriate for this style of design. The axial design of the L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington must be preserved to enable the vista between the Historic White House and the U.S. Capitol must be preserved. Lower the proposed east colonnade to match the west colonnade and maintain the historic Palladian window on the Historic White House. The Historic White House should be the tallest structure within the complex. reduce the height of the proposed ballroom. Maintain the Olmsteadian configuration of the elliptical drive on the complex grounds. Resize the ballroom to rebalance the symmetry and size of the historic complex and make the south portico a functional entry to the ballroom. Move the non-public kitchen and service spaces below grade. Reduce the size of the ballroom to the high industry standard to accommodate 1000 people (15,000 sqft). Eliminate the non-functional south portico.

Please respect the history of this great nation and the "People's House" by creating a more authentic and appropriately sized East Wing.

Name: Jan Emerson
Date: February 26, 2026 1:18:04 pm

Please do not destroy the people's house by turning the East Wing that housed the first lady's important office and projects into a ballroom that outsizes the importance of the presidential office. Now that you have destroyed the East Wing, at least do something tasteful and appropriate to purpose of the presidential residence, not a gaudy attempt to have balls in a gold-painted badly overdesigned oversized ballroom. The president's job is a serious one, not a party one. Thank you.

Name: Dana Hubbard
Date: February 26, 2026 1:22:36 pm

The Trump Proposal is much too big. Any new building should not dwarf the White House in any way. The new building should not be more than one story high, classical in design and aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Reconstructing something similar to the old and now demolished East wing would be appropriate, it should not block the view from the Treasury side of the grounds.

Name: Nicole Sheronas
Date: February 26, 2026 1:31:00 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am extremely opposed to the proposed East Wing Project. The proposed plan does not respect the legacy that we have inherited as Americans. There are several glaring features of the building that are alarming. First, it would forever obstruct the visual connection between the White House and the Capitol. L'Enfant's axial connection between the two buildings is deeply symbolic as it unites the legislative and executive branches of our government. Second, the sheer scale and mass of the proposed ballroom dwarfs the White House. The scale is not only grandiose but also wildly exceeds industry standards. It ignores the principles of symmetry that are foundational in Hoban's design for the White House. Third, the siting of the proposed East Wing would forever ruin the beauty of the elliptical drive in the South Grounds which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers. Unfortunately, this is only a short list of the proposed changes that would forever negatively impact the meaning and experience of the People's House.

It was devastating to watch the East Wing demolished without warning or an opportunity to comment. The White House is one of the most, if not the most, recognizable buildings in our country. While a new space for entertaining is needed, it is imperative that design decisions are made in a way that honors our history. Moreover, the East Wing should have a tasteful design that functions appropriately for the intended number of guests. The proposed project falls short, very short on all these accounts. I request that you oppose moving forward with this plan.

Regards,

Nicole Sheronas

Name: Helena H
Date: February 26, 2026 1:41:42 pm

Dear Members of the NCPC,

In regard to the East Wing Modernization Project, I'm concerned about the neglect to follow the required design submission, review, approval, and funding process for these plans. These are not only my questions and observations. They're questions and observations gathered from many members of the public. I've compiled them here for you to kindly consider.

- The plan appears to be out of scale with the adjoining structures, diminishing the traditional aesthetics of the White House grounds.

- Have the plans been evaluated by structural, environmental and civil engineers for soundness and impact?

- The sources of funding are questionable and potentially expose the U.S. to unnecessary national security risks. Why are they all weapons manufacturers, bunker and surveillance center builders, military contractors, etc.? Why are there no furniture, chandelier, drapes, fine china or other manufacturers that one might reasonably expect when constructing a ballroom? A public federal building should be publicly funded through Congress for transparency and national security.

- The president has proven to be an unreliable source of accurate information regarding basic details of this project, stating that the new structure would be adjacent to existing publicly owned federal structures, then unilaterally and quickly demolishing a significant existing federal structure.

- The rendering of the project released publicly appears to be inconsistent with what has been said about the project. It's been said repeatedly that the ballroom will be 90,000 sq ft, but the rendering drawn at scale next to the White House appears to be approximately 22,000 sq ft. Where is the remaining sq footage? Will it be underground? What will be located in those underground levels, and what is their purpose?

- Allegedly, the water and electrical supplies to this location were vastly upgraded. Why? What is being built that would require so much more electricity and water than the previous structure? A ballroom is basically a big empty room with some lights, some restrooms, and a kitchen. The water and electrical needs can't be that much greater than what was required by the former East Wing.

- The quoted cost per sq ft for this project is at least 10x the cost of any other construction anywhere in the world. Either the public is not being told the accurate scope of the project, the project is nothing but a gigantic grift, or both could be true.

- The current president will only be in office for less than 3 years. It may not even be feasible to complete a project of this scope before the end of his term. This makes it all the more important to go through the proper funding and design approval channels, for the sake of continuity. That way, the next president isn't left with the mess of an uncompleted privately funded project to deal with when our nation has many more pressing issues at hand than a ballroom.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these issues.

Name: Joann Constantinides
Date: February 26, 2026 1:44:20 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans. Please hold the current administration to the rule of law, which it too often, and flagrantly, ignores and abuses in pursuit of it's own selfish interests and not those of the American public whom it represents and is beholden to. Enough is enough!

Thank you.

Joann Constantinides

Name: Pamela Elbe
Date: February 26, 2026 1:47:34 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 90,000-square-foot ballroom addition to the White House.

First, the scale of the proposal is fundamentally out of proportion to the historic core of the complex. The footprint of the new ballroom would significantly exceed that of the Executive Residence and the West Wing, visually and physically dwarfing the very structures it is meant to serve. Such a dominant new volume would inevitably diminish the legibility of the original White House and its wings, rather than preserving them as the primary architectural and symbolic focus.

Second, the process to date appears to have been conducted with great haste and minimal public input. For a project of this magnitude, in the most symbolically important civic ensemble in the country, the public, preservation community, and design professionals should have meaningful opportunities to review alternatives, comment on impacts, and consider

less intrusive options. Proceeding rapidly, without robust engagement, undermines public confidence in both the proposal and the review process.

Third, the reliance on private donor funds raises serious concerns about influence and precedent. When such a consequential permanent alteration to a national symbol is largely financed by private donors, it invites the perception that access and influence are being purchased. This is especially troubling for a project that will permanently reshape a central icon of American democracy and that, once built, will be maintained with public resources.

Finally, the White House is a neoclassical building whose enduring power comes from its clarity, restraint, and balance. Any addition or alteration should respect and extend that neoclassical character, not overwhelm it. The introduction of a large, highly ornamented, quasi-baroque aesthetic would be incompatible with the White House's established architectural language and the broader classical composition of the grounds and surrounding federal core. Additions should be deferential in massing, proportion, and detailing, reinforcing the primacy of the historic structure rather than competing with it.

For these reasons—the excessive scale of the proposed ballroom, the rushed process with limited public engagement, the troubling reliance on private funding, and the lack of clear commitment to a contextually appropriate neoclassical design—I respectfully urge the Commission to withhold approval of the project as currently conceived. I encourage you instead to require a more transparent, deliberative process and to insist on alternatives that preserve the White House's historic character, architectural integrity, and symbolic primacy.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Name: Caroline Edwards
Date: February 26, 2026 1:50:12 pm

The White House has always been "the people's house." It does not belong to the President. He is elected for four years, perhaps eight at the most, then he retires and another president takes office.
Any architectural change to the White House should be considered in a public way and should reflect democratic values as befits the world's leading democracy.
It should not reflect the megalomania of one man.
How terrible it would be to follow Donald Trump and not Thomas Jefferson.

Name: Brian Broadus
Date: February 26, 2026 1:56:08 pm

I am an architect of 40 years practice, much of that work for public institutions and for the conservation and preservation of buildings of the same vintage as the White House. I have a graduate degree in architectural history, where my work focused on the political import of architecture, including work by Thomas Ustick Walter, fourth Architect of the Capitol. So, I am a subject matter expert on this matter.

I will allow other architects to condemn the size and scale of the Ballroom. I will point out that the United States suffered through our first Gilded Age without punishing the Executive Mansion by wedding it to an adjacent colossus. We don't need to rethink choices made 125 years ago and before, when we decided that our public buildings were to celebrate our republic and not a single person. We chose not to construct a throne room or audience hall. We chose the White House to be a combined residence and a set of rooms and outbuildings, and a subservient annex. We celebrate the continuing history of the White House and not one occupant. We have other memorials to honor worthy presidents. The architectural scale of the proposed addition is a mere demonstration of its programmatic error--trying to turn the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the place into Versailles.

Name: Kathleen Samsel
Date: February 26, 2026 2:00:17 pm

I would this expansion overseen so it is not glided in gold.

Name: Amy Olson
Date: February 26, 2026 2:01:34 pm

Public Comment to the National Capital Planning Commission
Re: Proposed White House Ballroom Addition

I respectfully submit this comment as an American citizen concerned about historic preservation, civic symbolism, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

I concur with the comments submitted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and share their concern that the proposed ballroom risks overwhelming the historic Executive Residence in scale and massing. The White House is a National Historic Landmark whose classical design—defined by balance, proportion, hierarchy, and restraint—has been carefully maintained for more than two centuries. Any addition must remain clearly subordinate and compatible under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

I am particularly concerned about the axial visual connection between the White House and the U.S. Capitol. This alignment is not incidental; it expresses the physical and symbolic relationship between the Executive and Legislative branches. That clear sightline is a powerful representation of constitutional balance and democratic continuity. A large, visually dominant ballroom that obstructs or diminishes this axis would erode an important civic meaning embedded in the capital's design.

Beyond preservation and symbolism, the proposed scale raises fiscal concerns. Oversized construction carries long-term costs in materials, embodied carbon, energy consumption, maintenance, staffing, and eventual capital replacement. Event space that significantly exceeds typical attendance needs risks underuse while imposing ongoing operational burdens. Facilities of national significance should be right-sized, efficient, and clearly justified.

The White House belongs symbolically to all Americans. I urge the Commission to require revisions that reduce the scale of the proposed ballroom, protect the historic visual axis, respect classical design principles, and ensure long-term fiscal and environmental responsibility.

Respectfully,
Amy Olson
Belt, Montana

Name: Ann Seren
Date: February 26, 2026 2:01:50 pm

As a person who owns a share of "The Peoples'House", I strongly object to the Ballroonm's size , the scale, the cost and wonder who is really paying for it and why.
What next, the former Wahington monument renamed the Trump Tower II? At 86, I need some reassurance that my country and the buildings which represent it will endure as relateable to us all. Please exert any pressure possible to insure this.
Thank you.
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Name: Mary Klein
Date: February 26, 2026 2:02:56 pm

I just watched the webinar reguarding the proposed archetechure of the ballroom project. Considering the careful consideration of the original archetech of the White House and surrounding capital buildings I would find the new proposed structure is way too much imposing and a huge deviation of the original concept. I feel there needs to be limits and guidance to the proposed structure and the archetect needs to respect the will of the people and not the ego of a current administration

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Name: Julia Bockmon
Date: February 26, 2026 2:04:48 pm

I am a long time member and contributor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and I value the work it does to preserve historic places of national significance, like the White House Complex, and protect the history of the United States. I was appalled by the unannounced destruction of the East Wing of the White House. The citizens of this country should have had the chance to weigh in on this major destructive event and their views should now be given full consideration regarding the so-called East Wing Modernization Project. This "modernization" is a proposed massive ballroom that is entirely out of context of the now gone historic East Wing and the White House Residence itself. I acknowledge that there may be a need for a larger venue space for White House events but the plans that have been made public, even with the reduce pediment, show a building that is inconsistent with this significant historic complex and will overwhelm and diminish the White House. I object to moving forward with approval of the ballroom as proposed and urge the Commission to consider and adopt the modifications to the proposed project recommended by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Name: Lisa Cooperman
Date: February 26, 2026 2:05:11 pm

To the Valued members of the National Capital Planning Commission – I write to lodge my objection to the current White House East Wing Modernization Project. I am a university educator and museum professional, and it is my strong opinion that this proposal is a literal and figurative blockade of democracy. It violates issues of access: no ADA compliance, fake doors, blind windows, an isolated portico and stairs that go nowhere. It is the product of a rushed and opaque process with dubious financial claims. More importantly it obliterates the embodied symbolism of democracy with its grotesque proportion. Its gargantuan scale disrupts the visual and intellectual relationships of the building to its site, blocking sight lines of the surrounding government buildings on the crisscrossing axes. The White House is the people's house and represents a co-equal relationship to our government. The existing proposal is a literal plan to consolidate power using scale, visual obstruction, denied access, and concrete as its language.

Name: Lisa Stone
Date: February 26, 2026 2:07:39 pm

I join all Americans asking the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to choose an appropriate, more American design for the White House East Wing.

Since the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people and stewarded by the National Park Service, it's appearance should reflect us, Americans. It has been home to our presidents since 1800 and is perhaps the most significant historic site in the United States. Before nationally significant places are permanently altered, the public deserves an opportunity to be heard and to help shape decisions that affect our shared national heritage.

In addition, as you know, this is a legally required federal review process, and public participation is essential. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and receive congressional approval. These safeguards exist to ensure transparency, accountability, and meaningful public input.

I hope you will respect the suggestions provided by National Trust trustees and fellows of The American Institute of Architects, David Scott Parker and Bill Bates, who have shared design modifications to protect the carefully balanced classical design of the White House.

Thank you for all your work for Americans.

Name: Karen Goodman
Date: February 26, 2026 2:09:04 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I am appalled by the President's continued efforts to destroy meaningful monuments/buildings/parks that belong to the American people. These same places have been protected by appropriate laws and regulations to be followed in the event of any requested changes. Donald Trump feels he is above the law when it comes to most things, but in particular, when he wants to transform the People's house into a garish, gold-laden country club. The beautiful rose garden replaced with what looks like a poolside lounge. So tacky. Most rooms in the White House are dripping in the cheapest looking gold

trim. Little does he know, he can’t become “classy” by slopping gold paint all over the room.

As for the East Wing, I’m all for having modern capabilities, even in historical buildings. But ordering the demolition before going through appropriate process is not only offensive, it is likely illegal (which, given his track record, doesn’t seem to bother him.)
I hope that the design of the replacement building will be kept at a size SMALLER than the Main White House building so that the new building doesn’t detract from the White House’s historical importance to our country. We don’t need a massive, gilded ballroom. I’m sure there are many people who worked in previous administrations over the past 30 years who could suggest an appropriate size - maybe a room to seat 300 people for dinner? It’s OK to NOT invite huge numbers of people. Especially when the WH has control over who they invite. Keep guest lists smaller - spend less taxpayer dollars. And, please, make the design features of any proposed building be elegant - it is not a palace for one person to decide how it should look.

I appreciate being able to voice my opinions on this matter.

Name: Hetty Startup
Date: February 26, 2026 2:12:14 pm

I am writing to oppose spending $300 million on the East Wing Modernization project. In my opinion, it razes an important era in American history, when the White House became a place that embraced the work of the First Lady and her staff. This proposal was initiated without proper authorization, or permits, or design review. The East Wing was destroyed with no warning, no Architectural & Engineering Request for Proposals, no bids from contractors, and no abatement of hazardous materials; all as required by federal law.

I would like to see the East Wing rebuilt to its former design (that was scaled and in proportion to the rest of the building) and the administration’s project canceled. The current design is for an out-of-scale, out-of-place, and out-of-time pseudo-historical building. Any design modifications for the new addition should, among other considerations, protect the carefully balanced classical design of the White House.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Clive Siegle
Date: February 26, 2026 2:16:26 pm

I am writing in support of the design proposals submitted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as an alternative to the current design proposed by the Trump administration architects. The current design as proposed proves that "bigger is NOT better," and that hubris at the expense of compromising a historic and elegant structure is folly at best. The National Trust's modified design suggestions to the existing proposal provide a sensible and elegant compromise. Bravo to them.

Name: Beth Bodan
Date: February 26, 2026 2:17:04 pm

How to make the White House Ballroom awesome for all:
Follow the process. Reflect America. Design selflessly. Exert professionalism. Make it last.
1. Adhere to your rules. As the federal planning agency, the NCPC no doubt has a manual, maybe two or sixty! Do not skip steps. Then you can boast America's law and order.
2. Pronounce that it belongs to We the People. Do not add signage indicating any one person's name or likeness. Then you will attain America's consensus.
3. Command compatibility. Use one of the design alternatives that accommodates scale and functionality. Trim the ego and make it remarkable. Then you will illuminate American integrity.
4. Exhaust expert input and resources. We've got this if we work together. Remember the We the People part? Research. Listen. Revise. Then you will gain America's trust.
5. Prove that the White House will change hands often. Refute the passing bigly aesthetic. Then it will endure and you will earn America's pride.

Name: Bruce Coons
Date: February 26, 2026 2:25:23 pm

On behalf of Save Our Heritage Organisation, (SOHO), one of the nation's oldest and largest historic preservation groups.

The original character defining Palladian windows on the East and West ends of the White House must not be damaged, modified, hidden or obscured by any new construction for this project. This window in the East room is extremely important for the light and the architectural grander of this most important room in the White House. The East and West connecting wings must not exceed their previous dimensions in height or width so as to not destroy the historic massing of the Main Residence.

Additionally the new ballroom must be reduced in size to the maximum extent possible. The new ballroom must not block the the historic views to and from the Capitol and it must not overwhelm the overall massing and scale of the site. The architectural details, ornament and massing of the new construction must be subordinate to and respectful of the original main block of the White House.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on one of the most important decisions to ever be made in the history of this site, a place of the utmost importance to the nation and the world.

Name: Kaia Constantinides
Date: February 26, 2026 2:26:33 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Mark Hill
Date: February 26, 2026 2:26:52 pm

Hello, I am writing today because I have great concern about the destruction of the East Wing and the proposed Ballroom. The White House is the Peoples house, it is a historic landmark and to add a ballroom at such a large scale is the wrong thing to do. The East Wing should have never been destroyed. It should be replaced. If there is to be a ballroom instead it needs to be appropriate in size in relation to the house itself.
This is not the President's property he is borrowing it. He cannot just change it any way that he would like. The people should be the ones who get to decide what is done to such an important and historical building.
Thank you,
Mark H

Name: Bonnie Dean
Date: February 26, 2026 2:27:53 pm

The vanity project proposed by POTUS is not only unsightly, unbalanced and unwieldy, but it is prohibitively expensive and not at all necessary. If Trump wants a monster ballroom, it should be constructed elsewhere. For example, a good alternative site would be the under-used hotel near the White House. Presently it does not pay its own way. A new ballroom could be built on the footprint of that hotel. Accommodations or apartments built above the ballroom, when rented, could bring in more predictable revenue the present hotel. A multi-floor parking garage below the new ballroom/hotel complex could serve daily public as well as guest needs. The present plan presented by POTUS is an abomination.

Name: Mark Common
Date: February 26, 2026 2:36:10 pm

The east wing of the White House was illegally razed.

It was heartbreaking to see that happen. This ballroom is a huge abomination that will dwarf the White House. Nobody should want it. I hope that it doesn't happen.

Name: Richard Ernst
Date: February 26, 2026 2:38:05 pm

What has been going on with the east wing and new ballroom is an utter desecration of the image and history of our country's capitol. It is appalling and devoid of any features that would enhance the prestige of the former building.

Name: Davie Palmer
Date: February 26, 2026 2:40:58 pm

I just finished the on line presentation by the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s thorough presentation on the East Wing Modernization Project which includes the. “ new “ ballroom.
Based on the thorough presentation by the National Trust ; AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE PRESENT PROPOSAL!!
Thank you.

Name: Patricia Sykes
Date: February 26, 2026 2:43:12 pm

Donald Trump lied about his intentions and then destroyed the East Wing without approval. Clearly something now needs to be done to replace the East Wing. Trump and his entire administration should not be allowed to provide any input for the design, nor should any of his announced plans be implemented; that would simply reward his illegal action of destroying part of our house. I strongly oppose the ballroom, especially a 90,000 square foot ballroom. I would like to see the original East Wing rebuilt to the way it was when Trump destroyed it. At a minimum, the exterior should be the same as it was. Unfortunately, it may not be feasible or even possible to rebuild the interior to its former elegance. Whatever is built must be properly scaled; clearly a 90,000 square foot ballroom would be completely out of scale with the rest of the White House. Also, the architectural styles must match so that the White House can be restored to its former glory and elegance. The design should be selected by experts not beholden to Trump; rather they should be selected for the quality of their expertise and work.

Name: Martin Moeller
Date: February 26, 2026 2:48:28 pm

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed new ballroom wing of the White House. The proposed addition is grossly out of scale with the original building and its design reflects either ignorance of, or willful disregard for, the architectural history of the property. Moreover, the most recent drawings released to the public reveal that the addition will disrupt the landscape of the White House South Lawn by forcing an inexcusable distortion in the driveway leading to the South Portico.

Architects of previously completed additions to the White House went to great pains to preserve the primacy of the original structure by maintaining a low scale and a deferential architectural vocabulary. Early 20th-century additions by the firm of McKim, Mead & White, for instance, were barely noticeable from Pennsylvania Avenue due to their modest height, while their details--including Doric column capitals--were simpler than, and clearly subordinate to, the predominant Ionic order of the main house. By contrast, the various versions of the proposed new ballroom wing equal or exceed the height of the original mansion while relying heavily on Corinthian columns, which, by classical tradition, "outrank" the Ionic order. The use of the Corinthian order suggests a deliberate effort to overshadow the main building and its earlier additions. The row of arched windows on the west facade of the proposed addition would further divert attention from the main house when viewed from the South Lawn. Meanwhile, the proposed east facade is a disjointed composition including an asymmetrically placed and bombastically scaled pedimented portico, which, when viewed from the northeast, would overwhelm the White House's historic North Portico.

The latest proposal would also entail an almost comically inept diversion in the route of the South Lawn driveway, which

would have to swerve to avoid the southwest corner of the gargantuan addition. Almost as curious is a grand staircase on the south facade of the addition that appears to lead not to a terrace or walkway but instead to an orphaned patch of lawn. The hulking, flat entablature over the ballroom wing's south-facing portico, marked by no less than 24 (!) massive Corinthian columns, would be the proposal's final, fatal thud.

The proposed project has been tainted by clear efforts to avoid long-established design review processes or even to avoid releasing candid and complete information about the proposal to the public. The previous East Wing already lies in ruins, having been unconscionably and hastily demolished well before proposals for its replacement were even fully publicized. Of course, there are lingering and legitimate questions about cost, funding sources, and potential conflicts of interest should the project proceed.

Perhaps the most frustrating aspect of this circumstance is that Washington already has a variety of grand, elegant, and easily secured venues for large dinners and other events, such as the newly restored Mellon Auditorium just a few blocks away from the White House.

This proposed project is simply not needed.

Sincerely,
Martin Moeller

G. Martin Moeller, Jr., Assoc. AIA
Architectural Curator, Writer, and Educator
Miami Beach, FL

Name: Julie Nash
Date: February 26, 2026 2:51:40 pm

I want to thank you for providing the vidio and needed information regarding this project please keep it to the classic design as intended by those before us who designed it, it must be to scale it must be accessible and keep the integrity it always has I don't agree with anything on the plan DJT submitted we don't need a ballroom this a eyesore and goes against what i believe Americans value please do not even consider his foolish plan thank you Julie. He has done enough damage to our country

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Name: Sue Fawn Chung
Date: February 26, 2026 2:55:59 pm

The East Wing Project needs external (non-Trump supporters) comments which should be taken into consideration. It should not be done without consulting the National Trust and other preservation organizations.

Name: Anne Crawford
Date: February 26, 2026 3:01:06 pm

I object to the proposed plan to rebuild the illegally demolished East Wing. It is not appropriate in size, scale or relation to the White House.

Name: Jessica Niles
Date: February 26, 2026 3:13:26 pm

I’m writing to protest the new East Wing project which seems to be circumventing all the controls that were required when I was working as an architect in DC.

Name: Anne Junkerman
Date: February 26, 2026 3:14:02 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my concern about the destructions carried out at the White House and that the proposed "East Wing Modernization project" (aka New White House Ballroom) is violently out-of-scale with the existing structure.

As currently proposed, the East Wing Ballroom Project comprises 90,000 square feet, almost double the 55,000 square feet of the existing White House building. No amount of tweaking its design (except making it smaller) will change the fact that the "addition" is larger than the original. In addition, by making such a large mass the exact same height as the existing White House further dwarfs it.

This is significant because the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation require that additions to historic structures be subordinate in scale and size, distinct from the historic building (not replicating it), and compatible with its materials, features, and massing. If there is a need for a ballroom it should be in scale with the existing, deeply historic building and not subject to the whims and taste of one man.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Respectfully,

Dr. Anne C. Junkerman
Department of Art History (Retired)
San Jose State University
San Jose, CA

Name: Christina Doe
Date: February 26, 2026 3:16:08 pm

As a career Facility Administrator for Historic Properties and Cultural Institutions (currently Building Superintendent, of a National Historic Landmark Building, my second National Historic Landmark, my other building was on the National Historic Register.) in oproffessional opinion THIS PROJECT MUST BE STOPPED. This is the peoples house, and where the current President lives, it is NOT the President's house to do with what he feels. It is inappropriate and unacceptable for construction to have been started with out any studies, vetting of plans, public comment, or transparency for funding, and plans for the long term management and expense of keeping and maintaining the addition, even if the project is privately funded, the the extra costs of staffing and upkeep, will come directly from the taxpayers. There appears to be no need for this project other than to stroke an ego. Permanente changes to the architecture, facade, and layout should never be made without the buy in from the American people. America was not consulted. I cannot alter my historic property on a whim, and that is for good reason. I am not complaining, I suggest, because I am correct, that the White House and the East wing Project fall under the same jurisdictions and carry the same limitations that the property in my care does. The lack of process this project has gone through, lack of congressional approval and an approval from an art commission that is nothing but a rubber stamp. Professionally and as a US citizen I am ASHAMED and DISGUSTED by this project and how it has been rolled out.

Name: Joseph Jarzen
Date: February 26, 2026 3:18:23 pm

To whom it may concern,

Briefly stated, the White House is the people's house. It represents 1/3 of a form of government that when established flew in the face of common governing practices. It was a time palaces and ballrooms served monarchs and autocratic regimes that dominated, but by contrast the United States put its executive leader into a home that was relatively modest. High style indeed, but reflective of a representative form of government, not the austereness of other leaders that take advantage of its subjects and rule by dominance.

In the recent past of our republic, we placed protections upon our historic landmarks so that all stories of our people and past are told. These protections exist so that stories are not lost and actions taken are not without serious considerations. It is a pragmatic approach required when handling spaces that mean a lot to so many and represent so much more across the world.

The actions taken thus far fly in the face of both. The new addition does not reflect the original intention of the home and symbolically aligns our government with those forms that the nation originally opposed. Furthermore, the demolition

work occurred without considering the protections in place.

While the White House is exempt from the Preservation Act of 1966, out of common courtesy and respect of the people and our system of government, changes to the landmark should occur through a conversation and rash decision making.

It is critical to pause further damage to the character of the landmark and our nation and simply consider next steps carefully to restore a culture of Democracy.

Sincerely,
Joseph Jarzen

Name: Melanie Prole
Date: February 26, 2026 3:20:58 pm

I was distressed when the East Wing was destroyed. I had had an opportunity to visit the White House about 20 years ago, and cherished my time there visiting a historic site that represents this country.
That being said, now that it is gone we might as well use the opportunity to build something better. However, building the East Wing bigger than the West Wing is not it. We should build something esthetically pleasing and balanced with dimensions of West Wing.
Also, it doesn't appear we need a ball room as big as Trump proposes. I think I read that we have entertained 400 on the grass, about half what Trump proposes. That should be the limit.

Name: Judy Dobles
Date: February 26, 2026 3:28:53 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission, as you prepare plans for the the East Wing Modernization Project, please consider the following:

[1] There is an existing esthetic to the White House -- the People's House. Please honor the existing architecture and history of the East Wing -- both internally and externally. We want to have a space that we, as Americans, can be proud of. It should be beautiful but not gaudy or lavish.

[2] America has a long history of welcoming people from all over the world to our country. In addition, Native Americans were here long before settlers from Europe sailed to our shores. It would be fantastic to incorporate this history as you consider the interior design and decoration of this space. All Americans contribute to the success of our nation.

[3] Inscriptions can be a meaningful part of interior design. As we look to the future, it would be wonderful to have guiding principles that can inspire the youth of our nation.

Thank you.

Name: Randall Quinn
Date: February 26, 2026 3:31:53 pm

I oppose this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review.

The proposed new building will be six times larger than the former East Wing and will eclipse the White House's main building. This will have a major architectural and historical impact on the White House.

No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law- abiding Americans.

Name: Margaret Mikelson
Date: February 26, 2026 3:40:55 pm

I viewed the zoom meeting regarding the ballroom addition to the White House. I am concerned about the size of the

ballroom as well as the useful purpose for a building of that size. It seems the purpose of the ballroom is to diminish the size and importance of the White House and appear as more important and powerful.

The rendering appears to be done with little knowledge of architectural design relative to the White House and destroys the integrity of the design of the White House. The White House was designed during an era when many men had knowledge of history, architecture and the significance of various features. The original intent of the design was to denote it had great importance but it's simplicity denoted that our country was a democratic republic that welcomed all of the nation's citizens.

The ballroom addition portico has no useful value or purpose. I question how often the building will be of use for events that would necessitate needing anything of that size. The East Wing provided an entrance for visitors to enter to see the White House. Where is the entrance going to be with this addition and how easily accessible will it be? If they provide offices there, including one for the First Lady it appears it will be much more remote to the White House or West Wing making it seem rather inefficient for the working relationship with the White House.

This addition comes across as trying to compete and diminish the historical image of the White House as well as being accessible to a more selective group of citizens, instead of continuing as a design that compliments the People's House.

It would be very disappointing to see this current plan implemented considering all it would do to destroy the architectural balance, the landscaping and the view from Pennsylvania Avenue.

Name: Marjorie McMann
Date: February 26, 2026 3:44:01 pm

I concede that there is an argument for constructing a ballroom to host larger dinners and other gatherings than the White House can accommodate. Having said that, the proposed monstrosity is not the solution. It’s too large, too ornate and not in keeping with Lenfant’s design.

The revised plan or something similar is a better design both in scale and function. I hope your more rational design will prevail! Thank you.

Name: Patricia Burke-Wey
Date: February 26, 2026 3:51:54 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I was surprised by my visceral response to seeing bulldozers demolish the East Wing of the White House earlier this year. As a citizen of the United States and therefore part owner of the White House, I am deeply opposed to the current planned ballroom expansion project that was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, and planning. The current project and demolition is a total disregard for the history, function, and significance of the White House to American citizens. Given that there is now a gaping hole in the White House I would like to see restoration and if needed modernization of the East Wing. The RESTORATION should be in proper architectural scale with the current White House structure and the surrounding capital area.

One big question to ask is a ballroom even necessary?

Thank you for your consideration.
Regards,

Patricia Burke-Wey

Name: Denise Fryburg
Date: February 26, 2026 3:55:24 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new ballroom at the White House.

The White House is not a private residence, nor is it the architectural legacy of any one president. It is a national historic landmark, a symbol of democratic continuity, and a structure that belongs to the American people. Its preservation is not a matter of personal preference, convenience, or even generosity. It is a matter of stewardship.

Throughout its history, careful changes to the White House have been undertaken with restraint, scholarly review, and deep respect for its architectural heritage. Major preservation efforts—most notably under Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—were guided by historians, architects, and preservation experts to ensure that updates honored the building's historic character rather than reshaped it according to contemporary tastes.

The proposal to construct a large new ballroom—particularly if it involves significant alteration to historic fabric or the East Wing—raises serious concerns. The White House's proportions, symmetry, and restrained classical design are central to its symbolic power. Introducing a massive new structure risks disrupting the architectural balance that has defined the Executive Mansion for over two centuries.

The fact that private funds might be used does not resolve the concern. The issue is not financial burden; it is ownership and authority. The White House does not belong to any president to redesign at will, even at personal expense. It belongs to the American people—past, present, and future. Decisions affecting it should be guided by established preservation standards, transparent review, and bipartisan respect for history.

If additional event space is needed, alternatives should be explored that do not permanently alter one of the nation's most important historic structures. Preservation is not resistance to change; it is a commitment to continuity.

We are temporary occupants of public trust. The White House endures beyond administrations. That endurance deserves humility, restraint, and reverence
Respectfully,
Denise Fryburg

Name: Cheryl Hoerneman
Date: February 26, 2026 3:57:31 pm

The proposed East Wing/ballroom project should keep in mind the already existing architecture of the White House and compliment the WH. But as proposed it will overwhelm the WH. What is the purpose of such a large building and how would this large building be fully funded? Also how often would such a large building be needed to house guests? Once a year, twice a year or only once a term? I believe this project needs to be totally reviewed from the beginning to answer fundamental questions on the necessity of such a large space, projected use, how often and how many guests are usually invited to the WH and if only fully used once a term for an inauguration wouldn't that be unnecessary, cost of upkeep and yearly use of taxpayer money, what is the Return of Investment when it's very seldom utilized at the current planned capacity?

As the proposal stands now, I am not in favor of it.

Name: LESLIE Baber
Date: February 26, 2026 4:01:23 pm

This is a total waste of the money that we the taxpayers are paying. I dont care if trump says hes paying ,we all know hes NOT. rebuild the east wing as it was and forget about this ostentatious building which is a total waste

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Name: Judith Basso
Date: February 26, 2026 4:02:00 pm

I wish to formally voice my complete opposition to the East Wing Modernization Project including a onstruction of a "Grand Ballroom" at the White House complex. The failure to proceed with appropriate review for a new ballroom and destruction of the East Wing is unconscionable. There has been no authorization by Congress as required for any such changes to federal property. That is basis enough, in my opinion, for denying permission to build the proposed structure. That being said, there also are many design features that are unappealing.

The proposed building negates the historical significance of the well-designed plan for Washington DC commissioned by George Washington, the classical structure and proportion of the White house itself, and Frederick Olmstead's plan for

the grounds. The massive size of the building and a portico taller than the White House itself will overwhelm the scale and balance of our government center. Creating a huge portico of no utility (fake doors and no entry from the ballroom) makes no sense. The size of it and the proposed ballroom will destroy an important visual and symbolic open view to the Capitol.

Architects originally involved courageously stepped away from the project for valid professional concerns. Industry standards for sizing the room are being ignored. Oversizing the ballroom will mean people attending smaller gatherings would feel like the room is quite empty, suggesting poor attendance. The number of time it is used will be affected. The People's House belongs to every citizen. This proposed ballroom violates laws that protect and preserve our historic public buildings.

I urge you to stop any further construction until all legal and historical preservation reviews have been completed in a satisfactory manner.

Name: William Chapman
Date: February 26, 2026 4:03:51 pm

I strongly urge the NCPC to reject the East Wing Modernization Project as currently presented for the following reasons:

The mass of the proposed construction dwarfs the historic President's House, while (a) the square footage of the ballroom is twice what is needed to accommodate the stated needs of the Administration, (b) the massive portico and exterior stair serve no functional purpose, (c) and the ceiling height on the kitchen level is excessive and unnecessary. Addressing these three issues alone would enable the footprint, height, and overall mass of the addition to be greatly reduced.

As proposed, the ballroom building will completely block the historic view of the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue and break the intentionally designed and historic connective axis from the White House to the U.S. Capitol.

Additionally the symmetry of the drive to the White House will be destroyed as it must now "dog leg" to avoid the corner of this new building.

Process violations aside, the need for a ballroom facility as part of the White House complex is real, but it should not be allowed to be a rushed ego project that dominates and diminishes centuries of careful design. Scaling back the size of the structure can be accomplished while still meeting the Administration's stated needs, and therefore should be strongly encouraged by the NCPC.

Thank you.

Name: Pat Kesselem
Date: February 26, 2026 4:23:59 pm

Thank you for allowing public comment in this format. Without knowing all the discussion that has already transpired, my thoughts are as follows:
1. I think the wings of the White House should remain symmetrical to maintain its historical character. If the East Wing ballroom is specified at "x" sf, then plans to renovate the West Wing to the same size as the East Wing should be considered. At this time, I am unaware of additional space requirements that a West Wing expansion could accommodate (not to mention its cost but I hope it could be privately funded as well). Perhaps if smaller functions need smaller spaces, the West Wing, in part or in whole, could accommodate that gap along with any other needs.
2.Request the architects to be sensitive to exterior sight lines from both the White House perspective and from neighboring buildings. To me, the White House should be the focal point.
3. The White House grounds deserve to be the best cultural garden(s) in America paying homage to the various cultures that make our country the best in the world.

Name: Bruce Dyjack
Date: February 26, 2026 4:24:51 pm

The new ballroom is akin to constructing a Wal Mart parking lot in the middle of Gettysburg Battlefield. It's tacky and disservice to the American taxpayers who will pay for its construction and upkeep. Demand something more classy and less tacky.

Name: Peter Lunsford
Date: February 26, 2026 4:26:37 pm

I am a U.S. Citizen commenting on the proposal to rebuild the Whitehouse East Wing into a guided ballroom. I strongly speak out in opposition to the current plan put forth by the President.

My concerns:
- The East Wing, owned by The People, was demolished without proper approval or process. This should disqualify ANYONE involved in this illegal act from proceeding with a vision for replacement.
- The Whitehouse grounds serve two purposes for the United States -- as a formal residence for the President (The residence structure) and the Administrative Branch headquarters (the wings.) It is NOT an entertainment complex. How many gala's per year would need to be held to justify the proposed primary purpose of this guided ballroom and its related personal expenses?
- The parking and security nightmares that would ensue from such an entertainment venue would be prohibitively expensive and overly complex.
- If a grand Presidential ballroom is truly needed it should be authorized by Congress and can be located elsewhere, outside the security perimeters of the Whitehouse grounds, such as the Mall, among with the Smithsonian complex.
- Guilding is not a design guideline in compliance with the United States culture or customs. It is a design choice of Monarchies -- not of responsible Democratic Governance.
- The East Wing should be rebuilt to support its original purpose, size and height above grade. Additional space, if needed, could be achieved through subterranean construction.
- The National Park Service cannot condone modification of this crown of all park properties to be massively modified at the whim of every new President. This is The Peoples House, which is provided for the elected President's use. The President is a tenant.

Name: Joan Gross
Date: February 26, 2026 4:28:40 pm

We want the ball room put back exactly the way it was!!! No one was given permission to destroy it. What a waste of money!!
Also the Kennedy Center should not be touched. It is in memory of President John F. Kennedy. No one has the right to destroy this buiilding which was built in memory of President John F. Kennedy who died by an assasin's bullet!!!! It belongs to the citizens of the United States.
Joan and Stanley Gross

Name: Robert Barnett
Date: February 26, 2026 4:29:09 pm

I urge you to deny the application to proceed with this project.
The proposed design is incompatible with the existing White House and the general plan for Washington DC.
It is out of scale, too massive and too high.
It is like parking a 2026 Cadillac Escalade in front of a 1957 Thunderbird.

Name: Jeanie Fields
Date: February 26, 2026 4:32:48 pm

I want to say that it seems unjust that the Public has such a short period of time to voice their comments when this project was started so long ago. Transparency wasn’t part of the dialogue.

This project was started without any notice to the public until recently and even now it’s minimal. This is the “Peoples House”. The president only resides there for his 4 year term.

I think everyone should be made aware of which people on the review boards are appointed by Trump.

The Commission of Fine Arts are all appointed by the president.

The National Capital Planning Commission has 12 members and 3 of them are appointed by the president. They are:
William Scharf – Chairman
Stuart Levenbach – Vice Chair
Michael Blair – Commissioner

Trump as a developer, as well as his architects, knew the rules/laws with regard to working on historic sites. The INTENT should be discussed in the court and Congress should be held responsible for the destruction of the most historic building in the United States. Let it be known to all that have watched this unfold that breaking the law and dealing with it later is Trump's modus operandi (M O). I won't cloud this issue with his history of being above the law.
The cost of the ballroom has changed from $200 Million to $400 and as we all know the rule of thumb is to double the cost and the time. My question is, what exactly will the investors be receiving in return for their donations???

Think of what this money could be used for instead. To help society and still leave Trump the legacy he so desperately needs. Homelessness, and Research for Medical issues, etc.

Excuse Number 1
Any awareness of the building having structural issues should have been studied thoroughly before destruction began. The cost to restore the building would have been far less than the expansion will cost. By the way, the maintenance and security that this enormous building will need will continue for years to come. Is that when the taxpayers will be held responsible?

Excuse Number 2
Trump says when he travels to other countries, they have the finest places to entertain him and all he has is the lawn and umbrellas. Is there really a need to impress these foreign dignitaries. Let us not forget that the United States of American has helped many countries with military aid in the past. Wouldn't it seem they would be grateful to see how we humble ourselves in order to provide for their needs.
At the latest National Capital Planning Commission, William Scharf – Chairman, may have slipped by saying "they plan to do additional work on the West Wing later". Nothing has been presented on this area at all. Everything has been "piecemealed" to quote Commissioner Mendelson. It is not considered professional to present until you have the whole picture. It requires less time and fewer questions overall. The Commission of Fine Arts requested a 3-D model and a computer fly-by to see how this is going to work and were told by the architect, Shalom Baranes they would be able to provide these items.

I'm sure there are other locations that would be suitable for the intimate dinner of 1,000 people without destroying the White House.

Name: Carla Hashagen
Date: February 26, 2026 4:41:08 pm

Please see my comments in the attached PDF.

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Name: Montjoy Kugeler
Date: February 26, 2026 4:43:11 pm

The proposed East Wing Ballroom should be a much smaller, ecologically friendly ballroom/conference room and of a style much more compatible with the existing White House architecture. This is an American structure and not a French structure. The remaining space should be spectacular, ecologically friendly gardens.

Name: Mitchell Hamilton
Date: February 26, 2026 4:44:25 pm

I am disgusted that The White House "project" is to proceed. Whether there is the right to build is not the issue. The issue is rather should it be done. The opinion I hold is no. This is not like when the third floor was added or when either east or west wings were created. What is happening is that a monstrous building is being created on government property. Both the east and west wings blended seamlessly into the main building and the third floor is hardly visible.
This is a demonstration of gaudy bad taste. Personally, I did not like what McKim, Meade and White did in the Theodore

Roosevelt administration nor did I like all that was done during the reconstruction under President Truman. But these were, at least, not so extreme as to totally disfigure the grounds or the house.
I cringe thinking of the work done by Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Nixon to restore and bring true American antiques into The White House only to now be dwarfed by a ghastly building.
If the correct historians and architects been consulted, I'm certain I reasonable plan could have been made, but even that is unnecessary. I will paraphrase what Mrs. Eisenhower said according to the book written by J.B. West.
"We just won't invite any more people than we have room for."

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Name: Neil Friedman
Date: February 26, 2026 4:48:06 pm

Please reject this horrendous proposal! We The People in theory own the White House, and we never said we want a portion of it torn down (done without permission) to be replaced with a monstrous Ballroom For Billionaires. The building plans offered so far have been very incomplete and unbuildable from an engineering perspective. Another thing: Where did all the art and artifacts disappear to that graced the former East Wing?
Thank you
Neil Friedman
Westfir, Oregon USA

Name: David Kent Chrisman
Date: February 26, 2026 4:53:19 pm

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. As someone who has spent their life in matters of history, historic preservation, and urban planning, I am sharing my thoughts or rather concerns regarding the current proposal for the new White House Ballroom. The proposal is out of scale, both the height and the footprint, in comparison to the Executive Mansion, it is overly, or more ornately detailed, it blocks the viewshed from the US Capitol, and compromises the equally important White House grounds concept plan.
There are, however, very easy solutions to these problems. The footprint can easily be reduced, still allowing for generous space for the intended number of guests by removing the completely decorative, overscaled and non functional portical along with reducing the event space "Ballroom" itself using a 15 square foot per guest figure. This will allow for up to 1000 guests, three times the largest number typically served in the US presently and and nearly six times those served at British State Dinners. Secondly, the height can be significantly reduced by placing the service/kitchen level below grade, perhaps including the rest rooms there, a logical configuration, so that the mass of the hyphen between the Executive Mansion and the Ballroom wing can be reduced by a level. An additional matter of importance, as viewed from the street, the hyphen, itself is more than a little overwhelming. Again, there is no reason why, if deemed absolutely necessary, parts of this support use cannot be below graded beneath the hyphen. Lastly, I have not seen a roof detail, but presume it to be a flat roof. From a historical perspective, classical buildings did not typically have flat roofs but rather hipped or pedimented roofs hidden behind a balustrade. In order to accomplish this on a large structure, one might have to use a series of hipped roofs so as to keep the height low, a process used historically in larger US and British neoclassical structures and given the elegance the proposal seem to strive for, overlooking this important detail, is a disservice to the client.
Again that you for this opportunity to comment.

Name: Martha Dragovich
Date: February 26, 2026 4:55:43 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Sandra Carlson
Date: February 26, 2026 5:07:58 pm

America's White House has been dilapidated, burned, remodeled and yet it remains a majestic symbol of freedom. Presidents have altered it, built and removed different structures such as bowling alleys and swimming pools and still the White House stands strong.

President Trump knows quality building/construction guidelines. Future Presidents can enjoy the transformation and beautification! Who questioned Jackie Kennedy when she used her talents and good taste to upgrade the White House?

Time for the nay-sayers to go away and allow the construction to be completed.

Americans can be proud that our President cares about the future of the President's home.

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Name: Joan Montesa
Date: February 26, 2026 5:11:06 pm

I want this project cancelled. I was horrified that he was ALLOWED to do this. He has torn down the house of the people. To me it is a travesty of a high order that this project be cancelled. It broke my heart to see what the FELON was allowed to do. That house is owned by the people of this country. He has taken all the history that lived in that part of the house which can never be returned. From my understanding nothing was removed from there before it was torn down.

PLEASE PLEASE CANCEL THE PROJECT TO BUILD HIS AWFUL BALL ROOM PLAN.

THANK YOU.

JOAN MONTESA
86 year old citizen who has seen almost everything except this horrible felon and his administration. They are all crooks.

Name: Diana Domin
Date: February 26, 2026 5:12:37 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project, but rather a complete razing of American history.

I want this project cancelled and the East Wing restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go forward without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Kim Lynch
Date: February 26, 2026 5:16:43 pm

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I respectfully urge the Commission to delay or reject approval of the proposed East Wing Ballroom expansion on the grounds of fiscal responsibility, long-term stewardship, and bipartisan accountability.

The federal government currently carries a national debt exceeding $30 trillion. Annual deficits continue to widen. Americans across the political spectrum — including fiscally conservative Democrats, independents, and Republicans — consistently express concern about wasteful or unnecessary federal spending.

In that context, a multi-hundred-million-dollar ceremonial expansion at the White House demands the highest level of scrutiny.

This project represents:
- A substantial increase in federal capital spending for non-essential purposes
- Expanded operational and security costs that taxpayers will shoulder indefinitely
- A symbolic signal that government expansion continues even when restraint is urgently needed

The White House has functioned for more than two centuries without a ballroom of this magnitude. The burden of proof rests with proponents to demonstrate necessity — not preference, not convenience, not aesthetic ambition — but genuine operational need.

Fiscal responsibility is not partisan. It is foundational.
Budget discipline, prioritization, and respect for taxpayer dollars are principles shared by Americans who may disagree on many other issues.

Approving a project of this scale during a period of sustained federal deficits risks reinforcing public perception that government leadership is insulated from the tradeoffs families and small businesses must make every day.

Moreover, this proposal establishes precedent. If the most historically significant property in the nation can be expanded for ceremonial purposes at this cost, it lowers the threshold for future federal expansions elsewhere.

True stewardship of national resources requires restraint — especially at the most visible address in the country.

Before any approval is granted, the Commission should require:
- A transparent and independently verified accounting of total project cost, including long-term maintenance and security obligations.
- Clear statutory authority and documented congressional appropriation through regular order.
- A serious evaluation of scaled alternatives that achieve functional goals without committing taxpayers to an unnecessary expansion.

Demonstrating fiscal discipline at the White House would send a powerful message: that responsible governance begins at the top.

I urge the Commission to apply the same standard of prudence here that millions of Americans apply in their own households — prioritize essentials, avoid unnecessary expansion, and respect long-term financial consequences.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Lynch
Newport Beach, CA

Name: Carolyn Elliott
Date: February 26, 2026 5:19:55 pm

Dear Commission Members:

First, the East Wing should never have been torn down without the proper study through the proper channels. This was a historic site that needed to be preserved.

At this point, if anything can be done to preserve the history, that must be done first and foremost. As our country is a continuing experiment in American democracy, all sites that speak to our past must be preserved so that those in the future may learn from our past. Some of that past includes the staffs of many of the first ladies who used the East Wing. It was also a place for social functions. During wartime, it was a shelter for security. To tear all of this history down was senseless.

Please ensure that whatever goes in its place is deserving and respectful of our history.

Thank you,
Carolyn Elliott
Lafayette, Colorado

Name: Laura Baldini
Date: February 26, 2026 5:23:10 pm

It is totally unacceptable that the whole east wing was demolished with no regard to protocol. It is the people's house, not a Trump trophy. No ballroom should be erected. It can't be "modernized" when it no longer exists. It should be restored as

was.
Laura Baldini

Name: Shari Pfister
Date: February 26, 2026 5:29:36 pm

The proposal to update and enlarge this historic site is without merit. As part of the White House complex, it belongs to everyone. Our approval was not solicited or obtained prior to the destruction of the existing ballroom and, as such, it was a criminal act. Please - stop the abuse of our national heritage. Thank you for your consideration.

Shari Pfister, a concerned citizen

Name: Amy Phalon
Date: February 26, 2026 5:29:54 pm

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Name: Michele Smith
Date: February 26, 2026 5:31:06 pm

Dear sir/madame:
The Standards for rehabilitations of the Secretary of the Interior provide that new additions should not destroy the historic fabric of the property, and that the new work should be “compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing” of the existing structure. I believe that any proposed new addition to the White House complex should accommodate and respect the primary historic importance of the original Executive Residence which is owned by the people of the United States and maintained by the Parks Department. In order to maintain the integrity of the White House, the new proposed ballroom addition should be subordinate in scale to the Executive Residence. The size, volume, and massing of the proposed new construction (90,000 square feet) should be reduced or disguised (such as by placing portions underground, as recommended in the 2000 Comprehensive Design Plan) so the new building appears smaller than the Executive Residence itself. The footprint of the proposed building should not extend past the existing south-facing façade of the historic Treasury Building, nor interrupt the views of the Executive Residence from Pennsylvania Avenue. The new addition should retain the carefully balanced classical design of the White House complex with its two smaller, lower, and substantially symmetrical East and West Wings. The connection of the colonnade to the Executive Residence should protect and preserve the original historic materials of the east façade of the Executive Residence and should not cover or demolish the existing windows and detailing of the east façade. Also, the proposed portico on the south façade should be smaller and less grand in scale than the existing portico on the south façade of the Executive Residence. This structure does not belong to Mr. Trump. Thank you.

Name: Gina Bondurant
Date: February 26, 2026 5:37:30 pm

I feel it is important to maintain the integrity of the classical design of the White House. Disruption of balance and lines do not seem in keeping with the history of the building. I strongly question the need for a 1,000 person seated dining room/ballroom. Unfortunately the damage has been done when the East Wing was demolished without the normal processes that maintain the integrity of a historic structure. I believe restoration of the East Wing should be a priority and of course with the necessary modernization in mind.

Name: Elizabeth Cwik
Date: February 26, 2026 5:53:39 pm

Re: East Wing Modernization Project
To: National Capital Planning Commission
From: Elizabeth Cwik, AIA

Madison WI
[redacted]

Please. Please, do not approve the ballroom as it is currently designed.
The building’s size must be reduced by at least a third.
The destruction of the White House’s position in the L’Enfant plan would be irreversible.
The symmetry of the Olmstead landscape plan would be destroyed.
The addition is out of scale with the White House and surrounding buildings and does not adhere to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
Even at two-thirds of the current size, the addition would function as needed for seating 1000 people.
Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

See attached images.

Attachment

Name: Garry Kramchak
Date: February 26, 2026 5:59:01 pm

Stop wasting tax payer funds on such a bogus, unnecessary project as a golden grand ballroom!!

Name: Karen Czarnowski
Date: February 26, 2026 6:01:29 pm

I'm writing because I'm a US citizen and the White House is a National Historic Landmark and National Park, owned by the American people.
I believe rules need to be followed. No one is above the law and the POTUS should be a role model for citizens. The review is required under federal law. Major construction projects in Washington, D.C. must undergo review by the NCPC and the Commission of Fine Arts, comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and receive congressional approval.
At 90,000 square feet, the proposed ballroom would exceed the size of the 55,000-square-foot Executive Residence. As a US citizen I say that's not acceptable.
We need the President to focus on the needs of the everyday people and not the needs of the elite.

Name: Karen Prior
Date: February 26, 2026 6:04:34 pm

As a voter and tax payer I am absolutely so disheartened that the East Wing has been demolished to the point that it already has. The White House is the people's house it is not a private mansion. The current President is only a temporary tenant of the White House. I do not want to see my tax dollars, or those of any other American, paying to turn the East Wing into a gilded ballroom! This is not a 'modernization project' it is a downright insult to the American people. The East Wing has always been a space that reflects our nation's values, a special space that honors our culture and our history. Please DO NOT allow this project to go forward but rather return it to its previous state before it was destroyed OR at the very least have any 'modernization' done be reflective of WE THE PEOPLE. Thank you.

Name: Susan Acton
Date: February 26, 2026 6:20:15 pm

I am horrified and disgusted by the abuse the current resident has given to the White House. Every attempt must be made to slow this project down and to find sane people to make recommendations on restoration.

The American people do not believe that "we've needed/wanted a ballroom for 150 years."
The American people do not want to see the White House dwarfed by this proposal for a giant building.
The American people do not want a room that looks like the Kremlin with gold decorations everywhere.

We DO believe that this destruction was undertaken in a fit of pique by a president who hated the protests against him.
We DO believe that this project creates an incredible opportunity for grifting money from corporations that will directly benefit the President.
We DO believe that there are enough regulations in existence today to put a pause or stop to this until an impeachment can happen and real architects can propose a suitable restoration.
We DO believe that this destruction was NOT a function of the President's role as president, and he should be sued for all costs associated with the restoration.

Name: Elizabeth Neiman
Date: February 26, 2026 6:31:18 pm

The East wing project is poorly conceived, improperly planned, and funded in such a way that the "gifts" amount to bribes - there is a ban on emoluments in the constitution! It is a scar on the white house grounds, but it should not be "fixed" with the current administration nor without a public architecture competition.

Name: Melissa Grinnell
Date: February 26, 2026 6:46:40 pm

The razing of the White House East Wing was an abomination to history. It showed a complete lack of respect fo protocol, for tradition and for the office of FLOTUS. Please scrap plans to build a ballroom and instead make plans to restore the East Wing to its former glory.

Name: Elizabeth Merrick
Date: February 26, 2026 6:48:15 pm

I strongly urge the NCPC to require that the new "ballroom" project be done in a way that respects the balanced proportions of all parts of the White House - as it was before the inexcusable destruction (without proper oversight) of the historic East Wing. This demolition was a civic and preservation travesty that will live on as a shameful event.

The whole world watched, appalled and amazed, as this administration unilaterally and precipitously destroyed part of our most treasured historic site, synonymous around the world with the USA itself. With no consequences or repercussions, I might add.

Now we face another potential travesty - a wildly inappropriate and gaudy ballroom. The White House, including the proposed addition of the ballroom, must NOT exist only according to the current president's whims. This belongs to the people of the USA, this is OUR treasured historic site. The new addition must be harmonious with the remaining historic sections of the White House.

I am not an architect but I know that there are talented experts who can ensure the most sensitive and harmonious design. I urge the NCPC to resist the political pressure that will surely come from this administration, and do the right thing! The White House must stand for future generations, far beyond this president's remaining three years - regardless of how much destruction has already been done.

Name: Chris Thomas
Date: February 26, 2026 6:49:01 pm

I oppose the spending of $300 million on this project, which was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, or design review. It is not a modernization project but rather a complete razing of American history. I want this project canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Linda Dishman
Date: February 26, 2026 7:08:14 pm

February 26, 2026

Mr. William Scharf
Chair
National Capital Planning Commission
401 Ninth Street NW, Suite 500N
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Proposed Construction of White House Ballroom NCPC File Number 8733

Dear Mr. Scharf:
I write to you as a concerned citizen about the proposed Ballroom project at the White House. Until I recently retired, I was professionally engaged in historic preservation having worked at the California Office of Historic Preservation, the National Park Service in the Preservation Tax Credits office and as staff to the City of Pasadena Cultural Heritage Commission. I finished my career with 31 years leading the Los Angeles Conservancy, non-profit which advocates for the preservation of historic places throughout Los Angeles County.

During that time, I spent significant time reviewing projects for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards (Standards). Looking at the proposed Ballroom project, I do not believe the project currently meets the Standards. And given the historic significance of the White House to all Americans, this project should meet the Standards.

Specific areas of concern include:
• The size of the Ballroom compared to the White House. As proposed the Ballroom becomes the primary element due to height, width and massing.
• Given the size of this project, every design element should be necessary from a use requirement. Currently, the portico does not have a purpose as there is no entrance from the portico into the Ballroom. Removing the portico would reduce the footprint and enable the White House to regain at least some of its prominence from public views.
• Views of the White House from key points off of the property are how most people experience the White House. As currently proposed, the Ballroom will interrupt the axis view between the White House and the US Capital as designed by L' Enfant's plan of 1791. The Ballroom will almost completely obscure the White House from view from the Capital.

In my over forty years of work in historic preservation, I know that there is a win-win solution here to build a Ballroom AND maintain the visual prominence of the White House. There are examples of these solutions throughout the fifty states. Every day, preservationists, governments and developers are working to find these solutions to meet the needs of the future while preserving the history and places that define our communities and collective identities.

I ask sincerely that the NCPC treat the White House with the respect that it deserves.

Sincerely,

Linda Dishman

Linda Dishman
Los Angeles
[redacted]

Name: Richard Hulfish
Date: February 26, 2026 7:09:43 pm

Hire a historian and recreate original structure.

Name: Kristen Rembold
Date: February 26, 2026 7:11:37 pm

Dear Council members, I am writing as a concerned citizen to register my alarm about the White House East wing project. It has gone forward without proper review and consent. Also, it is proportioned in such a way as to overshadow the White House itself. I only wish someone could have intervened sooner! This project should not receive a pass to just go forward. Thanks for listening to my concerns.

Kristen Rembold

Name: Deborah Syme
Date: February 26, 2026 7:17:16 pm

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any further resources being put into the “East Wing Modernization Project” without a full investigation into how Donald Trump was able to thoroughly destroy the entire East wing of the White House without any oversight or interference from any other governmental agency. No one is above the law yet, time and again, Mr. Trump is apparently getting away with committing violation after violation with no consequence. The architecture of the new “ballroom” is gaudy, flamboyant, ostentatious, and completely lacks the spirit and humility of “The People’s House”. It’s only purpose is to feed the bloated ego of the Donald Trump. Please do not let that monstrosity be built.

Name: Charlie Cunov
Date: February 26, 2026 7:19:48 pm

The proposed East Wing Modernization Project "modernizes" nothing. It has destroyed the previous, historic East Wing leaving nothing to "modernize" while creating space for a proposed immensely out-of-scale, historically disruptive, programmatically questionable assault on the heritage of our country, the visions of our early leaders and, the physical thrust of our democracy. Recently made public drawings of the proposed project illustrate a massive structure; purposely overpowering its historic (and more respectful) neighbors in the White House and Treasury Building; with immense height and girth enclosing unnamed or vaguely described swaths of space. Clearly the "program" for this proposed edifice is not one of functional use but of an egotistic, display of perceived monumental power and authority. The drawings (and accompanying renderings) show that the plan of the proposed building extends southward far enough to cutoff the purposeful and meaningful sight line between the Executive (White House) and Legislative (Congress/Capital Building) branches of our government (purposely planned by L'Enfant) while also destroying the stately symmetry of the "President's Park" created by the iconic American landscape architect, Frederic Law Olmsted. The proposed building thus ignores historic context both within the White House grounds and the overall city planning; and deteriorates symbolism of the value and expectations of our working democracy. The eloquent stature of the White House and a meaningful, symbolic visible connection to Congress are obliterated. I would ask the NCPC to reject this proposed replacement building and, request that a new design and plan be submitted for review with aspirations towards a more sensitive, contextual and patriotic vision.

Respectfully submitted.

Name: Tomasz Kasman and Olga Bogdan Kasman and Bogdan
Date: February 26, 2026 7:19:55 pm

Tomasz Kasman, AIA
Olga Bogdan, AIA

I. Scale, Massing, and Architectural Hierarchy
The proposed addition is exceptionally tall and large. Its mass competes directly with the White House rather than serving as a complementary, subordinate element.
The scale of the ballroom wing dwarfs the White House in height, length, and volume. As presented, the addition disrupts the intended architectural hierarchy, making it difficult for the original structure to remain the focal point.
The overall design reads as overly forceful and nearly brutalist in its interpretation of neoclassicism. While it attempts to employ similar architectural vocabulary, it lacks sufficient restraint and contrast. As a result, it appears awkward and massive rather than harmonious.
The White House must remain the dominant architectural and symbolic presence on the site.
II. Architectural Language and Façade Treatment
The new east and south façades incorporate substantial porticos filled with columns. These elements compete with and overshadow the front and rear porches of the White House.
This inversion of hierarchy causes the ballroom addition, intended to be secondary, to become the principal visual focus.
Additionally, the introduction of arched windows on the east and west elevations is inconsistent with the established architectural language and does not align with James Hoban’s original design framework. These elements appear out of place within the historic context.

There are established architectural strategies for accommodating significant building volume while reducing visual impact, including:
• Lowering the primary floor elevation,
• Segmenting the building mass,
• Employing restrained façade articulation that reinforces hierarchy rather than competing with it.
III. Historic Landscape and Urban Context
The historic planning principles established by Pierre L'Enfant must be preserved. The diagonal visual connection between the White House and the U.S. Capitol via Pennsylvania Avenue is fundamental to Washington's symbolic urban composition.
The proposed project appears to obstruct or significantly diminish these critical viewsheds.
Furthermore, the South Lawn, shaped by Frederick Law Olmsted's landscape design, must not be disturbed or modified.
The proposal impacts this iconic landscape, which is integral to the White House's historic setting.
Preservation of both viewsheds and the Olmsted landscape should be non-negotiable design parameters.
IV. Functional and Operational Concerns
Several functional issues require further examination:
• Circulation between the north portico and the proposed ballroom appears unresolved.
• Blind windows and certain façade elements raise questions about authenticity and functionality.
• The size of the ballroom and its supporting kitchen far exceeds typical standards. The space allocation substantially surpasses the commonly accepted benchmark of approximately 15 square feet per occupant.
The program appears significantly oversized relative to demonstrated need.
V. Traffic and Parking Impacts
The published documentation does not include a traffic impact study. Nor does it provide clarity regarding parking and guest logistics for events of this scale.
Without these analyses, the Commission cannot fully assess operational feasibility or broader site impacts.
Conclusion and Recommendation
In conclusion, the proposed addition:
• Competes visually and symbolically with the White House,
• Disrupts architectural hierarchy,
• Conflicts with established Federal-style design language,
• Impacts historic viewsheds and Olmsted's landscape,
• Raises unresolved functional and operational concerns.
I respectfully recommend that the Commission require:
1. A significant reduction in scale and footprint,
2. Preservation of all historic viewsheds,
3. Protection of the Olmsted South Lawn,
4. Architectural refinement that clearly establishes the addition as subordinate,
5. Comprehensive traffic and operational studies.
The White House must remain the dominant and iconic focal point—architecturally, symbolically, and visually. It is the People's House!

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Name: Susan Hargis
Date: February 26, 2026 7:24:24 pm

Very thankful to president Trump for expanding the ballroom at the White House. A much needed expansion for important meetings and dinners to dignitaries around the country and world. The project will match and look the same as the white house that already exists. As a builder and developer I trust his project will be done with perfection and in record time. I am in complete favor or this project.
Thank you for commiting to continue to bring the project to completion.
Sincerely,
Susan Hargis

Name: Clare Hulfish
Date: February 26, 2026 7:28:52 pm

The White House is a nationally significant historic structure that represents continuity of governance across generations. Major alterations, particularly those driven by aesthetic preference or personal legacy, undermine that continuity.

Given the removal of the prior East Wing structure, I recommend that the National Park Service commission qualified architectural historians and preservation experts to develop and oversee a historically accurate reconstruction of the original structure on its former footprint, guided by established federal preservation standards.

Rebuilding what previously stood there would affirm that the White House is stewarded for the American people as an enduring civic landmark, not reshaped according to the preferences of any one administration.

The White House belongs to the country, not to an individual president. Its architectural integrity should reflect that principle.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Name: Susan Bitow
Date: February 26, 2026 7:32:10 pm

To Commission Members:
Thank you for providing the opportunity for the American People to express their opinions on this topic.

First: We had no opportunity to comment BEFORE the destruction of the East Wing and all the history attached to it. This shows wanton disregard for the people of the United States and what we think is historical and important. Since when does a President just go ahead and decide to take an action that has not been discussed with the proper authorities beforehand nor been subject to review and comment by those of us affected...The Trust and the American People? Firing of Members of the original Trust is troubling.

Two: There should be no further action taken on this project nor any work undertaken until a thorough review and assessment of the "project" has been performed. If we look at Mr. Trump's "projects" of the past there seems to be an inordinate amount of (in my opinion) tackiness and gold fixtures involved. I am quite upset that I cannot bring my children and grandchildren to the historic East Wing as it was.

Three: What's the big rush? We are talking about historical buildings here even though there have been revisions and updates in the past. The size and scope of this "project" are huge and will echo far into the future. Don't we owe it to the country to take our time and have a thorough examination of all plans and payment sources?

Four: "We The People" don't like to be bullied and that's exactly what it feels like is happening here. This should not be used as an opportunity for the wealthy to curry favor with their donations or for the President to solicit private money to show off with a vanity project in the name of Modernization.

Let's take a deep breath and a close look before we proceed.

Let's take a deep breath and a very close look before we proceed.

Name: Richard Gombar
Date: February 26, 2026 7:35:08 pm

Trump should be made to re-build the East Wing, with his money but with very careful over seeing since he seems never to pay people who work for him. He moved forward without consulting anyone, did not get permits or permission so he NO 90,000SF ballroom for him.

Stop the madness. No ballroom.

Name: John Eakins
Date: February 26, 2026 7:37:34 pm

I strongly object to anything the Orange Monster does to desecrate our property. Trump should be arrested and fined for what he has done to American property! Not only has he illegally torn down part of the White House he has also shown his terrible taste with all the gold bling and tacky decorations with out consideration to the law. Everything about his ballroom is wrong and criminal from his bribes for his vanity and profit to the over sized, poorly designed abomination. End all projects and ruin by this ego maniac!

Name: Lorne McConachie
Date: February 26, 2026 7:43:54 pm

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Name: Kay Moore
Date: February 26, 2026 8:03:22 pm

Dear NCPC members,

I am appalled by the thoughtless planning for the construction of the new ballroom on the east side of the White House. The ballroom will be an affront to all the careful strategy that went into the design of our nation's Capital by President George Washington and Pierre Charles L'Enfant. If the ballroom is built the way it is proposed now, it will block the strategically planned view from the Capitol building of "The People's House"--the White House. It has been designed to a scale that is completely out of proportion to the White House and will make the Main Thing--the White House, one of America's most recognizable residences--no longer the Main Thing. Please allow the committee to consider the National Trust for Historic Preservation's suggestions for a more thoughtful design, in keeping with time-honored architectural principles, that will achieve the goals of entertaining more guests yet will eliminate some of these concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely
Kay Moore
[redacted]

Name: Michael Koehler
Date: February 26, 2026 8:11:39 pm

The White House, first floor plan, before East Wing demolition, presents a way of seeing this sad story—a crime story & gross
DOB-type violation—as a tale of historic preservation.

While the giant iron jaws chomping clumps of the First Lady’s wing make for emotional and essential images of the event, freehand, annotated pencil drawings provide context, showing various architectural angles on the story. Here it’s a diagram, not of destruction, but mapping a walk through it, as in a board game, or time tunnel.

This drawing argues for preservation, adaptive reuse and looking at the life cycle of the building by placing it in its fuller space & time, and etching only lightly (as it’s not realized as of this view) the general proportions of the proposed ballroom. It is a massing diagram, documenting different wings & times in the life of The White House; and indicating a proposed addition that is out of scale with the landmark.

I hope this picture will interest America in preserving what remains, and is still threatened. (And I would remind them that buildings and monuments can be moved.)

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Name: Lois Langham
Date: February 26, 2026 8:22:45 pm

If this Trump ballroom goes forward you might consider a circus theme and hiring full-time clowns to welcome guests, who I'm sure will be paying for the privilege of their presence there...the proceeds pocketed by the ballroom's priggish originator. This should NEVER have been allowed to happen. It is a crime!

Name: Carol McKay
Date: February 26, 2026 8:27:37 pm

Please take the White House plans for redesign more seriously and more carefully.

Name: Tamara Murray
Date: February 26, 2026 8:28:39 pm

I oppose the spending of taxpayer money on this project! It was initiated without the proper authorization, permits, and design review. It is removing our history and replacing it with a hideous, unnecessary vanity ballroom. I want this project cancelled and the East Wing returned to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke our laws would be an affront to all law abiding Americans.

Name: Darlene Cypser
Date: February 26, 2026 8:36:16 pm

This process is being rushed in a way no addition to the White House should be rushed. It is not the remodeling of a fast food restaurant or repaving of a parking lot. Planning for all construction in the nation's Capitol should be a deliberate, respectful thoughtful process with input from people across the country in the design, the construction elements, placement, and security. The process needs to stop and do a proper study of the history and importance of the place and its future before any design is approved. Bidding on construction must be competitive, not based on favoritism.

Name: Robert Boutilier
Date: February 26, 2026 8:37:47 pm

I think the destruction of the Rose Garden and the East Wing were acts of vandalism whose costs should be borne by the culprit.

Name: Jas Hohnstine
Date: February 26, 2026 8:37:54 pm

STOP THIS TRAVESTY! The trump ballroom should NOT. BE. BUILT.. In fact he should be forced to restore the East Wing with his own money by attaching one of his bank accounts and/or seizing and selling some of his properties to cover the reconstruction.

The money from all ballroom donors should be seized and redistributed to USAID or given to the UN to feed the poor and staving around the world. Or at least fund some green energy projects in a few needy countries.

Also charges against trump should be filed and prosecuted re his willful and intentional destruction of government property.

NO BALLROOM EVER!

PS: If it ever gets built the next president should have it bulldozed on day 1.
Ditto with removing any thing attached to trump. All names removed, all other structures demolished, etc. Erase him 100%.

Name: Elizabeth Dunkle
Date: February 26, 2026 8:38:49 pm

How was approval obtained to demolish the east wing of the White House. No permits were issued. There was no design review. I oppose spending $300 million on this project. The east wing needs to be rebuilt as it was.

Name: Dominic LoGalbo
Date: February 26, 2026 8:48:33 pm

To the members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

In both process and product, the proposed design for the new White House ballroom undermines our capital city's ability to physically represent the founding ideals of our republic: the separation of powers and the importance of integrity.

The Architecture of Checks and Balances
The Founding Fathers established three co-equal branches of government to ensure a permanent system of checks and balances. The design of Washington, D.C., commissioned by George Washington, embodies this equality by granting the Executive Mansion and the Capitol Building equal prominence. Crucially, the clear sightlines between these structures represent the oversight role of Congress. By blocking this sightline, the ballroom design communicates—intentionally or not—that the Executive Branch is choosing to hide from legislative scrutiny. This symbolic obstruction of transparency is unacceptable in a democratic landscape.

The Erosion of Integrity
In the Federalist Papers, James Madison emphasized the need to transmit to each generation the virtues of honesty and integrity. The current design lacks architectural integrity. The portico added in the most recent iteration is a superficial element with no true function; its formal stairs lead nowhere, and the floor area is so congested with columns that the space is virtually unusable. This design is a falsehood that violates the fundamental rules of classical architecture. It also suggests that America values shallow imagery over structural or moral truth.

The Commission's Mandate
The Commission has both the opportunity and the obligation to demand better. Your authority is derived from Congress, not the Executive Branch. As established in Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the Constitution, "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States." You are not beholden to the preferences of any single resident of the White House, but to the Republic itself.

Furthermore, the design fails to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68.3.b.9). These standards mandate that new construction must not destroy the "spatial relationships that characterize the property" and must be "differentiated from the old" while remaining compatible in scale and massing. The current proposal fails on both counts, threatening the historic integrity of the site.

Conclusion
I urge the Commission to fulfill its responsibility to safeguard our collective identity. As proposed, this ballroom rejects the precepts of our Founders and signals to the world that integrity is no longer a primary American value. The design is significantly flawed and requires a dramatic reconsideration to align with the weight of its context.

Thank you.

Dominic LoGalbo
Assistant Professor of Architecture
Judson University

Name: Eileen Watson
Date: February 26, 2026 8:50:50 pm

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canceled, and the East Wing rebuilt and restored to its former design. No one is above the law and to permit this project to go ahead without penalizing those who broke the law would be an affront to all law-abiding Americans.

Name: Marc Lewis
Date: February 26, 2026 9:15:56 pm

It was heartbreaking that Mr. Trump destroyed a section of our historic whitehouse without going through proper consideration and consultation with appropriate agencies or Congress.
The scale of the proposed gathering room is too ostentatious. It may serve as above ground cover structure for important, hardened facilities, but it doesn't have to dwarf a historic and iconic building. It ought to express humility at the service to America's people, not grandeur that one tyrannical man believes he is owed.
Scale back the ambitious, overpriced, grandiose building plan to reflect the humility and grace befitting a Presidential Mansion and workplace.

Name: Katharine Williamson
Date: February 26, 2026 9:24:40 pm

I do think the renovation of the East Wing should be carefully considered by a committee with the knowledge and aesthetics of the history it embodies. I hope that it will resonate with restraint and the authenticity of reliable government. Please contain the nouveau riche style of the current President.

Name: Cynthia Zenner
Date: February 26, 2026 9:26:53 pm

I object to the courts rejected of a request to halt the construction of the $400M ballroom project. This is an illegal and outrageous use of taxpayer money to undermine the purpose and integrity of the White House, the People's House, for personal gain of President Trump and his administration. I demand accountability for this misuse of public funds.

Cynthia Zenner
WA

Name: MONICA COGHLAN
Date: February 26, 2026 9:30:38 pm

I am really sad to see the complete destruction of such a historically significant building.
I feel that the ballroom proposal out of scale and garish.
I hope you will consider design adjustments.
thank you.
Monica

Name: Tina Faigen
Date: February 26, 2026 9:34:02 pm

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Name: Kendra Bergen
Date: February 26, 2026 10:14:08 pm

Hi.

I’m writing due to concern over what is to be built outside of our “People's House.”

I am not against modern updates by any means but would appreciate if they are planned in accordance with due respect to what we already have in Washington.

My immediate concern is the size of the ballroom. The exterior appears much too large in relation to the White House itself. It is out of scale and consequently rather than a sense of magnificence that would be admired, I see a sense of the monstrous that would be an embarrassment to our American sense of style. The scale of the addition is absurd.

The interior dimensions as well seem much to large for a mere ball room for hosting events. A ballroom that size would be embarrassingly “empty” in relation to the number of guests that could be hosted on a regular basis. We are not a pomp and circumstance people. We are a land of hard working, pragmatic, tasteful individuals and I think that needs to show in the very Capitol that represents us.

The use of the ballroom also comes into question. Do we really think that something that large should be built for dancing and entertaining? The return on investment for an area for entertainment for the, let’s face it, wealthy, is ostentatious. We are not a wasteful people. We are a compassionate nation who can find much more productive ways to spend money and show our largese, if that is the goal.

Finally, in relation to my first point, I think having a building that large, one that blocks the view to the White House itself, is symbolically inappropriate. Why would we want to dwarf the symbol of our “House” and its traditional values with an over-the-top dance hall?

Thank you for your time and consideration, Kendra

Name: Vivian Jordan
Date: February 26, 2026 10:25:05 pm

Please reconstruct and restore the east wing of the White House to what it was before. Thank you.
Vivian Jordan

Name: Jonathan Moll
Date: February 26, 2026 10:31:45 pm

I am opposed to the ballroom construction. The design is arrogant. It destroys the beautiful symmetry and grace of the building. The Whitehouse is a treasure, one that is offered for the president’s use by the American people. All presidents reside there for a maximum of eight years. No president should have the right to destroy what is not theirs. The American people should have a greater roll in deciding its fate of the Whitehouse.

Name: Fran Sing
Date: February 26, 2026 10:41:27 pm

Not even $1 should be extended to complete this embarrassment of a project. This was a historic building and not one brick should have been removed without approval through the proper channels. The structure should be restored as close as possible to the original structure. No one person, no matter how important their own imagination allows them to think they are, has any right to take this action on their own. The centuries of memories in the building fell under the Historic Preservation regulations and should never, never have been allowed to be destroyed. What a disgraceful action. The American people demand legal accountability.

Name: Jessie De Santiago
Date: February 26, 2026 10:48:14 pm

The large size of this proposed ballroom is massively out of scale with the original historical building. A historic establishment so linked to our American history. We should treat the White Hoyse with more respect and taste. Please consult architectural historians before continuing with this grave mistake.

Name: Philip Pumphrey
Date: February 26, 2026 10:56:43 pm

First, the President should have followed the law(s) and regulations about Publicly owned and nationally historic buildings, demolition and renovation. More importantly, now that they tore down the East Wing of the White house they should consider taking public input on the need for, the size of the project and scale to fit in the scale of the current building. (white house and west wing). This project's current propose scale is bigger than any other countries buildings used for state dinners and events.
Supposedly this project is paid for by public companies which is a violation of the US Constitution.

Name: Naor Miscia-Aziz
Date: February 26, 2026 11:00:10 pm

Build in line with the classical architecture of the White House. Shrink the overall size of the proposed building so that it better aligns with the architecture and footprint of the Whie House.(Frankly, the destruction of an historic wing of the Peoples' House is unwarranted and a travesty. Unconscionable. America does not need a poor imitation of Versailles or any version of it at all).

Name: Taylor Shechet
Date: February 26, 2026 11:29:58 pm

I strongly urge the Commission to reject the proposed “renovation” of the East Wing of the White House advanced by Donald Trump.

The White House is a historic federal building of unparalleled national significance. Reports and public record indicate that substantial and damaging alterations have already been made to the East Wing. Any destruction or irreversible modification of historic fabric is unacceptable and directly implicates core federal interests in preservation, stewardship of public property, and protection of nationally significant civic architecture.

Given President Trump’s documented history of ethics investigations, legal findings, and conflicts of interest, the Commission has a heightened obligation to apply strict, independent scrutiny. Federal property must not be treated as a vehicle for personal legacy building or political spectacle. Allowing this project to proceed after apparent damage has already occurred would undermine public trust and weaken the credibility of federal planning oversight.

I respectfully request that NCPC conduct a full and transparent review, require comprehensive documentation of all work already undertaken, enforce all applicable preservation laws and standards, and deny approval for any further alterations that compromise the historic integrity and public purpose of this federal building.

Name: Ron Kaminski
Date: February 26, 2026 11:37:29 pm

This project is an abomination! It should never have been started without prior approval. It should be more in line with the dignity of the White House and other D.C. structures, rather than a garish construction more suitable to a Las Vegas casino.

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Date: February 26, 2026 11:49:08 pm

It is a CRIME that the East Wing was demolished without an approved plan and without your watchful prevention!

The PERPETRATOR cannot be allowed to design its replacement!

I, therefore, submit that you follow the guidelines proposed by the National Trust for Historical Preservation architects regarding scale, style and history of the building and surrounding landscape including any “bomb shelter” security design.

The building is not owned by Trump or any individual, but by ALL THE AMERICANS and my expectation is for you to follow The National Trust proposal as it is a MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICANS concerned with maintenance of decorum and respect.

Not some flashy ostentatious gold memorial!

BE GOOD CITIZENS-FOLLOW EXACTING ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICES & DO YOUR JOBS!
THANK YOU.